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Homework for Lecture 10 - OK to post

- ① Suppose that there are a finite number of primes, and call them p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k . We use these to construct a new number, call it P , such that

$$P = p_1 p_2 \dots p_k + 1$$

Therefore, this number is either prime (contradicting that the number of primes is finite) or it is composite. But it can't be divided by p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k since they all leave remainder 1 after division. So P must have a prime divisor that is different from p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k , so we have shown that there exists a new prime number, which again contradicts that the list of primes is finite.

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| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 |
| 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 | 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 |
| 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | 81 | 82 | 83 | 84 | 85 |
| 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 98 | 99 | 100 | 101 | 102 | 103 | 104 | 105 | 106 |
| 107 | 108 | 109 | 110 | 111 | 112 | 113 | 114 | 115 | 116 | 117 | 118 | 119 | 120 | 121 | 122 | 123 | 124 | 125 | 126 | 127 |
| 128 | 129 | 130 | 131 | 132 | 133 | 134 | 135 | 136 | 137 | 138 | 139 | 140 | | | | | | | | |

- Step 1: cross out all multiples of 2 (except 2) → survivor: 3
Step 2: cross out all multiples of 3 (except 3) → survivor: 5
Step 3: cross out all multiples of 5 (except 5) → survivor: 7
Step 4: cross out all multiples of 7 (except 7) → survivor: 11
Step 5: cross out all multiples of 11 (except 11) → survivor: 13

The smallest survivor 13 is larger than $\sqrt{140}$, so we are done.

- ③ 2 is not divisible by 3, but 3 is. 3^2 is not divisible by 3003.
 $p=3, a=1$

$$L(3003) = [3, 1] L(3003/3) = [3, 1], L(1001)$$

The smallest prime that divides 1001 is 7. 1001 is not divisible by 7^2 ,
so since $1001/7 = 143$,

$$L(1001) = [7, 1], L(143)$$

143 is not divisible by 7, but it is divisible by 11. 143 is not divisible
by 11^2 , so $p=11, a=1$

$$L(143) = [11, 1], L(13)$$

13 is not divisible by 11, but it is divisible by 13. 13 is not divisible by
 13^2 , so $p=13, a=1$

$$L(13) = [13, 1], L(1)$$

Since $L(1)$ is the empty list, we work backward to obtain

$$L(13) = [13, 1]$$

$$L(143) = [11, 1], [13, 1]$$

$$L(1001) = [7, 1], [11, 1], [13, 1]$$

$$L(3003) = [3, 1], [7, 1], [11, 1], [13, 1]$$

Thus $3003 = 3 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13$

- ④ We use the formula $\pi(n) = \frac{n}{\ln n}$, where $n = e^{100}$, to obtain $\frac{e^{100}}{\ln(e^{100})} =$

$$\frac{e^{100}}{100(\ln e)} = \frac{e^{100}}{100}, \text{ which is roughly the number of primes } \leq e^{100}$$