

CORRECTION AND ADDITION TO SOME THEOREMS CONCERNING PARTITIONS⁽¹⁾

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Theorem 2 of the above mentioned paper is valid only provided that the set $\{a\}$ of smallest positive residues does not consist of the single element $a=q$. Indeed, if it is required that all summands of a partition be divisible by the prime q , then, clearly, $p_n(q) = p_n(q, l) = 0$ for $n \not\equiv 0 \pmod{q}$, while, for $n = qn_1$, $p_{qn_1} = p_{n_1}(1)$ and $p_{qn_1} = p_{n_1}(1, l)$. Here $p_{n_1}(1)$ and $p_{n_1}(1, l)$ are the corresponding partitions without congruence restrictions; they may be obtained from the formulae of Theorem 2, by setting formally $m = q = 1$. $p_n(1)$ is, of course, the number of unrestricted partitions and is well-known (see [2] and [10]). It is easy to see that this is actually the only case in which the statement of Theorem 2 needs a modification. Indeed, Theorem 2 is an immediate consequence of the lemma. The proof that conditions (b) and (c) of the lemma hold for the generating functions $F(x)$ and $H(x)$ does not depend on the set $\{a\}$. But the verification of condition (a) makes essential use of the fact that (see text on top of p. 124 and on p. 120, after (11)) $L/k^2 \leq t\Lambda$, with $t = \max_a B/q^2 = 1 - 6(q-1)/q^2 < 1$. In case $k = q = a$, however, $A = B = q^2$ and, if $m = 1$, $\Lambda = \pi^2/6q$, $L = \pi^2q/6$ so that $L/k^2 = L/q^2 = \Lambda > t\Lambda$. This simply reflects the fact, evident from $F_0(x) = \prod_{\nu=1}^{\infty} (1 - x^{q\nu})^{-1}$, that if $x = \exp\{\log r + 2\pi ih/q\}$, then $|F_0(x)|$ takes on the same value, for every integer h ; the situation for $H(x)$ is similar. If, however, $m > 1$, then $L = (\pi^2/6q) \sum_{a \in \{a\}} B \leq (\pi^2/6q) [(m-1)tq^2 + q^2] = \pi^2 m q t_1 / 6$, with $t_1 = [(m-1)t + 1]/m < 1$ and the argument of the test goes through with $t_1 < 1$ instead of t .

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