

## Crandall memorial puzzle

In honour of the memory of Richard Crandall (1947–2012), I have devised a puzzle on prime numbers obtained from moments of Bessel functions.

For positive integer  $n$ , let

$$A(n) \equiv \left(\frac{2}{\pi}\right)^4 \int_0^\infty ([\pi I_0(t)]^2 - [K_0(t)]^2) I_0(t)[K_0(t)]^5 (2t)^{2n-1} dt$$

where  $I_0(t)$  and  $K_0(t)$  are Bessel functions. Anton Mellit and I conjecture that  $A(n)$  is a sequence of non-negative integers, beginning with 0, 1, 2, 15, 302, 12559, 900288, 98986140, 15459635718.

The integers  $A(n)$  are rich in odd prime factors  $p < n/2$ . For example,

$$\begin{aligned} A(33) &= 2 \times 3^{23} \times 5^{11} \times 7^6 \times 11^2 \times 13^2 \times p_{56} \\ A(36) &= 3^{25} \times 5^{13} \times 7^8 \times 11^4 \times 13^2 \times 17^2 \times p_{59} \\ A(49) &= 2^3 \times 3^{39} \times 5^{16} \times 7^{10} \times 11^6 \times 13^4 \times 17^2 \times 19^3 \times 23^2 \times p_{86} \end{aligned}$$

where  $p_{56}$  is the 56-digit prime

57992474894877287439798522082574263282518819530344295461.

Similarly,  $p_{59}$  and  $p_{86}$  are primes with 59 and 86 decimal digits.

Consider the sequence of integers  $n$  for which  $A(n)$  has precisely one prime divisor  $p \geq n/2$ . It begins with 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 33, 36, 49, and contains 5 more integers with  $n \leq 2000$ . There are 7 more integers  $n \leq 60000$  for which  $A(n)$  has only one probable prime divisor  $p \geq n/2$ .

**Puzzle:** How many of these 12 integers  $n \in [50, 60000]$  can you find?

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