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Prove that:

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{n+1}{(-4)^{n+1}} \zeta(n+1) = \frac{\gamma}{2} + \frac{\pi^2}{16} - \frac{\pi}{8} - \frac{3}{4} \ln 2$$

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$$\psi(1+x) - \psi(1) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} - \frac{1}{x+k} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} - \frac{1}{k} \left(1 + \frac{x}{k}\right)^{-1} \quad \text{here } \psi(x) = \text{digamma function}$$

Let $|x| < 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \psi(1+x) + \gamma &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} - \frac{1}{k} \left(1 - \frac{x}{k} + \frac{x^2}{k^2} - \frac{x^3}{k^3} + \dots\right) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x}{k^2} - \frac{x^2}{k^3} + \frac{x^3}{k^4} + \dots\right) \\ &= x\zeta(2) - x^2\zeta(3) + x^3\zeta(4) - \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \psi(1+x) = -\gamma + x\zeta(2) - x^2\zeta(3) + x^3\zeta(4) - \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow -x\psi(1-x) &= x\gamma + x^2\zeta(2) + x^3\zeta(3) + x^4\zeta(4) + \dots \\ &= x\gamma + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x^{n+1}\zeta(n+1) \end{aligned}$$

Differentiate w.r.t x

$$\Rightarrow -\psi(1-x) + x\psi'(1-x) = \gamma + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+1)x^n\zeta(n+1)$$

put $x = (-1/4)$

$$\Rightarrow -\psi\left(\frac{5}{4}\right) - \frac{1}{4}\psi'\left(\frac{5}{4}\right) = \gamma + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+1)\left(\frac{-1}{4}\right)^n\zeta(n+1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{n+1}{(-4)^{n+1}} \zeta(n+1) = \frac{1}{4}\psi\left(\frac{5}{4}\right) + \frac{\gamma}{4} + \frac{1}{16}\psi'\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)$$

Now, $\psi\left(\frac{5}{4}\right) = 4 + \psi\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) = 4 - \gamma - \frac{\pi}{2} - 3\ln 2$ (By Gauss's Digamma Theorem)

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Therefore, $\frac{1}{4}\psi\left(\frac{5}{4}\right) + \frac{\gamma}{4} = 1 - \frac{\pi}{8} - \frac{3}{4}\ln 2$ -----(A)

We know, $\psi'(x) = \frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{(x+1)^2} + \frac{1}{(x+2)^2} + \dots$

$$\psi'\left(\frac{5}{4}\right) = 16 \left\{ \frac{1}{5^2} + \frac{1}{9^2} + \frac{1}{13^2} + \frac{1}{17^2} + \dots \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{16} \psi'\left(\frac{5}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{5^2} + \frac{1}{9^2} + \frac{1}{13^2} + \frac{1}{17^2} + \dots$$

Now,

$$\frac{1}{1^2} - \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} - \frac{1}{7^2} + \frac{1}{9^2} - \frac{1}{11^2} + \dots = G$$

$$\frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} + \frac{1}{7^2} + \frac{1}{9^2} + \frac{1}{11^2} + \dots = \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{2^2} \right\} \zeta(2) = \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{\pi^2}{6} = \frac{\pi^2}{8}$$

By adding both series,

$$\Rightarrow 2 \left\{ \frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} + \frac{1}{9^2} + \dots \right\} = G + \frac{\pi^2}{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{16} \psi'\left(\frac{5}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{5^2} + \frac{1}{9^2} + \frac{1}{13^2} + \frac{1}{17^2} + \dots = \frac{G}{2} + \frac{\pi^2}{16} - 1$$
 -----(B)

Add both (A) and (B)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{4}\psi\left(\frac{5}{4}\right) + \frac{\gamma}{4} + \frac{1}{16}\psi'\left(\frac{5}{4}\right) &= \frac{1}{4}\left(4 - \gamma - \frac{\pi}{2} - 3\ln 2\right) + \frac{\gamma}{4} + \frac{G}{2} + \frac{\pi^2}{16} - 1 = 1 - \frac{\pi}{8} - \frac{3}{4}\ln 2 + \frac{G}{2} + \frac{\pi^2}{16} - 1 \\ &= \frac{G}{2} + \frac{\pi^2}{16} - \frac{\pi}{8} - \frac{3}{4}\ln 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{n+1}{(-4)^{n+1}} \zeta(n+1) = \frac{G}{2} + \frac{\pi^2}{16} - \frac{\pi}{8} - \frac{3}{4}\ln 2$$

here G = Catalan's constant and γ = Euler – Mascheroni's constant