

Huge class of infinite series with closed-form expressions

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It is widely known that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{2k}} = \frac{(-1)^{k+1} (2\pi)^{2k} B_{2k}}{2(2k)!}$$

(where B_n denotes n-th Bernoulli number). Ramanujan gives the identity:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\coth(\pi n)}{n^{4k-1}} = 2^{4k-2} \pi^{4k-1} \sum_{m=0}^{2k} \frac{(-1)^{m+1} B_{2m} B_{4k-2m}}{(2m)!(4k-2m)!}.$$

This paper continues the sequence of infinite series with closed form in terms of π , for example:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\coth(\pi n) \coth(\pi n \sqrt{i}) \coth(\pi \frac{n}{\sqrt{i}})}{n^5} = \frac{127\pi^5}{37800}$$

, where $\sqrt{i} = \frac{1+i}{\sqrt{2}}$

Constructing the sequence

1. Let $\mu_1(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s}$. Then

$$\mu_1(2n) = \frac{(-1)^{n+1} (2\pi)^{2n} B_{2n}}{2(2n)!}$$

(the formula also holds for 0: $\mu_1(0) = -\frac{1}{2}$).

1.1. Then for the generating function σ_1 holds:

$$\sigma_1(x) = -2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mu_1(2n)x^{2n} = 1 - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2x^2}{n^2 - x^2}$$

1.2. But $\sigma_1(x) = \pi x \cot \pi x$

1.3. Then $\sigma_1(ix) = \pi x \coth \pi x = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2x^2}{n^2 + x^2}$.

2. Let $\mu_2(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sigma_1(in)}{n^s}$. Then

$$\mu_2(4n) = \sum_{m=0}^{2k} (-1)^{k+1} \mu_1(2k) \mu_1(4n - 2k)$$

(the formula also holds for 0: $\mu_2(0) = -\frac{1}{4}$).

2.1. Then for the generating function σ_2 holds:

$$\sigma_2(x) = -4 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mu_2(4n)x^{4n} = 1 - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4x^4 \sigma_1(in)}{n^4 - x^4}$$

2.2. But

$$-4 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mu_2(4n)x^{4n} = (-2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mu_1(2n)x^{2n}) (-2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mu_1(2n)(ix)^{2n}) = \sigma_1(x) \sigma_1(ix)$$

2.3. Then $\sigma_2(\sqrt{ix}) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4x^4 \sigma_1(in)}{n^4 + x^4}$.

3. Let $\mu_3(s) = 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sigma_1(in) \sigma_2(\sqrt{in})}{n^s}$. Then

$$\mu_3(8n) = \sum_{m=0}^{2k} (-1)^{k+1} \mu_2(4k) \mu_2(8n - 4k)$$

(the formula also holds for 0: $\mu_3(0) = -\frac{1}{8}$).

3.1. Then for the generating function σ_3 holds:

$$\sigma_3(x) = -8 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mu_3(8n)x^{8n} = 1 - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{8x^8 \sigma_1(in) \sigma_2(\sqrt{in})}{n^8 - x^8}$$

3.2. But

$$-8 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mu_3(8n)x^{8n} = (-4 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mu_2(4n)x^{4n})(-4 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mu_2(4n)(\sqrt{i}x)^{4n}) = \sigma_2(x)\sigma_2(\sqrt{i}x)$$

3.3. Then $\sigma_3((-1)^{\frac{1}{8}}x) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{8x^8 \sigma_1(in) \sigma_2(\sqrt{in})}{n^8 + x^8}$.

Let's prove, that we can do it again and again. And let's prove, that $\mu_L(2^L m)$ has closed form in terms of π for every natural L and m .

Proof by induction

Let $\zeta_L = (-1)^{1/2^L}$, $\pi_L(x) = \prod_{k=1}^{L-1} \sigma_k(\zeta_k x)$, $\sigma_L(\zeta_L x) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^L x^{2^L} \pi_L(n)}{n^{2^L} + x^{2^L}}$, and there is an agreement, that the formula also holds for 0: $\mu_L(0) = -\frac{1}{2^L}$, Let's prove that $\mu_{L+1}(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\pi_{L+1}(n)}{n^s}$ has closed form for $2^{L+1}m$ for every natural L and m .

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{L+1}(2^{L+1}m) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\pi_{L+1}(n)}{n^{2^{L+1}m}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\pi_L(n)}{n^{2^{L+1}m}} \left(1 + \sum_{N=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^L n^{2^L} \pi_L(N)}{N^{2^L} + n^{2^L}} \right) = \\ &= \mu_L(2^{L+1}m) + 2^L \sum_{N=1}^{\infty} \pi_L(N) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\pi_L(n)}{n^{2^L(2m-1)}(n^{2^L} + N^{2^L})} = \\ &= \mu_L(2^{L+1}m) + 2^L \sum_{N=1}^{\infty} \frac{\pi_L(N)}{N^{2^L}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\pi_L(n)(n^{2^L} + N^{2^L} - n^{2^L})}{n^{2^L(2m-1)}(n^{2^L} + N^{2^L})} = \dots = \\ &= 2\mu_L(2^{L+1}m) + 2^L \sum_{k=1}^{2m-1} (-1)^{k+1} \mu_L(2^L k) \mu_L(2^L(2m-k)) - \sum_{N=1}^{\infty} \frac{\pi_{L+1}(N)}{N^{2^{L+1}m}} \end{aligned}$$

That's why

$$\mu_{L+1}(2^{L+1}m) = \mu_L(2^{L+1}m) + 2^{L-1} \sum_{k=1}^{2m-1} (-1)^{k+1} \mu_L(2^L k) \mu_L(2^L(2m-k))$$

Using the agreement for $\mu_L(0)$, we finally gain

$$\mu_{L+1}(2^{L+1}m) = 2^{L-1} \sum_{k=0}^{2m} (-1)^{k+1} \mu_L(2^L k) \mu_L(2^L(2m-k))$$

So, if $\mu_L(2^L m)$ has closed form in terms of π , $\mu_{L+1}(2^{L+1}m)$ has it too. This way we gain a new class of series with closed form in terms of π . But for large L and m the construction loses its beauty.

Also for σ_2 , we can gain another nontrivial result: If we take σ_1 and change $\sigma_1(in)$ to $\sigma_1(inx)$ inside μ_2 , we gain the Ramanujan's formula

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\coth(\pi n x) + x^2 \coth(\frac{\pi n}{x})}{n^3} = \frac{\pi^3}{90x} (x^4 + 5x^2 + 1)$$

Its analogue for σ_2 and μ_3 is going to be

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\coth(\pi n)}{n^5} \left(\coth \frac{\pi n x}{\sqrt{i}} \coth \pi n x \sqrt{i} + x^4 \coth \frac{\pi n}{x \sqrt{i}} \coth \frac{\pi n \sqrt{i}}{x} \right) = \\ = \frac{\pi^5}{56700x^2} (19x^8 + 343x^4 + 19) \end{aligned}$$