Dilogarithm identities in conformal field theory and cluster algebras

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In the late 80's Bazhanov, Kirillov, and Reshetikhin conjectured the dilogarithm identities for the central charges of the Wess-Zumino-Witten conformal field theories. We prove the identities and its functional generalizations using cluster algebras.

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Euler dilogarithm (1)

 $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ (polylogarithm)

$$\operatorname{Li}_k(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n^k}$$
 (converges in $|x| < 1$)

Li = Logarithmic Integral k = 1 (logarithm)

$$\text{Li}_1(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n} = -\log(1-x)$$

k = 2 (Euler dilogarithm)

$$\operatorname{Li}_2(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n^2}$$

Integral expression:

$$\operatorname{Li}_{2}(x) = -\int_{0}^{x} \frac{\log(1-y)}{y} dy$$

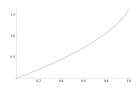
analytically continued to the universal covering of $\mathbb{P}^1-\{0,1,\infty\}$. Special values:

$$\text{Li}_2(0) = 0$$
, $\text{Li}_2(1) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \zeta(2) = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$ (Euler)

Euler dilogarithm (2)

$$\text{Li}_2(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n^2} = -\int_0^x \frac{\log(1-y)}{y} dy.$$

The function $Li_2(x)$ looks boring.



However,

"Almost all of its appearances in mathematics, and almost all the formulas relating to it, have something of the fantastical in them, as if this function alone among all others possessed a sense of humor." — Don Zagier (1988)

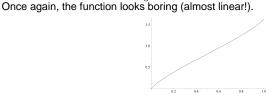
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Rogers dilogarithm function L(x) $(0 \le x \le 1)$

$$L(x) = -\frac{1}{2} \int_0^x \left\{ \frac{\log(1-y)}{y} + \frac{\log y}{1-y} \right\} dy = \text{Li}_2(x) + \frac{1}{2} \log x \log(1-x)$$

Again, L(0) = 0, $L(1) = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$ (very important!)



Only few special values are known, e.g.,

$$\frac{6}{\pi^2}L\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \frac{6}{\pi^2}L\left(\frac{-\sqrt{5}+3}{2}\right) = \frac{2}{5}, \quad \frac{6}{\pi^2}L\left(\frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}\right) = \frac{3}{5}.$$

Functional relation (1) (Euler) $L(x) + L(1-x) = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$.

Functional relation (2) (Abel, 5-term/pentagon relation)

$$L(x) + L(y) + L(1 - xy) + L\left(\frac{1 - x}{1 - xy}\right) + L\left(\frac{1 - y}{1 - xy}\right) = \frac{\pi^2}{2} = 3\frac{\pi^2}{6}.$$

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Dilogarithm identities in conformal field theories

X: any Dynkin diagram of A_r , D_r , E_6 , E_7 , or E_8 with index set I

 $\ell \geq 2$: any integer

Dilogarithm (10 min)

constant Y-system: $\{Y_m^{(a)} \mid a \in I; 1 \leq m \leq \ell - 1\}$: a family of positive real numbers

$$(Y_m^{(a)})^2 = \frac{\prod_{b:b \sim a} (1 + Y_m^{(b)})}{(1 + Y_{m-1}^{(a)}^{-1})(1 + Y_{m+1}^{(a)}^{-1})},$$
 (cY)

 $b \sim a$: b is adjacent to a in X, $Y_0^{(a)-1} = Y_{\ell}^{(a)-1} = 0$.

There exists a unique positive real solution of (cY). [Nahm-Keegan 09]

Conjecture 1 (Dilogarithm identities) [Bazhanov, Kirillov, Reshetikhin, 86–90]

For the unique positive real solution $\{Y_m^{(a)} \mid a \in I; 1 \leq m \leq \ell - 1\}$ of (cY),

$$\frac{6}{\pi^2} \sum_{(a,m)} L\left(\frac{Y_m^{(a)}}{1 + Y_m^{(a)}}\right) = \frac{\ell \operatorname{dim} \mathfrak{g}}{h + \ell} - r,$$

h: Coxeter number of X, \mathfrak{g} : simple Lie algebra of type X, \mathfrak{r} : rank of X.

(asymptotic of entropy of spin chains/S-matrix models) = (central charge of CFT) Proved for $X = A_r$ [Kirillov 90].

Related to Rogers-Ramanujan-type identities, KR modules, hyperbolic 3-folds, etc. Turned out that it is not an easy problem.

Functional dilogarithm identities

Y-system: [Zamolodchikov 91, Kuniba-Nakanishi 92, Ravanini-Tateo-Valleriani 93] (X, X'): any pair of Dynkin diagrams A_r , D_r , E_6 , E_7 , or E_8

 $\{Y_{ii'}(u) \mid i \in I, i' \in I', u \in \mathbb{Z}\}$: a family of variables

$$Y_{ii'}(u-1)Y_{ii'}(u+1) = \frac{\prod\limits_{j:j\sim i} (1+Y_{ji'}(u))}{\prod\limits_{j':j'\sim i'} (1+Y_{ij'}(u)^{-1})},$$
 (Y)

where $j \sim i$: j is adjacent to i in X, $j' \sim i'$: $j' : j' \sim i'$ where $j \sim i$: j' is adjacent to i' in j'.

Conjecture 2 (Periodicity) [Ravanini-Tateo-Valleriani 93]

For $\{Y_{ii'}(u) \mid i \in I, i' \in I', u \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ satisfying (Y),

$$Y_{ii'}(u + 2(h + h')) = Y_{ii'}(u), \quad h : \text{Coxeter number of } X.$$

Conjecture 3 (Functional dilogarithm identities) [Gliozzi-Tateo 95]

For any family of positive real numbers $\{Y_{aa'}(u) \mid a \in I, a' \in I', u \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ satisfying (Y),

$$\frac{6}{\pi^2} \sum_{(i,i') \in I \times I'} \sum_{0 \le u \le 2(h+h')} L\left(\frac{Y_{ii'}(u)}{1 + Y_{ii'}(u)}\right) = \frac{2hrr'}{n}, \quad r = \text{rank } X.$$

Conj. 3 \Longrightarrow Conj. 1; set $X' = A_{\ell-1}$, take a constant solution $Y_{ii'} = Y_{ii'}(u)$.

The simplest case $X = X' = A_1$: Euler's identity.

The next simplest case $X = A_2$, $X' = A_1$: Abel's identity. Conj. 1, 2, and 3 are only partially proved in B.C. (=Before Cluster algebra [2000]) min) Dilogarithm Identities in CFT (10) Constancy condition (10) Cluster Algebras (10) Proof of Main Theorem (15) Remarks (10)

Main result

Known results on Conjectures 2 and 3:

Who and When	Periodicity	Funct.Dilog.Id.	Method
Gliozzi-Tateo 95	(A_r, A_1)	(A_r, A_1)	explicit solution
Frenkel-Szenes 95	(A_r, A_1)	(A_r, A_1)	explicit solution
			constancy condition (1)
Fomin-Zelevinsky $00\sim$			cluster algebra
Fomin-Zelevinsky 03	(any, A_1)		cluster algebra-like setting (2)
			Coxeter transformation
Chapoton 05		(any, A_1)	(1) + (2)
			evaluation at $0/\infty$ limit
Szenes 06	$(A_r, A_{r'})$		flat connection on graph
Volkov 06			explicit solution
Fomin-Zelevinsky 07			cluster algebra / coefficients (3)
			F-polynomials (4)
Keller 08	(any, any)		(3)+(4)
			cluster category
			Auslander-Reiten theory

Using these ideas, methods, and results, we obtain the following theorem.

Theorem [N 09]

Conjecture 3 is true for any X and X'.

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Constancy condition (1)

 \mathcal{I} : any open or closed interval in \mathbb{R}

 ${\mathfrak C} \otimes_{\mathbb Z} {\mathfrak C}$: the additive abelian group with generator $f \otimes g$ $(f,g \in {\mathfrak C})$ and relation

$$(fg) \otimes h = f \otimes h + g \otimes h, \quad f \otimes (gh) = f \otimes g + f \otimes h$$

 $(\Longrightarrow 1 \otimes h = h \otimes 1 = 0, \quad f^{-1} \otimes h = f \otimes h^{-1} = -f \otimes h)$

 S^2 C: subgroup of $\mathbb{C} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{C}$ generated by $f \otimes f$ ($f \in \mathbb{C}$) $\bigwedge^2 \mathbb{C} := \mathbb{C} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{C}/S^2$ C (write $f \otimes q$ as $f \wedge q$)

Theorem [Frenkel-Szenes 95]

Let $f_1(t), \ldots, f_n(t)$ be differentiable functions from \mathcal{I} to (0,1). Suppose that they satisfy the following relation in $\bigwedge^2 \mathbb{C}$:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} f_i \wedge (1 - f_i) = 0 \quad \text{(constancy condition)}$$

Then, the dilogarithm sum $\sum_{i=1}^{n} L(f_i(t))$ is constant with respect to $t \in \mathcal{I}$.

Proof. The proof of [FS95] is surprisingly simple.

$$\begin{split} dL(x) &= -\frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{\log(1-x)}{x} + \frac{\log x}{1-x} \right\} dx \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \left\{ \log(1-x) d \log x - \log x d \log(1-x) \right\}. \end{split} \tag{proof continued}$$

Constancy condition (2)

$$d\sum_{i=1}^{n} L(f_i(t)) = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left\{ \log(1 - f_i(t)) d \log f_i(t) - \log f_i(t) d \log(1 - f_i(t)) \right\}.$$

By assumption,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n f_i \otimes (1-f_i) = \sum_{i=1}^k n_i g_i \otimes g_i \quad \text{for some } n_i \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } g_i, \in \mathfrak{C}.$$

For any $t, s \in \mathcal{I}$, we have an additive group homomorphism $\mathcal{C} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{C} \to \mathbb{R}$, $f \otimes g \mapsto \log f(t) \log g(s)$. Therefore,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \log f_i(t) \log(1 - f_i(s)) = \sum_{i=1}^{k} n_i \log g_i(t) \log g_i(s).$$

Taking the derivative for t and s and setting s = t,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\mathbf{d}}{\log f_i(t)} \cdot \log(1 - f_i(t)) = \sum_{i=1}^{k} n_i \frac{\mathbf{d}}{\log g_i(t)} \cdot \log g_i(t),$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \log f_i(t) \cdot \frac{\mathbf{d}}{\log (1 - f_i(t))} = \sum_{i=1}^{k} n_i \log g_i(t) \cdot \frac{\mathbf{d}}{\log g_i(t)}.$$

Therefore, we have $d\sum_{i=1}^n L(f_i(t)) = 0$. \square

Examples

Example 1. (Euler's identity) Take any $f: \mathcal{I} \to (0, 1)$.

$$f_1 = f$$
, $f_2 = 1 - f$,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{2} f_i \wedge (1 - f_i) = f \wedge (1 - f) + (1 - f) \wedge f = 0.$$

Example 2. (Abel's identity) Take any $f, g : \mathcal{I} \to (0, 1)$.

$$f_1 = f$$
, $f_2 = g$, $f_3 = 1 - fg$, $f_4 = \frac{1 - f}{1 - fg}$, $f_5 = \frac{1 - g}{1 - fg}$.
$$\sum_{i=1}^{5} f_i \wedge (1 - f_i) = 0.$$

Another form of constancy condition: Set $f_i = \frac{y_i}{1+y_i}$ $(y_i: \mathcal{I} \to \mathbb{R}_+)$.

$$f_i \wedge (1 - f_i) = \frac{1}{1 + y_i} \wedge \frac{1}{1 + y_i} = -y_i \wedge (1 + y_i).$$

Constancy condition: $\sum_{i} y_i \wedge (1 + y_i) = 0.$

Q: How to find a set of functions $\{y_i\}$ satisfying the constancy condition? A: Cluster algebras give such functions.

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Cluster algebra with coefficients

triplet (B, x, y) (initial seed)

Dilogarithm (10 min)

B: skew symmetric matrix $B = (B_{ij})_{i,j \in I}$ (mutation matrix)

x: *I*-tuple of formal variables $x = (x_i)_{i \in I}$ (cluster)

y: I-tuple of formal variables $y = (y_i)_{i \in I}$ (coefficient tuple)

Mutation of (B,x,y) at $k\in I$: $(B',x',y')=\mu_k(B,x,y)$

$$\begin{split} B'_{ij} &= \begin{cases} -B_{ij} & i = k \text{ or } j = k, \\ B_{ij} + \frac{1}{2}(|B_{ik}|B_{kj} + B_{ik}|B_{kj}|) & \text{ otherwise.} \end{cases} \\ y'_i &= \begin{cases} y_k^{-1} & i = k, \\ y_i \left(\frac{1}{1 \oplus y_k^{-1}}\right)^{B_{ki}} & i \neq k, \ B_{ki} \geq 0, \\ y_i (1 \oplus y_k)^{-B_{ki}} & i \neq k, \ B_{ki} \leq 0. \end{cases} \\ x'_i &= \begin{cases} \frac{y_k \prod_{j:B_{jk} > 0} x_j^{B_{jk}} + \prod_{j:B_{jk} < 0} x_j^{-B_{jk}}}{(1 \oplus y_k)x_k} & i = k, \\ x_i & i \neq k. \end{cases} \end{split}$$

The mutation is involutive, i.e., $\mu_k(B', x', y') = (B, x, y)$. Repeat mutation and collect all the seeds (B'', x'', y'').

The cluster algebra $\mathcal{A}(B,x,y)$ is a ring generated by all x_i'' (cluster variables).

Skew symmetric matrix
$$B \leftrightarrow \text{quiver } Q$$
 (with no loop and 2-cycle)

$$B_{ij} = t > 0 \quad \leftrightarrow \quad \underbrace{0}_{i} \xrightarrow{t} \underbrace{0}_{j}$$

F polynomials, C matrix, and G matrix

 $I = \{1, \dots, n\}$: index set for $\mathcal{A}(B, x, y)$

Theorem [FZ07]

For each seed (B', x', y'), there exist some

$$\begin{split} F_i'(y_1,\ldots,y_n) \ (i \in I) \quad \text{polynomial of } y \\ C' &= (c_{ij}')_{i,j \in I} \quad \text{integer matrix} \\ G' &= (g_{ij}')_{i,j \in I} \quad \text{integer matrix} \end{split}$$

such that

$$y_i' = \left(\prod_{j \in I} y_j^{c_{ji}'}\right) \prod_{j \in I} F_j'(y_1, \dots, y_n)^{B_{jo}'},$$

$$x_i' = \left(\prod_{j \in I} y_j^{g_{ji}'}\right) \frac{F_j'(\hat{y}_1, \dots, \hat{y}_n)^{B_{ji}'}}{F_j'(y_1, \dots, y_n)^{B_{ji}'}}, \quad \hat{y}_i = y_i \prod_{j \in I} x_j^{B_{ji}}.$$

Proposition [Derksen-Weyman-Zelevinsky 10, Plamondon 10, Nagao 10]

- (a) $F_i(y)$ has the constant term 1.
- (b) For each $i, (c'_{ii})_{i \in I} > 0$ or $(c'_{ii})_{i \in I} < 0$

In other other words, y_i^\prime has the Laurent expansion in y with either positive or negative degree.

Constancy condition in cluster algebras

★ Local verion of constancy condition (following the idea of [Fock-Goncharov 09]). Let (B',x',y') and (B'',x'',y'') be any seeds such that $(B'',x'',y'')=\mu_k(B',x',y')$. For each seed (B',x',y'), we set

$$W' = \sum_{i \in I} F'_i \wedge y'_i + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \in I} B'_{ij} F'_i \wedge F'_j \quad \in \bigwedge {}^2 \mathbb{P}_{\text{univ}}(y)$$

Proposition (Local constancy condition [N 10]; cf. [Fock-Goncharov 09])

$$W'' - W' = y'_k \wedge (1 + y'_k).$$

 \bigstar Suppose that an I-sequence $\mathbf{i}=(i_1,\ldots,i_\Omega)$ is a period of a seed (B,x,y); namely,

$$(B(0), x(0), y(0)) := (B, x, y) \stackrel{\mu_{i_1}}{\leftrightarrow} (B(1), x(1), y(1)) \stackrel{\mu_{i_2}}{\leftrightarrow} \cdots \stackrel{\mu_{i_{\Omega}}}{\leftrightarrow} (B(\Omega), x(\Omega), y(\Omega)) = (B(0), x(0), y(0))$$

Proposition (Constancy condition [N 10])

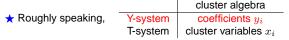
$$\sum_{(u,i)} y_i(u) \wedge (1 + y_i(u)) = 0.$$

(the sum is take over the forward mutation points)

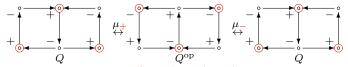
(Local constancy) + (Periodicity) ⇒ (Constancy condition) ⇒ (dilogarithm identity) and 'Dilogarithm identities in CFT' are special cases of this.

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Formulation of Y-system by cluster algebra



 \star Example. Y-system for $(X, X') = (A_3, A_2)$.



 \bigcirc : forward mutation points

Set y(0) := y, and repeat the mutations μ_+ and μ_- alternatively:

$$\cdots \overset{\mu_+}{\leftrightarrow} (Q^{\mathrm{op}}, y(-1)) \overset{\mu_-}{\leftrightarrow} (Q, y(0)) \overset{\mu_+}{\leftrightarrow} (Q^{\mathrm{op}}, y(1)) \overset{\mu_-}{\leftrightarrow} (Q, y(2)) \overset{\mu_+}{\leftrightarrow} \cdots$$

Then, $\{y_{ii'}(u)\text{'s at o}\}$ satisfy the Y-system. e.g., $y_{11}(0)y_{11}(2)=\frac{1+y_{21}(1)}{1+y_{12}(1)^{-1}}$.

Outline of proof

We want to show the identity.

$$\frac{6}{\pi^2} \sum_{(i,i') \in I \times I'} \sum_{0 < u < 2(h+h')} L\left(\frac{Y_{ii'}(u)}{1 + Y_{ii'}(u)}\right) = 2hrr', \quad r = \operatorname{rank} X. \tag{FDI}$$

Step 1. Formulate the Y-system (Y) by cluster algebra with coefficients $\mathcal{A}(Q, x, y)$, where Q is some quiver. [Keller 08]

- $\{y_{ii'}(u)$'s at $\circ\}$ satisfy the Y-system.
- $y_{ii'}(u)$'s are subtraction-free rational functions of initial coefficients $y_{ii'}$ with positive or negative degree. [Derksen-Weyman-Zelevinsky 10, Plamondon 10, Nagao 10]

Step 2. Show the periodicity: $y_{ii'}(u+2(h+h'))=y_{ii'}(u)$ [Keller 08] Then, consistency condition of LHS of (FDI) automatically follows.

$$\sum_{\substack{(i,i') \in I \times I' \\ 0 \le u < 2(h+h')}} y_{ii'}(u) \wedge 1 + y_{ii'}(u) = 0.$$

Step 3. Evaluate the LHS of (FDI) in the $0/\infty$ limit. [Chapoton 05]

$$\frac{6}{\pi^2}L\left(\frac{Y}{1+Y}\right) = \begin{cases} 0 & Y \to 0\\ 1 & Y \to +\infty. \end{cases}$$

Take the limit $y_{ii'} \to 0$. Then, each $Y_{ii'}(u)$ goes either 0 or $+\infty$. Therefore, LHS of (FDI) $= 2 \times \#\{y_{ii'}(u)$'s at \circ in 0 < u < 2(h+h') with negative degree}

Tropical Y-system

Tropical Y-system: Replace '+ ' by tropical '+' for Laurent polynomials (monomials) of initial coefficient tuple y = y(0).

$$\prod_{i,i'} y_{ii'}^{a_{ii'}} \oplus \prod_{i,i'} y_{ii'}^{b_{ii'}} = \prod_{i,i'} y_{ii'}^{\min(a_{ii'},b_{ii'})}.$$

Example (continued)
$$(X, X') = (A_3, A_2)$$

Evaluation of dilogarithm sum by tropical Y-system

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Example (continued) $(X,X')=(A_3,A_2)$. h=4,h'=3,r=3,r'=2. Fact: There is the half periodicity $y_{ii'}(u+h+h')=y_{4-i,3-i'}(u)$. (h+h'=7). Let us show

$$\#\{y_{ii'}(u)\text{'s at }\circ\text{ with negative degree in }0\leq u< h+h'\}=\frac{1}{2}hrr'=\frac{1}{2}\cdot 4\cdot 3\cdot 2=12.$$

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negative in $-h \le u < 0$, positive in $0 \le u < h'$ 'factorization property'

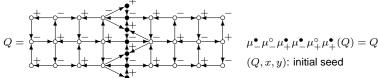
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More periodicity in cluster algebras

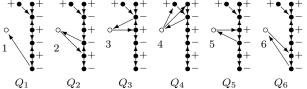
One can associate a dilogarithm identity for any periodicity in cluster algebra [Nakanishi 10]

Example 1. The Y-system for nonsimply laced WZW models. $X=B_5, \ell=4$. [Inoue-lyama-Keller-Kuniba-Nakanishi 10]



 $\text{Periodicity: } (\mu_{-}^{\bullet}\mu_{-}^{\circ}\mu_{+}^{\bullet}\mu_{+}^{\bullet}\mu_{+}^{\bullet}\mu_{+}^{\bullet})^{13}(Q,x,y) = (Q,x,y), \\ \frac{13}{13} = 9 + 4 = h^{\vee}(B_5) + \ell.$

Example 2. The Y-system for sine-Gordon models. n=7. [Nakanishi-Tateo 10]



All the vertices ullet in the same position in the quivers Q_1,\ldots,Q_6 are identified.

Periodicity:
$$(\mu_{-}^{\bullet}\mu_{6}\mu_{+}^{\bullet}\cdots\mu_{-}^{\bullet}\mu_{2}\mu_{+}^{\bullet}\mu_{-}^{\bullet}\mu_{1}\mu_{+}^{\bullet})^{13}(Q,x,y) = (Q,x,y).$$

 $13 = (12 + 2 + 10 + 2)/2 = (h(D_{7}) + 2 + h(D_{6}) + 2)/2.$

And these examples should be a tip of iceberg.

Remarks (5)

Points of further interest

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- polylogarithm
- quantization (Kashaev, Fock-Goncharov, Kontsevich-Soibelman, Cecotti-Neitzke-Vafa, ...)
- 2d and 3d hyperbolic geometry (Kashaev, Fock-Goncharov, Gekhtman-Shapiro-Veinstein, Fomin-Shapiro-Thurston, Bridgeman, ...)

"The function is so shy that cluster algebraic nature is hidden under the mask of integral." — Anonymous (2010)