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## Families of specialized Euler sums

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### Abstract

A family of Euler sums is investigated that adds a new important class to the vast literature of existing knowledge of representation of Euler sums in terms of well-known special functions such as the Riemann zeta and Dirichet beta functions. Some examples are given to highlight the obtained theorems.

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## 1. Introduction

The study of Euler sums has its beginnings in the works of Euler [5, 6, 8]. In 1644, Mengoli was among the first to study the sum of the reciprocal of the square of the natural numbers

$$\frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{4^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} + \dots$$

Euler’s brilliance and insight eventually led him to the solution of the Basel problem

$$\zeta(2) = \frac{\pi^2}{6} = \frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{4^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} + \dots = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{n^2}.$$

Euler’s enhanced insight and application is clear when he found the surprising result

$$\zeta(2k) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{n^{2k}} = \frac{(-1)^{k+1} 2^{2k-1} \pi^{2k}}{(2k)!} B_{2k}.$$

Here  $k$  is a positive integer and  $B_j$  are the Bernoulli numbers defined by

$$\sum_{j \geq 0} \frac{B_j t^j}{j!} = \frac{t}{e^t - 1}, \quad (|t| < 2\pi).$$

**Remark 1.1.** Let  $f(t)$  be the above generating function of Bernoulli numbers. Since  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) = 1$ ,  $f(t)$  is analytic at  $t = 0$ . Also

$$e^t - 1 = 0 \Leftrightarrow t = 2k\pi, \quad (k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots),$$

which implies that  $f(t)$  has simple poles at  $t = 2k\pi$ ,  $(k = \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots)$ . Therefore  $f(t)$  is analytic in an open disk of radius  $2\pi$  centered at  $t = 0$ . Hence the above Maclaurin series expansion of  $f(t)$  is available and so  $B_j = f^{(j)}(0)$ ,  $(j = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots)$ .

Euler [6] gave a list of formula which for  $q \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}$  can be written as

$$S_{1,q}^{++} = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{H_n}{n^q} = \frac{q+2}{2} \zeta(q+1) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{q-2} \zeta(q-j) \zeta(j+1)$$

where the harmonic numbers  $H_n^{(p)}$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $H_n^{(p)} = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{j^p}$  are the finite versions of the Riemann zeta function  $\zeta(p) = \sum_{j \geq 1} \frac{1}{j^p}$  and its alternating version  $\eta(p) = \sum_{j \geq 1} \frac{(-1)^{j+1}}{j^p}$ . Here we define the set of natural numbers  $\mathbb{N} := \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ ,  $\mathbb{N}_0 := \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\} = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}^- := \{-1, -2, -3, \dots\} = \mathbb{Z}_0^- \setminus \{0\}$ . The usual notation applies for  $\mathbb{C}$ ,

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the set of complex numbers,  $\mathbb{R}$  the set of real numbers and  $\mathbb{R}^+$  the set of positive numbers. Significant further developments in Euler sums lay dormant for about a century and eventually Nielsen [9], Bailey et al. [2], Borwein et al. [3], Flajolet and Salvy [7], Sitaramanchandrarao [11] and others supplemented and extended the works of Euler. Nielsen and later Borwein gave closed form expressions of  $S_{p,q}^{++} = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{H_n^{(p)}}{n^q}$  for  $q \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}, p \in \mathbb{N}$ . Sitaramanchandrarao gave an expression for

$$S_{1,q}^{+-} = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{(-1)^{n+1} H_n}{n^q}.$$

For  $p + q$  an odd weight, Flajolet and Salvy gave an identity for

$$S_{p,q}^{+-} = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{(-1)^{n+1} H_n^{(p)}}{n^q}$$

and recently, Alzer and Choi [1] published a result for,  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$S_{p,1}^{+-} = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{(-1)^{n+1} H_n^{(p)}}{n}.$$

Let us now define  $h_n^{(p)} = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{(2j-1)^p}, p \in \mathbb{C}, n \in \mathbb{C} \geq 1$ , then  $h_n^{(p)} = H_{2n}^{(p)} - 2^{-p} H_n^{(p)}$  and we are interested in investigation of the variant Euler sums

$$S_{p,q}^{++}(0, a) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{H_n^{(p)}(0)}{(n+a)^q} \tag{1}$$

where  $H_n^{(p)}(0) = H_n^{(p)}$  and  $a \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{-1, -2, -3, \dots\}$ . An identity for  $S_{1,q}^{++}(0, a)$  has recently been established by Sofo and Cvijovic [17]. For  $q \geq 2$ , and  $(p + q)$  an odd weight, Nimbran and Sofo [10] gave an identity for

$$\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{h_n^{(p)}}{(n - \frac{1}{2})^q}$$

from which one may extract an identity for

$$S_{p,q}^{++}\left(0, -\frac{1}{2}\right) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{H_n^{(p)}}{(n - \frac{1}{2})^q}.$$

Later in [23] Xu and Wang published results for  $S_{1,q}^{++}(0, -\frac{1}{2})$  and  $S_{p,q}^{++}(0, -\frac{1}{2})$  and considered the more general sum

$$T_{p_1, p_2, p_3, \dots, p_k, q} = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{h_n^{(p_1)} h_n^{(p_2)} h_n^{(p_3)} \dots h_n^{(p_k)}}{(n - \frac{1}{2})^q}, q \geq 2.$$

In this paper we give a direct proof to the identity  $S_{p,q}^{++}(0, a) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{H_n^{(p)}}{(n+a)^q}$  and then develop a (presumably) new identity for

$$T_{p,q}^{++}(a, t) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{n^t H_n^{(p)}}{(n+a)^q},$$

where  $t \in \mathbb{N}_0, p \in \mathbb{N}, q \in \mathbb{N} \geq t + 2$  and  $a \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{-1, -2, -3, \dots\}$ . For example, we evaluate the closed form

$$8 \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{n H_n^{(2)}}{(2n+1)^3} = 32 \text{Li}_4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \frac{4}{3} \ln^4 2 - 8\zeta(2) \ln^2 2 - \frac{121}{4} \zeta(4) + 28\zeta(3) \ln 2 - \frac{49}{2} \zeta(2) \zeta(3) + \frac{93}{2} \zeta(5). \tag{2}$$

We recall the harmonic numbers

$$H_n = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{j} = \gamma + \psi(n+1)$$

where  $\gamma$  is the familiar Euler Mascheroni constant and for complex values of  $z, z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0, -1, -2, \dots\}$ ,  $\psi(z)$  is the digamma (or psi) function defined by

$$\psi(z) := -\frac{d}{dz} \{\log \Gamma(z)\} = \frac{\Gamma'(z)}{\Gamma(z)},$$

where  $\Gamma(z)$  is the gamma function. In some examples that follow, we encounter the Clausen function where the generalized Clausen functions are defined for  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\Re(z) > 1$  as,

$$S_z(x) = \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{\sin(kx)}{k^z}, \quad C_z(x) = \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{\cos(kx)}{k^z}$$

and may be extended to all the complex plane through analytic continuation. When  $z$  is replaced by a non negative integer  $n$ , the standard Clausen functions are defined by the Fourier series

$$Cl_n(x) = \begin{cases} \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{\sin(kx)}{k^n}, & \text{for } n \text{ even,} \\ \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{\cos(kx)}{k^n}, & \text{for } n \text{ odd.} \end{cases}$$

The polylogarithm function  $Li_p(z)$  is, for  $|z| \leq 1$ ,

$$Li_p(z) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^m}{m^p} \tag{3}$$

and in terms of the Polylogarithm,

$$Cl_n(\theta) = \begin{cases} \frac{i}{2} (Li_n(e^{-i\theta}) - Li_n(e^{i\theta})), & \text{for even } n, \\ \frac{1}{2} (Li_n(e^{-i\theta}) + Li_n(e^{i\theta})), & \text{for odd } n. \end{cases}$$

The polygamma function

$$\psi^{(k)}(z) = \frac{d^k}{dz^k} \{\psi(z)\} = (-1)^{k+1} k! \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(r+z)^{k+1}} \tag{4}$$

has the recurrence

$$\psi^{(k)}(z+1) = \psi^{(k)}(z) + \frac{(-1)^k k!}{z^{k+1}}$$

and can be connected to the Clausen function in the following way. The Clausen function of rational argument and even integer order is

$$Cl_{2m}\left(\frac{\pi p}{q}\right) = \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{k\pi p}{q}\right)}{k^{2m}}$$

and if  $p$  is an odd integer, then

$$Cl_{2m}\left(\frac{\pi p}{q}\right) = \frac{(2q)^{-2m}}{(2m-1)!} \sum_{j=1}^q \sin\left(\frac{j\pi p}{q}\right) \left(\psi^{(2m-1)}\left(\frac{j}{2q}\right) - \psi^{(2m-1)}\left(\frac{j+q}{2q}\right)\right), \tag{5}$$

and if  $p$  is an even integer, then

$$(2m-1)!(q)^{2m} Cl_{2m}\left(\frac{\pi p}{q}\right) = \sum_{j=1}^q \sin\left(\frac{j\pi p}{q}\right) \psi^{(2m-1)}\left(\frac{j}{q}\right). \tag{6}$$

There exists a large number of research papers exploring the representation, analysis and specific evaluations of Euler sums, see [16, 20, 21]. Some pertinent papers dealing with Euler sums are [12, 14, 19] and the excellent books [20, 22]. Many specific cases of the type (7) may be represented in terms of special functions such as the Riemann zeta function, the Clausen function and the polygamma functions. The papers [13, 15, 17, 18] also examined some representations of Euler sums.

## 2. Main results

**Theorem 2.1.** *If  $a \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{-1, -2, -3, \dots\}$ ,  $(p, q) \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{N}_0$  with  $p \geq 2$ ,  $q \geq t + 2$ , then*

$$T_{p,q}^{t++}(a, t) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{n^t H_n^{(p)}}{(n+a)^q} \tag{7}$$

$$= \sum_{j=0}^t (-1)^{j+t+1} \binom{t}{j} a^{t-j} \left( \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{H_{k+a-1}^{(q-j)}}{k^p} - \zeta(q-j)\zeta(p) \right) \tag{8}$$

where  $H_n^{(p)}$  are harmonic numbers of order  $p$  and  $\zeta(\cdot)$  are the Riemann zeta functions.

*Proof.* We can write

$$T_{p,q}^{++}(a, t) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{n^t H_n^{(p)}}{(n+a)^q} = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{n^t}{(n+a)^q} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^p} \tag{9}$$

From [4], one notes the manipulation of a double series in the form

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \sum_{k=0}^n \Omega_{k,n} = \sum_{n \geq 0} \sum_{k \geq 0} \Omega_{k,n+k}$$

one can rewrite (9) as

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{n^t H_n^{(p)}}{(n+a)^q} &= \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{n^t}{(n+a)^q} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^p} = \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{1}{k^p} \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{(n+k)^t}{(n+a+k)^q} \\ &= \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{(-1)^q}{k^p} \sum_{j=0}^t \binom{t}{j} a^{t-j} \frac{\psi^{(q-1-j)}(a+k)}{(q-1-j)!}, \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

where the polygamma functions are defined for  $a \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{-1, -2, -3, \dots\}$ . Using the identity, relating the Polygamma function to the harmonic numbers

$$H_\rho^{(q+1)} = \zeta(q+1) + \frac{(-1)^q}{q!} \psi^{(q)}(p+1)$$

we get from (10)

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{n^t H_n^{(p)}}{(n+a)^q} &= \sum_{j=0}^t \binom{t}{j} a^{t-j} \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{(-1)^q \psi^{(q-1-j)}(a+k)}{k^p (q-1-j)!} \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^t (-1)^{j+t+1} \binom{t}{j} a^{t-j} \left( \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{H_{k+a-1}^{(q-j)}}{k^p} - \zeta(q-j) \zeta(p) \right) \end{aligned}$$

and Theorem 2.1 is proved. □

The next corollary deals with the special case of  $t = 0$  for the representation of the sum in (7).

**Corollary 2.1.** *If  $a \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{-1, -2, -3, \dots\}$ ,  $(p, q) \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $t = 0$  with  $p \geq 2$ ,  $q \geq 2$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned} T_{p,q}^{++}(a, 0) &= \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{H_n^{(p)}}{(n+a)^q} \\ &= \zeta(q) \zeta(p) - \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{H_{k+a-1}^{(q)}}{k^p}. \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

*Proof.* Follows directly from (2.1). □

**Corollary 2.2.** *If  $a = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $(p, q) \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $p \geq 2$ ,  $q \geq 2$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2^q} T_{p,q}^{++}\left(\frac{1}{2}, 0\right) &= \frac{1}{2^q} \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{H_n^{(p)}}{\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)^q} \\ &= \zeta(p) \left( \frac{1}{2^q} \zeta(q) + \eta(q) \right) + 2^{p-1} S_{q,p}^{+-} + \left( \frac{1}{2^q} - 2^{p-1} \right) S_{q,p}^{++} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\eta(q)$  is the Dirichlet eta, or the alternating zeta function and  $S_{q,p}^{++}$ ,  $S_{q,p}^{+-}$  are defined below in the proof.

*Proof.* For  $p \geq 1$  and  $q \geq 2$ , we utilize the following notation

$$S_{p,q}^{++}(\alpha, \beta) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{H_n^{(p)}(\alpha)}{(n+\beta)^q}, \quad S_{p,q}^{+-}(\alpha, \beta) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{(-1)^{n+1} H_n^{(p)}(\alpha)}{(n+\beta)^q}$$

where

$$\zeta(p, \alpha) = H_n^{(p)}(\alpha) = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{(n+\alpha)^p}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}, p \in \mathbb{C}, \alpha \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{-1, -2, -3, \dots\}.$$

Consider from Corollary 2.1,

$$T_{p,q}^{++} \left( \frac{1}{2}, 0 \right) = S_{p,q}^{++} \left( 0, \frac{1}{2} \right) = \zeta(q) \zeta(p) - \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{H_{n-\frac{1}{2}}^{(q)}}{n^p}$$

and from the double argument of the polygamma function [14]

$$H_{2n}^{(q)} = \eta(q) + \frac{1}{2^q} H_n^{(q)} + \frac{1}{2^q} H_{n-\frac{1}{2}}^{(q)}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} S_{p,q}^{++} \left( 0, \frac{1}{2} \right) &= \zeta(q) \zeta(p) - \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{2^q}{n^p} \left( H_{2n}^{(q)} - \eta(q) - \frac{1}{2^q} H_n^{(q)} \right) \\ &= \zeta(q) \zeta(p) + 2^q \eta(q) \zeta(p) + \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{H_n^{(q)}}{n^p} - 2^q \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{H_{2n}^{(q)}}{n^p} \\ &= \zeta(q) \zeta(p) + 2^q \eta(q) \zeta(p) + S_{q,p}^{++} - 2^{q+p-1} (S_{q,p}^{++} - S_{q,p}^{+-}), \end{aligned}$$

and therefore

$$S_{p,q}^{++} \left( 0, \frac{1}{2} \right) = \zeta(p) \left( \frac{1}{2^q} \zeta(q) + \eta(q) \right) + 2^{p-1} S_{q,p}^{+-} + \left( \frac{1}{2^q} - 2^{p-1} \right) S_{q,p}^{++}.$$

As noted earlier this result, in a modified form, was proved by Nimbran and Sofo [10] and later by Xu and Wang [23].  $\square$

**Remark 2.1.** Similar analysis allows us to evaluate  $T_{p,q}^{++} \left( \frac{1}{2}, t \right)$ , so that after some simplification we have

$$\begin{aligned} T_{p,q}^{++} \left( \frac{1}{2}, t \right) &= \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{n^t H_n^{(p)}}{\left( n + \frac{1}{2} \right)^q} \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^t (-1)^{j+t+1} \binom{t}{j} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{t-j} \left( \begin{aligned} &(2^{p+q-j-1} - 1) S_{q-j,p}^{++} - 2^{p+q-j-1} S_{q-j,p}^{+-} \\ &- (2^{q-j} \eta(q-j) + \zeta(q-j)) \zeta(p) \end{aligned} \right), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\eta(\cdot)$  is the alternating zeta function.

The following required Euler sum identity appears in [17].

**Corollary 2.3.** Let  $x$  be a real number  $x \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{-1, -2, -1, \dots\}$  and assume that  $q \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} T_{1,q}^{++}(x, 0) &= \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{H_n}{(n+x)^q} = S_{1,q}^{++}(0, x) \\ &= \frac{(-1)^q}{(q-1)!} \left( \begin{aligned} &(\psi(x) + \gamma) \psi^{(q-1)}(x) \\ &-\frac{1}{2} \psi^{(q)}(x) + \sum_{j=1}^{q-2} \binom{q-2}{j} \psi^{(j)}(x) \psi^{(q-j-1)}(x) \end{aligned} \right) \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

where  $\gamma$  is the Euler Mascheroni constant.

The following proposition generalizes the result (12).

**Proposition 2.1.** Let  $x$  be a real number,  $x \neq -1, -2, -1, \dots$ , and assume that  $q \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} T_{1,q}^{++}(x, 1) &= \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{n H_n}{(n+x)^{q+1}} = S_{1,q}^{++}(0, x) \\ &+ \frac{x}{q} \left( (\gamma + \psi(x)) \psi^{(q)}(x) + \psi^{(q-1)}(x) \psi^{(1)}(x) - \frac{1}{2} \psi^{(q+1)}(x) \right) \\ &+ \frac{\alpha}{q} \sum_{j=1}^{q-2} \binom{q-2}{j} \left( \psi^{(j+1)}(x) \psi^{(q-j-1)}(x) + \psi^{(j)}(x) \psi^{(q-j)}(x) \right), \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

the sum  $S_{1,q}^{++}(0, x)$  is given by (12) and  $\psi^{(q)}(x)$  are the polygamma functions.

*Proof.* In (12) we put  $x = \frac{1}{y}, y \neq 0$ , differentiate with respect to  $y$  and then rename  $y$  as  $x$  so that (13) follows. Similar analysis allows us to evaluate  $T_{1,q}^{++}(x, t)$  for  $t \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $q \geq t + 2$ .  $\square$

### 3. Examples

In what follows, some examples are discussed. From (12) put  $x = \frac{2}{3}$  and  $q = 3$ , therefore

$$\begin{aligned} T_{1,3}^{++} \left( \frac{2}{3}, 0 \right) &= \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{H_n}{\left(n + \frac{2}{3}\right)^3} = S_{1,3}^{++} \left( 0, \frac{2}{3} \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \left( \psi \left( \frac{2}{3} \right) + \gamma \right) \psi^{(2)} \left( \frac{2}{3} \right) - \frac{1}{4} \psi^{(3)} \left( \frac{2}{3} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \psi^{(1)} \left( \frac{2}{3} \right) \psi^{(1)} \left( \frac{2}{3} \right) \\ &= \frac{\pi^3 \sqrt{3}}{3} \ln 3 + \frac{13\pi \sqrt{3}}{6} \zeta(3) - \frac{39}{2} \zeta(3) \ln 3 - 10\zeta(4) - \frac{1}{2} \left( \psi^{(1)} \left( \frac{2}{3} \right) \right)^2 + \frac{1}{4} \psi^{(3)} \left( \frac{2}{3} \right), \end{aligned}$$

since

$$\psi^{(1)} \left( \frac{2}{3} \right) = \frac{2\pi^2}{3} - 3\sqrt{3}\text{Cl}_2 \left( \frac{2\pi}{3} \right), \psi^{(3)} \left( \frac{2}{3} \right) = \frac{8\pi^4}{3} - 162\sqrt{3}\text{Cl}_4 \left( \frac{2\pi}{3} \right)$$

we can simplify as

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{H_n}{\left(n + \frac{2}{3}\right)^3} &= \frac{\pi^4}{3} + \frac{\pi^3 \sqrt{3}}{3} \ln 3 + \frac{13\pi \sqrt{3}}{6} \zeta(3) - \frac{39}{2} \zeta(3) \ln 3 \\ &\quad + 2\sqrt{3}\pi^2 \text{Cl}_2 \left( \frac{2\pi}{3} \right) - \frac{27}{2} \left( \text{Cl}_2 \left( \frac{2\pi}{3} \right) \right)^2 - \frac{81\sqrt{3}}{2} \text{Cl}_4 \left( \frac{2\pi}{3} \right). \end{aligned}$$

From (12) put  $x = \frac{1}{4}$  and  $q = 3$ , therefore

$$\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{H_n}{\left(n + \frac{1}{4}\right)^3} = 192\beta(4) - 32G^2 - 8\pi^2 G - 14\pi\zeta(3) - 84\zeta(3) \ln 2 + \pi^4 - 3\pi^3 \ln 2,$$

where the Catalan constant

$$G = \beta(2) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n-1)^2} \approx 0.91597$$

is a special case of the Dirichlet beta function

$$\begin{aligned} \beta(z) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n-1)^z}, \text{ (for } \text{Re}(z) > 0 \text{)} \\ &= \frac{1}{(-2)^{2z} (z-1)!} \left( \psi^{(z-1)} \left( \frac{1}{4} \right) - \psi^{(z-1)} \left( \frac{3}{4} \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{i}{2} (\text{Li}_z(-i) - \text{Li}_z(i)) \end{aligned}$$

with functional equation

$$\beta(1-z) = \left( \frac{2}{\pi} \right)^z \sin \left( \frac{\pi z}{2} \right) \Gamma(z) \beta(z)$$

extending the Dirichlet Beta function to the left hand side of the complex plane  $\text{Re}(z) \leq 0$ .

From (13) put  $x = \frac{2}{3}$  and  $q = 2$ , therefore

$$\begin{aligned} T_{1,3}^{++} \left( \frac{2}{3}, 1 \right) &= \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{n H_n}{\left(n + \frac{2}{3}\right)^3} = S_{1,2}^{++} \left( 0, \frac{2}{3} \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{3} \left( \left( \gamma + \psi \left( \frac{2}{3} \right) \right) \psi^{(2)} \left( \frac{2}{3} \right) + \psi^{(1)} \left( \frac{2}{3} \right) \psi^{(1)} \left( \frac{2}{3} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \psi^{(3)} \left( \frac{2}{3} \right) \right) \\ &= 13\zeta(3) \ln 3 + 13\zeta(3) - \frac{2\pi^3 \sqrt{3}}{9} \ln 3 - \pi^2 \ln 3 - \frac{2\pi^4}{9} - \frac{\pi^3 \sqrt{3}}{9} - 22\sqrt{3}\text{Cl}_4 \left( \frac{2\pi}{3} \right) \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{9\sqrt{3}}{2} \ln 3 - \frac{4\pi^2 \sqrt{3}}{9} - \frac{3\pi}{2} + 9\text{Cl}_2 \left( \frac{2\pi}{3} \right) - \frac{27}{2} \right) \text{Cl}_2 \left( \frac{2\pi}{3} \right) - \frac{13\pi \sqrt{3}}{9} \zeta(3). \end{aligned}$$

From (7) put  $a = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $p = 2, q = 3, t = 1$ , therefore

$$\begin{aligned} T_{2,3}^{++} \left( \frac{1}{2}, 1 \right) &= 8 \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{n H_n^{(2)}}{(2n+1)^3} = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{n H_n^{(2)}}{\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)^3} \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^1 (-1)^j \binom{1}{j} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{1-j} \left( \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{H_{k-\frac{1}{2}}^{(3-j)}}{k^2} - \zeta(3-j) \zeta(2) \right) \\ &= 32 \operatorname{Li}_4 \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) + \frac{4}{3} \ln^4 2 - 8 \zeta(2) \ln^2 2 - \frac{121}{4} \zeta(4) + 28 \zeta(3) \ln 2 - \frac{49}{2} \zeta(2) \zeta(3) + \frac{93}{2} \zeta(5), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\operatorname{Li}_4(\frac{1}{2})$  is the polylogarithm function described by (3).

From (7) put  $a = 2$  and  $p = 3, q = 5, t = 3$ , therefore

$$\begin{aligned} T_{3,5}^{++} (2, 3) &= \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{n^3 H_n^{(3)}}{(n+2)^5} \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^3 (-1)^{j+1} \binom{3}{j} (2)^{3-j} \left( \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{H_{k+1}^{(5-j)}}{k^3} - \zeta(5-j) \zeta(3) \right) \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^3 (-1)^{j+1} \binom{3}{j} (2)^{3-j} \left( S_{5-j,3}^{++} + \frac{1}{n^3 (n+1)^{5-j}} - \zeta(5-j) \zeta(3) \right) \\ &= 96 - 33 \zeta(2) - 12 \zeta(4) + 3 \zeta(6) + 8 S_{5,3}^{++} - 17 \zeta(3) - 2 \zeta(2) \zeta(3) - 3 \zeta^2(3) \\ &\quad + 204 \zeta(7) - \frac{7}{2} \zeta(5) - 120 \zeta(2) \zeta(5) - 8 \zeta(3) \zeta(5), \end{aligned}$$

We know from Borwein [3] that for the Euler sum  $S_{p,q}^{++}$  there exists closed form solutions, in terms of Riemann zeta functions, for integers  $(p, q), q \geq 2$  and of  $p + q$  being an odd weight. Also  $S_{p,q}^{++}$  admits a closed form solution for  $p = q$  and the pair  $(p, q) = (4, 2)$  and  $(2, 4)$ .

#### 4. Concluding remarks

We have studied families of Euler sums. We have given a direct proof of the Euler family  $S_{p,q}^{++}(0, a)$  and given a closed form representation of the new Euler family  $T_{p,q}^{++}(a, t)$ . Some examples are highlighted in which we detail the representation of these sums in terms of special functions such as Beta functions, Clausen functions and Zeta functions.

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