

On some partition functions.

Dedicated to Professor Z. Suetuna on his completion
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Introduction. Let $p_\kappa(n; a, M)$ be the number of partitions of a positive integer n into positive summands of the form $(Ml \pm a)^\kappa$ ($l = 0, 1, 2, \dots$), where M, a and κ are integers satisfying $M \geq 2$, $0 < a < M$, $(a, M) = 1$ and $\kappa \geq 1$.

The first object of the present paper is to derive a suitable transformation formula for the generating function of $p_\kappa(n; a, M)$ and to determine the asymptotic behavior of the generating function in the neighborhood of its singularity at each rational point of the unit circle. A precise (not asymptotic) transformation equation will be obtained in §1 of this paper.

Secondly, we shall give, in §2, an asymptotic formula for the partition function $p_\kappa(n; a, M)$ for large values of n .

The special case $\kappa = 1$ of our partition problem has been discussed in [3].

It should be noted that the case $M = 2$ is equivalent to the case $M = 4$, since we clearly have $p_\kappa(n; 1, 2) = p_\kappa(n; 1, 4)$. Therefore we may assume that $M \geq 3$ in the sequel.

1. The transformation equation. The generating function of $p_\kappa(n; a, M)$ is given by

$$F_\kappa(x; a, M) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} p_\kappa(n; a, M) x^n = \prod_{\substack{\nu > 0 \\ \nu \equiv \pm a(M)}} (1 - x^{\nu^\kappa})^{-1},$$

where x is a complex variable with $|x| < 1$.

Now let h, k be coprime integers with $k \geq 1$. We set

$$\begin{aligned} (k, M) &= D && \text{(the greatest common divisor of } k \text{ and } M), \\ \{k, M\} &= K && \text{(the least common multiple of } k \text{ and } M); \end{aligned}$$

and put $k = k_1 D$. Further we write

$$x = \exp(2\pi i h/k - 2\pi z),$$

where z is a complex variable with $\Re(z) > 0$. Define

$$(1) \quad \phi_\kappa(k, a, M) = \begin{cases} 1 & (D > 1), \\ \{2 \sin(\pi\xi/M)\}^{-\kappa} & (D = 1), \end{cases}$$

where ξ is an integer defined by $\xi m_k \equiv a \pmod{M}$ ($0 < \xi < M$), the number m_k being the least positive integer such that $m_k^\kappa \equiv 0 \pmod{k}$. Next we define

$$\sigma_\kappa(h, k) = \sum_{\substack{0 < \nu < K \\ \nu \equiv \pm a(M)}} ((\nu/K)) (h\nu^\kappa/k)$$

with the abbreviation

$$((t)) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } t \text{ is an integer,} \\ t - [t] - 1/2, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$[t]$ denoting the greatest integer not exceeding t . We remark here that

$$\sigma_\kappa(h, k) = 0 \quad \text{for } \kappa \text{ even,}$$

since we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\substack{0 < \nu < K \\ \nu \equiv \pm a(M)}} \left(\left(\frac{\nu}{K} \right) \right) \left(\left(\frac{h\nu^\kappa}{k} \right) \right) &= \sum_{\substack{0 < \nu < K \\ \nu \equiv \pm a(M)}} \left(\left(\frac{K-\nu}{K} \right) \right) \left(\left(\frac{h(K-\nu)^\kappa}{k} \right) \right) \\ &= - \sum_{\substack{0 < \nu < K \\ \nu \equiv \pm a(M)}} \left(\left(\frac{\nu}{K} \right) \right) \left(\left(\frac{h\nu^\kappa}{k} \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

for κ even. Further notations are as follows:

$$B_\kappa(a, M) = \begin{cases} \frac{M^\kappa}{\kappa+1} B_{\kappa+1}(a/M) & (\kappa \text{ odd}), \\ 0 & (\kappa \text{ even}), \end{cases}$$

where $B_{\kappa+1}(t)$ is the Bernoulli polynomial of order $\kappa+1$;

$$(2) \quad \begin{aligned} \varepsilon_{\kappa, s} &= -ie^{\pi i(s-1/2)/\kappa}, \\ \mu_{\nu, s} &= \begin{cases} 1 & (\nu^* = 0), \\ \nu^*/k & (\nu^* \neq 0, s \text{ odd}), \\ 1 - \nu^*/k & (\nu^* \neq 0, s \text{ even}), \end{cases} \quad (s = 1, 2, \dots, \kappa), \end{aligned}$$

with

$$(3) \quad \nu^* = h\nu^\kappa - k[h\nu^\kappa/k].$$

Then our transformation formula may be stated in the following theorem.

THEOREM 1. *We have*

$$(4) \quad \begin{aligned} F_\kappa(x; a, M) &= \phi_\kappa(k, a, M) \exp\{-2\pi z B_\kappa(a, M) \\ &+ \frac{\Gamma(1+1/\kappa)}{K(2\pi z)^{1/\kappa}} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m^{-1-1/\kappa} \sum_{\substack{0 < \nu < K \\ \nu \equiv \pm a(M)}} \exp(2\pi i m h \nu^\kappa/k) + \pi i \sigma_\kappa(h, k)\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\times \prod_{\substack{0 < \nu < K \\ \nu \equiv \pm \alpha (M)}} \prod_{s=1}^{\kappa} \prod_{l=0}^{\infty} \{1 - \exp(-2\pi(\varepsilon_{\kappa,s}/K)\{(l + \mu_{\nu,s})/z\}^{1/\kappa} - 2\pi i\nu/K)\}^{-1},$$

where $t^{1/\kappa}$ is always to be taken as the principal value.

PROOF. Recently the author [4] has obtained the following functional equations:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \{\lambda((l+\alpha)^{\kappa}z - i\beta) + \lambda((l+1-\alpha)^{\kappa}z + i\beta)\} + \frac{2\pi z}{\kappa+1} B_{\kappa+1}(\alpha) \\ (5) \quad & = \sum_{s=1}^{\kappa} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \{\lambda(\varepsilon_{\kappa,s}\{(l+\beta_s)/z\}^{1/\kappa} + i\alpha) + \lambda(\varepsilon_{\kappa,s}\{(l+1-\beta_s)/z\}^{1/\kappa} - i\alpha)\} \\ & + \frac{2\Gamma(1+1/\kappa)}{(2\pi z)^{1/\kappa}} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(2\pi m\beta)}{m^{1+1/\kappa}} + 2\pi i\left(\alpha - \frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\beta - \frac{1}{2}\right) \quad (\kappa \text{ odd}), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \{\lambda((l+\alpha)^{\kappa}z - i\beta) + \lambda((l+1-\alpha)^{\kappa}z - i\beta)\} \\ (6) \quad & = \sum_{s=1}^{\kappa} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \{\lambda(\varepsilon_{\kappa,s}\{(l+\beta_s)/z\}^{1/\kappa} + i\alpha) + \lambda(\varepsilon_{\kappa,s}\{(l+\beta_s)/z\}^{1/\kappa} - i\alpha)\} \\ & + \frac{2\Gamma(1+1/\kappa)}{(2\pi z)^{1/\kappa}} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{2\pi im\beta}}{m^{1+1/\kappa}} \quad (\kappa \text{ even}), \end{aligned}$$

where $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$, $0 < \beta < 1$ (or $0 < \alpha < 1$, $0 \leq \beta \leq 1$), $\Re(z) > 0$,

$$(7) \quad \beta_s = \begin{cases} \beta & (s \text{ odd}), \\ 1-\beta & (s \text{ even}), \end{cases}$$

and

$$\lambda(t) = -\log(1 - e^{-2\pi t}) \quad (\text{the principal value}).$$

It may be mentioned that the particular case $\kappa = 1$ of (5) has been proved in [2].

We shall now prove Theorem 1 in the case κ odd, by using the above equation (5). We first notice that

$$\nu^* \equiv h\nu^{\kappa} \pmod{k}, \quad 0 \leq \nu^* < k$$

by the definition (3). Let us put

$$(8) \quad \alpha = \nu/K, \quad \beta = \nu^*/k,$$

so that we have $0 < \alpha < 1$, $0 \leq \beta < 1$. Substituting (8) into (5) and replacing z by $K^{\kappa}z$, the left member of (5) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \{\lambda((l+\nu/K)^{\kappa}K^{\kappa}z - i\nu^*/k) + \lambda((l+1-\nu/K)^{\kappa}K^{\kappa}z + i\nu^*/k)\} \\ & + \frac{2\pi K^{\kappa}z}{\kappa+1} B_{\kappa+1}\left(\frac{\nu}{K}\right), \end{aligned}$$

and this is equal to

$$(9) \quad \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \{ \lambda((Kl+\nu)^\kappa(z-ih/k)) + \lambda((Kl+K-\nu)^\kappa(z-ih/k)) \} \\ + \frac{2\pi K^\kappa z}{\kappa+1} B_{\kappa+1}\left(\frac{\nu}{K}\right);$$

while the right member of (5) becomes

$$(10) \quad \sum_{s=1}^{\kappa} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \{ \lambda((\varepsilon_{\kappa,s}/K) \{ (l+(\nu^*/k)_s/z)^{1/\kappa} + i\nu/K \} \\ + \lambda((\varepsilon_{\kappa,s}/K) \{ (l+1-(\nu^*/k)_s/z)^{1/\kappa} - i\nu/K \} \} \\ + \frac{2\Gamma(1+1/\kappa)}{K(2\pi z)^{1/\kappa}} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(2\pi m\nu^*/k)}{m^{1+1/\kappa}} + 2\pi i \left(\frac{\nu}{K} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left(\frac{\nu^*}{k} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \}.$$

Next, we see that

$$(K-\nu)^* = k - \nu^* \quad (\nu^* \neq 0),$$

and hence

$$(11) \quad 1 - (\nu^*/k)_s = (1 - \nu^*/k)_s = ((K-\nu)^*/k)_s \quad (\nu^* \neq 0)$$

by the definition (7) of β_s .

We¹⁾ also note that the values of ν satisfying $\nu^* = 0$, $0 < \nu < K$ and $\nu \equiv a \pmod{M}$ are given by

$$(12) \quad \xi m_k, (\xi + M)m_k, (\xi + 2M)m_k, \dots, (\xi + (r-1)M)m_k \quad (r = k/m_k),$$

where ξ and m_k are defined in the lines following (1); and further that the case $\nu^* = 0$ may occur if and only if $D = 1$.

Now, using (11), we see that (10) becomes, for $\nu^* \neq 0$,

$$(13) \quad \sum_{s=1}^{\kappa} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \{ \lambda((\varepsilon_{\kappa,s}/K) \{ (l+(\nu^*/k)_s/z)^{1/\kappa} + i\nu/K \} \\ + \lambda((\varepsilon_{\kappa,s}/K) \{ (l+((K-\nu)^*/k)_s/z)^{1/\kappa} + i(K-\nu)/K \} \} \\ + \frac{2\Gamma(1+1/\kappa)}{K(2\pi z)^{1/\kappa}} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(2\pi m h \nu^\kappa/k)}{m^{1+1/\kappa}} + 2\pi i \left(\frac{\nu}{K} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left(\frac{\nu^*}{k} - \frac{1}{2} \right);$$

while, for $\nu^* = 0$, (10) is written in the form

$$(14) \quad \sum_{s=1}^{\kappa} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \{ \lambda((\varepsilon_{\kappa,s}/K) \{ (l+1)/z \}^{1/\kappa} + i\nu/K) \\ + \lambda((\varepsilon_{\kappa,s}/K) \{ (l+1)/z \}^{1/\kappa} + i(K-\nu)/K) \} \\ + \frac{2\Gamma(1+1/\kappa)}{K(2\pi z)^{1/\kappa}} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m^{-1-1/\kappa} + 2\pi i \left(\frac{\nu}{K} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left(-\frac{1}{2} \right)$$

1) Concerning the assertions in this paragraph see Schoenfeld [6, p. 882].

$$+ \sum_{s: \text{odd}} \lambda(i\nu/K) + \sum_{s: \text{even}} \lambda(-i\nu/K).$$

We separate our discussion into two cases according as $D > 1$ or $D = 1$.

Case (i): $D > 1$. By a remark following (12), we have $\nu^* \neq 0$. Equating (9) with (13) and summing up the result over $\nu = a, M+a, \dots, (k_1-1)M+a$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \{ \lambda((jM+a)^\kappa(z-ih/k)) + \lambda((jM+M-a)^\kappa(z-ih/k)) \} \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad + \frac{2\pi K^\kappa z}{\kappa+1} \sum_{\nu} B_{\kappa+1}\left(\frac{\nu}{K}\right) \\ (15) \quad & = \sum_{\substack{0 < \nu < K \\ \nu \equiv \pm a(M)}} \sum_{s=1}^{\kappa} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \lambda((\varepsilon_{\kappa,s}/K) \{ (l+(\nu^*/k)_s)/z \}^{1/\kappa} + i\nu/K) \\ & \quad + \frac{2\Gamma(1+1/\kappa)}{K(2\pi z)^{1/\kappa}} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m^{-1-1/\kappa} \sum_{\nu} \cos(2\pi m h \nu^\kappa/k) + 2\pi i \sum_{\nu} \left(\frac{\nu}{K} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{\nu^*}{k} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad (\sum_{\nu} = \sum_{0 < \nu < K, \nu \equiv a(M)}). \end{aligned}$$

Here we can write

$$(16) \quad 2 \sum_{\nu} \cos(2\pi m h \nu^\kappa/k) = \sum_{\substack{0 < \nu < K \\ \nu \equiv \pm a(M)}} \exp(2\pi i m h \nu^\kappa/k),$$

and

$$\sum_{\nu} B_{\kappa+1}\left(\frac{\nu}{K}\right) = \frac{1}{k_1^\kappa} B_{\kappa+1}\left(\frac{a}{M}\right)^2,$$

so that

$$(17) \quad \frac{2\pi K^\kappa z}{\kappa+1} \sum_{\nu} B_{\kappa+1}\left(\frac{\nu}{K}\right) = \frac{2\pi M^\kappa z}{\kappa+1} B_{\kappa+1}\left(\frac{a}{M}\right) = 2\pi z B_{\kappa}(a, M).$$

Moreover we have

$$(18) \quad (\nu^*/k)_s = \mu_{\nu,s}$$

by (7) and (2). Finally it is easy to see that

$$\begin{aligned} (19) \quad & 2 \sum_{\nu} \left(\frac{\nu}{K} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{\nu^*}{k} - \frac{1}{2}\right) = \sum_{\substack{0 < \nu < K \\ \nu \equiv \pm a(M)}} \left(\frac{\nu}{K} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{\nu^*}{k} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \\ & = \sum_{\substack{0 < \nu < K \\ \nu \equiv \pm a(M)}} \left(\left(\frac{\nu}{K}\right)\right) \left(\left(\frac{h\nu^\kappa}{k}\right)\right) = \sigma_{\kappa}(h, k). \end{aligned}$$

2) This result will be verified by using the Fourier expansion of the Bernoulli polynomial.

Inserting (16)-(19) into (15), we are led to the desired formula (4) with κ odd and $D > 1$.

Case (ii): $D = 1$. In this case, we must distinguish between the two cases $\nu^* \neq 0$ and $\nu^* = 0$. Noticing (13), (14), and using the values given by (12), the equation which is corresponding to (15) is found to be

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \{ \lambda((jM+a)^\kappa(z-ih/k)) + \lambda((jM+M-a)^\kappa(z-ih/k)) \} + \frac{2\pi K^\kappa z}{\kappa+1} \sum_{\nu} B_{\kappa+1}\left(\frac{\nu}{K}\right) \\
&= \sum_{\substack{0 < \nu < K \\ \nu \equiv \pm a(M), \nu^* \neq 0}} \sum_{s=1}^{\kappa} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \lambda((\varepsilon_{\kappa,s}/K) \{ (l+(\nu^*/k)_s)/z \}^{1/\kappa} + i\nu/K) \\
&+ \sum_{\substack{0 < \nu < K \\ \nu \equiv \pm a(M), \nu^* = 0}} \sum_{s=1}^{\kappa} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \lambda((\varepsilon_{\kappa,s}/K) \{ (l+1)/z \}^{1/\kappa} + i\nu/K) \\
(20) \quad &+ \frac{2\Gamma(1+1/\kappa)}{K(2\pi z)^{1/\kappa}} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m^{-1-1/\kappa} \sum_{\nu} \cos(2\pi m h \nu^\kappa/k) + 2\pi i \sum_{\substack{\nu \\ \nu^* \neq 0}} \left(\frac{\nu}{K} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{\nu^*}{k} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \\
&+ 2\pi i \sum_{q=0}^{r-1} \left\{ \frac{(\xi+qM)m_k}{K} - \frac{1}{2} \right\} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) + \frac{\kappa+1}{2} \sum_{q=0}^{r-1} \lambda(i(\xi+qM)m_k/K) \\
&+ \frac{\kappa-1}{2} \sum_{q=0}^{r-1} \lambda(-i(\xi+qM)m_k/K).
\end{aligned}$$

Here observing that $m_k/K = m_k/(Mk) = 1/(Mr)$, we have

$$(21) \quad 2\pi i \sum_{q=0}^{r-1} \left\{ \frac{(\xi+qM)m_k}{K} - \frac{1}{2} \right\} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = -\pi i \sum_{q=0}^{r-1} \left(\frac{\xi+qM}{Mr} - \frac{1}{2} \right),$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
(22) \quad & \frac{\kappa+1}{2} \sum_{q=0}^{r-1} \lambda(i(\xi+qM)m_k/K) + \frac{\kappa-1}{2} \sum_{q=0}^{r-1} \lambda(-i(\xi+qM)m_k/K) \\
&= \frac{\kappa}{2} \sum_{q=0}^{r-1} \left\{ -2 \log \left(2 \sin \frac{\pi(\xi+qM)}{Mr} \right) \right\} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{q=0}^{r-1} 2\pi i \left(\frac{\xi+qM}{Mr} - \frac{1}{2} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

since

$$\lambda(i\alpha) + \lambda(-i\alpha) = -2 \log(2 \sin \pi\alpha),$$

$$\lambda(i\alpha) - \lambda(-i\alpha) = 2\pi i \left(\alpha - \frac{1}{2} \right) \quad (0 < \alpha < 1).$$

Using the identity

$$\prod_{q=0}^{r-1} 2 \sin \frac{\pi(\beta+q)}{r} = 2 \sin(\pi\beta) \quad (0 < \beta < 1),$$

the first sum on the right of (22) reduces to $-\kappa \log(2 \sin(\pi\xi/M))$, and the second sum is cancelled by the right member of (21). Furthermore we can use again (16), (17); and the relations (18), (19) still hold with $\nu^* \neq 0$. We thus obtain our formula (4) from (20) in the case $D=1$.

This completes the proof of Theorem 1 for κ odd.

When κ is even, we may start with the equation (6), and the proof will proceed as in the case of odd κ .

The special case $k=1$ of Theorem 1 perhaps deserves explicit mention, since it exhibits the behavior of $F_\kappa(x; a, M)$ near $x=1$. We have

$$F_\kappa(x; a, M) = \{2 \sin(\pi a/M)\}^{-\kappa} \exp\{-2\pi z B_\kappa(a, M) + 2\Gamma(1+1/\kappa)\zeta(1+1/\kappa)/M(2\pi z)^{1/\kappa}\} \\ \times \prod_{\nu=a, M-a}^{\kappa} \prod_{s=1}^{\infty} \{1 - \exp(-2\pi(\varepsilon_{\kappa, s}/M)\{(l+1)/z\}^{1/\kappa} - 2\pi i\nu/M)\}^{-1},$$

where $x = e^{-2\pi z}$ ($\Re(z) > 0$), and $\zeta(t)$ denotes the Riemann zeta-function.

2. Asymptotic properties of the partition function. In a recent paper E. Grosswald [1] has treated a certain type of partition functions and derived their asymptotic formulas. The method there used is essentially a saddle point method and is based on the following lemma:

LEMMA ([1, p. 121]). *Let $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ be analytic inside the unit circle, and define the functions $a(r) = r \cdot d(\log f(r))/dr$ and $b(r) = r \cdot da(r)/dr$ of $r = |x|$. Denote by $\rho = \rho_n$ the unique root of $a(\rho) = n$, and assume that for $r_0 < r < 1$, functions $\delta(r) > 0$ and $u(r)$ exist, with the following properties: As $n \rightarrow \infty$, one has, for some $\alpha > 0$:*

- (a) $\int_{|\theta| \geq \delta(\rho)} |f(\rho e^{i\theta})| d\theta = O(n^{-\alpha} f(\rho) b(\rho)^{-1/2});$
- (b) $\int_{-\delta(\rho)}^{+\delta(\rho)} \left(f(\rho e^{i\theta}) - f(\rho) \exp\left\{i\theta a(\rho) - \frac{1}{2} \theta^2 b(\rho)\right\} \right) e^{-in\theta} d\theta \\ = (2\pi)^{1/2} f(\rho) b(\rho)^{-1/2} (u(\rho) + O(n^{-\alpha}));$
- (c) $\delta(\rho)^2 b(\rho) \geq 2\alpha \log n.$

Then

$$a_n = \rho^{-n} (2\pi b(\rho))^{-1/2} f(\rho) (1 + u(\rho) + O(n^{-\alpha})).$$

This lemma can also be applied to our generating function $F_\kappa(x; a, M)$ by utilizing Theorem 1 and employing a method similar to that of Grosswald³⁾.

We can thus conclude the following result, though we omit a detailed

3) See Grosswald [1, pp. 121-124].

derivation.

THEOREM 2. We have, as $n \rightarrow \infty$,

$$(23) \quad p_1(n; a, M) = \frac{1}{4} \csc(\pi a/M) \cdot (3M)^{-1/4} n^{-3/4} \exp(2\pi(n/3M)^{1/2}) \\ \times \left\{ 1 - (M/3)^{1/2} \left(\frac{9}{16\pi} + \frac{\pi}{2} B_2(a/M) \right) n^{-1/2} + O(n^{-1}) \right\},$$

and, for $\kappa \geq 2$,

$$p_\kappa(n; a, M) = (2\pi)^{-1/2} \{2 \sin(\pi a/M)\}^{-\kappa} (1+1/\kappa)^{-1/2} C_\kappa(M)^{1/2} n^{-(2\kappa+1)/(2\kappa+2)} \\ \times \exp((1+\kappa)C_\kappa(M)n^{1/(\kappa+1)}) \cdot \left\{ 1 - \frac{(1+2\kappa)(2+\kappa)}{24\kappa(1+\kappa)} C_\kappa(M)^{-1} n^{-1/(\kappa+1)} + O(n^{-2/(\kappa+1)}) \right\}$$

with the abbreviation

$$C_\kappa(M) = \left(\frac{2\Gamma(1+1/\kappa)\zeta(1+1/\kappa)}{\kappa M} \right)^{\kappa/(\kappa+1)}.$$

Formula (23) may be obtained as a particular case of Grosswald's formula [1, p. 124, formula (17)] if M is a prime number. In fact, we can express $p_1(n; a, M)$ exactly as a convergent infinite series (see [5]).

As a direct consequence of Theorem 2, we infer the following

COROLLARY. For fixed two values a_1, a_2 of a , we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (p_\kappa(n; a_1, M) : p_\kappa(n; a_2, M)) = \{\sin(\pi a_1/M)\}^{-\kappa} : \{\sin(\pi a_2/M)\}^{-\kappa}.$$

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