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Let $n = \prod_{i=1}^{k} p_i^{\alpha_{p_i}}$. The authors call n strongly prime-additive if $n = \sum_{k=1}^{k} p_i^{\beta_i}$, $p_i^{\beta_i} < n \le p_i^{\beta_i+1}$. We only know three strongly prime additive numbers 228, 3115, 190233. n is prime additive if $n = \sum_{i=1}^{k} p_i^{\gamma_i}$, $0 < \gamma_i \le \beta_i$. We do not know if there are infinitely many prime additive numbers. n is weakly prime additive if it is not power of a prime, and $n = \sum p_{i_r}^{\delta_r}$, $0 < \delta_r$ where p_{i_1} , ... is a subset of the prime factor of n.

We prove that there are infinitely many weakly prime-additive numbers. Denote by A(x) the number of the weakly prime-additive numbers not exceeding x. We prove

(1)
$$c \log^3 x < A(x) < x / \exp(\log x)^{1/2 - \epsilon}$$
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A. Balog and C. Pomerance proved (2) $A(x) > \log^k x$ for every k. It might be of some interest to get better inequalities for A(x).

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