

19[7.15].—H. J. J. TE RIELE, *Tables of the First 15,000 Zeros of the Riemann Zeta Function to 28 Significant Figures, and Related Quantities*, Report NW 67/79, Stichting Mathematisch Centrum, Amsterdam, June 1979, 5 pp. text + 154 pp. tables.

Table 1 of this report is a table of the imaginary parts of the first 15,000 zeros  $\rho_n$  of the Riemann zeta function  $\zeta(s)$  in the upper half of the critical strip. Table 2 gives  $|\rho_n \zeta'(\rho_n)|^{-1}$ , and Table 3 gives  $\arg(\rho_n \zeta'(\rho_n))$ .

The computation of Table 1 was performed using (mainly) double-precision arithmetic on a Cyber 73/173 and required about 21 hours of CPU time. The author claims an accuracy of “about 28 digits” and the table gives each  $\rho_n$  to 28 significant digits.

The reviewer checked the accuracy of a few entries in Table 1, using 40S computation and his multiple-precision arithmetic package [1], and both the Euler-Maclaurin formula for  $\zeta(s)$  (as used by te Riele) and the Riemann-Siegel formula with a sufficient number of terms [2]. The largest error found was 66 units in the last place ( $\rho_{10142} = 9998.850397089674049057631757$  is correct, te Riele gives 9998.850...631691). Thus, the final two digits of entries in the table should be regarded with suspicion. Despite this, the table is a significant advance over the 9S table of  $\rho_1, \dots, \rho_{1600}$  given in [3] and other tables known to the reviewer.

Tables 2 and 3 are given to 10S, although computed to “about 14 significant digits”. The reviewer has not found any errors exceeding 0.5 units in the last place in these tables.

The tabulated quantities were used by the author in computations concerning Mertens' conjecture [4]. However, the reviewer wonders what point there is in publishing *all* of them in this manner. Anyone wishing to continue the Mertens conjecture computation would hardly use the values of  $\rho_n$  given in Table 1; a horrifying amount of key-punching and verifying would be required. Instead, he would either recompute them, using Table 1 for checking purposes, or obtain them in machine-readable form, e.g. on magnetic tape. Unfortunately, te Riele does not say if his tables are available on magnetic tape, nor does he reproduce the program that generated them, although he does clearly describe the computational method.

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20[9.10].—SIRPA MÄKI, *The Determination of Units in Real Cyclic Sextic Fields*, Computer Table, 122 pages, University of Turku, Finland, 1979. Reference [3] subsequently appeared as Lecture Notes No. 797, 1980 and contains a photographic copy of this table.

There are 1337 real cyclic sextic fields having conductor less than 2022. Fundamental units and class numbers have been computed for all but 12 of these fields. In six of these cases the necessary information on the cubic subfield was unavailable and for the remaining six fields the numbers became too large to be handled by the program.

For any real sextic field there exist two units  $\epsilon_1$  and  $\epsilon_2$  which together with the units of the proper subfields generate the whole unit group. Although the table does not list values for  $\epsilon_1$  and  $\epsilon_2$ , they can be expressed as products and quotients of units which are listed.

The class number  $h_6$  of the sextic field can be expressed in the form

$$h_6 = h_2 h_3 h_R,$$

where  $h_2$  and  $h_3$  are the class numbers of the quadratic and cubic subfields and  $h_R$  is the so-called relative class number. In fact  $h_R = (U_6 : U'_6)$  where  $U_6$  is the unit group of the sextic field and  $U'_6$  is a subgroup of  $U_6$  which is generated by the units of the proper subfields together with the so-called cyclotomic units of the sextic fields. For approximately 90 percent of the fields listed  $h_R = 1$ . Moreover  $h_R$  assumes the values 3, 4, and 7 for approximately 3, 4.5, and 1.7 percent of the fields respectively. In addition  $h_R$  assumes the values 9, 12, and 16 each one time.

The relatively large number of occurrences of 3 and 4 as relative class numbers can be partially explained by the fact that there exists a subgroup  $U_6^*$  of  $U_6$  containing  $U'_6$  such that  $(U_6 : U_6^*) = 1, 3, 4$  or 12. In 70 percent of the cases where 3 divides  $h_R$ , this index is also divisible by 3. When 3 is replaced with 4, the percentage becomes 85.

The table tempts one to conjecture that  $h_R$  never assumes the values 2, 5, 6 or 8. This, in fact, is true. Let  $H'_2, H'_3$  and  $H'_6$  denote the 3-complements of the class groups of the quadratic, cubic, and sextic fields and denote the orders of these groups by  $h'_2, h'_3$ , and  $h'_6$ . An automorphism of the sextic field (and hence of its cubic subfield) of order 3 will be denoted by  $\sigma$ . By decomposing  $H'_3$  into orbits under  $\sigma$  it is seen that

$$h'_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}.$$

A similar decomposition of  $H'_6$  leads to

$$h'_6/h'_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}.$$

But

$$h'_6 = h'_2 h'_3 h'_R,$$

where  $h'_R$  is the largest factor of  $h_R$  which is prime to 3. Thus  $h'_R \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ .

The method of computation which is described in an accompanying manuscript [3] is essentially a refinement of the method of Leopoldt [1] and [2].

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