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position of  $n$  and  $k$  into powers of primes, then

$$\begin{aligned} n_i &\leq k_i + 1 & \text{if } i > 0 \\ n_0 &\leq k_0 + 2 & \text{if } k_0 > 0 \\ n_0 &= k_0 & \text{if } k_0 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

If  $(n, k) = 1$ , then  $n$  is an odd squarefree number. For sufficiently large  $n$  are of the form  $n = mpq$  with  $p < q$ ,  $p$  and  $q$  primes. The number of  $n$  less than  $x$  is  $O(k^6 + 2^{-t} kx)$ , where  $t = (\log x)^{1/2}$ . It is noted that this is really  $O(kx^\theta)$  for some  $\theta < 1$ .

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A remark on the primeness of Mersenne numbers. London Math. Soc. 28, 285-287 (1953).

Suggests a modification of the Lucas test for Mersenne numbers  $M_p = 2^p - 1$ . He deplores the method with which the sequence

$$1, 14, 194, 37634, \dots, u_{k+1} = u_k^2 - 2$$

suggests that the sequence be replaced by

$$1, 489735485064147, \dots, h_{k+1} = h_k + (2^{k-1} h_k)^2, \quad h_3 = 3$$

It is noted that  $h_{p-3} + 8$  be divisible by  $M_p$ . The practical value, however, inasmuch as the sequence must be taken modulo  $M_p$  and the rapidity of increase disappears. The more evidence for the  $h$ 's would appear to be the only new test.

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On prime numbers and perfect numbers. Math. 19, 35-39 (1953).

sum of the divisors of  $k$ . The author

$$S_p = \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} k^{2\sigma(k)} \sigma(n-k)$$

identities

$$r^2(n-1)\sigma(n) = 18n^2 S_0 - 60 S_2,$$

$$r^2(n-1) \dots$$

first method he uses factorisation in  $K(\sqrt{-k})$  in certain cases when  $h(\sqrt{-k}) \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ . In the second, use is made of a representation  $k = 3a^2 + rb^3$ , applying cubic reciprocity to the equation in the form  $x^3 - rb^3 = y^2 + 3a^2$ . Three theorems are proved, and applications of these theorems are given. The equation is impossible for  $k = 24, 31$ , and  $77$ . The same principles can be used to determine other insoluble equations ( $k = 92, -60$ ).

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\*Bronkhorst, Pieter. Over het aantal oplossingen van het stelsel diophantische vergelijkingen:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_s^2 &= n \\ x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_s &= m \end{aligned} \right\} \text{voor } s=6 \text{ en } s=8.$$

[On the number of solutions of the system of Diophantine equations:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_s^2 &= n \\ x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_s &= m \end{aligned} \right\} \text{for } s=6 \text{ and } s=8.]$$

Thesis, University of Groningen, 1943. North Holland Publishing Co., Amsterdam, 1943. i+68 pp.

Let  $s$  be a fixed positive integer; let  $n > 0$  and  $m$  be variable integers, and let  $r(n, m)$  denote the number of integral solutions of

$$x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_s^2 = n, \quad x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_s = m.$$

The function  $r(n, m)$  has been investigated by H. D. Kloosterman [Math. Ann. 118, 319-364 (1942); these Rev. 5, 33; 9, 735] for odd squarefree  $s$ , and he gave explicit expressions for  $r(n, m)$  when  $s = 3, 5$ , or  $7$ . In this thesis, the author obtains such explicit equations in the even cases  $s = 6$  and  $s = 8$ .

K. Mahler (Manchester).

Rivier, William. A propos de la résolution en nombres entiers de l'équation à coefficients entiers  $rx + sy = m$ . Bull. Sci. Math. (2) 77, 51-55 (1953).

Let  $r > 0, s > 0, k \geq 0$  be fixed integers with  $(r, s) = 1$ . and

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