

**COROLLARY 1.** Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given arbitrarily. Then for every  $a$ ,  $0 < a < 1$ , there is an infinity of natural numbers  $j = j(a, \varepsilon)$  to fulfill

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\min_{q \neq p} |a^j p - q|}{\log p} \leq (\delta^{-1} + \varepsilon).$$

In particular, the inequality  $|a^j p - q| \leq (1 + \varepsilon) \log p$  has infinitely many solutions in primes  $p$  and  $q$ .

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#### Generalizations of Ramanujan's formulae

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Ramanujan found the following formulae: For positive  $\alpha, \beta$  with  $\alpha\beta = \pi^2$  and an integer  $v > 1$ ,

$$(1) \quad \alpha^v \left\{ \frac{\zeta(1-2v)}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_{2v-1}(n) e^{-2na} \right\} \\ = (-\beta)^v \left\{ \frac{\zeta(1-2v)}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_{2v-1}(n) e^{-2nb} \right\}.$$

$$(2) \quad \alpha^{-(v-1)} \left\{ \frac{\zeta(2v-1)}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_{1-2v}(n) e^{-2na} \right\} - \\ - (-\beta)^{-(v-1)} \left\{ \frac{\zeta(2v-1)}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_{1-2v}(n) e^{-2nb} \right\} \\ = -2^{2(v-1)} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{B_{2k}}{(2k)!} \frac{B_{2v-2k}}{(2v-2k)!} \alpha^{-k} \beta^k,$$

where  $\zeta(s)$  is the Riemann zeta function,  $\sigma_b(n) = \sum_{d|n} d^b$ , and  $B_n$  are Bernoulli numbers defined by  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n x^n / n! = x/(e^x - 1)$ . G. H. Hardy [3] gave two proofs of (1). E. Grosswald [2] proved a more general formula which contains both (1) and (2). Many variants of Ramanujan's formulae are known. The historical survey of the formula and its generalization are explained in [1].

Recently the author [4] presented as an analogue of (1) a formula for the values of  $\zeta(s)$  at half integers. In this paper we shall extend further the Ramanujan's formulae (1) and (2) to rational numbers. Our method of the proof is similar to that used in [2].

**THEOREM 1.** Let  $a$  be a positive integer and  $\nu$  be an integer greater than 1, and define for  $x > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} G_{a,\nu}(x) = & x^{a-\frac{a-1}{2}} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_{a,2\nu-1}(n) e^{-2av\sqrt{n}\pi} + \right. \\ & + (-1)^{a\nu} \sum_{r=0}^{a-1} a(2\pi a)^{-2av+a-1-r} \Gamma(2av-a+1+r) \times \\ & \times \prod_{\substack{k=-a+1+r \\ k \neq 0}}^r \zeta\left(1+\frac{k}{a}\right) \prod_{l=-a+1+r}^r \zeta\left(2\nu+\frac{l}{a}\right) \pi^{-r} x^r \left. \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\sigma_{a,b}(n) = \sum_{\substack{\prod n_k m_k = n, n_k \in N, m_k \in N \\ k=0}} \prod_{k=0}^{a-1} n_k^{-k/a} m_k^{b-(a-1-k)/a}.$$

Then for any positive  $a, \beta$  with  $a\beta = \pi^2$  we have

$$(3) \quad G_{a,\nu}(a) = (-1)^{a\nu} G_{a,\nu}(\beta).$$

**Remark 1.** Ramanujan's formula (1) and the theorem in [4] follows from (3) with  $a = 1$  and  $a = 2$ , respectively.

**Remark 2.** The function  $\sigma_{a,b}(n)$  coincides with the ordinary divisor function  $\sigma_b(n)$  when  $a = 1$ ; i.e.

$$\sigma_{1,b}(n) = \sigma_b(n) = \sum_{d|n} d^b.$$

Equation (3) implies especially

$$G_{a,\nu}(2^{2t}\pi) = (-1)^{a\nu} G_{a,\nu}(2^{-2t}\pi) \quad (t = 1, 2, \dots, a),$$

which leads to the following

**COROLLARY 1.** Let  $a$  be a positive integer,  $\nu$  be an integer greater than 1 and  $r$  be an integer with  $0 \leq r \leq a-1$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \prod_{\substack{k=-a+1+r \\ k \neq 0}}^r \zeta\left(1+\frac{k}{a}\right) \prod_{l=-a+1+r}^r \zeta\left(2\nu+\frac{l}{a}\right) \\ & = \pi^{2av-a+1+r} \sum_{t=1}^a \left\{ b_{a,\nu,r,t} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_{a,2\nu-1}(n) e^{-2^{2t+1}av\sqrt{n}\pi} + \right. \\ & \quad \left. + c_{a,\nu,r,t} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_{a,2\nu-1}(n) e^{-2^{-2t+1}av\sqrt{n}\pi} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

where  $b_{a,\nu,r,t}$  and  $c_{a,\nu,r,t}$  are rational numbers.

Theorem 1 is equivalent to the following

**THEOREM 1'.** Let  $a$  be a positive integer,  $\nu$  be an integer greater than 1, and define for  $\operatorname{Im} z > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} E_{a,\nu}(z) = & \frac{2}{\zeta(1-2\nu)} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_{a,2\nu-1}(n) e^{2\pi i a v \sqrt{n} z} + \right. \\ & + (-1)^{a\nu} \sum_{r=0}^{a-1} a(2\pi a)^{-2av+a-1-r} \Gamma(2av-a+1+r) \times \\ & \times \prod_{\substack{k=-a+1+r \\ k \neq 0}}^r \zeta\left(1+\frac{k}{a}\right) \prod_{l=-a+1+r}^r \zeta\left(2\nu+\frac{l}{a}\right) i^{-r} z^r \left. \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Then the function satisfies the transformation equation

$$E_{a,\nu}(-1/z) = z^{2av-a+1} i^{a-1} E_{a,\nu}(z).$$

**Remark 3.**  $E_{1,\nu}(z)$  is the normalized Eisenstein series of weight  $2\nu$ .

$$E_{1,\nu}(z) = E_{2\nu}(z) = 1 - \frac{4\nu}{B_{2\nu}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_{2\nu-1}(n) e^{2\pi i n z},$$

which can be found in [5].

**Proof of Theorem 1.** If we write

$$(4) \quad \Phi_{a,\nu}(s) = a(2\pi a)^{-as} \Gamma(as) \prod_{k=0}^{a-1} \zeta\left(s+\frac{k}{a}\right) \zeta\left(s+\frac{a-1-k}{a}+1-2\nu\right),$$

we have the following functional equation

$$(5) \quad \Phi_{a,\nu}(2\nu-1+1/a-s) = (-1)^{a\nu} \Phi_{a,\nu}(s).$$

To show this we put

$$\varphi_k(s) = (2\pi)^{-s} T\left(s+\frac{k}{a}\right) \zeta\left(s+\frac{k}{a}\right) \zeta\left(s+\frac{a-1-k}{a}+1-2\nu\right) \quad (k = 0, 1, \dots, a-1).$$

From the functional equation of the zeta function, we have

$$\varphi_k\left(2\nu-1+\frac{1}{a}-s\right) = (-1)^r \frac{\cos \frac{\pi}{2} \left(s+\frac{k}{a}\right)}{\cos \frac{\pi}{2} \left(s+\frac{a-1-k}{a}\right)} \varphi_k(s),$$

and thus

$$\prod_{k=0}^{a-1} \varphi_k(2\nu-1+1/a-s) = (-1)^{as} \prod_{k=0}^{a-1} \varphi_k(s).$$

Using Gauss' multiplication formula for the gamma function, we get

$$\prod_{k=0}^{a-1} \varphi_k(s) = (2\pi)^{(a-1)/2} a^{-1/2} \Phi_{a,\nu}(s),$$

which yields (5).

We next consider the function

$$g_{a,\nu}(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_{a,2\nu-1}(n) e^{-2\pi a \sqrt{nt}} \quad (t > 0).$$

The series converges absolutely in  $t > 0$  and uniformly in any interval  $\delta \leq t < \infty$  with  $\delta > 0$ , since

$$(6) \quad \begin{aligned} \sigma_{a,2\nu-1}(n) &\leq \sum_{\substack{n = \prod_{k=0}^{a-1} n_k m_k \\ k=0}} \prod_{k=0}^{a-1} m_k^{2\nu-1} \leq n^{a(2\nu-1)} \sum_{\substack{n = \prod_{k=0}^{a-1} n_k m_k \\ k=0}} 1 \\ &\leq n^{a(2\nu-1)+2a-1} \leq n^{a(2\nu+1)-1}, \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\sigma_{a,2\nu-1}(n) e^{-2\pi a \sqrt{nt}}| \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{a(2\nu+1)-1} e^{-2\pi a \sqrt{n\delta}} < \infty.$$

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\infty} g_{a,\nu}(t) t^{s-1} dt &= \int_0^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_{a,2\nu-1}(n) e^{-2\pi a \sqrt{nt}} t^{s-1} dt \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_{a,2\nu-1}(n) \int_0^{\infty} e^{-2\pi a \sqrt{nt}} t^{s-1} dt. \end{aligned}$$

The inversion of the order of integration and summation can be justified by the uniform convergence. Substituting  $u = 2\pi a \sqrt{nt}$  in the last integral, we get

$$(7) \quad \begin{aligned} \int_0^{\infty} g_{a,\nu}(t) t^{s-1} dt &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_{a,2\nu-1}(n) \int_0^{\infty} e^{-u} \left( \frac{u^a}{(2\pi a)^a n} \right)^{s-1} \frac{au^{a-1}}{(2\pi a)^a n} du \\ &= a(2\pi a)^{-as} \Gamma(as) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-s} \sigma_{a,2\nu-1}(n). \end{aligned}$$

Taking account of the inequality (6), the last series is absolutely convergent in the half-plane  $\operatorname{Re}s > a(2\nu+1)$ . Thus

$$(8) \quad \begin{aligned} &\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-s} \sigma_{a,2\nu-1}(n) \\ &= \sum_{n_0=1}^{\infty} \dots \sum_{n_{a-1}=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m_0=1}^{\infty} \dots \sum_{m_{a-1}=1}^{\infty} \prod_{k=0}^{a-1} n_k^{-s - \frac{k}{a}} m_k^{-s - \frac{a-1-k}{a} - 1 + 2\nu} \\ &= \prod_{k=0}^{a-1} \zeta\left(s + \frac{k}{a}\right) \zeta\left(s + \frac{a-1-k}{a} + 1 - 2\nu\right) \end{aligned}$$

for  $\operatorname{Re}s > a(2\nu+1)$  and so for all  $s$  (by the identity theorem). By (4), (7) and (8), we obtain

$$\Phi_{a,\nu}(s) = \int_0^{\infty} g_{a,\nu}(t) t^{s-1} dt.$$

The definition (4) shows immediately that  $\Phi_{a,\nu}(s)$  is regular in  $\sigma > 2\nu$ . We note further that

$$(9) \quad \Phi_{a,\nu}(s+it) = O(e^{-\frac{a\pi}{2}|t|}) |t|^4 \quad (b \leq \sigma \leq c, |t| \geq 1),$$

where  $b$  and  $c$  are any fixed real number, and  $\Delta > 0$  is a constant independent of  $t$ , which can easily be verified. Thus we can apply Mellin's inversion formula and obtain

$$(10) \quad g_{a,\nu}(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{2\nu+1/2a-i\infty}^{2\nu+1/2a+i\infty} \Phi_{a,\nu}(s) t^{-s} ds.$$

By means of (9) we can shift the line of integration to any position  $(\sigma_0 - i\infty, \sigma_0 + i\infty)$ . Taking  $\sigma_0 = -1 + 1/2a$ , we obtain

$$(11) \quad \begin{aligned} g_{a,\nu}(t) &= \sum_{r=0}^{a-1} \left\{ \operatorname{Res}_{s=2\nu-r/a} (\Phi_{a,\nu}(s) t^{-s}) + \operatorname{Res}_{s=-r/a} (\Phi_{a,\nu}(s) t^{-s}) \right\} + \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-1+1/2a-i\infty}^{-1+1/2a+i\infty} \Phi_{a,\nu}(s) t^{-s} ds. \end{aligned}$$

If we substitute  $s = 2\nu - 1 + 1/a - S$  and use the functional equation (5), we get

$$(12) \quad \begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-1+1/2a-i\infty}^{-1+1/2a+i\infty} \Phi_{a,\nu}(s) t^{-s} ds \\ &= (-1)^{as} t^{-2\nu+1-1/a} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{2\nu+1/2a-i\infty}^{2\nu+1/2a+i\infty} \Phi_{a,\nu}(s) \left(\frac{1}{t}\right)^{-s} ds = (-1)^{as} t^{-2\nu+1-1/a} g_{a,\nu}\left(\frac{1}{t}\right). \end{aligned}$$

The residues in (11) are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res}_{s=2\nu-r/a} (\Phi_{a,\nu}(s)t^{-s}) &= a(2\pi a)^{-2a\nu+r} \Gamma(2a\nu-r) \prod_{\substack{k=-r \\ k \neq 0}}^{a-1-r} \zeta\left(1 + \frac{k}{a}\right) \times \\ &\quad \times \prod_{l=-r}^{a-1-r} \zeta\left(2\nu + \frac{l}{a}\right) t^{-2\nu+r/a} \quad (0 \leq r \leq a-1). \end{aligned}$$

To calculate the residue at  $s = -r/a$  we need the functional equation of the zeta function, Gauss' multiplication formula for the gamma function, and the equation

$$(13) \quad \prod_{k=1}^{a-1} \sin \frac{k\pi}{a} = 2^{1-a} a.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res}_{s=-r/a} (\Phi_{a,\nu}(s)t^{-s}) &= (2\pi a)^r \frac{(-1)^r}{r!} \prod_{\substack{k=-r \\ k \neq 0}}^{a-1-r} \zeta\left(\frac{k}{a}\right) \prod_{l=-r}^{a-1-r} \zeta\left(1 - 2\nu + \frac{l}{a}\right) t^{r/a} \\ &= (-1)^{a\nu} a(2\pi a)^{-2a\nu+a-1-r} \Gamma(2a\nu-a+1+r) \prod_{\substack{k=-a+1+r \\ k \neq 0}}^r \zeta\left(1 + \frac{k}{a}\right) \times \\ &\quad \times \prod_{l=-a+1+r}^r \zeta\left(2\nu + \frac{l}{a}\right) t^{r/a} \quad (0 \leq r \leq a-1). \end{aligned}$$

These calculations as well as (11) and (12) imply

$$\begin{aligned} g_{a,\nu}(t) &= \sum_{r=0}^{a-1} a(2\pi a)^{-2a\nu+r} \Gamma(2a\nu-r) \prod_{\substack{k=-r \\ k \neq 0}}^{a-1-r} \zeta\left(1 + \frac{k}{a}\right) \prod_{l=-r}^{a-1-r} \zeta\left(2\nu + \frac{l}{a}\right) t^{-2\nu+r/a} - \\ &\quad - (-1)^{a\nu} \sum_{r=0}^{a-1} a(2\pi a)^{-2a\nu+a-1-r} \Gamma(2a\nu-a+1+r) \times \\ &\quad \times \prod_{\substack{k=-a+1+r \\ k \neq 0}}^r \zeta\left(1 + \frac{k}{a}\right) \prod_{l=-a+1+r}^r \zeta\left(2\nu + \frac{l}{a}\right) t^{r/a} + \\ &\quad + (-1)^{a\nu} t^{-2\nu+1-1/a} g_{a,\nu}\left(\frac{1}{t}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Replacing  $r$  by  $a-1-r$  in the first sum, we get

$$\begin{aligned} g_{a,\nu}(t) &= \sum_{r=0}^{a-1} a(2\pi a)^{-2a\nu+a-1-r} \Gamma(2a\nu-a+1+r) \times \\ &\quad \times \prod_{\substack{k=-a+1+r \\ k \neq 0}}^r \zeta\left(1 + \frac{k}{a}\right) \prod_{l=-a+1+r}^r \zeta\left(2\nu + \frac{l}{a}\right) t^{-2\nu+(a-1-r)/a} - \\ &\quad - (-1)^{a\nu} \sum_{r=0}^{a-1} a(2\pi a)^{-2a\nu+a-1-r} \Gamma(2a\nu-a+1+r) \times \\ &\quad \times \prod_{\substack{k=-a+1+r \\ k \neq 0}}^r \zeta\left(1 + \frac{k}{a}\right) \prod_{l=-a+1+r}^r \zeta\left(2\nu + \frac{l}{a}\right) t^{r/a} + \\ &\quad + (-1)^{a\nu} t^{-2\nu+1-1/a} g_{a,\nu}\left(\frac{1}{t}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Setting  $t = (a/\pi)^a$ ,  $1/t = (\beta/\pi)^a$ , we obtain the equation (3).

**THEOREM 2.** Let  $a$  be a positive integer,  $\nu$  be an integer greater than 1, and define for  $x > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} F_{a,\nu}(x) &= x^{-a\nu+(a+1)/2} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_{a,1-2\nu}(n) e^{-2a\sqrt{n}x} - \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \sum_{r=0}^{a-1} (2\pi a)^r \frac{(-1)^r}{r!} \prod_{k=-r}^{a-1-r} \zeta\left(\frac{k}{a}\right) \prod_{l=-r}^{a-1-r} \zeta\left(2\nu-1+\frac{l}{a}\right) x^r \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Then for any positive  $a, \beta$  with  $a\beta = \pi^2$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} (14) \quad F_{a,\nu}(a) &- (-1)^{a(\nu-1)} F_{a,\nu}(\beta) \\ &= \sum_{r=0}^{a-1} a(2\pi a)^{-a+r} (a-1-r)! \prod_{\substack{k=-r \\ k \neq 0}}^{a-1-r} \zeta\left(1 + \frac{k}{a}\right) \prod_{l=-r}^{a-1-r} \zeta\left(2\nu + \frac{l}{a}\right) a^{-a+\frac{1+r}{2}} \beta^{\frac{a-r}{2}} + \\ &\quad + \sum_{b=1}^r \sum_{r=0}^{a-1} (2\pi a)^{2ab-a+r} \frac{(-1)^{a-r}}{(2ab-a+r)!} \prod_{k=-r}^{a-1-r} \zeta\left(1 - 2b + \frac{k}{a}\right) \times \\ &\quad \times \prod_{l=-r}^{a-1-r} \zeta\left(2\nu - 2b + \frac{l}{a}\right) a^{-a+\frac{1+r}{2}} \beta^{-ab+\frac{a-r}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Remark 4. Ramanujan's formula (2) follows from (14) with  $a = 1$ .

The proof of Theorem 2 shall be done in the same way as that of Theorem 1, using the functional equation

$$\Psi_{a,v}\left(1 - 2v + \frac{1}{a} - s\right) = (-1)^{a(v-1)} \Psi_{a,v}(s),$$

with

$$\Psi_{a,v}(s) = a(2\pi a)^{-as} \Gamma(as) \prod_{k=0}^{a-1} \zeta\left(s + \frac{k}{a}\right) \zeta\left(s + \frac{a-1-k}{a} - 1 + 2v\right).$$

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#### Об одной теореме А. Шаркози

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В статье [3] А. Шаркози (A. Sárközy) с помощью разработанного им „аналога по модулю  $p$ “ одного неравенства К. Рота (см. [2]) получил результат, интересным следствием которого является

Теорема 1. Пусть  $p$  – произвольное нечётное простое число,  $\chi_p$  – любой характер по модулю  $p$ . Тогда существует целое  $x$ , такое что

$$(1) \quad \left| \sum_{n=x}^{x+(p-3)/2} \chi_p(n) \right| \geq c(\sqrt{p}-1/\sqrt{p})$$

и  $c \geq 1/\pi$ .

Эту теорему можно усилить лишь за счёт увеличения значения  $c$ . Поэтому в работе [3] ставился вопрос о наилучшей постоянной  $c$  в неравенстве (1).

В статье [4] мы доказали равенство, из которого следует, что в (1) можно взять  $c = 1/2$ , и это значение, вообще говоря, наилучшее. А именно, в [4] доказана

Теорема 2. Пусть  $p$  – любое нечётное простое число,  $t_m$  ( $m = 0; \pm 1; \pm 2; \dots$ ) – периодическая последовательность комплексных чисел с периодом  $p$ . Тогда для любого  $0 \leq z \leq p-1$  имеем

$$(2) \quad \sum_{r=1}^{p-1} \sum_{n=1}^p \left| \sum_{j=0}^z t_{n+jr} \right|^2 = (z+1)(p-z-1) \sum_{m=1}^p |t_m|^2 + z(z+1) \left| \sum_{m=1}^p t_m \right|^2.$$

Заметим, что в случае  $t_m = \chi_p(m)$  равенство (2) превращается в равенство

$$\sum_{k=1}^p \left| \sum_{j=0}^z \chi_p(k+j) \right|^2 = (p-z-1)(z+1),$$

которое имеется в книге И. М. Виноградова *Основы теории чисел* (вопрос 10 „ $\beta$ “ к главе 6).

При  $z = (p-3)/2$  и  $t_m = \chi_p(m)$  отсюда следует (1) с  $c = 1/2$ .

Доказательство основано на использовании конечных сумм Фурье взамен интегралов в рассуждениях, аналогичных проводимым в [2] и [3].