

NOTE ON CAHEN'S INTEGRAL FORMULAS

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ABSTRACT. We present an explicit form for a class of definite integrals whose special cases include some definite integrals evaluated, over a century ago, by Cahen who made use of an appropriate contour integral for the integrand of a well-known integral representation of the Riemann Zeta function given in (3). Furthermore another analogous class of definite integral formulas and some identities involving Riemann Zeta function and Euler numbers E_n are also obtained as by-products.

We begin by recalling the definitions of Riemann Zeta function $\zeta(s)$ and Hurwitz (or generalized) Zeta function $\zeta(s, a)$:

$$(1) \quad \zeta(s) := \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^s} \quad (\Re(s) > 1)$$

and

$$(2) \quad \zeta(s, a) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(k+a)^s} \quad (\Re(s) > 1; a \neq 0, -1, -2, -3, \dots).$$

Both functions can be continued analytically to the whole complex s -plane except for a simple pole at $s = 1$ with their residues 1 usually by the contour or some other integral representations (*cf.* [5, p.266]; [3, p.33]).

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The following integral representation for $\zeta(s)$ is well-known [5, p. 266]:

$$(3) \quad \begin{aligned} \zeta(s) &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(s)} \int_0^\infty \frac{x^{s-1}}{e^x - 1} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(s)} \int_0^1 \frac{(-\ln x)^{s-1}}{1-x} dx \quad (\Re(s) > 1), \end{aligned}$$

where $\Gamma(s)$ denotes the familiar Gamma function [3, p. 1].

Cahen integrated the function $f(z)$ defined by

$$(4) \quad f(z) := \frac{(\pm \text{Log } z)^{s-1}}{1-z} \quad (s \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}, \mathbb{N} := \{1, 2, 3, \dots\})$$

along the contour ($0 < \delta < 1 - \epsilon$ and $\epsilon > 0$) in Figure 1 and gave some definite integral formulas.

Here we first present an explicit formula for a class of definite integrals including Cahen's formulas [1, pp. 110-111] as special cases. In fact, we integrate $f(z)$ in (4) with plus sign, using Cauchy-Goursat theorem [2, p. 106], along the contour in Figure 1 and take the limits $\epsilon \rightarrow 0+$ and $\delta \rightarrow 0+$ in the resulting integral. One obtains

$$(5) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &= (-1)^{s-1} \Gamma(s) \zeta(s) - \frac{(i\pi)^s}{2s} \\ &+ \frac{i^{s+1}}{2} \int_0^\pi \frac{\theta^{s-1}}{\tan \frac{\theta}{2}} d\theta + \int_0^1 \frac{(\ln x + i\pi)^{s-1}}{1+x} dx. \end{aligned}$$

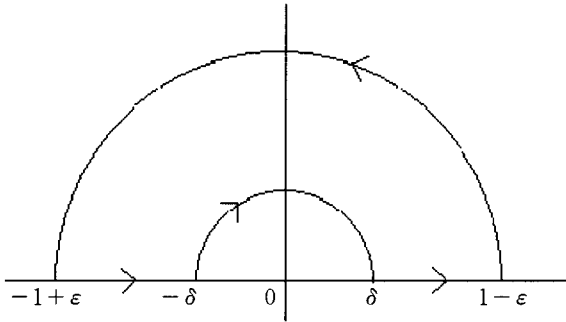


Figure 1

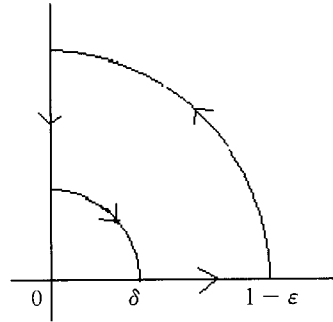


Figure 2

By applying the binomial theorem to $(\ln x + i\pi)^{s-1}$, (5) may be rewritten in an equivalent form:

$$(6) \quad i^{s+1} \int_0^\pi \frac{\theta^{s-1}}{\tan \frac{\theta}{2}} d\theta = 2(-1)^s \Gamma(s) \zeta(s) + \frac{(i\pi)^s}{s} - 2(i\pi)^{s-1} \ln 2 - 2 \sum_{k=1}^{s-1} \binom{s-1}{k} (i\pi)^{s-k-1} \int_0^1 \frac{(\ln x)^k}{1+x} dx.$$

Setting $s = 2n$ in (6) and using an elementary identity to separate real and imaginary parts

$$(7) \quad \sum_{k=1}^{2n-1} A_k = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} A_{2k} + \sum_{k=1}^n A_{2k-1},$$

we, by virtue of the following known integral formulas (*cf.* [4, p. 546, Entry 4.271]):

$$(8) \quad \int_0^1 \frac{(\ln x)^{2k}}{1+x} dx = (1 - 2^{-2k}) (2k)! \zeta(2k+1) \quad (k \in \mathbb{N})$$

and

$$(9) \quad \int_0^1 \frac{(\ln x)^{2k-1}}{1+x} dx = (2^{1-2k} - 1) (2k-1)! \zeta(2k) \quad (k \in \mathbb{N}),$$

get a class of definite integral formulas and a recurrence relation for $\zeta(s)$:

$$(10) \quad \int_0^\pi \frac{\theta^{2n-1}}{\tan \frac{\theta}{2}} d\theta = 2\pi^{2n-1} \ln 2 + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (-1)^k \binom{2n-1}{2k} (2k)! \times \pi^{2n-2k-1} (1 - 2^{-2k}) \zeta(2k+1) \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}),$$

where the empty sum is interpreted (as usual, in what follows) to be nil;

$$(11) \quad 2 \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^k \binom{2n-1}{2k-1} (2k-1)! \pi^{2n-2k} (2^{1-2k} - 1) \zeta(2k) = 2(-1)^n (2n-1)! \zeta(2n) + \frac{\pi^{2n}}{2n} \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}).$$

If we set $s = 2n + 1$ in (6), we, similarly, obtain

$$(12) \quad \int_0^\pi \frac{\theta^{2n}}{\tan \frac{\theta}{2}} d\theta = 2\pi^{2n} \ln 2 + 2(-1)^n (2n)! \zeta(2n+1) \\ + 2 \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^k \binom{2n}{2k} (2k)! \\ \times \pi^{2n-2k} (1-2^{-2k}) \zeta(2k+1) \quad (n \in \mathbb{N});$$

$$(13) \quad \frac{1}{2n+1} = 2 \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^k \binom{2n}{2k-1} (2k-1)! \\ \times \pi^{-2k} (2^{1-2k} - 1) \zeta(2k) \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}).$$

Next integrate the function $f(z)$ in (4) with minus sign along the contour in Figure 2. We get

$$(14) \quad 0 = \Gamma(s) \zeta(s) + \frac{1}{2s} \left(-\frac{i\pi}{2}\right)^s + \frac{(-i)^{s+1}}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\theta^{s-1}}{\tan \frac{\theta}{2}} d\theta + I(s),$$

where, for convenience, we put

$$(15) \quad I(s) := (-1)^s i \sum_{k=0}^{s-1} \binom{s-1}{k} \left(\frac{i\pi}{2}\right)^{s-k-1} \int_0^1 \frac{(\ln x)^k}{1+x^2} dx \\ + (-1)^{s+1} \sum_{k=0}^{s-1} \binom{s-1}{k} \left(\frac{i\pi}{2}\right)^{s-k-1} 2^{-k-1} \int_0^1 \frac{(\ln x)^k}{1+x} dx.$$

Similarly as above, now using (8), (9), and known integral formulas (cf. [4, p. 546, Entry 4.271]):

$$(16) \quad \int_0^1 \frac{(\ln x)^k}{1+x^2} dx = \frac{(-1)^k k!}{4^{k+1}} \left\{ \zeta\left(k+1, \frac{1}{4}\right) - \zeta\left(k+1, \frac{3}{4}\right) \right\} \quad (k \in \mathbb{N});$$

$$(17) \quad \int_0^1 \frac{(\ln x)^{2k}}{1+x^2} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty \frac{(\ln x)^{2k}}{1+x^2} dx \\ = \frac{(-1)^k}{2} \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^{2k+1} E_{2k} \quad (k \in \mathbb{N}),$$

where E_{2k} are Euler numbers defined by the generating function

$$(18) \quad \frac{2e^z}{e^{2z}+1} = \operatorname{sech} z = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} E_k \frac{z^k}{k!} \quad \left(|z| < \frac{\pi}{2}\right),$$

we get the following identities:

$$(19) \quad \begin{aligned} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\theta^{2n-1}}{\tan \frac{\theta}{2}} d\theta &= \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^{2n-1} \ln 2 \\ &+ 2^{1-2n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (-1)^k \binom{2n-1}{2k} (2k)! \\ &\times \pi^{2n-2k-1} (1-2^{-2k}) \zeta(2k+1) \\ &- 2 \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^k \binom{2n-1}{2k-1} (2k-1)! \\ &\times \frac{\pi^{2n-2k}}{2^{2n+2k}} \left\{ \zeta\left(2k, \frac{1}{4}\right) - \zeta\left(2k, \frac{3}{4}\right) \right\} \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}) \end{aligned}$$

and
(20)

$$\begin{aligned} &2(-1)^n (2n-1)! \zeta(2n) \left(\frac{2}{\pi}\right)^{2n} + 1 + \frac{1}{2n} + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \binom{2n-1}{2k} E_{2k} \\ &= 2 \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^k \binom{2n-1}{2k-1} (2k-1)! \pi^{-2k} (2^{1-2k}-1) \zeta(2k) \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}); \end{aligned}$$

(21)

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\theta^{2n}}{\tan \frac{\theta}{2}} d\theta &= \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^{2n} \ln 2 + 2(-1)^n (2n)! \zeta(2n+1) \\ &+ \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^k \binom{2n}{2k} (2k)! \\ &\times \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^{2n-2k} (2^{-2k} - 2^{-4k}) \zeta(2k+1) \\ &- \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^k \binom{2n}{2k-1} (2k-1)! \\ &\times \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^{2n-2k+1} 2^{1-4k} \left\{ \zeta\left(2k, \frac{1}{4}\right) - \zeta\left(2k, \frac{3}{4}\right) \right\} \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}) \end{aligned}$$

If use is made of an identity for Euler numbers:

$$(22) \quad \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{2n}{2k} E_{2k} = 0 \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}),$$

the companion of (21) can be seen to correspond to (13).

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