

Number Theory Worksheet 2: The Sieve of Eratosthenes

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The Sieve of Eratosthenes is an ancient method for finding all primes numbers up to a specified number. It was created by Eratosthenes (275-194 B.C., Greece), an ancient Greek mathematician. Just as a sieve is a strainer for draining spaghetti, Eratosthenes's sieve drains out composite numbers and leaves prime numbers behind. The numbers from 1 to 100 are listed in the table below. We will use The Sieve of Eratosthenes to find all primes up to the number 100 by following the directions below.

Directions:

- 1. Cross out 1 since it is not prime.
- 2. Circle 2 because it is the smallest prime number. Cross out every multiple of 2.
- 3. Circle the next open number, 3. Now cross out every multiple of 3.
- 4. Circle the next open number, 5. Now cross out every multiple of 5.
- 5. Circle the next open number, 7. Now cross out every multiple of 7.
- 6. Continue this process until all numbers in the table have been circled or crossed out.

You have just circled all the prime numbers from 1 to 100!

1	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

Questions:

- 1. How many prime numbers are there from 1 to 100?
- 2. List all prime numbers from 1 to 100.
- 3. Which number is the only even prime number?
- 4. An emirp (prime spelled backwards) is a prime that gives you a *different* prime when its digits are reversed. For example, 13 and 31 are emirps. List all emirps between 1 and 100.

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