

# SOME FINITE ANALOGUES OF THE POISSON SUMMATION FORMULA †

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1. Guinand (2) has obtained finite identities of the type

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{r=1}^{nN} f\left(\frac{mr}{n}\right) - \frac{1}{n} \int_0^{nN} f\left(\frac{mt}{n}\right) dt \\ = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{r=1}^{mN} g\left(\frac{nr}{m}\right) - \frac{1}{m} \int_0^{mM} g\left(\frac{nt}{m}\right) dt, \dots\dots\dots(1.1) \end{aligned}$$

where  $m, n, N$  are positive integers and either

$$f(x) = g(x) = \psi(1+x) - \log x = \frac{\Gamma'(1+x)}{\Gamma(1+x)} - \log x \dots\dots\dots(1.2)$$

or

$$\begin{cases} f(x) = \frac{1}{x} \left\{ \sum'_{1 \leq r \leq x} 1-x \right\}, \\ g(x) = \gamma + \log x - \sum'_{1 \leq r \leq x} \frac{1}{r}, \end{cases} \dots\dots\dots(1.3)$$

where  $\gamma$  is Euler's constant and the notation  $\Sigma'$  indicates that when  $x$  is integral the term  $r = x$  is multiplied by  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Clearly there is no loss of generality in taking  $N = 1$  in (1.1).

We should like to point out that identities of the form (1.1) can be obtained very easily in the following way. Following Mordell (3), let  $f(x)$  be a function of  $x$  that satisfies the multiplication formula

$$\sum_{s=0}^{n-1} f\left(x + \frac{s}{n}\right) = C_n f(nx) \quad (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots), \dots\dots\dots(1.4)$$

where  $C_n$  is independent of  $x$  but may depend upon the function  $f$ . Also it follows from (1.4) that  $C_{mn} = C_m C_n$  for all integral  $m, n \geq 1$ . In a recent paper (1), the writer has shown that (1.4) implies

$$C_n \sum_{r=0}^{m-1} f\left(nx + \frac{nr}{m}\right) = C_m \sum_{s=0}^{n-1} f\left(mx + \frac{ms}{n}\right). \dots\dots\dots(1.5)$$

In the paper cited above, Mordell has noted that if  $\{x\} = x - [x]$ , the fractional part of the real variable  $x$ , then the function  $f(\{x\})$  also satisfies (1.4). Thus if we define  $\tilde{f}(x)$  by means of  $\tilde{f}(x) = f(x)$  ( $0 \leq x < 1$ ),  $\tilde{f}(x-1) = \tilde{f}(x)$ ,

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then  $\tilde{f}(x)$  satisfies (1.4). We may accordingly assume that  $f(x)$  in (1.4) has the period 1.

Now consider the sum

$$C_n \sum_{t=0}^{mN-1} f\left(nx + \frac{nt}{mN}\right),$$

where  $N$  is an arbitrary positive integer. Using (1.2) we obtain

$$\sum_{s=0}^{n-1} \sum_{t=0}^{mN-1} f\left(x + \frac{s}{n} + \frac{t}{mN}\right) \dots\dots\dots(1.6)$$

We now assume that  $m$  and  $N$  are relatively prime and that  $f(x)$  has the period 1. Then if  $r$  runs through a complete residue system (mod  $m$ ) while  $u$  runs through a complete residue system (mod  $N$ ) it follows that  $t = rN + um$  runs through a complete residue system (mod  $mN$ ). Consequently the expression (1.6) is equal to

$$\sum_{r=0}^{m-1} \sum_{s=0}^{n-1} \sum_{u=0}^{N-1} f\left(x + \frac{r}{m} + \frac{s}{n} + \frac{u}{N}\right) \dots\dots\dots(1.7)$$

If we prefer, each summation in (1.7) may be extended over a complete residue system modulo  $m, n$  or  $N$ , respectively. We have thus proved the formula

$$C_n \sum_{t=0}^{mN-1} f\left(nx + \frac{nt}{mN}\right) = \sum_{r=0}^{m-1} \sum_{s=0}^{n-1} \sum_{u=0}^{N-1} f\left(x + \frac{r}{m} + \frac{s}{n} + \frac{u}{N}\right) \dots\dots(1.8)$$

If we assume that  $n$  and  $N$  are relatively prime we get similarly

$$C_m \sum_{t=0}^{nN-1} f\left(mx + \frac{mt}{nN}\right) = \sum_{r=0}^{m-1} \sum_{s=0}^{n-1} \sum_{u=0}^{N-1} f\left(x + \frac{r}{m} + \frac{s}{n} + \frac{u}{N}\right) \dots\dots(1.9)$$

Comparing (1.9) with (1.8) we have

$$C_n \sum_{t=0}^{mN-1} f\left(nx + \frac{nt}{mN}\right) = C_m \sum_{t=0}^{nN-1} f\left(mx + \frac{mt}{nN}\right) \dots\dots\dots(1.10)$$

provided  $(N, mn) = 1$  and  $f(x)$  is of period 1.

Combining (1.5) and (1.10) we state

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $f(x)$  satisfy (1.4) and have period 1. Then if  $m, n, N$  are positive integers such that  $(N, mn) = 1$ , it follows that*

$$C_n \left\{ \sum_{r=0}^{m-1} f\left(nx + \frac{nr}{m}\right) - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=0}^{mN-1} f\left(nx - \frac{nt}{mN}\right) \right\} \\ = C_m \left\{ \sum_{s=0}^{n-1} f\left(mx + \frac{ms}{n}\right) - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=0}^{nN-1} f\left(mx + \frac{mt}{nN}\right) \right\} \dots\dots(1.11)$$

If in (1.11) we let  $N \rightarrow \infty$  then, provided the integrals exist, we get

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=0}^{mN-1} f\left(nx + \frac{nt}{mN}\right) = \int_0^m f\left(nx + \frac{nt}{m}\right) dt, \\ \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=0}^{nN-1} f\left(mx + \frac{mt}{nN}\right) = \int_0^n f\left(mx + \frac{mt}{n}\right) dt.$$

Thus Theorem 1 yields

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $f(x)$  satisfy (1.4) and have period 1. Then if  $m, n$  are arbitrary positive integers, we have*

$$C_n \left\{ \sum_{r=0}^{m-1} f\left(nx + \frac{nr}{m}\right) - \int_0^m f\left(nx + \frac{nt}{m}\right) dt \right\} \\ = C_m \left\{ \sum_{s=0}^{n-1} f\left(mx + \frac{ms}{n}\right) - \int_0^n f\left(mx + \frac{mt}{n}\right) dt \right\}. \dots(1.12)$$

2. As a simple application of Theorems 1 and 2 we may take  $f(x) = \bar{B}_k(x)$ , where  $B_k(x)$  is the Bernoulli polynomial of degree  $k$  defined by

$$\frac{te^{xt}}{e^t - 1} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} B_k(x) \frac{t^k}{k!}$$

and

$$\bar{B}_k(x) = B_k(x) (0 \leq x < 1), \quad \bar{B}_k(x+1) = \bar{B}_k(x).$$

Since

$$\sum_{s=0}^{n-1} B_k\left(x + \frac{s}{n}\right) = n^{1-k} B_k(nx),$$

we have in this instance  $C_n = n^{1-k}$ .

In the second place, if we put

$$\zeta(\sigma, x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(x+n)^\sigma} \quad (x > 0, R(\sigma) > 1),$$

then  $\zeta(\sigma, x)$  satisfies (1.4) with  $C_n = n^\sigma$ . Thus in (1.11) and (1.12) we may take  $f(x) = \zeta(\sigma, \{x\})$ .

If  $F'(x) = f(x)$ , then (1.2) implies

$$\sum_{s=0}^{n-1} F\left(x + \frac{s}{n}\right) = \frac{1}{n} C_n F(nx) + C'_n, \dots\dots\dots(2.1)$$

where  $C'_n$  is also independent of  $x$ . For example we have the well-known formula

$$\sum_{s=0}^{n-1} \Psi\left(x + \frac{s}{n}\right) = n\Psi(nx) - n \log n. \dots\dots\dots(2.2)$$

It is easily verified that the function  $\bar{F}(x) = F(\{x\})$  also satisfies (2.1).

It follows from (2.1) that

$$\frac{1}{m} C_m \sum_{s=0}^{n-1} F\left(mx + \frac{ms}{n}\right) + nC'_m = \frac{1}{n} C_n \sum_{r=0}^{m-1} F\left(nx + \frac{nr}{m}\right) + mC'_n. \dots(2.3)$$

Also, exactly as in proving (1.10), we find that

$$\frac{1}{m} C_m \sum_{t=0}^{mN-1} \bar{F}\left(mx + \frac{mt}{n}\right) = \sum_{r=0}^{m-1} \sum_{s=0}^{n-1} \sum_{u=0}^{N-1} \bar{F}\left(x + \frac{r}{m} + \frac{s}{n} + \frac{u}{N}\right) - nNC'_m,$$

so that

$$\frac{1}{mN} C_m \sum_{t=0}^{mN-1} F\left(mx + \frac{mt}{n}\right) + nC'_m = \frac{1}{nN} C_n \sum_{t=0}^{mN} F\left(nx + \frac{nt}{m}\right) + mC'_n \dots\dots\dots(2.4)$$

provided  $(N, mn) = 1$ .

We may therefore state the following theorems.

**Theorem 3.** Let  $F'(x) = f(x)$ , where  $f(x)$  satisfies (1.4), and put

$$\bar{F}(x) = F(\{x\}) = F(x - [x]). \dots\dots\dots(2.5)$$

Then if  $(N, mn) = 1$  it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{n} C_n \left\{ \sum_{r=0}^{m-1} \bar{F}\left(nx + \frac{nr}{m}\right) - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=0}^{mN-1} \bar{F}\left(nx + \frac{nt}{m}\right) \right\} \\ & = \frac{1}{m} C_m \left\{ \sum_{s=0}^{n-1} \bar{F}\left(mx + \frac{ms}{n}\right) - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=0}^{nN-1} \bar{F}\left(mx + \frac{mt}{n}\right) \right\}. \dots\dots\dots(2.6) \end{aligned}$$

Moreover in the sums over  $r$  and  $s$  in (2.6),  $\bar{F}$  may be replaced by  $F$ .

**Theorem 4.** Let  $F'(x) = f(x)$ , where  $f(x)$  satisfies (1.4) and define  $\bar{F}(x)$  by means of (2.5). Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{n} C_n \left\{ \sum_{r=0}^{m-1} F\left(nx + \frac{nr}{m}\right) - \int_0^m \bar{F}\left(nx + \frac{nt}{m}\right) dt \right\} \\ & = \frac{1}{m} C_m \left\{ \sum_{s=0}^{n-1} F\left(mx + \frac{ms}{n}\right) - \int_0^n \bar{F}\left(mx + \frac{mt}{n}\right) dt \right\}. \dots\dots\dots(2.7) \end{aligned}$$

Moreover in each sum in (2.7)  $\bar{F}$  may be replaced by  $F$ .

3. Since  $\psi(x)$  satisfies (2.2) it is evident that (2.6) and (2.7) yield

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{m} \sum_{r=0}^{m-1} \bar{\psi}\left(nx + \frac{nr}{m}\right) - \frac{1}{mN} \sum_{t=0}^{mN-1} \bar{\psi}\left(nx + \frac{nt}{m}\right) \\ & = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=0}^{n-1} \bar{\psi}\left(mx + \frac{ms}{n}\right) - \frac{1}{nN} \sum_{t=0}^{nN-1} \bar{\psi}\left(mx + \frac{mt}{n}\right), \dots\dots\dots(3.1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{m} \sum_{r=0}^{m-1} \bar{\psi}\left(nx + \frac{nr}{m}\right) - \frac{1}{m} \int_0^m \bar{\psi}\left(nx + \frac{nt}{m}\right) dt \\ & = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=0}^{n-1} \bar{\psi}\left(mx + \frac{ms}{n}\right) - \frac{1}{n} \int_0^n \bar{\psi}\left(mx + \frac{mt}{n}\right) dt, \dots\dots\dots(3.2) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\bar{\psi}(x) = \psi(x - [x])$ .

To get a result like (3.2) involving  $\psi(x)$  we note first that by (2.2) and (2.3)

$$\frac{1}{m} \sum_{r=0}^{m-1} \psi\left(nx + \frac{nr}{m}\right) + \log n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=0}^{n-1} \psi\left(mx + \frac{ms}{n}\right) + \log m. \dots\dots\dots(3.3)$$

Secondly we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{m} \int_0^m \psi\left(nx + \frac{nt}{m}\right) dt = \int_0^1 \psi(nx + nt) dt \\ & = \frac{1}{n} \log \frac{\Gamma(nx + n)}{\Gamma(nx)} = \log n + \sum_{s=0}^{n-1} \log\left(x + \frac{s}{n}\right). \dots\dots\dots(3.4) \end{aligned}$$

If we put

$$G(x) = \psi(x) - \log x \dots\dots\dots(3.5)$$

and make use of (3.3) and (3.4), we find after a little computation that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{m} \left\{ \sum_{r=0}^{m-1} G\left(nx + \frac{nr}{m}\right) - \int_0^m G\left(nx + \frac{nt}{m}\right) dt \right\} \\ = \frac{1}{n} \left\{ \sum_{s=0}^{n-1} G\left(mx + \frac{ms}{n}\right) - \int_0^n G\left(mx + \frac{mt}{n}\right) dt \right\}. \dots\dots\dots(3.6) \end{aligned}$$

It can be verified that (3.6) is equivalent to Theorem 2 of Guinand's paper. Put

$$H(x) = G(x) - \bar{\psi}(x) = \psi(x) - \bar{\psi}(x) - \log x, \dots\dots\dots(3.7)$$

which evidently implies that, for  $x > 0$ ,

$$H(x) = \sum_{1 \leq k < x} \frac{1}{x-k} - \log x. \dots\dots\dots(3.8)$$

Comparing (3.6) with (3.2), we have at once that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{m} \left\{ \sum_{r=0}^{m-1} H\left(nx + \frac{nr}{m}\right) - \int_0^m H\left(nx + \frac{nt}{m}\right) dt \right\} \\ = \frac{1}{n} \left\{ \sum_{s=0}^{n-1} H\left(mx + \frac{ms}{n}\right) - \int_0^n H\left(mx + \frac{mt}{n}\right) dt \right\} \dots\dots\dots(3.9) \end{aligned}$$

The function  $H(x)$  may be compared with  $g(x)$  as defined in (1.3). We have noted above that in Theorem 2 we may take  $f(x) = \zeta(\sigma, \{x\})$ . Now for the function  $\zeta(\sigma, x)$  we have first by (1.5)

$$n^\sigma \sum_{r=0}^{m-1} \zeta\left(\sigma, nx + \frac{nr}{m}\right) = m^\sigma \sum_{s=0}^{n-1} \zeta\left(\sigma, mx + \frac{ms}{n}\right). \dots\dots\dots(3.10)$$

Secondly we have, for  $\sigma \neq 1$ , that

$$n^\sigma \int_0^m \zeta\left(\sigma, nx + \frac{nt}{m}\right) dt = \frac{1}{\sigma-1} \sum_{s=0}^{n-1} \left(mx + \frac{ms}{n}\right)^{1-\sigma}. \dots\dots\dots(3.11)$$

Thus if we put

$$G_\sigma(x) = \zeta(\sigma, x) - \frac{x^{1-\sigma}}{1-\sigma}, \dots\dots\dots(3.12)$$

it follows from (3.10) and 3.11) that

$$\begin{aligned} n^\sigma \left\{ \sum_{r=0}^{m-1} G_\sigma\left(nx + \frac{nr}{m}\right) - \int_0^m G_\sigma\left(nx + \frac{nt}{m}\right) dt \right\} \\ = m^\sigma \left\{ \sum_{s=0}^{n-1} G_\sigma\left(mx + \frac{ms}{n}\right) - \int_0^n G_\sigma\left(mx + \frac{mt}{n}\right) dt \right\}. \dots\dots\dots(3.13) \end{aligned}$$

We may state

**Theorem 5.** *If*

$$\zeta(\sigma, x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(x+k)^\sigma} \quad (R(\sigma) > 1)$$

and  $G_\sigma(x)$  is defined by (3.12), then (3.13) holds for arbitrary positive integers  $m, n$ .

By analytic continuation (3.13) holds for all  $\sigma \neq 1$ .

Since, by (1.12),

$$\begin{aligned} n^\sigma \left\{ \sum_{r=0}^{m-1} \zeta \left( \sigma, \left\{ nx + \frac{nr}{m} \right\} \right) - \int_0^m \zeta \left( \sigma, \left\{ nx + \frac{nt}{m} \right\} \right) dt \right\} \\ = m^\sigma \left\{ \sum_{s=0}^{n-1} \zeta \left( \sigma, \left\{ mx + \frac{ms}{n} \right\} \right) - \int_0^n \zeta \left( \sigma, \left\{ mx + \frac{mt}{n} \right\} \right) dt \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

comparison with (3.13) yields

$$\begin{aligned} n^\sigma \left\{ \sum_{r=0}^{m-1} H_\sigma \left( nx + \frac{nr}{m} \right) - \int_0^m H_\sigma \left( nx + \frac{nt}{m} \right) dt \right\} \\ = m^\sigma \left\{ \sum_{s=0}^{n-1} H_\sigma \left( mx + \frac{ms}{n} \right) - \int_0^n H_\sigma \left( mx + \frac{mt}{n} \right) dt \right\}, \dots\dots\dots(3.14) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} H_\sigma(x) &= \zeta(\sigma, \{x\}) - G_\sigma(x) \\ &= \zeta(\sigma, \{x\}) - \zeta(\sigma, x) + \frac{x^{1-\sigma}}{1-\sigma} \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq k < x} \frac{1}{(x-k)^\sigma} + \frac{x^{1-\sigma}}{1-\sigma}. \dots\dots\dots(3.15) \end{aligned}$$

The formula (3.14) may be compared with Theorem 5 of Guinand's paper. We remark that since

$$\zeta(1-k, x) = -\frac{1}{k} B_k(x) \quad (k = 1, 2, 3, \dots),$$

(3.13) can be expressed in terms of Bernoulli polynomials.

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