

LITERAL IMPLEMENTATION: Sieve of Eratosthenes

$\text{nums} = \{ \overset{\text{index } 1}{2}, \overset{2}{3}, \overset{3}{4}, \overset{4}{5}, \overset{5}{6}, \overset{6}{7}, \overset{7}{8}, \overset{8}{9}, \overset{9}{10}, \overset{10}{11}, \overset{11}{12}, \overset{12}{13}, \overset{13}{14}, \overset{14}{15}, \overset{15}{16}, \overset{16}{17} \}$

loop: i from 1 to end

loop: j from $i+1$ to end

if $\text{nums}[i]$ divides $\text{nums}[j]$, then delete $\text{nums}[j]$

FAST IMPLEMENTATION:

$\text{nums} = \{ 2, 3, \dots, n \}$

loop: k from 2 to \sqrt{n} :

$\text{nums}[\overset{\text{start}}{k^2}; \overset{\text{stop}}{n}; \overset{\text{step}}{k}] = 0$

Observation: When we remove multiples of k , it suffices to start at k^2 . All smaller multiples of k have already been considered

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1. Start with a positive integer n .

2. Let list 1 contain all integers of the form

$$i+j+2ij,$$

where i and j are integers, $1 \leq i \leq j$ and $i+j+2ij \leq n$.

example: If $i=1, j=1$, then $i+j+2ij = 1+1+2(1)(1) = 4$

so 4 is in list 1

3. Let list2 contain all integers $\leq n$ that are not in list1.

example: 3 and 5 are in list2, 4 is not

4. For each number in list2, double it and add 1.

This gives a list of all odd primes up to $2n+1$.

Why does it work?

- The resulting numbers are odd integers.

- Excluded numbers are of the form $q = 2(i+j+2ij) + 1$

list 1

$$q = 4ij + 2i + 2j + 1$$

exactly
the composite
odd numbers

$$q = (2i+1)(2j+1)$$