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On the positive definiteness of $n \mapsto e^{pn^\alpha}$

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The proof of Theorem 2 in [1] contains two errors which, however, do not make the theorem false. Firstly, in (6) the factor 20 should have been 5/4, so (6) should have read as follows:

$$\frac{5}{4}\alpha^2(\alpha-1)(\log 2)\left[\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{\alpha-2}+1-2\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^{\alpha-2}\right]\geq 1,$$

which makes the condition harder to satisfy. Secondly, the sentence following (6) is nonsense. However, the factor [...] has a positive derivative (with respect to α) as soon as

$$\alpha > 2+\frac{\log\dfrac{2\log\dfrac{5}{4}}{\log\dfrac{3}{2}}}{\log\dfrac{6}{5}} = 2.52614\ldots$$

Moreover, the corrected inequality (6) certainly holds for $\alpha \geq 4$, so the proof is saved.

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