# Zeta regularizations and q-analogue of ring sine functions

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### 1 Introduction

So called the *zeta regularization* is one of the most effective methods to carry out necessary renormalization calculations in a variety of situations such as the determinant expressions of elliptic operators [KV, Vo] and certain arithmetic applications [D] (see also [KKSW]). In the present paper we focus our interest on a particular class of functions which are defined in forms of the zeta regularized products. Let us recall first the formula essentially due to Lerch [L] as a typical example we deal with:

(1.1) 
$$\frac{1}{\Gamma(x)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \prod_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+x).$$

Here the symbol  $\prod$  denotes so called the *zeta regularized product*, as we explain in §2. It is well known that  $1/\Gamma(x)$  is an entire function which has simple zeros at  $x = 0, -1, -2, \ldots$ . The noteworthy point here is that the zeta regularized product in the left hand side of (1.1) may indicate the location  $x = 0, -1, -2, \ldots$  of zeros of  $1/\Gamma(x)$  in a quite apparent way. In other words, this is interpreted as a kind of factorization formula, which is comparable with the Weierstrass canonical product expression:

(1.2) 
$$\frac{1}{\Gamma(x)} = e^{\gamma x} x \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right) e^{-\frac{x}{n}}.$$

With this example, we are naturally lead to study the general situation as follows. Suppose that a family of functions  $\{F_n(x)\}_{n\in I}$  satisfying appropriate conditions is given. We hope to define a function F(x) as

(1.3) 
$$F(x) := \prod_{n \in I} F_n(x)$$

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The following two questions are basic here:

- (i) When does the regularized product in (1.3) exist?
- (ii) Suppose that the regularized product (1.3) exists. Can we conclude that F(x) is a function whose zeros are exactly given by

$$Z = \prod_{n \in I} \{ a \in \mathbb{C} \mid F_n(a) = 0 \}$$

within multiplicity?

The following (ii)' is equivalent to (ii) substantially, but slightly stronger.

(ii)' Assume that  $F(x) := \prod_{n \in I} F_n(x)$  and  $G(x) := \prod_{n \in I} G_n(x)$  exist. Can we conclude the multiplicativity  $F(x)G(x) = \prod_{n \in I} F_n(x)G_n(x)$ ?

The first question (i) seems quite delicate. Actually, when we take the geometric progression  $F_n(x) = q^{n+x}$  (q > 1), then (1.3) does not exist. (See Example 2.2) Compared with the linear function n + x, it increases pretty too fast. We have hence in [KW2] introduced an extended notion called a generalized zeta regularized product (see Definition 2.3) in order to deal with a wider class of regularized products including the example  $\prod_{n\geq 0} q^{n+x}$  above, where we express the generalized zeta regularized product by  $\prod$  in stead of  $\prod$ . But there are, of course, a lot

of curious and important examples of the sequences  $\{F_n(x)\}_{n \in I}$  which do not have regularized products even in the sense of a generalized regularization. For instance,

(1.4) 
$$\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(n+x)}{\Gamma(x)},$$

seems to give the double gamma function  $\Gamma_2(x)$  (see [B]) but the product does not exist. The sequence n! seems to increase too fast. However, even if  $\boldsymbol{a} = \{a_n\}_{n \in I}$  is of moderate growth, we can not assure the existence of the regularized product  $\prod_{n \in I} a_n$  of  $\boldsymbol{a}$ . For instance, let  $p_n$  be the n-th prime number and consider the sequence  $\boldsymbol{p} = \{p_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ . Though  $p_n = o(n)$  as n tends to infinity, the regularized product  $\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} p_n$  does not exist. In fact,  $\zeta_{\boldsymbol{p}}(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} p_n^{-s}$  has a natural boundary  $\operatorname{Re}(s) = 0$ . Thus an extension of the notion of these zeta regularized products is also an interesting problem.

For the question (ii), Illies [I] deals with the case of linear factors  $F_n(x) = a_n - x$  for a given sequence  $\mathbf{a} = \{a_n\}_{n \in I}$ , and gives an affirmative answer to (ii) whenever the generalized zeta regularized product of  $\mathbf{a}$  exits. This is a generalization of Voros's result [Vo] for usual

zeta regularizations. Related to (ii)', a multiplicative anomaly of zeta regularized products is studied in [KV].

In this paper we deal with the case of q-linear factors  $f_n(x) = [a_n - x]_q$  (q > 1) for a given sequence  $\mathbf{a} = \{a_n\}_{n \in I}$  and establish a relation between the function defined by a generalized zeta regularized product and the one defined by a Weierstrass canonical form (Theorem 3.1). Here we employ the following convention for q-numbers:

(1.5) 
$$[a]_q := \frac{q^{a/2} - q^{-a/2}}{q^{1/2} - q^{-1/2}} \quad (a \in \mathbb{C}) \,.$$

Moreover, using the idea similar to the proof of this relation, we also prove the same kind of the factorization for the case  $F_n(x)$ 's are polynomials whose degree equal d except a finite number of  $n \in I$  (see Remark 3.2).

As an important example, we calculate a q-analogue of a ring sine function. A general notion of a ring sine function  $S_A(x)$  of a commutative ring A has been introduced in [KMOW] as

(1.6) 
$$S_A(x) := \prod_{a \in A} (a - x).$$

Here the product should be suitably interpreted. In the cases of the ring of rational integers  $\mathbb{Z}$  and its imaginary quadratic extension  $\mathbb{Z}[\tau]$  ( $\tau$  is an imaginary quadratic integer), the corresponding ring sine functions  $S_{\mathbb{Z}}(x)$  and  $S_{\mathbb{Z}[\tau]}(x)$  are realized respectively by zeta regularized products as

(1.7) 
$$S_{\mathbb{Z}}(x) := \prod_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} (m-x),$$

(1.8) 
$$S_{\mathbb{Z}[\tau]}(x) := \prod_{m,n\in\mathbb{Z}} (m+n\tau-x),$$

and these are calculated explicitly; the former is the sine function and the latter is the elliptic theta function essentially.

In Section 4 we introduce and study the q-ring sine function

(1.9) 
$$S_{\mathbb{Z}}^{q}(x) := \prod_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} [n-x]_{q},$$

which is a q-analogue of  $S_{\mathbb{Z}}(x)$  above. We calculate  $S_{\mathbb{Z}}^q(x)$  explicitly by using a q-analogue of the Hurwitz zeta function (see [KW3]), and show that it essentially gives  $S_{\mathbb{Z}[\tau]}(x)$  (see Remark 4.4).

## 2 Zeta regularizations

In this section we recall the usual notion of *the zeta regularization* and the genelarized regularization in order to deal with wider class of sequences.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $a = \{a_n\}_{n \in I}$  be a divergent sequence of nonzero complex numbers. We define the zeta function attached to a by the Dirichlet series

(2.1) 
$$\zeta_{\boldsymbol{a}}(s) := \sum_{n \in I} a_n^{-s}.$$

Throughout this paper we fix a log-branch by  $-\pi \leq \arg \log a < \pi$  for  $a \in \mathbb{C}^{\times}$ .

Assume that the series (2.1) converges absolutely if  $\operatorname{Re}(s) > \mu$  for a sufficiently large real number  $\mu$ . We take such a number  $\mu$  to be the minimal one, and call it the exponent of convergence of  $\boldsymbol{a}$ .

If  $\zeta_{\boldsymbol{a}}(s)$  has a meromorphic continuation to some region containing the origin s = 0, then we say  $\boldsymbol{a}$  is *(meromorphically zeta-)regularizable*. We first recall the standard definition of zeta regularized products.

**Definition 2.2** (Holomorphic regularization). Let  $\boldsymbol{a}$  be a regularizable sequence. If  $\zeta_{\boldsymbol{a}}(s)$  is holomorphic at s = 0, then the zeta regularized product of  $\boldsymbol{a}$  is defined by

(2.2) 
$$\prod_{n \in I} a_n := \exp\left(-\zeta_a'(0)\right).$$

This is a usual zeta regularization (see e.g. [D, Vo]).

**Example 2.1** (Lerch's formula [L]). Let x > 0 and take  $a_n = n + x$  for  $n \ge 0$ . The attached zeta function

$$\zeta(s,x) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+x)^{-s}$$

is called the Hurwitz zeta function. This has a meromorphic continuation to the whole plane and holomorphic at s = 0. In fact, the regularized product of (n + x)'s is given by (1.1).

Since the attached zeta function  $\zeta_{\boldsymbol{a}}(s)$  of a simple geometric series  $\boldsymbol{a} = \{q^n\}_{n\geq 0} \ (q>1)$  is given by

(2.3) 
$$\zeta_{a}(s) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^{-ns} = \frac{1}{1 - q^{-s}}$$

and has a simple pole at s = 0, the zeta regularized product of a in the sense of (2.2) does not exist. Thus we needed an extended notion of the regularized product in [KW2] as follows.

**Definition 2.3** (Meromorphic regularization [KW2]). If  $\zeta_{\boldsymbol{a}}(s)$  has a pole at s = 0, then the (generalized) zeta regularized product of  $\boldsymbol{a}$  is defined by

$$\prod_{n \in I} a_n := \exp\left(-\operatorname{Res}_{s=0} \frac{\zeta_{\boldsymbol{a}}(s)}{s^2}\right).$$

We use this dotted product symbol if  $\zeta_a(s)$  has a pole st s = 0 in order to distinguish this notion from the holomorphic regularization if necessary.

Remark 2.1. Since  $\zeta_{\boldsymbol{a}}'(0) = \operatorname{Res}_{s=0} \zeta_{\boldsymbol{a}}(s)/s^2$  if  $\zeta_{\boldsymbol{a}}(s)$  is holomorphic at s = 0, it is obvious to see  $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{\Pi}$  in the holomorphic case.

**Example 2.2** ([KKSW]). For any q > 1, we have

(2.4) 
$$\prod_{n=0}^{\infty} q^{n+x} = q^{-B_2(x)/2}$$

where  $B_2(x)$  is the Bernoulli polynomial of degree 2. This follows from the Laurent expansion of the zeta function for  $\boldsymbol{a} = \{q^{n+x}\}_{n\geq 0}$ ,

(2.5) 
$$\zeta_{\boldsymbol{a}}(s,x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^{-s(n+x)} = \frac{q^{-sx}}{1-q^{-s}} = \frac{1}{s\log q} + B_1(x) + \frac{s}{2}B_2(x)\log q + O(s^2).$$

**Example 2.3** (*q*-Lerch's formula [KW2]). A *q*-analogue of Lerch's formula (1.1) is calculated as

(2.6) 
$$\prod_{n=0}^{\infty} [n+x]_q = \frac{[\infty]_q!}{\Gamma_q(x)}.$$

Here we denote by  $\Gamma_q(x)$  the (modified) Jackson q-gamma function

(2.7) 
$$\Gamma_q(x) := \frac{\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^{-n})}{\prod_{n=0}^{\infty} (1 - q^{-(n+x)})} (q^{1/2} - q^{-1/2})^{1-x} q^{x(x-1)/4},$$

which satisfies the functional equation  $\Gamma_q(x+1) = [x]_q \Gamma_q(x)$  in our convention. The constant  $[\infty]_q!$  is explicitly given by

(2.8) 
$$[\infty]_q! := \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} [n]_q = q^{-1/24} (q^{1/2} - q^{-1/2})^{-\log(1-q^{-1})/\log q} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^{-n}) .$$

This follows from the calculation of the Laurent expansion of the q-Hurwitz zeta function

$$\zeta_q(s,x) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [n+x]_q^{-s} \quad (\operatorname{Re}(s) > 0)$$

See Lemma 4.2 for the analytic continuation of  $\zeta_q(s, x)$ .

## **3** Zeta regularizations and canonical forms

As we see typically in the case of Lerch's result, one of the important aspect of a regularized product is that the regularized product representation of a given function is useful to indicate the location of zeros. (For the other important aspect such as "transformation" properties of the regularized product representation, see [KKSW].) In this section we present a relation between a zeta regularization and a Weierstrass canonical form when a function is defined by a regularized product over q-linear factors.

#### 3.1 A factorization theorem

Let  $\boldsymbol{a}$  be a sequence of nonzero complex numbers. We denote by  $\mu$  the exponent of convergence of the sequence  $\boldsymbol{a}$ , that is, the associated zeta function  $\zeta_{\boldsymbol{a}}(s) = \sum_{n \in I} a_n^{-s}$  converges absolutely in the region  $\operatorname{Re}(s) > \mu$ , and hence defines a function which is holomorphic in the same region. We also denote by p the integer part of  $\mu$ , or the minimum integer such that the series  $\sum_{n \in I} \frac{1}{|a_n|^{1+p}}$ converges absolutely.

We are interested in the function defined by the zeta regularized product of  $[a - x]_q := \{[a_n - x]_q\}_{n \in I}$ , say,

(3.1) 
$$D^q_{\boldsymbol{a}}(x) := \prod_{n \in I} [a_n - x]_q$$

Since there is a trivial periodicity  $q^{x+\tau} = q^x$  ( $\tau := 2\pi i/\log q$ ), we may expect that (3.1) defines a function whose zeros are given by  $\boldsymbol{a}(\tau) := \{a_n + k\tau\}_{n \in I, k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ . In fact, our goal in this section is to show the following result.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $\mathbf{a} = \{a_n\}_{n \in I}$  be a regularizable sequence of real numbers (except a finite number of  $a_n$ 's). Denote by  $\mu$  the exponent of convergence of  $\mathbf{a}$ , and let p be the integer part of  $\mu$ . Assume that there exists a certain connected domain  $\mathbb{D}$  such that  $\mathbf{a}(\tau) - x := \{a_n + k\tau - x\}_{n \in I, k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  and  $[\mathbf{a} - x]_q$  are both regularizable for any  $x \in \mathbb{D}$ . Then there exists a polynomial function  $f_{\mathbf{a}}(x)$  defined on  $\mathbb{D}$  such that

(3.2) 
$$\prod_{n \in I} [a_n - x]_q = \exp f_{\boldsymbol{a}}(x) \prod_{\substack{n \in I \\ k \in \mathbb{Z}}} \left(1 - \frac{x}{a_n + k\tau}\right) \exp\left(\sum_{j=1}^{p+1} \frac{1}{j} \left(\frac{x}{a_n + k\tau}\right)^j\right).$$

Remark 3.1. Theorem 3.1 is a preferable statement as a special case of the general expectation

(3.3) 
$$\prod_{n \in I} F_n(x) = e^{f(x)} \prod_{a \in Z} \left(1 - \frac{x}{a}\right) \exp\left(\sum_j \frac{1}{j} \left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^j\right),$$

where  $Z = \prod_n \{ a \in \mathbb{C} \mid F_n(a) = 0 \}$  is the set of all zeros of  $\{F_n(x)\}_{n \in I}$ .

#### 3.2 Proof of Theorem 3.1

We denote the attached zeta functions for  $\boldsymbol{a}(\tau) - x$  and  $[\boldsymbol{a} - x]_q$  by

(3.4) 
$$\zeta_{\boldsymbol{a}(\tau)}(s,x) := \sum_{\substack{n \in I \\ k \in \mathbb{Z}}} (a_n + k\tau - x)^{-s},$$

(3.5) 
$$\zeta_{a}^{q}(s,x) := \sum_{n \in I} [a_{n} - x]_{q}^{-s}.$$

By the assumption of the theorem,  $\zeta_{\boldsymbol{a}(\tau)}(s, x)$  converges absolutely in the region  $\operatorname{Re}(s) > \mu + 1$ . First we remark that  $\zeta_{\boldsymbol{a}}^{q}(s, x)$  converges absolutely and defines a holomorphic function in the right half plane  $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 0$  since the behavior of  $\zeta_{\boldsymbol{a}}^{q}(s, x)$  is comparable with that of

$$\Phi_{\boldsymbol{a}}(s) = \sum_{n \in I} q^{-a_n s},$$

and we have assumed the positivity of a.

We suppose that  $\zeta_{\boldsymbol{a}}^q(s,x)$  has a pole of order N at s = 0. Note that  $\zeta_{\boldsymbol{a}}^q(s,x)$  satisfies the difference-differential equation

(3.6) 
$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \zeta^q_{\boldsymbol{a}}(s,x) = -(\log q)^2 \left( s(s+1)\zeta^q_{\boldsymbol{a}}(s+2,x) + s^2 \zeta^q_{\boldsymbol{a}}(s,x) \right).$$

By using (3.6) successively it follows that  $\frac{\partial^{2n}}{\partial x^{2n}}\zeta_{\boldsymbol{a}}^q(s,x)$  is holomorphic at s = 0 if  $n \ge N/2$ . It is convenient to introduce the function

(3.7) 
$$\eta_{\boldsymbol{a}(\tau)}(s,x) := \Gamma(s)\zeta_{\boldsymbol{a}(\tau)}(s,x)$$

which is holomorphic if  $\operatorname{Re}(s) \ge p+2$ . We immediately check the functional equation

(3.8) 
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\eta_{\boldsymbol{a}(\tau)}(s,x) = \eta_{\boldsymbol{a}(\tau)}(s+1,x).$$

An entire function whose zeros are exactly given by  $\boldsymbol{a}(\tau)$  is constructed by the Weierstrass canonical product as follows:

(3.9) 
$$\Delta_{\boldsymbol{a}}^{q}(x) := \prod_{\substack{n \in I \\ k \in \mathbb{Z}}} \left( 1 - \frac{x}{a_n + k\tau} \right) \exp\left(\sum_{j=1}^{p+1} \frac{1}{j} \left( \frac{x}{a_n + k\tau} \right)^j \right).$$

Our destination is to describe a relation between  $D^q_{\boldsymbol{a}}(x)$  and  $\Delta^q_{\boldsymbol{a}}(x)$ , which assures that the generalized regularized product expression of a function indicates the location of its zeros.

We consider the log-derivatives of  $\Delta_{\boldsymbol{a}}^q(x)$ 

(3.10) 
$$R_k(x) := \frac{\partial^k}{\partial x^k} \log \Delta_{\boldsymbol{a}}^q(x) \quad (k = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$$

They satisfies the initial condition  $R_k(0) = 0$  for k = 0, 1, ..., p + 1, and conversely,  $\Delta_a^q(x)$  is a unique entire function of order p determined by these conditions. The following equality is crucial:

(3.11) 
$$R_n(x) = \frac{\partial^n}{\partial x^n} \log \Delta_{\boldsymbol{a}}^q(x) = \sum_{\substack{n \in I \\ k \in \mathbb{Z}}} \frac{(n-1)!}{(a_n + k\tau - x)^n} = \eta_{\boldsymbol{a}(\tau)}(n, x)$$

for any  $n \ge p+2$ .

To calculate the log-derivatives of  $D^q_{\boldsymbol{a}}(x)$  in a desirable fashion, we need the following simple lemma.

**Lemma 3.2.** For  $a \neq 0$ , we have

(3.12) 
$$[a-x]_q = [a]_q q^{-\frac{x}{2} \operatorname{coth}(\frac{a \log q}{2})} \prod_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \left(1 - \frac{x}{a+k\tau}\right) \exp\left(\frac{x}{a+k\tau}\right).$$

*Proof.* The set of zeros of the function

$$[a-x]_q = \frac{2}{q^{1/2} - q^{-1/2}} \sinh\left(\frac{(a-x)\log q}{2}\right)$$

is given by  $\boldsymbol{a} = \{ a + k\tau \mid k \in \mathbb{Z} \}$ . Therefore it must have a canonical product expression of the form

$$[a-x]_q = e^{g(x;a)} \prod_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \left( 1 - \frac{x}{a+k\tau} \right) \exp\left(\frac{x}{a+k\tau}\right)$$

for a suitable entire function g(x; a). Taking the log-derivative of  $[a - x]_q$  in two ways according to the two kinds of expressions above, we have

$$-\frac{\log q}{2} \coth\left(\frac{(a-x)\log q}{2}\right) = g'(x;a) - \sum_{k\in\mathbb{Z}} \left(\frac{1}{a+k\tau-x} - \frac{1}{a+k\tau}\right)$$

The fractional expansion of the hyperbolic cotangent function

$$\coth x = \frac{1}{x} + \sum_{k \neq 0} \left( \frac{1}{x - i\pi k} + \frac{1}{i\pi k} \right)$$

yields then  $g'(x;a) = -\frac{\log q}{2} \coth\left(\frac{a\log q}{2}\right)$ . Thus we have  $g(x;a) = -\frac{x\log q}{2} \coth\left(\frac{a\log q}{2}\right) + \log[a]_q$ since  $g(0;a) = \log[a]_q$ .

By using the lemma above, we have

$$[a-x]_q^{-s} = 1 - s \log[a-x]_q + O(s^2)$$
  
=  $1 - \left(g(0;a) + \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \left(\log\left(1 - \frac{x}{a+k\tau}\right) + \frac{x}{a+k\tau}\right)\right)s + O(s^2).$ 

Thus the zeta function attached to  $[\boldsymbol{a}]_q$  is

$$(3.13)\quad \zeta^q_{\boldsymbol{a}}(s,x) = \sum_{n \in I} \left( 1 - \left( g(0;a_n) + \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \left( \log \left( 1 - \frac{x}{a_n + k\tau} \right) + \frac{x}{a_n + k\tau} \right) \right) s + O(s^2) \right).$$

The implied constant in  $O(s^2)$  is depending on x. Differentiating repeatedly, it follows

(3.14) 
$$\frac{\partial^m}{\partial x^m} \zeta^q_{\boldsymbol{a}}(s, x) = \sum_{n \in I} \left( -\sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{(m-1)!}{(a_n + k\tau - x)^m} s + O(s^2) \right)$$

if  $m \ge p+2$ . Since  $\frac{\partial^m}{\partial x^m} \zeta^q_{\boldsymbol{a}}(s, x)$  is holomorphic at s = 0 for  $m \ge N$ , the expression (3.14) gives the Taylor expansion of  $\frac{\partial^m}{\partial x^m} \zeta^q_{\boldsymbol{a}}(s, x)$  around the origin s = 0 when  $m \ge \max\{p+2, N\}$ . Hence we have

(3.15) 
$$\frac{\partial^m}{\partial x^m} \operatorname{Res}_{s=0} \frac{\zeta^q_{\boldsymbol{a}}(s,x)}{s^2} = -\eta_{\boldsymbol{a}(\tau)}(m,x).$$

From (3.11) and (3.15), we have

$$\frac{\partial^m}{\partial x^m} \left( \log \Delta_{\boldsymbol{a}}^q(x) + \operatorname{Res}_{s=0} \frac{\zeta_{\boldsymbol{a}}^q(s,x)}{s^2} \right) = 0 \quad (m \ge \max\{p+2,N\}),$$

which implies that there exists a certain polynomial  $f_a(x)$  of degree at most  $\max\{p+2, N\}$  such that

$$\log \Delta_{\boldsymbol{a}}^{q}(x) - \log D_{\boldsymbol{a}}^{q}(x) = f_{\boldsymbol{a}}(x)$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 3.1.

By a similar discussion we have the following result for polynomial case.

**Theorem 3.3.** For j = 1, 2, ..., d, let  $\mathbf{a}^{(j)} = \{a_{j,n}\}_{n \in I}$  be regularizable sequences of positive numbers, and suppose that the  $\sum_{n \in I} a_{j,n}^{-(p+1)}$  converges absolutely for every j. There exists a polynomial function F(x) defined on a certain domain  $\mathbb{D}$  such that

$$\prod_{n \in I} (a_{1,n} - x)(a_{2,n} - x) \cdots (a_{d,n} - x)$$

(3.16)

$$= \exp F(x) \prod_{\substack{n \in I \\ 1 \le j \le d}} \left( 1 - \frac{x}{a_{j,n}} \right) \exp \left( \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{1}{k} \left( \frac{x}{a_{j,n}} \right)^k \right)$$

for any  $x \in \mathbb{D}$ . In particular, the following two regularized products

$$\prod_{n \in I} \left( \prod_{j=1}^{d} (a_{j,n} - x) \right), \quad \prod_{j=1}^{d} \left( \prod_{n \in I} (a_{j,n} - x) \right)$$

are equal up to a nonzero elementary factor.

*Proof.* Denote by  $\Delta(x)$  the canonical product appearing in the right hand side of (3.16). The (p+1)-th log-derivative if  $\Delta(x)$  is given by

(3.17) 
$$\frac{\partial^{p+1}}{\partial x^{p+1}} \log \Delta(x) = \sum_{j=1}^d \sum_{n \in I} \frac{\Gamma(p+1)}{(a_{j,n} - x)^{p+1}}$$

The attached zeta function  $\varphi(s, x)$  for  $\{(a_{1,n} - x)(a_{2,n} - x) \cdots (a_{d,n} - x)\}_{n \in I}$  is

$$\varphi(s,x) = \sum_{n \in I} \left( (a_{1,n} - x) \dots (a_{d,n} - x))^{-s} \right)$$
$$= \sum_{n \in I} \left( 1 - s \log \left( a_{1,n} - x \right) \dots \left( a_{d,n} - x \right) + O(s^2) \right).$$

Differentiation with respect to x successively yields

$$\frac{\partial^{p+1}}{\partial x^{p+1}}\varphi(s,x) = \sum_{n \in I} \left( -s \sum_{j=1}^d \frac{p!}{(a_{j,n} - x)^{p+1}} + O(s^2) \right),$$

which implies

(3.18) 
$$\frac{\partial^{p+1}}{\partial x^{p+1}} \operatorname{Res}_{s=0} \frac{\varphi(s,x)}{s^2} = -\sum_{j=1}^d \sum_{n \in I} \frac{\Gamma(p+1)}{(a_{j,n}-x)^{p+1}} = -\frac{\partial^{p+1}}{\partial x^{p+1}} \log \Delta(x)$$

in view of (3.17). Thus we have (3.16) by a similar argument of the proof of Theorem 3.1. The latter statement follows immediately.  $\Box$ 

Remark 3.2. Theorem 3.3 insists that the basic questions proposed in §1 is affirmative in the case of polynomial functions satisfying certain conditions: Assume that all but finite exception of the functions  $F_n(x)$  are polynomial functions of degree d such that the sequence consisting of their roots is regularizable. Then the reguralized product  $\prod_{n \in I} F_n(x)$  exists, and it gives a function which exhibits the information of the location of zeros.

**Example 3.1** (Generalized Lerch's formula [L]: see also [KW1]).

(3.19) 
$$\prod_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( (n+x)^2 + y^2 \right) = \frac{2\pi}{\Gamma(x+iy)\Gamma(x-iy)} = \prod_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+x+iy) \prod_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+x-iy).$$

The following is a example which does not satisfy the required condition of Theorem 3.3.

**Example 3.2** ([KKW]). For  $n \ge 3$ , we have

(3.20) 
$$\prod_{a \in \operatorname{Sym}_n(\mathbb{Z})} \det(a - x) = 1$$

for  $x \in \operatorname{Sym}_n(\mathbb{C}) \setminus \operatorname{Sym}_n(\mathbb{Z})$ . Here we denote by  $\operatorname{Sym}_n(R)$   $(R = \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{C})$  the set of  $n \times n$  symmetric matrices whose entries belong to R.

## 4 Example: q-sine and theta functions

The ring sine function for a commutative ring A is defined by

$$S_A(x) := \prod_{a \in A} (a - x),$$

where the product " $\prod_{a \in A}$ " over A should be, of course, suitably interpreted like zeta regularized product (see [KMOW]). For example, in the cases of the ring of rational integers  $\mathbb{Z}$  and its

imaginary quadratic extension  $\mathbb{Z}[\tau]$  ( $\tau$  is an imaginary quadratic integer), the corresponding ring sine functions  $S_{\mathbb{Z}}(x)$  and  $S_{\mathbb{Z}[\tau]}(x)$  are realized by zeta regularized products and calculated as follows.

Theorem 4.1 ([KMOW]). We have

(4.1) 
$$S_{\mathbb{Z}}(x) := \prod_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} (m-x) = 1 - e^{2\pi i x} \quad (0 < x < 1),$$
  

$$S_{\mathbb{Z}[\tau]}(x) := \prod_{m,n \in \mathbb{Z}} (m+n\tau-x)$$
  
(4.2) 
$$= (1 - q^{-x/\tau}) \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^{-(n+x/\tau)})(1 - q^{-(n-x/\tau)}) \quad (0 < \operatorname{Im} x < \operatorname{Im} \tau),$$

which are essentially the sine function and the elliptic theta function respectively.

Note that for  $(A, K) = (\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}), (\mathbb{Z}[\tau], \mathbb{Q}(\tau)), S_A(x)$  generates the maximal abelian extension  $K^{ab}$  of K, that is,  $K^{ab} = K(S_A(K))$  (( $\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}$ ) case is due to Kronecker [Kr], and ( $\mathbb{Z}[\tau], \mathbb{Q}(\tau)$ ) case is due to Takagi [T]).

In this section we introduce a q-analogue  $S^q_{\mathbb{Z}}(x)$  of the ring sine function  $S_{\mathbb{Z}}(x)$  of  $\mathbb{Z}$  by

(4.3) 
$$S_{\mathbb{Z}}^{q}(x) := \prod_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} [n-x]_{q}$$

and calculate this explicitly.

Remark 4.1. It is essential to our argument to use the normalization (1.5) of q-numbers. In fact, if we take another convention  $\{a\}_q = (q^a - 1)/(q - 1)$ , the attached zeta function

(4.4) 
$$\xi_q(s,x) := \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \{n-x\}_q^{-s}$$

for  $S^q_{\mathbb{Z}}(x)$  does diverge since the summation is taken over the lattice  $\mathbb{Z}$  (not the semi-lattice  $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  like Example 2.3).

In order to carry out the calculation of  $S^q_{\mathbb{Z}}(x)$ , it is necessary to have an explicit form of the previously defined q-Hurwitz zeta function.

**Lemma 4.2.** Assume that  $0 < \operatorname{Re} x < 1$  and  $-\frac{2\pi}{\log q} \leq \operatorname{Im} x < \frac{2\pi}{\log q}$ . The Laurent expansion of the q-Hurwitz zeta function  $\zeta_q(s, x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [n+x]_q^{-s}$  around the origin s = 0 is given by

(4.5) 
$$\zeta_q(s,x) = \frac{2}{\log q} \frac{1}{s} + \frac{2\log\left(q^{1/2} - q^{-1/2}\right)}{\log q} - \frac{1}{2}(2x-1) + s\log\frac{\Gamma_q(x)}{[\infty]_q!} + O(s^2).$$

*Proof.* First we remark that

$$(q^{(n+x)/2}(1-q^{-n-x}))^{-s} = q^{-s(n+x)/2}(1-q^{-n-x})^{-s}$$

for any  $n \ge 0$  under the hypothesis of the lemma. It follows hence that

$$\begin{split} \zeta_q(s,x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [n+x]_q^{-s} = (q^{1/2} - q^{-1/2})^s \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (q^{(n+x)/2} (1 - q^{-n-x}))^{-s} \\ &= (q^{1/2} - q^{-1/2})^s \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^{-s(n+x)/2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{-s}{k} (-1)^k q^{-(n+x)k} \\ &= (q^{1/2} - q^{-1/2})^s \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{s+k-1}{k} \frac{q^{(k+s/2)(1-x)}}{q^{k+s/2} - 1}. \end{split}$$

Since  $\binom{s+k-1}{k} = \frac{s}{k} + O(s^2)$  if  $k \ge 1$ , we get

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{s+k-1}{k} \frac{q^{(k+s/2)(1-x)}}{q^{k+s/2}-1} = \frac{q^{s(1-x)/2}}{q^{s/2}-1} + s \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} \frac{q^{k(1-x)}}{q^k-1} + O(s^2)$$
$$= \frac{2}{\log q} \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{2}(2x-1) + \left\{ \left(\frac{x^2}{4} - \frac{x}{4} + \frac{1}{24}\right)\log q + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} \frac{q^{k(1-x)}}{q^k-1} \right\} s + O(s^2).$$

Hence we obtain the desired expansion of  $\zeta_q(s, x)$  around s = 0 as follows:

(4.6) 
$$\zeta_{q}(s,x) = \frac{2}{\log q} \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{2}(2x-1) + \frac{2}{\log q} \log(q^{1/2} - q^{-1/2}) \\ + \left\{ \left( \frac{x^{2}}{4} - \frac{x}{4} + \frac{1}{24} \right) \log q + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} \frac{q^{k(1-x)}}{q^{k} - 1} \\ - \frac{1}{2}(2x-1) \log(q^{1/2} - q^{-1/2}) + \frac{1}{\log q} \left( \log(q^{1/2} - q^{-1/2}) \right)^{2} \right\} s + O(s^{2}).$$

It is straightforward to check the coefficient of s is equal to  $\log \frac{\Gamma_q(x)}{[\infty]_q!}$ . This shows the proof.  $\Box$ 

Using the lemma above, we can calculate the q-analogue of the ring sine function  $S^q_{\mathbb{Z}}(x)$ .

**Theorem 4.3.** Let q > 1 be a fixed parameter and suppose that x lies in the region  $0 < \operatorname{Re} x < 1$ ,  $-\frac{2\pi}{\log q} \leq \operatorname{Im} x < \frac{2\pi}{\log q}$ . The q-analogue of the ring sine function  $S_{\mathbb{Z}}^q(x)$  of  $\mathbb{Z}$  is given as follows: (i) If  $-\frac{2\pi}{\log q} \leq \operatorname{Im} x < 0$ , then

(4.7) 
$$S_{\mathbb{Z}}^{q}(x) = ie^{-\pi i x + \frac{\pi^{2}}{\log q}} \left(q^{1/2} - q^{-1/2}\right)^{\frac{2\pi i}{\log q}} \frac{\left(\left[\infty\right]_{q}!\right)^{2}}{\Gamma_{q}(x)\Gamma_{q}(1-x)}.$$

(ii) If  $0 \leq \operatorname{Im} x < \frac{2\pi}{\log q}$ , then

(4.8) 
$$S_{\mathbb{Z}}^{q}(x) = -ie^{\pi i x + \frac{\pi^{2}}{\log q}} \left(q^{1/2} - q^{-1/2}\right)^{-\frac{2\pi i}{\log q}} \frac{\left([\infty]_{q}!\right)^{2}}{\Gamma_{q}(x)\Gamma_{q}(1-x)}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $\xi_q(s, x)$  be the zeta function attached to the sequence  $\{[n-x]_q\}$ . We divide the sum in  $\xi_q(s, x)$  into two parts:

$$\xi_q(s,x) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} [n-x]_q^{-s} = \sum_{n \ge 0} [n+(1-x)]^{-s} + \sum_{n \ge 0} [-n-x]^{-s}.$$

We observe that

(4.9) 
$$\arg[-n-x]_q = \arg[n+x]_q \pm \pi,$$

where the upper (resp. lower) sign is taken in the case  $-\frac{2\pi}{\log q} \leq \operatorname{Im} x < 0$  (resp.  $0 \leq \operatorname{Im} x < \frac{2\pi}{\log q}$ ). In fact,  $\operatorname{Im}[-n-x]_q = -\frac{2}{q^{1/2}-q^{-1/2}} \cosh(\frac{n+\operatorname{Re}(x)}{2}\log q) \sin(\frac{\operatorname{Im}(x)}{2}\log q)$ , and it is clear that  $\cosh(\frac{n+\operatorname{Re}(x)}{2}\log q) > 0$  for any n.



It follows that

$$[-n-x]_q^{-s} = \begin{cases} e^{-\pi i s} [n+x]_q & -\frac{2\pi}{\log q} \le \operatorname{Im} x < 0, \\ e^{\pi i s} [n+x]_q & 0 \le \operatorname{Im} x < \frac{2\pi}{\log q}. \end{cases}$$

Thus we have

$$\xi_q(s,x) = \begin{cases} \zeta_q(s,1-x) + e^{-\pi i s} \zeta_q(s,x) & -\frac{2\pi}{\log q} \le \operatorname{Im} x < 0, \\ \zeta_q(s,1-x) + e^{\pi i s} \zeta_q(s,x) & 0 \le \operatorname{Im} x < \frac{2\pi}{\log q}. \end{cases}$$

By Lemma 4.2 we have

$$\operatorname{Res}_{s=0} \frac{e^{\mp \pi i s} \zeta_q(s, x)}{s^2} = \log \frac{\Gamma_q(x)}{[\infty]_q!} \pm \frac{1}{2} i \pi (2x - 1) \mp 2\pi i \frac{\log(q^{1/2} - q^{-1/2})}{\log q} - \frac{\pi^2}{\log q},$$

and hence we obtain

$$\operatorname{Res}_{s=0} \frac{\xi_q(s,x)}{s^2} = \log \frac{\Gamma_q(x)\Gamma_q(1-x)}{([\infty]_q!)^2} (q^{1/2} - q^{-1/2})^{\frac{\mp 2\pi i}{\log q}} \pm \frac{1}{2}i\pi(2x-1) - \frac{\pi^2}{\log q},$$

where the upper (resp. lower) sign is taken in the case (i) (resp. (ii)). This completes the proof of the theorem.  $\Box$ 

**Corollary 4.4.** The function  $\xi_q(s, x)$  satisfies the difference-differential equation

(4.10) 
$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}\xi_q(s,x) = \left(\frac{s\log q}{2}\right)^2\xi_q(s,x) + s(s+1)\left(\frac{\log q}{q^{1/2} - q^{-1/2}}\right)^2\xi_q(s+2,x)$$

In particular, we have

(4.11) 
$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \operatorname{Res}_{s=0} \frac{\xi_q(s,x)}{s^2} = \left(\frac{\log q}{2}\right)^2 \operatorname{Res}_{s=0} \xi_q(s,x) + \left(\frac{\log q}{q^{1/2} - q^{-1/2}}\right)^2 \xi_q(2,x)$$

and  $\xi_q(2, x)$  essentially gives the Weierstrass  $\wp$ -function (see [KW4]).

Remark 4.2. It follows also from (4.11) that our q-ring sine function  $S^q_{\mathbb{Z}}(x)$  is determined up to "linear factor", that is,

$$S_{\mathbb{Z}}^q(x) = e^{\alpha x + \beta} \Gamma_q(x)^{-1} \Gamma_q(1-x)^{-1}$$

for some  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$  in view of Theorem 3.1.

We give a q-analogue of Kronecker's limit formula. (See Remark 5 in [KMOW])

Theorem 4.5. We have

(4.12) 
$$\prod_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |[n-x]_q| = q^{(x-\overline{x})^2/8} \frac{([\infty]_q!)^2}{|\Gamma_q(x)\Gamma_q(1-x)|}$$

for  $0 < \operatorname{Re}(x) < 1$ .

Remark 4.3. The two theorems above show that

(4.13) 
$$\prod_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |[n-x]_q| = e^{-\frac{\pi^2}{\log q}} q^{(x-\overline{x})^2/8} \left| \prod_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} [n-x]_q \right|.$$

Proof of Theorem 4.5. We should study the attached zeta function

$$\tilde{\zeta}_q(s,x) := \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |[n-x]_q|^{-s} = \sum_{n>0} |[n-x]_q|^{-s} + \sum_{n \le 0} |[n-x]_q|^{-s}.$$

First we look at

$$\sum_{n>0} \left| [n-x]_q \right|^{-s} = \sum_{n>0} \left( q^{1/2} - q^{-1/2} \right)^s q^{-\frac{n-\operatorname{Re} x}{2}s} \left| 1 - q^{-n+x} \right|^{-s}.$$

Notice that  $|q^{-n+x}| < 1$  since n > 0 and  $0 < \operatorname{Re}(x) < 1$ . By the binomial expansion we have

$$|1 - q^{-n+x}|^{-s} = (1 - q^{-n+x})^{-s/2} (1 - q^{-n+\bar{x}})^{-s/2}$$
$$= \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} {\binom{-s/2}{\ell} \binom{-s/2}{m} (-1)^{\ell+m} q^{(-n+\operatorname{Re}x)(\ell+m)} q^{i\operatorname{Im}x(\ell-m)}}.$$

It follows that

(4.14) 
$$\sum_{n>0} |[n-x]_q|^{-s} = \left(q^{1/2} - q^{-1/2}\right)^s \\ \times \left\{ \frac{q^{\frac{1}{2}s \operatorname{Re} x}}{q^{\frac{1}{2}s} - 1} + \sum_{\ell+m>0} \binom{-s/2}{\ell} \binom{-s/2}{m} (-1)^{\ell+m} \frac{q^{\operatorname{Re} x(\ell+m+\frac{1}{2}s)+i\operatorname{Im} x(\ell-m)}}{q^{\ell+m+\frac{1}{2}s} - 1} \right\}.$$

In order to observe the behavior of the zeta function around s = 0, we calculate the Laurent expansions of the casts in (4.14):

(4.15) 
$$(q^{1/2} - q^{-1/2})^s = 1 + \{\log(q^{1/2} - q^{-1/2})\}s + \frac{1}{2}\{\log(q^{1/2} - q^{-1/2})\}^2s^2 + O(s^3),$$

(4.16) 
$$\frac{q^{\frac{1}{2}s\operatorname{Re}x}}{q^{\frac{1}{2}s}-1} = \frac{2}{\log q}\frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{2}(2\operatorname{Re}x-1) + \frac{1}{24}\left(6(\operatorname{Re}x)^2 - 6\operatorname{Re}x+1\right)(\log q)s + O(s^2),$$

(4.17) 
$$\sum_{\ell+m>0} {\binom{-s/2}{\ell} \binom{-s/2}{m} (-1)^{\ell+m} \frac{q^{\operatorname{Ke} x(\ell+m+\frac{1}{2}s)+i\operatorname{Im} x(\ell-m)}}{q^{\ell+m+\frac{1}{2}s} - 1}} \\ = \left\{ \sum_{m>0} \frac{q^{m\bar{x}}}{2m(q^m-1)} + \sum_{\ell>0} \frac{q^{\ell x}}{2\ell(q^\ell-1)} \right\} s + O(s^2).$$

Combining these calculation we have

$$\sum_{n>0} |[n-x]_q|^{-s} = \frac{2}{\log q} \frac{1}{s} + \left(\frac{2\operatorname{Re} x - 1}{2} + \frac{2}{\log q}\log\left(q^{1/2} - q^{-1/2}\right)\right)$$

$$(4.18) \qquad + \left\{\frac{\left\{\log\left(q^{1/2} - q^{-1/2}\right)\right\}^2}{\log q} + \frac{\left(2\operatorname{Re} x - 1\right)\log\left(q^{1/2} - q^{-1/2}\right)}{2} + \frac{\left(6(\operatorname{Re} x)^2 - 6\operatorname{Re} x + 1\right)\log q}{24} + \sum_{m>0} \frac{q^{m\bar{x}}}{2m(q^m - 1)} + \sum_{\ell>0} \frac{q^{\ell x}}{2\ell(q^\ell - 1)}\right\}s + O(s^2).$$

Hence we have

(4.19) 
$$\begin{aligned} &\underset{s=0}{\operatorname{Res}} \frac{\sum_{n>0} |[n-x]_q|^{-s}}{s^2} \\ &+ \frac{\left\{ \log\left(q^{1/2} - q^{-1/2}\right)\right\}^2}{\log q} + \frac{\left(2\operatorname{Re} x - 1\right)\log\left(q^{1/2} - q^{-1/2}\right)}{2} \\ &+ \frac{\left(6(\operatorname{Re} x)^2 - 6\operatorname{Re} x + 1\right)\log q}{24} + \sum_{m>0} \frac{q^{m\bar{x}}}{2m(q^m - 1)} + \sum_{\ell>0} \frac{q^{\ell x}}{2\ell(q^\ell - 1)}. \end{aligned}$$

By the discussion similar to the above, we also have

(4.20) 
$$\begin{aligned} &\underset{s=0}{\operatorname{Res}} \frac{\sum_{n \leq 0} |[n-x]_q|^{-s}}{s^2} \\ &= \frac{\left\{ \log \left( q^{1/2} - q^{-1/2} \right) \right\}^2}{\log q} - \frac{\left( 2\operatorname{Re} x - 1 \right) \log \left( q^{1/2} - q^{-1/2} \right)}{2} \\ &+ \frac{\left( 6(\operatorname{Re} x)^2 - 6\operatorname{Re} x + 1 \right) \log q}{24} + \sum_{m > 0} \frac{q^{m\bar{x}}}{2m(q^m - 1)} + \sum_{\ell > 0} \frac{q^{\ell x}}{2\ell(q^\ell - 1)}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we obtain

(4.21) 
$$\operatorname{Res}_{s=0} \frac{\tilde{\zeta}_q(s,x)}{s^2} = \log |\Gamma_q(1-x)\Gamma_q(x)| - \log \left( [\infty]! \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\operatorname{Im} x)^2 \log q,$$

which is the desired conclusion.

Remark 4.4. If we put  $\tau = -\log q/2\pi i$ , then we see that

(4.22) 
$$S_{\mathbb{Z}}^{q}(x/\tau) = \left(\frac{q^{-1/2\tau^{2}-1/4\tau} \left(q^{1/2}-q^{-1/2}\right)^{1+1/\tau} \left([\infty]_{q}!\right)^{2}}{\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1-q^{-n})^{2}}\right) \times q^{\frac{x(x-\tau-1)}{2\tau^{2}}} S_{\mathbb{Z}[\tau]}(x).$$

Namely, our q-deformation  $S^q_{\mathbb{Z}}(x)$  of  $S_{\mathbb{Z}}(x)$  essentially gives the ring sine function  $S_{\mathbb{Z}}[\tau](x)$  for the ring  $\mathbb{Z}[\tau]$ .

Remark 4.5. Since the function  $S^q_{\mathbb{Z}}(x)$  has an imaginary period  $2\pi i/\log q$ , classical limit " $q \to 1$ " is corresponding to the limit "(imaginary period)  $\to \infty$ ". On the other hand, we can interpret that  $S_{\mathbb{Z}[\tau]}(x)$  tends to  $S_{\mathbb{Z}}(x)$  by taking a formal limit  $\tau \to \infty$ , where  $\tau$  is an imaginary period of  $S_{\mathbb{Z}[\tau]}(x)$ .

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