

1. Show that

$$V_{1,1} = 2 \int_0^\infty \frac{\ell}{1 + e^\ell} d\ell = \frac{\pi^2}{6}.$$

Hint: $\frac{1}{1 + e^\ell} = \frac{e^{-\ell}}{1 + e^{-\ell}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{(n-1)} e^{-n\ell}.$

2. For $S_{1,1}$, the generalized McShane identity in this case is in the form:

$$\sum_{\gamma} \mathcal{D}(L, \ell_{\gamma}(X), \ell_{\gamma}(X)) = L$$

where

$$\mathcal{D}(x, y, z) = 2 \log \left(\frac{e^{x/2} + e^{(y+z)/2}}{e^{-x/2} + e^{(y+z)/2}} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial L} \mathcal{D}(L, x, x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{x-L/2}} + \frac{1}{1 + e^{x+L/2}}.$$

Use this to prove that

$$V_{1,1}(L) = \frac{L^2}{24} + \frac{\pi^2}{6}.$$

Here are some steps:

- (a) Argue, as in the case where $L = 0$, that

$$L \cdot V_{1,1}(L) = \int_0^\infty x \cdot \mathcal{D}(L, x, x) dx.$$

- (b) Show that

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial L} L \cdot V_{1,1}(L) = \frac{L^2}{8} + \frac{\pi^2}{6}.$$

- (c) Use the fact that $V_{1,1} = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$ to finish the proof.

3. For $X \in M_{1,1}$ and $L > 0$, let $N(X, L)$ be the number of closed curves in X of length at most L . Calculate the average value of $N(X, L)$ over $M_{1,1}$:

$$\frac{1}{V_{1,1}} \int_{M_{1,1}} N(X, L) d\text{Vol}(X).$$

4. We say two pants decompositions P and P' differ by an elementary move if

$$P = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i, \dots, \alpha_{3g-3}\}, \quad P' = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha'_i, \dots, \alpha_{3g-3}\}, \quad i(\alpha_i, \alpha'_i) \leq 2.$$

Show that any pants decomposition can be transformed to any other pants decomposition using a sequence of elementary moves. Take as a black box the fact that the curve graph $\mathcal{C}(S)$ is connected. The curve graph is a graph whose vertices are curves on S and edges are pairs of disjoint curves.