

# **STUDY ON THE SIERPINSKI AND RIESEL NUMBERS**

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## ***Abstract***

**In this paper we examine in detail and in depth the Sierpinski and Riesel numbers.**

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## 1. SIERPIŃSKI NUMBER

A Sierpinski number is an odd positive number  $k$  such that all integers of the form  $k \cdot 2^n + 1$  are composite for each natural number  $n \geq 1$ , or for  $N+$ .

In other words, when  $k$  is a Sierpinski number, all the elements of this set are composite:

$$\{k2^n + 1 : n \in \mathbb{N}\}_+$$

There is an infinite number of odd integers that, used in place of  $k$ , and that do not produce prime numbers and are so Sierpinski numbers.

First, we note that  $k$  can only be odd and not even.

If it were even or is a power of 2 and then merges in  $2^n$  or is a even number composite which in part merges with  $2^n$  and the factor that remains becomes an odd number, and then return to the case that  $k$  is odd.

For example chosen 6 we have:

$$3 \cdot 2^{n+1} + 1 \rightarrow 3 \cdot 2^n + 1$$

The first 29 Sierpinski numbers that are currently known:

78557, 271129, 271577, 322523, 327739, 482719, 575041, 603713, 903983, 934909, 965431, 1259779, 1290677, 1518781, 1624097, 1639459, 1777613, 2131043, 2131099, 2191531, 2510177, 2541601, 2576089, 2931767, 2931991, 3083723, 3098059, 3555593, 3608251, ....

**Some of these numbers are also prime numbers (ie: 271129, 322523, 327739, 482719, 934909, 1639459, 2131043, 2131099, 2576089, 3098059, 3608251...)**

## **1.1 THE SIERPINSKI NUMBER 78557**

For example, let's consider the first of these numbers, the number composite **78557**

$$78557 \cdot 2^n + 1$$

All numbers that are derived from this formula with  $n \geq 1$  have at least a factor in a set of numbers **{3, 5, 7, 13, 19, 37, 73}**.

All these numbers always end with the digit **3, 5, 7 or 9**.

They are divisible by:

**3: every  $2^n$ , or any even exponent is divisible by at least 3**

**5: each  $4n + 1$  is divisible by at least for 5**

**7: every  $3n + 1$  is divisible by at least for 7**

**13: every  $12n + 11$  is divisible by at least 13**

**19: every  $18n + 15$  is divisible by at least 19**

**37: every  $36n + 27$  is divisible by at least 37**

**73: every  $9n + 3$  is divisible by at least 73**

It's easy to demonstrate that these numbers, for example the 3 is divisible every  $2^n$  because:

**78 557 has as the sum of digits 5**

**Multiplied for n even we have:**

**$2^2 = 4$ ,  $2^4 = 16 (=7)$ ,  $2^6 = 64 (=1)$ , (da  $2^8 = 256 (=4)$ ,  $2^{10} = 1024 (=7)$  e  $2^{12} = 4096 (=1)$  are repeated each 3 times, we obtain**

$$5 \cdot 4 + 1 = 21 (=3)$$

$$5 \cdot 16 + 1 = 81 (=0)$$

$$5 \cdot 64 + 1 = 321 (=6)$$

And then it is shown that

$78557 \cdot 2^{2n} + 1$  is divisible by 3

The set of these numbers {3, 5, 7, 13, 19, 37, 73} entirely covers all the numbers  $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$

For all the exponents  $n$  odd there is at least a factor (for  $n$  even already know that it is always divisible by 3), and then with 7 numbers belonging to the set is covered the whole  $\mathbb{N}^+$

For the first 100 values of odd integers  $n$  we have:

$n = 1$  (divisors /5/7), 3 (/73), 5 (/5), 7 (/7), 9 (/5), 11 (/13), 13 (/5/7), 15 (/19), 17 (/5), 19 (/7), 21 (/5/73), 23 (/13), 25 (/5/7), 27 (/37), 29 (/5), 31 (/7), 33 (/5/19), 35 (/13), 37 (/5/7), 39 (/73), 41 (/5), 43 (/7), 45 (/5), 47 (/13), 49 (/5/7), 51 (/19), 53 (/5), 55 (/7), 57 (/5/73), 59 (/13), 61 (/5/7), 63 (/37), 65 (/5), 67 (/7), 69 (/5/19), 71 (/13), 73 (/5/7), 75 (/73), 77 (/5), 79 (/7), 81 (/5), 83 (/13), 85 (/5/7), 87 (/19), 89 (/5), 91 (/7), 93 (/5/73), 95 (/13), 97 (/5/7), 99 (/37), 101 (/5), 103 (/7), 105 (/5/19)

1	157115	5 7 67 <sup>2</sup>
2	314229	3 104743
3	628457	73 8609
4	1256913	3 <sup>2</sup> 7 71 281
5	2513825	5 <sup>2</sup> 193 521
6	5027649	3 11 131 1163
7	10055297	7 1436471
8	20110593	3 541 12391
9	40221185	5 59 136343
10	80442369	3 <sup>3</sup> 7 <sup>2</sup> 41 1483
11	160884737	13 523 23663
12	321769473	3 43 47 73 727
13	643538945	5 7 1759 10453
14	1287077889	3 353 599 2029
15	2574155777	19 135481883
16	5148311553	3 <sup>2</sup> 7 11 7429021
17	10296623105	5 2059324621
18	20593246209	3 6864415403
19	41186492417	7 1583 3716857
20	82372984833	3 53 173 311 9629
21	1,64746E+11	5 73 451358821
22	3,29492E+11	3 <sup>2</sup> 7 101 51782483
23	6,58984E+11	13 811 62504399
24	1,31797E+12	3 439322585771
25	2,63594E+12	5 <sup>3</sup> 7 47563 63337
26	5,27187E+12	3 11 29 43 128110399
27	1,05437E+13	37 167 40427 42209
28	2,10875E+13	3 <sup>3</sup> 7 1873 59569669
29	4,2175E+13	5 75659 111486983
30	8,43499E+13	3 41 73 859 10936129

<b>31</b>	<b>1,687E+14</b>	<b>7^2 109 31585821557</b>
<b>32</b>	<b>3,374E+14</b>	<b>3 463^2 524640139</b>
<b>33</b>	<b>6,74799E+14</b>	<b>5 19 541301 13122371</b>
<b>34</b>	<b>1,3496E+15</b>	<b>3 7</b>
<b>35</b>	<b>2,6992E+15</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>36</b>	<b>5,3984E+15</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>37</b>	<b>1,07968E+16</b>	<b>5 7</b>
<b>38</b>	<b>2,15936E+16</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>39</b>	<b>4,31872E+16</b>	<b>73</b>
<b>40</b>	<b>8,63743E+16</b>	<b>3 7</b>
<b>41</b>	<b>1,72749E+17</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>42</b>	<b>3,45497E+17</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>43</b>	<b>6,90995E+17</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>44</b>	<b>1,38199E+18</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>45</b>	<b>2,76398E+18</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>46</b>	<b>5,52796E+18</b>	<b>3 7</b>
<b>47</b>	<b>1,10559E+19</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>48</b>	<b>2,21118E+19</b>	<b>3 73</b>
<b>49</b>	<b>4,42237E+19</b>	<b>5 7</b>
<b>50</b>	<b>8,84473E+19</b>	<b>3</b>



## **1.2 THE SIERPINSKI NUMBER 271129**

Let's consider the number 271129

$$271129 \cdot 2^n + 1$$

All these numbers always end with the digit 3, 5, 7 or 9.

They are divisible by:

**3:** every  $2n + 1$ , or any odd exponent is divisible by at least 3

**5:** each  $4n$  is divisible by at least 5

**7:** every  $3n + 2$  is divisible by at least 7

**13:** every  $12n + 6$  is divisible by at least 13

**17:** every  $8n + 6$  is divisible by at least 17

**241:** every  $24n + 10$  is divisible by at least 241

For the first 100 values of  $n$ , it is sufficient to consider only the even exponent:

$n = 2$  (divisors /7), 4 (/5), 6 (/13/17), 8 (/5/7), 10 (/241), 12 (/5), 14 (/7/17), 16 (/5), 18 (/13), 20 (/5/7), 22 (/17), 24 (/5), 26 (/7), 28 (/5), 30 (/13/17), 32 (/5/7), 34 (/241), 36 (/5), 38 (/7/17), 40 (/5), 42 (/13), 44 (/5/7), 46 (/17), 48 (/5), 50 (/7), 52 (/5), 54 (/13/17), 56 (/5/7), 58 (/241), 60 (/5), 62 (/7/17), 64 (/5), 66 (/13), 68 (/5/7), 70 (/17), 72 (/5), 74 (/7), 76 (/5), 78 (/13/17), 80 (/5/7), 82 (/241), 84 (/5), 86 (/7/17), 88 (/5), 90 (/13), 92 (/5/7), 94 (/17), 96 (/5), 98 (/7), 100 (/5), 102 (/13/17), 104 (/5/7), 106 (/241),

Filling the entire set of natural even numbers  $2n$ , with only 6 factors, we have that the number 271129 is a Sierpinski number.

1	542259	3 <sup>2</sup> 60251
2	1084517	7 <sup>2</sup> 22133
3	2169033	3 127 5693
4	4338065	5 37 131 179
5	8676129	3 7 11 23 <sup>2</sup> 71
6	17352257	13 17 78517
7	34704513	3 <sup>2</sup> 419 9203
8	69409025	5 <sup>2</sup> 7 396623
9	138818049	3 139 463 719
10	277636097	47 127 193 241
11	555272193	3 7 29 911777
12	1110544385	5 222108877
13	2221088769	3 <sup>9</sup> 112843
14	4442177537	7 17 37329223
15	8884355073	3 11 53 313 16229
16	17768710145	5 23 154510523
17	35537420289	3 7 127 13324867
18	71074840577	13 19 41 7018351
19	142149681153	3 <sup>2</sup> 107453 146989
20	284299362305	5 7 8122838923
21	568598724609	3 311 609430573
22	1137197449217	17 66893967601
23	2274394898433	3 7 <sup>2</sup> 15472074139
24	4548789796865	5 109 127 6967 9433
25	9097579593729	3 <sup>2</sup> 11 22013 4174567
26	18195159187457	7 1031 29759 84719
27	36390318374913	3 23 853 618283609
28	72780636749825	5 <sup>2</sup> 2911225469993
29	145561273499649	3 7 6931489214269
30	291122546999297	13 17 40847 32249531

<b>31</b>	<b>582245093998593</b>	<b>3<sup>3</sup></b> <b>127 457 371554181</b>
<b>32</b>	<b>1,16449E+15</b>	<b>5 7</b>
<b>33</b>	<b>2,32898E+15</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>34</b>	<b>4,65796E+15</b>	<b>59 241 327587084323</b>
<b>35</b>	<b>9,31592E+15</b>	<b>3 7</b>
<b>36</b>	<b>1,86318E+16</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>37</b>	<b>3,72637E+16</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>38</b>	<b>7,45274E+16</b>	<b>7 17</b>
<b>39</b>	<b>1,49055E+17</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>40</b>	<b>2,98109E+17</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>41</b>	<b>5,96219E+17</b>	<b>3 7</b>
<b>42</b>	<b>1,19244E+18</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>43</b>	<b>2,38488E+18</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>44</b>	<b>4,76975E+18</b>	<b>5 7</b>
<b>45</b>	<b>9,5395E+18</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>46</b>	<b>1,9079E+19</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>47</b>	<b>3,8158E+19</b>	<b>3 7</b>
<b>48</b>	<b>7,6316E+19</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>49</b>	<b>1,52632E+20</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>50</b>	<b>3,05264E+20</b>	<b>7</b>

### ***1.3 COVERING SETS OF SIERPINSKI NUMBERS***

**For these numbers, there is a limited set of numbers covering the entire space of exponents  $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$**

**Furthermore, all the Sierpinski numbers have covering sets similar.**

<b><i>n</i></b>	<b>covering set</b>
<b>78557</b>	<b>{3, 5, 7, 13, 19, 37, 73}</b>
<b>271129</b>	<b>{3, 5, 7, 13, 17, 241}</b>
<b>271577</b>	<b>{3, 5, 7, 13, 17, 241}</b>
<b>322523</b>	<b>{3, 5, 7, 13, 37, 73, 109}</b>
<b>327739</b>	<b>{3, 5, 7, 13, 17, 97, 257}</b>
<b>482719</b>	<b>{3, 5, 7, 13, 17, 241}</b>
<b>575041</b>	<b>{3, 5, 7, 13, 17, 241}</b>
<b>603713</b>	<b>{3, 5, 7, 13, 17, 241}</b>
<b>903983</b>	<b>{3, 5, 7, 13, 17, 241}</b>
<b>934909</b>	<b>{3, 5, 7, 13, 19, 73, 109}</b>
<b>965431</b>	<b>{3, 5, 7, 13, 17, 241}</b>
<b>1259779</b>	<b>{3, 5, 7, 13, 19, 73, 109}</b>
<b>1290677</b>	<b>{3, 5, 7, 13, 19, 37, 109}</b>
<b>1518781</b>	<b>{3, 5, 7, 13, 17, 241}</b>
<b>1624097</b>	<b>{3, 5, 7, 13, 17, 241}</b>
<b>1639459</b>	<b>{3, 5, 7, 13, 17, 241}</b>
<b>1777613</b>	<b>{3, 5, 7, 13, 17, 19, 109, 433}</b>
<b>2131043</b>	<b>{3, 5, 7, 13, 17, 241}</b>

#### ***1.4 PROOF THAT SETS COVERING THE ENTIRE SPACE OF EXPONENTS $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$***

**For Sierpinski numbers we have a set of prime numbers that will divide any member of the sequence, so called because it is said to "cover" that sequence.**

**Here is the proof for the numbers 78557, 271129**

**78557 has a covering set formed by**

$$\{3, 5, 7, 13, 19, 37, 73\}$$

**They are divisible by:**

**3: every  $2n$ , or any even exponent is divisible by at least 3**

**5: each  $4n + 1$  is divisible at least for 5**

**7: every  $3n + 1$  is divisible at least for 7**

**13: every  $12n + 11$  is divisible least for 13**

**19: every  $18n + 15$  is divisible least for 19**

**37: every  $36n + 27$  is divisible least for 37**

**73: every  $9n + 3$  is divisible least for 73**

**We need to consider only the odd exponents:**

**5 is repeated every 4 times and 7 is repeated every 6 times for odd numbers. But every 12 times give rise to the same number, let's see in detail:**

**5: 1, 5, 9, 13, 17, 21, 25, ...**

**7: 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19, 22, 25,**

**13 and 25 are repeated, so we have to count them only once!**

$$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{12} = \frac{1}{3}$$

**To demonstrate the effectiveness of the set we must arrive at a value of  $\frac{1}{2}$  to have all the odd exponents  $n$  (even  $n$  already worth  $\frac{1}{2}$  with the divisor 3)**

**Applying for the other remaining divisors you get:**

**13:**  $\frac{1}{12}$

**19:**  $\frac{1}{18}$

**37:**  $\frac{1}{36}$

**73:**  $\frac{1}{18}$  because even  $n$  we have to take them off

**Since we also have the repetitions we have to subtract:**

**for the divisors 5 e 19:**  $\frac{1}{36}$

**for the divisors 5 e 73:**  $\frac{1}{36}$

**Now we add and subtract:**

$$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{18} + \frac{1}{36} + \frac{1}{18} - \frac{1}{12} - \frac{1}{36} - \frac{1}{36} = \frac{1}{2}$$

**CVD**

**For the Sierpinski number 271129 by applying the same reasoning has:**

**271129 has a covering set formed by**

$$\{3, 5, 7, 13, 17, 241\}$$

**They are divisible by:**

**3: every  $2n + 1$ , or any odd exponent is divisible by at least 3**

**5: each  $4n$  is divisible by at least 5**

**7: every  $3n + 2$  is divisible at least for 7**

**13: every  $12n + 6$  is divisible by at least 13**

**17: every  $8n + 6$  is divisible by at least 17**

**241: every  $24n + 10$  is divisible at least 241**

**We need to consider only the even exponents:**

$$5: \frac{1}{4}$$

$$7: \frac{1}{6}$$

$$13: \frac{1}{12}$$

$$17: \frac{1}{8}$$

$$241: 1/24$$

**for the divisors 5 e 7:  $1/12$**

**for the divisors 7 e 17:  $1/24$**

**for the divisors 13 e 17:  $1/24$**

**Now we add and subtract:**



$$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{24} - \frac{1}{12} - \frac{1}{24} - \frac{1}{24} = \frac{1}{2}$$

## CVD

We note that there is the number 24, that is related to the modes corresponding to the physical vibrations of the bosonic strings by the following Ramanujan function:

$$24 = \frac{4 \left[ \text{anti log} \frac{\int_0^\infty \frac{\cos \pi x w'}{\cosh \pi x} e^{-\pi x^2 w'} dx}{e^{-\frac{\pi^2}{4} w'} \phi_{w'}(i w')} \right] \cdot \frac{\sqrt{142}}{t^2 w'}}{\log \left[ \sqrt{\left( \frac{10 + 11\sqrt{2}}{4} \right)} + \sqrt{\left( \frac{10 + 7\sqrt{2}}{4} \right)} \right]}.$$

## ***1.5 SIERPINSKI PROBLEM AND VERIFICATION OF THE LAST 6 NUMBERS OF CANDIDATES TO BE SIERPINSKI NUMBERS***

The problem is to find which is the Sierpinski number smaller in absolute.

It is conjectured that it is precisely the smallest absolute 78557.

To proof this it's started a massive distributed computing project with super-computer to see if all the odd numbers  $k < 78557$  could be Sierpinski numbers and that for each of these there is a exponent  $n$  such that

$k2^n + 1$  is a prime number.

According to what said before, we can see if there is a limited set of numbers covering the entire space of exponents  $n \in \mathbb{N}_+$ .

As of February 2013, there are only six candidates that are the following:

$k = 10223, 21181, 22699, 24737, 55459, e 67607$

### ***1.5.1 THE CANDIDATE NUMBER 10223***

Let's consider 10223, which is also a prime number.

$$10223 \cdot 2^n + 1$$

All these numbers always end with the digit 3, 5, 7 or 9.

They are divisible by:

**3:** every  $2n$ , or any even exponent is divisible by at least 3

**5:** each  $4n + 3$  is divisible by at least 5

**7:** each  $3n + 1$  is divisible by at least 7

**11:** every  $10n + 3$  is divisible by at least 11

**13:** every  $12n + 9$  is divisible by at least 13

**23:** each  $11n + 1$  is divisible by at least 23

**67:** every  $66n + 41$  is divisible by at least 67

**127:** every  $7n + 1$  is divisible by at least 127

**277:** every  $276n + 5$  is divisible by at least 277

**673:** every  $48n + 17$  is divisible by at least 673

**619033:** every  $619032n + 77$  is divisible by at least 619033

**45677096693:** each  $45677096692n + 101$  is divisible by at least 45677096693

For the first 100 values of  $n$ , it is sufficient to consider only the odd exponent:

$n =$  **1** (divisors /7/23/127), 3 (/5/11), 5 (/277), 7 (/5/7), 9 (/13), 11 (/5), 13 (/7/11), 15 (/127), 17 (/673), 19 (/5/7), 21 (/13), **23** (/5/11/23), 25 (/7), 27 (/5), 29 (/127), 31 (/5/7), 33 (/11/13), 35 (/5), 37 (/7), 39 (/5), 41 (/67), **43** (/5/7/11/127), 45 (/13/23), 47 (/5), 49 (/7), 51 (/5), 53 (/11), 55 (/5/7), 57

(/13/127), 59 (/5), 61 (/7), 63 (/5/11), 65 (/673), 67 (/5/7/23), 69 (/13), 71 (/5/127), 73 (/7/11), 75 (/5), 77 (/619033), 79 (/5/7), 81 (/13), 83 (/5/11), 85 (/7/127), 87 (/5), 89 (/23), 91 (/5/7), 93 (/11/13), 95 (/5), 97 (/7), 99 (/5/127), 101 (/45677096693), 103 (/5/7/11), 105 (/13), 107 (/67)

If only for the first hundred values of the exponent  $n$  requires too many factors (exactly 12) and too high as 619033 and 45677096693.

For  $n = 43$  there are 4 divisors (5, 7, 11, 127), for other values of  $n$  there are three, and they must be at most two.

Not filling the entire set of odd natural numbers  $2n + 1$  we have that surely the number

$$10223 \cdot 2^n + 1$$

becomes a prime number for some value  $n$ .

We can conclude that 10223 is not a Sierpinski number, without resorting to a huge computational and out of our reach.

But with this method relatively simple we are able to verify and determine which are the possible numbers of Sierpinski.

1	20447	7 23 127
2	40893	3 43 317
3	81785	5 11 1487
4	163569	3 7 7789
5	327137	277 1181
6	654273	3 <sup>2</sup> 139 523
7	1308545	5 74 109
8	2617089	3 127 6869
9	5234177	13 19 21191
10	10468353	3 7 498493
11	20936705	5 773 5417
12	41873409	3 <sup>3</sup> 23 67429
13	83746817	7 11 1087621
14	167493633	3 6257 8923
15	334987265	5 29 127 18191
16	669974529	3 7 43 61 12163
17	1339949057	673 997 1997
18	2679898113	3 <sup>2</sup> 11177 26641
19	5359796225	5 <sup>2</sup> 7 113 131 2069
20	10719592449	3 107 2143 15583
21	21439184897	13 1649168069
22	42878369793	3 7 127 16077379
23	85756739585	5 11 <sup>2</sup> 23 1667 3697
24	1,71513E+11	3 <sup>2</sup> 37 397 1297369
25	3,43027E+11	7 59 830573749
26	6,86054E+11	3 228684638891
27	1,37211E+12	5 19 149 1283 75553
28	2,74422E+12	3 7 <sup>2</sup> 18668133787
29	5,48843E+12	127 211 2083 98327
30	1,09769E+13	3 <sup>3</sup> 43 3659 2583947

<b>31</b>	<b>2,19537E+13</b>	<b>5 7 491 7001 182473</b>
<b>32</b>	<b>4,39075E+13</b>	<b>3 83 16763 10519307</b>
<b>33</b>	<b>8,78149E+13</b>	<b>11 13^2 47237709163</b>
<b>34</b>	<b>1,7563E+14</b>	<b>3 7 23 53 10837 633091</b>
<b>35</b>	<b>3,5126E+14</b>	<b>5 71 1039 952323077</b>
<b>36</b>	<b>7,02519E+14</b>	<b>3^2 101 127 6085420603</b>
<b>37</b>	<b>1,40504E+15</b>	<b>7 2146003 93531917</b>
<b>38</b>	<b>2,81008E+15</b>	<b>3 3469 21013 12850043</b>
<b>39</b>	<b>5,62015E+15</b>	<b>5^2 13445893 16719317</b>
<b>40</b>	<b>1,12403E+16</b>	<b>3 7 5352522731940669</b>
<b>41</b>	<b>2,24806E+16</b>	<b>67 26633 12598339027</b>
<b>42</b>	<b>4,49612E+16</b>	<b>3^2 4995692164779577</b>
<b>43</b>	<b>8,99225E+16</b>	<b>5 7 11 29 109 127 581807383</b>
<b>44</b>	<b>1,79845E+17</b>	<b>3 43 9829 141840131309</b>
<b>45</b>	<b>3,5969E+17</b>	<b>13 19 23 17041 3715423297</b>
<b>46</b>	<b>7,1938E+17</b>	<b>3 7 1210103 28308478571</b>
<b>47</b>	<b>1,43876E+18</b>	<b>5 113 685271 3716014123</b>
<b>48</b>	<b>2,87752E+18</b>	<b>3^5 4817 2458301990219</b>
<b>49</b>	<b>5,75504E+18</b>	<b>7^2 617 5701 10243 3259783</b>
<b>50</b>	<b>1,15101E+19</b>	<b>3 127 14106667 2141552639</b>

## 1.5.2 THE CANDIDATE NUMBER 21181

Let's consider 21181

$$21181 \cdot 2^n + 1$$

All these numbers always end with the digit 3, 5, 7 or 9.

They are divisible by:

**3:** every  $2n + 1$ , ie every odd exponent is divisible by at least 3

**5:** each  $4n + 2$  is divisible by at least 5

**7:** every  $3n$  is divisible by at least 7

**13:** every  $12n + 4$  is divisible by at least 13

**17:** every  $8n$  is divisible by at least 17

**89:**  $11n$  is divisible by at least 11

**157:** every  $156n + 92$  is divisible by at least 157

**83077:** Each  $83077n + 20$  is divisible by at least 83077

**342467:** every  $342466n + 68$  is divisible by at least 342467

For the first 100 values of  $n$ , it is sufficient to consider only the even exponent:

$n = 2$  (divisors /5), 4 (/13), 6 (/5/7), 8 (/17), 10 (/5), 12 (/7), 14 (/5), 16 (/13/17), 18 (/5/7), **20 (/83077)**, 22 (/5/89), 24 (/7/17), 26 (/5), 28 (/13), 30 (/5/7), 32 (/17), 34 (/5), 36 (/7), 38 (/5), 40 (/13/17), 42 (/5/7), 44 (/89), 46 (/5), 48 (/7/17), 50 (/5), 52 (/13), 54 (/5/7), 56 (/17), 58 (/5), 60 (/7), 62 (/5), 64 (/13/17), **66 (/5/7/89)**, **68 (/342467)**, 70 (/5), 72 (/7/17), 74 (/5), 76 (/13), 78 (/5/7), 80 (/17), 82 (/5), 84 (/7), 86 (/5), **88 (/13/17/89)**, 90 (/5/7), **92 (/157)**, 94 (/5), 96 (/7/17), 98 (/5), 100 (/13), 102 (/5/7), 104 (/17), 106 (/5), 108 (/7)

If only for the first hundred values of the exponent  $n$  requires factors too high as 83077 and 342467.

For  $n = 66$  and  $89$  there are 3 divisors and they must be at most two.

Not filling the entire set of even natural numbers  $2n$  we have that surely the number

$$21181 \cdot 2^n + 1$$

becomes a prime number for some value  $n$ .

We can conclude that 21181 is not a Sierpinski number.



1	42363	3 <sup>4</sup> 523
2	84725	5 <sup>2</sup> 3389
3	169449	3 7 8069
4	338897	13 131 199
5	677793	3 225931
6	1355585	5 7 <sup>2</sup> 11 503
7	2711169	3 <sup>2</sup> 301241
8	5422337	17 467 683
9	10844673	3 7 101 5113
10	21689345	5 23 188603
11	43378689	3 37 89 4391
12	86757377	7 941 13171
13	173514753	3 <sup>2</sup> 19279417
14	347029505	5 6469 10729
15	694059009	3 7 53 71 8783
16	1388118017	11 13 17 19 41 733
17	2776236033	3 292 739 1489
18	5552472065	5 7 158642059
19	11104944129	3 <sup>3</sup> 47 8750941
20	22209888257	83077 267341
21	44419776513	3 7 23 67 1372633
22	88839553025	5 <sup>2</sup> 89 139 287251
23	1,77679E+11	3 59226368683
24	3,55358E+11	7 17 2986203463
25	7,10716E+11	3 <sup>2</sup> 7681 10281017
26	1,42143E+12	5 11 25844233607
27	2,84287E+12	3 73 773 1187 3011
28	5,68573E+12	13 633091 690839
29	1,13715E+13	3 5651 670764041

<b>30</b>	<b>2,27429E+13</b>	<b>5 7 683 951387809</b>
<b>31</b>	<b>4,54859E+13</b>	<b>3^2 514933 9814837</b>
<b>32</b>	<b>9,09717E+13</b>	<b>17 23 3607 64503521</b>
<b>33</b>	<b>1,81943E+14</b>	<b>3 7 89 7823 122443819</b>
<b>34</b>	<b>3,63887E+14</b>	<b>5 19 271 5107 2767627</b>
<b>35</b>	<b>7,27774E+14</b>	<b>3 223 1087852942261</b>
<b>36</b>	<b>1,45555E+15</b>	<b>7 11 41 421 10211 107251</b>
<b>37</b>	<b>2,91109E+15</b>	<b>3^3 83 2707 479872859</b>
<b>38</b>	<b>5,82219E+15</b>	<b>5 1164437789396173</b>
<b>39</b>	<b>1,16444E+16</b>	<b>3 7 55449418546749</b>
<b>40</b>	<b>2,32888E+16</b>	<b>13 17 61 97 157 269 421697</b>
<b>41</b>	<b>4,65775E+16</b>	<b>3 89459 173552545769</b>
<b>42</b>	<b>9,3155E+16</b>	<b>5^2 7 47 5749 25423 77491</b>
<b>43</b>	<b>1,8631E+17</b>	<b>3^2 23 23509 38285275123</b>
<b>44</b>	<b>3,7262E+17</b>	<b>89 353 2887237 4107893</b>
<b>45</b>	<b>7,4524E+17</b>	<b>3 7 29 293 787 5306847647</b>
<b>46</b>	<b>1,49048E+18</b>	<b>5 11 4919491 5508627437</b>
<b>47</b>	<b>2,98096E+18</b>	<b>3 37 103340057 259875047</b>
<b>48</b>	<b>5,96192E+18</b>	<b>7^2 17^2 3181 132351436757</b>
<b>49</b>	<b>1,19238E+19</b>	<b>3^2 167 2851 2782659389141</b>
<b>50</b>	<b>2,38477E+19</b>	<b>5 71 67176580075587659</b>

### 1.5.3 THE CANDIDATE NUMBER 22699

Let's consider 22699, which is also a prime number

$$22699 \cdot 2^n + 1$$

All these numbers always end with the digit 3, 5, 7 or 9.

They are divisible by:

**3:** every  $2n + 1$ , ie every odd exponent is divisible by at least 3

**5:** each  $4n$  is divisible by at least 5

**7:** each  $3n + 2$  is divisible by at least 7

**11:** every  $10n + 6$  is divisible by at least 11

**13:** every  $12n + 6$  is divisible by at least 13

**17:** every  $8n + 2$  is divisible by at least 17

**19:** every  $18n + 4$  is divisible by at least 19

**53:** every  $52n + 14$  is divisible by at least 53

**73:** every  $9n + 7$  is divisible by at least 73

**84884846681:** each  $84884846680n + 190$  is divisible by at least 84884846681

For the first 100 values of  $n$ , it is sufficient to consider only the even exponent:

$n = 2$  (divisors /7/17), 4 (/5/19), 6 (/11/13), 8 (/5/7), 10 (/17), 12 (/5), 14 (/7/53), **16 (/5/11/73)**, 18 (/13/17), 20 (/5/7), 22 (/19), 24 (/5), 26 (/7/11/17), 28 (/5), 30 (/13), 32 (/5/7), 34 (/17/73), 36 (/5/11), 38 (/7), 40 (/5/19), 42 (/13/17), 44 (/5/7), 46 (/11), 48 (/5), 50 (/7/17), 52 (/5/73), 54 (/13), **56 (/5/7/11)**, 58 (/17/19), 60 (/5), 62 (/7), 64 (/5), **66 (/11/13/17/53)**, 68 (/5/7), 70 (/73), 72 (/5), 74 (/7/17), **76 (/5/11/19)**, 78 (/13), 80 (/5/7), 82 (/17), 84

(/5), 86 (/7/11), 88 (/5/73), 90 (/13/17), 92 (/5/7), 94 (/19), 96 (/5/11), 98 (/7/17), 100 (/5), 102 (/13), 104 (/5/7), 106 (/11/17/73), 108 (/5), 110 (/7), 112 (/5/19), 114 (13/17), 116 (/5/7/11), 118 (/53),... 190 (/84884846681)

If only for the first hundred values of the exponent  $n$  requires factors too high as 84884846681

For different values of  $n$  there are 3 divisors and they must be at most two.

Not filling the entire set of even natural numbers  $2n$  we have that surely the number

$$22699 \cdot 2^n + 1$$

becomes a prime number for some value  $n$ .

We can conclude that 22699 is not a Sierpinski number.

<b>1</b>	<b>45399</b>	<b>3 37 409</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>90797</b>	<b>7<sup>2</sup> 17 109</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>181593</b>	<b>3<sup>2</sup> 20177</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>363185</b>	<b>5 19 3823</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>726369</b>	<b>3 7 34589</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>1452737</b>	<b>11 13 10159</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>2905473</b>	<b>3 73 13267</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>5810945</b>	<b>5 7 166027</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>11621889</b>	<b>3<sup>2</sup> 1291321</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>23243777</b>	<b>17 23 59447</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>46487553</b>	<b>3 7 83 149 179</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>92975105</b>	<b>5 18595021</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>185950209</b>	<b>3 431 143813</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>371900417</b>	<b>7 53 1002427</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>743800833</b>	<b>3<sup>3</sup> 1259 21881</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>1487601665</b>	<b>5 11 73 370511</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>2975203329</b>	<b>3 7 113 233 5381</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>5950406657</b>	<b>13 17 26924917</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>11900813313</b>	<b>3 10133 391487</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>23801626625</b>	<b>5<sup>3</sup> 7 2293 11863</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>47603253249</b>	<b>3<sup>2</sup> 23 9973 23059</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>95206506497</b>	<b>19 47 1721 61949</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>1,90413E+11</b>	<b>3 7<sup>2</sup> 1295326619</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>3,80826E+11</b>	<b>5 97 785208301</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>7,61652E+11</b>	<b>3 29 73 277 563 769</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>1,5233E+12</b>	<b>7 11 17 1163715893</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>3,04661E+12</b>	<b>3<sup>2</sup> 213307 1586971</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>6,09322E+12</b>	<b>5 67961 17931509</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>1,21864E+13</b>	<b>3 7 373 1555781033</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>2,43729E+13</b>	<b>13 173 63841 169753</b>

<b>31</b>	<b>4,87457E+13</b>	<b>3 16248577108651</b>
<b>32</b>	<b>9,74915E+13</b>	<b>5 7 23 269 6991 64399</b>
<b>33</b>	<b>1,94983E+14</b>	<b>3^5 101 7944543263</b>
<b>34</b>	<b>3,89966E+14</b>	<b>17 73 2711 115911167</b>
<b>35</b>	<b>7,79932E+14</b>	<b>3 7 1579 60161 390967</b>
<b>36</b>	<b>1,55986E+15</b>	<b>5 11 28361152771463</b>
<b>37</b>	<b>3,11973E+15</b>	<b>3 37 193 443 887 370603</b>
<b>38</b>	<b>6,23945E+15</b>	<b>7 109 3539 2310688801</b>
<b>39</b>	<b>1,24789E+16</b>	<b>3^2 857 33331 48540571</b>
<b>40</b>	<b>2,49578E+16</b>	<b>5^2 19 42961 1223034083</b>
<b>41</b>	<b>4,99156E+16</b>	<b>3 7 61 38966142761729</b>
<b>42</b>	<b>9,98313E+16</b>	<b>13 17 67 107 24443 2577871</b>
<b>43</b>	<b>1,99663E+17</b>	<b>3 23 73 659 60150490471</b>
<b>44</b>	<b>3,99325E+17</b>	<b>5 7^2 11789681 138247853</b>
<b>45</b>	<b>7,9865E+17</b>	<b>3^2 47 103 113 22877 7090901</b>
<b>46</b>	<b>1,5973E+18</b>	<b>11 233 1213 5507 6329 14741</b>
<b>47</b>	<b>3,1946E+18</b>	<b>3 7 152123821341790013</b>
<b>48</b>	<b>6,3892E+18</b>	<b>5 250998263 5091031643</b>
<b>49</b>	<b>1,27784E+19</b>	<b>3 131 14888557 2183892989</b>
<b>50</b>	<b>2,55568E+19</b>	<b>7 17 8269 25972069403107</b>

### 1.5.4 THE CANDIDATE NUMBER 24737

Let's consider 24737

$$24737 \cdot 2^n + 1$$

All these numbers always end with the digit 3, 5, 7 or 9.

They are divisible by:

**3:** every  $2n$ , or any even exponent is divisible by at least 3

**5:** each  $4n + 1$  is divisible by at least 5

**7:** every  $3n$  is divisible least per 7

**11:** every  $10n + 9$  is divisible by at least 11

**13:** every  $12n + 11$  is divisible by at least 13

**17:** every  $8n + 3$  is divisible by at least 17

**31:**  $5n$  is divisible by at least 5

**503:** every  $502n + 31$  is divisible by at least 503

**907:** every  $906n + 7$  is divisible by at least 907

**267133:** every  $267132n + 151$  is divisible by at least 267133

**2118089:** each  $2118088n + 103$  is divisible by at least 2118089

**13736837:** each  $13736836n + 127$  is divisible by at least 13736837

For the first 100 values of  $n$ , it is sufficient to consider only the odd exponent:

$n = 1$  (divisors /5), 3 (/7/17), 5 (/5/31), 7 (/907), **9 (/5/7/11)**, 11 (/13/17), 13 (/5), 15 (/7/31), 17 (/5), 19 (/11/17), 21 (/5/7), 23 (/13), 25 (/5/31), 27 (/7/17), 29 (/5/11), 31 (/503), 33 (/5/7), 35 (/13/17), 37 (/5), 39 (/7/11), 41 (/5), 43 (/17), **45 (/5/7/31)**, 47 (/13), 49 (/5/11), 51 (/7/17), 53 (/5), 55 (/31), 57 (/5/7), **59 (/11/13/17)**, 61 (/5), 63 (/7), 65 (/5/31), 67 (/17), **69 (/5/7/11)**, 71 (/13), 73

(/5), **75 (/7/17/31)**, 77 (/5), 79 (/11), 81 (/5/7), 83 (/13/17), 85 (/5/31), 87 (/7),  
89 (/5/11), 91 (/17), 93 (/5/7), 95 (/13/31), 97 (/5), **99 (/7/11/17)**, 101 (/5),  
103 (/2118089),... 127 (/13736837),... 151 (/267133)

If only for the first hundred values of the exponent  $n$  requires factors too high as 267133, 2118089 and 13736837

For different values of  $n$  there are 3 divisors **and they must be at most two.**

Not filling the entire set of odd natural numbers  $2n+1$  we have that surely the number

$$24737 \cdot 2^n + 1$$

becomes a prime number for some value  $n$ .

We can conclude that 24737 is not a Sierpinski number.



<b>1</b>	<b>49475</b>	<b>5<sup>2</sup> 1979</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>98949</b>	<b>3 32983</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>197897</b>	<b>7 17 1663</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>395793</b>	<b>3<sup>3</sup> 107 137</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>791585</b>	<b>5 31 5107</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>1583169</b>	<b>3 7 75389</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>3166337</b>	<b>907 3491</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>6332673</b>	<b>3 2110891</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>12665345</b>	<b>5 7 11 67 491</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>25330689</b>	<b>3<sup>2</sup> 31 163 557</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>50661377</b>	<b>13 17 229237</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>101322753</b>	<b>3 7 4824893</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>202645505</b>	<b>5 1609 25189</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>405291009</b>	<b>3 135097003</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>810582017</b>	<b>7 31 3735401</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>1621164033</b>	<b>3<sup>2</sup> 180129337</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>3242328065</b>	<b>5 648465613</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>6484656129</b>	<b>3 7<sup>3</sup> 19 47 7057</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>12969312257</b>	<b>11 17<sup>2</sup> 4079683</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>25938624513</b>	<b>3 31 1741 160201</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>51877249025</b>	<b>5<sup>2</sup> 7 296441423</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>1,03754E+11</b>	<b>3<sup>5</sup> 1097 389219</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>2,07509E+11</b>	<b>13 97 599 274723</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>4,15018E+11</b>	<b>3 7 4943 3998131</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>8,30036E+11</b>	<b>5 31 59 61 1487933</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>1,66007E+12</b>	<b>3 677 817366799</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>3,32014E+12</b>	<b>7 17 991 1451 19403</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>6,64029E+12</b>	<b>3<sup>2</sup> 263 4231 663049</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>1,32806E+13</b>	<b>5 11 107747 2241037</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>2,65612E+13</b>	<b>3 7 31 40800539939</b>

<b>31</b>	<b>5,31223E+13</b>	<b>503 12689 8323031</b>
<b>32</b>	<b>1,06245E+14</b>	<b>3 37 957158612623</b>
<b>33</b>	<b>2,12489E+14</b>	<b>5 7 223 821 33160481</b>
<b>34</b>	<b>4,24978E+14</b>	<b>3^2 47219824889401</b>
<b>35</b>	<b>8,49957E+14</b>	<b>13^2 17 31 83873 113783</b>
<b>36</b>	<b>1,69991E+15</b>	<b>3 7</b>
<b>37</b>	<b>3,39983E+15</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>38</b>	<b>6,79965E+15</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>39</b>	<b>1,35993E+16</b>	<b>7 11</b>
<b>40</b>	<b>2,71986E+16</b>	<b>3 31</b>
<b>41</b>	<b>5,43972E+16</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>42</b>	<b>1,08794E+17</b>	<b>3 7</b>
<b>43</b>	<b>2,17589E+17</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>44</b>	<b>4,35178E+17</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>45</b>	<b>8,70356E+17</b>	<b>5 7 31</b>
<b>46</b>	<b>1,74071E+18</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>47</b>	<b>3,48142E+18</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>48</b>	<b>6,96285E+18</b>	<b>3 7</b>
<b>49</b>	<b>1,39257E+19</b>	<b>5 11</b>
<b>50</b>	<b>2,78514E+19</b>	<b>3 31</b>

### 1.5.5 THE CANDIDATE NUMBER 55459

Let's consider 55459

$$55459 \cdot 2^n + 1$$

All these numbers always end with the digit 3, 5, 7 or 9.

They are divisible by:

**3:** every  $2n + 1$ , ie every odd exponent is divisible by at least 3

**5:** each  $4n$  is divisible by at least 5

**7:** every  $3n + 2$  is divisible by at least 7

**11:** every  $10n + 2$  is divisible by at least 11

**13:** every  $12n + 6$  is divisible by at least 13

**37:** every  $36n + 34$  is divisible by at least 37

**43:** every  $14n + 2$  is divisible by at least 43

**47:** every  $23n$  is divisible by at least 47

**181:** every  $180n + 10$  is divisible by at least 181

**613:** every  $612n + 154$  is divisible by at least 613

**138230459:** each  $138230458n + 130$  is divisible by at least 138230459

For the first 100 values of  $n$ , it is sufficient to consider only the even exponent:

**$n = 2$  (divisors /7/11/43), 4 (/5), 6 (13), 8 (/5/7), 10 (/181), 12 (/5/11), 14 (/7), 16 (/5/43), 18 (/13), 20 (/5/7), 22 (/11), 24 (/5), 26 (/7), 28 (/5), 30 (/13/43), 32 (/5/7/11), 34 (/37), 36 (/5), 38 (/7), 40 (/5), 42 (/11/13), 44 (/5/7/43), 46 (/47), 48 (/5), 50 (/7), 52 (/5/11), 54 (/13), 56 (/5/7), 58 (/43), 60 (/5), 62 (/7/11), 64 (/5), 66 (/13), 68 (/5/7), 70 (/37), 72 (/5/11/43), 74 (/7), 76 (/5), 78 (/13), 80 (/5/7), 82 (/11), 84 (/5), 86 (/7/43), 88 (/5), 90 (/13), 92 (/5/7/11/47),**

**94 (/), 96 (/5), 98 (/7), 100 (/5/43), 102 (/11/13), 104 (/5/7), 106 (/37), 108 (/5), 110 (/7), 112 (/5/11), 114 (13/43), 116 (/5/7),...130 (/138230459),.... , 154 (/613)**

**If only for the first hundred values of the exponent  $n$  requires factors too high as 138230459**

**For different values of  $n$  there are 3 or 4 divisors and they must be at most two.**

**Not filling the entire set of odd natural numbers  $2n$  we have that surely the number**

$$55459 \cdot 2^n + 1$$

**becomes a prime number for some value  $n$ .**

**We can conclude that 55459 is not a Sierpinski number.**

<b>1</b>	<b>110919</b>	<b>3 36973</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>221837</b>	<b>7 11 43 67</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>443673</b>	<b>3<sup>2</sup> 49297</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>887345</b>	<b>5 103 1723</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>1774689</b>	<b>3 7 84509</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>3549377</b>	<b>13 273029</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>7098753</b>	<b>3 61 38791</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>14197505</b>	<b>5 7<sup>2</sup> 167 347</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>28395009</b>	<b>3<sup>3</sup> 173 6079</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>56790017</b>	<b>181 211 1487</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>113580033</b>	<b>3 7 5408573</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>227160065</b>	<b>5 11 223 18521</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>454320129</b>	<b>3 3083 49121</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>908640257</b>	<b>7 1229 105619</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>1817280513</b>	<b>3<sup>2</sup> 12689 15913</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>3634561025</b>	<b>5<sup>2</sup> 43 3380987</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>7269122049</b>	<b>3 7 19 29 628219</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>14538244097</b>	<b>13<sup>2</sup> 199 432287</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>29076488193</b>	<b>3 4129 2347339</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>58152976385</b>	<b>5 7 461 3604151</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>116305952769</b>	<b>3<sup>2</sup> 4073 3172817</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>232611905537</b>	<b>11 709 1151 25913</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>465223811073</b>	<b>3 7 47 797 591407</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>930447622145</b>	<b>5 83 2242042463</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>1860895244289</b>	<b>3 101 307 373 53633</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>3721790488577</b>	<b>7 531684355511</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>7443580977153</b>	<b>3<sup>3</sup> 547 504000337</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>14887161954305</b>	<b>5 2977432390861</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>29774323908609</b>	<b>3 7<sup>3</sup> 28935203021</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>59548647817217</b>	<b>13 43 40853 2607571</b>

<b>31</b>	<b>119097295634433</b>	<b>3 97 16183 25290061</b>
<b>32</b>	<b>238194591268865</b>	<b>5 7 11^3 5113117769</b>
<b>33</b>	<b>476389182537729</b>	<b>3^2 52932131393081</b>
<b>34</b>	<b>952778365075457</b>	<b>37 25750766623661</b>
<b>35</b>	<b>1,90556E+15</b>	<b>3 7</b>
<b>36</b>	<b>3,81111E+15</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>37</b>	<b>7,62223E+15</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>38</b>	<b>1,52445E+16</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>39</b>	<b>3,04889E+16</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>40</b>	<b>6,09778E+16</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>41</b>	<b>1,21956E+17</b>	<b>3 7</b>
<b>42</b>	<b>2,43911E+17</b>	<b>11 13</b>
<b>43</b>	<b>4,87823E+17</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>44</b>	<b>9,75645E+17</b>	<b>5 7 43</b>
<b>45</b>	<b>1,95129E+18</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>46</b>	<b>3,90258E+18</b>	<b>47 19477 208889 20408747</b>
<b>47</b>	<b>7,80516E+18</b>	<b>3 7</b>
<b>48</b>	<b>1,56103E+19</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>49</b>	<b>3,12206E+19</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>50</b>	<b>6,24413E+19</b>	<b>7</b>

### 1.5.6 THE CANDIDATE NUMBER 67607

Let's consider 67607

$$67607 \cdot 2^n + 1$$

All these numbers always end with the digit 3, 5, 7 or 9.

They are divisible by:

**3:** every  $2n$ , or any even exponent is divisible by at least 3

**5:** each  $4n + 1$  is divisible by at least 5

**11:** every  $10n + 5$  is divisible by at least 11

**13:** every  $12n + 7$  is divisible by at least 13

**17:** every  $8n + 7$  is divisible by at least 17

**19:** every  $18n + 11$  is divisible by at least 19

**31:** every  $5n + 3$  is divisible by at least 31

**41:** every  $40n + 19$  is divisible by at least 41

**43:** every  $14n + 9$  is divisible by at least 43

**73:** every  $9n + 3$  is divisible by at least 73

**198017:** each  $198016n + 27$  is divisible by at least 198017

**1236173:** each  $1236172n + 131$  is divisible by at least 1236173

For the first 100 values of  $n$ , it is sufficient to consider only the odd exponent:

$n = 1$  (divisors /5), 3 (/31/73), 5 (/5/11), 7 (/13/17), 9 (/5/43), 11 (/19), 13 (/5/31), 15 (/11/17), 17 (/5), 19 (/13/41), 21 (/5/73), **23 (/17/31/43)**, 25 (/5/11), 27 (/198017), 29 (/5/19), 31 (/13/17), 33 (/5/31), 35 (/11), 37 (/5/43), 39 (/17/73), 41 (/5), 43 (/13/31), 45 (/5/11), 47 (/17/19), 49 (/5), 51 (/43), 53 (/5/31), **55 (/11/13/17)**, 57 (/5/73), 59 (/41), 61 (/5), 63 (/17/31), **65**

(/5/11/19/43), 67 (/13), 69 (/5), 71 (/17), 73 (/5/31), 75 (/11/73), 77 (/5), 79 (/13/17/43), 81 (/5), 83 (/19/31), 85 (/5/11), 87 (/17), 89 (/5), 91 (/13), 93 (/5/31/43/73), 95 (/11/17), 97 (/5), 99 (/41), 101 (/5/19), 103 (/13/17/31),...131 (/1236173)

If only for the first hundred values of the exponent  $n$  requires factors too high as 198017 and 1236173

For different values of  $n$  there are 3 or 4 divisors and they must be at most two.

Not filling the entire set of odd natural numbers  $2n + 1$  we have that surely the number

$$67607 \cdot 2^n + 1$$

becomes a prime number for some value  $n$ .

We can conclude that 67607 is not a Sierpinski number.



1	135215	5 27043
2	270429	3 109 827
3	540857	31 73 239
4	1081713	3 23 61 257
5	2163425	5 <sup>2</sup> 11 7867
6	4326849	3 <sup>2</sup> 480761
7	8653697	13 17 39157
8	17307393	3 31 149 1249
9	34614785	5 43 131 1229
10	69229569	3 23076523
11	138459137	19 29 251287
12	276918273	3 <sup>2</sup> 73 521 809
13	553836545	5 31 3573139
14	1107673089	3 4483 82361
15	2215346177	11 17 23 37 13921
16	4430692353	3 9283 159097
17	8861384705	5 331 5354311
18	17722769409	3 <sup>3</sup> 31 277 76441
19	35445538817	13 41 66501949
20	70891077633	3 257 91946923
21	141782155265	5 53 73 1493 4909
22	283564310529	3 139 23027 29531
23	567128621057	17 31 43 25026637
24	1134257242113	3 <sup>2</sup> 126028582457
25	2268514484225	5 <sup>2</sup> 11 179 1871 24631
26	4537028968449	3 23 28163 2334767
27	9074057936897	198017 45824641
28	18148115873793	3 31 195141030901
29	36296231747585	5 19 1423 7757 34613

<b>30</b>	<b>72592463495169</b>	<b>3^2 73 15427 7162171</b>
<b>31</b>	<b>145184926990337</b>	<b>13 17 67 9805154791</b>
<b>32</b>	<b>290369853980673</b>	<b>3 1087 89043193493</b>
<b>33</b>	<b>580739707961345</b>	<b>5 31 283 13239250153</b>
<b>34</b>	<b>1,16148E+15</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>35</b>	<b>2,32296E+15</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>36</b>	<b>4,64592E+15</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>37</b>	<b>9,29184E+15</b>	<b>5 43</b>
<b>38</b>	<b>1,85837E+16</b>	<b>3 31</b>
<b>39</b>	<b>3,71673E+16</b>	<b>17 73</b>
<b>40</b>	<b>7,43347E+16</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>41</b>	<b>1,48669E+17</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>42</b>	<b>2,97339E+17</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>43</b>	<b>5,94677E+17</b>	<b>13 31</b>
<b>44</b>	<b>1,18935E+18</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>45</b>	<b>2,37871E+18</b>	<b>5 11</b>
<b>46</b>	<b>4,75742E+18</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>47</b>	<b>9,51484E+18</b>	<b>17 19</b>
<b>48</b>	<b>1,90297E+19</b>	<b>3 31 73</b>
<b>49</b>	<b>3,80594E+19</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>50</b>	<b>7,61187E+19</b>	<b>3</b>

## **1.6 CONCLUSIONS**

**We have seen that the 6 possible candidates are not Sierpinski numbers.**

**The reasons are as follows:**

- **For the first hundred values of the exponent  $n$  factors requires too high**
- **The set of numbers already for the first hundred values is greater than 8 elements**
- **For different values of  $n$  there are 3 or 4 divisors and they must be at most two.**

**The third condition is the strongest and this is enough to prove whether some odd number  $k$  is a Sierpinski number.**

**A very important observation concerns that these numbers of the set**

$$**k 2^n + 1**$$

**always end with the digit 3, 5, 7 or 9.**

**The primality test just do so only with numbers ending with the digit 7 because those ending in digits 3 and 9 are always divisible by 3 and those ending with the digit 5 are obviously divisible by 5.**

**This means that you just have to test every 4 numbers of the set.**

**Besides if we wanted to apply the coating proof of the covering sets as we did for the Sierpinski numbers **78557** and **271129** we will never achieve the value of  $\frac{1}{2}$**

## 2. RIESEL NUMBER

A Riesel number is an odd positive number  $k$  such that all integers of the form  $k \cdot 2^n - 1$  are composite for each natural number  $n \geq 1$ , or for  $\mathbb{N}_+$ .

In other words, when  $k$  is a Riesel number, all the elements of this set are composite:

$$\{k \cdot 2^n - 1 : n \in \mathbb{N}\}_+$$

There are infinitely many integers  $k$  such that  $k \cdot 2^n - 1$  it is not prime for any integer  $n$ .

The number 509203 has this property, and the same applies to the numbers in the form

$$509203 + 11184810 \cdot k; k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Here, as for the Sierpinski numbers, to prove that a number is a Riesel number, we need to find a "*set covering*".

A set covering is a set of small primes such that every member of a certain sequence is divisible by one of them, and is so named because it is said that "covers" the succession.

The only proven Riesel numbers smaller than a million have the following covering sets:

- $509203 \cdot 2^n - 1$  has covering set  $\{3, 5, 7, 13, 17, 241\}$
- $762701 \cdot 2^n - 1$  has covering set  $\{3, 5, 7, 13, 17, 241\}$
- $777149 \cdot 2^n - 1$  has covering set  $\{3, 5, 7, 13, 19, 37, 73\}$

- **$790841 \cdot 2^n - 1$  has covering set  $\{3, 5, 7, 13, 19, 37, 73\}$**
- **$992077 \cdot 2^n - 1$  has covering set  $\{3, 5, 7, 13, 17, 241\}$**

## ***2.1 THE RIESEL PROBLEM***

**The Riesel problem is to find the smallest Riesel number.**

**It hasn't found any covering set for values of  $k < 509203$ , it is conjectured that this is the smallest Riesel number.**

**Currently the 10 smaller candidates  $< 509203$  are the following**

**2293, 9221, 23669, 31859, 38473, 40597, 46663, 67117, 74699, 81041.**

### 2.1.1 THE CANDIDATE NUMBER 2293

Let's consider 2293

$2293 \cdot 2^n - 1$

All these numbers always end with the digit 1, 3, 5 or 7.

They are divisible by:

**3:** every  $2n$ , or any even exponent is divisible by at least 3

**5:** each  $4n + 1$  is divisible by at least 5

**7:** each  $3n + 1$  is divisible by at least 7

**13:** every  $12n + 3$  is divisible by at least 13

**17:** every  $8n + 3$  is divisible by at least 17

**23:** every  $11n + 7$  is divisible by at least 23

**941:** every  $940n + 71$  is divisible by at least 941

**2017:** every  $2016n + 23$  is divisible by at least 2017

**19913:** every  $19912 + 47$  is divisible by at least 19913

For the first 100 values of  $n$ , it is sufficient to consider only the odd exponent:

$n = 1$  (divisors /5/7), 3 (/13/17), 5 (/5), 7 (/7/23), 9 (/5), 11 (/17), 13 (/5/7), 15 (/13), 17 (/5), 19 (/7/17), 21 (/5), 23 (/2017), 25 (/5/7), 27 (/13/17), 29 (/5/23), 31 (/7), 33 (/5), 35 (/17), 37 (/5/7), 39 (/13), 41 (/5), 43 (/7/17), 45 (/5), 47 (/19913), 49 (/5/7), **51 (/13/17/23)**, 53 (/5), 55 (/7), 57 (/5), 59 (/17), 61 (/5/7), 63 (/13), 65 (/5), 67 (/7/17), 69 (/5), 71 (/941), 73 (/5/7/23), 75 (/13/17), 77 (/5), 79 (/7), 81 (/5), 83 (/17), 85 (/5/7), 87 (/13), 89 (/5), 91 (/7/17), 93 (/5), 95 (/23), 97 (/5/7), 99 (/13/17), 101 (/5), 103 (/7)



**For the first hundred values of the exponent  $n$  requires factors set too high, as 2017 and 19913.**

**For  $n = 51$  there are 3 divisors and they must be at most two.**

**Not filling the entire set of odd natural numbers  $2n + 1$  we have that surely the number**

**$2293 \cdot 2^n - 1$**

**becomes a prime number for some value  $n$ .**

**We can conclude that 2293 is not a Riesel number.**

1	4585	5 7 131
2	9171	3 <sup>2</sup> 1019
3	18343	13 17 83
4	36687	3 7 1747
5	73375	5 <sup>3</sup> 587
6	146751	3 11 4447
7	293503	7 23 1823
8	587007	3 <sup>4</sup> 7247
9	1174015	5 234803
10	2348031	3 7 <sup>2</sup> 15973
11	4696063	17 276239
12	9392127	3 67 46727
13	18784255	5 7 19 47 601
14	37568511	3 <sup>2</sup> 307 13597
15	75137023	13 193 29947
16	150274047	3 7 11 650537
17	300548095	5 5407 11117
18	601096191	3 23 37 235447
19	1202192383	7 17 1669 6053
20	2404384767	3 <sup>2</sup> 503 531121
21	4808769535	5 733 1312079
22	9617539071	3 7 283 593 2729
23	19235078143	2017 9536479
24	38470156287	3 3457 3709397
25	76940312575	5 <sup>2</sup> 7 439658929
26	153880625151	3 <sup>3</sup> 11 59 8781637
27	307761250303	13 <sup>3</sup> 17 29 149 1907
28	615522500607	3 7 29310595267
29	1231045001215	5 23 199 53792659
30	2462090002431	3 271 4297 704771

<b>31</b>	<b>4924180004863</b>	<b>7^2 19 5289129973</b>
<b>32</b>	<b>9848360009727</b>	<b>3^2 22853 47882651</b>
<b>33</b>	<b>19696720019455</b>	<b>5 3939344003891</b>
<b>34</b>	<b>39393440038911</b>	<b>3 7 109 53993 318743</b>
<b>35</b>	<b>78786880077823</b>	<b>17^2 613 444729139</b>
<b>36</b>	<b>157573760155647</b>	<b>3 11 47 967 105061991</b>
<b>37</b>	<b>315147520311295</b>	<b>5 7 53 169890846529</b>
<b>38</b>	<b>630295040622591</b>	<b>3^2 79 601 1475026481</b>
<b>39</b>	<b>1,26059E+15</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>40</b>	<b>2,52118E+15</b>	<b>3 7 23</b>
<b>41</b>	<b>5,04236E+15</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>42</b>	<b>1,00847E+16</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>43</b>	<b>2,01694E+16</b>	<b>7 17</b>
<b>44</b>	<b>4,03389E+16</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>45</b>	<b>8,06778E+16</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>46</b>	<b>1,61356E+17</b>	<b>3 7</b>
<b>47</b>	<b>3,22711E+17</b>	<b>19913 693409 23371559</b>
<b>48</b>	<b>6,45422E+17</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>49</b>	<b>1,29084E+18</b>	<b>5 7</b>
<b>50</b>	<b>2,58169E+18</b>	<b>3</b>

## 2.1.2 THE CANDIDATE NUMBER 9221

Let's consider 9221

$9221 \cdot 2^n - 1$

All these numbers always end with the digit 1, 3, 5 or 7.

They are divisible by:

**3:** every  $2n + 1$ , or any even exponent is divisible by at least 3

**5:** each  $4n$  is divisible by at least 5

**7:** every  $3n + 2$  is divisible by at least 7

**11:** every  $10n + 2$  is divisible by at least 11

**13:** every  $12n + 10$  is divisible by at least 13

**47:** every  $23n + 8$  is divisible by at least 47

**53:** every  $52n + 26$  is divisible by at least 53

**59:** every  $58n + 18$  is divisible by at least 59

**101:** every  $100n + 6$  is divisible by at least 101

**211:** every  $210n + 90$  is divisible by at least 211

**4513:** every  $4512n + 30$  is divisible by at least 4513

**1874073577:** each  $1874073576n + 66$  is divisible at least for 1874073577

For the first 100 values of  $n$ , it is sufficient to consider only the even exponent:

$n = 2$  (divisors /7/11), 4 (/5), 6 (/101), **8 (/5/7/47)**, 10 (/13), 12 (/5/11), 14 (/7), 16 (/5), 18 (/59), 20 (/5/7), 22 (/11/13), 24 (/5), 26 (/7/53), 28 (/5), 30 (/4513), 32 (/5/7/11), 34 (/13), 36 (/5), 38 (/7), 40 (/5), 42 (/11), 44 (/5/7), 46 (/13), 48 (/5), 50 (/7), 52 (/5/11), 54 (/47), 56 (/5/7), 58 (/13), 60 (/5), 62 (/7/11), 64 (/5), 66 (/1874073577), 68 (/5/7), 70 (/13), 72 (/5/11), 74 (/7), 76

(/5/59), 78 (/53), 80 (/5/7), 82 (/11/13), 84 (/5), 86 (/7), 88 (/5), 90 (/211), **92 (/5/7/11)**, 94 (/13), 96 (/5), 98 (/7), 100 (/5/47), 102 (/11), 104 (/5/7), 106 (/13/101), 108 (/5), 110 (/7), 112 (/5/11)

For the first hundred values of the exponent  $n$  requires factors set too high, as 4513 and 1874073577.

For different values of  $n$  there are 3 divisors and they must be at most two.

Not filling the entire set of even natural numbers  $2n$  we have that surely the number

$$9221 \cdot 2^n - 1$$

becomes a prime number for some value  $n$ .

We can conclude that 9221 is not a Riesel number.

1	18441	3 <sup>3</sup> 683
2	36883	7 11 479
3	73767	3 67 367
4	147535	5 19 1553
5	295071	3 7 14051
6	590143	101 5843
7	1180287	3 <sup>2</sup> 131143
8	2360575	5 <sup>2</sup> 7 <sup>2</sup> 41 47
9	4721151	3 1573717
10	9442303	13 726331
11	18884607	3 7 269 3343
12	37769215	5 11 347 1979
13	75538431	3 <sup>2</sup> 2221 3779
14	151076863	7 29 744221
15	302153727	3 131 <sup>2</sup> 5869
16	604307455	5 120861491
17	1208614911	3 7 57553091
18	2417229823	59 40969997
19	4834459647	3 <sup>4</sup> 59684687
20	9668919295	5 7 229 1206353
21	19337838591	3 3593 1794029
22	38675677183	11 13 19 1361 10459
23	77351354367	3 7 683 1447 3727
24	154702708735	5 30940541747
25	309405417471	3 <sup>2</sup> 2999 11463281
26	618810834943	7 53 16921 98573
27	1237621669887	3 47119 8755291
28	2475243339775	5 <sup>2</sup> 41 97 107 232669
29	4950486679551	3 7 <sup>2</sup> 359 1381 67927
30	9900973359103	4513 2193878431

<b>31</b>	<b>19801946718207</b>	<b>3^2 47 2143 2477 8819</b>
<b>32</b>	<b>39603893436415</b>	<b>5 7 11 383 268582913</b>
<b>33</b>	<b>79207786872831</b>	<b>3 37 713583665521</b>
<b>34</b>	<b>158415573745663</b>	<b>13 557 21877582343</b>
<b>35</b>	<b>316831147491327</b>	<b>3 7 15087197499587</b>
<b>36</b>	<b>633662294982655</b>	<b>5 193 38971 16849577</b>
<b>37</b>	<b>1,26732E+15</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>38</b>	<b>2,53465E+15</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>39</b>	<b>5,0693E+15</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>40</b>	<b>1,01386E+16</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>41</b>	<b>2,02772E+16</b>	<b>3 7</b>
<b>42</b>	<b>4,05544E+16</b>	<b>11 29 127129739432257</b>
<b>43</b>	<b>8,11088E+16</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>44</b>	<b>1,62218E+17</b>	<b>5 7</b>
<b>45</b>	<b>3,24435E+17</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>46</b>	<b>6,4887E+17</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>47</b>	<b>1,29774E+18</b>	<b>3 7 829 645907 115410149</b>
<b>48</b>	<b>2,59548E+18</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>49</b>	<b>5,19096E+18</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>50</b>	<b>1,03819E+19</b>	<b>7</b>

### 2.1.3 THE CANDIDATE NUMBER 23669

Let's consider 23669

$23669 \cdot 2^n - 1$

All these numbers always end with the digit 1, 3, 5 or 7.

They are divisible by:

**3:** every  $2n + 1$ , or any even exponent is divisible by at least 3

**5:** each  $4n + 2$  is divisible by at least 5

**7:** each  $3n + 2$  is divisible by at least 7

**13:** every  $12n + 4$  is divisible by at least 13

**31:** each  $5n + 1$  is divisible by at least 31

**37:** every  $36n + 24$  is divisible by at least 37

**97:** every  $48n$  is divisible by at least 97

**199:** every  $99N + 12$  is divisible by at least 199

**751:** Each  $750 + 84$  is divisible by at least 751

**1409** every  $1408 + 72$  is divisible by at least 1409

For the first 100 values of  $n$ , it is sufficient to consider only the even exponent:

$n = 2$  (divisors /5/7), 4 (/13), 6 (/5/31), 8 (/7), 10 (/5), 12 (/199), 14 (/5/7), 16 (/13/31), 18 (/5), 20 (/7), 22 (/5), 24 (/37), **26 (/5/7/31)**, 28 (/13), 30 (/5), 32 (/7), 34 (/5), 36 (/31), 38 (/5/7), 40 (/13), 42 (/5), 44 (/7), 46 (/5/31), 48 (/97), 50 (/5/7), 52 (/13), 54 (/5), 56 (/7/31), 58 (/5), 60 (/37), 62 (/5/7), 64 (/13), 66 (/5/31), 68 (/7), 70 (/5), 72 (/1409), 74 (/5/7), 76 (/13/31), 78 (/5), 80 (/7), 82 (/5), 84 (/751), **86 (/5/7/31)**, 88 (/13), 90 (/5), 92 (/7), 94 (/5), **96 (/31/37/97)**, 98 (/5/7), 100 (/13), 102 (/5), 104 (/7), 106 (/5/31),



For the first hundred values of the exponent  $n$  requires factors set too high, as 751 and 1409.

For different values of  $n$  there are 3 divisors and they must be at most two.

Not filling the entire set of even natural numbers  $2n$  we have that surely the number

$$23669 \cdot 2^n - 1$$

becomes a prime number for some value  $n$ .

We can conclude that 23669 is not a Riesel number.

1	47337	3 31 509
2	94675	5 <sup>2</sup> 7 541
3	189351	3 <sup>3</sup> 7013
4	378703	13 29131
5	757407	3 7 36067
6	1514815	5 29 31 337
7	3029631	3 11 91807
8	6059263	7 865609
9	12118527	3 <sup>2</sup> 47 28649
10	24237055	5 23 419 503
11	48474111	3 7 19 31 3919
12	96948223	199 487177
13	193896447	3 64632149
14	387792895	5 7 11079797
15	775585791	3 <sup>2</sup> 2539 33941
16	1551171583	13 31 3849061
17	3102343167	3 7 11 1801 7457
18	6204686335	5 181 523 13109
19	12409372671	3 53 <sup>2</sup> 1472573
20	24818745343	7 <sup>2</sup> 506505007
21	49637490687	3 <sup>5</sup> 23 31 286493
22	99274981375	5 <sup>3</sup> 6247 127133
23	198549962751	3 7 179 619 85331
24	397099925503	37 <sup>2</sup> 290065687
25	794199851007	3 269 971 1013531
26	1588399702015	5 7 31 131 11175289
27	3176799404031	3 <sup>2</sup> 11 337 9011 10567
28	6353598808063	13 103 821 5779577
29	12707197616127	3 7 19 137 6547 35507
30	25414395232255	5 5082879046451

31	50828790464511	3 31 546546134027
32	101657580929023	7 23 47 109 2423 50867
33	203315161858047	3 <sup>2</sup> 139 569 4261 67033
34	406630323716095	5 29 409 21839 313961
35	813260647432191	3 7 38726697496771
36	1,62652E+15	31 1873 28013042641
37	3,25304E+15	3
38	6,50609E+15	5 7
39	1,30122E+16	3
40	2,60243E+16	13
41	5,20487E+16	3 7 31
42	1,04097E+17	5 <sup>2</sup> 499 1801 3527 1313651
43	2,08195E+17	3
44	4,16389E+17	7
45	8,32779E+17	3
46	1,66556E+18	5 31
47	3,33112E+18	3 7
48	6,66223E+18	97 337 33617 6062602751
49	1,33245E+19	3
50	2,66489E+19	5 7

## 2.2 CONCLUSIONS

A very important observation concerns that these numbers of the set

$k \cdot 2^n - 1$

always end with the digit 1, 3, 5 or 7.

The primality test just do so only with numbers ending with the digit 3 because those ending in digits 1 and 7 are always divisible by 3 and those ending with the digit 5 are obviously divisible by 5.

This means that you just have to test every 4 numbers of the set.

Besides if we wanted to apply the coating proof of the covering sets as we did for the Sierpinski numbers 78557 and 271129 we will never achieve the value of  $\frac{1}{2}$

### 3. CURIOSITY ABOUT SIERPINSKI AND RIESEL NUMBERS

The related issues include, of course, possible smaller Sierpinski and Riesel numbers. Maybe it will solve them with this work, but our observations on their relationships with the forms arithmetic of prime numbers  $6k \pm 1$  (except 2 and 3 initials) will open the door to a subsequent proof.

All the numbers of the set  $k \cdot 2^n + 1$  are composite for every natural integer  $n$  if  $k$  is a Sierpinski number.

The same applies to the Riesel numbers of the set  $k \cdot 2^n - 1$

This means that when  $k$  is a Sierpinski or Riesel number, the result of the respective formulas will never form  $6k - 1$  e  $6k + 1$ , the only ones that relate to the primes (but also semiprimes and powers of prime numbers), but fall into the other possible forms  $6k$ ,  $6k + 2$ ,  $6k + 3$ ,  $6k + 4$ , as shown in the following table, for  $k = 0$  and following, with an increase of one unit for each subsequent row. Prime numbers are marked in red, only 2 and 3 are in the forms  $6k - 1$  e  $6k + 1$  being the ringleaders of the multiples of 2 and 3

**TABLE 1**

<b><math>6k - 4</math></b> Equivalente a $6k + 2$	<b><math>6k - 3</math></b> Multipli dispari di 3	<b><math>6k - 2</math></b>	<b><math>6k - 1</math></b>	<b><math>6k</math></b> Multipli pari di 3	<b><math>6k+1</math></b>
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>32</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>38</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>44</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>49</b>

<b>50</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>56</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>61</b>

(the numbers in blue are powers of 2: those with odd  $n$  are in column  $6k - 4$ , equivalent to  $6k + 2$  (for example,  $8 = 6 + 2$  and  $32 = 6 * 5 + 2$ , and those equal in column  $6k - 2$ , for example.  $4 = 6 - 2$  and  $16 = 6 * 3 - 2 = 18 - 2$ )

This is important, as we will see below in the appropriate tables.

Indeed an odd power of 2 multiplied by an odd number of form  $6k-1$ , gives a result that falls in the form  $6k-2$ , and adding 1 to this result, we proceed to form  $6k-1$ , and then possible prime number (eg.  $8 * 5 = 40$  and  $40 + 1 = 41 = 6 * 7 - 1 = \text{prime number}$ ).

If instead we multiply by an odd number of form  $6k + 1$ , the result falls in the column  $6k - 4$ , and if we add 1, it falls in the form  $6k-3$  of odd multiples of 3, and then the number odd  $n$  form  $6k + 1$  can be a number of Sierpinski for odd powers of 2, as we will see = eg.  $8 * 7 = 56$  and  $56 + 1 = 57 = 3 * 19$  composite, such as all the numbers of the form  $6k - 3$ , except the 3 initial.

Prove that all the results of the formulas for the Sierpinski and Riesel numbers are all composite in the presence of  $k$  Sierpinski or Riesel number (not to be confused with the  $k$  of the forms of the numbers of above table), is equivalent to show that these results do not fall never in columns  $6k - 1$  e  $6k + 1$ , or if we get (Sierpinski without the distinction

between even and odd powers of 2), are missing never a prime number, but only some of the composite semiprimes (or products of more prime numbers) or powers of prime numbers.

Demonstrated this, it is also shown that the respective formulas give only composite numbers. Let's go now to the related problems such as:

**Which are the smaller Sierpinski and Riesel numbers?**

The formulas do not distinguish between even powers of 2 (ie, n even exponent) and odd powers (with n odd).

With this our distinction, we find, with the following tables, the smaller Sierpinski and Riesel numbers are 5 and 7, followed by odd numbers of form  $6k - 1$  and  $6k + 1$ ). Then back on the general case, that is, for all powers of 2, no such distinction.

**Tables with even  $n$  and  $k = 5$  (or in the form  $k = 6k - 1$ ) for Sierpinsky:**



**TABLE 2 Sierpinsky:**

<b>n pari</b>	<b><math>2^n</math></b>	<b><math>5 * 2^n + 1</math></b>	<b>Composti = Multipli di 3</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>21</b>	<b><math>3*7</math></b>
<b>4</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>81</b>	<b><math>3^4</math></b>
<b>6</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>321</b>	<b><math>3*107</math></b>
<b>8</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>1 281</b>	<b><math>3*7*61</math></b>
<b>10</b>	<b>1 024</b>	<b>5 121</b>	<b><math>3*3*569</math></b>
<b>12</b>	<b>4 096</b>	<b>20 481</b>	<b><math>3*6827</math></b>
<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>

As we see, all the results obtained are multiples of 3, and then 5 (but also all the other numbers of the form  $6k - 1$ , such as 11, 17, 23 etc. ..in fact  $11 * 4 + 1 = 45 = 3^3 * 5$ ;  $11 * 16 + 1 = 177 = 3 * 59$ ), and so on).

They are Sierpinski numbers, as they give all composite numbers as all divisible by 3 with the formula  $k * 2^n + 1$ , with  $n$  even, and obviously in this case the smallest is 5, which is also of the form  $6k-1 = 6 * 1 - 1 = 6 - 1 = 5$ .

With  $n$  odd, then  $5 * 2^n$  and  $k = 5$  instead we have always prime numbers in the last column with the results of  $5 * 2^n + 1$ , and then 5 cannot now be Sierpinski number for odd powers of 2.

**TABLE 3 Sierpinski**

<b>n dispari</b>	<b><math>2^n</math></b>	<b><math>5 * 2^n + 1</math></b>	<b>Primi composti e</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b><math>5 * 2 + 1 = 11</math></b>	<b>11 primo</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b><math>5 * 8 + 1 = 41</math></b>	<b>41 primo</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>32</b>	<b><math>5 * 32 + 1 =</math></b>	<b><math>161 = 7 * 23</math></b>
<b>7</b>	<b>128</b>	<b><math>5 * 128 + 1</math></b>	<b><math>129 = 3 * 43</math></b>
<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>

The odd powers of 2, then with the formula  $k * 2^n + 1$  with odd n gives final results prime numbers and composite numbers, and so for them does not exist a number, however large or small, of Sierpinski.

Now let's see the odd powers of 2 with numbers of the form  $6k + 1$ , as the initial number 7:

**TABELLA 4**

<b>n dispari</b>	<b><math>2^n</math></b>	<b><math>7 * 2^n + 1</math></b>	<b>Composti =Multipli di 3</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b><math>7 * 2 + 1 = 15</math></b>	<b><math>15 = 3 * 5</math></b>
<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b><math>7 * 8 + 1 = 57</math></b>	<b><math>57 = 3 * 19</math></b>
<b>5</b>	<b>32</b>	<b><math>7 * 32 + 1 = 225</math></b>	<b><math>225 = 3^2 * 5^2</math></b>
<b>7</b>	<b>128</b>	<b><math>7 * 128 + 1 = 897</math></b>	<b><math>897 = 3 * 13 * 23</math></b>
<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>

Now the composite numbers are of the form  $7 * 2^n + 1$  with n odd, and then  $k = 7$  is their smallest Sierpinski number, such as 5 is the smallest for even powers of 2. If  $k = 13 = 6k + 1$ ,  $6 + 1 = 7$  as, we have here all multiples of 3: only one example for

$$13 * 2^3 + 1 + 1 = 13 * 8 = 105 = 3 * 5 * 7$$

13 is therefore a Sierpinski number for odd powers of 2, but not the smallest (that is 7), as well as all subsequent numbers k odd of the form  $6k + 1$ ).

**TABELLA 4**

<b>n pari</b>	<b><math>2^n</math></b>	<b><math>7 * 2^n + 1</math></b>	<b>Primi composti</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b><math>7 * 4 + 1 = 29</math></b>	<b>primo</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>16</b>	<b><math>7 * 16 + 1 = 113</math></b>	<b>primo</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>64</b>	<b><math>7 * 64 + 1 = 449</math></b>	<b>primo</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>256</b>	<b><math>7 * 256 + 1 = 1793</math></b>	<b>11 * 163</b>
<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>

The numbers of the form  $(6k + 1)$  are therefore not Sierpinski numbers for even powers of 2,

Now to the Riesel numbers, for which the opposite is 5 for odd powers and 7 and for even powers equal to 2

**TABLE 2.1**

<b>n pari</b>	<b><math>2^n</math></b>	<b><math>5 * 2^n - 1</math></b>	<b>Primi o no</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19 primo</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>79 primo</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>319 = 11*29</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>1 279</b>	<b>1 279 primo</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>1 024</b>	<b>5 119</b>	<b>5 119 primo</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>4 096</b>	<b>20 479</b>	<b>20 479 primo</b>
<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>

Then 5 cannot be a Riesel number for even powers of 2, while it is for Sierpinski, see TABLE 2

**TABELLA 3.1**

<b>n dispari</b>	<b>2<sup>n</sup></b>	<b>5 * 2<sup>n</sup> - 1</b>	<b>Multipli di 3</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5*2 - 1 = 9</b>	<b>9=3<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5*8 - 1=39</b>	<b>39=3*13</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>5*32 - 1=159</b>	<b>159=3*53</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>5*128 - 639</b>	<b>639=213</b>
<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>

Now 5 is a Riesel number, and precisely the smallest (the subsequent are all odd numbers of the form  $6k-1$ , and therefore also prime numbers of this form, but also composite, eg. 35: In fact,  $8 * 35-1 = 279 = 3 * 3 * 31 =$  multiple of 3)

**In summary:**

$2^n$  with even n, Sierpinski numbers of the form  $(6k-1)$ , Sierpinski number minor =  $5 = 6 * 1-1 = 6-1 = 5$  because  $5 * 2^n + 1$  originates all

composite numbers and numbers of 3, as well as  $(6k-1) * 2^n + 1$  generates only composite numbers and multiples of 3 (Table 2)

$2 * n$  with odd  $n$ , the numbers of the form  $(6k-1)$  are not Sierpinski numbers, since  $(6k-1) * 2^n + 1$  generates prime and composite number.

For Riesel numbers, instead we have:

for  $2^n$  with even  $n$ , the numbers of the form  $(6k-1)$  are not Riesel numbers, as  $(6k-1) * 2^{n-1}$  are not numbers of Riesel, because the formula generates prime and composite numbers. (Table 3).

For  $2^n$  with  $n$  odd, the numbers of the form  $(6k-1)$  are Riesel numbers because the formula  $(6k-1) * 2^n$  with  $n$  odd numbers generates all composite and multiples of 3 (Table 3.1) Here, too, the smallest Riesel number is 5.

For the form  $k = (6k + 1)$ , instead, they are Serpinski numbers for power of 2

It happens as for the numbers of Cullen and Woodall (Ref.1) but here we were looking for prime numbers (respectively Cullen and Woodall), now we seek only the composite numbers.

The definitions of Wikipedia about Sierpinski and Riesel numbers, do not, however, make distinctions between powers of 2 even or odd, and therefore such numbers must be valid for both powers of 2.

A example with the supposed first Riesel number (509203) for both powers of 2

**TABLE 6**

<b>509203</b>	<b><math>509203 \cdot 2^n - 1</math></b> <b>Con n pari e dispari</b>	<b>risultato</b>	<b>composto</b>
<b>n dispari 1</b>	<b><math>509203 \cdot 2 - 1</math></b>	<b>1018405</b> <b>Di forma <math>6k + 1</math></b>	<b><math>5 \cdot 353 \cdot 577</math></b>
<b>n pari 2</b>	<b><math>509203 \cdot 4 - 1</math></b>	<b>2036811</b> <b>Di forma <math>6k - 3</math> e quindi multiplo di 3</b>	<b><math>3 \cdot 7 \cdot 23 \cdot 4217</math></b>
<b>n dispari 3</b>	<b><math>509203 \cdot 8 - 1</math></b>	<b>4073623</b> <b>Di forma <math>6k + 1</math></b>	<b><math>241 \cdot 16903</math></b>
<b>n pari 4</b>	<b><math>509203 \cdot 16 - 1</math></b>	<b>8147247</b> <b>Di forma <math>6k - 3</math> e</b>	<b><math>3 \cdot 2715749</math></b>



		quindi multiplo di 3	
n dispari 5	$509203 \cdot 32 - 1$	16294495	$5 \cdot 7 \cdot 19 \cdot 107 \cdot 229$
n pari 6	$509203 \cdot 64 - 1$	32588991	$3^2 \cdot 3620999$
n dispari 7	$509203 \cdot 128 - 1$	65177983	$13 \cdot 17 \cdot 294923$
n pari 8	$509203 \cdot 256 - 1$	130355967	$3 \cdot 7 \cdot 6207427$
n dispari 9	$509203 \cdot 512 - 1$	260711935	$5 \cdot 11 \cdot 4540217$
...	...	...	...

And here we return to the definition of Wikipedia, without distinction of odd or even  $n$ .

In these cases, ie without our distinction in even or odd powers of 2, the Sierpinski and Riesel numbers are those already known and reported from Wikipedia or other work.

As regards the forms  $6k + 1$ , note that 509203 is form  $6k - 1$  (in fact  $(509203 - 1) / 6 = 84867$ , and for  $k$  of the form  $6k - 1$  (not to be confused  $k$  of  $k \cdot 2^{n-1}$ ) with  $k \cdot 6k - 1$

And for the forms  $6k-1$  they are Sierpinski numbers for even powers of 2, that is, with even  $n$ .

In fact, in Table 6, all the results for the even powers of 2 are divisible by 3, and then composite. The results for the odd powers also are all composite, but without the factor 3 common to the results for  $n$  even.

We note, however, that their factors are all of the form  $6k-1$  or all of the form  $6k+1$ , for example 5, 353 and 577 are all of form  $6k-1$  (in fact  $5 = 6 \cdot 1 - 1$ ,  $353 = 354 - 1$  and  $354/6 = 59$ ,  $577 = 588 - 1$  and  $588/6 = 98$ ; for even powers we have multiple of 3 and for this reason 509203 that, of the form  $6k-1$ , is a Sierpinski number.

But for the odd powers, 509203 it is not a Sierpinski number.

Then the result could also be a prime number, yet they are all composite, but all of the form  $6k+1$ .

Some (one every 4), end with the digit 5, and then they are composite divisible by 5.

Others are multiples of 7, 11, 13, etc., maybe with automatisms similar to that for the factor of 5, so that for odd powers will always have equally composite numbers, as for even powers. And so for others Sierpinski numbers and other Riesel numbers.

We note that in the Table 6, where we have: **509203 \*64 -1**, there is the number 64 ( $64 = 8^2$ ) that is connected with the “modes” that correspond to the physical vibrations of a superstring by the following Ramanujan function:

$$8 = \frac{1}{3} \frac{4 \left[ \text{anti log} \frac{\int_0^\infty \frac{\cos \pi x w'}{\cosh \pi x} e^{-\pi x^2 w'} dx}{e^{-\frac{\pi^2}{4} w'} \phi_{w'}(itw')} \right] \cdot \frac{\sqrt{142}}{t^2 w'}}{\log \left[ \sqrt{\left( \frac{10+11\sqrt{2}}{4} \right)} + \sqrt{\left( \frac{10+7\sqrt{2}}{4} \right)} \right]} .$$

## *Conclusions*

With our distinction of powers of 2 in odd or even of the exponent  $n$  (ie whether it is even or odd) we showed how to them, in the formula  $k * 2^{n-1}$  for the Sierpinski numbers  $k * 2^n + 1$  for Riesel numbers, the results are alternately all composite and multiple of 3, or mixed between the prime and composite, and smaller Sierpinski and Riesel numbers are 5 and 7 and not big numbers like 509203

Without the above distinction, for Sierpinski (and therefore likewise to Riesel) powers like 2 give results all multiples of 3, and then all composite, while the odd powers give also results all composite, but multiples of 5, 7, 11, 13 etc.. with apparent irregularities (the only one that we saw in it the repetition factor of 5 for every four odd powers of 2).

With this work, and with our distinction for even or odd  $n$ , now we know a little 'more about the Sierpinski and Riesel numbers.

In conclusion, we want search a possible connection of the Sierpinski and Riesel numbers with the string theory.

### **Sierpinski's numbers**

$$\begin{aligned}78557 &= 496 * 158 + 2 * 64 + 2 * 24 + 12 + 1 \\271129 &= 496 * 513 + 64^2 + 24^2 * 16 + 64 * 48 + 27 * 11 \\271577 &= 496 * 513 + 64^2 + 24^2 * 16 + 64 * 56 + 233 \\322523 &= 496 * 513 + 64^2 * 14 + 24^2 * 18 + 11^2 * 3 \\327739 &= 496 * 513 + 64^2 * 16 + 24^2 * 13 + 89 * 3 \\482719 &= 496 * 513 + 64^2 * 48 + 24^2 * 48 + 5 * 11 * 73 \\575041 &= 496 * 1026 + 64^2 * 12 + 24^3 + 3169 \\603713 &= 496 * 1026 + 64^2 * 20 + 24^2 * 20 + 9^2 * 17 \\903983 &= 496 * 1026 + 64^2 * 48 + 64^2 * 48 + 1871\end{aligned}$$

$$934909 = 496 * 1026 + 64^2 * 48 + 64^2 * 48 + 24^2 * 48 + 24^2 * 8 + 541$$

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**Riesel number**

$$509203 = 496 * 1026 + 4 * 64 + 2 * 24 + 2 + 1$$

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**Thence, decompositions where there are the number 8, 24 and 496 (or 12, 16, 64 and 48, where  $12 = 24/2$ ,  $16 = 2 * 8$ ,  $64 = 8^2$  and  $48 = 2 * 24$ ).**

**Considering the Sierpinski's number in this mode, we can obtain a mathematical connection between ALL these numbers and the modes corresponding to the physical vibrations of the superstrings and the bosonic strings (i.e. 8 and 24) by the following Ramanujan modular equations:**

$$8 = \frac{1}{3} \frac{4 \left[ \frac{\text{anti log} \int_0^\infty \frac{\cos \pi x w'}{\cosh \pi x} e^{-\pi^2 w'} dx}{e^{-\frac{\pi^2}{4} w'} \phi_{w'}(itw')} \right] \cdot \frac{\sqrt{142}}{t^2 w'}}{\log \left[ \sqrt{\left( \frac{10 + 11\sqrt{2}}{4} \right)} + \sqrt{\left( \frac{10 + 7\sqrt{2}}{4} \right)} \right]} \quad (1)$$

$$24 = \frac{4 \left[ \frac{\text{anti log} \int_0^\infty \frac{\cos \pi x w'}{\cosh \pi x} e^{-\pi^2 w'} dx}{e^{-\frac{\pi^2}{4} w'} \phi_{w'}(itw')} \right] \cdot \frac{\sqrt{142}}{t^2 w'}}{\log \left[ \sqrt{\left( \frac{10 + 11\sqrt{2}}{4} \right)} + \sqrt{\left( \frac{10 + 7\sqrt{2}}{4} \right)} \right]} \quad (2)$$

**Furthermore, we have that, for example:**

$$271577 = 496 * 513 + 64^2 + 24^2 * 16 + 64 * 56 + 233 = 254448 + 4096 + 9216 + 3584 + 233;$$

$$603713 = 496 * 1026 + 64^2 * 20 + 24^2 * 20 + 9^2 * 17 = 508896 + 81920 + 11520 + 1377;$$

These numbers: 508896, 254448, 81920, 11520, 9216, 4096, 3584, 1377 and 233 and each number that we obtain from the other Sierpinski's numbers, can be considered all new solutions regarding the equations of the bosonic strings and superstrings theory

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