

The dilogarithm function is defined by the power series [?]

$$\text{Li}_2(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{k^2}, \quad \text{for } |z| < 1. \quad (1)$$

It is an identity of the dilogarithm that [?]

$$\text{Li}_2(z) + \text{Li}_2\left(\frac{1}{z}\right) = -\frac{\pi^2}{6} - \frac{1}{2} \log^2(-z). \quad (2)$$

The dilogarithm of exponentials in which we are interested is

$$\text{Li}_2(-e^{2i\phi}) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k e^{2ik\phi}}{k^2} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k \cos(2k\phi)}{k^2} + i \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k \sin(2k\phi)}{k^2}. \quad (3)$$

The real part can be re-written in terms of dilogarithms:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k \cos(2k\phi)}{k^2} &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k e^{-2ik\phi}}{k^2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k e^{2ik\phi}}{k^2} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [\text{Li}_2(-e^{2i\phi}) + \text{Li}_2(-e^{-2i\phi})]. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

By Eq. 2, we see that

$$\text{Li}_2(-e^{2i\phi}) + \text{Li}_2(-e^{-2i\phi}) = -\frac{\pi^2}{6} - \frac{1}{2} \log^2(e^{2i\phi}) = -\frac{\pi^2}{6} - 2\phi^2. \quad (5)$$

Therefore, the real part of Eq. 3 is

$$\text{Re} [\text{Li}_2(-e^{2i\phi})] = -\frac{\pi^2}{12} + \phi^2. \quad (6)$$

The imaginary part is

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k \sin(2k\phi)}{k^2} &= \frac{i}{2} \left[\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k e^{-2ik\phi}}{k^2} - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k e^{2ik\phi}}{k^2} \right] \\ &= \frac{i}{2} [\text{Li}_2(-e^{-2i\phi}) - \text{Li}_2(-e^{2i\phi})], \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

which is more difficult to simplify.¹ Therefore, we conclude that

$$\text{Li}_2(-e^{2i\phi}) = -\frac{\pi^2}{12} + \phi^2 - \frac{1}{2} [\text{Li}_2(-e^{-2i\phi}) - \text{Li}_2(-e^{2i\phi})]. \quad (8)$$

The portion in square brackets is purely imaginary.

¹To the best of my knowledge, no straightforward identity exists.