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Prove that:

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{e^{(m+n)\pi} + e^{(m-n)\pi}} = \frac{1 - G\sqrt{2}}{4(1 - e^{\pi})}$$

where,  $G$  is Gauss's constant

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$$I = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{e^{m\pi}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{e^{n\pi} + e^{-n\pi}} = M \times N$$

$$\text{Now, } M = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{e^{m\pi}} = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} e^{-m\pi} = \frac{e^{-\pi}}{1 - e^{-\pi}} = \frac{1}{e^{\pi} - 1}$$

$$N = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{q^{-n} + q^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{q^n}{1 + q^{2n}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k q^{(2k+1)n} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} q^{(2k+1)n} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k q^{2k+1}}{1 - q^{2k+1}}$$

here,  $q = e^{-\pi}$ . Consider,  $\varphi(q) = f(q, q) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} q^{n^2}$

$$\text{here } f(a, b) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} b^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}},$$

$|ab| < 1$  (Ramanujan general theta function)

$$\text{Let } g(x) = {}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1, x\right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)_n \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)_n}{(1)_n n!} x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(2^n C_n)^2}{16} x^n \quad |x| < 1$$

Consider complete elliptic integral of first kind,

$$K(k) = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{d\theta}{\sqrt{1 - k^2 \sin^2 \theta}} = \frac{\pi}{2} g(k^2) \quad \text{and} \quad K(k') = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{d\theta}{\sqrt{1 - k'^2 \sin^2 \theta}} = \frac{\pi}{2} g(k'^2) \\ = \frac{\pi}{2} g(1 - k^2)$$

$$k' = \sqrt{1 - k^2}$$

$$\text{If } k = \sqrt{1 - \frac{\varphi^4(-q)}{\varphi^4(q)}} \quad \text{then, } \varphi^2\left(e^{-\pi \frac{K(k')}{K(k)}}\right) = g(k^2) = \frac{2}{\pi} K(k)$$

$$\text{Now, } k = k' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \Rightarrow \varphi^2(e^{-\pi}) = g\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{2}{\pi} K\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$$

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$$K\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = \sqrt{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{d\theta}{\sqrt{2 - \sin^2\theta}} = \sqrt{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{d\theta}{\sqrt{1 + \cos^2\theta}} \stackrel{\theta = \cos^{-1}x}{=} \sqrt{2} \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{1 - x^4}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} B\left(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{\Gamma^2\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)}{4\sqrt{\pi}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi^2(e^{-\pi}) = g\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{2}{\pi} K\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = \frac{\Gamma^2\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)}{2\pi\sqrt{\pi}} = G\sqrt{2}$$

$$\left( G = \frac{\Gamma^2\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)}{2\pi\sqrt{2\pi}} = \text{Gauss's Constant} \right)$$

Now we can use the identity given in Ramanujan Notebook (Part – 3) page – 114, entry 8

$$\varphi^2(q) = 1 + 4 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k q^{2k+1}}{1 - q^{2k+1}}$$

$$\text{Consider } \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{2}{q^{-n} + q^n} = 1 + 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{q^{-n} + q^n} = 1 + 4 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k q^{2k+1}}{1 - q^{2k+1}} = \varphi^2(q)$$

$$\stackrel{q=e^{-\pi}}{\Rightarrow} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{2}{e^{n\pi} + e^{-n\pi}} = 1 + 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{e^{n\pi} + e^{-n\pi}} = 1 + 4 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k e^{-(2k+1)\pi}}{1 - e^{-(2k+1)\pi}} = \varphi^2(e^{-\pi}) = G\sqrt{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow N = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k e^{-(2k+1)\pi}}{1 - e^{-(2k+1)\pi}} = \frac{G\sqrt{2} - 1}{4} \Rightarrow I = M \times N = \left(\frac{1}{e^{\pi} - 1}\right) \left(\frac{G\sqrt{2} - 1}{4}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow I = \frac{1 - G\sqrt{2}}{4(1 - e^{\pi})}$$