

Theorem 3.2. Let $\alpha > 0$ and $|z| < 1$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} ([\alpha n] - [\alpha(n-1)])z^n &= z + \sum_{\substack{0 < p/q < \alpha \\ \gcd(p,q)=1}} \frac{z^q - z^{q+1}}{1 - z^q} \\ &= z + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \varphi_{\alpha}(n) \frac{z^n - z^{n+1}}{1 - z^n}. \end{aligned}$$

In particular,

$$z + \sum_{\substack{0 < p/q < 1 \\ \gcd(p,q)=1}} \frac{z^q - z^{q+1}}{1 - z^q} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \varphi(n) \frac{z^n - z^{n+1}}{1 - z^n} = \frac{z}{1 - z}.$$

Before proving Theorem 3.1, we first notice that the summation in (1) converges absolutely whenever $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$.

Lemma 3.3. We have

$$|\zeta(s) - \zeta(s, 1 + n^{-1})| \leq \frac{|s|}{n} \zeta(|s| + 1).$$

$s = \sigma + it$

Proof. One notes that

$$\zeta(s) - \zeta(s, 1 + n^{-1}) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{k^s} - \frac{1}{(k + n^{-1})^s} \right) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} s \int_k^{k+n^{-1}} u^{-s-1} du,$$

which is followed by

$$\begin{aligned} |\zeta(s) - \zeta(s, 1 + n^{-1})| &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |s| \int_k^{k+n^{-1}} u^{-|s|-1} du \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |s| \int_k^{k+n^{-1}} k^{-|s|-1} du \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |s| \frac{1}{k^{|s|+1}} \frac{1}{n} = \frac{|s|}{n} \zeta(|s| + 1). \end{aligned}$$

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