

concerning numbers which are representable as a sum of two squares. Selberg [14] has shed further light on the relationship between the large sieve and the Selberg sieve. Diamond and Jurkat (unpublished) have extended the analysis of the iterated Selberg sieve to dimension  $\kappa \neq 1$  (see also Porter [11]). Bombieri [2], [3] has had some innovative ideas concerning weighted sieves. Vaughan [15] has given a simple proof of a sharp form of Bombieri's mean value theorem.

For years to come, *Sieve methods* will be vital to those seeking to work in the subject, and also to those seeking to make applications. The heavy notation in the book seems to be essential in formulating such general methods. Some parts of the book are much more difficult to read than others, but generally the text is lively and conversational. In concept and execution this is an excellent, long-needed work.

## REFERENCES

1. E. Bombieri, *Le grand crible dans la théorie analytique des nombres*, Astérisque No. 18, Société Mathématique de France, Paris, 1974. MR 51 #8057.
2. ———, *On twin almost primes*, *Acta Arith.* **28** (1975), 177–193; corrigendum, *ibid.*, **28** (1976), 760–763.
3. ———, *The asymptotic sieve* (to appear).
4. J. Chen, *On the representation of a large even integer as the sum of a prime and a product of two primes*, *Sci. Sinica* **16** (1973), 157–176.
5. P. X. Gallagher, *A larger sieve*, *Acta Arith.* **18** (1971), 77–81. MR 45 #214.
6. H. Halberstam and K. F. Roth, *Sequences*. I, Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1966. MR 35 #1565.
7. C. Hooley, *Applications of sieve methods to the theory of numbers*, Cambridge Tracts in Math., no. 70, Cambridge Univ. Press, London and New York, 1976.
8. H. Iwaniec, *On the error term in the linear sieve*, *Acta Arith.* **19** (1971), 1–30. MR 45 #5104.
9. ———, *The half dimensional sieve*, *Acta Arith.* **29** (1976), 69–95.
10. H. L. Montgomery and R. C. Vaughan, *The large sieve*, *Mathematika* **20** (1973), 119–134.
11. J. W. Porter, *An improvement of the upper and lower bound functions of Ankeny and Onishi*, *Acta Arith.* (to appear).
12. P. M. Ross, *On Chen's theorem that each large even number has the form  $p_1 + p_2$  or  $p_1 + p_2 p_3$* , *J. London Math. Soc.* (2) **10** (1975), 500–506.
13. A. Selberg, *Sieve methods*, Proc. Sympos. Pure Math., vol 20, Amer. Math. Soc., Providence, R. I., 1971, pp. 311–351. MR 47 #3286.
14. ———, *Remarks on sieves*, Proc. Number Theory Conf. (Boulder, Colo., 1972), Univ. of Colorado, 1972, pp. 205–216. MR 50 #4457.
15. R. C. Vaughan, *Mean value theorems in prime number theory*, *J. London Math. Soc.* (2) **10** (1975), 153–162.

H. L. MONTGOMERY

BULLETIN OF THE  
AMERICAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY  
Volume 82, Number 6, November 1976

*Fourier series with respect to general orthogonal systems*, by A. M. Olevskii (translated by B. P. Marshall and H. J. Christoffers), *Ergebnisse der Mathematik und ihrer Grenzgebiete*, Band 86, Springer-Verlag, Berlin, Heidelberg, New York, 1975, viii + 136 pp., \$33.60.

Fourier series—the original Fourier series, that is, the ones using trigonometric functions—were the first series of orthogonal functions. They are either