

A survey of the main fundamental European trigonometric tables printed in the 15th and 16th centuries

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Abstract

This document is a survey of the main European fundamental trigonometric tables printed in the 15th and 16th centuries. After a review of the work done before the 15th century in Greece, India and the Arab world, the starting points in Europe are examined. The seminal work of Regiomontanus is carefully studied and the lineage of all later works is established.

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1 Introduction

The purpose of this survey is to sort out the many fundamental European purely (*i.e.*, non astronomical) trigonometric tables published in the 15th and 16th centuries, and specifically to clarify their relationships.¹ I am concerned here almost exclusively with tables of sines, tangents and secants, and not with more specialized trigonometric tables that might be used as auxiliary tables.

Although a study with a similar scope has been published by Glowatzki and Göttsche in 1990,² I feel that it is necessary to review the tables in the light of their ready access, and to see whether their understanding can be improved. I believe that my study brings new information and corrects some earlier mistakes.

This new examination is also made in the context of the LOCOMAT project,³ where a number of historical tables have been reconstructed (computationally and typographically) and analyzed, enabling a better assessment of their accuracy and lineage. However, it must be stressed that the absolute accuracy of the historical tables under consideration here is less important than their relationships and the process that led to their computation or organization.

In the following sections, I first give a short review of the history of purely trigonometric tables before the 15th century, and follow their development through Greece, India, the Arab world, and finally Western Europe. I am then considering the work of four great innovators, Johannes von Gmunden, Giovanni Bianchini, Georg von Peurbach and Johannes Regiomontanus. The latter was the one who greatly expanded the world of trigonometric tables, and set the background for almost all future work until the end of the 16th century. I am therefore examining what are Regiomontanus's seminal tables, and then journey through a century of tables, from Regiomontanus's *Tabulæ directionum profectionumque* of 1490 to Rheti-

¹There is a vast literature on numerical tables, and I am directing the reader to a number of general surveys, such as [Hutton (1785)], [De Morgan (1842)], [De Morgan (1851)], [Glaisher (1873)], [Davis (1933), pp. 1-40], [Campbell-Kelly et al. (2003)], etc. This document also mentions many people, and I am not always directing to specific biographical information for each of them. Valuable informations can in particular be found in the notices of [Hockey (2014)], in particular on Al-Battāni, Abū al-Wafā³, Al-Khwārizmī, Al-Zarqālī, Apian, Bürgi, Clavius, Copernicus, Engel, Fine, Gemma Frisius, Lansberge, Magini, Maurolico, Peucer, Peurbach, Regiomontanus, Reinhold, Rheticus, and many others.

²[Glowatzki and Göttsche (1990)]

³<https://locomat.loria.fr>, see [Roegel (2012)].

cus's *Opus palatinum* of 1596, which was itself the start of a new era, but the end of this survey. In this journey, I am in particular examining the genealogy of the tables. In other words, I am trying to find out who copied on whom, and I am also trying to shed a new light on the computations that were made, whenever possible.

Finally, this survey is also a companion document to a number of modern reconstructions, that is, reconstructions usually giving the exact values, but also trying to reproduce the original layout of the tables, so as to make their comparison straightforward. These reconstructions are those of Regiomontanus's table of tangents (1490),⁴ Engel's table of sines (1490, but here reproduced from the 1504 edition),⁵ Peurbach's arctangent table (1516),⁶ the tables of sines of Fine (1530),⁷ Apian (1533),⁸ Regiomontanus (1541),⁹ Rheticus (1542)¹⁰ and again Fine (1550),¹¹ and eventually the trigonometric tables of Rheticus (1551),¹² Reinhold (1554),¹³ Maurolico (1558),¹⁴ Viète (1579),¹⁵ Fincke (1583),¹⁶ Lansberge (1591),¹⁷ Rheticus & Otho (1596)¹⁸ and Pitiscus (1613).¹⁹

2 Before the 15th century

I give here a quick and rough sketch of the history of trigonometric tables before the 15th century, so as to serve as a background for the development of trigonometry in the 15th and 16th centuries. More detailed (although sometimes incorrect or dated) surveys can be found in the works of Braun-

⁴[Regiomontanus (1490)]

⁵[Regiomontanus (1490), Regiomontanus (1504)]

⁶[von Peurbach (1516)]

⁷[Fine (1530)]

⁸[Apian (1533)]

⁹[von Peurbach and Regiomontanus (1541)]

¹⁰[Copernicus (1542)]

¹¹[Fine (1550)]

¹²[Rheticus (1551)]

¹³[Reinhold (1554)]

¹⁴[Maurolico (1558)]

¹⁵[Viète (1579)]

¹⁶[Fincke (1583)]

¹⁷[van Lansberge (1591)]

¹⁸[Rheticus and Otho (1596)]

¹⁹[Pitiscus (1613)]

mühl,²⁰ Tropfke,²¹ Bond,²² Zeller²³ and more recently of Brummelen.²⁴ More general works on the history of mathematics may also sometimes be of interest, for instance those of Montucla,²⁵ Kästner,²⁶ Zeuthen,²⁷ Katz²⁸, Boyer/Merzbach²⁹ or Scriba/Schreiber,³⁰ but they may at times be inaccurate.

2.1 Greek chord tables

Trigonometry started with triangles inscribed in circles of some radius R . This radius was typically taken to be 60, but other values were also used. Within such a circle, some quantities can then be defined. In particular chords are segments subtended by an arc (figure 1) and there is a simple relationship between chords in a circle of radius R (which I denote Chd_R or often merely Chd) and sines (which I assume to be defined in a unit circle). We have $\text{Chd}_R \alpha = 2R \sin(\alpha/2)$. In the case of sine tables, R was later called the *sinus totus*. This radius was not made equal to unity before Abū al-Wafā³ in the 10th century (see § 2.3).³¹

We know that Hipparchus (c.190-c.120 BC) and Menelaus of Alexandria (c.70-c.140) wrote treatises on chords, but these works are unfortunately lost.³² It is not known if they contained tables of chords. But we know that the use of tables in Greek mathematics apparently takes its roots in Babylonian sources.³³

In 1974, Toomer suggested that Hipparchus may have had a table of

²⁰[von Braunmühl (1900, 1903)]

²¹[Tropfke (1902-1903), v. 2, pp. 189-221, and 296-306]

²²[Bond (1921)]

²³[Zeller (1944)]

²⁴See [van Brummelen (2009)] and [van Brummelen (2021)].

²⁵[Montucla (1758)]

²⁶[Kästner (1796)]

²⁷[Zeuthen (1903)]

²⁸[Katz et al. (2007)]

²⁹[Merzbach and Boyer (2010)]

³⁰[Scriba and Schreiber (2015)]

³¹In the sequel, sines will often be defined in non-unit circles, and I will use Sin for this purpose, often leaving the radius implicit. We have of course $\text{Sin}_R \alpha = R \sin \alpha$. Some authors call this Sin the R -sine, but I will always use “sine” alone, as the context should be unambiguous. I will also use other variants such as Tan , Sec , etc., when needed.

³²[Bond (1921), pp. 297-298]

³³[Sidoli (2014), p. 13]

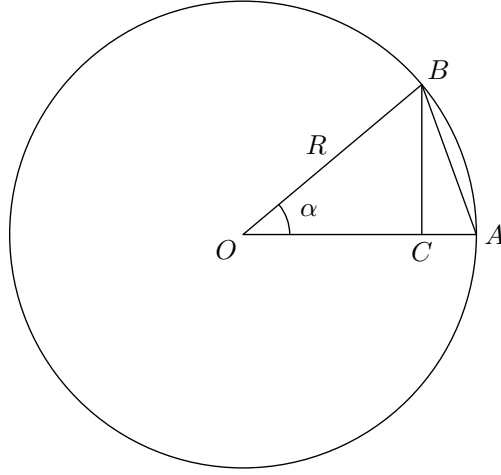


Figure 1: Chords and sines. AB is the chord of α and BC is its sine, for a radius R . We have $\text{Chd}_R \alpha = 2R \sin(\alpha/2)$ and $BC = \text{Sin}_R \alpha$.

chords with a circle of radius $R = 3438$ and at intervals of 7.5° ,³⁴ and that this radius was then copied by Indian mathematicians, but this is still debated, by Toomer himself,³⁵ as well as by Klintberg in 2005 who believes that Hipparchus may have had instead a chord table with $R = 3600$.³⁶ On the other hand, Duke, also in 2005, and using the analysis of two eclipse trios, concurs with Toomer's original suggestion.³⁷

Later, Ptolemy (2nd century AD) gathered the earlier works and covered the computation and use of chords in the first book of the *Almagest*. His table gives the chords for every $30'$ of the quadrant, using a circle of diameter 120 (figure 2).³⁸

The way Ptolemy computed his table of chords was to find first the sides of the inscribed regular triangle, quadrilateral, pentagon, hexagon and decagon in a circle divided in 60 parts, that is, of radius 60.³⁹ This gave

³⁴[Toomer (1974), p. 7] See [van Brummelen (2009), pp. 41-45] for a recent discussion on this topic.

³⁵[Ptolemaeus (1984), p. 215]

³⁶[Klintberg (2005)]

³⁷[Duke (2005)]

³⁸See [Ptolemaeus (1813-1816), v. 1, pp. 38-45], [Ptolemaeus (1898-1903), v. 1, pp. 48-63], [Ptolemaeus (1984), pp. 57-60].

³⁹Besides Toomer's edition of the *Almagest* [Ptolemaeus (1984), pp. 57-60], see [Neugebauer (1975), pp. 21-24], [Pedersen (2011), ch. 3], [Bond (1921), pp. 301-303], [Clagett (1957), pp. 200-205], [Kneale (1965)], [Glowatzki and Götsche (1976)], [Thurston (1996), pp. 235-

him the chords of 36° , 60° , 72° , 90° , 108° , 120° , and 144° .

Using the theorem known as Ptolemy's theorem (a relation between the four sides and two diagonals of a cyclic quadrilateral), Ptolemy was able to compute the chord of the difference of two arcs, when the chords of these arcs are known, and also the chord of their sum. He also was able to compute the chord of the half arc from that of the arc. Eventually, Ptolemy computed the chords of 0.75° and of 1.5° .

Then Ptolemy used an interpolation to find the chord of 1° :

$$\text{Chd } 1^\circ = 1^p 2' 50''$$

This means that the chord of 1° is a bit more than one part, given that the radius is equal to 60 parts. Of course, $\text{Chd } 180^\circ = 2R = 120$.

The above value for $\text{Chd } 1^\circ$ is correct, since we actually have $\text{Chd } 1^\circ = 2 \cdot 60 \cdot \sin 0.5^\circ = 1.047184 \dots \approx 1 + 2/60 + 50/60^2$. This value will also be written $1; 2, 50$, following a convention used by many authors.⁴⁰

After the computation of $\text{Chd } 1^\circ$, Ptolemy obtained $\text{Chd } 0.5^\circ$ and eventually all the other values in his table of chords. Glowatzki and Göttsche recomputed Ptolemy's table using the procedure he described in the *Almagest*.⁴¹

The beginning of Ptolemy's table of chords as given by Halma is shown in figure 2.

In the following excerpt of Ptolemy's table

TABLE DES DROITES INSCRITES DANS LE CERCLE.								
ARCS.		CORDES.			TRENTIÈMES DES DIFFÉRENCES.			
Degrés	Min.	Part. Ju. Prim.	Prim.	Secon.	Part.	Prim.	Secon.	Terc.
0	30	0	31	25	0	1	2	60
1	0	1	3	50	0	1	2	50
1	30	1	34	15	0	1	2	50

KANONION TON EN KYKΛO EYΘEION.									
ΗΕΡΙΣΤΕΡΕΙΩΝ.		ΕΥΘΕΙΩΝ.			ΕΞΗΚΟΤΩΝ.				
Μοιρῶν.		Μ.	Π.	Δ.	Μ.	Π.	Δ.	Τ.	
0	30	0	31	25	0	1	2	60	
1	0	1	3	50	0	1	2	50	
1	30	1	34	15	0	1	2	50	

236], [van Brummelen (2009), pp. 70-77], [Buscherini and Panaino (2010)], [Otero (2020)] and especially [van Brummelen (1993), pp. 46-73] for an extensive analysis of Ptolemy's chord table and its underlying mathematics.

⁴⁰Throughout this document, I will count decimal places beyond this radius, and not including it, so that the value of $\text{Chd } 1^\circ$ given here will be considered given to two (sexagesimal) places and not three.

⁴¹See [Glowatzki and Göttsche (1976)]. Glowatzki and Göttsche give the listings of the PL/I programs they used.

the values of Chd $0^\circ 30'$, Chd 1° and Chd $1^\circ 30'$ are given, together with differences. These differences are given in thirtieth of the actual differences, so that $31'25''$ becomes $\frac{31'25''}{30} = \frac{2 \times 31'25''}{60} = \frac{62'50''}{60} = 62''50''' = 1'2''50'''$.

In Greek (right hand side), letters are used for numbers, in particular \bar{o} for 0, α for 1, β for 2, ι for 10, κ for 20, λ for 30, ν for 50, $\iota\epsilon$ for 15, $\kappa\epsilon$ for 25, $\lambda\alpha$ for 31, $\lambda\delta$ for 34, etc. Note however that Halma uses ς'' for $30'$, when actually Ptolemy used a symbol for the half degree.⁴²

As the chords are twice the sines of the half angles, Ptolemy's table would make it very easy to obtain the sines at intervals of $15'$.

2.2 Indian tables

The history of mathematics in India is complex and a lot of details are shady or lost.⁴³ As far as trigonometry is concerned, some elements of Greek chord tables were probably taken to India, but they were then converted to sines.⁴⁴ It seems that it was for practical reasons that Indian astronomers replaced the chords (*jyā*) by the sines, that is by half-chords (*jyā-ardha*, eventually shortened to *jyā*), with various values of the radius R of the base circle.⁴⁵

This move from chords to sines may seem to be a detail, but it had in fact far-reaching consequences, connecting trigonometric functions with right triangles and therefore to the Pythagorean theorem.

However, even though a transmission from Greece to India is compelling, there is no certainty about the origins of the calculations, and whether the values were borrowed from Greek sources or computed independently.⁴⁶

In any case, once the sine (*jyā*) had been defined for radius R , we had

$$jyā(\theta) = R \sin \theta = \text{Sin } \theta.$$

Among the oldest sine tables, Neugebauer and Pingree mention the *Paitāmahasiddhānta*, possibly of the 1st century AD, which had a table based

⁴²[Ptolemaeus (1898-1903), v. 1, p. 48]

⁴³For summaries of the history of mathematics and astronomy in India and extensive discussions on trigonometry or tables, see [Srinivasiengar (1967)], [Pingree (1978)], [Bag (1979)], [Katz et al. (2007)], [Plofker (2009)], [González-Velasco (2011), pp. 25-34], [van Brummelen (2009), pp. 94-134], [Puttaswamy (2012), pp. 108-116], [Divakaran (2018)], [Montelle and Plofker (2018)] (especially page 57) and [Ramasubramanian (2019)].

⁴⁴[van Brummelen (2009), p. 99]

⁴⁵[van Brummelen (2009), p. 96]

⁴⁶[van Brummelen (2009), p. 99]

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ARCS.		CORDES.			TRENTIÈMES DES DIFFÉRENCES.				
Degrés.	Min.	Part. Ju. Nam.	Prim.	Secon.	Part.	Prim.	Secon.	Tierc.	
0	30	0	31	25	0	1	2	60	
1	0	1	2	50	0	1	2	50	
1	30	1	34	15	0	1	2	50	
2	0	2	5	40	0	1	2	50	
2	30	2	37	4	0	1	2	48	
3	0	3	8	28	0	1	2	48	
3	30	3	39	52	0	1	2	46	
4	0	4	11	16	0	1	2	47	
4	30	4	42	40	0	1	2	47	
5	0	5	14	4	0	1	2	46	
5	30	5	45	27	0	1	2	45	
6	0	6	16	49	0	1	2	44	
6	30	6	48	11	0	1	2	43	
7	0	7	19	33	0	1	2	42	
7	30	7	50	54	0	1	2	41	
8	0	8	22	15	0	1	2	40	
8	30	8	53	35	0	1	2	39	
9	0	9	24	54	0	1	2	38	
9	30	9	56	13	0	1	2	37	
10	0	10	27	32	0	1	2	35	
10	30	10	58	49	0	1	2	33	
11	0	11	30	5	0	1	2	32	
11	30	12	1	21	0	1	2	30	
12	0	12	32	36	0	1	2	28	
12	30	13	3	50	0	1	2	27	
13	0	13	35	4	0	1	2	25	
13	30	14	6	16	0	1	2	23	
14	0	14	37	27	0	1	2	21	
14	30	15	8	38	0	1	2	19	
15	0	15	39	47	0	1	2	17	
15	30	16	10	56	0	1	2	15	
16	0	16	42	3	0	1	2	13	
16	30	17	13	9	0	1	2	10	
17	0	17	44	14	0	1	2	7	
17	30	18	15	17	0	1	2	5	
18	0	18	46	19	0	1	2	2	
18	30	19	17	21	0	1	2	0	
19	0	19	48	21	0	1	1	57	
19	30	20	19	19	0	1	1	54	
20	0	20	50	16	0	1	1	51	
20	30	21	21	12	0	1	1	48	
21	0	21	52	6	0	1	1	45	
21	30	22	22	58	0	1	1	42	
22	0	22	53	49	0	1	1	39	
22	30	23	24	39	0	1	1	36	

ΚΑΝΟΝΙΟΝ ΤΩΝ ΕΝ ΚΥΚΛΩ ΕΥΘΕΙΩΝ.									
ΠΕΡΙΦΕΡΕΙΑ.		ΕΥΘΕΙΩΝ.			ΕΞΗΧΕΤΩΝ.				
ΜΟΙΡΑΙΩΝ.		Μ.	Π.	Δ.	Μ.	Π.	Δ.	Τ.	
α	δ	α	λα	αλ	δ	α	β	ν	
α	δ	α	β	ν	δ	α	β	ν	
α	δ	α	λδ	αλ	δ	α	β	ν	
β	δ	β	ε	μ	δ	α	β	ν	
β	δ	β	λζ	μ	δ	α	β	ν	
γ	δ	γ	η	κα	δ	α	β	ν	
γ	δ	γ	λθ	κα	δ	α	β	ν	
δ	δ	δ	ια	ιζ	δ	α	β	ν	
δ	δ	δ	μβ	ιζ	δ	α	β	ν	
ε	δ	ε	αθ	θ	δ	α	β	ν	
ε	δ	ε	με	κζ	δ	α	β	ν	
ε	δ	ε	ιζ	μθ	δ	α	β	ν	
ζ	δ	ζ	μη	ια	δ	α	β	ν	
ζ	δ	ζ	λθ	ιγ	δ	α	β	ν	
ζ	δ	ζ	ν	νθ	δ	α	β	ν	
η	δ	η	κβ	ια	δ	α	β	ν	
η	δ	η	λμ	ια	δ	α	β	ν	
θ	δ	θ	νγ	νθ	δ	α	β	ν	
θ	δ	θ	κδ	νθ	δ	α	β	ν	
ι	δ	ι	νζ	εγ	δ	α	β	ν	
ι	δ	ι	κζ	λβ	δ	α	β	ν	
ι	δ	ι	νη	μθ	δ	α	β	ν	
ια	δ	ια	λ	ε	δ	α	β	ν	
ια	δ	ια	α	κα	δ	α	β	ν	
ιβ	δ	ιβ	λβ	λζ	δ	α	β	ν	
ιβ	δ	ιβ	γ	ν	δ	α	β	ν	
ιγ	δ	ιγ	λα	δ	δ	α	β	ν	
ιγ	δ	ιγ	εθ	ιζ	δ	α	β	ν	
ιδ	δ	ιδ	λζ	κζ	δ	α	β	ν	
ιδ	δ	ιδ	η	λμ	δ	α	β	ν	
ιδ	δ	ιδ	λθ	μζ	δ	α	β	ν	
ιε	δ	ιε	ιζ	νε	δ	α	β	ν	
ιε	δ	ιε	μβ	γ	δ	α	β	ν	
ιε	δ	ιε	ιγ	νθ	δ	α	β	ν	
ιζ	δ	ιζ	μθ	εθ	δ	α	β	ν	
ιζ	δ	ιζ	εη	ιζ	δ	α	β	ν	
ιη	δ	ιη	μζ	λθ	δ	α	β	ν	
ιη	δ	ιη	ιζ	κα	δ	α	β	ν	
ιθ	δ	ιθ	μη	κα	δ	α	β	ν	
ιθ	δ	ιθ	κ	λθ	δ	α	β	ν	
κ	δ	κ	ν	ιζ	δ	α	β	ν	
κ	δ	κ	κα	ιβ	δ	α	β	ν	
κ	δ	κ	νβ	ς	δ	α	β	ν	
κα	δ	κα	κβ	νη	δ	α	β	ν	
κβ	δ	κβ	νγ	μθ	δ	α	β	ν	
κβ	δ	κβ	κδ	ιθ	δ	α	β	ν	

Figure 2: The beginning of Ptolemy's table of chords as retranscribed by Halma in 1813 [Ptolemaeus (1813-1816)]. The part on the right shows the numerical values as represented by Greek letters. The left part is the modern translation. One should take note that the layout of the table in the Greek manuscripts differs from that displayed here and half-degrees are marked with a special symbol [Ptolemaeus (1898-1903), v. 1, p. 48].

on $R = 3438$.⁴⁷

As mentioned above, Toomer has suggested that this radius 3438, which is $60 \cdot 360$ divided by an approximation of 2π , was actually borrowed from Hipparchus,⁴⁸ but this claim may now be questioned. In any case, the simultaneous choice in India of a radius of 3438 and a measure of the circumference of $360 \cdot 60'$ means that the radius was actually measured in the same units as the circumference, thus anticipating the concept of radians.⁴⁹

The *Sūrya Siddhānta*, a Sanskrit treatise on Indian astronomy, which in its original version goes back to the 4th century, may also have been one of the earliest texts giving a table of sine. The version now known of this work which had been heavily amended gives a table of sines with the same $R = 3438$ and for every multiple of $3^\circ 45'$.⁵⁰ This interval of $3^\circ 45'$ may go back to an interval of $7^\circ 30'$ for chords.⁵¹

Around 499 AD, Āryabhaṭa's *Āryabhaṭīya* also used $R = 3438$ and had tables of sines ($\sin x$) and versines (or versed sines, *utkramajyā*, $R - \cos x$) for every x multiple of $3^\circ 45'$.⁵²

Then in the sixth century AD, Varāhamihira (c505-c587) gave a table of sines with $R = 120$ again for every multiple of $3^\circ 45'$.⁵³ Neugebauer and Pingree write that this table uses a terminology derived from that of the *Paitāmahasiddhānta* mentioned above. In any case, Varāhamihira's table may be much older than the 6th century as his work, the *Pañca-siddhāntikā* is a summary of five earlier *siddhāntas*. And since, as observed by Bag,⁵⁴ we have the chord of $7^\circ 30'$ in a circle of radius $R = 60$ which is equal to the sine of $3^\circ 45'$ in a circle of radius $R = 120$, and that therefore a table of chords can right away become a table of sines in a circle twice as large, it may be that Varāhamihira's table goes back to a table of chords with $R = 60$.

In his *Brāhma-sphuṭa-siddhānta*, Brahmagupta (c598-668)⁵⁵ computed a

⁴⁷[Neugebauer and Pingree (1970-1971), part 2, p. 37]

⁴⁸See [Toomer (1974), p. 6] and [Divakaran (2018), p. 198].

⁴⁹[Neugebauer (1956)]

⁵⁰[Burgess (1860), pp. 58-60]

⁵¹[van Brummelen (2009), p. 97]

⁵²See [Clark (1930), p. 19], [Srinivasiengar (1967), pp. 40-54], [Filliozat (1988)], and [Mazars (1974)].

⁵³See [Neugebauer and Pingree (1970-1971), part 2, pp. 37-38] and [Plofker (2009), p. 51]

⁵⁴[Bag (1969), p. 84]

⁵⁵[Bhattacharyya (2011)]

table of sines but with the radius 3270 for every multiple of $3^\circ 45'$.⁵⁶ Gupta suggested that this peculiar value of R is rounded from $21600/6.6$, where $6.6/2$ is an approximation of $\sqrt{10}$.⁵⁷

Bag⁵⁸ gave a comparative view of the main early Indian tables of sines and examined how Varāhamihira and others may have computed their values.

Brahmagupta has also used the value $R = 150$ in his *Khaṇḍakhādya* (665).⁵⁹ This value was then used again by Al-Khwārizmī.

2.3 Arabic tables

I merely sketch here the main milestones in the developement of trigonometric tables between the 8th and 13th centuries, before their wider transmission to Western Europe.⁶⁰

At the end of the 8th century, during the first years of the Abbasid Caliphate (750-1258), men of learning were gathered in Baghdad and they translated into Arabic the works of the Hindus and the Greeks.⁶¹ In particular, excerpts of Brahmagupta's *Brāhma-sphuṭa-siddhānta* were brought to the calif Al-Mansur (714-775) by a scholar named Kaṅka⁶² and a translation was made.

The Persian mathematician and astronomer Al-Khwārizmī (c780-850) wrote a revised edition of this translation, the *Zīj al-Sindhind*.⁶³ The word *zīj* is a generic name used for tabular astronomical works in Arabic and Persian, and it is derived from a Persian word meaning "cord" or "string", the tables with their columns and lines bearing some similarity with strings.⁶⁴

The Indian word *jyā* for the chord was translated to *jib* and was later probably incorrectly translated in the Latin *sinus*, based on the similar

⁵⁶[Plofker (2009), p. 81, 157]

⁵⁷[Gupta (1978)]

⁵⁸[Bag (1969)]

⁵⁹See [Chatterjee (1970), p. 206], [Gupta (1978)], [Pingree (1996), p. 43], and [Pingree (2003)].

⁶⁰For more extensive descriptions of Arabic mathematics and astronomy, see in particular the surveys of [von Braunmühl (1900, 1903), v. 1, pp. 42-86] and [Rashed and Morelon (1996)]. Heydari-Malayeri's short survey may also be of interest [Heydari-Malayeri (2007)]. On trigonometric tables in the Islamic world, see [Berggren (1986), p. 144] and [van Brummelen (2009), pp. 135-222].

⁶¹[Bond (1921), p. 307]

⁶²[Bag (1969), p. 84]

⁶³See [Kennedy (1956), pp. 148-154], [Pingree (1996), p. 41] and [van Dalen (1996)].

⁶⁴[Heydari-Malayeri (2007)]

unvocalized Arabic word *jaib* meaning “cavity”.⁶⁵

For the *Zīj al-Sindhind* Al-Khwārizmī computed c820 a table of sines. In fact, according to McCarthy and Byrne, Al-Khwārizmī’s treatise contained two sine tables.⁶⁶ The main table used the radius $R = 60$ and a step of 1° ,⁶⁷ and was likely based on Ptolemy’s table of chords,⁶⁸ but Al-Khwārizmī also used another simpler table with $R = 150$,⁶⁹ that is Brahmagupta’s radius from the *Khaṇḍakhādya*.⁷⁰ This simpler table only contained the sines at intervals of 15° and was especially known from a commentary by Al-Biruni.⁷¹ In particular, McCarthy and Byrne convincingly discard Hogendijk’s suggestion⁷² of a possible candidate for a full $R = 150$ sine table that could be attributed to Al-Khwārizmī.⁷³

Al-Khwārizmī’s main table survives in Adelard of Bath (c1080-1152)’s Latin translation (1126) of Maslama al-Majriti (c950-c1007)’s late 10th century Cordova edition of the original table. It was reproduced by Suter in 1914.⁷⁴ The table with $R = 150$ is not found in Adelard of Bath’s translation, but its radius $R = 150$ made it to the tables of Toledo.

Al-Khwārizmī also had a table of shadows with a gnomon of 12,⁷⁵ following the Hindu custom.⁷⁶ The shadows seem to have been viewed as apart from the cosines and they were gathered in the same category only by the Europeans in the 15th century.⁷⁷

Al-Khwārizmī’s *Zīj al-Sindhind* was brought to Al-Andalus, the Muslim-ruled area of the Iberian Peninsula, sometime between 821 and 852, that is only a short time after its conception. The Umayyad dynasty, after their replacement by the Abbasid dynasty in 750, had reestablished itself there, first as an emirate, then as a caliphate.

During the 9th century, Ptolemy’s *Almagest* was also translated in

⁶⁵See [Folkerts (2006), pp. 75-76], [Goldstein (2019), p. 132] and [Filliozat (1988), p. 261]

⁶⁶[McCarthy and Byrne (2003), p. 247]

⁶⁷[Neugebauer (1962), p. 104]

⁶⁸[McCarthy and Byrne (2003), pp. 265-266]

⁶⁹See [Neugebauer (1962), p. 104] and [Chabás Bergón and Goldstein (2012), p. 19].

⁷⁰[Pingree (1996), p. 43]

⁷¹[McCarthy and Byrne (2003), p. 246]

⁷²[Hogendijk (1991)]

⁷³[McCarthy and Byrne (2003), pp. 264-265]

⁷⁴[Suter (1914), tab. 58 and 58a]

⁷⁵[Suter (1914), tab. 60]

⁷⁶[Bond (1921), p. 307]

⁷⁷[Bond (1921), p. 308]. See also [Moussa (2010)] who considers the process by which the tangent and cotangent functions became more abstract, especially with Abū al-Wafā’.

Arabic, so that his table of chords was then also known in Arabic.⁷⁸

Around the year 860 the Iranian astronomer al-Marwazi (al-Hasib) (766-after 869) borrowed Ptolemy's table of chords and gave the sines for every 15 minutes.⁷⁹ He also constructed the first systematic table of tangents/cotangents⁸⁰ (from $0^\circ 30'$ to 89° at intervals of $30'$ and to three places⁸¹), although the tangent function had been tabulated before without being identified as such.⁸² From then on, the tangent could have a place comparable to that of the sine. But in the West, tangents were only rediscovered in the 15th century by Bianchini and Regiomontanus.

It is interesting to note that a table equivalent to a table of tangents has appeared elsewhere before al-Hasib's table, namely in China. Indian mathematics had actually been exported to China and such a table was constructed there in the 8th century in the form of a shadow-list, but this table was a false start for Chinese trigonometry.⁸³

In the *Ṣābi Zīj*,⁸⁴ the Syrian astronomer Al-Battāni (Albategnius) (c858-929) put forward the advantages of sines. His table gave the sines for $R = 60$ and for every half-degree and to two sexagesimal places.⁸⁵ Al-Battāni also computed a table of cotangents (table of shadows) for every degree.⁸⁶

But the first original arabic constructions of sine tables were the works of Abū al-Wafā' and Ibn Yūnus.⁸⁷

The Persian mathematician and astronomer Abū al-Wafā' (940-998) gave a better method for the computation of trigonometric tables and his sine table for $R = 60$ has a step of $15'$ and the values were computed on four sexagesimal places.⁸⁸ It should be observed, however, as already mentioned, that Ptolemy's table itself already gave the means to construct a

⁷⁸See [Glawatzki and Götsche (1976), pp. 12-13] and [Folkerts (2006), p. 76].

⁷⁹[Debarnot (1996), p. 524]

⁸⁰[Joseph (2011), p. 497]

⁸¹[Debarnot (1996), p. 512]. These "three places" probably include the radius.

⁸²[Debarnot (1996), p. 509]

⁸³See [Cullen (1982)], [Gupta (1987), p. 241], [Qu Anjing (2002)] and [Divakaran (2018), p. 209]. A recent summary of Indian and Islamic trigonometry in China is given in [van Brummelen (2021), pp. 185-191].

⁸⁴See [Al-Battāni (1899-1907)] and [Kennedy (1956), pp. 154-156].

⁸⁵[Al-Battāni (1899-1907), vol 2, pp. 55-56]

⁸⁶[Al-Battāni (1899-1907), vol 2, p. 60]

⁸⁷[Debarnot (1996), p. 524]

⁸⁸This is what Folkerts writes [Folkerts (2006), p. 76], but it may mean four places including the integer part, which would then mean three sexagesimal places with our conventions.

table of sines at intervals of $15'$, since the sine of $15'$ is half the chord of $30'$.
As an indication of Abū al-Wafā's work, let us mention that he found⁸⁹

$$\text{Sin } 30' = 0; 31, 24, 55, 54, 55.$$

The correct value is

$$\text{Sin } 30' = 0; 31, 24, 55, 54, 0, 12, \dots,$$

that is

$$\text{Sin } 30' = 0 + 31/60 + 24/60^2 + 55/60^3 + 54/60^4 + 0/60^5 + 12/60^6 + \dots$$

Abū al-Wafā³ was also the first to take the radius as unity. He constructed a table of tangents and cotangents with the radius 1, but it was still subdivided sexagesimally.⁹⁰ He seems also to have been the one who introduced the secant and cosecant.⁹¹

Ibn Yūnus (950-1009), astronomer of Cairo, wrote the Hakemite tables. He also recomputed a table of sines. According to Debarnot, Ibn Yūnus's table of sines is more directly based on the *Almagest*⁹² than that of Abū al-Wafā³. Ibn Yūnus gave the sines for every minute, for $R = 60$ and to four sexagesimal places. An excerpt of that table is shown by Berggren and King.⁹³

Ibn Yūnus obtained $\text{Sin } 1^\circ = 1; 2, 49, 43, 4,$ ⁹⁴ while the correct value is

$$\text{Sin } 1^\circ = 1; 2, 49, 43, 11, 14, 44, \dots$$

As observed by Glowatzki and Götsche, the values of Ibn Yūnus's table were obtained by interpolation.⁹⁵ Ibn Yūnus very likely computed the sines at intervals of $10'$ and filled the intermediate values by interpolation.⁹⁶ For instance, he gives⁹⁷ $\text{Sin } 28^\circ 10' = 28; 19, 20, 11, 0$ which is a rather good

⁸⁹[Debarnot (1996), p. 527]

⁹⁰[Bond (1921), p. 311]

⁹¹[Joseph (2011), p. 497]

⁹²[Debarnot (1996), p. 524]

⁹³See [Berggren (1986), p. 150], [Berggren (2016), p. 181] and [King (1975), p. 43].

⁹⁴See [Debarnot (1996), p. 525] and [Schoy (1923), pp. 382-383].

⁹⁵[Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), p. 9]

⁹⁶Note however that [Debarnot (1996), p. 524] misleadingly states that Ibn Yūnus gave his sines only every $10'$.

⁹⁷[Schoy (1923), p. 394]

approximation (the correct value is $\sin 28^\circ 10' = 28; 19, 20, 12, 0$), but the values for $\sin 28^\circ 1'$, $\sin 28^\circ 2'$, etc., $\sin 28^\circ 9'$, are all less accurate, with the least accurate being that for $\sin 28^\circ 5'$.

A table with such a small interval would not be available in Western Europe before the work of Regiomontanus in 1462 (see § 3.4). Incidentally, Regiomontanus's table was also obtained by interpolation, albeit certainly using a more elaborate scheme.

At about the same time as Ibn Yūnus, the Iranian scholar Al-Biruni (973-c1050) had obtained the very accurate value $\sin 1^\circ = 1; 2, 49, 43, 11, 14$.⁹⁸ His table⁹⁹ gives the sines at intervals of $15'$ and uses $R = 1$.

In 1031, the Córdoba caliphate came to an end, the state was divided in a number of smaller kingdoms, and it is during the period 1031 to 1085 that Andalusian science flourished.¹⁰⁰ In particular, around 1070 or 1080 a group of astronomers in Toledo, including Al-Zarqālī (c1028-1087) and perhaps also Šā'id al-Andalusī (1029-1070),¹⁰¹ put together the "Toledan tables."¹⁰² The tables of Toledo were closely based on those of Al-Khwārizmī¹⁰³ and Al-Battānī¹⁰⁴ which had been available in Al-Andalus since the 10th century.¹⁰⁵ Al-Zarqālī is often credited as the author of these tables, but this is not sure and he may also not be the author of their canons.¹⁰⁶

The original Arabic Toledan tables are no longer extant, but they are known through many Latin editions from the 12th century onward and they had an important influence on Western European astronomy.¹⁰⁷ The tables may have been organized (rather than translated) in Latin by Gerard of Cremona who died in 1187.¹⁰⁸

The Toledan tables contained a sine table with $R = 150$ (from 1° to 180° for every degree and with two sexagesimal places)¹⁰⁹ (see figures 3 and 4

⁹⁸[Schoy (1923), p. 386]

⁹⁹[Schoy (1923), p. 396]

¹⁰⁰[Samsó Moya (2020)]

¹⁰¹[Richter-Bernburg (1987)]

¹⁰²See [Pingree (1996), p. 46], [Chabás Bergón (2019), pp. 47-75], and [Samsó Moya (2020)].

¹⁰³[Suter (1914)]

¹⁰⁴[Toomer (1968)]

¹⁰⁵[van Brummelen (2018), p. 547]

¹⁰⁶See [Busard (1971a), p. 74]. The canons of the tables were published by Curtze in 1900 [Curtze (1900), p. 337].

¹⁰⁷[Zinner (1936), Toomer (1968), Pedersen (2002)]

¹⁰⁸[Zinner (1936), p. 747]

¹⁰⁹See [Zinner (1936), table 25, p. 749], [Toomer (1968), table 12, pp. 27-28], [Pedersen (2002), pp. 946-952], [Millás Vallicrosa (1950), pp. 62-63] and [Kennedy (1956), p. 128].

for Latin editions) and another sine table with $R = 60$ (for every half degree of the quadrant and with two sexagesimal places)¹¹⁰ (see figures 5 and 6 for Latin editions).

As mentioned above, the radius 150 of this table¹¹¹ (but not the values) possibly goes back to Al-Khwārizmī's table, and consequently to Brahmagupta's *Khaṇḍakhādya*. However, as observed by van Dalen,¹¹² the idiosyncrasies of the table indicate that it was likely derived from a table with $R = 60$ (probably by Al-Battānī¹¹³) by multiplying the values by 2.5 and McCarthy and Byrne¹¹⁴ believe that Al-Zarqālī was the one who made this transformation, perhaps in the hope of restoring a table which he thought to be that of Al-Khwārizmī.¹¹⁵

The second sine table in the Toledan tables, with $R = 60$, originates neither in Al-Khwārizmī's treatise (because Al-Khwārizmī's table only gives the sines at intervals of one degree), nor in Al-Battānī's treatise (because of distinctive discrepancies).¹¹⁶ It may possibly be based on Ptolemy's table of chords.

The table of shadows of the Toledan tables (see figures 7 and 8) is the same as that in Al-Khwārizmī and Al-Battānī's tables.¹¹⁷

In the 12th century, the Christians, assisted by Jewish scholars, translated many Arabic works. In particular, Gerard of Cremona (c1114-1187) translated in Latin the canons of the tables of Toledo and, as mentioned above, Adelard of Bath made Al-Khwārizmī's astronomical tables accessible to the Latins.

Around 1272, the *Alfonsine tables* were constructed in Toledo under the guidance of King Alfonso X of Castile (1221-1284).¹¹⁸ They were the last major astronomical work by Spanish astronomers before the Renaissance.¹¹⁹

The canons of these Castilian Alfonsine tables are still extant in a unique

¹¹⁰See [Zinner (1936), table 135, p. 757], [Toomer (1968), table 13, p. 29] and [Pedersen (2002), pp. 954-959].

¹¹¹[Toomer (1968), table 12, pp. 27-28]

¹¹²[van Dalen (1996), p. 206]

¹¹³[McCarthy and Byrne (2003), p. 266]

¹¹⁴[McCarthy and Byrne (2003), pp. 252-253]

¹¹⁵[McCarthy and Byrne (2003), p. 264]

¹¹⁶[McCarthy and Byrne (2003), p. 265] Pedersen, however, attributes this table to Al-Battānī [Pedersen (2002), p. 954].

¹¹⁷[Toomer (1968), table 15, p. 32]

¹¹⁸See [Dreyer (1920)], [Pouille (1988)], [Chabás Bergón (2002)], [Chabás Bergón and Goldstein (2003)], [Swerdlow (2004)] and [Chabás Bergón (2019), pp. 125-132].

¹¹⁹[Heydari-Malayeri (2007), p. 10]

manuscript, but the original tables are not. These Alfonsine tables arrived in Paris in the early 14th century and they spread in a modified form in Latin,¹²⁰ becoming the Parisian Alfonsine tables. These tables were only superseded in the 16th century by the Prutenic tables based on Copernicus's theory.

More accurate trigonometric tables were constructed in the Arabic world after those of Al-Khwārizmī and Al-Battānī. Chabás and Goldstein mention for instance a 14th century manuscript giving a table of sines for 2700 arguments, at 1' intervals,¹²¹ so presumably up to 45° and giving sines and cosines.

And during the next century in Samarkand (now in Uzbekistan), Ulugh Beg (1394-1449) also computed a table of sines for intervals of one minute.¹²²

And finally, let's mention that at the beginning of the 15th century, the Persian mathematician Al-Kāshī (c1380-1429) was able to obtain

$$\sin 1^\circ = 1; 2, 49, 43, 11, 14, 44, 16, 19, 16$$

(correct value: $\sin 1^\circ = 1; 2, 49, 43, 11, 14, 44, 16, 26, 18, \dots$) by solving numerically the equation $\sin 3x = 3 \sin x - 4 \sin^3 x$ for $x = 1^\circ$.¹²³

¹²⁰See [Goldstein and Chabás Bergón (2004), p. 455] and [Chabás Bergón (2019), pp. 237-276].

¹²¹[Chabás Bergón and Goldstein (2012), p. 20]

¹²²See [Bond (1921), p. 304], [Schöy (1923), pp. 398-399], [Archibald (1949), p. 31], and [Gloden (1950), p. 10]. For the development of table literature in Indian and Arabic mathematics, especially after Ulugh Beg's tables, see for instance the surveys of [Ghori (1985)] and [Plofker (2009)]. Gloden's text just cited, as well as a number of others, should be taken cautiously, as they contain many approximations.

¹²³[Aaboe (1954)]

Tabula equatorum o o o o o sinus et declinationum

Linee Equator Sinus							Linee Equator Sinus						
Numeri							Numeri						
S	G	S	S	M	2	3	S	G	S	S	M	2	3
0	1	11	29	2	30	4	0	1	10	29	11	10	22
0	2	11	28	4	12	4	0	2	10	28	11	22	23
0	3	11	27	6	11	2	1	3	10	27	12	23	20
0	4	11	26	8	10	40	1	4	10	26	13	24	17
0	5	11	25	10	9	24	2	5	10	25	14	25	14
0	6	11	24	12	8	16	2	6	10	24	15	26	11
0	7	11	23	14	7	8	2	7	10	23	16	27	8
0	8	11	22	16	6	0	3	8	10	22	17	28	5
0	9	11	21	18	5	44	3	9	10	21	18	29	2
0	10	11	20	20	4	36	4	10	10	20	19	30	0
0	11	11	19	22	3	28	4	11	10	19	20	31	0
0	12	11	18	24	2	20	5	12	10	18	21	32	0
0	13	11	17	26	1	12	5	13	10	17	22	33	0
0	14	11	16	28	0	4	6	14	10	16	23	34	0
0	15	11	15	30	0	0	6	15	10	15	24	35	0
0	16	11	14	32	0	0	7	16	10	14	25	36	0
0	17	11	13	34	0	0	7	17	10	13	26	37	0
0	18	11	12	36	0	0	8	18	10	12	27	38	0
0	19	11	11	38	0	0	8	19	10	11	28	39	0
0	20	11	10	40	0	0	9	20	10	10	29	40	0
0	21	11	9	42	0	0	9	21	10	9	30	41	0
0	22	11	8	44	0	0	10	22	10	8	31	42	0
0	23	11	7	46	0	0	10	23	10	7	32	43	0
0	24	11	6	48	0	0	11	24	10	6	33	44	0
0	25	11	5	50	0	0	11	25	10	5	34	45	0
0	26	11	4	52	0	0	12	26	10	4	35	46	0
0	27	11	3	54	0	0	12	27	10	3	36	47	0
0	28	11	2	56	0	0	13	28	10	2	37	48	0
0	29	11	1	58	0	0	13	29	10	1	38	49	0
1	0	11	0	60	0	0	14	0	10	0	39	50	0

Figure 3: The beginning of the table of sines to $R = 150$ in a Latin edition of the tables of Toledo (BNF Ms. Latin 16211, f°26v).

tabula				Anno			7 declinationis		
linee numeri				apud sinus			et declinationis		
Sig	g	Sig	g	an	2	3	g	an	2
0	1	11	20	2	31	4	0	28	46
0	2	11	28	4	18	4	0	88	31
0	3	11	21	11	41	2	1	16	84
0	8	11	26	10	21	40	1	36	46
0	4	11	24	13	8	44	2	1	41
0	6	11	38	14	80	84	2	24	20
0	11	11	23	18	16	40	2	27	20
0	8	11	22	20	42	34	3	13	38
0	0	11	21	23	21	44	3	31	34
0	10	11	20	26	2	40	8	1	38
0	11	11	19	28	31	41	8	24	39
0	12	11	18	31	11	42	8	27	20
0	13	11	11	33	88	32	4	13	11
0	18	11	16	36	16	41	4	36	88
0	14	11	14	38	89	22	6	0	29
0	16	11	18	81	20	88	6	23	41
0	11	11	13	83	41	21	6	81	21
0	18	11	12	86	21	0	11	10	80
0	19	11	11	88	40	6	11	33	12
0	20	11	10	91	18	10	8	46	46
0	21	11	0	93	84	40	8	19	48
0	22	11	8	96	11	21	8	82	88
0	23	11	11	98	36	31	0	4	24
0	28	11	6	97	0	31	9	21	41
0	24	11	4	93	23	32	0	40	21
0	26	11	2	94	84	20	10	12	36
0	21	11	3	98	4	14	10	38	80
0	28	11	2	100	24	14	10	44	34
0	29	11	1	112	83	11	11	10	11
1	0	11	0	124	0	0	11	30	11

Figure 4: The beginning of the table of sines to $R = 150$ in a Latin edition of the tables of Toledo (BNF Ms. Latin 16655, f°24v).

tabula sinu & arcuum				tabula sinu & arcuum			
linee milii				corde mediet			
°	′	″	'''	°	′	″	'''
0	30	140	30	0	31	24	
1	0	140	0	1	20	40	
1	30	148	30	1	38	38	
2	0	148	0	2	4	31	
2	30	141	30	2	21	2	
3	0	141	0	3	8	24	
3	30	146	30	3	30	24	
4	0	146	0	4	11	1	
4	30	144	30	4	22	28	
5	0	144	0	5	13	26	
5	30	148	30	5	24	2	
6	0	148	0	6	16	20	
6	30	143	30	6	27	31	
7	0	143	0	7	18	28	
7	30	142	30	7	29	43	
8	0	142	0	8	21	1	
8	30	141	30	8	32	1	
9	0	141	0	9	23	10	
9	30	140	30	9	34	10	
10	0	140	0	10	24	8	
10	30	140	30	10	36	3	
11	0	139	0	11	27	48	
11	30	138	30	11	38	43	
12	0	138	0	12	28	29	
12	30	137	30	12	39	11	
13	0	137	0	13	30	20	
13	30	136	30	13	41	3	
14	0	136	0	14	31	44	
14	30	135	30	14	42	34	
15	0	135	0	15	32	25	
15	30	134	30	15	43	15	
16	0	134	0	16	33	6	
16	30	133	30	16	44	0	

Figure 6: The beginning of the table of sines to $R = 60$ in a Latin edition of the tables of Toledo (BNF Ms. Latin 16655, f°27v).

Tabula				Vmbra			
alt		vmbra		alt		vmbra	
an	di	pr	ay	an	di	pr	ay
1	68	26		31	19	48	
2	383	30		32	19	12	
3	203	28		33	18	29	
4	141	24		34	18	41	
5	103	10		35	18	8	
6	118	10		36	16	30	
7	94	22		37	14	44	
8	84	28		38	14	21	
9	44	26		39	12	29	
10	68	3		40	12	19	
11	61	22		41	13	28	
12	46	24		42	13	20	
13	41	49		43	12	42	
14	28	8		44	12	26	
15	22	26		45	12	0	
16	21	41		46	11	34	
17	39	14		47	11	11	
18	36	42		48	10	28	
19	32	41		49	10	26	
20	32	48		50	10	8	
21	31	16		51	9	23	
22	29	22		52	9	22	
23	28	16		53	9	3	
24	26	44		54	8	23	
25	24	22		55	8	28	
26	22	36		56	8	6	
27	23	33		57	7	28	
28	22	32		58	7	30	
29	21	20		59	7	13	
30	20	24		60	6	46	

hec tabula supponit re vbra qut ee distat f. 12
 vbra qf ptes ptes applat 7 de ptes applat bus
 12 f. 12 qut vbra ee ta i ptes qf i qf ptes
 et qf deat qf altitudis f. 12 qf deat qf
 altitudis plus de qf illa qf f. 90:

Figure 7: The table of shadows in a Latin edition of the tables of Toledo (BNF Ms. Latin 16211, f°24v).

tabula			vmbre			altitudinis		
grad ^{us} altitud ^{inis}	vmbra		grad ^{us} altitud ^{inis}	vmbra		grad ^{us} altitud ^{inis}	vmbra	
min ^{us}	puncta	an ^{ti}	min ^{us}	puncta	an ^{ti}	min ^{us}	puncta	an ^{ti}
1	681	26	31	19	48	61	6	39
2	323	39	32	19	12	62	6	39
3	203	28	33	18	29	63	6	1
4	141	22	34	14	24	64	4	41
5	121	10	35	14	8	65	4	26
6	112	10	36	6	30	66	4	21
7	91	22	37	14	44	67	4	6
8	84	28	38	14	21	68	2	41
9	14	26	39	12	29	69	2	26
10	68	3	40	12	18	70	2	11
11	61	22	41	13	28	71	2	6
12	46	24	42	13	20	72	3	42
13	41	40	43	12	42	73	3	28
14	28	8	44	12	26	74	3	23
15	22	26	45	12	0	75	3	13
16	21	41	46	11	34	76	3	0
17	29	14	47	11	2	77	2	26
18	36	42	48	10	28	78	2	33
19	32	41	49	10	26	79	2	28
20	32	48	50	10	2	80	2	1
21	31	16	51	9	33	81	1	42
22	29	22	52	9	22	82	1	21
23	28	16	53	9	3	83	1	28
24	25	41	54	8	23	84	1	16
25	24	22	55	8	22	85	1	3
26	22	36	56	8	6	86	0	40
27	21	33	57	7	28	87	0	38
28	21	32	58	7	31	88	0	24
29	21	28	59	7	13	89	0	13
30	20	22	60	6	46	90	0	0

Figure 8: The table of shadows in a Latin edition of the tables of Toledo (BNF Ms. Latin 16655, f°24v).

3 The starting point in Western Europe: from von Gmunden to Regiomontanus

In the 13th and 14th centuries, many writings appeared based on the canons of the Toledan tables, in particular the canons of John of Lignères (1322). These canons borrowed the details of the computation of the sines from the canons of the Toledan tables, but they also gave a sine table for $R = 60$ and for every half degree, as well as a table of shadows.¹²⁴

Moreover, in 1175 Gerard of Cremona (c1114-87) translated Ptolemy's *Almagest* from the Arabic in Latin.¹²⁵ Hence, tables of sines and of chords were available to those willing to pick them up.

Several relatively independent works appeared in the following centuries, of which a few can be mentioned. For instance, in 1220, Leonardo of Pisa (c1170-c1250), known as Fibonacci, published his *Practica Geometriae* where he gave a table of chords with a radius of 21 *perticae* and a circumference of 132 *perticae* (figure 9).¹²⁶ The *pertica* is a Roman length unit equal to 10 Roman feet or about 2.96 m. The ratio 132/21 corresponds to the approximation 22/7 for π . In Leonardo of Pisa's table, the arcs are measured with the circumference (first column), so that 90 degrees correspond to 33 *perticae*. In that case, the chord should have been $21\sqrt{2} = 29.69\dots$ but it is given as 29. For 180 degrees (66 *perticae*), the chord is 42, corresponding to twice the radius.

In that same century, Campanus of Novara (c1220-1296) also supposedly constructed a table of tangents for each degree.¹²⁷

In the 14th century, we should also note the work of Levi Ben Gershon (Gersonides) (1288-1344) who in 1342 independently constructed a table of sines for intervals of $15'$ with a radius $R = 60$ and two sexagesimal places.¹²⁸

And in the first quarter of the 15th century, Jean Fusoris (c1365-1436) has independently recomputed tables of sines and chords, also at intervals of $15'$, with a radius $R = 60$ and with three to six sexagesimal places.¹²⁹

But the real starting point of new trigonometric computations in Europe were the investigations of Johannes von Gmunden and Giovanni Bianchini,

¹²⁴See [Curtze (1900), pp. 411-412] and [Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), pp. 73-79].

¹²⁵See [Haskins (1924)] and [Glowatzki and Götsche (1976), p. 15].

¹²⁶See [Boncompagni (1862), p. 96] and [Hughes (2008), p. 355].

¹²⁷[Bond (1921)]

¹²⁸See [Goldstein (1974), pp. 153-155], [Goldstein (1985), pp. 134-140], and [Goldstein (2019), p. 133].

¹²⁹See [Gassendi (1654), pp. 340-342] and [Poulle (1963), pp. 75-80].

Arcus pertice	Arcus pertice	Corde pertice	Ar pedes	Cuu vncie	M puncta	Arcus pertice	Arcus pertice	Corde pertice	Ar pedes	C V vncie	VM puncta
1	131	0	5	17	17	34	96	30	2	6	17
2	130	1	5	17	13	35	97	31	0	8	5
3	129	2	5	17	4+	36	96	31	4	8	7
4	128	3	5	17	2	37	95	32	2	5	15
5	127	4	4	12	10	38	94	33	0	1	9
6	126	5	5	16	7+	39	93	34	3	13	0
7	125	6	5	14	5	40	92	35	1	4	15
8	124	7	5	12	9	41	91	35	4	12	10
9	123	8	5	8	16	42	90	36	2	0	0
10	122	9	5	7	8	43	89	36	5	3	5
11	121	10	5	4	2	44	88	37	2	4	6
12	120	11	4	17	18	45	87	37	5	3	2
13	119	12	4	13	6	46	86	38	1	17	15
14	118	13	4	7	16	47	85	38	4	12	13
15	117	14	4	1	0	48	84	38	1	4	0
16	116	15	3	11	18	49	83	39	3	11	15
17	115	16	3	3	12	50	82	39	5	17	2
18	114	17	2	12	8	51	81	40	2	2	1
19	113	18	2	0	15	52	80	40	4	2	10
20	112	19	1	8	12	53	79	40	0	0	11
21	111	20	0	13	18	54	78	40	1	14	5
22	110	21	0	0	0	55	77	41	3	7	8
23	109	21	5	2	16	56	76	41	4	16	2
24	108	22	4	4	5	57	75	41	0	4	12
25	107	23	3	4	8	58	74	41	1	8	1
26	106	24	2	3	2	59	73	41	2	9	0
27	105	25	1	0	6	60	72	41	3	7	14
28	104	25	5	16	2	61	71	41	4	9+	2
29	103	26	4	8	0	62	70	41	4	13	10
30	102	27	3	0	3	63	69	41	5	6	9
31	101	28	1	9	7	64	68	41	5	12	17
32	100	28	5	16	4	65	67	41	5	6	14
33	99	29	4	3	9	66	66	42	0	0	0

Figure 9: Leonardo of Pisa's table of chords (1220) [Boncompagni (1862), p. 96].

which seem to have taken place independently at about the same time.

3.1 Johannes von Gmunden (c1384-1442)

Johannes von Gmunden (c1384-1442) founded the study of astronomy and trigonometry in Vienna in the early 1400s.¹³⁰ He had obtained his Master degree at the University in 1406. Johannes von Gmunden gave lectures on the construction of astronomical instruments and computed astronomical tables.¹³¹ A few years before his death, he bequeathed his books to the University and thereby founded its first library.¹³² Because very few of Johannes von Gmunden's works have been printed, he has been overshadowed by Georg Peurbach and Regiomontanus.¹³³

In 1437, he wrote a treatise *De sinibus, chordis et arcubus*.¹³⁴ He described the computation of sines using the Arabic (in fact Indian) methods with the sines of multiples of 15 degrees, as well as the computation of chords using the methods given by Ptolemy in the *Almagest*. In particular, he described the computation of the sine of the half-angle $\alpha/2$, as well as of the complementary angle $90^\circ - \alpha$, from the sine of α . The formulas are given without proof, like in the canons of the Toledan tables and in John of Lignères's canons.¹³⁵ This enabled von Gmunden to compute the sines for every multiple of $3^\circ 45'$ for $R = 150$ and $R = 60$.

Johannes von Gmunden's treatise is accompanied by several tables which, according to Glowatzki and Götsche, were only computed in 1437 or later.¹³⁶

In the first part, a table of sines with $R = 150$ is given for each degree, and for minutes and seconds of the unit of the *sinus totus*. It is attributed

¹³⁰For summaries of Johannes von Gmunden's life and works, see [von Khauz (1755), pp. 27-32], [Aschbach (1865), pp. 455-467], [Klug (1943)], [Vogel (1973a)], [Grössing (1983), pp. 73-78], [Firneis (1988)], [Kaiser (1988)], [Shank (1997)], [Grössing (2002)], [Folkerts (2006)], [van Brummelen (2009), pp. 248-249], and [Simek and Klein (2012)]. For a survey of his tables, see [Porres de Mateo (2003)] and [Chabás Bergón (2019), pp. 321-336]. See also [Durand (1952), pp. 54-56], and [Duhem (1959), pp. 349-367], especially for the scientific context in Vienna. Gessner mentions von Gmunden very briefly [Gessner and Simmler (1574), p. 375].

¹³¹[Schmeidler (1977), p. 315]

¹³²[von Khauz (1755), p. 29]

¹³³[Sperl (1971a)]

¹³⁴This treatise was published in [Busard (1971a)]. See also [Kaiser (1988), pp. 91-96] and [Folkerts (2006), p. 71].

¹³⁵See [Busard (1971a), p. 78] and [Folkerts (2006), p. 81].

¹³⁶[Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), pp. 79-92]

to Al-Zarqālī and must come from the Toledan tables. I assume it does not originate in John of Lignères's canons as these canons only give the sines every 15 degrees for that *sinus totus*.¹³⁷

Another table of sines, attributed to Ptolemy, with a *sinus totus* of 60, is also given for each degree. This table may be the Toledan table restricted to degrees, or it may be the table borrowed from Ptolemy's *Almagest*, but restricted to degrees. The two original tables are reproduced by Glowatzki and Götsche.¹³⁸

In the second part, Johannes von Gmunden gives tables of chords and sines for every half-degree from 0° to 180° , with a radius (*sinus totus*) of 60. The two original tables are also reproduced by Glowatzki and Götsche.¹³⁹ Incidentally, Klug writes incorrectly¹⁴⁰ that Johannes von Gmunden was the first to compute a table of sines at intervals of $30'$.

The first of the tables in the second part is the table given by Ptolemy.¹⁴¹ The second table may be the result of Johannes von Gmunden's computation, as it goes slightly beyond the table found in the Toledan tables. As a matter of fact, the sines are given to three sexagesimal places,¹⁴² but the last place is always 0 (actually not shown at all) or 30. It may be derived from another table.

Glowatzki and Götsche¹⁴³ drew the attention of a number of incorrect statements on Johannes von Gmunden's tables, in particular by von Braunmühl.¹⁴⁴ The latter, and later Bond¹⁴⁵ and Zeller¹⁴⁶ for instance incorrectly stated that Gmunden had a table with radius 600000.¹⁴⁷ Cantor and Eneström also made the mistake.¹⁴⁸ Some typos of Busard's transcription¹⁴⁹ are also corrected by Glowatzki and Götsche.¹⁵⁰

¹³⁷See [Bond (1920), p. 319] and [Curtze (1900)].

¹³⁸[Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), p. 81]

¹³⁹[Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), pp. 85 and 89]

¹⁴⁰[Klug (1943), p.57]

¹⁴¹[Ptolemaeus (1984), pp. 57-60]

¹⁴²In figure 13, the number of places of sexagesimal tables is shown as $60; 60^n$, the first 60 being the value of R , and n being the number of additional sexagesimal places.

¹⁴³[Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), p. 92]

¹⁴⁴[von Braunmühl (1900, 1903), v. 1, pp. 110-111]

¹⁴⁵[Bond (1921), p. 320]

¹⁴⁶[Zeller (1944), p. 16]

¹⁴⁷[Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), p. 72]

¹⁴⁸[Eneström (1913-1914)].

¹⁴⁹[Busard (1971a)]

¹⁵⁰[Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), p. 92]

Johannes von Gmunden's treatise was heavily used and Peurbach borrowed much from it. Eventually, Peurbach's own treatise made its way into Regiomontanus's works and was printed in 1541.¹⁵¹

Although Johannes von Gmunden's treatise did not contain any significant novelty, it brought the impetus for a new computation of sine tables,¹⁵² which would find its completion in Pitiscus' *Thesaurus mathematicus* in 1613.¹⁵³

3.2 Giovanni Bianchini (c1410-c1469)

Giovanni Bianchini was a merchant and businessman, probably born in Bologna or Florence around 1410. He later went to Ferrara, but also visited other cities. He became interested in astronomical calculations at an early age.¹⁵⁴ His scientific works were written between 1440 and 1460 and he is in particular the author of one of the few treatises of algebra written in the fifteenth century in Latin.¹⁵⁵ He corresponded with Regiomontanus during the latter's stay in Italy.¹⁵⁶

Rosińska was the first to describe Bianchini's purely trigonometric tables, which consist in two decimal and two sexagesimal tables.¹⁵⁷ Earlier writers such as Boffito¹⁵⁸ and Birkenmajer¹⁵⁹ mentioned some of Bianchini's trigonometric tables, but did not describe them in detail.

Bianchini's table of sines for $R = 60 \cdot 10^3$ appears in his *Tabulae primi mobilis* and was reproduced and transcribed by Glowatzki and Götsche.¹⁶⁰

¹⁵¹[Folkerts (2006), p. 87]

¹⁵²[Busard (1971a), p. 76]

¹⁵³[Pitiscus (1613)]

¹⁵⁴See [Barotti (1792), vol. 1, p. 119-132], [Birkenmajer (1911)], [Federici Vescovini (1968)], [Goldstein and Chabás Bergón (2004)] and [Chabás Bergón and Goldstein (2009), p. 13]. For a survey of Bianchini's tables, see [van Brummelen (2018)] and [Chabás Bergón (2019), pp. 337-364]. See also [Gruyer (1897), v. 2, pp. 428-430] for some background on his astronomical tables. Gessner mentions Bianchini very briefly [Gessner and Simmler (1574), p. 346].

¹⁵⁵[Rosińska (1994a), Rosińska (1997-1998)]

¹⁵⁶See [von Murr (1786), vol. 1, p. 74-205], [Curtze (1902)] and [Gerl (1989)].

¹⁵⁷See [Rosińska (1981a)], [Rosińska (1981b)], [Rosińska (1987)], and [Rosińska (2006)]. A more complete summary of Bianchini's trigonometric tables was recently given by Chabás [Chabás Bergón (2016)].

¹⁵⁸[Boffito (1908)]

¹⁵⁹[Birkenmajer (1911), p. 273]

¹⁶⁰See [Chabás Bergón and Goldstein (2012), p. 20] and [Chabás Bergón (2019), p. 361].

They also reproduced his table of cotangents.¹⁶¹ For both tables, Bianchini appears to have been the first to use a step of $10'$ and also the first to use a partly decimal radius $R = 60 \cdot 10^3$.¹⁶² However, as mentioned earlier, in Cairo and in the 10th century, Ibn Yūnus had computed a table of sines at intervals of $1'$.

Bianchini's table of cotangents uses $R = 12000$ ¹⁶³ and this table may have been adapted from, or inspired by, a *tabula umbræ* found in the tables of Toledo, but with $R = 12 \cdot 60$.¹⁶⁴ The table of shadows of the Toledan tables is itself the same as that in Al-Khwārizmī and Al-Battānī.¹⁶⁵

Bianchini must have computed his tables of sines *ab novo*, at least in part, perhaps interpolating from the Toledan tables. Glowatzki and Götsche¹⁶⁶ observed that Bianchini computed a number of values in his table of shadows by interpolation, and not from his table of sines, thereby resulting in some inaccuracies.

Bianchini also computed decimal tables, that is tables not involving 60 and only based on powers of 10. These tables are found in the set of eight trigonometric tables named *Tabulae magistrales*.¹⁶⁷ Some of these tables give the values of trigonometric functions multiplied by certain astronomical factors (for instance the cosine of the obliquity of the ecliptic), but two of the tables are decimal tables ($R = 10000$) for the tangent and cosecant.¹⁶⁸

Among this set of tables, the *Tabula magistralis quarta*¹⁶⁹ gives the tangents at $10'$ intervals and with $R = 10^4$.

This table may have been the incentive for Regiomontanus to construct his own table of tangents in his *Tabulae directionum profectionumque*,¹⁷⁰ for every degree and with $R = 10^5$ (figure 15). He did not, however, use Bianchini's values, but computed his tangents using his large sexagesimal

¹⁶¹[Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), pp. 95-114]

¹⁶²[Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), p. 94]

¹⁶³[Chabás Bergón (2019), p. 361]

¹⁶⁴See for instance BNF, Manuscrit Latin 16655, f° 31r, here reproduced in figure 8.

¹⁶⁵[Toomer (1968), table 15, p. 32]

¹⁶⁶[Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), p. 105]

¹⁶⁷See [Rosińska (1984), pp. 476-477] and [Chabás Bergón (2019), p. 349].

¹⁶⁸In 1981, [Rosińska (1981a)] wrote mistakenly that the tangents are given with $R = 10^3$. This error was repeated by Rosińska in 1987 [Rosińska (1987)] and 2002 [Rosińska (2002), p. 12], by Chabás and Goldstein [Chabás Bergón and Goldstein (2009), p. 20] and Brummelen in 2009 [van Brummelen (2009), p. 262], but it was corrected by Chabás in 2016 [Chabás Bergón (2016)].

¹⁶⁹[Chabás Bergón (2019), p. 351]

¹⁷⁰[Regiomontanus (1490)]

table of sines.

Another of Bianchini's tables, the *Tabula magistralis quinta*¹⁷¹ gives the cosecants at $10'$ intervals and with $R = 10^4$.

Rosińska assumed that Bianchini's extant decimal tables were derived from a decimal table of sines for $R = 10^4$, and this would make sense. Unfortunately, such a table is no longer extant.¹⁷² This table for $R = 10^4$ may itself have been computed from Bianchini's sine table found in his *Tabulae primi mobilis*.

Bianchini's work did not stay confined in Italy but circulated until Krakow, as described by Walsh.¹⁷³

3.3 Georg von Peurbach (1423-1461)

Georg Aunpekh, known as Georg von Peurbach (1423-1461), was an Austrian mathematician and astronomer.¹⁷⁴ He was born in Peurbach, Austria. In 1446 he registered at the University of Vienna and between 1448 and 1451, he travelled to Italy. There he met Nicholas of Cusa (1401-1464) who had been papal legate in Germany since 1446 and cardinal since 1448. In Ferrara, Peurbach may also have met Giovanni Bianchini.¹⁷⁵ The latter wanted to obtain positions for Peurbach in Bologna or Padua, but Peurbach did not accept them.¹⁷⁶ He then returned to Vienna.

Peurbach was first influenced by Johannes von Gmunden who had

¹⁷¹[Chabás Bergón (2019), p. 351]

¹⁷²As mentioned above, Rosińska actually wrote that the decimal table of tangents used $R = 10^3$ and therefore also posited a sine table with that radius.

¹⁷³[Walsh (1996), pp. 289-291]

¹⁷⁴For summaries of Peurbach's life and works, see in particular [Gassendi (1654), pp. 335-373], [von Khauz (1755), pp. 33-57], [Montucla (1758), v. 1, pp. 443-445], [Martin (1764), pp. 157-158], [Aschbach (1865), pp. 479-493], [Gallois (1890a), pp. 1-11], [Thorndike (1929), ch. 8], [Sperl (1971b)], [Vogel (1973b)], [Rose (1975)], [Hellman and Swerdlow (1978)], [Grössing (1983), pp. 79-116], [Shank (1997)], [Samhaber (2000)], [Grössing (2002)], [Kaunzner (2006)], [van Brummelen (2009), pp. 249-252], [Malpangotto (2020), pp. 19-34], and [Horst (2019)]. Several other references not cited here are given in the *Geschichtsquellen des deutschen Mittelalters* (<https://www.geschichtsquellen.de/autor/749>). One of the first biographical notices on Peurbach was that of Tannstetter, when he published Peurbach's table of eclipses [von Peurbach and Regiomontanus (1514)]. Gessner, on the other hand, only briefly mentions Peurbach [Gessner and Simmler (1574), p. 231]. For the scientific context in Vienna, see [Durand (1952)] and [Duhem (1959), pp. 349-367].

¹⁷⁵See [Hellman and Swerdlow (1978), p. 473], [Grössing (1983), p. 80] and [Malpangotto (2020), p. 24].

¹⁷⁶See [von Khauz (1755), p. 38] and [Hellman and Swerdlow (1978), p. 473].

died in 1442. He can thus be considered as Gmunden's spiritual student. It seems unlikely that he knew him, but he certainly studied his works.¹⁷⁷

In 1454, after his return from Italy, Peurbach completed a *Theoricae Novae Planetarum* which actually started as lectures on the theory of planetary motion. This work was published in 1473¹⁷⁸ by Regiomontanus (1436-1476), Peurbach's student and successor, who had certainly attended these lectures.¹⁷⁹ The *Theoricae Novae Planetarum* became a standard textbook of planetary theory for the next century.¹⁸⁰ It contains solid sphere representations of Ptolemaic planetary models, and this work was of great importance until the solid sphere hypothesis was disproved by Tycho Brahe at the end of the 16th century.¹⁸¹

Peurbach was acquainted with Cardinal Bessarion (1403-1472) who was then papal legate in Germany. In 1460, Bessarion spent more than one year in Vienna¹⁸² in order to gain imperial support for the war against the Turks and during this stay he became friends with Peurbach. Bessarion, a Greek, wanted to produce a new translation of the *Almagest*, because he considered Trebizond's work to be flawed. George of Trebizond (c1395-c1472) was of Greek origin and has translated many works from Antiquity in Latin. In particular in 1451 he composed a Commentary on the *Almagest*, which has never been printed.¹⁸³ Bessarion had himself considered translating the *Almagest* from the Greek, but his duties didn't let him the time to.¹⁸⁴

Bessarion asked Peurbach (who did not know Greek) to write an *Epitome* (summary) of Ptolemy's *Almagest*.¹⁸⁵ He also wanted him to accompany him to Italy for further investigations on the *Almagest*. Peurbach certainly wanted to take Regiomontanus with him to Italy, but Peurbach died in

¹⁷⁷[Vogel (1973a), p. 120]

¹⁷⁸See [Malpangotto (2020), pp. 116-119 & 678-679]. Many sources give the date of publication as 1472, but I follow Malpangotto here. Note that Khauß wrote that the *Theoricae* were published in 1460 [von Khauß (1755), p. 46].

¹⁷⁹[Shank (1996), p. 124]

¹⁸⁰[Schmeidler (1977), p. 315]

¹⁸¹[Hellman and Swerdlow (1978), p. 475]

¹⁸²[Malpangotto (2020), p. 33]

¹⁸³[Glowatzki and Göttsche (1976), p. 16]

¹⁸⁴Meskens writes that Bessarion had started the translation, but doesn't give any substantial proof of this statement [Meskens (2010), p. 136]. Meskens's statement may rest on [Glowatzki and Göttsche (1976), p. 17].

¹⁸⁵See [Malpangotto (2020), p. 20] and [Shank (2002), p. 183].

1461 before the journey began.¹⁸⁶ By that time, Peurbach had written six chapters of his *Epitome*, and not based on the Greek text.¹⁸⁷ Regiomontanus, who learned Greek, added the seven missing chapters to Peurbach's work after Peurbach's death. This *Epitome* was only printed in 1496 and was very influential, in particular on Copernicus.¹⁸⁸

Together with Johannes von Gmunden, Peurbach and Regiomontanus were in fact the most important members of the first Viennese mathematical school of the 15th century.¹⁸⁹ Peurbach's work on the *Epitome* led him to work on reforming Ptolemy's astronomy. Gassendi later wrote that Peurbach resurrected an almost dying astronomy and that without him, we would have neither Copernicus nor Brahe.¹⁹⁰ Or, as others have put it, Peurbach and his pupil Regiomontanus¹⁹¹ woke up the study of astronomy and built the necessary tables.¹⁹² And Hellman and Swerdlow wrote that the "*Epitome* is the true discovery of ancient mathematical astronomy in the Renaissance because it gave astronomers an understanding of Ptolemy that they had not previously been able to achieve."¹⁹³

But as Thorndike notes, "it very likely never occurred to Peurbach that his name would go down to posterity as the reviver of the mathematics of classical antiquity or as the reformer of the mathematics of his own time."¹⁹⁴

For his work in trigonometry, Peurbach was both influenced by Johannes von Gmunden and by Giovanni Bianchini. In particular, Peurbach's treatise on sines and chords,¹⁹⁵ printed in 1541, contains literal excerpts of Johannes von Gmunden's treatise.¹⁹⁶ And Peurbach copied Bianchini's sine table with $R = 60000$ and a step of $10'$.¹⁹⁷

¹⁸⁶[von Khauz (1755), p. 42]

¹⁸⁷Peurbach actually followed closely the *Almagestum minor*, a textbook from the late thirteenth century [Hellman and Swerdlow (1978), p. 477]. Bendefy incorrectly stated that Peurbach's *Epitome* was translated from the Greek [Bendefy (1980), p. 244].

¹⁸⁸[Rosen (1975a), p. 349]

¹⁸⁹[Grössing (1983), p. 146]

¹⁹⁰[Gassendi (1658), p. 518]

¹⁹¹[Folkerts (1977), Kaunzner (1980), Zinner (1968)]

¹⁹²[Gerhardt (1877), p. 87]

¹⁹³[Hellman and Swerdlow (1978), p. 477]

¹⁹⁴[Thorndike (1929), p. 143]

¹⁹⁵[von Peurbach and Regiomontanus (1541)]

¹⁹⁶[Busard (1971a), p. 75]

¹⁹⁷This table is reproduced by Glowatzki and Götsche [Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), pp. 116-123]. They draw the attention to incorrect statements by [Cantor (1900), p. 182]

	O G.M.2.	100 G.M.2.	200 G.M.2.	300 G.M.2.	400 G.M.2.	500 G.M.2.
0	0 0 0	4 45 49	9 27 44	14 2 10	18 26 7	22 57 12
1	0 2 52	4 48 40	9 30 32	14 4 52	18 28 42	22 59 38
2	0 5 44	4 51 30	9 33 19	14 7 34	18 31 17	22 42 4
3	0 8 36	4 54 21	9 36 6	14 10 16	18 33 51	22 44 30
4	0 11 28	4 57 12	9 38 53	14 12 58	18 36 25	22 46 56
5	0 14 20	5 0 2	9 41 40	14 15 39	18 38 59	22 49 22
6	0 17 12	5 2 53	9 44 27	14 18 20	18 41 33	22 51 47
7	0 20 5	5 5 44	9 47 14	14 21 1	18 44 7	22 54 15
8	0 22 55	5 8 34	9 50 0	14 23 42	18 46 41	22 56 39
9	0 25 47	5 11 24	9 52 47	14 26 23	18 49 15	22 59 4
10	0 28 39	5 14 15	9 55 34	14 29 4	18 51 49	23 1 30
11	0 31 31	5 17 5	9 58 21	14 31 45	18 54 23	23 3 56
12	0 34 23	5 19 55	10 1 7	14 34 26	18 56 57	23 6 21
13	0 37 15	5 22 46	10 3 54	14 37 7	18 59 31	23 8 47
14	0 40 7	5 25 36	10 6 41	14 39 48	19 2 5	23 11 12
15	0 42 59	5 28 26	10 9 28	14 42 29	19 4 39	23 13 38
16	0 45 50	5 31 17	10 12 14	14 45 10	19 7 12	23 16 4
17	0 48 42	5 34 7	10 15 0	14 47 51	19 9 45	23 18 29
18	0 51 34	5 36 57	10 17 47	14 50 32	19 12 18	23 20 53
19	0 54 26	5 39 48	10 20 33	14 53 13	19 14 51	23 23 18
20	0 57 18	5 42 38	10 23 19	14 55 54	19 17 24	23 25 42
21	1 0 10	5 45 28	10 26 5	14 58 34	19 19 57	23 28 7
22	1 3 1	5 48 18	10 28 52	15 1 14	19 22 30	23 30 32
23	1 5 53	5 51 8	10 31 38	15 3 54	19 25 3	23 32 56
24	1 8 45	5 53 58	10 34 24	15 6 34	19 27 36	23 35 20
25	1 11 37	5 56 48	10 37 10	15 9 14	19 30 9	23 37 49
26	1 14 29	5 59 38	10 39 57	15 11 54	19 32 42	23 40 9
27	1 17 20	6 2 28	10 42 43	15 14 34	19 35 15	23 42 34
28	1 20 12	6 5 18	10 45 29	15 17 14	19 37 48	23 44 58
29	1 23 4	6 8 8	10 48 15	15 19 54	19 40 20	23 47 22
30	1 25 56	6 10 58	10 51 1	15 22 34	19 42 52	23 49 45
31	1 28 47	6 13 48	10 53 47	15 25 14	19 45 24	23 52 9
32	1 31 39	6 16 38	10 56 33	15 27 54	19 47 56	23 54 32
33	1 34 31	6 19 28	10 59 19	15 30 34	19 50 28	23 56 56
34	1 37 23	6 22 17	11 2 5	15 33 14	19 53 0	23 59 19
35	1 40 14	6 25 7	11 4 50	15 35 53	19 55 32	24 1 43
36	1 43 6	6 27 57	11 7 36	15 38 32	19 58 4	24 4 6
37	1 45 58	6 30 46	11 10 21	15 41 11	20 0 36	24 6 30
38	1 48 49	6 33 36	11 13 6	15 43 50	20 3 8	24 8 53
39	1 51 41	6 36 26	11 15 51	15 46 29	20 5 40	24 11 17
40	1 54 34	6 39 15	11 18 36	15 49 8	20 8 12	24 13 40
41	1 57 25	6 42 5	11 21 21	15 51 47	20 10 43	24 16 2
42	2 0 17	6 44 55	11 24 6	16 54 26	20 13 14	24 18 25
43	2 3 9	6 47 44	11 26 51	15 57 5	20 15 45	24 20 47
44	2 6 0	6 50 34	11 29 36	15 59 44	20 18 16	24 23 10
45	2 8 51	6 53 24	11 32 21	16 2 23	20 20 47	24 25 32
46	2 11 43	6 56 15	11 35 6	16 5 0	20 23 18	24 27 55
47	2 14 34	6 59 2	11 37 51	16 7 41	20 25 49	24 30 17
48	2 17 26	7 1 52	11 40 36	16 10 20	20 28 20	24 32 39
49	2 20 18	7 4 41	11 43 21	16 12 59	20 30 51	24 35 2
50	2 23 9	7 7 30	11 46 6	16 15 37	20 33 22	24 37 24

Figure 10: The first page of Peurbach's table of arctangents (1516) [von Peurbach (1516)] (e-rara).

A table with $R = 60000$ is again found in the 1490 edition of Regiomontanus's *Tabulæ directionum projectionumque*,¹⁹⁸ but it happens to be a table derived from Regiomontanus's large sexagesimal table, and not Peurbach's table. Moreover, the 1490 table gives the sines at intervals of $1'$.

Around 1450, Peurbach took $R = 600000$ and a step of $10'$ and went beyond what Johannes von Gmunden and Bianchini had done. But this table with $R = 600000$ is no longer extant.¹⁹⁹ We know of its existence because Peurbach mentioned it in the *Propositio prima* of his *Quadratum geometricum* (or *Canones gnomonis*)²⁰⁰ written in 1455 and published in 1516.²⁰¹ And another work of Peurbach confirms that the step of the table was $10'$.

Gassendi²⁰² also mentions a table of sines by Peurbach with $R = 6000000$ and a step of $10'$, and that this table had been extended to a step of $1'$ by Regiomontanus, but this is probably a typo, no such table with $R = 6000000$ being known of Peurbach.²⁰³

Peurbach was the one who provided the impetus for the replacement of Ptolemy's chords with the sines from Arabic mathematics, and Regiomontanus computed tables of sines for every minute of arc for radiuses of 6000000 and 10000000 units.

Among Peurbach's other works is also his *Quadratum geometricum*²⁰⁴ already mentioned, written in 1455 and published in 1516. This work describes the geometrical square, an instrument for measuring heights. A similar instrument was also described by Oronce Fine in his *De re et praxi geometrica* published in 1556.

Peurbach's treatise contains what is basically a table of arctangents (figure 10). Peurbach wrote that he used his now lost table with $R = 600000$ for the computation of the table. The possible values of the tangents range

and [Zinner (1968), p. 36], [Zinner (1990), p. 23] about the radius of the table.

¹⁹⁸[Regiomontanus (1490)]

¹⁹⁹See [Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), pp. iii and 115]. Earlier, Hellman and Swerdlow had mentioned a manuscript table with $R = 600000$, but this is in fact a table with $R = 60000$ [Hellman and Swerdlow (1978), p. 478]. Brummelen also seems to mention this no longer extant table [van Brummelen (2009), p. 249].

²⁰⁰[Hellman and Swerdlow (1978), p. 477]

²⁰¹[von Peurbach (1516)]

²⁰²See [Gassendi (1658), p. 520] and [von Khauz (1755), p. 54].

²⁰³This incorrect statement is also found in [Martin (1764), p. 158] (and in [Lublink and Meijer (1763), pp. 183-198] which must have the same source), and it was more recently repeated by [Bendefy (1980), p. 245].

²⁰⁴[von Peurbach (1516)]. See [Roegel (2021a)] for a modern reconstruction.

from 0 to 1200 and, for an entry x , Peurbach's table actually gives the value $\arctan(x/1200)$ in degrees. For instance, for $x = 1200$, Peurbach's table gives 45° . For $x = 500$, Peurbach's table gives $\arctan(5/12) = 22^\circ 37' 12''$. The value 1200 used in this table may have been influenced by the radius 12000 in Bianchini's table of cotangents.²⁰⁵

This table of arctangents was reprinted by Gemma Frisius²⁰⁶ in 1545 and a similar table was given by Magini in 1592.²⁰⁷

3.4 Johannes Regiomontanus (1436-1476)

Regiomontanus, or rather Hans Müller, was probably born in 1436 in Königsberg, near Bamberg in Germany (figure 11).²⁰⁸ He had latinized his name as Johannes de Monte Regio and it was only half a century after his death in 1476 that he became known as Regiomontanus.²⁰⁹

He established trigonometry as an independant field, separate from astronomy, in Western Europe, although the Persian al-Tūsī had already written a purely trigonometric treatise in the 13th century. Regiomontanus was the most famous Western mathematician of his time.²¹⁰

²⁰⁵[Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), pp. 124-125]

²⁰⁶[Gemma Frisius (1545)]

²⁰⁷[Magini (1592)]

²⁰⁸[Schmeidler (1977), p. 315]. Some authors, for instance recently [Meskens (2010)], have incorrectly confused this Königsberg with the modern Kaliningrad.

²⁰⁹According to some sources, the name Regiomontanus was coined by Philip Melanchthon. It does indeed appear in his *De capta Constantinopoli, Anno 1453* (1556). However, the earliest appearance I found of "Regiomontanus" (or rather Regiomontano) is that in Marcus Beneventanus's *Apologeticum opusculum* (1521). For summaries of Regiomontanus's life and works, see mainly [Zinner (1968)], which can be supplemented by [Gassendi (1654), pp. 335-373], [Doppelmayr (1730)], [Montucla (1758), v. 1, pp. 445-453], [Martin (1764), pp. 146-157], [Aschbach (1865), pp. 537-557], [Ziegler (1874)], [Günther (1885)], [Gallois (1890a), pp. 1-11], [Thorndike (1929), ch. 8], [Vogel (1973b)], [Rosen (1975a)], [Rose (1975)], [Hamann (1978)], [Hamann (1980)], [Grössing (1983), pp. 117-126], [Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), p. 1-8], [Mett (1996)], [Grössing (2002)], [Malpangotto (2008)], [van Brummelen (2009), pp. 251-263], and [van Brummelen (2021), pp. 2-5]. One of the first biographical notices on Regiomontanus was that of Tannstetter, when he published Peurbach's table of eclipses and Regiomontanus's table of the first mobile [von Peurbach and Regiomontanus (1514)]. There are also many smaller articles of interest, some more specialized, some more introductory, such as [Shank (2017)], [Horst (2019)], [Götz (2003)], etc., but which are not all cited here. Gessner also mentions Regiomontanus [Gessner and Simmler (1574), p. 397]. And many sources on Peurbach, not cited in the previous list, contain some information on Regiomontanus. For the scientific context in Vienna, see [Durand (1952)] and [Duhem (1959), pp. 349-367].

²¹⁰[Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), p. i]



Figure 11: Regiomontanus's probable birthplace in Königsberg, Bavaria. (photographs by the author)

After having studied in Leipzig, he came to Vienna around 1450 and became a friend and pupil of Georg von Peurbach. In 1457, this is where he took his Master's degree and was appointed to the faculty, hence a colleague of Peurbach.²¹¹

Peurbach was supposed to go to Italy with Cardinal Bessarion who had asked him to write an *Epitome* (summary) of Ptolemy's *Almagest*. But after Peurbach's death in 1461, it was Regiomontanus who accompanied him to Italy.²¹² Regiomontanus completed the *Epitome*, probably in 1462.²¹³ He also studied Greek and it was during the time of the completion of the *Epitome* that Regiomontanus studied the copy he had made of Trebizond's translation of the *Almagest*.²¹⁴

In Italy, Regiomontanus also became associated with Giovanni Bianchini. Part of their correspondence still survives.²¹⁵ Durand writes that

²¹¹See [Rosen (1975a), p. 348] and [Schmeidler (1977), p. 316].

²¹²See [Rose (1975), pp. 90-117], [Schmeidler (1977), p. 316], [Grössing (1980)], [Mett (1989)] and [Moos (2020)]. On Regiomontanus's knowledge of Latin and Greek, see [Ben-Tov (2009), pp. 195-196] and [Jensen (1996), p. 65] who theorizes that Regiomontanus may not have mastered Latin as well as the Italian scholars.

²¹³See [Zinner (1990), p. 52] and [Shank (1996), p. 125]. It was however only printed in 1496.

²¹⁴[Zinner (1990), p. 59]

²¹⁵See [von Murr (1786), vol. 1, p. 74-205], [Curtze (1902)] and [Gerl (1989)]. See

“Regiomontanus envisaged an exchange of problems and answers to be based on friendly emulation, but the older Italian was speedily scared away by the precocity of the enthusiastic German.”²¹⁶

It was during this time that Regiomontanus constructed his *Tabula primi mobilis* which was only published in 1514.²¹⁷ This table gives the values of $\arcsin(\sin x \sin y)$ for $0 \leq x, y \leq 90^\circ$ and is useful for solving problems in spherical trigonometry. The table was computed using Regiomontanus’s sine table with $R = 6 \cdot 10^6$.²¹⁸ Glowatzki and Göttzsche gave a survey of similar tables or variants published until the 19th century.²¹⁹

Regiomontanus returned from Italy around 1465,²²⁰ he went to Pozsony (Pressburg, Bratislava) in 1467, at the invitation of Matthias Corvinus (1443-1490), King of Hungary,²²¹ of whom he became an astronomical adviser. Some time later, he was called to Buda.²²²

It was during this time in Hungary that Regiomontanus worked with the Polish astronomer Marcin Bylica (c1433-1493)²²³ whom Regiomontanus met in Rome. Together they computed some tables, in particular Regiomontanus’s *Tabulae directionum profectionumque*.²²⁴

In 1471 Regiomontanus moved to Nuremberg. There he set up a printing press for the purpose of publishing the most important classical scientific works,²²⁵ as well as some of his own works.²²⁶ The first work to be published was Peurbach’s *Theoricae Novae Planetarum*. In 1475 Regiomontanus

also [Swerdlow (1990)].

²¹⁶[Durand (1943), p. 13]

²¹⁷See [Mett (1996), pp. 96-97], [Swerdlow (1999), p. 1], [van Brummelen (2009), p. 263], and [Chabás Bergón (2019), pp. 378-379].

²¹⁸[Glowatzki and Göttzsche (1990), p. 199]

²¹⁹[Glowatzki and Göttzsche (1990), pp. 197-207]

²²⁰[Hayton (2010), p. 33]

²²¹[Schmeidler (1977), p. 317]

²²²[Orbán (2015), p. 118]

²²³[Domonkos (1968), Vargha and Both (1987), Hayton (2007), Hayton (2010), Orbán (2015)]

²²⁴There are several editions of the *Tabulae directionum profectionumque*, in particular in 1490, 1504, 1550, 1552, 1559, 1584 and 1606. A French edition was published by Henrion in 1626 [Henrion (1626)]. For the collaboration between Bylica and Regiomontanus, see [Hayton (2007), p. 188] and [Chabás Bergón (2019), pp. 380-387]. On the relations between the astronomical schools of Vienna and Cracow, see [Markowski (1978), p. 268]. Bylica sent works from Peurbach and Regiomontanus to the University of Cracow. See also [Walsh (1996)] and [Bendefy (1980)] on Regiomontanus’s stay in Hungary.

²²⁵[Folkerts (1996), pp. 91-92]

²²⁶[Schmeidler (1977), p. 318]

returned to Rome at the invitation of Pope Sixtus IV in order to work on a reform of the Julian calendar, and this is where he died in 1476, probably from the plague. During all these years, Regiomontanus worked on a critique of Trebizond's translation of the *Almagest*, his *Theonis Alexandrini Defensio in sex voluminibus contra Georgium Trapezuntium*, a work which was probably only completed in the 1470s and still remains only in manuscript form.²²⁷

It seems that Regiomontanus started around 1460 to compute sines with a large radius in order to produce a table with $R = 6 \cdot 10^6$ for his *De triangulis* (1462?) (figure 22). This table was certainly inspired by Peurbach's table with $R = 600000$, although Hallam claimed²²⁸ that Regiomontanus was ignorant of that table. Glowatzki and Göttsche²²⁹ give Regiomontanus's description of the computations, the *Compositio tabularum sinuum rectorum*, as well as a German translation. Regiomontanus's description is contained in the 1541 edition of Peurbach's treatise on sines.²³⁰ In section 4 below I analyze how Regiomontanus may have computed his table.

Around 1468, Regiomontanus composed another table with a radius of 10000000. Both the sexagesimal and the decimal tables were given at intervals of $1'$. These tables were first printed in 1541 (figures 23 and 24).²³¹ They were however not the first tables with such intervals, and they came after those of Ibn Yūnus and Ulugh Beg (see § 2.3).

Regiomontanus's table of sines with $R = 10^7$ was accessible in Cracow at the end of the 15th century²³² and was undoubtedly one of the sources of Copernicus's trigonometric tables.

The move from a sexagesimal division to a decimal division, initiated by Bianchini, but greatly developed by Regiomontanus, made it much simpler to use the tables. With the new decimal radius, there is therefore no longer any need to mix the bases 10 and 60, as was the case in the older tables.

Regiomontanus's *Tabulæ directionum profectionumque* from 1467 and published in 1490 also contained a table of tangents (figure 15) which was probably inspired by Bianchini's table of tangents.²³³ Cardano consid-

²²⁷ See [Shank (2007)] for some excerpts.

²²⁸ [Hallam (1837), p. 259]

²²⁹ [Glowatzki and Göttsche (1990), pp. 11-24]

²³⁰ [von Peurbach and Regiomontanus (1541)]

²³¹ [von Peurbach and Regiomontanus (1541), Roegel (2021b)]

²³² See [Rosińska (1984), pp. 503-504] and [Rosińska (1987), pp. 421-422].

²³³ [van Brummelen (2018)]

ered that Regiomontanus's entire *Tabulæ directionum projectionumque* was largely drawn from Bianchini.²³⁴ Folkerts,²³⁵ however, considered that Regiomontanus's table of tangents was influenced by Al-Battāni. In fact, Regiomontanus's table of tangents was certainly computed using his large sexagesimal table as I shall show later. A modern reconstruction of this table of tangents is given separately.²³⁶

The *Tabulæ directionum projectionumque* also contains a table of sines with $R = 60000$ and at $1'$ intervals (figure 16). But contrary to what Bond,²³⁷ Delambre,²³⁸ or more recently Folkerts,²³⁹ Zinner,²⁴⁰ North,²⁴¹ Brummelen,²⁴² Husson,²⁴³ and Chabás and Goldstein wrote,²⁴⁴ this table is neither by Regiomontanus nor borrowed from Bianchini. It was appended to Regiomontanus's book, probably by Johannes Engel (or Johannes Angelus) (1453-1512),²⁴⁵ and was derived from Regiomontanus's table with $R = 6000000$. Moreover, as observed by Glowatzki and Göttsche, the appended table was never used by Regiomontanus.²⁴⁶ A modern reconstruction of Engel's table is given separately.²⁴⁷

In fact, most of Regiomontanus's writings were only published after his death. His main work on trigonometry, *De triangulis omnimodis*, was completed about 1464 but only printed in 1533, without any table.²⁴⁸ It is the first systematic such treatise published in Europe and it was probably used by Copernicus. However, as observed by Stamm,²⁴⁹ it is unlikely that Copernicus had access to Regiomontanus's treatise in manuscript form and he probably only saw the 1533 edition in the 1530s.

²³⁴[Thorndike (1929), p. 148]

²³⁵[Folkerts (1977), p. 235]

²³⁶[Roegel (2021c)]

²³⁷[Bond (1921), p. 321]

²³⁸[Delambre (1819), p. 365]

²³⁹See [Folkerts (1977), p. 234], [Folkerts (1995), p. 224] and [Folkerts et al. (2016), p. 136].

²⁴⁰See [Zinner (1968), p. 345] and [Zinner (1990), p. 236].

²⁴¹[North (2008), p. 275]

²⁴²[van Brummelen (2009), p. 262]

²⁴³[Husson (2014), p. 116]

²⁴⁴[Chabás Bergón and Goldstein (2012), p. 20]

²⁴⁵[Glowatzki and Göttsche (1990), p. 48] On Johannes Engel, see [Dobrzycki and Kremer (1996)].

²⁴⁶[Glowatzki and Göttsche (1990), p. iii]

²⁴⁷[Roegel (2021d)]

²⁴⁸[Regiomontanus (1533)], edited om [Regiomontanus (1967)].

²⁴⁹[Stamm (1933)]

Delambre was critical of Regiomontanus and wrote that except for his observations and trigonometrical work, Regiomontanus had hardly the time to do more than show his good intentions.²⁵⁰ Delambre stresses that Regiomontanus was less advanced as a calculator than Ibn Yūnus and Abū al-Wafā'. However, this opinion may need to be revised in the light of my analysis of the construction of his tables.

Braunmühl²⁵¹ considered that Regiomontanus's work on triangles was influential, even if it didn't contain anything original.

And as observed by Glowatzki and Göttsche,²⁵² the tables computed by Regiomontanus are very modern and could still be used now, only the decimal point would have to be shifted.

Thorndike thought that Peurbach and Regiomontanus's importance had perhaps been overestimated, among other things because Regiomontanus was more than a mathematician. He was a mathematical publisher, and he came at just the right time.²⁵³

²⁵⁰[Delambre (1819), p. 365]

²⁵¹[von Braunmühl (1900, 1903), v. 1, pp. 124-133]

²⁵²[Glowatzki and Göttsche (1990), p. i]

²⁵³[Thorndike (1929), p. 150]

4 Regiomontanus's seminal tables

We can now pause and summarize the situation of Regiomontanus's tables at the end of the 15th century. There are four different trigonometric tables usually associated with Regiomontanus: a large table of sines with radius 6000000, another one with radius 10^7 , a table of tangents with $R = 10^5$ and a smaller table of sines with $R = 60000$, but of which Regiomontanus is actually not the author. Most of the tables published during the 16th century are ultimately based on the table for $R = 10^7$.

I also include in this section some tables which are not directly from Regiomontanus, for instance the tables of secants, but which are nevertheless based on Regiomontanus's other tables.

The following tables by Regiomontanus have been reconstructed in separate documents:

- the table of tangents, as published in 1490 (figure 15)²⁵⁴;
- the table of sines with $R = 6 \cdot 10^6$, as published in 1541 (figure 23)²⁵⁵;
- the table of sines with $R = 10^7$, as published in 1541 (figure 24).²⁵⁶

4.1 Fundamental tables

When Regiomontanus set out to construct his new sine tables, he was certainly influenced by Peurbach's work, and in particular by Peurbach's sine table with $R = 600000$ and at intervals of $10'$.²⁵⁷ This table is no longer extant, but it is likely that Regiomontanus used it as an inspiration for his further work.²⁵⁸

It seems that it was around 1460 that Regiomontanus first computed sines of values at $45'$ intervals with $R = 6 \cdot 10^8$ (figure 12), perhaps even before Peurbach's death.²⁵⁹ This was to be the fundamental table from

²⁵⁴[Regiomontanus (1490)]

²⁵⁵[von Peurbach and Regiomontanus (1541)]

²⁵⁶[von Peurbach and Regiomontanus (1541)]

²⁵⁷There have been some incorrect statements about the tables constructed by Regiomontanus and a table with $R = 600000$ is sometimes attributed to him, for instance by Günther in 1885 [Günther (1885), p. 573].

²⁵⁸In a long chapter, Glowatzki and Götsche try to find the forerunners of Regiomontanus's large sexagesimal table and which may have influenced him [Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), pp. 72-125].

²⁵⁹[Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), pp. 10, 16, 22]

which a more complete table for $R = 6 \cdot 10^6$ could be computed.²⁶⁰ This auxiliary table is only partially extant.

Once he had his pivots, Regiomontanus computed the sines at intervals of $15'$, dividing the sines at intervals of $45'$ obtained earlier in three parts in such a way that the sines vary smoothly.²⁶¹ Then Regiomontanus trisected each interval, again by ensuring that the differences vary smoothly. This gave him the sines at intervals of $5'$.²⁶² The same procedure was again applied to obtain the sines at intervals of $1'$.²⁶³

For the table with $R = 10^7$, Regiomontanus possibly also first computed a number of pivot values with $R = 10^9$, but these pivots have not been kept.

4.2 Sine table with $R = 6000000$

Regiomontanus's first large complete sine table was for a radius of 6000000 and was probably computed around 1462 in Rome.²⁶⁴ It gives the sines for every minute. Figure 22 shows an excerpt of a manuscript of that table. This table is based on the computations made with $R = 6 \cdot 10^8$ as described in the previous sections.

After Regiomontanus's death, Regiomontanus's table was long kept in manuscript form. It was only published in 1541 with Peurbach's *Tractatus super propositiones Ptolemæ etc.*,²⁶⁵ and together with the table for $R = 10^7$ (figures 23 and 24). These two tables were then again published in 1561 in Regiomontanus's *De triangulis*.²⁶⁶ Glowatzki and Götsche gave a facsimile of the 1541 sexagesimal table and listed its errors.²⁶⁷

Regiomontanus's sine table appears rather accurate, although it is probably slightly less accurate than the table for $R = 10^7$. Sampling only the values for whole degrees, there are 25 last-place errors and one typo (for

²⁶⁰However, as observed by Glowatzki and Götsche, an error in the computation of $\sin 45'$ caused other (small) errors, in particular in the interpolation leading to $\sin 1^\circ$ [Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), pp. 26-27].

²⁶¹[Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), p. 23]

²⁶²[Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), p. 23]

²⁶³[van Brummelen (2009), p. 263] gives Regiomontanus's implied value of $\sin 1^\circ$, but does not describe the actual interpolation process. See also [van Brummelen (2021), pp. 18-21], who hints at a procedure below $15'$ but without detailing it. Kästner gives also only a cursory description [Kästner (1796), pp. 540-560].

²⁶⁴See [Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), p. 71] and [Mett (1996), p. 65].

²⁶⁵[von Peurbach and Regiomontanus (1541)]

²⁶⁶[Regiomontanus (1561)]

²⁶⁷[Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), pp. 28-47]

Arcus. G. m.	Sinus.	Arcus. G. m.	Sinus.	Arcus. G. m.	Sinus.
36	0352671151	12	0124747015	35	15346287114
54	0485410197	78	0586888561	54	45489984933
18	0185410197	6	062717078	24	0244041986
72	0570633909	84	0596713137	66	0548127275
9	093860679	3	031401574	34	30339843742
81	0592613004	87	0599177721	55	30494475713
4	3047075458	1	3015706169	17	15177921945
85	30598150400	88	30599794394	72	45573011967
2	1523555889	45	07853773	39	45383663401
87	45599537422	89	15599948596	50	15461305099
27	0272394297	39	0377592235	23	15236846314
63	0534603915	51	0466287577	66	45551274726
13	30140067218	19	30200284116	32	15320168709
76	30583421952	70	30565584895	57	45507436663
6	4570522438	9	45101609702	33	0326783421
83	15595841074	80	15591333635	57	0703202341
40	30389668829	42	0401478364	16	30179409207
49	30456243579	48	0445886895	73	30575291841
20	15207670234	21	0215020770	8	1586095573
69	45562914802	69	0560148256	81	45593790832
42	45407280447	10	30109341315	27	45279368712
47	15440593506	79	30589952945	62	15530992582
31	30313499140	5	1554900971	28	30286295256
58	30511584098	84	45597482957	61	30527290268
15	45162864270	43	30413012745	14	15147691976
74	15577473142	46	30435224623	75	45581538546
38	15371456371	21	45222334462	36	45358994760
51	45471190159	68	15557285732	53	15480752288
24	45251195842	44	15418674276	30	45306775852
65	15544885904	45	45429781166	59	15515643849
29	15293172744	25	30258306658		
60	45523497605	64	30541551171		
		12	45132418461		
		77	15585205392		

Figure 12: The list of pivots for Regiomontanus's large sexagesimal table [von Peurbach and Regiomontanus (1541)] (source: Dresden).

40° , 3856796 which should be 3856726). Of the last-place errors, all are of one unit, and one (80°) is of two units. I have given separately a modern reconstruction of this table with the exact values which can be used for comparison with Regiomontanus's table.²⁶⁸ And in § 5, I am giving a more detailed analysis of Regiomontanus's errors and computation procedure.

In Regiomontanus's table, the column of differences does not give the actual difference Δ , but the difference per second, in other words $\Delta/60$. These differences are given to one decimal place which is separated by a space.²⁶⁹ For instance, the first difference is $\Delta = 1745$ and it is given as 29 1, because $1745/60 = 29.08 \dots$. But this value can also be read 291, in which case it is the sixth of the actual difference.

These differences follow a layout similar to those in Bianchini's table with $R = 60 \cdot 10^3$, so that it is possible that Regiomontanus borrowed this layout.²⁷⁰

4.3 Sine table with $R = 10000000$

Regiomontanus's second large sine table was for a radius of 10^7 and was completed in 1468.²⁷¹ It came shortly after the smaller decimal table of tangents which was computed in 1467.

This large decimal table is probably not the first decimal table of sines, although Folkerts claimed so.²⁷² It has been assumed that Bianchini had a decimal table of sines, probably with a radius $R = 10^4$ (see § 3.2), but this table is no longer extant.

Regiomontanus's table is also not based on his large sexagesimal table.²⁷³ Regiomontanus may have computed a number of pivot values, perhaps with $R = 10^9$, or he may have reused the sexagesimal pivots by multiplying them by $10/6$. In any case, these pivots have not been kept. Then, Regiomontanus must have proceeded by interpolation as in the sexagesimal table.

Like in the previous table, sines are given for every minute. This table was also published in 1541 and 1561 together with the sexagesimal table (figures 23 and 24). Glowatzki and Götsche gave a facsimile of the entire

²⁶⁸[Roegel (2021b)]

²⁶⁹[Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), p. 27]

²⁷⁰[Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), p. 94]

²⁷¹See [Folkerts (1977), p. 234] and [Mett (1996), p. 96].

²⁷²[Folkerts et al. (2016), p. 136]

²⁷³[Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), p. 126]

1541 edition of the table, and listed its typos.²⁷⁴

The differences are expressed like in Regiomontanus's sexagesimal table and the first difference is for instance $\Delta = 2909$ and it is given as 48 5, corresponding to $\Delta/60 = 48.48 \dots$

I have given separately a modern reconstruction of this table.²⁷⁵

It is interesting to note that Regiomontanus's table is slightly more accurate than the previous one with $R = 6 \cdot 10^6$.²⁷⁶ Sampling only the sines for whole degrees, we can for instance see that there are only seven incorrect values, one of which (for 25°) being an obvious typo (4226583 which should be 4226183), and the other six values being only off by one unit of the last place. This suggests of course that the decimal table was not merely obtained from the sexagesimal table, but must have been obtained either from the pivots of the sexagesimal table, or from newly computed pivots, as described above.

4.4 Sine table with $R = 60000$

The *Tabulæ directionum projectionumque* published in 1490 contains a 30 pages long sine table with $R = 60000$ giving the sines for every minute (figure 16),²⁷⁷ but this table was certainly computed by Johannes Engel for that edition (see § 6.1), and not by Regiomontanus.

4.5 Table of tangents

Regiomontanus's *Tabulæ directionum projectionumque*,²⁷⁸ from 1467 and printed in 1490, also contained a short table of tangents, which he called *tabula fecunda* (figure 15).²⁷⁹ The name "tangent" was as a matter of fact only introduced in 1583 by Fincke.²⁸⁰

Regiomontanus's table is only one page long and gives the tangents for every degree, and for a radius of 100000. The tangents were computed from the 1462 table of sines (with $R = 6000000$), by first dropping two digits and rounding the values, and then by mere division.²⁸¹ This procedure

²⁷⁴[Glowatzki and Göttsche (1990), pp. 127-147]

²⁷⁵[Roegel (2021b)]

²⁷⁶[Glowatzki and Göttsche (1990), p. 147]

²⁷⁷[Regiomontanus (1490)]

²⁷⁸[Regiomontanus (1490)]

²⁷⁹[Chabás Bergón (2019), p. 383]

²⁸⁰[Fincke (1583)]

²⁸¹[Glowatzki and Göttsche (1990), p. 183]

actually gives exactly Regiomontanus's values, except for the angles 43° , 73° , 85° and 89° . In these four cases, Regiomontanus very likely got the computations wrong, or these are typos. Incidentally, the same procedure fails miserably when using the decimal table of sines, and it is almost impossible to obtain the values of the table of tangents with this starting point.

Regiomontanus's table was not the first table of tangents, as tangents had already been used in eastern Islam, as mentioned above (see § 2.3).

Regiomontanus's table was reproduced in subsequent editions of his *Tabulæ directionum projectionumque*, by Gemma Frisius in 1545 (but as cotangents)²⁸² (also with Peurbach's 1516 *quadratum* table²⁸³), by Gaurico in 1557,²⁸⁴ by Maurolico in 1558 (at least partially, and he called it *umbra versa*),²⁸⁵ by Schreckenfuchs in 1569,²⁸⁶ and in subsequent editions of these works.²⁸⁷

Gaurico's table (1557)²⁸⁸ only goes up to 50° , and is attributed to Campanus. But neither Glowatzki and Götsche,²⁸⁹ nor von Braunmühl,²⁹⁰ nor Zinner²⁹¹ were able to understand this attribution.

Curiously, Gaurico also gives a sine table with the heading *tabula fecunda* and also only up to 50° .

And finally, mention should be made of Bendefy who mistakenly wrote in 1980 that Regiomontanus had constructed a table of tangents for a radius $R = 10^7$ and for every minute, and that it was only Reinhold who published it in 1554.²⁹²

²⁸²See [Gemma Frisius (1545)]. It was also reprinted in 1557.

²⁸³[von Peurbach (1516)]

²⁸⁴[Gaurico (1557)]

²⁸⁵[Maurolico (1558)]

²⁸⁶See [Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), p. 180] and [Schreckenfuchs (1569), p. 153].

²⁸⁷[Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), pp. 180-181]

²⁸⁸[Gaurico (1557)]

²⁸⁹[Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), pp. 180-181]

²⁹⁰[von Braunmühl (1900, 1903), v. 1, p. 101]

²⁹¹[Zinner (1968), p. 148]

²⁹²[Bendefy (1980), p. 248] Bendefy's statement seems based on Barna Szénácssy's history of Hungarian mathematics (*A magyarországi matematika története*, 1970), but I was not able to check this source. Bendefy also cites Zinner's article on Regiomontanus in Hungary, published in Hungarian, and which does not seem to contain such a statement (Ernő Zinner, Regiomontanus Magyarországon, *Matematikai és Természettudományi Értesítő*, volume 55, 1936?, pp. 280-288).

4.6 Secant tables

Regiomontanus did not compute tables of secants, but the first tables of secants are based on his tables of sines. This is the case of Copernicus's table of secants, which might have been computed around 1530. Bianchini had computed a table of cosecants (§ 3.2). But I am not aware of earlier such tables, although, as mentioned before (§ 2.3), Abū al-Wafā' introduced the notion of secant in Baghdad in the 10th century.

The tables of secants published by Rheticus in 1551 [Rheticus (1551)] and by Maurolico in 1558 [Maurolico (1558)] also ultimately derive from Regiomontanus.²⁹³

It was Viète²⁹⁴ who in 1579 was the first to compute a table of secants with an interval of $1'$ albeit with a variable radius between $R = 10^5$ and $R = 10^9$.

And the first table of secants with an interval of $1'$ and $R = 10^7$ was published by Fincke in 1583.²⁹⁵ Fincke was actually the one who named it secant. His secants were certainly computed from his tangents, which themselves go back to Regiomontanus, via Reinhold.²⁹⁶

²⁹³[Glowatzki and Göttsche (1990), p. 193] Incidentally, there have also been surprising statements, such as the one of Davis [Davis (1933), p. 21] who wrote that the first table of secants was that of Maurolico, and that Lansberge was wrong in ascribing this fact to Rheticus, when in fact Lansberge was right, and still is if one ignores manuscript tables.

²⁹⁴[Viète (1579)]

²⁹⁵[Fincke (1583)]

²⁹⁶See [Reinhold (1554)] and [Glowatzki and Göttsche (1990), p. 193].

5 An analysis of Regiomontanus's great tables

One of my purposes has been to find out how Regiomontanus computed his two large tables of sines. We know rather well how he computed the sines at intervals of $45'$, but we know little beyond that, and no one seems to have investigated this matter so far, not even Glowatzki and Göttsche.²⁹⁷

The first step in such an investigation is to clear the tables of the noise they contain, namely of the typos, both in the printed versions and in the manuscripts. Although I have not consulted manuscripts of Regiomontanus's table, I believe that it is possible to come very close to what Regiomontanus has actually computed.

5.1 Typos, accuracy and statistics

5.1.1 General principles

I have gone over each of the 2×5401 values of the sines (from 0° to 90° by steps of $1'$) in the 1541 printing, trying to detect obvious typos. This work has been done independently of that of Glowatzki and Göttsche who had already reported a number of typos.²⁹⁸ I have consequently made two tables where I corrected a number of typos, such as wrong digits in the left figures, swapped figures, or swapped lines. In the resulting tables, I carefully examined all the cases where Regiomontanus's tables were in error by more than 2 units of the last place. Every such case which appeared isolated was removed. The justification for correcting these seemingly small errors was that they would have been very easy to detect by computing differences between consecutive terms, and that almost always these anomalies were isolated, and could not have been Regiomontanus's real values, at least not his intended values. These decisions may be objectionable, but I have only corrected errors which are easy to detect by anybody working on tables. I did not correct any more fundamental issue. And these corrections are necessary in order to get a better understanding of the underlying computations.

5.1.2 Corrections to the tables

Apart from the very conspicuous typos already reported by Glowatzki and Göttsche (mostly not repeated here), I made the following smaller

²⁹⁷[Glowatzki and Göttsche (1990)]

²⁹⁸[Glowatzki and Göttsche (1990), p. 46-47 and 145-147]

corrections to the sexagesimal table:

angle	values		angle	values	
	table	corrected		table	corrected
1° 29'	155315	155317	45° 42'	4294154	4294156
1° 44'	181486	181487	49° 34'	4566965	4566968
2° 38'	275668	275665	51° 35'	4701078	4701077
4° 58'	519454	519456	57° 21'	5051893	5051891
5° 1'	524674	524673	61° 26'	5269565	5269567
6° 38'	693009	693088	66° 33'	5504447	5504445
7° 52'	821219	821211	70° 2'	5639347	5639349
12° 4'	1254295	1254297	70° 37'	5659910	5659916
17° 33'	1809221	1809228	73° 50'	5762737	5762735
18° 28'	1900518	1900516	74° 51'	5791465	5791470
18° 40'	1920372	1920370	76° 51'	5842661	5842667
19° 29'	2001193	2001195	77° 17'	5852821	5852823
19° 50'	2035718	2035710	79° 58'	5908230	5908238
21° 43'	2220109	2220102	81° 10'	5928833	5928835
41° 59'	4013488	4013486	81° 29'	5933835	5933837
42° 24'	4045818	4045814	82° 46'	5952258	5952250
42° 53'	4083045	4083046	86° 17'	5987385	5987382
44° 1'	4169203	4169206	86° 46'	5990440	5990450
45° 9'	4253736	4253734	87° 56'	5996094	5996097

Note that my corrections do not always replace the 1541 printed values by the exact ones, but by the values I believe should have been printed. For instance, for 6° 38', Glowitzki and Göttische replaced 693009 by 693090, which does make sense as a typo. However, the value 693090 does not make much sense in its context (*i.e.*, the surrounding values) and I believe that there was an error before that, and that Regiomontanus should have obtained 693088, which is the value I gave in my table. In this case, I believe that Regiomontanus accidentally obtained the correct value 693090, and that the printer got it wrong by setting 693009.

The only values with a deviation of 3 units of the last place are those from 6° 50' to 6° 53'. I believe that the pivot 6° 50' was erroneously computed and should probably have been 713889 (with an error of 1). This has probably caused the sines of 6° 51' to 6° 53' to be also wrong by 3 units. I have however not fixed these deviations and these errors remain in the cleaned table, as they are not mere typos. But the truth is that these errors would not escape a close scrutiny by differencing.

The above table also contains corrections for a number of deviations of 2 units, when these were clearly isolated (1° 29', 1° 44', 6° 38', 17° 33',

41°59', 42°53', 45°42', 49°34', 51°35', 57°21', 70°2', 73°50', 77°17', 81°10', 81°29', 82°46').

I also corrected some suspicious transitions, where the error switched from 1 to -1 or from -1 to 1. These errors would have been very easy to detect by differencing and concern 5°1', 7°52', 18°28', 18°40', 66°33', and 79°58'.

In the case of the decimal table, I also made a number of corrections, including

values			values		
angle	table	corrected	angle	table	corrected
4°19'	752688	752687	39°50'	6405569	6405566
13°14'	2289163	2289171	40°21'	6474556	6474550
13°28'	2328799	2328796	54°15'	8115746	8115740
17°14'	2962630	2962639	54°29'	8139469	8139466
19°39'	3362739	3362735	58°43'	8546096	8546099
20°24'	3485724	3485720	59°59'	8658793	8658799
35°21'	5785691	5785697	60°17'	8684873	8684875
37°42'	6115272	6115271	61°15'	8767267	8767269
38°20'	6202350	6202356	61°50'	8815783	8815781
38°53'	6277368	6277367	87°32'	9981731	9990734
39°24'	6347309	6347306			

Among these corrections, the small ones for 37°42' and 38°53' have been made because their deviations appeared to be isolated. And like in the sexagesimal table, I have also corrected some suspicious transitions, where the error switched from 1 to -1 or from -1 to 1. These errors concern the values 4°19', 13°14', 60°17', 61°15', and 61°50'. Some of these corrections may appear larger than these small transitions, but that may be because there may have been both printer typos and earlier errors, and that I first corrected the large errors, for instance for 13°14' whose sine value in Regiomontanus's manuscript may have been 2289173, but which still can't have been the right one.

Some of these typos/errors were reported by Glowatzki and Göttsche, but not all of them, and, as I explained above, Glowatzki and Göttsche reported other errors which I have corrected, but not included in the above tables.²⁹⁹ Moreover, my corrections do not always coincide with theirs, as I have tried to replace the incorrectly printed values by those that Regiomontanus has presumably computed, and not by the exact sines. I believe

²⁹⁹The errors which have not been reported can easily be found either by a careful comparison of my cleaned tables with Regiomontanus's tables, or by checking the tables given by Glowatzki and Göttsche.

however that all the typos reported by Glowatzki and Göttzsche have been taken care of in my versions.

Eventually, we end up with two tables which must be very close to Regiomontanus's calculations, and which have been cleared of probably almost all typos, both in the printed versions and in the manuscripts. What I mean by this is that Regiomontanus would have found all these errors by mere differencing and that the resulting cleaned tables provide a better start for the analysis of Regiomontanus's actual computations.

These tables are provided separately³⁰⁰ as text files for others to analyze, should they wish to.

5.1.3 The sexagesimal pivots

The cleaned tables now make it possible to have a closer look at computational errors and in particular at the accuracy of the pivots. It first appears that the sexagesimal table contains *about* 2223 errors of one unit or more, and none of more than 3 units. This does agree with the count given by Glowatzki and Göttzsche who came up with 2232, but with slightly different corrections. I am of course writing "about," because in some cases I made adjustments which may or may not be correct. The same remark applies to the decimal table.

The pivots at $45'$ intervals (for $R = 6 \cdot 10^8$) for the sexagesimal table appear very accurate. There are only 17 values which are not correct, and among them all are off by one unit of the last place, except those for $45'$, 27° , $57^\circ 75'$, and $59^\circ 25'$. In the case of $57^\circ 75'$, there is an obvious typo, and the original value may have been correct. The value for $45'$ may also be a typo. In any case, none of these small errors have any serious impact on the values in the sexagesimal table.

Consequently, the $45'$ pivots in the sexagesimal table (for $R = 6 \cdot 10^6$) are mostly correct. In fact, they should even all be correct. But there are three exceptions. The $6^\circ 45'$ pivot is correctly given in the table for $R = 6 \cdot 10^8$, but there is a different value in the final table. The neighboring values would make things worse if I gave the correct value to $\sin 6^\circ 45'$, so that I suspect that Regiomontanus made an error when copying his own (correct) value of $\sin 6^\circ 45'$. The same observations apply to $\sin 8^\circ 15'$ and $\sin 44^\circ 15'$. These three sines are off by one in the sexagesimal table.

As far as the other pivots are concerned, two $15'$ pivots are off by 2 and 78 are off by 1. 345 $5'$ pivots are off by 1, and 11 by 2 or 3.

³⁰⁰See the files `roegel2021regio6.txt` and `roegel2021regio10.txt`.

5.1.4 The decimal pivots

The decimal table contains about 1841 errors or one unit or more. Again, this is very close to Glowatzki and Göttsche's count which is 1833, but with slightly different corrections. There are also three $45'$ pivots which are incorrect, but not the same ones as for the sexagesimal table. 22 $15'$ pivots are off by 1, and none by 2. 282 $5'$ pivots are off by 1, and one is off by 2.

It does therefore appear that the decimal table is somewhat more accurate than the sexagesimal table, but not by an order of magnitude.

5.1.5 Some general statistics

We can also observe that in the sexagesimal table the longest sequence without errors is of length 52 and starting at $56^\circ 4'$: once the typos are corrected, all the sines from $56^\circ 4'$ to $56^\circ 55'$ are correct. The longest sequence with a constant error of one unit of the last place (in the same direction) is of length 30 and starts at $3^\circ 52'$. The longest sequence with a constant error of two units is of length 6.

Similar results are obtained with the decimal table and the longest sequence without errors is of length 50, starting at $27^\circ 45'$.

The average errors are -0.10 for the sexagesimal table and 0.12 for the decimal table, but it is difficult to analyze errors in more depth without taking into account the structure of the computations, namely the two trisections and the possibly final linear interpolation.

We can now try to answer a number of questions on the computation of the pivots:

- For instance, assuming two $45'$ pivots are correct, how often are the $15'$ pivots correct?

The answer to this question is surprising, because there is a clear difference between the sexagesimal and decimal tables. In the first case, 70 $15'$ pivots (for 114 ranges out of 120) are incorrect, but in the second case only 17 are incorrect (also for 114 ranges). The $15'$ pivots of the decimal table appear clearly more accurate than in the sexagesimal table.

An example of incorrect $15'$ pivot in the sexagesimal table is that of $45^\circ 15'$, where the sines of 45° and $45^\circ 45'$ are correct.

One should actually distinguish the cases where the two twin/double $15'$ pivots (in a $45'$ interval) are wrong, and the cases where only one of

them is wrong. Surprisingly, there are 24 cases of wrong twin pivots in the sexagesimal table, and none in the decimal table.

Moreover, in the decimal table, 13 out of 17 wrong (non twin) $15'$ pivots concern the second $15'$ pivots. Things are more even in the sexagesimal table, where 13 out of 22 wrong (non twin) $15'$ pivots concern the second $15'$ pivots.

An example of incorrect $15'$ pivot in the decimal table is that of 32° , where $31^\circ 30'$ and $32^\circ 15'$ are correct.

- And assuming two $15'$ pivots are correct, how often are the $5'$ pivots correct?

We find that for the sexagesimal table, 119 $5'$ pivots are incorrect (for 231 ranges out of 360) when the $15'$ pivots are correct, and that there are 30 incorrect twin pivots.

For the decimal table, 217 $5'$ pivots are incorrect (for 318 ranges out of 360), including 52 twin pivots. Under this perspective, the sexagesimal table appears more accurate than the decimal table.

An example of an incorrect $5'$ pivot in the sexagesimal table is that of $75^\circ 5'$.

- Finally, how often are the $5'$ interpolations correct?

Again, we restrict ourselves to the cases where the two pivots are correct, as such a restriction is still representative.³⁰¹ What is the most common outcome? Is it 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0? In other words, if two adjacent $5'$ pivots are correct, are the four intermediate values also usually correct?

The number of ranges to consider (where the two $5'$ pivots are correct) is similar in both tables: 576 ranges for the sexagesimal table and 604 ranges for the decimal table. Is the outcome the same? First, given that the table has been checked by differences, the only values which can appear between the two end 0s are 0 and ± 1 . There are therefore $3^4 = 81$ different possible sequences, but the most common sequence is (0, 0, 0, 0, 0) with 277 cases in the sexagesimal table and 258 cases in the decimal table. Again, under this perspective, the sexagesimal table is in fact slightly more accurate than the decimal one.

³⁰¹We could also consider the computation of $5'$ pivots from incorrect $15'$ pivots, for instance by shifting these pivots, but I don't think we would reach significantly different results.

5.2 A tentative analysis of Regiomontanus's construction

The procedure used by Regiomontanus to construct his large tables is a bit vague, but I believe that it can be clarified. As far as I know, no attempt has been made so far to explain this process. As mentioned above, Regiomontanus basically describes a subtabulation process, where from sine values at $45'$ intervals he obtains values for every $15'$, then for every $5'$, and finally for every minute. Regiomontanus explicitly speaks of making the differences increase regularly, and it should be clear that the differences between values played a key role in this computation. It is also clear that what Regiomontanus has done was to interpolate values, more than merely to compute accurately thousands of sines.

Reading Regiomontanus's description, one can not avoid thinking of the works of Bürgi³⁰² and Briggs³⁰³ and wonder if, perhaps, Regiomontanus had not anticipated them. I believe in fact that his computations were indeed forerunners of what Bürgi and Briggs did, a century or a century and a half later. Both Bürgi and Briggs analyzed how finite differences could be used not merely to find new values by adding differences, but also to subtabulate, and find intermediate values from larger differences. For instance, Briggs computed the logarithms of various integers as interpolations of logarithms given at larger intervals. Among the techniques he describes is the quinquisection, where he is able to divide an interval in five parts and obtain the intermediate logarithms.

5.2.1 The general setting

Here, I want briefly to test this hypothesis, which may be expanded later in the future. To be as general as possible, I will consider a sequence of sines v_0, v_1, v_2, \dots , for angles a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots , where $a_{i+1} - a_i$ is a constant interval, for instance $45'$. $v_i = \text{Sin}(a_i)$, with some radius R , which I will take here as $6 \cdot 10^8$, but which could be different.

These values are used to define the finite differences $\Delta_0^1 = v_1 - v_0$, $\Delta_1^1 = v_2 - v_1, \dots, \Delta_0^2 = \Delta_1^1 - \Delta_0^1, \Delta_1^2 = \Delta_2^1 - \Delta_1^1, \dots, \Delta_0^3 = \Delta_1^2 - \Delta_0^2$, etc.

What Regiomontanus sought to do was to find the sines $v_{1/3}, v_{2/3}$, etc., of the intermediate angles $a_{1/3}, a_{2/3}, a_{4/3}$, etc. In other words, he was working on a trisection. For instance, if $a_0 = 3^\circ$, $a_1 = 3^\circ 45'$, etc., then $a_{1/3} = 3^\circ 15'$ and $v_{1/3} = \text{Sin } 3^\circ 15'$.

The subtabulated differences are $\delta_0^1 = v_{1/3} - v_0$, $\delta_0^2 = \delta_{1/3}^1 - \delta_0^1$, and so on.

³⁰²[Roegel (2016a)]

³⁰³[Roegel (2010a)]

I believe that during the first stage of his procedure, Regiomontanus tried to compute the smaller differences, that is the differences for intervals of $15'$, from the differences for intervals of $45'$. In other words, I believe that he tried to compute δ_0^1 and δ_0^2 , and these two values would then be sufficient to compute $v_{1/3}$ and $v_{2/3}$.

I invite those who are unconvinced by this suggestion to consider for instance the trisection of the $45'$ interval between $\sin 20^\circ$ and $\sin 20^\circ 45'$. The radius could be taken as $R = 10^5$, and the sines to start with would then be 34202, 35429, 36650, 37865, etc. Merely manipulating these numbers without great thought leads to two approximations of the subtabulated first differences, namely 410 and 407. We would have three 410 differences and three 407 differences. This is of course not satisfactory, it is not an even decrease, and looking at the second differences, we find 0,0,-3,0,0. This can be improved by starting with the first subtabulated difference 410 and spreading the -3 over five values, hence taking -0.6 instead of -3 for the second difference. We have here a very simple means to obtain the second differences. Adding up these differences, we end up with 36653 instead of 36650. It is not perfect, but it is not that bad. Since the second difference was correctly spread, we may want to improve the first difference 410, but it will actually be difficult to reach a better result with this radius. Such experiments are useful to convince oneself that it is practically unfeasible to get the differences to vary evenly merely by fiddling with the numbers, and at the same time they pave the way for the discovery of a relationship between certain values. And these are the key issues here.

The first key is to notice that the second differences are practically proportional to the sines. This had actually been discovered long before Regiomontanus, for instance in India by Āryabhaṭa in the 6th century³⁰⁴ And Wagner and Hunziker recently suggested³⁰⁵ that there was perhaps a transmission from India to Bürgi, although I am rather doubtful about such an assertion. In the above simplified example, one would readily find that the second differences are all equal to -6, at least around 20° , and if this operation is done for other values, one can't be far from discovering that the second differences are proportional to the sines.

I will therefore assume that Regiomontanus first noticed that $\Delta_0^2 \approx \frac{v_1}{C_{45}}$ where C_{45} is some constant, and that this is true on the entire sine table. I am also guessing that Regiomontanus knew that the constant depends on

³⁰⁴See [Hayashi (1997)], [Bressoud (2002)], [Raju (2007), p. 132], [Lefort (2007)] and [Gupta (2008)] for some references (among many others) describing Āryabhaṭa's computation of sines and how the second differences are used.

³⁰⁵[Wagner and Hunziker (2019)]

the size of the interval, hence my subscript. For intervals of $45'$, we have $C_{45} \approx -5836$. The exact expression behind this value matters little here,³⁰⁶ but what is important is that by playing with differences, any serious table computer would eventually find out that there is some constant ratio involved, and perhaps think of using it backwards. By computing a few exact values of sines at $15'$ intervals, Regiomontanus may have found that another constant is involved:³⁰⁷ $\delta_0^2 \approx \frac{v_{1/3}}{C_{15}}$ and that $C_{15} \approx -52525$. Regiomontanus may or may not have noticed that $C_{15}/C_{45} \approx 9$. But he must certainly have noticed that the third differences Δ^3 vary only very slowly and that their variations can be neglected on small ranges.

At this stage, Regiomontanus could have had a means to compute δ_0^2 using an approximation of $v_{1/3}$. Of course, $v_{1/3}$ is what we are looking for, but we can easily get an approximation of $v_{1/3}$ such as

$$v_{1/3} \approx v_0 + \frac{v_1 - v_0}{3}$$

and this is in fact sufficient to get a good approximation of δ_0^2 .

What now remains is to obtain an approximation of δ_0^1 . An obvious approximation is

$$\frac{\Delta_0^1}{3}$$

but Regiomontanus needed a better one.

The second key here is to see or guess that the second differences are involved in the approximations of the first differences. In any case, one may want to test whether

$$\delta_0^1 \approx \frac{\Delta_0^1}{3} + \alpha \delta_0^2$$

for some value of α . Although the constancy of δ^2 makes this actually obvious,³⁰⁸ it is also possible to observe experimentally that $\alpha = -1$, and thus that

$$\delta_0^1 \approx \frac{\Delta_0^1}{3} - \delta_0^2$$

Again, in the simplified example given above, where the first differences are 1227, 1221, and 1215, and where the second differences are all about -6 ,

³⁰⁶See [Roegel (2010b), § 2.4] for the computation of the exact values of $\Delta \sin x$. The value 5836 is actually about $1/\sin^2 \Delta x$, that is $1/\sin^2 45'$.

³⁰⁷This constant is given by $1/\sin^2 15' \approx 52525$.

³⁰⁸The three first differences are then $x - \delta^2$, x , and $x + \delta^2$, and the average first difference is necessarily the median first difference.

it should not be difficult to notice that the first first difference is equal to the average first difference minus the second difference, $\frac{37865-34202}{3} + 6 = 1227$, or that the second (middle) first difference is also the mean first difference.

If these two observations are made, namely 1) the link between the second differences and the sines, and 2) the dependency of the subtabulated first differences on the subtabulated second differences, then it is possible to derive the values $v_{1/3}$ and $v_{2/3}$.

5.2.2 An example

Let me show how to put this in practice on a small example. Let's for instance interpolate the sines between 39° and $39^\circ 45'$. I will assume that all of Regiomontanus's values at $45'$ intervals were exact, which, as mentioned above, is true except in a few instances.³⁰⁹ So, Regiomontanus must have had

$$\text{Sin } 39^\circ = 377592235$$

$$\text{Sin } 39^\circ 45' = 383663401$$

Using the approximation $v_{1/3} \approx 379615957$ (the exact value is 379623197) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_0^2 &\approx -\frac{379615957}{52525} = -7227 \\ \Delta_0^1 &= 383663401 - 377592235 = 6071166 \\ \delta_0^1 &\approx \frac{6071166}{3} + 7227 = 2030949 \\ \delta_1^1 &\approx \delta_0^1 + \delta_0^2 = 2023722 \\ v_{1/3} &= \text{Sin } 39^\circ + 2030949 = 379623184 \\ v_{2/3} &= v_{1/3} + 2023722 = 381646906\end{aligned}$$

and in fact Regiomontanus's table with $R = 6 \cdot 10^6$ does have the values 3796232 and 3816469 which would have been obtained from the above computation.

This procedure does unfortunately not work on all $45'$ intervals, and Regiomontanus's pivots sometimes differ from those obtained with this procedure, although the difference never exceeds one unit of the last place. This does not prove that Regiomontanus did not use such a procedure, but

³⁰⁹The two values I am using are in fact given in [von Peurbach and Regiomontanus (1541)].

it may be that some computations were lacking uniformity, and also that some errors were introduced in the computations. I also believe that the two guard digits, viz. those added when computing with $R = 6 \cdot 10^8$, were used throughout the interpolation, and not merely for the pivotal values.

The same procedure used to obtain the sines at $15'$ intervals can be used to obtain the sines at $5'$ intervals. The only difference is that δ_0^2 involves a new constant, which may have been guessed or computed by Regiomontanus, namely

$$\delta_0^2 \approx -\frac{v_{1/3}}{52525 \times 9}$$

If for instance we want to compute $\text{Sin } 39^\circ 5'$, we find

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_0^2 &\approx -\frac{378269218}{52525 \times 9} = -800 \\ \delta_0^1 &\approx \frac{2030949}{3} + 800 = 677783 \\ \delta_1^1 &\approx 676983 \\ v_{1/3} &\approx 378270018 \\ v_{2/3} &\approx 378947001\end{aligned}$$

and these two values $v_{1/3}$ and $v_{2/3}$, when rounded to $R = 6 \cdot 10^6$, are exactly the values given by Regiomontanus for the sines of $39^\circ 5'$ and $39^\circ 10'$. But again, I must stress that although this procedure works on this example, it does (slightly) fail to give Regiomontanus's values on others.

Anyway, if Regiomontanus proceeded along these lines, he now has obtained the sines for all multiples of $5'$, using relatively simple techniques. In fact, the computations involved here (except those for the pivots) are more a matter of being clever than of being hard working.

What now remains is to divide the $5'$ intervals in five parts. This is what Briggs called a quinquisection.

The same procedure could be applied here as for the trisection, but we would have

$$\delta_0^2 \approx -\frac{v_{1/5}}{52525 \times 9 \times 25}$$

and³¹⁰

$$\delta_0^1 \approx \frac{\Delta_0^1}{5} - 2\delta_0^2$$

³¹⁰This is in fact also pretty obvious, because like in the case of the trisection, we have a sequence of values of which the median is necessarily equal to the average, and the first first difference is obtained by subtracting twice the second difference from the median value.

When applying this procedure (which is left as an exercise) to the interval from 39° to $39^\circ 5'$, one obtains

$$\sin 39^\circ 1' = 377727856$$

$$\sin 39^\circ 2' = 377863445$$

$$\sin 39^\circ 3' = 377999034$$

$$\sin 39^\circ 4' = 378134623$$

and Regiomontanus's table has 3777278, 3778634, 3779990 and 3781345, that is two values differ by one unit of the last place.

This suggests that Regiomontanus may perhaps not have used such an interpolation. If one performs a mere linear interpolation, with $\delta^1 = 135557$, we end up with the values 377727792, 377863349, 377998906 and 378134463, also with two differing values.

But if instead we interpolate with only one guard digit, that is between 37759224 and 37827002 and with $\delta^1 = 13556$, we end up with the values 37772780, 37786336, 37799892 and 37813448, where only one value differs from that of Regiomontanus.

And if the guard digits are entirely discarded, we have an interpolation between 3775922 and 3782700, $\delta^1 = 1356$, and we end up with the values 3777278, 3778634, 3779990 and 3781346, and again only one value differs from that of Regiomontanus.

Finally, if we interpolate with only one guard digit, but with $\delta^1 = 13557$, then we end up with exactly Regiomontanus's values. This does not prove that Regiomontanus did such an interpolation in every case, but it does at least make it plausible that he proceeded that way in some cases.

5.3 Conclusion

Looking at Regiomontanus's tables, it is pretty clear that he had the means to compute the $45'$ pivots correctly. The $15'$ and $5'$ pivots are relatively accurate, but less than the $45'$ pivots. In the previous section, I have given a procedure which may be close to the one used by Regiomontanus to find his pivots.

For the $15'$ pivots, we have seen earlier that Regiomontanus's sexagesimal table has 70 pivot errors. Now, if we use my algorithm using finite differences, we end up with 42 errors on all the $15'$ pivots. However, if we compare my pivot values with those of Regiomontanus, there appears to be about 85 differences. Regiomontanus's values do not perfectly agree

with those of my algorithm for the first trisection, although the differences do not exceed one unit of the last place. This agreement can not be significantly improved even with a different constant C_{15} . It is still possible that Regiomontanus made use of an algorithm close to the one I sketched, but perhaps he did not always use two guard digits, in addition of having made a few computation errors here and there.

I also believe that the last step was a linear interpolation, but that glitches came into play and that the computations were not done totally uniformly and rigorously.

To sum up, and in the absence of other convincing theories, I believe that it is plausible that Regiomontanus applied two trisections, computed the first subtabulated first and second differences in each range, derived the missing values, and interpolated linearly in the $5'$ intervals, perhaps using only one guard digit, and eventually rounding all values to $R = 6 \cdot 10^6$. The same procedure could have been applied with the decimal table.

I believe that Regiomontanus's tables contain the germs of several innovations, and that it was the quality of workmanship underlying these tables which is the true reason why they endured so long. They did contain errors and typos, but they provided a solid foundation for others to build upon, and only Bürgi, Briggs and a few others were able to develop similar skills to renew the computation of tables.

6 After Regiomontanus

Most of the trigonometric tables printed in the 16th century actually use values or computations inherited from Regiomontanus's tables³¹¹ (see figures 13 and 14). Rheticus (1514-1574) was the only one to compute really new values which were eventually published in 1596 by Otho³¹² and in 1613 by Pitiscus.³¹³ Bürgi also computed sines anew, but his table was not published and was not used by others.

Among all these tables, Glowatzki and Götsche distinguished those which retain the radius $R = 10^7$ and those for which $R = 10^5$.³¹⁴ But we should also consider separately the few sexagesimal tables based on Regiomontanus's tables, namely those of Engel, Fine, Schreckenfuchs and Bressieu.

The tables with radius 10^7 include those of Rheticus (1542 and 1551),³¹⁵ Reinhold (1554),³¹⁶ Eisenmenger (1562),³¹⁷ Viète (1579),³¹⁸ Fincke (1583),³¹⁹ Clavius (1586),³²⁰ Lansberge (1591),³²¹ Magini (1592),³²² Blundeville (1594),³²³ and Ceulen (1596).³²⁴ Glowatzki and Götsche also considered the 17th century tables of Sems/Dou (1600, 1612, 1616 and 1620), Stevin (1608 and 1628), Roomen (1609), Crüger (1612), Napier (1614, 1616 and 1620), Blebel (1616 and 1629), Ursinus (1618), Alsted (1620, 1630 and 1649), Muller (1621) and Tonski (1640 and 1645),³²⁵ which all go back to Regiomontanus, but which are outside the limited scope of this survey. The fact that all these tables use Regiomontanus's values is asserted by several checks, including on the typographical and last digit errors stemming from Regiomontanus, but also on mere layout considerations. Many table makers did actually not

³¹¹[Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), p. i]

³¹²[Rheticus and Otho (1596)]

³¹³[Pitiscus (1613)]

³¹⁴[Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), p. 148]

³¹⁵[Copernicus (1542)] and [Rheticus (1551)].

³¹⁶[Reinhold (1554)]

³¹⁷[Eisenmenger (1562)]

³¹⁸[Viète (1579)]

³¹⁹[Fincke (1583)]

³²⁰[Clavius (1586)]

³²¹[van Lansberge (1591)]

³²²[Magini (1592)]

³²³[Blundeville (1594)]

³²⁴[Ceulen (1596)]

³²⁵[Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), pp. 161-168]

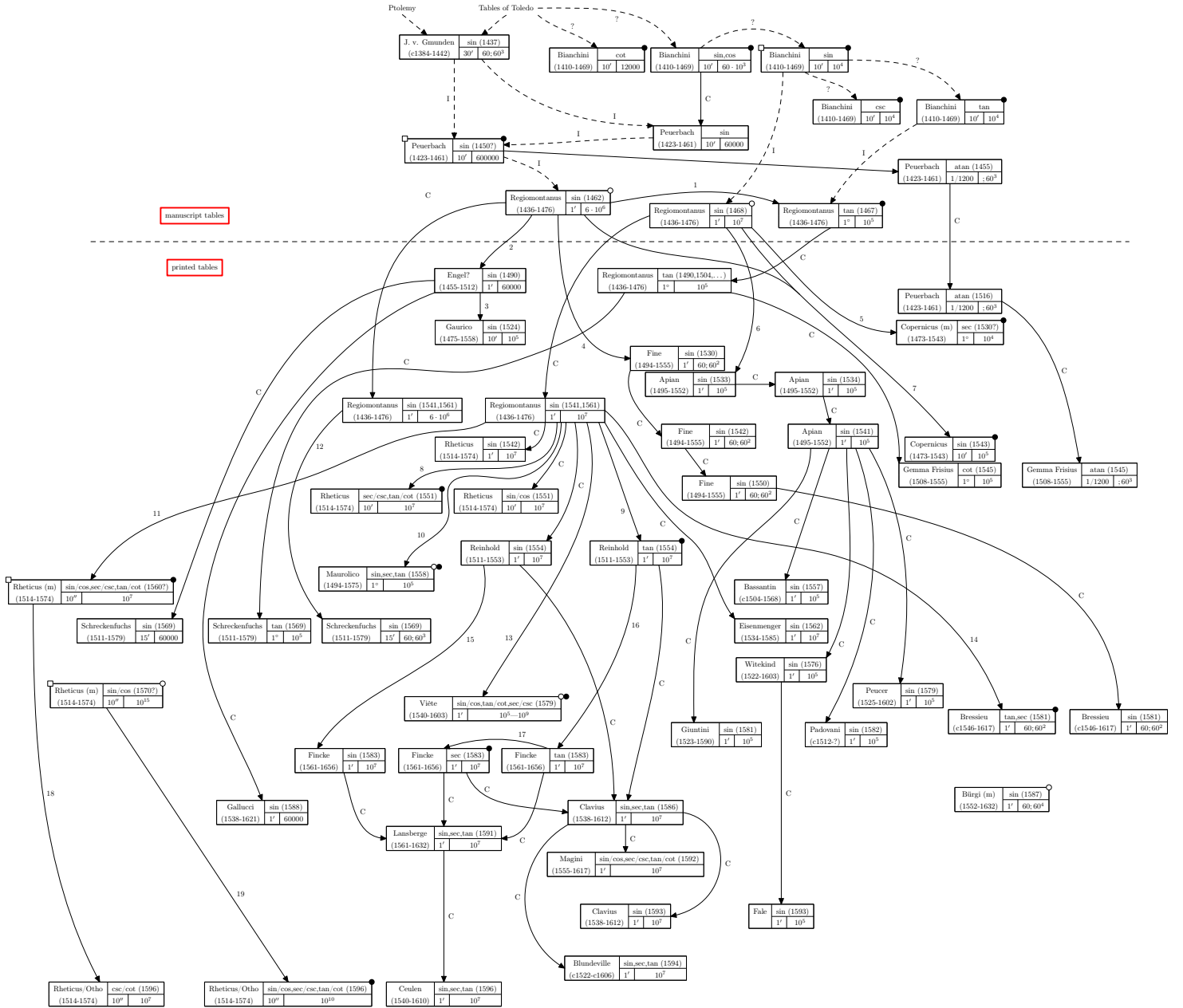


Figure 13: The interrelationships between the main 15th and 16th century fundamental trigonometric tables. Corner squares (□) indicate no longer extant tables, unfilled corner circles (○) indicate new computations, and filled corner circles (●) indicate computations based on earlier tables. Tables marked “(m)” in the lower part are manuscript tables. See figure 14 for details on the links.

C	means entirely copied from, or printed at a later date.
I	inspired or influenced by.
?	probable link.
1	Regiomontanus (tan, 1467) obtained by computation from the 1462 table.
2	Engel (1490) obtained from the 1462 table by truncation (and not rounding) (no computation).
3	Gaurico (1524): table obtained from Engel by multiplication by 10/6.
4	Fine (1530): computed from Regiomontanus's table with $R = 6000000$.
5	Copernicus (c1530): computed from Regiomontanus's table with $R = 10^7$.
6	Apian (1533): obtained from Regiomontanus (10^7) by mere truncation, without rounding.
7	Copernicus (1543): probably obtained from a combination of Regiomontanus's tables.
8	Rheticus (1551) (tan, sec): computed from Regiomontanus (or Rheticus 1542).
9	Reinhold (1554): tangents computed from the sines.
10	Maurolico (1558): computed from Regiomontanus.
11	Rheticus (c1560): computed from Regiomontanus.
12	Schreckenfuchs (1569): one table computed from the 1541/1561 table.
13	Viète (1579): computed from Regiomontanus.
14	Bressieu (1581) (tan, sec): from Regiomontanus and interpolation.
15	Fincke (1583): sines based on Reinhold's sines, but with slight adaptations.
16	Fincke (1583): tangents based on Reinhold, but with corrections.
17	Fincke (1583): secants computed from Fincke's tangents.
18	Rheticus (1596): 10^7 table was probably excerpted from an earlier table from c1560.
19	Rheticus (1596): 10^{10} table obtained from a 10^{15} table.

Figure 14: The interrelationships between the main 15th and 16th century fundamental trigonometric tables (cont'd, see figure 13). The number of places of sexagesimal tables is shown as $60; 60^n$, the first 60 being the value of R , and n being the number of additional sexagesimal places. Note that in Rheticus's 1551 table, the sines were copied from Regiomontanus (or Rheticus 1542); in Reinhold's table (1554), the sines were copied from Regiomontanus (or Rheticus 1551); in Schreckenfuchs's table (1569), one table was copied from Engel (in an edition of the *Tabulæ directionum profectionumque*) and another was copied from the 1490 table of tangents (or another edition of the *Tabulæ directionum profectionumque*); in Bressieu (1581), the sines were copied from Fine (1530 or 1550).

bother checking the values using the differences, and Clavius in 1586 was apparently the first to get rid of the typographical errors of earlier tables. Note however that Glowatzki and Göttische do not always give the direct predecessor of a table, and do seldom consider the layouts of the tables as an indication for their source.

Among the tables with radius 10^5 are the tables of Bassantin (1557),³²⁶ Wittekind (1576),³²⁷ Peucer (1579)³²⁸, Giuntini (1581)³²⁹, Padovani (1582)³³⁰ and Fale (1593)³³¹ which were taken directly or indirectly from Apian (1533),³³² which itself goes back to Regiomontanus's table of 1468, merely by dropping two digits and no rounding.³³³

Engel's table with $R = 60000$ (figure 16) is derived from Regiomontanus's large sexagesimal table and was used by Schreckenfuchs in 1569 (see § 6.14).

Immediately following the table of sines for radius 60000 published in 1524,³³⁴ there is an additional table of sines with radius 100000 and for every $10'$ (figure 17). As mentioned by Delambre,³³⁵ this table was added by Gaurico (see § 6.2).

Fine's tables from 1530 and 1550 are not mentioned by Glowatzki and Göttische.³³⁶ Fine's table published in 1530 and reprinted in 1550 gives the sines for a radius $R = 60$, at intervals of $1'$ and to two sexagesimal places.

Fine's tables are the only fully sexagesimal tables based on Regiomontanus's tables, apart from those of Schreckenfuchs published in 1569 and of Bressieu published in 1581.

Mention should also be made of Bürgi's sexagesimal sine table from c1587, which seems to be a totally independent and very accurate recomputation of sines, paralleling to some extent Rheticus's efforts that led to the *Opus palatinum* (1596) and the *Thesaurus mathematicus* (1613).

To sum up, the main new computations based on Regiomontanus's values are the following, which are detailed in the subsequent sections:

³²⁶See [Bassantin (1557)] and [Glowatzki and Göttische (1990), p. 176].

³²⁷See [Wittekind (1576)] and [Glowatzki and Göttische (1990), p. 176].

³²⁸See [Peucer (1579)] and [Glowatzki and Göttische (1990), p. 177].

³²⁹[Giuntini (1581)]

³³⁰[Padovani (1582)]

³³¹See [Fale (1593)] and [Glowatzki and Göttische (1990), p. 177].

³³²[Apian (1533)]

³³³[Glowatzki and Göttische (1990), p. 169]

³³⁴[Regiomontanus (1524)]

³³⁵[Delambre (1819), p. 292]

³³⁶[Glowatzki and Göttische (1990)]

- in 1551, Rheticus published his computations of tangents and secants at intervals of $10'$;³³⁷
- in 1554, Reinhold published his computations of tangents at intervals of $1'$ (and $10''$ for the last degree);³³⁸
- in 1579, Viète published his computations of tangents and secants at intervals of $1'$;³³⁹
- in 1583, Fincke published his computations of secants at intervals of $1'$.³⁴⁰

In the following sections, I go into more detail for each of these tables copied from Regiomontanus's tables, or based on them. This list tries to be as complete as possible, but it is possible that some lesser known work containing a sine table or a more complete canon still escaped my attention.

6.1 Engel (1490)

Johannes Engel (or Johannes Angelus) (1453-1512) was an astronomer and astrologer from Aichach, near Augsburg. He published many almanachs and astronomical tables.³⁴¹

The 1490 edition of Regiomontanus's *Tabulæ directionum projectionum-que*³⁴² contains corrections by Johannes Engel and in particular a 30 pages long sine table with $R = 60000$ giving the sines for every minute (figure 16).³⁴³

Folkerts³⁴⁴ assumed that this table had been computed before 1463-1464, but in fact the table was certainly added by Johannes Engel who obtained it by truncating (not rounding) Regiomontanus's table for $R = 6 \cdot 10^6$.³⁴⁵ Here is a sample of Regiomontanus's values (R) and Engel's values (E):

³³⁷[Rheticus (1551)]

³³⁸[Reinhold (1554)]

³³⁹[Viète (1579)]

³⁴⁰[Fincke (1583)]

³⁴¹On Johannes Engel, see [Knobloch (1983)] and [Dobrzycki and Kremer (1996)]. He is also mentioned by Gessner [Gessner and Simmler (1574), p. 336].

³⁴²[Regiomontanus (1490)]

³⁴³Not all editions seem to contain this sine table, and it is for instance absent from the copy at ULB Darmstadt (Inc II 357).

³⁴⁴[Folkerts (1977), p. 234]

³⁴⁵[Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), pp. 48-49]

Angle	R	E
$60^{\circ}0'$	5196152	51961
$60^{\circ}1'$	5197024	51970
$60^{\circ}2'$	5197896	51978
$60^{\circ}3'$	5198768	51987
$60^{\circ}4'$	5199639	51996
$60^{\circ}5'$	5200510	52005
$60^{\circ}6'$	5201380	52013
$60^{\circ}7'$	5202350	52022
$60^{\circ}8'$	5203119	52031

In this sample, we can also see that Engel introduced an additional error for $60^{\circ}7'$.

Moreover, Regiomontanus's table contains a column of differences, whose values can be interpreted as the sixths of the differences of the sines. For instance, $(5197024 - 5196152)/6 = 145.333\dots$ and that column starts with 145. Engel's table contains exactly the same value 145, although it is basically meaningless in that reduced table.

By analyzing the correspondence of Regiomontanus with Bianchini and others, Glowatzki and Götsche have also shown that Regiomontanus actually did not himself use the table $R = 60000$ printed in 1490, and whenever he used this radius, he drew the values by dropping two digits from his large table and rounding the value.³⁴⁶ This is an additional proof for the fact that the table for $R = 60000$ actually did not exist before it was prepared for printing in 1490. Instead, Glowatzki and Götsche³⁴⁷ assume that Regiomontanus had made a table with $R = 60000$ for himself, but different from the printed one. Such a table may have been held at the Seitenstetten Abbey until 1924, but it was then sold and had not been located by the authors. If this table surfaces again, one should check whether its values are truncated or rounded.

Engel's table (figure 16) is found again in the 1504 edition,³⁴⁸ where the title of the work explicitly mentions this sine table. It is also found in later editions of the *Tabulæ directionum profectionumque*, where it is often attributed to Regiomontanus. My modern reconstruction³⁴⁹ is based on the 1504 edition which has less idiosyncrasies than the 1490 version.

³⁴⁶[Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), pp. 65-71]

³⁴⁷[Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), p. 71]

³⁴⁸[Regiomontanus (1504)]

³⁴⁹[Roegel (2021d)]

Engel's table was used by Gaurico in 1524 (see below, § 6.2), in 1569 by Schreckenfuchs (§ 6.14) and reprinted in 1588 by Gallucci (§ 6.24).

6.2 Gaurico (1524)

Luca Gaurico (in Latin, Lucas Gauricus, in French Luc Gauric) (1475-1558) was an Italian astrologer, astronomer, and mathematician.³⁵⁰

In 1524, as an appendix to Regiomontanus's *Tabulæ directionum projectionumque*,³⁵¹ Gaurico published a table of sines with $R = 100000$ and at intervals of $10'$ (figure 17). This table was reprinted in 1557,³⁵² together with Regiomontanus's table of tangents but the latter only up to 50° .

It is tempting to consider that Gaurico took his sines from a manuscript of Regiomontanus's table for $R = 10^7$ and truncated or rounded the values (this was also suggested by Glowatzki and Götsche³⁵³), but this is actually not the case. Gaurico's values differ both from the truncated values and from the rounded ones of the 10^7 table.

In fact, it seems that Gaurico took the values in Engel's table for $R = 60000$, and merely multiplied them by $10/6$, although this procedure will in a few cases give values that differ from those in Gaurico's table.³⁵⁴

Gaurico's table was also certainly *not* the basis of Copernicus's table of sines (or semi-chords) published in 1543, although it uses the same radius and interval.

6.3 Copernicus (c1530?)

The earliest known decimal table of secants is a handwritten table by Nicolaus Copernicus (1473-1543),³⁵⁵ included in his copy of Regiomontanus's *Tabulæ directionum projectionumque* published in 1490.³⁵⁶ There Copernicus

³⁵⁰For a summary of Gaurico's life and works, see [Gessner and Simmler (1574), p. 455] as well as [Moréri (1733), p. 243-244].

³⁵¹[Regiomontanus (1524)]

³⁵²[Gaurico (1557)]

³⁵³[Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), p. 178]

³⁵⁴This procedure anticipates what Copernicus has probably done in some places in the sine table included in his 1543 opus, although on the basis of Regiomontanus's full sexagesimal table.

³⁵⁵For a summary of Copernicus's life and works, see [Rosen (1971)]. Note in passing that in 1574 Gessner only briefly mentions Copernicus [Gessner and Simmler (1574), p. 518].

³⁵⁶See [Curtze (1875), pp. 34-37], [Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), pp. 190-192] and [Folkerts et al. (2019)].

gave the values of the secant for each degree³⁵⁷ and for $R = 10000$, overlaid to Regiomontanus's table of tangents. A reproduction of Copernicus's table was given by Glowatzki and Göttzsche.³⁵⁸

Curtze considered that Copernicus had computed the secants from the cosines³⁵⁹ but Birkenmajer³⁶⁰ thought that the secants were computed using the formula $\text{Sec } x = \sqrt{\text{Tan}^x + R^2}$. Rosińska also observed that Copernicus's table of secants is not copied from Bianchini's table of cosecants.³⁶¹ Rosińska concluded therefore that Copernicus used neither Bianchini's nor Regiomontanus's tables for his table of secants.³⁶²

But still, Glowatzki and Göttzsche observed that since Copernicus's values are very accurate, he must have used a manuscript of Regiomontanus's tables with $R = 6 \cdot 10^6$ or $R = 10^7$, later published in 1541.³⁶³

Now, according to my experiments, using either of Regiomontanus's tables, computing the exact secants, by mere division, as Curtze suggested, and rounding, will give almost always Copernicus's values, except for 88° and 89° where Copernicus probably tried to obtain more accurate values. The discrepancy of these two values is not, in my opinion, a sufficient reason to look for a different source or a different computation for Copernicus's entire table of secants.

6.4 Fine (1530)

Oronce Fine (1494-1555) was a French mathematician and cartographer. After having learned his first lessons of mathematics from his father in Briançon, he matriculated at the University of Paris and from about 1531 until his death he occupied the chair of mathematics of the Collège Royal in Paris.³⁶⁴

³⁵⁷Stamm mistakenly wrote that the secants are given for every minute, but this is surely a typo [Stamm (1933)].

³⁵⁸[Glowatzki and Göttzsche (1990), p. 191]

³⁵⁹See [Curtze (1875), pp. 34-37] and [Rosińska (2002), pp. 15-16].

³⁶⁰[Birkenmajer (1900), pp. 62-63]

³⁶¹[Rosińska (2002), p. 16]

³⁶²[Rosińska (1987), p. 422]

³⁶³[Glowatzki and Göttzsche (1990), p. 192]

³⁶⁴For summaries of Fine's life and works, see [Gallois (1890b)], Poulle [Poulle (1978)], [Marr (2009)], [Pantin (2013)] and [Axworthy (2016), Axworthy (2020)]. See also the accounts given by [Lindgren (2007)] (on land surveys) and [Fréchet (2009)], as well as the early notice by Gessner [Gessner and Simmler (1574), p. 534]. I have chosen to spell his name "Fine," in accordance with Poulle, but it is also sometimes spelled "Finé."

In 1530, Fine published his *De geometria*³⁶⁵ which contains a sexagesimal table of sines. Fine's table gives the sines for a radius $R = 60$, at intervals of $1'$ and to two sexagesimal places (figure 18).

This table is not based on Engel's 1490 table³⁶⁶ as one might think. Instead it must be based directly on a manuscript of Regiomontanus's large sexagesimal table, without truncating.

In 1542, Fine published his *De sinibus libri II* which was the first treatise solely on trigonometry to be printed in France.³⁶⁷ This work is an appendix of Fine's *De mundi sphaera*.³⁶⁸ Ross is very critical of this work and considers that it was unoriginal and out of date,³⁶⁹ because it does not contain any contributions to trigonometric mathematics, and because it lags behind the developments soon introduced by Rheticus for the unification of sines, shadows, etc., in a same framework. Fine also appears to be unaware of Regiomontanus's *De triangulis omnimodis*³⁷⁰ published in 1533 and which laid the foundations of modern trigonometry. But on the other hand, Fine's purpose with this book was pedagogical and he succeeded in contributing to the revival of mathematics in Paris.

The 1542 *De sinibus libri II* reprinted the table of sines published in 1530, with only minor variations. The layout is the same, although the table was obviously reset, as can be observed on the last lines of each page.

The second edition of *De sinibus libri II* was published in 1550,³⁷¹ but the sine table now uses a different layout (figure 30). In the two editions of this work (1542 and 1550), Fine's introduction gives the sines up to 90° at intervals of $3^\circ 45'$. In a second table, he gives the sines up to $7^\circ 30'$ at intervals of $15'$. These two tables were not given in the 1530 *De geometria*³⁷² and were presumably not used for the computation of the table published in 1530. None of these tables are mentioned by Glowatzki and Göttsche.³⁷³

Fine's table is the only sexagesimal table based on Regiomontanus's tables, apart from those of Schreckenfuchs³⁷⁴ published in 1569 and of

³⁶⁵[Fine (1530)]

³⁶⁶[Regiomontanus (1490)]

³⁶⁷[Ross (1975), p. 379]

³⁶⁸[Fine (1542)]

³⁶⁹[Ross (1975), pp. 385-386]

³⁷⁰[Regiomontanus (1533)]

³⁷¹[Fine (1550)]

³⁷²[Fine (1530)]

³⁷³[Glowatzki and Göttsche (1990)]

³⁷⁴[Schreckenfuchs (1569)]

Bressieu published in 1581.³⁷⁵ Bressieu has actually copied Fine's table, from either of the three editions I have mentioned.

Certainly in order to help for the work with sexagesimal numbers, Fine had also published a sexagesimal multiplication table, his *tabula proportionalis*.³⁷⁶

I am giving separately a modern reconstruction of Fine's 1530 and 1550 tables.³⁷⁷

6.5 Apian (1533)

Peter Apian (1495-1552), also known as Petrus Apianus, was actually born Peter Bennewitz, or Peter Bienewitz, in Leisnig, Germany.³⁷⁸ He was active in astronomy and geography and was a popularizer of astronomical and geographical instrumentation.³⁷⁹ Apian studied at the University of Leipzig from 1516 to 1519 and then for two years in Vienna. His first major work was his *Cosmographia* (1524), which was later revised by Gemma Frisius (1508-1555), Apian's student.

Apian's second major work was his *Astronomicum Caesareum* (1540) which displayed an elaborate typography and the use of sophisticated volvelles.

From 1526 until his death he occupied the chair of mathematics and astronomy at the University of Ingoldstadt.

Apian's mathematical work is linked to Regiomontanus's writings.³⁸⁰ He published his work on sines in 1533.

In his *Introductio geographica* published in 1533,³⁸¹ Apian provides a table of sines with $R = 10^5$ and for every minute of the quadrant (figure 19). The same table was reprinted in 1534 in Apian's *Instrumentum primi mobilis*³⁸² (figure 20) and in 1541 in his *Instrumentum sinuum*³⁸³ (figure 21).

³⁷⁵[Bressieu (1581)]

³⁷⁶[Roegel (2021e), Roegel (2021f)]

³⁷⁷See [Roegel (2021g)] and [Roegel (2021h)].

³⁷⁸For surveys of Apian's life and works, see in particular [Günther (1882)], [Gal-
lois (1890a), pp. 102-116], [North (1966)], [Kish (1970)] and [Röttel (1995)]. See also the
early notice by Gessner [Gessner and Simmler (1574), p. 552].

³⁷⁹See in particular [Lindgren (2007)] for some background on land surveys.

³⁸⁰See [Kaunzner (1995)], [Folkerts (1995)] and [Lindgren (2007), p. 501].

³⁸¹[Apian (1533)]

³⁸²[Apian (1534)]

³⁸³[Apian (1541)]

This table appears to have been obtained by merely dropping the last two digits of Regiomontanus's table for $R = 10^7$, without any rounding.³⁸⁴ Regiomontanus's table having only been printed in 1541, Apian must have had access to one of the manuscripts of the 1468 table. Moreover, as observed by Glowatzki and Götsche, the manuscript table used by Apian is in fact the same as the one used in the 1541 printed edition of Regiomontanus's table.³⁸⁵

And, as remarked by Kish,³⁸⁶ Apian's sine table is the first printed table giving sines every minute and divided decimally, Regiomontanus's table having only been printed in 1541.

I am giving separately a modern reconstruction of Apian's 1533 table.³⁸⁷

Apian's tables seem to have been copied by directly or indirectly by Bassantin in 1557,³⁸⁸ by Witekind in 1576,³⁸⁹ by Peucer in 1579,³⁹⁰ by Giuntini in 1581,³⁹¹ by Padovani in 1582,³⁹² and indirectly by Fale³⁹³ in 1593.

6.6 Rheticus (1542)

Georg Joachim Rheticus (1514-1574) was born in Feldkirch (Austria).³⁹⁴ In 1539, while he was professor of mathematics in Wittenberg, he set out to meet Copernicus in Frombork (Poland). He stayed with Copernicus for two years, published a first account of Copernicus's theory as *Narratio Prima* in Gdansk (1540), and was instrumental in the publication of Copernicus's *De revolutionibus orbium coelestium*³⁹⁵ in 1543. When Rheticus returned from

³⁸⁴Delambre had written that the table was "computed by Apian," but this is a bit excessive [Delambre (1819), p. 395].

³⁸⁵See [von Peurbach and Regiomontanus (1541)] and [Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), pp. 173-174].

³⁸⁶[Kish (1970)]

³⁸⁷[Roegel (2021i)]

³⁸⁸[Bassantin (1557)]

³⁸⁹[Witekind (1576)]

³⁹⁰[Peucer (1579)]

³⁹¹[Giuntini (1581)]

³⁹²[Padovani (1582)]

³⁹³[Fale (1593)]

³⁹⁴For summaries of Rheticus's life and works, see in particular [Kästner (1796), 561-564], [De Morgan (1841)], [Burmeister (1967-1968)], [Bernleithner (1973)], [Rosen (1975b)], [Kraai (2003)], [Danielson (2006)] [Wanner and Schöbi-Fink (2010)], [Schöbi-Fink and Sonderegger (2014)], and [van Brummelen (2021), pp. 7-9]. Note also Gessner's description of Rheticus's work [Gessner and Simmler (1574), p. 228].

³⁹⁵[Copernicus (1543)]

his visit, he also made it possible for Erasmus Reinhold to become closely acquainted with Copernicus's theory, leading to the publication of the *Prutenic tables* in 1551.

But in 1542, before the publication of Copernicus's *De revolutionibus*, Rheticus published its trigonometrical chapters under the title *De lateribus et angulis triangulorum*.³⁹⁶ This work contains a table of sines at intervals of $1'$ and for a radius of 10^7 (figure 25). The sines were in fact not called sines, but half-chords. And the table is actually by Rheticus and not by Copernicus.³⁹⁷ More precisely, Rheticus took the sines from Regiomontanus's table³⁹⁸ published in 1541 (or from a common manuscript source). This is in particular confirmed by printing errors found in both editions.³⁹⁹ Some of the typos that remain in Rheticus's table are in fact so conspicuous that they should have been corrected by Rheticus. Rheticus however did not carry over Regiomontanus's differences, but introduced the actual differences.

In her article on Copernicus's tables, Rosińska⁴⁰⁰ hypothesizes that Copernicus had first planned to append to his work a table of sines with $R = 10^6$ but that this table was eventually replaced by Rheticus's one with $R = 10^7$.

In the past von Braunmühl,⁴⁰¹ Cantor,⁴⁰² Busard,⁴⁰³ Rosen⁴⁰⁴ and Folkerts⁴⁰⁵ were of the opinion that Rheticus was the real author (computer) of the sine table. And Zinner thought that the author of the table was Copernicus himself and that he may have been inspired to construct a table with $R = 10^7$ by a glimpse of Regiomontanus's table.⁴⁰⁶

Rheticus's table seems to be the first table of sines where a value can easily and explicitly be read in two different ways. This novelty was

³⁹⁶[Copernicus (1542)] An edition of this work is given in [Folkerts et al. (2019)].

³⁹⁷See [Swerdlow and Neugebauer (1984), pp. 27-28] and [Rosińska (2002), pp. 18-20].

³⁹⁸See [von Peurbach and Regiomontanus (1541)], [Zinner (1988), pp. 193-194], [Glawatzki and Götsche (1990), p. 150] and [Rosińska (1994b)].

³⁹⁹[Rosińska (1987), p. 423]

⁴⁰⁰[Rosińska (2002)]

⁴⁰¹[von Braunmühl (1900, 1903), v. 1, pp. 140-141]

⁴⁰²[Cantor (1900), p. 474]

⁴⁰³[Busard (1971a), p. 76]

⁴⁰⁴[Rosen (1975b), p. 396]

⁴⁰⁵[Folkerts (1977), p. 235]

⁴⁰⁶[Zinner (1990), p. 183]

observed by Stamm,⁴⁰⁷ Rosen⁴⁰⁸ and more recently by Husson.⁴⁰⁹ For each value, there is both a reading using the first line and the first column (giving the sines), and a second reading using the last line and the last column (giving the cosines). Similar features are found again in the tables of Rheticus (1551), Reinhold (1554), Viète (1579), Clavius (1583), Magini (1592) and Rheticus/Otho (1596). Of course, earlier tables, including those of Regiomontanus, can also be read that way, but not explicitly, and it is necessary to perform a (simple) computation to find the cosine of an angle, for instance.

I am giving separately a modern reconstruction of Rheticus's table.⁴¹⁰

6.7 Copernicus (1543)

As we have seen earlier, Copernicus (1473-1543)⁴¹¹ had computed a small table of secants, perhaps around 1530, and in 1542 the trigonometric chapters of *De revolutionibus orbium coelestium* were published separately by Rheticus, together with a sine table. But in Copernicus's famous *De revolutionibus orbium coelestium* published in 1543 shortly before his death,⁴¹² Copernicus included another table of sines, with an interval of $10'$ and a radius $R = 10^5$ (figure 26). Like in the excerpt published in 1542, the sines were actually not called sines, but half-chords.

Copernicus's table shows a few deviations from the values obtained from Regiomontanus's table with $R = 10^7$ when the values are rounded to $R = 10^5$. For instance there are three errors in the first 36 values (from 0° to 6°) and Copernicus gives $\sin 0^\circ 40' = 1163$ instead of 1164, $\sin 1^\circ 30' = 2617$ instead of 2618, and $\sin 4^\circ = 6975$ instead of 6976. However, there are more deviations when Copernicus's table is compared to Gaurico's table published in 1524 (also with $R = 10^5$), with eight errors in the same interval. The most likely basic explanation would then be that Copernicus used Regiomontanus's table for $R = 10^7$ and made a few rounding errors.

⁴⁰⁷[Stamm (1933), p. 2]

⁴⁰⁸[Rosen (1975b)]

⁴⁰⁹[Husson (2014)]

⁴¹⁰[Roegel (2021j)]

⁴¹¹For a first summary of Copernicus's life and works, see [Rosen (1971)]. A recent biography of Copernicus is that by [Freely (2014)]. For further study, one might turn to [Swerdlow and Neugebauer (1984)], to Owen Gingerich's works as well as to Copernicus's complete works. On the connections between Italy and Krakow before Copernicus, see [Walsh (1996)]. For Copernicus's trigonometric tables, see [Rosińska (2002)].

⁴¹²[Copernicus (1543)]

Glowatzki and Göttsche were of the same opinion and concluded that Copernicus must have used a manuscript version of Regiomontanus's table of sines with $R = 10^7$,⁴¹³ as he certainly did for his table of secants.⁴¹⁴

Copernicus probably did not take the sines directly from the table published in 1542, although it is almost identical to that of Regiomontanus, because Copernicus's manuscript must have been ready long before its publication. In any case, if Copernicus took his values from Regiomontanus, he also made some corrections to that table, as Regiomontanus's typos for the sines of $36^\circ 10'$ and $51^\circ 20'$, reprinted in 1542, have been corrected in the *De revolutionibus orbium coelestium*.⁴¹⁵

However, I think that it is possible to get a somewhat better understanding of the elaboration of Copernicus's table. I have said above that among the first 36 values of Copernicus's table, there are three obvious errors when comparing them to the rounded values from Regiomontanus's table with $R = 10^7$. For instance, for $0^\circ 40'$, Regiomontanus's table gives 116353, and Copernicus has 1163, which looks like a truncation, but for almost every other angle Copernicus's sine is the rounded and not truncated value obtained from Regiomontanus's table.

Now, if we start with Regiomontanus's sexagesimal table, that is, the table with $R = 6 \cdot 10^6$, the decimal values can be obtained by dividing Regiomontanus's values by 6. Considering only the first 36 values in Copernicus's table (from 0° to 6°), it appears that until $3^\circ 50'$, one obtains Copernicus's values by dropping one digit of Regiomontanus's table and rounding, then dividing by 6, then rounding.⁴¹⁶ For instance, for $0^\circ 50'$, one obtains $8726/6 = 1454.333 \dots$ which is rounded to 1454. In case the result is a half integer, the rounding occurs to the integer below, except if the first rounding was by default, although there may be exceptions (such as $2^\circ 40'$) taking account of how the first rounding was performed.

This procedure fails after $3^\circ 50'$ and it seems that a different operation was involved. In fact, between 4° and $5^\circ 20'$, there was apparently a truncation of the last two digits of Regiomontanus's table, the resulting value was multiplied by 10, divided by 6 and rounded. Between $5^\circ 40'$ and 6° , the initial procedure was again applied. These two procedures give a slightly better outcome than merely using Regiomontanus's table with $R = 10^7$.

⁴¹³[Glowatzki and Göttsche (1990), pp. 178-179]

⁴¹⁴[Glowatzki and Göttsche (1990), p. 192]

⁴¹⁵[Glowatzki and Göttsche (1990), p. 150]

⁴¹⁶This procedure is reminiscent from that probably used by Gaurico in 1524, although Gaurico started with Engel's table.

If we look at the last page of Copernicus's table, also containing 36 values, a comparison with Regiomontanus's table with $R = 10^7$ reveals five rounding errors ($84^\circ 30'$, 85° , $86^\circ 40'$, $87^\circ 40'$ and $89^\circ 50'$). But if we start with the great sexagesimal table as above, there are in fact even more errors, 16 altogether. For instance, for 86° one obtains 99757, and not Copernicus's 99756.

I have of course only sampled the first and last 36 values of Copernicus's table, and this should be further investigated. It suggests however that different computations may have been involved in the making of Copernicus's sine table, and probably that some parts of Copernicus's table are based on Regiomontanus's sexagesimal table, whereas others are based on the table with $R = 10^7$, in addition of involving different rounding schemes from the same source. It is also possible that some values were based on other tables. But among the 16 values that are incorrectly rounded on the last page of Copernicus's table when starting with Regiomontanus's great sexagesimal table, only 10 of Copernicus's values are identical with those published by Apian in 1534.⁴¹⁷ It is therefore not possible to conclude that Copernicus used Apian's table. Perhaps for some comparisons, but not for all values.

Given this somewhat confused situation, it is understandable that Copernicus's table led to other opinions or conclusions. For instance, Stamm⁴¹⁸ wrote that Copernicus probably compared his values to those published by Apian in 1534,⁴¹⁹ but I have just shown that this is not conclusive. Folkerts⁴²⁰ thought that Copernicus had computed the table himself, since he could not have been able to use Regiomontanus's table for $R = 10^7$ which was only published in 1541. Looking for Copernicus's source, Swerdlow and Neugebauer⁴²¹ excluded most sources, including Regiomontanus's tables printed in 1541, but they did not conclude further. And according to Rosińska,⁴²² Copernicus did not use Regiomontanus's table for his table of sines, although she did not provide another theory for the origin or calculation of the table.

⁴¹⁷[Apian (1534)]

⁴¹⁸[Stamm (1933)]

⁴¹⁹[Apian (1534)]

⁴²⁰[Folkerts (1977), p. 234]

⁴²¹[Swerdlow and Neugebauer (1984), pp. 100-101]

⁴²²[Rosińska (1987), p. 422]

6.8 Gemma Frisius (1545)

Gemma Frisius (1508-1555) (Jemme Reinerszoon, or Rainer Gemma) was a Dutch physician, mathematician, cartographer, philosopher, and instrument maker. He was born in Dokkum in the Netherlands.⁴²³

Gemma Frisius first practiced medicine in Louvain, but his real interests seem to have been geography and mathematics. In 1529 he revised Peter Apian's *Cosmographia*. He also designed globes and astronomical instruments. He died in Louvain.

In 1545, he published his *De radio astronomico et geometrico*⁴²⁴ in which he included a table of cotangents (figure 27) which was copied from Regiomontanus.⁴²⁵

This work also contained a table of arctangents (figures 28 and 29) obviously copied from that of Peurbach published in 1516.⁴²⁶

6.9 Rheticus (1551)

In 1551, Rheticus (1514-1574)⁴²⁷ published his *Canon doctrinae triangulorum*.⁴²⁸ There, he gave the sines, cosines, tangents, cotangents, secants and cosecants at intervals of $10'$ and for a radius $R = 10^7$. Rheticus's table was in fact the first table to give all six possible ratios in a right triangle (figure 31).⁴²⁹

The sines in Rheticus's table were copied from Regiomontanus's table for $R = 10^7$.⁴³⁰ Most of the values were not changed, but some of the typos were corrected, for instance the cosine of $38^\circ 40'$ whose value was still incorrect (as $\sin 51^\circ 20'$) in Rheticus's 1542 table.

Rheticus made new computations for the tangents and the secants using

⁴²³For summaries on Gemma Frisius's life and works, see [Cantor (1878)], [Hallyn (1996), Hallyn (1998), Hallyn (2004), Hallyn (2008)] and [Kish (1972)]. [Lindgren (2007)] gives some background on Gemma Frisius's work on land surveys. Note in passing that Gessner briefly mentions Gemma Frisius [Gessner and Simmler (1574), p. 221].

⁴²⁴[Gemma Frisius (1545)]

⁴²⁵[Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), p. 181]

⁴²⁶[von Peurbach (1516)]

⁴²⁷[Rosen (1975b)]

⁴²⁸[Rheticus (1551)] See [De Morgan (1845a), De Morgan (1845b)].

⁴²⁹However, in the first treatise of trigonometry independent of astronomical applications, the *Treatise on the Quadrilateral*, the Persian al-Tūsī (1201-1274), already in the 13th century, had used all six trigonometric functions [Archibald (1949), p. 31].

⁴³⁰See [Rosińska (1994b)] and [Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), p. 152]

these sines. According to Glowatzki and Göttsche,⁴³¹ Rheticus merely computed the ratios for the tangents, but things are actually a bit more complicated.

First, it appears that the secants and cosecants were computed by dividing 1 (or rather 10^{14}) by the values of the cosines or sines, and truncating the results. This can readily be observed on the secants of $17^\circ 20'$, 29° , $29^\circ 50'$, 43° , etc., and practically every ratio whose decimal part is greater than 0.5. This is also true for the cosecants, an example being $35^\circ 30'$.

But the tangents and cotangents are another story. I don't know exactly how Rheticus computed these values, but a close examination of Rheticus's values reveals that the tangents are more accurate than the cotangents and consequently one cannot have been computed from the other. They must have been computed differently. The tangents may have been computed by dividing the sines by the cosines, but this cannot have been the case for the cotangents.⁴³²

It appears that the values of the cotangents are close to those obtained when computing

$$\text{Cot } x = \sqrt{\text{Csc}^2 x - R^2}$$

but they are not totally identical. The agreement is however much better than that obtained by merely dividing the values of the cosines by the sines of Regiomontanus, and it may even be a little better if $\text{Csc}^2 x$ is rounded to seven or eight significant digits. This hypothesis may need to be tested further, but it parallels a suggestion by van Brummelen and Byrne for the computation of secants by Maurolico,⁴³³ although I argue below that their suggestion is in fact not applicable to Maurolico's computations. However, I also suggest below that Fincke used a similar procedure to compute his secants in 1583.

In any case, Rheticus's work remains based on Regiomontanus's tables, and although he was the first to construct a table giving all six triangle ratios, he did not compute the cosecants and cotangents sufficiently accurately for small angles, and seems to have not yet understood that more accurate sines were needed. He had no problems giving cosecants and cotangents to 10 figures, when the sines were only given to 5 figures. This understanding of the need for more accurate sines only came later, and even the *Opus*

⁴³¹[Glowatzki and Göttsche (1990), p. 185]

⁴³²It will be interesting to see to what conclusions came [Pritchard (2021)] who seems to have conducted a similar investigation, but whose result is not yet published at the time I am writing this.

⁴³³[van Brummelen and Byrne (2021)]

*palatinum*⁴³⁴ published in 1596 is still marred by this problem which will only fully be solved by Pitiscus in the early 17th century.⁴³⁵

I am giving separately a modern reconstruction of Rheticus's table.⁴³⁶

6.10 Reinhold (1554)

Erasmus Reinhold (1511-1553) was a German astronomer and mathematician. He was born in Saalfeld, Germany. In 1536 he became professor of mathematics at the university of Wittenberg.⁴³⁷ In 1542, Reinhold published a commentary on Peurbach's *Theoricae Novae Planetarum*. When Rheticus came back from his visit to Copernicus, Reinhold studied Copernicus's theory closely and after the publication of Copernicus's *De revolutionibus orbium coelestium*, Reinhold made detailed annotations of this work.⁴³⁸

Between 1544 and 1551, Reinhold worked on recasting Copernicus's theory in handier tables and in 1551 he finally published his *Tabulae prutenicae caelestium motuum* (Prutenic tables).

In his *Primus liber tabularum directionum* published in 1554 after his death,⁴³⁹ Reinhold gave a table of sines (figure 34) and a table of tangents (figures 32 and 33), both with radius $R = 10^7$ and at intervals of $1'$.⁴⁴⁰

The sines were copied from Regiomontanus's sines,⁴⁴¹ probably from the 1541 printing, but the tangents were recomputed at intervals of $1'$, using these sines.⁴⁴² Moreover, in the range from 89° to $89^\circ 59' 50''$, Reinhold gave the tangents at intervals of $10''$.

The tangents seem to have been computed in a non systematic way. For the angles which are found in Regiomontanus's table, Reinhold has apparently mostly taken the ratio of the sines given by Regiomontanus, but sometimes the result was truncated (for instance for $\tan 1^\circ$ where Reinhold gives 174550 instead of 174551), and sometimes the sines were rounded to the tens (for instance for $\tan 10^\circ$ where 173648/984808 was computed

⁴³⁴[Rheticus and Otho (1596)]

⁴³⁵[Pitiscus (1613)]

⁴³⁶[Roegel (2010c)]

⁴³⁷For a summary of Reinhold's life and works, see [Gingerich (1975)]. Note in passing that Gessner briefly mentions Reinhold [Gessner and Simmler (1574), p. 184].

⁴³⁸[Gingerich (1973)]

⁴³⁹[Reinhold (1554)]

⁴⁴⁰See [van Brummelen (2021), pp. 5-7].

⁴⁴¹[Glowatzki and Göttsche (1990), pp. 152-153]

⁴⁴²[Glowatzki and Göttsche (1990), p. 185]

instead of 1736482/9848078). In the case of $\tan 80^\circ$, there must have been a computation error, as Reinhold has actually computed 9848085/1736482 instead of 9848078/1736482. This error is not present in Rheticus's table.⁴⁴³ My samples may or may not be representative of the entire table, and it would be useful to conduct a thorough analysis of Reinhold's table of tangents.⁴⁴⁴ It seems in particular that Reinhold did not copy Rheticus's values given in 1551 at intervals of $10'$. Reinhold's error on $\tan 80^\circ$, incidentally, is found again in Fincke's table,⁴⁴⁵ as well as in Clavius's table.⁴⁴⁶

In the last part of the table, Reinhold added the tangents at intervals of $10''$. The values themselves are not as accurate as one might wish, but this matters little here. What does interest us is to find out how Reinhold computed these values. These computations seem so far not to have been analyzed, not even by Glowatzki and Göttsche.⁴⁴⁷ At first, this part of the table suggests a new computation of the sines and cosines of $10''$, $20''$, etc., up to $59'50''$, but this was most certainly not the case. It is in fact very easy to see what Reinhold has done, because the ratios behind each tangent value can be reconstructed. I am giving here only some samples:

Angle	Fraction	Value
$89^\circ 0'10''$	$\frac{9998370}{174038}$	57.44935014...
$89^\circ 0'30''$	$\frac{9998502}{173070}$	57.77143352...
$89^\circ 0'50''$	$\frac{9998519}{172101}$	58.09680943...
$89^\circ 30'10''$	$\frac{9999625}{86780}$	115.22960359...
$89^\circ 30'20''$	$\frac{9999628}{86296}$	115.87591543...
$89^\circ 59'10''$	$\frac{9999999}{2424}$	4125.41212871...
$89^\circ 59'20''$	$\frac{9999999}{1939}$	5157.29706034...
$89^\circ 59'30''$	$\frac{10000000}{1455}$	6872.85223367...
$89^\circ 59'40''$	$\frac{10000000}{970}$	10309.27835051...
$89^\circ 59'50''$	$\frac{10000000}{485}$	20618.55670103...

⁴⁴³[Rheticus (1551)]

⁴⁴⁴The forthcoming study [Pritchard (2021)] may contain some interesting clues on this matter.

⁴⁴⁵[Fincke (1583)]

⁴⁴⁶[Clavius (1586)]

⁴⁴⁷[Glowatzki and Göttsche (1990), p. 185]

The “Fraction” column gives the ratios actually used by Reinhold for the tangents, and the column on the right gives the values of these fractions. These can be compared with those in Reinhold’s table.

It turns out that the values given by these fractions are almost exactly those of Reinhold, with the occasional rounding errors or typos. For instance, Reinhold table has $\text{Tan } 89^\circ 0' 10'' = 574493507$ which must be a typo for 574493501. In most cases, the fractions seem to have been truncated (and for instance for $89^\circ 30' 10''$ this resulted in the incorrect value), but in some cases they were rounded (for instance for $89^\circ 59' 30''$).

We can see in this sample that Reinhold uses

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{Sin } 10'' = 485 & \text{Sin } 20'' = 970 & \text{Sin } 30'' = 1455 \\ \text{Sin } 40'' = 1939 & \text{Sin } 50'' = 2424 & \dots \end{array}$$

and these values are obtained by linear interpolation of Regiomontanus’s sines. There may again be some slight inaccuracies, and the value of $\text{Sin } 59' 50''$ would for instance have been better at 174039 than 174038.

The numerators used by Reinhold were also obtained by interpolation from Regiomontanus’s values. For instance, for $89^\circ 30''$, 9998502 is just halfway between Regiomontanus’s sine values 9998477 and 9998527. But for $\text{Tan } 89^\circ 10''$, something obviously went wrong, because the value of $\text{Sin } 89^\circ 10''$ used is smaller than that for $\text{Sin } 89^\circ$, although the resulting value is still acceptable. Of course, given the limited number of significant digits for the sines, especially at the end of the range, most of the figures in the tangents end up being meaningless. It doesn’t make much sense to give $\text{Tan } 89^\circ 59' 50''$ to 12 places, when the value of $\text{Sin } 10''$ used only has three places...

We can also see that at the end of the range Reinhold moved to cosine values of 10^7 , but that he did not try to do a finer interpolation. In any case, such an analysis can be made for all $60 \times 5 = 300$ values which are not multiples of $1'$, but this is left as an exercise. There may be other errors such as the one mentioned for $89^\circ 10''$ and it might be interesting to do some detailed statistics about these errors.

It is precisely for these reasons that Viète’s tangents and secants published in 1579 are much more accurate than those of Reinhold, because Viète used sufficiently accurate sines for the number of figures he was trying to compute for the tangents and secants.

Reinhold’s table of tangents was the first table of tangents at intervals of $1'$. Secants at this interval would only be published 25 years later by

Viète.⁴⁴⁸ Reinhold's tangents were reused by Fincke in 1583, and Fincke added the secants.

A modern reconstruction of Reinhold's tables is provided separately.⁴⁴⁹

6.11 Bassantin (1557)

James Bassantin (c1504-1568) was a Scottish astronomer and mathematician who came to France under the reign of Henri II who was King of France from 1547 to 1559.⁴⁵⁰

Bassantin owes his fame to the publication of his *Astronomique Discours*⁴⁵¹ in 1557 in Lyon. This book contains many volvelles based on the system of Ptolemy.⁴⁵² It also contains a table of sines with $R = 10^5$ and at intervals of $1'$ (figure 35) which was presumably copied from Apian, since both the values and the layout agree with Apian's 1533,⁴⁵³ 1534⁴⁵⁴ and 1541⁴⁵⁵ tables. Glowatzki and Göttische came to the same conclusion.⁴⁵⁶ Possibly the only altered value is the sine of $89^\circ 59'$ which Apian had put at 100000, but which Bassantin put at its correct value, 99999. However, many other values are wrong, since Apian truncated and did not round Regiomontanus's values.

6.12 Maurolico (1558)

Francesco Maurolico (1494-1575) was a mathematician and astronomer born in Messina, Sicily, but of Greek lineage. He lived almost all of his life in Sicily and made contributions to the fields of geometry, optics, conics, mechanics, music, and astronomy.⁴⁵⁷ He was ordained a priest in 1521 and

⁴⁴⁸[Viète (1579)]

⁴⁴⁹[Roegel (2021k)]

⁴⁵⁰See [de Chauvepié (1750), p. 112], [Delambre (1821), v. 1, p. 308-309], [Hoefer (1873), p. 314] and [Henderson (1885)] for some biographical elements on Bassantin. In France, he was called Jacques Bassantin.

⁴⁵¹[Bassantin (1557)]

⁴⁵²For some interesting information on the physical structure of this work, see [Vaucher (2020)].

⁴⁵³[Apian (1533)]

⁴⁵⁴[Apian (1534)]

⁴⁵⁵[Apian (1541)]

⁴⁵⁶[Glowatzki and Göttische (1990), p. 169]

⁴⁵⁷For a summary of Maurolico's life and works, see [Masotti (1974)] and [van Brummelen (2021), pp. 12-13]. Note in passing that Gessner briefly mentions Maurolico [Gessner

later became a Benedictine.

Maurolico edited the works of classical authors including Archimedes, Apollonius, Autolycus, Theodosius and Serenus. He also composed his own unique treatises on mathematics and mathematical science.

In 1558, Maurolico published his commentary on the spherics of Theodosius.⁴⁵⁸ It contains short tables of sines (figure 39), tangents (figure 40) and secants (figure 41), all using the radius $R = 10^5$ and only giving values every degree. Maurolico also gave the tangents and secants for $89^\circ 15'$, $89^\circ 30'$, $89^\circ 45'$, $89^\circ 55'$ and $89^\circ 59'$.

The values of the sines differ from those of the earlier tables with $R = 10^5$, namely those of Gaurico (1524)⁴⁵⁹ and Apian (1533).⁴⁶⁰ Instead, Maurolico seems to have taken his values from Regiomontanus's table by dropping two digits and rounding.⁴⁶¹ And, contrary to what von Braunmühl wrote,⁴⁶² Maurolico was unaware of Rheticus's *Canon doctrinae triangularum*⁴⁶³ published in 1551.⁴⁶⁴

As far as the tangents are concerned, Glowatzki and Göttsche wrote that Maurolico took his values from Regiomontanus's *Tabulae directionum projectionumque*⁴⁶⁵ and recomputed those above 45° using Regiomontanus's sines.⁴⁶⁶

But according to Brummelen,⁴⁶⁷ the tangents were copied from Regiomontanus's 1490 table up to about 60° . Above 60° , the values of the tangents seem to have been recomputed from Regiomontanus's sines and Brummelen implies (his table 3) that they have been recomputed that way until $89^\circ 15'$ inclusive. Beyond $89^\circ 15'$ the difference between Maurolico's values and those computed from Regiomontanus's sines becomes much larger. The last four values are more accurate than the values that could have been obtained from Regiomontanus's table with $R = 10^7$. Van Brum-

and Simmler (1574), p. 204].

⁴⁵⁸[Maurolico (1558)]

⁴⁵⁹[Regiomontanus (1524)]

⁴⁶⁰[Apian (1533)]

⁴⁶¹[Glowatzki and Göttsche (1990), pp. 178-179]

⁴⁶²[von Braunmühl (1900, 1903), vol. 1, p. 151]

⁴⁶³[Rheticus (1551)]

⁴⁶⁴See [van Brummelen and Byrne (2021), p. 200]. In 1944, Zeller had already considered the different opinions of Fincke and Magini, but without settling with any [Zeller (1944), p. 72].

⁴⁶⁵[Regiomontanus (1490)]

⁴⁶⁶[Glowatzki and Göttsche (1990), pp. 181, 185]

⁴⁶⁷[van Brummelen and Byrne (2021), p. 202]

melen therefore suggested some kind of independent computation.⁴⁶⁸

I believe however that the threshold for that “independent” computation occurs earlier than $89^\circ 15'$. In fact, it is easy to see what Maurolico has done for the last values of the table. He basically recomputed the required sines with one more digit and used them for the tangents. For instance,

- for $89^\circ 30'$, Maurolico used $\frac{9999619.2}{87265.3} = 114.588721 \dots$ (and printed 11458872), when Regiomontanus had only given $\text{Sin } 89^\circ 30' = 9999619$ and $\text{Sin } 30' = 87265$;
- for $89^\circ 45'$, Maurolico used $\frac{9999904.8}{43633.1} = 229.1816258 \dots$ (and printed 22918163), when Regiomontanus had only given $\text{Sin } 89^\circ 45' = 9999904$ and $\text{Sin } 15' = 43632$ (and not 43633);
- for $89^\circ 55'$, Maurolico used $\frac{9999989.4}{14544.5} = 687.544391 \dots$ (and printed 68754439), when Regiomontanus had only given $\text{Sin } 89^\circ 55' = 9999989$ and $\text{Sin } 5' = 14544$;
- for $89^\circ 59'$, Maurolico used $\frac{9999999.6}{2908.9} = 3437.725463 \dots$ (and printed 343772546), when Regiomontanus had only given $\text{Sin } 89^\circ 59' = 9999999$ and $\text{Sin } 1' = 2909$.

The values taken by Maurolico are all correct, except for $\text{Sin } 5'$ which should have been 14544.4 and $\text{Sin } 30'$ which should have been 87265.4. In summary, Maurolico must have recomputed the sines of eight angles ($1'$, $5'$, $15'$, $30'$, $89^\circ 30'$, $89^\circ 45'$, $89^\circ 55'$ and $89^\circ 59'$), perhaps using $\text{Sin } 1'$ as a basis. In fact, if Maurolico has started with $\text{Sin } 1' = 2908.9$, he could have computed $\text{Sin } 5'$ and found 14544.5 or even 14544.4, depending how he computed the value. Continuing with 14544.4, Maurolico could have found $\text{Sin } 15'$ to be 43633.1, and eventually $\text{Sin } 30'$ to be 87265.3.

This procedure was applied at least as early as 85° and we can see for instance that the ratio $9961947/871557.4$ gives exactly Maurolico’s value, but that $9961947/871557$ (Regiomontanus’s values) does not.

Maurolico’s accurate computation of the last tangents then boils down to a one digit more accurate value of $\text{sin } 1'$ than that provided by Regiomontanus. I don’t know how Maurolico obtained that value, but there is a very simple way, which is to observe that the sine of a small angle measured on the circumference (in radians) is almost equal to the angle itself. Therefore, with $R = 10^7$,

$$\text{Sin } 1' \approx \frac{\pi}{180 \cdot 60} \cdot 10^7 = 2908.882 \dots$$

⁴⁶⁸[van Brummelen and Byrne (2021), p. 205]

and all that Maurolico needed was to take 2908.9 instead of Regiomontanus's 2909. There was no need to resort to bisections, trisections, etc., and to recompute the sines of small angles. There was also no need to interpolate as Regiomontanus did to construct his tables. And proceeding the above way does not require a very accurate value of π , as Ptolemy's value 3.1416 . . . is sufficient.

Maurolico's third table is his table of secants, which he called *tabella benefica*.⁴⁶⁹ It was actually Fincke who first named that function secant.⁴⁷⁰ Fincke thought that Maurolico had copied his secants from Rheticus.⁴⁷¹ But Brummelen recently gave an edition of Maurolico's short manual of his *tabella benefica*.⁴⁷² There Maurolico claims that he worked on this matter in 1550, and it would then very likely be a work independent of that of Rheticus. Magini had also assumed that Maurolico's work was an independent one, not influenced by Rheticus.⁴⁷³ One might therefore assume that it was directly computed from Regiomontanus, probably from the 1541 edition.

Maurolico's table of secants is in fact very accurate, and more accurate than what would have been obtained by a mere use of Regiomontanus's tables.⁴⁷⁴ In order to explain this accuracy, Brummelen and Byrne claim that Maurolico computed the secants from the tangents, and not directly from Regiomontanus's sines, as claimed by Glowatzki and Göttsche.⁴⁷⁵

According to van Brummelen and Byrne, Maurolico used the relation

$$\sec^2 \theta = \tan^2 \theta + 1$$

which transcribes into

$$\text{Sec}^2 \theta = \text{Tan}^2 \theta + R^2$$

when the radius is R . For instance, for $\theta = 81^\circ$, $\text{Tan} \theta = 631375$ and $\sqrt{631375^2 + 100000^2} = 639245.172 \dots$ and Maurolico gives $\text{Sec} \theta = 639245$. This appears to work for 81° , but merely computing $1/1564345$ would have given the correct result too.

⁴⁶⁹[Delambre (1819), p. 440]

⁴⁷⁰[Fincke (1583)]

⁴⁷¹[van Brummelen and Byrne (2021), p. 200]

⁴⁷²See [van Brummelen and Byrne (2021)] as well as [van Brummelen (2021), p. 22].

⁴⁷³See the second page of the preface of Magini's *Primum mobile* [Magini (1609)], of which an excerpt is translated in [van Brummelen and Byrne (2021)], but mistakenly attributed to Magini's *De planis triangulis*.

⁴⁷⁴[van Brummelen and Byrne (2021), p. 206]

⁴⁷⁵[Glowatzki and Göttsche (1990), p. 193]

In fact, the procedure suggested by van Brummelen and Byrne (which echoes Birkenmajer's suggestion for Copernicus's table of secants) does not always work, and fails to give Maurolico's values for 86° , 87° , or $89^\circ 30'$. The solution is actually much simpler, and Maurolico must have proceeded like for the tangents, using an additional digit for a number of sines. Doing so from 85° to the last angle gives the values in Maurolico's table, the only exception being 86° . But in that case, computing the secant from the tangent also does not yield the value in Maurolico's table. It is possible that Maurolico only used one additional digit for the secants from 87° , or that he made a mistake, or perhaps that the table contains a typo there.

Incidentally, Fincke seems to have used the procedure suggested by van Brummelen and Byrne in order to compute his secants in 1583 (and in fact van Brummelen and Byrne claim so,⁴⁷⁶ but with no references).

I have also given a modern reconstruction of Maurolico's tables in a separate document.⁴⁷⁷

6.13 Eisenmenger (1562)

Samuel Eisenmenger (1534-1585), known as Siderocrates, was a German physician, theologian and astronomer. He was professor of astronomy at the University of Tübingen in 1557-1568.

In 1562, Eisenmenger published his *Libellus geographicus*⁴⁷⁸ in which he gave a table of sines with $R = 10^7$ and at intervals of $1'$ (figure 42). This table was certainly also copied from Regiomontanus,⁴⁷⁹ and probably from the 1541 printing.⁴⁸⁰ The layout and headings of Eisenmenger's table are practically identical to those of Regiomontanus's published table, except that Eisenmenger put only half a degree in each column.

6.14 Schreckenfuchs (1569)

Erasmus Oswald Schreckenfuchs (1511-1579) was an Austrian humanist, astronomer and Hebraist.⁴⁸¹ In 1551 he produced a commentary to the Al-

⁴⁷⁶[van Brummelen and Byrne (2021), p. 206]

⁴⁷⁷[Roegel (2021)]

⁴⁷⁸[Eisenmenger (1562)]

⁴⁷⁹[Glowatzki and Göttsche (1990), pp. 153-154]

⁴⁸⁰[von Peurbach and Regiomontanus (1541)]

⁴⁸¹For a summary of Schreckenfuchs's life and works, see [von Khauz (1755), pp. 184-203]. Note in passing that Gessner briefly mentions Schreckenfuchs [Gessner and Simmler (1574), p. 184].

magest of Ptolemy and in 1556, he published a commentary on Peurbach's *Theoricae Novae Planetarum*.⁴⁸²

In 1569, in his *Commentaria in Sphaeram Ioannis de Sacrobusto*,⁴⁸³ he reprinted Regiomontanus's table of tangents from one of the editions of the *Tabulae directionum projectionumque* (figure 43).

But Schreckenfuchs also gave two tables of sines. His first table of sines covers two pages and uses the radius $R = 60000$ and an interval of $15'$ (figure 44). This table is likely based on the table of sines found in Regiomontanus's *Tabulae directionum projectionumque* (1490, 1504, 1550, 1552 or 1559), namely Johannes Engel's table (figure 16), as the values are truncated and not rounded from the large table with $R = 6 \cdot 10^6$.

Schreckenfuchs's second table spans six pages, also with $15'$ intervals, and uses a radius $R = 60$ and three sexagesimal places (figure 45). However, the last place is always given as 0 or 30. This second table cannot have been obtained from the first one. For instance, for $15'$, Schreckenfuchs gives the sine as 261 ($60000 \times \sin 15' = 261.7 \dots$), but 261 would give a sine of $0^p 15' 39'' 36'''$, not $0^p 15' 42'' 30'''$. It is therefore to assume that now Schreckenfuchs used the sines in Regiomontanus 1541 (or 1561). For $15'$, Regiomontanus gave 26180, and this then would lead to $0^p 15' 42'' 28.8'''$ that Schreckenfuchs could have rounded to $0^p 15' 42'' 30'''$.

6.15 Witekind (1576)

Hermann Witekind (or Wilken) (1522-1603), a student of Melanchthon, was a German humanist and mathematician. In 1585, under the pseudonym of Augustine Lercheimer he published a book against the persecution of witches.⁴⁸⁴

In 1576, he published his work *Conformatio horologiorum sciotericorum etc.*⁴⁸⁵ in which he included a table of sines for a radius of 100000 and for every minute of the quadrant (figure 46). This table was presumably copied from one of Apian's tables (1533, 1534 or 1541),⁴⁸⁶ as the values all seem to agree.⁴⁸⁷ The layout, however, is different. Each page has six columns for degrees and 30 rows for 30 minutes. Six degrees therefore span two pages.

⁴⁸²[Malpangotto (2020), pp. 221-232]

⁴⁸³[Schreckenfuchs (1569)]

⁴⁸⁴[Binz (1888)]

⁴⁸⁵[Witekind (1576)]

⁴⁸⁶[Apian (1533)], [Apian (1534)] and [Apian (1541)].

⁴⁸⁷[Glowatzki and Göttsche (1990), p. 169]

Moreover, repeated leading digits are not printed (for instance the value 145 following 116 is shown as 45).

Among Witekind's other scientific publications, I mention only his *De sphaera mundi* published in 1574 (second edition in 1590).

6.16 Peucer (1579)

Caspar Peucer (1525-1602) was a German reformer, physician, and scholar from Bautzen, Germany.⁴⁸⁸ He wrote on mathematics, astronomy, geometry, and medicine, and edited some of Philip Melanchthon (1497-1560)'s letters, having married one of his daughters. He also became professor of mathematics in Wittenberg in 1554, the successor of Erasmus Reinhold after his untimely death in 1553. In 1560, he was appointed to the medical faculty of Wittenberg.

In his *De dimensione terræ etc.*⁴⁸⁹ published in 1579, and reprinted in 1587, Peucer included a table of sines for $R = 10^5$ and at intervals of $1'$ (figure 47). The situation parallels that of Witekind, and Peucer's table was presumably also copied from Apian (1533, 1534 or 1541),⁴⁹⁰ since the values agree,⁴⁹¹ with only minor alterations. However Peucer adapted Apian's layout and put only five degrees and 30 minutes per page. Therefore one page of Apian's table corresponds to four pages of Peucer's table.

6.17 Viète (1579)

François Viète (1540-1603) was a French mathematician whose work on the new algebra was an important step towards modern algebra. According to Zeller, Viète "was the foremost mathematician of France in the sixteenth century."⁴⁹² Viète received a bachelor's degree in law in 1560 and held a number of official positions. In 1573, the King Charles IX made him counselor to the *parlement* of Brittany. He came back to Paris in 1580. Among his many works is his *In artem analyticem isagoge*, the earliest work on symbolic algebra (1591).

⁴⁸⁸For a summary of Peucer's life and works, see [Kolb (1976)].

⁴⁸⁹[Peucer (1579)]. Earlier editions from 1550 [Chassagnette (2006)] and 1554 do not include the table of sines.

⁴⁹⁰[Apian (1533)], [Apian (1534)] and [Apian (1541)].

⁴⁹¹[Glowatzki and Göttsche (1990), p. 169]

⁴⁹²[Zeller (1944), p. 73]. For summaries of Viète's life and works, see [De Morgan (1843)], [Ritter (1895)], [Busard (1976)], and [van Brummelen (2021), pp. 9-11].

Also inspired by Rheticus' 1551 *Canon doctrinæ triangulorum*,⁴⁹³ Viète constructed a new table, which he called the *Canon mathematicus*.⁴⁹⁴ This work contained a typographically sophisticated table of the six trigonometric functions for every minute of the quadrant and with a radius of 100000, with sometimes one or more additional figures⁴⁹⁵ (see figure 48). The printing of the table was started in 1571 but it was only completed in 1579.⁴⁹⁶

This was the first published canon giving the trigonometric functions every minute, but on the other hand it gave them to less places than Rheticus' 1551 table (which however only had an interval of $10'$).

The sines from 0° to 45° and the cosines from $0^\circ 30'$ to 45° were taken from Regiomontanus (or Reinhold) and rounded or not, depending on the range of the table. Glowatzki and Götsche had observed that Viète had recomputed the sines from $89^\circ 61'$ to 90° ,⁴⁹⁷ but in fact the cosines from 0° to $30'$ have been computed from Regiomontanus's (or Reinhold's) sines, probably with $\cos x \approx 1 - \frac{\sin^2 x}{2}$, which, with a radius R other than 1, becomes $\text{Cos } x \approx R - \frac{\text{Sin}^2 x}{2R}$. For instance, for $6'$, $R = 10^8$ and Regiomontanus's sine value 17453:

$$\text{Cos } 6' \approx 10^8 - \frac{174530^2}{2 \cdot 10^8} = 10^8 - \frac{17453^2}{2 \cdot 10^6} = 99999847.69 \dots$$

and Viète gives the value 99999848. Viète did not use the values of the sines in his table for this purpose, and using 175 (Viète's value for $\text{Sin } 6'$) in the previous example would not produce a sufficiently accurate cosine.

For the tangents and secants, Glowatzki and Götsche wrote that they were recomputed from Regiomontanus's values.⁴⁹⁸ But we can actually tell a bit more.

First, we can see that Viète computed the secants from 0° to 45° by inverting his cosines (and not those of Regiomontanus). The tangents between 0° to 45° were computed by using Regiomontanus's full values.

⁴⁹³See [Rheticus (1551)] and [Hunrath (1899)].

⁴⁹⁴[Viète (1579)]

⁴⁹⁵See [Hunrath (1899)] and [Delambre (1819), pp. 455-456]. The cosines and secants are given more accurately than the other values throughout the table. They are given to four more places from 0° to $0^\circ 2'$, to three more places from $0^\circ 3'$ to $0^\circ 24'$, to two more places from $0^\circ 25'$ to $4^\circ 5'$, and to one more place from $4^\circ 6'$ to 45° .

⁴⁹⁶[Tannery (1896), p. 205]

⁴⁹⁷[Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), pp. 154-155]

⁴⁹⁸[Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), pp. 189, 196]

Then, the cotangents from about 5° to 45° were also computed from the ratios \cos / \sin using Viète's values (and not by inverting the tangents). The cosecants from about 5° to 45° were computed by inverting Viète's values of the sines.

But for the cotangents and cosecants between 0° and about 5° , Viète used more accurate values of the sines than those printed in his table, with 1 to 5 more figures than Regiomontanus. For instance, for $\cot 1'$, Viète used $\sin 1' = 29.0888204$ (here with $R = 10^5$), that is 5 more figures than Regiomontanus. This enabled him to obtain (reducing the cosine and sine to $R = 10^9$)

$$\cot 1' = \frac{999999958}{290888.204} = 3437.74668$$

or (with $R = 10^5$)

$$\cot 1' = \frac{999999958}{290888.204} \times 10^5 = 343774668$$

and this is precisely the value given in the *Canon mathematicus* (the exact value being 343774667).

The same applies for $\csc 1'$. For $\sin 2'$, Viète took 58.1776385, whereas Regiomontanus only has 5818. And so on.

These values are much more accurate than the tangents and secants given by Reinhold in 1554 and Fincke in 1583 for large angles, and obviously Viète had a much better understanding of the requirements for exact computations.

In his treatise on angular sections,⁴⁹⁹ Viète describes a way to compute the sine of $1'$ and other values he needed. This sine can be obtained as follows. First, like Ptolemy before, one can compute the sines of 18° and 60° . Trisecting 60° twice, we obtain $\sin 20^\circ$ and then $\sin 6^\circ 40'$. Using quinquisection with 18° , we obtain $\sin 3^\circ 36'$. Bisecting $6^\circ 40'$ we find $\sin 3^\circ 20'$. Using the two values $\sin 3^\circ 36'$ and $\sin 3^\circ 20'$, we obtain the sine of the difference of the angles, namely $\sin 16'$. And bisecting $16'$ four times, we obtain $\sin 1'$. But as a matter of fact Viète seems to have proceeded slightly differently for his table. He actually found two approximations of $\sin 1'$, one greater and one smaller than the sought value. An interpolation between these two values then gave a better approximation of $\sin 1'$.⁵⁰⁰

As observed by Tannery, Viète's tables are rare because of the success of Rheticus' *Opus palatinum* (1596),⁵⁰¹ of Pitiscus' *Thesaurus mathematicus*

⁴⁹⁹See [Viète (1615)] and [Zeller (1944)], pp. 79-80].

⁵⁰⁰See [Viète (1579)], pp. 62-67] and [van Brummelen (2021)], pp. 22-23].

⁵⁰¹[Rheticus and Otho (1596)]

(1613),⁵⁰² and because of the introduction of logarithms in 1614. They all made Viète's tables obsolete.

A persistent legend is also that the *Canon mathematicus* contained many errors, and that Viète consequently withdrew or re-purchased all the copies he could find and had them destroyed. This would then explain why this book is of great rarity.⁵⁰³ But according to Ritter's biography of Viète,⁵⁰⁴ this legend rests on the editor of Viète's 1646 *Opera* omitting the *Canon mathematicus*, on the grounds that the computations would have to be redone.⁵⁰⁵ Moreover, as I have shown, Viète's table is actually very accurate.⁵⁰⁶

The *Canon mathematicus* was also published with a London imprint in 1589 (*Opera mathematica*, London: Bouvier) and there is an edition dated 1609, but Bosmans showed that it is not a reprint. It is the 1579 edition rebound.⁵⁰⁷ Cantor and von Braunmühl had mistakenly thought that it was a new edition,⁵⁰⁸ probably after Eneström led them to think so.⁵⁰⁹

A modern reconstruction of Viète's table is given separately.⁵¹⁰

6.18 Bressieu (1581)

Maurice Bressieu (c1546-1617) was a French mathematician and humanist.⁵¹¹ In 1576, Bressieu won a position of mathematics professor founded in Paris by Petrus Ramus (1515-1572), which he kept until 1608.⁵¹²

In his *Metrices astronomicæ* published in 1581,⁵¹³ Bressieu first gives a sexagesimal table of sines, with an unusual layout (figure 49). The sines and sines of the complementary angle (cosines) are given in two adjacent columns and the table therefore only runs up to 45°. But Bressieu's layout is in fact very unusual, in that it doesn't use a footer line. In figure 49, the first column (headed 18) gives from top to bottom the sines from 18° to 19°. The second column (headed 71) gives the sines from 71° to 72°, but from

⁵⁰²[Pitiscus (1613)]

⁵⁰³See [Eneström (1892)] and [Cantor (1900), pp. 583-584].

⁵⁰⁴[Ritter (1895), p. 54]

⁵⁰⁵See [Tannery (1896), p. 208] and [Tannery (1900)].

⁵⁰⁶[Roegel (2011)]

⁵⁰⁷See [Bosmans (1901-1902), pp. 111-114] and [Bosmans (1901), pp. 297-298].

⁵⁰⁸See [von Braunmühl (1900, 1903), v. 1, p. 158] and [Cantor (1900), p. 583].

⁵⁰⁹[Eneström (1892)]

⁵¹⁰[Roegel (2011)]

⁵¹¹See [de Mérez (1880)] for a summary of Bressieu's life and works.

⁵¹²[Waddington (1855), p. 337]

⁵¹³[Bressieu (1581)]

bottom to top. Consequently, the second column actually also gives the cosines from 18° to 19° , from top to bottom.

The values are given in degrees (or parts) with a radius of 60. For instance, the sine of 45° is given as 42; 25, 35 as $\text{Sin } 45^\circ = 42 + 25/60 + 35/60^2 + \dots$. This table contains exactly the same values as in Fine's tables.⁵¹⁴

Bressieu also gives a second table (figure 50), which actually contains values of the tangents and secants, also with a radius of 60. For instance,

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Tan } 45^\circ = 60 & \text{is given as } 1, 0; 0, 0 \\ \text{Sec } 60^\circ = 120 & \text{is given as } 2, 0; 0, 0 \\ \text{Tan } 89^\circ 3' = 60^2 + 18 + 20/60 + \dots & \text{is given as } 1, 0, 18; 20 \end{array}$$

and so on. Bressieu's tables of tangents and secants are the only known printed fully sexagesimal tables of tangents and secants. Their layout follows the style used by Rheticus in 1542 and not that used in Bressieu's table of sines.

It appears that these tangents and secants have not been computed from Bressieu's table of sines which is not sufficiently accurate. Bressieu could have taken another table giving the tangents and secants for every minute, but the only such table available in 1581 was Viète's table⁵¹⁵ and the last values of Bressieu's tangents do not agree with Viète's values. Yet another possibility is that Bressieu used Reinhold's values for the tangents.⁵¹⁶ But this appears again not to be the case.

I believe instead that Bressieu used Regiomontanus's table of sines (or a derivative thereof) for $R = 10^7$ and computed a number of sexagesimal values of the tangents and secants in his second table, but not all of them. For the last values of the table, Bressieu may have done a number of special computations, but for the other gaps, I believe that Bressieu interpolated the missing values. In fact, if Bressieu would have used Regiomontanus's values in each case, he would have obtained more accurate values for the tangents and secants. The deviations do not occur only for the last values around 90° , but also for smaller values. For instance, for $\text{Tan } 75^\circ$, Bressieu gives 3, 43; 55, 18, and working with Regiomontanus's values would have given him 3, 43; 55, 23 which is the correct value. For $\text{Tan } 89^\circ 59'$, Bressieu gives 57, 17, 42; 26, when the correct value is 57, 17, 44; 48, 1, \dots , which he would have obtained using Viète's table. Regiomontanus's values instead would have given 57, 17, 36; 25.

⁵¹⁴[Fine (1530), Fine (1550)]

⁵¹⁵[Viète (1579)]

⁵¹⁶[Reinhold (1554)]

In figure 13, the accuracy of Bressieu's tables is indicated as $60; 60^2$, by which I mean a radius of 60 and two sexagesimal places. However, for 89° and above, the values of the tangents and secants are given to only one sexagesimal place.

Bressieu is mentioned by Zeller⁵¹⁷ but not by Glowatzki and Göttsche.

6.19 Giuntini (1581)

Francesco Giuntini (1523-1590) was an Italian theologian and one of the most famous astrologer of the second half of the 16th century.⁵¹⁸

In his *Speculum astrologiæ*⁵¹⁹ published in 1581, Giuntini included a table of sines with $R = 10^5$ and an interval of $1'$ (figure 51). This table was most certainly copied from one of Apian's tables (1533, 1534 or 1541),⁵²⁰ or perhaps from one of its derivatives.

The 1573 edition of the *Speculum astrologiæ* does not contain this sine table.

6.20 Padovani (1582)

Giovanni Padovani (b. c1512) was an Italian mathematician and astronomer.⁵²¹ He was from Verona and a student of the astronomer and mathematician Pietro Pitati.

In his *De compositione, & usu multiformium horologiorum solarium*,⁵²² a work on sundials published in 1582, Padovani included a table of sines with $R = 10^5$ and an interval of $1'$ (figure 52). Like Giuntini's table (1581), Padovani's table was also most certainly copied from one of Apian's tables (1533, 1534 or 1541),⁵²³ or perhaps from one of its derivatives, but Giuntini and Padovani's tables do not share the same layout.

An earlier edition of Padovani's work on sundials was published in 1570, but I have not seen it. It possibly lacks the table of sines.

⁵¹⁷[Zeller (1944), pp. 86-88]

⁵¹⁸For a summary of Giuntini's life and works, see [Ernst (2001)].

⁵¹⁹[Giuntini (1581)]

⁵²⁰[Apian (1533)], [Apian (1534)] and [Apian (1541)].

⁵²¹For a summary of Padovani's life and works, see [Pizzamiglio (2004), p. 58-59].

⁵²²[Padovani (1582)]

⁵²³[Apian (1533)], [Apian (1534)] and [Apian (1541)].

6.21 Fincke (1583)

Thomas Fincke (1561-1656) was born in Flensburg, Germany, now at the border with Denmark. From 1577 to 1582, he studied mathematics, astrology, rhetoric and philosophy, in particular with Conrad Dasypodius, a teacher at the Strasbourg University and one of the authors of the second astronomical clock of the Strasbourg cathedral.⁵²⁴

In 1581, Fincke published an ephemeris based on the prutenic tables (*Ephemeris coelestium motuum anni 1582, supputata ex Tabulis Prutenicis*). He returned from Strasbourg to Heidelberg and Leipzig, and moved to Basel in 1583. This is where, at the age of 22, he published his most famous work, his *Geometriae Rotundi*,⁵²⁵ an influential work on plane and spherical trigonometry based on Ramus's *Geometria* (1569).⁵²⁶

This book does in particular contain tables of sines (figure 54), tangents (figure 53) and secants (figure 55) with $R = 10^7$ and intervals of $1'$.⁵²⁷ And it was precisely Fincke who coined the names "tangent" and "secant" which had not been used before. Incidentally, Viète did apparently not approve of these names.⁵²⁸

Fincke's sines do slightly differ from those of Reinhold, hence from those of Regiomontanus. It seems that Fincke made a number of small last figure adjustments to either Reinhold's or Regiomontanus's tables.⁵²⁹ Given that the tangents were certainly taken from Reinhold (1554),⁵³⁰ I assume that this was also the case for the sines.

As far as the tangents are concerned, we can see for instance that the last values agree with those of Reinhold, except for $89^\circ 53'$, $89^\circ 56'$, and $89^\circ 57'$. In the first case, Fincke's tangent is less accurate than Reinhold's, but in the two other cases the tangents are slightly more accurate.

Finally, Fincke's secants are the result of new computations. The val-

⁵²⁴For summaries of Fincke's life and works, see [Thorndike (1958), p. 140], [Verdonk (1971)], [Moesgaard (1972), p. 119-120] and [van Brummelen (2021), pp. 13-16]. Some authors have wrongly attributed some works of Kaspar Finck (1578-1631), who was a German theologian, to Thomas Fincke. In particular, the *Methodica tractatio doctrinae sphaericae* published in 1626, and cited by Moesgaard, is not by Thomas Fincke.

⁵²⁵[Fincke (1583)]

⁵²⁶See [Schönbeck (2004)] and [Zeller (1944), pp. 88-90].

⁵²⁷See also [Glaisher (1873), p. 42].

⁵²⁸[Zeller (1944), p. 88]

⁵²⁹[Glowatzki and Göttsche (1990), pp. 157-158]

⁵³⁰[Reinhold (1554)]

ues differ from those of Rheticus's *Canon doctrinæ triangulorum*.⁵³¹ Fincke, however, did not use Regiomontanus's sines, nor his own version to compute the secants. Instead, it seems that he computed the secants using his tangents. Fincke most certainly used the formula

$$\text{Sec } x = \sqrt{\text{Tan}^2 x + R^2}$$

to compute the secants, and when computing $\text{Tan}^2 x$, he must have kept only seven or eight significant figures and rounded, although the procedure may not have been systematic. This is reminiscent of the computation of cotangents by Rheticus in 1551, and also echoes a recent suggestion by van Brummelen and Byrne for the computation of secants by Maurolico.⁵³² In fact, it is only after I concluded the above that I noticed that van Brummelen and Byrne claimed that Fincke used this formula to compute the secant.⁵³³

Fincke's tangents and secants, as well as Reinhold's tangents, are less accurate than those published by Viète in 1579. For instance, Fincke and Reinhold gave $\text{Tan } 89^\circ 59' = \text{Cot } 1' = 34376070815$ (for $R = 10^7$) where only the first four figures are correct. Instead, Viète gives a value whose error is about 10000 times smaller. This is so because Viète took more accurate values for the sines and understood that this was necessary in order to obtain tangents with such an accuracy.

I am giving separately a modern reconstruction of Fincke's tables.⁵³⁴

After the publication of his *Geometriæ Rotundi*, Fincke began to study medicine in Basel, Padua, Siena and Pisa. He became MD in 1587. He then returned to Denmark where he held the chair of mathematics at the University of Copenhagen from 1591 until 1602, but afterwards was more active as a physician and his mathematical activity never reached again the level of his 1583 book.

6.22 Clavius (1586)

Christopher Clavius (1537 or 1538-1612) was a German mathematician and astronomer. He was born in Bamberg and entered the Jesuit order in Rome in 1555.⁵³⁵ He published his *Euclidis elementorum libri XV* (*The elements of*

⁵³¹[Rheticus (1551)]

⁵³²[van Brummelen and Byrne (2021)]

⁵³³[van Brummelen and Byrne (2021), p. 206]

⁵³⁴[Roegel (2021m)]

⁵³⁵For summaries of Clavius's life and works, see [Busard (1971b)], [Naux (1983)], [Knobloch (1988)], [Lattis (1994)] and [Sasaki (2003), p. 45-93].

Euclid) in 1574 and was a supporter of the Ptolemaic system, and at the same time a friend of Galileo. He also helped develop algebra in Italy and introduced Stifel's symbols "+" and "-."

He was also a member of the Vatican commission that accepted the proposed calendar invented by Aloysius Lilius, that is known as Gregorian calendar.

In his last years he was probably the most respected astronomer in Europe and his textbooks were used for astronomical education for over fifty years in and even out of Europe.

In 1586, Clavius published an edition of Theodosius's sphaerics,⁵³⁶ in which he included tables of sines (figure 56), tangents (figure 57) and secants (figures 58 and 59) with $R = 10^7$ and at intervals of $1'$.⁵³⁷

Clavius's sines and tangents were taken from Reinhold (1554),⁵³⁸ as they do not show the alterations made by Fincke.⁵³⁹ But the secants instead were taken from Fincke's work (1583).⁵⁴⁰ And in fact Clavius used the new names "tangent" and "secant" coined by Fincke. Clavius, however, corrected all the typos in the earlier editions (but not the last digit deviations).⁵⁴¹

On the other hand, Clavius's table has at least one typo, namely for $\sin 89^\circ 30'$ which he gives as 9999616 instead of the correct 9999619. This error was corrected by Magini in 1592, and by Clavius himself in 1593.

Clavius's 1586 table, without the corrections of the typos, was copied by Blundeville in 1594.

6.23 Bürgi (1587)

This survey of 15th and 16th century trigonometrical tables based on Regiomontanus's work would not be complete without mentioning Jost Bürgi (1552-1632). Bürgi is well known as a (very) skillful mechanic, clock-maker and instrument maker, and also as an inventor of a table of progressions which could be used for the same purpose as logarithms.⁵⁴²

⁵³⁶[Clavius (1586)]

⁵³⁷[Zeller (1944), pp. 91-94]

⁵³⁸[Reinhold (1554)]

⁵³⁹[Fincke (1583)]

⁵⁴⁰[Fincke (1583)]

⁵⁴¹[Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), p. 158]

⁵⁴²On Bürgi's table of progressions, see [Roegel (2010d)]. The most recent overview of Bürgi's work, which contains many other references, is [Staudacher (2018)]. For reasons explained in [Roegel (2017)], I do not view Bürgi as a coinventor of logarithms.

Around 1587, Bürgi devised a new way (his so-called “*Kunstweg*”) to compute sines iteratively, without any geometrical construction⁵⁴³ and he constructed at least two tables, one giving the sines at intervals of $2''$ and another giving the sines at intervals of $1'$. However, I believe that Bürgi did not use his new algorithm to construct these tables, and instead built up the tables by finite differences. Although Bürgi’s work represents a new computation of sines, it is therefore possible that he reinvented some techniques already used by Regiomontanus, and even before in India, as mentioned earlier (see § 5).

The $2''$ table does not seem to have survived, but the $1'$ table resurfaced a few years ago. At that time, I made modern reconstructions of both tables.⁵⁴⁴

Bürgi’s surviving sine table (figure 60) gives the sines at intervals of $1'$, with a radius $R = 60$, and to four sexagesimal places, except for the last two degrees where they are given to five and six sexagesimal places. These four sexagesimal places correspond to a radius of 10^9 with a sine usually correct to 9 decimal places.

For instance, $\sin 75^\circ$ is given as 57; 57, 19, 58, 43 which corresponds to the decimal value 0.965925827, the correct value being 0.96592582628906 . . .

In contrast, Rheticus and Otho’s *Opus palatinum* (1596)⁵⁴⁵ gives the value 9659258263 for $\sin 75^\circ$, and this is correct to 10 places. Rheticus also gives the sines every $10''$.

And in 1613 Pitiscus⁵⁴⁶ gave 96592,58262,89067, instead of the correct 96592,58262,89068. Rheticus must have had such accurate values already in the 1570s, before Bürgi, but with the exception of Rheticus, Bürgi’s table was probably the most accurate sine table constructed at the end of the 16th century.

Bürgi’s table can be compared to those of Fine, Schreckenfuchs and Bressieu which are also sexagesimal tables, but which are less accurate and based on Regiomontanus’s sines.

⁵⁴³[Roegel (2015), Roegel (2016b), Roegel (2016a)]

⁵⁴⁴[Roegel (2016c), Roegel (2016d)]

⁵⁴⁵[Rheticus and Otho (1596)]

⁵⁴⁶[Pitiscus (1613)]

6.24 Gallucci (1588)

Giovanni Paolo Gallucci (1538-1621) was an Italian astronomer and translator.⁵⁴⁷ Among his notable translations, Gallucci published in 1591 his *Della simmetria dei corpi humani*, a translation of Dürer's "Four books on human proportion" (*Vier bücher von menschlicher Proportion*, 1528). He was also a private teacher to the Venetian nobility and a founding member of the second Venetian Academy.

Gallucci's most famous works are probably his *Theatrum mundi, et temporis*⁵⁴⁸ published in 1588, and his *Speculum Uranicum* published in 1593, both featuring some volvelles. In the *Theatrum mundi* Gallucci also included a table of sines with a radius $R = 60000$ and an interval of $1'$ (figure 61). This table was most certainly copied from Engel's table (§ 6.1), in one of the editions of the *Tabulæ directionum profectionumque* where it appears, not necessarily the 1490 edition. Gallucci uses exactly the same layout, with six half-degrees per page, but he has dropped the differences. The values seem to agree, with the exception of a few transcription errors.

6.25 Lansberge (1591)

Philip van Lansberge (1561-1632) was born in Ghent, Belgium, but in 1566 his parents moved to France and then to England, because of the religious troubles. There, he studied mathematics and theology.⁵⁴⁹ He became a protestant minister in Antwerp in 1580 and then established himself in the Netherlands.

In 1591 he published his *Triangulorum geometriæ*⁵⁵⁰ which is closely based on Fincke's *Geometriæ Rotundi*.⁵⁵¹ Lansberge did in particular include Fincke's tables of sines (figure 62), tangents (figure 63) and secants (figure 64) with $R = 10^7$ and at intervals of $1'$.⁵⁵² These tables are therefore ultimately based on those of Regiomontanus.⁵⁵³ Lansberge also used the new names "tangent" and "secant" coined by Fincke. I am giving

⁵⁴⁷For a description of some of Gallucci's works, see [Delambre (1821), v. 1, pp. 711-714] and [Ernst (1998)].

⁵⁴⁸[Gallucci (1588)]

⁵⁴⁹For a summary of Lansberge's life and works, see [Busard (1973)].

⁵⁵⁰[van Lansberge (1591)]

⁵⁵¹[Fincke (1583)]

⁵⁵²[Zeller (1944), pp. 94-97]

⁵⁵³[Glowatzki and Göttsche (1990), p. 159]

separately a modern reconstruction of Lansberge's tables.⁵⁵⁴

In 1632, Lansberge published his best known work, his *Tabulae motuum coelestium perpetuæ*, for the prediction of planetary positions. Lansberge was a follower of Copernicus and his work is based on an epicyclic theory, but he did not accept Kepler's theories.

Lansberge died that same year in Middelburg in the Netherlands.

6.26 Magini (1592)

Giovanni Antonio Magini (1555-1617) was an Italian astronomer, astrologer, cartographer, and mathematician. He was born in Padua and studied in Bologna where in 1588 he obtained one of the chairs of mathematics.⁵⁵⁵

Magini's chief scholarly interest was astrology and he adhered to the Ptolemaic principles. He was much more skilled in calculations than in theory and his ephemerides were useful. In 1592, he published his work *De planis triangulis*.⁵⁵⁶ This work also contained a *Tabula tetragonica*⁵⁵⁷ which could be used to compute the products of two numbers.

The *De planis triangulis* also contains tables of sines (figure 65), tangents (figure 66) and secants (figure 67) with $R = 10^7$ and at $1'$ intervals.⁵⁵⁸ These tables are copied from those of Clavius (and borrow Fincke's new names),⁵⁵⁹ and thus are ultimately based on those of Regiomontanus.⁵⁶⁰ But contrary to Clavius, Magini has adopted a semi-quadrantal arrangement and only runs the angles up to 45° . The sines are the *sinus primus*, the cosines are the *sinus secundus*, and similarly with the tangents and secants. The value of $\sin 89^\circ 30'$ is given by Magini as 9999619, which is correct, but Clavius had 9999616. It therefore appears that Magini has corrected Clavius's typo.

Magini's *De planis triangulis* also contains a *Tabula gnomonica* which is a table of arctangents similar to that of Peurbach,⁵⁶¹ but where the entries vary between 0 and 1000.

In his *Primum mobile duodecim libris contentum*⁵⁶² published in 1609,

⁵⁵⁴[Roegel (2021n)]

⁵⁵⁵For a summary of Magini's life and works, see [Campedelli (1974)].

⁵⁵⁶[Magini (1592)]

⁵⁵⁷[Magini (1593)]

⁵⁵⁸[Zeller (1944), pp. 97-100]

⁵⁵⁹[Clavius (1586)]

⁵⁶⁰[Glowatzki and Göttsche (1990), pp. 159-160]

⁵⁶¹[von Peurbach (1516)]

⁵⁶²[Magini (1609)]

Magini gives another table with $R = 10^7$ and at $1'$ intervals, with sines, versines, tangents and secants, but the values are not those of the 1592 table. Instead, Magini took the values from Rheticus and Othos' *Opus palatinum* (1596).⁵⁶³

The later years of Magini's life were devoted to cartography and geography. He worked in particular on an atlas of Italy.

6.27 Clavius (1593)

In 1593, Clavius published his work *Astrolabium*⁵⁶⁴ which contained a sine table with $R = 10^7$ and at intervals of $1'$ (figure 68). This table was copied from Clavius's earlier tables published in 1586,⁵⁶⁵ but with some corrections. For instance, as mentioned previously, the value of $\sin 89^\circ 30'$ was given incorrectly in Clavius's 1586 table, and was corrected here, perhaps after the discovery of the typo by Magini.

6.28 Fale (1593)

Thomas Fale (born c1560?) was an English mathematician. Very little is known of him.⁵⁶⁶

In 1593, Fale published his *Horologiographia*.⁵⁶⁷ This work, which is the only one known of him, appears to be the first book in English on sundials.⁵⁶⁸ It contains in particular a table of sines (figure 69) which was presumably copied from Witekind's *Conformatio horologiorum sciotericorum etc.*⁵⁶⁹ published in 1576 and with which it shares the values and the layout.⁵⁷⁰ There are however some slight differences, and Fale gives for instance $\sin 5^\circ 3' = 8803$, when Witekind gave the correct 8802 (compare figures 46 and 69).

As observed by De Morgan and Goodwin, Fale's table may be the earliest sine table printed in England.⁵⁷¹

⁵⁶³See [Rheticus and Otho (1596)] and [Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), p. 160].

⁵⁶⁴[Clavius (1593)]

⁵⁶⁵[Clavius (1586)]

⁵⁶⁶[Goodwin (1889)]

⁵⁶⁷[Fale (1593)] Later editions were printed in 1626, 1627, 1633, 1652 and perhaps other years. A facsimile was published in 1971.

⁵⁶⁸[Turner (1989)]

⁵⁶⁹[Witekind (1576)]

⁵⁷⁰[Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), p. 177]

⁵⁷¹See [De Morgan (1851), p. 598] and [Goodwin (1889)].

6.29 Blundeville (1594)

Thomas Blundeville (c1522-c1606) was an English writer and mathematician, who wrote in particular on horsemanship and cartography.⁵⁷²

In 1594, he published his *Exercises, containing sixe Treatises, etc.*⁵⁷³ which contain tables of sines, tangents and secants for $R = 10^7$ and at intervals of $1'$.⁵⁷⁴ These tables are based on those published by Clavius⁵⁷⁵ in 1586 and Blundeville explicitly mentions Clavius. They use the new names coined by Fincke in 1583. It is possible that Blundeville's tables are the first complete (that is not merely of sines) trigonometric tables published in England.⁵⁷⁶

Interestingly, Blundeville carried Clavius's incorrect value for $\sin 89^\circ 30'$ given in the 1586 table.

Thus Blundeville's sines are ultimately based on Regiomontanus's tables.⁵⁷⁷

6.30 Ceulen (1596)

Ludolph van Ceulen (1540-1610) was a German-Dutch mathematician born in Hildesheim. At some point he settled in Holland. In the 1580s and 1590s he was a fencing master as well as a mathematics teacher. He died in 1610 in Leiden.⁵⁷⁸

In 1596 he published his main work, *Vanden circkel etc.*⁵⁷⁹ where he gave among other things a 20-place approximation of π .

Ceulen's book also contains tables of sines, tangents and secants for $R = 10^7$ and at intervals of $1'$ (figure 71). Ceulen's tables are certainly based on those of Lansberge⁵⁸⁰ who is mentioned by Ceulen.⁵⁸¹ Ceulen uses the

⁵⁷²For summaries of Blundeville's life and works, see [Bullen (1886)], [Jacquot (1953)], [Taylor (1954), p. 173, 331], and [de Smet (1979)].

⁵⁷³[Blundeville (1594)]

⁵⁷⁴[Zeller (1944), p.101]

⁵⁷⁵[Clavius (1586)]

⁵⁷⁶See [De Morgan (1851), p. 598] and [van Brummelen (2021), p. 53].

⁵⁷⁷[Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), p. 160]

⁵⁷⁸For a summary of Ceulen's life and works, see [Struik (1971)].

⁵⁷⁹[Ceulen (1596)]

⁵⁸⁰[van Lansberge (1591)]

⁵⁸¹See [Ceulen (1596), f° 25] which mentions Regiomontanus, Reinhold, Rheticus, Clavius and Lansberge, but not Fincke. Glowatzki and Götsche only relate Ceulen's tables to Regiomontanus [Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), pp. 160-161].

new names introduced by Fincke in 1583.

Ceulen departed somewhat from the previous tables, in that he did not separate sines, tangents and secants in different tables, but put them together, for a range of two degrees, on each page.

6.31 Rheticus/Otho (1596)

After the publication of his *Canon doctrinae triangulorum* in 1551 which was based on Regiomontanus's tables,⁵⁸² Rheticus (1514-1574)⁵⁸³ continued to work on a more extensive project, where the six trigonometric functions would be given every 10" and for a larger radius. As observed by Zeller,⁵⁸⁴ "Rheticus built his trigonometry on the foundation established by Regiomontanus."

Rheticus embarked on totally new computations, but his work was only completed after his death by Lucius Valentinus Otho (c1545-1603) and published in 1596 in the *Opus palatinum*⁵⁸⁵ (figure 72). Otho had met Rheticus in 1573 and Rheticus had asked him to complete his work.

With the exception of Bürgi's work, this was the first new computation of trigonometric values in the 16th century, since most of the trigonometric tables printed in the 16th century actually use values or computations inherited from Regiomontanus's tables⁵⁸⁶ (see figure 13).

However, even a cursory examination of the *Opus palatinum* reveals that it contains two overlapping tables. On one hand, there is a table giving all six functions with a radius $R = 10^{10}$ and an interval of 10". This table spans 540 pages. On the other hand, there is a table giving only the cosecants and cotangents, with a radius $R = 10^7$ and the same interval of 10". This second table spans 180 pages. One might expect the second table to be an abridgement of the first, but this is not the case, as is apparent when comparing the first values of the cosecants and cotangents. These two tables obviously correspond to two different computations. This has actually been noticed before, and Glaisher wrote that "there seems no reason why it should have been printed at all, as the great ten-decimal canon completely supersedes it."⁵⁸⁷

⁵⁸²[Rheticus (1551)]

⁵⁸³[Rosen (1975b)]

⁵⁸⁴[Zeller (1944), p. 62]

⁵⁸⁵See [Rheticus and Otho (1596)] and [Roegel (2010e)]. See also [Glaisher (1873), p. 43] and [van Brummelen (2009), pp. 273-282] for descriptions of the *Opus palatinum*.

⁵⁸⁶[Glowatzki and Göttsche (1990), p. i]

⁵⁸⁷[Glaisher (1873), p. 43]

I have therefore assumed that the shorter table is in fact an older table, perhaps computed by Rheticus around 1560.⁵⁸⁸ I believe that after his *Canon doctrinæ triangulorum* (1551), which already used $R = 10^7$ and an interval of $10'$, Rheticus decided first to compute the functions with an interval 60 times smaller, that is $10''$, but with the same radius. This is what I have shown in figure 13.

It is in fact easy to see what were the computations in this first attempt at a $10''$ table (and it would consequently be rather straightforward to complete this table with those for the sines, cosines, tangents and secants, which presumably existed). We can observe that the cosecants at $1'$ intervals were merely obtained by the fractions $10^{14}/2909$, $10^{14}/5818$, $10^{14}/8727$, $10^{14}/11635$, $10^{14}/14544$, etc. In other words, Rheticus merely used the sines found in Regiomontanus's table, apparently sometimes with slight adjustments (as for $\text{Csc } 4'$ or $\text{Csc } 10'$), but adjustments that did not always produce more accurate results (as for $\text{Csc } 4'$). It is possible that some of these "adjustments" were in fact typos. Rheticus did the same for the cotangents, taking the sines from Regiomontanus. It seems that the adjustments made for the sines in the case of cosecants were also used for the cotangents, but this should be checked throughout the table.

For the $10''$ intervals, Rheticus merely interpolated the sines. For instance, $\text{Csc } 10''$ is obtained using $\text{Sin } 10'' = 485$, $\text{Csc } 20''$ uses $\text{Sin } 20'' = 970$, and so on. There may be the usual typos, such as for $\text{Cot } 10''$ which is given as 206085546390, but should be 206185546392, and was merely obtained by dividing 9999999 by 485.

Sometime after that first computation, Rheticus must have realized that the cosecants and cotangents could not be computed accurately with such a scheme, because Regiomontanus's sines were not accurate enough for small angles. He must therefore have decided to construct a larger table, and he computed this time the sines and cosines with a radius of 10^{15} and an interval of $10''$. This was probably done around 1570. This work was used to produce the table for $R = 10^{10}$ published in 1596. However, the cosecants and cotangents were not computed using these accurate values of the sines, but those from the *Opus palatinum* itself. For instance, for $\text{Csc } 1'$, Rheticus (or Otho) used the sine value 2908882, instead of Regiomontanus's 2909, but not the more accurate 290888204563 in the $R = 10^{15}$ table.

When the *Opus palatinum* was published, Otho must have decided to

⁵⁸⁸This concurs with De Morgan who considered that "it is clearly nothing but a previous attempt made before the larger plan was resolved on." ([De Morgan (1851), p. 599] and [Glaisher (1873), p. 43])

include Rheticus's earlier computation of cosecants and cotangents, but the reason for publishing it remains unclear, as Otho must have realized that these first calculations were inadequate. On the other hand, it was much more difficult for him than for us to realize it, and he perhaps decided to include these tables in case they contained some valuable results.

Of course, computing the cosecants and cotangents with the sines given in the *Opus palatinum* is still not enough for small angles, as the sines are still not sufficiently accurate. This led Bartholomaeus Pitiscus (1561-1613) to correct the *Opus palatinum* and to publish Rheticus's sine table with $R = 10^{15}$ (figure 73) as well as other tables that he computed himself in his *Thesaurus mathematicus*.⁵⁸⁹ Incidentally, Pitiscus was the one who first coined the word "trigonometry."

7 Conclusion

This marks the end of our journey through 15th and 16th century fundamental trigonometric tables. But this end is also a beginning. Rheticus's *Opus palatinum* and its amendments by Pitiscus were the start of a new era and these tables would themselves last until the 20th century. And the first years of the 17th century were the place of a bifurcation. On one hand trigonometric tables would continue their path, with little changes beyond Rheticus's masterpiece,⁵⁹⁰ and on the other hand they made their foray into the world of logarithms, as if logarithms naturally absorbed the trigonometric functions.⁵⁹¹

Logarithms first appeared in public in 1614, and they started in association with sines. Indeed, when Napier published⁵⁹² the first table of logarithms in 1614, it was a table of logarithms of sines, and these sines were either those of Fincke⁵⁹³ or those of Lansberge.⁵⁹⁴ Napier's work was therefore based again on that of Regiomontanus, and not yet on Rheticus's work.

⁵⁸⁹See [Pitiscus (1613)] and [Roegel (2010f)].

⁵⁹⁰De Morgan wrote that "There have been no trigonometrical tables of note published since the invention of logarithms, except those which contain logarithms" [De Morgan (1842), p. 497].

⁵⁹¹See [van Brummelen (2021), pp. 62-109] for a recent survey of the development of logarithms as a continuation of trigonometry.

⁵⁹²See [Napier (1614)] and [Roegel (2010g)].

⁵⁹³[Fincke (1583)]

⁵⁹⁴[van Lansberge (1591)]

Three years later, the decimal logarithms were introduced by Briggs,⁵⁹⁵ and expanded in 1624 and 1628.⁵⁹⁶ They were however unrelated to trigonometric tables.

Edmund Gunter was the first to compute and publish tables of decimal logarithms of sines and tangents in 1620.⁵⁹⁷ His tables gave the logarithms to 8 places and were probably based on Rheticus's *Opus palatinum* or Pitiscus's *Thesaurus mathematicus*.

In 1633, Henry Gellibrand completed and published Henry Briggs's *Trigonometria Britannica*⁵⁹⁸ which was a large table of trigonometric functions and decimal logarithms of trigonometric functions. Briggs's table was in fact the result of a new computation of sines, tangents and secants,⁵⁹⁹ in which he divided the degree in 100 parts. The sines were computed with $R = 10^{15}$ and the tangents and secants with $R = 10^{10}$. Briggs's trigonometric functions are not based on earlier tables, not even on those of Rheticus's *Opus palatinum*.

The same year 1633, Adriaan Vlacq independently published his *Trigonometria artificialis*.⁶⁰⁰ This work gives only the logarithms of sines, cosines, tangents and cotangents, and not the trigonometric functions themselves. But contrary to Briggs, Vlacq computed his logarithms using the values given by Rheticus in his *Opus palatinum*. It was Vlacq's table and not Briggs's table which had the greatest offspring, and was many times reprinted, simplified and adapted until the 20th century.

⁵⁹⁵[Briggs (1617)]

⁵⁹⁶[Briggs (1624), Vlacq (1628)]

⁵⁹⁷[Gunter (1620)]

⁵⁹⁸[Briggs and Gellibrand (1633)]

⁵⁹⁹[Glowatzki and Götsche (1990), p. ii]

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4	6992	35	70022	65	214450
5	8748	36	72654	66	224607
6	10511	37	75356	67	235583
7	12278	38	78129	68	247513
8	14053	39	80978	69	260511
9	15838	40	83909	70	274753
10	17633	41	86929	71	290422
11	19439	42	90040	72	307767
12	21256	43	93254	73	327088
13	23087	44	96571	74	348748
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16	28674	47	107236	77	433148
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18	32492	49	115037	79	514438
19	34433	50	119177	80	567118
20	36396	51	123491	81	631377
21	38387	52	127994	82	711569
22	40402	53	132704	83	814456
23	42448	54	137639	84	951387
24	44522	55	142813	85	1143131
25	46631	56	148253	86	1430203
26	48772	57	153987	87	1908217
27	50952	58	160035	88	2863563
28	53170	59	166429	89	5729796
29	55432	60	173207	90	Infinitū
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Figure 15: Excerpt of Regiomontanus's table of tangents [Regiomontanus (1490)] (source: The Budapest University of Technology and Economics, 85.211, www.manuscriptorium.com).

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2	34	82	28	75	20	64
3	52	99	46	92	37	5281
4	69	1116	2 163	3 209	4 255	98
5	87	34	81	27	22	53 16
6	104	1151	98	44	89	33
7	22	69	22 16	3 262	4 307	51
8	39	86	33	79	24	5368
9	157	1204	50	97	42	85
10	74	21	2268	33 14	4359	5403
11	91	39	85	31	76	20
12	209	1256	2303	49	94	37
13	26	74	20	3366	44 11	5455
14	44	91	38	84	29	72
15	61	1308	2355	3401	46	90
16	279	26	73	18	4463	5507
17	96	43	90	36	81	24
18	3 14	1361	2407	3453	98	42
19	31	78	25	71	45 16	5559
20	49	96	42	88	33	77
21	366	1413	2460	3506	50	94
22	83	31	77	23	4568	5611
23	401	48	95	40	85	29
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25	36	83	29	75	20	5663
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28	88	35	82	28	72	57 16
29	506	1553	99	45	90	33
30	23	20	26 17	62	4707	50

Figure 16: Excerpt of Engel's table of sines with $R = 60000$ [Regiomontanus (1490)] (source: The Budapest University of Technology and Economics, 85.211, www.manuscriptorium.com).

Arcus	Sinus	Arcus	Sinus	Arcus	Sinus
S. M.	Partes	S. M.	Partes	S. M.	Partes
45	20 71120	50	0 76604	55	0 81915
	30 71325		10 76790		10 82082
	40 71529		20 76977		20 82247
45	50 71730		30 77162		30 82412
	0 71934		40 77347		40 82577
46	10 72135	50	50 77530	55	50 82740
	20 72337	51	0 77714	56	0 82904
	30 72537		10 77897		10 83065
	40 72737		20 78079		20 83227
46	50 72934		30 78260		30 83389
	0 73135		40 78440		40 83549
47	10 73334	51	50 78620	56	50 83707
	20 73530	52	0 78800	57	0 83867
	30 73727		10 78979		10 84025
	40 73934		20 79157		20 84119
47	50 74119		30 79334		30 84339
	0 74314		40 79512		40 84495
48	10 74509	52	50 79687	57	50 84650
	20 74702	53	0 79864	58	0 84804
	30 74895		10 80037		10 84959
	40 75087		20 80212		20 85112
48	50 75279		30 80385		30 85264
	0 75432		40 80559		40 85415
49	10 75660	53	50 80730	58	50 85565
	20 75850	54	0 80902	59	0 85717
	30 76040		10 81072		10 85865
	40 76229		20 81242		20 86014
49	50 76417		30 81410		30 86162
			40 81580		40 86310
		54	50 81747	59	50 86457

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Figure 17: Excerpt of Gaurico's table of sines, with $R = 100000$ [Regiomontanus (1524)] (source: Google books).

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2	34 27	34 1	33 14	32 5	30 31	28 33	26 10	23 19	20 1	
3	35 27	35 0	34 13	33 3	31 30	29 31	27 7	24 16	20 57	
4	36 27	36 0	35 12	34 2	32 28	30 29	28 4	25 13	21 54	
5	37 26	37 0	36 11	35 0	33 26	31 27	29 2	26 10	22 50	
6	38 26	37 59	37 10	35 59	34 24	32 25	29 59	27 7	23 47	
7	39 26	38 58	38 9	36 58	35 22	33 22	30 57	28 4	24 43	
8	40 25	39 58	39 8	37 57	36 21	34 20	31 54	29 1	25 40	
9	41 25	40 57	40 7	38 55	37 19	35 18	32 51	29 58	26 36	
10	42 25	41 56	41 6	39 54	38 17	36 16	33 49	30 54	27 32	
11	43 25	42 56	42 5	40 52	39 15	37 14	34 46	31 51	28 29	
12	44 24	43 55	43 4	41 51	40 13	38 11	35 43	32 48	29 25	
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14	46 24	45 54	45 2	43 48	42 10	40 7	37 38	34 42	31 18	
15	47 23	46 53	46 1	44 47	43 8	41 5	38 35	35 39	32 14	
16	48 23	47 52	47 0	45 45	44 6	42 2	39 32	36 36	33 11	
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21	53 21	52 49	51 55	50 38	48 57	46 51	44 19	41 19	37 52	
22	54 21	53 48	52 54	51 36	49 55	47 48	45 16	42 16	38 48	
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38	10 14	9 36	8 35	7 12	5 24	3 10	25 0 31	57 24	53 48	
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57	29 4	28 19	27 11	25 40	23 44	21 23	18 35	15 19	11 34	
58	30 4	29 18	28 10	26 38	24 42	22 20	19 32	16 15	12 30	
59	31 3	30 17	29 8	27 37	25 40	23 17	20 29	17 12	13 26	
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Figure 18: Excerpt of Fine's table of sines [Fine (1530)] (source: Google books).

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m	Sinus.	Sinus.	Sinus.	Sinus.	Sinus.	Sinus.	Sinus.	Sinus.	Sinus.	Sinus.
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2	64323	65649	66956	68242	69507	70751	71974	73175	74353	75509
3	64345	65671	66977	68263	69528	70772	71994	73194	74372	75528
4	64367	65693	66999	68284	69549	70792	72014	73214	74392	75547
5	64390	65715	67021	68306	69570	70813	72034	73234	74411	75566
6	64412	65737	67042	68327	69591	70833	72055	73254	74431	75585
7	64434	65759	67064	68348	69612	70854	72075	73274	74450	75604
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10	64501	65825	67128	68412	69674	70916	72135	73333	74508	75661
11	64523	65847	67150	68433	69695	70936	72155	73352	74528	75680
12	64545	65868	67172	68454	69716	70957	72175	73372	74547	75699
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14	64590	65912	67215	68497	69758	70998	72216	73412	74586	75737
15	64612	65934	67236	68518	69779	71018	72236	73432	74605	75756
16	64634	65956	67258	68539	69799	71039	72256	73451	74625	75775
17	64656	65978	67279	68560	69820	71059	72276	73471	74644	75794
18	64678	66000	67301	68581	69841	71079	72296	73491	74663	75813
19	64701	66022	67322	68601	69862	71100	72316	73511	74683	75832
20	64723	66043	67344	68624	69883	71120	72336	73530	74702	75851
21	64745	66065	67365	68645	69903	71141	72356	73550	74721	75870
22	64767	66087	67387	68666	69924	71161	72377	73570	74741	75889
23	64789	66109	67408	68687	69945	71182	72397	73590	74760	75908
24	64811	66131	67430	68708	69966	71202	72417	73609	74779	75927
25	64834	66153	67451	68729	69987	71223	72437	73629	74799	75946
26	64856	66174	67473	68751	70007	71243	72457	73649	74818	75964
27	64878	66196	67494	68772	70028	71263	72477	73668	74837	75983
28	64900	66218	67516	68793	70049	71284	72497	73688	74857	76002
29	64922	66240	67537	68814	70070	71304	72517	73708	74876	76021
30	64944	66262	67559	68835	70090	71325	72537	73727	74895	76040
31	64966	66284	67580	68856	70111	71345	72557	73747	74914	76059
32	64989	66305	67601	68877	70132	71365	72577	73767	74934	76078
33	65011	66327	67623	68898	70153	71386	72597	73786	74953	76097
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36	65077	66392	67687	68961	70215	71447	72657	73845	75011	76153
37	65099	66414	67709	68981	70236	71467	72677	73865	75030	76172
38	65121	66436	67730	69004	70256	71487	72697	73884	75049	76191
39	65143	66457	67751	69025	70277	71508	72717	73904	75068	76210
40	65165	66479	67773	69046	70298	71528	72737	73923	75088	76229
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47	65320	66631	67922	69193	70442	71670	72876	74060	75221	76360
48	65342	66653	67944	69214	70463	71691	72896	74080	75241	76379
49	65364	66674	67965	69235	70484	71711	72916	74100	75260	76398
50	65386	66696	67986	69256	70504	71731	72936	74119	75279	76417
51	65408	66718	68008	69277	70525	71751	72956	74139	75299	76435
52	65430	66739	68029	69298	70545	71772	72976	74158	75318	76454
53	65452	66761	68050	69319	70566	71792	72996	74178	75337	76473
54	65474	66783	68071	69340	70587	71812	73016	74197	75356	76492
55	65496	66804	68094	69361	70607	71832	73036	74217	75375	76510
56	65518	66826	68114	69382	70628	71853	73055	74236	75394	76529
57	65540	66848	68135	69403	70648	71873	73075	74256	75413	76548
58	65561	66869	68156	69423	70669	71893	73095	74275	75431	76567
59	65583	66891	68178	69444	70690	71913	73115	74295	75451	76585
60	65605	66911	68199	69465	70710	71933	73135	74314	75470	76604

Figure 19: An excerpt of Apian's table of sines [Apian (1533)] (source: Bayerische Staatsbibliothek).

Tabula Sinuū rectorū siue semichordarū minutim extensa.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
m.	Sing.	Sing.	Sing.	Sing.	Sing.	Sinus.	Sinus.	Sinus.	Sinus.	Sinus.
0	00	1745	3489	5233	6977	8715	10451	12186	13917	15643
1	29	1774	3519	5262	7004	8744	10481	12215	13946	15672
2	58	1803	3548	5291	7033	8773	10510	12244	13974	15700
3	87	1832	3577	5320	7062	8802	10539	12273	14003	15729
4	116	1861	3606	5349	7091	8831	10568	12302	14032	15758
5	145	1890	3635	5378	7120	8860	10597	12331	14061	15787
6	174	1919	3664	5407	7149	8889	10626	12360	14090	15815
7	203	1948	3693	5436	7178	8918	10655	12389	14118	15844
8	232	1977	3722	5465	7207	8947	10684	12417	14147	15873
9	261	2007	3751	5494	7236	8976	10713	12446	14176	15901
10	290	2036	3780	5523	7265	9005	10742	12475	14205	15930
11	319	2065	3809	5552	7294	9034	10771	12504	14234	15959
12	349	2094	3838	5581	7323	9063	10799	12533	14262	15988
13	378	2123	3867	5610	7352	9092	10828	12562	14291	16016
14	407	2152	3896	5640	7381	9121	10857	12591	14320	16045
15	436	2181	3925	5669	7410	9150	10886	12619	14349	16074
16	465	2210	3954	5698	7439	9179	10915	12648	14378	16102
17	494	2239	3983	5727	7468	9208	10944	12677	14406	16131
18	523	2268	4012	5756	7497	9237	10973	12706	14435	16160
19	552	2297	4041	5785	7526	9266	11002	12735	14464	16189
20	581	2326	4070	5814	7555	9294	11031	12764	14493	16217
21	610	2355	4100	5843	7584	9323	11060	12793	14521	16246
22	639	2384	4129	5872	7613	9352	11089	12821	14550	16275
23	668	2413	4158	5901	7642	9381	11117	12850	14579	16303
24	697	2442	4187	5930	7671	9410	11146	12879	14608	16332
25	726	2471	4216	5959	7700	9439	11175	12908	14637	16361
26	755	2500	4245	5988	7729	9468	11204	12937	14665	16389
27	784	2529	4274	6017	7758	9497	11233	12966	14694	16418
28	813	2558	4303	6046	7787	9526	11262	12994	14723	16447
29	842	2587	4332	6075	7816	9555	11291	13023	14752	16476
30	871	2616	4361	6104	7845	9584	11320	13052	14780	16504
31	900	2645	4390	6133	7874	9613	11349	13081	14809	16533
32	929	2674	4419	6162	7903	9642	11378	13110	14838	16562
33	958	2703	4448	6191	7932	9671	11407	13139	14867	16590
34	987	2732	4477	6220	7961	9700	11436	13167	14896	16619
35	1016	2761	4506	6249	7990	9729	11465	13196	14924	16648
36	1045	2790	4535	6278	8019	9758	11493	13225	14953	16676
37	1074	2819	4564	6307	8048	9787	11522	13254	14982	16705
38	1103	2848	4593	6336	8077	9816	11551	13283	15011	16734
39	1132	2877	4622	6365	8106	9845	11580	13312	15039	16762
40	1161	2906	4651	6394	8135	9874	11609	13340	15068	16791
41	1190	2935	4680	6423	8164	9903	11638	13369	15097	16820
42	1219	2964	4709	6452	8193	9932	11667	13398	15126	16849
43	1248	2993	4738	6481	8222	9961	11696	13427	15154	16877
44	1277	3022	4767	6510	8251	9990	11725	13456	15183	16906
45	1306	3051	4796	6539	8280	10019	11753	13485	15212	16934
46	1335	3080	4825	6568	8309	10047	11782	13513	15241	16963
47	1364	3109	4854	6597	8338	10076	11811	13542	15269	16992
48	1393	3138	4883	6626	8367	10105	11840	13571	15298	17020
49	1422	3167	4912	6655	8396	10134	11869	13600	15327	17049
50	1451	3196	4941	6684	8425	10163	11898	13629	15356	17078
51	1480	3225	4970	6713	8454	10192	11927	13658	15384	17106
52	1509	3254	5000	6742	8483	10221	11955	13687	15413	17135
53	1538	3283	5029	6771	8512	10250	11984	13716	15442	17164
54	1567	3312	5058	6800	8541	10279	12013	13744	15471	17192
55	1596	3341	5087	6829	8570	10308	12042	13773	15500	17221
56	1625	3370	5116	6858	8599	10337	12071	13802	15529	17250
57	1654	3399	5145	6887	8628	10366	12100	13830	15557	17278
58	1683	3428	5174	6916	8657	10394	12129	13859	15586	17307
59	1712	3457	5203	6945	8686	10423	12158	13888	15614	17336
60	1741	3486	5232	6974	8715	10452	12187	13917	15643	17364

Figure 20: An excerpt of Apian's table of sines [Apian (1534)].

Tabula Sinuum rectorum siue semichordarum, minutim extenti.										
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
m Sinus	Sinus	Sinus	Sinus	Sinus	Sinus	Sinus	Sinus	Sinus	Sinus	Sinus
0	00	1745	3489	5233	6975	8715	10452	12186	13917	15643
1	29	1774	3519	5262	7004	8744	10481	12215	13946	15672
2	58	1803	3548	5291	7033	8773	10510	12244	13974	15700
3	87	1832	3577	5320	7062	8802	10539	12273	14003	15729
4	116	1861	3605	5349	7091	8831	10568	12302	14032	15758
5	145	1890	3634	5378	7120	8860	10597	12331	14061	15787
6	174	1919	3663	5407	7149	8889	10626	12360	14090	15815
7	203	1948	3692	5436	7178	8918	10655	12389	14118	15844
8	232	1977	3721	5465	7207	8947	10684	12417	14147	15873
9	261	2007	3751	5495	7236	8976	10713	12446	14176	15901
10	290	2036	3780	5524	7265	9005	10742	12475	14205	15930
11	319	2065	3809	5553	7294	9034	10771	12504	14234	15959
12	349	2094	3838	5582	7323	9063	10799	12533	14262	15988
13	378	2123	3867	5611	7352	9092	10828	12562	14291	16016
14	407	2152	3896	5640	7381	9121	10857	12591	14320	16045
15	436	2181	3925	5669	7410	9150	10886	12619	14349	16074
16	465	2210	3954	5698	7439	9179	10915	12648	14378	16102
17	494	2239	3983	5727	7468	9208	10944	12677	14406	16131
18	523	2268	4013	5756	7497	9237	10973	12705	14435	16160
19	552	2297	4042	5785	7526	9266	11002	12734	14464	16189
20	581	2326	4071	5814	7555	9294	11031	12764	14493	16217
21	610	2355	4100	5843	7584	9323	11060	12793	14521	16246
22	639	2384	4129	5872	7613	9352	11089	12821	14550	16275
23	669	2414	4158	5901	7642	9381	11117	12850	14579	16303
24	698	2443	4187	5930	7671	9410	11146	12879	14608	16332
25	727	2472	4216	5959	7700	9439	11175	12908	14637	16361
26	756	2501	4245	5988	7729	9468	11204	12937	14666	16390
27	785	2530	4274	6017	7758	9497	11233	12966	14695	16418
28	814	2559	4303	6046	7787	9526	11262	12994	14723	16447
29	843	2588	4332	6075	7816	9555	11291	13023	14752	16476
30	873	2617	4361	6104	7845	9584	11320	13051	14780	16504
31	901	2646	4391	6133	7874	9613	11349	13081	14809	16533
32	930	2675	4420	6162	7903	9642	11378	13110	14838	16562
33	959	2704	4449	6191	7932	9671	11407	13139	14867	16590
34	989	2734	4478	6220	7961	9700	11435	13167	14895	16619
35	1018	2763	4507	6250	7990	9729	11464	13196	14924	16648
36	1047	2792	4536	6279	8019	9758	11493	13225	14953	16676
37	1076	2821	4565	6308	8048	9787	11522	13254	14982	16705
38	1105	2850	4594	6337	8077	9816	11551	13283	15011	16734
39	1134	2879	4623	6366	8106	9845	11580	13312	15039	16762
40	1163	2908	4652	6395	8135	9874	11609	13340	15068	16791
41	1192	2937	4681	6424	8164	9903	11638	13369	15097	16820
42	1221	2966	4710	6453	8193	9932	11667	13398	15126	16848
43	1250	2995	4739	6482	8222	9960	11696	13427	15154	16877
44	1279	3024	4768	6511	8251	9989	11724	13456	15183	16905
45	1308	3053	4797	6540	8280	10018	11753	13485	15212	16934
46	1338	3082	4826	6569	8309	10047	11782	13513	15241	16963
47	1367	3111	4855	6598	8338	10076	11811	13542	15269	16992
48	1396	3140	4884	6627	8367	10105	11840	13571	15298	17020
49	1425	3170	4914	6656	8396	10134	11869	13600	15327	17049
50	1454	3199	4943	6685	8425	10163	11898	13629	15356	17078
51	1483	3228	4972	6714	8454	10192	11927	13658	15384	17105
52	1512	3257	5001	6743	8483	10221	11955	13686	15413	17135
53	1541	3286	5030	6772	8512	10250	11984	13715	15442	17164
54	1570	3315	5059	6801	8541	10279	12013	13744	15471	17192
55	1599	3344	5088	6830	8570	10308	12042	13773	15500	17221
56	1628	3373	5117	6859	8599	10337	12071	13802	15529	17250
57	1657	3402	5146	6888	8628	10366	12100	13831	15558	17278
58	1687	3431	5175	6917	8657	10394	12129	13859	15587	17307
59	1716	3460	5204	6946	8686	10423	12158	13888	15616	17336
60	1745	3489	5233	6975	8715	10452	12186	13917	15645	17364

Figure 21: An excerpt of Apian's table of sines [Apian (1541)].

G.	0	1	2	3	4							
m.	Sinus.	portio unius 10	Sinus.	portio unius 10	Sinus.	portio unius 10	Sinus.	portio unius 10	Sinus.	portio unius 10		
0	0	29	104715	29	109397	29	114016	29	0	418540	29	0
1	1745		106450		211141		315759		420281			
2	3491		108205		212885		317502		421012			
3	5336		109950		214630		319244		421753			
4	6982		111695		216374		320987		422504			
5	8727		113440		218118		322730		423245			
6	10472		115185		219873		324473		423996			
7	12218		116930		221606		326216		424727			
8	13963		118675		223351		327958		425467			
9	15709		120420		225095		329701		426208			
10	17454		122165		226839		331444		426949			
11	19199		123910		228583		333187		427690			
12	20944		125655		230327		334929		428430			
13	22690		127400		232071		336672		429171			
14	24435		129145		233815		338414		429911			
15	26180		130890		235559		340157		430652			
16	27925		132635		237303		341899		431392			
17	29671		134380		239047		343642		432133			
18	31416		136124		240791		345384		432873			
19	33162		137869		242535		347127		433614			
20	34907		139614		244279		348869		434354			
21	36652		141359		246023		350611		435094			
22	38397		143104		247767		352354		435834			
23	40143		144849		249510		354096		436575			
24	41888		146593		251254		355838		437315			
25	43633		148338		252998		357580		438055			
26	45378		150083		254742		359322		438795			
27	47123		151828		256485		361064		439535			
28	48869		153572		258229		362807		440275			
29	50614		155315		259972		364549		441015			
30	52359		157062		261716		366291		441755			
31	54104		158807		263460		368033		442495			
32	55850		160551		265203		369775		443235			
33	57595		162296		266947		371517		443974			
34	59341		164040		268690		373259		444714			
35	61086		165785		270434		375001		445454			
36	62831		167530		272178		376743		446194			
37	64576		169274		273921		378485		446933			
38	66322		171019		275668		380226		447673			
39	68067		172763		277408		381968		448411			
40	69812		174508		279152		383710		449152			
41	71557		176253		280895		385452		449891			
42	73302		177997		282639		387194		450631			
43	75048		179742		284382		388935		451370			
44	76793		181486		286126		390677		452110			
45	78538		183231		287869		392419		452849			
46	80283		184975		289612		394161		453588			
47	82028		186720		291355		395902		454327			
48	83774		188464		293099		397644		455067			
49	85519		190209		294842		399385		455806			
50	87264		191953		296585		401127		456545			
51	89009		193697		298328		402868		457284			
52	90754		195442		300071		404610		458023			
53	92500		197186		301815		406351		458762			
54	94245		198931		303558		408093		459501			
55	95990		200675		305301		409834		460240			
56	97735		202419		307044		411575		460979			
57	99480		204164		308787		413316		461718			
58	101225		205908		310530		415058		462457			
59	102970		207653		312273	29	416799		463195			
60	104715		209397		314016	29	0	418540				

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Figure 23: The first page of the first printing of Regiomontanus's first great table of sines ($R = 6 \cdot 10^6$) [von Peurbach and Regiomontanus (1541)] (source: Dresden).

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	0		1		2		3		4	
1	2909	2509	177433	2608	351502	2907	516265	2505	700467	59
2	5819		180341		354809		519170		703369	58
3	8727		183250		357716		522075		706270	57
4	11636		186158		360623		524980		709172	56
5	14544		189066		363530		527884		712073	55
6	17453		191975		366437		530789		714975	54
7	20362		194883		369344		533694		717876	53
8	23271		197792		372251		536598		720777	52
9	26180		200700		375156		539503	2904	723678	51
10	29088		203608		378064		542407		726579	50
11	31997		206517		380971		545312		729480	49
12	34906		209425		383878		548216		732381	48
13	37815		212333		386785		551120		735282	47
14	40724		215241		389692		554024		738183	46
15	43632		218149		392598		556928		741084	45
16	46541		221057		395505		559832		743985	44
17	49450		223965		398412		562736		746886	43
18	52359		226873		401318		565640		749787	42
19	55268		229781		404225		568544		752688	41
20	58177		232689		407131		571448		755588	40
21	61086		235597		410038		574352		758489	39
22	63995		238505		412944		577256		761389	38
23	66904		241413		415851		580160		764290	37
24	69813		244321		418757		583064		767180	36
25	72721		247229		421663		585967		770090	35
26	75630		250137		424570		588871		772991	34
27	78539		253045		427476		591775		775891	33
28	81448		255953		430382		604678		778791	32
29	84357		258861		433288		607582		781691	31
30	87265		261769		436194		610485		784591	30
	89		88		87		86		85	

Figure 25: The first page of Rheticus's table of sines in Copernicus's *De lateribus* [Copernicus (1542)] (source: Dresden).

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Circū- feren- tia.	Semiffles dupl. cir- cūferen.	Diff. feren- tia.		Circū- feren- tia.	Semiffles dupl. cir- cūferen.	Diff. feren- tia.
pt. fe.				pt. fe.		
0 10	291	291		6 10	10742	289
0 20	582			20	11031	
0 30	873			30	11320	
0 40	1163			40	11609	
0 50	1454			50	11898	
1 0	1745			7 0	12187	
1 10	2036			10	12476	
1 20	2327			20	12764	
1 30	2617			30	13053	288
1 40	2908			40	13341	
1 50	3199			50	13629	
2 0	3490			8 0	13917	
2 10	3781			10	14205	
2 20	4071			20	14493	
2 30	4362			30	14781	
2 40	4653	291		40	15069	
2 50	4943	290		50	15356	287
3 0	5234			9 0	15643	
3 10	5524	290		10	15931	
3 20	5814			20	16218	
3 30	6105			30	16505	
3 40	6395			40	16792	
3 50	6685			50	17078	
4 0	6975			10 0	17365	
4 10	7265			10	17651	286
4 20	7555			20	17937	
4 30	7845			30	18223	
4 40	8135			40	18509	
4 50	8425			50	18795	
5 0	8715			11 0	19081	
5 10	9005			10	19366	285
5 20	9295			20	19652	
5 30	9585			30	19937	
5 40	9874	290		40	20222	
5 50	10164	289		50	20507	
6 0	10453	289		12 0	20791	

Figure 26: The first page of Copernicus's table of sines in the *De revolutionibus* [Copernicus (1543)] (source: e-rara).

¶ Tabula fœcunda.					
Gra.	Part.æq̃.	Gra.	Par.æq̃.	Gra.	Par.æq̃.
1	5729799	31	166429	61	55432
2	2863563	32	160035	62	53170
3	1908217	33	153987	63	50952
4	1430203	34	148253	64	48772
5	1143131	35	142813	65	46631
6	951387	36	137639	66	44522
7	814456	37	132704	67	42448
8	711569	38	127994	68	40402
9	631377	39	123491	69	38387
10	567118	40	119197	70	36396
11	514438	41	115037	71	34433
12	470453	42	111062	72	32492
13	433148	43	107236	73	30573
14	401089	44	103551	74	28674
15	373211	45	100000	75	26794
16	348748	46	96571	76	24932
17	327088	47	93254	77	23087
18	307767	48	90040	78	21256
19	290422	49	86929	79	19439
20	274753	50	83909	80	17633
21	260511	51	80978	81	15838
22	247513	52	78129	82	14053
23	235583	53	75356	83	12278
24	224607	54	72654	84	10511
25	214450	55	70022	85	8748
26	205034	56	67452	86	6992
27	196263	57	64940	87	5240
28	188075	58	62486	88	3492
29	180402	59	60086	89	1745
30	173207	60	57734	90	0

Figure 27: Excerpt of Frisius's table of cotangents [Gemma Frisius (1545)].

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	0			200			200			300			400			500		
	G.	m.	se.	G.	m.	se.	G.	m.	se.	G.	m.	se.	G.	m.	se.	G.	m.	se.
0	0	0	0	4	45	49	9	27	44	14	2	10	18	26	7	22	37	12
1	0	2	52	4	48	40	9	30	32	14	4	52	18	28	42	22	39	38
2	0	5	44	4	51	30	9	33	19	14	7	34	18	31	17	22	42	4
3	0	8	36	4	54	21	9	36	6	14	10	16	18	33	51	22	44	30
4	0	11	28	4	57	12	9	38	53	14	12	58	18	36	25	22	46	56
5	0	14	20	5	0	2	9	41	40	14	15	39	18	38	59	22	49	22
6	0	17	12	5	2	53	9	44	27	14	18	20	18	41	33	22	51	47
7	0	20	3	5	5	44	9	47	14	14	21	1	18	44	7	22	54	13
8	0	22	55	5	8	34	9	50	0	14	23	42	18	46	41	22	56	39
9	0	25	47	5	11	24	9	52	47	14	26	23	18	49	15	22	59	4
10	0	28	39	5	14	15	9	55	34	14	29	4	18	51	49	23	1	30
11	0	31	31	5	17	5	9	58	21	14	31	45	18	54	23	23	3	56
12	0	34	23	5	19	55	10	1	7	14	34	26	18	56	57	23	6	21
13	0	37	15	5	22	46	10	3	54	14	37	7	18	59	31	23	8	47
14	0	40	7	5	25	36	10	6	41	14	39	48	19	2	5	23	11	12
15	0	42	59	5	28	26	10	9	28	14	42	29	19	4	39	23	13	38
16	0	45	50	5	31	17	10	12	14	14	45	10	19	7	12	23	16	4
17	0	48	42	5	34	7	10	15	0	14	47	51	19	9	45	23	18	29
18	0	51	34	5	36	57	10	17	47	14	50	32	19	12	18	23	20	53
19	0	54	26	5	39	48	10	20	33	14	53	13	19	14	51	23	23	18
20	0	57	18	5	42	38	10	23	19	14	55	54	19	17	24	23	25	42
21	1	0	10	5	45	28	10	26	5	14	58	34	19	19	57	23	28	7
22	1	3	1	5	48	18	10	28	52	15	1	14	19	22	30	23	30	32
23	1	5	53	5	51	8	10	31	38	15	3	54	19	25	3	23	32	56
24	1	8	45	5	53	58	10	34	24	15	6	34	19	27	36	23	35	20
25	1	11	37	5	56	48	10	37	10	15	9	14	19	30	9	23	37	45
26	1	14	29	5	59	38	10	39	57	15	11	54	19	32	42	23	40	9

Figure 28: Excerpt of Frisius's table of arctangents [Gemma Frisius (1545)].
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	0			100			200			300			400			500		
	G.	m.	se.	G.	m.	se.	G.	m.	se.	G.	m.	se.	G.	m.	se.	G.	m.	se.
27	1	17	20	6	2	28	10	42	43	15	14	34	19	35	15	23	42	34
28	1	20	12	6	5	18	10	45	29	15	17	14	19	37	48	23	44	58
29	1	23	4	6	8	8	10	48	15	15	19	54	19	40	20	23	47	22
30	1	25	56	6	10	58	10	51	1	15	22	34	19	42	52	23	49	45
31	1	28	47	6	13	48	10	53	47	15	25	14	19	45	24	23	52	9
32	1	31	39	6	16	38	10	56	33	15	27	54	19	47	56	23	54	32
33	1	34	31	6	19	28	10	59	19	15	30	34	19	50	28	23	56	56
34	1	37	23	6	22	17	11	2	5	15	33	14	19	53	0	23	59	19
35	1	40	14	6	25	7	11	4	50	15	35	53	19	55	32	24	1	43
36	1	43	6	6	27	57	11	7	36	15	38	32	19	58	4	24	4	6
37	1	45	58	6	30	46	11	10	21	15	41	11	20	0	36	24	6	30
38	1	48	49	6	33	36	11	13	6	15	43	50	20	3	8	24	8	53
39	1	51	41	6	36	26	11	15	51	15	46	29	20	5	40	24	11	17
40	1	54	34	6	39	15	11	18	36	15	49	8	20	8	12	24	13	40
41	1	57	25	6	42	5	11	21	21	15	51	47	20	10	43	24	16	2
42	2	0	17	6	44	55	11	24	6	15	54	26	20	13	14	24	18	25
43	2	3	9	6	47	44	11	26	51	15	57	5	20	15	45	24	20	47
44	2	6	0	6	50	34	11	29	36	15	59	44	20	18	16	24	23	10
45	2	8	51	6	53	24	11	32	21	16	2	23	20	20	47	24	25	32
46	2	11	43	6	56	13	11	35	6	16	5	0	20	23	18	24	27	55
47	2	14	34	6	59	2	11	37	51	16	7	41	20	25	49	24	30	17
48	2	17	26	7	1	52	11	40	36	16	10	20	20	28	20	24	32	39
49	2	20	18	7	4	41	11	43	21	16	12	59	20	30	51	24	35	2
50	2	23	9	7	7	30	11	46	6	16	15	37	20	33	22	24	37	24

Figure 29: Excerpt of Frisius's table of arctangents [Gemma Frisius (1545)] (cont'd).

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		Subtendens	angulum	rectum	Majus latus includens	
		Perpendicul:	Different:	Basis.	Differ:	Hypotenusa
7	0	1218693	28867	9925461	3187	10075098
	10	1247560	28857	9921874	3670	10078741
	20	1276417	28845	9918204	3755	10082470
	30	1305262	28834	9914449	3839	10086289
	40	1334096	28824	9910610	3922	10090196
8	0	1362920	28811	9906688	4007	10094190
	10	1391731	28800	9902681	4090	10098275
	20	1420531	28788	9898591	4175	10102447
	30	1449319	28775	9894416	4257	10106710
	40	1478094	28763	9890159	4342	10111060
9	0	1506857	28751	9885817	4425	10115501
	10	1535608	28737	9881392	4509	10120031
	20	1564345	28724	9876883	4592	10124651
	30	1593069	28710	9872291	4675	10129361
	40	1621779	28697	9867616	4760	10134160
10	0	1650476	28683	9862856	4842	10139051
	10	1679159	28669	9858014	4927	10144031
	20	1707828	28654	9853087	5009	10149103
	30	1736482	28639	9848078	5093	10154265
	40	1765121	28625	9842985	5177	10159519
11	0	1793746	28609	9837808	5259	10164864
	10	1822355	28594	9832549	5342	10170303
	20	1850949	28578	9827207	5426	10175832
	30	1879527	28563	9821781	5509	10181452
	40	1908090	28546	9816272	5592	10187166
12	0	1936636	28530	9810680	5674	10192973
	10	1965166	28513	9805006	5759	10198873
	20	1993679	28497	9799247	5840	10204866
	30	2022176	28480	9793407	5924	10210952
	40	2050656	28461	9787483	6007	10217131
13	0	2079117	28445	9781476	6089	10223405
	10	2107562	28426	9775387	6172	10229774
	20	2135988	28408	9769215	6255	10236236
	30	2164396	28391	9762960	6337	10242795
	40	2192787	28371	9756623	6420	10249447
14	0	2221158	28353	9750203	6503	10256196
	10	2249511	28333	9743700	6584	10263041
	20	2277844	28315	9737116	6666	10269981
	30	2306159	28295	9730450	6751	10277017
	40	2334454	28275	9723699	6831	10284152
15	0	2362729	28255	9716868	6914	10291381
	10	2390984	28235	9709954	6997	10298709
		Basis.	Different:	Perpendicul:	Differ:	Hypotenusa

Figure 31: Excerpt of Rheticus's table of the six trigonometric functions [Rheticus (1551)] (source: Dresden).

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	40	41	42	43
0	8390996	8692867	9004040	9325151
1	8395954	8697975	9009308	9330591
2	8400915	8703085	9014570	9336034
3	8405878	8708198	9019853	9341480
4	8410844	871334	9025130	9346929
5	8415812	8718433	9030410	9352381
6	8420782	8723555	9035693	9357835
7	8425754	8728679	9040978	9363292
8	8430729	8733806	9046265	9368752
9	8435706	8738935	9051557	9374215
10	8440686	8744067	9056850	9379682
11	8445668	8749201	9062146	9385152
12	8450653	8754338	9067445	9390625
13	8455640	8759478	9072747	9396101
14	8460630	8764620	9078052	9401580
15	8465622	8769764	9083360	9407062
16	8470617	8774911	9088670	9412547
17	8475614	8780061	9093983	9418034
18	8480614	8785214	9099290	9423524
19	8485617	8790369	9104618	9429017
20	8490622	8795527	9109940	9434513
21	8495629	8800688	9115265	9440012
22	8500639	8805851	9120593	9445514
23	8505651	8811017	9125923	9451019
24	8510666	8816186	9131256	9456528
25	8515683	8821357	9136592	9462040
26	8520703	8826531	9141930	9467555
27	8525725	8831708	9147271	9473073
28	8530750	8836887	9152615	9478594
29	8535777	8842069	9157962	9484118
30	8540806	8847253	9163312	9489646
	49	48	47	46

Figure 32: An excerpt from Reinhold's table of tangents [Reinhold (1554)] (source: e-rara).

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55	0	6875680006	237194309	0 5
	10	7112874315	253601560	50
	20	7366475875	272363855	40
	30	7638839730	293884369	30
	40	7932724099	317414503	20
56	50	8250138602	343865351	10
	0	8594003953	373796244	0 4
	10	8967800197	407780151	50
	20	9375580348	445667933	40
	30	9821248281	491214336	30
	40	10312462617	542939033	20
57	50	10855401650	602127856	10
	0	11457529506	675443073	0 3
	10	12132972579	756943636	50
	20	12889916215	859564055	40
	30	13749480270	982395058	30
	40	14731875368	1133582350	20
58	50	15865457718	1322575970	10
	0	17188033688	1563134510	0 2
	10	18751168198	1875890383	50
	20	20627058581	2287696231	40
	30	22914754812	2865082775	30
	40	25779837587	3683919042	20
59	50	29463756629	4912314186	10
	0	34376070815	6878050472	0 1
	10	41254121287		50
	20	51572970603		40
	30	68728522337		30
	40	103092783505		20
60	50	206185567010		10
	0	10000000000000		0 0
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Figure 33: The end of Reinhold's table of tangents, with values every 10 seconds [Reinhold (1554)] (source: e-rara).

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25		26		27		28		29	
0 4226183		4383712		4539905		4694716		4848096	60
1 4218819	2636	4186326	1614	4342497	2591	4697184	2568	4850640	59
2 4231455		5 4388940		4 4545088		1 4699852		8 4853184	3 58
3 4234090		5 4391554		4 4547679		1 4702419		7 4855727	3 57
4 4236725		5 4394167		3 4550270	2590	4704986		7 4858270	2 56
5 4239360		5 4396780		3 4552860		0 4707553		7 4860812	2 55
6 4241994		4 4399392		2 4555450		0 4710119		6 4863354	1 54
7 4244628		4 4402004		2 4558039	2589	4712685		6 4865895	1 53
8 4247262		4 4404616		2 4560628		9 4715250		5 4868436	1 52
9 4249895		3 4407227		1 4563216		8 4717815		5 4870977	2540 51
10 4252528		3 4409838		1 4565804		8 4720380		5 4873517	0 50
11 4255161		2 4412449		1 4568392		8 4722944		4 4876057	2530 49
12 4257793		2 4415059	2610	4570979		7 4725508		4 4878596	9 48
13 4260425		1 4417669		0 4573566		7 4728071		3 4881135	9 47
14 4263056		1 4420278	2609	4576153		7 4730634		3 4883674	8 46
15 4265687		1 4422887		9 4578739		6 4733197		3 4886212	8 45
16 4268318		1 4425496		9 4581325		6 4735759		2 4888750	7 44
17 4270949	2630	4428104		8 4583911		6 4738321		2 4891287	7 43
18 4273579		0 4430712		8 4586496		5 4740882		1 4893824	7 42
19 4276209	2629	4433320		8 4589081		5 4743443		1 4896361	6 41
20 4278838		9 4435927		7 4591665		4 4746004	2560	4898897	6 40
21 4281467		9 4438534		7 4594249		4 4748564		0 4901433	5 39
22 4284096		9 4441140		6 4596833		4 4751124	2559	4903968	5 38
23 4286724		8 4443746		6 4599416		3 4753683		9 4906503	4 37
24 4289352		8 4446352		6 4601999		3 4756242		9 4909037	4 36
25 4291979		7 4448957		5 4604581		2 4758801		8 4911571	4 35
26 4294606		7 4451562		5 4607163		2 4761359		8 4914105	3 34
27 4297233		7 4454167		5 4609744		1 4763917		7 4916638	3 33
28 4299859		6 4456771		4 4612325		1 4766474		7 4919171	2 32
29 4302485		6 4459375		4 4614906		1 4769031		7 4921703	2 31
30 4305111		6 4461978		3 4617486	2580	4771588		6 4924235	2 30
64		63		62		61		60	

Figure 34: An excerpt from Reinhold's table of sines [Reinhold (1554)] (source: e-rara).

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
m.	Sinus.	Sinus.	Sinus.	Sinus.	Sinus.	Sinus.	Sinus.	Sinus.	Sinus.	Sinus.
0	00	1745	3489	5233	6977	8715	10452	12186	13917	15643
1	29	1774	3519	5262	7004	8744	10481	12215	13946	15672
2	58	1803	3548	5291	7033	8773	10510	12244	13974	15700
3	87	1832	3577	5320	7062	8802	10539	12273	14003	15729
4	116	1861	3606	5349	7091	8831	10568	12302	14032	15758
5	145	1890	3635	5378	7120	8860	10597	12331	14061	15787
6	174	1919	3664	5407	7149	8889	10626	12360	14090	15815
7	203	1948	3693	5436	7178	8918	10655	12389	14118	15844
8	232	1977	3722	5465	7207	8947	10684	12417	14147	15873
9	261	2007	3751	5495	7236	8976	10713	12446	14176	15901
10	290	2036	3780	5524	7265	9005	10742	12475	14205	15930
11	319	2065	3809	5553	7294	9034	10771	12504	14234	15959
12	349	2094	3838	5582	7323	9063	10799	12533	14262	15988
13	378	2123	3867	5611	7352	9092	10828	12562	14291	16016
14	407	2152	3896	5640	7381	9121	10857	12591	14320	16045
15	436	2181	3925	5669	7410	9150	10886	12619	14349	16074
16	465	2210	3955	5698	7439	9179	10915	12648	14378	16102
17	494	2239	3984	5727	7468	9208	10944	12677	14406	16131
18	523	2268	4013	5756	7497	9237	10973	12706	14435	16160
19	552	2297	4042	5785	7526	9266	11002	12735	14464	16189
20	581	2326	4071	5814	7555	9294	11031	12764	14493	16217
21	610	2355	4100	5843	7584	9323	11060	12793	14521	16246
22	639	2385	4129	5872	7613	9352	11089	12821	14550	16275
23	669	2414	4158	5901	7642	9381	11117	12850	14579	16303
24	698	2443	4187	5930	7671	9410	11146	12879	14608	16332
25	727	2472	4216	5959	7700	9439	11175	12908	14637	16361
26	756	2501	4245	5988	7729	9468	11204	12937	14665	16375
27	785	2530	4274	6017	7758	9497	11233	12966	14694	16418
28	814	2559	4303	6046	7787	9526	11262	12994	14723	16447
29	843	2588	4332	6075	7816	9555	11291	13023	14752	16476
30	873	2617	4361	6104	7845	9584	11320	13052	14780	16505
31	901	2646	4391	6133	7874	9613	11349	13081	14809	16534
32	930	2675	4420	6162	7903	9642	11378	13110	14838	16563
33	959	2704	4449	6191	7932	9671	11407	13139	14867	16592
34	989	2734	4478	6220	7961	9700	11435	13167	14896	16619
35	1018	2763	4507	6250	7990	9729	11464	13196	14924	16648
36	1047	2792	4536	6279	8019	9758	11493	13225	14953	16676
37	1076	2821	4565	6308	8048	9787	11522	13254	14982	16705
38	1105	2850	4594	6337	8077	9816	11551	13283	15011	16734
39	1134	2879	4622	6366	8106	9845	11580	13312	15039	16762
40	1163	2908	4652	6395	8135	9874	11609	13340	15068	16791
41	1192	2937	4681	6424	8164	9903	11638	13369	15097	16820
42	1221	2966	4710	6453	8193	9931	11667	13398	15126	16848
43	1250	2995	4739	6482	8222	9960	11695	13427	15154	16877
44	1279	3024	4768	6511	8251	9989	11724	13456	15183	16906
45	1308	3053	4797	6540	8280	10018	11753	13485	15212	16934
46	1338	3082	4826	6569	8309	10047	11782	13513	15241	16963
47	1367	3112	4855	6598	8338	10076	11811	13542	15269	16992
48	1396	3141	4884	6627	8367	10105	11840	13571	15298	17020
49	1425	3170	4914	6656	8396	10134	11869	13600	15327	17049
50	1454	3199	4943	6685	8425	10163	11898	13629	15355	17078
51	1483	3228	4972	6714	8454	10192	11927	13658	15384	17106
52	1512	3257	5001	6743	8483	10221	11955	13686	15413	17135
53	1541	3286	5030	6772	8512	10250	11984	13715	15442	17164
54	1570	3315	5059	6801	8541	10279	12013	13744	15471	17192
55	1599	3344	5088	6830	8570	10308	12042	13773	15499	17221
56	1628	3373	5117	6859	8599	10337	12071	13802	15528	17250
57	1657	3402	5146	6888	8628	10366	12100	13830	15557	17278
58	1687	3431	5175	6917	8657	10394	12129	13859	15585	17307
59	1716	3460	5204	6946	8686	10423	12158	13888	15614	17336
60	1745	3489	5233	6975	8715	10452	12186	13917	15643	17364

Figure 35: An excerpt of Bassantin's table of sines [Bassantin (1557)].

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1	1745	26	43837
2	3489	27	45399
3	5233	28	46947
4	6975	29	48480
5	8716	30	50000
6	10453	31	51504
7	12187	32	52991
8	13917	33	54464
9	15643	34	55919
10	17365	35	57357
11	19080	36	58779
12	20791	37	60180
13	22495	38	61565
14	24192	39	62932
15	25882	40	64279
16	27563	41	65605
17	29237	42	66912
18	30902	43	68199
19	32557	44	69465
20	34202	45	70710
21	35837	46	71934
22	37460	47	73135
23	39071	48	74314
24	40674	49	75481
25	42262	50	76604

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Figure 36: An excerpt of Gaurico's sine table with the heading *tabula fecunda* [Gaurico (1557)].

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**Tabella fecunda per Campanum
Nouariensem iamdiu
supputata.**

Multiplicandus		Multiplicandus	
Gr.	Numerus	Gr.	Numerus.
0	0000	26	48772
1	1745	27	50952
2	3492	28	53170
3	5240	29	55432
4	6992	30	57744
5	8748	31	60086
6	10521	32	62486
7	12278	33	64940
8	14055	34	67352
9	15838	35	70022
10	17633	36	72854
11	19419	37	75356
12	21156	38	78129
13	23087	39	80978
14	24932	40	83909
15	26794	41	86929
16	28674	42	90040
17	30573	43	94287
18	32492	44	96571
19	34433	45	100000
20	36396	46	101552
21	38387	47	107136
22	40402	48	111602
23	42448	49	115037
24	44522	50	119127
25	46621		

Figure 37: Gaurico's table of tangents [Gaurico (1557)].

Arcus	Sinus	Arcus	Sinus	Arcus	Sinus
G.M.	Partes	G.M.	Partes	G.M.	Partes
0	10 190	5	0 8716 10 9005	10	0 17365 10 17650
20	581	20	9295	20	17937
30	873	30	9584	30	18223
40	1163	40	9874	40	18509
50	1454	5	50 10163	10	50 18795
1	0 1745 10 2036	6	0 10453 10 10742	11	0 19080 10 19366
20	2327	20	11031	20	19651
30	2617	30	11320	30	19937
40	2908	40	11609	40	20222
50	3199	6	50 11897	11	50 20505
2	0 3489 10 3780	7	0 12187 10 12475	12	0 20791 10 21075
20	4071	20	12764	20	21359
30	4362	30	13052	30	21644
40	4652	40	13340	40	21927
50	4943	7	50 13629	12	50 22211
3	0 5233 10 5523	8	0 13917 10 14205	13	0 22495 10 22778
20	5814	20	14493	20	23061
30	6104	30	14781	30	23344
40	6395	40	15068	40	23627
50	6685	8	50 15355	13	50 23909
4	0 6975 10 7265	9	0 15643 10 15930	14	0 24192 10 24474
20	7555	20	16217	20	24756
30	7846	30	16504	30	25038
40	8136	40	16794	40	25319
50	8425	9	50 17078	14	50 25600

Figure 38: An excerpt of Gaurico's sine table [Gaurico (1557)].

TABELLA SINVS RECTI.				65			
g	Sinus.	Dfa	6 ^m	g	Sinus.	Dfa	6 ^m
1	1745	1745	29. 5	46	71934	1223.	20. 23
2	3490	1745	29. 5	47	73135	1201.	20. 1
3	5234	1744	29. 4	48	74315	1180.	19. 40
4	6976	1742	29. 2	49	75471	1156.	19. 16
5	8716	1740	29. 0	50	76604	1133.	18. 53
6	10453	1737	28. 57	51	77715	1111.	18. 31
7	12187	1734	28. 54	52	78801	1086	18. 6
8	13917	1730	28. 50	53	79864	1063	17. 43
9	15643	1726	28. 46	54	80902	1038	17. 18
10	17365	1722	28. 42	55	81915	1013	16. 53
11	19081	1716	28. 36	56	82904	989	16. 29
12	20791	1710	28. 30	57	83867	963	16. 3
13	22495	1704	28. 24	58	84805	938	15. 38
14	24192	1697	28. 17	59	85717	912	15. 21
15	25882	1690	28. 10	60	86603	886	14. 46
16	27564	1682	28. 2	61	87462	859	14. 19
17	29237	1673	27. 53	62	88295	833	13. 53
18	30902	1665	27. 45	63	89101	806	13. 26
19	32557	1655	27. 35	64	89879	778	12. 58
20	34202	1645	27. 25	65	90631	752	12. 32
21	35837	1635	27. 15	66	91355	724	12. 4
22	37461	1624	27. 4	67	92051	696	11. 36
23	39073	1612	26. 52	68	92718	667	11. 7
24	40674	1601	26. 41	69	93358	640	10. 40
25	42262	1588	26. 28	70	93969	611	10. 11
26	43837	1575	26. 15	71	94552	583	9. 43
27	45399	1562	26. 2	72	95106	554	9. 14
28	46947	1548	25. 48	73	95631	525	8. 45
29	48481	1534	25. 34	74	96126	495	8. 15
30	50000	1519	25. 19	75	96593	467	7. 47
31	51504	1504	25. 4	76	97030	437	7. 17
32	52992	1488	24. 48	77	97437	407	6. 47
33	54464	1472	24. 32	78	97815	378	6. 18
34	55919	1455	24. 15	79	98163	348	5. 48
35	57358	1439	23. 59	80	98481	318	5. 18
36	58779	1421	23. 41	81	98769	288	4. 48
37	60182	1403	23. 23	82	99027	258	4. 18
38	61566	1384	23. 4	83	99255	228	3. 48
39	62932	1366	22. 46	84	99452	197	3. 17
40	64279	1347	22. 27	85	99620	168	2. 48
41	65606	1327	22. 7	86	99756	139	2. 16
42	66913	1307	21. 47	87	99863	107	1. 47
43	68200	1287	21. 27	88	99939	76	1. 6
44	69466	1266	21. 6	89	99985	46	0. 46
45	70711	1245	20. 45	90	100000	15	0. 15

Figure 39: Maurolico's table of sines [Maurolico (1558)] (source: Österreichische Nationalbibliothek).

TABELLA FOECVND.								
g	Vmbra	Dfa	cm	g	Vmbra	Dfa	cm	
1	1745	1745	29. 5	46	103551	3551.	59. 11	
2	3492	1747	29. 7	47	107236	3685.	61. 25	
3	5241	1749	29. 9	48	111062	3826.	63. 46	
4	6992	1751	29. 11	49	115037	3975.	66. 15	
5	8748	1756	29. 16	50	119197	4160.	69. 20	
6	10510	1762	29. 22	51	123491	4294.	71. 34	
7	12278	1768	29. 28	52	127994	4503.	75. 5	
8	14053	1775	29. 35	53	132704	4710.	78. 30	
9	15838	1785	29. 45	54	137639	4935.	82. 15	
10	17633	1795	29. 55	55	142813	5174.	86. 14	
11	19439	1806	30. 6	56	148253	5440.	90. 40	
12	21256	1817	30. 17	57	153987	5734.	95. 34	
13	23087	1831	30. 31	58	160033	6046.	100.46	
14	24932	1845	30. 45	59	166429	6396.	106.36	
15	26794	1862	31. 2	60	173205	6776.	112.56	
16	28674	1880	31. 20	61	180405	7200.	120. 0	
17	30573	1899	31. 39	62	188073	7668.	127.48	
18	32492	1919	31. 59	63	196261	8188.	136.28	
19	34433	1941	32. 21	64	205030	8769.	146. 9	
20	36396	1963	32. 43	65	214451	9421.	157. 1	
21	38387	1991	33. 11	66	224603	10152.	169. 12	
22	40402	2015	33. 35	67	235585	10982.	183. 2	
23	42448	2046	34. 6	68	247509	11924.	198.44	
24	44522	2074	34. 34	69	260509	13000.	216.40	
25	46631	2109	35. 9	70	274747	14238.	237.18	
26	48772	2141	35. 41	71	290421	15674.	261.14	
27	50952	2180	36. 20	72	307768	17347.	289. 7	
28	53170	2218	36. 58	73	327084	19316.	321.56	
29	55432	2262	37. 42	74	348742	21658.	360.58	
30	57735	2303	38. 23	75	373205	24463.	407.43	
31	60086	2351	39. 11	76	401078	27873.	464.33	
32	62486	2400	40. 0	77	433148	32070.	534.30	
33	64940	2454	40. 54	78	470453	37305.	621.45	
34	67452	2512	41. 51	79	514455	44002.	733.22	
35	70022	2570	42. 50	80	567128	52673.	877.53	
36	72654	2632	43. 52	81	631375	64247.	1070.47	
37	75356	2702	45. 2	82	711537	80162.	1336. 2	
38	78129	2773	46. 13	83	814435	102898.	1714.18	
39	80978	2849	47. 29	84	951436	137001.	2283.21	
40	83909	2931	48. 51	85	1143005	191569.	3192.49	
41	86929	3020	50. 20	86	1430067	287062.	4784.22	
42	90040	3111	51. 51	87	1908113	478046.	7967.26	
43	93252	3212	53. 52	88	2863625	955512.	15925.12	
44	96571	3319	55. 19	89	5728995	2865370.	47756.10	
45	100000	3429	57. 9	90	Infinitum.	Infinitum.	Infinitum.	

89. 15. 7638998.
 89. 30. 11458872.
 89. 45. 22918163.
 89. 55. 68754439.
 89. 59. 343772546.

Figure 40: Maurolico's table of tangents [Maurolico (1558)] (source: Österreichische Nationalbibliothek).

TABELLA BENEFICA							
				66			
g	Radius	Dfa	60 ^m	g	Radius	Dfa	60 ^m
1	100015	.. 15	0. 15	46	143955	. 2534	42. 14
2	100061	.. 46	0. 46	47	146628	. 2673	44. 33
3	100137	.. 76	1. 16	48	149448	. 2820	47. 0
4	100244	.. 107	2. 47	49	152425	. 2977	49. 37
5	100382	.. 138	2. 18	50	155572	. 3147	52. 27
6	100551	.. 169	2. 49	51	158902	. 3330	55. 30
7	100751	.. 200	3. 20	52	162427	. 3525	58. 45
8	100983	.. 232	3. 52	53	166165	. 3738	62. 18
9	101246	.. 264	4. 24	54	170131	. 3966	66. 6
10	101543	.. 297	4. 57	55	174344	. 4213	70. 13
11	101871	.. 328	5. 28	56	178830	. 4486	74. 46
12	102234	.. 363	6. 3	57	183608	. 4778	79. 38
13	102630	.. 396	6. 36	58	188708	. 5100	85. 0
14	103061	.. 431	7. 11	59	194160	. 5452	90. 52
15	103528	.. 467	7. 47	60	200000	. 5840	97. 20
16	104030	.. 502	8. 22	61	206267	. 6267	104. 27
17	104569	.. 539	8. 59	62	213006	. 6739	112. 19
18	105146	.. 577	9. 37	63	220265	. 7263	121. 3
19	105762	.. 616	10. 16	64	228117	. 7848	130. 48
20	106418	.. 656	10. 56	65	236620	. 8503	141. 43
21	107115	.. 697	11. 37	66	245859	. 9239	153. 59
22	107854	.. 739	12. 19	67	255935	. 10071	167. 51
23	108636	.. 782	13. 2	68	266947	. 11017	183. 37
24	109464	.. 828	13. 48	69	279043	. 12096	201. 36
25	110338	.. 874	14. 34	70	292380	. 13337	222. 17
26	111260	.. 922	15. 22	71	307155	. 14775	246. 15
27	112233	.. 973	16. 13	72	323607	. 16452	274. 12
28	113257	.. 1024	17. 4	73	342030	. 18423	307. 3
29	114335	.. 1078	17. 58	74	362796	. 20766	346. 6
30	115470	.. 1135	18. 55	75	386370	. 23574	392. 54
31	116664	.. 1194	19. 54	76	413357	. 26987	449. 47
32	117918	.. 1254	20. 54	77	444541	. 31184	519. 44
33	119236	.. 1318	21. 58	78	480973	. 36432	607. 12
34	120621	.. 1385	23. 5	79	524084	. 43111	718. 31
35	122078	.. 1457	24. 17	80	575877	. 51793	863. 13
36	123606	.. 1528	25. 28	81	639245	. 63368	1056. 8
37	125214	.. 1608	26. 48	82	718530	. 79285	1321. 75
38	126902	.. 1688	28. 8	83	820552	. 102022	1700. 22
39	128676	.. 1774	29. 34	84	956677	. 136125	2268. 45
40	130541	.. 1865	31. 5	85	1147371	. 190694	3178. 14
41	132501	.. 1960	32. 40	86	1433558	. 286187	4769. 47
42	134563	.. 2062	34. 22	87	1910732	. 477174	7952. 54
43	136733	.. 2170	39. 10	88	2865371	. 954639	15910. 39
44	139016	.. 2283	38. 3	89	5729868	. 2864497	47741. 37
45	141421	.. 2405	40. 5	90	Infinitum	Infinitum	Infinitum

0. 0 100000
89. 15 . . . 7639653
89. 30 . . . 11459309
89. 45 . . . 22918381
89. 55 . . . 68754512
89. 59 . . . 343772560.

Figure 41: Maurolico's table of secants [Maurolico (1558)] (source: Österreichische Nationalbibliothek).

Tabula Sinuum radii 100000000 partibus computata. T

G	0	portio	1	portio	2	portio	3	portio	4	portio
m	Sinus	uni9 2 10	Sinus	uni9 2 10	Sinus	uni9 2 10	Sinus	uni9 2 10	Sinus	uni9 2 10
0	0		174524	48 5	348995	48 4	523360	48 4	697565	48 4
1	2909	48 5	177433		351902		526265		700467	
2	5818		180341		354809		529170		703369	
3	8727		183250		357716		532075		706270	
4	11636		186158		360623		534980		709172	
5	14544		189066		363530		537884		712073	
6	17453		191975		366437		540789		714975	
7	20362		194883		369344		543694		717876	
8	23271		197792		372251		546598		720777	
9	26180		200700		375158		549503		723678	
10	29088		203608		378064		552407		726579	
11	31997		206517		380971		555312		729480	
12	34906		209425		383878		558216		732381	
13	37815		212333		386785		561120		735282	48 3
14	40724		215241		389692		564024		738183	
15	43632		218149		392598		566928		741084	
16	46541		221057		395505		569832		743985	
17	49450		223965		398412		572736		746886	
18	52359		226873		401318		575640		749787	
19	55268		229781		404225		578544		752688	
20	58177		232689		407131		581448		755588	
21	61086		235597		410038		584352		758489	
22	63995		238505		412944		587256		761389	
23	66904		241413		415851		590160		764290	
24	69813		244321		418757		593064		767180	
25	72721		247229		421663		595967		770090	
26	75630		250137		424570		598871		772991	
27	78539		253045		427476		601775		775891	
28	81448		255953		430382		604678		778791	
29	84357		258861		433288		607582		781691	
30	87265		261769		436194		610485		784591	

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Figure 42: Eisenmenger's table of sines [Eisenmenger (1562)].

TABVLA FOECVND A.

Numerus		Numerus		Numerus	
G		G		G	
0	00000	31	60086	61	180402
1	1745	32	62486	62	188075
2	3492	33	64940	63	196263
3	5240	34	67452	64	205034
4	6992	35	70022	65	214450
5	8748	36	72654	66	224697
6	10511	37	75356	67	235583
7	12278	38	78129	68	247513
8	14053	39	80978	69	260511
9	15838	40	83909	70	274753
10	17633	41	86929	71	290422
11	19439	42	90040	72	307767
12	21256	43	93254	73	327088
13	23087	44	96571	74	348748
14	24932	45	100000	75	373211
15	26794	46	103551	76	401089
16	28674	47	107236	77	433148
17	30573	48	111062	78	470453
18	32492	49	115037	79	514438
19	34433	50	119177	80	567118
20	36396	51	123491	81	631377
21	38387	52	127994	82	711569
22	40402	53	132704	83	814456
23	42448	54	137639	84	951387
24	44522	55	142813	85	1143131
25	46631	56	148253	86	1430203
26	48772	57	153987	87	1908217
27	50952	58	160035	88	2863563
28	53170	59	166429	89	5729796
29	55432	60	173207	90	Infinitum
30	57734				

Figure 43: Excerpt of Schreckenfuchs's table of tangents [Schreckenfuchs (1569)].

Arcus. Sinus.			Arcus. Sinus.			Arcus. Sinus.			Arcus. Sinus.		
G.	M.	par.	G.	M.	par.	G.	M.	par.	G.	M.	par.
0	15	261	11	30	11962	23	0	23443	34	15	33768
0	30	523	11	45	12218	23	15	23684	34	30	33984
0	45	785	12	0	12474	23	30	23934	34	45	34199
1	0	1047	12	15	12730	23	45	24164	35	0	34414
1	15	1308	12	30	12086	24	0	24404	35	15	34628
1	30	1570	12	45	13241	24	15	24643	35	30	34842
1	45	1832	13	0	13497	24	30	24881	35	45	35054
2	0	2093	13	15	13752	24	45	25119	36	0	35267
2	15	2355	13	30	14006	25	0	25357	36	15	35478
2	30	2617	14	0	14515	25	15	25594	36	30	35689
2	45	2878	14	15	14769	25	30	25830	36	45	35899
3	0	3140	14	30	15022	25	45	26066	37	0	36189
3	15	3401	14	45	15276	26	0	26302	37	15	36317
3	30	3652	15	0	15529	26	15	26537	37	30	36525
3	45	3924	15	15	15781	26	30	26771	37	45	36733
4	0	4185	15	30	16034	26	45	27005	38	0	36939
4	15	4446	15	45	16286	27	0	27239	38	15	37145
4	30	4707	16	0	16538	27	15	27472	38	30	37350
4	45	4968	16	15	16789	27	30	27704	38	45	37555
5	0	5229	16	30	17040	27	45	27936	39	0	37759
5	15	5490	16	45	17291	28	0	28168	39	15	37962
5	30	5750	17	0	17541	28	15	28399	39	30	38164
5	45	6011	17	15	17792	28	30	28629	39	45	38366
6	0	6271	17	30	18042	28	45	28858	40	0	38567
6	15	6532	17	45	18291	29	0	29088	40	15	38767
6	30	6792	18	0	18541	29	15	29317	40	30	38966
6	45	7052	18	15	18789	29	30	29545	40	45	39165
7	0	7312	18	30	19038	29	45	29742	41	0	39363
7	15	7571	18	45	19286	30	0	30000	41	15	39560
7	30	7831	19	0	19534	30	15	30226	41	30	39757
7	45	8091	19	15	19781	30	30	30452	41	45	39952
8	0	8350	19	30	20028	30	45	30677	42	0	40147
8	15	8609	19	45	20275	31	0	30902	42	15	40342
8	30	8868	20	0	20521	31	15	31126	42	30	40535
8	45	9127	20	15	20767	31	30	31349	42	45	40728
9	0	9386	20	30	21012	31	45	31572	43	0	40919
9	15	9644	20	45	21257	32	0	31795	43	15	41110
9	30	9902	21	0	21502	32	15	32016	43	30	41301
9	45	10160	21	15	21746	32	30	32237	43	45	41449
10	0	10418	21	30	21990	32	45	32458	44	0	41679
10	15	10676	21	45	22233	33	0	32678	44	15	41867
10	30	10934	22	0	22476	33	15	32897	44	30	42024
10	45	11191	22	15	22718	33	30	33116	44	45	42240
11	0	11448	22	30	22961	33	45	33334	45	0	42426
11	15	11075	22	45	23202	34	0	33551	45	15	42611

Figure 44: Excerpt of Schreckenfuchs's first table of sines [Schrecken- fuchs (1569)].

Tabula sinuum rectorum.

G.	M.	par.	M.	sa.	la.
0	15	0	15	42	30
0	30	0	31	25	0
0	45	0	47	7	30
1	0	1	2	50	0
1	15	1	18	32	0
1	30	1	34	14	0
1	45	1	49	56	0
2	0	2	5	38	0
2	15	2	21	20	0
2	30	2	37	2	0
2	45	2	52	43	30
3	0	3	8	24	30
3	15	3	24	5	30
3	30	3	39	46	30
3	45	3	55	27	0
4	0	4	11	7	30
4	15	4	26	47	30
4	45	4	58	27	30
5	0	5	13	46	30
5	15	5	29	24	0
5	30	5	45	2	30
5	45	6	0	40	30
6	0	6	16	18	0
6	15	6	31	55	0
6	30	6	47	32	0
6	45	7	3	8	0
7	0	7	18	43	30
7	15	7	34	19	0
7	30	7	49	53	30
7	45	8	5	28	0
8	0	8	21	1	30
8	15	8	36	34	30
8	30	8	52	7	0
8	45	9	7	38	30

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9	0	9	23	9	30
9	15	9	38	40	30
9	30	9	54	10	30
9	45	10	9	39	30
10	0	10	25	8	0
10	15	10	40	36	0
10	30	10	56	3	0
10	45	11	11	29	0
11	0	11	26	54	30
11	15	11	42	19	30
11	30	11	57	43	30
11	45	12	13	6	30
12	0	12	28	29	0
12	15	12	43	50	30
12	30	12	59	11	0
12	45	13	14	30	30
13	0	13	29	49	0
13	15	13	45	7	0
13	30	14	0	24	0
13	45	14	15	40	0
14	0	14	30	55	0
14	15	14	46	9	0
14	30	15	1	22	0
14	45	15	16	34	0
15	0	15	31	45	0
15	15	15	46	55	0
15	30	16	2	4	0
15	45	16	17	11	0
16	0	16	32	17	30
16	15	16	47	23	0
16	30	17	2	27	30
16	45	17	17	30	30
17	0	17	32	32	30
17	15	17	47	33	0

Figure 45: Excerpt of Schreckenfuchs's second table of sines [Schreckenfuchs (1569)].

G	0	1	2	3	4	5
m	Partes	Partes	Partes	Partes	Partes	Partes
1	29	1774	3519	5262	7004	8744
2	58	1803	48	91	33	73
3	87	32	77	5310	62	8802
4	116	61	3606	49	91	31
5	45	90	35	78	7120	60
6	74	1919	64	5407	49	89
7	203	48	93	36	78	918
8	32	77	5722	65	7207	47
9	61	2007	51	95	36	76
10	90	36	80	5524	65	9005
11	319	65	3809	53	94	34
12	49	94	38	82	7323	62
13	78	2123	67	5611	52	92
14	407	52	96	40	81	9121
15	36	81	3925	69	7410	50
16	65	2210	55	98	39	79
17	94	39	84	5727	60	9208
18	523	68	4013	56	97	37
19	52	97	42	85	7526	66
20	81	2326	71	5814	55	94
21	610	55	4100	43	84	9323
22	39	85	29	72	7613	52
23	69	2414	58	5901	42	81
24	98	43	87	30	71	9410
25	727	72	4216	59	7700	39
26	56	2501	45	83	29	68
27	85	30	74	6017	58	97
28	514	59	4303	46	87	9526
29	43	88	32	75	7816	55
30	73	2617	61	6104	45	84

Figure 46: Excerpt of Witekind's table of sines [Witekind (1576)].

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	0	1	2	3	4
m.	Sinus.	Sinus.	Sinus.	Sinus.	Sinus.
0	00	1745	3489	5233	6975
1	29	1774	3519	5262	7004
2	58	1803	3548	5291	7033
3	87	1832	3577	5320	7062
4	116	1861	3606	5349	7091
5	145	1890	3635	5378	7120
6	174	1919	3664	5407	7149
7	203	1948	3693	5436	7178
8	232	1977	3722	5465	7207
9	261	2007	3751	5495	7236
10	290	2036	3780	5524	7265
11	319	2065	3809	5553	7294
12	349	2094	3838	5582	7323
13	378	2123	3867	5611	7352
14	407	2152	3896	5640	7381
15	436	2181	3925	5669	7410
16	465	2210	3954	5698	7439
17	494	2239	3984	5727	7468
18	523	2268	4013	5756	7497
19	552	2297	4042	5785	7526
20	581	2326	4071	5814	7555
21	610	2355	4100	5843	7584
22	639	2385	4129	5872	7613
23	669	2414	4158	5901	7642
24	698	2443	4187	5930	7671
25	727	2472	4216	5959	7700
26	756	2501	4245	5988	7729
27	785	2530	4274	6017	7758
28	814	2559	4303	6046	7787
29	843	2588	4332	6075	7816
30	872	2617	4361	6104	7845

Figure 47: Excerpt of Peucer's table of sines [Peucer (1579)].

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arcu.	Sinus.			g.	Sinus.			g.	Sinus.			g.	Sinus.			g.	Sinus.			g.	Sinus.			
	m.	z.	z.		m.	z.	z.		m.	z.	z.		m.	z.	z.		m.	z.	z.		m.	z.	z.	
0	18	32	18		57	3	48	19	32	3	56	43	52	20	31	16	56	22	54	60				
1		33	27		3	29		33	2		43	31		32	15		22	32	59	58				
2		34	27		3	9		34	1		43	11		33	14		22	10	58	57				
3		35	27		2	50		35	1		42	50		34	13		21	49	57	56				
4		36	27		2	30		36	0		42	30		35	12		21	27	56	55				
5		37	26		2	11		37	0		42	9		36	11		21	6	55	54				
6		38	26		1	51		37	59		41	48		37	10		20	44	54	53				
7		39	26		1	31		38	58		41	28		38	9		20	22	53	52				
8		40	25		1	12		39	58		41	7		39	8		20	1	52	51				
9		41	25		0	52		40	57		40	47		40	7		19	39	51	50				
10		42	25		0	33		41	56		40	26		41	6		19	17	50	49				
11		43	25		0	13		42	56		40	6		42	5		18	56	49	48				
12		44	24	56	59	54		43	55		39	45		43	4		18	34	48	47				
13		45	24		59	34		44	54		39	24		44	3		18	13	47	46				
14		46	24		59	15		45	54		39	4		45	2		17	51	46	45				
15		47	23		58	55		46	53		38	43		46	1		17	29	45	44				
16		48	23		58	35		47	52		38	22		47	0		17	8	44	43				
17		49	23		58	15		48	52		38	2		47	59		16	46	43	42				
18		50	22		57	56		49	51		37	41		48	58		16	24	42	41				
19		51	22		57	36		50	50		37	20		49	57		16	2	41	40				
20		52	22		57	16		51	50		36	59		50	56		15	40	40	39				
21		53	21		56	56		52	49		36	38		51	55		15	18	39	38				
22		54	21		56	36		53	48		36	17		52	54		14	56	38	37				
23		55	20		56	17		54	47		35	57		53	53		14	34	37	36				
24		56	20		55	57		55	47		35	36		54	51		14	13	36	35				
25		57	20		55	37		56	46		35	15		55	50		13	51	35	34				
26		58	19		55	17		57	45		34	54		56	49		13	29	34	33				
27	19	59	19		54	57		58	44		34	33		57	48		13	7	33	32				
28		0	19		54	38		59	44		34	12		58	47		12	45	32	31				
29		1	18		54	18	20	0	43		33	51		59	46		12	23	31	30				
30		2	18		53	58		1	42		33	31	21	0	45		12	1	30	29				
31		3	17		53	38		2	41		33	9		1	44		11	39	29	28				
32		4	17		53	18		3	40		32	48		2	42		11	17	28	27				
33		5	16		52	58		4	40		32	27		3	41		10	55	27	26				
34		6	16		52	38		5	39		32	6		4	40		10	33	26	25				
35		7	15		52	18		6	38		31	45		5	39		10	11	25	24				
36		8	15		51	58		7	37		31	24		6	38		9	48	24	23				
37		9	15		51	38		8	37		31	3		7	36		9	26	23	22				
38		10	14		51	17		9	36		30	42		8	35		9	4	22	21				
39		11	14		50	57		10	35		30	21		9	34		8	42	21	20				
40		12	13		50	37		11	34		30	0		10	33		8	20	20	19				
41		13	13		50	17		12	33		29	38		11	32		7	58	19	18				
42		14	12		49	57		13	32		29	17		12	30		7	36	18	17				
43		15	12		49	37		14	32		28	50		13	29		7	13	17	16				
44		16	11		49	17		15	31		28	35		14	28		6	51	16	15				
45		17	11		48	57		16	30		28	14		15	27		6	29	15	14				
46		18	10		48	37		17	29		27	53		16	26		6	7	14	13				
47		19	10		48	16		18	28		27	31		17	24		5	44	13	12				
48		20	9		47	56		19	27		27	10		18	23		5	22	12	11				
49		21	9		47	36		20	26		26	49		19	22		5	0	11	10				
50		22	8		47	15		21	26		26	27		20	20		4	37	10	9				
51		23	8		46	55		22	25		26	6		21	19		4	15	9	8				
52		24	7		46	35		23	24		25	45		22	18		3	52	8	7				
53		25	7		46	14		24	23		25	23		23	16		3	30	7	6				
54		26	6		45	54		25	22		25	2		24	15		3	8	6	5				
55		27	5		45	34		26	21		24	40		25	14		2	45	5	4				
56		28	5		45	13		27	20		24	19		26	13		2	23	4	3				
57		29	4		44	53		28	19		23	58		27	11		2	1	3	2				
58		30	4		44	33		29	18		23	36		28	10		1	38	2	1				
59		31	3		44	12		30	17		23	15		29	8		1	16	1	0				

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Figure 49: Excerpt of Bressieu's table of sines [Bressieu (1581)] (source: Google Books).

grad. 60	60	61	61	62	62 arc. 1	60
Adicripta	Hypotenusa	Adicripta	Hypotenusa	Adicripta	Hypotenusa	60
SEX. G. m. 1.	SEX. G. m. 1.	SEX. G. m. 1.	SEX. G. m. 1.	SEX. G. m. 1.	SEX. G. m. 1.	60
0	1 43 55 21	2 0 0 0	1 48 14 34	2 3 45 35	1 52 30 38	2 7 48 12
1	59 34	3 37	19 2	49 29	55 24	52 24
2	1 44 3 46	7 14	23 30	53 24	1 53 0 9	56 36
3	7 58	10 51	27 58	57 19	4 57	1 8 0 49
4	12 8	14 29	32 26	2 4 1 13	9 42	5 3
5	16 21	18 7	36 54	5 8	14 18	9 35
6	20 33	21 47	41 24	9 4	19 13	13 27
7	24 47	25 17	45 54	13 9	24 1	17 41
8	29 0	29 7	50 22	16 51	28 49	21 56
9	33 14	32 47	54 52	20 51	33 36	26 10
10	37 27	36 27	59 20	24 48	38 24	30 24
11	41 42	40 8	1 49 3 51	28 45	43 12	34 40
12	45 56	43 49	8 23	32 40	48 2	38 56
13	50 10	47 31	12 53	36 39	52 51	43 11
14	54 27	51 12	17 25	40 37	57 39	47 26
15	58 40	54 53	21 55	44 34	1 54 2 29	51 43
16	1 45 2 55	58 34	26 27	48 32	7 19	56 0
17	7 11	2 1 17	31 0	52 31	12 11	2 9 0 17
18	11 28	6 0	35 32	56 30	17 0	4 34
19	15 45	9 42	40 4	2 5 0 29	21 52	8 51
20	20 0	13 25	44 37	4 18	26 42	13 0
21	24 17	17 8	49 12	8 28	31 34	17 27
22	28 34	20 52	53 44	12 28	36 26	21 46
23	32 50	24 36	58 18	16 28	41 18	26 5
24	37 9	28 20	1 50 2 51	20 28	46 10	30 24
25	41 26	32 4	7 25	24 29	51 4	34 44
26	45 45	35 48	12 0	28 30	55 58	39 5
27	50 4	39 33	16 34	32 32	1 55 0 50	43 25
28	54 23	43 19	21 11	36 34	5 44	47 45
29	58 42	47 4	25 45	40 35	10 38	52 6
30	1 46 2 59	50 48	30 20	44 36	15 33	56 28
31	7 20	54 34	34 56	48 38	20 27	2 10 0 50
32	11 39	58 21	39 31	52 40	25 23	6 11
33	16 0	2 2 2 7	44 7	56 43	30 21	9 34
34	20 19	5 54	48 44	2 6 0 46	35 15	13 57
35	24 38	9 40	53 23	4 50	40 9	18 10
36	29 0	13 26	58 0	8 55	45 6	22 41
37	33 19	17 13	1 51 3 39	13 0	50 4	27 5
38	37 40	21 0	7 17	17 5	55 1	31 20
39	42 2	24 48	11 56	21 10	1 56 0 0	35 53
40	46 23	28 36	16 35	25 16	4 56	40 17
41	50 47	32 25	21 16	29 22	9 54	44 41
42	55 9	36 15	25 55	33 29	14 52	49 7
43	59 32	40 4	30 34	37 35	19 51	53 32
44	1 47 3 55	43 54	35 15	41 42	24 49	57 57
45	8 16	47 43	39 54	45 48	29 48	2 11 2 22
46	12 40	51 31	44 35	49 55	34 46	6 48
47	17 5	55 21	49 16	54 4	39 47	11 15
48	21 28	59 12	54 0	58 12	44 48	15 43
49	25 54	2 3 3 2	58 40	2 7 2 20	49 48	20 10
50	30 15	6 52	1 52 3 21	6 18	54 49	24 38
51	34 41	10 43	8 3	10 37	59 52	29 6
52	39 5	14 34	12 46	14 47	1 57 4 53	33 35
53	43 30	18 26	17 29	18 56	9 56	38 5
54	47 56	22 18	22 12	23 6	15 0	42 35
55	52 22	26 10	26 55	27 16	20 1	47 5
56	56 47	30 2	31 38	31 25	25 4	51 34
57	1 48 1 15	33 56	36 24	35 37	30 9	56 5
58	5 43	37 49	41 9	39 49	35 13	2 12 0 36
59	10 9	41 42	45 52	44 0	40 17	5 7
grad. 29	29	28	28	27	27	complem.

Figure 50: Excerpt of Bressieu's table of tangents (odd columns) and secants (even columns) [Bressieu (1581)] (source: Google Books). Note that the faded parts are artefacts of the way Google Books stores images.

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Gr.	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
M.	partes	partes	partes	partes	partes	partes	partes	partes	partes
1	29	1774	3519	5262	7004	8744	10481	12215	13946
2	58	1803	3548	5291	7033	8773	10510	12244	13974
3	87	1832	3577	5320	7062	8802	10539	12273	14003
4	116	1861	3606	5349	7091	8831	10568	12302	14032
5	145	1890	3635	5378	7120	8860	10597	12331	14061
6	174	1919	3664	5407	7149	8889	10626	12360	14090
7	203	1948	3693	5436	7178	8918	10655	12389	14118
8	232	1977	3722	5465	7207	8947	10684	12417	14147
9	261	2007	3751	5495	7236	8979	10713	12446	14170
10	290	2036	3780	5524	7265	9005	10742	12475	14205
11	319	2065	3809	5553	7294	9034	10771	12504	14234
12	349	2094	3838	5582	7323	9063	10799	12533	14263
13	378	2122	3867	5611	7352	9092	10828	12562	14291
14	407	2152	3896	5640	7381	9121	10857	12591	14320
15	436	2181	3925	5669	7410	9150	10886	12619	14349
16	465	2210	3955	5698	7439	9179	10915	12648	14378
17	494	2239	3984	5727	7468	9208	10944	12677	14406
18	523	2268	4013	5756	7497	9237	10973	12706	14435
19	552	2297	4042	5785	7526	9266	11002	12735	14464
20	581	2326	4071	5814	7555	9294	11031	12764	14493
21	610	2355	4100	5843	7584	9323	11060	12793	14521
22	639	2385	4129	5872	7613	9352	11089	12821	14550
23	669	2414	4158	5901	7642	9381	11117	12850	14579
24	698	2443	4187	5930	7671	9410	11146	12879	14608
25	727	2472	4216	5959	7700	9439	11175	12908	14637
26	756	2501	4245	5988	7729	9468	11204	12937	14665
27	785	2530	4274	6017	7758	9497	11233	12966	14694
28	814	2559	4303	6046	7787	9526	11262	12994	14723
29	843	2588	4332	6075	7816	9555	11291	13023	14752
30	873	2617	4361	6104	7845	9584	11320	13052	14781
31	901	2646	4391	6133	7874	9613	11349	13081	14809
32	930	2675	4420	6162	7903	9642	11378	13110	14838
33	959	2704	4449	6191	7932	9671	11407	13139	14867
34	989	2734	4478	6220	7961	9700	11435	13167	14896
35	1018	2763	4507	6250	7990	9729	11464	13196	14924
36	1047	2792	4536	6279	8019	9758	11493	13225	14953
37	1076	2821	4565	6308	8048	9787	11522	13254	14981
38	1105	2850	4594	6337	8077	9816	11551	13283	15010
39	1134	2879	4622	6366	8106	9845	11580	13312	15039
40	1163	2908	4651	6395	8135	9874	11609	13340	15068
41	1192	2937	4681	6424	8164	9903	11638	13369	15097
42	1221	2966	4710	6453	8193	9931	11667	13398	15126
43	1250	2995	4739	6482	8222	9960	11695	13427	15154
44	1279	3024	4768	6511	8251	9989	11724	13456	15183
45	1308	3053	4797	6540	8280	10018	11753	13485	15211
46	1338	3082	4826	6569	8309	10047	11782	13513	15241
47	1367	3111	4855	6598	8338	10076	11811	13542	15269
48	1396	3141	4884	6627	8367	10105	11840	13571	15298
49	1425	3170	4914	6656	8396	10134	11869	13600	15327
50	1454	3199	4943	6685	8425	10163	11898	13629	15356
51	1483	3228	4972	6714	8454	10192	11927	13658	15384
52	1512	3257	5001	6743	8483	10221	11955	13686	15413
53	1541	3286	5030	6772	8512	10250	11984	13715	15442
54	1570	3315	5059	6801	8541	10279	12013	13744	15471
55	1599	3344	5088	6830	8570	10308	12042	13773	15499
56	1628	3373	5117	6859	8599	10337	12071	13802	15528
57	1657	3402	5146	6888	8628	10366	12100	13830	15557
58	1687	3431	5175	6917	8657	10394	12129	13858	15585
59	1716	3460	5204	6946	8686	10423	12158	13887	15614
60	1745	3489	5233	6975	8715	10452	12186	13917	15643

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Figure 51: An excerpt from Giuntini's table of sines [Giuntini (1581)] (source: Google books).

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G	80	81	82	33	84	85	86	87	88	89
M	Sinus	Sinus	Sinus	Sinus	Sinus	Sinus	Sinus	Sinus	Sinus	Sinus
30	98628	98901	99144	99357	99539	99691	99813	99904	99964	99996
31	98633	98905	99148	99360	99542	99694	99815	99906	99965	99996
32	98638	98910	99152	99363	99545	99696	99817	99907	99966	99996
33	98642	98914	99155	99367	99547	99698	99818	99908	99967	99996
34	98647	98918	99159	99370	99550	99700	99820	99909	99967	99997
35	98652	98922	99163	99373	99553	99703	99822	99911	99968	99997
36	98657	98927	99167	99376	99556	99705	99823	99912	99969	99997
37	98661	98931	99170	99380	99558	99707	99825	99913	99970	99997
38	98666	98935	99174	99383	99561	99709	99827	99914	99970	99997
39	98671	98939	99178	99386	99564	99711	99829	99915	99971	99998
40	98676	98944	99182	99389	99567	99714	99830	99917	99972	99998
41	98681	98948	99185	99392	99569	99716	99832	99918	99972	99998
42	98685	98952	99189	99396	99572	99718	99834	99919	99973	99998
43	98690	98956	99193	99399	99575	99720	99835	99920	99974	99998
44	98694	98960	99196	99402	99577	99722	99837	99921	99974	99998
45	98699	98965	99200	99405	99580	99725	99839	99922	99975	99999
46	98704	98969	99204	99408	99583	99727	99840	99924	99975	99999
47	98708	98973	99207	99411	99585	99729	99842	99925	99976	99999
48	98713	98977	99211	99415	99588	99731	99844	99926	99977	99999
49	98718	98981	99215	99418	99591	99733	99845	99927	99978	99999
50	98722	98985	99218	99421	99593	99735	99847	99928	99978	99999
51	98727	98990	99222	99424	99596	99737	99848	99929	99979	99999
52	98732	98994	99225	99427	99598	99739	99850	99930	99980	99999
53	98736	98998	99229	99430	99601	99742	99852	99931	99981	99999
54	98741	99002	99233	99433	99604	99744	99853	99932	99981	99999
55	98745	99006	99236	99436	99606	99746	99855	99933	99982	99999
56	98750	99010	99240	99439	99609	99748	99856	99934	99982	99999
57	98755	99014	99244	99443	99611	99750	99858	99935	99983	99999
58	98759	99018	99247	99446	99614	99752	99859	99937	99983	99999
59	98764	99022	99251	99449	99616	99754	99861	99938	99984	100000
60	98768	99025	99254	99452	99619	99756	99862	99939	99984	100000

Sinuum

Figure 52: An excerpt from Padovani's table of sines [Giuntini (1581)] (source: Google books).

TANGENTIVM. 193

	32	33	34	35
30	6,370,702	6,618,855	6,872,809	7,132,931
31	6,374,792	6,623,039	6,877,093	7,137,321
32	6,378,884	6,627,225	6,881,379	7,141,713
33	6,382,977	6,631,413	6,885,666	7,146,106
34	6,387,072	6,635,603	6,889,955	7,150,501
35	6,391,169	6,639,792	6,894,246	7,154,878
36	6,395,267	6,643,984	6,898,539	7,159,298
37	6,399,366	6,648,178	6,902,833	7,163,698
38	6,403,467	6,652,373	6,907,129	7,168,100
39	6,407,569	6,656,570	6,911,426	7,172,504
40	6,411,673	6,660,768	6,915,725	7,176,910
41	6,415,779	6,664,968	6,920,026	7,181,318
42	6,419,886	6,669,170	6,924,329	7,185,728
43	6,423,995	6,673,373	6,928,634	7,190,140
44	6,428,105	6,677,578	6,932,940	7,194,554
45	6,432,216	6,681,785	6,937,248	7,198,970
46	6,436,329	6,685,994	6,941,558	7,203,387
47	6,440,444	6,690,204	6,945,869	7,207,806
48	6,444,560	6,694,416	6,950,182	7,212,227
49	6,448,678	6,698,630	6,954,497	7,216,650
50	6,452,798	6,702,845	6,958,813	7,221,075
51	6,456,919	6,707,062	6,963,131	7,225,502
52	6,461,042	6,711,281	6,967,451	7,229,931
53	6,465,166	6,715,501	6,971,773	7,234,362
54	6,469,292	6,719,723	6,976,097	7,238,794
55	6,473,419	6,723,946	6,980,423	7,243,228
56	6,477,548	6,728,171	6,984,750	7,247,664
57	6,481,678	6,732,397	6,989,079	7,252,102
58	6,485,809	6,736,625	6,993,409	7,256,541
59	6,489,942	6,740,854	6,997,741	7,260,982
60	6,494,076	6,745,084	7,002,075	7,265,424

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Figure 53: An excerpt from Fincke's table of tangents [Fincke (1583)] (source: e-rara).

CANON					
	35	36	37	38	39
0	5,735,764	5,877,852	6,018,150	6,156,615	6,293,204
1	5,738,147	5,880,205	6,020,473	6,158,907	6,295,464
2	5,740,529	5,882,558	6,022,796	6,161,198	6,297,724
3	5,742,911	5,884,910	6,025,118	6,163,489	6,299,983
4	5,745,292	5,887,262	6,027,439	6,165,781	6,302,242
5	5,747,672	5,889,613	6,029,760	6,168,070	6,304,501
6	5,750,052	5,891,964	6,032,080	6,170,259	6,306,759
7	5,752,432	5,894,314	6,034,400	6,172,648	6,309,016
8	5,754,811	5,896,664	6,036,719	6,174,936	6,311,273
9	5,757,190	5,899,013	6,039,038	6,177,224	6,313,529
10	5,759,568	5,901,361	6,041,357	6,179,512	6,315,784
11	5,761,946	5,903,709	6,043,675	6,181,799	6,318,039
12	5,764,323	5,906,056	6,045,992	6,184,085	6,320,293
13	5,766,700	5,908,403	6,048,309	6,186,371	6,322,547
14	5,769,076	5,910,750	6,050,625	6,188,656	6,324,800
15	5,771,452	5,913,096	6,052,940	6,190,940	6,327,053
16	5,773,827	5,915,442	6,055,255	6,193,224	6,329,305
17	5,776,202	5,917,787	6,057,570	6,195,508	6,331,557
18	5,778,576	5,920,132	6,059,884	6,197,791	6,333,808
19	5,780,950	5,922,476	6,062,198	6,200,074	6,336,059
20	5,783,324	5,924,820	6,064,511	6,202,356	6,338,310
21	5,785,697	5,927,163	6,066,824	6,204,638	6,340,560
22	5,788,069	5,929,505	6,069,136	6,206,919	6,342,809
23	5,790,441	5,931,847	6,071,448	6,209,199	6,345,058
24	5,792,812	5,934,189	6,073,759	6,211,479	6,347,309
25	5,795,183	5,936,530	6,076,069	6,213,758	6,349,553
26	5,797,553	5,938,871	6,078,379	6,216,037	6,351,800
27	5,799,923	5,941,211	6,080,688	6,218,315	6,354,046
28	5,802,292	5,943,551	6,082,997	6,220,593	6,356,292
29	5,804,661	5,945,890	6,085,306	6,222,870	6,358,537
30	5,807,030	5,948,228	6,087,614	6,225,146	6,360,782

Figure 54: An excerpt from Fincke's table of sines [Fincke (1583)] (source: e-rara).

SECANTIVM.				269
	87	88	89	
30	229,255,785	382,016,194	1,145,934,768	
31	230,793,360	386,307,709	1,185,438,054	
32	232,351,718	390,696,734	1,227,777,193	
33	233,931,261	395,186,630	1,273,252,703	
34	235,532,422	399,780,916	1,322,226,495	
35	237,156,211	404,483,275	1,375,118,522	
36	238,801,972	409,397,566	1,432,397,932	
37	240,470,730	414,227,875	1,494,678,912	
38	242,163,582	419,278,406	1,562,622,042	
39	243,879,838	424,453,607	1,637,036,239	
40	245,621,193	429,758,156	1,718,892,212	
41	247,386,980	435,196,261	1,809,365,043	
42	249,178,956	440,775,230	1,909,891,156	
43	250,996,450	446,498,305	2,022,234,532	
44	252,841,285	452,371,994	2,148,642,981	
45	254,713,463	458,402,271	2,291,895,669	
46	256,612,911	464,595,485	2,455,554,199	
47	258,541,565	470,958,329	2,644,450,861	
48	260,499,426	477,497,828	2,864,834,681	
49	262,487,160	484,221,619	3,125,282,743	
50	264,505,458	491,139,838	3,437,843,546	
51	266,554,348	498,256,113	3,819,709,423	
52	268,633,944	505,581,634	4,297,193,536	
53	270,750,304	513,128,395	4,911,255,640	
54	272,898,206	520,901,152	5,729,642,566	
55	275,080,457	528,915,798	6,875,687,278	
56	277,297,985	537,178,089	8,594,018,365	
57	279,551,349	545,702,599	11,458,691,197	
58	281,841,763	554,505,091	17,188,036,597	
59	284,170,013	563,593,031	34,376,072,269	
60	286,537,048	572,987,098	Infinitum.	

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Figure 55: An excerpt from Fincke's table of secants [Fincke (1583)] (source: e-rara).

Gradus Quadrantis pro sinubus

	0	1	2	3	4	
0	0000	174524	348995	523360	697565	60
1	2909	177433	351902	526265	700467	59
2	5818	180341	354809	529170	703369	58
3	8727	183250	357716	532075	706270	57
4	11636	186158	360623	534980	709172	56
5	14544	189066	363530	537884	712073	55
6	17453	191975	366437	540789	714975	54
7	20362	194883	369344	543694	717876	53
8	23271	197792	372251	546598	720777	52
9	26180	200700	375158	549503	723678	51
10	29088	203608	378064	552407	726579	50
11	31997	206517	380971	555312	729480	49
12	34906	209425	383878	558216	732381	48
13	37815	212333	386785	561120	735282	47
14	40724	215241	389692	564024	738183	46
15	43632	218149	392598	566928	741084	45
16	46541	221057	395505	569832	743985	44
17	49450	223965	398412	572736	746886	43
18	52359	226873	401318	575640	749787	42
19	55268	229781	404225	578544	752688	41
20	58177	232689	407131	581448	755588	40
21	61086	235597	410038	584352	758489	39
22	63995	238505	412944	587256	761389	38
23	66904	241413	415851	590160	764290	37
24	69813	244321	418757	593064	767190	36
25	72721	247229	421663	595967	770090	35
26	75630	250137	424570	598871	772991	34
27	78539	253045	427476	601775	775891	33
28	81448	255953	430382	604678	778791	32
29	84357	258861	433288	607582	781691	31
30	87265	261769	436194	610485	784591	30
	89	88	87	86	85	

Gradus Quadrantis pro sinubus rectis

Figure 56: An excerpt from Clavius's table of sines [Clavius (1586)].

Gradus Quadrantis pro tangentibus

	0	1	2	3	4	
0	0070	174550	349207	524078	699269	60
1	2909	177459	352120	526995	702194	59
2	5818	180360	355023	529911	705116	58
3	8727	183274	357945	532828	708039	57
4	11636	186187	360868	535745	710962	56
5	14544	189100	363770	538663	713886	55
6	17452	192010	366683	541580	716809	54
7	20361	194920	369596	544498	719733	53
8	23270	197830	372508	547415	722657	52
9	26179	200740	375421	550333	725580	51
10	29088	203650	378334	553251	728504	50
11	31996	206551	381247	556169	731428	49
12	34905	209471	384160	559087	734353	48
13	37814	212381	387073	562005	737277	47
14	40723	215291	389987	564923	740202	46
15	43632	218201	392900	567841	743127	45
16	46541	221111	395814	570759	746052	44
17	49450	224022	398727	573678	748978	43
18	52359	226932	401641	576596	751903	42
19	55268	229842	404554	579514	754829	41
20	58177	232752	407468	582433	757754	40
21	61086	235663	410382	585352	760680	39
22	63995	238574	413295	588270	763606	38
23	66904	241485	416209	591189	766532	37
24	69813	244395	419123	594108	769459	36
25	72722	247306	422037	597028	772385	35
26	75631	250217	424951	599947	775311	34
27	78540	253128	427866	602866	778238	33
28	81450	256038	430780	605786	781164	32
29	84359	258949	433694	608705	784091	31
30	87268	261859	436609	611625	787017	30
	89	88	87	86	85	

Gradus Quadrantis pro tangentibus

Figure 57: An excerpt from Clavius's table of tangents [Clavius (1586)].

T A B U L A
Gradus Quadrantis pro secantibus

	0	1	2	3	
0	10000000	10001524	10006095	10013723	60
1	10000001	10001574	10006198	10013875	59
2	10000002	10001626	10006301	10014029	58
3	10000004	10001679	10006405	10014184	57
4	10000008	10001733	10006509	10014339	56
5	10000010	10001788	10006615	10014495	55
6	10000014	10001844	10006721	10014653	54
7	10000020	10001900	10006828	10014811	53
8	10000027	10001957	10006936	10014970	52
9	10000034	10002015	10007045	10015130	51
10	10000042	10002074	10007155	10015291	50
11	10000051	10002134	10007265	10015453	49
12	10000060	10002195	10007376	10015615	48
13	10000071	10002256	10007488	10015778	47
14	10000083	10002318	10007601	10015942	46
15	10000095	10002381	10007716	10016107	45
16	10000108	10002445	10007831	10016273	44
17	10000122	10002510	10007946	10016440	43
18	10000137	10002576	10008062	10016608	42
19	10000152	10002642	10008179	10016777	41
20	10000168	10002709	10008298	10016946	40
21	10000186	10002777	10008417	10017116	39
22	10000204	10002846	10008537	10017287	38
23	10000223	10002916	10008658	10017459	37
24	10000243	10002987	10008779	10017632	36
25	10000264	10003058	10008902	10017806	35
26	10000285	10003130	10009025	10017981	34
27	10000308	10003203	10009149	10018157	33
28	10000332	10003277	10009274	10018333	32
29	10000357	10003352	10009400	10018510	31
30	10000381	10003428	10009527	10018687	30
	89	88	87	86	

Gradus Quadrantis pro secantibus

Minuta Graduum Quadrantis pro secantibus arcuum eiusdem Quadrantis

Minuta Graduum Quadrantis pro secantibus complementi arcuum eiusdem Quadrantis

Figure 58: An excerpt from Clavius's table of secants [Clavius (1586)].

arcuum eiusdem Quadrantis

	87	88	89	
30	229255785	382016194	1145934768	30
31	230793360	386307709	1185438054	29
32	232351718	390606734	122777193	28
33	233931261	395186630	1273252703	27
34	235532422	399780916	1322226495	26
35	237156211	404483275	1375118522	25
36	238801972	409397566	1432397932	24
37	240470730	414227875	1494678912	23
38	242163582	419278406	1562622042	22
39	243879838	424453607	1637036239	21
40	245621193	429758156	1718892212	20
41	247386980	435196961	1809365043	19
42	249178956	440775230	1909891150	18
43	250996450	446498305	2022234532	17
44	252841285	452371994	2148642981	16
45	254713463	458402271	2291895669	15
46	256612911	464595485	2455554199	14
47	258541565	470958319	2644450861	13
48	260499426	477497828	2864894681	12
49	262487160	484221619	3125282743	11
50	264505458	491139838	3437843546	10
51	266554348	498256113	3819709423	9
52	268635944	505581634	4297193536	8
53	270750304	513128395	4911255640	7
54	272898206	520901152	5729642566	6
55	275080457	528915798	6875687278	5
56	277297985	537178089	8594038365	4
57	279551349	545702599	11458691197	3
58	281841763	554505091	17188036598	2
59	284170013	563593031	34376072269	1
60	286537048	572987098	Infinita.	0
	2	1	0	

complementorum arcuum eiusdem Quadrantis.

Figure 59: Another excerpt from Clavius's table of secants [Clavius (1586)].

	75	76	77	78	79
0	57 19 58 43	58 13 3 52 37	58 27 43 56 2	58 41 19 52 54	58 53 51 28 18
1	57 36 13 54	13 19 4 6	27 58 3 33	41 32 56 11	54 3 27 5
2	57 52 28 2	13 34 14 32	28 12 10 0	41 45 58 23	54 15 24 49
3	58 8 41 7	13 49 23 54	28 26 15 22	41 58 59 30	54 27 21 27
4	58 24 53 8	14 4 32 12	28 40 19 40	42 11 59 33	54 39 17 1
5	58 41 4 5	14 19 39 26	28 54 22 54	42 24 58 32	54 51 11 30
6	58 57 13 59	14 34 45 36	29 8 25 5	42 37 56 27	55 3 4 55
7	59 13 22 50	14 49 50 42	29 22 26 10	42 50 53 17	55 14 57 15
8	59 29 30 36	15 4 45 45	29 36 26 12	43 3 49 3	55 26 48 30
9	59 45 37 19	15 19 57 44	29 50 25 10	43 16 43 44	55 38 38 41
10	59 0 1 42 59	15 34 59 38	30 4 23 3	43 29 27 21	55 50 27 48
11	0 17 47 35	15 50 0 29	30 18 19 53	43 42 29 53	56 2 15 49
12	0 33 51 7	16 5 0 16	30 32 15 38	43 55 21 21	56 14 2 48
13	0 49 53 36	16 19 58 59	30 46 10 19	44 8 11 45	56 25 48 38
14	1 5 55 1	16 34 56 38	31 0 3 56	44 21 1 4	56 37 33 26
15	1 21 55 22	16 49 53 13	31 13 56 28	44 33 49 19	56 49 17 9
16	1 37 54 40	17 4 48 45	31 27 47 57	44 46 36 30	57 0 59 48
17	1 53 52 54	17 19 43 12	31 41 38 21	44 59 22 36	57 12 41 21
18	2 9 50 5	17 34 36 36	31 55 27 41	45 12 7 37	57 24 21 51
19	2 25 46 11	17 49 28 55	32 9 15 57	45 24 51 35	57 36 1 15
20	2 41 44 15	18 4 20 11	32 23 3 9	45 37 34 27	57 47 39 35
21	2 57 35 14	18 19 10 23	32 36 49 17	45 50 16 16	57 59 16 50
22	3 13 28 10	18 33 59 30	32 50 34 20	46 2 57 0	58 10 53 0
23	3 29 20 2	18 48 47 34	33 4 18 14	46 15 36 39	58 22 28 6
24	3 45 10 51	19 3 34 34	33 18 1 14	46 28 15 14	58 34 2 7
25	4 1 0 36	19 18 20 30	33 31 43 5	46 40 52 45	58 45 35 4
26	4 16 49 17	19 33 5 22	33 45 23 51	46 53 29 11	58 57 0 56
27	4 32 36 55	19 47 49 10	33 59 3 34	47 6 4 32	59 8 37 43
28	4 48 23 28	20 2 31 54	34 12 42 12	47 18 38 49	59 20 7 25
29	5 4 8 59	20 17 13 34	34 26 19 45	47 31 12 2	59 31 36 3
30	5 19 53 25	20 31 54 10	34 39 56 15	47 43 44 10	59 43 3 36

Figure 60: An excerpt of Bürgi's table of sines (1587). Bürgi's *Fundamentum Astronomiæ* manuscript is kept at the Biblioteka Uniwersytecka Wrocław, under call number IV Qu 38a. This excerpt of Bürgi's sine table was provided by Dieter Launert and is included in LOCOMAT (<http://locomat.loria.fr>) with permission.

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G	0	1	2	3	4	5
M.						
1	17	1064	2111	3157	4202	5246
2	34	1082	2128	3175	4220	5264
3	52	1099	2146	3192	4237	5281
4	69	1116	2163	3209	4255	5298
5	87	1134	2181	3227	4272	5316
6	104	1151	2198	3244	4289	5333
7	122	1169	2216	3262	4307	5351
8	139	1186	2233	3279	4324	5368
9	157	1204	2250	3297	4342	5385
10	174	1221	2268	3314	4359	5403
11	191	1239	2285	3331	4376	5420
12	209	1256	2203	3349	4394	5437
13	226	1274	2320	3366	4411	5455
14	244	1291	2338	3384	4429	5472
15	261	1308	2355	3401	4446	5490
16	279	1326	2373	3418	4463	5507
17	296	1343	2390	3436	4481	5524
18	314	1361	2407	3453	4498	5542
19	331	1378	2425	3471	4516	5559
20	349	1396	2442	3488	4533	5577
21	366	1413	2460	3506	4550	5594
22	383	1431	2477	3523	4568	5611
23	401	1448	2495	3540	4585	5629
24	418	1465	2512	3558	4603	5646
25	436	1483	2529	3575	4620	5663
26	453	1500	2547	3593	4637	5681
27	471	1518	2564	3610	4655	5698
28	488	1535	2582	3628	4672	5716
29	506	1553	2599	3645	4690	5733
30	523	1570	2617	3662	4707	5750

Figure 61: An excerpt from Gallucci's table of sines [Gallucci (1588)] (source: Google books).

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	20	21	22	23	24
0	3,420,201	3,583,679	3,746,066	3,907,311	4,067,366
1	3,422,934	3,586,391	3,748,763	3,909,989	4,070,023
2	3,425,667	3,589,110	3,751,460	3,912,666	4,072,680
3	3,428,400	3,591,825	3,754,156	3,915,343	4,075,337
4	3,431,133	3,594,540	3,756,852	3,918,020	4,077,993
5	3,433,865	3,597,254	3,759,548	3,920,696	4,080,649
6	3,436,597	3,599,968	3,762,243	3,923,372	4,083,305
7	3,439,329	3,602,682	3,764,938	3,926,048	4,085,960
8	3,442,060	3,605,395	3,767,633	3,928,723	4,088,615
9	3,444,791	3,608,108	3,770,327	3,931,398	4,091,269
10	3,447,522	3,610,821	3,773,021	3,934,072	4,093,923
11	3,450,253	3,613,533	3,775,715	3,936,746	4,096,577
12	3,452,983	3,616,245	3,778,408	3,939,420	4,099,231
13	3,455,713	3,618,957	3,781,101	3,942,093	4,101,884
14	3,458,442	3,621,669	3,783,794	3,944,766	4,104,537
15	3,461,171	3,624,380	3,786,486	3,947,439	4,107,189
16	3,463,900	3,627,091	3,789,178	3,950,112	4,109,841
17	3,466,629	3,629,802	3,791,870	3,952,784	4,112,493
18	3,469,357	3,632,512	3,794,562	3,955,456	4,115,144
19	3,472,085	3,635,222	3,797,253	3,958,128	4,117,795
20	3,474,813	3,637,932	3,799,944	3,960,799	4,120,446
21	3,477,540	3,640,642	3,802,635	3,963,470	4,123,096
22	3,480,267	3,643,351	3,805,325	3,966,140	4,125,746
23	3,482,994	3,646,060	3,808,015	3,968,810	4,128,395
24	3,485,721	3,648,768	3,810,704	3,971,480	4,131,044
25	3,488,447	3,651,476	3,813,393	3,974,149	4,133,693
26	3,491,173	3,654,184	3,816,082	3,976,818	4,136,341
27	3,493,899	3,656,892	3,818,771	3,979,487	4,138,989
28	3,496,624	3,659,599	3,821,459	3,982,155	4,141,637
29	3,499,343	3,662,306	3,824,147	3,984,823	4,144,285
30	3,502,075	3,665,012	3,826,834	3,987,491	4,146,932

Figure 62: An excerpt from Lansberge's table of sines [van Lansberge (1591)] (source: e-rara).

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	44	45	46	47	
30	9,826,974	10,176,073	10,537,801	10,913,084	
31	9,832,694	10,181,996	10,543,942	10,919,459	
32	9,838,417	10,187,922	10,550,087	10,925,838	
33	9,844,143	10,193,852	10,556,235	10,932,221	
34	9,849,872	10,199,785	10,562,387	10,938,608	
35	9,855,605	10,205,722	10,568,543	10,945,000	
36	9,861,341	10,211,663	10,574,703	10,951,396	
37	9,867,080	10,217,607	10,580,867	10,957,796	
38	9,872,822	10,223,555	10,587,034	10,964,200	
39	9,878,568	10,229,506	10,593,205	10,970,608	
40	9,884,317	10,235,460	10,599,280	10,977,020	
41	9,890,070	10,241,418	10,605,559	10,983,436	
42	9,895,826	10,247,380	10,611,742	10,989,856	
43	9,901,585	10,253,345	10,617,929	10,996,280	
44	9,907,347	10,259,314	10,624,119	11,002,708	
45	9,913,113	10,265,286	10,630,313	11,009,140	
46	9,918,882	10,271,262	10,636,511	11,015,577	
47	9,924,654	10,277,242	10,642,713	11,022,028	
48	9,930,430	10,283,225	10,648,919	11,028,483	
49	9,936,209	10,289,212	10,655,128	11,034,942	
50	9,941,991	10,295,202	10,661,341	11,041,365	
51	9,947,777	10,301,196	10,667,558	11,047,822	
52	9,953,566	10,307,193	10,673,779	11,054,283	
53	9,959,359	10,313,194	10,680,004	11,060,748	
54	9,965,155	10,319,199	10,686,233	11,067,218	
55	9,970,954	10,325,207	10,692,466	11,073,692	
56	9,976,756	10,331,219	10,698,702	11,080,170	
57	9,982,562	10,337,234	10,704,942	11,086,652	
58	9,988,371	10,343,253	10,711,186	11,093,138	
59	9,994,184	10,349,276	10,717,434	11,099,629	
60	10,000,000	10,355,302	10,723,686	11,106,124	
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Figure 63: An excerpt from Lansberge's table of tangents [van Lansberge (1591)] (source: e-rara).

CANON				
	52	53	54	55
0	16,242,692	16,616,401	17,013,017	17,434,469
1	16,248,742	16,622,819	17,019,832	17,441,715
2	16,254,799	16,629,243	17,026,654	17,448,968
3	16,260,861	16,635,673	17,033,482	17,456,229
4	16,266,929	16,642,109	17,040,318	17,463,499
5	16,273,003	16,648,551	17,047,160	17,470,775
6	16,279,083	16,655,001	17,054,010	17,478,059
7	16,285,169	16,661,457	17,060,866	17,485,351
8	16,291,261	16,667,919	17,067,729	17,492,650
9	16,297,358	16,674,408	17,074,599	16,499,957
10	16,303,461	16,680,864	17,081,476	17,507,272
11	16,309,570	16,687,345	17,088,359	17,514,594
12	16,315,685	16,693,834	17,095,250	17,521,924
13	16,321,806	16,700,328	17,102,148	17,529,262
14	16,327,934	16,706,829	17,109,053	17,536,607
15	16,334,067	16,713,336	17,115,965	17,543,959
16	16,340,197	16,719,850	17,122,885	17,551,319
17	16,346,333	16,726,362	17,129,812	17,558,687
18	16,352,505	16,732,877	17,136,747	17,566,063
19	16,358,663	16,739,430	17,143,689	17,573,446
20	16,364,827	16,745,970	17,150,638	17,580,837
21	16,370,996	16,752,517	17,157,593	17,588,236
22	16,377,172	16,759,070	17,164,556	17,595,643
23	16,383,359	16,765,629	17,171,525	17,603,057
24	16,389,542	16,772,195	17,178,502	17,610,480
25	16,395,736	16,778,767	17,185,485	17,617,909
26	16,401,936	16,785,347	17,192,476	17,625,347
27	16,408,152	16,791,933	17,199,472	17,632,793
28	16,414,365	16,798,525	17,206,477	17,640,246
29	16,420,573	16,805,124	17,213,488	17,647,707
30	16,426,798	16,811,729	17,220,507	17,655,175

Figure 64: An excerpt from Lansberge's table of secants [van Lansberge (1591)] (source: e-rara).

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0		1		2		
	Primus	Secundus	Primus	Secundus	Primus	Secundus
0	00, 00	100000, 00	1745, 24	99984, 77	3489, 95	99939, 08
1	29, 09	99999, 99	1774, 33	99984, 26	3519, 02	99938, 06
2	58, 18	99999, 98	1803, 41	99983, 74	3548, 09	99937, 03
3	87, 27	99999, 96	1832, 50	99983, 21	3577, 16	99935, 99
4	116, 26	99999, 94	1861, 58	99982, 67	3606, 23	99934, 95
5	145, 44	99999, 89	1890, 66	99982, 12	3635, 30	99933, 90
6	174, 53	99999, 84	1919, 75	99981, 57	3664, 37	99932, 84
7	203, 62	99999, 78	1948, 83	99981, 01	3693, 44	99931, 77
8	232, 71	99999, 71	1977, 92	99980, 44	3722, 51	99930, 69
9	261, 80	99999, 65	2007, 00	99979, 86	3751, 58	99929, 60
10	290, 88	99999, 57	2036, 08	99979, 27	3780, 64	99928, 50
11	319, 97	99999, 48	2065, 17	99978, 67	3809, 71	99927, 40
12	349, 06	99999, 38	2094, 25	99978, 06	3838, 78	99926, 29
13	378, 15	99999, 27	2123, 33	99977, 45	3867, 85	99925, 17
14	407, 24	99999, 16	2152, 41	99976, 83	3896, 92	99924, 04
15	436, 33	99999, 04	2181, 50	99976, 20	3925, 98	99922, 90
16	465, 41	99998, 91	2210, 57	99975, 56	3955, 05	99921, 75
17	494, 50	99998, 77	2239, 65	99974, 91	3984, 12	99920, 60
18	523, 59	99998, 62	2268, 73	99974, 25	4013, 18	99919, 44
19	552, 68	99998, 46	2297, 81	99973, 59	4042, 25	99918, 27
20	581, 77	99998, 30	2326, 89	99972, 92	4071, 31	99917, 09
21	610, 86	99998, 13	2355, 97	99972, 24	4100, 38	99915, 90
22	639, 95	99997, 95	2385, 05	99971, 55	4129, 44	99914, 70
23	669, 04	99997, 76	2414, 13	99970, 85	4158, 51	99913, 49
24	698, 13	99997, 56	2443, 21	99970, 14	4187, 57	99912, 28
25	727, 21	99997, 35	2472, 29	99969, 43	4216, 63	99911, 06
26	756, 30	99997, 13	2501, 37	99968, 71	4245, 70	99909, 83
27	785, 39	99996, 91	2530, 45	99967, 98	4274, 76	99908, 59
28	814, 48	99996, 68	2559, 53	99967, 24	4303, 82	99907, 34
29	843, 57	99996, 44	2588, 61	99966, 45	4332, 88	99906, 08
30	872, 65	99996, 19	2617, 69	99965, 7	4361, 94	99904, 82
	Secundus	Primus	Secundus	Primus	Secundus	Primus
49		88		87		
						87265

Figure 65: An excerpt from Magini's table of sines [Magini (1592)].

O		I	
Prima	Secunda	Prima	Secunda
0	00,00	Infinita	
1	29,09	343760708,15	
2	58,18	71880336,88	
3	87,27	114575295,06	
4	116,36	85640039,53	
5	145,44	68756800,06	
6	174,52	57296338,39	
7	203,61	49110981,24	
8	232,70	42971810,90	
9	261,79	38196963,33	
10	290,88	34378290,02	
11	319,96	31252767,45	
12	349,05	28648192,29	
13	378,14	26444339,55	
14	407,23	24555338,38	
15	436,32	22918738,54	
16	465,41	21486197,13	
17	494,50	20222198,18	
18	523,59	19098649,71	
19	552,68	18095374,10	
20	581,77	17188631,24	
21	610,86	16370056,97	
22	639,95	15625900,46	
23	669,04	14946454,62	
24	698,13	14323630,27	
25	727,22	13750821,63	
26	756,31	13221886,81	
27	785,40	12732134,35	
28	814,50	12277364,70	
29	843,59	11853958,77	
30	872,68	11458911,36	
Secunda		Prima	

1745,50	5728998,30
1774,59	5635043,09
1803,69	5544149,14
1832,79	5456109,68
1861,89	5370850,03
1891,00	5288212,58
1920,10	5208051,57
1949,20	5130309,46
1978,30	5054827,30
2007,40	4981557,54
2036,50	4910380,24
2065,61	4841183,53
2094,71	4773931,95
2123,81	4708521,52
2152,91	4644878,53
2182,01	4582931,85
2211,11	4522614,53
2240,22	4463863,10
2269,32	4406617,80
2298,42	4350829,56
2327,52	4296417,96
2356,63	4243357,93
2385,74	4191591,37
2414,85	4141112,95
2443,95	4091753,88
2473,06	4043596,42
2502,17	3996558,28
2531,28	3950600,88
2560,38	3905687,37
2589,49	3861782,58
2618,59	3818852,88

89	88
872,68	

Figure 66: An excerpt from Magini's table of tangents [Magini (1592)].

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O		I			
Prima	Secunda	Prima	Secunda		
0	100000,00	Infinita.	100015,24	5729870,98	60
1	100000,01	343760722,69	100015,74	5635930,31	59
2	100000,02	171880365,98	100016,26	5545050,91	58
3	100000,04	114586911,97	100016,79	5457035,99	57
4	100000,08	85940183,65	100017,33	5371780,89	56
5	100000,10	68756872,73	100017,88	5289157,98	55
6	100000,14	57296425,66	100018,44	5209011,52	54
7	100000,20	49112556,40	100019,00	5131283,95	53
8	100000,27	42971935,36	100019,57	5055816,34	52
9	100000,34	38197094,23	100020,15	4982561,13	51
10	100000,42	34378435,46	100020,74	4911398,38	50
11	100000,51	31252827,43	100021,34	4842216,19	49
12	100000,60	28648346,81	100021,95	4774978,28	48
13	100000,71	26444508,61	100022,56	4709585,29	47
14	100000,83	24555541,99	100023,18	4645954,85	46
15	100000,95	22918956,69	100023,81	4584022,71	45
16	100001,08	21486429,81	100024,45	4523719,94	44
17	100001,22	20222345,32	100025,10	4464983,05	43
18	100001,37	19098911,50	100025,76	4407752,30	42
19	100001,52	18093650,43	100026,42	4351969,61	41
20	100001,68	17188922,12	100027,09	4297581,56	40
21	100001,86	16370362,39	100027,77	4244536,07	39
22	100002,04	15626210,42	100028,46	4192784,06	38
23	100002,23	14946789,12	100029,16	4142278,75	37
24	100002,43	14323979,32	100029,87	4093975,66	36
25	100002,64	13751185,22	100030,58	4044832,75	35
26	100002,85	13222264,95	100031,30	3997809,16	34
27	100003,08	12732527,03	100032,03	3951866,30	33
28	100003,32	12277771,93	100032,77	3906967,34	32
29	100003,57	11854380,54	100033,52	3863077,09	31
30	100003,81	11459347,68	100034,28	3820161,94	30
Secunda		Prima	Secunda		Prima
89			88		
			100002,81		

Figure 67: An excerpt from Magini's table of secants [Magini (1592)].

	0	1	2	3	4	
0	0000	174524	348995	523300	697565	60
1	2909	177433	351902	526265	700467	59
2	5818	180341	354809	529170	703369	58
3	8727	183250	357716	532075	706270	57
4	11636	186158	360623	534980	709172	56
5	14544	189066	363530	537884	712073	55
6	17453	191975	366437	540789	714975	54
7	20362	194883	369344	543694	717876	53
8	23271	197792	372251	546598	720777	52
9	26180	200700	375158	549503	723678	51
10	29088	203608	378064	552407	726579	50
11	31997	206517	380971	555312	729480	49
12	34906	209425	383878	558216	732381	48
13	37815	212333	386785	561120	735282	47
14	40724	215241	389692	564024	738183	46
15	43632	218149	392598	566928	741084	45
16	46541	221057	395505	569832	743985	44
17	49450	223965	398412	572736	746886	43
18	52359	226873	401318	575640	749787	42
19	55268	229781	404225	578544	752688	41
20	58177	232689	407131	581448	755588	40
21	61086	235597	410038	584352	758489	39
22	63995	238505	412944	587256	761389	38
23	66904	241413	415851	590160	764290	37
24	69813	244321	418757	593064	767190	36
25	72721	247229	421663	595967	770090	35
26	75630	250137	424570	598871	772991	34
27	78539	253045	427476	601775	775891	33
28	81448	255953	430382	604678	778791	32
29	84357	258861	433288	707582	781691	31
30	87265	261769	436194	610485	784591	30
	89	88	87	86	85	

Figure 68: An excerpt from Clavius's table of sines [Clavius (1593)].

D	0	1	2	3	4	5
M	Parts	Parts	Parts	Parts	Parts	Parts
1	29	1774	3519	5262	7004	8744
2	58	1803	48	91	33	73
3	87	32	77	5320	62	8803
4	116	61	3606	49	19	131
5	45	90	35	78	7120	60
6	74	1919	64	5407	49	89
7	203	48	93	36	78	8918
8	32	77	3722	65	7207	47
9	61	2007	51	95	36	76
10	90	36	80	5524	65	9005
11	319	65	3809	53	94	34
12	49	94	38	82	7323	63
13	78	2123	67	5611	52	92
14	407	52	96	40	81	9121
15	36	81	3925	69	7410	50
16	65	2210	55	98	39	79
17	94	39	84	5727	68	9208
18	523	68	4013	56	97	37
19	52	97	42	85	7526	66
20	81	2326	71	5814	55	94
21	610	55	4100	43	84	9323
22	39	85	29	72	7613	52
23	69	2414	58	5901	42	81
24	98	43	87	30	71	9410
25	727	72	4216	59	17700	39
26	56	2501	45	88	29	68
27	85	30	74	6017	58	97
28	814	59	4303	46	87	9526
29	43	88	32	75	7816	55
30	73	2617	61	6104	45	84

Figure 69: Excerpt of Fale's table of sines [Fale (1593)]. (source: <https://archive.org/details/b30333106>)

Tafelen voor de Land-meters.

Tafelen van Sinuum, Tangentium, en Secantium, tegen 1000000 den Dia.

Num.	Sinus.	Perpen.	Snijder.	Gradē	Sinus.	Perpen.	Snijder.
0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
1	2909	2909	10000001	1	177453	177453	10001574
2	5818	5818	10000002	2	180341	180341	10001656
3	8727	8727	10000004	3	183250	183279	10001679
4	11636	11636	10000008	4	186158	186189	10001733
5	14544	14544	10000010	5	189066	189106	10001788
6	17453	17453	10000014	6	191975	192010	10001844
7	20362	20362	10000020	7	194883	194920	10001900
8	23271	23270	10000027	8	197792	197830	10001957
9	26180	26179	10000034	9	200700	200740	10002015
10	29088	29088	10000042	10	203608	203650	10002074
11	31997	31996	10000051	11	206517	206561	10002134
12	34906	34905	10000060	12	209425	209471	10002195
13	37815	37814	10000071	13	212333	212381	10002256
14	40724	40723	10000083	14	215241	215291	10002319
15	43632	43632	10000095	15	218149	218201	10002381
16	46541	46541	10000108	16	221057	221111	10002445
17	49450	49450	10000122	17	223965	224022	10002510
18	52359	52359	10000137	18	226873	226932	10002576
19	55268	55268	10000152	19	229781	229842	10002642
20	58177	58177	10000168	20	232689	232752	10002709
21	61086	61086	10000186	21	235597	235663	10002777
22	63995	63995	10000204	22	238505	238574	10002846
23	66904	66904	10000223	23	241413	241485	10002916
24	69813	69813	10000243	24	244321	244395	10002987
25	72721	72722	10000264	25	247229	247306	10003058
26	75630	75631	10000285	26	250137	250217	10003130
27	78539	78540	10000308	27	253045	253128	10003203
28	81448	81450	10000332	28	255953	256038	10003277
29	84357	84359	10000357	29	258861	258949	10003352
30	87265	87268	10000381	30	261769	261859	10003428
31	90174	90177	10000407	31	264677	264770	10003505
32	93083	93086	10000433	32	267585	267681	10003582
33	95992	95995	10000461	33	270493	270592	10003660
34	98901	98904	10000489	34	273401	273503	10003739
35	101809	101814	10000518	35	276308	276414	10003819
36	104718	104723	10000548	36	279216	279325	10003900
37	107627	107632	10000579	37	282124	282237	10003982
38	110536	110541	10000611	38	285032	285148	10004065
39	113445	113450	10000643	39	287940	288059	10004148
40	116353	116360	10000677	40	290847	290970	10004232
41	119262	119269	10000711	41	293755	293882	10004317
42	122171	122178	10000746	42	296663	296794	10004403
43	125079	125088	10000782	43	299570	299705	10004490
44	127988	127997	10000819	44	302478	302617	10004578
45	130896	130906	10000857	45	305385	305528	10004666
46	133805	133816	10000895	46	308293	308449	10004755
47	136714	136725	10000934	47	311200	311351	10004845
48	139622	139633	10000975	48	314108	314262	10004936
49	142531	142544	10001016	49	317015	317174	10005028
50	145439	145454	10001058	50	319922	320085	10005122
51	148348	148363	10001100	51	322830	322997	10005216
52	151257	151273	10001144	52	325737	325909	10005310
53	154165	154182	10001188	53	328645	328821	10005405
54	157074	157092	10001233	54	331552	331733	10005501
55	159982	160001	10001280	55	334459	334645	10005598
56	162891	162911	10001327	56	337367	337558	10005696
57	165799	165820	10001375	57	340274	340470	10005795
58	168708	168730	10001423	58	343181	343382	10005894
59	171616	171640	10001473	59	346088	346295	10005994
60	174524	174550	10001524	60	348995	349207	10006095

Figure 70: The first page from Ceulen's table of trigonometric functions [Ceulen (1596)].

Tafelen voor de Land-meters.									
Tafelen van Sinuum, Tangentium, en Secantium, tegen 1000000 den Dia									
Minu.	Sinus, Perpendi.			Gradē	Sinus, Perpendi.			Snijder,	Snijder,
	88	88	88		89	89	89		
0	9993908	28636498	286337048	0	9998477	572899830	572987098		
1	9994009	288770746	288943841	1	9998527	582610421	582696134		
2	9994109	291219764	291391404	2	9998577	592655713	592740072		
3	9994208	293710598	293880683	3	9998625	603057015	603139919		
4	9994307	296244357	296413087	4	9998673	613821994	613907444		
5	9994405	298823024	298990299	5	9998720	624990311	625070305		
6	9994502	301445987	301611807	6	9998766	636564040	636642580		
7	9994598	304115322	304279687	7	9998811	648578536	648655621		
8	9994692	306833212	306996123	8	9998856	661050728	661126359		
9	9994787	309599077	309760533	9	9998900	674016435	674090521		
10	9994881	312416191	312576192	10	9998942	687500739	687573461		
11	9994974	315283945	315442491	11	9998984	701531474	701612741		
12	9995066	318204757	318361849	12	9999025	716149676	716229489		
13	9995157	321181117	321336774	13	9999065	731385593	731463591		
14	9995247	324212583	324366765	14	9999105	747289264	747366168		
15	9995336	327302782	327455509	15	9999143	763899813	763975626		
16	9995424	330451272	330602545	16	9999181	781259259	781334214		
17	9995512	333661982	333811800	17	9999218	799432199	799494739		
18	9995599	336934467	337082830	18	9999254	818463792	818524858		
19	9995685	340272744	340421962	19	9999289	838430438	838490069		
20	9995770	343677949	343823403	20	9999323	859393574	859451551		
21	9995854	347150387	347294586	21	9999357	881421765	881484174		
22	9995937	350695255	350837799	22	9999389	904627161	904682629		
23	9996019	354312962	354454051	23	9999421	929081086	929134899		
24	9996101	358006024	358145679	24	9999452	954893332	954949691		
25	9996182	361776788	361914968	25	9999482	982180553	982234557		
26	9996262	365616388	365753013	26	9999511	1011062679	101112129		
27	9996341	369526062	369661532	27	9999539	1041705454	1041753449		
28	9996419	373517919	373651015	28	9999566	1074263399	1074309940		
29	9996496	377686614	377818975	29	9999593	1108921084	1108967170		
30	9996573	381982888	382116194	30	9999619	1145891136	1145934768		
31	9996649	386417825	386547709	31	9999644	1185395877	1185438054		
32	9996724	390996817	391126634	32	9999668	1227736470	1227777193		
33	9996798	395726088	395856630	33	9999692	1273213435	1273253703		
34	9996871	399615828	399746916	34	9999714	1321886881	1321926495		
35	9996943	403579642	403710825	35	9999736	1373082163	1373121851		
36	9997014	407619388	407750766	36	9999756	1427363027	1427402792		
37	9997085	411735152	411866785	37	9999776	1484645462	1484685912		
38	9997155	415929137	416060740	38	9999795	1544990046	1545030421		
39	9997224	420203593	420337607	39	9999813	1608495697	1608536139		
40	9997292	424568479	424702516	40	9999831	1718863124	1718903621		
41	9997359	429023806	429157861	41	9999847	1809337410	1809378043		
42	9997425	433569578	433703653	42	9999863	1909864971	1909905690		
43	9997491	438205810	438339895	43	9999878	2022219818	2022260552		
44	9997556	442932513	443066598	44	9999892	2148619711	2148660481		
45	9997620	447749718	447883803	45	9999905	2291873854	2291914669		
46	9997683	452657433	452791518	46	9999917	2455533838	2455574699		
47	9997745	457655652	457789737	47	9999928	2644433955	2644474861		
48	9997806	462744481	462878566	48	9999940	2864819229	2864860181		
49	9997866	467923919	468058004	49	9999950	3125276745	3125317643		
50	9997927	473194024	473328459	50	9999959	3437829002	3437870046		
51	9997986	478554754	478689189	51	9999967	3819696333	3819737431		
52	9998044	484006157	484140592	52	9999974	4297181900	4297223046		
53	9998101	489548273	489682708	53	9999980	4911345459	4911386640		
54	9998157	495181157	495315592	54	9999986	5729633839	5729675066		
55	9998212	500904901	501039336	55	9999991	6875680006	6875721278		
56	9998267	506719625	506854060	56	9999993	859401147	8594052861		
57	9998321	512625349	512759784	57	9999996	1148686824	1148728278		
58	9998374	518622073	518756508	58	9999998	1718803688	1718845197		
59	9998426	524709807	524844242	59	1000000	3437607081	3437648669		
60	9998477	530888541	531022976	60	1000000	Infinitum.	Infinitum.		

Figure 71: The last page from Ceulen's table of trigonometric functions [Ceulen (1596)].

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SVBTENDENS ANGLVLM RECTVM				MAIVS INCLVDENT			
25	Perpendicularum	Different.	Basis	Different.	Hypotenusa	Different.	
0	4226182617	439186	9063077870	204880	11033779190	240400	
10	4226622003	439173	9062872968	204902	11034428400	240402	
20	4227061378	439166	9062668049	204923	11034778111	240411	
30	4227500744	439155	9062463101	204944	11034777260	240417	
40	4227940092	439146	9062258155	204966	11034777260	240421	
50	4228379445	439136	9062053148	204987	11035026871	240424	
60	4228818781	439126	9061848140	205008	11035276119	240425	
70	4229258107	439116	9061643111	205029	11035525303	240425	
80	4229697423	439106	9061438060	205051	11035775206	240425	
90	4230136729	439096	9061232987	205072	11036025165	240425	
100	4230576023	439086	9061027894	205093	11036275148	240425	
110	4231015311	439076	9060822779	205115	11036525137	240425	
120	4231454587	439066	9060617643	205136	11036775139	240425	
130	4231893853	439056	9060412486	205157	11037025097	240425	
140	4232333109	439046	9060207307	205179	11037275043	240425	
150	4232772355	439036	9060002107	205200	11037525016	240425	
160	4233211591	439026	9059796886	205221	11037775047	240425	
170	4233650818	439016	9059591643	205243	11038025104	240425	
180	4234090034	439007	9059386380	205264	11038275100	240425	
190	4234529241	438996	9059181095	205285	11038525131	240425	
200	4234968437	438987	9058975788	205307	11038775101	240425	
210	4235407624	438977	9058770460	205328	11039025109	240425	
220	4235846801	438966	9058565111	205349	11039275113	240425	
230	4236285967	438957	9058359741	205370	11039525134	240425	
240	4236725124	438947	9058154349	205391	11039775163	240425	
250	4237164271	438936	9057948937	205412	11040025208	240425	
260	4237603420	438927	9057743504	205433	11040275201	240425	
270	4238042563	438917	9057538047	205454	11040525212	240425	
280	4238481691	438907	9057332570	205475	11040775201	240425	
290	4238920778	438897	9057127072	205496	11041025206	240425	
300	4239359845	438887	9056921553	205517	11041275248	240425	
310	4239798945	438877	9056716012	205538	11041525249	240425	
320	4240238019	438867	9056510470	205559	11041780446	240425	
330	4240677086	438857	9056304887	205580	11042031100	240425	
340	4241116143	438847	9056099263	205601	11042281792	240425	
350	4241555190	438837	9055893637	205622	11042532421	240425	
360	4241994247	438827	9055687990	205643	11042783088	240425	
370	4242433304	438817	9055482322	205664	11043033691	240425	
380	4242872372	438807	9055276632	205685	11043284333	240425	
390	4243311429	438797	9055070921	205706	11043534912	240425	
400	4243750476	438787	9054865189	205727	11043785528	240425	
410	4244189523	438778	9054659435	205748	11044036180	240425	
420	4244628571	438768	9054453661	205769	11044286872	240425	
430	4245067618	438758	9054247865	205790	11044537500	240425	
440	4245506665	438748	9054042047	205811	11044788166	240425	
450	4245945713	438737	9053836209	205832	11045038868	240425	
460	4246384760	438727	9053630349	205853	11045289509	240425	
470	4246823807	438718	9053424468	205874	11045540186	240425	
480	4247262854	438707	9053218565	205895	11045790901	240425	
490	4247701901	438698	9053012642	205916	11046041653	240425	
500	4248140948	438688	9052806697	205937	11046292443	240425	
510	4248580005	438678	9052600730	205958	11046543271	240425	
520	4249019062	438668	9052394743	205979	11046794135	240425	
530	4249458119	438658	9052188734	206000	11047045037	240425	
540	4249897176	438647	9051982704	206021	11047295977	240425	
550	4250336233	438638	9051776653	206042	11047546953	240425	
560	4250775290	438628	9051570580	206063	11047797966	240425	
570	4251214347	438618	9051364486	206084	11048048919	240425	
580	4251653404	438607	9051158371	206105	11048299808	240425	
590	4252092461	438598	9050952234	206126	11048550735	240425	

Basis Different. Perpendicularum Different. Hypotenusa Different.

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Figure 72: Excerpt of Rheticus's *Opus palatinum* [Rheticus and Otho (1596)] (source: e-rara).

CANON				SINUUM				
O	Sinus	Diff. I.	II.	III.	Sinus complementi	Diff. I.	II.	III.
0	0				1.00000.00000.00000			
10	4.84813.68092	48481369978			99999.99988.24778	1177822	2350442	1
20	9.69627.36070	48481367710	228	114	99999.99972.99114	1121664	2350444	0.2
30	14.54441.03820	48481364408	344	113	99999.99956.78406	1076108	2350444	1
40	19.39254.71218	48481360911	461	116	99999.99940.57696	1031650	2350444	0.2
50	24.24068.38181	48481356811	577	112	99999.99924.36986	10176994	2350444	1
60	29.08882.04563	48481353911	693	114	99999.99908.16276	12927437	2350444	1
70	33.93695.70262	48481349401	797	116	99999.99892.44146	1177879	2350444	0.1
80	38.78509.35164	48481345911	911	112	99999.99876.23436	1762822	2350444	0.1
90	43.63322.99153	48481342401	1025	114	99999.99860.02726	19978766	2350444	1
100	48.48136.68117	48481338911	1139	115	99999.99844.77850	22329208	2350444	0.2
110	53.32950.23942	48481335791	1253	113	99999.99828.57140	24679652	2350444	3
120	58.17763.84513	48481332401	1367	115	99999.99812.36430	27030093	2350444	0.3
130	63.02577.43717	48481329211	1481	113	99999.99796.15720	29380537	2350444	3
140	67.87391.01459	48481326211	1595	115	99999.99780.95010	31730978	2350444	0.3
150	72.72204.57566	48481323211	1710	112	99999.99764.74300	34081422	2350444	3
160	77.57018.11983	48481320211	1824	115	99999.99748.53590	36431866	2350444	0.3
170	82.41831.64578	48481317211	1938	111	99999.99732.32880	38782310	2350444	1
180	87.26645.15235	48481314201	2052	114	99999.99716.12170	41132754	2350444	1
190	92.11458.63841	48481311201	2166	114	99999.99700.91460	43483198	2350444	0.1
200	96.96272.10282	48481308201	2279	114	99999.99684.70750	45833642	2350444	1
210	101.81085.54444	48481305201	2393	114	99999.99668.50040	48184086	2350444	1
220	106.65898.96213	48481302201	2507	114	99999.99652.29330	50534530	2350444	0.1
230	111.50712.35475	48481299201	2621	114	99999.99636.8620	52884974	2350444	3
240	116.35525.72116	48481296201	2735	114	99999.99620.65490	55235418	2350444	0.3
250	121.20339.06012	48481293201	2849	113	99999.99604.44780	57585862	2350444	3
260	126.05152.37079	48481290201	2963	116	99999.99588.24070	59936306	2350444	0.2
270	130.89965.65174	48481287201	3077	111	99999.99572.03360	62286750	2350444	1
280	135.74778.90191	48481284201	3191	117	99999.99556.82650	64637194	2350444	0.2
290	140.59592.12019	48481281201	3305	112	99999.99540.61940	66987638	2350444	1
300	145.44405.50541	48481278201	3419	114	99999.99524.41230	69338082	2350444	1
310	150.29218.54645	48481275201	3533	115	99999.99508.20520	71688526	2350444	0
320	155.14031.57217	48481272201	3647	114	99999.99492.99810	74038970	2350444	0.1
330	159.98844.65112	48481269201	3761	113	99999.99476.79100	76389414	2350444	1
340	164.83657.69306	48481266201	3875	114	99999.99460.58390	78739858	2350444	0.2
350	169.68470.69596	48481263201	3989	115	99999.99444.37680	81090302	2350444	1
360	174.53283.65898	48481260201	4103	112	99999.99428.16970	83440746	2350444	1
370	179.38096.58097	48481257201	4217	116	99999.99412.9620	85791190	2350444	1
380	184.22909.46081	48481254201	4331	114	99999.99396.75490	88141634	2350444	0
390	189.07722.29714	48481251201	4445	111	99999.99380.54780	90492078	2350444	1
400	193.92535.08942	48481248201	4559	118	99999.99364.34070	92842522	2350444	0.2
410	198.77347.83594	48481245201	4673	111	99999.99348.13360	95192966	2350444	1
420	203.62160.53572	48481242201	4787	115	99999.99332.92650	97543410	2350444	0
430	208.46973.18765	48481239201	4901	115	99999.99316.71940	99893854	2350444	0
440	213.31785.79058	48481236201	5015	112	99999.99300.51230	102144298	2350444	0
450	218.16598.34336	48481233201	5129	115	99999.99284.30520	104394742	2350444	0.1
460	223.01410.84487	48481230201	5243	113	99999.99268.09810	106645186	2350444	1
470	227.86223.29396	48481227201	5357	115	99999.99252.89100	108895630	2350444	1
480	232.71035.68950	48481224201	5471	114	99999.99236.68390	111146074	2350444	0.1
490	237.55848.03034	48481221201	5585	114	99999.99220.47680	113396518	2350444	1
500	242.40660.31534	48481218201	5699	114	99999.99204.26970	115646962	2350444	0.2
510	247.25472.54336	48481215201	5813	112	99999.99188.06260	117897406	2350444	3
520	252.10284.71326	48481212201	5927	116	99999.99172.85550	120147850	2350444	0.4
530	256.95096.82392	48481209201	6041	114	99999.99156.64840	122398294	2350444	1
540	261.79908.87418	48481206201	6155	112	99999.99140.44130	124648738	2350444	0.1
550	266.64720.86290	48481203201	6269	117	99999.99124.23420	126899182	2350444	3
560	271.49532.78896	48481200201	6383	112	99999.99108.02710	129149626	2350444	0.1
570	276.34344.65119	48481197201	6497	114	99999.99092.82000	131400070	2350444	1
580	281.19156.44847	48481194201	6609	114	99999.99076.61290	133650514	2350444	0.2
590	286.03968.17966	48481191201	6723	114	99999.99060.40580	135900958	2350444	1
Sinus complementi				Diff. I.	II.	III.		
				Sinus.	Diff. I.	II.	III.	

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Figure 73: Excerpt of Pitiscus's *Thesaurus mathematicus* [Pitiscus (1613)] (source: École des Ponts ParisTech, Paris, photograph by the author).