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The Unit are the exceptions. If $x \in D$, u is a unit, and v is its inverse, then

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We don't want to say x is not prime. u, v should not matter!

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Elements of ONEFOUR: 1, 5, 9, 13, 17, 21, 25. We stop here.

1: a unit

5: a prime

9: a prime! Note that $3 \notin \text{ONEFOUR}$ so cannot say $9 = 3 \times 3$.

13,17: Primes

21: a prime!

25: 5×5 are first composite.

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