

ON A PROBLEM OF STÖRMER

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1. Introduction

Let $q_1 < q_2 < \cdots < q_t$ be a given set of t primes, and let Q be the set of all numbers

$$q_1^{\alpha_1} q_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots q_t^{\alpha_t} \quad (\alpha_i \geq 0, \quad i = 1(1)t)$$

generated by these primes. We consider the question of finding pairs $(S, S + 1)$ of consecutive integers such that both S and $S + 1$ belong to Q . Since it is obvious that no such pair exists unless $q_1 = 2$, we are at the same time asking about those members of Q which are triangular numbers. Interest in such pairs dates back to the 18th century and seems to have been awakened by their usefulness in calculating logarithms of integers to great accuracy. Gauss notes for example that

$$9800 = 2^3 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7^2, \quad 9801 = 3^4 \cdot 11^2.$$

Such pairs lead to sets of "nearly" dependent logarithms of primes. For instance the number

$$\begin{aligned} K &= \log 63927525376 - \log 63927525375 \\ &= 13 \log 2 - 3 \log 3 - 3 \log 5 - 7 \log 7 \\ &\quad + 4 \log 11 + \log 13 - \log 23 + \log 41, \end{aligned}$$

which cannot be zero because of the unique factorization theorem, is, however, less than $1.56427 \cdot 10^{-11}$.

Another use for such pairs is in finding particular solutions of diophantine equations of the form

$$Ax^n - By^m = 1.$$

For example the equation

$$x^2 - 14y^3 = 1$$

has the solution $(55, 6)$ because of the pair $(3024, 3025)$. In a recent proof of some results on the distribution of consecutive pairs of higher residues, many hundreds of such pairs were used with t ranging up to 32 [1].

The problem proposed and solved by Størmer [2] is that of finding *all* pairs $(S, S + 1)$ both belonging to the given set Q . He showed that there are indeed only a finite number of such pairs, and that they can be found in a nontentative way by solving $3^t - 2^t$ Pell equations. He gave all 23 pairs that go with the set

$$Q : 2^{\alpha_1} 3^{\alpha_2} 5^{\alpha_3} 7^{\alpha_4}.$$

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It follows from Størmer's procedure that the number of pairs cannot exceed $3^t - 2^t$.

The mere finiteness of the number of such pairs follows from the celebrated theorem of Thue as Thue [7] himself noted in 1908. However this non-constructive argument fails to furnish the actual pairs. An upper bound of $3^{2^{t+1}}$ for the number of pairs follows from "certain results on diophantine cubics" according to a recent remark of Nagell [3].

The large number of Pell equations required by Størmer's method makes it impractical except for very limited values of t . The purpose of this paper is to present an alternative to Størmer's algorithm requiring the solution of only $2^t - 1$ Pell equations. It follows from the new procedure that the number of pairs cannot exceed $(q_t + 1)(2^t - 1)/2$ when $q_t > 3$. It is also possible to give an upper limit for the largest possible pair in terms of the given q 's.

Størmer's procedure depends on his interesting lemma to the effect that if $x^2 - Dy^2 = 1$, and if all the prime factors of y divide D , then (x, y) is the fundamental solution of this Pell equation. The present method makes use of the multiple solutions of the Pell equation and their characteristic prime factors. The theory [4] is that of Lucas's function U_n , but in this particular case rather more can be proved in a simpler self-contained elementary treatment.

Although in the present method the number of Pell equations to be solved is drastically reduced, a complete set of pairs corresponding to a given set Q still may represent a great deal of calculation, with quite large numbers appearing frequently. We have made these calculations for the most useful case in which q_i is the i^{th} prime and $t = 13$, that is, for the set

$$q_1 = 2, \quad q_2 = 3, \quad q_3 = 5, \quad \dots, \quad q_{13} = 41.$$

The results are tabulated with the expectation that they will be of future use.

The computer used was the IBM 704 at the University of California Computer Center at Berkeley.

2. The Lucas function U_n

The exact procedure for solving Størmer's problem is contained in Theorem 1. The proof of the theorem justifying the procedure is approached by way of five lemmas dealing with the multiple solutions of the Pell equation

$$(1) \quad x^2 - Dy^2 = 1.$$

It is assumed that the reader is familiar with the classical method of finding the fundamental or least positive solution (x_1, y_1) of (1) by means of the continued fraction expansion of the square root of D (see [5]). The n^{th} multiple solution (x_n, y_n) is then given by

$$x_n + y_n\sqrt{D} = (x_1 + y_1\sqrt{D})^n \quad (n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots).$$

For brevity we write

$$\alpha = x_1 + y_1\sqrt{D}, \quad \beta = x_1 - y_1\sqrt{D},$$

so that

$$\alpha + \beta = 2x_1, \quad \alpha\beta = 1, \quad \alpha - \beta = 2y_1\sqrt{D},$$

and

$$2x_n = \alpha^n + \beta^n, \quad 2y_n\sqrt{D} = \alpha^n - \beta^n.$$

We also introduce

$$U_n = y_n/y_1 = (\alpha^n - \beta^n)/(\alpha - \beta).$$

It will be convenient later to introduce the number M defined by

$$M = \max(3, (q_t + 1)/2).$$

The following identities are easily verified

$$(2) \quad x_{2n} = 2x_n^2 - 1,$$

$$(3) \quad U_{2n} = 2x_n U_n,$$

$$(4) \quad x_{m \pm n} = x_m x_n \pm D y_m y_n,$$

$$(5) \quad U_{m \pm n} = x_n U_m \pm x_m U_n,$$

$$(6) \quad U_n = \sum_{i \geq 0} \binom{n}{2i+1} D^i y_1^{2i} x_1^{n-1-2i},$$

$$(7) \quad x_n = \sum_{i \geq 0} \binom{n}{2i} D^i y_1^{2i} x_1^{n-2i},$$

$$(8) \quad U_{mn} = \sum_{i \geq 0} \binom{n}{2i+1} D^i U_m^{2i+1} y_1^{2i} x_m^{n-1-2i}.$$

Let $p \geq 2$ be a prime, and let $w(p) = w$ be the ‘‘rank of apparition’’ of p in the sequence $\{U_n\}$, that is, the least positive j for which U_j is divisible by p . Lemma 1 shows that w exists. By (5) we see that the set of all subscripts j for which p divides U_j is a module. Hence p divides U_n if and only if w divides n .

LEMMA 1 (Law of Apparition). $w(2) = 2$; $w(p) = p$ if p divides Dy_1 . For any other prime p , $w(p)$ divides $(p - \varepsilon)/2$, where

$$\varepsilon = \left(\frac{D}{p}\right) \equiv D^{(p-1)/2} \pmod{p}.$$

Proof. $U_1 = 1$, $U_2 = 2x_1$. Hence $w(2) = 2$. If p divides Dy_1 , then (6) gives

$$(9) \quad U_n \equiv nx_1^{n-1} \pmod{p}.$$

Since

$$x_1^2 = 1 + Dy_1^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{p},$$

it follows from (9) that U_p is the first U to be divisible by p . Finally suppose $p > 2$, and p does not divide Dy_1 . Then (6) gives for $n = p$

$$(10) \quad U_p \equiv D^{(p-1)/2} y_1^{p-1} \equiv \varepsilon \pmod{p},$$

because of the divisibility of the binomial coefficients by p . Similarly (7) gives

$$(11) \quad x_p \equiv x_1^p \equiv x_1 \pmod{p}.$$

Using (5), (10), and (11) we have

$$\begin{aligned} U_{p-\varepsilon} &= U_p x_1 - \varepsilon x_p \equiv x_1 \{U_p - \varepsilon\} \equiv 0 \pmod{p}, \\ x_{p-\varepsilon} &= x_p x_1 - \varepsilon D y_p y_1 \equiv x_1^2 - \varepsilon^2 D y_1^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{p}. \end{aligned}$$

Now by (2)

$$2x_{(p-\varepsilon)/2}^2 - 1 = x_{p-\varepsilon} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}.$$

Hence p does not divide $x_{(p-\varepsilon)/2}$. But by (3)

$$2x_{(p-\varepsilon)/2} U_{(p-\varepsilon)/2} \equiv U_{p-\varepsilon} \equiv 0 \pmod{p}.$$

Thus p divides $U_{(p-\varepsilon)/2}$. By the remark preceding the lemma, $w(p)$ divides $(p - \varepsilon)/2$.

LEMMA 2. *Let $p > 3$ be a prime dividing Dy_1 . Then $U_p \equiv p \pmod{p^2}$.*

Proof. By (6), with $n = p$,

$$U_p \equiv px_1^{p-1} + \binom{p}{3} Dy_1^2 x_1^{p-3} \pmod{Dy_1^2}.$$

Since $p > 3$, and since p divides Dy_1 but not x_1 , we have

$$U_p \equiv px_1^{p-1} \equiv p \pmod{p^2}.$$

The condition $p > 3$ is necessary since $U_3 = 15$ if $D = 3$ and $U_3 = 99$ if $D = 6$.

LEMMA 3 (Law of Repetition). *Let $\lambda \geq 0$, and let k be an integer not divisible by the prime p . Let p^a , $a > 0$, be the highest power of p dividing U_m . Then the highest power of p dividing U_{kmp^λ} is $p^{a+\lambda}$.*

Proof. It is clearly sufficient to establish the lemma for $\lambda = 0$ and $\lambda = 1$ as the rest follows by repeated application of the case $\lambda = 1$.

For $\lambda = 0$ we set $n = k$ in (8) and obtain

$$U_{km} \equiv kU_m x_m^{k-1} \pmod{U_m^3}.$$

Since U_m and x_m are relatively prime, it follows that U_{km} and U_m contain the same highest power, p^a , of p . For $\lambda = 1$ we set $n = kp$ in (8) and obtain

$$U_{kmp} \equiv kpU_m x_m^{kp-1} \pmod{U_m^3}.$$

This shows that U_{kmp} is divisible by p^{a+1} but not by p^{a+2} .

3. The function G_n

We now introduce a factor G_n of U_n defined as follows

$$\begin{aligned} G_1 &= 1, \\ G_2 &= \alpha + \beta = 2x_1 = U_2, \\ G_3 &= \alpha^2 + \alpha\beta + \beta^2 = U_3, \end{aligned}$$

and in general for $n > 1$

$$G_n = \prod_h \{ \alpha - \beta \exp(2\pi ih/n) \}$$

where h ranges over all $\phi(n)$ numbers $< n$ and prime to n . It is clear that G_n is an integer, being a symmetric function of α and β and of the primitive n^{th} roots of unity. In fact

$$U_n = \prod_{\delta|n} G_\delta$$

where the product ranges over the divisors of n . We distinguish two kinds of prime factors of G_n . A prime factor of G_n which divides n is called *intrinsic*. The other prime factors of G_n are called *extrinsic*.

LEMMA 4. *If G_n has an intrinsic prime factor p , then p is the largest prime factor of n . If $n > 3$, G_n is not divisible by p^2 .*

Proof. Let d be the greatest common divisor of G_n and n . If $d = 1$, there is nothing to prove. If $d > 1$, let p be any prime factor of d , and let $w = w(p)$ be the rank of apparition of p in the sequence U . Since p divides G_n and hence U_n , it follows that w divides n . Let

$$n = kwp^\lambda \quad (\lambda \geq 0, \quad p \nmid k).$$

We first show that $k = 1$. In fact if $k > 1$, the integer

$$U_n/U_{n/k} = \prod_{\delta|n, \delta \nmid n/k} G_\delta$$

is divisible by G_n and hence by p . But by the Law of Repetition (Lemma 3), $U_n/U_{n/k}$ is not divisible by p . Hence $k = 1$, and

$$n = wp^\lambda \quad (\lambda \geq 0).$$

By Lemma 1, $p \geq w$. Thus p is the largest prime factor of n . It remains to show that if $n > 3$, G_n is not divisible by p^2 . Suppose the contrary, and suppose that $\lambda > 0$. Then the ratio

$$U_{wp^\lambda}/U_{wp^{\lambda-1}}$$

would be divisible by G_n and hence by p^2 . But Lemma 3 denies this. Hence $\lambda = 0$ and $n = w$. Since $p | n$, $p \leq w$. But $p \geq w$. Hence $p = w = n > 3$. By Lemma 2, $G_n = G_p = U_p$ is not divisible by p^2 . This establishes the lemma.

LEMMA 5. *If $n > 3$, y_n is divisible by a prime $\geq 2n - 1$.*

Proof. Let

$$n = \prod_{i=1}^t p_i^{\alpha_i}$$

be the factorization of n into its prime factors of which the prime p_t is the largest. Then

$$\phi(n) = \prod_{i=1}^t p_i^{\alpha_i-1} (p_i - 1) \geq p_t - 1.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} |G_n| &= \prod_h |\alpha - \beta \exp(2\pi i h/n)| > (\alpha - \beta)^{\phi(n)} \\ &= (2y_1\sqrt{D})^{\phi(n)} > 2^{p_t-1} \geq p_t. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by Lemma 4, G_n has an extrinsic prime factor p^* . Let $w = w(p^*)$ be rank of apparition of p^* . Since p^* divides G_n and hence U_n , w divides n . Suppose, if possible, that $w < n$, so that G_n divides the integer

$$U_n/U_w = \prod_{\delta|n, \delta \nmid w} G_\delta.$$

Then p^* divides this ratio. But p^* , being extrinsic, does not divide n or w and so, by Lemma 3, U_n/U_w is not divisible by p^* . This contradiction proves that $w = n$. But then $p^* \neq w$ since p^* does not divide n . Therefore by Lemma 1, w , and hence n , divides $\frac{1}{2}(p^* \pm 1)$. Thus $p^* \geq 2n - 1$. But p^* divides G_n , which divides U_n , which in turn divides $y_n = U_n y_1$. This proves the lemma.

4. The procedure

We are now in a position to prove the following theorem.

THEOREM 1. *Let*

$$2 = q_1 < q_2 < \dots < q_t$$

be a given set of t primes. Let Q be the set of numbers of the form

$$q_1^{\alpha_1} q_2^{\alpha_2} \dots q_t^{\alpha_t} \quad (\alpha_i \geq 0, \quad i = 1(1)t),$$

and let Q' be the subset of all $2^t - 1$ square-free members of Q with the exception of 2. Let S be an integer such that both S and $S + 1$ belongs to Q . Then $S = (x_n - 1)/2$ where (x_n, y_n) is a solution of the Pell equation

$$(12) \quad x^2 - 2\Delta y^2 = 1$$

in which

$$(13) \quad \Delta \in Q', \quad 1 \leq n \leq M, \quad y_n \in Q.$$

Conversely, if (x_n, y_n) is a solution of (12) subject to conditions (13), then $S = (x_n - 1)/2$ and $S + 1$ both belong to Q .

Proof. Suppose first that (x_n, y_n) satisfies (12) and (13). Then, since x_n is odd and y_n is even,

$$S(S + 1) = (x_n^2 - 1)/4 = 2\Delta(y_n/2)^2 \in Q.$$

On the other hand, suppose that $S(S + 1) \in Q$, so that

$$(14) \quad S(S + 1) = 2q_1^{\alpha_1} q_2^{\alpha_2} \dots q_t^{\alpha_t}$$

where

$$\alpha_i = \varepsilon_i + 2\beta_i, \quad \varepsilon_i = 0, 1 \quad (i = 1(1)t).$$

Furthermore let

$$x = 2S + 1, \quad y = 2q_1^{\beta_1} q_2^{\beta_2} \cdots q_t^{\beta_t} \in Q, \quad \Delta = q_1^{\varepsilon_1} q_2^{\varepsilon_2} \cdots q_t^{\varepsilon_t} \in Q'.$$

Multiplying (14) by 4 we see that

$$4S^2 + 4S = x^2 - 1 = 2\Delta y^2.$$

Hence each such S leads to some solution (x, y) of (12) in which y and Δ belong to Q and Q' respectively. As is well known, (x, y) must be (x_n, y_n) for some $n \geq 1$. It remains to show that $n \leq M$.

Suppose, instead, that $n > M$. Applying Lemma 5 we conclude that y_n is divisible by a prime p such that

$$p \geq 2n - 1 > 2M - 1 \geq q_t.$$

Hence y_n is not a member of Q , contrary to fact. Thus $n \leq M$.

Størmer considered also the question of finding two members of Q differing by 2, and Nagell [3] that of two members of Q differing by 4. The present method extends to both these cases. In fact we have the following counterparts of Theorem 1.

THEOREM 2. *Let*

$$q_1 < q_2 < \cdots < q_t$$

be a given set of t primes, and let Q be the set of numbers generated by them. Let Q' be the subset of all square-free members of Q . Let S be a number such that both S and $S + 2$ belong to Q . Then $S = x_n - 1$ where (x_n, y_n) is a solution of the Pell equation

$$(15) \quad x^2 - Dy^2 = 1$$

in which

$$(16) \quad 1 < D \in Q', \quad 1 \leq n \leq M, \quad y_n \in Q.$$

Conversely, if (x_n, y_n) is a solution of (15) subject to (16), then both $S = x_n - 1$ and $S + 2$ belong to Q .

THEOREM 3. *Let*

$$q_1 < \cdots < q_t$$

be a set of odd primes, and let Q be the set of numbers generated by them. Let Q' denote the set of all square-free members of Q of the form $8m + 5$. If both S and $S + 4$ belong to Q , then $S = \xi_n - 2$ where (ξ_n, η_n) is the n^{th} solution, in order of magnitude, of the equation

$$(17) \quad \xi^2 - D\eta^2 = 4$$

where

$$(18) \quad D \in Q' \text{ and is such that (17) has a solution in odd integers } (\xi, \eta), \\ 1 \leq n \leq M, \quad n \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}, \quad \eta_n \in Q.$$

Conversely, if (ξ_n, η_n) is a solution of (17) in odd integers subject to (18), then $S = \xi_n - 2$ and $S + 4$ both belong to Q .

The proofs of Theorems 2 and 3 are similar to that of Theorem 1. In each case use is made of Lemma 5.

5. Bounds

These theorems give immediately upper bounds for the number of numbers S such that S and $S + d$ have their prime factors taken from a set of t primes for $d = 1, 2, 4$. In fact this number cannot exceed M times the number of Pell equations involved. Thus we have

THEOREM 4. For $d = 1, 2$, let $N_d(t)$ denote the number of pairs of numbers differing by d whose product has its prime factors restricted to a given set of t primes of which the largest is q_t . Then

$$N_d(t) \leq M(2^t - 1).$$

THEOREM 5. Let $N_4(t)$ denote the number of pairs of odd numbers differing by 4 whose product has its prime factors taken from a set of odd primes

$$(19) \quad q_1 < q_2 < \cdots < q_t.$$

Then

$$N_4(t) \leq h2^t(M + \frac{1}{2})/3$$

where $h = \frac{1}{2}$ if the set (19) contains a prime of the form $8n + 5$ and at least one prime of the form $8n + 3$ or $8n + 7$; $h = 1$ if (19) contains at least one prime of the form $8n + 5$ but no prime of the form $8n + 3$ or $8n + 7$; $h = \frac{1}{2}$ if (19) contains primes of both forms $8m + 3$ and $8m + 7$ but no prime of the form $8m + 5$; and finally $h = 0$ otherwise.

It is possible to use Theorems 1, 2, 3 to obtain upper bounds for the largest pairs. For this we use a theorem of Hua [6]:

THEOREM 6. Let D be a positive nonsquare integer congruent to 0 or 1 modulo 4. Let (ξ_1, η_1) be the least positive solution of the equation

$$(20) \quad \xi^2 - D\eta^2 = 4.$$

Let

$$\theta = \frac{1}{2}(\xi_1 + \eta_1\sqrt{D}).$$

Then

$$\log \theta < \frac{1}{2}(2 + \log D)\sqrt{D}.$$

LEMMA 6. Let D be a positive nonsquare integer, and let (x_n, y_n) be the

n^{th} multiple solution of (1). If $D \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4}$, let (ξ_n, η_n) be the n^{th} solution of (20). Then

$$(21) \quad \log(x_n + y_n\sqrt{D}) < n(2 + \log(4D))\sqrt{D},$$

$$(22) \quad \log\left\{\frac{1}{2}(\xi_n + \eta_n\sqrt{D})\right\} < \frac{n}{2}(2 + \log D)\sqrt{D}.$$

Proof. The inequality (22) is an immediate consequence of Theorem 6 and the fact that

$$\frac{1}{2}(\xi_n + \eta_n\sqrt{D}) = \theta^n.$$

To prove (21) we note that $(2x, y)$ is a solution of $\xi^2 - 4D\eta^2 = 4$ if and only if (x, y) is a solution of (1). Therefore

$$\log(x_n + y_n\sqrt{D}) = n \log(x_1 + y_1\sqrt{D}) = n \log\left\{\frac{1}{2}(2x_1 + y_1\sqrt{4D})\right\}.$$

Applying Theorem 6 with D replaced by $4D$ gives

$$\log(x_n + y_n\sqrt{D}) < n(2 + \log(4D))\sqrt{D}.$$

We can now easily prove the following inequalities.

THEOREM 7. *Let S_1 be the largest S such that $S(S+1)$ has all its prime factors taken from the set*

$$q_1 < q_2 < \cdots < q_t.$$

Then

$$\log S_1 < M\{2 + \log(8P)\}\sqrt{(2P)} - \log 4$$

where

$$P = q_1 q_2 \cdots q_t.$$

Proof. By Theorem 1, S_1 will correspond to some value of 2Δ with $\Delta \in Q'$ (so that $\Delta \leq P$), and to some value of $n \leq M$. Hence

$$2S_1 = x_n - 1 < \frac{1}{2}(x_n + y_n\sqrt{(2\Delta)}) \leq \frac{1}{2}(x_M + y_M\sqrt{(2\Delta)}).$$

By (21)

$$\log 4 + \log S_1 < M(2 + \log 8\Delta)\sqrt{(2\Delta)}.$$

The theorem now follows from the inequality $\Delta \leq P$.

THEOREM 8. *Let S_2 be the largest S such that $S(S+2)$ has all its prime factors taken from the set*

$$3 \leq q_1 < q_2 < \cdots < q_t.$$

Then

$$\log S_2 < M\{2 + \log(4P)\}\sqrt{P} - \log 2$$

where

$$P = q_1 q_2 \cdots q_t.$$

This is proved in the same way from Theorem 2 and (21).

THEOREM 9. *Let S_4 be the largest S such that $S(S+4)$ has all its prime*

factors taken from the set

$$3 \leq q_1 < q_2 < \dots < q_t.$$

Then, if S_4 exists,

$$\log S_4 < M'[\log 2 + \frac{1}{2}(2 + \log P')\sqrt{P'}] - \log 2$$

where P' is the largest product of q 's that is congruent to 5 modulo 8 and M' is the largest integer $\leq (q_t + 1)/2$ not divisible by 3.

This follows from Theorem 3 and (22).

Of course, these inequalities and even those of Theorems 4 and 5 are very weak. The actual values of $N_1(t)$ and $S_1 = S_1(t)$ for the case in which q_t is the k^{th} prime are given for $t \leq 13$ in Table A. In contrast, for $t = 13$, Theorems 4 and 7 give

$$N_1(13) \leq 172011, \quad S_1(13) < 10^{109.925}.$$

TABLE A

t	q_t	$N_1(t)$	$S_1(t)$	t	q_t	$N_1(t)$	$S_1(t)$
1	2	1	1	8	19	167	11859210
2	3	4	8	9	23	241	11859210
3	5	10	80	10	29	345	177182720
4	7	23	4374	11	31	482	1611308699
5	11	40	9800	12	37	653	3463199999
6	13	68	123200	13	41	869	63927525375
7	17	108	336140				

6. Remarks on procedure

The following remarks may be of use to the reader who may wish to apply Theorems 1, 2, or 3 to a given set of q 's. Tables of the solutions of the Pell equation are so limited that it becomes necessary to use a digital computer except for very small t and q_t . As is well known, solutions of the Pell equation may be exceedingly large even for small D , so one must be prepared for multiprecise arithmetic operations, that is, one must use subroutines which perform addition, multiplication, and square-root of numbers which occupy many hundreds of machine words.

The successive solutions (x_n, y_n) are quickly found recursively by means of the familiar relations

$$x_{m+1} = 2x_1 x_m - x_{m-1}, \quad y_{m+1} = 2x_1 y_m - y_{m-1},$$

once the continued fraction procedure has produced the fundamental solution (x_1, y_1) .

To decide whether or not y_n belongs to Q , it is only necessary to test y_n for divisibility by each of the q_i , removing at each step whatever powers of

q_i it may chance to contain. If at any step the quotient becomes unity, then $y_n \in Q$, if not, $y_n \notin Q$.

Since every y_n is divisible by y_1 , it is useless to examine multiple solutions if y_1 does not belong to Q . More generally, if y_m does not belong to Q , then neither does y_{km} . These facts, incorporated in the routine, eliminate a great deal of multiprecise testing of large y 's for membership in Q .

In dealing with the very large values of D that the method requires, one is running the risk of having an intolerably long period in the continued fraction for \sqrt{D} . Indeed it is not uncommon for the period to be more than \sqrt{D} . In such a case the value of y_1 is apt to exceed

$$\exp \{ \pi^2 \sqrt{D} / \log 4096 \}.$$

Had this occurred for any one of the large values of D encountered in our examination of the case

$$q_1 = 2, \quad q_2 = 3, \quad \dots, \quad q_{13} = 41,$$

we would have had to abandon the project. As it was, the longest period experienced was 7922, the period corresponding to

$$\begin{aligned} D &= 43464323361030 \\ &= 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot 23 \cdot 29 \cdot 31 \cdot 37 \cdot 41. \end{aligned}$$

Apparently, for D a product of small primes, one may expect unusually short periods, a fortunate phenomenon for our method.

If for some D the continued fraction turns out to have a long period, the value of y_1 would be very large, and so it is almost certain that y_1 does not belong to Q . We can find the highest power of each q_i dividing y_1 , without calculating y_1 itself, by simply carrying out the calculation of the convergents of the continued fraction modulo m_1, m_2, \dots where each m is a suitably chosen product of powers of q 's and each m is a single machine word. In this way a great deal of multiprecise arithmetic is avoided. If we know the highest power of q_i contained in y_1 and the length K of the period, it is easy to prove that y_1 must be divisible by some prime greater than q_i . In fact, y_1 exceeds the K^{th} Fibonacci number, which is almost sure to be greater than the product of powers of q_i actually dividing y_1 .

7. Description of tables

We append three tables described as follows.

Table I gives all 869 numbers N greater than 1 such that $N(N-1)$ has no prime factor greater than 41. Table I is divided into two parts. In Table IA the 869 numbers in question are classified according to the largest prime factor of $N(N-1)$. Table IB gives the 251 numbers N greater than 10^5 such that $N(N-1)$ has no prime factor greater than 41 and, for each such N , gives the exponents of the primes in the factorization of $N/(N-1)$.

Thus the entry

N	2	3	5	7	11	13	17	19	23	29	31	37	41
116964	2	4		-3	-1			2				-1	

in Table IB means that

$$116963 = 7^3 \cdot 11 \cdot 31, \quad 116964 = 2^2 \cdot 3^4 \cdot 19^2.$$

Table II gives all 101 odd numbers N greater than 1 such that $N(N - 2)$ has no prime factor greater than 31. In Table IIA these numbers are classified according to the largest prime factor of $N(N - 2)$, while Table IIB gives the factorization of $N/(N - 2)$ for those N greater than 10^5 .

Table III gives all 99 odd numbers N greater than 3 such that $N(N - 4)$ has no prime factor greater than 31. In Table IIIA these numbers are classified according to the largest prime factor of $N(N - 4)$, while Table IIIB gives the factorization of $N/(N - 4)$ for those N greater than 10^5 .

The corresponding factorizations for values of N less than 10^5 can be readily supplied from [8].

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TABLE IA

Integers N greater than 1 such that the largest prime factor of $N(N - 1)$ is the t^{th} prime number, $t \leq 13$

$t = 1$	$t = 2$	$t = 3$	$t = 4$		$t = 5$				
2	3 4 9	5 6 10 16 25 81	7 8 15 21 28 36 49	50 64 126 225 2401 4375	11 12 22 33 45 55 56	99 100 121 176 243 385 441	540 3025 9801		
$t = 6$				$t = 7$					
13	91	364	4225	17	136	442	1225	5832	
14	105	625	6656	18	154	561	1275	12376	
26	144	676	10648	34	170	595	1701	14400	
27	169	729	123201	35	221	715	2058	28561	
40	196	1001		51	256	833	2431	31213	
65	325	1716		52	273	936	2500	37180	
66	351	2080		85	289	1089	2601	194481	
78	352	4096		120	375	1156	4914	336141	
$t = 8$				$t = 9$					
19	343	2432	14365	23	391	1863	8281	71875	
20	361	2926	23409	24	392	2024	8625	75141	
39	400	3136	27456	46	460	2025	10626	76545	
57	456	3250	28900	69	484	2185	11271	104329	
76	476	4200	43681	70	507	2300	11662	122452	
77	495	5776	89376	92	529	2646	12168	126225	
96	513	5929	104976	115	576	2737	16929	152881	
133	969	5985	165376	161	736	3060	19551	202125	
153	1216	6175	228096	162	760	3381	21505	264385	
171	1331	6860	601426	208	875	3520	21736	282625	
190	1445	10241	633556	231	897	3888	23276	328510	
209	1521	10830	709632	253	1105	4693	25025	2023425	
210	1540	12636	5909761	276	1197	4761	25921	4096576	
286	1729	13377	11859211	300	1288	5083	43264	5142501	
324	2376	14080		323	1496	7866	52326		
$t = 10$									
29	145	320	609	1015	1683	2465	3510	5916	9802
30	175	378	638	1045	2001	2640	4641	6670	10557
58	204	406	726	1276	2002	2755	4785	7106	11340
88	232	494	783	1450	2176	2784	4901	7425	12006
116	261	551	784	1596	2205	3249	5104	7889	12673
117	290	552	841	1625	2262	3451	5888	8671	13225

TABLE IA (Continued)

$t = 10$ (continued)								
13311	24795	47125	158950	240787	949026	2697696	96059601	
13312	25840	53361	166635	244036	1163800	4004001	177182721	
13456	27000	72501	168751	303601	1235169	4090625		
19228	30625	83521	176001	410670	1243840	8268800		
20736	30856	87465	176176	418761	1625625	10556001		
23751	35322	136851	184093	613089	1852201	18085705		
$t = 11$								
31	528	1519	5797	11781	29792	116964	453376	3897166
32	589	1520	6076	11935	31465	122265	459173	14753025
63	621	1768	6138	12122	31900	174097	509796	16093000
93	651	1860	6293	13300	32799	175770	773605	76271625
125	714	2016	6325	13455	41262	178126	863940	80061345
155	806	2233	6480	15625	42688	190464	912951	133920000
156	837	2945	6728	17577	49011	207576	1147125	181037025
187	868	2976	7657	19251	58311	212382	1154440	370256250
217	900	3565	7905	19344	78337	227448	1255501	1611308700
248	931	3751	7936	19965	96876	240065	1594176	
280	961	3876	8092	21142	98736	245025	2307361	
341	1024	3969	8464	22816	102487	260338	2310400	
342	1054	4186	8526	23375	108376	268801	2345057	
435	1210	4960	8960	23716	111321	278784	3206269	
465	1365	4992	9425	24025	111476	288145	3301376	
496	1426	5643	10881	27405	116281	314433	3346110	
$t = 12$								
37	741	2553	7696	20350	49248	120176	466830	2598400
38	851	2738	8991	23200	50025	143375	469568	2772225
75	925	2850	9177	26011	55056	155585	494209	2893401
111	962	3146	9251	28750	56203	156066	675584	3930400
112	1000	3220	9361	28861	60606	161875	777925	4765600
148	1036	3256	10693	29601	67600	164836	787176	5538975
185	1184	3367	11914	33264	68783	165649	812890	6615675
186	1296	3553	12321	34225	71485	198912	837200	6770556
222	1332	3626	13690	34596	77441	208495	923521	7105000
260	1369	3627	13950	35816	78625	227070	986272	7475000
297	1444	3774	14652	37962	80920	254449	1000000	7491169
407	1480	4256	15873	38962	82621	285418	1055241	13147876
408	1665	4625	16170	41515	85064	319125	1341250	14080573
481	1666	5291	16576	42625	88320	348726	1510785	21386001
630	1702	5292	17205	43401	93093	360640	1763125	27994681
666	1925	5440	17576	44955	93500	378880	1771561	50481025
667	2109	5625	18241	45696	108780	390166	2085136	71843751
703	2146	6993	19500	47916	108928	443556	2417876	308915776
704	2295	7105	19684	48841	117624	446369	2560845	3463200000

TABLE IA (Continued)

$t = 13$							
41	1395	6273	22100	64125	228781	1050625	9174816
42	1518	6561	22386	70357	243049	1082565	9222500
82	1600	6601	23001	76384	275808	1104376	9458086
124	1681	6930	24150	76875	284376	1152921	10491040
165	1682	7176	24273	81345	330625	1205646	13745537
205	1805	7216	27676	81549	386631	1294371	14235529
246	1886	7750	28126	81796	389500	1319626	19826576
247	1887	8569	29233	82369	395200	1362636	24601600
287	2091	8856	29602	82944	412091	1413721	25836889
288	2255	9472	30381	91840	432345	1437501	25872148
369	2296	10045	31488	101270	453871	1536640	27005265
370	2542	10374	32800	103156	461825	1600313	30138076
451	2584	10660	40426	103936	466089	1729750	30944914
493	2625	11440	40960	106191	476749	1740000	32517265
533	2665	13776	41041	121771	482448	1946721	36315136
575	2871	14145	41328	130340	524800	2185300	40750802
616	3690	14801	41616	134850	536239	2267916	41808151
697	3773	15376	46208	136161	589744	2304324	43075585
780	4060	15457	47151	142885	610204	2351350	85459375
820	4264	16400	48750	151250	638001	2825761	119094300
1025	4551	16524	52480	152685	643126	2829124	132663168
1026	4675	16606	53505	153791	679042	3063808	293635441
1148	4921	17425	56376	156333	728365	3331251	415704576
1189	4961	17836	60516	174825	769120	3453840	876219201
1190	5084	17918	61009	186592	798721	3556996	1075774401
1312	5577	19721	63427	203320	1011840	4588311	45105689161
1353	6069	19845	63714	212381	1048576	5267025	63927525376

TABLE IB

Integers N greater than 100,000 such that $N(N - 1)$ has no prime factor greater than 41, with factorizations of $N/(N - 1)$

N	2	3	5	7	11	13	17	19	23	29	31	37	41
101270	1		1	-1		1	-1	1	-1			-1	1
102487	-1	-1		1	4			-1		-1	-1		
103156	2	-1	-1			-1	1		-2			1	1
103936	9	-1	-1	1		-2				1			-1
104329	-3	-4		-1			2	2	-1				
104976	4	8	-2			-1	-1	-1					
106191	-1	5	-1	-1				1	1			-1	-1
108376	3	-1	-3				-2	1	1		1		
108780	2	1	1	2	-2					-1	-1	1	
108928	7	-2		-2		-1		-1	1			1	
111321	-3	3	-1	1	-2			1	-1		1		
111476	2		-2	-3		-1				1	2		

TABLE IB (Continued)

<i>N</i>	2	3	5	7	11	13	17	19	23	29	31	37	41
116281	-3	-2	-1		2		-1	-1			2		
116964	2	4		-3	-1			2			-1		
117624	3	1			-1	2	-2			1		-1	
120176	4		-2	1	-1			-1	-1	1		1	
121771	-1	-3	-1		-1	1	1	1		1			-1
122265	-3	2	1		1	1	-1	1		-1	-1		
122452	2	-1		-4	3		-1		1				
123201	-6	6	-2	-1	-1	2							
126225	-4	3	2	-3	1		1		-1				
130340	2		1	3	-1		-2	1					-1
134850	1	1	2		-1	-1			-1	1	1		-1
136161	-5	4	-1						-1			-1	2
136851	-1	1	-2	-1	2	1	-1		-1	1			
142885	-2	-6	1	-2			1						2
143375	-1		3	-3	-1			-1			1	1	
151250	1		4	-1	2		-1				-1		-1
152685	-2	4	1	-2		1		-1		1			-1
152881	-4	-1	-1	-2		-1	2		2				
153791	-1		-1	-1	2	-3					1		1
155585	-6		1		-1	-1	-1			2		1	
156066	1	1	-1	-4		-1		1				2	
156333	-2	1			-2		-1	-1			1		2
158950	1	-3	2	-1	1		2			-2			
161875	-1	-2	4	1			-1		-2			1	
164836	2	-4	-1	2	-1					2		-1	
165376	9	-3	-3	-2			1	1					
165649	-4	-1		-1	2		-1			-1		2	
166635	-1	2	1	1		-2	-1		2	-1			
168751	-1	-3	-5		1				2	1			
174097	-4	-3		2	1	-1	1	1			-1		
174825	-3	3	2	1		-1						1	-2
175770	1	4	1	1	-1			-1		-2	1		
176001	-7	1	-3	1	-1		2			1			
176176	4	-5	-2	1	2	1				-1			
178126	1	-1	-5			2	1	-1			1		
184093	-2	-1		2		1	2		-2	-1			
186592	5	-1		3			1					-1	-2
190464	11	1		-2		-2			-1		1		
194481	-4	4	-1	4	-1	-1	-1						
198912	8	1		1				-3		-1		1	
202125	-2	1	3	2	1	-3			-1				
203320	3	-2	1			1	1	-1	1	-1			-1

TABLE IB (Continued)

N	2	3	5	7	11	13	17	19	23	29	31	37	41
207576	3	3	-2					-2	-1		2		
208495	-1	-6	1	2	-1	-1			1			1	
212381	-2		-1	-1		1	1				2	-1	-1
212382	1	5				-1	-1	1	1		-2		
227070	1	3	1				-1	-2		2		-1	
227448	3	7			-1	1			-1	-1	-1		
228096	8	4	-1	-4	1			-1					
228781	-2	-2	-1	3					1	1	-1		-1
240065	-6		1	1	-2			3			-1		
240787	-1	-3		-3		-1		2	1	1			
243049	-3	-1				-1	2	-1		2			-1
244036	2	-2	-1		-1	2	-1	2		-1			
245025	-5	4	2		2	-1		-1			-1		
254449	-4	-3				1		-1	2		-1	1	
260338	1	-1		-3	-1	1	1	1	-1		1		
264385	-6	-5	1		2		-1	1	1				
268801	-9	-1	-2	-1		1			1	1	1		
275808	5	1		-1		2	1				-2		-1
278784	8	2			2		-1		-2		-1		
282625	-12	-1	3	1			1	1	-1				
284376	3	1	-5	-1		-1	2						1
285418	1	-3		1	-1			1		1	-2	1	
288145	-4	-3	1		1	2			-1	-1	1		
303601	-4	-1	-2		-1			2	-1	2			
314433	-6	2		2			-3		1		1		
319125	-2	1	3			-1	-1	-2	1			1	
328510	1	-3	1	1		1		2	-3				
330625	-7	-2	4	-1					2				-1
336141	-2	2	-1	-5		3	1						
348726	1	1	-2	1		-1		2	1	-1		-1	
360640	6	-3	1	2				-2	1			-1	
378880	11	-1	1				-2	-1	-1			1	
386631	-1	2	-1	1			1	2	-1				-2
389500	2	-1	3		-2			1		-1		-1	1
390166	1	-1	-1	1				-1		1	2	-2	
395200	6	-4	2	-1		1	-1	1					-1
410670	1	5	1	-2		2	-2			-1			
412091	-1		-1	-2				1	2	-2			1
418761	-3	2	-1	1			2	-2	1	-1			
432345	-3	1	1		-1		-3	1				1	1
443556	2	4	-1	-1				-1	-1	-1		2	
446369	-5			1	2	-1	1			-1	1	-1	

TABLE IB (Continued)

<i>N</i>	2	3	5	7	11	13	17	19	23	29	31	37	41
453376	8	-2	-3	1	1	-1			1		-1		
453871	-1	-3	-1		4						1		-2
459173	-2			-1	1	3		1	-2		-1		
461825	-10		2	2	-1	1				1			-1
466089	-3	1		-2		1	1	1		-1		1	-1
466830	1	3	1	1	-1	1		1			-1	-2	
469568	6			-3	1				1	1		-2	
476749	-2	-2		1		3	-1	-1			1		-1
482448	4	1		-1				1	2				-3
494209	-7	-3			-1	-1		2				2	
509796	2	2	-1	2	-1	-1	2		-1		-1		
524800	9	-4	2		-1			-1			-1		1
536239	-1	-2			1					1	-3		2
589744	4	-2		-1	-1				-1	1	1	-1	1
601426	1	-7	-2	2	-1		1	2					
610204	2	-1		1	-2			1			1	1	-2
613089	-5	6		-2			-1		-1	2			
633556	2	-3	-1	1	3	-1	1	-2					
638001	-4	2	-3	1	-1	1		1		-1			1
643126	1	-1	-4	-3	1				1		1		1
675584	8			1		1		-1		1	-2	-1	
679042	1	-2		2	-1	2		-3					1
709632	10	2		1	1	-3	-1	-1					
728365	-2	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	1	-1	-1			1
769120	5	-1	1		1	-2		1	1			-1	-1
773605	-2	-3	1	1		-1		-1	1	-1	2		
777925	-2	-4	2	-4						2		1	
787176	3	2	-2			1			-1	2		-2	
798721	-12	-1	-1	1	2	-1			1				1
812890	1	-3	1	-1	-1	3	-1		-1			1	
837200	4		2	1	-3	1	-1		1			-1	
863940	2	1	1	1	2		1			-1	-3		
912951	-1	5	-2			1	2	-1			-2		
923521	-7	-1	-1			-1					4	-1	
949026	1	1	-2	-1	-1	1	-1		3	-1			
986272	5	-1		2	-3	-1	1	-1				1	
1000000	6	-3	6	-1	-1	-1						-1	
1011840	7	1	1				1		-1	-1	1	-1	-1
1048576	20	-1	-2		-1						-1		-1
1050625	-11	-3	4					-1					2
1055241	-3	3	-1		2		1	1	-1		-1	-1	
1082565	-2	9	1	-1	1				-1				-2

TABLE IB (Continued)

<i>N</i>	2	3	5	7	11	13	17	19	23	29	31	37	41
1104376	3	-1	-4	1		1		-1			-1	1	1
1147125	-2	1	3	1	-1			1	1	-2	-1		
1152921	-3	1	-1	2	1			-1	1		1	-1	-1
1154440	3	-3	1	2	-1	-2		1	-1		1		
1163800	3	-2	2	-3	1	-1				2	-1		
1205646	1	1	-1	-3		2		-1		1		-1	1
1235169	-5	5			-3	1	1			1	-1		
1243840	6	-1	1			2	-1			1	-3		
1255501	-2	-4	-3			2	1	1	1		-1		
1294371	-1	2	-1	-1	-1	2				1		1	-2
1319626	1	-3	-3	1	2		-1	1	-1				1
1341250	1	-1	4	-1		-1	-3				1	1	
1362636	2	3	-1		1		-2		-1		1	1	-1
1413721	-3	-3	-1	-1	-1		-1				2		2
1437501	-2	1	-6			1			-1	1	1		1
1510785	-7	3	1		-1			2		-1	1	-1	
1536640	7	-1	1	4		-1					-2		-1
1594176	6	1	-2		-2		-1	2	1		-1		
1600313	-3			-1	1	1	-1	2			1		-2
1625625	-3	2	4	-2	-1	-1	2			-1			
1729750	1	-1	3	-3	1		1					1	-2
1740000	5	1	4							1	-1	-2	-1
1763125	-2	-1	4	1	-1	1		-2			1	-1	
1771561	-3	-2	-1	-1	6			-1				-1	
1852201	-3	-3	-2	-3		1	3				1		
1946721	-5	1	-1	2			1	1	-3				1
2023425	-13	2	2			-1	1	-1	2				
2085136	4	-1	-1			-1	-2	4				-1	
2185300	2	-5	2			1	-1		-2				2
2267916	2	1	-1	3		-1		1	-1	1		-1	-1
2304324	2	2		-2	2				2		-1	-1	-1
2307361	-5	-1	-1	4	-1			-1	-1		2		
2310400	8	-2	2	-2		-2		2			-1		
2345057	-5			-1	1	1		-2	2	-1	1		
2351350	1	-4	2	-1	-1	-1				-1	1	1	1
2417876	2		-3				1		-1	-2	2	1	
2560845	-2	1	1	1	-3	-1				3		-1	
2598400	9	-5	2	1			-2			1		-1	
2697696	5	2	-1	-3	-2	-1	1	1		1			
2772225	-8	4	2	-2		-1	-1					2	
2825761	-5	-1	-1	-1						-2			4
2829124	2	-2			-1		-1			4			-2

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N	2	3	5	7	11	13	17	19	23	29	31	37	41
2893401	-3	10	-2	2			-1		-1			-1	
3063808	14	-2			1		1	-2	-1				-1
3206269	-2	-2			1	-2	-1	1	2	1	-1		
3301376	13		-3	-4	-1	1					1		
3331251	-1	2	-5	1	2	-1		1	1				-1
3346110	1	9	1			-1	1	-2	-1		-1		
3453840	4	4	1			1	-3	-1				-1	1
3556996	2	-1	-1			-1	-1		2	-1		-1	2
3897166	1	-1	-1	3		1	-2	1	1	-1	-1		
3930400	5	-2	2		-1		3			-1		-2	
4004001	-5	2	-3	-1	-1	-1			2	2			
4090625	-8		5	1	1		1	-1		-2			
4096576	6	-4	-2	-1	2		-2		2				
4588311	-1	1	-1	6		1		-2			-1		-1
4765600	5	-2	2	1				-1	1	-1	-2	1	
5142501	-2	3	-4	2	-2	2	-1		1				
5267025	-4	6	2	-1			2				-1	-1	-1
5538975	-1	1	2	-1		2	-2	1	1			-2	
5909761	-8	-5	-1		2	2	2	-1					
6615675	-1	7	2		2	-2			-2			-1	
6770556	2	2	-1		-2	1	1	-2	1		-1	1	
7105000	3	-1	4	2	-2				-2	1		-1	
7475000	3		5	-3		1		-1	1		-1	-1	
7491169	-5	-2		2			2	-1	2			-2	
8268800	10		2	-2	-1		1	1	-2	-1			
9174816	5	3	-1	1		-1	-1	-2	-1			1	1
9222500	2		4	1	-3	-2	1				1		-1
9458086	1	-1	-1	-1	4	-3	1	1					-1
10491040	5	-9	1	1		-1	1	1		1			-1
10556001	-5	4	-3	-1		-1		4		-1			
11859211	-1	-4	-1	1	-4	1		4					
13147876	2	-2	-3	4		-1				-1	-1	2	
13745537	-7			-1		1	1		-2	-1		1	2
14080573	-2	-2			-1	4	1			1	-2	-1	
14235529	-3	-1		6	2		-1		-1			-1	-1
14753025	-8	2	2	1	-1	-2	1	1		1	-1		
16093000	3	-4	3	1	2	-1	-1	1		-1	-1		
18085705	-3	-1	1	-3	1	-3	1		1	2			
19826576	4		-2	2	3			1	-1	-2			-1
21386001	-4	1	-3	2		1	-2	2			1	-1	
24601600	10	-2	2		-2			-1		-1	2		-1
25836889	-3	-1		-1	-2	2	2		2		-1		-1

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N	2	3	5	7	11	13	17	19	23	29	31	37	41
25872148	2	-2		-3			-2	3	1	-1			1
27005265	-4	3	1	1	-2	-1	1			-1		-1	2
27994681	-3	-3	-1	-2	2	2			-2			2	
30138076	2	-5	-2		-2		2			2	1		-1
30944914	1	-1		1	1	2	-1		-2	1	-1	-1	1
32517265	-4	-1	1		1	-1		1		2	-1	1	-2
36315136	13	-11	-1		1	1					1		-1
40750802	1			-3		-2	1	-1	1		1	-1	2
41808151	-1	-6	-2	1	1		1	1			-1	-1	2
43075585	-11	-3	1	1				-1		1	1	2	-1
50481025	-7	-1	2	4	-1		-1	-1		2		-1	
71843751	-1	2	-6	3	-2		1	-1				2	
76271625	-3	9	3		-3	-1		-1		-1	1		
80061345	-5	3	1	4	-2	1		1	-1	-1	-1		
85459375	-1	-4	5	-1	-1	-1	-1		1	1	-1		1
96059601	-4	8	-2	-2	4	-2				-1			
119094300	2	5	2			2	-2	-1	-2	1			-1
132663168	7	2		-1	1	-1		2		1	-2	-1	-1
133920000	8	3	4				-2	-1		-3	1		
177182721	-11	6	-1		-3	-1	2			2			
181037025	-5	4	2	-1		2			2	-2	-2		
293635441	-4	-2	-1	-3	1		1			-1	1	3	-1
308915776	6	-4	-2	-1		6		-1			-1	-1	
370256250	1	1	5	2	-7	1		-1			1		
415704576	9	1	-2	1	-3	-1			1		-2		2
876219201	-6	4	-2		2	2		-2	2			-1	-1
1075774401	-6	2	-2			2			-2	4	-1		-1
1611308700	2	6	2	-4	-1	-2		-2	1		2		
3463200000	8	2	5	-5		1	-2		-1		-1	1	
45105689161	-3	-5	-1	-1		2	2	-1	-1		4	-1	-1
63927525376	13	-3	-3	-7	4	1			-1				1

TABLE IIA

Odd integers N greater than 1 such that the largest prime factor of $N(N - 2)$ is the t^{th} prime, $t \leq 11$

$t = 2$	$t = 3$	$t = 4$	$t = 5$	$t = 6$	$t = 7$
3	5 27	7 9 245	11 35 77	13 15 65 275 847 1575	17 51 119 121 189 1377
$t = 8$	$t = 9$	$t = 10$	$t = 11$		
19	23	29	31	86275	
21	25	87	33	130977	
57	117	145	93	203205	
135	209	147	95	2509047	
171	255	377	155	3322055	
247	299	437	343	287080367	
325	345	495	405		
363	1127	667	527		
627	1311	2873	529		
665	2187	8381	715		
1617	2277	9947	899		
3213	2875	12675	1085		
3971	3705	14877	1521		
	6877	16445	1955		
	8075	24565	2697		
	9317	41327	3627		
	18515	45619	4125		
	41745	87725	5425		
	57477	184877	7163		
	1128127		19437		
	1447875		22477		

TABLE IIB

Odd integers N greater than 100,000 such that $N(N - 2)$ has no prime factor greater than 31, with the factorization of $N/(N - 2)$

N	3	5	7	11	13	17	19	23	29	31
130977	5	-2	2	1	-2					-1
184877	-1	-3	5	1		-1			-1	
203205	1	1	-2	-1	-1		1	1	-1	1
1128127		-5	3	1	1		-2	1		
1447875	4	3	-1	1	1	-1		-3		
2509047	2	-1	-4	-1		1	-1	2		1
3322055	-7	1	-2	2		2	1			-1
287080367	-1	-1	5	-2	-1		1	-3	1	1

TABLE IIIA

Odd integers N greater than 3 such that the largest prime factor of $N(N - 4)$ is the t^{th} prime number, $t \leq 11$

$t = 3$	$t = 4$	$t = 5$	$t = 6$	$t = 7$
5	7	11	13	17
9	25	15	39	21
	49	81	121	55
		125	147	85
			169	225
			4459	429
				459
				14161
				21879

$t = 8$	$t = 9$	$t = 10$		$t = 11$	
19	23	29	10469	31	98553
95	27	33	21025	35	112999
99	69	91	294151	221	117649
175	119	207	442225	279	212629
247	165	319	8254129	345	344379
289	441	323		403	10439037
361	529	609		589	
935	625	667		837	
2299	1449	729		841	
3553	1729	845		1089	
6175	1863	1131		1705	
60025	2695	1309		1771	
121125	7429	1425		2639	
	12397	1885		4437	
	13689	2527		15345	
	54625	2875		27625	
	110565	3861		58125	

TABLE IIIB

Odd integers N greater than 100,000 such that $N(N - 4)$ has no prime factor greater than 31, with the factorization of $N/(N - 4)$

N	3	5	7	11	13	17	19	23	29	31
110565	5	1	1	-1	1		-1	-2		
112999	-6	-1				3		1		-1
117649	-1	-1	6	-1				-1		-1
121125	1	3	-1	-3	-1	1	1			
212629	-5	-3	-1				3			1
294151	-2		-2	3	1	1		-1	-1	
344379	1	-4	1				-1	2	-1	1
442225	-1	2	2		-1	-1	2	-1	-1	
8254129	-2	-3		-1	4	2		-1	-1	
10439037	5		1	-4		1	2	-1		-1