

*Determination of certain Primes.* By F. W. LAWRENCE.

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The method of "factorisation" is that of my paper in the *Quarterly Journal of Mathematics* (No. CXL, 1896), except that, "strips" being not required, all the work is shown directly.

The primes found are :

77,843,839,397,	a factor of	10 <sup>20</sup> -1,
182,521,213,001,	,, ,,	10 <sup>25</sup> -1,
1,001,523,179,	,, ,,	3 <sup>23</sup> -1,
12,014,633,		
13,477,969.		

In order to avoid continual reference, I quote here the notation used in my paper, and certain propositions proved there, which will be used in the investigation.

*Notation.*— $N$  is the number under consideration,

$n = \lambda N$  is the multiple of  $N$  we are attacking,

$a$  is the  $\frac{1}{2}$  sum of two complementary factors of  $n$ ,

$b$  ,,  $\frac{1}{2}$  difference.

PROP. I.—If every factor of  $n$  is congruent to 1 (mod  $P$ ), where  $P$  is any odd integer, then

$$a \equiv 1 \pmod{P}$$

and

$$a^2 \equiv n \pmod{P^2}. \quad (\text{by } \S 9)$$

Thus  $a$  is limited to 1 case in  $P^2$  (not only to 1 case in  $P$ , as stated by misprint in my paper).

PROP. II.—If  $p$  be any odd prime, then  $a \pmod{p}$  is limited to  $\frac{1}{2}(p+1)$  or  $\frac{1}{2}(p-1)$  cases, according as  $n$  is or is not a quadratic residue of  $p$ . (§ 3)

(The table on page 467 of this notice enables these cases to be written out for small values of  $p$ .)

PROP. III.—

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| i. If $n \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$ , then $a^2 \equiv n+4 \pmod{32}$ .  | } | (§ 6) |
| ii. If $n \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ , then either $a^2 \equiv n+16 \pmod{128}$<br>or $a^2 \equiv n \pmod{64}$ . |   |       |

PROP. IV.—If 2 is a quadratic residue of  $n$ , so that all factors of  $n$  are either  $\pm 1 \pmod{8}$ , then, if  $n \equiv 9 \pmod{16}$ , we have

$$a^2 \equiv n+16 \pmod{128}. \quad (\S 13)$$

PROP. V.—i. If  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ , then  $a \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ . (§ 2)

ii. If  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ , then  $a^2 \equiv n \pmod{9}$ . (§ 7)

PROP. VI.—

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|--|---|-------|
| i. If $n \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$ , then $a \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{5}$ .   | } | (§ 8) |
| ii. If $n \equiv -2 \pmod{5}$ , then $a \equiv \pm 2 \pmod{5}$ .                                       |   |       |
| iii. If $n \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{5}$ , then either $a \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$<br>or $a^2 \equiv n \pmod{25}$ . |   |       |

PROP. VII.—If no integer from  $\sqrt{n}$  up to  $\sqrt{n+t}$  is possible as a value of  $a$ , there can be no factor of  $n$  between

$$\sqrt{n+t} \pm \sqrt{2t\sqrt{n+t}}.$$

(This is proved in a paper by me in *Messenger of Mathematics*, Nov., 1894.)

PROP. VIII.—Attacking  $N$  directly (*i.e.*,  $\lambda = 1$ ,  $n = N$ ), in order to prove that  $N$  has no factor from  $\sqrt{N}$  down to  $\frac{\sqrt{N}}{k}$ , it is only necessary to show that there is no possible value for  $a$  from  $\sqrt{N}$  up to  $\sqrt{N}(1+\theta)$ , where

$$\theta = \frac{1}{2}k \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right)^2. \quad (\S 16)$$

PROP. IX.—Attacking  $\lambda N$ , in order to show that  $N$  has no factor from  $\sqrt{N}$  down to  $\frac{\sqrt{N}}{\lambda}$ , it is only necessary to show that there is no possible value for  $a$  from  $\sqrt{\lambda N}$  up to  $\sqrt{\lambda N} + \theta\sqrt{N}$ , where

$$\theta = \frac{1}{2}\lambda \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}}\right)^2. \quad (\S 17)$$

The following table enables the possible values of  $a \pmod{p}$ , where  $p = 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, \text{ or } 19$ , to be written down at once for any value of  $n$  :—

Table to find  $a \pmod{p}$ .

$p$	Possible values of $a \pmod{p}$ satisfying $a^2 - b^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ .	$\delta$	Possible values of $a \pmod{p}$ satisfying $a^2 - b^2 \equiv \delta \pmod{p}$ .
5	0 or $\pm 1$	2	$\pm 1$
7	$\pm 1$ or $\pm 3$	-1	0 or $\pm 1$
11	$\pm 1, \pm 2, \text{ or } \pm 4$	-1	0, $\pm 2, \text{ or } \pm 5$
13	0, $\pm 1, \pm 2, \text{ or } \pm 6$	2	$\pm 1, \pm 4, \text{ or } \pm 5$
17	0, $\pm 1, \pm 3, \pm 4, \text{ or } \pm 6$	3	$\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 4, \text{ or } \pm 6$
19	$\pm 1, \pm 5, \pm 6, \pm 8, \text{ or } \pm 9$	-1	0, $\pm 2, \pm 4, \pm 5, \text{ or } \pm 9$

$\delta$  is the numerically least non-residue of  $p$ .

Now we must be able to write either

$$n \equiv x^2 \pmod{p} \text{ or } n \equiv y^2 \delta \pmod{p},$$

according as  $n$  is or is not a quadratic residue of  $p$ .

And the required values will therefore be found in the first case by multiplying by  $x$  those tabulated in the second column, and in the second case by multiplying by  $y$  those tabulated in the fourth column.

For, if  $a_1$  satisfies  $a_1^2 - b_1^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ ,

then  $a_1 x$  satisfies  $(a_1 x)^2 - (b_1 x)^2 \equiv x^2 \pmod{p}$ ;

and, if  $a_2$  satisfies  $a_2^2 - b_2^2 \equiv \delta \pmod{p}$ ,

then  $a_2 y$  satisfies  $(a_2 y)^2 - (b_2 y)^2 \equiv \delta y^2 \pmod{p}$ .

$$1. N = 77,843,839,397.$$

This number is a residuary factor of  $10^{20} - 1$ .

Accordingly, it is known that every factor of  $N$  is of the form  $29m + 1$ .\* And the tables for residue, index 10, show that  $N$  has no factor below 100,000.

\* The algebraic factor of  $10^{20} - 1$ , viz.  $(10 - 1)$ , and others having been already removed, we also have 10 a quadratic residue; but no advantage can be taken of this here.

Now  $280,000 > \sqrt{N} > 270,000$ ;

therefore we need only search for factors from  $\sqrt{N}$  down to  $\frac{\sqrt{N}}{2.8}$ . And we can do this by attacking  $N$  direct and testing for values of " $a$ " from  $\sqrt{N}$  up to  $\sqrt{N}(1+\Theta)$ ,

where  $\Theta = \frac{2.8}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2.8}\right)^2 < .58$ , (Prop. VIII.)

so that we need only test for  $a$  from 270,000 to 443,000.

Now  $N \equiv 1 + 19 \times 29 \pmod{29^2} \equiv 5 \pmod{32} \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ ;  
 therefore  $a^2 \equiv 1 + 19 \times 29 \pmod{29^2} \equiv 9 \pmod{32}$ . (Props. I. and III. i.)  
 And also  $a \equiv 1 \pmod{29}$  and  $\equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ ; (Props. I. and v. i.)  
 therefore  $a \equiv 1 + 24 \times 29 \pmod{29^2} \equiv \pm 3 \pmod{16} \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ .

Or, combining,  $a \equiv 697 + 20 \times 29^2$  or  $697 + 26 \times 29^2 \pmod{48 \times 29^2}$ ,  
*i.e.*,  $a \equiv 17517$  or  $22563 \pmod{40368}$ .

And we may write  $a = 40368x_1 + 17517$ ,  
 or  $= 40368x_2 + 22563$ ,

where each value of  $x$  must be integral, and the limits assigned above to  $a$  give  $6 < x < 11$ .

		mod 5	mod 7	mod 11
Now we have	$N \equiv$	2	2	5
therefore we must have	$a \equiv$	$\pm 1$	$\pm 2$ or $\pm 3$	$\pm 3, \pm 4, \text{ or } \pm 5$
by the table on page 467.				
Moreover	$40368 \equiv$	3	6	9
	$17517 \equiv$	2	3	5
	$22563 \equiv$	3	2	2

Therefore the only values left between the limits	for $x_1$	and for $x_2$
after testing for 5 are	8 or 9	7
"    "    7    "	8	7
"    "    11   "	none	none.

Therefore there is no possible value for  $a$ ,  
 and  $N = 77,843,839,397$  is prime.

2.  $N = 182,521,213,001$ .

This number is a residuary factor of  $10^{25} - 1$ .

Accordingly, every factor of  $N$  is of the form  $25m + 1$ ; also 10 is a quadratic residue of every factor; hence here 2 is a quadratic residue, and all factors must be of the form  $8m \pm 1$ . Moreover,  $N$  is known from the tables for residue, index 10, to have no factor  $< 100,000$ .

Now  $430,000 > \sqrt{N} > 420,000$ ;

therefore we need only search for factors of  $N$  from  $\sqrt{N}$  down to  $\frac{\sqrt{N}}{4 \cdot 3}$ .

As before, we attack  $N$  direct, searching for values of " $a$ " from  $\sqrt{N}$  up to  $\sqrt{N}(1 + \theta)$ , where

$$\theta = \frac{4 \cdot 3}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{4 \cdot 3}\right)^2 < 1 \cdot 3; \quad (\text{Prop. VIII.})$$

therefore we need only test for " $a$ " from 420,000 up to 990,000.

Now  $N \equiv 1 + 20 \times 25 \pmod{25^2}$ ;

therefore  $a \equiv 1 + 10 \times 25 \pmod{25^2}$ . (Prop. I.)

Moreover  $N \equiv 9 \pmod{16}$ ;

therefore  $a^2 \equiv N + 16 \pmod{128}$ ; (Prop. IV.)

therefore, since  $N \equiv 73 \pmod{128}$ ,

$$a^2 \equiv 89 \pmod{128} \quad \text{and} \quad a \equiv \pm 27 \pmod{64}.$$

And  $N \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ ;

therefore  $a \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ . (Prop. V. I.)

Combining,

$$a \equiv 251 + 10 \times 25^2 \text{ or } 251 - 32 \times 25^2 \pmod{3 \times 64 \times 25^2},$$

i.e.,  $a \equiv 6501, \text{ or } -19749 \pmod{120,000}$ .

And we may write  $a = 120,000x_1 + 6501$ ,

or  $= 120,000x_2 - 19749$ ,

where  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are integers, and for either we have

$$3 < x < 9$$

(from a consideration of the limits of " $a$ " given above).

Now	$N \equiv$	mod 7 1	mod 11 6	mod 13 10	mod 17 4
therefore we must have $a \equiv$		$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \pm 1, \\ \text{or } \pm 3 \end{array} \right.$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0, \pm 2 \\ \text{or } \pm 3 \end{array} \right.$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0, \pm 1, \pm 3 \\ \text{or } \pm 6 \end{array} \right.$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0, \pm 2, \pm 5, \\ \pm 6, \pm 8 \end{array} \right.$
from tables, p. 467.					
Further	$120,000 \equiv$	-1	1	10	-3
	$6501 \equiv$	5	0	1	7
	$-19749 \equiv$	-2	-4	-2	5

Therefore the only possible values left for  $x_1$  and for  $x_2$  after testing for 7 are

" "	11 "	13 "	17 "	4, 6, or 8	8	8	4, 6, or 8	4 or 6	4 or 6	none.
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On trial  $(8 \times 120,000 + 6501)^2 - N = 751,602,970,000$ ,

and this evidently cannot be a perfect square; therefore no value of  $a$  satisfies, and

$N = 182,521,213,001$  is prime.

3.  $N = 1,001,523,179$ .

$N$  is a residuary factor of  $3^{23} - 1$ . In fact,

$$3^{23} - 1 = 94N.$$

Every possible factor of  $N$  is congruent to 1 (mod 23), and also, since 3 is a quadratic residue, is of the form  $\pm 1$  (mod 12).

Moreover, since we have to search all the way from  $\sqrt{N}$  downwards for factors of  $N$ , it will be well to attack a multiple of  $N$ .

Selecting  $47N$  (i.e.,  $\frac{3^{23}-1}{2}$ ) as our value of " $n$ ," we shall be able to search for all factors of  $N$  from  $\sqrt{N}$  to  $\frac{\sqrt{N}}{47}$  by searching for values of  $a$  from  $\sqrt{47N}$  up to  $\sqrt{47N} + \theta \sqrt{N}$ , where

$$\theta = \frac{47}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{47}} \right)^2 < 17.2; \quad (\text{Prop. ix.})$$

therefore we have to search for  $a$  from 210,000 up to 770,000:

Moreover, since  $47 \equiv 1 \pmod{23} \equiv -1 \pmod{12}$ , all factors of  $n$  are of the forms  $23m+1, 12m' \pm 1$ .

And a pair of complementary factors of  $n$  [which  $\equiv 13 \pmod{24}$ ] must evidently either be  $24m''+1$  and  $24m''' + 13$ , or else  $24m''-1$  and  $24m''' - 13$ .

So that we have  $a \equiv \pm 5 \pmod{12}$ . (a)

Now

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} n \equiv 1 + 14 \times 23 \pmod{23^2} \equiv 5 \pmod{32} \equiv 4 \pmod{9}; \\ \text{therefore} \\ a^2 \equiv 1 + 14 \times 23 \pmod{23^2} \equiv 9 \pmod{32} \equiv 4 \pmod{9}; \\ \text{therefore} \\ a \equiv 1 + 7 \times 23 \pmod{23^2} \equiv \pm 3 \pmod{16} \equiv \pm 2 \pmod{9}. \end{array} \right\} \text{(Props. I., III., V.)}$$

Combining the last two results, we obtain

$$a \equiv 29, 61, 83, \text{ or } 115 \pmod{144}.$$

But, since, by (a),  $a \equiv \pm 5 \pmod{12}$ ,

61 and 83 are rendered impossible. Thus, finally,

$$a \equiv 1 + 7 \times 23 + 23^2 \text{ or } 1 + 7 \times 23 + 107 \times 23^2 \pmod{144 \times 23^2},$$

i.e.,  $a \equiv 691 \text{ or } 56765 \pmod{76176}$ .

And we may write

$$a = 76176x_1 + 691 \text{ or } = 76176x_2 + 56765,$$

where, owing to the limits for  $a, 2 < x_1 < 11, 2 < x_2 < 10$ .

		mod 5	mod 7	mod 11	mod 13	mod 17
Now	$n \equiv$	3	2	2	4	5
therefore by tables, p. 467,						
we must have $a \equiv$	$\pm 2$	$\{ \pm 2, \}$ $\{ \text{or } \pm 3 \}$	$\{ 0, \pm 4 \}$ $\{ \text{or } \pm 5 \}$	$\{ 0, \pm 1, \pm 2 \}$ $\{ \text{or } \pm 4 \}$	$\{ \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3 \}$ $\{ \text{or } \pm 8 \}$	
Further	$76176 \equiv$	1	2	1	9	-1
	$691 \equiv$	1	5	9	2	11
	$56765 \equiv$	0	2	5	7	2

therefore the only possible values left	for $x_1$	for $x_2$
after testing for 5 are	6 or 7	3, 7, or 8
"    "    7    "	6 or 7	7 or 8
"    "    11   "	6 or 7	none
"    "    13   "	6 or 7	
"    "    17   "	none.	

Thus there are no factors of  $N$  lying between  $\sqrt{N}$  and  $\frac{\sqrt{N}}{47}$ , and it only remains for us to try factors below  $\frac{\sqrt{N}}{47}$ , *i.e.*, below 700.

Only three primes below 700 satisfy the required conditions; these are 47, 277, 599. And none of these divide  $N$ .

Therefore  $N = 1,001,523,179$  is prime.

4.  $N = 12,014,633$ . (See bottom of p. 474.)

Here it is known that any factor must be of the form  $7m+1$ .

Now  $N \equiv 1 \pmod{8} \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ .

Therefore, in order to obtain  $n$  of the form  $5 \pmod{8}$  and  $1 \pmod{3}$ , we attack  $29N$ , and, in order to search for factors from  $\sqrt{N}$  down to  $\frac{\sqrt{N}}{29}$ , we search for values of  $a$  from  $\sqrt{29N}$  up to

$$\sqrt{29N} + \frac{29}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{29}}\right)^2 \sqrt{N}.$$

This will be done if we search from 18,500 up to 54,000.

Now  $29N \equiv 5 \pmod{32} \equiv 4 \pmod{9} \equiv 1+7 \pmod{49}$ ;  
 therefore  $a^2 \equiv 9 \pmod{32} \equiv 4 \pmod{9} \equiv 1+7 \pmod{49}$ ;  
 therefore  $a \equiv \pm 3 \pmod{16} \equiv \pm 2 \pmod{9} \equiv 1+4 \times 7 \pmod{49}$ .

(Props. I., III., v.)

Combining,  $a \equiv 29, 61, 83, \text{ or } 115 \pmod{144}$ , and  $\equiv 29 \pmod{49}$ ;

therefore  $a \equiv 29, 29+54 \times 49, 29+80 \times 49, \text{ or } 29+134 \times 49$

$\pmod{49 \times 144}$ ,

*i.e.*,  $a \equiv 29, 2675, 3949, \text{ or } 6595 \pmod{7056}$ .



And we may put

$$a = 7056x_1 + 29 \quad \text{or} \quad 7056x_2 + 2675,$$

or  $7056x_3 + 3949 \quad \text{or} \quad 7056x_4 + 6595.$

And, from the limits of  $a$ ,  $2 < x < 8$  for  $x_1, x_3, x_3,$

$$1 < x < 7 \quad ,, \quad x_4.$$

		mod 5	mod 11	mod 13
Now	$29N \equiv$	2	6	6
therefore we must have	$a \equiv$	$\pm 1$	$0, \pm 2, \text{ or } \pm 3$	$\pm 3, \pm 4, \text{ or } \pm 6$
Also	$7056 \equiv$	1	5	10
	$29 \equiv$	4	7	3
	$2675 \equiv$	0	2	10
	$3949 \equiv$	4	0	10
	$6595 \equiv$	0	6	4

Thus there are left possible values of	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$
after testing for 5	5, 7	4, 6	5, 7	4, 6
,, ,, 11	7	4	5, 7	6
,, ,, 13	none	none	none	none.

Thus there is no factor between  $\sqrt{N}$  and  $\frac{\sqrt{N}}{29}$ , and the only primes below this limit satisfying the required conditions are 29, 43, 71, 113.

And none of these divide  $N$ ; therefore

$$N = 12,014,633 \text{ is prime.}$$

5.  $N = 13,477,969.$  (See bottom of p. 474.)

All factors are of the form  $7m + 1$ .

We have  $N \equiv 1 \pmod{8} \equiv 1 \pmod{3},$

and we might multiply by 29 or 43, and proceed somewhat as before, or proceed directly with  $N$  as shown below.

Thus  $N \equiv 1 + 80 \pmod{128} \equiv 1 \pmod{9} \equiv 1 + 4 \times 7 \pmod{7^2}.$

And either  $a^2 \equiv 81 + 16 \pmod{128}$  or  $\equiv 81 \pmod{64};$

(Prop. III.)

also  $a^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{9} \equiv 1 + 4 \times 7 \pmod{7^2}$ .

Thus either  $a \equiv \pm 49 \pmod{64}$  or  $\equiv \pm 9 \pmod{32}$ ,

and  $a \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{9} \equiv 1 \pm 2 \times 7 \pmod{7^2}$ .

Combining, either

$$a \equiv 64 \pm 49 \pmod{64 \times 49} \text{ or } a \equiv 407 \text{ or } 1289 \pmod{32 \times 49},$$

and  $a \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{9}$ .

Finally, either

$$a \equiv 3151, 9521, 15695, \text{ or } 25201 \pmod{28224},$$

or  $a \equiv 5111, 5993, 6679, \text{ or } 7561 \pmod{14112}$ .

And, in order to search for factors from  $\sqrt{N}$  down to  $\frac{\sqrt{N}}{16}$ , we must have "a" running from  $\sqrt{N}$  up to  $\sqrt{N} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{16} \right) \right]$ , (Prop. VIII.) and to do this we search from 3,600 up to 30,000.

Now  $N \equiv 19 \pmod{25}$ ;

therefore either  $a \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$  or  $a^2 \equiv 19 \pmod{25}$ , (Prop. VI.)

i.e., ,,  $a \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$  or  $a \equiv \pm 12 \pmod{25}$ ,

and the only values between the limits which are possible are

$$15695 \text{ or } 20105 \quad (\text{i.e., } 5993 + 14112).$$

Now, mod 11:— $N \equiv 10$ ; therefore  $a$  must be 0,  $\pm 2$ , or  $\pm 5$ ;

$$15695 \equiv -2 \text{ and satisfies;}$$

$$20105 \equiv -3 \text{ and fails.}$$

And mod 13:— $N \equiv -2$ ; therefore  $a$  must be  $\pm 1$ ,  $\pm 5$ , or  $\pm 6$ ;

$$15695 \equiv 4 \text{ and fails.}$$

Therefore there is no factor of  $N$  between  $\sqrt{N}$  and  $\frac{\sqrt{N}}{16}$ .

Below this limit the only possible primes are 29, 43, 71, 113, 127, 197, 211.

None of these divide  $N$ . Therefore

$$N = 13,477,969 \text{ is prime.}$$

[Note.—12,014,633 and 13,477,969 are norms of 7<sup>ic</sup> trinomial integers

$$N = X^2 + 7Y^2 = N, \quad (a + 2bp + bp^5),$$

$N_7 f(\rho)$  denoting  $f(\rho) \cdot f(\rho^3) \dots f(\rho^6)$ ,

$\rho$  a true 7<sup>th</sup> root of 1.

$$\text{Thus } N_7(1 + 16\rho + 8\rho^5) = 3221^2 + 7 \cdot 484^2 = 12,014,633,$$

$$N_7(3 + 16\rho + 8\rho^5) = 3471^2 + 7 \cdot 452^2 = 13,477,969.$$

They were sent by Col. Cunningham to Mr. Bickmore, who sent them to me.]

*An Extension of the Theorem*  $\frac{\Pi(\gamma - \alpha - \beta - 1) \Pi(\gamma - 1)}{\Pi(\gamma - \alpha - 1) \Pi(\gamma - \beta - 1)} = F_1(\alpha, \beta, \gamma).$

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1.

The chief object of this paper is to investigate the following theorem:--

$$\begin{aligned} L \frac{(p^{\gamma-\beta}-1) \dots (p^{\gamma-\beta+\alpha-1}-1)}{(p^{\gamma-\beta-\alpha}-1) \dots (p^{\gamma-\beta-\alpha+\alpha-1}-1)} \frac{(p^{\gamma-\alpha}-1) \dots (p^{\gamma-\alpha+\alpha-1}-1)}{(p^{\gamma}-1) \dots (p^{\gamma+\alpha-1}-1)} p^{\alpha\beta} \\ = 1 + p^{\gamma-\alpha-\beta} \frac{(p^\alpha-1)(p^\beta-1)}{(p^\gamma-1)(p-1)} \\ + p^{2(\gamma-\alpha-\beta)} \frac{(p^\alpha-1)(p^{\alpha+1}-1)(p^\beta-1)(p^{\beta+1}-1)}{(p^\gamma-1)(p^{\gamma+1}-1)(p-1)(p^2-1)} + \dots, \end{aligned}$$

which may be written

$$\frac{\Pi(p^{\gamma-\alpha-\beta-1}) \Pi(p^{\gamma-1})}{\Pi(p^{\gamma-\alpha-1}) \Pi(p^{\gamma-\beta-1})} = F_1(p^\alpha, p^\beta, p^\gamma). \tag{A}$$

When  $p = 1$ , the series (A) reduces to the hypergeometric series in which the element  $x$  equals unity. The series is convergent for all values of  $p > 1$ , and, if  $p = 1$ , subject to the condition  $\gamma - \alpha - \beta > 0$ .

2.

Let  $\left\{ \begin{matrix} a \\ n \end{matrix} \right\}$  denote the function

$$\begin{aligned} L \frac{(p^{a-n+1}-1)(p^{a-n+2}-1) \dots (p^{a-n+\alpha}-1)}{(p^{a+1}-1)(p^{a+2}-1) \dots (p^{a+\alpha}-1)} \\ \times \frac{(p^{n+1}-1)(p^{n+2}-1) \dots (p^{n+\alpha}-1)}{(p-1)(p^2-1) \dots (p^\alpha-1)} p^{n(a-n)}. \tag{1} \end{aligned}$$