

# The Irrationality of $\zeta(3)$

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## Abstract

This article provides a formalisation of Beukers’s straightforward analytic proof [2] that  $\zeta(3)$  is irrational. This was first proven by Apéry [1] (which is why this result is also often called ‘Apéry’s Theorem’) using a more algebraic approach. This formalisation follows Filaseta’s presentation of Beukers’s proof [5].

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# 1 The Irrationality of $\zeta(3)$

**theory** *Zeta-3-Irrational*

**imports**

*E-Transcendental.E-Transcendental*

*Prime-Number-Theorem.Prime-Number-Theorem*

*Prime-Distribution-Elementary.PNT-Consequences*

**begin**

**hide-const** (**open**) *UnivPoly.coeff UnivPoly.up-ring.monom*

**hide-const** (**open**) *Module.smult Coset.order*

Apéry's original proof of the irrationality of  $\zeta(3)$  contained several tricky identities of sums involving binomial coefficients that are difficult to prove. I instead follow Beukers's proof, which consists of several fairly straightforward manipulations of integrals with absolutely no caveats.

Both Apéry and Beukers make use of an asymptotic upper bound on  $\text{lcm}\{1 \dots n\}$  – namely  $\text{lcm}\{1 \dots n\} \in o(c^n)$  for any  $c > e$ , which is a consequence of the Prime Number Theorem (which, fortunately, is available in the *Archive of Formal Proofs* [4, 3]).

I follow the concise presentation of Beukers's proof in Filaseta's lecture notes [5], which turned out to be very amenable to formalisation.

There is another earlier formalisation of the irrationality of  $\zeta(3)$  by Mahboubi *et al.* [6], who followed Apéry's original proof, but were ultimately forced to find a more elementary way to prove the asymptotics of  $\text{lcm}\{1 \dots n\}$  than the Prime Number Theorem.

First, we will require some auxiliary material before we get started with the actual proof.

## 1.1 Auxiliary facts about polynomials

**lemma** *higher-pderiv-minus*:  $(\text{pderiv } \overset{\sim}{n}) (-p :: 'a :: \text{idom poly}) = -(\text{pderiv } \overset{\sim}{n}) p$   
*<proof>*

**lemma** *pderiv-power*:  $\text{pderiv } (p \overset{\sim}{n}) = \text{smult } (\text{of-nat } n) (p \overset{\sim}{(n-1)}) * \text{pderiv } p$   
*<proof>*

**lemma** *higher-pderiv-monom*:

$k \leq n \implies (\text{pderiv } \overset{\sim}{k}) (\text{monom } c \ n) = \text{monom } (\text{of-nat } (\text{pochhammer } (n - k + 1) \ k) * c) (n - k)$   
*<proof>*

**lemma** *higher-pderiv-mult*:

$(\text{pderiv } \overset{\sim}{n}) (p * q) =$   
 $(\sum_{k \leq n} \text{Polynomial.smult } (\text{of-nat } (n \ \text{choose } k)) ((\text{pderiv } \overset{\sim}{k}) p * (\text{pderiv } \overset{\sim}{(n-k)}) q))$

*<proof>*

## 1.2 Auxiliary facts about integrals

**theorem** (in *pair-sigma-finite*) *Fubini-set-integrable*:

**fixes**  $f :: - \Rightarrow - :: \{\text{banach, second-countable-topology}\}$   
**assumes**  $f[\text{measurable}]$ : *set-borel-measurable*  $(M1 \otimes_M M2) (A \times B) f$   
**and**  $\text{integ1}$ : *set-integrable*  $M1 A (\lambda x. \int y \in B. \text{norm} (f (x, y)) \partial M2)$   
**and**  $\text{integ2}$ : *AE*  $x \in A$  in  $M1$ . *set-integrable*  $M2 B (\lambda y. f (x, y))$   
**shows** *set-integrable*  $(M1 \otimes_M M2) (A \times B) f$   
*<proof>*

**lemma** (in *pair-sigma-finite*) *set-integral-fst'*:

**fixes**  $f :: - \Rightarrow 'c :: \{\text{second-countable-topology, banach}\}$   
**assumes** *set-integrable*  $(M1 \otimes_M M2) (A \times B) f$   
**shows** *set-lebesgue-integral*  $(M1 \otimes_M M2) (A \times B) f =$   
 $(\int x \in A. (\int y \in B. f (x, y) \partial M2) \partial M1)$

*<proof>*

**lemma** (in *pair-sigma-finite*) *set-integral-snd*:

**fixes**  $f :: - \Rightarrow 'c :: \{\text{second-countable-topology, banach}\}$   
**assumes** *set-integrable*  $(M1 \otimes_M M2) (A \times B) f$   
**shows** *set-lebesgue-integral*  $(M1 \otimes_M M2) (A \times B) f =$   
 $(\int y \in B. (\int x \in A. f (x, y) \partial M1) \partial M2)$

*<proof>*

**proposition** (in *pair-sigma-finite*) *Fubini-set-integral*:

**fixes**  $f :: - \Rightarrow - \Rightarrow - :: \{\text{banach, second-countable-topology}\}$   
**assumes**  $f$ : *set-integrable*  $(M1 \otimes_M M2) (A \times B) (\text{case-prod } f)$   
**shows**  $(\int y \in B. (\int x \in A. f x y \partial M1) \partial M2) = (\int x \in A. (\int y \in B. f x y \partial M2) \partial M1)$   
*<proof>*

**lemma** (in *pair-sigma-finite*) *nn-integral-swap*:

**assumes**  $[\text{measurable}]$ :  $f \in \text{borel-measurable} (M1 \otimes_M M2)$   
**shows**  $(\int^+ x. f x \partial (M1 \otimes_M M2)) = (\int^+ (y, x). f (x, y) \partial (M2 \otimes_M M1))$   
*<proof>*

**lemma** *set-integrable-bound*:

**fixes**  $f :: 'a \Rightarrow 'b :: \{\text{banach, second-countable-topology}\}$   
**and**  $g :: 'a \Rightarrow 'c :: \{\text{banach, second-countable-topology}\}$   
**shows** *set-integrable*  $M A f \implies \text{set-borel-measurable } M A g \implies$   
 $(\text{AE } x \text{ in } M. x \in A \implies \text{norm} (g x) \leq \text{norm} (f x)) \implies \text{set-integrable } M$

$A g$

*<proof>*

**lemma** *set-integrableI-nonneg*:

**fixes**  $f :: 'a \Rightarrow \text{real}$   
**assumes** *set-borel-measurable*  $M A f$   
**assumes** *AE*  $x$  in  $M$ .  $x \in A \implies 0 \leq f x (\int^+ x \in A. f x \partial M) < \infty$

**shows** *set-integrable*  $M A f$   
 ⟨*proof*⟩

**lemma** *set-integral-eq-nn-integral*:  
**assumes** *set-borel-measurable*  $M A f$   
**assumes** *set-nn-integral*  $M A f = \text{ennreal } x \ x \geq 0$   
**assumes**  $\text{AE } x \text{ in } M. x \in A \longrightarrow f x \geq 0$   
**shows** *set-integrable*  $M A f$   
**and** *set-lebesgue-integral*  $M A f = x$   
 ⟨*proof*⟩

**lemma** *set-integral-0* [*simp, intro*]: *set-integrable*  $M A (\lambda y. 0)$   
 ⟨*proof*⟩

**lemma** *set-integrable-sum*:  
**fixes**  $f :: - \Rightarrow - \Rightarrow - :: \{\text{banach, second-countable-topology}\}$   
**assumes** *finite*  $B$   
**assumes**  $\bigwedge x. x \in B \Longrightarrow \text{set-integrable } M A (f x)$   
**shows** *set-integrable*  $M A (\lambda y. \sum_{x \in B}. f x y)$   
 ⟨*proof*⟩

**lemma** *set-integral-sum*:  
**fixes**  $f :: - \Rightarrow - \Rightarrow - :: \{\text{banach, second-countable-topology}\}$   
**assumes** *finite*  $B$   
**assumes**  $\bigwedge x. x \in B \Longrightarrow \text{set-integrable } M A (f x)$   
**shows** *set-lebesgue-integral*  $M A (\lambda y. \sum_{x \in B}. f x y) = (\sum_{x \in B}. \text{set-lebesgue-integral } M A (f x))$   
 ⟨*proof*⟩

**lemma** *set-nn-integral-cong*:  
**assumes**  $M = M' A = B \bigwedge x. x \in \text{space } M \cap A \Longrightarrow f x = g x$   
**shows** *set-nn-integral*  $M A f = \text{set-nn-integral } M' B g$   
 ⟨*proof*⟩

**lemma** *set-nn-integral-mono*:  
**assumes**  $\bigwedge x. x \in \text{space } M \cap A \Longrightarrow f x \leq g x$   
**shows** *set-nn-integral*  $M A f \leq \text{set-nn-integral } M A g$   
 ⟨*proof*⟩

**lemma**  
**fixes**  $f :: \text{real} \Rightarrow \text{real}$   
**assumes**  $a \leq b$   
**assumes** *deriv*:  $\bigwedge x. a \leq x \Longrightarrow x \leq b \Longrightarrow (F \text{ has-field-derivative } f x)$  (at  $x$  within  $\{a..b\}$ )  
**assumes** *cont*: *continuous-on*  $\{a..b\} f$   
**shows** *has-bochner-integral-FTC-Icc-real*:  
   *has-bochner-integral l borel*  $(\lambda x. f x * \text{indicator } \{a .. b\} x) (F b - F a)$  (is ?has)  
**and** *integral-FTC-Icc-real*:  $(\int x. f x * \text{indicator } \{a .. b\} x \ \partial \text{l borel}) = F b - F a$

$a$  (is ?eq)  
 <proof>

**lemma** *integral-by-parts-integrable*:

**fixes**  $f g F G :: \text{real} \Rightarrow \text{real}$   
**assumes**  $a \leq b$   
**assumes**  $\text{cont-}f[\text{intro}]$ : continuous-on  $\{a..b\}$   $f$   
**assumes**  $\text{cont-}g[\text{intro}]$ : continuous-on  $\{a..b\}$   $g$   
**assumes**  $[\text{intro}]$ :  $\bigwedge x. x \in \{a..b\} \implies (F \text{ has-field-derivative } f x)$  (at  $x$  within  $\{a..b\}$ )  
**assumes**  $[\text{intro}]$ :  $\bigwedge x. x \in \{a..b\} \implies (G \text{ has-field-derivative } g x)$  (at  $x$  within  $\{a..b\}$ )  
**shows** *integrable lborel*  $(\lambda x. (F x) * (g x) + (f x) * (G x)) * \text{indicator } \{a .. b\}$   
 $x$   
 <proof>

**lemma** *integral-by-parts*:

**fixes**  $f g F G :: \text{real} \Rightarrow \text{real}$   
**assumes**  $[\text{arith}]$ :  $a \leq b$   
**assumes**  $\text{cont-}f[\text{intro}]$ : continuous-on  $\{a..b\}$   $f$   
**assumes**  $\text{cont-}g[\text{intro}]$ : continuous-on  $\{a..b\}$   $g$   
**assumes**  $[\text{intro}]$ :  $\bigwedge x. x \in \{a..b\} \implies (F \text{ has-field-derivative } f x)$  (at  $x$  within  $\{a..b\}$ )  
**assumes**  $[\text{intro}]$ :  $\bigwedge x. x \in \{a..b\} \implies (G \text{ has-field-derivative } g x)$  (at  $x$  within  $\{a..b\}$ )  
**shows**  $(\int x. (F x * g x) * \text{indicator } \{a .. b\} x \partial \text{lborel})$   
 $= F b * G b - F a * G a - \int x. (f x * G x) * \text{indicator } \{a .. b\} x \partial \text{lborel}$   
 <proof>

**lemma** *interval-lebesgue-integral-by-parts*:

**assumes**  $a \leq b$   
**assumes**  $\text{cont-}f[\text{intro}]$ : continuous-on  $\{a..b\}$   $f$   
**assumes**  $\text{cont-}g[\text{intro}]$ : continuous-on  $\{a..b\}$   $g$   
**assumes**  $[\text{intro}]$ :  $\bigwedge x. x \in \{a..b\} \implies (F \text{ has-field-derivative } f x)$  (at  $x$  within  $\{a..b\}$ )  
**assumes**  $[\text{intro}]$ :  $\bigwedge x. x \in \{a..b\} \implies (G \text{ has-field-derivative } g x)$  (at  $x$  within  $\{a..b\}$ )  
**shows**  $(\text{LBINT } x=a..b. F x * g x) = F b * G b - F a * G a - (\text{LBINT } x=a..b. f x * G x)$   
 <proof>

**lemma** *interval-lebesgue-integral-by-parts-01*:

**assumes**  $\text{cont-}f[\text{intro}]$ : continuous-on  $\{0..1\}$   $f$   
**assumes**  $\text{cont-}g[\text{intro}]$ : continuous-on  $\{0..1\}$   $g$   
**assumes**  $[\text{intro}]$ :  $\bigwedge x. x \in \{0..1\} \implies (F \text{ has-field-derivative } f x)$  (at  $x$  within  $\{0..1\}$ )  
**assumes**  $[\text{intro}]$ :  $\bigwedge x. x \in \{0..1\} \implies (G \text{ has-field-derivative } g x)$  (at  $x$  within  $\{0..1\}$ )  
**shows**  $(\text{LBINT } x=0..1. F x * g x) = F 1 * G 1 - F 0 * G 0 - (\text{LBINT } x=0..1.$

$f x * G x$   
 ⟨proof⟩

**lemma** *continuous-on-imp-set-integrable-cbox*:

**fixes**  $h :: 'a :: euclidean-space \Rightarrow real$

**assumes** *continuous-on* (cbox a b) h

**shows** *set-integrable lborel* (cbox a b) h

⟨proof⟩

### 1.3 Shifted Legendre polynomials

The first ingredient we need to show Apéry's theorem is the *shifted Legendre polynomials*

$$P_n(X) = \frac{1}{n!} \frac{\partial^n}{\partial X^n} (X^n (1 - X)^n)$$

and the auxiliary polynomials

$$Q_{n,k}(X) = \frac{\partial^k}{\partial X^k} (X^n (1 - X)^n).$$

Note that  $P_n$  is in fact an *integer* polynomial.

Only some very basic properties of these will be proven, since that is all we will need.

**context**

**fixes**  $n :: nat$

**begin**

**definition** *gen-shleg-poly* ::  $nat \Rightarrow int\ poly$  **where**

*gen-shleg-poly* k = (pderiv  $\hat{\sim}$  k) ([:0, 1, -1:]  $\hat{\sim}$  n)

**definition** *shleg-poly* **where** *shleg-poly* = *gen-shleg-poly* n div [:fact n:]

We can easily prove the following more explicit formula for  $Q_{n,k}$ :

$$Q_{n,k}(X) = \sum_{i=0}^k (-1)^{k-1} \binom{k}{i} n^i n^{\overline{k-i}} X^{n-i} (1 - X)^{n-k+i}$$

**lemma** *gen-shleg-poly-altdef*:

**assumes**  $k \leq n$

**shows** *gen-shleg-poly* k =

$$\left( \sum_{i \leq k}. smult ((-1)^{\hat{\sim} (k-i)} * of-nat (k\ choose\ i) * pochhammer (n-i+1) i * pochhammer (n-k+i+1) (k-i)) \right. \\ \left. ([:0, 1:] \hat{\sim} (n-i) * [:1, -1:] \hat{\sim} (n-k+i)) \right)$$

⟨proof⟩

**lemma** *degree-gen-shleg-poly [simp]*: *degree* (*gen-shleg-poly* k) = 2 \* n - k

⟨proof⟩

**lemma** *gen-shleg-poly-n*:  $gen-shleg-poly\ n = smult\ (fact\ n)\ shleg-poly$   
 ⟨proof⟩

**lemma** *degree-shleg-poly* [simp]:  $degree\ shleg-poly = n$   
 ⟨proof⟩

**lemma** *pderiv-gen-shleg-poly* [simp]:  $pderiv\ (gen-shleg-poly\ k) = gen-shleg-poly\ (Suc\ k)$   
 ⟨proof⟩

The following functions are the interpretation of the shifted Legendre polynomials and the auxiliary polynomials as a function from reals to reals.

**definition** *Gen-Shleg* ::  $nat \Rightarrow real \Rightarrow real$   
 where  $Gen-Shleg\ k\ x = poly\ (of-int-poly\ (gen-shleg-poly\ k))\ x$

**definition** *Shleg* ::  $real \Rightarrow real$  where  $Shleg = poly\ (of-int-poly\ shleg-poly)$

**lemma** *Gen-Shleg-altdef*:

**assumes**  $k \leq n$

**shows**  $Gen-Shleg\ k\ x = (\sum_{i \leq k} (-1)^{\wedge(k-i)} * of-nat\ (k\ choose\ i) * of-int\ (pochhammer\ (n-i+1)\ i * pochhammer\ (n-k+i+1)\ (k-i)) * x^{\wedge(n-i)} * (1-x)^{\wedge(n-k+i)})$   
 ⟨proof⟩

**lemma** *Gen-Shleg-0* [simp]:  $k < n \implies Gen-Shleg\ k\ 0 = 0$   
 ⟨proof⟩

**lemma** *Gen-Shleg-1* [simp]:  $k < n \implies Gen-Shleg\ k\ 1 = 0$   
 ⟨proof⟩

**lemma** *Gen-Shleg-n-0* [simp]:  $Gen-Shleg\ n\ 0 = fact\ n$   
 ⟨proof⟩

**lemma** *Gen-Shleg-n-1* [simp]:  $Gen-Shleg\ n\ 1 = (-1)^{\wedge n} * fact\ n$   
 ⟨proof⟩

**lemma** *Shleg-altdef*:  $Shleg\ x = Gen-Shleg\ n\ x / fact\ n$   
 ⟨proof⟩

**lemma** *Shleg-0* [simp]:  $Shleg\ 0 = 1$  and *Shleg-1* [simp]:  $Shleg\ 1 = (-1)^{\wedge n}$   
 ⟨proof⟩

**lemma** *Gen-Shleg-0-left*:  $Gen-Shleg\ 0\ x = x^{\wedge n} * (1-x)^{\wedge n}$   
 ⟨proof⟩

**lemma** *has-field-derivative-Gen-Shleg*:  
 ( $Gen-Shleg\ k$  has-field-derivative  $Gen-Shleg\ (Suc\ k)\ x$ ) (at  $x$ )

*<proof>*

**lemma** *continuous-on-Gen-Shleg: continuous-on A (Gen-Shleg k)*  
*<proof>*

**lemma** *continuous-on-Gen-Shleg' [continuous-intros]:*  
*continuous-on A f  $\implies$  continuous-on A ( $\lambda x. \text{Gen-Shleg } k (f x)$ )*  
*<proof>*

**lemma** *continuous-on-Shleg: continuous-on A Shleg*  
*<proof>*

**lemma** *continuous-on-Shleg' [continuous-intros]:*  
*continuous-on A f  $\implies$  continuous-on A ( $\lambda x. \text{Shleg } (f x)$ )*  
*<proof>*

**lemma** *measurable-Gen-Shleg [measurable]: Gen-Shleg n  $\in$  borel-measurable borel*  
*<proof>*

**lemma** *measurable-Shleg [measurable]: Shleg  $\in$  borel-measurable borel*  
*<proof>*

**end**

## 1.4 Auxiliary facts about the $\zeta$ function

**lemma** *Re-zeta-ge-1:*  
**assumes**  $x > 1$   
**shows**  $\text{Re } (\text{zeta } (\text{of-real } x)) \geq 1$   
*<proof>*

**lemma** *sums-zeta-of-nat-offset:*  
**fixes**  $r :: \text{nat}$   
**assumes**  $n: n > 1$   
**shows**  $(\lambda k. 1 / (r + k + 1) ^ n) \text{ sums } (\text{zeta } (\text{of-nat } n) - (\sum_{k=1..r}. 1 / k ^ n))$   
*<proof>*

**lemma** *sums-Re-zeta-of-nat-offset:*  
**fixes**  $r :: \text{nat}$   
**assumes**  $n: n > 1$   
**shows**  $(\lambda k. 1 / (r + k + 1) ^ n) \text{ sums } (\text{Re } (\text{zeta } (\text{of-nat } n)) - (\sum_{k=1..r}. 1 / k ^ n))$   
*<proof>*

## 1.5 Divisor of a sum of rationals

A finite sum of rationals of the form  $\frac{a_1}{b_1} + \dots + \frac{a_n}{b_n}$  can be brought into the form  $\frac{c}{d}$ , where  $d$  is the LCM of the  $b_i$  (or some integer multiple thereof).



**lemma** *sum-rationals-common-divisor*:

**fixes**  $f\ g :: 'a \Rightarrow \text{int}$

**assumes** *finite A*

**assumes**  $\bigwedge x. x \in A \implies g\ x \neq 0$

**shows**  $\exists c. (\sum_{x \in A}. f\ x / g\ x) = \text{real-of-int } c / (\text{LCM } x \in A. g\ x)$

*<proof>*

**lemma** *sum-rationals-common-divisor'*:

**fixes**  $f\ g :: 'a \Rightarrow \text{int}$

**assumes** *finite A*

**assumes**  $\bigwedge x. x \in A \implies g\ x \neq 0$  **and**  $(\bigwedge x. x \in A \implies g\ x\ \text{dvd}\ d)$  **and**  $d \neq 0$

**shows**  $\exists c. (\sum_{x \in A}. f\ x / g\ x) = \text{real-of-int } c / \text{real-of-int } d$

*<proof>*

## 1.6 The first double integral

We shall now investigate the double integral

$$I_1 := \int_0^1 \int_0^1 -\frac{\ln(xy)}{1-xy} x^r y^s dx dy .$$

Since everything is non-negative for now, we can work over the extended non-negative real numbers and the issues of integrability or summability do not arise at all.

**definition** *beukers-nn-integral1* ::  $\text{nat} \Rightarrow \text{nat} \Rightarrow \text{ennreal}$  **where**

*beukers-nn-integral1*  $r\ s =$

$(\int^+ (x,y) \in \{0 <..< 1\} \times \{0 <..< 1\}. \text{ennreal } (-\ln(x*y) / (1 - x*y)) * x^{\widehat{r}} * y^{\widehat{s}})$   
*∂lborel*)

**definition** *beukers-integral1* ::  $\text{nat} \Rightarrow \text{nat} \Rightarrow \text{real}$  **where**

*beukers-integral1*  $r\ s = (\int (x,y) \in \{0 <..< 1\} \times \{0 <..< 1\}. (-\ln(x*y) / (1 - x*y)) * x^{\widehat{r}} * y^{\widehat{s}})$   
*∂lborel*)

**lemma**

**fixes**  $x\ y\ z :: \text{real}$

**assumes**  $xyz: x \in \{0 <..< 1\}\ y \in \{0 <..< 1\}\ z \in \{0..1\}$

**shows** *beukers-denom-ineq*:  $(1 - x * y) * z < 1$  **and** *beukers-denom-neg*:  $(1 - x * y) * z \neq 1$

*<proof>*

We first evaluate the improper integral

$$\int_0^1 -\ln x \cdot x^e dx = \frac{1}{(e+1)^2} .$$

for any  $e > -1$ .

**lemma** *integral-0-1-ln-times-powr*:

**assumes**  $e > -1$

**shows**  $(LBINT\ x=0..1.\ -ln\ x * x\ powr\ e) = 1 / (e + 1)^2$   
**and**  $interval\text{-}lebesgue\text{-}integrable\ lborel\ 0\ 1\ (\lambda x.\ -ln\ x * x\ powr\ e)$   
 $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma**  $interval\text{-}lebesgue\text{-}integral\ lborel\ 01\text{-}cong$ :  
**assumes**  $\bigwedge x.\ x \in \{0 < .. < 1\} \implies f\ x = g\ x$   
**shows**  $interval\text{-}lebesgue\text{-}integral\ lborel\ 0\ 1\ f =$   
 $interval\text{-}lebesgue\text{-}integral\ lborel\ 0\ 1\ g$   
 $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma**  $nn\text{-}integral\ 0\text{-}1\text{-}ln\text{-}times\text{-}powr$ :  
**assumes**  $e > -1$   
**shows**  $(\int^{+} y \in \{0 < .. < 1\}.\ ennreal\ (-ln\ y * y\ powr\ e)\ \partial lborel) = ennreal\ (1 /$   
 $(e + 1)^2)$   
 $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma**  $nn\text{-}integral\ 0\text{-}1\text{-}ln\text{-}times\text{-}power$ :  
 $(\int^{+} y \in \{0 < .. < 1\}.\ ennreal\ (-ln\ y * y\ ^\ n)\ \partial lborel) = ennreal\ (1 / (n + 1)^2)$   
 $\langle proof \rangle$

Next, we also evaluate the more trivial integral

$$\int_0^1 x^n dx .$$

**lemma**  $nn\text{-}integral\ 0\text{-}1\text{-}power$ :  
 $(\int^{+} y \in \{0 < .. < 1\}.\ ennreal\ (y\ ^\ n)\ \partial lborel) = ennreal\ (1 / (n + 1))$   
 $\langle proof \rangle$

$I_1$  can alternatively be written as the triple integral

$$\int_0^1 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \frac{x^r y^s}{1 - (1 - xy)w} dx dy dw .$$

**lemma**  $beukers\text{-}nn\text{-}integral1\text{-}altdef$ :  
 $beukers\text{-}nn\text{-}integral1\ r\ s =$   
 $(\int^{+} (w, x, y) \in \{0 < .. < 1\} \times \{0 < .. < 1\} \times \{0 < .. < 1\}.\$   
 $ennreal\ (1 / (1 - (1 - x * y) * w) * x\ ^\ r * y\ ^\ s)\ \partial lborel)$   
 $\langle proof \rangle$

**context**

**fixes**  $r\ s :: nat$  **and**  $I1\ I2' :: real$  **and**  $I2 :: ennreal$  **and**  $D :: (real \times real \times real)$   
 $set$

**assumes**  $rs: s \leq r$

**defines**  $D \equiv \{0 < .. < 1\} \times \{0 < .. < 1\} \times \{0 < .. < 1\}$

**begin**

By unfolding the geometric series, pulling the summation out and evaluating

the integrals, we find that

$$I_1 = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(k+r+1)^2(k+s+1)} + \frac{1}{(k+r+1)(k+s+1)^2} .$$

**lemma** *beukers-nn-integral1-series:*

*beukers-nn-integral1*  $r s = (\sum k. \text{ennreal } (1/((k+r+1)^2*(k+s+1)) + 1/((k+r+1)*(k+s+1)^2)))$   
 ⟨proof⟩

Remembering that  $\zeta(3) = \sum k^{-3}$ , it is easy to see that if  $r = s$ , this sum is simply

$$2 \left( \zeta(3) - \sum_{k=1}^r \frac{1}{k^3} \right) .$$

**lemma** *beukers-nn-integral1-same:*

**assumes**  $r = s$

**shows** *beukers-nn-integral1*  $r s = \text{ennreal } (2 * (\text{Re } (\zeta 3) - (\sum k=1..r. 1 / k^3)))$

**and**  $2 * (\text{Re } (\zeta 3) - (\sum k=1..r. 1 / k^3)) \geq 0$

⟨proof⟩

**lemma** *beukers-integral1-same:*

**assumes**  $r = s$

**shows** *beukers-integral1*  $r s = 2 * (\text{Re } (\zeta 3) - (\sum k=1..r. 1 / k^3))$   
 ⟨proof⟩

In contrast, for  $r > s$ , we find that

$$I_1 = \frac{1}{r-s} \sum_{k=s+1}^r \frac{1}{k^2} .$$

**lemma** *beukers-nn-integral1-different:*

**assumes**  $r > s$

**shows** *beukers-nn-integral1*  $r s = \text{ennreal } ((\sum k \in \{s < .. r\}. 1 / k^2) / (r - s))$   
 ⟨proof⟩

**lemma** *beukers-integral1-different:*

**assumes**  $r > s$

**shows** *beukers-integral1*  $r s = (\sum k \in \{s < .. r\}. 1 / k^2) / (r - s)$   
 ⟨proof⟩

**end**

It is also easy to see that if we exchange  $r$  and  $s$ , nothing changes.

**lemma** *beukers-nn-integral1-swap:*

*beukers-nn-integral1*  $r s = \text{beukers-nn-integral1 } s r$

⟨proof⟩

**lemma** *beukers-nn-integral1-finite*: *beukers-nn-integral1*  $r s < \infty$   
 ⟨*proof*⟩

**lemma** *beukers-integral1-integrable*:  
*set-integrable lborel* ( $\{0 < .. < 1\} \times \{0 < .. < 1\}$ )  
 ( $\lambda(x,y). (-\ln (x*y) / (1 - x*y) * x^r * y^s :: real)$ )  
 ⟨*proof*⟩

**lemma** *beukers-integral1-integrable'*:  
*set-integrable lborel* ( $\{0 < .. < 1\} \times \{0 < .. < 1\} \times \{0 < .. < 1\}$ )  
 ( $\lambda(z,x,y). (x^r * y^s / (1 - (1 - x*y) * z) :: real)$ )  
 ⟨*proof*⟩

**lemma** *beukers-integral1-conv-nn-integral*:  
*beukers-integral1*  $r s = \text{enn2real} (\text{beukers-nn-integral1 } r s)$   
 ⟨*proof*⟩

**lemma** *beukers-integral1-swap*: *beukers-integral1*  $r s = \text{beukers-integral1 } s r$   
 ⟨*proof*⟩

## 1.7 The second double integral

**context**

**fixes**  $n :: nat$   
**fixes**  $D :: (real \times real) \text{ set}$  **and**  $D' :: (real \times real \times real) \text{ set}$   
**fixes**  $P :: real \Rightarrow real$  **and**  $Q :: nat \Rightarrow real \Rightarrow real$   
**defines**  $D \equiv \{0 < .. < 1\} \times \{0 < .. < 1\}$  **and**  $D' \equiv \{0 < .. < 1\} \times \{0 < .. < 1\} \times \{0 < .. < 1\}$   
**defines**  $Q \equiv \text{Gen-Shleg } n$  **and**  $P \equiv \text{Shleg } n$   
**begin**

The next integral to consider is the following variant of  $I_1$ :

$$I_2 := \int_0^1 \int_0^1 -\frac{\ln(xy)}{1-xy} P_n(x) P_n(y) dx dy .$$

**definition** *beukers-integral2*  $:: real$  **where**  
*beukers-integral2* =  $(\int (x,y) \in D. (-\ln (x*y) / (1-x*y) * P x * P y) \partial \text{lborel})$

$I_2$  is simply a sum of integrals of type  $I_1$ , so using our results for  $I_1$ , we can write  $I_2$  in the form  $A\zeta(3) + \frac{B}{\text{lcm}\{1..n\}^3}$  where  $A$  and  $B$  are integers and  $A > 0$ :

**lemma** *beukers-integral2-conv-int-combination*:  
**obtains**  $A B :: int$  **where**  $A > 0$  **and**  
*beukers-integral2* =  $\text{of-int } A * \text{Re} (\text{zeta } 3) + \text{of-int } B / \text{of-nat} (\text{Lcm } \{1..n\} \wedge 3)$   
 ⟨*proof*⟩

**lemma** *beukers-integral2-integrable:*

*set-integrable lborel D*  $(\lambda(x,y). -\ln(x*y) / (1 - x*y) * P x * P y)$   
 ⟨proof⟩

## 1.8 The triple integral

Lastly, we turn to the triple integral

$$I_3 := \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \frac{(x(1-x)y(1-y)w(1-w))^n}{(1 - (1-xy)w)^{n+1}} dx dy dw .$$

**definition** *beukers-nn-integral3 :: ennreal where*

*beukers-nn-integral3* =  
 $(\int^{+(w,x,y) \in D'. ((x*(1-x)*y*(1-y)*w*(1-w))^{\wedge} n / (1 - (1-x*y)*w)^{\wedge} (n+1))}$   
*∂lborel*)

**definition** *beukers-integral3 :: real where*

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*∂lborel*)

We first prove the following bound (which is a consequence of the arithmetic-geometric mean inequality) that will help us bound the triple integral.

**lemma** *beukers-integral3-integrand-bound:*

*fixes*  $x y z :: real$   
*assumes*  $xyz: x \in \{0 < .. < 1\} y \in \{0 < .. < 1\} z \in \{0 < .. < 1\}$   
*shows*  $(x*(1-x)*y*(1-y)*z*(1-z)) / (1 - (1-x*y)*z) \leq 1 / 27$  (is ?lhs ≤ -)  
 ⟨proof⟩

Connecting the above bound with our results of  $I_1$ , it is easy to see that  $I_3 \leq 2 \cdot 27^{-n} \cdot \zeta(3)$ :

**lemma** *beukers-nn-integral3-le:*

*beukers-nn-integral3* ≤ *ennreal*  $(2 * (1 / 27)^{\wedge} n * Re(zeta 3))$   
 ⟨proof⟩

**lemma** *beukers-nn-integral3-finite: beukers-nn-integral3 < ∞*

⟨proof⟩

**lemma** *beukers-integral3-integrable:*

*set-integrable lborel D'*  $(\lambda(w,x,y). (x*(1-x)*y*(1-y)*w*(1-w))^{\wedge} n / (1 - (1-x*y)*w)^{\wedge} (n+1))$   
 ⟨proof⟩

**lemma** *beukers-integral3-conv-nn-integral:*

*beukers-integral3* = *enn2real beukers-nn-integral3*  
 ⟨proof⟩

**lemma** *beukers-integral3-le: beukers-integral3 ≤ 2 \* (1 / 27)^{\wedge} n \* Re(zeta 3)*

⟨proof⟩

It is also easy to see that  $I_3 > 0$ .

**lemma** *beukers-nn-integral3-pos: beukers-nn-integral3 > 0*  
 ⟨proof⟩

**lemma** *beukers-integral3-pos: beukers-integral3 > 0*  
 ⟨proof⟩

## 1.9 Connecting the double and triple integral

In this section, we will prove the most technically involved part, namely that  $I_2 = I_3$ . I will not go into detail about how this works – the reader is advised to simply look at Filaseta’s presentation of the proof.

The basic idea is to integrate by parts  $n$  times with respect to  $y$  to eliminate the factor  $P(y)$ , then change variables  $z = \frac{1-w}{1-(1-xy)w}$ , and then apply the same integration by parts  $n$  times to  $x$  to eliminate  $P(x)$ .

The first expand

$$-\frac{\ln(xy)}{1-xy} = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{1-(1-xy)z} dz .$$

**lemma** *beukers-aux-ln-conv-integral:*

**fixes**  $x y :: \text{real}$

**assumes**  $xy: x \in \{0 < .. < 1\} \ y \in \{0 < .. < 1\}$

**shows**  $-\ln(x*y) / (1-x*y) = (\text{LBINT } z=0..1. 1 / (1-(1-x*y)*z))$

⟨proof⟩

The first part we shall show is the integration by parts.

**lemma** *beukers-aux-by-parts-aux:*

**assumes**  $xz: x \in \{0 < .. < 1\} \ z \in \{0 < .. < 1\}$  **and**  $k \leq n$

**shows**  $(\text{LBINT } y=0..1. Q \ n \ y * (1/(1-(1-x*y)*z))) =$

$(\text{LBINT } y=0..1. Q \ (n-k) \ y * (\text{fact } k * (x*z)^\wedge k / (1-(1-x*y)*z)^\wedge (k+1)))$

⟨proof⟩

**lemma** *beukers-aux-by-parts:*

**assumes**  $xz: x \in \{0 < .. < 1\} \ z \in \{0 < .. < 1\}$

**shows**  $(\text{LBINT } y=0..1. P \ y / (1-(1-x*y)*z)) =$

$(\text{LBINT } y=0..1. (x*y*z)^\wedge n * (1-y)^\wedge n / (1-(1-x*y)*z)^\wedge (n+1))$

⟨proof⟩

We then get the following by applying the integration by parts to  $y$ :

**lemma** *beukers-aux-integral-transform1:*

**fixes**  $z :: \text{real}$

**assumes**  $z: z \in \{0 < .. < 1\}$

**shows**  $(\text{LBINT } (x,y):D. P \ x * P \ y / (1-(1-x*y)*z)) =$

$(\text{LBINT } (x,y):D. P \ x * (x*y*z)^\wedge n * (1-y)^\wedge n / (1-(1-x*y)*z)^\wedge (n+1))$

⟨proof⟩

We then change variables for  $z$ :

**lemma** *beukers-aux-integral-transform2*:

**assumes**  $xy: x \in \{0 < .. < 1\} \ y \in \{0 < .. < 1\}$

**shows**  $(LBINT \ z=0..1. (x*y*z)^{\wedge}n * (1-y)^{\wedge}n / (1-(1-x*y)*z)^{\wedge}(n+1)) =$   
 $(LBINT \ w=0..1. (1-w)^{\wedge}n * (1-y)^{\wedge}n / (1-(1-x*y)*w))$

*<proof>*

Lastly, we apply the same integration by parts to  $x$ :

**lemma** *beukers-aux-integral-transform3*:

**assumes**  $w: w \in \{0 < .. < 1\}$

**shows**  $(LBINT \ (x,y):D. P \ x * (1-y)^{\wedge}n / (1-(1-x*y)*w)) =$

$(LBINT \ (x,y):D. (1-y)^{\wedge}n * (x*y*w)^{\wedge}n * (1-x)^{\wedge}n / (1-(1-x*y)*w)^{\wedge}(n+1))$

*<proof>*

We need to show the existence of some of these triple integrals.

**lemma** *beukers-aux-integrable1*:

*set-integrable lborel*  $((\{0 < .. < 1\} \times \{0 < .. < 1\}) \times \{0 < .. < 1\})$

$(\lambda((x,y),z). P \ x * P \ y / (1-(1-x*y)*z))$

*<proof>*

**lemma** *beukers-aux-integrable2*:

*set-integrable lborel*  $D' \ (\lambda(z,x,y). P \ x * (x*y*z)^{\wedge}n * (1-y)^{\wedge}n / (1-(1-x*y)*z)^{\wedge}(n+1))$

*<proof>*

**lemma** *beukers-aux-integrable3*:

*set-integrable lborel*  $D' \ (\lambda(w,x,y). P \ x * (1-w)^{\wedge}n * (1-y)^{\wedge}n / (1-(1-x*y)*w))$

*<proof>*

Now we only need to put all of these results together:

**lemma** *beukers-integral2-conv-3*: *beukers-integral2 = beukers-integral3*

*<proof>*

## 1.10 The main result

Combining all of the results so far, we can derive the key inequalities

$$0 < A\zeta(3) + B < 2\zeta(3) \cdot 27^{-n} \cdot \text{lcm}\{1 \dots n\}^3$$

for integers  $A, B$  with  $A > 0$ .

**lemma** *zeta-3-linear-combination-bounds*:

**obtains**  $A \ B :: \text{int}$

**where**  $A > 0$

$A * \text{Re} \ (\text{zeta } 3) + B \in \{0 < .. 2 * \text{Re} \ (\text{zeta } 3) * \text{Lcm} \ \{1..n\}^{\wedge}3 / 27^{\wedge}n\}$

*<proof>*

If  $\zeta(3) = \frac{a}{b}$  for some integers  $a$  and  $b$ , we can thus derive the inequality  $2b\zeta(3) \cdot 27^{-n} \cdot \text{lcm}\{1 \dots n\}^3 \geq 1$  for any natural number  $n$ .

**lemma** *beukers-key-inequality*:  
**fixes**  $a :: \text{int}$  **and**  $b :: \text{nat}$   
**assumes**  $b > 0$  **and**  $ab: \text{Re}(\zeta 3) = a / b$   
**shows**  $2 * b * \text{Re}(\zeta 3) * \text{Lcm}\{1..n\}^3 / 27^n \geq 1$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**end**

**lemma** *smallo-power*:  $n > 0 \implies f \in o[F](g) \implies (\lambda x. f x^n) \in o[F](\lambda x. g x^n)$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

This is now a contradiction, since  $\text{lcm}\{1 \dots n\} \in o(3^n)$  by the Prime Number Theorem – hence the main result.

**theorem** *zeta-3-irrational*:  $\zeta 3 \notin \mathbb{Q}$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**end**

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