

# PRIMES

Def: an int  $n > 1$  is prime if its only divisors are 1 &  $n$ . Otherwise,  $n$  is composite.

Ex: 23, 7, 5, 101, 19937 are prime

28, 8, 24, 4, 6 are composite

Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic:

A composite #  $n$  can be factored uniquely <sup>as</sup> ~~into~~ a product of primes.

ex:  $50 = 2 \cdot 5 \cdot 5$

Prove  $\sqrt{2} \neq \frac{a}{b}$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$

Suppose  $\sqrt{2} = \frac{a}{b}$

$$2 = \frac{a^2}{b^2}$$

$$2 \cdot b^2 = a^2$$

$$2 \cdot 2^{2n_1} p_2^{2m_2} \dots = 2^{2n_1} p_2^{2m_2} \dots$$

$$2^{2n_1+1} \dots = 2^{2n_1} \dots$$

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$$a = p_1^{h_1} p_2^{h_2} p_3^{h_3} \dots$$

$$a = 2^{n_1} p_2^{n_2} p_3^{n_3} \dots$$

$$a^2 = 2^{2n_1} p_2^{2n_2} p_3^{2n_3} \dots$$

$$b = 2^{m_1} p_2^{m_2} p_3^{m_3} \dots$$

$$b^2 = 2^{2m_1} p_2^{2m_2} p_3^{2m_3} \dots$$

Is it prime?

Trial Division: Is  $n$  divisible by  $2, 3, 4, \dots, n-1$ ?  
or by div. by primes

$2, 3, 4, \dots, \sqrt{n}$

Sieve of Eratosthenes

<del>1</del>	(2)	(3)	<del>4</del>	(5)	<del>6</del>	(7)	<del>8</del>	<del>9</del>	<del>10</del>	(11)
<del>12</del>	<del>14</del>	(13)	<del>14</del>	<del>15</del>	16	(17)	<del>18</del>	(19)	<del>20</del>	<del>21</del>
<del>22</del>	(23)	<del>24</del>	<del>25</del>	<del>26</del>	<del>27</del>	<del>28</del>	(29)	<del>30</del>	(31)	<del>32</del>
<del>32</del>	<del>33</del>	<del>34</del>	<del>35</del>	<del>36</del>	(37)	<del>38</del>	<del>39</del>	<del>40</del>	(41)	<del>42</del>



How many primes are there?

Proof: Suppose  $n$  is the largest prime.

$n+1$  must be composite  
 $n+2, n+3, \dots$

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$$B = (2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot \dots \cdot n) + 1$$

Then  $B > n$  so  $B$  is composite.

$$2 \nmid B$$

$$3 \nmid B$$

$$n \nmid B \quad \therefore B \text{ is prime}$$

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If  $p$  is prime?

$$\textcircled{2} \quad 2^2 - 1 = 3$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad 2^3 - 1 = 7$$

$$2^4 - 1 = 15 \times$$

$$\textcircled{5} \quad 2^5 - 1 = 31$$

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## Perfect Numbers (>1)

$$10 \text{ is div. by } 1, 2, 5 \quad 1+2+5 = 8 < 10$$

$$24 \text{ is div. by } 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12 \quad 1+2+3+4+6+8+12 = 36 > 24$$

$$6 \text{ is div. by } 1, 2, 3 \quad 1+2+3 = 6$$

$$28 \text{ is div. by } 1, 2, 4, 7, 14 \quad 1+2+4+7+14 = 28$$

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$$6 = 3 \cdot 2 = (2^2 - 1)(2^1)$$

$$28 = 7 \cdot 4 = (2^3 - 1)(2^2)$$

Are there any odd perfect #s?



Twin primes:  $n, n+2$  both prime

e.g.  $3, 5$

$5, 7$

$11, 13$

$17, 19$

$29, 31$

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Goldbach's Conjecture: Any even #  $> 2$  can be written as a sum of 2 primes.

$4 = 2 + 2$

$6 = 3 + 3$

$8 = 3 + 5$

$10 = 3 + 7 (= 5 + 5)$

$12 = 5 + 7$

$$p \rightarrow q$$
$$\frac{\neg p}{\quad}$$
$$\neg q$$

(fallacy of denying the hsp)

Let  $p$  be the prop "I am teaching"

Let  $q$  be the prop "I am breathing"

4a) prove  $p \rightarrow q, \neg r \rightarrow \neg q, \neg r \Rightarrow \neg p$

$$\begin{array}{l} p \rightarrow q \\ \neg r \rightarrow \neg q \\ \neg r \\ \hline \neg p \end{array}$$

Direct proof:

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|----|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. | $p \rightarrow q$           | Hyp.                  |
| 2. | $\neg r \rightarrow \neg q$ | Hyp.                  |
| 3. | $\neg r$                    | Hyp.                  |
| 4. | $\neg q$                    | Detachment, 2, 3.     |
| 5. | $\neg p$                    | Contrapositive, 1, 4. |

Q.E.D

Indirect proof

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|----|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. | $p$                         | Neg. of conclusion    |
| 2. | $p \rightarrow q$           | Hyp.                  |
| 3. | $q$                         | Detachment, 1, 2.     |
| 4. | $\neg r \rightarrow \neg q$ | Hyp.                  |
| 5. | $r$                         | Contrapositive, 3, 4. |
| 6. | $\neg r$ ✗                  | Hyp.                  |
|    | $\therefore \neg p$ Q.E.D   | 5, 6                  |



4c) <sup>prove</sup>  $a \vee b, c \wedge d, a \rightarrow \neg c \Rightarrow b$

proof

1.  $c \wedge d$  hyp
  2.  $c$  Conj. simpl. 1.
  3.  $d \rightarrow \neg c$  hyp
  4.  $\neg a$  Contrapositive, 2, 3.
  5.  $a \vee b$  hyp.
  6.  $b$  disj. simpl.
- QED

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2.  $a \vee b$  hyp
  3.  $a$  disj. simpl. 1, 2
  4.  $a \rightarrow \neg c$  hyp
  5.  $\neg c$  detachment, 3, 4
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  7.  $c$  conj. simpl. 6
- $\therefore b$  ~~5, 7~~
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$$\text{GCD}(84, 26)$$

$$84 = \underline{3} \cdot 26 + \underline{6}$$

$$26 = \underline{4} \cdot 6 + \underline{2}$$

$$6 = \underline{3} \cdot \textcircled{2} + \underline{0}$$

GCD

$$\text{GCD}(84, 23)$$

$$84 = \underline{3} \cdot 23 + \underline{15}$$

$$23 = \underline{1} \cdot 15 + \underline{8}$$

$$15 = \underline{1} \cdot 8 + \underline{7}$$

$$8 = \underline{1} \cdot 7 + \underline{1}$$

$$7 = \underline{7} \cdot \textcircled{1} + \underline{0}$$

GCD

Bézout's Theorem

Given  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $a, b > 1 \quad \exists m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ :

$$m \cdot a + n \cdot b = \text{GCD}(a, b)$$

## Fermat's Little Theorem

If  $p$  is a prime and  $p \nmid a$

$$\text{then } a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

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ex: if  $p=7$ ,  $a=2$

$$\text{FLT says: } 2^6 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$$

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$$64 = 1 + 63$$

$$\downarrow$$
$$7 \cdot 9$$

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Uses of FLT:

$$\text{find } 3^{604} \pmod{7}$$

$$\text{By FLT, } 3^6 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$$

$$3^{600} \equiv (3^6)^{100} \equiv 1^{100} \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$$

$$3^{601} \equiv 3$$

$$3^{602} \equiv 9 \equiv 2$$

$$3^{603} \equiv 6$$

$$3^{604} \equiv 18 \equiv \textcircled{4}$$

## Chinese Remainder Theorem

Suppose  $x \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$

$$x \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$$

$$x \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$$

in this case,  $x = 23$