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Dear Horace,

I expect you will have seen the paper by Albert Sade in the Annals of Mathematical Statistics, Vol 22, pp 306-307.

I suppose neither you or I need be particularly surprised at a new species transformed into itself by its one and only ^{ca}interpolate. What is to me a little astonishing is that it seems to prove Sade's method of enumerating the whole series should, in fact, have turned out to be accurate and exhaustive.

I forget now what his method was, but I do remember taking it in some bewilderment to a young Frenchman, namely H. Heslot, who happened to be working in the department and he certainly thought that the original method was nonsense, in addition to the fact that it was easy to see that his method of explaining the discrepancy between your total and his by a fault in the evaluation of one of your species was certainly quite erroneous. I have not checked the numbers in Sade's new species, as I have no doubt you will do if you have not done so already, and I wonder if you have a copy of Sade's privately published paper, for however unintelligible it may be, it would seem that he has struck something.

With all kind regards to your family,

Yours sincerely,