

# Problem 49

The arithmetic sequence, 1487, 4817, 8147, in which each of the terms increases by 3330, is unusual in two ways: (i) each of the three terms are prime, and, (ii) each of the 4-digit numbers are permutations of one another.

There are no arithmetic sequences made up of three 1-, 2-, or 3-digit primes, exhibiting this property, but there is one other 4-digit increasing sequence.

What 12-digit number do you form by concatenating the three terms in this sequence?

## Solution

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In[46]:= prims = Prime[Range[PrimePi[1000] + 1, PrimePi[10 000]]];
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We collect the primes together based on whether they are permutations of each other.

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In[61]:= gathered = GatherBy[prims, Sort[IntegerDigits[#]] &];
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In[58]:= refined = Select[gathered, Length[#] > 2 &];
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Now we just need to go over all of the list refined, looking for arithmetic progressions of length 3 in each sub-list.

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In[59]:= progressionQ[{a_, b_, c_}] := (c - b) == (b - a)
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In[60]:= Select[Subsets[#, {3}], progressionQ] & /@ refined // DeleteDuplicates
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Out[60]= {{}, {{1487, 4817, 8147}}, {{2969, 6299, 9629}}}
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