

EXERCISE SHEET

1) Show that

$$\operatorname{Li}_k(z) = \int_0^z \operatorname{Li}_{k-1}(z) \frac{dz}{z}$$

for $\{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| \leq 1\}$ and $k \geq 2$. Deduce that $\operatorname{Li}_k(z)$ can be analytically continued to a multi-valued function on $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0, 1\}$.

2) Let

$$D : \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0, 1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad z \mapsto \operatorname{Im}(\operatorname{Li}_2(z)) + \arg(1-z) \log |z|$$

be the Bloch-Wigner function.

(a) Show that $D(\bar{z}) = -D(z)$ (in particular, D vanishes on \mathbb{R}).

(b) Show that $D(1-z) + D(z) = 0$.

3) Let $F = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-a})$ be an imaginary quadratic field. Let d be the discriminant and let $\zeta_F(s)$ be the Dedekind zeta function of F . Show that $\zeta_F(2)$ can be written as

$$\zeta_F(2) = \frac{\pi^2}{6\sqrt{|d|}} \sum_{n=1}^{|d|-1} \left(\frac{d}{n}\right) D(e^{2\pi i n/|d|})$$

where $\left(\frac{d}{n}\right)$ is a periodic function of period $|d|$ taking values in $\{-1, 0, 1\}$ (for those who know: it is a Dirichlet character on $(\mathbb{Z}/|d|\mathbb{Z})^*$).

4) a) Compute $\zeta_{\mathbb{Q}(i)}(2)$.

b) Compute $\zeta_{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-7})}(2)$.

5) Show that

$$\xi := 2 \left[\frac{1 + \sqrt{-7}}{2} \right] + \left[\frac{-1 + \sqrt{-7}}{4} \right] \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-7})).$$