

2: Let's Write a Program: Prime Numbers

```
java Primes U to print prime numbers through U.
// java Primes 101
// 5 7 11 13 17 19 23 29
// 37 41 43 47 53 59 61 67 71
// 79 83 89 97 101
```

A prime number is an integer greater than 1 that has no other divisors than itself and 1.

$N/k \geq \sqrt{N}$, for $N, k > 0$.

If N then N/k divides N .

Check potential divisors up to and including the square root.

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Testing for Primes

```
boolean isPrime(int x) {
    // use;
    // isDivisible(x, 2); // "!" means "not"
    // (x is divisible by any positive number >=K and < X,
    // 1. */
    boolean isDivisible(int x, int k) {
        // a "guard"
        // use;
        // k == 0) // "%" means "remainder"
        // use;
        // (k < x && x % k != 0)
        // isDivisible(x, k+1);
    }
}
```

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Iteration

is tail recursive, and so creates an iterative process. Algol family" production languages have special syntax. Four equivalent versions of isDivisible:

```
while (k < x) { // !(k >= x)
    if (x % k == 0)
        return true;
    k = k+1;
    // or k += 1, or (yuch) k++
}
isDivisible(x, k+1);
return false;

for (int k1 = k; k1 < x; k1 += 1) {
    if (x % k1 == 0)
        return true;
}
return false;
```

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Administrivia

Make sure you have obtained a Unix account. If you are a new enrollment student not yet on our lists, please tell a TA. If you have not yet been added to those eligible to receive an account.

To complete Lab #1, please try to do so over the weekend (if you are due Friday midnight). It is especially important to get your work into the central repository.

Do not be late to take this course after all, please tell CalCentral so that we can adjust the waiting list accordingly.

Someone on the waiting list should find a lab section that is open, drop themselves from the waiting list, and re-add with this open lab section. The waiting list is processed twice daily.

Drop by due next Friday at midnight. You get credit for any lab section you drop but we suggest you give the problems a serious try.

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Plan

```
Primes {
    // print primes up to ARGV[0] (interpreted as an integer)
    // 10 to a line. */
    // void main(String[] args) {
    //     args(Integer.parseInt(args[0]));
    // }

    // print primes up to and including LIMIT, 10 to a line. */
    // void printPrimes(int limit) {
    //     for every integer, x, between 2 and LIMIT, print it if prime(x), 10 to a line. */
    // }

    // X is prime */
    // boolean isPrime(int x) {
    //     // (X is prime)*/;
    // }
}
```

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Thinking Recursively

check isDivisible(13,2) by tracing one level.

```
isDivisible(13,2)
// 13 is divisible by 2?
// 13 >= 2 and < 13,
// 13 % 2 != 0
// boolean isDivisible(13,3)
// 13 is divisible by 3?
// 13 >= 3 and < 13,
// 13 % 3 != 0
// boolean isDivisible(13,4)
// 13 is divisible by 4?
// 13 >= 4 and < 13,
// 13 % 4 != 0
// boolean isDivisible(13,5)
// 13 is divisible by 5?
// 13 >= 5 and < 13,
// 13 % 5 != 0
// boolean isDivisible(13,6)
// 13 is divisible by 6?
// 13 >= 6 and < 13,
// 13 % 6 != 0
// boolean isDivisible(13,7)
// 13 is divisible by 7?
// 13 >= 7 and < 13,
// 13 % 7 == 0
// return true
// boolean isDivisible(13,2)
// return true
```

Recursion aids understanding.

- Call assigns $x=13$, $k=2$
- Body has form 'if ($k \geq x$) S_1 else S_2 '.
- Since $2 < 13$, we evaluate the first else.
- Check if $13 \bmod 2 = 0$; it's not.
- Left with $\text{isDivisible}(13,3)$.
- Rather than tracing it, instead use the comment:
- Since 13 is not divisible by any integer in the range 3..12 (and $3 > 1$), $\text{isDivisible}(13,3)$ must be false, and we're done!
- Sounds like that last step begs the question. Why doesn't it?

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Final Task: printPrimes (Simplified)

```
primes up to and including LIMIT. */
void printPrimes(int limit) {
```

printPrimes (full version)

```
primes up to and including LIMIT, 10 to
{
void printPrimes(int limit) {

p = 2; p <= limit; p += 1) {
Prime(p) {
System.out.print(p + " ");
p += 1;
if (np % 10 == 0)
    System.out.println();

if (p != 0)
    System.out.println();
```

Using Facts about Primes

used the Useful Facts from an earlier slide. Only have divisors up to the square root.

Implement the iterative version of isDivisible:

If X is divisible by some number $\geq K$ and $< X$, then $K > 1$, and that X is not divisible by any number > 1 and $< K$. */

```
public boolean isDivisible(int x, int k) {
    int limit = Math.round(Math.sqrt(x));
    for (int k1 = k; k1 <= limit; k1 += 1) {
        if (x % k1 == 0)
            return true;
    }
}
```

else;

Additional (blue) condition in the comment?

Simplified printPrimes Solution

```
primes up to and including LIMIT. */
void printPrimes(int limit) {
    for (int p = 2; p <= limit; p += 1) {
        if (isPrime(p)) {
            System.out.print(p + " ");
        }
    }
    System.out.println();
}
```