

97. On Kronecker Limit Formula for Real Quadratic Fields

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1. Let F be the real quadratic field with discriminant d embedded in the real field \mathbf{R} . Let χ be a primitive character of the group of the ideal class group modulo \mathfrak{f} of F . Assume that for a principal integral ideal (μ) of F , $\chi((\mu))$ is given by the following formula (1).

$$(1) \quad \chi((\mu)) = \text{sgn}(\mu)\chi_0(\mu),$$

where χ_0 is a character of the group of residue classes modulo \mathfrak{f} . Let $L_F(s, \chi)$ be the Hecke L -function of F associated with the character χ . In this note, we present a formula for the value $L_F(1, \chi)$ which seems to be new and suggestive. For previously known relevant results, we refer to E. Hecke [1], [2], G. Herglotz [3], C. Meyer [4], C. L. Siegel [6] and D. Zagier [7].

2. For a pair of positive numbers $a = (a_1, a_2)$, set

$$\begin{aligned} c_1(a) = & \frac{1}{a_1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \psi\left(\frac{na_2}{a_1}\right) - \log\left(\frac{na_2}{a_1}\right) + \frac{a_1}{2na_2} \right\} \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{a_1} + \frac{1}{a_2} \right) \log a_1 - \frac{1}{2a_1} (\gamma - \log 2\pi) \\ & + \frac{a_1 - a_2}{2a_1a_2} \log \frac{a_2}{a_1} - \frac{\gamma}{2} \left(\frac{1}{a_1} + \frac{1}{a_2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

and set

$$c_2(a) = \frac{1}{2a_1^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \psi'\left(\frac{na_2}{a_1}\right) - \frac{a_1}{na_2} \right\} + \frac{\pi^2}{12a_1^2} - \frac{1}{2a_1a_2} \log a_2 + \frac{\gamma}{2a_1a_2},$$

where γ is the Euler constant and ψ is the logarithmic derivative of the gamma function.

Denote by $F(a, z)$ an entire function of z given by the following:

$$\begin{aligned} F(a, z) = & z \exp \{ -c_1(a)z - c_2(a)z^2 \} \Pi' \left(1 + \frac{z}{na_1 + ma_2} \right) \\ & \times \exp \left\{ -\frac{z}{na_1 + ma_2} + \frac{z^2}{2(na_1 + ma_2)} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

where the product is over all pairs (n, m) of non-negative integers which are not simultaneously equal to zero.

We note that the function $F(a, z)^{-1}$ is the double gamma function introduced and studied by Barnes in [8].

Let $\varepsilon > 1$ be the generator of the group of totally positive units of F . Choose a complete set of representatives $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{h_0}$ of the group of narrow ideal classes of F . For each k ($1 \leq k \leq h_0$) set