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Abstract

We define $\sigma^0(n) = n$ and $\sigma^m(n) = \sigma(\sigma^{m-1}(n))$ ($m \geq 1$), where σ is the sum-of-divisors function, and we call n (m, k) -perfect if $\sigma^m(n) = kn$. All (m, k) -perfect numbers n are tabulated, for $n < 10^9$ ($m = 2$) and $n < 2 \cdot 10^8$ ($m = 3, 4$). These suggest a number of new results, which we subsequently prove, and a number of conjectures. We ask in particular: (1) For any fixed $m \geq 1$, are there infinitely many (m, k) -perfect numbers? (2) Is every n (m, k) -perfect, for sufficiently large $m \geq 1$? In this connection, we list the smallest value of m such that n is (m, k) -perfect, for $1 \leq n \leq 400$. We also address questions concerning the limiting behaviour of $\sigma^{m+1}(n)/\sigma^m(n)$ and $(\sigma^m(n))^{1/m}$, as $m \rightarrow \infty$.

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INTRODUCTION

All Roman letters in the following denote positive integers, unless indicated otherwise, and σ denotes the sum-of-divisors function.

There is a great deal of literature concerning the iteration of the function σ_1 , where $\sigma_1(n) = \sigma(n) - n$. Much of this is concerned with whether the iterated values eventually terminate at zero, cycle or become unbounded, depending on the value of n . See [Erdős et al. 1990] and [Guy 1994, p. 62] for details of this.

Less work has been done on iterates of the function σ itself. We define $\sigma^0(n) = n$ and $\sigma^m(n) = \sigma(\sigma^{m-1}(n))$ ($m \geq 1$), and we call n (m, k) -perfect if $\sigma^m(n) = kn$. The classical *perfect* numbers are $(1, 2)$ -perfect, *multiperfect* numbers are $(1, k)$ -perfect, *superperfect* numbers are $(2, 2)$ -perfect, *multiply superperfect* numbers (discussed in [Pomerance 1975]) are $(2, k)$ -perfect, *m-superperfect* numbers (ascribed by [Guy 1994, p. 65] to Bode; see also [Lord 1975]) are $(m, 2)$ -perfect.

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Write $N_p = 2^{p-1}$ when $2^p - 1$ is a (Mersenne) prime. Superperfect numbers were introduced in [Suryanarayana 1969], who showed there that the only even ones are the powers N_p . Bode and Lord, mentioned above, showed independently that m -superperfect numbers could be even only when $m = 2$.

For a simple proof of these facts, we note that, since $\sigma(n) = n \sum_{d|n} (1/d)$, we have

$$(1) \quad \sigma(\sigma(n)) = n \sum_{d|n} \frac{1}{d} \sum_{e|\sigma(n)} \frac{1}{e}.$$

Suppose n is m -superperfect and $2^a \parallel n$ (that is, $2^a \mid n$ but $2^{a+1} \nmid n$). Then, for $m \geq 2$,

$$2 = \frac{\sigma^m(n)}{n} \geq \frac{\sigma(\sigma(n))}{n} \geq \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \cdots + \frac{1}{2^a}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{2^{a+1} - 1}\right) = 2.$$

So as not to have a contradiction, we must have equality throughout. Thus, $m = 2$, $n = 2^a$ and $2^{a+1} - 1$ is prime.

Kanold [1969] showed that an odd superperfect number must be a perfect square. This is similarly proved, using (1). For suppose n is superperfect, and that $\sigma(n)$ is even. Say $2^a \parallel \sigma(n)$, so that $(2^{a+1} - 1) \mid n$ since n is superperfect. Then

$$2 = \frac{\sigma(\sigma(n))}{n} \geq \left(1 + \frac{1}{2^{a+1} - 1}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \cdots + \frac{1}{2^a}\right) = 2.$$

Since we must have equality, we have both $\sigma(n) = 2^a$ and $n = 2^{a+1} - 1$. This contradiction means that $\sigma(n)$ must be odd, so, if n is odd, then n is a square.

Other work on the iteration of σ has concerned whether

$$s_m = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sigma^m(n)}{n}$$

is finite or not. See [Maier 1984], where s_3 is shown to be finite, and for the history of this problem.

In this paper, we will give particular attention to some questions raised by [Erdős et al. 1990]. They list the following six statements (reproduced in [Guy 1994, pp. 97–98]), with the accompanying comment: “We can neither prove nor disprove any of these statements.”

- (i) For every $n > 1$, $\sigma^{m+1}(n)/\sigma^m(n) \rightarrow 1$ as $m \rightarrow \infty$.
- (ii) For every $n > 1$, $\sigma^{m+1}(n)/\sigma^m(n) \rightarrow \infty$ as $m \rightarrow \infty$.
- (iii) For every $n > 1$, $(\sigma^m(n))^{1/m} \rightarrow \infty$ as $m \rightarrow \infty$.
- (iv) For every $n > 1$, there is some m with $n \mid \sigma^m(n)$.
- (v) For every $n, l > 1$, there is some m with $l \mid \sigma^m(n)$.
- (vi) For every $n_1, n_2 > 1$, there are some m_1, m_2 , with $\sigma^{m_1}(n_1) = \sigma^{m_2}(n_2)$.

We will give some computational evidence to indicate that statements (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v) are true, and that statements (i) and (vi) are false.

Hausman [1982] has considered questions corresponding to some of those here for the Euler phi-function. In particular, she has completely characterised all n such that $n = k\phi^m(n)$, where ϕ^m is defined analogously to σ^m .

TABLES OF (m, k) -PERFECT NUMBERS

Tables 1 to 3 give all $(2, k)$ -perfect numbers n with $n < 10^9$, and all $(3, k)$ - and $(4, k)$ -perfect numbers n with $n < 2 \cdot 10^8$. They are given in terms of increasing values of k . Corresponding lists, given as originally obtained with n increasing, are available from the authors. All the following comments arise from inspections of such lists.

Many conjectures can be made, along the lines of that in [Guy 1994, p. 48] that there are only finitely many $(1, k)$ -perfect numbers for $k \geq 3$. That particular conjecture is well-supported by the list that has been accumulated by [Schroeppel 1993], showing over 2000 such numbers, which is almost three times the number that were known just three years ago, and especially by the facts that no new $(1, 3)$ -perfect numbers have been found in the last 350 years, nor any new $(1, 4)$ -perfect numbers in the last 65 years. On the other hand, the well-known conjecture that there are infinitely many powers N_p implies that there are infinitely many $(1, 2)$ -perfect numbers.

There is a parallel situation with $(2, k)$ -perfect numbers. There are families of these involving the powers N_p . Besides the well-known result that N_p is $(2, 2)$ -perfect, we also have the following.

- (A) $N_p \cdot 3 \cdot 7$ is $(2, 6)$ -perfect.
- (B) $N_p \cdot 3 \cdot 7 \cdot 19 \cdot 73$ is $(2, 8)$ -perfect; for $p > 2$, $N_p \cdot 3 \cdot 5$ and $N_p \cdot 3 \cdot 11 \cdot 31$ are $(2, 8)$ -perfect.
- (C) For $p > 2$, $N_p \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 13^2 \cdot 31$ is $(2, 12)$ -perfect.

These are all covered by the following general result.

Theorem 1. *Suppose that l is an odd $(2, k)$ -perfect number. For any a such that $2^a \mid k\sigma(2^a)$ and $(\sigma(2^a), \sigma(l)) = 1$, the number $2^a l$ is $(2, 2^{-a}k\sigma(2^a))$ -perfect.*

Proof. Since l is odd we have $\sigma(2^a l) = \sigma(2^a)\sigma(l)$, and since $(\sigma(2^a), \sigma(l)) = 1$ we have

$$\sigma(\sigma(2^a l)) = \sigma(\sigma(2^a))\sigma(\sigma(l)) = \sigma(\sigma(2^a))kl = 2^{-a}k\sigma(2^a) \cdot 2^a l. \quad \square$$

As a corollary, when $\sigma(2^a)$ is a (Mersenne) prime the condition $2^a \mid k\sigma(2^a)$ is true and, provided $\sigma(2^a) \nmid \sigma(l)$, the number $2^a l$ is $(2, 2k)$ -perfect. The statements (A), (B) and (C) above all arise from an application of this corollary to the five nontrivial examples of odd $(2, k)$ -perfect numbers in Table 1. Furthermore, we may, for example, apply the more general result of Theorem 1 to the $(2, 4)$ -perfect number $3 \cdot 7 \cdot 19 \cdot 73$, with $a = 5, 9, 13$ (but to no other values of a that we could find). In this way, we can deduce a family of $(2, k)$ -perfect numbers (with varying k) which is “larger” than the set of Mersenne primes.

No other possibly infinite families of $(2, k)$ -perfect numbers have been noticed, and we may conjecture that, apart from the above, there are only finitely many of these numbers for each k . We would also make the uncharacteristic conjecture that all $(2, 4)$ -perfect numbers are odd! Notice from Table 1 that we have found $(2, k)$ -perfect numbers for all $k \leq 16$, except for $k = 5$, and we conjecture that there are no $(2, 5)$ -perfect numbers.

No patterns have been discerned in (m, k) -perfect numbers, with any $m \geq 3$, and we conjecture that there are only finitely many for each k .

Some interrelationships between the tables have been noticed. The following, for example, are easily verified.

(D) If n is $(2, 4)$ -perfect, n is odd and $7 \nmid \sigma(n)$, then n is $(4, 32)$ -perfect.

(E) If n is $(2, 7)$ -perfect, $7 \nmid n$ and $2^2 \parallel \sigma(n)$, then n is $(4, 63)$ -perfect.

We have also observed the following. Contrast it with the easily proved result that the equation $\sigma(2n) = 2\sigma(n)$ has no solutions.

Theorem 2. *The equation $\sigma(\sigma(2n)) = 2\sigma(\sigma(n))$ has infinitely many solutions.*

Proof. We need only verify that this equation is satisfied by $n = 2t$ for any t with $(2, t) = (3, \sigma(t)) = (7, \sigma(t)) = 1$, and that any prime $t \equiv 1 \pmod{21}$ satisfies these conditions. There are infinitely many such primes. \square

This theorem can be generalised in various ways. For example, we have $\sigma(\sigma(2^a n)) = 2^a \sigma(\sigma(n))$ when $n = 2^a t$, where

$$(2, t) = (2^{a+1} - 1, \sigma(t)) = (2^{2^{a+1}} - 1, \sigma(t)) = 1$$

and $2^{a+1} - 1$ and $2^{2^{a+1}} - 1$ are primes. The latter is the case for $a = 1$ (as in the proof), and $a = 2, 6, 30$.

IS EVERY NUMBER (m, k) -PERFECT?

Table 4 is different in character from the other tables. It was produced to support the proposition that all numbers n are (m, k) -perfect for sufficiently large m . In this connection, it is convenient to define

$$\tilde{m}(n) = \inf \left\{ m \geq 1 : \frac{\sigma^m(n)}{n} \text{ is an integer} \right\}, \quad \tilde{k}(n) = \frac{\sigma^{\tilde{m}(n)}(n)}{n}.$$

Table 4 gives the values of $\tilde{m}(n)$ and (approximations of) $\tilde{k}(n)$ for all $n \leq 400$. We cannot assert that $\tilde{m}(n)$ is finite for all n , and where $\tilde{m}(n)$ is infinite we shall understand $\tilde{k}(n)$ to be infinite also. We have in fact extended Table 4 up to $n = 1000$, and will comment on the more computationally difficult cases later. These tend to be those for which $\tilde{m}(n) > n$. There are fourteen such cases in Table 4, namely

$$n = 3, 11, 29, 53, 58, 59, 67, 101, 109, 131, 149, 173, 202, 239.$$

The values of $\tilde{k}(n)$ of course become extremely large, with the largest observed value in Table 4 being $\tilde{k}(389) \approx 5 \cdot 10^{232}$ and the largest for $n \leq 1000$ being $\tilde{k}(659) \approx 1.5 \cdot 10^{1183}$. It is interesting then that the following theorem allows us to predict exact values of $\tilde{m}(n)$ and $\tilde{k}(n)$ in many cases, making use of earlier values.

Theorem 3. *Suppose there are integers $n, t \geq 2$, a and M such that $\tilde{m}(n)$ is finite, $t \mid \tilde{k}(n)$,*

$$(2) \quad \sigma^{M+a}(n) = \sigma^M(tn),$$

and $M < \tilde{m}(n) - a$. Then $\tilde{m}(tn) \leq \tilde{m}(n) - a$. If $\tilde{m}(tn) = \tilde{m}(n) - a$, then $\tilde{k}(tn) = \tilde{k}(n)/t$. If $\tilde{m}(tn) < \tilde{m}(n) - a$, then $\tilde{m}(tn) < M$ and $\tilde{k}(tn) < \alpha \tilde{k}(n)/t$, where $\alpha = \sigma^{M+a}(n)/\sigma^{\tilde{m}(n)}(n) < 1$.

Proof. By definition, we have $\sigma^{\tilde{m}(n)}(n) = \tilde{k}(n)n$, so

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^{\tilde{m}(n)-a}(tn) &= \sigma^{\tilde{m}(n)-a-M}(\sigma^M(tn)) = \sigma^{\tilde{m}(n)-a-M}(\sigma^{M+a}(n)) \\ &= \sigma^{\tilde{m}(n)}(n) = \frac{\tilde{k}(n)}{t} \cdot tn. \end{aligned}$$

This shows that $\tilde{m}(tn) \leq \tilde{m}(n) - a$, and that if $\tilde{m}(tn) = \tilde{m}(n) - a$ then $\tilde{k}(tn) = \tilde{k}(n)/t$. Suppose $\tilde{m}(tn) < \tilde{m}(n) - a$. Then, by definition, $n \nmid \sigma^j(n)$ for $j = M + a, \dots, \tilde{m}(n) - 1$, so, by (2), $tn \nmid \sigma^j(tn)$ for $j = M, \dots, \tilde{m}(n) - a$. Therefore, $\tilde{m}(tn) < M$. Then

$$\tilde{k}(tn) = \frac{\sigma^{\tilde{m}(tn)}(tn)}{tn} < \frac{\sigma^M(tn)}{tn} = \frac{\sigma^{M+a}(n)}{tn} = \frac{\sigma^{\tilde{m}(n)}(n)}{tn} \cdot \frac{\sigma^{M+a}(n)}{\sigma^{\tilde{m}(n)}(n)} = \alpha \frac{\tilde{k}(n)}{t}.$$

Clearly, $\alpha < 1$, completing the proof. \square

In fact, this number α would be expected to be quite small. For we have, extending (1),

$$\sigma^m(n) = n \prod_{j=0}^{m-1} \sum_{d \mid \sigma^j(n)} \frac{1}{d} \quad (m \geq 1),$$

so that if $\sigma^j(n)$ is even for $j = M + a, \dots, \tilde{m}(n)$, then

$$\frac{\sigma^{\tilde{m}(n)}(n)}{\sigma^{M+a}(n)} = \frac{\sigma^{\tilde{m}(n)-M-a}(\sigma^{M+a}(n))}{\sigma^{M+a}(n)} \geq \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right)^{\tilde{m}(n)-M-a}.$$

Then $\alpha \leq \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{\tilde{m}(n)-M-a}$.

Many instances of Theorem 3 may be observed in Table 4. For example:

- (a) $\sigma^4(5) = \sigma^3(10)$, $\tilde{m}(10) = \tilde{m}(5) - 1$ and $\tilde{k}(10) = \frac{1}{2}\tilde{k}(5)$;
- (b) $\sigma^3(7) = \sigma(14)$, $\tilde{m}(14) = \tilde{m}(7) - 2$ and $\tilde{k}(14) = \frac{1}{2}\tilde{k}(7)$;
- (c) $\sigma^6(9) = \sigma^4(36)$, $\tilde{m}(36) = \tilde{m}(9) - 2$ and $\tilde{k}(36) = \frac{1}{4}\tilde{k}(9)$;
- (d) $\sigma^4(13) = \sigma(78)$, $\tilde{m}(78) = \tilde{m}(13) - 3$ and $\tilde{k}(78) = \frac{1}{6}\tilde{k}(13)$.

In each case, the other conditions of Theorem 3 must also be verified. It is easy to find solutions of (2), and we have done this for $n \leq 500$, $M + a \leq 30$ and $t \leq 150$. There are a great many solutions, though not all satisfy the other conditions of the theorem. In all acceptable cases, we confirmed that, in the notation of the theorem, $\tilde{m}(tn) = \tilde{m}(n) - a$. Here are some of those examples, giving extensions of Table 4:

- (e) $\sigma^{10}(101) = \sigma^6(2020)$, $\tilde{m}(2020) = \tilde{m}(101) - 4$ and $\tilde{k}(2020) = \frac{1}{20}\tilde{k}(101)$;
 (f) $\sigma^{10}(233) = \sigma^8(2330)$, $\tilde{m}(2330) = \tilde{m}(233) - 2$ and $\tilde{k}(2330) = \frac{1}{10}\tilde{k}(233)$;
 (g) $\sigma^{11}(394) = \sigma^{10}(6698)$, $\tilde{m}(6698) = \tilde{m}(394) - 1$ and $\tilde{k}(6698) = \frac{1}{17}\tilde{k}(394)$;
 (h) $\sigma^8(197) = \sigma^2(29550)$, $\tilde{m}(29550) = \tilde{m}(197) - 6$ and $\tilde{k}(29550) = \frac{1}{150}\tilde{k}(197)$.

In (g), for example, where $6698 = 17 \cdot 394$, it is clear that we need to know at least the small prime factors of $\tilde{k}(n)$ for each n in order that the condition $t \mid \tilde{k}(n)$ might be checked. These small prime factors, namely those less than 20, have been included in Table 4.

There is no reason, in (2), why a cannot in fact be zero or negative (provided $M + a > 0$). We found one instance of this in the above search: $\sigma^8(404) = \sigma^8(808)$, from which, as in Theorem 3, we could verify that $\tilde{m}(808) = \tilde{m}(404)$ and $\tilde{k}(808) = \frac{1}{2}\tilde{k}(404)$.

This led us to seek solutions of the equation

$$(3) \quad \sigma^m(tn) = \sigma^m(n)$$

over a much larger range. For $t \leq 4$, $m \leq 12$ and $n \leq 10^5$, we found the following twenty pairs (m, n) which satisfy (3) with $t = 2$:

$$\begin{aligned} &(8, 404), \quad (6, 6938), \quad (7, 15488), \quad (8, 20800), \quad (4, 21086), \\ &(4, 25056), \quad (8, 27712), \quad (4, 31840), \quad (4, 33376), \quad (4, 35872), \\ &(6, 47166), \quad (4, 67320), \quad (6, 69626), \quad (4, 79880), \quad (4, 84120), \\ &(4, 84744), \quad (4, 86904), \quad (4, 87768), \quad (4, 95064), \quad (4, 95896); \end{aligned}$$

and the following two pairs which satisfy (3) with $t = 3$: (10, 633) and (6, 52491). Note that for any pair (m_0, n) which satisfies (3) for some t , we also have the solutions (m, n) for all $m \geq m_0$.

Following on from this, can it be proved that the equation $\sigma(\sigma(2n)) = \sigma(\sigma(n))$ has no solutions? We can prove only that for any n satisfying this equation we must have $2^a \parallel n$, with $\sigma(2^{a+1} - 1) \geq 2^{a+2}$. This condition is satisfied by $a = 11, 23, 35, 39, 47, \dots$. For these five smallest possible values of a , we have checked each $n = 2^a l$, with $l < 10^4$, l odd, and found no solutions.

DISCUSSION OF THE SIX STATEMENTS

The preceding section has been largely concerned with statement (iv) of the six by [Erdős et al. 1990] given in the Introduction. This was also posed by Carl Pomerance as unsolved problem **94:13** at the Western Number Theory Conference in December 1994 at San Diego. The following slightly edited comment accompanied the problem: "It is inconceivable that the conjecture is false. Each (odd part of) n divides $2^{rs} - 1$ for a suitable s and all r , and $\sigma(2^{rs-1}) = 2^{rs} - 1$. As m increases, $\sigma^m(n)$ increases quite rapidly, and so does the power of 2 it contains, albeit very erratically. How can the sequence of exponents of 2 avoid all members of the arithmetic progression $rs - 1$?"

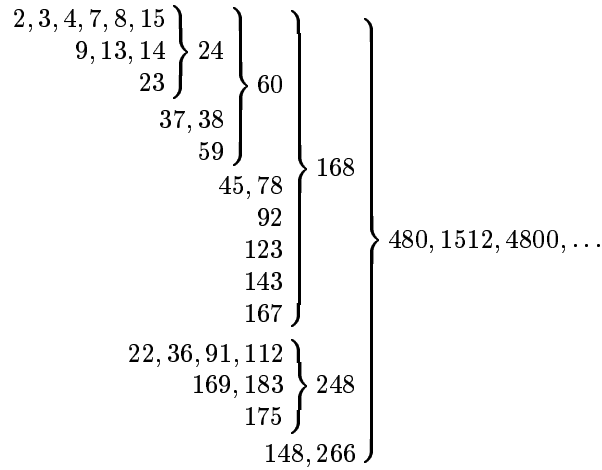
We observe next that Theorem 3 shows some relationship between statements (iv) and (vi) in the Introduction, in that a value for m for which $tn \mid \sigma^m(tn)$ may

be inferred from a suitable solution of $\sigma^{m_1}(n) = \sigma^{m_2}(tn)$. If we write n_1, n_2 , for n, tn , respectively, in Theorem 3 then clearly we have

$$(4) \quad n_1 \tilde{k}(n_1) = n_2 \tilde{k}(n_2).$$

Furthermore, given n_1 and n_2 , if we notice that (4) is satisfied then we have a solution of $\sigma^{m_1}(n_1) = \sigma^{m_2}(n_2)$, namely $m_1 = \tilde{m}(n_1)$ and $m_2 = \tilde{m}(n_2)$. This demonstrates a relationship between the two statements in the reverse direction. We have observed from Table 4 the following nine instances of pairs (n_1, n_2) which satisfy (4), but in which n_2 is *not* a multiple of n_1 : (7, 24), (9, 168), (10, 12), (14, 24), (18, 120), (36, 168), (62, 96), (72, 336) and (341, 384).

While Table 4 and the further computations for $n \leq 1000$ support the truth of statement (iv), we do not believe that statement (vi) is true. The figure below shows how sequences $\{\sigma^i(n)\}_{i=1}^\infty$, for any n in the figure, merge into the sequence 480, 1512, 4800, ... (For example, $\sigma(45) = 78, \sigma^2(45) = 168, \sigma^3(45) = 480, \dots$)



No other values of $n \leq 200$ are such that the sequence $\{\sigma^i(n)\}$ intersects (and joins with) any of those in the figure, for values of $\sigma^i(n) < 10^{200}$. Three parameters determine the numbers in this figure: we call it a (π_1, π_2, π_3) -tree, with π_1 the smallest number in the tree, and π_2, π_3 such that all sequences $\{\sigma^i(n)\}$ with $\pi_1 \leq n \leq \pi_2$ and $\sigma^i(n) < \pi_3$ have nonempty intersection with $\{\sigma^i(\pi_1)\}$. If we first specify π_2 and π_3 (200 and 10^{200} , here) then we may determine successive (π_1, π_2, π_3) -trees for all $\pi_1 \leq \pi_2$. There are 21 $(\pi_1, 200, 10^{200})$ -trees, having the following values of π_1 :

$$(5) \quad 2, 5, 16, 19, 27, 29, 33, 49, 50, 52, 66, 81, 85, 105, 146, 147, 163, 170, 189, 197, 199.$$

The approach here was as follows. We calculated the sequences $\{\sigma^i(n)\}$ for each $n, 2 \leq n \leq 200$, and determined which sequences were such that the first term exceeding 10^{10} equalled such a term from an earlier sequence. There were 21 $(\pi_1, 200, 10^{10})$ -trees obtained this way, and these were tested further for intersection by determining the values of the first terms that exceeded 10^{200} . The trees remained distinct, and we conjecture that this will stay true as $\pi_3 \rightarrow \infty$.

Further to the above computations, we also found 64 $(\pi_1, 1000, 10^{100})$ -trees.

Some evidence for statement (iii) in the Introduction is provided by the further computations which extend those for Table 4. The following is the list of those $N < 1000$ for which $\tilde{m}(n) < \tilde{m}(N)$ for all $n < N$. (We called such numbers N *megaperfect* in a talk at CANT'95, the Computational Algebra and Number Theory conference held at Macquarie University, Sydney, in April 1995.)

$N :$	1	2	3	5	9	11	23	25	29	59	67
$\tilde{m}(N) :$	1	2	4	5	7	15	16	17	78	97	101
$N :$	101	131	173	202	239	353	389	401	461	659	...
$\tilde{m}(N) :$	120	174	214	239	261	263	296	380	557	1287	

We set

$$h(n) = \frac{(\sigma^{\tilde{m}(n)}(n))^{1/\tilde{m}(n)}}{\log \tilde{m}(n)}.$$

For the last three values of N above, we have

$$\begin{array}{rcccc} n : & 401 & 461 & 659 \\ h(n) : & 1.1146 & 1.1276 & 1.1658 \end{array}$$

which suggests that $(\sigma^m(n))^{1/m}$ is at least of the same order as $\log m$, as $m \rightarrow \infty$, for any n .

With regard to $\tilde{m}(659)$, we remark that

$$\tilde{k}(659) = 2^{276} 3^{100} 5^{44} 7^{28} 11^{21} 13^{14} 17^{14} 19^8 \dots \approx 1.5 \cdot 10^{1183}.$$

The calculation of $\tilde{m}(659)$ required the factorisation of a difficult 104-digit composite factor of $\sigma^{1240}(659)$. This number, which we indicate by $C104$, arose as follows. We found that $2^{372} \parallel \sigma^{1238}(659)$, so that $\sigma(2^{372}) = (2^{373} - 1) \mid \sigma^{1239}(659)$. Now, $2^{373} - 1 = 25569151 \cdot P105$, where $P105$ is a prime number of 105 decimal digits. Consequently, $\sigma(P105) = (P105 + 1) \mid \sigma^{1240}(659)$ and $P105 + 1 = 2 \cdot 7 \cdot C104$. We were unable to factorise this $C104$ with the elliptic curve method or with the quadratic sieve method, and therefore asked Peter Montgomery's help, noticing that

$$C104 = \frac{2^{373} - 1 + 25569151}{2 \cdot 7 \cdot 25569151}.$$

Peter constructed the two polynomials

$$p_1(x) = 5x - 2^{74}, \quad p_2(x) = 500x^5 + \frac{25569151 - 1}{50},$$

which have the property that

$$p_1(m) \equiv p_2(m) \equiv 0 \pmod{C104} \quad \text{for } m = 2^{74} 5^{-1}.$$

This enabled him to apply the Special Number Field Sieve method [Lenstra and Lenstra 1993] and factorise $C104$ within two days on SGI workstations at CWI

Amsterdam and the Cray C90 at SARA Amsterdam, into the product of 38-digit and 67-digit primes:

$$C104 = 18223164902649732703974292810329988561 \\ \cdot 2949308713532555425842465546059346081104682577291637010561295300423.$$

We also used the 21 $(n, 200, 10^{200})$ -trees, with $n = \pi_1$ in (5), to investigate statements (i), (ii) and (iii). The results are summarised in Table 5. In this table, j_1 is the smallest value of i such that $\sigma^i(n) > 10^{100}$, j_2 is the smallest value of i such that $\sigma^i(n) > 10^{200}$, and $\alpha_u = \sigma^{j_u+1}(n)/\sigma^{j_u}(n)$, $\beta_u = (\sigma^{j_u}(n))^{1/j_u}$ ($u = 1, 2$). We remark that if statement (iii) is true and the sequence $\{(\sigma^i(n))^{1/i}\}$ is eventually monotone, then statement (ii) is true, since

$$(\sigma^{i+1}(n))^{1/(1+i)} > (\sigma^i(n))^{1/i} \quad \text{implies} \quad \frac{\sigma^{i+1}(n)}{\sigma^i(n)} > (\sigma^i(n))^{1/i}.$$

Our computations strongly suggest that indeed $\{(\sigma^i(n))^{1/i}\}$ is eventually monotone, for every n .

We turn finally to statement (v). As evidence in favour of this statement, we showed that every number up to 400 occurs as a divisor in the sequence $\{\sigma^i(n)\}$, for each of the 21 values of n in (5).

The results are summarised in Table 6. We give there the “hard” divisors, those that do not divide any term of $\{\sigma^i(n)\}$ for some n in (5) and $i \leq j_2$, with j_2 as above; and, for each such divisor d , we give the first index $i > j_2$ for which $d \mid \sigma^i(n)$. The largest such index for each n is marked by *, so every number up to 400 divides a term of this sequence for some value of i up to the marked value.

For example, all positive integers less than or equal to 400, except 239 and 389, divide a term of the sequence $\{\sigma^i(2)\}$ for some value of i with $0 \leq i \leq j_2$, where $j_2 = 263$ is the index of the first term in this sequence which exceeds 10^{200} ; furthermore, $239 \mid \sigma^{290}(2)$ and $389 \mid \sigma^{370}(2)$.

Not surprisingly, the larger megaperfect numbers, less than 400, are in the list of hard divisors.

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TABLE 1. All $(2, k)$ -perfect numbers n with $n < 10^9$

k	n	k	n
1	1	9	$168 = 2^3 \cdot 3 \cdot 7$
2	$2 = 2$	9	$10752 = 2^9 \cdot 3 \cdot 7$
2	$4 = 2^2$	9	$331520 = 2^8 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 37$
2	$16 = 2^4$	9	$691200 = 2^{10} \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5^2$
2	$64 = 2^6$	9	$1556480 = 2^{14} \cdot 5 \cdot 19$
2	$4096 = 2^{12}$	9	$1612800 = 2^{10} \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7$
2	$65536 = 2^{16}$	9	$106151936 = 2^{14} \cdot 11 \cdot 19 \cdot 31$
2	$262144 = 2^{18}$	10	$480 = 2^5 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$
3	$8 = 2^3$	10	$504 = 2^3 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 7$
3	$21 = 3 \cdot 7$	10	$13824 = 2^9 \cdot 3^3$
3	$512 = 2^9$	10	$32256 = 2^9 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 7$
4	$15 = 3 \cdot 5$	10	$32736 = 2^5 \cdot 3 \cdot 11 \cdot 31$
4	$1023 = 3 \cdot 11 \cdot 31$	10	$1980342 = 2 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 7 \cdot 13^2 \cdot 31$
4	$29127 = 3 \cdot 7 \cdot 19 \cdot 73$	11	$4404480 = 2^8 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 31 \cdot 37$
6	$42 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 7$	11	$57669920 = 2^5 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 31 \cdot 151$
6	$84 = 2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot 7$	11	$238608384 = 2^{13} \cdot 3 \cdot 7 \cdot 19 \cdot 73$
6	$160 = 2^5 \cdot 5$	12	$2200380 = 2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 13^2 \cdot 31$
6	$336 = 2^4 \cdot 3 \cdot 7$	12	$8801520 = 2^4 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 13^2 \cdot 31$
6	$1344 = 2^6 \cdot 3 \cdot 7$	12	$14913024 = 2^9 \cdot 3 \cdot 7 \cdot 19 \cdot 73$
6	$86016 = 2^{12} \cdot 3 \cdot 7$	12	$35206080 = 2^6 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 13^2 \cdot 31$
6	$550095 = 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 13^2 \cdot 31$	12	$140896000 = 2^8 \cdot 5^3 \cdot 7 \cdot 17 \cdot 37$
6	$1376256 = 2^{16} \cdot 3 \cdot 7$	12	$459818240 = 2^8 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 19 \cdot 37 \cdot 73$
6	$5505024 = 2^{18} \cdot 3 \cdot 7$	12	$775898880 = 2^8 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 37 \cdot 43 \cdot 127$
7	$24 = 2^3 \cdot 3$	13	$57120 = 2^5 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 17$
7	$1536 = 2^9 \cdot 3$	13	$932064 = 2^5 \cdot 3 \cdot 7 \cdot 19 \cdot 73$
7	$47360 = 2^8 \cdot 5 \cdot 37$	13	$3932040 = 2^3 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 31 \cdot 151$
7	$343976 = 2^3 \cdot 19 \cdot 31 \cdot 73$	13	$251650560 = 2^9 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 31 \cdot 151$
8	$60 = 2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$	14	$217728 = 2^7 \cdot 3^5 \cdot 7$
8	$240 = 2^4 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$	14	$1278720 = 2^8 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5 \cdot 37$
8	$960 = 2^6 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$	14	$2983680 = 2^8 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 37$
8	$4092 = 2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot 11 \cdot 31$	14	$5621760 = 2^{11} \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 61$
8	$16368 = 2^4 \cdot 3 \cdot 11 \cdot 31$	14	$14008320 = 2^{14} \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 19$
8	$58254 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 7 \cdot 19 \cdot 73$	14	$298721280 = 2^{13} \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17$
8	$61440 = 2^{12} \cdot 3 \cdot 5$	14	$955367424 = 2^{14} \cdot 3^2 \cdot 11 \cdot 19 \cdot 31$
8	$65472 = 2^6 \cdot 3 \cdot 11 \cdot 31$	15	$1058148 = 2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19$
8	$116508 = 2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot 7 \cdot 19 \cdot 73$	15	$29352960 = 2^{10} \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 13$
8	$466032 = 2^4 \cdot 3 \cdot 7 \cdot 19 \cdot 73$	16	$7526400 = 2^{11} \cdot 3 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7^2$
8	$710400 = 2^8 \cdot 3 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 37$	16	$23591520 = 2^5 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5 \cdot 43 \cdot 127$
8	$983040 = 2^{16} \cdot 3 \cdot 5$	16	$55046880 = 2^5 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 43 \cdot 127$
8	$1864128 = 2^6 \cdot 3 \cdot 7 \cdot 19 \cdot 73$	18	$39352320 = 2^{11} \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 61$
8	$3932160 = 2^{18} \cdot 3 \cdot 5$	19	$312792480 = 2^5 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 31$
8	$4190208 = 2^{12} \cdot 3 \cdot 11 \cdot 31$	22	$83825280 = 2^7 \cdot 3^5 \cdot 5 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 11$
8	$67043328 = 2^{16} \cdot 3 \cdot 11 \cdot 31$		
8	$119304192 = 2^{12} \cdot 3 \cdot 7 \cdot 19 \cdot 73$		
8	$268173312 = 2^{18} \cdot 3 \cdot 11 \cdot 31$		

TABLE 2. All $(3, k)$ -perfect numbers n with $n < 2 \cdot 10^8$

k	n	k	n
1	1	38	338328 = $2^3 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 37 \cdot 127$
5	$52 = 2^2 \cdot 13$	38	2158065 = $3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 31$
6	$98 = 2 \cdot 7^2$	38	60712960 = $2^{11} \cdot 5 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 11^2$
10	$12 = 2^2 \cdot 3$	39	194432 = $2^7 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 31$
10	$156 = 2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot 13$	40	1454544 = $2^4 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 37$
10	$32704 = 2^6 \cdot 7 \cdot 73$	40	1767744 = $2^6 \cdot 3^4 \cdot 11 \cdot 31$
12	$14 = 2 \cdot 7$	40	7345884 = $2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 13 \cdot 31^2$
14	$5840 = 2^4 \cdot 5 \cdot 73$	42	26873600 = $2^8 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19$
15	$7616 = 2^6 \cdot 7 \cdot 17$	44	1937376 = $2^5 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 7 \cdot 31^2$
16	$294 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 7^2$	45	10905024 = $2^6 \cdot 3 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 257$
16	$6882 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 31 \cdot 37$	48	94860 = $2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 17 \cdot 31$
16	196137 = $3^2 \cdot 19 \cdot 31 \cdot 37$	48	120960 = $2^7 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7$
16	178263423 = $3^4 \cdot 13 \cdot 31 \cdot 43 \cdot 127$	48	929640 = $2^3 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 61 \cdot 127$
18	$201872 = 2^4 \cdot 11 \cdot 31 \cdot 37$	48	2276736 = $2^7 \cdot 3 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 11^2$
18	$758912 = 2^7 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 11^2$	48	86992640 = $2^8 \cdot 5 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 19 \cdot 73$
19	$169164 = 2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 37 \cdot 127$	48	144193280 = $2^8 \cdot 5 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 11^2 \cdot 19$
20	$24 = 2^3 \cdot 3$	51	4659200 = $2^{11} \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7 \cdot 13$
20	$1368 = 2^3 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 19$	52	37282560 = $2^8 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 19 \cdot 73$
20	$22848 = 2^6 \cdot 3 \cdot 7 \cdot 17$	54	22187592 = $2^3 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 19 \cdot 331$
20	$54864 = 2^4 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 127$	54	35235200 = $2^7 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7 \cdot 11^2 \cdot 13$
20	$52416 = 2^6 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 7 \cdot 13$	56	465120 = $2^5 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 17 \cdot 19$
20	$442624 = 2^8 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 19$	56	2845440 = $2^8 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 13 \cdot 19$
20	$4071168 = 2^8 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 19 \cdot 31$	56	3258720 = $2^5 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 31 \cdot 73$
21	$684 = 2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 19$	56	6963840 = $2^7 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5 \cdot 13 \cdot 31$
21	$14592 = 2^8 \cdot 3 \cdot 19$	56	48660480 = $2^{15} \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5 \cdot 11$
24	$910 = 2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 13$	56	51628320 = $2^5 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot 37$
24	$9114 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 31$	56	80620800 = $2^8 \cdot 3 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19$
24	$18288 = 2^4 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 127$	57	4642560 = $2^8 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 13 \cdot 31$
24	$65472 = 2^6 \cdot 3 \cdot 11 \cdot 31$	57	190794240 = $2^9 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 13^2$
24	$286160 = 2^4 \cdot 5 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 73$	60	1740960 = $2^5 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5 \cdot 13 \cdot 31$
24	$58662912 = 2^{13} \cdot 3 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 31$	60	5031936 = $2^{11} \cdot 3^3 \cdot 7 \cdot 13$
26	$40880 = 2^4 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 73$	60	8536320 = $2^8 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5 \cdot 13 \cdot 19$
27	$60960 = 2^5 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 127$	60	33028128 = $2^5 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 7 \cdot 43 \cdot 127$
28	$4480 = 2^7 \cdot 5 \cdot 7$	60	156280320 = $2^9 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 17 \cdot 19$
28	$1775360 = 2^8 \cdot 5 \cdot 19 \cdot 73$	62	580320 = $2^5 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 13 \cdot 31$
30	$4788 = 2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 7 \cdot 19$	62	11162880 = $2^8 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5 \cdot 17 \cdot 19$
30	$56448 = 2^7 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 7^2$	63	399360 = $2^{11} \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 13$
30	$601472 = 2^7 \cdot 37 \cdot 127$	63	15720960 = $2^9 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 23 \cdot 89$
31	$316160 = 2^8 \cdot 5 \cdot 13 \cdot 19$	63	39262080 = $2^7 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 11^2 \cdot 13^2$
31	$77930496 = 2^{13} \cdot 3^2 \cdot 7 \cdot 151$	64	21396960 = $2^5 \cdot 3^4 \cdot 5 \cdot 13 \cdot 127$
32	$185535 = 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 19 \cdot 31$	65	81962496 = $2^9 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 11^2$
32	$858480 = 2^4 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 73$	66	2968560 = $2^4 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 19 \cdot 31$
32	$1134420 = 2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 37 \cdot 73$	68	13977600 = $2^{11} \cdot 3 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7 \cdot 13$
33	$3138192 = 2^4 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 19 \cdot 31 \cdot 37$	70	97708032 = $2^{11} \cdot 3^4 \cdot 19 \cdot 31$
34	$1440 = 2^5 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5$	72	7862400 = $2^7 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7 \cdot 13$
34	$53760 = 2^9 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7$	72	14217840 = $2^4 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 13 \cdot 31$
35	$186368 = 2^{11} \cdot 7 \cdot 13$	72	105705600 = $2^7 \cdot 3 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7 \cdot 11^2 \cdot 13$
35	$292032 = 2^6 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 13^2$	76	109885440 = $2^{11} \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 73$
35	$850304 = 2^7 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 73$	76	182138880 = $2^{11} \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 11^2$
35	$1308160 = 2^9 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 73$	78	39984000 = $2^7 \cdot 3 \cdot 5^3 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 17$
36	$5460 = 2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 13$	80	1375920 = $2^4 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 13$
36	$122640 = 2^4 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 73$	80	53032320 = $2^7 \cdot 3^5 \cdot 5 \cdot 11 \cdot 31$
36	$394940 = 2^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 13 \cdot 31$	80	103790232 = $2^3 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 13 \cdot 31 \cdot 73$
36	$8870960 = 2^4 \cdot 5 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 31 \cdot 73$	80	148954680 = $2^3 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot 61$
38	$208026 = 2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 127$	96	139426560 = $2^8 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 13 \cdot 19$

TABLE 3. All $(4, k)$ -perfect numbers n with $n < 2 \cdot 10^8$

k	n	k	n
1	1	66	$21824 = 2^6 \cdot 11 \cdot 31$
4	$2 = 2$	66	$61256 = 2^3 \cdot 13 \cdot 19 \cdot 31$
5	$3 = 3$	66	$7941890 = 2 \cdot 5 \cdot 11 \cdot 17 \cdot 31 \cdot 137$
6	$4 = 2^2$	70	$1073088 = 2^6 \cdot 3^6 \cdot 23$
10	$21 = 3 \cdot 7$	70	$1916928 = 2^{14} \cdot 3^2 \cdot 13$
12	$10 = 2 \cdot 5$	72	$262112 = 2^5 \cdot 8191$
16	$81910 = 2 \cdot 5 \cdot 8191$	72	$699048 = 2^3 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 7 \cdot 19 \cdot 73$
18	$32 = 2^5$	76	$1047242 = 2 \cdot 7 \cdot 19 \cdot 31 \cdot 127$
20	$6 = 2 \cdot 3$	78	$960 = 2^6 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$
20	$18 = 2 \cdot 3^2$	78	$23424 = 2^7 \cdot 3 \cdot 61$
21	$8 = 2^3$	78	$65472 = 2^6 \cdot 3 \cdot 11 \cdot 31$
21	$512 = 2^9$	78	$305816 = 2^3 \cdot 7 \cdot 43 \cdot 127$
21	$147456 = 2^{14} \cdot 3^2$	80	$60 = 2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$
24	$65 = 5 \cdot 13$	80	$2040 = 2^3 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 17$
24	$7808 = 2^7 \cdot 61$	80	$4092 = 2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot 11 \cdot 31$
25	$41472 = 2^9 \cdot 3^4$	80	$1633506 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 7 \cdot 19 \cdot 23 \cdot 89$
28	$26 = 2 \cdot 13$	80	$11489280 = 2^{12} \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 11 \cdot 17$
28	$72 = 2^3 \cdot 3^2$	80	$138847527 = 3^6 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 13^2 \cdot 23$
28	$73728 = 2^{13} \cdot 3^2$	84	$992 = 2^5 \cdot 31$
30	$12 = 2^2 \cdot 3$	84	$2688 = 2^7 \cdot 3 \cdot 7$
30	$39 = 3 \cdot 13$	84	$1293824 = 2^9 \cdot 7 \cdot 19^2$
30	$1280 = 2^8 \cdot 5$	84	$10485440 = 2^6 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 31 \cdot 151$
30	$2096896 = 2^8 \cdot 8191$	84	$125452288 = 2^{14} \cdot 13 \cdot 19 \cdot 31$
31	$123783 = 3 \cdot 11^3 \cdot 31$	85	$142080 = 2^8 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 37$
32	$15 = 3 \cdot 5$	88	$1972971 = 3^3 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 73$
32	$1023 = 3 \cdot 11 \cdot 31$	88	$34086546 = 2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 13 \cdot 31 \cdot 37 \cdot 127$
32	$29127 = 3 \cdot 7 \cdot 19 \cdot 73$	89	$391552 = 2^7 \cdot 7 \cdot 19 \cdot 23$
35	$7936 = 2^8 \cdot 31$	89	$1683968 = 2^9 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 23$
36	$182 = 2 \cdot 7 \cdot 13$	89	$2614272 = 2^{10} \cdot 3 \cdot 23 \cdot 37$
40	$42 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 7$	90	$979200 = 2^8 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 17$
48	$160 = 2^5 \cdot 5$	90	$4124736 = 2^6 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 31$
48	$455 = 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 13$	90	$7467456 = 2^6 \cdot 3 \cdot 19 \cdot 23 \cdot 89$
48	$5920 = 2^5 \cdot 5 \cdot 37$	91	$476640 = 2^5 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 331$
48	$16352 = 2^5 \cdot 7 \cdot 73$	93	$33792 = 2^{10} \cdot 3 \cdot 11$
52	$10416 = 2^4 \cdot 3 \cdot 7 \cdot 31$	93	$466032 = 2^4 \cdot 3 \cdot 7 \cdot 19 \cdot 73$
52	$116679 = 3 \cdot 19 \cdot 23 \cdot 89$	96	$20384 = 2^5 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 13$
52	$779526 = 2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 11 \cdot 31 \cdot 127$	96	$41440 = 2^5 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 37$
54	$851942 = 2 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 31 \cdot 151$	96	$1117920 = 2^5 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 17 \cdot 137$
55	$86016 = 2^{12} \cdot 3 \cdot 7$	96	$1864128 = 2^6 \cdot 3 \cdot 7 \cdot 19 \cdot 73$
56	$129648 = 2^4 \cdot 3 \cdot 37 \cdot 73$	98	$172800 = 2^8 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5^2$
57	$896 = 2^7 \cdot 7$	98	$5750784 = 2^{14} \cdot 3^3 \cdot 13$
57	$652288 = 2^{10} \cdot 7^2 \cdot 13$	100	$56621376 = 2^6 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 7 \cdot 31 \cdot 151$
57	$4893056 = 2^7 \cdot 7 \cdot 43 \cdot 127$	104	$98256 = 2^4 \cdot 3 \cdot 23 \cdot 89$
60	$84 = 2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot 7$	104	$116508 = 2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot 7 \cdot 19 \cdot 73$
62	$96 = 2^5 \cdot 3$	104	$1468160 = 2^8 \cdot 5 \cdot 31 \cdot 37$
63	$24 = 2^3 \cdot 3$	108	$53144 = 2^3 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 73$
63	$1536 = 2^9 \cdot 3$	110	$1848 = 2^3 \cdot 3 \cdot 7 \cdot 11$
63	$47360 = 2^8 \cdot 5 \cdot 37$	112	$51246 = 2 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 13 \cdot 73$
63	$687952 = 2^4 \cdot 19 \cdot 31 \cdot 73$	112	$632448 = 2^7 \cdot 3^4 \cdot 61$
64	$58254 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 7 \cdot 19 \cdot 73$	112	$1631448 = 2^3 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 83$
64	$64449 = 3^3 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 31$	112	$15333504 = 2^7 \cdot 3 \cdot 73 \cdot 547$
64	$151515 = 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 37$	114	$6059120 = 2^4 \cdot 5 \cdot 23 \cdot 37 \cdot 89$
64	$1310560 = 2^5 \cdot 5 \cdot 8191$	117	$24564 = 2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot 23 \cdot 89$
65	$336 = 2^4 \cdot 3 \cdot 7$	117	$107520 = 2^{10} \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7$
65	$3096576 = 2^{14} \cdot 3^3 \cdot 7$	120	$170352 = 2^4 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 7 \cdot 13^2$

TABLE 3. (continued)

k	n	k	n
120	$563200 = 2^{11} \cdot 5^2 \cdot 11$	168	$40255488 = 2^{14} \cdot 3^3 \cdot 7 \cdot 13$
124	$672 = 2^5 \cdot 3 \cdot 7$	171	$73109036 = 2^2 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 19 \cdot 31^2$
124	$48885760 = 2^{12} \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 31$	175	$135364608 = 2^{15} \cdot 3^5 \cdot 17$
124	$84983808 = 2^{14} \cdot 3 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 19$	176	$2935296 = 2^9 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 13$
125	$5472 = 2^5 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 19$	176	$167116800 = 2^{17} \cdot 3 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 17$
126	$331520 = 2^8 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 37$	180	$19762470 = 2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 19 \cdot 127$
126	$1556480 = 2^{14} \cdot 5 \cdot 19$	180	$145393664 = 2^{11} \cdot 13 \cdot 43 \cdot 127$
126	$4147200 = 2^{11} \cdot 3^4 \cdot 5^2$	182	$284580 = 2^2 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5 \cdot 17 \cdot 31$
126	$9235200 = 2^8 \cdot 3 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 13 \cdot 37$	186	$71909376 = 2^{14} \cdot 3 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 19$
126	$66019680 = 2^5 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 19^2 \cdot 127$	189	$4992000 = 2^{10} \cdot 3 \cdot 5^3 \cdot 13$
126	$106151936 = 2^{14} \cdot 11 \cdot 19 \cdot 31$	189	$6502400 = 2^{11} \cdot 5^2 \cdot 127$
127	$122880 = 2^{13} \cdot 3 \cdot 5$	189	$32396520 = 2^3 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 13 \cdot 19 \cdot 1093$
127	$331968 = 2^6 \cdot 3 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 19$	190	$1929564 = 2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 19 \cdot 31$
128	$80808 = 2^3 \cdot 3 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 37$	190	$50282496 = 2^{14} \cdot 3^2 \cdot 11 \cdot 31$
128	$393192 = 2^3 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 43 \cdot 127$	192	$30240 = 2^5 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7$
128	$762762 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 127$	192	$2394990 = 2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 13 \cdot 23 \cdot 89$
128	$1137920 = 2^8 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 127$	192	$2762100 = 2^2 \cdot 3^4 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 11 \cdot 31$
128	$16161600 = 2^6 \cdot 3 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 37$	192	$4360500 = 2^2 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5^3 \cdot 17 \cdot 19$
128	$17690400 = 2^5 \cdot 3^5 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7 \cdot 13$	192	$17568000 = 2^8 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^3 \cdot 61$
128	$21822156 = 2^2 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 37 \cdot 43 \cdot 127$	192	$54163200 = 2^8 \cdot 3 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 31$
128	$44235450 = 2 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7 \cdot 31 \cdot 151$	195	$26441856 = 2^7 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 7 \cdot 1093$
128	$50918364 = 2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 7 \cdot 37 \cdot 43 \cdot 127$	195	$118993920 = 2^{10} \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 61 \cdot 127$
129	$67023488 = 2^7 \cdot 7 \cdot 19 \cdot 31 \cdot 127$	208	$36720 = 2^4 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5 \cdot 17$
130	$1838592 = 2^9 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 7 \cdot 19$	208	$3095820 = 2^2 \cdot 3^5 \cdot 5 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 13$
130	$3570816 = 2^7 \cdot 3 \cdot 17 \cdot 547$	210	$14767560 = 2^3 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot 127$
130	$15912960 = 2^{12} \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 37$	216	$45864 = 2^3 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 13$
132	$32926278 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 7 \cdot 11^3 \cdot 19 \cdot 31$	216	$111189520 = 2^4 \cdot 5 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot 331$
135	$42588 = 2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 7 \cdot 13^2$	219	$11832912 = 2^4 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 13 \cdot 43$
135	$130560 = 2^9 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 17$	222	$10725120 = 2^8 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 19$
135	$153600 = 2^{11} \cdot 3 \cdot 5^2$	222	$73082880 = 2^{11} \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 13 \cdot 61$
135	$383656 = 2^3 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 31$	224	$6046560 = 2^5 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19$
135	$1353088 = 2^7 \cdot 11 \cdot 31^2$	225	$4193280 = 2^{10} \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 13$
135	$11320960 = 2^7 \cdot 5 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 19^2$	228	$4650030 = 2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11^2 \cdot 61$
135	$12472416 = 2^5 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 11 \cdot 31 \cdot 127$	234	$9478560 = 2^5 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 13 \cdot 31$
136	$4434885 = 3^3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 19^2$	238	$459420 = 2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 13 \cdot 19 \cdot 31$
138	$36525600 = 2^5 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 19 \cdot 89$	240	$967680 = 2^{10} \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7$
140	$60480 = 2^6 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7$	240	$3038580 = 2^2 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5 \cdot 17 \cdot 331$
140	$153216 = 2^7 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 7 \cdot 19$	240	$95397120 = 2^8 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 13^2$
140	$369954 = 2 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 31$	242	$17882592 = 2^5 \cdot 3 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 23 \cdot 89$
140	$393024 = 2^6 \cdot 3 \cdot 23 \cdot 89$	242	$110275200 = 2^7 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7 \cdot 547$
140	$45337968 = 2^4 \cdot 3^6 \cdot 13^2 \cdot 23$	250	$18330624 = 2^{10} \cdot 3^4 \cdot 13 \cdot 17$
143	$41025600 = 2^6 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 37$	254	$3743064 = 2^3 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 13 \cdot 31 \cdot 43$
144	$17696315 = 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 19 \cdot 23 \cdot 89$	254	$14448000 = 2^7 \cdot 3 \cdot 5^3 \cdot 7 \cdot 43$
144	$90526716 = 2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 19 \cdot 37 \cdot 73$	259	$148838400 = 2^{11} \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 17 \cdot 19$
144	$106501120 = 2^{10} \cdot 5 \cdot 11 \cdot 31 \cdot 61$	264	$18590208 = 2^9 \cdot 3 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 13 \cdot 19$
146	$1120392 = 2^3 \cdot 3^4 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 19$	264	$85636320 = 2^5 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 11 \cdot 331$
152	$752640 = 2^{10} \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7^2$	266	$112334040 = 2^3 \cdot 3^5 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 127$
155	$11934 = 2 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 13 \cdot 17$	270	$2904720 = 2^4 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 13 \cdot 19$
155	$4855032 = 2^3 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 7 \cdot 13^2 \cdot 19$	270	$10241280 = 2^8 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 127$
156	$16380 = 2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 13$	273	$9329760 = 2^5 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 11 \cdot 19 \cdot 31$
156	$33962880 = 2^7 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 19^2$	273	$9612480 = 2^6 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot 31$
162	$896000 = 2^{10} \cdot 5^3 \cdot 7$	320	$16248960 = 2^7 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 31$
162	$1587200 = 2^{11} \cdot 5^2 \cdot 31$	320	$144789120 = 2^7 \cdot 3^5 \cdot 5 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 19$
165	$7340256 = 2^5 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 331$	336	$61340760 = 2^3 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 257$
165	$30427740 = 2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 19 \cdot 31 \cdot 41$	360	$19568640 = 2^{11} \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 13$
168	$18720 = 2^5 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 13$	364	$35112960 = 2^{11} \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5 \cdot 127$
168	$124320 = 2^5 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 37$	403	$29030400 = 2^{11} \cdot 3^4 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7$
168	$133224 = 2^3 \cdot 3 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 61$	448	$122882760 = 2^3 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11^2 \cdot 13 \cdot 31$
168	$6891300 = 2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 13 \cdot 19 \cdot 31$		

TABLE 4. Values of $\tilde{m}(n)$ and $\tilde{k}(n)$, for $n \leq 400$,
with all prime factors less than 20 of $\tilde{k}(n)$

n	$\tilde{m}(n)$	$\tilde{k}(n)$	n	$\tilde{m}(n)$	$\tilde{k}(n)$
1	1	1	54	11	100620
2	2	2	55	19	8.2E008
3	4	5	56	5	182
4	2	2	57	13	271852
5	5	24	58	67	3.9E042
6	1	2	59	97	1.2E064
7	5	24	60	2	8
8	2	3	61	23	2.7E011
9	7	168	62	5	96
10	4	12	63	16	5.7E006
11	15	1.8E006	64	2	2
12	3	10	65	4	24
13	13	84480	66	8	1078
14	3	12	67	101	9.4E066
15	2	4	68	21	4.6E010
16	2	2	69	19	3.2E009
17	13	92520	70	11	26624
18	4	20	71	50	8.0E027
19	12	62720	72	4	28
20	5	84	73	20	8.5E008
21	2	3	74	20	2.0E009
22	13	49920	75	23	5.6E010
23	16	6.5E006	76	14	4.2E006
24	2	7	77	21	4.5E010
25	17	881280	78	10	14080
26	4	28	79	36	6.0E018
27	9	3360	80	5	124
28	1	2	81	15	2.2E006
29	78	5.1E047	82	42	1.2E024
30	7	728	83	26	3.6E012
31	10	912	84	2	6
32	4	18	85	36	2.1E017
33	17	1.9E007	86	17	1.7E008
34	11	46260	87	43	2.4E023
35	6	144	88	8	4158
36	5	42	89	13	6.1E005
37	28	3.0E013	90	7	1008
38	22	3.8E010	91	17	1.8E007
39	4	30	92	14	1.6E006
40	7	663	93	10	5824
41	39	3.4E022	94	54	5.8E031
42	2	6	95	19	3.3E008
43	16	4.5E006	96	4	62
44	16	1.4E007	97	43	3.4E023
45	16	8.2E006	98	3	6
46	10	19224	99	18	7.2E007
47	32	3.8E015	100	20	1.3E008
48	5	105	101	120	3.7E079
49	13	92928	102	35	1.7E017
50	17	1.8E007	103	65	3.4E040
51	9	5120	104	10	6096
52	3	5	105	12	87552
53	58	4.2E033	106	54	3.7E030

TABLE 4. (continued)

n	$\tilde{m}(n)$	$\tilde{k}(n)$	n	$\tilde{m}(n)$	$\tilde{k}(n)$		
107	64	5.8E036	$2^{17}3^85^37 \cdot 11^213 \cdot 19 \dots$	160	2	6	$2 \cdot 3$
108	13	491400	$2^33^35^27 \cdot 13$	161	28	5.3E014	$2^{15}3 \cdot 7 \cdot 19 \dots$
109	110	5.6E071	$2^{44}3^{23}5^47^313^417 \cdot 19^4 \dots$	162	10	8866	$2 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \dots$
110	26	8.7E011	$2^{11}3^35 \cdot 7 \dots$	163	70	3.7E043	$2^{15}3^55^47^311 \cdot 13 \cdot 19^2 \dots$
111	6	80	2^45	164	28	4.5E014	$2^{21}3^45 \cdot 11 \cdot 19 \dots$
112	6	256	2^8	165	27	5.8E011	$2^{12}3^25 \cdot 7 \dots$
113	83	1.4E054	$2^343^65^47^513 \cdot 17^219 \dots$	166	17	3.5E008	$2^93^7 \cdot 13 \dots$
114	7	1862	$2 \cdot 7^219$	167	120	1.3E083	$2^{28}3^{14}5^57 \cdot 11^513^217 \cdot 19^2 \dots$
115	18	3.3E007	$2^{11}3 \dots$	168	2	9	3^2
116	33	9.8E017	$2^93^45^37^219 \dots$	169	25	7.3E011	$2^{26}3^25^27^2$
117	5	56	2^37	170	12	78696	$2^33^2 \dots$
118	105	5.9E072	$2^503^{10}5^411^213 \cdot 19 \dots$	171	8	2046	$2 \cdot 3 \cdot 11 \dots$
119	33	4.8E016	$2^{17}3^35^37 \cdot 13 \dots$	172	16	8.9E007	$3^313 \dots$
120	1	3	3	173	214	2.5E160	$2^{64}3^{20}5^67^611^713^419^4 \dots$
121	15	5.4E006	$2^73 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \dots$	174	42	1.2E023	$2^{19}3 \cdot 5^37 \cdot 11 \cdot 13^3 \dots$
122	19	9.4E008	$2^53^35^27 \cdot 13^2 \dots$	175	24	7.1E011	$2^{26}3^27 \cdot 13^2$
123	42	1.1E024	$2^{29}3^55^211 \dots$	176	12	223200	$2^53^25^2 \dots$
124	5	156	$2^23 \cdot 13$	177	115	7.0E079	$2^73^385^27^411^213^317 \cdot 19^4 \dots$
125	25	5.6E011	$2^73^211 \cdot 17 \dots$	178	12	117760	$2^{10}5 \dots$
126	7	1080	2^33^35	179	80	7.1E052	$2^{21}3^{11}5^27^311 \cdot 19 \dots$
127	6	78	$2 \cdot 3 \cdot 13$	180	6	504	2^33^27
128	6	168	$2^33 \cdot 7$	181	68	1.7E041	$2^{17}3^55^57^313 \dots$
129	24	3.0E012	$2^{20}3^55 \cdot 19 \dots$	182	4	36	2^23^2
130	11	106560	$2^93^25 \dots$	183	25	3.0E012	$3 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 19 \dots$
131	174	1.6E126	$2^{62}3^{18}5^97^211 \cdot 13^517^319^3 \dots$	184	33	1.4E017	$2^{33}3 \cdot 5^27 \cdot 19^2 \dots$
132	13	2.4E006	$2^47 \cdot 19 \dots$	185	18	2.1E008	$2^73 \cdot 7 \dots$
133	10	30480	$2^43 \cdot 5 \dots$	186	7	704	2^611
134	90	2.9E058	$2^{18}3^85 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13^319 \dots$	187	41	1.2E021	$2^{14}3^55^27 \cdot 13^219^3 \dots$
135	5	156	$2^23 \cdot 13$	188	30	2.7E015	$2^33 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 19 \dots$
136	28	1.3E013	$2^{22}13 \dots$	189	7	512	2^9
137	18	1.8E007	$2^{12}5 \cdot 7 \dots$	190	18	1.6E008	$2^{10}3^211 \cdot 13 \dots$
138	18	5.0E007	$2^{11}3 \dots$	191	95	3.7E061	$2^{36}3^{18}5^37^313^219 \dots$
139	122	1.2E083	$2^{40}3^{10}5^67^611^413^217 \cdot 19^3 \dots$	192	6	266	$2 \cdot 7 \cdot 19$
140	5	156	$2^23 \cdot 13$	193	81	1.2E052	$2^{39}3^75^77^211^217 \cdot 19^2 \dots$
141	45	2.6E025	$2^{39}5^2 \dots$	194	58	1.7E035	$2^{26}3^55^47^213^217 \cdot 19^2 \dots$
142	55	8.1E030	$2^{23}3^75^27 \cdot 11^213^2 \dots$	195	5	112	2^47
143	10	7680	$2^93 \cdot 5$	196	16	1.4E007	$2^53^55 \cdot 19^2$
144	12	114688	2^{147}	197	64	8.3E038	$2^{24}3^{10}5^47^313^217^219 \dots$
145	66	1.5E042	$2^{22}3^25 \cdot 7^211 \cdot 19^2 \dots$	198	23	5.7E011	$2^{13}3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7^219 \dots$
146	12	105028	$2^7 \cdot 11^2 \dots$	199	85	3.8E054	$2^{29}3^{13}5^57^513^217 \cdot 19^3 \dots$
147	8	1536	2^93	200	16	2.6E007	$2^{12}11 \cdot 19 \dots$
148	26	7.5E012	$2^{12}5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \dots$	201	86	2.2E054	$2^{24}3^{14}5 \cdot 7^211 \cdot 13^2 \dots$
149	160	1.2E114	$2^{55}3^{23}5^67^{12}11^413^217 \cdot 19^4 \dots$	202	239	8.1E184	$2^{64}3^{24}5^{12}7^811^713^317^319 \dots$
150	7	1088	2^617	203	58	4.7E035	$2^{23}3^65^37 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17^2 \dots$
151	20	2.2E009	$2^33 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11^219 \dots$	204	21	2.0E010	$2^23^25^219 \dots$
152	6	186	$2 \cdot 3 \dots$	205	37	6.8E021	$2^{20}3 \cdot 7 \dots$
153	16	7.9E007	$2^33^25 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 19 \dots$	206	39	1.9E022	$2^93^65^27 \cdot 11^217 \dots$
154	24	1.6E010	$2^33^211 \dots$	207	13	1.2E006	$2^37 \cdot 13 \cdot 19 \dots$
155	9	3672	2^33^317	208	12	101745	$3^25 \cdot 7 \cdot 17 \cdot 19$
156	3	10	$2 \cdot 5$	209	19	7.2E008	$2^73^2 \dots$
157	104	2.2E070	$2^{42}3^{17}5^87^411 \cdot 13^417 \cdot 19 \dots$	210	10	8704	2^917
158	73	1.9E047	$2^{33}3^55^57^413^417 \cdot 19^2 \dots$	211	144	4.7E102	$2^{68}3^{14}5^57 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17^2 \dots$
159	57	1.8E032	$2^{17}3^65 \cdot 7^311^313 \cdot 17 \cdot 19^2 \dots$	212	56	2.5E034	$2^{25}3^65^37^317 \cdot 19 \dots$

TABLE 4 (continued)

n	$\tilde{m}(n)$	$\tilde{k}(n)$		n	$\tilde{m}(n)$	$\tilde{k}(n)$	
213	56	5.4E030	$2^{24}3^65^27 \cdot 11^213^2 \dots$	266	20	5.5E009	$2^53^45 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \dots$
214	42	6.8E023	$2^{30}3^{11}5 \cdot 11^419 \dots$	267	33	9.9E016	$2^{36}5^27 \cdot 19^2 \dots$
215	50	1.4E027	$2^{36}3^47^213 \cdot 19^2 \dots$	268	80	1.5E051	$2^{22}3^85^67^611 \cdot 13^219^3 \dots$
216	12	245700	$2^{23}3^52^7 \cdot 13$	269	175	1.3E125	$2^{71}3^{17}5^{10}7^311^713^217 \cdot 19^4 \dots$
217	19	6.0E007	$2^83^65^213$	270	12	196560	$2^43^35 \cdot 7 \cdot 13$
218	112	8.9E076	$2^{48}3^{16}5^57^211 \cdot 13^217^219 \dots$	271	63	2.0E037	$2^{13}3^55^37 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19^2 \dots$
219	13	2.0E006	$2^{13}5 \cdot 7^2$	272	7	960	$2^63 \cdot 5$
220	23	3.2E011	$2^53^25^217 \dots$	273	17	4.8E007	$2^83^55^2 \dots$
221	12	247380	$2^23 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 19 \dots$	274	25	1.4E014	$2^63^45 \cdot 7 \dots$
222	12	170240	$2^85 \cdot 7 \cdot 19$	275	12	142848	$2^93^2 \dots$
223	43	2.8E023	$2^{14}3^85 \cdot 7^213 \dots$	276	7	3204	$2^23^2 \dots$
224	5	248	$2^3 \dots$	277	94	4.5E063	$2^{38}3^{13}5^47^311 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \dots$
225	18	5.8E007	$2^83^47 \cdot 13 \dots$	278	60	1.4E038	$2^{48}3^25^27 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 19 \dots$
226	48	6.7E028	$2^{26}3^25^513^2 \dots$	279	9	5148	$2^23^211 \cdot 13$
227	119	3.4E081	$2^{56}3^{14}5^77^513^217 \cdot 19^4 \dots$	280	7	992	$2^5 \dots$
228	16	3.9E007	$2^63^55 \cdot 7 \dots$	281	115	7.7E078	$2^{48}3^{11}5^97^211^317^2 \dots$
229	101	1.4E067	$2^{47}3^{12}5^37^211 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19^2 \dots$	282	38	6.2E021	$2^{10}3^75 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 19 \dots$
230	17	3.1E008	$2^{12}3^25 \cdot 19 \dots$	283	236	3.3E179	$2^{78}3^{17}5^{12}7^{11}11^313^217^319 \dots$
231	10	19712	$2^87 \cdot 11$	284	60	1.9E036	$2^{26}3^95 \cdot 7^711 \cdot 13^417 \cdot 19 \dots$
232	32	4.9E017	$2^83^45^37^219 \dots$	285	20	5.1E009	$2^63^37^213 \dots$
233	57	1.9E035	$2^{30}3^75^611^219 \dots$	286	16	2.5E007	$2^93^2 \dots$
234	10	53760	$2^93 \cdot 5 \cdot 7$	287	41	2.2E022	$2^{25}3^25^611^419 \dots$
235	66	9.1E037	$2^{19}3^55 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 19 \dots$	288	13	184275	$3^45^27 \cdot 13$
236	104	2.9E072	$2^{49}3^{10}5^411^213 \cdot 19 \dots$	289	64	1.1E038	$2^{28}3^{11}5 \cdot 7^411 \cdot 13^219^2 \dots$
237	63	1.0E039	$2^{32}3^{11}5^27^211^213^219^2 \dots$	290	42	4.0E025	$2^{22}3^45 \cdot 7^211^313 \dots$
238	27	1.7E014	$2^73^65 \cdot 13 \cdot 19^2 \dots$	291	36	5.8E018	$2^{18}3^25^27 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \dots$
239	261	4.3E204	$2^{69}3^{16}5^{11}7^511 \cdot 13^417 \cdot 19^3 \dots$	292	10	11970	$2 \cdot 3^25 \cdot 7 \cdot 19$
240	2	8	2^3	293	206	1.7E155	$2^{118}3^{12}5^67^811^213^417 \cdot 19^3 \dots$
241	61	5.3E036	$2^{50}3^85^37^213^217 \cdot 19 \dots$	294	3	16	2^4
242	5	49	7^2	295	117	4.4E079	$2^{30}3^{11}5^27^313^419^2 \dots$
243	31	2.6E016	$2^{19}3 \cdot 5^37^313 \cdot 19^2 \dots$	296	13	5.6E006	$2 \cdot 3^319 \dots$
244	20	4.3E009	$2^{11}3^65 \cdot 7 \dots$	297	10	13888	$2^67 \dots$
245	23	8.6E011	$2^{16}3^613 \cdot 19 \dots$	298	163	2.4E119	$2^{90}3^{23}5^57^511 \cdot 13^419 \dots$
246	28	1.6E014	$2^{21}3 \cdot 5^211 \dots$	299	43	4.8E023	$2^{23}3^47 \cdot 19 \dots$
247	7	496	$2^4 \dots$	300	11	73440	$2^53^35 \cdot 17$
248	10	16632	$2^33^37 \cdot 11$	301	34	1.2E018	$2^{12}3^75 \cdot 11 \cdot 19 \dots$
249	36	1.1E019	$2^{14}3^311^219 \dots$	302	37	1.2E021	$2^{30}5 \cdot 7^211 \cdot 19 \dots$
250	30	1.0E016	$2^{17}3^37 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \dots$	303	176	7.0E129	$2^{130}3^85^97^611^313^317^219^2 \dots$
251	97	7.1E065	$2^{35}3^{14}5^47^211^419 \dots$	304	8	4340	$2^25 \cdot 7 \dots$
252	9	13872	$2 \cdot 5 \cdot 19 \dots$	305	21	7.3E010	$2^63^35^37 \cdot 11^213 \dots$
253	42	9.0E020	$2^{14}3^55^27 \cdot 13^217 \cdot 19^3 \dots$	306	6	360	2^33^25
254	5	96	2^53	307	64	6.1E038	$2^{10}3^75^37 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \dots$
255	20	1.2E010	$2^{18}3 \dots$	308	12	1.0E006	$2^43 \cdot 19 \dots$
256	10	7280	$2^45 \cdot 7 \cdot 13$	309	70	2.4E043	$2^{32}3^75^47^211^619 \dots$
257	27	7.4E013	$2^93^45^517 \dots$	310	7	256	2^8
258	27	3.0E014	$2^83^57 \cdot 11^3 \dots$	311	198	1.3E148	$2^{67}3^{21}5^87^411^513^217^219^2 \dots$
259	29	1.5E016	$2^{10}3^25 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 19 \dots$	312	7	1736	$2^37 \dots$
260	19	1.0E009	$2^{13}3 \cdot 7 \cdot 19 \dots$	313	76	1.4E048	$2^{36}3^95^27^611 \cdot 13^419^2 \dots$
261	36	5.7E019	$2^43^25 \cdot 7 \cdot 11^319 \dots$	314	76	8.6E048	$2^{19}3^55 \cdot 7 \cdot 11^419 \dots$
262	187	2.1E139	$2^{72}3^{22}5^{10}7^811^513^217^319^4 \dots$	315	8	2496	$2^63 \cdot 13$
263	96	1.4E061	$2^{30}3^{11}5^47^411 \cdot 13 \cdot 19^2 \dots$	316	30	1.4E016	$2^{16}3^55^27^2 \dots$
264	9	9176	$2^3 \dots$	317	81	3.5E052	$2^{33}3^{10}5^67 \cdot 11^213 \cdot 19^2 \dots$
265	28	1.5E014	$2^93^35 \cdot 7^211 \cdot 17^2 \dots$	318	65	1.0E041	$2^{18}3^45 \cdot 7^317^319 \dots$

TABLE 4. (continued)

n	$\tilde{m}(n)$	$\tilde{k}(n)$	n	$\tilde{m}(n)$	$\tilde{k}(n)$		
319	42	6.5E022	$2^{20}3^{25}5^37 \cdot 13^3 \dots$	360	8	4369	$17 \dots$
320	7	1023	$3 \cdot 11 \dots$	361	19	1.5E008	$2^73^{27}2 \dots$
321	48	3.1E028	$2^{31}3^{67}4^{11} \dots$	362	53	7.6E032	$2^{23}3^45^{27}2^{11} \cdot 13 \cdot 19^2 \dots$
322	35	3.9E019	$2^{11}3^{25} \cdot 13^219 \dots$	363	10	12544	2^87^2
323	30	7.6E014	$2^{17}3^{35}2^7 \cdot 11^2 \dots$	364	13	551880	$2^33^{35} \cdot 7 \dots$
324	10	10080	$2^53^25 \cdot 7$	365	42	1.7E024	$2^{15}3^65^37^213 \cdot 17 \dots$
325	34	1.5E018	$2^{15}3^{47} \cdot 13^219^2 \dots$	366	15	1.0E007	$2^{10}5 \dots$
326	67	1.4E043	$2^{33}3^{115}5^75^{19}4 \dots$	367	146	1.5E105	$2^{65}3^{215}3^76^{115}13^317 \cdot 19^4 \dots$
327	45	1.8E026	$2^{24}3^75^37^313^219^2 \dots$	368	15	1.0E007	$2^73 \cdot 5 \dots$
328	34	5.6E018	$2^{23}3^35^27 \cdot 11 \cdot 19 \dots$	369	35	5.1E020	$2^{18}3^45^27 \dots$
329	41	6.2E022	$2^{32}3^4 \dots$	370	7	768	2^83
330	26	3.9E013	$2^63^47^211 \cdot 13^217 \cdot 19 \dots$	371	34	4.1E018	$2^{15}3^25 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \dots$
331	20	8.4E008	$2^{13}3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 19$	372	7	1530	$2 \cdot 3^25 \cdot 17$
332	20	3.5E009	$2^93^25^27 \cdot 17 \dots$	373	145	4.3E103	$2^{56}3^{28}5^47^611 \cdot 13^417 \cdot 19 \dots$
333	29	2.4E015	$2^{11}3 \cdot 7^211^319^2 \dots$	374	32	2.2E017	$2^{13}3^35 \dots$
334	126	3.9E087	$2^{49}3^{18}5^37^511^217 \cdot 19^2 \dots$	375	25	5.0E012	$2^{19}3^25 \cdot 7 \cdot 13^2 \dots$
335	69	4.0E043	$2^{36}3^95^27^611^213^217 \cdot 19 \dots$	376	64	5.6E037	$2^{16}3^55^27 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 19 \dots$
336	2	6	$2 \cdot 3$	377	68	9.3E043	$2^{40}3^55^47^411 \cdot 13^319^3 \dots$
337	43	1.9E024	$2^93^55 \cdot 7^413 \cdot 19^2 \dots$	378	7	2912	$2^57 \cdot 13$
338	32	1.3E018	$2^{21}3^25^27^417 \dots$	379	67	6.4E041	$2^{25}3^{13}5 \cdot 7^219^2 \dots$
339	107	3.6E073	$2^{42}3^{13}5^47^311^513 \cdot 17^219^5 \dots$	380	15	4.3E007	$2^83^37^2 \dots$
340	10	22680	$2^33^45 \cdot 7$	381	9	3072	$2^{10}3$
341	7	384	2^73	382	99	8.3E066	$2^{38}3^{18}5^57^211^413^617^319 \dots$
342	10	63240	$2^33 \cdot 5 \cdot 17 \dots$	383	250	9.4E191	$2^{88}3^{24}5^{13}7^{10}11^213^417^219^3 \dots$
343	34	1.3E016	$2^93^45^311^213 \cdot 19 \dots$	384	6	341	$11 \dots$
344	18	1.2E009	$2^93 \cdot 5^37 \cdot 17 \dots$	385	14	948024	$2^33^47 \cdot 11 \cdot 19$
345	35	3.6E019	$2^{12}3 \cdot 7 \cdot 13^219 \dots$	386	81	4.3E053	$2^{33}3^65^47^513 \cdot 17^219 \dots$
346	213	1.2E160	$2^{63}3^{20}5^67^611^713^419^4 \dots$	387	28	6.8E014	$2^{17}3^35 \cdot 7 \cdot 11^219^2 \dots$
347	127	4.0E088	$2^{38}3^{10}5^47^311^213 \cdot 19^3 \dots$	388	66	1.9E041	$2^{23}3^55^47^213 \cdot 17^3 \dots$
348	22	2.8E011	$2^93 \cdot 5 \dots$	389	296	4.9E232	$2^{92}3^{30}5^{15}7^311 \cdot 17^319^6 \dots$
349	188	3.5E140	$2^{86}3^{29}5^77^811^413^217^319^7 \dots$	390	12	389120	$2^{12}5 \cdot 19$
350	16	3.7E007	$2^73^613 \dots$	391	34	3.9E018	$2^{15}3^25 \cdot 7^211 \cdot 13 \dots$
351	19	1.7E009	$2^73 \cdot 5 \cdot 11 \cdot 19 \dots$	392	20	2.9E009	$2^{12}3^319^2 \dots$
352	5	93	$3 \dots$	393	205	9.1E153	$2^{65}3^{13}5^{12}7^{10}11^317^219^2 \dots$
353	263	1.4E201	$2^{74}3^{27}5^{13}7^{10}11^313^417 \cdot 19^7 \dots$	394	47	2.8E028	$2^{10}3^85 \cdot 7^213 \cdot 17 \dots$
354	69	3.4E041	$2^{39}3^47^211 \cdot 13 \cdot 19^2 \dots$	395	63	1.2E039	$2^{42}3^77 \cdot 13 \cdot 19 \dots$
355	42	1.6E024	$2^{16}3^75 \cdot 7^311 \cdot 19 \dots$	396	10	22320	$2^43^25 \dots$
356	9	9568	$2^513 \dots$	397	124	8.0E082	$2^{43}3^{10}5^47^313^219 \dots$
357	10	5120	$2^{10}5$	398	37	6.5E018	$2^{18}3^35^519 \dots$
358	74	2.8E048	$2^{22}3^85 \cdot 7^419^3 \dots$	399	5	57	$3 \cdot 19$
359	166	1.1E120	$2^{47}3^{15}5^77^{10}11^213^417 \cdot 19^7 \dots$	400	7	81	3^4

TABLE 5. Summary of the behaviour of $\sigma^{i+1}(n)/\sigma^i(n)$
and $(\sigma^i(n))^{1/i}$ (See text for column headings.)

n	j_1	α_1	β_1	$\beta_1/\log j_1$	j_2	α_2	β_2	$\beta_2/\log j_2$
2	146	6.2437	4.8927	0.98176	263	7.8129	5.7938	1.03978
5	144	6.8248	4.9610	0.99822	262	7.3602	5.8341	1.04773
16	143	6.3581	5.0681	1.02120	260	7.2318	5.9191	1.06445
19	140	6.2237	5.2215	1.05663	257	7.4125	6.0250	1.08576
27	138	6.6011	5.3063	1.07692	256	7.4307	6.0797	1.09640
29	143	6.9807	5.0686	1.02131	260	7.3834	5.9227	1.06511
33	142	6.3337	5.1231	1.03375	259	7.6907	5.9330	1.06770
49	142	6.8223	5.0856	1.02619	260	7.3791	5.9128	1.06332
50	141	7.1219	5.1384	1.03831	258	7.7576	5.9640	1.07403
52	140	6.3248	5.2049	1.05328	257	8.3219	6.0347	1.08752
66	139	6.4359	5.2554	1.06504	255	7.4043	6.0885	1.09876
81	140	6.9101	5.1895	1.05016	257	8.1663	6.0044	1.08205
85	143	6.7800	5.0216	1.01183	260	7.8790	5.8813	1.05765
105	141	7.0380	5.1771	1.04614	258	7.9647	5.9891	1.07854
146	138	6.0071	5.3216	1.08003	255	7.1539	6.1125	1.10309
147	139	6.6003	5.2756	1.06914	256	8.1533	6.0440	1.08996
163	139	7.1172	5.2817	1.07037	256	7.4892	6.0688	1.09443
170	138	6.8193	5.3547	1.08675	255	7.7101	6.1182	1.10411
189	138	6.9452	5.3358	1.08291	256	8.1988	6.0853	1.09741
197	139	6.6808	5.2831	1.07065	256	8.0667	6.0462	1.09036
199	139	5.9943	5.2720	1.06841	256	7.5814	6.0618	1.09317

TABLE 6. Smallest value of i for which $d \mid \sigma^i(n)$,
for given d (See text for full explanation.)

n	j_2	"hard" divisors d							
		239	283	293	347	353	359	383	389
2	263	290							370*
5	262	290				275			293*
16	260	346*				274	265		296
19	257	307*							295
27	256	295*		287					
29	260	287	271				262		301*
33	259	322*							
49	260			295					299*
50	258		261			268*			265
52	257	323*							297
66	255	263							285*
81	257	352*				307		271	278
85	260					264*			262
105	258	281*							
146	255	281			316*				263
147	256	300				285		293	328*
163	256								266*
170	255			283*					
189	256	303						282	305*
197	256			285		257			289*
199	256	292*							276

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