So, for the same value of h, namely,  $\bar{h}$ , there are two values of  $\theta$ , namely,  $\bar{\theta}$  and  $\bar{\theta}'$ , which is absurd, since  $\theta$  is single-valued.

(b) If the discontinuity is of the second kind, then there must be a sequence  $\{h_n\}$ , tending to  $\bar{h}$ , for which the corresponding sequence  $\{\xi_n\}$  does not tend to any limit. Therefore two values  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  of h can always be found as near as we please to  $\bar{h}$  such that the corresponding values  $\eta_1$  and  $\eta_2$  of  $\xi$  differ from each other by a quantity greater than a suitably prescribed positive quantity  $\delta$ . But, from (M), f(h)/h and, consequently,  $f'(\xi)$  are continuous functions of h at  $\bar{h}$ . Therefore  $\xi$  must be multiple-valued at  $\bar{h}$ , which is absurd, since  $\theta$  is single-valued.

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## A NUMERICAL FUNCTION APPLIED TO CYCLOTOMY

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A function  $\phi_2(n)$  giving the number of pairs of consecutive integers each less than n and prime to n, was considered first by Schemmel.\* In applying this function to the enumeration of magic squares, D. N. Lehmer† has shown that if one replaces consecutive pairs by pairs of integers having a fixed difference  $\lambda$  prime to  $n = \prod_{i=1}^{t} p_i^{\alpha_i}$ , then the number of such pairs (mod n) whose elements are both prime to n is also given by

$$\phi_2(n) = \prod_{i=1}^t p_i^{\alpha_i-1}(p_i - 2)$$
.

As is the case for Euler's totient function  $\phi(n)$ , the function  $\phi_2(n)$  obviously enjoys the multiplicative property  $\phi_2(m)\phi_2(n) = \phi_2(mn)$ , (m, n) = 1,  $\phi_2(1) = 1$ . In what follows we call an integer simple if it contains no square factor > 1. For a simple number n we have the following analog of Gauss' theorem:

(1) 
$$\sum_{\delta \mid n} \phi_2(\delta) = \phi(n),$$

<sup>\*</sup> Journal für Mathematik, vol. 70 (1869), pp. 191-2.

<sup>†</sup> Transactions of this Society, vol. 31 (1929), pp. 538-9.