Enumeration of totally real number fields of bounded root discriminant

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3	86	86	0	49	3.659
4	277	117	160	725	5.189
5	170	170	0	14641	6.809
6	263	104	159	300125	8.182
7	301	301	0	20134393	11.051
8	62	19	43	282300416	11.385
9	11	6	5	9685993193	12.869
10	0	0	0	443952558373?	14.613?
Total	1229	862	367	-	-

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In studying certain enumerative problems in arithmetic geometry and number theory, one often reduces to a bound on the root discriminant and concludes finiteness using the Odlyzko bounds.

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Results and timings

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F	273	630	1273	674	802	301	164	15	0
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The CPU time is relative to the processor of a desktop machine (Opteron 1.8GHz, Athlon Dual Core 2.0GHz, and Celeron 2.53GHz).

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In a similar way, using Lagrange multipliers (Pohst) we find a bound on the largest β_3 and smallest root β_0 of f(x) which yields $f_3(\beta_3) = g_3(\beta_3) + a_{n-3} > 0$ so $-g_3(\beta_3) < a_{n-3} < -g_3(\beta_0)$.

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