

Exercises 2

Monday 6/13/17

5. Define the Bernoulli number B_{2n} using the Taylor expansion¹

$$z \cotan(z) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-4)^n B_{2n} \frac{z^{2n}}{(2n)!}$$

From calculus we also know that

$$z \cotan(z) = 1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^2}{z^2 - n^2 \pi^2}$$

Expand each geometric series $\frac{z^2}{z^2 - n^2 \pi^2}$ to show that

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

6. Let $q = e^{2\pi iz}$. The second formula from the previous exercise can be rewritten as

$$\pi \cotan(\pi z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n \geq 1} \left(\frac{1}{z+n} + \frac{1}{z-n} \right) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{1}{z+n}$$

- (a) Show directly from the definition of \cotan that

$$\pi \cotan(\pi z) = \pi i \frac{q-1}{q+1} = \pi i - 2\pi i \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^n$$

- (b) Differentiate $k-1$ times to show that

$$\boxed{\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{1}{(z+n)^k} = \frac{(-2\pi i)^k}{(k-1)!} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{k-1} q^n}$$

7. Let k be an integer. Show that if $f(z+1) = f(z)$ and $f(-1/z) = z^k f(z)$ then $f(g \cdot z) = (cz+d)^k f(z)$ for all $g \in \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$. Here $g = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$. [Hint: The group $\text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$ is generated by $S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.]

8. Let S be the set of pairs of integers (m, n) not both zero. Suppose $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$. Show that

$$\{(ma + nc, mb + nd) \mid (m, n) \in S\} = S$$

¹The more standard definition is that $\frac{x}{e^x - 1} = \sum B_n \frac{x^n}{n!}$. Plug in $x = 2iz$ to deduce the \cotan Taylor series.