

Intro: $\zeta(k) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{n^k}$, $k \geq 2$, $\zeta(1) := 0$

$\zeta(r,s) = \sum_{\substack{r+s=n \\ r \geq 1, s \geq 1}} \frac{1}{m^r n^s}$, $r, s \geq 1$, $\zeta(1,1) := 0$, $\zeta(1,s) := -\zeta(s,1) - \zeta(s+1)$ if $s \geq 2$

$Z^{(1)}(x_1) := \sum_{k \geq 1} \zeta(k) x_1^{k-1} \in \mathbb{R}[[x_1]]$, $Z^{(2)}(x_1, x_2) := \sum_{r,s \geq 1} \zeta(r,s) x_1^{r-1} x_2^{s-1} \in \mathbb{R}[[x_1, x_2]]$

Proposition (Euler): The pair $(Z^{(1)}, Z^{(2)})$ satisfies

(1) $Z^{(1)}(x_1) Z^{(1)}(x_2) = Z^{(2)}(x_1+x_2, x_1) + Z^{(2)}(x_1+x_2, x_2)$

(2) $Z^{(1)}(x_1) Z^{(1)}(x_2) = Z_*^{(2)}(x_1, x_2) + Z_*^{(2)}(x_2, x_1) + \frac{Z^{(1)}(x_1) - Z^{(1)}(x_2)}{x_1 - x_2}$

where $Z_*^{(2)} = Z^{(2)} + \frac{\mu^2}{4\mu}$, $\mu = (2\pi i)$

("(extended) double shuffle relations")

• Are there solutions to (1),(2) with rational coefficients ($\mu=1$)?

$Z_{\mathbb{Q}}^{(1)}(x_1) = \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{c_k}{d_k} x_1^{k-1}$, $Z_{\mathbb{Q}}^{(2)}(x_1, x_2) = \sum_{r,s \geq 1} \frac{e_{r,s}}{f_{r,s}} x_1^{r-1} x_2^{s-1}$

depth 1: know: $\zeta(2k) = -\frac{B_{2k} (2\pi i)^{2k}}{2 (2k)!}$ (Euler)

conjecture: $\mathbb{Q}[[2\pi i]] \cap \mathbb{Q}[[\zeta(3), \zeta(5), \zeta(7), \dots]] = \mathbb{Q}$

Set $\zeta_{\mathbb{Q}}(k) = \begin{cases} -\frac{B_k 2^k}{2 k!} & k \text{ even} \\ 0 & k \text{ odd} \end{cases}$

Then $Z_{\mathbb{Q}}^{(1)}(x_1) = -\frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{e^{x_1}-1} + \frac{1}{2} \right)}_{B^{(1)}(x_1)} + \frac{1}{2x_1} \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{e^{x_1}-1} \right)}_{P^{(1)}(x_1)}$

depth 2: Notation: $M = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in GL_2(\mathbb{Z})$, $P \in \mathbb{Q}[[x_1, x_2]]$

$P(x_1, x_2) | M := P(ax_1+bx_2, cx_1+dx_2)$

Set $B^{(2)}(x_1, x_2) := \frac{1}{3} (B^{(1)}(x_1) B^{(1)}(x_2) | (1-U^2) - \frac{1}{32})$, $U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$P^{(2)}(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{3} P^{(1)}(x_1) P^{(1)}(x_2) | (4-U)$

Proposition: The pair $(Z_{\mathbb{Q}}^{(1)}, S^{(2)})$, where

$S^{(2)}(x_1, x_2) = B^{(2)}(x_1, x_2) + P^{(2)}(x_1, x_2) + B^{(1)}(x_1) P^{(1)}(x_2) | (1-\varepsilon U - U^2)$. $\varepsilon = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

satisfies (1),(2) above ($\mu=1$).

Key point: $p^{(1)}(x_1)p^{(2)}(x_2)(4+5) = p^{(1)}(x_1)p^{(2)}(x_2)(1+u+u^2) = 0$, $S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$B^{(1)}(x_1)B^{(2)}(x_2)(1+u) \neq 0, \quad B^{(1)}(x_1)B^{(2)}(x_2)(1+u+u^2) = \frac{1}{26}$$

Problem: $S^{(2)}$ has poles, i.e. $S^{(2)} \notin \mathbb{Q}[x_1, x_2]$.

$$G = \langle u, \epsilon \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_3 \in \text{PG}_2(\mathbb{Z}), \quad G \cong S_3$$

$$c^{(2)}(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \det(g) \cdot B^{(1)}(x_1)P^{(2)}(x_2) |g$$

Proposition: i) $Z_{\mathbb{Q}}^{(2)} := S^{(2)} + c^{(2)} \in \mathbb{Q}[x_1, x_2]$

ii) $(Z_{\mathbb{Q}}^{(1)}, Z_{\mathbb{Q}}^{(2)})$ satisfies (1)(2) above.

Remarks: i) Construction of $Z_{\mathbb{Q}}^{(2)}$ goes back to Ecalle ("ZigZag")

and (independently) Gangl-Kaneko-Zagier ("Bernoulli realization")
• $B^{(1)}(x_1)B^{(2)}(x_2)$ is essentially the gen. series of odd period polynomials of Eisenstein series

ii) $Z_{\mathbb{Q}}^{(2)}$ is not unique! Can add any solution to linearized double shuffle equations in depth 2.

iii) Similar construction in depth three (Ecalle, Brown)