

# An Embodiment of Quasi-Symmetric Functions: the Hurwitz Multizeta Functions.

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**Definition:** Hurwitz multizeta functions.

Let  $\mathcal{S}_+^* = \{\underline{s} = (s_1, \dots, s_r) \in \mathbb{N}_1^*; r \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } s_1 \geq 2\}$ .

For all  $\underline{s} \in \mathcal{S}_+^*$ :

$$\mathcal{H}e_+^{s_1, \dots, s_r}(z) = \sum_{0 < n_r < \dots < n_1} \frac{1}{(n_1 + z)^{s_1} \cdots (n_r + z)^{s_r}} .$$

**Aim:** Studying the algebra  $\mathcal{HMZF}_+ = \text{Vect}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\mathcal{H}e_+^{\underline{s}})_{\underline{s} \in \mathcal{S}_+^*}$ .

**Theorem:**

- 1 The family  $(\mathcal{H}e_+^{\underline{s}})_{\underline{s} \in \mathcal{S}_+^*}$  is  $\mathbb{C}(z)$ -free.
- 2  $\mathcal{HMZF}_+ \simeq \mathbb{Q}\langle \mathcal{L}(y_1; y_2; \dots) - \{y_1\} \rangle$ .

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# 1. A Fundamental Property: Definitions and Notations

- **Hurwitz multizeta functions.**

$$\mathcal{H}e_+^{s_1, \dots, s_r} : z \mapsto \sum_{0 < n_r < \dots < n_1} \frac{1}{(n_1 + z)^{s_1} \cdots (n_r + z)^{s_r}}, \text{ for all } (s_1, \dots, s_r) \in \mathcal{S}_+^* .$$

$$\mathcal{H}e_+^1 : z \mapsto \sum_{n_1 > 0} \left( \frac{1}{n_1 + z} - \frac{1}{n_1} \right) .$$

- **The shift operator.**

$$\tau^{-1}(f)(z) = f(z - 1) .$$

- **A difference operator.**

$$\Delta_-(f)(z) = f(z - 1) - f(z) .$$

- **Some auxiliary functions.** For all  $(s_1, \dots, s_r) \in \mathbb{N}_1^*$ :

$$J^{s_1, \dots, s_r}(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{z^{s_1}} & , \text{ if } r = 1 . \\ 0 & , \text{ otherwise .} \end{cases}$$

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Both of these are not trivial consequences...

⇒ For the safety of the audience, we will focus ourself only on the second one.

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#### ■ Double induction process:

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**Aim:**  $F_2 = F_3 = F_{2,1} = F_4 = F_{3,1} = G = 0$  .

**Main idea:** Proving by contradiction that  $F_{3,1} = 0$  .

**Remark:** If  $F_{3,1} \neq 0$ , we can suppose that  $F_{3,1} = 1$  .

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■ So,  $F_{3,1} = 0$  .

The hypothesis implies now:

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Reminder:  $S_{d+1}^* = \{\underline{s}^n ; n \in \mathbb{N}^*\}$  .

For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $S_n = \{\underline{s}^i ; 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  .

- Let us consider the following properties:

$\mathcal{D}_d$  : “the family  $(\mathcal{H}e^{\underline{s}})_{\underline{s} \in S_{\leq d}^*}$  is  $\mathbb{C}(z)$ -free.”

$\mathcal{P}_{d,n}$  : “the family  $(\mathcal{H}e^{\underline{s}})_{\underline{s} \in S_{\leq d}^*} \cup (\mathcal{H}e^{\underline{s}})_{\underline{s} \in S_n}$  is  $\mathbb{C}(z)$ -free.”

- Aim:  $\forall d \in \mathbb{N}, \mathcal{P}_{d,n} \implies \mathcal{P}_{d,n+1}$  ,

because:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{D}_0 \text{ is true.} \\ \mathcal{D}_{d+1} \text{ is true} \iff \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \mathcal{P}_{d,n} \text{ is true.} \end{array} \right.$$

### 3. Proof of the Key Point: Proof 2/5

Let us consider:

$$\sum_{\substack{\underline{s} \in \mathcal{S}_{\leq d}^* \cup \mathcal{S}_{n+1} \\ \underline{s} \neq \emptyset}} F_{\underline{s}} \cdot \mathcal{H}e^{\underline{s}} = F ,$$

where  $F$  and  $F_{\underline{s}}$ ,  $\underline{s} \in \mathcal{S}_{\leq d}^* \cup \mathcal{S}_{n+1}$ , are rational fractions.

**Aim:** Proving that  $F_{\underline{s}^{n+1}} = 0$ , by contradiction.

Let us denote  $\underline{s}^{n+1} = \underline{u} \cdot p$ , where  $\begin{cases} p \geq 1 . \\ \underline{u} \in \mathcal{S}_{\leq d+2-p}^* . \end{cases}$

If  $F_{\underline{s}^{n+1}} \neq 0$ , we can suppose  $F_{\underline{s}^{n+1}} = 1$ .

#### ■ Step 1: writing the system.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \forall \underline{s} \in (\mathcal{S}_{\leq d}^* \cup \mathcal{S}_n) - \{\emptyset\} , \Delta_{-}(F_{\underline{s}}) + \sum_{\substack{k \in \mathbb{N}^* \\ \underline{s} \cdot k \in \mathcal{S}_{\leq d}^* \cup \mathcal{S}_n}} \tau^{-1}(F_{\underline{s} \cdot k}) \cdot J^k = 0 . \\ \Delta_{-}(F) = \sum_{k=2}^{d+1} \tau^{-1}(F_k) J^k + (1 - \delta_{n,0}) \tau^{-1}(F_{d+2}) J^{d+2} . \end{array} \right.$$

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#### ■ Step 2: solving partially the system.

##### Lemma:

Let  $r$  be a positive integer and  $p \geq 2$ .

Let us also consider two  $r$ -tuples,  $(n_1, \dots, n_r) \in \mathbb{N}^r$  and  $(k_1, \dots, k_r) \in (\mathbb{N}_{\geq 2})^r$

such that  $\sum_{i=1}^r (k_i - 1) \leq p - 2$ .

Then,  $F_{\underline{u} \cdot k_1 \cdot 1^{[n_1]} \dots k_r \cdot 1^{[n_r]}} = \begin{cases} 0 & , \text{ if } n_r > 0 . \\ \text{cste} & , \text{ if } n_r = 0 . \end{cases}$

##### Sketch of proof:

Let  $\delta = p - 2 - \sum_{i=1}^r (k_i - 1)$ ; let us suppose here that  $\delta = 0$  !!!

Applied to  $\underline{v} \cdot 1^{[n]}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , where  $\underline{v} = \underline{u} \cdot k_1 \cdot 1^{[n_1]} \dots k_r$ , the system gives us:

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \Delta_- \left( F_{\underline{v} \cdot 1^{[n]}} \right) + \tau^{-1} \left( F_{\underline{v} \cdot 1^{[n+1]}} \right) J^1 = 0 .$$

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$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \Delta_- \left( F_{\underline{v},1}^{[n]} \right) + \tau^{-1} \left( F_{\underline{v},1}^{[n+1]} \right) J^1 = 0. \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}, F_{\underline{v},1}^{[n_0]} = 0 &\implies \Delta_- \left( F_{\underline{v},1}^{[n_0-1]} \right) = 0, \text{ by (1)} \\ &\implies F_{\underline{v},1}^{[n_0-1]} \text{ is a 1-periodic function :} \\ &\implies F_{\underline{v},1}^{[n_0-1]} \text{ is a constant function :} \\ &F_{\underline{v},1}^{[n_0-1]} = f_{\underline{v},1}^{[n_0-1]} \in \mathbb{C} \\ &\implies \Delta_- \left( F_{\underline{v},1}^{[n_0-2]} + f_{\underline{v},1}^{[n_0-1]} \mathcal{H}e^1 \right) = 0, \text{ by (1)} \\ &\implies F_{\underline{v},1}^{[n_0-2]} + f_{\underline{v},1}^{[n_0-1]} \mathcal{H}e^1 \text{ is a 1-periodic function} \\ &\implies \begin{cases} F_{\underline{v},1}^{[n_0-1]} = f_{\underline{v},1}^{[n_0-1]} = 0 \\ F_{\underline{v},1}^{[n_0-2]} \text{ is a constant function} \end{cases} \\ &\implies \text{and so on.} \end{aligned}$$

Consequence:

$$F_{\underline{u},k_1,1}^{[n_1], \dots, k_r,1}^{[n_r]} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{si } n_r > 0. \\ \text{cste}, & \text{si } n_r = 0. \end{cases}$$



■ Step 3: Highlighting of the contradiction.

We have:

$$\begin{cases} \Delta_-(F_{\underline{u}}) + \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \tau^{-1}(F_{\underline{u},k})J^k + J^p = 0 . \\ \forall k \in \llbracket 1; p-1 \rrbracket, F_{\underline{u},p-1} = f_{\underline{u},p-1} \in \mathbb{C} . \end{cases}$$

From

$$\Delta_-\left(F_{\underline{u}} + \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} f_{\underline{u},k} \mathcal{H}e^k + \mathcal{H}e^p\right) = 0 ,$$

we deduce:

$$F_{\underline{u}} + \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} f_{\underline{u},k} \mathcal{H}e^k + \mathbf{1} \cdot \mathcal{H}e^p \text{ defines a 1-periodic function.}$$

This contradicts the lemma. Thus,  $F_{\underline{s}^{n+1}} = 0$  and the induction hypothesis gives the conclusion. □

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