

Prime

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Notations

Traditional name

The n th prime number

Traditional notation

$\text{prime}(n)$

Mathematica StandardForm notation

$\text{Prime}[n]$

Primary definition

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$\text{prime}(1) = 2$

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$\text{Prime}[n] = m / ;$

$$n > 1 \wedge m \in \text{Integers} \wedge m > \text{Prime}[n - 1] \wedge \text{Not}[\text{Exists}[p, p \in \text{Primes}, \text{Prime}[n - 1] < p < m]] \wedge$$

$$\text{Not}[\text{Exists}[k, k \in \text{Integers} \wedge 1 < k < m, \frac{m}{k} \in \text{Integers}]]$$

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$$\text{prime}(n) = m / ; n > 1 \wedge m \in \mathbb{Z} \wedge m > \text{prime}(n - 1) \wedge (\neg \exists_{p, p \in \mathbb{P}} \text{prime}(n - 1) < p < m) \wedge (\neg \exists_{k, k \in \mathbb{Z} \wedge 1 < k < m} \frac{m}{k} \in \mathbb{Z})$$

For positive integer n , the function $\text{prime}(n)$ is the smallest integer greater than $\text{prime}(n - 1)$ which cannot be divided by any integer greater than 1 and smaller than itself.

The first prime $\text{prime}(1)$ is the integer 2.

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$\text{prime}(n)$

$\text{prime}(n)$ is the n th prime number ($n > 0$) (for which $\text{divisors}(\text{prime}(n)) = \{1, \text{prime}(n)\}$ holds).

Examples: The primes under 25 are 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19 and 23, so $\text{prime}(1) = 2$, $\text{prime}(2) = 3$, ..., $\text{prime}(9) = 23$.

Specific values

Values at fixed points

13.03.03.0001.01
prime(1) = 2

13.03.03.0002.01
prime(2) = 3

13.03.03.0003.01
prime(3) = 5

13.03.03.0004.01
prime(4) = 7

13.03.03.0005.01
prime(5) = 11

13.03.03.0006.01
prime(6) = 13

13.03.03.0007.01
prime(7) = 17

13.03.03.0008.01
prime(8) = 19

13.03.03.0009.01
prime(9) = 23

13.03.03.0010.01
prime(10) = 29

13.03.03.0011.01
prime(11) = 31

13.03.03.0012.01
prime(12) = 37

13.03.03.0013.01
prime(13) = 41

13.03.03.0014.01
prime(14) = 43

13.03.03.0015.01
prime(15) = 47

13.03.03.0016.01
prime(16) = 53

13.03.03.0017.01
prime(17) = 59

13.03.03.0018.01
prime(18) = 61

13.03.03.0019.01
prime(19) = 67

13.03.03.0020.01
prime(20) = 71

13.03.03.0021.01
prime(21) = 73

13.03.03.0022.01
prime(22) = 79

13.03.03.0023.01
prime(23) = 83

13.03.03.0024.01
prime(24) = 89

13.03.03.0025.01
prime(25) = 97

13.03.03.0026.01
prime(26) = 101

13.03.03.0027.01
prime(27) = 103

13.03.03.0028.01
prime(28) = 107

13.03.03.0029.01
prime(29) = 109

13.03.03.0030.01
prime(30) = 113

13.03.03.0031.01
prime(31) = 127

13.03.03.0032.01
prime(32) = 131

13.03.03.0033.01
prime(33) = 137

13.03.03.0034.01
prime(34) = 139

13.03.03.0035.01
prime(35) = 149

13.03.03.0036.01
prime(36) = 151

13.03.03.0037.01
prime(37) = 157

13.03.03.0038.01
prime(38) = 163

13.03.03.0039.01
prime(39) = 167

13.03.03.0040.01
prime(40) = 173

13.03.03.0041.01
 $\text{prime}(41) = 179$

13.03.03.0042.01
 $\text{prime}(42) = 181$

13.03.03.0043.01
 $\text{prime}(43) = 191$

13.03.03.0044.01
 $\text{prime}(44) = 193$

13.03.03.0045.01
 $\text{prime}(45) = 197$

13.03.03.0046.01
 $\text{prime}(46) = 199$

13.03.03.0047.01
 $\text{prime}(47) = 211$

13.03.03.0048.01
 $\text{prime}(48) = 223$

13.03.03.0049.01
 $\text{prime}(49) = 227$

13.03.03.0050.01
 $\text{prime}(50) = 229$

13.03.03.0051.01
 $\text{prime}(100) = 541$

13.03.03.0052.01
 $\text{prime}(1000) = 7919$

13.03.03.0055.01
 $\text{prime}(10\,000) = 104\,729$

13.03.03.0053.01
 $\text{prime}(1\,000\,000) = 15\,485\,863$

13.03.03.0054.01
 $\text{prime}(1\,000\,000\,000) = 22\,801\,763\,489$

General characteristics

Domain and analyticity

$\text{prime}(n)$ is a nonanalytical function which is defined only for positive integers \mathbb{N}^+ .

13.03.04.0001.01
 $n \rightarrow \text{prime}(n) :: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$

Symmetries and periodicities

Symmetry

No symmetry

Periodicity

No periodicity

Series representations

Other series representations

13.03.06.0001.01

$$\text{prime}(n) = \sum_{k=1}^{2^n} \left\lfloor \left(\frac{n}{\pi(k) + 1} \right)^{1/n} \right\rfloor + 1$$

13.03.06.0008.01

$$\text{prime}(n) = 2 + \sum_{k=2}^{\lfloor 2n \log(n)+2 \rfloor} \left(1 - \left\lfloor \frac{\pi(k)}{n} \right\rfloor \right)$$

13.03.06.0002.01

$$\text{prime}(n) = \sum_{m=2}^{2^n} m \left[\frac{1}{n - \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^{m-1} \left\lfloor \frac{m}{i} \right\rfloor} - \sum_{k=2}^m \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \left\lfloor \frac{k}{i} \right\rfloor}} \right] + 1$$

13.03.06.0009.01

$$\text{prime}(n) = 2 + \sum_{k=2}^{\lfloor 2n \log(n)+2 \rfloor} \left(1 - \left\lfloor \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=2}^k \left(\frac{2 - \sum_{i=1}^j \left(\left\lfloor \frac{j}{i} \right\rfloor - \left\lfloor \frac{j-1}{i} \right\rfloor \right)}{j} \right) \right\rfloor + 1 \right) \right)$$

13.03.06.0003.01

$$\text{prime}(n) = \sum_{k=0}^{n^2} g \left(1 - g \left(\sum_{j=0}^k r(g(j-1)!^2, j) - n \right) \right) /; g(m) = m \theta(m) \wedge r(a, b) = a \delta_{b,0} + (1 - \delta_{b,0}) (a \bmod b)$$

13.03.06.0004.01

$$\text{prime}(n) \propto n \left(\log(n) + \log(\log(n)) - 1 + \frac{\log(\log(n)) - 2}{\log(n)} - \frac{\log^2(\log(n)) - 6 \log(\log(n)) + 11}{2 \log^2(n)} + \dots \right) /; n > 2$$

13.03.06.0005.01

$$\text{prime}(n) = \left[1 - \frac{1}{\log(2)} \log \left(-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{d_j \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} p_k} \frac{\mu(d_j)}{2^{d_j} - 1} \right) \right] /; p_k \in \mathbb{P}$$

13.03.06.0006.01

$$\text{prime}(n+1) = \left\lfloor 1 - \log_2 \left(\sum_{r=1}^n \sum_{j_r=j_{r-1}}^n \dots \sum_{j_1=1}^{j_2} \frac{(-1)^r}{2^{\prod_{k=1}^r \text{prime}(j_k)} - 1} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \right\rfloor$$

13.03.06.0007.01

$$\text{prime}(n) = \lfloor 10^{2^n} \alpha \rfloor - 10^{2^{n-1}} \lfloor 10^{2^{n-1}} \alpha \rfloor /; \alpha = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \text{prime}(k) 10^{-2^k}$$

Identities

Functional identities

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$$\sin^2 \left(\frac{\pi (\Gamma(\text{prime}(n)) + 1)}{\text{prime}(n)} \right) + \sin^2(\pi \text{prime}(n)) = 0$$

13.03.17.0002.01

$$\frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(p)}{p}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{p}} - 1} = 1 /; p \in \mathbb{P}$$

13.03.17.0003.01

$$\frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(p)}{p}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{p}} - 1} = 0 /; p \notin \mathbb{P} \wedge p > 4$$

Products

Finite products

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$$\prod_{k=1}^n p_k > p_{n+1} p_{n+2} /; n \geq 4 \wedge p_k \in \mathbb{P}$$

Infinite products

13.03.24.0004.01

$$\prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - p_k^{-s}) = \frac{1}{\zeta(s)} /; \text{Re}(s) > 1 \wedge p_k = \text{prime}(k)$$

13.03.24.0005.01

$$\prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (p_k^{-s} + 1) = \frac{\zeta(s)}{\zeta(2s)} /; \text{Re}(s) > 1 \wedge p_k = \text{prime}(k)$$

13.03.24.0002.01

$$\prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{p_k^2 + 1}{p_k^2 - 1} = \frac{5}{2} /; p_k = \text{prime}(k)$$

Regularized products

13.03.24.0003.01

$$\prod_{k=1}^{\infty} p_k = 4\pi^2 ; p_k = \text{prime}(k)$$

Operations

Limit operation

13.03.25.0001.01

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\text{prime}(n)}{n \log(n)} = 1$$

Representations through equivalent functions

With related functions

13.03.27.0001.01

$$\text{prime}(n) = \sum_{k=1}^{2^n} \left[\left(\frac{n}{\pi(k) + 1} \right)^{1/n} \right] + 1$$

Inequalities

13.03.29.0001.01

$$\text{prime}(n + 1) < 2 \text{prime}(n)$$

13.03.29.0002.01

$$n (\log(n) + \log(\log(n)) - 1) < \text{prime}(n) < n (\log(n) + \log(\log(n))) ; n > 5$$

13.03.29.0003.01

$$\text{prime}(n + 1) < \text{prime}(n)^{23/42} + \text{prime}(n) ; n > 9$$

13.03.29.0004.01

$$\text{prime}(n) > \frac{nm}{\phi(m)} - \frac{m^2}{\phi(m)} ; n > 2 \wedge m > 2$$

Other identities

Congruence properties

13.03.32.0001.01

$$\frac{p}{\text{prime}(n)^2} \in \mathbb{Z} \wedge \frac{p}{\text{prime}(n)^2} \geq 0 ; \frac{p}{q} = \sum_{k=1}^{\text{prime}(n)-1} \frac{1}{k} \wedge p \in \mathbb{N}^+ \wedge q \in \mathbb{N}^+$$

13.03.32.0002.01

$$\frac{p}{\text{prime}(n)} \in \mathbb{Z} \wedge \frac{p}{\text{prime}(n)} \geq 0 ; \frac{p}{q} = \sum_{k=1}^{\text{prime}(n)-1} \frac{1}{k^2} \wedge p \in \mathbb{N}^+ \wedge q \in \mathbb{N}^+$$

13.03.32.0003.01

$$\left(\frac{2 \operatorname{prime}(k) - 1}{\operatorname{prime}(k) - 1} \right) \bmod \operatorname{prime}(k)^3 = 1 \ ; \ k > 2$$

Various Conjectures

13.03.32.0004.01

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{p_{k+1} - p_k}{\log(k)^2} \right) = 1$$

H. Cramer, 1936

Theorems

Fermats' little theorem

$$a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p} \ ; \ p \in \mathbb{P} \wedge \frac{a}{p} \notin \mathbb{N}.$$

Representation of positive integers through primes (fundamental theorem of arithmetic)

Every positive integer n can be uniquely represented in the form $n = \prod_{k=1}^r p_k^{n_k}$, $p_k \in \mathbb{P} \wedge n_k \in \mathbb{N}^+$, $p_k < p_{k+1}$.

Bertrand's hypothesis

For all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $n > 1$ there is at least one prime between n and $2n$.

One linearly independent set

The set $\sqrt[k]{p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \dots p_n^{\alpha_n}}$, $p_i \in \mathbb{P}$, $k \in \mathbb{N}$, $0 \leq \alpha_i \leq k$ is linearly independent over \mathbb{Z} .

Giuga's conjecture

If an integer n satisfies $\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k^{n-1} = -1 \pmod{n}$, then n is prime.

One linearly independent set

The set of primes \mathbb{P} coincides with the set of positive values of the following polynomial:

$$\begin{aligned} & z(k+2) \left(-(a i - i + k - l + 1)^2 - ((a^2 - 1) l^2 - m^2 + 1)^2 (16(k+2)(n+1)^2(k+1)^3 - f^2 + 1)^2 - \right. \\ & \quad \left. ((a+1)^2(e+2)e^3 - o^2 + 1)^2 - (-m + l(a-n-1) + b(-n^2 + 2an - 2n + 2a - 2) + p)^2 - \right. \\ & \quad \left. (l+n+v-y)^2 - (q + (-p^2 - 2p + 2a + 2ap - 2)s - x + (a-p-1)y)^2 - (-x^2 + (a^2 - 1)y^2 + 1)^2 - \right. \\ & \quad \left. (16(a^2 - 1)r^2 y^4 - u^2 + 1)^2 - (-(cu+x)^2 + ((u^2 - a)u^2 + a)^2 - 1)(n+4dy)^2 + 1)^2 - \right. \\ & \quad \left. (h + (h+j)(kg + 2g + k + 1) - z)^2 - \right. \\ & \quad \left. (-e + 2n + p + q + z)^2 (-mp + l(a-p)p + (-p^2 + 2ap - 1)t + z)^2 - (h + j - q + wz)^2 + 1 \right), \end{aligned}$$

when $a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, x, y, w, z \in \mathbb{N}$.

History

- Euclid
- P. J. Møllerup (1922)

The prime numbers are encountered often in mathematics and the natural sciences.

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