

Relations for Barnes Zeta Functions

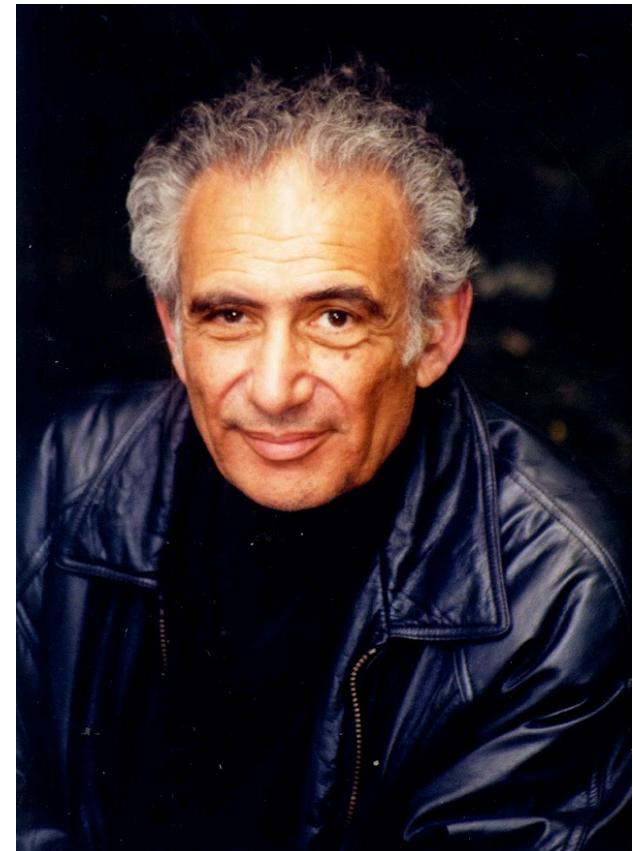
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In fond memory of my teacher, mentor, and friend Marvin Knopp

COMBINATORICS/ MODULAR FUNCTIONS
NUMBER THEORY

SEMINAR

WED, DEC 2, 1998, 2:40 PM, CB617.

Ted Chinburg (UPenn) will speak
on "Number Theory and the color
of Gray codes."

WED, DEC 9, 1998, 2⁴⁰_{PM}, CB617

Matthias Beck will speak on
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SPELLING) "Counting lattice points by
means of the residue theorem".

WED, NOV. 25, 1998, 2⁴⁰ PM, CB617:

NO MEETING

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Poof Don't use a Siegel-type integration path with integrand

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Proof idea Show that

$$\sum_{j=2}^n \binom{n+j-4}{j-2} (-z)^{n-j} \sum_{|I|=j} \frac{z^{|I|} e^{z \sum_{i \in I} a_i}}{\prod_{i \in I} (e^{a_i z} - 1)}$$

is an even function of z .

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$$\zeta_n(-k, x; \mathbf{a}) = \frac{(-1)^n k!}{(k+n)!} B_{k+n}(x; \mathbf{a})$$

where $B_k(x; \mathbf{a})$ is a **Bernoulli–Barnes polynomial** defined through

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Note that $B_k(\mathbf{a}) = B_k(0; \mathbf{a})$

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where $\sigma_r(a_1, \dots, \hat{a}_j, \dots, a_n; a_j) := \frac{1}{a_j} \sum_{m=1}^{a_j-1} \frac{e^{2\pi i m r / a_j}}{\prod_{k \neq j} (1 - e^{2\pi i m a_k / a_j})}$

is a Fourier–Dedekind sum.

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This is reminiscent of reciprocity theorems for Dedekind sums. . .

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is a polynomial generalization of **Apostol's reciprocity law**

$$\frac{1}{m} (a^{m-1} s_m(a, b) + b^{m-1} s_m(b, a)) = \\ \sum_{i=0}^{m+1} \binom{m+1}{i} (-1)^{m+1-i} a^i b^{m+1-i} B_i B_{m+1-i}$$

for

$$S_m(a, b) := \sum_{r=0}^{a-1} \left\{ \frac{a^{-1}r}{b} \right\} B_m \left(\frac{r}{b} \right) = \sum_{r=0}^{a-1} \frac{r}{b} B_m \left(\left\{ \frac{ar}{b} \right\} \right).$$

The case $m = 1$ gives **Dedekind sums** and their reciprocity law.

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This recovers once more Dilcher's and Euler's relations for Bernoulli numbers and polynomials.

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where

$$p_A(t) := \# \{(k_1, \dots, k_n) \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^n : k_1 a_1 + \dots + k_n a_n = t\}$$

counts all partitions of t with parts in the finite set $A := \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$.

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and realize that $p_A(t)$ can be expressed using Barnes–Bernoulli polynomials and Fourier–Dedekind sums. . .