

Exercise Sheet 2

1. The purpose of this exercise is to prove the identity

$$\pi \cot(\pi z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}} \left(\frac{1}{z+n} - \frac{1}{n} \right) \quad \text{for } z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{Z}, \quad (1)$$

and to deduce from it the formula

$$\zeta(k) = -\frac{(2\pi i)^k}{2(k!)} B_k \quad \text{for } k \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \text{ even}, \quad (2)$$

where the k -th Bernoulli number B_k is defined by

$$\frac{z}{e^z - 1} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{B_k}{k!} z^k. \quad (3)$$

a. Start by proving the identity

$$\frac{\sin(z)}{z} = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{z^2}{n^2 \pi^2} \right) \quad \text{for } z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}. \quad (4)$$

Hint: Use that

$$\frac{\sin(z)}{z} = \frac{e^{iz} - e^{-iz}}{2iz} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(z)$$

where

$$f_n(z) := \frac{\left(1 + \frac{iz}{n}\right)^n - \left(1 - \frac{iz}{n}\right)^n}{2iz},$$

and show that

$$f_n(z) = \prod_{k=1}^m \left(1 - \frac{z^2}{n^2} \left(\frac{1 + \cos\left(\frac{2k\pi}{n}\right)}{1 - \cos\left(\frac{2k\pi}{n}\right)} \right) \right) \quad \text{whenever } n = 2m + 1, m \in \mathbb{Z}^+.$$

b. Take logarithmic derivatives¹ on both sides of (4) to deduce (1).

c. Use (1) to prove

$$\pi z \cot(\pi z) = 1 - 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \zeta(2k) z^{2k} \quad \text{for } z \in \mathbb{C} \text{ with } |z| < 1.$$

d. Find an alternative Taylor expansion for $\pi z \cot(\pi z)$ around 0, using (3), and obtain (2) by comparing Taylor coefficients.

2. The purpose of this exercise is to prove that the Eisenstein series $G_2 : \mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ defined by

$$G_2(\tau) := \frac{\pi^2}{3} - 8\pi^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_1(n) q^n,$$

where $\sigma_s(n) := \sum_{d|n, d>0} d^s$ and $q := e^{2\pi i \tau}$, satisfies

$$G_2\left(-\frac{1}{\tau}\right) = \tau^2 G_2(\tau) - 2\pi i \tau.$$

¹Given a differentiable function $f(z)$ its logarithmic derivative at a point z with $f(z) \neq 0$ is defined as $\log(f(z))' = \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)}$.

In order to do this, consider the functions

$$\begin{aligned} F_1(\tau) &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum'_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{1}{(m + n\tau)^2}, \\ F_2(\tau) &= \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum'_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{1}{(m + n\tau)^2}, \\ H_1(\tau) &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum'_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{1}{(m - 1 + n\tau)(m + n\tau)}, \\ H_2(\tau) &= \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum'_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{1}{(m - 1 + n\tau)(m + n\tau)}, \end{aligned}$$

where the sign \sum' indicates that (m, n) runs through all $m \in \mathbb{Z}, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $(m, n) \neq (0, 0)$ for F_1 and F_2 , and $(m, n) \neq (0, 0), (1, 0)$ for H_1 and H_2 (mind the order of the summations).

a. Show that

$$H_1(\tau) = 2 \text{ and } H_2(\tau) = 2 - \frac{2\pi i}{\tau},$$

and

$$F_1(\tau) - H_1(\tau) = F_2(\tau) - H_2(\tau).$$

b. Use a. to prove that

$$F_1(\tau) - F_2(\tau) = H_1(\tau) - H_2(\tau) = \frac{2\pi i}{\tau},$$

and deduce the identity

$$F_1\left(-\frac{1}{\tau}\right) = \tau^2 F_1(\tau) - 2\pi i \tau.$$

c. Prove that $F_1(\tau) = G_2(\tau)$.

3. Show that the normalized Eisenstein series $E_4, E_6, E_8, E_{10}, E_{14}$ (see Lecture 5) satisfy the relations $E_4^2 = E_8, E_4 E_6 = E_{10}$ and $E_6 E_8 = E_{14}$, and use these to derive relations between the arithmetic functions $\sigma_3(n), \sigma_5(n), \sigma_7(n), \sigma_9(n)$ and $\sigma_{13}(n)$.
4. Define the normalized Eisenstein series of weight 2 as

$$E_2(\tau) := 1 - 24 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_1(n) q^n.$$

a. Given f in the space M_k of modular forms of weight k for $\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ define

$$g(\tau) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} f'(\tau) - \frac{k}{12} E_2(\tau) f(\tau),$$

where $f' = \frac{\partial f}{\partial \tau}$. Prove that $g \in M_{k+2}$ and that g is cuspidal if and only if f is cuspidal.

b. Compute g explicitly when $f = E_4, E_6$ or Δ and derive relations between the arithmetic functions $\sigma_3(n), \sigma_5(n), \sigma_7(n)$ and $\tau(n)$ (the n -th Fourier coefficient of Δ).