

## Re: interview question on primes

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Separating good from bad at interview time is not so easy, but a simple challenger exercise, at the level of difficulty of the one being discussed, is not so bad as a quick test, at least to filter out

- (1) those who are incompetent mathematically
- (2) those who have no design skills
- (3) those who can't program their way out of a paper bag
- (4) those who write overly complex code when the context of the situation (interview time, on the spot) calls for simplicity.

And (5) have no attention to detail, like myself when I didn't stop my sieve at  $\sqrt{b}$  in the psuedocode I posted. Honestly, if I was going for the job, I would have checked though.

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