

Multiple zeta values for classical special functions

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MZV

Denote

$$\begin{aligned}\zeta_G (\{s\}^n) &= \zeta_G (\{s, s, \dots\}) \\ \zeta_G^* (\{s\}^n) &= \zeta_G^* (\{s, s, \dots\})\end{aligned}$$

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In the case of a quantum multiple zeta function $Z(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_r)$, an equivalent is

$$Z(\{s\}^r)^{\frac{1}{s}} \sim \frac{1}{E_1 E_2 \cdots E_r}$$

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- ▶ what are the benefits of introducing **generalized Bernoulli numbers** in the computation of the MZV's ?

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The symmetric functions have generating functions

$$E(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} e_k t^k = \prod_{i=1}^{\infty} (1 + tx_i),$$

$$H(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} h_k t^k = \prod_{i=1}^{\infty} (1 - tx_i)^{-1} = E(-t)^{-1},$$

$$P(t) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_k t^{k-1} = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{x_i}{1 - tx_i} = \frac{H'(t)}{H(t)} = \frac{E'(-t)}{E(-t)}.$$

Definitions and Methodology

Lemma

When $x_i = \frac{1}{a_i^s}$,

$$p_k = \zeta_G(ks) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a_n^{ks}}$$

$$e_k = \zeta_G(\{s\}^k) = \sum_{n_1 > n_2 > \dots > n_r \geq 1} \frac{1}{a_{n_1}^s a_{n_2}^s \dots a_{n_k}^s}$$

and

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The following generating products hold:

$$\prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\left(1 + \frac{(y-1)t}{a_k^s}\right)}{\left(1 - \frac{t}{a_k^s}\right)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^n S_G(sn, k) y^k t^n,$$

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Hypergeometric Zeta

The **hypergeometric zeta function** is defined by

$$\zeta_{a,b}(s) = \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{1}{z_{a,b;k}^s},$$

where $z_{a,b;k}$ are the zeros of the classic Kummer (confluent hypergeometric) function

$$\Phi_{a,b}(z) := {}_1F_1\left(\begin{array}{c} a \\ a+b \end{array}; z\right).$$

The zeros $z_{a,b;k}$ are pair-wise complex conjugated.

Hypergeometric Zeta

For $a = 1, b = 0$, we have

$$\Phi_{1,0}(z) = {}_1F_1\left(\begin{matrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{matrix}; z\right) = e^z.$$

For $b = a$, we have

$$\Phi_{a,a}(z) = {}_1F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a \\ 2a \end{matrix}; z\right) = e^{\frac{z}{2}} 2^{2a-1} \Gamma\left(a + \frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{I_{a-\frac{1}{2}}(z)}{z^{a-\frac{1}{2}}}.$$

Hypergeometric Zeta

This function has the Weierstrass factorization

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Moreover, from the Weierstrass factorization we deduce

$${}_1F_1 \left(\begin{matrix} a \\ a+b \end{matrix}; \imath z \right) {}_1F_1 \left(\begin{matrix} a \\ a+b \end{matrix}; -\imath z \right) = \prod_{k \geq 1} \left(1 + \frac{z^2}{z_{a,b;k}^2} \right).$$

We need an identity originally due to Ramanujan [1, Entry 18, p.61] and later proved by Preece.

Hypergeometric Zeta

Lemma

We have the identity

$${}_1F_1\left(\begin{array}{c} a \\ a+b \end{array}; \imath z\right) {}_1F_1\left(\begin{array}{c} a \\ a+b \end{array}; -\imath z\right) = {}_2F_3\left(\begin{array}{c} a, b \\ a+b, \frac{a+b}{2}, \frac{a+b+1}{2} \end{array}; -\frac{z^2}{4}\right).$$

The multiple zeta value $\zeta_{a,b}(\{2\}^n)$ can be deduced as

$$\zeta_{a,b}(\{2\}^n) = \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \frac{(a)_n (b)_n}{(a+b)_n (a+b)_{2n}}.$$

For example,

$$\zeta_{a,b}(\{2\}) = -\frac{ab}{(a+b)^2 (a+b+1)}$$

Hypergeometric Zeta

The values of $\zeta_{a,b}(\{2r\}^n)$ for $r = 1, 2, \dots$ can be recursively computed from $\zeta_{a,b}(\{2\}^n)$ using the following general result.

Theorem

Take $m \in \mathbb{Z}$, $m > 0$ and ω a primitive m -th root of unity. Then

$$\zeta_G(\{ms\}^n) = (-1)^{n(m-1)} \sum_{l_0 + l_1 + \dots + l_{m-1} = mn} \prod_{j=0}^{m-1} \zeta_G(\{s\}^{l_j}) \omega^{jl_j}.$$

Hypergeometric Zeta

Proof.

Start with the identity $1 - z^m = \prod_{j=0}^{m-1} (1 - z\omega^j)$ for $m > 0$, so that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \zeta_G(\{ms\}^n) t^{mn} &= \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{t^m}{a_k^{ms}}\right) = \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \prod_{j=0}^{m-1} \left(1 - \frac{t\omega^j}{a_k^s}\right) \\ &= \prod_{j=0}^{m-1} \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{t\omega^j}{a_k^s}\right) = \prod_{j=0}^{m-1} \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \omega^{jn} (-1)^n \zeta_G(\{s\}^n) t^n \right). \end{aligned}$$



Hypergeometric Zeta

Theorem

The multiple zeta value $\zeta_{a,b}(\{4\}^n)$ is equal to

$$\zeta_{a,b}(\{4\}^n) = \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n)!} \frac{(a)_{2n} (b)_{2n}}{(a+b)_{2n} (a+b)_{4n}}$$

$$\times {}_6F_5 \left(\begin{array}{c} -2n, 1-2n-a-b, 1-2n-\frac{a+b}{2}, 1-2n-\frac{a+b+1}{2}, a, b \\ 1-2n-a, 1-2n-b, a+b, \frac{a+b}{2}, \frac{a+b+1}{2} \end{array}; -1 \right)$$

For example,

$$\zeta_{a,b}(\{4\}) = -\frac{ab(a^3 + a^2(1-2b) + b^2(1+b) - 2ab(2+b))}{(a+b)^4(1+a+b)^2(2+a+b)(3+a+b)}.$$

Hypergeometric Zeta

Proof.

We want to compute $\zeta_{a,b}(\{4\}^n)$ from the generating function

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{n \geq 0} \zeta_{a,b}(\{4\}^n) z^{4n} &= \prod_{k \geq 1} \left(1 + \frac{z^4}{z_{a,b;k}^4} \right) \\ &= \prod_{k \geq 1} \left(1 + \frac{(\sqrt{iz})^2}{z_{a,b;k}^2} \right) \prod_{k \geq 1} \left(1 + \frac{(\imath\sqrt{iz})^2}{z_{a,b;k}^2} \right).\end{aligned}$$

Since $\prod_{k \geq 1} \left(1 + \frac{z^2}{z_{a,b;k}^2} \right) = {}_2F_3 \left(\begin{matrix} a, b \\ a+b, \frac{a+b}{2}, \frac{a+b+1}{2} \end{matrix}; -\frac{z^2}{4} \right)$, we deduce

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{n \geq 0} \zeta_{a,b}(\{4\}^n) z^{4n} &= {}_2F_3 \left(\begin{matrix} a, b \\ a+b, \frac{a+b}{2}, \frac{a+b+1}{2} \end{matrix}; -\imath\frac{z^2}{4} \right) {}_2F_3 \left(\begin{matrix} a, b \\ a+b, \frac{a+b}{2}, \frac{a+b+1}{2} \end{matrix}; \imath\frac{z^2}{4} \right).\end{aligned}$$

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We have

$$\begin{aligned} {}_2F_3 \left(\begin{matrix} a_1, a_2 \\ b_1, b_2, b_3 \end{matrix}; cz \right) {}_2F_3 \left(\begin{matrix} \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \\ \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3 \end{matrix}; dz \right) &= \sum_{k \geq 0} \frac{z^k}{k!} d^k \frac{(\alpha_1)_k (\alpha_2)_k}{(\beta_1)_k (\beta_2)_k (\beta_3)_k} \\ &\times {}_6F_5 \left(\begin{matrix} -k, 1-k-\beta_1, 1-k-\beta_2, 1-k-\beta_3, a_1, a_2 \\ 1-k-\alpha_1, 1-k-\alpha_2, b_1, b_2, b_3 \end{matrix}; \frac{c}{d} \right). \end{aligned}$$

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Therefore our desired hypergeometric product is

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{z^{2n}}{n!} \left(\frac{i}{4} \right)^n \frac{(a)_n (b)_n}{(a+b)_n \left(\frac{a+b}{2} \right)_n \left(\frac{a+b+1}{2} \right)_n} \\ &\times {}_6F_5 \left(\begin{matrix} -n, 1-n-a-b, 1-n-\frac{a+b}{2}, 1-n-\frac{a+b+1}{2}, a, b \\ 1-n-a, 1-n-b, a+b, \frac{a+b}{2}, \frac{a+b+1}{2} \end{matrix}; -1 \right) \end{aligned}$$



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Let us introduce the **hypergeometric Bernoulli numbers** $B_n^{(a,b)}$, defined through their generating function

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{B_n^{(a,b)}}{n!} z^n = \frac{1}{_1F_1 \left(\begin{matrix} a \\ a+b \end{matrix}; z \right)}.$$

Hypergeometric Zeta

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{k \geq 1} \left(1 - \frac{z^2}{z_{a,b;k}^2}\right)^{-1} &= \sum_{k,l \geq 0} \frac{B_k^{(a,b)} B_l^{(a,b)}}{k!l!} (-1)^k z^{k+l} \\ &= \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{z^n}{n!} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (-1)^k B_k^{(a,b)} B_{n-k}^{(a,b)}. \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$\zeta_{a,b}^*(\{2\}^n) = \sum_{k=0}^{2n} \binom{2n}{k} (-1)^k B_k^{(a,b)} B_{2n-k}^{(a,b)}.$$

For example,

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and

$$\zeta_{a,b}^*(\{2\}^2) = \frac{ab(-a^2 - a^3 - b^2 - b^3 + ab(a+b+5)(a+b+2))}{2(a+b)^4(1+a+b)^2(2+a+b)(3+a+b)}.$$

Hypergeometric Zeta

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$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{a+b+n-1}{k} \binom{a-1+n-k}{n-k} B_k^{(a,b)} = (a+b)_n \delta_n,$$

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This recurrence is a consequence of the identity

$$H(t) E(-t) = 1$$

and allows us to explicitly compute $B_n^{(a,b)}$ in terms of the lower-order numbers $\left\{ B_k^{(a,b)} \right\}_{k < n}$, and in turn to deduce the values of $\zeta_{a,b}^* (\{2p\}^n)$.

Bessel Zeta

Consider

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Frappier developed an extensive theory centered around these functions. This led him to define a family of Bernoulli polynomials $B_{n,\nu}(x)$ called " α -Bernoulli polynomials" with the generating function

$$\frac{e^{(x-\frac{1}{2})z}}{j_\nu(\frac{iz}{2})} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{B_{n,\nu}(x)}{n!} z^n.$$

Hypergeometric Zeta

The case $\nu = \frac{1}{2}$ recovers the Riemann zeta function since

$$j_{\frac{1}{2}}(z) = \frac{\sin z}{z} = \prod_{k \geq 1} \left(1 - \frac{z^2}{k^2\pi^2}\right),$$

$$z_{\frac{1}{2}, k} = k\pi, \quad \zeta_{B, \frac{1}{2}}(s) = \frac{1}{\pi^s} \zeta(s), \quad B_{n, \frac{1}{2}}(z) = B_n(z).$$

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The case $\nu = -\frac{1}{2}$ corresponds to

$$j_{-\frac{1}{2}}(z) = \cos z = \prod_{k \geq 1} \left(1 - \frac{z^2}{(k + \frac{1}{2})^2 \pi^2}\right),$$

$$z_{-\frac{1}{2},k} = \left(k + \frac{1}{2}\right)\pi, \quad \zeta_{B,-\frac{1}{2}}(s) = \frac{2^s - 1}{\pi^s} \zeta(s)$$

and $B_{n,-\frac{1}{2}}(z)$ coincides with the Euler polynomial $E_n(z)$

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{E_n(z)}{n!} x^n = \frac{2e^{xz}}{e^x + 1}.$$

Hypergeometric Zeta

Theorem

The following evaluations hold for the zeta function built out of the Bessel zeros:

$$\zeta_{B,\nu}(\{2\}^n) = \frac{1}{2^{2n} n! (\nu + 1)_n},$$

$$\zeta_{B,\nu}^*(\{2\}^n) = \frac{B_{2n,\nu}(\frac{1}{2})}{(2n)!} 2^{2n} (-1)^n,$$

$$S_{B,\nu}(2n, k) = \sum_{r=k}^n (-1)^{n-k} \binom{r}{k} \frac{2^{2n-4r} \Gamma(\nu + 1) B_{2n-2r,\nu}(\frac{1}{2})}{r! (2n - 2r)! \Gamma(\nu + r + 1)},$$

$$S_{B,\nu}^*(2n, k) = (-1)^n \sum_{r=k}^n \binom{r}{k} \frac{\Gamma(\nu + 1) B_{2r,\nu}(\frac{1}{2})}{2^{2n-4r} (n-r)! (2r)! \Gamma(\nu + n - r + 1)}.$$

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Dissect the generating product as follows:

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This sum is now identified as a Gauss hypergeometric function

$$\zeta_{B,\nu}(\{4\}^n) = \frac{(-1)^n \Gamma(\nu+1)}{2^{4n}(2n)!\Gamma(2n+\nu+1)} {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} -2n, -2n-\nu \\ \nu+1 \end{matrix}; -1\right),$$

which can be evaluated using Kummer's identity as

$${}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} -2n, -2n-\nu \\ \nu+1 \end{matrix}; -1\right) = (-1)^n \frac{2\Gamma(\nu+1)\Gamma(2n)}{\Gamma(n+\nu+1)\Gamma(n)}.$$

Krein's expansion and an extension of Euler's identity

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Then for $n \geq [\frac{\nu}{2} + \frac{1}{4}] + 1$, the Bessel-Bernoulli polynomials can be expressed as

$$\frac{(-1)^n 2^{2n}}{2n!} B_{2n,\nu} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) = 4(\nu + 1) \tilde{\zeta}_\nu(2n).$$

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Then for $n \geq [\frac{\nu}{2} + \frac{1}{4}] + 1$, the Bessel-Bernoulli polynomials can be expressed as

$$\frac{(-1)^n 2^{2n}}{2n!} B_{2n,\nu} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) = 4(\nu + 1) \tilde{\zeta}_\nu(2n).$$

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$$\frac{(2\pi)^{2n}}{2(2n)!} (-1)^{n-1} B_{2n} = \zeta(2n).$$

Krein's expansion and an extension of Euler's identity

Howard proved

$$\zeta_{r+\frac{1}{2}}(2n - 2r + 2) = (-1)^n 2^{2n-2r+1} \frac{(2r+1)!}{r!} \sum_{j=0}^{r-1} \frac{(2r-j-2)!}{j!(r-j-1)!} \frac{B_{2n-j+1,r}}{(2n-j+1)!}$$

generalized by K. Dilcher to the confluent case

$$\zeta_{a,b}(n - a - b + 1) = (-1)^{b+1} \frac{(a+b+1)!}{n!(a+b)}$$

$$\times \left[\sum_{j=0}^{a-1} \binom{n}{j} \binom{a+b-j-2}{b-1} B_{n-j}^{(a,b)} - (-1)^n \sum_{j=0}^{b-1} \binom{n}{j} \binom{a+b-j-2}{a-1} B_{n-j}^{(a,b)} \right]$$

Hypergeometric Zeta

Proof.

Define

$$p := \left[\frac{\nu}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \right] + 1,$$

We have Krein's expansion

$$\frac{z^\nu}{J_\nu(z)} = P_p(z) - 2z^{2p} \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{1}{J_{\nu+1}(z_{\nu,k}) z_{\nu,k}^{2p-\nu-1} (z^2 - z_{\nu,k}^2)},$$

where $P_p(z)$ is the polynomial of degree $2p - 2$ defined as the truncated Taylor expansion at 0 of $\frac{z^\nu}{J_\nu(z)}$:

$$P_p(z) = \sum_{m=0}^{p-1} \frac{d^{2m}}{dz^{2m}} \left(\frac{z^\nu}{J_\nu(z)} \right)_{|z=0} \frac{z^{2m}}{2m!}.$$



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Now take $|z| < |z_{\nu,1}|$, the smallest zero of J_ν , so that

$$\frac{1}{z_{\nu,k}^{2p-\nu-1} (z^2 - z_{\nu,k}^2)} = - \frac{1}{z_{\nu,k}^{2p-\nu+1} \left(1 - \frac{z^2}{z_{\nu,k}^2}\right)} = - \sum_{q \geq 0} \frac{z^{2q}}{z_{\nu,k}^{2q+2p-\nu+1}}$$

and the infinite sum in Krein's expansion is

$$\sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{-2z^{2p-\nu}}{J_{\nu+1}(z_{\nu,k}) z_{\nu,k}^{2p-\nu-1} (z^2 - z_{\nu,k}^2)} = 2 \sum_{q \geq 0} z^{2p+2q-\nu} \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{1}{J_{\nu+1}(z_{\nu,k}) z_{\nu,k}^{2q+2p-\nu+1}}$$

Using the definition of the alternate Bessel zeta function, we obtain

$$\frac{1}{j_\nu(z)} = \frac{P_p(z)}{2^\nu \Gamma(\nu + 1)} + 4(\nu + 1) \sum_{q \geq 0} z^{2p+2q} \tilde{\zeta}_\nu(2q + 2p).$$

Hypergeometric Zeta

Remark : Since

$$\zeta_{B,\nu}^*(\{2\}^n) = \frac{B_{2n,\nu}(\frac{1}{2})}{(2n)!} 2^{2n} (-1)^n,$$

we also have

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or

$$\sum_{k_1 \geq k_2 \geq \dots \geq k_n \geq 1} \frac{1}{z_{\nu,k_1}^2 \cdots z_{\nu,k_n}^2} = 4(\nu + 1) \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{1}{j_{\nu+1}(z_{\nu,k}) z_{\nu,k}^{2n+2}}.$$

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that is valid on the complementary range $k > n$.

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Theorem

The average $S_{B,\nu}(2n, k)$ can be expressed as, for $k \leq n$,

$$S_{B,\nu}(2n, k) = \sum_{r=k}^n (-1)^{n-k} \binom{r}{k} \frac{2^{2n-4r} \Gamma(\nu+1)}{r! (2n-2r)! \Gamma(\nu+r+1)} B_{2n-2r, \nu} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right),$$

or alternatively as, still for $k \leq n$,

$$S_{B,\nu}(2n, k) = \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor \frac{k-1}{2} \rfloor} \frac{(-1)^j}{2^{2j}} \binom{k-1-j}{j} \frac{\Gamma(\nu+k-j)}{\Gamma(\nu+1+j)} \zeta_\nu(2n-2j).$$

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The proof of this result uses generating functions. It gives us as a by-product another identity valid for $\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor < n \leq k - 1$,

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More generally

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Airy Zeta function

The Airy function has Weierstrass factorization

$$\text{Ai}(z) = \text{Ai}(0) e^{\frac{\text{Ai}'(0)}{\text{Ai}(0)} z} \prod_{n \geq 1} \left(1 - \frac{z}{a_n}\right) e^{\frac{z}{a_n}},$$

where all the zeros $\{a_n\}$ are real and negative. We frequently use the constants

$$\text{Ai}(0) = \frac{1}{3^{\frac{2}{3}} \Gamma(\frac{2}{3})}, \quad \text{Ai}'(0) = -\frac{1}{3^{\frac{1}{3}} \Gamma(\frac{1}{3})}.$$

Theorem

The Airy MZV is equal to

$$\zeta_{\text{Ai}}(\{2\}^n) = \frac{1}{12^{\frac{n}{3}} n! \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{\frac{n}{3}}}.$$

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The usual proof uses the series expansion

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Then the Weierstrass factorization allows to deduce the generating function of $\zeta_{\text{Ai}}(\{2\}^n)$ as

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \zeta_{\text{Ai}}(\{2\}^n) z^n = \prod_{n \geq 1} \left(1 + \frac{z}{a_n^2}\right) = \frac{\text{Ai}(\imath\sqrt{z})\text{Ai}(-\imath\sqrt{z})}{\text{Ai}(0)^2}.$$

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Airy Zeta function

Proof.

The Airy function is an entire function: with $\xi = \frac{2}{3}z^{\frac{3}{2}}$

$$\text{Ai}(z) = \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n z^n = \frac{\sqrt{z}}{3} \left(I_{-\frac{1}{3}}(\xi) - I_{\frac{1}{3}}(\xi) \right)$$

such that $a_{3n+2} = 0$. The coefficients a_{3n} are provided by the term $\frac{\sqrt{z}}{3} I_{-\frac{1}{3}}(\xi)$, while the coefficients a_{3n+1} arise from $\frac{\sqrt{z}}{3} I_{\frac{1}{3}}(\xi)$.

Similarly, the two terms in the expansion

$$\text{Ai}(-z) = \frac{\sqrt{z}}{3} \left(J_{-\frac{1}{3}}(\xi) - J_{\frac{1}{3}}(\xi) \right)$$

provide the coefficients a_{3n} and a_{3n+1} respectively.

We deduce

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n \zeta_{\text{Ai}} \left(\{2\}^{3n} \right) \left(\frac{3z}{2} \right)^{4n} = j_{-\frac{1}{3}}(\imath z) j_{-\frac{1}{3}}(z),$$

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$$\frac{\mathcal{B}_3}{3!} = -\frac{1}{6} + 3 \frac{\Gamma^3\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)}{\Gamma^3\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)}, \quad \mathcal{B}_4 = -\frac{3^{\frac{1}{3}}}{4} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) [\Gamma^3\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) - 12\Gamma^3\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)]}{\Gamma^4\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)}$$

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Theorem

Define the sequence

$$a_{3n} = \frac{(-1)^n (3n)!}{3^{2n} n! \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)_n}, \quad a_{3n+1} = \frac{(-1)^{n+1} \Gamma\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) (3n+1)!}{3^{2n+\frac{2}{3}} n! \Gamma\left(n + \frac{4}{3}\right)}, \quad a_{3n+2} = 0.$$

The Airy Bernoulli numbers satisfy the linear recurrence

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \mathcal{B}_k a_{n-k} = n! \delta_n$$

so that

$$\mathcal{B}_n = \begin{cases} - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \binom{n}{k} \mathcal{B}_k a_{n-k}, & n > 0 \\ 1 & n = 0 \end{cases}.$$

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Taking the derivative of

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{\mathcal{B}_n}{n!} z^n = \frac{\text{Ai}(0)}{\text{Ai}(z)}.$$

and writing

$$-\text{Ai}'(0) \frac{\text{Ai}'(z)}{\text{Ai}^2(z)} = -\frac{\text{Ai}(0)}{\text{Ai}(z)} \frac{\text{Ai}'(z)}{\text{Ai}(z)}.$$

yields

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}_{n+1}}{n!} = -\frac{\text{Ai}'(0)}{\text{Ai}(0)} \frac{\mathcal{B}_n}{n!} + \sum_{r=0}^{n-1} \frac{\mathcal{B}_r}{r!} \zeta_{\text{Ai}}(n+1-r), \quad n \geq 1,$$

so that

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Airy Zeta function: there is more

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Question: how to evaluate

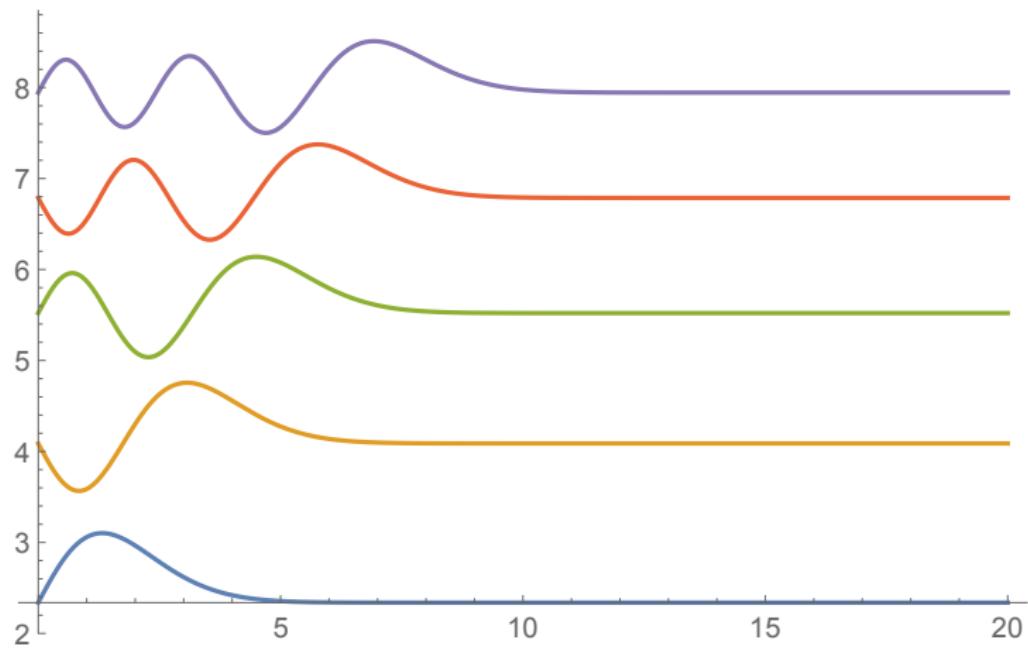
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Consider the quantum bouncer

$$V(x) = \begin{cases} k \cdot x & x \geq 0 \\ +\infty & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

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$$\langle n|x|n \rangle = \frac{2}{3}z_n, \quad \langle n|x^2|n \rangle = \frac{8}{15}z_n^2, \quad \langle n|x^3|n \rangle = \frac{16}{35}z_n^3 + \frac{3}{7} \dots$$

Airy Zeta function

Goodmanson gave a recurrence for these moments

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{p!}{(p-4)!} \langle n|x^{p-4}|k \rangle + 4p(p-1) \frac{z_n + z_k}{2} \langle n|x^{p-2}|k \rangle \\ & - 2p(2p-1) \langle n|x^{p-1}|k \rangle + (z_n - z_k)^2 \langle n|x^p|k \rangle = 2\delta_{1,p} (-1)^{n-k+1} \end{aligned}$$

For example,

$$\langle n|x|n \rangle = \frac{2}{3}z_n, \quad \langle n|x^2|n \rangle = \frac{8}{15}z_n^2, \quad \langle n|x^3|n \rangle = \frac{16}{35}z_n^3 + \frac{3}{7} \dots$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \langle n|x|k \rangle &= \frac{2(-1)^{n-k+1}}{(z_k - z_n)^2}, \quad \langle n|x^2|k \rangle = \frac{24(-1)^{n-k+1}}{(z_k - z_n)^4}, \\ \langle n|x^3|n \rangle &= (-1)^{n-k+1} \left[\frac{720}{(z_k - z_n)^6} - \frac{48z_n}{(z_k - z_n)^4} - \frac{24}{(z_k - z_n)^3} \right] \dots \end{aligned}$$

Airy Zeta function

Next use the Thomas-Reiche-Kuhn rule

$$\sum_{k \neq n} (E_n - E_k) |\langle n | x | k \rangle|^2 = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m}$$

and

$$E_k = -z_k$$

to deduce

$$\sum_{k \neq n} (z_k - z_n) \frac{4}{(z_k - z_n)^4} = 1$$

so that

$$S_3(n) = \sum_{k \neq n} \frac{1}{(z_k - z_n)^3} = \frac{1}{4}.$$

Airy Zeta function

To obtain $S_4(n)$, write the closure relationship

$$\sum_{\text{all } k} \langle n|x|k\rangle \langle k|x|n\rangle = \langle n|x^2|n\rangle$$

so that

$$|\langle n|x|n\rangle|^2 + \sum_{k \neq n} \frac{4}{(z_k - z_n)^4} = \frac{8}{15} z_n^2 \implies S_4(n) = \frac{z_n^2}{45}$$

Airy Zeta function

Moreover, using

$$\sum_{\text{all } k} \sum_{\text{all } j} \langle n | x | k \rangle \langle k | x | j \rangle \langle j | x | n \rangle = \langle n | x^3 | n \rangle$$

gives

$$T_{2,2,2}(n) = \sum_{k \neq j \neq n} \frac{1}{(z_k - z_n)^2 (z_k - z_j)^2 (z_j - z_n)^2} = \frac{2}{945} z_n^3 + \frac{5}{168}.$$

Compare to

$$\sum_{m,n \geq 1} \frac{1}{m^2 n^2 (m+n)^2} = \frac{\pi^6}{2835}.$$

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