

and conditions (3a), (3b) become

$$(7) \quad A + D < B + C, \quad AD = 0.$$

Hence we find that *the most general existent boolean relation  $R$  which satisfies (1) is given by (2) and (7).*

Our main results may also be stated in the following form: *The totality of transitive universal relations in a boolean algebra is given by (4). The totality of existent transitive universal relations is given by*

$$Axy + Bxy' + Cx'y + Dx'y' = 0, \quad A + D < B + C, \quad AD = 0.$$

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## ON CERTAIN QUINARY QUADRATIC FORMS\*

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1. *Introduction.* Except the classical theorems on the total number  $N_5(n)$  of representations of the integer  $n$  as a sum of five integer squares, no explicit results on numbers of representations in quinary quadratic forms seem to have been obtained.† In general  $N_5(n)$  is not expressible as a function of the real divisors alone of a single integer, but when  $n$  is a square,  $N_5(n)$  is so expressible. This remarkable fact was found inductively by Stieltjes for  $N_5(p^2)$ ,  $p$  prime, and proved for  $N_5(n^2)$  by Hurwitz,‡ who showed that if  $n = 2^a m$ ,  $m$  odd,  $N_5(n^2) = 10\zeta_5(2^a) H(m)$ , where

$$H(m) = [\zeta_5(p^a) - p\zeta_5(p^{a-1})] [\zeta_5(q^b) - q\zeta_5(q^{b-1})] \dots,$$

$\zeta_r(n)$  being the sum of the  $r$ th powers of all the divisors of  $n$ , and  $m = p^a q^b \dots$  the prime factor resolution of  $m$ ; by convention  $H(1) = 1$ . In the course of his proof he showed that

$$\zeta_1(m^2) + 2\zeta_1(m^2 - 2^2) + 2\zeta_1(m^2 - 4^2) + \dots = H(m).$$

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† Cf. Bachmann, *Zahlentheorie*, vol. 4, pp. 565-594.

‡ COMPTES RENDUS, vol. 98 (1884), pp. 504-7; cf. Dickson's *History of the Theory of Numbers*, vol. 2, p. 311. For quadratic forms in  $n > 4$  variables, cf. *ibid.*, vol. 3, chap. XI.