

The Composites are a Hyperbolic Fractal

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An exact, massively-parallelizable formulation for the prime counting function is

$$\pi(n) = n - 1 - \overbrace{\sum_{2 \leq p \leq \sqrt{n}} R(n/p, p)}^{\text{Composites}} \quad (1)$$

where $R(h, p)$ counts p-Rough integers not greater than h (i.e., integers whose least prime is not less than p) for which we have the induction-provable recurrence relation, with base case $R(h, 2) = h - 1$,

$$R(h, p_i) = R(h, p_{i-1}) - R(h/p_{i-1}, p_{i-1}) - \underbrace{R(p_i - 1, p_{i-1})}_{=1} \quad (2)$$

for which inverting the recursive descent of the recurrence into an iterative ascent gives

$$R(h, p) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } h < p \\ \underbrace{(h - 1)}_{\text{Base Case}} - \sum_{2 \leq q < p} \left(R\left(\frac{h}{q}, q\right) + 1 \right), & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

illustrating the composites are a hyperbolic fractal.

In Java terms, computing the count of composites (to date replicating known exact values for all orders of magnitude to 10^{14}) consists primarily of

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for (int i=1; P[i] <= Math.sqrt(n); i++) Composites += R(n/P[i],i);
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where $P[i]$ is the i th prime, and the iterated function system for $R(h, p)$ in (3) above is:

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public static long R(long h, int a) {
    if (h < P[a]) return 0;
    long R = h-1;
    for (int b=1; b<a; b++) R -= R(h/P[b],b) + 1;
    return R;
}
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