



# Arithmetic and Analysis of the Series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \sin \frac{x}{n}$

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## Abstract

In this paper we connect a celebrated theorem of Nyman and Beurling on the equivalence between the Riemann hypothesis and the density of some functional space in  $L^2(0, 1)$  to a trigonometric series considered first by Hardy and Littlewood (see (3.4)). We highlight some of its curious analytical and arithmetical properties.

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## 1 Introduction

The main purpose of this work is to bring to light a new relationship between two facets of Riemann’s zeta function: On the one hand a functional analysis approach to the Riemann hypothesis due to Nymann and Beurling, and on the other hand a trigonometric series first studied by Hardy and Littlewood [16], and then followed by Flett [15], Segal [25] and Delange [13]. The trigonometric series in question is

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$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \sin \frac{x}{n}. \tag{1.1}$$

It differs from the finite sum  $\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{1}{n} \sin \frac{x}{n}$ , as  $x$  tends to  $\infty$ , by

$$\sum_{n > 1} \frac{1}{n} \sin \frac{x}{n} = O\left(\sum_{n > x} \frac{x}{n^2}\right) = O(1).$$

Hardy and Littlewood proved [16] that, as  $x$  tends to  $\infty$ ,

$$f(x) = O\left((\log x)^{\frac{3}{4}}(\log \log x)^{\frac{3}{4}+\epsilon}\right)$$

and that

$$f(x) = \Omega\left((\log \log x)^{\frac{3}{4}}\right)$$

from the fact that for  $x \geq 5$ , the number of  $n \leq x$  whose prime divisors are equivalent to 1 modulo 4 is  $C \frac{x}{(\log x)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$ , where  $C$  is a constant. Delange [13] showed that  $f(x)$  is not bounded on the real line only from the following result on the reciprocals of primes in arithmetic progressions

$$\sum_{\substack{p \text{ prime,} \\ p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}}} \frac{1}{p} = \infty$$

and obtained the  $\Omega$ -result of Hardy and Littlewood just because

$$\sum_{\substack{p \text{ prime} \leq x, \\ p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}}} \frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{2} \log \log x + c + o(1).$$

This trigonometric series, despite its simplicity, has many similarities with the Riemann zeta function [15] and deep relation to the divisor functions through the sawtooth function

$$\{t\} = -\frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin 2m\pi t}{m} = \begin{cases} t - [t] - \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } t \neq [t] \\ 0 & \text{if } t = [t]. \end{cases} \tag{1.2}$$

For  $s \in \mathbb{C}$  we define

$$\sigma^s(n) = \sum_{d|n} d^s, \quad \sigma_s(n) = \sum_{d|n} d^{-s}$$

so that  $n^s \sigma_s(n) = \sigma^s(n)$ . For example if we define

$$S_1(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} \sigma_1(n), \quad S^1(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} \sigma^1(n)$$

and

$$\rho(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{1}{n} \left\{ \frac{x}{n} \right\} = \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{1}{n} \left( \frac{x}{n} - \left\lfloor \frac{x}{n} \right\rfloor - \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

then the divisors and the fractional parts functions are related by

$$\begin{aligned} S_1(x) &= \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{1}{n} \left\lfloor \frac{x}{n} \right\rfloor = x \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{1}{n^2} - \rho(x) \\ &= \frac{\pi^2}{2} x - \frac{1}{2} \log x - \rho(x) + O(1). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly [32] (p.70):

$$S^1(x) = \frac{\pi^2}{12} x^2 - x \rho(x) + O(x).$$

We will see ((3.5) with  $f(2\pi x) = \sin x$ ) an integral representation of the partial sums of  $f(x)$ , using the sawtooth function.

## 2 Nyman–Beurling Criterion for the Riemann Hypothesis

### 2.1 Nyman–Beurling Theorem

For  $x > 0$ , let  $\rho(x)$  be the fractional part of  $x$  so that  $\rho(x) = x - \lfloor x \rfloor$ . To each  $0 < \theta \leq 1$  we associate the function  $\rho_\theta(x) = \rho\left(\frac{\theta}{x}\right)$ . Then  $0 \leq \rho_\theta(x) \leq 1$  and  $\rho_\theta(x) = \frac{\theta}{x}$  if  $\theta < x$ . We introduce, as in [4–7,14,22,29] and the more recent book [23]

$$\mathcal{M} = \left\{ f, f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^N a_n \rho\left(\frac{\theta_n}{x}\right), a_n \in \mathbb{R}, \theta_n \in (0, 1], \sum_{n=1}^N a_n \theta_n = 0, N \geq 1 \right\}.$$

Each function in  $\mathcal{M}$  has at most a countable set of points of discontinuity, and is identically zero for  $x > 0$ .

**Theorem 2.1** (Nyman–Beurling) *Let  $1 < p \leq \infty$ . The subspace  $\mathcal{M}$  is dense in the Banach space  $L^p(0, 1)$  if and only if the Riemann zeta function  $\zeta(s)$  has no zero in the right half plane  $\text{Res} > \frac{1}{p}$ .*

The fundamental relations in the proof of this theorem are

$$\int_0^1 \rho\left(\frac{\theta}{x}\right) x^{s-1} dx = -\frac{\theta}{1-s} - \theta^s \frac{\zeta(s)}{s}, \quad \text{Res} > 1, \tag{2.1}$$

which is just a variant of the classical representation

$$\zeta(s) = \frac{s}{s-1} - s \int_0^\infty \frac{u - \lfloor u \rfloor}{(u+1)^{s+1}} du. \tag{2.2}$$

It follows from (2.1) that for  $f(x) \in \mathcal{M}$

$$\int_0^1 f(x)x^{s-1} dx = -\frac{\zeta(s)}{s} \sum_{k=1}^N a_k \theta_k^s.$$

The study of the function  $f(x)$  is intimately linked to that of following function

$$\{t\} = \begin{cases} t - \lfloor t \rfloor - \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } t \neq \lfloor t \rfloor \\ 0 & \text{if } t = \lfloor t \rfloor. \end{cases}$$

We have the formal Fourier series expansion [11,12]

$$\sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{a_n}{n} \{n\theta\} = -\frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{A_n}{n} \{\sin 2\pi n\theta\} \tag{2.3}$$

where

$$A_n = \sum_{d|n} a_d.$$

Davenport considered the cases of

$$a_n = \mu(n); \quad a_n = \lambda(n); \quad a_n = \Lambda(n); \quad a_{n^2} = \mu(n), \quad a_n = 0, \quad n \neq m^2.$$

These arithmetical functions have their usual number-theoretic meanings. For example if  $\omega(n)$  is the number of distinct prime factors of  $n$  or, in other terms,  $\omega(n) = \sum_{b|n} 1$  and  $\omega(1) = 0$ , then the Möbius function  $\mu(n)$  is defined by

$$\mu(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \text{ is divisible by a perfect square } > 1 \\ (-1)^{\omega(n)} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and the Von Mangoldt function  $\Lambda(n)$  is defined by

$$\Lambda(n) = \begin{cases} \log p & \text{if } n = p^\alpha \text{ for a prime } p \text{ and some } \alpha \in \mathbb{N} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

In the case of the Möbius function  $a_n = \mu(n)$ , Davenport uses Vinogradov’s method, a refinement of Weyl’s method on estimating trigonometric sums, to prove that for any fixed  $h$

$$\sum_{n \leq y} \mu(n) e^{2i\pi nx} = O\left(y(\log y)^{-h}\right) \tag{2.4}$$

uniformly in  $x \in \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$ . The implied constants are not effective. There have been several results justifying (2.3) for other particular sequences  $(a_n)$ . The most general problem is considered in [17].

It should be noted that the Davenport or Hardy Littlewood estimates admit a common analysis. For the convenience of the reader we gather together a few classical results on exponential sums. Let  $\mathbf{I}$  be an interval of length at most  $N \geq 1$  and let  $f : \mathbf{I} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a smooth function satisfying the estimates  $x \in \mathbf{I}, 2 \leq N \ll T, j \geq 1$

$$|f^{(j)}(x)| = \exp\left(O(j^2)\right) \frac{T}{N^j}$$

then with  $f(x) = e^x$

(1) Van der Corput estimate: For any natural number  $k \geq 2$ , we have

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n \in \mathbf{I}} e(f(n)) = O\left(\frac{T}{N^k} \log^{\frac{1}{2}}(2+T)\right) \tag{2.5}$$

(2) Vinogradov estimate: For some absolute constant  $c > 0$ .

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n \in \mathbf{I}} e(f(n)) \ll N^{-\frac{c}{k^2}}. \tag{2.6}$$

### 2.2 The Functions $\lfloor x \rfloor, \rho(x)$ and $\{x\}$

The Hardy–Littlewood–Flett function  $f(x)$  is related, in many ways, to the three functions  $\lfloor x \rfloor, \rho(x)$  and  $\{x\}$ . The floor function  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  is related to the divisor function  $d(n) = 1 \star 1(n)$ , the multiplicative square convolution product of the constant function 1, through the Dirichlet hyperbola method. More generally if  $g, h$  are two multiplicative functions and  $f = g \star h$ . The Dirichlet hyperbola method is just the evaluation of a sum in two different ways:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq x} f(n) &= \sum_{n \leq x} \sum_{ab=n} g(a)h(b) = \sum_{a \leq \sqrt{x}} \sum_{b \leq \frac{x}{a}} g(a)h(b) + \sum_{b \leq \sqrt{x}} \sum_{a \leq \frac{x}{b}} g(a)h(b) \\ &\quad - \sum_{a \leq \sqrt{x}} \sum_{b \leq \sqrt{x}} g(a)h(b). \end{aligned}$$

If  $g = h$ , then

$$\sum_{n \leq x} f(n) = 2 \sum_{a \leq \sqrt{x}} \sum_{b \leq \frac{x}{a}} g(a)h(b) - \left( \sum_{a \leq \sqrt{x}} g(a) \right)^2.$$

As an application we have the estimate [28] (p. 262) for the divisor function  $d = 1 \star 1$ :

$$d(x) = x \log x + (2\gamma - 1)x + O(x^{\frac{1}{2}}).$$

The importance of the functions  $\{x\}$  and  $\rho(x)$  lies in the integral representations of the Riemann zeta-function:

$$\zeta(s) = -s \int_0^\infty \frac{\{x\} - \frac{1}{2}}{x^{s+1}} dx = -s \int_0^\infty \frac{\rho(x)}{x^{s+1}} dx$$

valid for  $-1 < \text{Re } s < 0$ . Making the change of variable  $x = \frac{1}{u}$  and applying Mellin inversion formula gives

$$\rho\left(\frac{1}{u}\right) = -\frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} \frac{\zeta(s)}{s} u^{-s} ds.$$

For later use, we give some details on the case considered by Davenport in (2.3). From (2.4) we obtain for  $-1 < c < 0$

$$\sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{\mu(n)}{n} \rho(nx) = -\frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} \frac{\zeta(s)}{s\zeta(1-s)} x^s ds.$$

By the functional equation of the Riemann  $\zeta$ -function and the functional equation of the  $\Gamma$ -function we obtain for  $0 < a < 1$

$$\sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{\mu(n)}{n} \rho(nx) = -\frac{1}{2i\pi^2} \int_{a-i\infty}^{a+i\infty} \Gamma(s) \sin\left(\frac{1}{2}\pi s\right) (2\pi x)^{-s} ds = -\frac{1}{\pi} \sin(2\pi x).$$

Using the classical equivalent formulation of the Prime Number Theorem that  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{\mu(n)}{n} = 0$  we obtain Davenport's relation

$$\sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{\mu(n)}{n} \{nx\} = -\frac{1}{\pi} \sin(2\pi x) \tag{2.7}$$

where the convergence is uniform by Davenport estimate (2.4). We will need two important properties of the function  $\{x\}$ :

Kubert identity:

$$\sum_{l \bmod m} \left\{ x + \frac{l}{m} \right\} = \{mx\} \tag{2.8}$$

Franel formula:

$$\int_0^1 \{ax\} \{bx\} dx = \frac{\text{lcm}(a, b)}{12ab}. \tag{2.9}$$

Kubert identity and Franel’s formula are interesting features shared by many functions. Let  $B_r(x)$  be the Bernoulli polynomial defined by

$$\frac{te^{tx}}{e^t - 1} = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} B_r(x)t^r, \quad |t| < 2\pi,$$

so that

$$B_1(x) = x - \frac{1}{2}, \quad 2!B_2(x) = x^2 - x + \frac{1}{6}, \dots$$

If  $r \geq 2$  is even then for  $0 \leq x \leq 1$

$$(2\pi)^r B_r(x) = (-1)^{\frac{1}{2}-1} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \frac{2 \cos(2l\pi x)}{l^r}$$

with absolute convergence of the series. The Hurwitz zeta function  $\zeta(s, x)$  is defined for  $\text{Res} > 1$  by

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

Then  $B_r(x)$  and  $\zeta(s, x)$  both satisfy the functional equation [21]

$$f(x) + f\left(x + \frac{1}{k}\right) + \dots + f\left(x + \frac{k-1}{k}\right) = f^{(k)} f(kx),$$

where  $f^{(k)} = k^{1-n}$  if  $f(x) = B_n(x)$  and  $f^{(k)} = k^s$  if  $f(x) = \zeta(s, x)$ . Furthermore, if  $a, b$  denote arbitrary positive integers and  $(a, b) = \text{gcd}(a, b)$ ,  $[a, b] = \text{lcm}(a, b)$  the greatest common divisor and least common multiple respectively of  $a$  and  $b$ , then [21]:

$$\int_0^1 B_r(ax) B_r(bx) dx = (-1)^{r-1} \frac{B_{2r}}{(2r)!} \left( \frac{(a, b)}{[a, b]} \right)^r$$

and for  $\text{Res} > \frac{1}{2}$

$$\int_0^1 \zeta(1-s, ax) \zeta(1-s, bx) dx = \frac{2\Gamma^2(s)\zeta(2s)}{(2\pi)^{2s}} \left( \frac{(a, b)}{[a, b]} \right)^s.$$

Similarly to (2.2) we have

$$\zeta(s, w) = \frac{1}{(s-1)w^{s-1}} + \frac{1}{w^s} - s \int_0^\infty \frac{u - \lfloor u \rfloor}{(u+w)^{s+1}} du,$$

and the function  $\zeta(s, w) - \frac{1}{(s-1)w^{s-1}}$  is analytic in  $\{\text{Re } s > 0\}$ . In the next section we use two summation formulas.

If  $F$  is an antiderivative of  $f$ , then, formally [1]

$$\int_0^1 \rho\left(\frac{\theta}{t}\right) f(t) dt = \theta \int_0^1 \frac{f(t)}{t} dt - \sum_{n=1}^\infty n \left( F\left(\frac{\theta}{n}\right) - F\left(\frac{\theta}{n+1}\right) \right) \tag{2.10}$$

and if  $\mu$  is the Möbius function and if  $0 < \theta, x \leq 1$ , we have, pointwise [2]

$$\sum_{n=1}^\infty \mu(n) \left\{ \rho\left(\frac{\theta}{nx}\right) - \frac{1}{n} \rho\left(\frac{\theta}{x}\right) \right\} = -\chi_{]0, \theta[}(x).$$

### 3 From Beurling’s Theorem to Hardy–Littlewood–Flett Function $f(x)$

#### 3.1 The Emergence of Franel Integral Type

To show that the constant function  $1 \in \overline{\mathcal{M}}$  one has, as in [2], to minimize the norms in  $L^2([0, 1])$

$$\left\| 1 + \sum_{j=1}^N a_j \rho\left(\frac{\alpha_j}{\cdot}\right) \right\| \tag{3.1}$$

which brings back to the evaluation of integrals of Franel type, computed in [2]:

$$J(\beta) = \int_0^1 \rho\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \rho\left(\frac{\beta}{x}\right) dx, \quad \beta \in [0, 1].$$

To show that the function  $\sin x \in \overline{\mathcal{M}}$  one has, this time, to minimize the norms

$$\left\| \sin x + \sum_{j=1}^N a_j \rho\left(\frac{\alpha_j}{\cdot}\right) \right\| \tag{3.2}$$

Using (2.7) the minimization problem reduces to evaluation of the scalar products in  $L^2(0, 1)$  giving the Fourier sine series of the function  $\{\frac{\theta}{x}\}$ , that is

$$a_n = \left(\left\{\frac{\theta}{x}\right\} \middle| \sqrt{2} \sin(n\pi x)\right) = \sqrt{2} \int_0^1 \left\{\frac{\theta}{x}\right\} \sin(n\pi x) dx = -\pi \sqrt{2} \sum_{j \geq 1} \frac{\mu_j}{j} \int_0^1 \left\{\frac{\theta}{x}\right\} \left\{\frac{jnx}{2}\right\} dx$$



and then to the evaluation of  $\int_0^1 \left\{ \frac{a}{x} \right\} \{bx\} dx$ , another kind of integrals of Franel type. We compute these integrals in the case  $a = m$ ,  $b = n$ ,  $m$  and  $n$  being integers.

### 3.2 The Second Kind of Franel Type Integrals $I_{n,m} = \int_0^1 \{nx\} \left\{ \frac{m}{x} \right\} dx$ , $n, m \in \mathbb{N}^*$

The values of the integrals  $I_{n,m}$  are given by the following

**Theorem 3.1** *For positive integers  $m, n$ , the modified Franel integrals are given by*

$$I_{n,m} = \frac{n}{m} + m \log m + m(n-1) \log(mn) - m(\log((n-1)!)) - \frac{n(n-1)}{2} - \frac{nm^2}{2} (\zeta(2) - \sum_{1 \leq j \leq m} (1 - \frac{m}{j})) + \sum_{1 \leq k \leq n-1, mn \geq jk} (1 - \frac{mn}{jk}).$$

Let us first give few examples:

$$\begin{aligned} I_{(2,1)} &= \frac{5}{2} - \log(2) - \zeta(2); & I_{(3,1)} &= \frac{25}{6} + \log(2) - 2 \log(3) - \frac{3}{2} \zeta(2) \\ I_{(4,1)} &= \frac{35}{6} - 5 \log(2) + \log(3) - 2\zeta(2); & I_{(5,1)} &= \frac{35}{6} - 5 \log(2) + \log(3) - 2\zeta(2) \\ I_{(1,2)} &= \frac{7}{2} - 2\zeta(2); & I_{(1,3)} &= \frac{61}{8} - \frac{9}{2} \zeta(2) \\ I_{(1,4)} &= \frac{5989}{288} - \frac{25}{2} \zeta(2); & I_{(2,2)} &= \frac{49}{6} - 2 \log(2) - 4\zeta(2) \\ I_{(2,3)} &= \frac{171}{10} - 3 \log(2) - 9\zeta(2); & I_{(2,4)} &= \frac{18469}{630} - 4 \log(2) - 16\zeta(2) \\ I_{(2,5)} &= \frac{15059}{336} - 5 \log(2) - 25\zeta(2); & I_{(3,2)} &= \frac{196}{15} + 2 \log(2) - 4 \log(3) - 6\zeta(2) \end{aligned}$$

We observe that in all these examples the factor  $\zeta(2) = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$  is present.

For the proof we consider the two functions defined on  $]0, +\infty[$

$$f(x) = f_n(x) = x \chi_{[0,1]}(x) \{nx\}, \quad g(x) = \{x\} \chi_{[1,+\infty]}(x)$$

and their multiplicative convolution

$$(f \star g)(a) = \int_0^{+\infty} f(x) g\left(\frac{a}{x}\right) \frac{dx}{x}, \quad (f \star g)(m) = I_{n,m}.$$

We split the computations in several steps. A natural method is to use first the Mellin transform with its property  $\mathcal{M}(f \star g)(s) = \mathcal{M}(f)(s) \mathcal{M}(g)(s)$ , followed by an inversion. The main idea is the decomposition formula (2.10), valid if  $\int_0^1 \frac{|f(x)|}{x} dx$  is

finite:

$$\int_0^1 \rho_\theta(x) f(x) dx = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{\frac{\theta}{n+1}}^{\frac{\theta}{n}} \left(\frac{\theta}{x} - n\right) f(x) dx + \int_\theta^1 \frac{\theta}{x} f(x) dx,$$

or in an generalized function form,

$$\rho_\theta(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\theta}{x} - n\right) \chi_{\left[\frac{\theta}{n+1}, \frac{\theta}{n}\right]}(x) + \frac{\theta}{x} \chi_{[\theta, 1]}$$

where  $\chi_B$  denotes the characteristic function of the set  $B$ .

### 3.2.1 Computations of Different Integrals

(1) Computation of  $F(s) = M(f)(s)$  For  $\sigma = \operatorname{Re} s > -2$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} F(s) &= \int_0^1 \{nx\} x^s dx \\ &= \sum_{0 \leq k \leq n-1} \int_{\frac{k}{n}}^{\frac{k+1}{n}} (nx - k) x^s dx \\ &= n \int_0^1 x^{s+1} dx - \sum_{1 \leq k \leq n-1} k \int_{\frac{k}{n}}^{\frac{k+1}{n}} x^s dx \\ &= \frac{n}{s+2} - \frac{1}{(s+1)n^{s+1}} \sum_{1 \leq k \leq n-1} k((k+1)^{s+1} - k^{s+1}) \\ &= \frac{n}{s+2} - \frac{1}{(s+1)n^{s+1}} \{n^{s+2} - (1 + 2^{s+1} + 3^{s+1} + \dots + n^{s+1})\} \end{aligned}$$

(2) Computation of  $G(s) = M(g)(s)$  For  $-2 < \sigma = \operatorname{Re} s < -1$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} G(s) &= \int_1^{+\infty} \{x\}^{s-1} dx \\ &= \sum_{k \geq 1} \int_k^{k+1} (x - k) x^{s-1} dx \\ &= \int_1^{+\infty} x^s dx - \sum_{k \geq 1} k \int_k^{k+1} x^{s-1} dx \\ &= \int_1^{+\infty} x^s dx - \frac{1}{s} \sum_{k \geq 1} k((k+1)^s - k^s) \\ &= \frac{1}{s+1} - \frac{\zeta(-s)}{s} \quad \sigma < -1 \end{aligned}$$

Hence for  $-2 < c < -1$  we can write

$$I_{n,m} = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} \left( \frac{1}{s+1} - \frac{\zeta(-s)}{s} \right) \left( \frac{n}{s+2} - \frac{1}{(s+1)n^{s+1}} (n^{s+1} - (1+2^{s+1} + 3^{s+1} + \dots (n-1)^{s+1})) \right) \frac{ds}{m^s}.$$

and, by changing  $s$  to  $-s$ , we get for  $1 < c < 2$

$$I_{n,m} = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} \left( \frac{1}{1-s} + \frac{\zeta(s)}{s} \right) \left( \frac{n}{2-s} - \frac{1}{(1-s)n^{1-s}} (n^{1-s} - (1+2^{1-s} + 3^{1-s} + \dots (n-1)^{1-s})) \right) \frac{ds}{m^{-s}}.$$

By expanding we find:

$$I_{n,m} = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} \frac{n \cdot m^s}{(1-s)(2-s)} ds - \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} \frac{m^s}{(1-s)^2 n^{1-s}} (n^{1-s} - (1+2^{1-s} + 3^{1-s} + \dots (n-1)^{1-s})) ds + \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} \frac{\zeta(s)}{s} \left( \frac{n}{2-s} - \frac{1}{(1-s)n^{1-s}} (n^{1-s} - (1+2^{1-s} + \dots + (n-1)^{1-s})) \right) m^s ds$$

We treat the last integral by expanding the  $\zeta$  function in Dirichlet series. We will treat each type of integrals appearing separately. Then we proceed to the necessary groupings in order to conclude.

In the following we write  $\int_{(c)}$  instead of  $\int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty}$ , with  $1 < c < 2$ .

- (3) Computation of  $\frac{n}{2i\pi} \int_{(c)} \frac{m^s}{(1-s)(2-s)} ds$ . We set  $f(x) = -\frac{1}{x}$  for  $0 < x \leq 1$  and  $f(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2}$  for  $x > 1$ . Its Mellin transform is  $\frac{1}{(1-s)(2-s)}$  for  $1 < \sigma < 2$ .

We obtain  $\frac{n}{m}$  for  $m \geq 1$ .

- (4) Computation of  $-\frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{(c)} \frac{m^s}{(1-s)^2} ds$ . We take  $f(x) = \frac{\log x}{x}$  for  $0 < x < 1$  and  $0$  for  $x \geq 1$ . Its Mellin transform is  $-\frac{1}{(s-1)^2}$  for  $\sigma > 1$ . Here we obtain  $m \log m$  for  $m \geq 1$ .

- (5) Computation of  $\frac{k}{n} \int_{(c)} \frac{(mn)^s ds}{(1-s)^2 k^s}$ . As before we find  $m \log(\frac{mn}{k})$  if  $mn \geq k$  and  $0$  if  $mn < k$ .

- (6) Computation of  $\frac{n}{2i\pi} \int_{(c)} \frac{m^s ds}{s(2-s)j^s}$ ,  $j \geq 1$ . We take  $f(x) = -\frac{1}{2}$  for  $0 < x \leq 1$  and  $f(x) = -\frac{1}{2x^2}$  for  $x > 1$ . We get  $-\frac{n}{2}$  if  $j \leq m$  and  $-\frac{nm^2}{2j^2}$  if  $j > m$ .

- (7) Computation of  $-\frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{(c)} \frac{m^s ds}{s(1-s)j^s}$ ,  $j \geq 1$ . Here we take  $f(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{x}$  if  $0 < x \leq 1$  and 0 for  $x > 1$ . We obtain  $1 - \frac{m}{j}$  if  $m \geq j$  and 0 otherwise.
- (8) Computation of  $\frac{k}{n} \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{(c)} \frac{(nm)^s}{s(1-s)(jk)^s}$ . Here we obtain  $1 - \frac{nm}{jk}$  if  $mn \geq jk$  and 0 otherwise.

By putting together these partial results we end the proof of Theorem (3.1).

### 3.3 Second Approach $\left\{\frac{\theta}{x}\right\}$

The most interesting approach for the evaluation of the integral  $\int_0^1 \left\{\frac{\theta}{t}\right\} \sin(n\pi t) dt$  is to use (2.10):

$$\int_0^1 \left\{\frac{\theta}{t}\right\} \sin(n\pi t) dt = \int_0^\theta \left\{\frac{\theta}{t}\right\} \sin(n\pi t) dt + \theta \int_\theta^1 \frac{1}{t} \sin(n\pi t) dt.$$

Moreover

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\theta \left\{\frac{\theta}{t}\right\} \sin(n\pi t) dt &= \sum_{p \geq 1} \int_{\frac{\theta}{p+1}}^{\frac{\theta}{p}} \sin(n\pi t) \left(\frac{\theta}{t} - p\right) dt \\ &= \theta \sum_{p \geq 1} \int_{\frac{\theta}{p+1}}^{\frac{\theta}{p}} \frac{\sin(n\pi t)}{t} dt - \sum_{p \geq 1} p \int_{\frac{\theta}{p+1}}^{\frac{\theta}{p}} \sin(n\pi t) dt \\ &= \theta \int_0^\theta \frac{\sin(n\pi t)}{t} dt + \frac{1}{n\pi} \sum_{p \geq 1} p \left( \cos \frac{n\pi\theta}{p} - \cos \frac{n\pi\theta}{p+1} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Hence the  $n$ -th Fourier coefficient

$$a_n = \left(\left\{\frac{\theta}{x}\right\} \middle| \sqrt{2} \sin(n\pi x)\right) = \sqrt{2} \int_0^1 \left\{\frac{\theta}{x}\right\} \sin(n\pi x) dx$$

is also

$$a_n = \sqrt{2} \left( \theta \int_0^1 \frac{\sin(n\pi t)}{t} dt + \frac{1}{n\pi} \sum_{p \geq 1} p \left( \cos \frac{n\pi\theta}{p} - \cos \frac{n\pi\theta}{p+1} \right) \right).$$

Seeking for the coefficient corresponding to  $f(x) = \sum_{1 \leq v \leq N} c_v \left\{\frac{\theta_v}{x}\right\}$  the first integral does not matter since  $\sum_{1 \leq v \leq N} c_v \theta_v = 0$ . It remains to compute

$$A = \sum_{p \geq 1} p \left( \cos \frac{n\pi\theta}{p} - \cos \frac{n\pi\theta}{p+1} \right).$$

$A$  depends on  $n$  and  $\theta$ . We first consider the finite sum

$$A_N = \sum_{1 \leq p \leq N} p \left( \cos \frac{n\pi\theta}{p} - \cos \frac{n\pi\theta}{p+1} \right)$$

and set  $x = n\pi\theta$ . We have by a partial summation

$$\begin{aligned} A_N &= \cos \frac{x}{1} + \dots + \cos \frac{x}{N} - N \cos \frac{x}{N+1} \\ &= (\cos \frac{x}{1} - 1) + \dots + (\cos \frac{x}{N} - 1) + N(1 - \cos \frac{x}{N+1}) \\ &= -2 \sum_{k=1}^N \sin^2 \frac{x}{k} + 2N \sin^2 \frac{x}{N+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow +\infty} A_N = -2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sin^2 \frac{x}{k}. \tag{3.3}$$

We thus obtain one of our main results: the  $n$ -th Fourier coefficient  $a_n$  of the fundamental function  $\{\frac{\theta}{\bullet}\}$  is related to the value at  $n$  of the antiderivative of the function  $f(x)$  given in (1.1)

$$a_n = \sqrt{2} \left( \theta \int_0^1 \frac{\sin(n\pi t)}{t} dt - \frac{1}{n\pi} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sin^2 \frac{n\pi\theta}{k} \right), \tag{3.4}$$

bearing in mind that the derivative of  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sin^2 \frac{u}{k}$  is  $f(2u)$ .

To give some useful integral representations we adapt an interesting method, due to Delange [13], and use a result of Saffari and Vaughan [24]. First we introduce for  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$

$$c_{\alpha}(u) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } u - [u] = \rho(u) < \alpha \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Furthermore for  $x > 0, y > 1$  let

$$\vartheta_{x,y}(u) = \frac{1}{\log y} \sum_{n \leq y} \frac{1}{n} c_{\alpha} \left( \frac{x}{n} \right).$$

According to [24] we have

**Lemma 3.1** *We have the estimate*

$$\vartheta_{x,y}(u) = u + O \left( (\log x)^{\frac{2}{3}} (\log y)^{-1} \right),$$

the  $O$  is uniform in  $u$ .

If  $f$  is continuously differentiable function on  $[0, 1]$

$$f\left(2\pi \frac{x}{n}\right) = -2\pi \int_{\{\frac{x}{n}\}}^1 f'(2\pi u) du = -2\pi \int_0^1 c_u\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) f'(2\pi u) du.$$

Hence

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{1}{n} f\left(2\pi \frac{x}{n}\right) = -2\pi (\log x) \int_0^1 \vartheta_{x,x}(u) f'(2\pi u), \tag{3.5}$$

since

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \vartheta_{x,x}(u) f'(2\pi u) du &= \int_0^1 f'(2\pi u) du + \int_0^1 (\vartheta_{x,x}(u) - u) f'(2\pi u) du \\ &= \int_0^1 (\vartheta_{x,x}(u) - u) f'(2\pi u) du. \end{aligned}$$

From the Lemma (3.1) we get, since  $f'$  is bounded on  $(0, 1)$

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{1}{n} f\left(2\pi \frac{x}{n}\right) = O(\log x)^{\frac{2}{3}}.$$

A natural example is to consider a Dirichlet character modulo  $N$ ,  $\chi$ . In this case

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\chi(n)}{n} \sin\left(2\pi \frac{x}{n}\right) = O(\log x)^{\frac{2}{3}}.$$

We shall not try to give sufficient conditions to justify the process here. The main interest of the remark is that it suggests a method of dealing with various other sums than  $f(x)$ .

### 4 Almost Periodicity

The goal of this section is to show, by elementary methods, that the Hardy–Littelwood–Flett function  $f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \sin \frac{x}{n}$  is not bounded on the real line. First we recall two fundamental results on Bohr-almost periodic functions [8] (p.39, 44, and 58).

**Theorem 4.1** (The Mean value theorem) *For every almost periodic function  $f(x)$ , there exists a mean value*

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T f(x) dx = M\{f(x)\}$$

and

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_a^{a+T} f(x) dx = M\{f(x)\}$$

uniformly with respect to  $a$ . In particular if  $f$  is an odd almost periodic function, then its mean  $M\{f(x)\}$  is zero.

**Theorem 4.2** (The antiderivative theorem) *The integral  $F(x) = \int_0^x f(t) dt$  of an almost-periodic function  $f(x)$  is almost-periodic if and only if it is bounded.*

Let

$$\mathfrak{F}(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \cos \frac{x}{n}.$$

The series defining  $\mathfrak{F}(x)$  is uniformly convergent on the real line. The partial sums

$$\mathfrak{F}_n(x) = \sum_{p=1}^n \frac{1}{p^2} \cos \frac{x}{p}$$

are almost periodic [8] (Corollary, p.38), and then  $\mathfrak{F}(x)$  is also almost periodic [8] (Theorem IV, p.38). It is interesting to note that  $\mathfrak{F}_n$  is periodic of period  $p_n = \text{lcm}(1, 2, \dots, n) = e^{\psi(n)}$ , with  $\psi(x)$  is the Chebyshev function, given by  $\psi(x) = \sum_{p \leq x} \Lambda(p)$ , where  $\Lambda(n)$  is the Mangoldt function.

The prime number theorem asserts that  $p_n = e^{n(1+o(1))}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  [26] (p.261). Actually  $p_n \leq 3^n$ .

**Lemma 4.1** *We have*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{x} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin^2 \frac{x}{n} = \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

Let  $x > 0$  and  $n_x = \left\lfloor \frac{2x}{\pi} \right\rfloor$ . The function  $h : x \rightarrow \sin^2 \frac{1}{x}$ , being bounded on  $[0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$  and continuous on each  $[\alpha, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ , is Riemann-integrable on  $[0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ , so by considering Riemann sums

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{x} \sum_{n=1}^{n_x} \sin^2 \frac{x}{n} = \int_0^{\frac{2}{\pi}} \sin^2 \frac{1}{t} dt = \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\infty} \frac{\sin^2 u}{u^2} du. \tag{4.1}$$

For  $x > 0$  the function of  $g(t) = \sin^2 \frac{x}{t}$  is decreasing on  $(\frac{2x}{\pi}, +\infty)$  and thus

$$\left| \sum_{n=n_x+1}^{\infty} \sin^2 \frac{x}{n} - \int_{\frac{2x}{\pi}}^{\infty} \sin^2 \frac{x}{t} dt \right| \leq 1. \tag{4.2}$$

Since  $\int_{\frac{2x}{\pi}}^{\infty} \sin^2 \frac{x}{t} dt = x \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\sin^2 u}{u^2} du$  we deduce the lemma from (4.8) (4.9) and the relations

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin^2 u}{u^2} du = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin u}{u} du = \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

**Corollary 4.1** *The function  $f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \sin \frac{x}{n}$  is not bounded on the real line.*

**Proof** Assume that  $f(x)$  is bounded on  $\mathbb{R}$  then it would be almost periodic by the antiderivative theorem (4.2) and the remark that  $f'(x) = \mathfrak{F}(x)$ . Since  $f(x)$  is odd its mean is zero. This is in contradiction with the limit  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  given by the Lemma (4.1).  $\square$

**Remark 4.1** The same analysis applies to the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(n)}{n} \sin(\frac{x}{n})$ ,  $\chi$  being a Dirichlet character modulo  $N$ .

We will need to consider some Bessel functions. We recall that for  $\text{Res} > 0$  the  $\Gamma$ -function is

$$\Gamma(s) = \int_0^{\infty} u^{s-1} e^{-u} du.$$

By Fubini’s theorem

$$\Gamma^2(s) = \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} (uv)^{s-1} e^{-(u+v)} dudv = \int_0^{\infty} u^{s-1} \xi_0(u) du,$$

where

$$\xi_0(u) = \int_1^{\infty} \frac{2e^{2t\sqrt{u}}}{\sqrt{t^2 - 1}} dt.$$

More generally the iterated integrals [30,31]

$$\xi_1(x) = \int_x^{\infty} \xi_0(t) dt, \dots, \xi_k(x) = \int_x^{\infty} \xi_{k-1}(t) dt.$$



satisfy the differential equation of Bessel type:

$$x \frac{d^2 \xi_k(x)}{dx^2} + (1 - k) \frac{d \xi_k(x)}{dx} - \xi_k(x) = 0.$$

The ordinary Bessel function of order  $\nu$  is

$$J_\nu(z) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m (z/2)^{2m+\nu}}{m! \Gamma(m+1+\nu)}, \quad I_\nu(z) = i^{-\nu} J_\nu(iz), \quad |z| < \infty.$$

The  $K$ -Bessel function of order  $\nu$ , for  $\nu$  not an integer, is

$$K_\nu(z) = \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{I_{-\nu}(z) - I_\nu(z)}{\sin \pi \nu}.$$

When  $\nu$  is an integer we take the limiting value. It could be also defined by

$$K_\nu(z) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty t^{\nu-1} e^{-z/2(t+1/t)} dt, \quad \text{Re } \nu \geq 0. \tag{4.3}$$

The Mellin transform of the  $J_0$ -Bessel function is:

$$\int_0^\infty J_0(\sqrt{x}) x^{s-1} dx = 4^s \frac{\Gamma(s)}{\Gamma(1-s)}.$$

We will need two Mellin transforms, due essentially to Voronoi

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty x^{s-1} K_0(4\pi \sqrt{x}) dx &= \frac{1}{2} (2\pi)^{-2s} \Gamma^2(s), \\ \int_0^\infty x^{s-1} Y_0(4\pi \sqrt{x}) dx &= -\frac{1}{\pi} (2\pi)^{-2s} \cos(\pi s) \Gamma^2(s). \end{aligned}$$

### 4.1 Summations Formulas and Beyond

Various classical summation formulas, as Poisson summation formula, Voronoi summation formula or Hardy–Ramanujan summation formula can all be given a unified formulation. The following Generalized Poisson summation formula is proved in [9]

**Theorem 4.3** *Let  $a = a(n)$  be an arithmetic function with moderate growth. We define the Dirichlet series*

$$L(a, s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a(n) n^{-s}, \quad \text{Res} > 1$$

*and we suppose that  $L(a, s)$  has an analytic continuation to  $\mathbb{C}$  with only a possible pole at  $s = 1$ . We suppose also that there are positive constants  $A, a_1, \dots, a_g$  such*

that with the  $\Gamma$ -factors

$$\gamma(s) = A^s \prod_{j=1}^8 \Gamma(a_j s)$$

$L(a, s)$  satisfies the functional equation

$$\gamma(s)L(a, s) = \gamma(1 - s)L(a, 1 - s).$$

Furthermore for  $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$ , the Schwartz space, we define a very special Hankel's transform:

$$g(x) = \int_0^\infty f(y)K(xy)dy, \quad \text{with} \quad K(x) = \int_{\text{Res}=\frac{3}{2}} \frac{\gamma(s)}{\gamma(1 - s)} x^{-s} ds.$$

Then,

$$\sum_{n=1}^\infty a(n)f(n) = f(0)L(a, 0) + \text{Res}_{s=1} \mathcal{M}(f)(s)L(a, s) + \sum_{n=1}^\infty a(n)g(n)$$

where  $\text{Res}_{s=1}$  is the evaluation of the residue at  $s = 1$ .

### 4.2 2 Classical Choices

(1) For  $a(n) = 1$  we have  $L(a, s) = \zeta(s)$  and

$$\gamma(s) = \pi^{-\frac{s}{2}} \Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right), \quad K(x) = 2 \cos(2\pi x).$$

We recover Poisson summation formula for even functions in  $f(x) \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$ :

$$\sum_{n=1}^\infty f(n) = -\frac{1}{2}f(0) + \int_0^\infty f(x)dx + 2 \sum_{n=1}^\infty \int_0^\infty f(y) \cos(2\pi ny)dy. \quad (4.4)$$

(2) If  $a(n) = d(n)$  we have  $L(d, s) = \zeta^2(s)$  and

$$\gamma(s) = \pi^{-s} \Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right)^2, \quad \frac{\gamma(s)}{\gamma(1 - s)} = (2\pi)^{-2s} (2 + 2 \cos \pi s) \Gamma(s)^2$$

and

$$K(x) = 4K_0(4\pi \sqrt{x}) - 4Y_0(4\pi \sqrt{x}).$$

We recover Voronoi summation formula

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f(n)d(n) = \frac{1}{4}f(0) + \int_0^{\infty} f(x) (2\gamma + \log x) dx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d(n) \int_0^{\infty} f(y) \left( 4K_0 \left( 4\pi(ny)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) - 2\pi Y_0 \left( 4\pi(ny)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) \right) dy.$$

As a consequence we have Koshliakov’s formula valid for  $a > 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} &\sqrt{a} \left( \gamma - \log \left( \frac{4\pi}{a} \right) + 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d(n) K_0(2\pi an) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \left( \gamma - \log(4\pi a) + 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d(n) K_0 \left( \frac{2\pi n}{a} \right) \right). \end{aligned}$$

This formula was proved by Ramanujan about ten years earlier (He did not appeal to Voronoi’s formula) and by many authors later.

### 4.3 Another Function of Hardy and Littlewood

Hardy and Littlewood gave in [16] (p.269) the following relation

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{F}(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} (1 - e^{-z/n}) &= 2 \log z + 2\gamma \\ &- 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ K_0 \left( \sqrt{2n\pi iz} \right) + K_0 \left( \sqrt{-2n\pi iz} \right) \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (4.5)$$

where  $\text{Re}z > 0$ ,  $\gamma$  is Euler’s constant.

For  $|z| < 1$ :

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \left( 1 - e^{-\frac{z}{n}} \right) = - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \zeta(n+1) \frac{(-z)^n}{n!}. \quad (4.6)$$

An immediate consequence of this expansion is obtained by taking real and imaginary parts with  $z = ix$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $|x| < 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \left( 1 - \cos \frac{x}{n} \right) &= 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \sin^2 \frac{x}{2n} = - \sum_{k \geq 0} \zeta(4k+1) \frac{x^{4k}}{(4k)!} + \sum_{k \geq 0} \zeta(4k+3) \frac{x^{4k+2}}{(4k+2)!} \\ &= \sum_{k \geq 0} (-1)^{k-1} \zeta(2k+1) \frac{x^{2k}}{(2k)!} \\ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \sin \frac{x}{n} &= \sum_{k \geq 0} \zeta(4k+2) \frac{x^{4k+1}}{(4k+1)!} - \sum_{k \geq 0} \zeta(4k+4) \frac{x^{4k+3}}{(4k+3)!}. \end{aligned}$$

More generally we define the series

$$G_\nu(z) = \sum_{n > \text{Re}\nu + 1} \zeta(n - \nu) \frac{(-z)^n}{n!}$$

which has a Mellin-Barnes type integral representation when  $x > 0$ ,  $c$  is fixed with  $\text{Re}\nu + 1 < c < \text{Re}\nu + 2$ :

$$G_\nu(z) = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{(c)} \Gamma(-s) \zeta(s - \nu) x^s ds.$$

The proof of the main equality results from the deformation of the path of integration and the fact that the pair

$$x^\nu K_\nu(x), \quad 2^{s+\nu-2} \Gamma(s/2) \Gamma(s/2 + \nu), \quad \text{Re}s > \max(0, -2\text{Re}\nu)$$

is a pair of Mellin transforms [18,19].

The series (4.6) has many remarkable properties. It may be differentiated term by term to get  $\mathfrak{G}(-x)$  where  $\mathfrak{G}(x)$  is the function defined in [26] (p.243):

$$\mathfrak{G}(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} e^{\frac{x}{n}}. \tag{4.7}$$

The following formula is mentioned in [27]

$$\lim_{K \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K \mathfrak{G}(2i\pi nk) = \sum_{d|n} \frac{1}{d^2}.$$

#### 4.4 Laplace Transform of $a\sqrt{t}J_1(a\sqrt{t})$ , $a > 0$ , $t > 0$ , Another Approach to Segal's Formula

In [25] (formula (12)) Segal proves the following result

**Theorem 4.4** *If  $g(z) := \sum_{k \geq 1} (1 - \cos \frac{z}{k})$  then*

$$g(z) = \frac{\pi z}{2} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{2\sqrt{2k\pi}\sqrt{z}}{k} J_1(2\sqrt{2k\pi}\sqrt{z}).$$

This formula is interesting compared to (4.5), as we have for real  $z$ ,  $g(z) = \text{Re}\mathfrak{F}(iz)$ . The proof given in [25] uses a rather elaborated tools such the three Bessel functions  $J_1, J_2, J_3$ , the functional equation of the Riemann  $\zeta$ -function etc. We give here a proof which we think is simpler.

Let

$$g_1(z) = \frac{\pi z}{2} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{2\sqrt{2k\pi} \sqrt{z}}{k} J_1(2\sqrt{2k\pi} \sqrt{z}).$$

In the Laplace transform

$$\mathcal{L}(a\sqrt{t} J_1(a\sqrt{t}))(p) = a \int_0^{+\infty} \sqrt{t} J_1(a\sqrt{t}) e^{-tp} dt, \quad \text{Re } p > 0$$

we set  $u^2 = t$  and obtain

$$\mathcal{L}(a\sqrt{t} J_1(a\sqrt{t}))(p) = 2a \int_0^{+\infty} J_1(au) e^{-pu^2} u^2 du, \quad \text{Re } p > 0.$$

According to [33] (page 394, formula(4)) we have for with  $|\text{Arg } p| < \frac{\pi}{4}$

$$\int_0^{+\infty} J_\nu(au) e^{-p^2 u^2} u^{\nu+1} du = \frac{a^\nu}{(2p^2)^{\nu+1}} e^{-\frac{a^2}{4p^2}}.$$

Replacing  $p$  by  $\sqrt{p}$  with  $|\text{Arg } p| < \frac{\pi}{2}$  and taking  $\nu = 1$  we obtain

$$\int_0^{+\infty} J_1(au) e^{-pu^2} u^2 du = \frac{a}{4p^2} e^{-\frac{a^2}{4p}}.$$

Hence

$$\mathcal{L}(a\sqrt{t} J_1(a\sqrt{t}))(p) = \frac{a^2}{2p^2} e^{-\frac{a^2}{4p}} \quad \text{Re } p > 0.$$

Note that  $a\sqrt{t} J_1(a\sqrt{t})$  is not in  $L^2([0, +\infty[)$  since its Laplace transform is not bounded in the  $L^2$ -norm on the lines  $\text{Re } p = c$ . With  $a = 2\sqrt{2k\pi}$  we get

$$\mathcal{L}(2\sqrt{2k\pi} t J_1(2\sqrt{2k\pi} t))(p) = \frac{4k\pi}{p^2} e^{-\frac{2k\pi}{p}}.$$

As we have

$$\mathcal{L}\left(\frac{\pi t - 1}{2}\right)(p) = \frac{\pi}{2p^2} - \frac{1}{2p}$$

and, by continuity, the Laplace transform of the sum in

$$g_1(t) = \frac{\pi t - 1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{2\sqrt{2k\pi} t}{k} J_1(2\sqrt{2k\pi} t)$$

is

$$\frac{\pi}{p^2} \sum_{k \geq 1} (e^{-\frac{2\pi}{p}})^k$$

which converges in  $\text{Re } p > 0$ , the Laplace transform of  $g_1(t)$  is

$$\frac{\pi}{2p^2} - \frac{1}{p} + \frac{\pi}{p^2} \frac{e^{-\frac{2\pi}{p}}}{1 - e^{-\frac{2\pi}{p}}} = \frac{\pi}{2p^2} - \frac{1}{p} + \frac{\pi}{p^2} \frac{1}{e^{\frac{2\pi}{p}} - 1}.$$

On the other hand

$$\mathcal{L}(1 - \cos \frac{t}{k})(p) = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{p}{p^2 + k^{-2}} = \frac{1}{p(p^2 k^2 + 1)}$$

and

$$\mathcal{L}(g)(p) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{p(p^2 k^2 + 1)}.$$

The equality  $\mathcal{L}(g)(p) = \mathcal{L}(g_1)(p)$  is obtained by using the well known partial fractions decomposition

$$\frac{z}{e^z - 1} = 1 - \frac{z}{2} + \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{2z^2}{z^2 + 4k^2\pi^2}, \quad z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus 2i\pi\mathbb{Z},$$

where we have to set  $z = \frac{2\pi}{p}$ . Hence  $g = g_1$  by injectivity of Laplace Transform.

### 4.5 Some Mellin Transforms and the Cube of Theta Functions

It has been noticed in [15] (p.14) that the function

$$R(t) = \sum_{n \leq t} \frac{1}{n} e^{\frac{it}{n}}$$

is very similar to  $\zeta(1+it)$  in its asymptotic behaviour as  $t \rightarrow +\infty$ . This could suggest a link between this function and the theta series  $\vartheta_3(q) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} q^{n^2}$ . In this section, following a suggestion of Crandall [10], we would like to briefly show by considering Mellin transforms an unexpected link to the third power of the (fourth) Jacobi theta function  $\vartheta_4(q) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (-1)^n q^{n^2}$ ,  $|q| < 1$ . We define

$$\tilde{\chi}(s, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\frac{t}{n}}}{n^s}, \tag{4.8}$$

$$\chi(s, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{e^{-\frac{t}{n}}}{n^s}. \tag{4.9}$$

These two functions are defined for  $s \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $\text{Res} > 1$  for  $\tilde{\chi}(s, t)$ ,  $\text{Res} > 0$  for  $\chi(s, t)$ . They are related by

$$\chi(s, t) = \frac{1}{2^{s-1}} \tilde{\chi}\left(\frac{s}{2}, t\right) - \tilde{\chi}(s, t).$$

We have

$$\int_0^{\infty} t^{s-1} \tilde{\chi}^2(s, t) dt = \Gamma(s) \sum_{n,m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+m)^s} = \Gamma(s) (\zeta(s-1) - \zeta(s))$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} t^{s-1} \chi^2(s, t) dt = \Gamma(s) \sum_{n,m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+m}}{(n+m)^s} = \Gamma(s) (\eta(s-1) - \eta(s)),$$

where

$$\eta(s) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+1)^s}$$

is the Dirichlet  $\eta$ -function. Furthermore

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma(s)} \int_0^{\infty} t^{s-1} \tilde{\chi}^3(s, t) dt = \sum_{p,q,r=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(pq+qr+rp)^s}$$

and for  $\chi(s, t)$  we have a more interesting result

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma(s)} \int_0^{\infty} t^{s-1} \chi^3(s, t) dt = \sum_{p,q,r=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{p+q+r}}{(pq+qr+rp)^s}. \tag{4.10}$$

We have the following lemma due to Andrews [3] (p.124)

**Lemma 4.2** For  $|q| < 1$

$$v_4^3(q) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (-1)^n r_3(n) q^n = 1 + 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n q^n}{1+q^n} - 2 \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ |j| \leq n}}^{\infty} \frac{q^{n^2-j^2} (1-q^n) (-1)^j}{1+q^n} \tag{4.11}$$

where  $r_3(n)$  is the number of representations of  $n$  as sum of three squares. According to a result of Fermat an integer is a sum of three squares if and only if it is not of form

$4^n(8m + 7)$ . There are some gaps in the expansion in power series of the left hand side of (4.11). Similarly to (4.10) we have

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma(s)} \int_0^\infty t^{s-1} (\vartheta_4^3(q) - 1) dt = \sum_{p,q,r \in \mathbb{Z}} ' \frac{(-1)^{p+q+r}}{(p^2 + q^2 + r^2)^s}. \tag{4.12}$$

A link between (4.10) and (4.12) is given by Crandall [10] (p.372) as a relation between two Epstein zeta functions associated with the two not equivalent ternary forms

$$q_1(u, v, w) = u^2 + v^2 + w^2, \quad q_2(u, v, w) = uv + vw + wu$$

in the form

$$\sum_{p,q,r \in \mathbb{Z}} ' \frac{(-1)^{p+q+r}}{(p^2 + q^2 + r^2)^s} = -6(1 - 2^{1-s})^2 \zeta^2(s) - 4 \sum_{p,q,r=1}^\infty \frac{(-1)^{p+q+r}}{(pq + qr + rp)^s}. \tag{4.13}$$

Next we establish a functional equation

**Theorem 4.5** For  $t > 0$  the function  $\chi(\frac{1}{2}, t)$  satisfies the following functional equation

$$\chi\left(\frac{1}{2}, t\right) = \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{(-1)^n}{\sqrt{n}} e^{-t/n} = \sqrt{i} \sum_{\mathcal{O}} \frac{e^{-\gamma \sqrt{2\pi d t}}}{\sqrt{d}}, \tag{4.14}$$

with  $\gamma = 1 - i$  and  $\mathcal{O}$  is the set of odd integers.

We could also seek for a result similar to (4.14) for

$$\tilde{\chi}(s, t) = \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{1}{n^s} e^{-t/n}, \quad \text{Res} > 1. \tag{4.15}$$

The relevance of this function lies in its relation to a Hardy–Littlewood–Flett like function:

$$\text{Im} \tilde{\chi}(1, -it) = \text{Im} \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{1}{n} e^{it/n} = \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{1}{n} \sin\left(\frac{t}{n}\right).$$

In order to prove (4.14) we consider, for a fixed  $t > 0$ , the function

$$f(x) = e^{i\pi x} \frac{e^{-t/x}}{\sqrt{x}}, \quad x > 0$$



extended to the origin by  $f(0) = 0$  and to  $\mathbb{R}$  as an even function. The obtained function is  $C^\infty$  on the real line to which we apply the Poisson summation formula (4.4) to obtain

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{\sqrt{n}} e^{-t/n} = \int_0^\infty e^{i\pi x} \frac{e^{-t/x}}{\sqrt{x}} dx + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_0^\infty e^{i\pi x} \frac{e^{-t/x}}{\sqrt{x}} \cos(2\pi n x) dx. \tag{4.16}$$

**Remark 4.2** The function  $y \mapsto \frac{e^{-t/y}}{\sqrt{y}}$  is continuous on  $[0, \infty[$  and decreases to 0 at infinity, hence the proper integrals  $\int_0^\infty f(y) \cos(2\pi n y) dy, n \geq 0$  are convergent.

We compute  $\mathcal{F}(f)(n)$  as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}(f)(n) &= \int_0^\infty e^{i\pi y} \frac{e^{-t/y}}{\sqrt{y}} \cos(2n\pi y) dy \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \int_0^\infty e^{(i\pi+2i\pi n)y-t/y} y^{-1/2} dy + \int_0^\infty e^{(i\pi-2i\pi n)y-t/y} y^{-1/2} dy \right\}. \end{aligned} \tag{4.17}$$

We recall the modified Bessel function (4.3), written in the form

$$\int_0^\infty w^{v-1} e^{-w-a/w} dw = 2 \left(\frac{1}{a}\right)^{v/2} K_v(2\sqrt{a})$$

that we use in the form

$$\int_0^\infty w^{v-1} e^{-bw-a/w} dw = 2 \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{v/2} K_v(2\sqrt{ab}). \tag{4.18}$$

Actually for (4.17) we need only the simplest case of

$$K_{\frac{1}{2}}(z) = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2z}} e^{-z}. \tag{4.19}$$

The first integral in the left hand side of (4.17), with

$$a = t, \quad -b = i\pi + 2i\pi n = i\pi(2n + 1)$$

is equal to

$$2 \left(\frac{t}{-i\pi(2n + 1)}\right)^{1/4} K_{1/2}\left(2\sqrt{t(-i\pi(2n + 1))}\right). \tag{4.20}$$

The second integral with

$$a = t, \quad -b = i\pi - 2i\pi n = i\pi(-2n + 1)$$

is equal to

$$2 \left( \frac{t}{-i\pi(-2n+1)} \right)^{1/4} K_{1/2} \left( 2\sqrt{t(-i\pi(-2n+1))} \right). \tag{4.21}$$

By using (4.19) we see that (4.17) is the sum of

$$\left( \frac{t}{-i\pi(2n+1)} \right)^{1/4} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{4\sqrt{t(-i\pi(2n+1))}}} e^{-2\sqrt{t(-i\pi(2n+1))}}$$

and

$$\left( \frac{t}{-i\pi(-2n+1)} \right)^{1/4} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{4\sqrt{t(-i\pi(-2n+1))}}} e^{-2\sqrt{t(-i\pi(-2n+1))}}.$$

As in [10] we denote by  $\gamma = 1 - i$ ,  $d = \pm 2n + 1$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$  with  $\sqrt{-|d|} = i\sqrt{|d|}$ . Then  $d$  describes  $\mathcal{O} \setminus \{1\}$  and

$$\left( \frac{t}{-i\pi d} \right)^{1/4} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{4\sqrt{t(-i\pi d)}}} e^{-2\sqrt{-i\pi d}} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{i} \frac{e^{-\gamma\sqrt{t\pi d}}}{\sqrt{d}}.$$

Hence

$$2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} f(y) \cos(2\pi ny) dy = \sqrt{i} \sum_{d \in \mathcal{O}, d \neq 1} \frac{e^{-\gamma\sqrt{t\pi d}}}{\sqrt{d}}. \tag{4.22}$$

For the remaining term in (4.16) we use (4.20), with  $n = 0$ , to obtain

$$\int_0^{\infty} f(x) dx = \mathcal{F}(f)(0) = \sqrt{i} e^{-\gamma\sqrt{2\pi t}}$$

which together with (4.22) gives finally (4.14):

$$\chi\left(\frac{1}{2}, t\right) = \sqrt{i} \sum_{\mathcal{O}} \frac{e^{-\gamma\sqrt{2\pi dt}}}{\sqrt{d}}.$$

In close analogy to Jacobi’s transformation of Theta functions (4.14) appears as a convergence acceleration of a slowly convergent series.

Incidentally  $\chi\left(\frac{1}{2}; \frac{t^2}{4}\right)$  is a Fourier transform of a function of the Schwartz class.

Indeed let  $g(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{x^2}}$ , the reciprocity formulas are

$$\hat{g}(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{1 + e^{x^2}} e^{itx} dx, \quad g(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \hat{g}(t) e^{-itx} dt$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{g}(t) &= -\frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{n>0} (-1)^n \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{itx} e^{-nx^2} dx \\ &= -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}} \sum_{n>0} \frac{(-1)^n}{\sqrt{n}} e^{-\frac{t^2}{4n}} = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}} \chi\left(\frac{1}{2}; \frac{t^2}{4}\right). \end{aligned}$$

**Remark 4.3** The convolution of three functions  $f, g, h \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$  is, as well known,

$$\begin{aligned} (f \star (g \star h))(x) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(y)(g \star h)(x - y) dy \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(y) \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} g(z)h(x - y - z) \right) dy \\ &= \int \int_{\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}} f(y)g(z)h(x - y - z) dz dy. \end{aligned}$$

With  $f(x) = g(x) = h(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{x^2}}$  we have

$$(f \star (g \star h))(x) = \int \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \frac{dt du}{(1 + e^{y^2})(1 + e^{z^2})(1 + e^{(x-y-z)^2})}$$

so that for the Fourier transform

$$\widehat{f \star g \star h}(t) = (2\pi)^2 \hat{g}^3(t) = (2\pi)^2 \frac{1}{8\pi\sqrt{\pi}} \chi^3\left(\frac{1}{2}; \frac{t^2}{4}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \chi^3\left(\frac{1}{2}; \frac{t^2}{4}\right)$$

or

$$f \star g \star h(x) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \chi^3\left(\frac{1}{2}; \frac{t^2}{4}\right) e^{-itx} dt.$$

Evaluating at  $x = 0$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\int \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \frac{dy dz}{(1 + e^{y^2})(1 + e^{z^2})(1 + e^{(-y-z)^2})} \\ &= \int \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \frac{dy dz}{(1 + e^{y^2})(1 + e^{z^2})(1 + e^{(y-z)^2})} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \chi^3\left(\frac{1}{2}; \frac{t^2}{4}\right) dt = \sqrt{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{u}} \chi^3\left(\frac{1}{2}; u\right) du. \end{aligned}$$

From (4.10), with  $s = \frac{1}{2}$ , we have (Compare with [10])

$$\sum_{p,q,r=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{p+q+r}}{(pq + qr + rp)^{\frac{1}{2}}} = -\frac{1}{\pi} \int \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \frac{dy dz}{(1 + e^{y^2})(1 + e^{z^2})(1 + e^{(y-z)^2})}. \quad (4.23)$$

We end this study by using an interesting integral representation due to Mellin [20] (p. 22, 23):

$$\frac{\Gamma(s)}{(w_0 + w_1 + \dots + w_q)^s} = \frac{1}{(2i\pi)^q} \int_{\kappa_1 - i\infty}^{\kappa_1 + i\infty} \dots \int_{\kappa_q - i\infty}^{\kappa_q + i\infty} \frac{\Gamma(s - z_1 \dots z_q)}{w_0^{s - z_1 \dots z_q}} \frac{\Gamma(z_1) \dots \Gamma(z_q)}{w_1^{z_1} \dots w_q^{z_q}} dz_1 \dots dz_q, \tag{4.24}$$

$\kappa_v > 0, v = 1, \dots, q; \text{ Res } > \kappa_1 + \dots + \kappa_q > 0.$

In the case of  $q = 2$  we obtain at once, as in (4.23)

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{p,q,r \geq 1} \frac{(-1)^{p+q+r}}{(pq + qr + rp)^s} &= -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \Gamma(s) \int_{\kappa_1 - i\infty}^{\kappa_1 + i\infty} \int_{\kappa_2 - i\infty}^{\kappa_2 + i\infty} \Gamma(s - u_1 u_2) \Gamma(u_1) \Gamma(u_2) \\ &\sum_{p \geq 1} \frac{(-1)^p}{p^{s+u_1 - u_1 u_2}} \sum_{q \geq 1} \frac{(-1)^q}{p^{s+u_2 - u_1 u_2}} \sum_{r \geq 1} \frac{(-1)^r}{r^{u_1 + u_2}} du_1 du_2 \\ &= -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_{\kappa_1 - i\infty}^{\kappa_1 + i\infty} \int_{\kappa_2 - i\infty}^{\kappa_2 + i\infty} \Gamma(s - u_1 u_2) \Gamma(u_1) \Gamma(u_2) K(s; u_1, u_2) du_1 du_2, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$K(s; u_1, u_2) = \eta(s + u_1 - u_1 u_2) \eta(s + u_2 - u_1 u_2) \eta(u_1 + u_2).$$

This representation of the Epstein zeta function of the ternary form  $q_2(u, v, w) = uv + vw + wu$  in terms of the Dirichlet  $\eta$ -function and similar other representations can shed some light on their analytic continuation.

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