

Program Description I

Program Title FACTORS OF A NUMBER: THE FASTEST PROGRAM ON THE SUBJECT

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Program Description, Equations, Variables: \equiv THIS PROGRAM WILL FIND ALL PRIME FACTORS OF A POSITIVE INTEGER N . THEY WILL BE PAUSED / PRINTED PIECEMEAL, AND THE LAST ONE WILL BE DISPLAYED WITH A MINUS SIGN. (THE SIGN INDICATES THAT IS THE LAST ONE. IF YOU ARE TO USE THE PROGRAM AS A SUBROUTINE, STEP [35 CHS] MAY BE DELETED.)

\equiv THIS PROGRAM IS SPECIALLY INTENDED TO RUN THE FASTEST. THE MOST EFFICIENT METHOD TO TEST IF A NUMBER IS A PRIME (OR TO FIND ITS PRIME FACTORS) IS AS FOLLOWS:

- TAKE THE GIVEN NUMBER, N , AND DIVIDE IT BY ALL PRIMES STARTING WITH 2 AND UP TO THE PRIME P_N SUCH THAT

$$P_N \leq \sqrt{N} \quad , \quad P_{N+1} > \sqrt{N}$$

- IF THE RESTS OF ANY OF THOSE DIVISIONS EQUALS ZERO, THEN P_K IS A PRIME FACTOR OF N . THEN, THE NEW $N = N/P_K$, AND THE LOOP CONTINUES.

- IF NONE OF THE RESTS IS ZERO, THEN N IS ITSELF A PRIME

\equiv THAT MEANS THAT WE MUST PERFORM DIVISIONS BY 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, ...

AND TEST: (a) IF THE DIVISOR $> \sqrt{N}$; (b) IF THE REST = 0

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Operating Limits and Warnings - N MUST BE A POSITIVE INTEGER, AND IT WOULD BE ALSO WISE THAT $N < 10^9$. OTHERWISE, ERRONEOUS RESULTS MAY APPEAR.

- THE LAST STEP L36 R/S CANNOT BE CHANGED TO L36 RTN

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- THE MAIN TROUBLE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO GENERATE A SEQUENCE OF DIVISORS THAT INCLUDES ONLY PRIME NUMBERS. PROGRAM # 52050D SOLVES THIS BY STORING A LIST OF PRIMES IN MAGNETIC CARDS THAT MUST BE LOADED BY THE USER AT PROPER TIMES. THIS SOLVES A PROBLEM AND CREATES 3:

- (a) MANY DATA CARDS ARE TO BE USED TO TEST A LARGE NUMBER N
- (b) USER CANNOT BE ABSENT, BECAUSE HE MUST LOAD DATA CARDS.
- (c) RUNNING TIME IS GREATLY INCREASED BY THE LOADING PROCESS.

THE PRESENT PROGRAM DOESN'T NEED DATA CARDS OR OTHER TRICKS LIKE THAT, BUT SIMPLY GENERATES A SEQUENCE THAT STARTS WITH 2, 3, 5, 7, --- AND INCLUDES ALL NUMBERS UP TO $\text{INT}[\sqrt{N}]$ EXCEPT THOSE THAT ARE MULTIPLES OF 2, 3, 5, OR 7. THIS IS AN EXTREMELY EFFICIENT METHOD, BECAUSE THE FIRST NON-PRIME DIVISOR TESTED IS 121, AND AFTERWARDS ONLY MULTIPLES OF 11, 13, ETC WILL PASS THE SELECTION PROCESS. THAT MEANS ALL NUMBERS $N \leq 14641$ OR SO WILL BE TESTED WITH ALL POSSIBLE EFFICIENCY, AND THE REST, TO A VERY NEAR OPTIMUM ONE.

AS AN ILLUSTRATION, THE DIVISORS TESTED ARE

- 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, 37, 41, 43, 47, 53, 59, 61, 67, 71, 73, 79, 83, 89, 97, 101, 103, 107, 109, 113, 121, 127, 131 --- ETC.

(ALL ARE PRIME EXCEPT $121 = 11^2$)

- THIS PROGRAM MAY BE IMPROVED BY SKIPPING ALSO THE MULTIPLES OF 11, 13, ETC, BUT THIS WOULD COST FAR MORE THAN 224 STEPS IF A LINEAR PROGRAM IS TO BE CREATED, AND THE SAVING IN TIME DOES NOT EXCEED A MERE 5% (ASSUMING MORE THAN 224 STEPS AVAILABLE, OF COURSE, WHICH IS NOT THE CASE)

- THE EXECUTION TIMES FOR THE PRESENT PROGRAM ARE (IF N IS EITHER A PRIME OR THE SQUARE OF A PRIME):

N	RUNNING TIME	N	RUNNING TIME
$N < 10$ (I.E. = 11)	3 SECONDS	$N < 10^5$ (I.E. = $10^5 + 3$)	57 SEC.
$N < 100$ (I.E. = $10^2 + 1$)	4 "	$N < 10^6$ (I.E. = $10^6 + 3$)	2MIN. 46 SEC.
$N < 1000$ (I.E. = $10^3 + 9$)	9 "	$N < 10^7$ (I.E. = $10^7 + 19$)	8MIN. 55 SEC.
$N < 10^4$ (I.E. = $10^4 + 7$)	20 "	$N < 10^8$ (I.E. = $10^8 + 7$)	28 MIN. 6 SEC.

- IF YOU OWN OR HAVE ANOTHER PROGRAM OF THIS KIND, YOU'LL REALIZE THAT THESE TIMES ARE VERY DIFFICULT TO BEAT. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN A SHORTER ROUTINE WITH A MAXIMUM SPEED, HERE IS INCLUDED A ROUTINE 52 STEPS LONG, WHICH IS A SIMPLIFICATION OF THE PRESENT PROGRAM THAT SKIPS ALL MULTIPLES OF 2, 3, OR 5 AS DIVISORS:

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LBLA  LBL1  LRL1
STOA  -4    6   STO+9  LAST X
0     GSBE  GSBE  RCLA   STOA
STO9  -2    2   RCL9   RCL9
2     GSBE  GSBE  ÷      PAUSE
GSBE  -4    6   LAST X  0
1     GSBE  GSBE  X>Y   STO E
GSBE  -2    2   CTO0   LRL0
-2    GSBE  GSBE  X≥Y   RCLA
GSBE  -4    6   FRAC   CHS
-2    GSBE  GSBE  X≠0   C/S
GSBE  GSBE  RTN
  
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- THIS ROUTINE IS NEARLY 3 TIMES SHORTER, BUT AS IT DOES NOT SKIP THE MULTIPLES OF 7, IT IS SOMEWHAT SLOWER.

RUNNING TIMES FOR THIS ROUTINE ARE

$N < 10$, (11)	3 SEC.	$N < 10^5$, ($10^5 + 3$)	1MIN 1
$N < 10^2$, ($10^2 + 1$)	4 SEC.	$N < 10^6$, ($10^6 + 3$)	3MIN 8
$N < 10^3$, ($10^3 + 9$)	9 SEC.	$N < 10^7$, ($10^7 + 19$)	9MIN 55
$N < 10^4$, ($10^4 + 7$)	21 SEC.	$N < 10^8$, ($10^8 + 7$)	31MIN 19

Program Description II

Sketch(es)

Sample Problem(s) (1) FIND ALL PRIMES OF THE FORM $1, 11, 111, \text{ETC}$, UP TO 10^{8+2}

- LOAD PROGRAM, BOTH SIDES:

- TO TEST 1 \Rightarrow 1 [A] \rightarrow -1, (- SIGN INDICATES LAST FACTOR), PRIME

11 \Rightarrow 11 [A] \rightarrow -11, PRIME (3 SEC)

111 \Rightarrow 111 [A] \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow -37 \Rightarrow 111 = 3 \times 37

1111 \Rightarrow 1111 [A] \rightarrow 11 \rightarrow -101 \Rightarrow 1111 = 11 \times 101

11111 \Rightarrow 11111 [A] \rightarrow 41 \rightarrow -271 \Rightarrow 11111 = 41 \times 271

111111 \Rightarrow 111111 [A] \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 7 \rightarrow 11 \rightarrow 13 \rightarrow -37 \Rightarrow 111111 = 3 \times 7 \times 11 \times 13 \times 37

1111111 \Rightarrow 1111111 [A] \rightarrow 239 \rightarrow -4649 \Rightarrow 1111111 = 239 \times 4649

11111111 \Rightarrow 11111111 [A] \rightarrow 11 \rightarrow 73 \rightarrow 101 \rightarrow 137 \Rightarrow 11111111 = 11 \times 73 \times 101 \times 137

111111111 \Rightarrow 111111111 [A] \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 37 \rightarrow -33367 \Rightarrow 111111111 = 3² \times 37 \times 33367

1111111111 \Rightarrow 1111111111 [A] \rightarrow 11 \rightarrow 41 \rightarrow 271 \rightarrow -9091 \Rightarrow 1111111111 = 11 \times 41 \times 271 \times 9091

NOTE = BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL WHEN TESTING NUMBERS GREATER THAN 10^8 , BECAUSE FACTORS MAY BE ERRONEOUS.

Solutions (2) FIND ALL PRIMES OF THE FORM $N! + 1$, $N \leq 12$, $N \geq 2$

$N = 2 \Rightarrow 2 [N!] + 1 [A] \rightarrow -3$, PRIME

$N = 3 \Rightarrow 3 [N!] + 1 [A] \rightarrow -7$, PRIME

$N = 4 \Rightarrow 4 [N!] + 1 [A] \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow -5 \Rightarrow 4! + 1 = 5^2$

$N = 5 \Rightarrow 5 [N!] + 1 [A] \rightarrow 11 \rightarrow -11 \Rightarrow 5! + 1 = 11^2$

$N = 6 \Rightarrow 6 [N!] + 1 [A] \rightarrow 7 \rightarrow -103 \Rightarrow 6! + 1 = 7 \times 103$

$N = 7 \Rightarrow 7 [N!] + 1 [A] \rightarrow 71 \rightarrow -71 \Rightarrow 7! + 1 = 71^2$

$N = 8 \Rightarrow 8 [N!] + 1 [A] \rightarrow 61 \rightarrow -661 \Rightarrow 8! + 1 = 61 \times 661$

$N = 9 \Rightarrow 9 [N!] + 1 [A] \rightarrow 17 \rightarrow 17 \rightarrow 209 \Rightarrow 9! + 1 = 17 \times 19 \times 209$

Reference (3) $N = 10 \Rightarrow 10 [N!] + 1 [A] \rightarrow 11 \rightarrow -329891 \Rightarrow 10! + 1 = 11 \times 329891$

$N = 11 \Rightarrow 11 [N!] + 1 [A] \rightarrow$ (AFTER 17 MIN. 43 SEC.) \rightarrow -39916201, PRIME

$N = 12 \Rightarrow 12 [N!] + 1 [A] \rightarrow 13 \rightarrow 13 \rightarrow -2834329 \Rightarrow 12! + 1 = 13^2 \times 2834329$

NOTE EXAMPLES ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS PAGE =

≡ (3) TEST THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS TO SEE WHICH ARE PRIME AMONG THEM

- 555 5551 [A] → 773 → -7187 ⇒ 555 5551 = 773 × 7187
- 31415927 [A] → 31 → 103 → 9739 ⇒ 31415927 = 31 × 103 × 9739
- 19801979 [A] → 719 → -27541 ⇒ 19801979 = 719 × 27541
- 72727 [A] → -72727, PRIME
- 9393931 [A] → 211 → 211 → -211 ⇒ 9393931 = 211³
- 1987654321 [A] → 457 → -434353 ⇒ 1987654321 = 457 × 4349353
- 1234567 [A] → 127 → -9721 ⇒ 1234567 = 127 × 9721
- 3837280200 [A] → 2 → 2 → 2 → 3 → 5 → 5 → 13 → 13 → 13 → 41 → -71 ⇒
 ⇒ 3837280200 = 2³ × 3 × 5² × 13³ × 41 × 71

≡ (4) FIND THE 1ST PRIME NUMBER GREATER THAN 10⁷

- [CLX] [EEX] 7 [ENTER] 1 [÷] [A] → 11 [R/S] (10⁷ + 1 IS A MULTIPLE OF 11)
- [EEX] 7 [ENTER] 3 [÷] [A] → 13 [R/S] (10⁷ + 3 " " 13)
- [EEX] 7 [ENTER] 7 [÷] [A] → 941 [R/S] (10⁷ + 7 " " 941)
- [EEX] 7 [ENTER] 13 [÷] [A] → 421 [R/S] (10⁷ + 13 " " 421)
- [EEX] 7 [ENTER] 14 [÷] [A] → -10000019, PRIME

≡ (5) SIMPLIFY (OR REDUCE) THE FRACTION $\frac{1333333}{7777771}$ TO A SIMPLER FORM

$$\left. \begin{aligned} 1333333 [A] &\rightarrow 23 \rightarrow 29 \rightarrow -1999 \Rightarrow 1333333 = 23 \times 29 \times 1999 \\ 7777771 [A] &\rightarrow 29 \rightarrow -268199 \Rightarrow 7777771 = 29 \times 268199 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1333333}{7777771} = \frac{23 \times 29 \times 1999}{29 \times 268199} = \frac{23 \times 1999}{268199} = \frac{45977}{268199}$$

≡ (6) IF YOU ARE AN HP-97 OWNER, YOU MAY CHANGE STEP 130 PAUSE, TO 130 PRINTX. THIS ALLOWS YOU TO BE ABSENT WHILE PROGRAM RUNS. BUT IF YOU OWN AN HP-67 INSTEAD, THERE IS A SIMPLE PROCEDURE, THAT ALLOWS YOU TO BE ABSENT, TOO.

FOR INSTANCE, WHERE YOU TO FACTORIZE 136723602, WHEN SOME OTHER BUSINESS IMPEDES YOU TO WATCH THE WHOLE PROCESS, NO MATTER, PRESS:

136723602 [A] AND GO OUT. SOME TIME LATER, YOU LOOK AT THE DISPLAY AND FIND: -773 ⇒ 773 IS THE NUMBER'S GREATEST PRIME FACTOR

PRESS: 136723602 [X>Y] [CHS] → 773 (ONE OF THE PRIME FACTORS)
 [LASTX] → 719 (ANOTHER PRIME FACTOR)

[X] [÷] [A] → 2 → 3 → -41 (2, 3, 41 ARE THE REMAINING FACTORS)

SO, $136723602 = 2 \times 3 \times 41 \times 719 \times 773$

- THIS IS, YOU MAY RECOVER AT ONCE THE 2 GREATEST PRIME FACTORS, AND WHEN THEY ARE REMOVED BY DIVISION FROM THE ORIGINAL NUMBER, THE REMAINING ON IS QUICKLY FACTORIZED. ONLY IF THE 2 FACTORS ARE CONSECUTIVE



User Instructions

FACTORS OF A NUMBER

N → F₁ → F₂ → ... → F_m

STEP	INSTRUCTIONS	INPUT DATA/UNITS	KEYS	OUTPUT DATA/UNITS
1	LOAD PROGRAM, BOTH SIDES		<input type="checkbox"/>	
2	INPUT N, AND FIND ITS PRIME FACTORS	N	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	F ₁
	F ₁ , F ₂ , ... = PRIME FACTORS		<input type="checkbox"/>	F ₂
	- F _m = LAST PRIME FACTOR		<input type="checkbox"/>	---
	(OF COURSE, IF F _m = N, THEN N IS A PRIME)		<input type="checkbox"/>	F _k
			<input type="checkbox"/>	---
			<input type="checkbox"/>	-F _m
3	FOR ANOTHER N, GOTO 2		<input type="checkbox"/>	
			<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<u>MAXIMUM RUNNING TIMES ARE:</u>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	N ≈ 10 , 3 SECONDS		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	N ≈ 10 ² , 4 "		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	N ≈ 10 ³ , 9 "		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	N ≈ 10 ⁴ , 20 "		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	N ≈ 10 ⁵ , 53 "		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	N ≈ 10 ⁶ , 2 MIN. 46 SECONDS		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	N ≈ 10 ⁷ , 8 " 55 "		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	N ≈ 10 ⁸ , 28 " 6 "		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	RESULTS AREN'T SAFE IS N > 10 ⁹		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	- IF YOU WANT TO USE THE PROGRAM AS A SUBROUTINE, TAKE NOTE OF THIS:		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	- PROGRAM USES LPLA, E, O!		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	- " " REGISTER A, 9		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	- " " NO FLAGS		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	- STEP IFC F/S CANNOT BE CHANGED TO IFC PTN		<input type="checkbox"/>	

Program Listing I

STEP	KEY ENTRY	KEY CODE	COMMENTS	STEP	KEY ENTRY	KEY CODE	COMMENTS
001	*LBL A	31 25 11	STORE N		SS3 E	31 22 15	SKIPS 2 N.P. FACTOR
	STO A	33 17					
	0	30	} SET DIVISOR TO 0		SS3 E	31 22 15	SKIPS 4 "
	STO 9	33 09		060			
	2	02	} TEST 2 AS A FACTOR		SS3 E	31 22 15	SKIPS 2 "
	GSB E	31 22 15					
	1	01	} TEST 3 AS A FACTOR		SS3 E	31 22 15	SKIPS 4 "
	GSB E	31 22 15					
	2	02	} TEST 5 AS A FACTOR		SS3 E	31 22 15	SKIPS 8 "
010	GSB E	31 22 15					
	2	02	} TEST 7 AS A FACTOR		SS3 E	31 22 15	SKIPS 6 "
	GSB E	31 22 15					
	4	04	} TEST 11 AS A FACTOR		SS3 E	31 22 15	SKIPS 4 "
	GSB E	31 22 15		070			
	*LBL 1	31 25 01	BEGINNING OF LOOP		SS3 E	31 22 15	SKIPS 6 "
	2	02	SKIPS 2 NON-PRIME FACTOR		SS3 E	31 22 15	SKIPS 2 "
	GSB E	31 22 15					
	4	04	SKIPS 4 "		SS3 E	31 22 15	SKIPS 4 "
	GSB E	31 22 15					
020	2	02	SKIPS 2 "		SS3 E	31 22 15	SKIPS 6 "
	GSB E	31 22 15					
	4	04	SKIPS 4 "		SS3 E	31 22 15	SKIPS 2 "
	GSB E	31 22 15		080			
	6	06	SKIPS 6 "		SS3 E	31 22 15	SKIPS 6 "
	GSB E	31 22 15					
	2	02	SKIPS 2 "		SS3 E	31 22 15	SKIPS 6 "
	GSB E	31 22 15					
	6	06	SKIPS 6 "		SS3 E	31 22 15	SKIPS 4 "
	GSB E	31 22 15					
030	4	04	SKIPS 4 "		SS3 E	31 22 15	SKIPS 2 "
	GSB E	31 22 15					
	2	02	SKIPS 2 "		SS3 E	31 22 15	SKIPS 4 "
	GSB E	31 22 15		090			
	4	04	SKIPS 4 "		SS3 E	31 22 15	SKIPS 6 "
	GSB E	31 22 15					
	6	06	SKIPS 6 "		SS3 E	31 22 15	SKIPS 2 "
	GSB E	31 22 15					
	6	06	SKIPS 6 "		SS3 E	31 22 15	SKIPS 6 "
	GSB E	31 22 15					
040	2	02	SKIPS 2 "		SS3 E	31 22 15	SKIPS 4 "
	GSB E	31 22 15					
	6	06	SKIPS 6 "		SS3 E	31 22 15	SKIPS 2 "
	GSB E	31 22 15		100			
	4	04	SKIPS 4 "		SS3 E	31 22 15	SKIPS 4 "
	GSB E	31 22 15					
	2	02	SKIPS 2 "		SS3 E	31 22 15	SKIPS 2 "
	GSB E	31 22 15					
	6	06	SKIPS 6 "		SS3 E	31 22 15	SKIPS 10 "
	GSB E	31 22 15					
	8	08	SKIPS 8 "		SS3 E	31 22 15	SKIPS 2 "
	GSB E	31 22 15		110			
	4	04	SKIPS 4 "		SS3 E	31 22 15	SKIPS 10 "

REGISTERS

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Divisor.
10	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	S7	S8	S9	
	B		C		D		E		I	
	If, used									



Program Listing II

STEP	KEY ENTRY	KEY CODE	COMMENTS	STEP	KEY ENTRY	KEY CODE	COMMENTS
	GSB B	27 22 10					
	GTO 1	28 01	END OF LOOP	170			
	*LBL 2	31 25 10	TEST SUBROUTINE				
	STO + 0	33 31 00	SKIPS NON-PRIME FACTORS				
	RCL 4	34 11	RECALL N				
	RCL 9	34 09	RECALL DIVISOR				
	*	81					
170	LAST X	35 22					
	X>Y	32 81					
	GTO 0	32 00	ALL DIVISORS TESTED				
	X>=Y	35 52					
	FRAC	32 00	} IS Rq A FACTOR?	180			
	I/O	31 01					
	RTN	35 22	NO, RETURN TO LOOP				
	LAST X	35 81	YES				
	STO A	36 11	NEW N = N/Rq				
	RCL 9	34 09	} DISPLAY FACTOR				
130	PAUSE	35 72					
	0	00					
	GTO B	33 15	TEST Rq ONCE AGAIN				
	*LBL 0	31 25 00	LAST FACTOR				
	RCL 1	34 11	RECALLS N (OR LAST FACTOR)	190			
	CHS	42	CHANGE SIGN = LAST FACTOR				
	R/S	84	STOP				
140			HP-97 OWNERS :				
			STEP 130 PAUSE				
			MUST BE CHANGED TO:	200			
			130 PRINT X				
			AND ANOTHER				
			PRINT X				
150			STATEMENT				
			MUST BE INSERTED				
			BETWEEN	210			
			135 CHS				
			136 R/S				
				220			

LABELS					FLAGS	SET STATUS								
A	N	f _i	B	C	D	E	used	0	1	2	3	ON OFF	TRIG	DISP
a			b	c	d	e						0 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DEG <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FIX <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
0	used		1	used	2	3	4	2				1 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	GRAD <input type="checkbox"/>	SCI <input type="checkbox"/>
5			6		7	8	9	3				2 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RAD <input type="checkbox"/>	ENG <input type="checkbox"/>
												3 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		n <u>0</u>