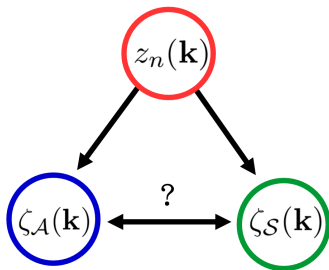


# A simultaneous $q$ -analogue of finite and symmetrized multiple zeta values

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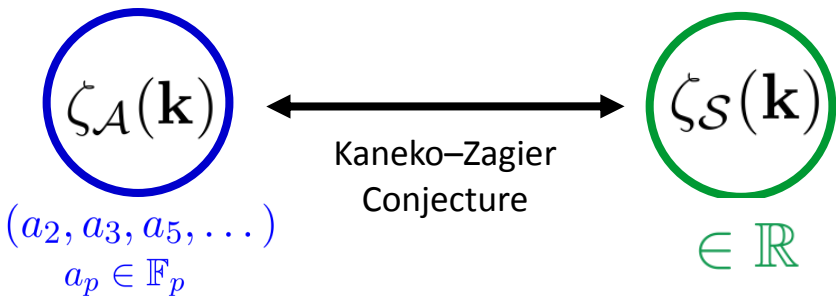
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A diagram illustrating the relationship between different types of multiple zeta values. At the top, a white rounded rectangle with a black border contains the text "A simultaneous q-analogue of finite and symmetrized multiple zeta values". A black arrow points from the bottom of this box to a blue circle on the left containing the symbol  $\zeta_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{k})$ . To the right of this circle is a green circle containing the symbol  $\zeta_{\mathcal{S}}(\mathbf{k})$ . A horizontal black double-headed arrow connects the two circles, with the text "Kaneko-Zagier Conjecture" centered below it. The text "q = 1" is written in red above the arrow pointing to the blue circle.

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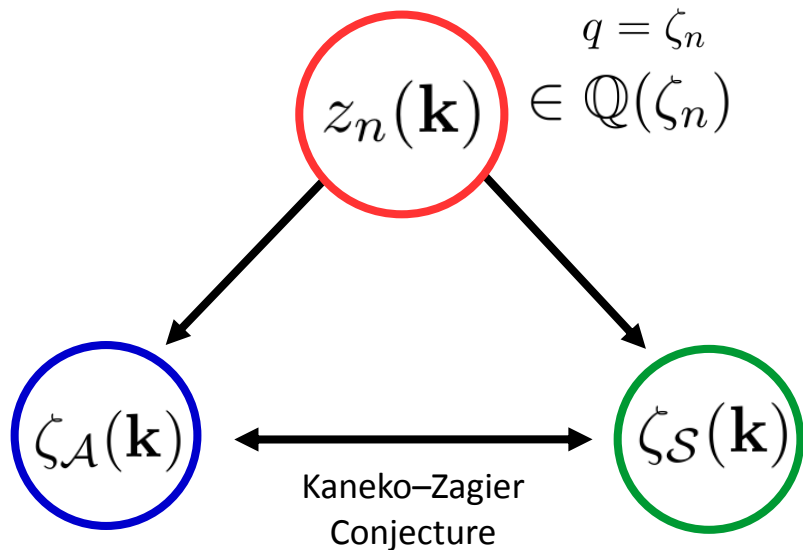
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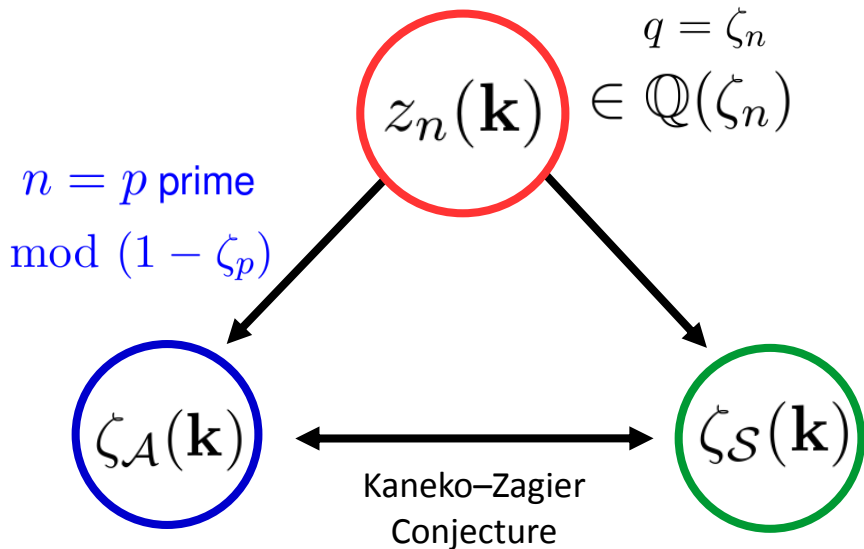
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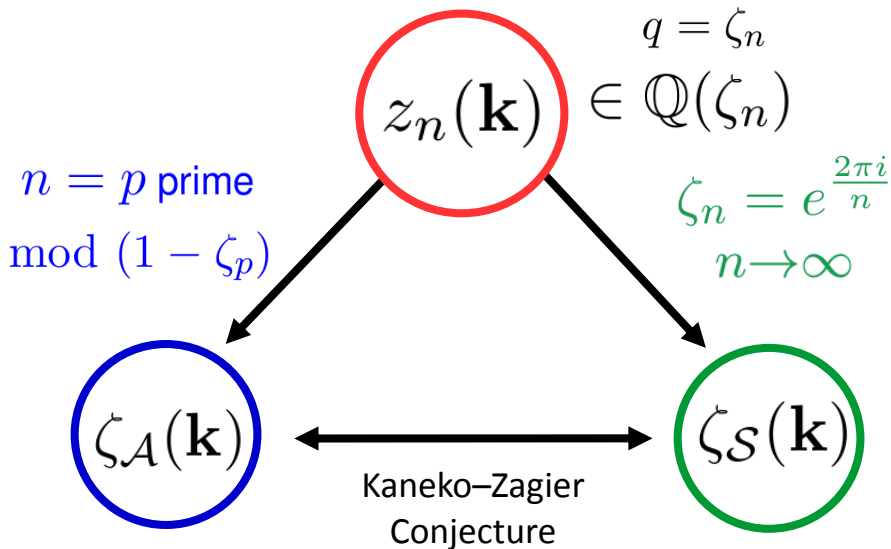


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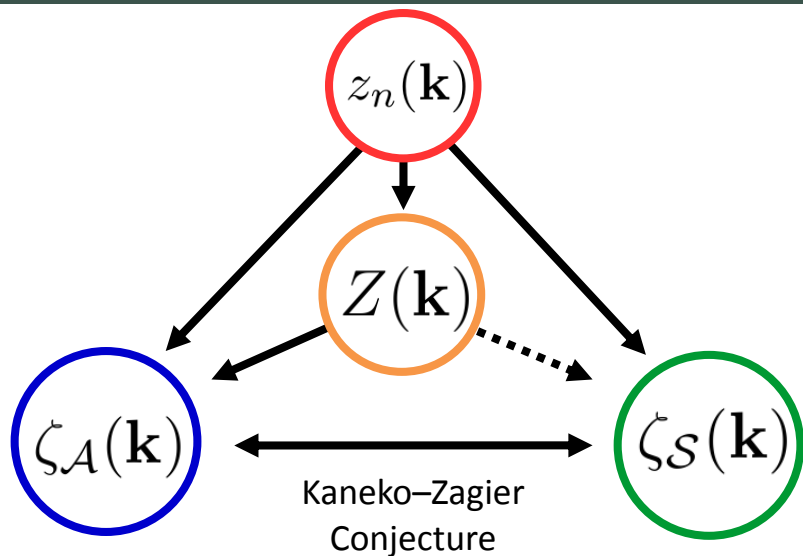




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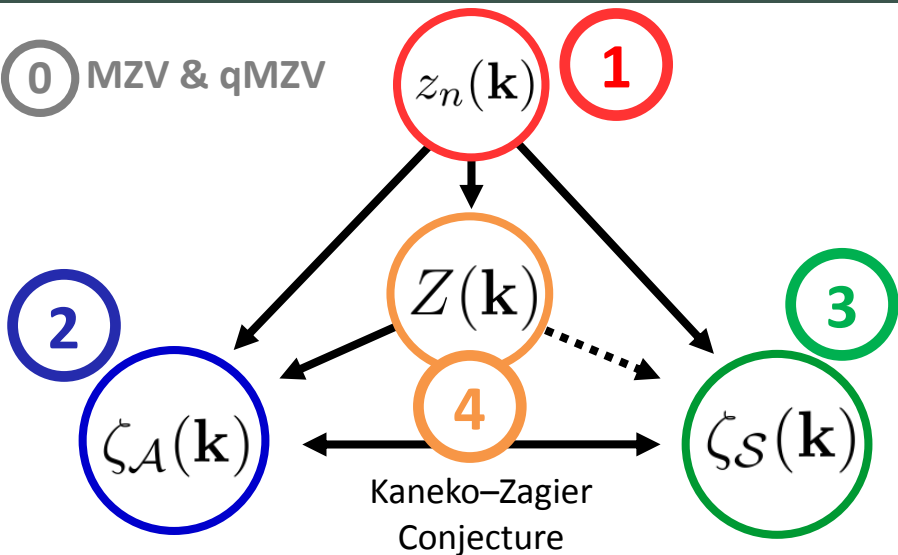


# Overview



# Plan of the talk

① MZV & qMZV



## ① Introduction - Multiple zeta(-star) values

### Definition

For  $k_1 \geq 2, k_2, \dots, k_r \geq 1, \mathbf{k} = (k_1, \dots, k_r)$  define the **multiple zeta value**

$$\zeta(\mathbf{k}) = \zeta(k_1, \dots, k_r) = \sum_{m_1 > \dots > m_r > 0} \frac{1}{m_1^{k_1} \dots m_r^{k_r}} \in \mathbb{R}$$

and the **multiple zeta-star value**

$$\zeta^*(\mathbf{k}) = \zeta^*(k_1, \dots, k_r) = \sum_{m_1 \geq \dots \geq m_r > 0} \frac{1}{m_1^{k_1} \dots m_r^{k_r}} \in \mathbb{R}.$$

By  $r$  we denote its **depth** and  $\text{wt}(\mathbf{k}) = k_1 + \dots + k_r$  will be called its **weight**.

- The product of two MZ(S)V can be expressed as a linear combination of MZ(S)V with the same weight (**harmonic product**). e.g:

$$\begin{aligned}\zeta(k_1) \cdot \zeta(k_2) &= \zeta(k_1, k_2) + \zeta(k_2, k_1) + \zeta(k_1 + k_2), \\ \zeta^*(k_1) \cdot \zeta^*(k_2) &= \zeta^*(k_1, k_2) + \zeta^*(k_2, k_1) - \zeta^*(k_1 + k_2).\end{aligned}$$

## ① Introduction - $q$ -analogues of multiple zeta values

### Definition

For  $k_1 \geq 2, k_2, \dots, k_r \geq 1$  and  $\mathbf{k} = (k_1, \dots, k_r)$  define the  $q$ -multiple zeta value by

$$\zeta(k_1, \dots, k_r; q) = \sum_{m_1 > \dots > m_r > 0} \frac{q^{(k_1-1)m_1} \dots q^{(k_r-1)m_r}}{[m_1]_q^{k_1} \dots [m_r]_q^{k_r}} \in \mathbb{Q}[[q]],$$

where  $[m]_q = \frac{1-q^m}{1-q} = 1 + q + \dots + q^{m-1}$ .

- They satisfy:  $\lim_{q \rightarrow 1} \zeta(k_1, \dots, k_r; q) = \zeta(k_1, \dots, k_r)$ .
- The harmonic product version for these objects reads

$$\zeta(k_1; q) \cdot \zeta(k_2; q) = \zeta(k_1, k_2; q) + \zeta_q(k_2, k_1; q) + \zeta_q(k_1 + k_2; q) \\ + (1 - q)\zeta_q(k_1 + k_2 - 1; q),$$

- The product structures of  $\zeta$ ,  $\zeta^*$  and  $\zeta(\dots; q)$  are all examples of Quasi shuffle products (See M. Hoffmans talk on Friday).

# ① $z_n$ - Definition

## Definition

- For  $n \geq 1$  and an index set  $\mathbf{k} = (k_1, \dots, k_r)$  with  $k_1, \dots, k_r \geq 1$  we define

$$z_n(\mathbf{k}; q) = z_n(k_1, \dots, k_r; q) = \sum_{n > m_1 > \dots > m_r > 0} \frac{q^{(k_1-1)m_1} \dots q^{(k_r-1)m_r}}{[m_1]_q^{k_1} \dots [m_r]_q^{k_r}}$$

and similarly  $z_n^*(\mathbf{k}; q)$  by summing over  $n > m_1 \geq \dots \geq m_r > 0$ .

- Let  $\zeta_n$  a primitive  $n$ -th root of unity and write for  $q = \zeta_n$

$$z_n(\mathbf{k}) := z_n(\mathbf{k}; \zeta_n) \in \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n).$$

## Remark

Clearly the value  $z_n(\mathbf{k}; \zeta_n) \in \mathbb{C}$  depends on the choice of  $\zeta_n$ . But all the results we will present in the following are true for all  $\zeta_n$  and we therefore just write  $z_n(\mathbf{k})$ .

## ① $z_n$ - Depth one

In depth one we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} z_n(k) \left( \frac{x}{1 - \zeta_n} \right)^k = \frac{nx}{1 - (1+x)^n} + 1$$

and therefore in particular  $z_n(k) \in (1 - \zeta_n)^k \mathbb{Q}$ .

$$z_n(1) = \frac{n-1}{2}(1 - \zeta_n), \quad z_n(2) = -\frac{n^2-1}{12}(1 - \zeta_n)^2,$$

$$z_n(3) = \frac{n^2-1}{24}(1 - \zeta_n)^3, \quad z_n(4) = \frac{(n^2-1)(n^2-19)}{720}(1 - \zeta_n)^4.$$

## ① $z_n$ - Degenerated Bernoulli numbers

Carlitz (1956) introduced the **degenerated Bernoulli** numbers  $b_k(n) \in \mathbb{Q}[\frac{1}{n}]$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k(n) \frac{x^k}{k!} = \frac{x}{(1 + \frac{x}{n})^n - 1}.$$

These numbers can be seen as a degeneration of the Bernoulli numbers

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_k(n) = B_k, \quad \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} B_k \frac{x^k}{k!} = \frac{x}{e^x - 1}.$$

For even  $k \geq 2$  it is

$$\zeta(k) = -\frac{B_k}{k!} \frac{(-2\pi i)^k}{2}.$$

Similarly we have (for all  $n, k \geq 1$ )

$$z_n(k) = -\frac{b_k(n)}{k!} (n(1 - \zeta_n))^k.$$



## ① $z_n$ - Harmonic product

With the same calculation as for  $q$ -analogues one checks that for  $a, b \geq 1$

$$z_n(a) \cdot z_n(b) = z_n(a, b) + z_n(b, a) + z_n(a + b) + (1 - \zeta_n)z_n(a + b - 1).$$

In particular for  $a = 1$  it is

$$z_n(1) \cdot z_n(b) = z_n(1, b) + z_n(b, 1) + z_n(b + 1) + (1 - \zeta_n)z_n(b).$$

But since  $z_n(1) = \frac{n-1}{2}(1 - \zeta_n)$  we obtain for  $n \neq 3$

$$(1 - \zeta_n)z_n(b) = \frac{2}{n-3} (z_n(1, b) + z_n(b, 1) + z_n(b + 1)),$$

which gives

$$\begin{aligned} z_n(a) \cdot z_n(b) &= z_n(a, b) + z_n(b, a) + z_n(a + b) \\ &\quad + \frac{2}{n-3} (z_n(1, a + b - 1) + z_n(a + b - 1, 1) + z_n(a + b)). \end{aligned}$$

# ① $z_n$ - Harmonic product and $z_n$ vs $z_n^*$

## Lemma

For  $n \gg k$  and all index sets  $\mathbf{k}$  and  $m \geq 0$  there exists  $\alpha_{\mathbf{k}',n} \in \mathbb{Q}$  for index sets  $\mathbf{k}'$  with

$$(1 - \zeta_n)^m z_n(\mathbf{k}) = \sum_{\text{wt}(\mathbf{k}') = \text{wt}(\mathbf{k}) + m} \alpha_{\mathbf{k}',n} \cdot z_n(\mathbf{k}').$$

## Corollary

- The product  $z_n(\mathbf{k}_1) \cdot z_n(\mathbf{k}_2)$  can be written as a linear combination of  $z_n(\mathbf{k}_3)$  with  $\text{wt}(\mathbf{k}_3) = \text{wt}(\mathbf{k}_1) + \text{wt}(\mathbf{k}_2)$ .
- Every  $z_n^*$  can be written in terms of  $z_n$  and vice versa.

The second statement in depth 2 follows for example from

$$z_n^*(a, b) = z_n(a, b) + z_n(a + b) + (1 - \zeta_n)z_n(a + b - 1).$$

In the following we will just focus on linear relations between  $z_n^*$ .

# ① $z_n$ - Hoffman dual $\mathbf{k}^\vee$

## Definition (rough)

Every index set  $\mathbf{k} = (k_1, \dots, k_r)$  can be written as

$$(k_1, \dots, k_r) = (\overbrace{1 + \dots + 1}^{k_1}, \dots, \overbrace{1 + \dots + 1}^{k_r}).$$

Define the **Hoffman dual**  $\mathbf{k}^\vee$  by interchanging  $,$  and  $+$  in this representation.

**Example** The Hoffman dual of  $\mathbf{k} = (3, 2)$  is given by

$$\mathbf{k}^\vee = (3, 2)^\vee = (1 + 1 + 1, 1 + 1)^\vee = (1, 1, 1 + 1, 1) = (1, 1, 2, 1).$$

## ① $z_n$ - Duality

For an index set  $\mathbf{k} = (k_1, \dots, k_r)$  we define its reverse by  $\overline{\mathbf{k}} = (k_r, \dots, k_1)$ .

Theorem (B., Takeyama, Tasaka)

For all  $n \geq 1$  and all index sets  $\mathbf{k} = (k_1, \dots, k_r)$  we have

$$z_n^*(\mathbf{k}) = (-1)^{\text{wt}(\mathbf{k})+1} z_n^*(\overline{\mathbf{k}^\vee}).$$

**Example:** Since  $(3, 2)^\vee = (1, 1, 2, 1)$  it is

$$z_n^*(3, 2) = (-1)^{5+1} z_n^*(\overline{(1, 1, 2, 1)}) = z_n^*(1, 2, 1, 1).$$

## ① $z_n$ - Linear relations

The **duality** together with the **harmonic product** gives a large family of algebraic & linear relations between  $z_n^*$  or  $z_n$ .

### Example

Using duality and the harmonic product one can show that

$$2z_n^*(4, 1) + z_n^*(3, 2) = \frac{(n^4 - 1)(n + 5)}{1440}(1 - \zeta_n)^5 + \frac{n + 2}{3}(1 - \zeta_n)^2 z_n^*(2, 1)$$

(Of course the right-hand side could also be written as a linear combination of  $z_n^*$ .)

### Observation

For a fixed  $n$  and a fixed weight  $1 \leq k < n$ , all linear relations between  $z_n^*(\mathbf{k})$  (resp.  $z_n(\mathbf{k})$ ) in weight  $\text{wt}(\mathbf{k}) = k$  seem to follow from the duality and the harmonic product.

## ① $z_n$ - Summary

- For a fixed  $n$ , the  $z_n(\mathbf{k})$  are elements in  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n)$ .
- They satisfy various linear relations, which conjecturally can all be described using duality and the harmonic product.
- We also have results on Sum formulas / Ohno-Zagier relations / etc.
- There exist explicit formulas for  $z_n(k, \dots, k) \in (1 - \zeta_n)^{k+\dots+k} \cdot \mathbb{Q}$ .

We now want to give the connection to finite multiple zeta values.

## ② Finite MZV - Definition

### Definition

For an index  $\mathbf{k} = (k_1, \dots, k_r) \in \mathbb{N}^r$  the **finite multiple zeta value** are defined by

$$\zeta_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{k}) = \left( \sum_{p > m_1 > \dots > m_r > 0} \frac{1}{m_1^{k_1} \dots m_r^{k_r}} \pmod{p} \right)_{p \text{ prime}} \in \mathcal{A},$$

where  $\mathcal{A}$  is given by

$$\mathcal{A} = \prod_{p \text{ prime}} \mathbb{F}_p / \bigoplus_{p \text{ prime}} \mathbb{F}_p.$$

Also define  $\zeta_{\mathcal{A}}^*(\mathbf{k})$  by using  $p > m_1 \geq \dots \geq m_r > 0$  in the definition.

Denote by  $\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{A}} \subset \mathcal{A}$  the  $\mathbb{Q}$ -vector space spanned by all  $\zeta_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{k})$ .

- $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{A}}$  are  $\mathbb{Q}$ -algebras.
- Satisfy the same harmonic product formula as MZ(S)V.

## ② Finite MZV - Connection to $z_n$

For this part we will focus on  $n = p$  prime.

### Lemma

For  $p$  prime it is  $z_p(\mathbf{k}) \in \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_p]$ .

**Proof:** This follows from the fact that the  $q$ -integer  $[m]_q$  at  $q = \zeta_p$  is a cyclotomic unit, when  $m$  is coprime with  $p$ .

In this case there exists a  $t$  with  $m \cdot t \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  and therefore

$$\frac{1}{[m]_{\zeta_p}} = \frac{1 - \zeta_p}{1 - \zeta_p^m} = \frac{1 - \zeta_p^{tm}}{1 - \zeta_p^m} = 1 + \zeta_p^m + \dots + \zeta_p^{(t-1)m} \in \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_p].$$



## ② Finite MZV - Connection to $z_n$

Let  $\mathfrak{p} = (1 - \zeta_p)$  be the prime ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_p]$  generated by  $1 - \zeta_p$ .

### Lemma

- It holds that  $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_p]/\mathfrak{p} = \mathbb{F}_p$ .
- For  $p > m > 0$  we have  $[m]_{\zeta_p} \equiv m \pmod{\mathfrak{p}}$ .

From this we get

### Theorem (B., Takeyama, Tasaka)

For any primitive root of unity  $\zeta_p$ , we have

$$(z_p(\mathbf{k}) \pmod{\mathfrak{p}})_p = \zeta_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{k})$$

and

$$(z_p^*(\mathbf{k}; \zeta_p) \pmod{\mathfrak{p}})_p = \zeta_{\mathcal{A}}^*(\mathbf{k}).$$

In particular since  $z_n(k) \in (1 - \zeta_n)^k \cdot \mathbb{Q}$  it is  $\zeta_{\mathcal{A}}(k) = 0$ .

## ② Finite MZV - Linear relations from $z_n$

We saw before that for all  $p$

$$2z_p^*(4, 1) + z_p^*(3, 2) = \frac{(p^4 - 1)(p + 5)}{1440}(1 - \zeta_p)^5 + \frac{p + 2}{3}(1 - \zeta_p)^2 z_p^*(2, 1)$$

The right-hand side vanishes for  $p > 5$  in  $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_p]/\mathfrak{p}$  and therefore we obtain the relation

$$2\zeta_{\mathcal{A}}^*(4, 1) + \zeta_{\mathcal{A}}^*(3, 2) = 0.$$

## ② Finite MZV - Duality

Similar to the  $z_n$  the finite MZV also satisfy the duality relation

### Theorem (Hoffman)

For all index sets  $\mathbf{k}$  it is

$$\zeta_{\mathcal{A}}^*(\mathbf{k}) = -\zeta_{\mathcal{A}}^*(\mathbf{k}^{\vee}).$$

This follows from

$$z_n^*(\mathbf{k}) = (-1)^{\text{wt}(\mathbf{k})+1} z_n^*(\overline{\mathbf{k}^{\vee}}).$$

and the easy to check relation  $\zeta_{\mathcal{A}}^*(\mathbf{k}) = (-1)^{\text{wt}(\mathbf{k})} \zeta_{\mathcal{A}}^*(\overline{\mathbf{k}})$ .

### ③ Symmetrized MZV - Regularized multiple zeta values

#### Definition

For  $k_1, \dots, k_r \geq 1$  denote by  $R_{k_1, \dots, k_r}(T) \in \mathbb{R}[T]$  the regularized multiple zeta values, which are uniquely determined by

- $R_1(T) = T$ ,
- For  $k_1 \geq 2$  it is  $R_{k_1, \dots, k_r}(T) = \zeta(k_1, \dots, k_r)$ ,
- Their product can be expressed by the harmonic product formula.

**Example:** Since  $R_1(T) \cdot R_2(T) = R_{1,2}(T) + R_{2,1}(T) + R_3(T)$  it is

$$R_{1,2}(T) = \zeta(2)T - \zeta(2, 1) - \zeta(3).$$

### ③ Symmetrized MZV - Definition

#### Definition

For an index  $\mathbf{k} = (k_1, \dots, k_r) \in \mathbb{N}^r$  define the **symmetrized multiple zeta values** by

$$\zeta_{\mathcal{S}}(\mathbf{k}) = \sum_{a=0}^r (-1)^{k_1 + \dots + k_a} R_{k_a, k_{a-1}, \dots, k_1}(T) R_{k_{a+1}, k_{a+2}, \dots, k_r}(T)$$

and

$$\zeta_{\mathcal{S}}^*(\mathbf{k}) = \zeta_{\mathcal{S}}^*(k_1, \dots, k_r) = \sum \zeta_{\mathcal{S}}(k_1 \square \dots \square k_r).$$

$\square$  is either a comma ','  
or a plus '+'

- One can check that the definition of  $\zeta_{\mathcal{S}}$  is independent of  $T$ .
- In depth  $r = 1$  it is

$$\zeta_{\mathcal{S}}(k) = R_k(T) + (-1)^k R_k(T) = \begin{cases} 2\zeta(k) & , k \text{ is even} \\ 0 & , k \text{ is odd} \end{cases} .$$

### ③ Symmetrized MZV - Connection to $z_n$ in depth one

- Now we want to give the connection of  $z_n$  to the symmetrized multiple zeta values.
- For this part we will fix the primitive  $n$ -th root of unity  $\zeta_n = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{n}}$ .

We saw earlier that in depth one we have for all  $k, n \geq 1$

$$z_n(k) = -\frac{b_k(n)}{k!} (n(1 - \zeta_n))^k .$$

Notice that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n(1 - \zeta_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left( -\frac{2\pi i}{n} - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{2\pi i}{n} \right)^2 - \dots \right) = -2\pi i .$$

With  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_k(n) = B_k$  and  $\zeta(k) = -\frac{B_k}{k!} \frac{(-2\pi i)^k}{2}$  for even  $k$  we obtain

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n(k) = \begin{cases} -\pi i & (k = 1) \\ 2\zeta(k) & (k \geq 2, k \text{ is even}) \\ 0 & (k \geq 3, k \text{ is odd}) \end{cases}$$

In particular  $\operatorname{Re} \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n(k) \right) = \zeta_S(k)$ .

### ③ Symmetrized MZV - Limit $n \rightarrow \infty$ and $\xi(\mathbf{k})$

Theorem (B., Takeyama, Tasaka)

For any index set  $\mathbf{k} = (k_1, \dots, k_r)$  the limit  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n(\mathbf{k}; e^{\frac{2\pi i}{n}})$  exists and we set

$$\xi(\mathbf{k}) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n(\mathbf{k}; e^{\frac{2\pi i}{n}}) \in \mathbb{C}$$

and

$$\xi^*(\mathbf{k}) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n^*(\mathbf{k}; e^{\frac{2\pi i}{n}}) \in \mathbb{C}.$$

As we saw before in depth one it is

$$\xi(k) = \begin{cases} -\pi i & (k = 1) \\ 2\zeta(k) & (k \geq 2, k \text{ is even}) \\ 0 & (k \geq 3, k \text{ is odd}) \end{cases}$$

### ③ Symmetrized MZV - Limit $n \rightarrow \infty$ and $\xi(\mathbf{k})$

Theorem (B., Takeyama, Tasaka)

For any index set  $\mathbf{k} = (k_1, \dots, k_r)$  we have

$$\xi(\mathbf{k}) = \sum_{a=0}^r (-1)^{k_1 + \dots + k_a} R_{k_a, k_{a-1}, \dots, k_1} \left( \frac{\pi i}{2} \right) R_{k_{a+1}, k_{a+2}, \dots, k_r} \left( -\frac{\pi i}{2} \right).$$

From this explicit expression we obtain

Theorem (B., Takeyama, Tasaka)

For any index set  $\mathbf{k} = (k_1, \dots, k_r)$  we have

$$\operatorname{Re}(\xi(\mathbf{k})) \equiv \zeta_{\mathcal{S}}(\mathbf{k}) \pmod{\zeta(2)\mathcal{Z}}.$$

There are similar statements for  $\zeta^*(\mathbf{k}) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n^*(\mathbf{k}; e^{\frac{2\pi i}{n}})$  and  $\zeta_{\mathcal{S}}^*$ .



### ③ Symmetrized MZV - Linear relations

We have seen before that for all  $n$

$$2z_n^*(4, 1) + z_n^*(3, 2) = \frac{(n^4 - 1)(n + 5)}{1440}(1 - \zeta_n)^5 + \frac{n + 2}{3}(1 - \zeta_n)^2 z_n^*(2, 1)$$

Taking the limit  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we obtain

$$2\xi_n^*(4, 1) + \xi_n^*(3, 2) = \frac{(-2\pi i)^5}{1440}$$

and in particular

$$2\zeta_S^*(4, 1) + \zeta_S^*(3, 2) \equiv 0 \pmod{\zeta(2)\mathcal{Z}}.$$

### ③ Symmetrized MZV - Duality

From  $z_n^*(\mathbf{k}) = (-1)^{\text{wt}(\mathbf{k})+1} z_n^*(\overline{\mathbf{k}^\vee})$  we also obtain duality for  $\xi^*$  and  $\zeta_S^*$

#### Theorem (B., Takeyama, Tasaka)

For any index  $\mathbf{k}$ , the following relations hold.

- $\xi^*(\mathbf{k}^\vee) = -\overline{\xi^*(\mathbf{k})}$ .
- $\xi^*(\overline{\mathbf{k}}) = (-1)^{\text{wt}(\mathbf{k})} \overline{\xi^*(\mathbf{k})}$ ,

Here the bar on the right-hand sides denotes complex conjugation.

Taking the real part gives:

#### Theorem (B., Takeyama, Tasaka)

For any index  $\mathbf{k}$  we have

$$\zeta_S^*(\mathbf{k}) \equiv -\zeta_S^*(\mathbf{k}^\vee) \quad \text{and} \quad \zeta_S^*(\mathbf{k}) \equiv (-1)^{\text{wt}(\mathbf{k})} \zeta_S^*(\overline{\mathbf{k}}) \pmod{\zeta(2)\mathcal{Z}}.$$

## ④ $Z(\mathbf{k})$ & Kaneko-Zagier Conjecture - Motivation

So far we considered  $z_n$  for a fixed  $n$ .

### Observation

For a fixed weight  $k$ , the number of linear relations between  $z_n(\mathbf{k})$  with  $\text{wt}(\mathbf{k}) = k$  seem to be the same for all  $n \gg k$ .

We therefore want to introduce now a "global object"  $Z(\mathbf{k})$ .

## ④ $Z(\mathbf{k})$ & Kaneko-Zagier Conjecture - Definition

We will now collect for all prime  $p$  the values  $z_p$  and define for this

$$\mathcal{A}^{\text{cyc}} = \left( \prod_{p:\text{prime}} \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_p]/(p) \right) / \left( \bigoplus_{p:\text{prime}} \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_p]/(p) \right),$$

- $\mathcal{A}^{\text{cyc}}$  is a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -algebra.
- It is independent of the choice of  $\zeta_p$ , since  $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_p] = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta'_p]$  for any other  $p$ -th primitive root of unity  $\zeta'_p$ .

### Definition

For an index  $\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{N}^r$  we define

$$Z(\mathbf{k}) = (z_p(\mathbf{k}) \pmod{p})_p \in \mathcal{A}^{\text{cyc}}$$

and

$$Z^*(\mathbf{k}) = (z_p^*(\mathbf{k}) \pmod{p})_p \in \mathcal{A}^{\text{cyc}}.$$

## ④ $Z(\mathbf{k})$ & Kaneko-Zagier Conjecture - Linear relations & Dimension

Let  $\mathcal{Z}_k^{\text{cyc}}$  be the  $\mathbb{Q}$ -vector space spanned by all  $Z(\mathbf{k})$  of weight  $k$ .

### Proposition

- The product  $Z(\mathbf{k}_1) \cdot Z(\mathbf{k}_2)$  can be written as a linear combination of  $Z(\mathbf{k}_3)$  with  $\text{wt}(\mathbf{k}_3) = \text{wt}(\mathbf{k}_1) + \text{wt}(\mathbf{k}_2)$ .
- For any index  $\mathbf{k}$  we also have the duality

$$Z^*(\mathbf{k}) = (-1)^{\text{wt}(\mathbf{k})+1} Z^*(\overline{\mathbf{k}^\vee}).$$

Combining this with the product gives again a large family of linear relations and we obtain the following upper bounds for the dimensions:

$k$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
$\dim_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathcal{Z}_k^{\text{cyc}} \leq$	1	1	1	2	2	4	5	8	12	17	27	38	57	84

## ④ $Z(\mathbf{k})$ & Kaneko-Zagier Conjecture - Again FMZ

Since  $(p) = (1 - \zeta_p)^{p-1}$  we have a projection  $\varphi : \mathcal{A}^{\text{cyc}} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  sending  $(a_p \bmod (p))_p \in \mathcal{A}^{\text{cyc}}$  to  $(a_p \bmod \mathfrak{p})_p \in \mathcal{A}$ .

This gives a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -algebra homomorphism

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi_{\mathcal{A}} : \mathcal{Z}^{\text{cyc}} &\longrightarrow \mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{A}} \\ Z(\mathbf{k}) &\longmapsto \zeta_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{k}).\end{aligned}$$

The ideal  $\ker \varphi_{\mathcal{A}}$  can be written as follows.

### Proposition

We have  $\ker \varphi_{\mathcal{A}} = (1 - \zeta_p)\mathcal{A}^{\text{cyc}} \cap \mathcal{Z}^{\text{cyc}}$ .

## ④ $Z(\mathbf{k})$ & Kaneko-Zagier Conjecture - Conjecture

We saw that relations between  $z_n(\mathbf{k})$  gives relations between  $\zeta_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{k})$  and  $\zeta_{\mathcal{S}}(\mathbf{k}) \pmod{\zeta(2)\mathcal{Z}}$ .

This supports the following conjecture:

### Conjecture (Kaneko-Zagier)

The map  $\varphi_{KZ}$ , defined by

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi_{KZ} : \mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{A}} &\longrightarrow \mathcal{Z}/\zeta(2)\mathcal{Z} \\ \zeta_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{k}) &\longmapsto \zeta_{\mathcal{S}}(\mathbf{k}) \pmod{\zeta(2)\mathcal{Z}}\end{aligned}$$

is a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -algebra isomorphism.

## ④ $Z(\mathbf{k})$ & Kaneko-Zagier Conjecture - Refinement

### Conjecture

- The map  $\varphi_{\mathbb{R}} : \mathcal{Z}^{\text{cyc}} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}/\zeta(2)\mathcal{Z}$  that sends  $Z(\mathbf{k})$  to  $\text{Re}(\xi(\mathbf{k}))$  is a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -algebra homomorphism.
- It holds  $\ker \varphi_{\mathcal{A}} \stackrel{?}{=} \ker \varphi_{\mathbb{R}}$ .

This Conjecture would imply the Kaneko-Zagier conjecture. We expect the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \mathcal{Z}^{\text{cyc}} & \\ \varphi_{\mathcal{A}} \swarrow & & \searrow \varphi_{\mathbb{R}} \\ \mathcal{Z}^{\mathcal{A}} & \xrightarrow{\quad \mathbb{R}^? \quad} & \mathcal{Z}/\zeta(2)\mathcal{Z} \end{array}$$



**Thank you for your attention!**