

## Primitive $\alpha$ -Abundant Numbers

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**Abstract.** A number  $N$  is primitive  $\alpha$ -abundant if  $\sigma(M)/M < \alpha \leq \sigma(N)/N$  for all proper divisors  $M$  of  $N$ . In this paper, we tabulate, for  $1 < \alpha \leq 5.4$ , all such  $N$  for which  $\sigma(N)/N$  is greatest. We show that, if  $N$  is primitive  $\alpha$ -abundant and  $\alpha > 1.6$ , then  $\sigma(N)/N < \alpha + \min\{\frac{2}{5}, 3\alpha/2e^{5\alpha/9}\}$ .

Let  $N$  be a natural number ( $N > 1$ ), let  $\alpha$  be a real number ( $\alpha > 1$ ) and let  $\sigma$  be the positive-divisor sum function. Put

$$H(N) = \frac{\sigma(N)}{N} \quad \text{and} \quad h(N) = \max\{H(M) : M|N, M < N\}.$$

We say that  $N$  is  $\alpha$ -abundant if  $\alpha \leq H(N)$  and that  $N$  is primitive  $\alpha$ -abundant if also  $h(N) < \alpha$ . The set  $\pi_\alpha$  of primitive  $\alpha$ -abundant numbers has been investigated by a number of writers. For example, Erdős [2] showed that the number of elements of  $\pi_\alpha$  which are less than  $x$  is  $o(x/\log x)$  and Shapiro [3] (see also [4]) that there are only finitely many  $N \in \pi_\alpha$  with a fixed number of distinct prime factors, provided that, when  $\alpha$  is rational,  $N$  is relatively prime to the numerator of  $\alpha$ .

When  $\alpha$  is an integer, it is a classical problem to find members of  $\pi_\alpha$  which are *least*  $\alpha$ -abundant: such  $N \in \pi_\alpha$  satisfy  $H(N) = \alpha$ , and we are referring to the search for perfect and multiply perfect numbers. In this note, we shall find all members of  $\pi_\alpha$  which are *most*  $\alpha$ -abundant, for  $1 < \alpha \leq 5.4$ . That is, we shall find those  $N \in \pi_\alpha$  ( $1 < \alpha \leq 5.4$ ) for which  $H(N)$  is greatest.

Put

$$G(\alpha) = \max\{H(N) : N \in \pi_\alpha\}, \quad \Gamma_\alpha = \{N : N \in \pi_\alpha, H(N) = G(\alpha)\},$$

so that  $\Gamma_\alpha$  consists of those primitive  $\alpha$ -abundant numbers  $N$  for which  $\sigma(N)/N$  is greatest. Of more interest than  $G$  is the function  $G_0(\alpha) = G(\alpha) - \alpha$ . It was shown in [1] that  $\Gamma_\alpha$  is nonempty and finite and that

$$(1) \quad G_0(\alpha) < \min\{\frac{1}{2}, 3\alpha e^{-\rho\alpha}/2\},$$

where  $\rho = e^{-\gamma}$  and  $\gamma$  is Euler's constant. (For  $\alpha > 4.8$ ,  $3\alpha e^{-\rho\alpha}/2 < \frac{1}{2}$ .) It was also shown in [1] that

$$G_0(2) = \frac{62}{385} < .16104 \quad \text{and} \quad \Gamma_2 = \{3465\}.$$

Our present results, giving  $G_0(\alpha)$  and  $\Gamma_\alpha$  for  $1 < \alpha \leq 5.4$ , are given in Table 1. The following two theorems are the basis for the computations used to produce the

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table. Theorem 1 was proved in [1]; the proof is short and is repeated here for completeness.

**THEOREM 1.** *If  $N \in \pi_\alpha$ , then  $H(N) < \alpha + \alpha/p^a$ , where  $p^a$  is any component of  $N$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose  $H(N) \geq \alpha + \alpha/p^a$ , for some component  $p^a$  of  $N$ . Then, using the fact that  $\sigma$  is multiplicative,

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma\left(\frac{N}{p}\right) &= \sigma\left(\frac{N}{p^a}\right)\sigma(p^{a-1}) = \frac{\sigma(N)}{\sigma(p^a)}\sigma(p^{a-1}) \\ &\geq \left(\alpha N + \frac{\alpha N}{p^a}\right) \frac{\sigma(p^{a-1})}{\sigma(p^a)} = \frac{\alpha N}{p} \frac{p^a + 1}{p^{a-1}} \frac{\sigma(p^{a-1})}{\sigma(p^a)} \geq \frac{\alpha N}{p}.\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $h(N) \geq \alpha$ , contradicting  $N \in \pi_\alpha$ .

From Theorem 1, if  $N \in \pi_\alpha$  and we require  $H(N) \geq \alpha + \varepsilon$  ( $\varepsilon > 0$ ), then  $p^a < \alpha/\varepsilon$ . With a little experimentation,  $\varepsilon$  can be chosen to give a small set of such numbers  $N$ , and then  $G(\alpha)$  and  $\Gamma_\alpha$  can be identified.

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $\alpha_+ > 1$  be any real number and define  $\alpha_-$  by  $\alpha_- = \max\{h(N): N \in \Gamma_{\alpha_+}\}$ . Then for any  $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha_- < \alpha \leq \alpha_+$ ,*

$$G(\alpha) = G(\alpha_+) \quad \text{and} \quad \Gamma_\alpha = \Gamma_{\alpha_+}.$$

*Proof.* Suppose  $\alpha_- < \alpha \leq \alpha_+$ , and take  $N \in \Gamma_\alpha$ ,  $N_+ \in \Gamma_{\alpha_+}$ , so  $H(N) = G(\alpha)$ ,  $H(N_+) = G(\alpha_+)$ . We have

$$h(N_+) \leq \alpha_- < \alpha \leq \alpha_+ \leq H(N_+),$$

so  $N_+ \in \pi_\alpha$ . Thus  $H(N_+) \leq G(\alpha)$ , or

$$(2) \quad G(\alpha_+) \leq G(\alpha).$$

We then have

$$h(N) < \alpha \leq \alpha_+ \leq G(\alpha_+) \leq G(\alpha) = H(N),$$

so  $N \in \pi_{\alpha_+}$ . Thus  $H(N) \leq G(\alpha_+)$ , or  $G(\alpha) \leq G(\alpha_+)$ . With (2), this shows that  $G(\alpha) = G(\alpha_+)$ , and it is then easy to see also that  $\Gamma_\alpha = \Gamma_{\alpha_+}$ .

In Table 1, the decreasing sequence  $(\alpha_i)$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq 145$ , is defined by

$$\alpha_0 = 5.4, \quad \alpha_i = \max\{h(N): N \in \Gamma_{\alpha_{i-1}}\} \quad (1 \leq i \leq 145).$$

By Theorem 2, if  $\alpha_{i+1} < \alpha \leq \alpha_i$  ( $0 \leq i \leq 144$ ), then

$$G_0(\alpha) = G_0(\alpha_i) + \alpha_i - \alpha \quad \text{and} \quad \Gamma_\alpha = \Gamma_{\alpha_i}.$$

Besides giving  $\alpha_i$ ,  $G_0(\alpha_i)$  and  $\Gamma_{\alpha_i}$  in Table 1, we have also given values for

$$g_i = G_0(\alpha_i) + \alpha_i - \alpha_{i+1} = \sup\{G_0(\alpha): \alpha_{i+1} < \alpha \leq \alpha_i\}.$$

All values are exact, or, if given to five decimal places, are rounded. If required, the exact value of  $\alpha_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq 145$ ) may be found as follows: if  $N \in \Gamma_{\alpha_{i-1}}$  has an underlined component  $p^a$ , then  $\alpha_i = H(N/p)$ .

The values  $g_{141} = g_{144} = .5$  show that  $\frac{1}{2}$  is best possible in (1). If  $g_i < .5$ , then  $g_i \leq .4$ , with equality when  $i = 121, 129$  and  $135$ . Since  $3\alpha e^{-\rho\alpha}/2 < .4$  for  $\alpha > 5.4$ , we have

**THEOREM 3.** *If  $N$  is primitive  $\alpha$ -abundant, for  $\alpha > 1.6$ , then*

$$\frac{\sigma(N)}{N} < \alpha + \min\left(\frac{2}{5}, \frac{3\alpha e^{-\rho\alpha}}{2}\right).$$

We pose two questions, arising from Table 1.

(i) Can  $\Gamma_\alpha$  have arbitrarily many elements? We do not know any  $\alpha$  for which  $\Gamma_\alpha$  has other than one or two elements.

(ii) Does there exist  $\alpha > 2$  for which  $\Gamma_\alpha$  has an odd member?

We suggest not, and propose the following more general conjecture. For any natural number  $n$ , there exists a rational number  $\beta_n$  such that if  $\alpha > \beta_n$  and  $N \in \Gamma_\alpha$ , then  $N$  is divisible by  $p_1 p_2 \cdots p_n$ , where  $p_i$  is the  $i$ th prime. If this is so, then, from Table 1,  $\beta_1 \geq 2$ ,  $\beta_2 \geq 16/7 = H(2 \cdot 3 \cdot 7)$  (see  $i = 132$ ) and  $\beta_3 \geq 312/85 = H(2^2 3^2 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 17)$  (see  $i = 101$ ). We conjecture further that equality holds in these three cases.

TABLE 1

i	$\alpha_i$	$G_0(\alpha_i)$	$G_0(\alpha_i) + \alpha_i - \alpha_{i+1}$	$\Gamma_{\alpha_i}$
0	5.4	.14550	.17330	$\{2^4 3^2 5^2 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot 29 \cdot 31\}$
1	5.37221	.13945	.14504	$\{2^3 3^2 5^2 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot 29 \cdot 31 \cdot 37\}$ $2^4 3^2 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot 29 \cdot 31 \cdot 37\}$
2	5.36662	.13892	.14488	$\{2^4 3^2 5^2 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot 31 \cdot 37\}$
3	5.36065	.13663	.17179	$\{2^4 3^2 5^2 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 23 \cdot 29 \cdot 31\}$
4	5.32549	.13964	.17079	$\{2^4 3^2 5^2 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 19 \cdot 23 \cdot 29 \cdot 31\}$
5	5.29435	.13743	.14294	$\{2^3 3^2 5^2 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 19 \cdot 23 \cdot 29 \cdot 31 \cdot 37\}$ $2^4 3^2 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 19 \cdot 23 \cdot 29 \cdot 31 \cdot 37\}$
6	5.28884	.13691	.14278	$\{2^4 3^2 5^2 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 19 \cdot 23 \cdot 31 \cdot 37\}$
7	5.28296	.14199	.17500	$\{2^3 3^2 5^2 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot 23 \cdot 29,$ $2^4 3^2 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot 23 \cdot 29\}$
8	5.24995	.16897	.17480	$\{2^4 3^2 5^2 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot 23\}$
9	5.24412	.13613	.14159	$\{2^3 3^2 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot 23 \cdot 31 \cdot 37\}$
10	5.23866	.14031	.14155	$\{2^4 3^2 5^2 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 19 \cdot 29 \cdot 31 \cdot 37\}$
11	5.23742	.13586	.16792	$\{2^4 3^2 5^2 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot 23 \cdot 29 \cdot 31\}$
12	5.20537	.16684	.17330	$\{2^4 3^2 5^2 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot 29\}$
13	5.19891	.16174	.16752	$\{2^4 3^2 5^2 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot 31\}$
14	5.19313	.14836	.16692	$\{2^4 3 \cdot 5^2 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot 23 \cdot 29 \cdot 31\}$
15	5.17457	.15092	.17179	$\{2^4 3^2 5^2 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 23 \cdot 29\}$

TABLE 1 (*continued*)

i	$\alpha_i$	$G_0(\alpha_i)$	$G_0(\alpha_i) + \alpha_i - \alpha_{i+1}$	$r_{\alpha_i}$
16	5.15370	.16034	.16606	{ $2^4 3^2 5^2 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 23 \cdot 31$ }
17	5.14797	.15642	.16576	{ $2^4 3^2 5^2 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot 23 \cdot 29 \cdot 31$ }
18	5.13863	.15572	.17079	{ $2^4 3^2 5^2 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 19 \cdot 23 \cdot 29$ }
19	5.12356	.15940	.16509	{ $2^4 3^2 5^2 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 19 \cdot 23 \cdot 31$ }
20	5.11787	.15036	.16463	{ $2^4 3^2 5^2 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 29 \cdot 31$ }
21	5.10360	.14635	.17500	{ $2^3 3^2 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot 23 \cdot 29$ }
22	5.07495	.16247	.16367	{ $2^4 3^2 5^2 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 19 \cdot 29 \cdot 31$ }
23	5.07375	.15287	.16333	{ $2^2 3^2 5^2 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot 23 \cdot 29 \cdot 31$ }
24	5.06329	.14208	.16792	{ $2^4 3^2 5^2 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot 23 \cdot 29$ }
25	5.03745	.16146	.16771	{ $2^3 3^2 5^2 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot 29,$ $2^4 3^2 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot 29$ }
26	5.03120	.16193	.16752	{ $2^4 3^2 5^2 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19$ }
27	5.02561	.14895	.16692	{ $2^4 3 \cdot 5^2 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot 23 \cdot 29$ }
28	5.00764	.15579	.16136	{ $2^4 3 \cdot 5^2 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot 23 \cdot 31$ }
29	5.00208	.15162	.16625	{ $2^3 3^2 5^2 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 23 \cdot 29,$ $2^4 3^2 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 23 \cdot 29$ }
30	4.98745	.16052	.16606	{ $2^4 3^2 5^2 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 23$ }
31	4.98191	.15672	.16576	{ $2^4 3^2 5^2 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot 23 \cdot 29$ }
32	4.97287	.15471	.16024	{ $2^4 3^2 5^2 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot 23 \cdot 31$ }
33	4.96734	.15622	.16528	{ $2^3 3^2 5^2 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 19 \cdot 23 \cdot 29,$ $2^4 3^2 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 19 \cdot 23 \cdot 29$ }
34	4.95829	.15958	.16509	{ $2^4 3^2 5^2 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 19 \cdot 23$ }
35	4.95278	.15184	.15952	{ $2^4 3^2 5^2 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 17 \cdot 23 \cdot 29 \cdot 31$ }
36	4.94510	.15850	.16463	{ $2^4 3^2 5^2 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 29$ }
37	4.93896	.15366	.15914	{ $2^4 3^2 5^2 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 31$ }
38	4.93348	.14990	.15886	{ $2^4 3^2 5^2 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot 29 \cdot 31$ }
39	4.92452	.15043	.21146	{ $2^3 3^2 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot 23$ }
40	4.86350	.15532	.15684	{ $2^4 3^2 5^2 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 23 \cdot 31$ }
41	4.86198	.14773	.15655	{ $2^4 3^2 5^2 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 19 \cdot 23 \cdot 29 \cdot 31$ }
42	4.85315	.15569	.15653	{ $2^2 3^2 5^2 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot 29 \cdot 31$ }
43	4.85232	.15533	.16154	{ $2^3 3 \cdot 5^2 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot 23 \cdot 29,$ $2^4 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot 23 \cdot 29$ }
44	4.84611	.15597	.16136	{ $2^4 3 \cdot 5^2 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot 23$ }

TABLE 1 (*continued*)

i	$\alpha_i$	$G_0(\alpha_i)$	$G_0(\alpha_i) + \alpha_i - \alpha_{i+1}$	$\Gamma_{\alpha_i}$
45	4.84072	.14775	.16092	{ <u>2</u> <sup>4</sup> <u>3</u> <sup>2</sup> <u>5</u> <sup>2</sup> 7·11·17·19·29}
46	4.82756	.15989	.16625	{ <u>2</u> <sup>3</sup> <u>3</u> <sup>2</sup> <u>5</u> ·7·11·13·17·23· <u>29</u> }
47	4.82120	.15434	.15549	{ <u>2</u> <sup>4</sup> <u>3</u> <sup>2</sup> <u>5</u> <sup>2</sup> 7·11·13·29· <u>31</u> }
48	4.82006	.15281	.16042	{ <u>2</u> <sup>3</sup> <u>3</u> <sup>2</sup> <u>5</u> <sup>2</sup> 7·13·17·19·23·29, <u>2</u> <sup>4</sup> <u>3</u> <sup>2</sup> <u>5</u> ·7·13·17·19·23·29}
49	4.81245	.15489	.16024	{ <u>2</u> <sup>4</sup> <u>3</u> <sup>2</sup> <u>5</u> <sup>2</sup> 7·13·17·19·23}
50	4.80711	.15285	.15500	{ <u>2</u> <sup>4</sup> <u>3</u> · <u>5</u> <sup>2</sup> 7·11·17·19·23·29· <u>31</u> }
51	4.80495	.15401	.15997	{ <u>2</u> <sup>4</sup> <u>3</u> · <u>5</u> <sup>2</sup> 7·11·13·17·19·29}
52	4.79899	.15929	.16528	{ <u>2</u> <sup>3</sup> <u>3</u> <sup>2</sup> <u>5</u> ·7·11·13·19·23· <u>29</u> }
53	4.79301	.15209	.15952	{ <u>2</u> <sup>4</sup> <u>3</u> <sup>2</sup> <u>5</u> <sup>2</sup> 7·11·17·23·29}
54	4.78558	.15338	.15932	{ <u>2</u> <sup>3</sup> <u>3</u> <sup>2</sup> <u>5</u> <sup>2</sup> 7·11·13·17·29, <u>2</u> <sup>4</sup> <u>3</u> <sup>2</sup> <u>5</u> ·7·11·13·17·29}
55	4.77964	.15383	.15914	{ <u>2</u> <sup>4</sup> <u>3</u> <sup>2</sup> <u>5</u> <sup>2</sup> 7·11·13·17}
56	4.77433	.15118	.15392	{ <u>2</u> <sup>4</sup> <u>3</u> <sup>2</sup> <u>5</u> <sup>2</sup> 7·17·19·23·29· <u>31</u> }
57	4.77159	.15294	.15886	{ <u>2</u> <sup>4</sup> <u>3</u> <sup>2</sup> <u>5</u> <sup>2</sup> 7·13·17·19·29}
58	4.76567	.15051	.15859	{ <u>2</u> <sup>4</sup> <u>3</u> <sup>2</sup> <u>5</u> <sup>2</sup> 7·11·19·23·29}
59	4.75759	.15824	.15858	{ <u>2</u> <sup>4</sup> <u>3</u> · <u>5</u> <sup>2</sup> 7·11·13·17·23·29}
60	4.75726	.15282	.15839	{ <u>2</u> <sup>3</sup> <u>3</u> <sup>2</sup> <u>5</u> <sup>2</sup> 7·11·13·19·29, <u>2</u> <sup>4</sup> <u>3</u> <sup>2</sup> <u>5</u> ·7·11·13·19·29}
61	4.75169	.15337	.15823	{ <u>2</u> <sup>4</sup> <u>3</u> <sup>2</sup> <u>5</u> <sup>2</sup> 11·13·17·19·23·29}
62	4.74683	.15780	.15821	{ <u>2</u> <sup>4</sup> <u>3</u> <sup>2</sup> <u>5</u> <sup>2</sup> 7·11·13·19}
63	4.74641	.15354	.16333	{ <u>2</u> <sup>2</sup> <u>3</u> <sup>2</sup> <u>5</u> ·7·11·13·17·19·23· <u>29</u> }
64	4.73662	.15047	.15765	{ <u>2</u> <sup>4</sup> <u>3</u> · <u>5</u> <sup>2</sup> 7·11·13·19·23·29}
65	4.72944	.15226	.15747	{ <u>2</u> <sup>4</sup> <u>3</u> <sup>2</sup> <u>5</u> <sup>2</sup> 7·13·17·23·29}
66	4.72423	.15235	.15239	{ <u>2</u> <sup>4</sup> <u>3</u> · <u>5</u> <sup>2</sup> 7·11·13·19·23· <u>31</u> }
67	4.72419	.15077	.16250	{ <u>2</u> <sup>3</sup> <u>3</u> <sup>2</sup> <u>5</u> ·7·11·17·19·23· <u>29</u> }
68	4.71246	.15493	.15701	{ <u>2</u> <sup>3</sup> <u>3</u> <sup>2</sup> <u>5</u> <sup>2</sup> 7·11·13·23·29, <u>2</u> <sup>4</sup> <u>3</u> <sup>2</sup> <u>5</u> ·7·11·13·23·29}
69	4.71037	.15312	.24317	{ <u>2</u> <sup>3</sup> <u>3</u> <sup>2</sup> <u>5</u> ·7·11·13·17· <u>19</u> }
70	4.62032	.17269	.19971	{ <u>2</u> <sup>3</sup> <u>3</u> <sup>2</sup> <u>5</u> ·7·11·13·19· <u>23</u> }
71	4.59330	.15005	.15301	{ <u>2</u> <sup>4</sup> <u>3</u> · <u>5</u> <sup>2</sup> 7·13·17·19·23·29}
72	4.59034	.15121	.15295	{ <u>2</u> <sup>4</sup> <u>3</u> <sup>2</sup> <u>5</u> <sup>2</sup> 11·13·17·19·23}
73	4.58860	.15045	.15287	{ <u>2</u> <sup>4</sup> <u>3</u> <sup>2</sup> <u>5</u> <sup>2</sup> 7·11·17·29}

TABLE 1 (*continued*)

i	$\alpha_i$	$G_0(\alpha_i)$	$G_0(\alpha_i) + \alpha_i - \alpha_{i+1}$	$\Gamma_{\alpha_i}$
74	4.58618	.15044	.19736	{ $2^2 3^2 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot \underline{23}$ }
75	4.53926	.17319	.19635	{ $2^3 3^2 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot \underline{23}$ }
76	4.51610	.16847	.19519	{ $2^3 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot \underline{23}$ }
77	4.48938	.16266	.19384	{ $2^3 3^2 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot \underline{23}$ }
78	4.45820	.16212	.25668	{ $2^3 3^2 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot \underline{17}$ }
79	4.36364	.17563	.22696	{ $2^2 3^2 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot \underline{19}$ }
80	4.31230	.20380	.22581	{ $2^3 3^2 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 17 \cdot \underline{19}$ }
81	4.29030	.19908	.22447	{ $2^3 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot \underline{19}$ }
82	4.26491	.19329	.22291	{ $2^3 3^2 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot \underline{19}$ }
83	4.23529	.16300	.18326	{ $2^2 3^2 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot \underline{23}$ }
84	4.21503	.17856	.18307	{ $2^3 3^2 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \cdot \underline{19} \cdot \underline{23}$ }
85	4.21053	.16174	.18218	{ $2^2 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot \underline{23}$ }
86	4.19009	.17355	.29091	{ $\underline{2}^3 3^2 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13$ }
87	4.07273	.21757	.23835	{ $2^3 3^2 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot \underline{17}$ }
88	4.05195	.21296	.23694	{ $2^3 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot \underline{17}$ }
89	4.02797	.20732	.23529	{ $2^3 3^2 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \cdot \underline{17}$ }
90	4	.19009	.20950	{ $2^2 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot \underline{19}$ }
91	3.98058	.18813	.20844	{ $2^3 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 17 \cdot \underline{19}$ }
92	3.96028	.20072	.20805	{ $2^2 3^2 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot \underline{19}$ }
93	3.95294	.18682	.20699	{ $2^3 3^2 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 17 \cdot \underline{19}$ }
94	3.93277	.18249	.20576	{ $2^3 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot \underline{19}$ }
95	3.90950	.16323	.29091	{ $2^2 3^2 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot \underline{13}$ }
96	3.78182	.24615	.26853	{ $\underline{2}^3 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13$ }
97	3.75944	.24056	.26667	{ $\underline{2}^3 3^2 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 13$ }
98	3.73333	.19944	.21849	{ $2^3 3^2 5 \cdot 7 \cdot \underline{17}$ }
99	3.71429	.19522	.21719	{ $2^3 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \cdot \underline{17}$ }
100	3.69231	.17147	.19319	{ $2^2 3^2 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 17 \cdot \underline{19}$ }
101	3.67059	.17968	.21390	{ $2^3 3^2 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot \underline{17}$ }
102	3.63636	.18495	.19107	{ $2^3 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 17 \cdot \underline{19}$ }
103	3.63025	.18793	.25455	{ $\underline{2}^3 3^2 5 \cdot 11 \cdot 13$ }
104	3.56364	.21818	.29091	{ $2^2 3^2 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11$ }
105	3.49091	.24242	.26667	{ $\underline{2}^2 3^2 5 \cdot 7 \cdot \underline{13}$ }
106	3.46667	.22564	.24615	{ $\underline{2}^3 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 13$ }

TABLE 1 (*continued*)

i	$\alpha_i$	$G_0(\alpha_i)$	$G_0(\alpha_i) + \alpha_i - \alpha_{i+1}$	$r_{\alpha_i}$
107	3.44615	.19021	.24242	{ <u>2</u> <sup>3</sup> <u>3</u> <sup>2</sup> 7·11·13}
108	3.39394	.18131	.19862	{ <u>2</u> <sup>3</sup> <u>3</u> <sup>2</sup> 7·11· <u>17</u> }
109	3.37622	.18701	.25455	{ <u>2</u> <sup>2</sup> <u>3</u> <sup>2</sup> 5·11· <u>13</u> }
110	3.30909	.21538	.23497	{ <u>2</u> <sup>3</sup> <u>3</u> ·5·11·13}
111	3.28951	.21049	.23333	{ <u>2</u> <sup>3</sup> <u>3</u> <sup>2</sup> 5·13}
112	3.26667	.22424	.24935	{ <u>2</u> · <u>3</u> <sup>2</sup> 5·7·11· <u>13</u> , <u>2</u> <sup>2</sup> 3·5·7·11}
113	3.24156	.24935	.29091	{ <u>2</u> <sup>2</sup> 3·5·7· <u>11</u> }
114	3.2	.19394	.24242	{ <u>2</u> <sup>2</sup> <u>3</u> <sup>2</sup> 7·11· <u>13</u> }
115	3.15152	.20513	.22378	{ <u>2</u> <sup>3</sup> <u>3</u> ·7·11·13}
116	3.13287	.20047	.22222	{ <u>2</u> <sup>3</sup> <u>3</u> <sup>2</sup> 7·13}
117	3.11111	.19798	.25455	{ <u>2</u> <sup>2</sup> <u>3</u> <sup>2</sup> 5·11}
118	3.05455	.21212	.23333	{ <u>2</u> <sup>2</sup> <u>3</u> <sup>2</sup> 5· <u>13</u> }
119	3.03333	.20823	.24935	{ <u>2</u> · <u>3</u> <sup>2</sup> 5·7·11}
120	2.99221	.20779	.22857	{ <u>2</u> · <u>3</u> <sup>2</sup> 5·7· <u>13</u> , <u>2</u> <sup>2</sup> 3·5·7}
121	2.97143	.22857	.4	{ <u>2</u> <sup>2</sup> 3·5· <u>7</u> }
122	2.8	.19221	.24935	{ <u>2</u> · <u>3</u> ·5·7· <u>11</u> }
123	2.74286	.19421	.19580	{ <u>2</u> <sup>3</sup> <u>3</u> ·11·13}
124	2.74126	.17541	.19444	{ <u>2</u> <sup>3</sup> <u>3</u> <sup>2</sup> 13}
125	2.72222	.18687	.20779	{ <u>2</u> · <u>3</u> <sup>2</sup> 7·11· <u>13</u> , <u>2</u> <sup>2</sup> 3·7·11}
126	2.70130	.20779	.24242	{ <u>2</u> <sup>2</sup> 3·7· <u>11</u> }
127	2.66667	.16970	.21818	{ <u>2</u> · <u>3</u> <sup>2</sup> 5·11}
128	2.61818	.18182	.2	{ <u>2</u> · <u>3</u> <sup>2</sup> 5· <u>13</u> , <u>2</u> <sup>2</sup> 3·5}
129	2.6	.2	.4	{ <u>2</u> <sup>2</sup> 3·5}
130	2.4	.26667	.33333	{ <u>2</u> <sup>2</sup> 3· <u>7</u> }
131	2.33333	.16017	.20779	{ <u>2</u> · <u>3</u> ·7· <u>11</u> }
132	2.28571	.13736	.16154	{ <u>2</u> <sup>3</sup> <u>3</u> ·13}
133	2.26154	.15524	.17263	{ <u>2</u> ·5·7·11· <u>13</u> }
134	2.24416	.15584	.3	{ <u>2</u> ·3·5, <u>2</u> <sup>2</sup> 5· <u>7</u> }
135	2.1	.3	.4	{ <u>2</u> ·3·5}

TABLE 1 (*continued*)

i	$\alpha_i$	$G_0(\alpha_i)$	$G_0(\alpha_i) + \alpha_i - \alpha_{i+1}$	$r_{\alpha_i}$
136	2	.16104	.16623	{3 <sup>2</sup> 5•7•11}
137	1.99481	.13853	.15238	{3 <sup>2</sup> 5•7•13}
138	1.98095	.13373	.15105	{2•5•11•13}
139	1.96364	.13636	.3	{2 <sup>2</sup> 5}
140	1.8	.2	.25	{2•3, 2 <sup>2</sup> 7}
141	1.75	.25	.5	{2•3}
142	1.5	.11119	.11508	{5•7•11•13}
143	1.49610	.10390	.26667	{3•5}
144	1.33333	.16667	.5	{2}
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