

EPFL CIVIL-127, Lab 3

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This week, continue working in the same CIVIL-127 folder as last week. Create a subfolder called lab3.

⚠ 3.4 and 3.5 might take much longer to solve than the other labs you have done so far; be patient, work through these, and don't just jump to the solution. Seek help from TAs or the forum if needed.

3.1

Implement the Sieve of Eratosthenes for numbers from 2 to 272, as seen in this week's class.

Wikipedia page explaining the algorithm:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sieve_of_Eratosthenes

Compare your result with <https://oeis.org/A000040/list>

3.2

Shorten your Snakes & Ladders implementation from last week by using one of the data structures seen in this week's class.

3.3

The following code incorrectly creates a list of lists. Why does setting one element result in many elements being set?

```
grid = [[0] * 8] * 5
print(grid)

grid[4][2] = 99
print(grid)
```

Write a program that correctly creates a 5x8 grid. We want to be able to set a single row/col pair without impacting other values.

3.4

N people are standing in a circle. They are numbered 0 to N-1 in clockwise order. Starting from the person numbered 0, every Kth person is removed from the circle.

Write a program to simulate this process and return the number of the last person left in the circle (N and K are constants).

In Python, you can use `%` to calculate modulo (i.e. `x % y` yields `x` modulo `y`).

E.g. if N=5 and K=2:

Start:

[0]

4 1

3 2

Step 1: 2 is removed

0

4 1

3 x

Step 2: 4 is removed

0

x 1

3 x

Step 3: 1 is removed

0

x x

3 x

Step 4: 0 is removed

x

x x

3 x


The answer is 3.

Note: your program just needs to print the final answer, you don't need to print each intermediate step.

3.5

```
  SEND
+ MORE
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 MONEY
```

“SEND + MORE = MONEY” is a classic math puzzle. The goal is to find a different integer value between 0 and 9 for each of the 8 letters so that the sum is correct. S and M can’t be zero.

- Write a program which uses loops to brute force the solution. By brute force, we mean blindly try every permutation until a solution is found.
- If you are stuck and need a hint, highlight or copy-paste this:

- Still stuck? Another hint:
