

## SHIFTED QUADRATIC ZETA SERIES

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It is well known that the Riemann Zeta function  $\zeta(p) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1/n^p$  can be represented in closed form for  $p$  an even integer. We will define a shifted quadratic Zeta series as  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1/(4n^2 - \alpha^2)^p$ . In this paper, we will determine closed-form representations of shifted quadratic Zeta series from a recursion point of view using the Riemann Zeta function. We will also determine closed-form representations of alternating sign shifted quadratic Zeta series.

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**1. Introduction.** In this paper, we will define a shifted quadratic Zeta series as one of the form

$$S(a, p) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(4n^2 - (2a+1)^2)^p}, \quad (1.1)$$

where  $p$  is a positive integer and  $a = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

The Riemann Zeta function,  $\zeta(p)$  is defined by

$$\zeta(p) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}, \quad \Re(p) > 1, \quad (1.2)$$

and we will also define

$$\delta(p) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n-1)^p}. \quad (1.3)$$

The alternating sign series version of (1.1) will be defined as

$$AS(a, p) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(4n^2 - (2a+1)^2)^p} \quad (1.4)$$

for  $p$ , a positive integer, and  $a = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

The Dirichlet series,  $D(p)$  is defined as

$$D(p) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^p}, \quad \Re(p) > 1, \quad (1.5)$$

and furthermore, we define

$$\sigma(p) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n-1)^p}. \tag{1.6}$$

The following formulae for  $\zeta(p)$  have also been given.

Euler, in 1748 gave the formula

$$\zeta(2q) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{2q}} = \frac{(-1)^{q-1} 2^{2q-1} \pi^{2q}}{(2q)!} B_{2q}, \tag{1.7}$$

where  $B_{2q}$  denotes Bernoulli numbers for  $q \in \mathbb{N}$ . The Bernoulli and Euler numbers,  $B_q$  and  $E_q$  are defined, respectively, by

$$\frac{t}{e^t - 1} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^j}{j!} B_j, \quad |t| < 2\pi, \tag{1.8}$$

$$\frac{2e^t}{e^t + 1} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^j}{j!} E_j, \quad |t| \leq \pi. \tag{1.9}$$

Lin [9] in 1999 gave the following elementary expression for  $\zeta(2q)$ : let  $q \in \mathbb{N}$ , then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{2q}} = K_q \pi^{2q}, \tag{1.10}$$

where  $K_q$  is given by the recurrence relation

$$K_q = \frac{(-1)^{q-1} q}{(2q+1)!} - \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \frac{(-1)^{q-j}}{(2q-2j+1)!} K_j. \tag{1.11}$$

The main aim of this paper is to determine closed form representations of  $S(a, p)$  in terms of  $\delta(p)$  and the Riemann Zeta function  $\zeta(p)$ . The closed form of  $AS(a, p)$  will also be given. It is well known that  $\zeta(p)$  can be represented in closed form for  $p$  an even integer, although no closed representation of  $\zeta(p)$  exists for  $p$  an odd integer. Closed form representations of  $S(a, p)$ ,  $\delta(p)$ , and  $AS(a, p)$  for particular cases of  $a$  and  $p$  can be determined from contour integral methods and the interested reader is referred to the excellent paper by Flajolet and Salvy [4].

Luo et al. [10] obtained the following three theorems, expressing (1.2), (1.5), and (1.6) as a recurrence relation, from the point of view of Fourier series analysis.

**THEOREM 1.1.** For  $q \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta(2q) &= \frac{(-1)^{q-1} q \pi^{2q}}{(2q+1)!} - \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \frac{(-1)^{q-j} \pi^{2q-2j}}{(2q-2j+1)!} \zeta(2j), \\ \zeta(2q+1) &= \frac{2^{2q+1}}{2^{2q+1}-1} \left[ 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(4n-1)^{2q+1}} + \sigma(2q+1) \right]. \end{aligned} \tag{1.12}$$

**THEOREM 1.2.** For  $q \in \mathbb{N}$ , the following hold:

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta(2q) &= \frac{(-1)^{q-1} 2^{2q-1} \pi^{2q}}{(2q)!} B_{2q}, \\ \zeta(2q+1) &= \frac{\pi^{2q+1} E_q}{(2^{2q+2} - 2)(2q)!} + \frac{2^{2q+2}}{2^{2q+1} - 1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(4n-1)^{2q+1}}, \end{aligned} \tag{1.13}$$

where  $B_j$  and  $E_j$  are the Bernoulli and Euler numbers defined by (1.8) and (1.9).

For the alternating case, the following holds.

**THEOREM 1.3.** For  $q \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} D(2q) &= \frac{(-1)^{q-1} \pi^{2q}}{2(2q+1)!} - \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \frac{(-1)^{q+j} \pi^{2q-2j}}{(2q-2j+1)!} D(2j), \\ \sigma(2q+1) &= \frac{(-1)^q \pi^{2q+1}}{2^{2q+2} (2q+1)!} - \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \frac{(-1)^{q+j} \pi^{2q-2j}}{(2q-2j+1)!} \sigma(2j+1). \end{aligned} \tag{1.14}$$

Additionally, in particular, cases (1.1), (1.3), and (1.4) can be determined in closed form by Fourier series analysis.

The Fourier series representation

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos 2nx}{(4n^2 - 1)} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4} \sin x, \quad x \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right], \tag{1.15}$$

leads to the result (1.1) and (1.4) for  $a = 0$  and  $p = 1$ .

In a similar way, the Fourier series representation

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(2n-1)x}{(2n-1)^2} = \frac{\pi}{4} \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - |x|\right), \quad x \in [-\pi, \pi], \tag{1.16}$$

leads to the closed form representation of (1.3) for  $p = 2$ .

Hence the development of a recurrence formula for  $S(a, p)$  in terms of the Riemann Zeta function,  $\zeta(p)$ , has the advantage, over contour integral methods and Fourier series analysis, of simplicity in determining closed form representations of  $S(a, p)$  for any integer values  $a$  and  $p$ .

The next two lemmas will be useful in the proof of the main results in this paper.

**2. Quadratic nonalternating case.** The following lemma will be required later.

**LEMMA 2.1.** For  $a = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  and  $p$  a positive integer  $\geq 2$ ,

(i)

$$\delta(p) = \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^p}\right) \zeta(p), \tag{2.1}$$

(ii)

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n-2a-1)^p} = \delta(p) + \sum_{r=1}^a \frac{1}{(2r-2a-1)^p}, \tag{2.2}$$

(iii)

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2n+2a+1)^p - (2n-2a-1)^p}{(4n^2 - (2a+1)^2)^p} \\ = \sum_{r=1}^{2a+1} \frac{1}{(2r-2a-1)^p} = \frac{1}{(2a+1)^p} + \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } p \text{ odd,} \\ \sum_{r=1}^a \frac{2}{(2a+1-2r)^p}, & \text{for } p \text{ even,} \end{cases} \end{aligned} \tag{2.3}$$

(iv)

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n+2a+1)^p} = \delta(p) - \sum_{r=0}^a \frac{1}{(2r+1)^p}, \tag{2.4}$$

(v) for  $p = 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2(2a+1)}{(2n-2a-1)(2n+2a+1)} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{2n-2a-1} - \frac{1}{2n+2a+1} \right) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{2n-1} - \frac{1}{2n-1} \right) + \frac{1}{2a+1} = \frac{1}{2a+1}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.5}$$

**PROOF.** (i) follows directly upon subtracting

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n)^p} \tag{2.6}$$

from  $\zeta(p)$ .

(ii)

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n-2a-1)^p} &= \frac{1}{(1-2a)^p} + \frac{1}{(3-2a)^p} + \dots + \frac{1}{(-3)^p} + \frac{1}{(-1)^p} + \frac{1}{1^p} + \frac{1}{3^p} + \dots \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^a \frac{1}{(2r-2a-1)^p} + \delta(p). \end{aligned} \tag{2.7}$$

(iii)

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n-(2a+1))^p} &= \frac{1}{(1-2a)^p} + \frac{1}{(3-2a)^p} + \dots + \frac{1}{(-3)^p} + \frac{1}{(-1)^p} + 1 + \frac{1}{3^p} + \dots \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{(2a-1)^p} + \frac{1}{(2a+1)^p} + \frac{1}{(2a+3)^p} + \dots, \\ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n+(2a+1))^p} &= \frac{1}{(3+2a)^p} + \frac{1}{(5+2a)^p} + \frac{1}{(7+2a)^p} + \dots, \end{aligned} \tag{2.8}$$

by subtraction

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{1}{(2n-(2a+1))^p} - \frac{1}{(2n+(2a+1))^p} \right\} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(1-2a)^p} + \frac{1}{(3-2a)^p} + \cdots + \frac{1}{(2a-3)^p} + \frac{1}{(2a-1)^p} + \frac{1}{(2a+1)^p}, \\
 & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2n+(2a+1))^p - (2n-(2a+1))^p}{(4n^2-(2a+1)^2)^p} \\
 &= \sum_{r=1}^{2a+1} \frac{1}{(2r-(2a+1))^p} = \frac{1}{(2a+1)^p} + \sum_{r=1}^a \frac{1+(-1)^p}{(2a-(2r-1))^p} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(2a+1)^p} + \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } p \text{ odd,} \\ \sum_{r=1}^a \frac{2}{(2a-(2r-1))^p} & \text{for } p \text{ even.} \end{cases}
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.9}$$

(iv) From part (iii) we may write

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n+(2a+1))^p} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n-(2a+1))^p} - \sum_{r=1}^{2a+1} \frac{1}{(2r-(2a+1))^p}, \tag{2.10}$$

and from part (ii),

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n+(2a+1))^p} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n-1)^p} + \sum_{r=1}^a \frac{1}{(2r-(2a+1))^p} - \sum_{r=1}^{2a+1} \frac{1}{(2r-(2a+1))^p} \\
 &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n-1)^p} - \sum_{r=a+1}^{2a+1} \frac{1}{(2r-(2a+1))^p} \\
 &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n-1)^p} - \sum_{r=1}^{a+1} \frac{1}{(2r-1)^p} \\
 &= \delta(p) - \sum_{r=0}^a \frac{1}{(2r+1)^p}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.11}$$

(v) For the case  $p = 1$ , we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2(2a+1)}{(2n-2a-1)(2n+2a+1)} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{2n-2a-1} - \frac{1}{2n+2a+1} \right). \tag{2.12}$$

Let

$$u_n = \frac{1}{2n-2a-1} - \frac{1}{2n+2a+1}, \tag{2.13}$$

and note that there are only a finite number of negative terms, for  $n \leq a$ , in the first part of the expression for  $u_n$ . Now

$$u_n = \frac{1}{2n-2a-1} - \frac{1}{2n+2a+1} = \frac{2(2a+1)}{(2n-2a-1)(2n+2a+1)} \sim \frac{2a+1}{2n^2} = v_n. \tag{2.14}$$

Since  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_n$  is a convergent  $p$  ( $p = 2$ ) series, it follows by the comparison test that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n$  converges, see [3]. Moreover, by telescoping of the series,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2(2a+1)}{(2n-2a-1)(2n+2a+1)} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{2n-2a-1} - \frac{1}{2n+2a+1} \right) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{2n-1} + \sum_{r=1}^a \frac{1}{2r-2a-1} - \frac{1}{2n-1} + \sum_{r=1}^{a+1} \frac{1}{2r-1} \right) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{2n-1} - \frac{1}{2n-1} \right) + \frac{1}{2a+1} \\ &\quad + \sum_{r=1}^a \left( \frac{1}{2r-2a-1} + \frac{1}{2r-1} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2a+1}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.15}$$

Hence the lemma is proved. □

**LEMMA 2.2.** For  $p = 1, 2, 3, \dots, a \geq 0$  and

$$A_j = \lim_{x \rightarrow (2a+1)/2} \frac{1}{(j-1)!2^{p+j-1}} \frac{d^{j-1}}{dx^{j-1}} \left[ \left( x - \frac{2a+1}{2} \right)^p F(x) \right] \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, p, \tag{2.16}$$

where

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{(x^2 - ((2a+1)/2)^2)^p}, \tag{2.17}$$

then

$$\sum_{j=1}^p \frac{|A_j|}{(2a+1)^{p-j+1}} = \frac{1}{2(2a+1)^{2p}}. \tag{2.18}$$

**PROOF.** For

$$\begin{aligned} j = 1, \quad |A_1| &= \frac{1}{0!2^p(2a+1)^p}, \\ j = 2, \quad |A_2| &= \frac{p}{1!2^{p+1}(2a+1)^{p+1}}, \\ &\vdots \\ j = p, \quad |A_p| &= \frac{p(p+1) \cdots (p+p-2)}{(p-1)!2^{p+p-1}(2a+1)^{p+p-1}}, \end{aligned} \tag{2.19}$$

then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{j=1}^p \frac{|A_j|}{(2a+1)^{p-j+1}} &= \frac{1}{0!2^p(2a+1)^p} + \frac{p}{1!2^{p+1}(2a+1)^{p+1}} + \dots + \frac{p(p+1)\dots(p+p-2)}{(p-1)!2^{2p-1}(2a+1)^{2p}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(2a+1)^{2p}} \sum_{j=1}^p \frac{(p+j-2)!}{(j-1)!2^{p+j-1}(p-1)!} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(2a+1)^{2p}} \sum_{j=1}^p \frac{1}{2^{p+j-1}} \binom{p+j-2}{j-1} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(2a+1)^{2p}} \cdot \frac{1}{2^p} \cdot 2^{p-1} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2(2a+1)^{2p}},
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{2.20}$$

hence the lemma is proved. □

We now state and prove the main theorem for the quadratic nonalternating case.

**THEOREM 2.3.** *For  $p$ , a positive integer, and  $a \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ ,*

$$S(a, p) = \frac{(-1)^{p+1}}{2(2a+1)^{2p}} + (-1)^p \sum_{k=1}^p |A_{p-k+1}| (1 + (-1)^k) \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^k}\right) \zeta(k),
 \tag{2.21}$$

where  $A_j$  is defined by (2.16) and  $\zeta(k)$  by (1.2).

**PROOF.** We may write

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(4n^2 - (2a+1)^2)^p} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^p \left[ \frac{A_j}{(2n - (2a+1))^{p-j+1}} + \frac{B_j}{(2n + (2a+1))^{p-j+1}} \right],
 \tag{2.22}$$

where  $A_j$  is given by (2.16) and similarly

$$B_j = \lim_{x \rightarrow -(2a+1)/2} \frac{1}{(j-1)!2^{p+j-1}} \frac{d^{j-1}}{dx^{j-1}} \left[ \left(x + \frac{2a+1}{2}\right)^p F(x) \right], \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, p.
 \tag{2.23}$$

Now  $A_j$  and  $B_j$  are related by

$$A_j = (-1)^{j+1} |A_j|, \quad B_j = (-1)^p |A_j|.
 \tag{2.24}$$

So if we wish,  $B_j = (-1)^{p+j+1} |A_j|$ .

Using (2.24), we can now write

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(4n^2 - (2a + 1)^2)^p} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^p \left[ \frac{(-1)^{j+1} |A_j|}{(2n - (2a + 1))^{p-j+1}} + \frac{(-1)^p |A_j|}{(2n + (2a + 1))^{p-j+1}} \right] \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^p |A_j| \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{(-1)^{j+1}}{(2n - (2a + 1))^{p-j+1}} + \frac{(-1)^p}{(2n + (2a + 1))^{p-j+1}} \right], \end{aligned} \tag{2.25}$$

upon interchanging the summation.

By telescoping of the series, from Lemma 2.1, (2.2), (2.4), and (2.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(4n^2 - (2a + 1)^2)^p} &= \sum_{j=1}^p |A_j| \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{(-1)^{j+1}}{(2n - 1)^{p-j+1}} + \frac{(-1)^p}{(2n - 1)^{p-j+1}} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{r=1}^a \frac{(-1)^{j+1}}{(2r - (2a + 1))^{p-j+1}} - \sum_{r=0}^a \frac{(-1)^p}{(2r + 1)^{p-j+1}} \right] \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^p |A_j| \left[ \sum_{r=1}^a \frac{(-1)^{j+1}}{(2r - (2a + 1))^{p-j+1}} + \sum_{r=0}^a \frac{(-1)^{p+1}}{(2r + 1)^{p-j+1}} \right] \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^p |A_j| \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{(-1)^{j+1}}{(2n - 1)^{p-j+1}} + \frac{(-1)^p}{(2n - 1)^{p-j+1}} \right] \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^p \frac{(-1)^{p+1} |A_j|}{(2a + 1)^{p-j+1}} + \sum_{j=1}^p |A_j| \sum_{r=1}^a \left[ \frac{(-1)^{j+1}}{(2r - (2a + 1))^{p-j+1}} + \frac{(-1)^{p+1}}{(2r + 1)^{p-j+1}} \right] \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^p |A_j| \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{(-1)^{j+1}}{(2n - 1)^{p-j+1}} + \frac{(-1)^p}{(2n - 1)^{p-j+1}} \right]. \end{aligned} \tag{2.26}$$

The second term in the last expression can be simplified until we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(4n^2 - (2a + 1)^2)^p} &= \sum_{j=1}^p \frac{(-1)^{p+1} |A_j|}{(2a + 1)^{p-j+1}} + \sum_{j=1}^p |A_j| \sum_{r=1}^a \left[ \frac{(-1)^{p+1} - (-1)^{p+1}}{(2r - 1)^{p-j+1}} \right] \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^p |A_j| \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{(-1)^{j+1}}{(2n - 1)^{p-j+1}} + \frac{(-1)^p}{(2n - 1)^{p-j+1}} \right]. \end{aligned} \tag{2.27}$$



TABLE 2.1. Some values of  $\zeta(p)$  and  $S(a, p)$ .

$p$	$\zeta(p)$	$S(a, p)$
1	—	$\frac{1}{2(2a+1)^2}$
2	$\frac{\pi^2}{6}$	$\frac{\pi^2}{16(2a+1)^2} - \frac{1}{2(2a+1)^4}$
3	—	$\frac{1}{2(2a+1)^6} - \frac{3\pi^2}{64(2a+1)^6}$
4	$\frac{\pi^4}{90}$	$\frac{\pi^4}{768(2a+1)^4} + \frac{5\pi^2}{128(2a+1)^6} - \frac{1}{2(2a+1)^8}$
5	—	$\frac{1}{2(2a+1)^{10}} - \frac{35\pi^2}{1024(2a+1)^8} - \frac{5\pi^4}{3072(2a+1)^6}$
6	$\frac{\pi^6}{945}$	$\frac{\pi^6}{30720(2a+1)^6} + \frac{4096(2a+1)^8}{7\pi^4} + \frac{63\pi^2}{2048(2a+1)^{10}} - \frac{1}{2(2a+1)^{12}}$
7	—	$\frac{1}{2(2a+1)^{14}} - \frac{231\pi^2}{8192(2a+1)^{12}} - \frac{7\pi^4}{4096(2a+1)^{10}} - \frac{122880(2a+1)^8}{7\pi^6}$
8	$\frac{\pi^8}{9450}$	$\frac{17\pi^8}{2^{16} \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7(2a+1)^8} + \frac{3\pi^6}{2^{13} \cdot 5 \cdot (2a+1)^{10}} + \frac{55\pi^4}{2^{15} \cdot (2a+1)^{12}} + \frac{429\pi^2}{2^{11} \cdot (2a+1)^{14}} - \frac{1}{2(2a+1)^{16}}$
9	—	$\frac{1}{2(2a+1)^{18}} - \frac{6435\pi^2}{2^{18}(2a+1)^{16}} - \frac{429\pi^4}{2^{18} \cdot (2a+1)^{14}} - \frac{11\pi^6}{2^{17} \cdot (2a+1)^{12}} - \frac{17\pi^8}{2^{18} \cdot 35(2a+1)^{10}}$

Notice that on the right-hand side we have the last term

$$T(p, j) = \sum_{j=1}^p |A_j| \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{(-1)^{j+1}}{(2n-1)^{p-j+1}} + \frac{(-1)^p}{(2n-1)^{p-j+1}} \right]. \tag{2.28}$$

For  $j = p$ , we have

$$T(p, p) = |A_p| \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{(-1)^p}{2n-1} - \frac{(-1)^p}{2n-1} \right) = 0, \tag{2.29}$$

which causes the annihilation of any possible contribution from a divergent series.

Now if we use [Lemma 2.2](#) and [\(2.1\)](#), we obtain

$$S(a, p) = \frac{(-1)^{p+1}}{2(2a+1)^{2p}} + \sum_{j=1}^p |A_j| \left( (-1)^{j+1} + (-1)^p \right) \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2^{p-j+1}} \right) \zeta(p-j+1), \tag{2.30}$$

and by the change of counter  $k = p - j + 1$  we arrive at our result [\(2.21\)](#), hence the theorem is proved. □

Some values of  $\zeta(p)$  and  $S(a, p)$  are listed in [Table 2.1](#).

Jolley [\[7\]](#) lists the values of  $S(0, 1)$ ,  $S(0, 2)$ , and  $S(0, 3)$ , which he attributes to Adams [\[2\]](#). Jolley also lists

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{(4n^2 - 1)^2} = \frac{1}{8}, \tag{2.31}$$

moreover using (2.31) and (2.3) results in

$$\begin{aligned}
 S(a, 2) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{(4n^2 - (2a+1)^2)^2} = \frac{1}{8(2a+1)} \sum_{r=1}^{2a+1} \frac{1}{(2r - (2a+1))^2} \\
 &= \frac{1}{8(2a+1)^3} + \frac{1}{4(2a+1)} \sum_{r=1}^a \frac{1}{(2a+1-2r)^2},
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{2.32}$$

and putting  $a = 0$  results in (2.31).

From (2.3) and for  $p = 3$ ,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{(4n^2 - (2a+1)^2)^3} = \frac{\pi^2}{256(2a+1)^2},
 \tag{2.33}$$

and for  $p = 5$ , we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2n^4 + n^2(2a+1)^2}{(4n^2 - (2a+1)^2)^5} = \frac{\pi^4}{2^{13} \cdot 3 \cdot (2a+1)^2} + \frac{7\pi^2}{2^{13} \cdot (2a+1)^4}.
 \tag{2.34}$$

We now deal with the alternating case.

**3. Quadratic alternating case.** We first state the following lemma which will be useful later.

**LEMMA 3.1.** For  $p = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  and  $a$  an integer bigger than or equal to zero,

(i)

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n - (2a+1))^p} = \sum_{r=1}^a \frac{(-1)^{r+1}}{(2r - (2a+1))^p} + (-1)^a \sigma(p),
 \tag{3.1}$$

(ii)

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n + 2a + 1)^p} = \frac{1}{(2a+1)^p} - (-1)^a \sum_{r=1}^a \frac{(-1)^r}{(2r-1)^p} - (-1)^a \sigma(p),
 \tag{3.2}$$

(iii)

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \left\{ \frac{(2n + (2a+1))^p + (2n - (2a+1))^p}{(4n^2 - (2a+1)^2)^p} \right\} \\
 &= \sum_{r=1}^{2a+1} \frac{(-1)^{r+1}}{(2r - (2a+1))^p} = \frac{1}{(2a+1)^p} + \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } p \text{ even,} \\ \sum_{r=1}^a \frac{2(-1)^r}{(2a+1-2r)^p}, & \text{for } p \text{ odd.} \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{3.3}$$

**PROOF.** (i) We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n - (2a + 1))^p} &= \frac{1}{(1 - 2a)^p} - \frac{1}{(3 - 2a)^p} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^{a+1}}{(-1)^p} + \frac{(-1)^{a+2}}{1^p} + \frac{(-1)^{a+3}}{3^p} + \frac{(-1)^{a+4}}{5^p} + \dots \\
 &= \sum_{r=1}^a \frac{(-1)^{r+1}}{(2r - 1 - 2a)^p} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{a+n+1}}{(2n - 1)^p} \\
 &= \sum_{r=1}^a \frac{(-1)^{r+1}}{(2r - (2a + 1))^p} + (-1)^a \sigma(p).
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

(ii) Firstly we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n + 2a + 1)^p} = \sum_{r=1}^{2a+1} \frac{(-1)^{r+1}}{((2r - 1) - 2a)^p} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n - (2a + 1))^p}. \tag{3.5}$$

From part (i) we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n + 2a + 1)^p} &= \sum_{r=1}^a \frac{(-1)^{r+1}}{((2r - 1) - 2a)^p} + \sum_{r=a+1}^{2a+1} \frac{(-1)^{r+1}}{((2r - 1) - 2a)^p} \\
 &\quad - \sum_{r=1}^a \frac{(-1)^{r+1}}{(2r - 1 - 2a)^p} - (-1)^a \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n - 1)^p},
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.6}$$

and changing the counter in the second term we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n + 2a + 1)^p} &= \sum_{r=0}^a \frac{(-1)^{r+a}}{(2r + 1)^p} - (-1)^a \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n - 1)^p} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(2a + 1)^p} - (-1)^a \sum_{r=1}^a \frac{(-1)^r}{(2r - 1)^p} - (-1)^a \sigma(p).
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.7}$$

(iii) We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q &:= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n - (2a + 1))^p} + \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n + (2a + 1))^p} \right] \\
 &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \left[ \frac{(2n + (2a + 1))^p + (2n - (2a + 1))^p}{(4n^2 - (2a + 1)^2)^p} \right] \\
 &= \sum_{r=1}^a \frac{(-1)^{r+1}}{(2r - 2a - 1)^p} + (-1)^a \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n - 1)^p} \\
 &\quad - (-1)^a \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n - 1)^p} - (-1)^a \sum_{r=1}^{a+1} \frac{(-1)^r}{(2r - 1)^p}
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.8}$$

from (i) and (ii).

Now

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q &= \sum_{r=1}^{2a+1} \frac{(-1)^{r+1}}{(2r-2a-1)^p} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(2a+1)^p} + \sum_{r=1}^a \frac{(-1)^{r+1}}{(2r-2a-1)^p} + (-1)^a \sum_{r=1}^a \frac{(-1)^{r+1}}{(2r-1)^p} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(2a+1)^p} + \sum_{r=1}^a \frac{(-1)^{r+1}((-1)^p - 1)}{(2a+1-2r)^p} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(2a+1)^p} + \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } p \text{ even,} \\ \sum_{r=1}^a \frac{2(-1)^r}{(2a+1-2r)^p}, & \text{for } p \text{ odd.} \end{cases}
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.9}$$

The main theorem is now proved. □

**THEOREM 3.2.** For  $p = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  and  $a \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ ,

$$AS(a, p) = \frac{(-1)^p}{2(2a+1)^{2p}} - (-1)^{p+a} \sum_{k=1}^p |A_{p-k+1}| (1 - (-1)^k) \sigma(k), \tag{3.10}$$

where  $A_j$  is defined by (2.16) and  $\sigma(p)$  by (1.6).

**PROOF.** We have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(4n^2 - (2a+1)^2)^p} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \sum_{j=1}^p \left[ \frac{A_j}{(2n-2a-1)^{p-j+1}} + \frac{B_j}{(2n+2a+1)^{p-j+1}} \right], \tag{3.11}$$

where  $A_j$  is defined by (2.16) and  $B_j$  by (2.23).  $A_j$  and  $B_j$  are related by (2.24) and hence we can write

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(4n^2 - (2a+1)^2)^p} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \sum_{j=1}^p \left[ \frac{(-1)^{j+1} |A_j|}{(2n-2a-1)^{p-j+1}} + \frac{(-1)^p |A_j|}{(2n+2a+1)^{p-j+1}} \right]. \tag{3.12}$$

Interchanging sums gives us

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(4n^2 - (2a+1)^2)^p} = \sum_{j=1}^p |A_j| \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \left[ \frac{(-1)^{j+1}}{(2n-2a-1)^{p-j+1}} + \frac{(-1)^p}{(2n+2a+1)^{p-j+1}} \right]. \tag{3.13}$$

Utilising (3.1) and (3.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(4n^2 - (2a + 1)^2)^p} \\
 &= \sum_{j=1}^p |A_j| \left[ (-1)^{j+a+1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n-1)^{p-j+1}} + (-1)^{j+1} \sum_{r=1}^a \frac{(-1)^{r+1}}{(2r-2a-1)^{p-j+1}} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{(-1)^p}{(2a+1)^{p-j+1}} + (-1)^{p+a} \sum_{r=1}^a \frac{(-1)^{r+1}}{(2r-1)^{p-j+1}} - (-1)^{p+a} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n-1)^{p-j+1}} \right] \\
 &= \sum_{j=1}^p \frac{(-1)^p |A_j|}{(2a+1)^{p-j+1}} \\
 &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^p |A_j| \left[ (-1)^{j+1} \sum_{r=1}^a \frac{(-1)^{r+1}}{(2r-2a-1)^{p-j+1}} + (-1)^{p+a} \sum_{r=1}^a \frac{(-1)^{r+1}}{(2r-1)^{p-j+1}} \right] \\
 &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^p |A_j| \left[ (-1)^{j+1+a} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n-1)^{p-j+1}} - (-1)^{p+a} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n-1)^{p-j+1}} \right] \\
 &= \sum_{j=1}^p \frac{(-1)^p |A_j|}{(2a+1)^{p-j+1}} + \sum_{j=1}^p |A_j| \left( (-1)^{j+1+a} + (-1)^{p+1+a} \right) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n-1)^{p-j+1}} \\
 &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^p |A_j| \left[ \sum_{r=1}^a \frac{(-1)^{r+j}}{(2r-2a-1)^{p-j+1}} - \sum_{r=1}^a \frac{(-1)^{p+a+r}}{(2r-1)^{p-j+1}} \right].
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.14}$$

The inside sums of the last term in (3.14) can be simplified as follows:

$$\sum_{r=1}^a \left[ \frac{(-1)^{r+j}}{(2r-2a-1)^{p-j+1}} - \frac{(-1)^{p+a+r}}{(2r-1)^{p-j+1}} \right] = \sum_{r=1}^a \left[ \frac{(-1)^{r+p+1}}{(2a+1-2r)^{p-j+1}} - \frac{(-1)^{p+a+r}}{(2r-1)^{p-j+1}} \right]. \tag{3.15}$$

Collecting first and last terms, second and second last terms, and so forth, we have from (3.15)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{r=1}^a \left[ \frac{(-1)^{r+p+1}}{(2a+1-2r)^{p-j+1}} - \frac{(-1)^{p+a+r}}{(2r-1)^{p-j+1}} \right] \\
 &= \sum_{r=1}^a \left[ \frac{(-1)^{p+1+r}}{(2a+1-2r)^{p-j+1}} - \frac{(-1)^{p+a+a+1-r}}{(2a+1-2r)^{p-j+1}} \right] = 0.
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.16}$$

Hence, from (3.14),

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(4n^2 - (2a + 1)^2)^p} \\
 &= \sum_{j=1}^p \frac{(-1)^p |A_j|}{(2a+1)^{p-j+1}} - (-1)^a \sum_{j=1}^p |A_j| \left( (-1)^j + (-1)^p \right) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n-1)^{p-j+1}}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.17}$$

TABLE 3.1. Some values of  $\sigma(p)$  and  $AS(p)$ .

$p$	$\sigma(p)$	$AS(p)$
1	$\frac{\pi}{4}$	$\frac{(-1)^a \pi}{4(2a+1)} - \frac{1}{2(2a+1)^2}$
2	—	$\frac{1}{2(2a+1)^4} - \frac{(-1)^a \pi}{8(2a+1)^3}$
3	$\frac{\pi^3}{32}$	$\frac{(-1)^a \pi^3}{128(2a+1)^3} + \frac{(-1)^a \cdot 3 \cdot \pi}{32(2a+1)^5} - \frac{1}{2(2a+1)^6}$
4	—	$\frac{1}{2(2a+1)^8} - \frac{(-1)^a \cdot 5 \cdot \pi}{64(2a+1)^7} - \frac{(-1)^a \pi^3}{128(2a+1)^5}$
5	$\frac{5\pi^5}{1536}$	$\frac{(-1)^a \cdot 5 \cdot \pi^5}{2^{13} \cdot 3 \cdot (2a+1)^5} + \frac{(-1)^a \cdot 15 \cdot \pi^3}{2^{11} \cdot (2a+1)^7} + \frac{(-1)^a \cdot 35 \cdot \pi}{2^9(2a+1)^9} - \frac{1}{2(2a+1)^{10}}$
6	—	$\frac{1}{2(2a+1)^{12}} - \frac{(-1)^a \cdot 63 \cdot \pi}{2^{10} \cdot (2a+1)^{11}} - \frac{(-1)^a \cdot 7 \cdot \pi^3}{2^{10} \cdot (2a+1)^9} - \frac{(-1)^a \cdot 5 \cdot \pi^5}{2^{14} \cdot (2a+1)^7}$
7	$\frac{61\pi^7}{184320}$	$\frac{(-1)^a \cdot 61 \cdot \pi^7}{2^{18} \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot (2a+1)^7} + \frac{(-1)^a \cdot 35 \cdot \pi^5}{2^{15} \cdot (2a+1)^9} + \frac{(-1)^a \cdot 105 \cdot \pi^3}{2^{14} \cdot (2a+1)^{11}} + \frac{(-1)^a \cdot 231 \cdot \pi}{2^{12} \cdot (2a+1)^{13}} - \frac{1}{2(2a+1)^{14}}$
8	—	$\frac{1}{2(2a+1)^{16}} - \frac{(-1)^a \cdot 429 \cdot \pi}{2^{13} \cdot (2a+1)^{15}} - \frac{(-1)^a \cdot 99 \cdot \pi^3}{2^{14} \cdot (2a+1)^{13}} - \frac{(-1)^a \cdot 25 \cdot \pi^5}{2^{16} \cdot (2a+1)^{11}} - \frac{(-1)^a \cdot 61 \cdot \pi^7}{2^{17} \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot (2a+1)^9}$

Now using Lemma 2.2, we have

$$AS(a, p) = \frac{(-1)^p}{2(2a+1)^{2p}} - (-1)^a \sum_{j=1}^p |A_j| ((-1)^j + (-1)^p) \sigma(p-j+1), \tag{3.18}$$

and by the change of counter  $k = p - j + 1$ , we arrive at our result (3.10), hence the theorem is proved.  $\square$

Table 3.1 lists some values of  $\sigma(p)$  and  $AS(p)$ .

Jolley [7] lists the value of  $AS(0, 1)$  and some particular cases of  $AS(a, p)$  are also given by Gradshteyn and Ryzhik [6].

From Lemma 3.1, for  $p = 2$  we get

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1} (8n^2 + 2(2a+1)^2)}{(4n^2 - (2a+1)^2)^2} = \frac{1}{(2a+1)^2}. \tag{3.19}$$

From Theorem 3.2, where for  $p = 2$

$$|A_2| = \frac{1}{4(2a+1)^3}, \tag{3.20}$$

we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(4n^2 - (2a+1)^2)^2} = \frac{1}{2(2a+1)^2} - \frac{(-1)^a \pi}{8(2a+1)^3}, \tag{3.21}$$

and therefore

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1} n^2}{(4n^2 - (2a+1)^2)^2} = \frac{(-1)^a \pi}{32(2a+1)}. \tag{3.22}$$

For  $p = 4$ ,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}(2n^4 + 3n^2(2a + 1)^2)}{(4n^2 - (2a + 1)^2)^4} = \frac{(-1)^a 5\pi}{2^9 \cdot (2a + 1)^3} + \frac{(-1)^a \pi^3}{2^{10} \cdot (2a + 1)}, \tag{3.23}$$

and for  $p = 3$ ,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{(4n^3 + 3n(2a + 1)^2)}{(4n^2 - (2a + 1)^2)^3} = \frac{1}{4(2a + 1)^3} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=1}^a \frac{(-1)^r}{(2a + 1 - 2r)^3}. \tag{3.24}$$

**4. The hypergeometric expression.** The series (1.1), (1.5), and (1.9) can be represented as a generalised hypergeometric function, see, for example, [5]. Consider the series (1.5),

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(4n^2 - (2a + 1)^2)^p} = \frac{(-1)^{p+1}}{(2a + 1)^{2p}} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(4n^2 - (2a + 1)^2)^p}, \tag{4.1}$$

let  $T_n = (-1)^{n+1}/(4n^2 - (2a + 1)^2)^p$  where  $T_0 = (-1)^{p+1}/(2a + 1)^{2p}$ , hence

$$\frac{T_{n+1}}{T_n} = - \frac{(n + 1)(n + 1/2 + a)^p (n - 1/2 - a)^p}{(n + 1)(n + 3/2 + a)^p (n + 1/2 - a)^p}. \tag{4.2}$$

We can now write

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(4n^2 - (2a + 1)^2)^p} &= \frac{(-1)^p}{(2a + 1)^{2p}} \\ &+ T_0 {}_{2p+1}F_{2p} \left[ \begin{matrix} 1, \frac{1}{2} + a, \frac{1}{2} + a, \dots, \frac{1}{2} + a, -\frac{1}{2} - a, -\frac{1}{2} - a, \dots, -\frac{1}{2} - a \\ \frac{3}{2} + a, \frac{3}{2} + a, \dots, \frac{3}{2} + a, \frac{1}{2} - a, \frac{1}{2} - a, \dots, \frac{1}{2} - a \end{matrix} \middle| -1 \right], \end{aligned} \tag{4.3}$$

and from (3.10),

$$\begin{aligned} &{}_{2p+1}F_{2p} \left[ \begin{matrix} 1, \frac{1}{2} + a, \frac{1}{2} + a, \dots, \frac{1}{2} + a, -\frac{1}{2} - a, -\frac{1}{2} - a, \dots, -\frac{1}{2} - a \\ \frac{3}{2} + a, \frac{3}{2} + a, \dots, \frac{3}{2} + a, \frac{1}{2} - a, \frac{1}{2} - a, \dots, \frac{1}{2} - a \end{matrix} \middle| -1 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} + (-1)^a (2a + 1)^{2p} \sum_{k=1}^p |A_{p-k+1}| (1 - (-1)^k) \sigma(k), \end{aligned} \tag{4.4}$$

where  $A_j$  is defined by (2.16).

**REMARK 4.1.** The series (1.1) and (1.4) can be expressed in terms of the Lerch transcendent or the Catalan beta function. In particular, from (1.4)

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(4n^2 - (2a + 1)^2)^p} = \frac{(-1)^p}{(2a + 1)^{2p}} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(4n^2 - (2a + 1)^2)^p}. \tag{4.5}$$

The Lerch transcendent,  $\Phi(z, s, \alpha)$  is defined as

$$\Phi(z, s, \alpha) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{(n + \alpha)^s}, \tag{4.6}$$

where the  $n + \alpha = 0$  term is excluded from the sum.

The Catalan beta function,  $\beta(s)$ , is as follows:

$$\beta(s) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n + 1)^s} = 2^{-s} \Phi\left(-1, s, \frac{1}{2}\right), \tag{4.7}$$

and in particular the Catalan constant, for  $s = 2$  is

$$\beta(2) = C = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n + 1)^2} = \frac{1}{4} \Phi\left(-1, 2, \frac{1}{2}\right) \sim 0.91596. \tag{4.8}$$

Moreover, we note that the generalised Zeta function  $\zeta(s, a)$  is defined by

$$\zeta(s, a) := \Phi(1, s, \alpha) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n + \alpha)^s}, \tag{4.9}$$

$$\Re(s) > 1, \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{Z}_0^-; \quad \mathbb{Z}_0^- := \mathbb{Z}^- \cup \{0\}; \quad \mathbb{Z}^- := \{-1, -2, -3, \dots\}.$$

For a definition of the generalised Zeta function and closed form representation of series involving Zeta functions the reader is referred to the excellent article by Lee and Choi [8].

The polygamma functions  $\Psi^{(k)}(z)$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , are defined by

$$\Psi^{(k)}(z) := \frac{d^{k+1}}{dz^{k+1}} \log \Gamma(z) = \frac{d^k}{dz^k} \Psi(z) \quad k \in \mathbb{N}_0 := \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}, \tag{4.10}$$

where  $\Psi^{(0)}(z) := \Psi(z)$  denotes the Psi (or digamma) function defined by

$$\Psi(z) := \frac{d}{dz} \log \Gamma(z) = \frac{\Gamma'(z)}{\Gamma(z)} \quad \text{or} \quad \log \Gamma(z) = \int_1^z \Psi(t) dt. \tag{4.11}$$

In terms of the generalised Zeta function we may write

$$\Psi^{(k)}(z) = (-1)^{k+1} k! \zeta(k + 1, z). \tag{4.12}$$



From (4.5), (4.6), and (4.7)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(4n^2 - (2a + 1)^2)^p} \\
 &= \frac{(-1)^p}{(2a + 1)^{2p}} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \sum_{j=1}^p \left[ \frac{A_j}{(2n - 2a - 1)^{p-j+1}} + \frac{B_j}{(2n + 2a + 1)^{p-j+1}} \right] \\
 &= \frac{(-1)^p}{(2a + 1)^{2p}} - \sum_{j=1}^p \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n A_j}{(2n - 2a - 1)^{p-j+1}} + \frac{(-1)^n B_j}{(2n + 2a + 1)^{p-j+1}} \right] \\
 &= \frac{(-1)^p}{(2a + 1)^{2p}} - \sum_{j=1}^p 2^{-(p-j+1)} \left[ A_j \Phi \left( -1, p - j + 1, -a - \frac{1}{2} \right) + B_j \Phi \left( -1, p - j + 1, a + \frac{1}{2} \right) \right] \\
 &= \frac{(-1)^p}{(2a + 1)^{2p}} - \sum_{j=1}^p \left[ 2^{-(p-j+1)} A_j \Phi \left( -1, p - j + 1, -a - \frac{1}{2} \right) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + B_j \left( \frac{1}{(2a + 1)^{p-j+1}} + (-1)^a \sum_{r=0}^a \frac{(-1)^r}{(2r + 1)^{p-j+1}} - (-1)^a \beta(p - j + 1) \right) \right].
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.13}$$

From the relationship between  $A_j$  and  $B_j$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(4n^2 - (2a + 1)^2)^p} \\
 &= \frac{(-1)^p}{(2a + 1)^{2p}} - \sum_{j=1}^p |A_j| 2^{-(p-j+1)} \left[ (-1)^{j+1} \Phi \left( -1, p - j + 1, -a - \frac{1}{2} \right) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + (-1)^p \Phi \left( -1, p - j + 1, a + \frac{1}{2} \right) \right],
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.14}$$

and by the change of counter  $k = p - j + 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(4n^2 - (2a + 1)^2)^p} \\
 &= \frac{(-1)^p}{(2a + 1)^{2p}} - (-1)^p \sum_{k=1}^p |A_{p-k+1}| 2^{-k} \left[ (-1)^k \Phi \left( -1, k, -a - \frac{1}{2} \right) + \Phi \left( -1, k, a + \frac{1}{2} \right) \right].
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.15}$$

From (3.10), (4.3), (4.4), and (4.15) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & T_{0 \ 2p+1} F_{2p} \left[ \begin{matrix} 1, \frac{1}{2} + a, \frac{1}{2} + a, \dots, \frac{1}{2} + a, -\frac{1}{2} - a, -\frac{1}{2} - a, \dots, -\frac{1}{2} - a \\ \frac{3}{2} + a, \frac{3}{2} + a, \dots, \frac{3}{2} + a, \frac{1}{2} - a, \frac{1}{2} - a, \dots, \frac{1}{2} - a \end{matrix} \middle| -1 \right] \\
 &= (-1)^p \sum_{k=1}^p |A_{p-k+1}| 2^{-k} \left[ (-1)^k \Phi \left( -1, k, -a - \frac{1}{2} \right) + \Phi \left( -1, k, a + \frac{1}{2} \right) \right] \\
 &= \frac{(-1)^{p+1}}{2(2a + 1)^{2p}} - (-1)^{p+a} \sum_{k=1}^p |A_{p-k+1}| (1 - (-1)^k) \sigma(k).
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.16}$$

Since we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma(k) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n-1)^k} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n-1)^k} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{(4n-1)^k} \\
 &= \delta(k) - 2^{1-2k} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n-1/4)^k} + 2(-1)^k \\
 &= \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^k}\right) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^k} - 2^{1-2k} \Phi\left(1, k, -\frac{1}{4}\right) + 2(-1)^k \\
 &= \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^k}\right) \zeta(k) - 2^{1-2k} \Phi\left(1, k, -\frac{1}{4}\right) + 2(-1)^k, \\
 \sigma(k) &= \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^k}\right) \zeta(k) - 2^{1-2k} \zeta\left(k, -\frac{1}{4}\right) + 2(-1)^k \\
 &= \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^k}\right) \zeta(k) - 2^{1-2k} \frac{(-1)^k \Psi^{(k-1)}(-1/4)}{(k-1)!} + 2(-1)^k,
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.17}$$

we now have

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_{0 \ 2p+1} F_{2p} \left[ \begin{matrix} 1, \frac{1}{2} + a, \frac{1}{2} + a, \dots, \frac{1}{2} + a, -\frac{1}{2} - a, -\frac{1}{2} - a, \dots, -\frac{1}{2} - a \\ \frac{3}{2} + a, \frac{3}{2} + a, \dots, \frac{3}{2} + a, \frac{1}{2} - a, \frac{1}{2} - a, \dots, \frac{1}{2} - a \end{matrix} \middle| -1 \right] \\
 = \frac{(-1)^{p+1}}{2(2a+1)^{2p}} - (-1)^{p+a} \sum_{k=1}^p |A_{p-k+1}| (1 - (-1)^k) \\
 \times \left[ \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^k}\right) \zeta(k) - 2^{1-2k} \Phi\left(1, k, -\frac{1}{4}\right) + 2(-1)^k \right],
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.18}$$

and from (3.10), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 AS(a, p) &= \frac{(-1)^p}{2(2a+1)^{2p}} - (-1)^{p+a} \sum_{k=1}^p |A_{p-k+1}| (1 - (-1)^k) \\
 &\quad \times \left[ \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^k}\right) \zeta(k) - 2^{1-2k} \Phi\left(1, k, -\frac{1}{4}\right) + 2(-1)^k \right], \\
 AS(a, p) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(4n^2 - (2a+1)^2)^p} \\
 &= \frac{(-1)^p}{2(2a+1)^{2p}} - (-1)^{p+a} \sum_{k=1}^p |A_{p-k+1}| (1 - (-1)^k) \\
 &\quad \times \left[ \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^k}\right) \zeta(k) - 2^{1-2k} \zeta\left(k, -\frac{1}{4}\right) + 2(-1)^k \right] \\
 &= \frac{(-1)^p}{2(2a+1)^{2p}} - (-1)^{p+a} \sum_{k=1}^p |A_{p-k+1}| (1 - (-1)^k) \\
 &\quad \times \left[ \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^k}\right) \zeta(k) - \frac{2^{1-2k} (-1)^k \Psi^{(k-1)}(-1/4)}{(k-1)!} + 2(-1)^k \right].
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.19}$$

Various particular values of  $AS(a, p)$  are also given by Abramowitz and Stegun [1].

From (3.1) and (3.2) we can subtract the quantities to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \left[ \frac{(2n+2a+1)^p - (2n-2a-1)^p}{(4n^2 - (2a+1)^2)^p} \right] \\ &= 2(-1)^a \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n-1)^p} - \frac{1}{(2a+1)^p} + \sum_{r=1}^a \frac{(-1)^{a-r}(1+(-1)^p)}{(2r-1)^p} \\ &= 2(-1)^a \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n-1)^p} - \frac{1}{(2a+1)^p} + \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } p \text{ odd,} \\ \sum_{r=1}^a \frac{2(-1)^{a-r}}{(2r-1)^p}, & \text{for } p \text{ even.} \end{cases} \end{aligned} \tag{4.20}$$

For  $p = 1$  we recover the first result in Table 3.1. For  $p = 2$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}n}{(4n^2 - (2a+1)^2)^2} \\ &= \frac{(-1)^a}{4(2a+1)} \sigma(2) - \frac{1}{8(2a+1)^3} + \frac{1}{8(2a+1)} \sum_{r=1}^a \frac{2(-1)^{a-r}}{(2r-1)^2} \\ &= \frac{(-1)^a}{4(2a+1)} \left[ 1 - \Phi\left(-1, 2, -\frac{1}{2}\right) \right] - \frac{1}{8(2a+1)^3} + \frac{1}{8(2a+1)} \sum_{r=1}^a \frac{2(-1)^{a-r}}{(2r-1)^2}. \end{aligned} \tag{4.21}$$

For  $p = 3$ ,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}(12n^2 + (2a+1)^2)}{(4n^2 - (2a+1)^2)^3} = \frac{(-1)^a \pi^3}{32(2a+1)} - \frac{1}{2(2a+1)^4}, \tag{4.22}$$

and since

$$AS(a, 3) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(4n^2 - (2a+1)^2)^3} = \frac{(-1)^a \pi^3}{128(2a+1)^3} + \frac{(-1)^a 3\pi}{32(2a+1)^5} - \frac{1}{2(2a+1)^6}, \tag{4.23}$$

we can determine

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}n^2}{(4n^2 - (2a+1)^2)^3} = \frac{(-1)^a \pi^3}{2^9 \cdot (2a+1)} - \frac{(-1)^a \pi}{2^7 \cdot (2a+1)^3}. \tag{4.24}$$

In a similar fashion we can add (2.2) to (2.4) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2n+2a+1)^p + (2n-2a-1)^p}{(4n^2 - (2a+1)^2)^p} \\ = 2\delta(p) - \frac{1}{(2a+1)^p} + \sum_{r=1}^a \frac{(-1)^p - 1}{(2a+1-2r)^p} \\ = 2^{1-p} \Phi\left(1, p, -\frac{1}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{(2a+1)^p} + \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } p \text{ even,} \\ \sum_{r=1}^a \frac{-2}{2a+1-2r}, & \text{for } p \text{ odd.} \end{cases} \end{aligned} \tag{4.25}$$

For  $p = 3$  we obtain

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4n^3 + 3n(2a+1)^2}{(4n^2 - (2a+1)^2)^3} = \frac{7}{16} \zeta(3) - \frac{1}{4(2a+1)^3} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=1}^a \frac{1}{(2a+1-2r)}, \tag{4.26}$$

and for  $a = 1$ , (4.26) reduces to

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4n^3 + 27n}{(4n^2 - 9)^3} = \frac{7}{16} \zeta(3) - \frac{55}{108} \tag{4.27}$$

from which we may obtain

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{4n}{4n^2 - 9}\right)^3 = \frac{7}{4} \zeta(3) - \frac{53}{54}. \tag{4.28}$$

For  $p = 4$ , we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{16n^4 + 24n^2(2a+1)^2 + (2a+1)^4}{(4n^2 - (2a+1)^2)^4} = \frac{\pi^4}{96} - \frac{1}{2(2a+1)^4}, \tag{4.29}$$

and utilising the fourth entry in Table 2.1, results in

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2n^4 + 3n^2(2a+1)^2}{(4n^2 - (2a+1)^2)^4} = \frac{7\pi^4}{3 \cdot 2^{11}} - \frac{5\pi^2}{2^{10} \cdot (2a+1)^2}. \tag{4.30}$$

As a final note we can see that

$$\begin{aligned} S(a, p) + AS(a, p) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(4n^2 - (2a+1)^2)^p} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(4n^2 - (2a+1)^2)^p} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{((4n-2)^2 - (2a+1)^2)^p} \\ &= \frac{(-1)^p}{2} \sum_{k=1}^p |A_{p-k+1}| [ \{1 + (-1)^k\} \delta(k) - (-1)^a \{1 - (-1)^k\} \sigma(k) ], \end{aligned} \tag{4.31}$$

and similarly

$$\begin{aligned}
 S(a, p) - AS(a, p) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(4n^2 - (2a + 1)^2)^p} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(4n^2 - (2a + 1)^2)^p} \\
 &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{((4n)^2 - (2a + 1)^2)^p} \\
 &= \frac{-(-1)^p}{2(2a + 1)^{2p}} + \frac{(-1)^p}{2} \sum_{k=1}^p |A_{p-k+1}| \\
 &\quad \times [\{1 + (-1)^k\} \delta(k) + (-1)^a \{1 - (-1)^k\} \sigma(k)].
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{4.32}$$

For  $p = 4$  we find that

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{((4n - 2)^2 - (2a + 1)^2)^4} \\
 &= \frac{\pi^4}{3 \cdot 2^9(2a + 1)^4} - \frac{(-1)^a \pi^3}{2^8 \cdot (2a + 1)^5} + \frac{5\pi^2}{2^8(2a + 1)^6} - \frac{(-1)^a 5\pi}{2^7 \cdot (2a + 1)^7}, \\
 &\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(16n^2 - (2a + 1)^2)^4} \\
 &= \frac{\pi^4}{3 \cdot 2^9(2a + 1)^4} + \frac{(-1)^a \pi^3}{2^8 \cdot (2a + 1)^5} + \frac{5\pi^2}{2^8(2a + 1)^6} + \frac{(-1)^a 5\pi}{2^7 \cdot (2a + 1)^7} - \frac{1}{2(2a + 1)^8}.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{4.33}$$

All of the analysis in this paper can be done with the series,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(4n^2 - \alpha^2)^p}, \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(4n^2 - \alpha^2)^p},
 \tag{4.34}$$

and excluding the  $2n - \alpha = 0$  term, rather than the series (1.1) and (1.4).

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