

Ramanujan-like Series for $1/\pi^2$ and String Theory

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Using the machinery from the theory of Calabi–Yau differential equations, we find formulas for $1/\pi^2$ of hypergeometric and nonhypergeometric types.

1. INTRODUCTION

Almost 100 years ago, Ramanujan found 17 formulas for $1/\pi$. The most spectacular was

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)_n \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)_n \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)_n}{n!^3} (26390n + 1103) \frac{1}{99^{4n+2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4\pi},$$

where $(a)_0 = 1$ and $(a)_n = a(a+1)\cdots(a+n-1)$ for $n > 1$ is the Pochhammer symbol. The formulas were not proved until the 1980s by the Borwein brothers using modular forms (see [Borwein and Borwein 87] and the recent surveys [Baruah et al. 09, Zudilin 08]).

In 2002, the second author found seven similar formulas for $1/\pi^2$. Three of them were proved using the WZ-method (see [Guillera 02, Guillera 06, Guillera 07]). Others, like

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)_n \left(\frac{1}{8}\right)_n \left(\frac{3}{8}\right)_n \left(\frac{5}{8}\right)_n \left(\frac{7}{8}\right)_n}{n!^5} (1920n^2 + 304n + 15) \frac{1}{7^{4n}} \\ = \frac{56\sqrt{7}}{\pi^2} \end{aligned}$$

(see [Guillera 03, Guillera 07]), were found using PSLQ to find the triple (1920, 304, 15) after guessing $z = 7^{-4}$. This was inspired by a similar formula for $1/\pi$, namely

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)_n \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)_n \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)_n}{n!^3} (40n + 3) \frac{1}{7^{4n}} = \frac{49\sqrt{3}}{9\pi}.$$

To avoid guessing z , the second author, using 5×5 matrices, developed a technique to find z , while instead guessing a rather small rational number k . To that purpose, one had to solve an equation of type

$$\frac{1}{6} \log^3(q) - \nu_1 \log(q) - \nu_2 - T(q) = 0,$$

where ν_1 depends on k linearly, ν_2 is a constant, and $T(q)$ is a certain power series (see [Guillera 10]). It was

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suggested by Wadim Zudilin that $T(q)$ had to do with the Yukawa coupling $K(q)$ of the fourth-order pullback of the fifth-order differential equation satisfied by the sum for general z . The exact relation is

$$\left(q \frac{d}{dq}\right)^3 T(q) = 1 - K(q).$$

This is explained and proved here. The reason that it works is that all differential equations involved are Calabi–Yau. The theory results in a simplified and very fast Maple program to find z . As a result, we mention the new formula

$$\frac{1}{\pi^2} = 32 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(6n)!}{3 \cdot n!^6} (532n^2 + 126n + 9) \frac{1}{10^{6n+3}}, \quad (1-1)$$

where the summands contain no infinite decimal fractions. However, this is not a BBP-type (Bailey–Borwein–Plouffe) series [Bailey 11], and due to the factorials, it is not useful to extract individual decimal digits of $1/\pi^2$. (The manner in which we have written the formula above is due to Pigulla).

2. CALABI–YAU DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

2.1. Formal Definitions

A Calabi–Yau differential equation is a fourth-order differential equation with rational coefficients,

$$y^{(4)} + c_3(z)y''' + c_2(z)y'' + c_1(z)y' + c_0(z)y = 0,$$

satisfying the following conditions.

1. It is MUM (maximal unipotent monodromy), i.e., the indicial equation at $z = 0$ has zero as a root of order 4. It means that there is a Frobenius solution of the following form:

$$\begin{aligned} y_0 &= 1 + A_1 z + A_2 z^2 + \dots, \\ y_1 &= y_0 \log(z) + B_1 z + B_2 z^2 + \dots, \\ y_2 &= \frac{1}{2} y_0 \log^2(z) + (B_1 z + B_2 z^2 + \dots) \log(z) + C_1 z \\ &\quad + C_2 z^2 + \dots, \\ y_3 &= \frac{1}{6} y_0 \log^3(z) + \frac{1}{2} (B_1 z + B_2 z^2 + \dots) \log^2(z) \\ &\quad + (C_1 z + C_2 z^2 + \dots) \log(z) + D_1 z + D_2 z^2 + \dots. \end{aligned}$$

It is very useful that Maple’s `formal_sol` produces the four solutions in exactly this form (though labeled 1 to 4).

2. The coefficients of the equation satisfy the identity

$$c_1 = \frac{1}{2} c_2 c_3 - \frac{1}{8} c_3^3 + c_2' - \frac{3}{4} c_3 c_3' - \frac{1}{2} c_3''.$$

3. Let $t = y_1/y_0$. Then

$$q = \exp(t) = z + e_2 z^2 + \dots$$

can be solved as

$$z = z(q) = q - e_2 q^2 + \dots,$$

which is called the “mirror map.” We also construct the “Yukawa coupling” defined by

$$K(q) = \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \left(\frac{y_2}{y_0} \right).$$

This can be expanded in a Lambert series

$$K(q) = 1 + \sum_{d=1}^{\infty} n_d \frac{d^3 q^d}{1 - q^d},$$

where the n_d are called “instanton numbers.” For small d , the n_d are conjectured to count rational curves of degree d on the corresponding Calabi–Yau manifold. Then the third condition is

- (a) y_0 has integer coefficients.
- (b) q has integer coefficients.
- (c) There is a fixed integer N_0 such that all $N_0 n_d$ are integers.

In [Almkvist 10] the first author showed how to discover Calabi–Yau differential equations.

2.2. Pullbacks of Fifth-Order Equations

Condition 2 is equivalent to

$$\mathbf{2}'. \quad \begin{vmatrix} y_0 & y_3 \\ y_0' & y_3' \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix}.$$

This means that the six Wronskians formed by the four solutions to our Calabi–Yau equation reduce to five. Hence they satisfy a fifth-order differential equation

$$w^{(5)} + d_4 w^{(4)} + d_3 w''' + d_2 w'' + d_1 w' + d_0 w = 0.$$

Condition 2 for the fourth-order equation leads to a corresponding condition for the fifth-order equation:

$$\mathbf{2}_5. \quad d_2 = \frac{3}{5} d_3 d_4 - \frac{4}{25} d_4^3 + \frac{3}{2} d_3' - \frac{6}{5} d_4 d_4' - d_4''.$$

Conversely, given a fifth-order equation satisfying $\mathbf{2}_5$ with solution w_0 , we can find a pullback, i.e., a fourth-order equation with solutions y_0, y_1, \dots such that $w_0 = z(y_0 y_1' - y_0' y_1)$. There is another pullback, \hat{y} , which often cuts the degree in half. It was discovered by Yifan Yang, and it is simply a multiple $\hat{y} = gy$ of the ordinary

pullback, where

$$g = z^{-1/2} \exp\left(\frac{3}{10} \int d_4 dz\right).$$

In the proof below, all formulas contain only quotients of solutions, so the factor g cancels. Hence it is irrelevant whether we use ordinary or YY-pullbacks. Since the $q(z)$ are the same, so are the inverse functions $z(q)$.

2.3. The Proof

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} w_0(z) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1/2)_n (s_1)_n (1-s_1)_n (s_2)_n (1-s_2)_n}{n!^5} (\rho z)^n \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n z^n, \end{aligned}$$

which satisfies the differential equation

$$\left\{ \theta^5 - \rho z \left(\theta + \frac{1}{2} \right) (\theta + s_1) \right. \\ \left. \times (\theta + 1 - s_1)(\theta + s_2)(\theta + 1 - s_2) \right\} w_0 = 0,$$

where $\theta = z \frac{d}{dz}$. The equation satisfies **2'**, so

$$w_0 = z(y_0 y_1' - y_0' y_1),$$

where y_0 and y_1 satisfy a fourth-order differential equation (the ordinary pullback). We will consider the following 14 cases (compare the 14 hypergeometric Calabi–Yau equations in the “Big Table” (see [Almkvist et al. 05] and Table 1).

#	s_1	s_2	ρ	A_n
$\tilde{1}$	1/5	2/5	$4 \cdot 5^5$	$\binom{2n}{n}^3 \binom{3n}{n} \binom{5n}{2n}$
$\tilde{2}$	1/10	3/10	$4 \cdot 8 \cdot 10^5$	$\binom{2n}{n}^2 \binom{3n}{n} \binom{5n}{2n} \binom{10n}{5n}$
$\tilde{3}$	1/2	1/2	$4 \cdot 2^8$	$\binom{2n}{n}^5$
$\tilde{4}$	1/3	1/3	$4 \cdot 3^6$	$\binom{2n}{n}^3 \binom{3n}{n}^2$
$\tilde{5}$	1/2	1/3	$4 \cdot 2^4 \cdot 3^3$	$\binom{2n}{n}^4 \binom{3n}{n}$
$\tilde{6}$	1/2	1/4	$4 \cdot 2^{10}$	$\binom{2n}{n}^4 \binom{4n}{2n}$
$\tilde{7}$	1/8	3/8	$4 \cdot 2^{16}$	$\binom{2n}{n}^3 \binom{4n}{2n} \binom{8n}{4n}$
$\tilde{8}$	1/6	1/3	$4 \cdot 2^4 \cdot 3^6$	$\binom{2n}{n}^3 \binom{4n}{2n} \binom{6n}{2n}$
$\tilde{9}$	1/12	5/12	$4 \cdot 12^6$	$\binom{2n}{n}^3 \binom{6n}{2n} \binom{12n}{6n}$
$\tilde{10}$	1/4	1/4	$4 \cdot 2^{12}$	$\binom{2n}{n}^3 \binom{4n}{2n}^2$
$\tilde{11}$	1/4	1/3	$4 \cdot 12^3$	$\binom{2n}{n}^3 \binom{3n}{n} \binom{4n}{2n}$
$\tilde{12}$	1/6	1/4	$4 \cdot 2^{10} \cdot 3^3$	$\binom{2n}{n}^2 \binom{3n}{n} \binom{4n}{2n} \binom{6n}{3n}$
$\tilde{13}$	1/6	1/6	$4 \cdot 2^8 \cdot 3^6$	$\binom{2n}{n} \binom{3n}{n}^2 \binom{6n}{3n}^2$
$\tilde{14}$	1/2	1/6	$4 \cdot 2^8 \cdot 3^3$	$\binom{2n}{n}^3 \binom{3n}{n} \binom{6n}{3n}$

TABLE 1. Hypergeometric cases.

Assume that the formula

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n (a + bn + cn^2) z^n = \frac{1}{\pi^2}$$

is a Ramanujan-like one; that is, the numbers a, b, c , and z are algebraic. Then in [Guillera 10], it is conjectured that we have an expansion

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_{n+x} (a + b(n+x) + c(n+x)^2) z^{n+x} \quad (2-1) \\ = \frac{1}{\pi^2} - \frac{k}{2} x^2 + \frac{j}{24} \pi^2 x^4 + O(x^5), \end{aligned}$$

where k and j are rational numbers. This holds in all known examples. However, there is a better argument to support the conjecture. It consists in comparing ${}_5F_4$ with the cases ${}_3F_2$ of Ramanujan-type series for $1/\pi$, for which the second author proved in [Guillera 10] that k must be rational.

In A_x , we replace $x!$ by $\Gamma(x+1)$ (Maple does this automatically). Later, we use the harmonic number $H_n = 1 + 1/2 + \dots + 1/n$, which is replaced by $H_x = \psi(x+1) - \gamma$, where $\psi(x) = \Gamma'(x)/\Gamma(x)$ and γ is Euler’s constant.

The expansion (2-1) can be reformulated as

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{A_{n+x}}{A_x} (a + b(n+x) + c(n+x)^2) z^n \quad (2-2) \\ = \frac{1}{z^x A_x} \left(\frac{1}{\pi^2} - \frac{k}{2} x^2 + \frac{j}{24} \pi^2 x^4 + \dots \right). \end{aligned}$$

Write

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{A_{n+x}}{A_x} z^n &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i x^i, \\ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{A_{n+x}}{A_x} (n+x) z^n &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} b_i x^i, \\ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{A_{n+x}}{A_x} (n+x)^2 z^n &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} c_i x^i, \end{aligned}$$

where a_i, b_i, c_i are power series in z with rational coefficients. They are related to the solutions w_0, w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4 of the fifth-order differential equation

$$\begin{aligned} w_0 &= a_0 \\ w_1 &= a_0 \log(z) + a_1 \\ w_2 &= a_0 \frac{\log^2(z)}{2} + a_1 \log(z) + a_2 \\ w_3 &= a_0 \frac{\log^3(z)}{6} + a_1 \frac{\log^2(z)}{2} + a_2 \log(z) + a_3 \\ w_4 &= a_0 \frac{\log^4(z)}{24} + a_1 \frac{\log^3(z)}{6} + a_2 \frac{\log^2(z)}{2} + a_3 \log(z) + a_4. \end{aligned}$$

We also have $b_0 = za'_0$ and $b_k = a_{k-1} + za'_k$ for $k = 1, 2, 3, 4$.

If we write the expansion of A_x in the form

$$A_x = 1 + \frac{e}{2}\pi^2 x^2 - h\zeta(3)x^3 + \left(\frac{3e^2}{8} - \frac{f}{2}\right)\pi^4 x^4 + O(x^5), \tag{2-3}$$

then for the right-hand side M of (2-2), we have

$$M = \frac{1}{z^x A_x} \left(\frac{1}{\pi^2} - \frac{k}{2}x^2 + \frac{j}{24}\pi^2 x^4 + \dots \right) = m_0 + m_1 x + m_2 x^2 + m_3 x^3 + m_4 x^4 + \dots,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} m_0 &= \frac{1}{\pi^2}, \\ m_1 &= -\frac{1}{\pi^2} \log(z), \\ m_2 &= \frac{1}{\pi^2} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \log^2(z) - \frac{\pi^2}{2} (k + e) \right\}, \\ m_3 &= \frac{1}{\pi^2} \left\{ -\frac{1}{6} \log^3(z) + \frac{\pi^2}{2} (k + e) \log(z) + h\zeta(3) \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$2m_0 m_4 - 2m_1 m_3 + m_2^2 = \frac{j}{12} + \frac{k^2}{4} + ek + f.$$

Here

$$\begin{aligned} e &= \frac{5}{3} + \cot^2(\pi s_1) + \cot^2(\pi s_2), \\ f &= \frac{1}{\sin^2(\pi s_1) \sin^2(\pi s_2)}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$h = \frac{2}{\zeta(3)} \left\{ \zeta\left(3, \frac{1}{2}\right) + \zeta(3, s_1) + \zeta(3, 1 - s_1) + \zeta(3, s_2) + \zeta(3, 1 - s_2) \right\},$$

where

$$\zeta(s, a) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+a)^s}$$

is the Hurwitz ζ -function. If one uses A_n defined by binomial coefficients, Maple finds the values of e and h directly. We conjecture that the 14 pairs (s_1, s_2) given in Table 2 are the only rational (s_1, s_2) between 0 and 1

#	$\tilde{1}$	$\tilde{2}$	$\tilde{3}$	$\tilde{4}$	$\tilde{5}$	$\tilde{6}$	$\tilde{7}$	$\tilde{8}$	$\tilde{9}$	$\tilde{10}$	$\tilde{11}$	$\tilde{12}$	$\tilde{13}$	$\tilde{14}$
e	11/3	35/3	5/3	7/3	2	8/3	23/3	5	47/3	11/3	3	17/3	23/3	14/3
h	42	290	10	18	14	24	150	70	486	38	28	80	122	66
f	16/5	16	1	16/9	4/3	2	8	16/3	16	4	8/3	8	16	4

TABLE 2. Values of e, h, f .

making h an integer. Note that the same (s_1, s_2) give the only hypergeometric Calabi–Yau differential equations (see [Almkvist 06, Almkvist 07]).

Now we want to use many of the identities for the Wronskians in [Almkvist 06, pp. 4–5]. Therefore we invert the formulas

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= w_0, \\ a_1 &= w_1 - w_0 \log(z), \\ a_2 &= w_2 - w_1 \log(z) + w_0 \frac{\log^2(z)}{2}, \\ a_3 &= w_3 - w_2 \log(z) + w_1 \frac{\log^2(z)}{2} - w_0 \frac{\log^3(z)}{6}, \\ a_4 &= w_4 - w_3 \log(z) + w_2 \frac{\log^2(z)}{2} - w_1 \frac{\log^3(z)}{6} \\ &\quad + w_0 \frac{\log^4(z)}{24} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} b_0 &= zw'_0, \\ b_1 &= z(w'_1 - w'_0 \log(z)), \\ b_2 &= z \left(w'_2 - w'_1 \log(z) + w'_0 \frac{\log^2(z)}{2} \right), \\ b_3 &= z \left(w'_3 - w'_2 \log(z) + w'_1 \frac{\log^2(z)}{2} - w'_0 \frac{\log^3(z)}{6} \right), \\ b_4 &= z \left(w'_4 - w'_3 \log(z) + w'_2 \frac{\log^2(z)}{2} - w'_1 \frac{\log^3(z)}{6} + w'_0 \frac{\log^4(z)}{24} \right). \end{aligned}$$

The key equation in [Guillera 10] is

$$m_3 = H_0 m_0 - H_1 m_1 + H_2 m_2, \tag{2-4}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} H_0 &= \frac{a_0 b_4 - a_4 b_0}{a_0 b_1 - a_1 b_0}, & H_1 &= \frac{a_0 b_3 - a_3 b_0}{a_0 b_1 - a_1 b_0}, \\ H_2 &= \frac{a_0 b_2 - a_2 b_0}{a_0 b_1 - a_1 b_0}. \end{aligned}$$

We get (g is a multiplicative factor defined in [Almkvist 06, p. 5]; it will cancel out)

$$a_0 b_1 - a_1 b_0 = z \begin{vmatrix} w_0 & w_1 \\ w'_0 & w'_1 \end{vmatrix} = z^3 g y_0^2.$$

The double Wronskian is “almost the square”

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 b_2 - a_2 b_0 &= z \begin{vmatrix} w_0 & w_2 \\ w'_0 & w'_2 \end{vmatrix} - z \log(z) \begin{vmatrix} w_0 & w_1 \\ w'_0 & w'_1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= z^3 g \{ y_0 y_1 - y_0^2 \log(z) \}. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} H_2 &= \frac{z^3 g \{ y_0 y_1 - y_0^2 \log(z) \}}{z^3 g y_0^2} = \frac{y_1}{y_0} - \log(z) \\ &= \log(q) - \log(z) = \log\left(\frac{q}{z}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore,

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 b_3 - a_3 b_0 &= z \begin{vmatrix} w_0 & w_3 \\ w'_0 & w'_3 \end{vmatrix} - z \log(z) \begin{vmatrix} w_0 & w_2 \\ w'_0 & w'_2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &\quad + z \frac{\log^2(z)}{2} \begin{vmatrix} w_0 & w_1 \\ w'_0 & w'_1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= z^3 g \left\{ \frac{1}{2} y_1^2 - y_0 y_1 \log(z) + y_0^2 \frac{\log^2(z)}{2} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$H_1 = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{y_1}{y_0}\right)^2 - \frac{y_1}{y_0} \log(z) + \frac{\log^2(z)}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \log^2\left(\frac{q}{z}\right).$$

Finally, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 b_4 - a_4 b_0 &= z \begin{vmatrix} w_0 & w_4 \\ w'_0 & w'_4 \end{vmatrix} - z \log(z) \begin{vmatrix} w_0 & w_3 \\ w'_0 & w'_3 \end{vmatrix} \\ &\quad + z \frac{\log^2(z)}{2} \begin{vmatrix} w_0 & w_2 \\ w'_0 & w'_2 \end{vmatrix} - z \frac{\log^3(z)}{6} \begin{vmatrix} w_0 & w_1 \\ w'_0 & w'_1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= z^3 g \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (y_1 y_2 - y_0 y_3) - \frac{1}{2} y_1^2 \log(z) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + y_0 y_1 \frac{\log^2(z)}{2} - y_0^2 \frac{\log^3(z)}{6} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} H_0 &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{y_1}{y_0} \frac{y_2}{y_0} - \frac{y_3}{y_0}\right) - \frac{1}{2} t^2 \log(z) + t \frac{\log^2(z)}{2} \\ &\quad - \frac{\log^3(z)}{6}. \end{aligned}$$

Substituting these formulas into (2–4), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{\pi^2} \left\{ -\frac{1}{6} \log^3(z) + \frac{\pi^2}{2} (k + e) \log(z) + h\zeta(3) \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi^2} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{y_1}{y_0} \frac{y_2}{y_0} - \frac{y_3}{y_0}\right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{2} t^2 \log(z) + t \frac{\log^2(z)}{2} - \frac{\log^3(z)}{6} \right\} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\pi^2} \log(z) \left\{ \frac{t^2}{2} - t \log(z) + \frac{\log^2(z)}{2} \right\} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\pi^2} (t - \log(z)) \left(\frac{\log^2(z)}{2} - \frac{\pi^2}{2} (k + e) \right), \end{aligned}$$

which simplifies to

$$\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{y_1}{y_0} \frac{y_2}{y_0} - \frac{y_3}{y_0}\right) - \frac{\pi^2}{2} (k + e) \log(q) - h\zeta(3) = 0.$$

Here

$$\Phi = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{y_1}{y_0} \frac{y_2}{y_0} - \frac{y_3}{y_0}\right)$$

is well known in string theory and is called the Gromov–Witten potential (up to a multiplicative constant); see [Cox and Katz 99, p. 28]. It is connected to the Yukawa coupling $K(q)$ by

$$\left(q \frac{d}{dq}\right)^3 \Phi = K(q).$$

Writing $\Phi = \frac{1}{6} \log^3(q) - T(q)$ (see Lemma 2.1), we get the following equation for finding q and hence z for given k :

$$\frac{1}{6} t^3 - \frac{\pi^2}{2} (k + e) t - h\zeta(3) - T(q) = 0, \quad q = \exp(t). \tag{2–5}$$

We look for real algebraic solutions of z . To look for alternating series, that is, if $z < 0$, all we need to do is to replace $q = \exp(t)$ with $q = -\exp(t)$ in (2–5). In order to make a quick sieve of the solutions, once we get q , we compute j and see whether it is an integer (or rational with small denominator). Using the formulas [Guillera 10, equations 3.48, 3.50], we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} j &= 12 \left\{ \frac{1}{\pi^4} \left(\frac{1}{2} t^2 - q \frac{d}{dq} T(q) - \frac{\pi^2}{2} (k + e) \right)^2 - \frac{k^2}{4} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - ek - f \right\}. \end{aligned} \tag{2–6}$$

Lemma 2.1. *The function $T(q)$ is a power series with $T(0) = 0$.*

Proof. We have

$$y_1 = y_0 \log(z) + \alpha_1,$$

which implies

$$\frac{y_1}{y_0} = \log(q) = \log(z) + \frac{\alpha_1}{y_0} = \log(z) + \beta_1,$$

and hence

$$\log(z) = \log(q) - \beta_1,$$

where α_1 and $\beta_1 = \alpha_1/y_0$ are power series without a constant term. Furthermore,

$$y_2 = y_0 \frac{\log^2(z)}{2} + \alpha_1 \log(z) + \alpha_2$$

leads to

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{y_2}{y_0} &= \frac{1}{2}(\log(q) - \beta_1)^2 + \beta_1(\log(q) - \beta_1) + \beta_2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \log^2(q) + \beta_2 - \frac{1}{2} \beta_1^2, \end{aligned}$$

where $\beta_2 = \alpha_2/y_0$ with $\beta_2(0) = 0$. Finally,

$$y_3 = y_0 \frac{\log^3(z)}{6} + \alpha_1 \frac{\log^2(z)}{2} + \alpha_2 \log(z) + \alpha_3$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{y_3}{y_0} &= \frac{1}{6}(\log(q) - \beta_1)^3 + \frac{1}{2} \beta_1(\log(q) - \beta_1)^2 \\ &\quad + \beta_2(\log(q) - \beta_1) + \beta_3, \end{aligned}$$

where $\beta_3 = \alpha_3/y_0$ with $\beta_3(0) = 0$. Collecting like terms, we have

$$\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{y_1}{y_0} \frac{y_2}{y_0} - \frac{y_3}{y_0} \right) = \frac{1}{6} \log^3(q) - \frac{1}{2} \left(\beta_3 - \beta_1 \beta_2 + \frac{1}{3} \beta_1^3 \right),$$

which proves the lemma. □

3. COMPUTATIONS

3.1. Hypergeometric Differential Equations

In only half of the 14 cases have we found solutions to (2–5) in which the indicator j is an integer. Using [Guillera 10, (3.47), (3.48)], we have the following formula for computing c :

$$\tau = \frac{c}{\sqrt{1 - \rho z}}, \tag{3-1}$$

where

$$\tau^2 = \frac{j}{12} + \frac{k^2}{4} + ek + f.$$

Then a and b can be computed by [Guillera 10, (3.45)] or by PSLQ. Our results where the series converges are given in Table 3.

In all the hypergeometric cases, there is a singular solution when $k = j = 0$ (it does not have a corresponding Ramanujan-like series). For that solution we have $z = 1/\rho$, $a = b = c = 0$.

In addition, we have found the solutions $\tilde{3}$: $k = 0$, $j = 3$, $z = -2^{-8}$, $a = 1/4$, $b = 3/2$, $c = 5/2$ and $\tilde{11}$: $k = 1/3$, $j = 13$, $z = -2^{-12}$, $a = 3/16$, $b = 25/16$, $c = 43/12$, for which the corresponding series are “divergent” [Guillera and Zudilin 12].

Although our new program, which evaluates the function $T(q)$ much faster, has allowed us to try all rational values of k of the form $k = i/60$ with $0 \leq i \leq 1200$, the only new series that we have found is for $\tilde{8}$ with $k = 8/3$, and it is

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(6n)!}{n!^6} (532n^2 + 126n + 9) \frac{1}{1000000^n} = \frac{375}{4\pi^2},$$

that is, (1–1). The other formulas in Table 3 were first discovered by the second author [Guillera 03, 12,--].

#	k	j	z_0	τ^2	a	b	c
$\tilde{3}$	1	25	$-\frac{1}{2^{12}}$	5	1/8	1	5/2
$\tilde{3}$	5	305	$-1/2^{20}$	41	13/128	45/32	205/32
$\tilde{5}$	2/3	16	$1/2^{12}$	37/9	1/16	9/16	37/24
$\tilde{5}$	8/3	112	$((5\sqrt{5} - 11)/8)^3$	160/9	$56 - 25\sqrt{5}$	$303 - 135\sqrt{5}$	$1220/3 - 180\sqrt{5}$
$\tilde{6}$	2	80	$1/2^{16}$	15	3/32	17/16	15/4
$\tilde{7}$	8	992	$1/2^{18} 7^4$	168	$15\sqrt{7}/392$	$38\sqrt{7}/49$	$240\sqrt{7}/49$
$\tilde{8}$	5/3	85	$-1/2^{18}$	193/9	15/128	183/128	965/192
$\tilde{8}$	15	2661	$-1/2^{18} 3^6 5^3$	1075/3	$29\sqrt{5}/640$	$693\sqrt{5}/640$	$2709\sqrt{5}/320$
$\tilde{8}$	8/3	160	$1/2^6 5^6$	304/9	36/375	504/375	2128/375
$\tilde{11}$	3	157	$-1/2^{12} 3^4$	27	5/48	21/16	21/4
$\tilde{12}$	7	757	$-1/2^{22} 3^3$	123	$15/768\sqrt{3}$	$278\sqrt{3}/768$	$205\sqrt{3}/96$

TABLE 3. Convergent hypergeometric Ramanujan-like series for $1/\pi^2$.

Finally, we give a hypergeometric example of a different nature in the case $\tilde{3}$. Taking $z_0 = -2^{-10}$, $q_0 = q(z_0)$, $t_0 = \log |q_0|$, and $T(q)$ of $\tilde{3}$, we find using PSLQ, among the quantities $T(q_0)$, t_0^3 , $t_0^2 \pi$, $t_0 \pi^2$, π^3 , $\zeta(3)$, the following remarkable relation:

$$\frac{1}{6}(t_0 + \pi)^3 - \frac{5}{6}\pi^2(t_0 + \pi) - \frac{\pi^3}{3} - 10\zeta(3) - T(q_0) = 0.$$

The theory we have developed allows us to understand that the last relation has to do with the following formula, proved by Ramanujan [Berndt 89, p. 41]:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2^{10n}} \binom{2n}{n}^5 (4n + 1) = \frac{2}{\Gamma^4(\frac{3}{4})}.$$

To see why, we guess that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\Gamma^4(\frac{3}{4})}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2^{10(n+x)}} \binom{2n+2x}{n+x}^5 [4(n+x) + 1] \\ &= 1 - \pi x + \frac{\pi^2}{2}x^2 + \frac{\pi^3}{6}x^3 - \frac{19\pi^4}{24}x^4 + O(x^5) \end{aligned}$$

by expanding the first side numerically. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & 2^{10x} \binom{2x}{x}^{-5} \frac{2}{\Gamma^4(\frac{3}{4})} \left(1 - \pi x + \frac{\pi^2}{2}x^2 + \frac{\pi^3}{6}x^3 \right) \\ &= m_0 + m_1x + m_2x^2 + m_3x^3 + O(x^4), \end{aligned}$$

and we get m_0, m_1, m_2, m_3 . Finally, we use identity (2-4), replacing $\log(z)$ with $\log 2^{-10}$.

3.2. Nonhypergeometric Differential Equations

If we write the ordinary pullback in the form

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_z^4 y &= [e_3(z)\theta_z^3 + e_2(z)\theta_z^2 + e_1(z)\theta_z + e_0(z)] y, \\ \theta_z &= z \frac{d}{dz}, \end{aligned}$$

then the generalization of relation (3-1) is

$$\tau = c \left(\exp \int \frac{e_3(z)}{2z} dz \right), \quad \tau^2 = \frac{j}{12} + \frac{k^2}{4} + ek + f. \tag{3-2}$$

We say that a solution is singular if it does not have a corresponding Ramanujan-like series. We conjecture that h is the unique rational number such that singular solutions exist. The numbers e and f are not so important, because they can be absorbed in k and j respectively. However, to agree with the hypergeometric cases, we will choose e and f in such a way that a singular solution takes place at $k = j = 0$. This fact allows us to determine the values of the numbers $e, h,$ and f from (2-5) and (2-6) using the PSLQ algorithm. For many sequences $A(n)$ there exists a finite value of z that is singular. Then we can get this

	e	h	f
#39 = $A * \alpha$	1	14/3	1/3
#61 = $B * \alpha$	4/3	26/3	4/9
#37 = $C * \alpha$	2	56/3	2/3
#66 = $D * \alpha$	4	182/3	4/3

TABLE 4. Values of e, h, f for $*\alpha$

value by solving the equation

$$\frac{dz(q)}{dq} = 0.$$

Tables 4-8 present the rational values of the invariants $e, h,$ and f followed by the series found.

For $A * \alpha$, taking $k = 1/3$, we get $j = 5$, and we discover the series

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{2n}{n}^2 \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i}^2 \binom{2i}{n-i} \binom{2n-2i}{n-i} \\ & \times \frac{(-1)^n}{2^{8n}} (40n^2 + 26n + 5) = \frac{24}{\pi^2}. \end{aligned}$$

This series was first conjectured in [Sun 11], inspired by p -adic congruences.

For $B * \epsilon$, taking $k = 1$, we get $j = 22$, and we obtain the formula

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{2n}{n} \binom{3n}{n} \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i}^2 \binom{2i}{n}^2 \\ & \times \frac{1}{2^{7n} 3^{3n}} (1071n^2 + 399n + 46) = \frac{576}{\pi^2}. \end{aligned}$$

For $A * \beta$, taking $k = 1$, we get $j = 13$, and we have the series

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{2n}{n}^2 \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{2i}{i}^2 \binom{2n-2i}{n-i}^2 \frac{1}{2^{10n}} (36n^2 + 12n + 1) \\ & = \frac{32}{\pi^2}. \end{aligned}$$

For $B * \beta$, taking $k = 1/3$, we get $j = 1$, and we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(3n)!}{n!^3} \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{2i}{i}^2 \binom{2n-2i}{n-i}^2 \frac{1}{2^{9n}} (25n^2 - 15n - 6) \\ & = \frac{192}{\pi^2}. \end{aligned}$$

	e	h	f
#122 = $A * \epsilon$	7/6	45/8	1/2
#170 = $B * \epsilon$	3/2	77/8	2/3
$C * \epsilon$	13/6	157/8	1
$D * \epsilon$	25/6	493/8	2

TABLE 5. Values of e, h, f for $*\epsilon$

	e	h	f
#40 = $A * \beta$	2/3	3	1/4
#49 = $B * \beta$	1	7	1/4
#43 = $C * \beta$	5/3	17	1/4
#67 = $D * \beta$	11/3	59	1/4

TABLE 6. Values of e, h, f for $*\beta$

For $A * \delta$, taking $k = 2/3$, we get $j = 28/3$, and we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{2n}{n}^2 \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{(-1)^i 3^{n-3i} (3i)!}{i!^3} \binom{n}{3i} \binom{n+i}{i} \times \frac{(-1)^n}{3^{6n}} (803n^2 + 416n + 68) = \frac{486}{\pi^2}.$$

For $A * \theta$, taking $k = 2$, we get $j = 56$, and we discover the series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{2n}{n}^2 \sum_{i=0}^n 16^{n-i} \binom{2i}{i}^3 \binom{2n-2i}{n-i} \times \frac{(-1)^n}{2^{13n}} (18n^2 + 7n + 1) = \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{\pi^2}.$$

This series was first presented in [Sun 11], inspired by p -adic congruences.

For $B * \theta$, we get $T(q) = 0$, and from the equations we see that for every rational k the value of j is rational as well. Hence for every rational value of k we get a Ramanujan-like series for $1/\pi^2$. For example, for $k = 160/3$, we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{3n!}{n!^3} \sum_{i=0}^n 16^{n-i} \binom{2i}{i}^3 \binom{2n-2i}{n-i} P(n) \frac{(-1)^n}{640320^{3n}} = \frac{(2^4 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 23 \cdot 29)^3}{\pi^2},$$

where

$$P(n) = 22288332473153467n^2 + 16670750677895547n + 415634396862086,$$

	e	h	f
$A * \delta$	1	9/2	17/36
$B * \delta$	4/3	17/2	7/12
$C * \delta$	2	37/2	29/36
$D * \delta$	4	121/2	53/36

TABLE 7. Values of e, h, f for $*\delta$

	e	h	f
$A * \theta$	2/3	-4	1
$B * \theta$	1	0	1
$C * \theta$	5/3	10	1
$D * \theta$	11/3	52	1

TABLE 8. Values of e, h, f for $*\theta$

which is the “square” [Zudilin 07b] of the Chudnovsky brothers’ formula [Baruah et al. 09]

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{(6n)!}{(3n)!n!^3} (545140134n + 13591409) \frac{1}{640320^{3n}} = \frac{53360\sqrt{640320}}{\pi}.$$

For $C * \theta$, taking $k = 1$, we get $j = 25$, and taking $k = 5$, we get $j = 305$, and we recover the two series proved in [Zudilin 07a] by doing a quadratic transformation of case $\hat{3}$.

In [Almkvist 09], the first author, by transforming known formulas given by the second author, found formulas for $1/\pi^2$, where the coefficients belong to the Calabi-Yau equations $\hat{3}, \hat{5}, \hat{6}, \hat{7}, \hat{8}, \hat{11}, \hat{12}$. Here we list some new ones for the cases $\hat{3}, \hat{5}, \hat{8}, \hat{11}$, and #77, some found by solving equation (2-5).

Transformation $\hat{5}$. Here

$$A_n = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i 1728^{n-i} \binom{n}{i} \binom{2i}{i}^4 \binom{3i}{i}.$$

Using $e = 2, h = 14, f = 4/3$, we find for $k = 8/3$ that $j = 112$ and $z_0 = -[320(131 + 61\sqrt{5})]^{-1}$. To find the coefficients we had to use the formulas in [Almkvist 09]. The resulting formula is

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \left((28765285482\sqrt{5} - 64321133730) + (10068363 - 4502709\sqrt{5})n + (54\sqrt{5} - 122)n^2 \right) \frac{(-1)^n}{(320(131 + 61\sqrt{5}))^n} = \frac{300(1170059408\sqrt{5} - 24977012149)}{\pi^2}.$$

By the PSLQ algorithm, trying products of powers of 2 and 7 in the denominator of z , we see that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n(n^2 - 63n + 300) \frac{1}{1792^n} = \frac{4704}{\pi^2},$$

but we cannot find the pair (k, j) with our program because the convergence in this case is too slow.

Transformation $\widehat{\mathbf{8}}$. Here

$$A_n = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^k 6^{6n-6i} \binom{n}{i} \binom{2i}{i}^3 \binom{4i}{2i} \binom{6i}{2i}.$$

Using $e = 5$, $h = 70$, $f = 16/3$, we find for $k = 5/3$ that $j = 85$ and $z_0 = 308800^{-1}$. This allows us to get the formula

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n (16777216n^2 - 3336192n - 2912283) \frac{1}{308800^n} \\ = \frac{3 \cdot 5^5 \cdot 193^2}{5^5 \pi^2}. \end{aligned}$$

For $k = 8/3$, we get $j = 160$ and the formula

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n A_n (48828125n^2 + 17859375n + 3649554) \\ \times \frac{1}{953344^n} = \frac{2^8 \cdot 3 \cdot 7^5 \cdot 19^2}{5^4 \pi^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Transformation $\widehat{\mathbf{11}}$. Here

$$A_n = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i 6912^{n-i} \binom{n}{i} \binom{2i}{i}^3 \binom{3i}{i} \binom{4i}{2i}.$$

Using $e = 3$, $h = 28$, $f = 8/3$, we find for $k = 1/3$ that $j = 13$, and we get the formula

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n (512n^2 - 1992n - 225) \frac{1}{11008^n} = \frac{3 \cdot 43^2}{2\pi^2}.$$

Transformation $\widehat{\mathbf{3}}$. Here

$$A_n = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i 1024^{n-i} \binom{n}{i} \binom{2i}{i}^5.$$

Transforming two divergent series in [Guillera and Zudilin 12] with $z_0 = -2^{-8}$ and $z_0 = -1$ respectively (the

second one given only implicitly), we obtain two (slowly) convergent formulas,

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n (2n^2 - 18n + 5) \frac{1}{1280^n} = \frac{100}{\pi^2}$$

and

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n (n^2 - 2272n + 392352) \frac{1}{1025^n} = \frac{16 \cdot 5253125}{\pi^2}.$$

This last identity converges so slowly that the power of our computers seems insufficient to check it numerically.

Transformation #77. Here

$$A_n = \binom{2n}{n} \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} \binom{2i}{i}^3 \binom{4i}{2i}.$$

The pullback is equivalent to $\widetilde{\mathbf{6}}$ (i.e., it has the same $K(q)$), so we try the same parameters: $e = 8/3$, $h = 24$, $f = 2$. For $k = 2$, we get $j = 80$ and $z_0 = 1/65540$. To find a, b, c we have to find the transformation between $\widetilde{\mathbf{6}}$ and #77. Indeed,

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{2n}{n}^4 \binom{4n}{2n} z^n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-4z}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \left(\frac{z}{1+4z} \right)^n$$

(the sequence of numbers $\widetilde{\mathbf{6}}$ is in the left side), and using the method in [Almkvist 09] (see also [Almkvist et al. 09]), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n (402653184n^2 + 114042880n + 10051789) \frac{1}{65540^n} \\ = \frac{5^2 \cdot 29^3 \cdot 113^3}{2^6 \pi^2 \sqrt{16385}}. \end{aligned}$$

4. SUPERCONGRUENCES

It was observed in [Zudilin 09] that the hypergeometric formulas for $1/\pi^2$ lead to supercongruences of the form

$$\sum_{n=0}^{p-1} A_n (a + bn + cn^2) z^n \equiv a \left(\frac{d}{p} \right) p^2 \pmod{p^5},$$

With Hadamard product $A * \delta$, we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{p-1} \binom{2n}{n}^2 \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{(-1)^i 3^{n-3i} (3i)!}{i!^3} \binom{n}{3i} \binom{n+i}{i} \frac{(-1)^n}{3^{6n}} \\ \times (803n^2 + 416n + 68) \equiv 68p^2 \pmod{p^3},$$

for primes $p \geq 5$.

With Hadamard product $C * \theta$, we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{p-1} \sum_{i=0}^n 16^{n-i} \binom{2n}{n} \binom{4n}{2n} \binom{2i}{i}^3 \binom{2n-2i}{n-i} \\ \times \frac{18n^2 - 10n - 3}{80^{2n}} \equiv -3 \left(\frac{5}{p}\right) p^2 \pmod{p^3},$$

for primes $p \geq 5$ and

$$\sum_{n=0}^{p-1} \sum_{i=0}^n 16^{n-i} \binom{2n}{n} \binom{4n}{2n} \binom{2i}{i}^3 \binom{2n-2i}{n-i} \\ \times \frac{1046529n^2 + 227104n + 16032}{1050625^n} \\ \equiv 16032 \left(\frac{41}{p}\right) p^2 \pmod{p^3},$$

for primes $p \geq 7$ and $p \neq 41$.

5. CONCLUSION

We have recovered the ten hypergeometric Ramanujan series in [Guillera --] and found a new one that the second author missed. But more important, finding the relation among the function $T(q)$ and the Gromov–Witten potential has allowed us to generalize the conjectures of the second author in [Guillera 10] to the case of nonhypergeometric Ramanujan–Sato-like series. Then, by getting e , h , and f from a singular solution (it always exists), we have solved our equations, finding several nice nonhypergeometric series for $1/\pi^2$. Finally, we have checked the corresponding supercongruences of Zudilin type.

6. APPENDIX: A MAPLE PROGRAM FOR THE CASE $\tilde{8}$

We use the YY-pullback found in [Almkvist 06]. In order to treat as well the case in which z and q are negative, we introduce a sign $u = \pm 1$. The Maple program is given in Table 9.

Copy and paste the program into Maple and execute $H(1)$ and $H(-1)$. You will get the results shown in Table 10.

To use the program with other cases, one has to change the values of e, h, f and replace the polynomials $p(1)$, $p(2)$, etc. with those corresponding to the new pullback and the number 2 in $m = 1..2$, with the total number of polynomials.

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