

How many primes are there? **Infinitely many.**

PROOF: Assume there are finitely many primes

2, 3, 5, 7, ..., p

Then let $n = \underline{(2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot \dots \cdot p)} + 1$.

Note: n is not divisible by 2, 3, ..., p (not divis. by any prime)

So n is prime, which gives a contradiction.

Thus, There are infinitely many primes.

CURRENT RECORDS:

- Biggest known prime: $2^{82,589,933} - 1$ (24 million digits)
- Arbitrary numbers up to about 15,000 digits can be proven prime.
- Arbitrary numbers up to about 200 digits can be factored.
- 2018: 230-digit number (RSA-230) was factored into 2 prime factors

PRIMALITY TEST VIA TRIAL DIVISION

given integer $n \geq 2$:

Loop $[d=2 \text{ to } \sqrt{n}]$:

If $[d \text{ divides } n, \text{ then return False.}]$

return True

Given integer $n \geq 2$.

found Divisor = False

loop $[d=2 \text{ to } \sqrt{n}]$:

If $[d \text{ divides } n, \text{ then found Divisor} = \text{True}]$

return $!$ found Divisor

A Mathematica implementation:

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myPrimeQ[n_] := Module[
  {foundDivisor = False},

  Do[
    If[Divisible[n, k], foundDivisor = True ]
    , {k, 2, Sqrt[n] }];

  ! foundDivisor
]
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