

position and the number of the maxima and minima of the curve, and shows that all types actually exist. For example: for all  $\delta > 0$  sufficiently small, the curve

$$y = (x + \delta i)(x - \delta i)(x + 1 + \delta^3 i)(x + 1 - \delta^3 i) \cdot \\ (x + 1 + \delta^2 + \delta^5 i)(x + 1 + \delta^2 - \delta^5 i)(x + 1 + \delta^2 + \delta^4)$$

has six extremes which, read for decreasing values of  $x$ , are arranged so that the first minimum of  $y$  is higher than the second maximum, and the second minimum higher than the third maximum.

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## FORM OF THE NUMBER OF SUBGROUPS OF PRIME POWER GROUPS.

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### §1. *Introduction.*

It is known that the number of the subgroups of order  $p^\alpha$ ,  $p$  being any prime number, which are contained in any group  $G$  is always of the form  $1 + kp$ . When  $k = 0$  for every possible pair of values for  $\alpha$  and  $p$  the group  $G$  must be cyclic and vice versa. There are two infinite systems of groups of order  $p^m$  containing separately  $p + 1$  subgroups of every order which is a proper divisor of the order of the group, viz., the abelian groups of type  $(m - 1, 1)$  and the conformal non-abelian groups.

These two infinite systems are composed of all the groups of order  $p^m$  involving separately exactly  $p + 1$  subgroups of every order which is a proper divisor of  $p^m$ . Moreover, if a group of order  $p^m$ ,  $p > 2$ , contains exactly  $p + 1$  subgroups of each of the two orders  $p$  and  $p^2$  it must contain exactly  $p + 1$  subgroups of every order which is a proper divisor of the order of the group, and if a group of order  $2^m$  contains exactly three subgroups of each of the orders 2, 4 and 8 it must also contain exactly three subgroups of every other order which is a proper divisor of  $2^m$ .