

1: 5, 13, 17, ...

3: 7, 11, 19, ...

let p be a prime $> 10,000$

take $n = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdots p$

then: $n+2, n+3, n+4, \dots, n+10000$ are all composite

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LITERAL IMPLEMENTATION

index: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
 nums = 2, 3, ~~4~~, 5, ~~6~~, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, ..., n

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loop: i from 2 to end

loop: j from $i+1$ to end

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

FAST ERATOSTHENES

indexes: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
 nums = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, ..., n}

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

$\text{nums}[\text{start}; \text{end}; \text{step size}] = 0$ ← set all multiples of k to zero

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 start end step size

observation: it suffices to start at k^2 , since any smaller multiple of k is already set to zero

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1. Start with a positive integer n .
2. list1 = 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 $i=j=1$, then $i+j+2ij = 1+1+2 = 4$
so 4 is in list1
3 and 5 are not in list1

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

eg: 3 and 5 are in list2, but 4 is not

4. Take each number in list2, double it and add 1.
This gives a list of all odd primes up to $2n+1$.

Why does this work?

The numbers that result from this algorithm are clearly odd integers.

The excluded numbers are of the form

$$\begin{aligned}q &= 2(i+j+2ij) + 1 \\ &= 4ij + 2i + 2j + 1 \\ &= (2i+1)(2j+1) \leftarrow \text{composite}\end{aligned}$$