

2: Let's Write a Program: Prime Numbers

```
java Primes U to print prime numbers through U.
a Primes 101
3 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 other than 1.
 $p > 1$ is prime iff $\gcd(p, x) = 1$ for all $0 < x < p$.

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

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) {
    if (x < 2) return false;
    while (x % 2 == 0) x /= 2;
    while (x % 3 == 0) x /= 3;
    // is divisible by any positive number >=K and < X,
    // 1. */
    boolean isDivisible(int x, int k) {
        // a "guard"
        if (k >= x) return true;
        if (x % k == 0) return false;
        return isDivisible(x, k+1);
    }
    return !isDivisible(x, 2);
}
```

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Iteration

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

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

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

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Administrivia

Today, we can only have 200 people in here. Please occupy the seats we've reserved.

Make sure you have obtained a Unix account.

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

Be due next Friday at midnight. While you get credit for this session, we **strongly** suggest that you give the problems a try.

discourage taking this course P/NP (or S/U).

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Plan

```
Primes {
    print all primes up to ARGV[0] (interpreted as an integer),
    one per line, 10 to a line. */
}

void main(String[] args) {
    int limit = Integer.parseInt(args[0]);
    printPrimes(limit);
}

void printPrimes(int limit) {
    for (int x = 2; x <= limit; x++)
        if (isPrime(x))
            System.out.println(x);
}

boolean isPrime(int x) {
    if (x < 2) return false;
    if (x % 2 == 0) return false;
    for (int k = 3; k <= Math.sqrt(x); k += 2)
        if (x % k == 0) return false;
    return true;
}
```

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Thinking Recursively

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

```
boolean isDivisible(int x, int k) {
    if (k >= x) return true;
    if (x % k == 0) return true;
    return isDivisible(x, k+1);
}

isDivisible(13, 2)
isDivisible(13, 3)
isDivisible(13, 4)
isDivisible(13, 5)
isDivisible(13, 6)
isDivisible(13, 7)
isDivisible(13, 8)
isDivisible(13, 9)
isDivisible(13, 10)
isDivisible(13, 11)
isDivisible(13, 12)
isDivisible(13, 13)
return true
```

- 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 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 $3 > 1$), 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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Cautionary Aside: Floating Point

side, we had

```
= (int) Math.round(Math.sqrt(x));  
k1 = k; k1 <= limit; k1 += 1) {
```

at this would check all values of k1 up to and including
root of x.

floating-point operations yield *approximations* to the corre-
sponding mathematical operations, you might ask the following about
`round(Math.sqrt(x))`:

Does it always test at least $\lfloor \sqrt{x} \rfloor$? ($\lfloor z \rfloor$ means "the largest integer $\leq z$."
You might miss testing \sqrt{x} when x is a perfect square.

The answer is "yes" for IEEE floating-point square

root. This is an example of the sort of detail that must be checked in edge

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();
```

Using Facts about Primes

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

Implement the iterative version of `isDivisible`:

```
if X is divisible by some number >=K and < X,  
then that K > 1, and that X is not divisible by  
any number >1 and <K. */
```

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

```
};
```

Additional (blue) condition in the comment?

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) {
```

```
    for (int p = 2; p <= limit; p += 1) {  
        if (isPrime(p)) {  
            System.out.print(p + " ");  
            p += 1;  
            if (p % 10 == 0)  
                System.out.println();
```

```
    }  
    System.out.println();
```