By the interior is meant all points of the plane which are not on the curve but which are separated from the point  $\rho = 0$  by the curve. By the exterior is meant all other points of the plane not on the curve nor in the interior of the curve.

THEOREM 3. If, with the hypothesis of Theorem 2, the 2q radial lines through  $\rho = 0$  and the roots of f'(z) and midway between the roots are drawn so that the plane is divided into 2q sectors, numbered from 1 to 2q, then either all the roots of f(z) must lie on the radial lines or there must be roots in an odd as well as in an even numbered sector.

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## **ON THE REPRESENTATIONS**, $N_7(m^2)^1$

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1. Introduction. Write  $N_r(n)$  for the number of representations of the positive integer n as the sum of r squares, and write  $N_r(n, k)$ for the number of representations of n as the sum of r squares in which the first k squares in each representation are odd with positive roots, while the remaining r-k squares are even with roots positive, negative, or zero. In a previous paper the author  $[5]^2$  gave an arithmetical derivation of the formula for  $N_8(n^2)$ . The method used to prove this result was based upon that employed by Hurwitz [2] in his discussion of the analogous formula for  $N_8(n^2)$ .

In 1930, G. Pall [6] gave an analytical derivation of the formula for  $N_7(cn^2)$ , c an integer. His formula shows, in particular, that if  $m = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_s^{\alpha_s}$ , where  $p_1, p_2, \cdots, p_s$  are distinct odd primes, then

(1) 
$$N_7(m^2) = 14 \prod_{\nu=1}^{s} [p_{\nu}, \alpha_{\nu}],$$

where

$$[p_{\nu}, \alpha_{\nu}] = \sigma_{5}(p_{\nu}^{\alpha_{\nu}}) - (-1)^{(p_{\nu}-1)/2} p_{\nu}^{2} \sigma_{5}(p_{\nu}^{\alpha_{\nu}-1}).$$

We define the arithmetical function  $\sigma_k(n)$ , which occurs here, and the function  $\rho_k(n)$ , which occurs later, by the sums

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The numbers in brackets refer to the bibliography.