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INFINITE SUMS OF PSI FUNCTIONS¹

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A transformation. The reversible transformation, where $\overline{\lambda} \equiv \lambda + \frac{1}{2}$,

(1a)
$$\pi C_{2\lambda+1} = 2 \sum_{\kappa=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda C_{2\kappa}}{\overline{\lambda^2 - \kappa^2}} \quad (\text{all } \lambda),$$

(1b)
$$\pi C_{2\kappa} = 2 \sum_{\lambda=0}^{\infty} \frac{\bar{\lambda} C_{2\lambda+1}}{\bar{\lambda}^2 - \kappa^2} \quad (\text{times } \frac{1}{2} \text{ if } \kappa = 0)$$

has the properties[1]

(2)
$$\sum_{\kappa=0}^{\infty} C_{2\kappa} = 0$$

if the set $C_{2\lambda+1}$ converges at least like λ^{-t} , $t \ge 2$, and

(3)
$$S = \sum_{\lambda=0}^{\infty} (2\lambda + 1)C_{2\lambda+1} = 0$$

if the set $C_{2\kappa}$ converges at least like κ^{-r} , r > 2. Consider in particular the elementary sets

(4a)
$$C_0 = \zeta(r), \quad C_{2\kappa \neq 0} = -\kappa^{-r} \quad (r = 2, 3, 4, ...)$$

which obey (2), and

(4b)
$$C_{2\lambda+1} = \bar{\lambda}^{-t}$$
 $(t = 2, 3, 4, ...).$

For r = 2, the sum S is $S_2 = \pi$.

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Applying the transformations (1a, b) to the elementary sets (4a, b), one has

(5)
$$\pi C_{2\lambda+1}^{r} = + \sum_{t=3,5,7,\dots} (A_{t}^{r}/\bar{\lambda}^{t})$$

with

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(5a)
$$A_t^r = \begin{cases} -2\zeta(r+1-t) \\ -4L_{\lambda}^* \\ +1 \\ 0 \end{cases}$$
 if $\begin{cases} t < r \\ t = r & (r \text{ odd only}) \\ t = r+1 & (r \text{ even only}) \\ t > r+1 \end{cases}$

and, using the abbreviation $\bar{\zeta}(n) = \sum_{\lambda=0}^{\infty} (1/\bar{\lambda}^n) = (2^n - 1) \zeta(n)$, one has

(6)
$$\pi C_0^t = \bar{\zeta}(t+1), \qquad \pi C_{2\kappa \neq 0}^t = -\sum_{r=2,4,6,\dots} (B_r^t/\kappa^r)$$

with

(6a)
$$B_r^t = \begin{cases} 2\zeta(t+1-r) \\ 4L_\kappa \\ 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{if} \quad \begin{cases} r < t \\ r = t \quad (t \text{ even only}) \\ r > t. \end{cases}$$

Here L and L* represent the ψ -function and may hence be denoted as logarithmic sets:

(7)
$$L_m = 1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} + \dots + \frac{1}{2m-1} = \frac{1}{2} [\psi(m + \frac{1}{2}) - \psi(\frac{1}{2})] \\ \sim \frac{1}{2} (\log m + \gamma) + \log 2 + \frac{1}{48m^2} + \dots$$

(7a)
$$L_m^* = L_m + 1/2(2m + 1) - \log 2.$$

Infinite sums. As one applies the summation (2) to the sets $C_{2\kappa}^{t}$, one regains the known values $\zeta(2n)$ (see [2, 23.2.16]), if t is odd, that is, when $C_{2\kappa}^{t}$ does not contain a logarithmic set. On the other hand, an intriguing sequence of new formulas arises when t is even. For t = 2,

(8)
$$4\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} L_k/k^2 = 7\zeta(3).$$

The general formula is

(8a)
$$4\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} L_k/k^{2n} = \bar{\zeta}(2n+1) - 2\sum_{\nu=1}^{n-1} \zeta(2\nu)\bar{\zeta}(2n+1-2\nu).$$

In a sense, this formula can be considered a formula for $\zeta(2n + 1)$ which

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corresponds to the known formula [2, 23.2.16] for $\zeta(2n)$.

A companion sequence of formulas arises from forming the sum S for the sets $C_{2\lambda+1}^r$. In this case one recovers the known values $\zeta(2n)$ if r is even. For r = 3,

(9)
$$16\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} L_k/(2k-1)^2 = 7\zeta(3) + 12\zeta(2)\log 2$$

and generally

(9a)
$$4^{n+1} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{L_k}{(2k-1)^{2n}} = \bar{\zeta}(2n+1) + 4\bar{\zeta}(2n)\log 2$$

 $-2\sum_{\nu=1}^{n-1} \bar{\zeta}(2\nu)\zeta(2n+1-2\nu).$

The two sequences of formulas have considerable similarity. Both are homogeneous in the sum of the arguments in each term if log 2 is written as $\eta(1)$ (see [2, 23.2.19]).

NOTE. The subject reversible transformation arises in the linear theory of a parabolic wing tip in lifting subsonic flow. The fact that it may produce logarithmic sets can be generalized, as follows: If the originating set contains \log^n , the logarithmic set in the transformed set is \log^{n+1} if r is odd and if t is even, and is \log^{n-1} if r is even and if t is odd. Detailed derivations are given in [1].

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