

## SOME OF RAMANUJAN'S RESULTS

These are fifteen of the approximately 120 results that appear in Ramanujan's first letter to Hardy, as published by Hardy. The numbering is due to Hardy.

$$(1.1) \quad 1 - \frac{3!}{(1!2!)^3}x^2 + \frac{6!}{(2!4!)^3}x^4 - \cdots = \left(1 + \frac{x}{(1!)^3} + \frac{x^2}{(2!)^3} + \cdots\right) \left(1 - \frac{x}{(1!)^3} + \frac{x^2}{(2!)^3} - \cdots\right)$$

$$(1.2) \quad 1 - 5\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + 9\left(\frac{1 \cdot 3}{2 \cdot 4}\right)^3 - 13\left(\frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6}\right)^3 + \cdots = \frac{2}{\pi}$$

$$(1.3) \quad 1 + 9\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^4 + 17\left(\frac{1 \cdot 5}{4 \cdot 8}\right)^4 + 25\left(\frac{1 \cdot 5 \cdot 9}{4 \cdot 8 \cdot 12}\right)^4 + \cdots = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{\pi}\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})^2}$$

$$(1.4) \quad 1 - 5\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^5 + 9\left(\frac{1 \cdot 3}{2 \cdot 4}\right)^5 - 13\left(\frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6}\right)^5 + \cdots = \frac{2}{\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})^4}$$

$$(1.5) \quad \int_0^\infty \frac{1 + \left(\frac{x}{b+1}\right)^2}{1 + \left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^2} \cdot \frac{1 + \left(\frac{x}{b+2}\right)^2}{1 + \left(\frac{x}{a+1}\right)^2} \cdots dx = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \frac{\Gamma(a + \frac{1}{2})\Gamma(b+1)\Gamma(b-a + \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b + \frac{1}{2})\Gamma(b-a+1)}$$

$$(1.6) \quad \int_0^\infty \frac{dx}{(1+x^2)(1+r^2x^2)(1+r^4x^2)\cdots} = \frac{\pi}{2(1+r+r^3+r^6+r^{10}+\cdots)}$$

(1.7) If  $\alpha\beta = \pi^2$ , then

$$\alpha^{-\frac{1}{4}} \left(1 + 4\alpha \int_0^\infty \frac{xe^{-\alpha x^2}}{e^{2\pi x} - 1} dx\right) = \beta^{-\frac{1}{4}} \left(1 + 4\beta \int_0^\infty \frac{xe^{-\beta x^2}}{e^{2\pi x} - 1} dx\right).$$

$$(1.8) \quad \int_0^a e^{-x^2} dx = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} - \frac{e^{-a^2}}{2a} - \frac{1}{a} \frac{2}{2a} - \frac{3}{a} \frac{2}{2a} - \frac{4}{2a} \frac{2}{2a} - \cdots$$

$$(1.9) \quad 4 \int_0^\infty \frac{xe^{-x\sqrt{5}}}{\cosh x} dx = \frac{1}{1+} \frac{1^2}{1+} \frac{1^2}{1+} \frac{2^2}{1+} \frac{2^2}{1+} \frac{3^2}{1+} \frac{3^2}{1+} - \cdots$$

(1.10) If

$$u = \frac{x}{1+} \frac{x^5}{1+} \frac{x^{10}}{1+} \frac{x^{15}}{1+\dots} \quad \text{and} \quad v = \frac{x^{\frac{1}{5}}}{1+} \frac{x}{1+} \frac{x^2}{1+} \frac{x^3}{1+\dots},$$

then

$$v^5 = u \frac{1 - 2u + 4u^2 - 3u^3 + u^4}{1 + 3u + 4u^2 + 2u^3 + u^4}.$$

$$(1.11) \quad \frac{1}{1+} \frac{e^{-2\pi}}{1+} \frac{e^{-4\pi}}{1+\dots} = \left[ \sqrt{\frac{5 + \sqrt{5}}{2}} - \frac{\sqrt{5} + 1}{2} \right] e^{\frac{2}{5}\pi}$$

$$(1.12) \quad \frac{1}{1+} \frac{e^{-2\pi\sqrt{5}}}{1+} \frac{e^{-4\pi\sqrt{5}}}{1+\dots} = \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{5}}{1 + \left[ 5^{\frac{3}{4}} \left( \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2} \right)^{\frac{5}{2}} - 1 \right]^{\frac{1}{5}}} - \frac{\sqrt{5} + 1}{2} \right\} e^{\frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{5}}}$$

(1.13) If  $F(k) = 1 + (\frac{1}{2})^2 k + (\frac{1}{2.4})^2 k^2 + \dots$  and  $F(1-k) = \sqrt{210} F(k)$ , then

$$k = (\sqrt{2}-1)^4 (2-\sqrt{3})^2 (\sqrt{7}-\sqrt{6})^4 (8-3\sqrt{7})^2 (\sqrt{10}-3)^4 (4-\sqrt{15})^4 (\sqrt{15}-\sqrt{14})^2 (6-\sqrt{35})^2.$$

(1.14) The coefficient of  $x^n$  in  $(1 - 2x + 2x^4 - 2x^9 + \dots)^{-1}$  is the integer nearest to

$$\frac{1}{4n} \left( \cosh \pi \sqrt{n} - \frac{\sinh \pi \sqrt{n}}{\pi \sqrt{n}} \right).$$

(1.15) The number of numbers between  $A$  and  $x$  which are either squares or sums of two squares is

$$K \int_A^x \frac{dt}{\sqrt{\log t}} + \theta(x),$$

where  $K = 0.764\dots$  and  $\theta(x)$  is very small compared with the previous integral.