

TABLE OF SPHERE PACKING DENSITY BOUNDS

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Table 1 gives the best packing densities known for congruent spheres in Euclidean spaces of dimensions 1 through 48 and 56, 64, and 72, along with the best upper bounds known for the optimal packing density. It was originally based on Tables I.1(a) and I.1(b) in [10] and the Nebe-Sloane Catalogue of Lattices.

The columns of the table list the following information:

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| n | Number of dimensions. |
| Center density | Number of spheres per unit volume in space, assuming unit radius. |
| # | Number of spheres per unit cell in an underlying (Bravais) lattice. |
| Density | Packing density, i.e., $\pi^{n/2}/\Gamma(n/2 + 1)$ times the center density. |
| Upper bound | Best upper bound known for the optimal packing density, rounded up. |
| Ratio | Ratio of the upper bound to the known density, rounded up. |
| References | References for the sphere packing and the upper bound. |

There are also three supplementary files:

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| <code>densitybounds.txt</code> | Plain text file containing the upper and lower density bounds from this table. |
| <code>packings.txt</code> | Explicit descriptions of packings in up to 38 dimensions as Gram matrices for lattices together with translation vectors (if needed to form a periodic packing). |
| <code>rigorous.txt</code> | Exact rational coefficients needed to verify the bounds quoted from [1] using linear programming bounds. |

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TABLE 1. Sphere packing density bounds.

| n | Center density | # | Density | Upper bound | Ratio | References |
|-----|---|-------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | 2^{-1} | 1 | | 1 | 1 | |
| 2 | $2^{-1} \cdot 3^{-1/2}$ | 1 | 0.9068996821171089... | | 1 | [26, 27, 12] |
| 3 | $2^{-5/2}$ | 1 | 0.7404804896930610... | | 1 | [13, 14] |
| 4 | 2^{-3} | 1 | 0.6168502750680849... | 0.6361073321551329 | 1.032 | [15, 7] |
| 5 | $2^{-7/2}$ | 1 | 0.4652576133092586... | 0.5126451306253027 | 1.102 | [16, 7] |
| 6 | $2^{-3} \cdot 3^{-1/2}$ | 1 | 0.3729475455820649... | 0.4103032818801865 | 1.101 | [16, 7] |
| 7 | 2^{-4} | 1 | 0.2952978731457125... | 0.3211471056675559 | 1.088 | [16, 7] |
| 8 | 2^{-4} | 1 | 0.2536695079010480... | | 1 | [16, 30] |
| 9 | $2^{-9/2}$ | 1 | 0.1457748758081711... | 0.1911204152968963 | 1.312 | [5, 7] |
| 10 | $2^{-7} \cdot 5$ | 40 | 0.0996157828077088... | 0.1434100871082547 | 1.440 | [3, 7] |
| 11 | $2^{-8} \cdot 3^2$ | 72 | 0.0662380270098011... | 0.1067252934567631 | 1.612 | [20, 7] |
| 12 | 3^{-3} | 1 | 0.0494541766242440... | 0.0797117710668987 | 1.612 | [11, 7] |
| 13 | $2^{-8} \cdot 3^2$ | 72 | 0.0320142921603497... | 0.0601644380983860 | 1.880 | [20, 7] |
| 14 | $2^{-4} \cdot 3^{-1/2}$ | 1 | 0.0216240960824471... | 0.0450612211935181 | 2.084 | [18, 7] |
| 15 | $2^{-9/2}$ | 1 | 0.0168575706567626... | 0.0337564432797899 | 2.003 | [2, 7] |
| 16 | 2^{-4} | 1 | 0.0147081643974308... | 0.0249944093845237 | 1.700 | [2, 7] |
| 17 | 2^{-4} | 1 | 0.0088113191823211... | 0.0184640903350649 | 2.096 | [18, 1] |
| 18 | $2^{-18} \cdot 3^9$ | 512 | 0.0061678981253312... | 0.0134853404450862 | 2.187 | [4, 1] |
| 19 | $2^{-7/2}$ | 1 | 0.0041208062797686... | 0.0098179551395438 | 2.383 | [18, 1] |
| 20 | $2^{-31} \cdot 7^{10}$ | 4 | 0.0033945814107126... | 0.0071270536033763 | 2.100 | [28, 1] |
| 21 | $2^{-5/2}$ | 1 | 0.0024658847115024... | 0.0051596603948176 | 2.093 | [18, 1] |
| 22 | $2^{-23} \cdot 3^{-21/2} \cdot 11^{11}$ | 3 | 0.0024510340441211... | 0.0037259419689206 | 1.521 | [9, 1] |
| 23 | 2^{-1} | 1 | 0.0019053281934260... | 0.0026842798864291 | 1.409 | [19, 1] |
| 24 | 1 | 1 | 0.0019295743094039... | | 1 | [19, 6] |
| 25 | $2^{-1/2}$ | 1 | 0.0006772120097731... | 0.0013841907222857 | 2.044 | [8, 1] |
| 26 | $3^{-1/2}$ | 1 | 0.0002692200504338... | 0.0009910238892216 | 3.682 | [8, 1] |
| 27 | $2^{-1/2}$ | 16384 | 0.0001575943907278... | 0.0007082297958617 | 4.495 | [29, 1] |
| 28 | 1 | 8192 | 0.0001046381049248... | 0.0005052542161057 | 4.829 | [29, 1] |
| 29 | $2^{-1/2}$ | 32768 | 0.0000341446469074... | 0.0003598581852089 | 10.54 | [29, 1] |
| 30 | 1 | 8192 | 0.0000219153534478... | 0.0002559028743732 | 11.68 | [29, 1] |
| 31 | $2^{-47/2} \cdot 3^{15}$ | 1 | 0.0000118377651859... | 0.0001817083813917 | 15.35 | [24, 1] |
| 32 | $2^{-24} \cdot 3^{16}$ | 1 | 0.0000110407493088... | 0.0001288432887595 | 11.67 | [24, 1] |
| 33 | $2^{-25} \cdot 3^{33/2}$ | 1 | 0.0000041406882896... | 0.0000912356039023 | 22.04 | Elkies (see [10, p. xx]), [1] |
| 34 | $2^{-25} \cdot 3^{33/2}$ | 1 | 0.0000017669738891... | 0.0000645221967438 | 36.52 | Elkies (see [10, p. xx]), [1] |
| 35 | $2^{3/2}$ | 1 | 0.0000009461904151... | 0.0000455743843107 | 48.17 | [10, p. 234], [1] |
| 36 | $2^{18} \cdot 3^{-10}$ | 1 | 0.0000006161466094... | 0.0000321530553313 | 52.19 | [17, 1] |
| 37 | $2^{5/2}$ | 1 | 0.0000003213562007... | 0.0000226586900106 | 70.51 | [10, p. xxxvii], [1] |
| 38 | 2^3 | 1 | 0.0000001835874319... | 0.0000159506499105 | 86.89 | [10, p. xxxvii], [1] |
| 39 | $2^{-41/2} \cdot 3^{16} \cdot 7^{-1/2}$ | 1 | 0.0000001004160423... | 0.0000112168687009 | 111.8 | [8, Cor. 8], [1] |
| 40 | $2^{-45/2} \cdot 3^{17}$ | 1 | 0.0000000784800488... | 0.0000078801051697 | 100.5 | [8, Cor. 8], [1] |
| 41 | $2^{-43/2} \cdot 3^{17}$ | 1 | 0.0000000610716131... | 0.0000055306464395 | 90.57 | [8, Cor. 8], [1] |
| 42 | $2^{-22} \cdot 3^{18}$ | 1 | 0.0000000498110957... | 0.0000038780970907 | 77.86 | [8, Cor. 8], [1] |
| 43 | $2^{-45/2} \cdot 3^{19}$ | 1 | 0.0000000401571902... | 0.0000027169074727 | 67.66 | [8, Cor. 8], [1] |
| 44 | $2^{-43} \cdot 3^{-24} \cdot 17^{22}$ | 4 | 0.0000000364088490... | 0.0000019017703144 | 52.24 | [9, 1] |
| 45 | $2^{-44} \cdot 3^{-24} \cdot 17^{45/2}$ | 4 | 0.0000000278915432... | 0.0000013300905665 | 47.69 | [9, 1] |
| 46 | $3^{-93/2} \cdot 13^{23}$ | 3 | 0.0000000286095747... | 0.0000009295151556 | 32.49 | [9, 1] |
| 47 | $2^{-70} \cdot 3^{-24} \cdot 5^{47/2} \cdot 7^{47/2}$ | 2 | 0.0000000221448620... | 0.0000006490757338 | 29.32 | [9, 1] |
| 48 | $2^{-24} \cdot 3^{24}$ | 1 | 0.0000000231782953... | 0.0000004529067791 | 19.55 | [20, 1] |
| 56 | $2^{-28} \cdot 5^{28} \cdot 29^{-4}$ | 1 | 0.0000000000535530... | 0.0000000248393710 | 463.9 | [25, 1] |
| 64 | 3^{16} | 1 | 0.000000000013260... | 0.0000000013129981 | 990.2 | [21, 22, 1] |
| 72 | 2^{36} | 1 | 0.000000000001458... | 0.000000000673580 | 461.8 | [23, 1] |

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