VORONOÏ SUMMATION FORMULA FOR THE GENERALIZED DIVISOR FUNCTION $\sigma_z^{(k)}(n)$

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ABSTRACT. For a fixed $z \in \mathbb{C}$ and a fixed $k \in \mathbb{N}$, let $\sigma_z^{(k)}(n)$ denote the sum of z-th powers of those divisors d of n whose k-th powers also divide n. This arithmetic function is a simultaneous generalization of the well-known divisor function $\sigma_z(n)$ as well as the divisor function $d^{(k)}(n)$ first studied by Wigert. The Dirichlet series of $\sigma_z^{(k)}(n)$ does not fall under the purview of Chandrasekharan and Narasimhan's fundamental work on Hecke's functional equation with multiple gamma factors. Nevertheless, as we show here, an explicit and elegant Voronoï summation formula exists for this function. As its corollaries, some transformations of Wigert are generalized. The kernel $H_z^{(k)}(x)$ of the associated integral transform is a new generalization of the Bessel kernel. Several properties of this kernel such as its differential equation, asymptotic behavior and its special values are derived. A crucial relation between $H_z^{(k)}(x)$ and an associated integral $K_z^{(k)}(x)$ is obtained, the proof of which is deep, and employs the uniqueness theorem of linear differential equations and the properties of Stirling numbers of the second kind and elementary symmetric polynomials.

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1. Introduction

The summation formulas of Poisson, Voronoï, Lipschitz as well as the Euler-Maclaurin and Abel-Plana summation formulas have been studied for a long time in view of their enormous applications in the mathematical sciences. Out of these, the Voronoï summation formula is the *pierre angulaire* of number theory because of its use in estimating the summatory functions of certain arithmetic functions and, in particular, due to the instrumental role that it plays in the Gauss circle problem and the Dirichlet divisor problem.

The celebrated result of Voronoï [55] associated with $d(n)$, the number of divisors of n, is given by

$$\sideset{}{'}\sum_{n\leq x} d(n) = x(\log x + (2\gamma - 1)) + \frac{1}{4} + \sqrt{x}\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\frac{d(n)}{\sqrt{n}}\left(-Y_1(4\pi\sqrt{nx}) - \frac{2}{\pi}K_1(4\pi\sqrt{nx})\right). \tag{1.1}$$

Here, $Y_\nu(\xi)$ and $K_\nu(\xi)$ denote the Bessel and modified Bessel functions of the second kind of order $\nu \notin \mathbb{Z}$ respectively defined by [58, p. 64, 78, eq. (6)]

$$Y_\nu(\xi) := \frac{J_\nu(\xi)\cos(\pi\nu) - J_{-\nu}(\xi)}{\sin \pi\nu}, \tag{1.2}$$

$$K_\nu(\xi) := \frac{\pi}{2}\frac{I_{-\nu}(\xi) - I_\nu(\xi)}{\sin \pi\nu}, \tag{1.3}$$

where

$$J_\nu(\xi) := \sum_{m=0}^{\infty}\frac{(-1)^m(\xi/2)^{2m+\nu}}{m!\Gamma(m+1+\nu)}, \quad |\xi| < \infty, \tag{1.4}$$

$$I_\nu(\xi) := \begin{cases} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\pi\nu i}J_\nu(e^{\frac{1}{2}\pi i}\xi), & \text{if } -\pi < \arg\xi \leq \frac{\pi}{2}, \\ e^{\frac{3}{2}\pi\nu i}J_\nu(e^{-\frac{3}{2}\pi i}\xi), & \text{if } \frac{\pi}{2} < \arg\xi \leq \pi, \end{cases}$$

are the Bessel and modified Bessel functions of the first kind respectively [58, p. 40, 77]. When the order of the Bessel functions in (1.2) and (1.3) is an integer, say, n, then we define $Y_n(\xi) = \lim_{\nu\to n} Y_\nu(\xi)$ and $K_n(\xi) = \lim_{\nu\to n} K_\nu(\xi)$.

The infinite series in (1.1) is the error term $\Delta(x)$ in the Dirichlet divisor problem, that is,

$$\Delta(x) = \sqrt{x}\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\frac{d(n)}{\sqrt{n}}\left(-Y_1(4\pi\sqrt{nx}) - \frac{2}{\pi}K_1(4\pi\sqrt{nx})\right).$$

The general form of the Voronoï summation formula involving a test function f, given by Voronoï [55], is

$$\sum_{\alpha<n<\beta} d(n)f(n) = \int_\alpha^\beta (2\gamma + \log t)f(t)\,dt + 2\pi\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}d(n)\int_\alpha^\beta f(t)\left(\frac{2}{\pi}K_0(4\pi\sqrt{nt}) - Y_0(4\pi\sqrt{nt})\right)dt, \tag{1.5}$$

where $f(t)$ is a function of bounded variation in (α, β) and $0 < \alpha < \beta$. Mathematicians have worked with several different versions of the Voronoï summation formula differing in the conditions put forth on f and catered to a particular problem they have been interested in. See, for example, Dixon and Ferrar [24], Koshliakov [33], Wilton [62] etc. Voronoï also claimed a formula corresponding to (1.1) for $r_2(n)$, the number of representations of n as sum of two squares. This was subsequently proved by Hardy [31] and Sierpiński [51].

Today Voronoï summation formulas are known to exist for coefficients of various L-functions, for example, the L-functions associated with modular forms, Maass forms, and more recently, with automorphic forms as well. See, for example, [16], [41] and [42]. The reader is encouraged to read the excellent survey [40] on the Voronoï (also, Poisson) summation formulas. As mentioned in this survey, summation formulas can be used to obtain functional equations for various L-functions, and, likewise, the properties of the L-functions, in turn, can be used to derive the summation formulas.

In fact, consider the following setup due to Chandrasekharan and Narasimhan [9].

Let $a(n)$ and $b(n)$, $1 \leq n < \infty$, be two sequences of complex numbers which are not identically 0. Let

$$\varphi(s) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a(n)}{\lambda_n^s}, \quad \mathrm{Re}(s) > \sigma_a; \qquad \psi(s) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b(n)}{\mu_n^s}, \quad \mathrm{Re}(s) > \sigma_a^*, \tag{1.6}$$

where $\{\lambda_n\}$ and $\{\mu_n\}$ are two sequences of positive numbers, each tending to ∞, and σ_a and σ_a^* are, respectively, the abscissae of absolute convergence for $\varphi(s)$ and $\psi(s)$. Suppose that $\varphi(s)$ and $\psi(s)$ have analytic continuations into the entire complex plane $\mathbb{C}$ and are analytic on $\mathbb{C}$ except for a finite set of poles, which we denote by $\mathbf{S}$. For some $\delta > 0$, suppose that $\varphi(s)$ and $\psi(s)$ satisfy a functional equation of the form

$$\chi(s) := (2\pi)^{-s}\Gamma(s)\varphi(s) = (2\pi)^{s-\delta}\Gamma(\delta - s)\psi(\delta - s). \tag{1.7}$$

Chandrasekharan and Narasimhan [9, p. 6, Lemmas 4, 5] showed that the functional equation (1.7) is not only equivalent to the 'modular' relation

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a(n)e^{-\lambda_n x} = \left(\frac{2\pi}{x}\right)^{\delta} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b(n)e^{-4\pi^2\mu_n/x} + P(x), \qquad \mathrm{Re}(x) > 0, \tag{1.8}$$

where

$$P(x) := \frac{1}{2\pi i}\int_{\mathcal{C}} (2\pi)^z \chi(z) x^{-z} dz,$$

where $\mathcal{C}$ is a curve, or a set of curves, encircling all of $\mathbf{S}$, but also to the Riesz-sum identity

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma(\rho+1)} {\sum_{\lambda_n \leq x}}' a(n)(x-\lambda_n)^{\rho} = \left(\frac{1}{2\pi}\right)^{\rho} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b(n) \left(\frac{x}{\mu_n}\right)^{(\delta+\rho)/2} J_{\delta+\rho}(4\pi\sqrt{\mu_n x}) + Q_{\rho}(x), \tag{1.9}$$

where $x > 0$, $\rho > 2\sigma_a^* - \delta - \frac{1}{2}$, $J_\nu(z)$ is defined in (1.4), and

$$Q_\rho(x) := \frac{1}{2\pi i}\int_{\mathcal{C}} \frac{\chi(z)(2\pi)^z x^{z+\rho}}{\Gamma(\rho+1+z)} dz,$$

with $\mathcal{C}$ defined as before. The prime $\prime$ on the summation sign on the left-hand side indicates that if $\rho = 0$ and $x \in \{\lambda_n\}$, then only $\frac{1}{2}a(n)$ is to be taken into account. The restriction $\rho > 2\sigma_a^* - \delta - \frac{1}{2}$ can be replaced by $\rho > 2\sigma_a^* - \delta - \frac{3}{2}$, subject to certain conditions, as enunciated in [9, p. 14, Theorem III]. The 'modular' relation in (1.8) is due to Bochner [6].

Later, Chandrasekharan and Narasimhan [10] considered a more general functional equation than (1.7), namely,

$$\Delta(s)\varphi(s) = \Delta(\delta - s)\psi(\delta - s), \tag{1.10}$$

where $\delta > 0$, $\Delta(s) := \prod_{j=1}^{N} \Gamma(\alpha_j s + \beta_j)$, with $N \geq 1$, $\beta_j \in \mathbb{C}$, and $\alpha_j > 0$ with $\sum_{j=1}^{N} \alpha_j \geq 1$.

As described in [4, p. 3800], most versions of the Voronoï summation formula for an arithmetic function $a(n)$, and associated with a test function f require (1.9) to first hold for $\rho = 0$, and which has to be established separately as one cannot put $\rho = 0$ in (1.9). This is inherent in the nature of the proofs of these versions. The only exception to this that we know of is the method of Koshliakov (see [4, p. 3800] for more details) although it requires f to be analytic.

But this suggests an important thing. If an arithmetic function $a(n)$ falls into the purview of the aforementioned setting of Chandrasekharan and Narasimhan, then the Voronoï summation formula for it, and involving a test function f (not necessarily analytic), would automatically hold, provided (1.9) holds for $\rho = 0$.

In this paper, among other things, we obtain the Voronoï summation formula associated with a generalized divisor function that *does not* fall into the purview of the setting of Chandrasekharan and Narasimhan from [10] except in two special cases. This arithmetic function is defined for $k \in \mathbb{N}, z \in \mathbb{C}$ by

$$\sigma_z^{(k)}(n) := \sum_{d^k|n} d^z. \tag{1.11}$$

It is easily seen that the Dirichlet series associated to $\sigma_z^{(k)}(n)$ is $\zeta(s)\zeta(ks-z)$, that is,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sigma_z^{(k)}(n)}{n^s} = \zeta(s)\zeta(ks-z) \qquad \left(\mathrm{Re}(s) > \max\left\{1, \frac{1+\mathrm{Re}(z)}{k}\right\}\right). \tag{1.12}$$

The form of the Dirichlet series implies that the setting of Chandrasekharan and Narasimhan will not be applicable here unless $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $z = \frac{k-1}{2}$ or unless $k = 1$ and $z > -1$. This is explained in detail at the beginning of the next section. In our Voronoï summation formula for $\sigma_z^{(k)}(n)$, we will also encounter another divisor function, defined by

$$S_z^{(k)}(n) := \sum_{d_1^k d_2 = n} d_2^{\frac{1+z}{k}-1}. \tag{1.13}$$

One can easily show that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{S_z^{(k)}(n)}{n^s} = \zeta(ks)\zeta\left(s+1-\frac{1+z}{k}\right) \qquad \left(\mathrm{Re}(s) > \max\left\{\frac{1}{k}, \frac{1+\mathrm{Re}(z)}{k}\right\}\right). \tag{1.14}$$

Observe that $\sigma_z^{(1)}(n) = S_z^{(1)}(n) = \sigma_z(n)$.

The earliest mention of the function $\sigma_z^{(k)}(n)$, defined slightly differently, occurs in a paper of Crum [17] although he obtains just the Dirichlet series representation (1.12) in his work. Later, Berndt, Roy, Zaharescu and the first author [5, Section 10.2] briefly studied this function. Robles and Roy [50] obtained asymptotic estimates for the summatory function of $\sigma_z^{(k)}(n)$. The special case $z = 0$ of $\sigma_z^{(k)}(n)$ was studied in detail by Wigert [60] as early as in 1925.

Note that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_z^{(k)}(n) e^{-ny} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^z}{e^{n^k y} - 1}. \tag{1.15}$$

On page 332 of the Lost Notebook, Ramanujan considered the above series for $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and any even integer $z - k$. Although he did not give any transformation for this series for general values of z and k mentioned above, he did give it for $z = 0$ and $k = 2$ [49, p. 332], which certainly shows that he considered studying these series an important task. Recently, the first and the second authors [20, Theorem 1.2] generalized Ramanujan's famous formula for $\zeta(2m+1)$ by obtaining a transformation for the series in (1.15) for $z=-2m-1, m\in\mathbb{Z}$.

Various number-theoretic constructs are also intimately connected with the function $\sigma_z^{(k)}(n)$. An explicit appearance of the function $\sigma_z^{(k)}(n)$ occurs in a result of Cohen [12]. To state it, consider the generalization of the Ramanujan sum defined by him [12] to be

$$c_{\ell,k}(n) := \sum_{\substack{b=1\\(b,\ell^k)_k=1}}^{\ell^k} \exp\left(\frac{2\pi i b n}{\ell^k}\right),$$

where the condition $(b,\ell^k)_k=1$ means there is no prime p such that $p|\ell$ and $p^k|b$. Then the Dirichlet series of $c_{\ell,k}(n)$ satisfies [12, Theorem 4] (see also [38, p. 163])

$$\zeta(s)\sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty}\frac{c_{\ell,k}(n)}{\ell^s}=\sigma^{(k)}_{1-\frac{s}{k}}(n),$$

for $s>k$. The case $k=1$ of this identity was given by Ramanujan [48].

Moreover, let $p_k(n)$ denote the number of power partitions of an integer n, that is, the number of partitions of n into parts which are k-th powers. These partitions were studied by Hardy and Ramanujan in their famous work [32]. In the new proof of the asymptotic expansion of $p_k(n)$ as $n\to\infty$ using the saddle-point method given by Tenenbaum, Wu and Li [53, Equation (2.4)], the series $\sum\limits_{n=1}^{\infty}\sigma_k^{(k)}(n)e^{-ny}$ makes its appearance.

For $\mathrm{Im}(z)>0$, the Dedekind eta function is defined by $\eta(z):=e^{\frac{i\pi z}{12}}\prod\limits_{n=1}^{\infty}(1-e^{2\pi i n z})$. It satisfies the modular transformation

$$\eta(-1/z)=\sqrt{-iz}\,\eta(z). \tag{1.16}$$

In his recent study in the context of power partitions, Zagier [65] generalized this property. Consider the generalized eta-function $\eta_s(z)$ defined by

$$\eta_s(z):=\exp\left(-\pi i\zeta(-s)z\right)\prod_{n=1}^{\infty}\left(1-\exp\left(2\pi i n^s z\right)\right)\quad (z\in\mathbb{H}, s\in\mathbb{R}^+).$$

Then for $k\in\mathbb{N}$, he proved [65, Equation (6)]

$$\eta_k(-1/z)=(2\pi)^{(k-1)/2}\sqrt{-iz}\prod_{\substack{w\in\mathbb{H}\\ w^k=\pm z}}\eta_{1/k}(w). \tag{1.17}$$

Clearly, (1.17) reduces to (1.16) for $k=1$. In [3], the authors show the equivalence of (1.17) with one of the corollaries of their general result by starting with

$$\log\eta_k(iy):=\pi\zeta(-k)y-\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\sigma_k^{(k)}(n)\frac{e^{-2\pi n y}}{n}$$

for $\mathrm{Re}(y)>0$. Thus, we see that the function $\sigma_k^{(k)}(n)$ is intimately connected with power partitions. We note here that the transformation for $\eta_s(z)$ was first obtained in an equivalent form by Ramanujan [49, p. 330], and was then rediscovered by Wright [63]. Krätzel [36] further generalized Ramanujan's result.

The extended higher Herglotz function recently studied in [19] has an integral representation with the integrand consisting of the sum $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\sigma_{-k}^{(N)}(n)e^{-2\pi n t}$; see [19, Equation (2.8)]. Cohen and Ramanujan-type identities associated to $\sigma_z^k(n)$ and $K_\nu(\xi)$ were recently obtained in [2]. This shows frequent appearance of $\sigma_z^{(k)}(n)$ in various topics in number theory.

As mentioned before, Wigert worked with the special case $z = 0$ of $\sigma_z^{(k)}(n)$, which he denoted by $d^{(k)}(n)$. For the infinite series

$$L_k(w) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d^{(k)}(n)e^{-nw} \qquad (\mathrm{Re}(w) > 0),$$

he obtained the following result [60, p. 8-10].

Theorem 1.1. *For an even $k > 1$, we have*[1]

$$\begin{aligned} L_k(w) = \frac{\zeta(k)}{w} &+ w^{-\frac{1}{k}}\Gamma\left(1+\frac{1}{k}\right)\zeta\left(\frac{1}{k}\right) + \frac{1}{4} \\ &+ \frac{(-1)^{\frac{k}{2}-1}}{k}\left(\frac{2\pi}{w}\right)^{\frac{1}{k}} \sum_{j=0}^{\frac{k}{2}-1}\left\{ e^{\frac{i\pi(2j+1)(k-1)}{2k}}\overline{L}_k\left(2\pi\left(\frac{2\pi}{w}\right)^{\frac{1}{k}} e^{-\frac{(2j+1)\pi i}{2k}}\right)\right. \\ &\qquad \left. + e^{-\frac{i\pi(2j+1)(k-1)}{2k}}\overline{L}_k\left(2\pi\left(\frac{2\pi}{w}\right)^{\frac{1}{k}} e^{\frac{(2j+1)\pi i}{2k}}\right)\right\}, \end{aligned} \tag{1.18}$$

where $\overline{L}_k(w) := \displaystyle\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^{\frac{1}{k}-1}}{\exp(n^{\frac{1}{k}}w) - 1}$. *For an odd $k > 1$, $L_k(w)$ admits the following asymptotic formula:*

$$\begin{aligned} L_k(w) = \frac{\zeta(k)}{w} &+ w^{-\frac{1}{k}}\Gamma\left(1+\frac{1}{k}\right)\zeta\left(\frac{1}{k}\right) + \frac{1}{4} \pm \frac{i}{k}(-1)^{\frac{k-1}{2}}\left(\frac{2\pi}{w}\right)^{\frac{1}{k}}\overline{L}_k\left(2\pi\left(\frac{2\pi}{w}\right)^{\frac{1}{k}}\right) \\ &+ 4(-1)^{\frac{k+1}{2}}\sum_{j=1}^{N}\frac{\zeta(2j)\zeta(2kj-k+1)(k(2j-1))!}{(2\pi)^{2(k+1)j-k+1}}w^{2j-1} + \frac{i}{k}(-1)^{\frac{k-1}{2}}\left(\frac{2\pi}{w}\right)^{\frac{1}{k}} \\ &\times\sum_{j=0}^{\frac{k-1}{2}}\left\{e^{\frac{i\pi j(k-1)}{k}}\overline{L}_k\left(2\pi\left(\frac{2\pi}{w}\right)^{\frac{1}{k}}e^{-\frac{i\pi j}{k}}\right) - e^{\frac{-i\pi j(k-1)}{k}}\overline{L}_k\left(2\pi\left(\frac{2\pi}{w}\right)^{\frac{1}{k}}e^{\frac{i\pi j}{k}}\right)\right\} + \Theta(N), \end{aligned} \tag{1.19}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta(N) &:= \frac{(2\pi)^k}{w}\frac{(-1)^{\frac{k-1}{2}}}{2\pi i}\int_{1+\rho-i\infty}^{1+\rho+i\infty}\left(\frac{w}{(2\pi)^{k+1}}\right)^s\left(\cot\frac{\pi s}{2} \mp i\right)\Gamma(ks-k+1)\zeta(ks-k+1)\zeta(s)\,ds \\ &= O_{k,N}(|w|^{2N}), \end{aligned}$$

as $w \to 0$ in the region $|\arg w| \leq \lambda < \pi/2$.

In the special case $k = 1$, the asymptotic expansion of the Lambert series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d^{(k)}(n)\exp(-nw)$ was previously obtained by Wigert himself in [59] (see also [54, p. 163, Theorem 7.15]). In a follow-up paper [61], Wigert also obtained a Riesz-type identity for $d^{(k)}(n)$, of the type in (1.9), for any $\rho > 1$.

[1]Wigert simplifies this result in the special case $k = 2$ in the footnote on p. 9 of [60]. However, this result was already known to Ramanujan. See [49, p. 332].

Koshliakov [34, Equation (4)] obtained the Voronoï summation formula for $d^{(k)}(n)$ given below. He took k to be even in this result since he later wanted to give its special case for $f(w) = e^{-nw}$, which gives an exact formula *only* for even k (see (1.18) above), however, the result itself is true for any $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

Theorem 1.2. *Let $0 < \alpha < \beta$ and $\alpha, \beta \notin \mathbb{Z}$. Let $k > 1$ be a natural number. Let $f(x)$ be an analytic function defined inside a closed contour containing $[\alpha, \beta]$. Then*

$$\sum_{\alpha<n<\beta} d^{(k)}(n)f(n) = \int_\alpha^\beta \left(\zeta(k) + \frac{1}{k}\zeta\left(\frac{1}{k}\right) y^{\frac{1}{k}-1}\right) f(y)dy + 4(2\pi)^{1/k-1}\sum_{n=1}^\infty S^{(k)}(n)\int_\alpha^\beta H_0^{(k)}\left((2\pi)^{1+1/k}(ny)^{1/k}\right) y^{\frac{1}{k}-1}f(y)dy, \quad (1.20)$$

where $S^{(k)}(n) := S_0^{(k)}(n)$ and $H_0^{(k)}(x) := \int_0^\infty \cos(1/t^k)\cos(xt)t^{-k}dt$.

Remark 1. *Although the results in Koshliakov's paper* [34] *are correct, we warn the readers of many typos. For example, in the argument of the function $L^{(k)}$ in his version of the above result, the expression $(2\pi)^{\frac{1}{k}-1}$ should be replaced by $(2\pi)^{\frac{1}{k}+1}$.*

Remark 2. *Using the fact that*

$$\lim_{s\to 1}\zeta(s) + \frac{1}{s}\zeta\left(\frac{1}{s}\right) y^{\frac{1}{s}-1} = 2\gamma + \log(y),$$

Theorem 1.2 can be easily modified to accommodate the case $k = 1$. Indeed, this gives (1.5) *upon using* (2.4) *below.*

One can extend Theorem 1.2 by letting $\alpha \to 0$ and $\beta \to \infty$ but with the obvious need of putting further restrictions on f. This is, of course, permitted when $f(x) = e^{-xw}, x > 0$, $\mathrm{Re}(w) > 0$, (because of the exponential decay), and results in Wigert's (1.18) as a corollary.

In this paper, we prove Voronoï summation formulas for the generalized divisor function $\sigma_z^{(k)}(n)$ defined in (1.11). We give two such formulas, one of which applies with a test function f analytic in an interval $[\alpha, \beta]$ (see Theorem 2.2 below), while the other is not truncated to any interval and can be applied with a test function belonging to the Schwartz class (see Theorem 2.4). Thus, our first version of the Voronoï summation formula is a generalization of Theorem 1.2 of Koshliakov. There are instances in Koshliakov's paper [34] where the results are but merely stated and not proved at all, for example, [34, Equation (6)]. Our generalization of his Equation (6), which is given in Theorem 2.1, rigorously proves his Theorem 1.2 given above as a special case of our Theorem 2.2. As can be seen, the proof of Theorem 2.1 is quite non-trivial and requires the uniqueness theorem of the linear differential equations [11, p. 21, Section 6] along with properties of combinatorial objects such as the Stirling numbers of the second kind and the elementary symmetric polynomials. Also, we later derive (1.18) as a special case of a more general result, namely, Corollary 2.6.

In addition to obtaining the Voronoï summation formulas for $\sigma_z^{(k)}(n)$, this paper is equally devoted to developing the theories of the new special functions $H_z^{(k)}(x)$ and $K_z^{(k)}(x)$ that arise in this context and are defined in (2.3) and (2.5) respectively.

2. Main results

We first show that the generalized divisor function $\sigma_z^{(k)}(n)$ defined in (1.11) and its Dirichlet series in (1.12) are not covered by the setting of Chandrasekharan and Narasimhan in [10] unless $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $z = \frac{k-1}{2}$ or unless $k = 1$ and $z \in \mathbb{R}$. To that end, first note that the symmetric form of the functional equation of $\zeta(s)$ reads [54, p. 22, Equation (2.6.4)]

$$\pi^{-\frac{s}{2}}\Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right)\zeta(s) = \pi^{-\frac{(1-s)}{2}}\Gamma\left(\frac{1-s}{2}\right)\zeta(1-s). \tag{2.1}$$

Along with (1.10) and (1.12) and the Dirichlet series defined in (1.6), this implies that if

$$a(n) = \pi^{z/2}\sigma_z^{(k)}(n) = b(n), \qquad \lambda_n = \pi^{\frac{1}{2}(k+1)}n = \mu_n \tag{2.2}$$

so that

$$\varphi(s) = \psi(s) = \pi^{\frac{1}{2}(z-(k+1)s)}\zeta(s)\zeta(ks-z), \qquad \Delta(s) = \Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{ks-z}{2}\right),$$

then we must have, for some $\delta > 0$,

$$\Delta(\delta - s) = \Gamma\left(\frac{1-s}{2}\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{1-ks+z}{2}\right),$$

It is easy to see that this will be true only if $z = \frac{k-1}{2}$ for $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\delta = 1$ or if $k = 1, z \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\delta = z+1$. (We get these same conditions if we work with $S_z^{(k)}(n)$ rather than $\sigma_z^{(k)}(n)$ in (2.2).) Thus, our Theorems 2.2 and 2.4 are covered by the setting of Chandrasekharan and Narasimhan *only* in the aforementioned two special cases which force either z to be rational or k to be 1. On the other hand, our Theorems 2.2 and 2.4 hold for any $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and any complex z such that $-1 < \mathrm{Re}(z) < k$.

Before stating Theorem 2.2, we define the function[2] $H_z^{(k)}(x)$ for $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $x \geq 0$ by

$$H_z^{(k)}(x) := \int_0^\infty t^{z-k}\cos(xt)\cos\left(\frac{1}{t^k}\right)\, dt. \tag{2.3}$$

In Theorem 4.1, it is shown that $H_z^{(k)}(x)$ converges for $-1 < \mathrm{Re}(z) < k$.

For $k = 1$ and $z = 0$, this integral was evaluated by Hardy [58, p. 184, Equation (4)] who showed that

$$H_0^{(1)}(x) = K_0(2\sqrt{x}) - \frac{\pi}{2}Y_0(2\sqrt{x}). \tag{2.4}$$

Also, the integral $H_0^{(k)}(x)$ appeared in Koshliakov's result (1.20). Hence we call the integral $H_0^{(k)}(x)$ as the *Hardy-Koshliakov integral*. Theorem 4.9 below generalizes (2.4) for any z satisfying $-1 < \mathrm{Re}(z) < 1$.

As is shown in [25, Equations (1.14), (4.1)], the function $H_z^{(1)}(x)$ is a special case of a kernel of Watson [57] given by

$$\varpi_{\mu,\nu}(xy) := x^{1/2}\int_0^\infty J_\nu(xt)J_\mu\left(\frac{1}{t}\right)\frac{dt}{t},$$

[2]The notation here *does not* mean k-th derivative of some function $H_z(x)$. This notation is used to comply with that used by Wigert [60] and Koshliakov [34] for the associated arithmetic as well as special functions and is retained throughout the paper for other functions as well. For the j^{th} derivative of, say, $H_z^{(k)}(x)$ with respect to x, we use the notation $\frac{d^j}{dx^j}H_z^{(k)}(x)$.

namely, $H_z^{(1)}(x) = \frac{\pi}{2}x^{-z/2}\varpi_{\frac{-z-1}{2},\frac{z-1}{2}}(x)$. This follows from the fact that $J_{-1/2}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}}\cos(x)$. However, for $k > 1$, our kernel $H_z^{(k)}(x)$ is new. In Theorem 2.1, we show that $H_z^{(k)}(x)$ essentially equals the Meijer G- function $G_{0,2k+2}^{k+1,0}\left(\begin{matrix}\{\}\\ b_1,\cdots,b_{2k+2}\end{matrix}\middle|\frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{x}{2k}\right)^{2k}\right)$ with the parameters $b_1,\cdots,b_{2k+2}$ defined in (2.7) below. A similar Meijer G-function acting as a symmetric Fourier kernel was studied by Narain [43, Equation (1.5)], however, it is different from ours.

We will also need an auxiliary integral in the proof of the Voronoï summation formula for $\sigma_z^{(k)}(n)$. This integral is defined for $x \neq 0$ by

$$K_z^{(k)}(x) := \frac{1}{2\pi i}\int_{(c)}\Gamma(s)\cos\left(\frac{\pi s}{2}\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{s-1-z}{k}+1\right)\frac{ds}{kx^s}, \tag{2.5}$$

where $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\max\{0, 1-k+\mathrm{Re}(z)\} < \mathrm{Re}(s) = c$ when $|\arg(x)| < \pi/(2k)$, and $\max\{0, 1-k+\mathrm{Re}(z)\} < \mathrm{Re}(s) = c \leq \frac{1+\mathrm{Re}(z)}{k+1}$ when $|\arg(x)| = \pi/(2k)$. (Note that the latter strip is non-empty when we additionally assume $-1 < \mathrm{Re}(z) < k$, which will be the case in most of our results.) The integral is absolutely convergent in $|\arg(x)| < \pi/(2k)$ but only conditionally convergent for $|\arg(x)| = \pi/(2k)$. While the former is easily established using Stirling's formula (see (3.3) below), the latter requires some work, and is hence proved in detail at the end of the proof of Theorem 4.3. As a function of x, $K_z^{(k)}(x)$ is analytic in $|\arg(x)| < \pi/(2k)$. Also, as a function of z, it is analytic in $\mathbb{C}$, provided $|\arg(x)| < \pi/(2k)$; when $|\arg(x)| = \pi/(2k)$, it is analytic in $-1 < \mathrm{Re}(z) < k$.

The functions $H_z^{(k)}(x)$ and $K_z^{(k)}(x)$ are related to each other by means of the following important identity.

Theorem 2.1. *Let $x \geq 0$ and $k \in \mathbb{N}$. For any z such that $-1 < \mathrm{Re}(z) < k$,*

$$\begin{aligned} H_z^{(k)}(x) &= \frac{1}{2}\left\{\exp\left(\frac{i\pi(k-1-z)}{2k}\right)K_z^{(k)}\left(e^{-\frac{i\pi}{2k}}x\right) + \exp\left(\frac{-i\pi(k-1-z)}{2k}\right)K_z^{(k)}\left(e^{\frac{i\pi}{2k}}x\right)\right\} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{k}2^{\frac{1+z}{k}}}G_{0,2k+2}^{k+1,0}\left(\begin{matrix}\{\}\\ b_1,\cdots,b_{2k+2}\end{matrix}\middle|\frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{x}{2k}\right)^{2k}\right), \end{aligned} \tag{2.6}$$

where the parameters $b_j, 1 \leq j \leq 2k+2$, are given by

$$b_j = \begin{cases} \frac{j-1}{k}, & \text{if } 1 \leq j \leq k, \\ \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1+z}{2k}, & \text{if } j = k+1, \\ 2 + \frac{3-2j}{2k}, & \text{if } k+2 \leq j \leq 2k+1, \\ 1 - \frac{1+z}{2k}, & \text{if } j = 2k+2, \end{cases} \tag{2.7}$$

and $G_{0,2k+2}^{k+1,0}\left(\begin{matrix}\{\}\\ b_1,\cdots,b_{2k+2}\end{matrix}\middle|\frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{x}{2k}\right)^{2k}\right)$ is the Meijer G-function defined in (3.7).

This result will be crucially used in the proofs of Theorems 2.2 and 2.4. A proof of this result is offered in Section 4 using the uniqueness theorem of linear differential equations. Compare (4.2) with (4.43) by means of Lemma 4.6.

We are now ready to give our first version of the Voronoï summation formula for $\sigma_z^{(k)}(n)$ which involves $H_z^{(k)}(x)$, the aforementioned generalization of the Hardy-Koshliakov integral.

Theorem 2.2. *Let $0 < \alpha < \beta$ and $\alpha, \beta \notin \mathbb{Z}$. Let $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $z \in \mathbb{C}$ with $-1 < \mathrm{Re}(z) < k$ and $z \neq k-1$. Let $S_z^{(k)}(n)$ be defined in* (1.13) *and let $f(x)$ be analytic inside a closed contour containing*

$[\alpha, \beta]$. *Then*

$$\sum_{\alpha<n<\beta} \sigma_z^{(k)}(n) f(n) = \int_\alpha^\beta f(t) \left(\zeta(k-z) + \frac{1}{k} t^{\frac{1+z}{k}-1} \zeta\left(\frac{1+z}{k}\right)\right) dt$$
$$+ 2(2\pi)^{\frac{1+z}{k}-1} \sum_{n=1}^\infty S_z^{(k)}(n) \int_\alpha^\beta f(t) t^{\frac{1+z}{k}-1} H_z^{(k)}\left((2\pi)^{\frac{1}{k}+1}(nt)^{\frac{1}{k}}\right) dt. \quad (2.8)$$

If $z = k-1$, *then*

$$\sum_{\alpha<n<\beta} \sigma_{k-1}^{(k)}(n) f(n) = \int_\alpha^\beta f(t) \left(\frac{(k+1)\gamma + \log(t)}{k}\right) dt$$
$$+ 2\sum_{n=1}^\infty S_{k-1}^{(k)}(n) \int_\alpha^\beta f(t) H_{k-1}^{(k)}\left((2\pi)^{\frac{1}{k}+1}(nt)^{\frac{1}{k}}\right) dt. \quad (2.9)$$

As a corollary of the above theorem, we obtain the well-known Voronoï summation formula for $\sigma_z(n)$ [5, Theorem 6.1].

Corollary 2.3. *Let* $0 < \alpha < \beta$ *and* $\alpha, \beta \notin \mathbb{Z}$. *Let* f *denote a function analytic inside a closed contour strictly containing* $[\alpha, \beta]$. *Assume that* $-1 < \mathrm{Re}(z) < 1, z \neq 0$. *Then*[3],

$$\sum_{\alpha<j<\beta} \sigma_{-z}(j) f(j) = \int_\alpha^\beta (\zeta(1+z) + t^{-z}\zeta(1-z)) f(t)\, dt$$
$$+ 2\pi \sum_{n=1}^\infty \sigma_{-z}(n) n^{\frac{1}{2}z} \int_\alpha^\beta t^{-\frac{1}{2}z} f(t) \Bigg\{ \left(\frac{2}{\pi} K_z(4\pi\sqrt{nt}) - Y_z(4\pi\sqrt{nt})\right)$$
$$\times \cos\left(\frac{\pi z}{2}\right) - J_z(4\pi\sqrt{nt}) \sin\left(\frac{\pi z}{2}\right) \Bigg\} dt. \quad (2.10)$$

Moreover, if we let $k = 1$ *in* (2.9), *then using* (2.4), *we get* (1.5).

Also, letting $z = 0$ in Theorem 2.2 readily gives Theorem 1.2. Thus, Theorem 2.2 is a *simultaneous* generalization of Koshliakov's result in Theorem 1.2 and Corollary 2.3.

Throughout the sequel, $F(s)$, or $\mathcal{M}(f)(s)$, will always denote the Mellin transform of a function f. Let $\mathscr{S}(\mathbb{R})$ denote the space of Schwartz functions on $\mathbb{R}$, that is, those functions f which satisfy $f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ and all of whose derivatives (including f itself) tend to 0 faster than any power of $|x|$ as $|x| \to \infty$. See [13, p. 177]. Our next result is the "infinite" version of Theorem 2.2 for Schwartz functions f.

Theorem 2.4. *Let* $k \in \mathbb{N}, z \in \mathbb{C}$ *be such that* $-1 < \mathrm{Re}(z) < k, z \neq k-1$. *Let* $f \in \mathscr{S}(\mathbb{R})$. *Then we have*

$$\sum_{n=1}^\infty \sigma_z^{(k)}(n) f(n) = -\frac{1}{2}\zeta(-z) f(0^+) + \zeta(k-z)\int_0^\infty f(y)dy + \frac{1}{k} F\left(\frac{1+z}{k}\right)\zeta\left(\frac{1+z}{k}\right)$$
$$+ \frac{(2\pi)^{(k+1)\left(\frac{1+z}{k}\right)-z}}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=1}^\infty S_z^{(k)}(n) \int_0^\infty H_z^{(k)}\left((2\pi)^{1+1/k}(ny)^{1/k}\right) y^{\frac{1+z}{k}-1} f(y)dy, \quad (2.11)$$

[3] In [5, Theorem 6.1], it was assumed that $-1/2 < \mathrm{Re}(z) < 1/2$. However, we see here that the result actually holds for $-1 < \mathrm{Re}(z) < 1$.

where $S_z^{(k)}(n)$ *and* $H_z^{(k)}(x)$ *are defined in* (1.13) *and* (2.3) *respectively. Moreover, when* $z = k-1$,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_{k-1}^{(k)}(n) f(n) = -\frac{1}{2}\zeta(1-k) f(0^+) + \int_0^{\infty} f(t) \left(\frac{(k+1)\gamma + \log(t)}{k} \right) dt$$
$$+ 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} S_{k-1}^{(k)}(n) \int_0^{\infty} H_{k-1}^{(k)} \left((2\pi)^{1+1/k} (ny)^{1/k} \right) f(y) dy.$$

Remark 3. *If we let* $z = 0$ *in* (2.11), *then one can obtain the aforementioned extension of Koshliakov's Theorem 1.2, that is, the one obtained by letting* $\alpha \to 0$ *and* $\beta \to \infty$ *in it.*

Define $B(z, b)$ by

$$B(z,b) := \int_0^{\infty} \frac{t^z \cos t}{t^2 + b^2}\, dt. \tag{2.12}$$

This integral converges only in the region $-1 < \mathrm{Re}(z) < 2$, where it is also given by [44, p. 43, Equation (5.8)][4]

$$B(z,b) = \frac{\pi b^{z-1}}{2} \frac{\cosh b}{\cos(\pi z/2)} + \Gamma(z-1)\sin(\pi z/2)\, {}_1F_2\left(1; 1-\frac{z}{2}, \frac{3-z}{2} \middle| \frac{b^2}{4}\right) \tag{2.13}$$

$$= \frac{\pi b^{z-1}}{2} \frac{\cosh b}{\cos(\pi z/2)} - \frac{\pi}{2\cos(\pi z/2)} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{b^{2n}}{\Gamma(2n - z + 2)}, \tag{2.14}$$

where ${}_1F_2\left(a; b, c \middle| z\right) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n}{(b)_n (c)_n} \frac{z^n}{n!}$ is the ${}_1F_2$-hypergeometric sfunction with $(a)_n := \Gamma(a+n)/\Gamma(a)$ being the shifted factorial. Here, $b \in \mathbb{C}$ with $b \neq \pm iy$ for any real number y.

Remark 4. *At first glance, it appears that the right-hand side of* (2.13) *has singularities at every odd integer. However, in Section 6 we show that the odd positive integers are removable singularities whereas it has poles at all odd negative integers. Thus the right-hand side of* (2.13) *provides meromorphic continuation of* $B(z,b)$ *to the whole complex plane with simple poles at* $z = -1, -3, -5, \cdots$.

As a special case of Theorem 2.4, we obtain the following result.

Theorem 2.5. *Let* $k \in \mathbb{N}, z \in \mathbb{C}$ *be such that* $-1 < \mathrm{Re}(z) < k$ *and* $z \neq k-1$. *Let* $B(z,b)$ *be defined in* (2.12) *and* (2.13). *Let* $a = 2\pi \left(\frac{2\pi n}{w}\right)^{1/k}$, *where* $\mathrm{Re}(w) > 0$ *and* $A_j = \zeta_{4k}^{(2-k)(2j-1)}$, $B_j = \zeta_{4k}^{(1-k)(2j)}$, *where* ζ_{4k} *is the primitive* $4k$*-th root of unity. For* $k \geq 2$ *even,*

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_z^{(k)}(n) e^{-nw} = -\frac{\zeta(-z)}{2} + \frac{\zeta(k-z)}{w} + \frac{1}{k} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1+z}{k}\right)\zeta\left(\frac{1+z}{k}\right)}{w^{(1+z)/k}} + \frac{(-1)^{\frac{k}{2}-1}(2\pi)^{2+\frac{2}{k}-z}}{\pi^2 k w^{2/k}}$$
$$\times \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} S_z^{(k)}(n) n^{\frac{1-z}{k}} \sum_{j=1}^{\frac{k}{2}} \left[A_j B(z, a\zeta_{4k}^{2j-1}) + \overline{A}_j B(z, a\zeta_{4k}^{-(2j-1)}) \right], \tag{2.15}$$

and for $k \geq 1$ *odd,*

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_z^{(k)}(n) e^{-nw} = -\frac{\zeta(-z)}{2} + \frac{\zeta(k-z)}{w} + \frac{1}{k} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1+z}{k}\right)\zeta\left(\frac{1+z}{k}\right)}{w^{(1+z)/k}} + \frac{(-1)^{\frac{k-1}{2}}(2\pi)^{1+\frac{1}{k}-z}}{\pi^2 k w^{1/k}}$$

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[4]There is a typo in the stated formula in [44] in that b^{-z} should be replaced by b^{2-z}.

$$\times\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}S_z^{(k)}(n)n^{-z/k}\left[B(z+1,a)+\sum_{j=1}^{\frac{k-1}{2}}\left[B_j\ B\left(z+1,a\zeta_{4k}^{2j}\right)+\overline{B}_j\ B\left(z+1,a\zeta_{4k}^{-(2j)}\right)\right]\right]. \tag{2.16}$$

Letting $z=2m$ in (2.15), we obtain a generalization of Wigert's identity (1.18).

Corollary 2.6. *Let $k\geq 2$ be an even integer and m be a non-negative integer with $0\leq m<k/2$. For $\mathrm{Re}(w)>0$, we have*

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\sigma_{2m}^{(k)}(n)e^{-nw}&=-\frac{\zeta(-2m)}{2}+\frac{\zeta(k-2m)}{w}+\frac{1}{k}\frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1+2m}{k}\right)\zeta\left(\frac{1+2m}{k}\right)}{w^{(1+2m)/k}}+\frac{(-1)^{\frac{k}{2}+m-1}}{k}\left(\frac{2\pi}{w}\right)^{\frac{1+2m}{k}}\\&\times\sum_{j=1}^{k/2}\left[\exp\left(\frac{i\pi}{2k}(1-k+2m)(2j-1)\right)\overline{L}_{k,2m}\left(2\pi\left(\frac{2\pi}{w}\right)^{\frac{1}{k}}e^{\frac{i\pi}{2k}(2j-1)}\right)\right.\\&\left.+\exp\left(-\frac{i\pi}{2k}(1-k+2m)(2j-1)\right)\overline{L}_{k,2m}\left(2\pi\left(\frac{2\pi}{w}\right)^{\frac{1}{k}}e^{-\frac{i\pi}{2k}(2j-1)}\right)\right],\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\overline{L}_{k,z}(w):=\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}S_z^{(k)}(n)\exp(-n^{1/k}w). \tag{2.17}$$

When $m=0$, the above corollary reduces to Wigert's identity (1.18). Letting $z=2m-1$ in (2.16) leads to the odd counterpart of Wigert's identity. We note here that our result below is an *exact* formula as compared to the asymptotic formula (1.19) of Wigert.

Corollary 2.7. *Let $k>1$ odd and m be an integer with $1\leq m<\frac{k+1}{2}$. For $\mathrm{Re}(w)>0$,*

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\sigma_{2m-1}^{(k)}(n)e^{-nw}&=-\frac{\zeta(1-2m)}{2}+\frac{\zeta(k-2m+1)}{w}+\frac{1}{k}\frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{2m}{k}\right)\zeta\left(\frac{2m}{k}\right)}{w^{(2m)/k}}+\frac{(-1)^{\frac{k-1}{2}+m}}{k}\left(\frac{2\pi}{w}\right)^{\frac{2m}{k}}\\&\times\left[\overline{L}_{k,2m-1}\left(2\pi\left(\frac{2\pi}{w}\right)^{\frac{1}{k}}\right)+\sum_{j=1}^{\frac{k-1}{2}}\left[\exp\left(\frac{i\pi j}{k}(-k+2m)\right)\overline{L}_{k,2m-1}\left(2\pi\left(\frac{2\pi}{w}\right)^{\frac{1}{k}}e^{\frac{i\pi j}{k}}\right)\right.\right.\\&\left.\left.+\exp\left(-\frac{i\pi j}{k}(-k+2m)\right)\overline{L}_{k,2m-1}\left(2\pi\left(\frac{2\pi}{w}\right)^{\frac{1}{k}}e^{-\frac{i\pi j}{k}}\right)\right]\right].\end{aligned}$$

where $\overline{L}_{k,z}(w)$ is defined in (2.17).

Theorem 2.2 indicates that it may be possible to derive the following asymptotic formula for $\sigma_z^{(k)}(n)$ for $k>1$ and $-1<\mathrm{Re}(z)<k, z\neq k-1:$

$$\sum_{n\leq x}\sigma_z^{(k)}(n)=\zeta(k-z)x+\frac{1}{z+1}\zeta\left(\frac{1+z}{k}\right)x^{\frac{z+1}{k}}+\Delta_{z,k}(x),$$

where the error term $\Delta_{z,k}(x)$ can be expressed in the form

$$\Delta_{z,k}(x)=\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}S_z^{(k)}(n)\int_0^x t^{\frac{1+z}{k}-1}H_z^{(k)}\left((2\pi)^{\frac{1}{k}+1}(nt)^{\frac{1}{k}}\right)\,dt.$$

Also, when $z = k-1$, we have

$$\sum_{n\leq x} \sigma_{k-1}^{(k)}(n) = \frac{x}{k}\left(\gamma(k+1) - 1 + \log(x)\right) + \Delta_{k-1,k}(x),$$

with

$$\Delta_{k-1,k}(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} S_{k-1}^{(k)}(n) \int_0^x H_{k-1}^{(k)}\left((2\pi)^{\frac{1}{k}+1}(nt)^{\frac{1}{k}}\right) dt.$$

If we show that $\Delta_{z,k}(x) \ll x^{1/3}(\log x)^2$, then this would not only yield the asymptotic formulae given by Theorem 1.4 of Robles and Roy in [50], but also extend them to larger ranges of z as well as to $k \geq 4$. It may also be possible to determine better upper bounds for $\Delta_{z,k}(x)$ by obtaining non-trivial estimates for the integral $H_z^{(k)}(x)$ defined in (2.3).

This is a delicate task, which we relegate to a future work.

3. Preliminaries

Here we state some known results which will be useful in the sequel. For $0 < \mathrm{Re}(s) < 1$, the Mellin transform of $\cos(x)$ is given by [28, p. 1101, Formula (3)]

$$\int_0^{\infty} \cos(x) x^{s-1} dx = \Gamma(s) \cos\left(\frac{\pi s}{2}\right), \tag{3.1}$$

so that by Mellin inversion theorem, we have, for $0 < c < 1$,

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i}\int_{(c)} \Gamma(s)\cos\left(\frac{\pi s}{2}\right) x^{-s} ds = \cos(x). \tag{3.2}$$

Here, and in the rest of the paper, $\int_{(c)}$ will always denote the line integral $\int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty}$.

Stirling's formula for $\Gamma(s)$, $s = \sigma + it$, in a vertical strip $C \leq \sigma \leq D$ is given by [15, p. 224]

$$|\Gamma(s)| = (2\pi)^{\frac{1}{2}} |t|^{\sigma-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\pi|t|}\left(1 + O\left(\frac{1}{|t|}\right)\right), \tag{3.3}$$

as $|t| \to \infty$.

Theorem 3.1 (Parseval's formula)**.** [46, p. 83, Equation (3.1.13)] *Let $F(s)$ and $G(s)$ be the Mellin transforms of $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ respectively. If $F(1-s)$ and $G(s)$ have a common strip of analyticity, then for any vertical line $Re(s) = c$ in the common strip, we have*

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i}\int_{(c)} G(s)F(1-s)ds = \int_0^{\infty} f(t)g(t)dt, \tag{3.4}$$

under the assumption that the integral on the right-hand side exists and the conditions

$$t^{c-1}g(t) \in L[0,\infty) \quad \textit{and} \quad F(1-c-it) \in L(-\infty,\infty) \tag{3.5}$$

hold.

An extension of Parseval's formula due to Vu Kim Tuan [56] is given in the next theorem. This result allows application of Parseval's formula in situations where the first condition in (3.5) does not hold, albeit with an additional restriction. We will require this in the proof of Theorem 4.4. Before we state this extension though, we define the concepts needed to do so, namely, a new function space and a certain class of functions.

Let $\mathfrak{M}^{-1}(L)$ denote the space of functions $f(x)$ which are inverse Mellin transforms of functions $F(s) \in L\left(\frac{1}{2} - i\infty, \frac{1}{2} + i\infty\right)$ over the contour $\mathrm{Re}(s) = 1/2$ with norm $||f||_{\mathfrak{M}^{-1}(L)}$ equal to $\int_0^{\infty}\left|F\left(\frac{1}{2}+it\right)\right| dt$.

We let $\mathcal{K}$ be the set of functions $g(x)$ integrable on any segment $[\epsilon, E], 0 < \epsilon < E < \infty$, and such that the improper integral

$$\mathfrak{M}\{g(x); s\} = G(s) = \int_0^\infty x^{s-1} g(x)\, dx, \qquad \text{Re}(s) = \frac{1}{2},$$

converges boundedly, that is, there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that for almost all $\epsilon, E > 0$ and $t \in \mathbb{R}$, we have $\left|\int_\epsilon^E x^{it-1/2} g(x)\, dx\right| < C$.

Then the extension of Parseval's theorem [56, Lemma 1] is as follows.

Theorem 3.2. *Let $f(x) \in \mathfrak{M}^{-1}(L)$ and $g(x) \in \mathcal{K}$. Then the following convolution formula holds:*

$$\int_0^\infty g(xt) f(t)\, dt = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(\frac{1}{2})} G(s) F(1-s) x^{-s}\, ds. \tag{3.6}$$

Remark 5. *Using Cauchy's residue theorem, we note that* (3.6) *can be extended to any vertical strip containing the line $[1/2 - i\infty, 1/2 + i\infty]$ as long as it does not contain any poles of the integrand and the integrals along the horizontal segments of the rectangular contour tend to zero as the height of the contour tends to ∞.*

Remark 6. *As mentioned in* [56, Corollary 1], *the cosine function belongs to the class $\mathcal{K}$ and hence the extension of Parseval's formula, that is,* (3.6) *holds with $g(x) = \cos(x)$ and $f \in \mathfrak{M}^{-1}(L)$. It is this fact that will be employed in the proof of Theorem 4.4.*

These results are also given in [64, p. 15-17].

The next result, which gives the evaluation of a Mellin transform of a certain rational function, will be used in the sequel.

Lemma 3.3. *For $-k - \text{Re}(z) < c = \text{Re}(s) < k - \text{Re}(z)$,*

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(c)} \frac{\pi t^{-s}\, ds}{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2k}(z+s)\right)} = \frac{2kt^{k+z}}{t^{2k}+1}.$$

Proof. Employ the change of variable $t = v^{1/(2k)}$ in the integral below so that

$$\int_0^\infty t^{s-1} \frac{2kt^{k+z}}{t^{2k}+1}\, dt = \int_0^\infty \frac{v^{\frac{(s+k+z)}{2k}-1}}{v+1} dv = \frac{\pi}{\sin\left(\pi\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{z+s}{2k}\right)\right)} = \frac{\pi}{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2k}(z+s)\right)},$$

since $-k < \text{Re}(s+z) < k$. The result now follows from the Mellin inversion theorem [39, p. 341]. □

Next, we define an important special function called the Meijer G-function [45, p. 415, Definition 16.17]. Let m, n, p, q be integers such that $0 \leq m \leq q$, $0 \leq n \leq p$. Let $a_1, \cdots, a_p$ and $b_1, \cdots, b_q$ be complex numbers such that $a_i - b_j \notin \mathbb{N}$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$ and $1 \leq j \leq m$. The Meijer G-function is defined by

$$G_{p,q}^{m,n}\left(\begin{matrix} a_1, \cdots, a_p \\ b_1, \cdots, b_q \end{matrix} \Big| X\right) := \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_L \frac{\prod_{j=1}^m \Gamma(b_j - w) \prod_{j=1}^n \Gamma(1 - a_j + w) X^w}{\prod_{j=m+1}^q \Gamma(1 - b_j + w) \prod_{j=n+1}^p \Gamma(a_j - w)}\, dw. \tag{3.7}$$

Here L goes from $-i\infty$ to $+i\infty$ separating the poles of $\Gamma(1 - a_j + s)$ from the poles of $\Gamma(b_j - s)$. Note that the integral converges absolutely if $p + q < 2(m+n)$ and $|\arg(X)| < (m+n-\frac{p+q}{2})\pi$. In the case $p+q = 2(m+n)$ and $\arg(X) = 0$, the integral converges absolutely if $\left(\text{Re}(w) + \frac{1}{2}\right)(q-p) > \text{Re}(\psi) + 1$, where $\psi = \sum_{j=1}^q b_j - \sum_{j=1}^p a_j$.

The following result elucidates the asymptotic behaviour of the Meijer G-function $G_{p,q}^{m,0}(X)$ when the argument is large.

Proposition 3.4. [37, Theorem 2, p. 190] *If $1 \leq m \leq q$, then for $|X| \to \infty$, we have*

$$G_{p,q}^{m,0}(X) \sim A_{\ q}^{m,0} H_{p,q}\left(Xe^{i\pi(q-m)}\right), \text{ if } m \leq q-1, \delta \leq \arg(X) \leq (m-p+1)\pi - \delta, \delta > 0;$$

$$G_{p,q}^{m,0}(X) \sim \overline{A_{\ q}^{m,0}} H_{p,q}\left(Xe^{-i\pi(q-m)}\right), \text{if } m \leq q-1, \delta-(m-p+1)\pi \leq \arg(X) \leq -\delta, \delta > 0;$$

where [37, p. 183, Equation (2)]

$$A_{\ q}^{m,0} = \left(-\frac{1}{2\pi i}\right)^{\nu} \exp\left(-\sum_{j=m+1}^{q} b_j\right), \quad \nu = q-m, \tag{3.8}$$

$\overline{A_{\ q}^{m,0}}$ *is obtained by replacing i by $-i$ in* (3.8)*, and the function $H_{p,q}(X)$ is defined by* [37, p. 180]

$$H_{p,q}(X) = \frac{(2\pi)^{(\sigma-1)/2}}{\sqrt{\sigma}} \exp\left(-\sigma X^{1/\sigma}\right) X^{\theta} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} M_k X^{-k/\sigma}, \tag{3.9}$$

with $\sigma = q-p$, $\theta = \frac{1}{\sigma}\left(\frac{1-\sigma}{2} + \Xi_1 - \Lambda_1\right)$, where $\Xi_1 = \sum_{j=1}^{q} b_j$ and $\Lambda_1 = \sum_{j=1}^{p} a_j$. Here $M_0 = 1$ and $M_k's$ are independent of X.

Lastly, we define certain mathematical objects which will play an important role in the proof of Theorem 2.1. Consider the monic polynomial $(w-x_1)(w-x_2)\cdots(w-x_n)$ and let $X_n = \{x_1, x_2, \cdots, x_n\}$. For all $n, k \in \mathbb{N}$, the elementary symmetric polynomial $e_\ell(X_n)$ is given by [26, p. 24]

$$e_\ell(X_n) := \sum_{1 \leq j_1 < \cdots < j_\ell \leq n} \prod_{m=1}^{\ell} x_{j_m}. \tag{3.10}$$

It is well-known that

$$\sum_{j=0}^{n} e_j(X_n) t^j = \prod_{j=1}^{n} (1 + x_j t).$$

For all $n, k \in \mathbb{N}$, the Stirling number of the second kind $S(n,k)$ is the number of set partitions of $\{1, 2, \cdots, n\}$ with exactly k non-empty parts. Clearly, $S(n,k) = 0$ for $n < k$. By convention, $S(0,0) = 1$. See [8, p. 204, Chapter V] for more details.

4. A generalization of the Hardy-Koshliakov integral $H_z^{(k)}(x)$

4.1. **Convergence of $H_z^{(k)}(x)$.**

We begin with determining the values of z for which the integral $H_z^{(k)}(x)$ in (2.3) converges.

Theorem 4.1. *Let $x > 0$ and $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Then $H_z^{(k)}(x)$ converges in $-1 < \mathrm{Re}(z) < k$. Moreover, when $x = 0$, it converges in $-1 < \mathrm{Re}(z) < k-1$.*

Proof. Let $\epsilon > 0$ be small and M be a large positive real number. For simplicity let $\nu = k - z$. We split the integral into three parts, namely,

$$H_z^{(k)}(x) = \int_0^{\epsilon} + \int_{\epsilon}^{M} + \int_M^{\infty} \cos\left(\frac{1}{t^k}\right) \cos(xt) \frac{dt}{t^{\nu}}, =: I_1 + I_2 + I_3 \text{ (say)}.$$

It is easy to observe that I_2 is finite since the integrand is a continuous function on the closed and bounded interval $[\epsilon, M]$. In the first integral I_1, replacing $1/t^k$ by T gives

$$I_1 = \frac{1}{k} \int_{\epsilon^{-k}}^{\infty} \cos(T) \cos\left(\frac{x}{T^{1/k}}\right) T^{\frac{\nu-1}{k}-1} dT.$$

Using the series expansion of cosine, we have

$$\begin{aligned}I_1&=\frac{1}{k}\int_{\epsilon^{-k}}^{\infty}\cos(T)\left[1-\frac{x^2}{2!T^{2/k}}+\frac{x^4}{4!T^{4/k}}-\cdots+O\left(\frac{x^{2m}}{(2m)!T^{2m/k}}\right)\right]T^{\frac{\nu-1}{k}-1}dT\\&=\frac{1}{k}\int_{\epsilon^{-k}}^{\infty}\cos(T)T^{\frac{\nu-1}{k}-1}dT-\frac{x^2}{2!k}\int_{\epsilon^{-k}}^{\infty}\cos(T)T^{\frac{\nu-3}{k}-1}dT+\frac{x^4}{4!k}\int_{\epsilon^{-k}}^{\infty}\cos(T)T^{\frac{\nu-5}{k}-1}dT\\&\quad+\cdots+O\left(\frac{x^{2m}}{(2m)!}\int_{\epsilon^{-k}}^{\infty}T^{\frac{\nu-(2m+1)}{k}-1}dT\right).\end{aligned}$$

The first term above is convergent for $\mathrm{Re}(\frac{\nu-1}{k})<1$, the second for $\mathrm{Re}(\frac{\nu-3}{k})<1$ and so on. The final term is convergent for $\mathrm{Re}(\frac{\nu-(2m+1)}{k})<0$. These conditions hold simultaneously if $\mathrm{Re}(\nu)<\min\{k+1,k+3,\dots,2m+1\}$. Choosing m large enough so that $2m+1>k+1$, we see that I_1 converges for $\mathrm{Re}(\nu)<k+1$. Turning to I_3, we similarly have

$$\begin{aligned}I_3&=\int_M^{\infty}\cos\left(\frac{1}{t^k}\right)\cos(xt)\frac{dt}{t^{\nu}}\\&=\int_M^{\infty}\cos(xt)t^{(-\nu+1)-1}dt-\frac{1}{2!}\int_M^{\infty}\cos(xt)t^{(-\nu-2k+1)-1}dt\\&\quad+\frac{1}{4!}\int_M^{\infty}\cos(xt)t^{(-\nu-4k+1)-1}dt+\cdots+O\left(\frac{1}{(2m)!}\int_M^{\infty}t^{(-\nu-2mk+1)-1}dt\right).\end{aligned}$$

Similar to the discussion for I_1, the conditions for convergence are $\mathrm{Re}(\nu)>0,\mathrm{Re}(\nu)>-2k,\dots,\mathrm{Re}(\nu)>-2mk+1$. As $k>0$, choosing m sufficiently large yields that I_3 is convergent for $\mathrm{Re}(\nu)>0$. Combining the conditions for convergence of I_1 and I_3, we have that $H_z^{(k)}(x)$ converges for $0<\mathrm{Re}(\nu)<k+1$, that is, $-1<\mathrm{Re}(z)<k$, as needed.

Now let $x=0$. Employing the change of variable $t=u^{-1/k}$ in (2.3), we see that for $-1<\mathrm{Re}(z)<k-1$,

$$H_z^{(k)}(0)=\frac{1}{k}\int_0^{\infty}u^{\frac{k-1-z}{k}-1}\cos(u)\,du=\frac{1}{k}\Gamma\left(\frac{k-1-z}{k}\right)\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\left(\frac{k-1-z}{k}\right)\right),\tag{4.1}$$

where in the last step we used (3.1). □

4.2. **Differential equation satisfied by $H_z^{(k)}(x)$.** Hardy [30] proved (2.4) by finding a fourth order differential equation for $H_0^{(1)}(x)$. In what follows, we adapt Hardy's method to derive the differential equation of order $2k+2$ for $H_z^{(k)}(x)$. This will play a crucial role in the second proof of Theorem 2.6.

Theorem 4.2. *Let $x\geq 0$, $k\in\mathbb{N}$ and $-1<\mathrm{Re}(z)<k-1$. The function $H_z^{(k)}(x)$ defined in* (2.3) *satisfies the homogeneous linear differential equation of order $2k+2$ given by*

$$x^2\frac{d^{2k+2}w}{dx^{2k+2}}+(2z+k+3)x\frac{d^{2k+1}w}{dx^{2k+1}}+(z+1)(z+k+1)\frac{d^{2k}w}{dx^{2k}}+(-1)^kk^2w=0.\tag{4.2}$$

Proof. Replacing t by $1/t$ in (2.3), one can see that $H_z^{(k)}(x)$ can be equivalently written in the form

$$H_z^{(k)}(x)=\int_0^{\infty}\cos\left(\frac{x}{t}\right)\cos\left(t^k\right)\frac{dt}{t^{z-k+2}}.$$

Let us define the following two functions:

$$J_k := J_k(x,s) := \int_0^\infty \cos\left(\frac{x}{t}\right)\cos\left(t^k\right)\frac{dt}{t^s},$$
$$I_k := I_k(x,s) := \int_0^\infty \sin\left(\frac{x}{t}\right)\sin\left(t^k\right)\frac{dt}{t^s}.$$

Since $J_k(x,z-k+2) = H_z^{(k)}(x)$, Theorem 4.1 implies that J_k converges in $1-k < \mathrm{Re}(s) < 2$. In a similar vein, one can show that I_k converges in $-k < \mathrm{Re}(s) < k+2$. First suppose that $0 < \mathrm{Re}(s) < 1$. Observe that for any $k \in \mathbb{N}$, both J_k and I_k converge in this strip.

From [7, p. 433], one can see that J_k (and also I_k) are uniformly convergent with respect to x in any interval $0 < x_0 \leq x \leq x_1$. Hence differentiation under the integral sign with respect to x yields

$$\frac{dJ_k}{dx} = -\int_0^\infty \sin\left(\frac{x}{t}\right)\cos\left(t^k\right)\frac{dt}{t^{s+1}}.$$

We cannot directly differentiate the above integral with respect to x under the integral sign, for, the resulting integral becomes divergent. However,

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^\infty \left(1-\cos(t^k)\right)\sin\left(\frac{x}{t}\right)\frac{dt}{t^{s+1}} &= \frac{dJ_k}{dx} + \int_0^\infty \sin\left(\frac{x}{t}\right)\frac{dt}{t^{s+1}}\\ &= \frac{dJ_k}{dx} + x^{-s}\Gamma(s)\sin\left(\frac{\pi s}{2}\right),\end{aligned} \tag{4.3}$$

where the last step resulted from the well-known identity

$$\int_0^\infty u^{\xi-1}\sin(xu)\,du = x^{-\xi}\Gamma(\xi)\sin\left(\frac{\pi\xi}{2}\right) \qquad (-1 < \mathrm{Re}(\xi) < 1). \tag{4.4}$$

(Note that in our case, we have assumed $0 < \mathrm{Re}(s) < 1$, thus permitting us to use the above evaluation.) Now we can differentiate (4.3) under the integral sign thereby obtaining

$$\begin{aligned}&\frac{d^2J_k}{dx^2} - x^{-s-1}\Gamma(s+1)\sin\left(\frac{\pi s}{2}\right)\\ &= \int_0^\infty \left(1-\cos(t^k)\right)\cos\left(\frac{x}{t}\right)\frac{dt}{t^{s+2}}\\ &= -\frac{1}{x}\int_0^\infty \frac{\left(1-\cos(t^k)\right)}{t^s}\frac{d}{dt}\sin\left(\frac{x}{t}\right)\,dt\\ &= -\frac{1}{x}\left[\frac{\left(1-\cos(t^k)\right)}{t^s}\sin\left(\frac{x}{t}\right)\right]_0^\infty + \frac{1}{x}\int_0^\infty \sin\left(\frac{x}{t}\right)\frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{\left(1-\cos(t^k)\right)}{t^s}\right)\,dt\\ &= \frac{k}{x}I_k(x,s+1-k) - \frac{s}{x}\frac{dJ_k}{dx} - x^{-s-1}\Gamma(s+1)\sin\left(\frac{\pi s}{2}\right),\end{aligned}$$

where, the last step follows from (4.4) and the fact that the condition $0 < \mathrm{Re}(s) < 1$ renders the boundary terms zero. Hence

$$\frac{d^2J_k}{dx^2} + \frac{s}{x}\frac{dJ_k}{dx} = \frac{k}{x}I_k(x,s+1-k). \tag{4.5}$$

Similarly, one can derive that

$$\frac{d^2I_k}{dx^2} + \frac{s}{x}\frac{dI_k}{dx} = \frac{k}{x}J_k(x,s+1-k). \tag{4.6}$$

Multiply both sides of (4.5) by x and then differentiate the resulting equation with respect to x to get

$$x\frac{d^3J_k}{dx^3}+(s+1)\frac{d^2J_k}{dx^2}=k\frac{d}{dx}I_k(x,s+1-k). \tag{4.7}$$

Now multiply both sides by x and differentiate once again to see that

$$x\frac{d^4J_k}{dx^4}+(s+2)\frac{d^3J_k}{dx^3}=-kI_k(x,s+3-k), \tag{4.8}$$

where we used the fact $\frac{d^2I_k(x,s)}{dx^2}=-I_k(x,s+2)$. Differentiating (4.8) $k-3$ times with respect to x, we arrive at the equation

$$x\frac{d^{k+1}J_k}{dx^{k+1}}+(s+k-1)\frac{d^kJ_k}{dx^k}=(-1)^{\frac{k+3}{2}}kI_k(x,s) \tag{4.9}$$

for k odd, and at

$$x\frac{d^{k+1}J_k}{dx^{k+1}}+(s+k-1)\frac{d^kJ_k}{dx^k}=(-1)^{\frac{k+2}{2}}k\frac{d}{dx}I_k(x,s-1) \tag{4.10}$$

for k even. Similarly,

$$x\frac{d^{k+1}I_k}{dx^{k+1}}+(s+k-1)\frac{d^kI_k}{dx^k}=(-1)^{\frac{k+3}{2}}kJ_k(x,s),\quad \text{for } k \text{ odd}, \tag{4.11}$$

$$x\frac{d^{k+1}I_k}{dx^{k+1}}+(s+k-1)\frac{d^kI_k}{dx^k}=(-1)^{\frac{k+2}{2}}k\frac{d}{dx}J_k(x,s-1),\quad \text{for } k \text{ even}. \tag{4.12}$$

Now applying the differential operator $D:=x\frac{d^{k+1}}{dx^{k+1}}+(s+k-1)\frac{d^k}{dx^k}$ on both sides of (4.9), utilizing (4.11) and substituting $s=z-k+2$, we derive the differential equation in (4.2) for k odd. However, when $k+1$ is odd, one needs to use the differential operator $x\frac{d^k}{dx^k}+(s+k-2)\frac{d^{k-1}}{dx^{k-1}}$ on both sides of (4.10) so that we can employ (4.12), with s replaced by $s-1$, to obtain

$$x^2\frac{d^{2k+1}J_k}{dx^{2k+1}}+x(2s+3k-3)\frac{d^{2k}J_k}{dx^{2k}}+(s+k-2)(s+2k-2)\frac{d^{2k-1}J_k}{dx^{2k-1}}=k^2\frac{d}{dx}J_k(x,s-2).$$

Finally, differentiating once again and observing $\frac{d^2J_k(x,s)}{dx^2}=-J_k(x,s+2)$, we arrive at (4.2) again upon replacing s by $z-k+2$.

Our assumption $0<\mathrm{Re}(s)<1$ implies $k-2<\mathrm{Re}(z)<k-1$. But from Theorem 4.1, $H_z^{(k)}(x)$ itself converges for $-1<\mathrm{Re}(z)<k$. Hence (4.2) holds for $k\in\mathbb{N}$ and all z with $-1<\mathrm{Re}(z)<k-1$.

□

Remark 7. *We note in passing that* (4.5), (4.6) *and the above analysis show that*

$$I_k(x,z-k+2)=\int_0^\infty \sin\left(\frac{x}{t}\right)\sin\left(t^k\right)\frac{dt}{t^{z-k+2}}=\int_0^\infty t^{z-k}\sin(xt)\sin\left(\frac{1}{t^k}\right)\,dt \tag{4.13}$$

also satisfies the same differential equation given by (4.2).

4.3. **The auxiliary integral $K_z^{(k)}(x)$.** We derive some properties of the integral $K_z^{(k)}(x)$ defined in (2.5). The first one expresses it in terms of a Meijer-G function.

Theorem 4.3. *Let $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Let $X = \frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{x}{2k}\right)^{2k}$, where $|\arg(x)| \leq \pi/(2k)$. Then*

$$K_z^{(k)}(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}\, 2^{\frac{1+z}{k}}} G_{0,2k+2}^{k+2,0}\left(\begin{matrix} \{\} \\ b_1', \cdots, b_{2k+2}' \end{matrix} \middle| X \right), \tag{4.14}$$

where

$$b_j' = \begin{cases} \frac{j-1}{k}, & \text{if } 1 \leq j \leq k, \\ \frac{k-1-z}{2k}, & \text{if } j = k+1, \\ \frac{2k-1-z}{2k}, & \text{if } j = k+2, \\ \frac{4k-2j+5}{2k} & \text{if } k+3 \leq j \leq 2k+2, \end{cases} \tag{4.15}$$

and where we additionally assume $-1 < \mathrm{Re}(z) < k$ if $|\arg(x)| = \pi/(2k)$.

Proof. Invoke the variant of Euler's reflection formula, namely $\cos\left(\frac{\pi w}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{\Gamma\left(\frac{1-w}{2}\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{1+w}{2}\right)}$, the duplication formula $\frac{\Gamma(s)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{1+s}{2}\right)} = \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right)2^{s-1}}{\sqrt{\pi}}$ in (2.5) and then replace s by $2ks$ so as to get upon simplification

$$K_z^{(k)}(x) = \sqrt{\pi}\frac{1}{2\pi i}\int_{\left(\frac{c}{2k}\right)} \frac{\Gamma(ks)\Gamma\left(2s + \frac{k-1-z}{k}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2} - ks\right)} \left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^{2ks} ds. \tag{4.16}$$

Again use the duplication formula for $\Gamma\left(2s + \frac{k-1-z}{k}\right)$ followed by the Gauss multiplication formula [52, p. 52]

$$\prod_{j=1}^{m} \Gamma\left(w + \frac{j-1}{m}\right) = (2\pi)^{\frac{1}{2}(m-1)} m^{\frac{1}{2}-mw}\Gamma(mw) \qquad (m \in \mathbb{N}) \tag{4.17}$$

for $\Gamma(ks)$ and $\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2} - ks\right)$ to arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} K_z^{(k)}(x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}\, 2^{\frac{1+z}{k}}}\frac{1}{2\pi i}\int_{\left(\frac{c}{2k}\right)} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{k}\Gamma\left(s + \frac{j-1}{k}\right)\Gamma\left(s + \frac{k-1-z}{2k}\right)\Gamma\left(s + \frac{2k-1-z}{2k}\right)}{\prod_{j=1}^{k}\Gamma\left(\frac{2j-1}{2k} - s\right)} \left(\frac{2k}{x}\right)^{2ks} 4^s\, ds \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}\, 2^{\frac{1+z}{k}}}\frac{1}{2\pi i}\int_{\left(\frac{c}{2k}\right)} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{k}\Gamma\left(s + \frac{j-1}{k}\right)\Gamma\left(s + \frac{k-1-z}{2k}\right)\Gamma\left(s + \frac{2k-1-z}{2k}\right)}{\prod_{j=k+3}^{2k+2}\Gamma\left(\frac{2j-2k-5}{2k} - s\right)} X^{-s}\, ds, \end{aligned}$$

where $X = \frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{x}{2k}\right)^{2k}$. Replace s by $-s$ to obtain

$$K_z^{(k)}(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}\, 2^{\frac{1+z}{k}}}\frac{1}{2\pi i}\int_{\left(-\frac{c}{2k}\right)} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{k}\Gamma\left(\frac{j-1}{k} - s\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{k-1-z}{2k} - s\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{2k-1-z}{2k} - s\right)}{\prod_{j=k+3}^{2k+2}\Gamma\left(\frac{2j-2k-5}{2k} + s\right)} X^{s}\, ds. \tag{4.18}$$

Comparing this with the definition (3.7) of the Meijer G-function, we see that $m = k+2$, $n = p = 0$, $q = 2k+2$ and the b_j' are as defined in (4.15).

One can check that $\sum_{j=1}^{2k+2} b_j' = 1 + k - \frac{1+z}{k}$. Since $p + q < 2(m+n)$, the integral representation (4.18) of $K_z^{(k)}(x)$ converges absolutely for $|\arg(X)| < \pi$, that is, for $|\arg(x)| < \pi/(2k)$, and can be expressed as the Meijer G-function given on the right-hand side of (4.14).

Now let $|\arg(x)| = \pi/(2k)$. Then we show that $K_z^{(k)}(x)$ is conditionally convergent, provided $\max\{0, 1-k+\mathrm{Re}(z)\} < \mathrm{Re}(s) = c \leq \frac{1+\mathrm{Re}(z)}{k+1}$. We will prove this in the case $\arg(x) = \pi/(2k)$. The result can be similarly obtained in the other case, that is, when $\arg(x) = -\pi/(2k)$. Let $x = re^{i\pi/(2k)}, r > 0$. Then

$$K_z^{(k)}(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi ik}\int_{(c)} \Gamma(s)\cos\left(\frac{\pi s}{2}\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{s-1-z}{k}+1\right)e^{-\frac{i\pi s}{2k}}r^{-s}\,ds$$
$$= \frac{1}{2\pi k}\left[\int_{-\infty}^{-T}+\int_{-T}^{T}+\int_{T}^{\infty}\right]\Gamma(c+it)\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}(c+it)\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{c+it-1-z}{k}+1\right)e^{-\frac{i\pi(c+it)}{2k}}\frac{dt}{r^{c+it}},$$

where $T > \mathrm{Im}(z)$ is large enough. The integral from $-T$ to T is clearly finite. We now consider the integral from T to ∞. From [18, p. 73], as $|s| \to \infty$ in the angle $-\pi+\delta < \arg(s) < \pi-\delta$, for any fixed $\delta > 0$,

$$\Gamma(s) = \sqrt{2\pi}\exp\left(\left(s-\frac{1}{2}\right)\log(s)-s\right)\left(1+O\left(\frac{1}{|s|}\right)\right).$$

With $\theta = \tan^{-1}(t/c)$, this implies that as $t \to \infty$,

$$\Gamma(c+it) = \exp\left(\left(c-\frac{1}{2}\right)\log(t)-t\theta-c\right)\cdot\exp\left(if_1(t)\right)\left(1+O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right)\right), \tag{4.19}$$

where $f_1(t) = t\log(t)+\theta\left(c-\frac{1}{2}\right)-t$. Next,

$$\cos\left(\frac{\pi(c+it)}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2}\left(\exp\left(\frac{i\pi}{2}(c+it)\right)+\exp\left(-\frac{i\pi}{2}(c+it)\right)\right). \tag{4.20}$$

Let $c_1 = 1+\frac{1}{k}(c-1-\mathrm{Re}(z))$ and $t_1 = \frac{1}{k}(t-\mathrm{Im}(z))$. Clearly, $c_1 > 0$ and $t_1 > 0$. With $\theta_1 = \tan^{-1}(t_1/c_1)$, this implies that as $t \to \infty$,

$$\Gamma(c_1+it_1) = \exp\left(\left(c_1-\frac{1}{2}\right)\log(t_1)-t_1\theta_1-c_1\right)\cdot\exp\left(if_2(t)\right)\left(1+O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right)\right), \tag{4.21}$$

where $f_2(t) = t_1\log(t_1)+\theta_1\left(c_1-\frac{1}{2}\right)-t_1$. Also,

$$\exp\left(-\frac{i\pi s}{2k}\right) = \exp\left(\frac{\pi}{2k}(\mathrm{Im}(z)-ic)\right)\exp\left(\frac{\pi t_1}{2}\right). \tag{4.22}$$

Moreover, since $\tan^{-1}(x)+\tan^{-1}(1/x) = \pi/2$ for $x > 0$, we find that as $t \to \infty$,

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}-\frac{c}{t}+O\left(\frac{1}{t^2}\right),$$
$$\theta_1 = \frac{\pi}{2}-\frac{c_1}{t_1}+O\left(\frac{1}{t_1^2}\right). \tag{4.23}$$

Now let $f(t) = f_1(t)+f_2(t)$. Hence using from (4.19)-(4.23) and observing that $f'(t) \sim \log(t)$ and $f''(t) \ll 1/t$ as $t \to \infty$, we see that

$$\int_T^\infty \Gamma(c+it)\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}(c+it)\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{c+it-1-z}{k}+1\right)e^{-\frac{i\pi(c+it)}{2k}}\frac{dt}{r^{c+it}}$$
$$= a_{z,k,r,c}\int_T^\infty t^{(c-\frac{1}{2})+(c_1-\frac{1}{2})}\exp\left(i(f(t)-t\log(r))\right)\left(1+O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right)\right)dt$$
$$= a_{z,k,r,c}\left\{\left[\frac{t^{c+c_1-1}}{i(f'(t)-\log(r))}\exp\left(i(f(t)-t\log(r))\right)\right]_T^\infty+O\left(\int_T^\infty t^{c+c_1-2}\,dt\right)\right\},$$

where $a_{z,k,r,c}$ is a constant. Here, in the last step, we performed integration by parts on the first integral. Thus the integral will be finite only if $c + c_1 \leq 1$, which implies that $c \leq (1 + \mathrm{Re}(z))/(k + 1)$. One can similarly show the existence of the integral from $-\infty$ to $-T$. This shows that $K_z^{(k)}(x)$ is conditionally convergent on the ray $\arg(x) = \pi/(2k)$, provided $\max\{0, 1 - k + \mathrm{Re}(z)\} < \mathrm{Re}(s) = c \leq \frac{1+\mathrm{Re}(z)}{k+1}$. Proceeding as in the first part of the proof, we see that (4.14) holds for $|\arg(x)| = \pi/(2k)$ as well.

□

Remark 8. *In* $|\arg(x)| < \pi/(2k)$, $K_z^{(k)}(x)$ *is an analytic function of* x *as can be seen from* [52, p. 30, Theorem 2.3] *or, with the help of Theorem 4.3, from* [47, p. 618].

For $x > 0$, $K_z^{(k)}(x)$ has a representation as an integral of a real variable given in the following theorem. This will be instrumental in proving Theorem 2.1.

Theorem 4.4. *Let* $K_z^{(k)}(z)$ *be defined in* (2.5). *For* $x \geq 0$ *and* $\mathrm{Re}(z) < k$, *we have*

$$K_z^{(k)}(x) = \int_0^\infty \exp\left(-\frac{1}{t^k}\right)\cos(xt)\frac{dt}{t^{k-z}}. \tag{4.24}$$

Proof. We first prove the above result for $\mathrm{Re}(z) < k - 1/2$ and then extend it to $\mathrm{Re}(z) < k$ by analytic continuation. As mentioned in Remark 6, we can take $g(t) = \cos(t)$ in Theorem 3.2. Then, from (3.1), $G(s) = \Gamma(s)\cos\left(\frac{\pi s}{2}\right)x^{-s}$. Moreover, if $f(t) = t^{z-k}\exp\left(-t^{-k}\right)$, then, with the change of variable $t = u^{-1/k}$, it is easy to see that

$$F(s) = \frac{1}{k}\Gamma\left(\frac{k-s-z}{k}\right) \qquad (\mathrm{Re}(s) < k - \mathrm{Re}(z)).$$

Now for f to be in $\mathfrak{M}^{-1}(L)$, we must have $1/2 < k - \mathrm{Re}(z)$. This explains the condition $\mathrm{Re}(z) < k - 1/2$ that we initially need to impose.

Invoking Theorem 3.2 with the above choices of k and f, we see that

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^\infty \exp\left(-\frac{1}{t^k}\right)\cos(xt)\frac{dt}{t^{k-z}} &= \frac{1}{2\pi i}\int_{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}\Gamma(s)\cos\left(\frac{\pi s}{2}\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{s-1-z}{k}+1\right)\frac{ds}{kx^s}\\ &= K_z^{(k)}(x),\end{aligned}$$

where in the last step we used Remark 5 and the fact that the line $[1/2 - i\infty, 1/2 + i\infty]$ lies in the half-plane $\max\{0, 1 - k + \mathrm{Re}(z)\} < \mathrm{Re}(s)$. This proves (4.24) for $\mathrm{Re}(z) < k - 1/2$.

Next, using the techniques of Theorem 4.1, it is easy to see that the right-hand side of (4.24) is convergent in $\mathrm{Re}(z) < k$ and is analytic in this region. Along with the discussion following (2.5), we see that by analytic continuation, (4.24) holds for $\mathrm{Re}(z) < k$. □

Koshliakov [35, Equation (9)] has shown that for $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $x > 0$,

$$K_0\left(4\pi e^{\frac{i\pi}{4}}\sqrt{nx}\right) + K_0\left(4\pi e^{-\frac{i\pi}{4}}\sqrt{nx}\right) = \frac{1}{2\pi i}\int_{\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)}\frac{\Gamma^2(s)\cos\left(\frac{\pi s}{2}\right)}{(2\pi)^{2s}(nx)^s}\,ds.$$

An easy application of the residue theorem after shifting the line of integration from $\mathrm{Re}(s) = 3/2$ to $\mathrm{Re}(s) = c, 0 < c < 1$, and then comparing with (2.5) yields

$$K_0^{(1)}(4\pi^2 nx) = K_0\left(4\pi e^{\frac{i\pi}{4}}\sqrt{nx}\right) + K_0\left(4\pi e^{-\frac{i\pi}{4}}\sqrt{nx}\right).$$

More generally, we have

Theorem 4.5. *Let* $K_\nu(\xi)$ *be the modified Bessel function of the second kind defined in* (1.3)*. For* $x > 0$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$ *and* $\mathrm{Re}(z) < 1$,

$$K_z^{(1)}(4\pi^2 nx) = (2\pi\sqrt{nx})^{-z}\left\{e^{-\frac{i\pi z}{4}}K_z\left(4\pi e^{\frac{i\pi}{4}}\sqrt{nx}\right) + e^{\frac{i\pi z}{4}}K_z\left(4\pi e^{-\frac{i\pi}{4}}\sqrt{nx}\right)\right\}. \tag{4.25}$$

Proof. For $\mathrm{Re}(s) > \pm\,\mathrm{Re}(z)$ and $\mathrm{Re}(a) > 0$, we have

$$\int_0^\infty x^{s-1}K_z(ax)\,dx = 2^{s-2}a^{-s}\Gamma\left(\frac{s-z}{2}\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{s+z}{2}\right).$$

Replace s by $2s$, x by $\sqrt{x}$ and then let $a = 4\pi e^{\pm i\pi/4}\sqrt{n}$ so that for $\mathrm{Re}(s) > \pm\,\mathrm{Re}\left(\frac{z}{2}\right)$,

$$\int_0^\infty x^{s-1}K_z\left(4\pi e^{\pm i\pi/4}\sqrt{nx}\right)\,dx = 2^{2s-1}\left(4\pi e^{\pm i\pi/4}\sqrt{n}\right)^{-2s}\Gamma\left(s-\frac{z}{2}\right)\Gamma\left(s+\frac{z}{2}\right).$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}&\int_0^\infty x^{s-1}\left\{e^{\frac{i\pi z}{4}}K_z\left(4\pi e^{i\pi/4}\sqrt{nx}\right) + e^{-\frac{i\pi z}{4}}K_z\left(4\pi e^{-i\pi/4}\sqrt{nx}\right)\right\}\,dx\\ &= (4\pi^2 n)^{-s}\Gamma\left(s-\frac{z}{2}\right)\Gamma\left(s+\frac{z}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\left(\frac{z}{2}-s\right)\right).\end{aligned}$$

Hence by the Mellin inversion theorem [39, p. 341], we have with $c = \mathrm{Re}(s) > \pm\,\mathrm{Re}\left(\frac{z}{2}\right)$,

$$\begin{aligned}&\frac{1}{2\pi i}\int_{(c)}\Gamma\left(s-\frac{z}{2}\right)\Gamma\left(s+\frac{z}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\left(\frac{z}{2}-s\right)\right)(4\pi^2 nx)^{-s}\,ds\\ &= e^{\frac{i\pi z}{4}}K_z\left(4\pi e^{i\pi/4}\sqrt{nx}\right) + e^{-\frac{i\pi z}{4}}K_z\left(4\pi e^{-i\pi/4}\sqrt{nx}\right).\end{aligned}$$

Now replace z by $-z$ in the above equation and use the well-known fact $K_{-z}(y) = K_z(y)$ so as to get for $\mathrm{Re}(s) > \pm\,\mathrm{Re}\left(\frac{z}{2}\right)$,

$$\begin{aligned}&\frac{1}{2\pi i}\int_{(c)}\Gamma\left(s-\frac{z}{2}\right)\Gamma\left(s+\frac{z}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\left(\frac{z}{2}+s\right)\right)(4\pi^2 nx)^{-s}\,ds\\ &= e^{-\frac{i\pi z}{4}}K_z\left(4\pi e^{i\pi/4}\sqrt{nx}\right) + e^{\frac{i\pi z}{4}}K_z\left(4\pi e^{-i\pi/4}\sqrt{nx}\right).\end{aligned} \tag{4.26}$$

Finally, replace s by $s - z/2$ in (4.26) so that for $\max\{0, \mathrm{Re}(z)\} < c' = \mathrm{Re}(s)$,

$$\begin{aligned}&\frac{1}{2\pi i}(4\pi^2 nx)^{z/2}\int_{(c')}\Gamma(s-z)\Gamma(s)\cos\left(\frac{\pi s}{2}\right)(4\pi^2 nx)^{-s}\,ds\\ &= e^{-\frac{i\pi z}{4}}K_z\left(4\pi e^{i\pi/4}\sqrt{nx}\right) + e^{\frac{i\pi z}{4}}K_z\left(4\pi e^{-i\pi/4}\sqrt{nx}\right).\end{aligned}$$

Upon adding the restriction $\mathrm{Re}(s) < 1$ and observing (2.5), this leads us to (4.25). □

4.4. **Relation between $H_z^{(k)}(x)$ and $K_z^{(k)}(x)$.** The integrals $H_z^{(k)}(x)$ and $K_z^{(k)}(x)$ defined in (2.3) and (2.5) respectively are related by means of the identity in Theorem 2.1 of which we now give a proof. Note also that neither Parseval's formula (3.4) nor its extension in (3.6) is capable of handling the integral $H_z^{(k)}(x)$ since the integrand of $H_z^{(k)}(x)$ cannot be decomposed in any way into functions f and g so that they satisfy the conditions of Theorems 3.1 or 3.2.

We prove Theorem 2.1 using the uniqueness theorem in the theory of linear differential equations [11, p. 21, Section 6]. But before that, we need the following lemma.

Lemma 4.6. *Let $X_{2k+2} = \{b_1, b_2, \cdots, b_{2k+2}\}$ where $b_j, 1 \leq j \leq 2k+2$, are defined in* (2.7). *Let $e_\ell(X_{2k+2})$ denote the elementary symmetric polynomial defined in* (3.10) *and let $S(n,k)$ denote the Stirling numbers of the second kind defined in Section 3. Then*

$$\sum_{j=0}^{2k+2-m}(-2k)^j e_j(X_{2k+2})S(2k+2-j,m) = \begin{cases} 1, \text{ if } m = 2k+2, \\ 2z+k+3, \text{ if } m = 2k+1, \\ (z+1)(z+k+1), \text{ if } m = 2k, \\ 0, \text{ if } 1 \leq m \leq 2k-1. \end{cases} \tag{4.27}$$

Proof. The result holds trivially for $m = 2k+2$ since $S(2k+2, 2k+2) = 1$.
Now let $m = 2k+1$. Using the fact

$$e_1(X_{2k+2}) = \sum_{j=1}^{2k+2} b_j = 1 + k - \frac{1+z}{k}, \tag{4.28}$$

as well as the result [8, p. 227]

$$S(n, n-1) = n(n-1)/2, \tag{4.29}$$

in the second step, we see that

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{j=0}^{1}(-2k)^j e_j(X_{2k+2})S(2k+2-j, 2k+1) &= S(2k+2, 2k+1) - 2ke_1(X_{2k+2})S(2k+1, 2k+1) \\ &= (k+1)(2k+1) - 2k\left(1 + k - \frac{1+z}{k}\right) \\ &= 2z + k + 3.\end{aligned}$$

Now let $m = 2k$. Then substituting (4.28), (4.29) and the identity [8, p. 227]

$$S(n, n-2) = \frac{1}{24}n(n-1)(n-2)(3n-5)$$

in the second step below, we have

$$\begin{aligned}&\sum_{j=0}^{2}(-2k)^j e_j(X_{2k+2})S(2k+2-j, 2k) \\ &= S(2k+2, 2k) - 2ke_1(X_{2k+2})S(2k+1, 2k) + 4k^2 e_2(X_{2k+2})S(2k, 2k) \\ &= \frac{1}{24}(2k+2)(2k+1)(2k)(6k+1) - 2k\left(1 + k - \frac{1+z}{k}\right)(k(2k+1)) + 4k^2 e_2(X_{2k+2}).\end{aligned} \tag{4.30}$$

Using (2.7), we now show

$$e_2(X_{2k+2}) = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq 2k+2} b_i b_j = \frac{1}{24k^2}\left(12k^4 + 16k^3 - 3k^2(7+8z) - k(7+6z) + 6(1+z)^2\right). \tag{4.31}$$

To that end, observe that

$$\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq 2k+2} b_i b_j = \sum_{2 \leq i < j \leq k} \frac{(i-1)(j-1)}{k^2} + b_{k+1}\sum_{i=2}^{2k+2} b_i + \left(\sum_{i=2}^{k}\frac{i-1}{k}\right)\left(\sum_{j=k+2}^{2k+1}\left(2 + \frac{3-2j}{k}\right)\right)$$

$$+\sum_{k+2\leq i<j\leq 2k+1}\left(2+\frac{3-2i}{k}\right)\left(2+\frac{3-2j}{k}\right)+b_{2k+2}\sum_{i=2}^{2k+1}b_i-b_{k+1}b_{2k+2}, \tag{4.32}$$

where the last expression on the right was subtracted since it was considered twice, once in $b_{k+1}\sum_{i=2}^{2k+2}b_i$, and again in $b_{2k+2}\sum_{i=2}^{2k+1}b_i$. Now it can be seen that

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{2\leq i<j\leq k}\frac{(i-1)(j-1)}{k^2}&=\frac{1}{24k}(3k^3-10k^2+9k-2),\\ b_{k+1}\sum_{i=2}^{2k+2}b_i&=\left(\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1+z}{2k}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}+k-\frac{1+z}{2k}\right),\\ \sum_{i=2}^{k}\frac{i-1}{k}\sum_{j=k+2}^{2k+1}\left(2+\frac{3-2j}{k}\right)&=\frac{k(k-1)}{4},\\ b_{2k+2}\sum_{i=2}^{2k+1}b_i&=\left(1-\frac{1+z}{2k}\right)\left(k-\frac{1+z}{2k}\right),\\ b_{k+1}b_{2k+2}&=\left(\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1+z}{2k}\right)\left(1-\frac{1+z}{2k}\right).\end{aligned} \tag{4.33}$$

Substituting (4.33) in (4.32) and simplifying, we arrive at (4.31), and substituting (4.31), in turn, in (4.30) gives (4.27) for $m=2k$ upon simplification.

It remains to show the validity of (4.27) in the case $1\leq m\leq 2k-1$. To that end, we represent $S(2k+2-j,m)$ using the identity [8, p. 204, Theorem A]

$$S(\ell,m)=\frac{1}{m!}\sum_{n=1}^{m}(-1)^{m-n}\binom{m}{n}n^{\ell},$$

and then interchange the order of summation consequently obtaining

$$\begin{aligned}&\sum_{j=0}^{2k+2-m}(-2k)^j e_j(X_{2k+2})S(2k+2-j,m)\\ &=\frac{(-1)^m}{m!}\sum_{n=1}^{m}(-1)^n\binom{m}{n}n^{2k+2}\sum_{j=0}^{2k+2}\left(\frac{-2k}{n}\right)^j e_j(X_{2k+2})\\ &=\frac{(-1)^m}{m!}\sum_{n=1}^{m}(-1)^n\binom{m}{n}n^{2k+2}\prod_{j=1}^{2k+2}\left(1-\frac{2k}{n}b_j\right).\end{aligned}$$

Now it is important to observe that for any $1\leq n\leq m$ and any $1\leq m\leq 2k-1$, the product $\prod_{j=1}^{2k+2}\left(1-\frac{2k}{n}b_j\right)$ equals zero since there is precisely one factor in the product which vanishes.

Indeed, for any odd n of the form $n=2\ell-1$, where $1\leq\ell\leq k$, we have $1-\frac{2k}{n}b_{2k-\ell+2}=0$ as can be seen from (2.7). Similarly, for any even n of the form $n=2\ell$, where $1\leq\ell\leq k-1$, the expression $1-\frac{2k}{n}b_{\ell+1}=0$. This proves (4.27) in the remaining case $1\leq m\leq 2k-1$ and completes the proof. □

Proof of Theorem 2.1: We initially prove the result for $-1<\mathrm{Re}(z)<k-1$ and later extend it by analytic continuation to $-1<\mathrm{Re}(z)<k$. Define

$$A_z^{(k)}(x):=\frac{1}{2}\left\{\exp\left(\frac{i\pi(k-1-z)}{2k}\right)K_z^{(k)}\left(e^{-\frac{i\pi}{2k}}x\right)+\exp\left(\frac{-i\pi(k-1-z)}{2k}\right)K_z^{(k)}\left(e^{\frac{i\pi}{2k}}x\right)\right\}. \tag{4.34}$$

We first show that for $-1<\mathrm{Re}(z)<k-1$, the identity in (2.6) holds for $x=0$, that is,

$$H_z^{(k)}(0)=A_z^{(k)}(0)=\frac{\pi}{\sqrt{k}2^{\frac{1+z}{k}}}G_{0,2k+2}^{k+1,0}\left(\begin{matrix}\{\}\\ b_1,\cdots,b_q\end{matrix}\Big|0\right)=\frac{1}{k}\Gamma\left(\frac{k-1-z}{k}\right)\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\left(\frac{k-1-z}{k}\right)\right). \tag{4.35}$$

From (4.36), for $-1<\mathrm{Re}(z)<k-1$,

$$H_z^{(k)}(0)=\frac{1}{k}\Gamma\left(\frac{k-1-z}{k}\right)\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\left(\frac{k-1-z}{k}\right)\right). \tag{4.36}$$

Invoking Theorem 4.4 and employing again the change of variable $t=u^{-1/k}$, we see that for $\mathrm{Re}(z)<k-1$,

$$K_z^{(k)}(0)=\frac{1}{k}\int_0^\infty u^{\frac{k-1-z}{k}-1}e^{-u}\,du=\frac{1}{k}\Gamma\left(\frac{k-1-z}{k}\right),$$

which when substituted in (4.34) yields

$$A_z^{(k)}(0)=\frac{1}{k}\Gamma\left(\frac{k-1-z}{k}\right)\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\left(\frac{k-1-z}{k}\right)\right). \tag{4.37}$$

Next, we prove the last equality of (2.6). To that end, note that by Slater's theorem[5] [37, p. 145, formula (7)],

$$\begin{aligned}G_{0,2k+2}^{k+1,0}\left(\begin{matrix}\{\}\\ b_1,\cdots,b_{2k+2}\end{matrix}\Big|0\right)&=\frac{\prod_{j=2}^{k+1}\Gamma(b_j-b_1)}{\prod_{j=k+2}^{2k+2}\Gamma(1+b_1-b_j)}\\&=\frac{\prod_{j=1}^{k}\Gamma\left(\frac{j}{k}\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1+z}{2k}\right)}{\prod_{j=1}^{k}\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2k}+\frac{j-1}{k}\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{1+z}{2k}\right)}\\&=\frac{1}{\sqrt{k\pi}}\frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1+z}{2k}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{1+z}{2k}\right)},\end{aligned}$$

where the last step results from applying (4.17) twice, once with $w=1/k$ and $m=k$, and the second time with $w=1/(2k)$ and $m=k$. This implies that

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\pi}{\sqrt{k}2^{\frac{1+z}{k}}}G_{0,2k+2}^{k+1,0}\left(\begin{matrix}\{\}\\ b_1,\cdots,b_{2k+2}\end{matrix}\Big|0\right)&=\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{k2^{\frac{1+z}{k}}}\frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1+z}{2k}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{1+z}{2k}\right)}\\&=\frac{1}{k}\Gamma\left(\frac{k-1-z}{k}\right)\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\left(\frac{k-1-z}{k}\right)\right),\end{aligned} \tag{4.38}$$

[5]In general, Meijer G-function has a complicated branch point at $x=0$. However, since $b_1=0$, $b_j>0$ for $2\leq j\leq k$, and $\mathrm{Re}(b_{k+1})>0$ because of the condition $-1<\mathrm{Re}(z)<k-1$, Slater's theorem is applicable, thereby giving the non-trivial value of the Meijer G-function.

as can be seen by specializing the identity [18, p. 73],

$$\frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}-\frac{s}{2}\right)}=2^{1-s}\pi^{-1/2}\Gamma(s)\cos\left(\frac{\pi s}{2}\right)$$

with $s=1-(1+z)/k$. From (4.36), (4.37) and (4.38), we have proven (4.35) in totality.

We next show that for $x>0$,

$$A_z^{(k)}(x)=\frac{\pi}{\sqrt{k}2^{\frac{1+z}{k}}}G_{0,2k+2}^{k+1,0}\left(\begin{matrix}\{\}\\ b_1,\cdots,b_q\end{matrix}\,\Big|\,\frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{x}{2k}\right)^{2k}\right). \tag{4.39}$$

To that end, using (2.5) and making a note of the discussion following it, it is easy to see that for $\max\{0,1-k+\mathrm{Re}(z)\}<\mathrm{Re}(s)=c\leq\frac{1+\mathrm{Re}(z)}{k+1}$,

$$A_z^{(k)}(x)=\frac{1}{2\pi i}\int_{(c)}\Gamma(s)\cos\left(\frac{\pi s}{2}\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{s-1-z}{k}+1\right)\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\left(\frac{s-1-z}{k}+1\right)\right)\frac{ds}{kx^s}. \tag{4.40}$$

Proceeding along the similar lines as in the proof of Theorem 4.3, we see that for $\max\{0,\frac{1-k+\mathrm{Re}(z)}{2k}\}<\mathrm{Re}(s)=c'\leq\frac{1+\mathrm{Re}(z)}{2k(k+1)}$,

$$A_z^{(k)}(x)=\frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}2^{\frac{k}{2}-\frac{1+z}{k}}\pi^{\frac{k+2}{2}}\frac{1}{2\pi i}\int_{(c')}\frac{\prod_{j=1}^{k}\Gamma\left(s+\frac{j-1}{k}\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}+s-\frac{1+z}{2k}\right)\left(4\left(\frac{2k}{x}\right)^{2k}\right)^s\,ds}{\prod_{j=1}^{k}\Gamma\left(-s+\frac{2j-1}{2k}\right)\Gamma\left(-s+\frac{1+z}{2k}\right)}.$$

Now replace s by $-s$ and use (3.7) and (2.7) to arrive at (4.39).

Our next task is to show that for $x>0$,

$$H_z^{(k)}(x)=\frac{\pi}{\sqrt{k}2^{\frac{1+z}{k}}}G_{0,2k+2}^{k+1,0}\left(\begin{matrix}\{\}\\ b_1,\cdots,b_{2k+2}\end{matrix}\,\Big|\,\frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{x}{2k}\right)^{2k}\right). \tag{4.41}$$

This is achieved by invoking the uniqueness theorem of linear differential equations [11, p. 21, Section 6]. To that end, note that in Theorem 4.2, the differential equation satisfied by $H_z^{(k)}(x)$ was found. Hence we must first show that the right-hand side of (4.41) also satisfies the same differential equation. Since the expression in front of the Meijer G-function in (4.41) is independent of x, we do not bother about it while showing this.

It is well-known [45, p. 417] that $w=G_{p,q}^{m,n}\left(\begin{matrix}a_1,\cdots,a_p\\ b_1,\cdots,b_q\end{matrix}\,\Big|\,\xi\right)$ satisfies the differential equation

$$\left((-1)^{p-m-n}\xi(\theta-a_1+1)\cdots(\theta-a_p+1)-(\theta-b_1)\cdots(\theta-b_q)\right)w=0,$$

where $\theta=\xi\frac{d}{d\xi}$. With $\xi=\frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{x}{2k}\right)^{2k}$, this implies that $G_{0,2k+2}^{k+1,0}\left(\begin{matrix}\{\}\\ b_1,\cdots,b_{2k+2}\end{matrix}\,\Big|\,\frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{x}{2k}\right)^{2k}\right)$ satisfies the differential equation

$$\Bigg[\left(\xi\frac{d}{d\xi}\right)^{2k+2}-e_1(X_{2k+2})\left(\xi\frac{d}{d\xi}\right)^{2k+1}+e_2(X_{2k+2})\left(\xi\frac{d}{d\xi}\right)^{2k}-\cdots$$
$$+(-1)^{2k+2}e_{2k+2}(X_{2k+2})+(-1)^k\xi\Bigg]w=0,$$

where $X_{2k+2}=\{b_1,b_2,\cdots,b_{2k+2}\}$ with b_j defined in (2.7) and $e_\ell(X_{2k+2})$ is the elementary symmetric polynomial defined in (3.10), or, written more compactly, the differential equation

$$\left(\sum_{j=0}^{2k+2}(-1)^j e_j(X_{2k+2})\left(\xi\frac{d}{d\xi}\right)^{2k+2-j}+(-1)^k\xi\right)w=0.$$

Since $\xi = \frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{x}{2k}\right)^{2k}$ implies $\left(\xi\frac{d}{d\xi}\right)^{\ell}(w) = \left(\frac{x}{2k}\frac{d}{dx}\right)^{\ell}(w)$, the above differential equation, upon simplification, takes the form

$$\left(x^{-2k}\sum_{j=0}^{2k+2}(-2k)^j e_j(X_{2k+2})\left(x\frac{d}{dx}\right)^{2k+2-j}+(-1)^k k^2\right)w=0.$$

Now employ the well-known identity [8, p. 157]

$$\left(x\frac{d}{dx}\right)^{\ell}(w)=\sum_{m=1}^{\ell}S(\ell,m)x^m\frac{d^m w}{dx^m}, \tag{4.42}$$

where $S(\ell,m)$ denote the Stirling numbers of the second kind defined in Section 3, to write $\left(x\frac{d}{dx}\right)^{2k+2-j}$ as a sum and then interchange the order of summation while noting $S(0,m)=0$ to derive

$$\left(\sum_{m=1}^{2k+2}x^{m-2k}\frac{d^m}{dx^m}\sum_{j=0}^{2k+2-m}(-2k)^j e_j(X_{2k+2})S(2k+2-j,m)+(-1)^k k^2\right)w=0. \tag{4.43}$$

Invoking Lemma 4.6, we are led to (4.2). This proves that both sides of (4.41) satisfy the same differential equation in (4.2).

Therefore, to prove (4.41), it only remains to show that the j^{th} derivative of both sides with respect to x evaluated at $x=0$ match for $j=0,1,\cdots,2k+1$. In view of (4.34) and (4.39), it suffices to show that for $0\leq j\leq 2k+1$,

$$\frac{d^j}{dx^j}H_z^{(k)}(x)\bigg|_{x=0}=\frac{d^j}{dx^j}A_z^{(k)}(x)\bigg|_{x=0}. \tag{4.44}$$

In what follows, we show that for $0\leq j\leq 2k+1$,

$$\frac{d^j}{dx^j}H_z^{(k)}(x)\bigg|_{x=0}=\frac{d^j}{dx^j}A_z^{(k)}(x)\bigg|_{x=0}=\begin{cases}\frac{1}{k}(-1)^{\frac{j}{2}}\Gamma\left(\frac{k-j-1-z}{k}\right)\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\left(\frac{k-j-1-z}{k}\right)\right), & \text{if } j \text{ is even,}\\ 0, & \text{if } j \text{ is odd.}\end{cases} \tag{4.45}$$

We first establish (4.45) for $\frac{d^j}{dx^j}H_z^{(k)}(x)\Big|_{x=0}$. Differentiating (2.3) under the integral sign j times with respect to x, we arrive at

$$\frac{d^j}{dx^j}H_z^{(k)}(x)=\begin{cases}(-1)^{\frac{j}{2}}\int_0^\infty t^{z-k+j}\cos(xt)\cos\left(\frac{1}{t^k}\right)\,dt, & \text{if } j \text{ is even,}\\ (-1)^{\frac{j+1}{2}}\int_0^\infty t^{z-k+j}\sin(xt)\cos\left(\frac{1}{t^k}\right)\,dt, & \text{if } j \text{ is odd.}\end{cases} \tag{4.46}$$

Now clearly, for j odd, $\frac{d^j}{dx^j}H_z^{(k)}(x)\Big|_{x=0}=0$. For j even, we employ the change of variable $t=u^{-1/k}$ on the right-hand side of (4.46) so that for $-j-1<\text{Re}(z)<-j-1+k$,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^j}{dx^j}H_z^{(k)}(x)\bigg|_{x=0}&=\frac{1}{k}(-1)^{\frac{j}{2}}\int_0^\infty u^{\frac{k-1-z-j}{k}-1}\cos(u)\,du\\&=\frac{1}{k}(-1)^{\frac{j}{2}}\Gamma\left(\frac{k-1-z-j}{k}\right)\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\left(\frac{k-1-z-j}{k}\right)\right).\end{aligned}$$

Next, we show that (4.45) holds for $\frac{d^j}{dx^j}A_z^{(k)}(x)\Big|_{x=0}$. This time, we differentiate (4.24) under the integral sign j times with respect to x so as to obtain for $x>0$,

$$\frac{d^j}{dx^j}K_z^{(k)}(x)=\begin{cases}(-1)^{\frac{j}{2}}\int_0^\infty t^{z-k+j}\cos(xt)\exp\left(-\frac{1}{t^k}\right)dt, \text{ if } j \text{ is even,}\\ (-1)^{\frac{j+1}{2}}\int_0^\infty t^{z-k+j}\sin(xt)\exp\left(-\frac{1}{t^k}\right)dt, \text{ if } j \text{ is odd.}\end{cases} \tag{4.47}$$

Moreover, if we let $y=xe^{\pm\frac{i\pi}{2k}}$, where $x>0$, then the chain rule implies

$$\frac{d^j}{dx^j}K_z^{(k)}\left(xe^{\pm\frac{i\pi}{2k}}\right)=e^{\pm\frac{i\pi j}{2k}}\frac{d^j}{dy^j}K_z^{(k)}(y). \tag{4.48}$$

Note that from [14, p. 68-69], the function $K_z^{(k)}(x)$ and its successive derivatives are continuous at $x=0$, so also the derivatives $\frac{d^j}{dy^j}K_z^{(k)}(y), j\geq 0$, are continuous at $y=0$, where $y=xe^{\pm\frac{i\pi}{2k}}$. Hence approaching the origin along the ray $\arg(y)=\pm\frac{\pi}{2k}$ or through the positive real line $\arg(y)=0$ does not alter their limit. This, along with (4.47) and (4.48), implies that for $\mathrm{Re}(z)<-j-1+k$,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^j}{dx^j}K_z^{(k)}\left(xe^{\pm\frac{i\pi}{2k}}\right)\Big|_{x=0}&=e^{\pm\frac{i\pi j}{2k}}\lim_{y\to0^+}\frac{d^j}{dy^j}K_z^{(k)}(y)\\ &=\begin{cases}e^{\pm\frac{i\pi j}{2k}}(-1)^{\frac{j}{2}}\lim_{y\to0^+}\int_0^\infty t^{z-k+j}\cos(yt)\exp\left(-\frac{1}{t^k}\right)dt, \text{ if } j \text{ is even,}\\ e^{\pm\frac{i\pi j}{2k}}(-1)^{\frac{j+1}{2}}\lim_{y\to0^+}\int_0^\infty t^{z-k+j}\sin(yt)\exp\left(-\frac{1}{t^k}\right)dt, \text{ if } j \text{ is odd}\end{cases}\\ &=\begin{cases}e^{\pm\frac{i\pi j}{2k}}(-1)^{\frac{j}{2}}\int_0^\infty t^{z-k+j}\exp\left(-\frac{1}{t^k}\right)dt, \text{ if } j \text{ is even,}\\ 0, \text{ if } j \text{ is odd}\end{cases}\\ &=\begin{cases}\frac{1}{k}e^{\pm\frac{i\pi j}{2k}}(-1)^{\frac{j}{2}}\Gamma\left(\frac{k-1-z-j}{k}\right), \text{ if } j \text{ is even,}\\ 0 \text{ if } j \text{ is odd,}\end{cases}\end{aligned}$$

where, in the penultimate step, we used the fact that the integrals are continuous functions of y. Therefore,

$$\frac{d^j}{dx^j}A_z^{(k)}(x)\Big|_{x=0}=\begin{cases}\frac{1}{k}(-1)^{\frac{j}{2}}\Gamma\left(\frac{k-1-z-j}{k}\right)\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\left(\frac{k-1-z-j}{k}\right)\right), \text{ if } j \text{ is even,}\\ 0 \text{ if } j \text{ is odd,}\end{cases}$$

which proves (4.45) for $-j-1<\mathrm{Re}(z)<-j-1+k$.

This completes the proof of Theorem 2.1 for $-1<\mathrm{Re}(z)<k-1$. Since $K_z^{(k)}(x)$ is analytic in $\mathrm{Re}(z)<k$ as can be seen from the discussion following (2.5) and $H_z^{(k)}(x)$ is analytic in $-1<\mathrm{Re}(z)<k$, by analytic continuation, the identity holds for $-1<\mathrm{Re}(z)<k$. □

4.5. Asymptotics of $H_z^{(k)}(x)$.
We first obtain the asymptotic behavior of $H_z^{(k)}(x)$ as $x\to0^+$.

Theorem 4.7. *Let $H_z^{(k)}(x)$ be defined in* (2.3). *Then $H_z^{(k)}(x)=O(1)$ as $x\to0^+$.*

Proof. Note that in (4.36), it was shown that $H_z^{(k)}(0)$ is a finite quantity. Using Abel's and Dirichlet's tests for uniform convergence of infinite integrals [7], it can be seen that $H_z^{(k)}(x)$ is continuous at $x=0$ whence $H_z^{(k)}(x)=O(1)$ as $x\to0^+$. □

The behavior of $H_z^{(k)}(x)$ as $x\to\infty$ is derived next.

Theorem 4.8. *Let $y>0$, $k\in\mathbb{N}$ and $-1<\mathrm{Re}(z)<k$. As $y\to\infty$,*

$$H_z^{(k)}(y)\sim\frac{\sqrt{\pi}\left(\frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{y}{2k}\right)^{2k}\right)^{\frac{1}{4(k+1)}-\frac{1+z}{2k(k+1)}}}{\sqrt{k(k+1)}\;2^{\frac{1+z}{k}}}\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}+(2k+2)\left(\frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{y}{2k}\right)^{2k}\right)^{\frac{1}{2k+2}}\right).\tag{4.49}$$

Proof. Letting $x=ye^{\pm\frac{i\pi}{2k}}$, $y>0$, in Theorem 4.3, we get, with $Y=\frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{y}{2k}\right)^{2k}$,

$$K_z^{(k)}\left(e^{\pm\frac{i\pi}{2k}}y\right)=\frac{1}{\sqrt{k}\;2^{\frac{1+z}{k}}}G_{0,2k+2}^{k+2,0}\left(\begin{matrix}\{\}\\ b_1',\cdots,b_q'\end{matrix}\middle|e^{\pm i\pi}Y\right).$$

Employ the asymptotic expansion of the Meijer G-function from Proposition 3.4 to get

$$K_z^{(k)}\left(e^{\frac{i\pi}{2k}}y\right)\sim\frac{1}{\sqrt{k}\;2^{\frac{1+z}{k}}}\left(-\frac{1}{2\pi i}\right)^{k}\exp\left(-i\pi\sum_{j=k+3}^{2k+2}b_j'\right)H_{0,2k+2}\left(Ye^{i\pi(k+1)}\right).\tag{4.50}$$

From (4.15) one can easily check that $\sum_{j=k+3}^{2k+2}b_j'=k/2$. Taking the leading term, the definition of $H_{p,q}$ in (3.9) gives

$$H_{0,2k+2}\left(Ye^{i\pi(k+1)}\right)\sim\frac{(2\pi)^{(2k+1)/2}Y^{\theta}}{\sqrt{2k+2}}\exp\left(-i(2k+2)Y^{1/(2k+2)}+i\pi(k+1)\theta\right),\tag{4.51}$$

where $\theta=\frac{1}{4(k+1)}-\frac{1+z}{2k(k+1)}$. Substituting (4.51) in (4.50), as $y\to\infty$,

$$\begin{aligned}K_z^{(k)}\left(e^{\frac{i\pi}{2k}}y\right)&\sim\frac{(2\pi)^{(2k+1)/2}Y^{\theta}}{\sqrt{2k(k+1)}\;2^{\frac{1+z}{k}}}\left(-\frac{1}{2\pi i}\right)^{k}\exp\left(-\frac{i\pi k}{2}-i(2k+2)Y^{1/(2k+2)}+i\pi(k+1)\theta\right)\\&\sim\frac{\sqrt{\pi}Y^{\theta}}{\sqrt{k(k+1)}\;2^{\frac{1+z}{k}}}\exp\left(-i(2k+2)Y^{1/(2k+2)}+i\pi(k+1)\theta\right).\end{aligned}\tag{4.52}$$

Similarly, it can be seen that

$$K_z^{(k)}\left(e^{\frac{-i\pi}{2k}}y\right)\sim\frac{\sqrt{\pi}Y^{\theta}}{\sqrt{k(k+1)}\;2^{\frac{1+z}{k}}}\exp\left(i(2k+2)Y^{1/(2k+2)}-i\pi(k+1)\theta\right).\tag{4.53}$$

Finally, making use of (4.52) and (4.53) in Theorem 2.1, we obtain after some simplification,

$$H_z^{(k)}(y)\sim\frac{\sqrt{\pi}Y^{\theta}}{\sqrt{k(k+1)}\;2^{\frac{1+z}{k}}}\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}+(2k+2)Y^{1/2k+2}\right).$$

Substituting the values of Y and θ in the above formula, we arrive at (4.49). □

Remark 9. *When $k=1$ and $z=0$, Theorem 4.8 implies that as $x\to\infty$,*

$$H_0^{(1)}(x)\sim\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2\sqrt[4]{x}}\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}+2\sqrt{x}\right).$$

This can also be verified from the asymptotic formulas of $Y_0(x)$ and $K_0(x)$ upon using (2.4).

4.6. **The special case $H_z^{(1)}(x)$.** In this section, we explicitly evaluate $H_z^{(1)}(x)$ in terms of Bessel functions. This will be required while proving Corollary 2.3.

Theorem 4.9. *Let $H_z^{(k)}(x)$ be as defined in* (2.3) *and let $M_\nu(x)=\frac{2}{\pi}K_\nu(x)-Y_\nu(x)$. For $-1<\mathrm{Re}(z)<1$ and $x>0$, we have*

$$H_z^{(1)}(x)=\frac{\pi}{2}x^{-\frac{z}{2}}\left(\cos\left(\tfrac{1}{2}\pi z\right)M_z(2\sqrt{x})-\sin\left(\tfrac{1}{2}\pi z\right)J_z(2\sqrt{x})\right).\tag{4.54}$$

Proof. From the first equality in Theorem 2.1, (4.34) and (4.40), we have, for $\max\{0, 1-k+\mathrm{Re}(z)\} < c \leq \frac{1+\mathrm{Re}(z)}{k+1}$,

$$H_z^{(k)}(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi i}\int_{(c)} \Gamma(s)\cos\left(\frac{\pi s}{2}\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{s-1-z}{k}+1\right)\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\left(\frac{s-1-z}{k}+1\right)\right)\frac{ds}{kx^s}. \quad (4.55)$$

Letting $k=1$, replacing s by $w+z/2$, we then use the formula $2\cos(A)\cos(B) = \cos(A+B)+\cos(A-B)$ in order to get for $|\mathrm{Re}\left(\frac{z}{2}\right)| < c' = \mathrm{Re}(w) \leq \frac{1}{2}$,

$$H_z^{(1)}(x) = \frac{x^{-z/2}}{4\pi i}\int_{(c')} \Gamma\left(w-\frac{z}{2}\right)\Gamma\left(w+\frac{z}{2}\right)\left(\cos(\pi w)+\cos\left(\frac{\pi z}{2}\right)\right)x^{-w}\, dw. \quad (4.56)$$

From [22, Lemma 5.1], for $|\mathrm{Re}\left(\frac{z}{2}\right)| < c' = \mathrm{Re}(w) < 3/4$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{2\pi^2 i}\int_{(c')} \Gamma\left(w-\frac{z}{2}\right)\Gamma\left(w+\frac{z}{2}\right)\left(\cos(\pi w)+\cos\left(\frac{\pi z}{2}\right)\right)(4\pi^2 ty)^{-w}\, dw \\ &= \cos\left(\tfrac{1}{2}\pi z\right)M_z(4\pi\sqrt{ty}) - \sin\left(\tfrac{1}{2}\pi z\right)J_z(4\pi\sqrt{ty}). \end{aligned} \quad (4.57)$$

Employing (4.57) with $ty = x/(4\pi^2)$ on the right-hand side of (4.56) and noting that $H_z^{(1)}(x)$ converges for $-1 < \mathrm{Re}(z) < 1$ as proved in Theorem 4.1, we arrive at (4.54). □

5. Voronoi summation formula for $\sigma_z^{(k)}(n)$

Armed with results in the previous section, we are now all set to prove the Voronoï summation formula for $\sigma_z^{(k)}(n)$ for an analytic function f in a closed contour containing the segment $[\alpha, \beta]$, where $0 < \alpha < \beta$ and $\alpha, \beta \notin \mathbb{Z}$.

Proof of Theorem 2.2. First, let us define

$$\Phi_k(x; z) := C\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} S_z^{(k)}(n) K_z^{(k)}\left((2\pi)^{\frac{1}{k}+1}(nx)^{\frac{1}{k}}\right), \quad (5.1)$$

where $C := C_k(x;z) = 2(2\pi x)^{\frac{1+z}{k}-1}$. Using [52, p. 30, Theorem 2.3] and the discussion following (2.5), it is clear that $K_z^{(k)}\left((2\pi)^{\frac{1}{k}+1}(nx)^{\frac{1}{k}}\right)$ is analytic in $\mathrm{Re}(x) > 0$. One can establish the uniform convergence of the above series in (5.1) for $\mathrm{Re}(x) > 0$ in a manner similar to that proved by Koshliakov in [34, p. 125-126]. Hence by Weierstrass' theorem on analytic functions, we see that $\Phi_k(x;z)$ is analytic in $\mathrm{Re}(x) > 0$.

Employing (2.5), one can write the above series representation of $\Phi_k(x;z)$ as

$$\Phi_k(x;z) = \frac{C}{2\pi i k}\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} S_z^{(k)}(n)\int_{(c)} \Gamma(s)\cos\left(\frac{\pi s}{2}\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{s-1-z}{k}+1\right)\frac{ds}{\left((2\pi)^{\frac{1}{k}+1}(nx)^{\frac{1}{k}}\right)^s},$$

where $c > \max\{0, 1-k+\mathrm{Re}(z)\}$. Moreover, we need $\mathrm{Re}(s) = c > \max\{1, 1+\mathrm{Re}(z)\}$ to take the summation inside the integration as the Dirichlet series associated to $S_z^{(k)}(n)$ will be absolutely and uniformly convergent in this region. Therefore, using (1.14), we get

$$\Phi_k(x;z) = \frac{C}{2\pi i k}\int_{(c)} \Gamma(s)\zeta(s)\cos\left(\frac{\pi s}{2}\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{s-1-z}{k}+1\right)\zeta\left(\frac{s-1-z}{k}+1\right)\frac{ds}{\left((2\pi)^{\frac{1}{k}+1}(nx)^{\frac{1}{k}}\right)^s}. \quad (5.2)$$

The asymmetric form of (2.1) is given by

$$\zeta(s) = 2^s\pi^{s-1}\Gamma(1-s)\zeta(1-s)\sin\left(\frac{\pi s}{2}\right). \tag{5.3}$$

To simplify further, we shall use (5.3) in the form

$$\Gamma(s)\zeta(s) = \frac{\zeta(1-s)2^{s-1}\pi^s}{\cos\left(\frac{\pi s}{2}\right)} \tag{5.4}$$

Use (5.4) twice in (5.2) to obtain

$$\Phi_k(x;z) = -\frac{C}{2\pi ik}\int_{(c)}\frac{\zeta(1-s)\zeta\left(\frac{z+1-s}{k}\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\left(\frac{s-1-z}{k}\right)\right)}\frac{ds}{4(2\pi)^{\frac{1+z}{k}-1}x^{\frac{s}{k}}}. \tag{5.5}$$

Now we substitute $z+1-s = ks'$. This implies that the new line of integration $\mathrm{Re}(s') = c' < \min\left\{0, \frac{\mathrm{Re}(z)}{k}\right\}$ since $\mathrm{Re}(s) = c > \max\{0, 1-k+\mathrm{Re}(z)\}$. Upon simplification, (5.5) becomes

$$\Phi_k(x;z) = \frac{C}{4x(2\pi x)^{\frac{1+z}{k}-1}}\frac{1}{2\pi i}\int_{(c')}\frac{\zeta(s')\zeta(ks'-z)}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi s'}{2}\right)}x^{s'}\,ds'. \tag{5.6}$$

Here we note that in the current line of integration $\mathrm{Re}(s') = c'$, one can not use the series definition of $\zeta(s')\zeta(ks'-z)$, so we would like to shift the line of integration to a new line $\mathrm{Re}(s') = c''$ with $2 > c'' > \max\left\{1, \frac{1+\mathrm{Re}(z)}{k}\right\}$ as $\zeta(s')\zeta(ks'-z)$ is absolutely and uniformly convergent in this new region. To do that we consider the following rectangular contour $\mathcal{C}$ defined by $[c''-iT, c''+iT, c'+iT, c'-iT]$. In the process, we encounter simple poles at $s = 0, 1, \frac{1+z}{k}$ inside this contour. Applying Cauchy's residue theorem, we get

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i}\int_{\mathcal{C}}\frac{\zeta(s')\zeta(ks'-z)}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi s'}{2}\right)}x^{s'}\,ds' = R_0 + R_1 + R_{\frac{1+z}{k}}, \tag{5.7}$$

where R_ρ denotes the residual the term corresponding to the pole at $s' = \rho$. Letting $T \to \infty$, one can easily show that the horizontal integrals go to zero. Therefore, (5.7) reduces to

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i}\int_{(c')}\frac{\zeta(s')\zeta(ks'-z)}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi s'}{2}\right)}x^{s'}\,ds' = \frac{1}{2\pi i}\int_{(c'')}\frac{\zeta(s')\zeta(ks'-z)}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi s'}{2}\right)}x^{s'}\,ds' - \left(R_0 + R_1 + R_{\frac{1+z}{k}}\right), \tag{5.8}$$

where the residual terms are the following expressions

$$R_0 = -\frac{\zeta(-z)}{\pi}, \quad R_1 = \zeta(k-z)x, \quad R_{\frac{1+z}{k}} = \frac{x^{\frac{1+z}{k}}\zeta\left(\frac{1+z}{k}\right)}{k\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\left(\frac{1+z}{k}\right)\right)}. \tag{5.9}$$

Now using the Dirichlet series representation (1.12) of $\sigma_z^{(k)}(n)$, one can write

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i}\int_{(c'')}\frac{\zeta(s')\zeta(ks'-z)}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi s'}{2}\right)}x^{s'}\,ds' = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\sigma_z^{(k)}(n)\frac{1}{2\pi i}\int_{(c'')}\frac{\left(\frac{x}{n}\right)^{s'}}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi s'}{2}\right)}\,ds'. \tag{5.10}$$

It is well-known [46, p. 91, Equation (3.3.10)] that for any $0 < d < 2$,

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i}\int_{(d)}\frac{x^{-s}}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi s}{2}\right)}\,ds = \frac{2}{\pi}\frac{1}{1+x^2}. \tag{5.11}$$

In view of (5.10) and (5.11), (5.8) reduces to

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i}\int_{(c')}\frac{\zeta(s')\zeta(ks'-z)}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi s'}{2}\right)}x^{s'}\,ds' = \frac{2x^2}{\pi}\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\frac{\sigma_z^{(k)}(n)}{n^2+x^2} - \left(R_0 + R_1 + R_{\frac{1+z}{k}}\right). \tag{5.12}$$

Now substituting (5.12) in (5.6), we obtain

$$\Phi_k(x;z) = \frac{C}{4x(2\pi x)^{\frac{1+z}{k}-1}}\left\{\frac{2x^2}{\pi}\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\frac{\sigma_z^{(k)}(n)}{n^2+x^2} - \left(R_0 + R_1 + R_{\frac{1+z}{k}}\right)\right\}. \tag{5.13}$$

Substituting the residual terms from (5.9) in (5.13), we see that

$$\Phi_k(x;z) = \Psi_k(x;z), \tag{5.14}$$

where

$$\Psi_k(x;z) := \frac{\zeta(-z)}{2\pi x} - \frac{\zeta(k-z)}{2} - \frac{x^{\frac{1+z}{k}-1}\zeta\left(\frac{1+z}{k}\right)}{2k\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\left(\frac{1+z}{k}\right)\right)} + \frac{x}{\pi}\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\frac{\sigma_z^{(k)}(n)}{n^2+x^2}. \tag{5.15}$$

One can easily check that $\Psi_k(x;z)$ is analytic, as a function of x, in the entire complex plane except on the negative real axis and at $x = \pm in, n \in \mathbb{N}\cup\{0\}$. Thus, $\Psi_k(ix;z)$ is analytic on $\mathbb{C}$ except on the positive imaginary axis and at integers. Similarly, $\Psi_k(-ix;z)$ is analytic on $\mathbb{C}$ except on the negative imaginary axis and at integers. The combination of these two facts implies that $\Psi_k(ix;z) + \Psi_k(-ix;z)$ is analytic on $\mathbb{C}$ except on the imaginary axis and possibly at integers. But

$$\lim_{x\to\pm n}(x\mp n)\Psi_k(ix;z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i}\sigma_z^{(k)}(n), \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x\to\pm n}(x\mp n)\Psi_k(-ix;z) = -\frac{1}{2\pi i}\sigma_z^{(k)}(n),$$

which implies that the function $\Psi_k(ix;z) + \Psi_k(-ix;z)$ is analytic in $\mathrm{Re}(x) > 0$. Observe that for x lying inside an interval (u, v) on the positive real line not containing any integer in its interior, we have, using (5.15),

$$\Psi_k(ix;z) + \Psi_k(-ix;z) = -\zeta(k-z) - \frac{1}{k}x^{\frac{1+z}{k}-1}\zeta\left(\frac{1+z}{k}\right). \tag{5.16}$$

However, both sides of (5.16) are analytic in $\mathrm{Re}(x) > 0$, and hence, by analytic continuation we see that (5.16) holds in $\mathrm{Re}(x) > 0$.

Now let us consider $f(x)$ to be analytic function of x inside a closed contour γ that intersects the real line at α and β, where $0 < m-1 < \alpha < m \le n-1 < \beta < n$ and $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$. Let γ' and γ'' denote the upper and lower portion of the contour, respectively. This means that $\alpha\gamma'\beta$ and $\alpha\gamma''\beta$ denote the paths from α to β in the upper- and lower- half planes respectively. By Cauchy's residue theorem,

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i}\int_{\alpha\gamma''\beta\gamma'\alpha} f(x)\Psi_k(ix;z)\,dx = \sum_{\alpha<n<\beta}\lim_{x\to n}(x-n)f(x)\Psi_k(ix;z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i}\sum_{\alpha<n<\beta}\sigma_z^{(k)}(n)f(n). \tag{5.17}$$

Now

$$\int_{\alpha\gamma''\beta\gamma'\alpha} f(x)\Psi_k(ix;z)\,dx = \int_{\alpha\gamma''\beta} f(x)\Psi_k(ix;z)\,dx - \int_{\alpha\gamma'\beta} f(x)\Psi_k(ix;z)\,dx. \tag{5.18}$$

Thus from (5.16), (5.17) and (5.18),

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{\alpha<n<\beta}\sigma_z^{(k)}(n)f(n) = &\int_{\alpha\gamma''\beta} f(x)\Psi_k(ix;z)\,dx + \int_{\alpha\gamma'\beta} f(x)\Psi_k(-ix;z)\,dx \\ &+ \int_{\alpha\gamma'\beta} f(x)\left(\zeta(k-z) + \frac{1}{k}x^{\frac{1+z}{k}-1}\zeta\left(\frac{1+z}{k}\right)\right)dx.\end{aligned} \tag{5.19}$$

Again, utilizing Cauchy's residue theorem, one can instantly observe that

$$\int_{\alpha\gamma'\beta} f(x)\left(\zeta(k-z)+\frac{x^{\frac{1+z}{k}-1}}{k}\zeta\left(\frac{1+z}{k}\right)\right)dx=\int_{\alpha}^{\beta} f(t)\left(\zeta(k-z)+\frac{1}{k}t^{\frac{1+z}{k}-1}\zeta\left(\frac{1+z}{k}\right)\right)dt. \tag{5.20}$$

From the discussion following (5.1) and and (5.15), it is clear that (5.14) holds for $-\pi/2<\arg(x)<\pi/2$. Thus, $\Psi_k(ix;z)=\Phi_k(ix;z)$ holds for $-\pi<\arg(x)<0$, and $\Psi_k(-ix;z)=\Phi_k(-ix;z)$ holds for $0<\arg(x)<\pi$. Employing these two facts and together with (5.20), (5.19) becomes

$$\sum_{\alpha<n<\beta}\sigma_z^{(k)}(n)f(n)=\int_{\alpha\gamma''\beta} f(x)\Phi_k(ix;z)\,dx+\int_{\alpha\gamma'\beta} f(x)\Phi_k(-ix;z)\,dx$$
$$+\int_{\alpha}^{\beta} f(t)\left(\zeta(k-z)+\frac{1}{k}t^{\frac{1+z}{k}-1}\zeta\left(\frac{1+z}{k}\right)\right)dt.$$

From the discussion following (5.1), we know that the series defining $\Phi_k(ix;z)$ and $\Phi_k(-ix;z)$ are uniformly convergent in $-\pi<\arg(x)<0$ and $0<\arg(x)<\pi$ respectively. Thus using these series representations in the above identity and then interchanging the order of summation and integration, we arrive at

$$\sum_{\alpha<n<\beta}\sigma_z^{(k)}(n)f(n)=\int_{\alpha}^{\beta} f(t)\left(\zeta(k-z)+\frac{1}{k}t^{\frac{1+z}{k}-1}\zeta\left(\frac{1+z}{k}\right)\right)dt$$
$$+2(2\pi)^{\frac{1+z}{k}-1}\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}S_z^{(k)}(n)\Bigg[\int_{\alpha\gamma''\beta} f(x)K_z^{(k)}\left((2\pi)^{\frac{1}{k}+1}(inx)^{\frac{1}{k}}\right)(ix)^{\frac{1+z}{k}-1}\,dx$$
$$+\int_{\alpha\gamma'\beta} f(x)K_z^{(k)}\left((2\pi)^{\frac{1}{k}+1}(-inx)^{\frac{1}{k}}\right)(-ix)^{\frac{1+z}{k}-1}\,dx\Bigg].$$

Here we use the residue theorem twice to obtain

$$\sum_{\alpha<n<\beta}f(n)\sigma_z^{(k)}(n)=\int_{\alpha}^{\beta} f(t)\left(\zeta(k-z)+\frac{1}{k}t^{\frac{1+z}{k}-1}\zeta\left(\frac{1+z}{k}\right)\right)dt+2(2\pi)^{\frac{1+z}{k}-1}\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}S_z^{(k)}(n)$$
$$\times\int_{\alpha}^{\beta} f(t)t^{\frac{1+z}{k}-1}\Bigg[\exp\left(\frac{-i\pi(k-1-z)}{2k}\right)K_z^{(k)}\left((2\pi)^{\frac{1}{k}+1}(nt)^{\frac{1}{k}}e^{\frac{i\pi}{2k}}\right)dt$$
$$+\exp\left(\frac{i\pi(k-1-z)}{2k}\right)K_z^{(k)}\left((2\pi)^{\frac{1}{k}+1}(nt)^{\frac{1}{k}}e^{-\frac{i\pi}{2k}}\right)dt\Bigg].$$

Finally, invoking Theorem 2.1, we arrive at (2.8). This completes the proof. □

Proof of Corollary 2.3. Letting $k=1$ in Theorem 2.2 gives

$$\sum_{\alpha<j<\beta}\sigma_z(j)f(j)=\int_{\alpha}^{\beta}(\zeta(1-z)+t^z\zeta(1+z))f(t)dt+2(2\pi)^z\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\sigma_z(n)\int_{\alpha}^{\beta}t^zf(t)H_z^{(1)}(4\pi^2nt)dt.$$

Now invoke Lemma 4.9 with $x=4\pi^2nt$, simplify and then replace z by $-z$ to arrive at (2.10). Here, we have made use of the elementary fact $\sigma_{-z}(n)n^{z/2}=\sigma_z(n)n^{-z/2}$ as well as the fact [5, p. 842] that $\cos\left(\frac{1}{2}\pi z\right)M_z(2\sqrt{x})-\sin\left(\frac{1}{2}\pi z\right)$ is invariant under the replacement of z by $-z$, which, in fact, is an easy consequence of the definition in (1.2) and the identity $K_{-z}(\xi)=K_z(\xi)$.

□

Proof of Theorem 2.4. We first prove the result for $z \neq k-1$. Using the inverse Mellin transform of $F(s)$, one can write

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_z^{(k)}(n) f(n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_z^{(k)}(n) \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(c)} F(s) n^{-s} ds = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(c)} F(s) \zeta(s) \zeta(ks-z) ds, \tag{5.21}$$

where $c > \max\left\{1, \frac{1+\mathrm{Re}(z)}{k}\right\}$. Since $f \in \mathscr{S}(\mathbb{R})$, its Mellin transform $F(s)$ is holomorphic on $\mathrm{Re}(s) > 0$. Moreover, integration by parts gives the following identity for $\mathcal{M}(f)(s)$:

$$\mathcal{M}(f)(s) = f(x) \frac{x^s}{s} \bigg|_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} f'(x) \frac{x^s}{s} dx = -\frac{1}{s} \mathcal{M}(f')(s+1).$$

Hence

$$s(s+1)\cdots(s+i)F(s) = (-1)^{i+1} \mathcal{M}(f^{(i+1)})(s+i+1).$$

This proves that $F(s)$ has an analytic continuation to the whole complex plane except for possible simple poles at $s = 0, -1, -2, \cdots$. We know that $\zeta(s)\zeta(ks-z)$ has simple poles at 1 and $\frac{1+z}{k}$. To transform the line integral in (5.21), we shall consider the following contour $\mathcal{C} := [c - iT, c + iT, \lambda + iT, \lambda - iT]$, where

$$\lambda = -\epsilon, \text{ with } \max\left\{0, -\frac{\mathrm{Re}(z)}{k}\right\} < \epsilon < 1. \tag{5.22}$$

Choose T large enough so that $|\operatorname{Im}(z)/k| < T$. Now employing the Cauchy residue theorem, we have

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\mathcal{C}} F(s) \zeta(s) \zeta(ks-z) ds = R_0 + R_1 + R_{\frac{1+z}{k}}, \tag{5.23}$$

where the residues are given by

$$R_0 = \lim_{s \to 0} sF(s)\zeta(s)\zeta(ks-z) = \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{M}(f')(1)\zeta(-z) = \frac{\zeta(-z)}{2} \int_0^{\infty} f'(y) dy = -\frac{\zeta(-z) f(0^+)}{2},$$

$$R_1 = \lim_{s \to 1} (s-1) F(s) \zeta(s) \zeta(ks-z) = F(1)\zeta(k-z) = \zeta(k-z) \int_0^{\infty} f(y) dy,$$

$$R_{\frac{1+z}{k}} = \lim_{s \to \frac{1+z}{k}} \left(s - \frac{1+z}{k}\right) F(s) \zeta(s) \zeta(ks-z) = \frac{1}{k} F\left(\frac{1+z}{k}\right) \zeta\left(\frac{1+z}{k}\right). \tag{5.24}$$

Now let $T \to \infty$ in (5.23). It can be checked that the integrals along the horizontal segments go to zero whence

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(c)} F(s) \zeta(s) \zeta(ks-z) ds = R_0 + R_1 + R_{\frac{1+z}{k}} + I, \tag{5.25}$$

where

$$I := \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(\lambda)} F(s) \zeta(s) \zeta(ks-z) ds. \tag{5.26}$$

We would like to write I in terms of an infinite series involving the function $S_z^{(k)}(n)$. To that end, using (5.3) twice, we have

$$\zeta(s)\zeta(ks-z) = \frac{(2\pi)^{(k+1)s-z}}{\pi^2} \Gamma(1-s)\zeta(1-s)\Gamma(1-ks+z)\zeta(1-ks+z)$$
$$\times \sin\left(\frac{\pi s}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}(ks-z)\right).$$

Substituting this expression into the right-hand side of (5.25) and employing the change of variable $s = \frac{1+z}{k} - w$, we have

$$I = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\left(-\lambda + \frac{1+\mathrm{Re}(z)}{k}\right)} \frac{(2\pi)^{(k+1)\left(\frac{1+z}{k} - w\right) - z}}{\pi^2} F\left(\frac{1+z}{k} - w\right) \Gamma\left(w + 1 - \frac{1+z}{k}\right) \zeta\left(w + 1 - \frac{1+z}{k}\right)$$
$$\times \Gamma(kw)\zeta(kw) \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\left(w + 1 - \frac{1+z}{k}\right)\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi k w}{2}\right) dw.$$

From (5.22), we have $-1 < \lambda < \min\left\{0, \frac{\mathrm{Re}(z)}{k}\right\}$ which implies $\mathrm{Re}(kw) > 1$ as well as $\mathrm{Re}\big(w + 1 - \frac{1+z}{k}\big) > 1$. Hence, invoking (1.14) and interchanging of the order of summation and integration (which is justified by the absolute and uniform convergence), we have

$$I = \frac{(2\pi)^{(k+1)\left(\frac{1+z}{k}\right) - z}}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} S_z^{(k)}(n) \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\left(-\lambda + \frac{1+\mathrm{Re}(z)}{k}\right)} F\left(\frac{1+z}{k} - w\right) N_z^{(k)}(w) \left((2\pi)^{k+1} n\right)^{-w} dw$$
$$= \frac{(2\pi)^{(k+1)\left(\frac{1+z}{k}\right) - z}}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} S_z^{(k)}(n) \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(-k\lambda + 1 + \mathrm{Re}(z))} F\left(\frac{1+z-\xi}{k}\right) N_z^{(k)}\left(\frac{\xi}{k}\right) \left((2\pi)^{1+\frac{1}{k}} n^{\frac{1}{k}}\right)^{-\xi} \frac{d\xi}{k},$$

where

$$N_z^{(k)}(w) := \Gamma\left(w + 1 - \frac{1+z}{k}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\left(w + 1 - \frac{1+z}{k}\right)\right) \Gamma(kw) \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} k w\right),$$

and where in the last step we employed the change of variable $w = \xi/k$ so that $\mathrm{Re}(\xi) = -k\lambda + 1 + \mathrm{Re}(z)$.

Observe that $\max\{0, 1 - k + \mathrm{Re}(z)\} < \mathrm{Re}(\xi)$. We also need $\mathrm{Re}(\xi) \leq \frac{1+\mathrm{Re}(z)}{k+1}$ for reasons to be clear soon, however, we unfortunately have $\mathrm{Re}(\xi) > 1 > \frac{1+\mathrm{Re}(z)}{k+1}$ at this stage (since $\lambda < \mathrm{Re}(z)/k$). To circumvent this problem, we shift the line of integration to $\max\{0, 1 - k + \mathrm{Re}(z)\} < c'' = \mathrm{Re}(\xi) \leq \frac{1+\mathrm{Re}(z)}{k+1}$ and apply Cauchy's residue theorem. Since $-1 < \mathrm{Re}(z) < k$ and $\mathrm{Re}(\xi) > 0$, we do not encounter any poles of the integrand in this process. (There is no pole at $\xi = 1$ as well because the possibility of $F\left(\frac{1+z-\xi}{k}\right)$ giving rise to it arises *only* when $z = 0$, since $-1 < \mathrm{Re}(z) < k$, and even if that is the case, $\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\left(1 - \frac{z}{k}\right)\right) = 0$ there.) Also, the integrals along the horizontal segments tend to zero as the height of the contour tends to ∞. Hence

$$I = \frac{(2\pi)^{(k+1)\left(\frac{1+z}{k}\right) - z}}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} S_z^{(k)}(n) \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(c'')} F\left(\frac{1+z-\xi}{k}\right) N_z^{(k)}\left(\frac{\xi}{k}\right) \left((2\pi)^{1+\frac{1}{k}} n^{\frac{1}{k}}\right)^{-\xi} \frac{d\xi}{k}, \tag{5.27}$$

with $\max\{0, 1 - k + \mathrm{Re}(z)\} < c'' = \mathrm{Re}(\xi) \leq \frac{1+\mathrm{Re}(z)}{k+1}$.

Now insert the integral representation of F, namely,

$$F\left(\frac{1+z-\xi}{k}\right) = \int_0^{\infty} y^{\frac{1+z-\xi}{k} - 1} f(y)\, dy$$

in (5.27), then interchange the order of integration which is permissible due to the decay of F (since $f \in \mathscr{S}(\mathbb{R})$) so that

$$I = \frac{(2\pi)^{(k+1)\left(\frac{1+z}{k}\right) - z}}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} S_z^{(k)}(n) \int_0^{\infty} y^{\frac{1+z}{k} - 1} f(y) \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(c'')} N_z^{(k)}\left(\frac{\xi}{k}\right) \left((2\pi)^{1+\frac{1}{k}} n^{\frac{1}{k}}\right)^{-\xi} \frac{d\xi}{k}\, dy$$

$$= \frac{(2\pi)^{(k+1)\left(\frac{1+z}{k}\right)-z}}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} S_z^{(k)}(n) \int_0^{\infty} H_z^{(k)}\left((2\pi)^{1+\frac{1}{k}}(ny)^{\frac{1}{k}}\right) y^{\frac{1+z}{k}-1} f(y)\, dy \tag{5.28}$$

where, in the last step, we invoked (4.55). Note that we had to shift the line of integration to $\mathrm{Re}(\xi) = c''$ to be able to use (4.55).

From (5.21), (5.24), (5.25), (5.26) and (5.28), we are led to (2.11).

Now when $z = k-1$, the only difference is that the poles of the integrand of (5.23) at 1 and $(1+z)/k$ coalesce giving a double pole because of which $R_1 = \int_0^{\infty} f(t) \left(\frac{(k+1)\gamma + \log(t)}{k}\right) dt$. □

6. A GENERALIZATION OF THEOREM 1.1 OF WIGERT

This section begins with certain lemmas which will play a crucial role in proving Theorem 2.5. We first evaluate special values of the function $B(z, b)$ defined in (2.12) and (2.13).

6.1. **Special values of $B(z, a)$.** The next result evaluates $B(z, a)$ at non-negative even integers.

Lemma 6.1. *For $m \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$,*

$$B(2m, b) = \frac{\pi}{2b} b^{2m} e^{-b} (-1)^m.$$

Proof. To prove this lemma, we use the identity (2.14) so that

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{z\to 2m} B(z, b) &= \frac{\pi}{2}(-1)^m b^{2m-1}\cosh(b) - \frac{\pi}{2}(-1)^m \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{b^{2n}}{\Gamma(2n-2m+2)} \\
&= \frac{\pi}{2}(-1)^m b^{2m-1}\cosh(b) - \frac{\pi}{2}(-1)^m \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} \frac{b^{2n}}{\Gamma(2n-2m+2)} \\
&= \frac{\pi}{2}(-1)^m b^{2m-1}\cosh(b) - \frac{\pi}{2}(-1)^m \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{b^{2m+2i}}{\Gamma(2i+2)} \\
&= \frac{\pi}{2}(-1)^m b^{2m-1}\cosh(b) - \frac{\pi}{2}(-1)^m b^{2m-1}\sinh(b) = \frac{\pi}{2}(-1)^m b^{2m-1} e^{-b}.
\end{aligned}$$

□

Similarly, one can prove that

Lemma 6.2. *For $m \in \mathbb{N}$,*

$$B(-2m, b) = \frac{\pi}{2b} b^{-2m} (-1)^m \left[e^{-b} - \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \frac{b^{2j+1}}{\Gamma(2j+2)} \right].$$

The proof of this lemma is similar that of Lemma 6.1 and is hence omitted. The next result evaluates $B(z, b)$ at positive odd integers.

Lemma 6.3. *For $m \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$,*

$$B(2m+1, b) = b^{2m}(-1)^m \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{b^{2n}}{\Gamma(2n+1)} \left(\psi(2n+1) - \log b\right).$$

Proof. At first glance, it seems from (2.14) that $B(z, b)$ has singularities at odd integers. However, we show that at positive odd integers, they are removable.

We write down the Laurent series expansions of the terms in (2.14). A bit of calculation implies that for $m \geq 0$,

$$\frac{\pi b^{z-1}}{2}\frac{\cosh b}{\cos(\pi z/2)} = \frac{a_{-1}}{z-(2m+1)} + a_0 + O\left(|z-(2m+1)|\right), \tag{6.1}$$

where $a_{-1} = (-1)^{m+1}b^{2m}\cosh(b)$, and $a_0 = (-1)^{m+1}b^{2m}\log(b)\cosh(b)$. Here we have used the fact that

$$\sec(\pi z/2) = \frac{c_{-1}}{z-(2m+1)} + O\left(|z-(2m+1)|\right), \tag{6.2}$$

where $c_{-1} = \frac{2}{\pi}(-1)^{m+1}$. Now we shall try to find the Laurent series expansion of the second term in (2.14), i.e.,

$$\frac{\pi}{2}\sec(\pi z/2)\sum_{n=0}^{\infty}\frac{b^{2n}}{\Gamma(2n-z+2)} \tag{6.3}$$

at $z = 2m+1$. We need to find the Laurent series expansion for the entire function $\frac{1}{\Gamma(2n-z+2)}$ at $z = 2m+1$. Note that the sum over n in (6.3) will run from $n = m$ to infinity since the first m terms are zero. One can check that

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma(2n-z+2)} = d_0 + d_1(z-(2m+1)) + O\left(|z-(2m+1)|^2\right), \tag{6.4}$$

with $d_0 = \frac{1}{\Gamma(2n-2m+1)}$ and $d_1 = \lim_{z\to(2m+1)}\frac{d}{dz}\frac{1}{\Gamma(2n-2m+1)} = \frac{\psi(2n-2m+1)}{\Gamma(2n-2m+1)}$ for $n \geq m$, where $\psi(z)$ denotes the logarithmic derivative of the gamma function. Thus, combining (6.2) and (6.4), the Laurent series expansion of (6.3) becomes

$$\frac{\pi}{2}\left(\frac{c_{-1}}{z-(2m+1)} + O(z-(2m+1))\right)\sum_{n=m}^{\infty}b^{2n}\left(d_0 + d_1(z-(2m+1)) + O\left(|z-(2m+1)|^2\right)\right).$$

Substituting c_{-1}, d_0, d_1 and simplifying, one can find that the coefficient of $\frac{1}{z-(2m+1)}$ is

$$(-1)^{m+1}\sum_{n=m}^{\infty}\frac{b^{2n}}{\Gamma(2n-2m+1)} = (-1)^{m+1}b^{2m}\cosh(b), \tag{6.5}$$

and the constant term is

$$(-1)^{m+1}\sum_{n=m}^{\infty}\frac{b^{2n}\psi(2n-2m+1)}{\Gamma(2n-2m+1)} = (-1)^{m+1}b^{2m}\sum_{n=0}^{\infty}\frac{b^{2n}\psi(2n+1)}{\Gamma(2n+1)}. \tag{6.6}$$

Finally, combining (6.1), (6.5) and (6.6), we can easily see that $B(z,b)$ has a removable singularity at $z = 2m+1$ and adding constant terms we complete the proof. □

Remark 10. *In particular, letting $m = 0$ in Lemma 6.3, we see that*

$$B(1,b) = \int_0^{\infty}\frac{t\cos t}{t^2+b^2}\,dt = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty}\frac{b^{2n}}{\Gamma(2n+1)}\left(\psi(2n+1) - \log b\right).$$

This result was recently established in [23, Lemma 3.2]. *The integral in the above identity is known as Raabe's consine transform. The reader is encouraged to see* [23, Section 3] *for more details on this integral.*

The next three lemmas offer interesting partial fraction decompositions of some algebraic functions.

Lemma 6.4. *For $k \geq 1$ odd,*

$$\frac{t^k}{t^{2k}+a^{2k}} = 2t\sum_{j=1}^{k}\frac{C_{2j-1}}{t^2-\left(a\zeta_{4k}^{2j-1}\right)^2}, \tag{6.7}$$

and for $k \geq 2$ even,

$$\frac{t^k}{t^{2k}+a^{2k}} = 2a\sum_{j=1}^{k}\frac{C_{2j-1}\zeta_{4k}^{2j-1}}{t^2-\left(a\zeta_{4k}^{2j-1}\right)^2}, \tag{6.8}$$

where $C_{2j-1} = \frac{1}{2k}a^{1-k}\zeta_{4k}^{(1-k)(2j-1)}$ and $\zeta_{4k} := e^{\frac{i\pi}{2k}}$.

Proof. For any $k \geq 1$, one can easily check that roots of $t^{2k}+a^{2k} = 0$ are $t_j = a\zeta_{4k}^{2j+1}$ for $0 \leq j \leq 2k-1$. Note that $t_k = -t_0, t_{k+1} = -t_1, \cdots, t_{2k-1} = -t_{k-1}$. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}t^{2k}+a^{2k} &= (t-t_0)(t+t_0)(t-t_1)(t+t_1)\cdots(t-t_{k-1})(t+t_{k-1})\\ &= (t^2-a^2\zeta_{4k}^2)(t^2-a^2\zeta_{4k}^6)\cdots(t^2-a^2\zeta_{4k}^{2(2k-1)}).\end{aligned}$$

Utilizing the method of partial fraction decomposition, one can write

$$\frac{t^k}{t^{2k}+a^{2k}} = \sum_{j=1}^{k}\left(\frac{C_{2j-1}}{t-a\zeta_{4k}^{2j-1}}+\frac{C_{2j}}{t+a\zeta_{4k}^{2j-1}}\right), \tag{6.9}$$

with

$$C_{2j-1} = \frac{a^{1-k}}{2k\zeta_{4k}^{(k-1)(2j-1)}}, \text{ and } C_{2j} = \frac{a^{1-k}(-1)^{k-1}}{2k\zeta_{4k}^{(k-1)(2j-1)}}. \tag{6.10}$$

When $k \geq 1$ odd, $C_{2j-1} = C_{2j}$ and when $k \geq 2$ even, $C_{2j-1} = -C_{2j}$. Substituting these values of C_{2j-1} and C_{2j} in (6.9), we obtain (6.7) and (6.8). □

Lemma 6.4, in turn, leads to the following partial fraction decompositions, the second of which was obtained by Koshliakov [34, pp. 124-125].

Lemma 6.5. *For $k \geq 1$ odd,*

$$\frac{t^k}{t^{2k}+a^{2k}} = \frac{(-1)^{\frac{k-1}{2}}a^{1-k}t}{k}\left[\frac{1}{t^2+a^2}+\sum_{j=1}^{\frac{k-1}{2}}\frac{B_j}{t^2+\left(a\zeta_{4k}^{2j}\right)^2}+\frac{\overline{B}_j}{t^2+\left(a\zeta_{4k}^{-2j}\right)^2}\right], \tag{6.11}$$

where $B_j = \zeta_{4k}^{(1-k)(2j)}$ and $\overline{B}_j$ is the conjugate of B_j, and for $k \geq 2$ even,

$$\frac{t^k}{t^{2k}+a^{2k}} = \frac{(-1)^{\frac{k}{2}-1}a^{2-k}}{k}\sum_{j=1}^{\frac{k}{2}}\left[\frac{A_j}{t^2+\left(a\zeta_{4k}^{2j-1}\right)^2}+\frac{\overline{A}_j}{t^2+\left(a\zeta_{4k}^{-(2j-1)}\right)^2}\right], \tag{6.12}$$

where $A_j = \zeta_{4k}^{(2-k)(2j-1)}$ and $\overline{A}_j$ is the conjugate of A_j.

Proof. We prove the result only for k odd. The proof for even k is similar. From (6.7),

$$\frac{t^k}{t^{2k}+a^{2k}} = 2t\sum_{j=1}^{\frac{k-1}{2}}\frac{C_{2j-1}}{t^2-\left(a\zeta_{4k}^{2j-1}\right)^2}+\frac{2tC_k}{t^2-a^2\zeta_{4k}^{2k}}+2t\sum_{j=\frac{k+3}{2}}^{k}\frac{C_{2j-1}}{t^2-\left(a\zeta_{4k}^{2j-1}\right)^2},$$

where C_{2j-1} are defined in (6.10). The term corresponding to $j=(k+1)/2$ is

$$\frac{2tC_k}{t^2-a^2\zeta_{4k}^{2k}}=\frac{(-1)^{\frac{k-1}{2}}a^{1-k}}{k}\frac{t}{t^2+a^2}. \tag{6.13}$$

Also,

$$2t\sum_{j=1}^{\frac{k-1}{2}}\frac{C_{2j-1}}{t^2-\left(a\zeta_{4k}^{2j-1}\right)^2}=\frac{a^{1-k}t}{k}\sum_{j=1}^{(k-1)/2}\frac{\zeta_{4k}^{(1-k)(2j-1)}}{t^2+\left(a\zeta_{4k}^{2j-1-k}\right)^2},$$

where we used $\zeta_{4k}^{2k}=-1$. Changing the variable $2j-1-k$ by $-2J$ yields

$$\frac{(-1)^{\frac{k-1}{2}}a^{1-k}t}{k}\sum_{J=1}^{(k-1)/2}\frac{\zeta_{4k}^{-2J(1-k)}}{t^2+\left(a\zeta_{4k}^{-2J}\right)^2}. \tag{6.14}$$

The sum from $j=(k+3)/2$ to k is treated in the same way. Mainly, we replace $2j-1-k$ by $2J$ to have

$$2t\sum_{j=\frac{k+3}{2}}^{k}\frac{C_{2j-1}}{t^2-\left(a\zeta_{4k}^{2j-1}\right)^2}=\frac{(-1)^{\frac{k-1}{2}}a^{1-k}t}{k}\sum_{J=1}^{(k-1)/2}\frac{\zeta_{4k}^{2J(1-k)}}{t^2+\left(a\zeta_{4k}^{2J}\right)^2}. \tag{6.15}$$

Finally, combining (6.13), (6.14), and (6.15), we derive (6.11). To prove (6.12), we use (6.8) and separate the sum in two parts, the first from $j=1$ to $k/2$, and then the second from $j=k/2+1$ to k. The details are similar. □

The above partial fraction decompositions permit us to obtain an elegant explicit evaluation of an integral:

Lemma 6.6. *Let $k\geq 2$ be an even integer and m be an integer such that $0\leq 2m<k$. Then the following identity holds:*

$$\int_0^\infty\frac{t^{k+2m}\cos(t)}{t^{2k}+a^{2k}}\,dt=\frac{\pi(-1)^{\frac{k}{2}+m-1}}{2k}a^{2m-k+1}\sum_{j=1}^{k/2}\left[\exp\left(\frac{i\pi}{2k}(1-k+2m)(2j-1)-ae^{\frac{i\pi}{2k}(2j-1)}\right)\right.$$
$$\left.+\exp\left(-\frac{i\pi}{2k}(1-k+2m)(2j-1)-ae^{-\frac{i\pi}{2k}(2j-1)}\right)\right].$$

Proof. Let $\mathcal{I}_{k,a}(z):=\displaystyle\int_0^\infty\frac{t^{k+z}\cos(t)}{t^{2k}+a^{2k}}\,dt$. It converges in $-1-k<\operatorname{Re}(z)<k$. Employ (6.12) to see that

$$\mathcal{I}_{k,a}(z)=\frac{(-1)^{\frac{k}{2}-1}a^{2-k}}{k}\sum_{j=1}^{\frac{k}{2}}A_j\int_0^\infty\frac{t^z\cos(t)}{t^2+\left(a\zeta_{4k}^{(2j-1)}\right)^2}\,dt+\bar{A}_j\int_0^\infty\frac{t^z\cos(t)}{t^2+\left(a\zeta_{4k}^{-(2j-1)}\right)^2}\,dt,$$

where A_j and $\bar{A}_j$ are defined as in Lemma 6.5. Note that the above identity holds for $-1<\operatorname{Re}(z)<2$ since the integrals on the right side are convergent in this region only. Invoking Lemma 2, we obtain

$$\mathcal{I}_{k,a}(z)=\frac{(-1)^{\frac{k}{2}-1}a^{2-k}}{k}\sum_{j=1}^{\frac{k}{2}}A_jB\left(z,a\zeta_{4k}^{(2j-1)}\right)+\bar{A}_jB\left(z,a\zeta_{4k}^{-(2j-1)}\right).$$

At this juncture, we use Remark 4 to analytically continue the above identity in the region $-1 < \mathrm{Re}(z) < k$. Now let $z = 2m$ with $0 \leq m < k/2$, in the above identity and then utilize Lemma 6.1 to derive

$$\mathcal{I}_{k,a}(2m) = \frac{\pi}{2k}(-1)^{\frac{k}{2}+m-1}a^{2m-k+1}\sum_{j=1}^{\frac{k}{2}}\Bigg[A_j\zeta_{4k}^{(2m-1)(2j-1)}\exp\left(-a\zeta_{4k}^{(2j-1)}\right) + \bar{A}_j\zeta_{4k}^{-(2m-1)(2j-1)}\exp\left(-a\zeta_{4k}^{-(2j-1)}\right)\Bigg].$$

Finally, substituting values of $A_j, \bar{A}_j$ and simplifying, one sees that the proof is complete. □

Proof of Theorem 2.5. We first prove the result for $w > 0$ and then extend it by analytic continuation to $\mathrm{Re}(w) > 0$.

Substituting $f(x) = \exp(-xw)$ and $F(s) := M(f, s) = \Gamma(s)/w^s$ in Theorem 2.4 and simplifying, we get

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\sigma_z^{(k)}(n)\exp(-nw) = -\frac{\zeta(-z)}{2} + \frac{\zeta(k-z)}{w} + \frac{1}{k}\frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1+z}{k}\right)}{w^{(1+z)/k}}\zeta\left(\frac{1+z}{k}\right)$$
$$+\frac{(2\pi)^{(k+1)\left(\frac{1+z}{k}\right)-z}}{\pi^2}\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}S_z^{(k)}(n)\int_0^{\infty}H_z^{(k)}\left((2\pi)^{1+1/k}(ny)^{1/k}\right)y^{\frac{1+z}{k}-1}\exp(-yw)dy, \quad (6.16)$$

where $S_z^{(k)}(n)$ and $H_z^{(k)}(x)$ are defined in (1.13) and (2.3) respectively. Our main aim is to simplify the integral

$$I_{z,w}^{(k)}(n) := \int_0^{\infty}H_z^{(k)}\left(\alpha y^{1/k}\right)y^{\frac{1+z}{k}-1}\exp(-yw)dy, \quad (6.17)$$

where $\alpha = (2\pi)^{1+1/k}n^{1/k}$. Assume first $\frac{k-1}{2} \leq \mathrm{Re}(z) < k - 1/2$. Now write $H_z^{(k)}\left(\alpha y^{1/k}\right)$ as an integral using (4.55) and interchange the order of integration using Fubini's theorem (which is justified because of the presence of e^{-yw}) to get, for $\max\{0, 1-k+\mathrm{Re}(z)\} < c = \mathrm{Re}(s) \leq \frac{1+\mathrm{Re}(z)}{k+1}$,

$$\begin{aligned}
I_{z,w}^{(k)}(n) &= \frac{1}{2\pi ik}\int_{(c)}\Gamma(s)\cos\left(\frac{\pi s}{2}\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{s-1-z}{k}+1\right)\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\left(\frac{s-1-z}{k}+1\right)\right)\alpha^{-s} \\
&\qquad\times\int_0^{\infty}y^{\frac{1+z-s}{k}-1}e^{-yw}\,dy\,ds \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi ik}w^{-\frac{(1+z)}{k}}\int_{(c)}\Gamma(s)\cos\left(\frac{\pi s}{2}\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{s-1-z}{k}+1\right)\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\left(\frac{s-1-z}{k}+1\right)\right) \\
&\qquad\times\Gamma\left(\frac{1+z-s}{k}\right)\left(\alpha w^{-1/k}\right)^{-s}\,ds.
\end{aligned}$$

Using the reflection formula

$$\Gamma\left(\frac{1+z-s}{k}\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{s-1-z}{k}+1\right) = \frac{\pi}{\sin\left(\pi\left(\frac{1+z-s}{k}\right)\right)}$$

and then simplifying, we arrive at

$$I_{z,w}^{(k)}(n) = \frac{1}{4\pi ik}w^{-\frac{(1+z)}{k}}\int_{(c)}\frac{\Gamma(s)\cos\left(\frac{\pi s}{2}\right)}{\cos\left(\pi\left(\frac{1+z-s}{2k}\right)\right)}\left(\alpha w^{-1/k}\right)^{-s}\,ds.$$

Note that our assumption $\frac{k-1}{2} \leq \mathrm{Re}(z) < k - 1/2$ ensures that the line $\mathrm{Re}(s) = 1/2$ lies inside the strip $\max\{0, 1-k+\mathrm{Re}(z)\} < \mathrm{Re}(s) \leq \frac{1+\mathrm{Re}(z)}{k+1}$. Hence we now employ Theorem 3.2 with $G(s) = \Gamma(s)\cos\left(\frac{\pi s}{2}\right)$ (while keeping in mind Remark 6, (3.1) and (3.2)) and $F(s) = \frac{\pi}{\cos\left(\pi\left(\frac{1+z-s}{2k}\right)\right)}$, and use Lemma 3.3 so as to get, for $\frac{k-1}{2} \leq \mathrm{Re}(z) < k - 1/2$,

$$I_{z,w}^{(k)}(n) = w^{-\frac{(1+z)}{k}} \int_0^\infty \frac{t^{k+z}}{t^{2k}+1} \cos\left(\alpha w^{-1/k} t\right) dt = \frac{\alpha^{k-z-1}}{w} \int_0^\infty \frac{x^{k+z}\cos(x)}{x^{2k} + \frac{\alpha^{2k}}{w^2}}\, dx, \tag{6.18}$$

where, in the last step, we employed the change of variable $x = \alpha w^{-1/k} t$. Now observe using Theorems 4.7 and (4.8) that the extreme left-hand side of (6.18) is analytic in $\mathrm{Re}(z) > -1$ whereas the extreme right-hand side is analytic in $\mathrm{Re}(z) < k$. Hence by analytic continuation, (6.18) holds for $-1 < \mathrm{Re}(z) < k$.

We now find an explicit evaluation of the integral on the extreme-right hand side of (6.18) for any complex z with $-1 < \mathrm{Re}(z) < k$. For simplicity, let $a = \alpha/w^{1/k}$.

First, consider the case $k \geq 2$ even and let $-1 < \mathrm{Re}(z) < 2$. Employing the partial fraction decomposition (6.12) and using the definition of A_j from Lemma 6.5, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^\infty \frac{x^{k+z}\cos(x)}{x^{2k}+a^{2k}}\, dx &= \frac{(-1)^{\frac{k}{2}-1}a^{2-k}}{k} \sum_{j=1}^{\frac{k}{2}} \left[A_j \int_0^\infty \frac{x^z \cos(x)\, dx}{x^2 + \left(a\zeta_{4k}^{2j-1}\right)^2} + \overline{A}_j \int_0^\infty \frac{x^z\cos(x)\, dx}{x^2 + \left(a\zeta_{4k}^{-(2j-1)}\right)^2} \right] \\ &= \frac{(-1)^{\frac{k}{2}-1}a^{2-k}}{k} \sum_{j=1}^{\frac{k}{2}} \left[A_j B(z, a\zeta_{4k}^{2j-1}) + \overline{A}_j B(z, a\zeta_{4k}^{-(2j-1)}) \right]. \end{aligned} \tag{6.19}$$

By analytic continuation (see Remark 4), (6.19) holds in $-1 < \mathrm{Re}(z) < k$, where $B(z,b)$ is given in (2.14). From (6.16), (6.17), (6.18) and (6.19), we arrive at (2.15) for $w > 0$. Since both sides of (2.15) are analytic in $\mathrm{Re}(w) > 0$, the result holds for $\mathrm{Re}(w) > 0$.

We now turn to the case $k \geq 1$ odd. Assume initially $-1 < \mathrm{Re}(z) < 1$. We use the partial fraction decomposition (6.11) thereby obtaining for $-1 < \mathrm{Re}(z) < 1$,

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^\infty \frac{t^{k+z}\cos t}{t^{2k}+a^{2k}}\, dt = \frac{(-1)^{\frac{k-1}{2}}a^{1-k}}{k} \Bigg[\int_0^\infty \frac{t^{z+1}\cos t\, dt}{t^2+a^2} + \sum_{j=1}^{\frac{k-1}{2}} \Bigg\{ B_j \int_0^\infty \frac{t^{z+1}\cos t}{t^2 + \left(a\zeta_{4k}^{2j}\right)^2}\, dt \\ + \overline{B}_j \int_0^\infty \frac{t^{z+1}\cos t}{t^2 + \left(a\zeta_{4k}^{-2j}\right)^2}\, dt \Bigg\} \Bigg].\end{aligned}$$

Proceeding along the similar lines as in the case when k was even, we can see upon using (2.14), we have, for $-1 < \mathrm{Re}(z) < k$,

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{t^{k+z}\cos t}{t^{2k}+a^{2k}}\, dt = \frac{(-1)^{\frac{k-1}{2}}a^{1-k}}{k} \left[B(z+1,a) + \sum_{j=1}^{\frac{k-1}{2}} \left[B_j B\left(z+1, a\zeta_{4k}^{2j}\right) + \overline{B}_j B\left(z+1, a\zeta_{4k}^{-2j}\right) \right] \right]. \tag{6.20}$$

From (6.16), (6.17), (6.18) and (6.20), we arrive at (2.16) for $w > 0$. By analytic continuation, the identity holds for $\mathrm{Re}(w) > 0$.

□

Proof of Corollary 2.6. Let $z = 2m$ with $0 \leq m < k/2$ in Theorem 2.5 to obtain

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_{2m}^{(k)}(n)e^{-nw} = -\frac{\zeta(-2m)}{2} + \frac{\zeta(k-2m)}{w} + \frac{1}{k}\frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1+2m}{k}\right)\zeta\left(\frac{1+2m}{k}\right)}{w^{(1+2m)/k}} + P_{2m}^{(k)}(w), \tag{6.21}$$

where, with $a = \alpha/w^{1/k} = 2\pi(2\pi n/w)^{1/k}$,

$$\begin{aligned}
P_{2m}^{(k)}(w) &:= \frac{(-1)^{\frac{k}{2}-1}(2\pi)^{2+\frac{2}{k}-2m}}{\pi^2 k w^{2/k}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} S_{2m}^{(k)}(n) n^{\frac{1-2m}{k}} \sum_{j=1}^{\frac{k}{2}} \left[A_j B\left(2m, a\zeta_{4k}^{2j-1}\right) + \overline{A}_j B\left(2m, a\zeta_{4k}^{-(2j-1)}\right) \right] \\
&= \frac{(-1)^{\frac{k}{2}+m-1}}{k}\left(\frac{2\pi}{w}\right)^{\frac{1+2m}{k}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} S_{2m}^{(k)}(n) \sum_{j=1}^{k/2} \left[\zeta_{4k}^{(1-k+2m)(2j-1)} \exp\left(-2\pi\left(\frac{2\pi n}{w}\right)^{\frac{1}{k}} \zeta_{4k}^{(2j-1)}\right) \right. \\
&\qquad \left. + \zeta_{4k}^{-(1-k+2m)(2j-1)} \exp\left(-2\pi\left(\frac{2\pi n}{w}\right)^{\frac{1}{k}} \zeta_{4k}^{-(2j-1)}\right) \right],
\end{aligned}$$

where we used Lemma 6.1 in the last step. The result now follows from substituting the above expression of $P_{2m}^{(k)}(w)$ in (6.21) and defining $\overline{L}_{k,z}(w) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} S_z^{(k)}(n)\exp(-n^{1/k}w)$. □

Proof of Corollary 2.7. The proof is similar to that of Corollary 2.6 and is hence omitted. □

7. Concluding remarks

The focus of this paper was obtaining the Voronoï summation formula associated with the function $\sigma_z^{(k)}(n)$. Two versions were achieved. The first one was in Theorem 2.2 for the finite sum $\sum_{\alpha<n<\beta} \sigma_z^{(k)}(n)f(n)$, where f is analytic, and another, in Theorem 2.4, for the infinite series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_z^{(k)}(n)f(n)$, where f is a function from the Schwartz class. It might be interesting to find appropriate conditions on the non-analytic functions f for which Theorem 2.2 is still valid, and the non-Schwartz functions f for which Theorem 2.4 still holds.

A considerable part of the paper was devoted to obtaining properties of the functions $H_z^{(k)}(x)$ and $K_z^{(k)}(x)$ defined in (2.3) and (2.5) respectively. The proof of the crucial relation between them which was established in Theorem 2.1 necessitated an application of the uniqueness theorem from the theory of linear differential equations and required properties of elementary symmetric polynomials and the Stirling numbers of the second kind. The initial value problem for the uniqueness theorem was solved by proving (4.45) for $0 \leq j \leq 2k+1$. Since (2.6) holds, a worthwhile thing to do would be to show that for $0 \leq j \leq 2k+1$,

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{\pi}{\sqrt{k}2^{\frac{1+z}{k}}} \frac{d^j}{dx^j} G_{0,2k+2}^{k+1,0}\left(\begin{matrix} \{\} \\ b_1, \cdots, b_{2k+2} \end{matrix} \middle| \frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{x}{2k}\right)^{2k} \right)\Bigg|_{x=0} \\
&= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{k}(-1)^{\frac{j}{2}}\Gamma\left(\frac{k-j-1-z}{k}\right)\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\left(\frac{k-j-1-z}{k}\right)\right), & \text{if } j \text{ is even}, \\ 0, & \text{if } j \text{ is odd}, \end{cases}
\end{aligned} \tag{7.1}$$

where b_i are defined in (2.7). We enlist some steps which may aid in proving (7.1).

Let $\xi = \frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{x}{2k}\right)^{2k}$ and let $G(\xi) := G_{0,2k+2}^{k+1,0}\left(\begin{matrix} \{\} \\ b_1, \cdots, b_{2k+2} \end{matrix} \middle| \xi \right)$. From [8, p. 157],

$$x^{\ell}\frac{d^{\ell}w}{dx^{\ell}} = \sum_{m=1}^{\ell} s(\ell, m)\left(x\frac{d}{dx}\right)^{\ell}(w),$$

where $s(\ell,m)$ are the Stirling numbers of the first kind. Hence

$$\begin{aligned}x^j\frac{d^j}{dx^j}G(\xi)&=\sum_{m=1}^{j}s(j,m)\left(x\frac{d}{dx}\right)^m G(\xi)\\&=\sum_{m=1}^{j}s(j,m)(2k)^m\left(\xi\frac{d}{d\xi}\right)^m G(\xi)\\&=\sum_{m=1}^{j}s(j,m)(2k)^m\sum_{n=1}^{m}S(m,n)\xi^n\frac{d^n}{d\xi^n}G(\xi),\end{aligned}\tag{7.2}$$

where, in the last step, we used (4.42). Employing the result [47, p. 621, Formula (38)] (note that $b_1=0$)

$$\xi^n\frac{d^n}{d\xi^n}G(\xi)=(-1)^nG_{0,2k+2}^{k+1,0}\left(\begin{matrix}\{\}\\ n,\cdots,b_{2k+2}\end{matrix}\Big|\xi\right)$$

in (7.2), we get

$$\frac{d^j}{dx^j}G(\xi)=\frac{1}{x^j}\sum_{m=1}^{j}s(j,m)(2k)^m\sum_{n=1}^{m}S(m,n)(-1)^nG_{0,2k+2}^{k+1,0}\left(\begin{matrix}\{\}\\ n,\cdots,b_{2k+2}\end{matrix}\Big|\frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{x}{2k}\right)^{2k}\right).\tag{7.3}$$

While this suggests an application of L'Hopital's rule as the next step towards obtaining (7.1), we are unable to obtain (7.1) this way.

We now mention an interesting thing we observed. Note that proving (2.6) is equivalent to proving (4.55) in view of (2.5). If one formally applies Parseval's formula (3.4) to the right-hand side of (4.55), it *still* evaluates to $H_z^{(k)}(x)$! This suggests that perhaps there exists a grand generalization of Parseval's formula which encompasses Vu Kim Tuan's extension given in Theorem 3.2 to accommodate the case where both functions f and g are highly oscillatory and neither one has its Mellin transform absolutely integrable on $[0,\infty)$.

It would also be interesting to see solutions of the differential equation in Theorem 4.2 other than $H_z^{(k)}(x)$ and the integral in Remark 7. This is particularly important in light of (2.4) or, more generally, (4.54). Differential equations analogous to the one in Theorem 4.2 have played an important role in number theory and special functions. We note two studies in this regard. The first one is by Wigert [61] and is concerned with our work in a forthcoming paper [21]. The other is by Everitt [27, Equation (2.6)] who considered a differential equation having as one of its solutions a generalization of the Bessel function of the first kind denoted by $J_{\nu,k}(x)$.

Finally, it may be important to study the integral

$$\int_0^\infty t^{z+\frac{1-3k}{2}}J_\mu(xt)J_\nu\left(\frac{1}{t^k}\right)\,dt,$$

where $J_\nu(\xi)$ is the Bessel function of the first kind defined in (1.4). Indeed, for $\mu=\nu=-1/2$, it reduces (except for a constant in front) to $H_z^{(k)}(x)$ in view of the relation $J_{-1/2}(x)=\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}}\cos(x)$. Similarly, for $\mu=\nu=1/2$, it essentially reduces to the integral in (4.13) since $J_{1/2}(x)=\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}}\sin(x)$. For $k=1$, this integral was studied by Hanumanta Rao [29] (see also [58, p. 437]) and appears in his work on self-reciprocal functions [57] and which has led to a large amount of research; see the survey on p. 5 of [25].

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