

Question 472: Some Series

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abstract

This note presents some numerical series

1. Introduction

- The natural numbers:

$$\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\} \quad (1)$$

- The factorial number:

$$n! = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdots n, n \in \mathbb{N}, 0! = 1 \quad (2)$$

- The binomial number:

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} \quad (3)$$

$$\binom{2n}{n} = \frac{(2n)!}{n!^2} \quad (4)$$

- The pochhammer symbol:

$$(a)_n = a(a+1)(a+2)\cdots(a+n-1), n \in \mathbb{N}; (a)_0 = 1 \quad (5)$$

- Identity:

$$\frac{(1/2)_n}{n!} = \binom{2n}{n} 2^{-2n}, n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \quad (6)$$

- The hypergeometric function:

$${}_2F_1(a, b; c; x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n (b)_n}{(c)_n n!} x^n, |x| < 1 \quad (7)$$

- The number h_n :

$$h_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{2k-1} = 1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} + \dots + \frac{1}{2n-1} \quad (8)$$

- Complex numbers: $z = x + iy \in \mathbb{C}; x, y \in \mathbb{R}; x = \operatorname{Re}(z), y = \operatorname{Im}(z); i = \sqrt{-1}$.

2. Some Series

Entry 1: If $0 \leq \theta < \pi/3$, then

$$i\theta {}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1; 1 - \cos\theta - i\sin\theta\right) = -4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{2n}{n}^2 2^{-4n} h_n (1 - \cos\theta - i\sin\theta)^n \quad (9)$$

Examples: $\theta = \pi/4, \pi/6, \pi/8, \pi/12$.

$$i\pi {}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1; 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = -16 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{2n}{n}^2 2^{-4n} h_n \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^n \quad (10)$$

$$i\pi {}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1; 1 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{i}{2}\right) = -24 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{2n}{n}^2 2^{-5n} h_n (2 - \sqrt{3} - i)^n \quad (11)$$

$$\begin{aligned} i\pi {}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1; 1 - \frac{\sqrt{2+\sqrt{2}}}{2} - \frac{i\sqrt{2-\sqrt{2}}}{2}\right) &= \\ &= -32 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{2n}{n}^2 2^{-5n} h_n \left(2 - \sqrt{2+\sqrt{2}} - i\sqrt{2-\sqrt{2}}\right)^n \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

$$\begin{aligned} i\pi {}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1; 1 - \frac{\sqrt{6+\sqrt{2}}}{4} - \frac{i\sqrt{6-\sqrt{2}}}{4}\right) &= \\ &= -48 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{2n}{n}^2 2^{-6n} h_n \left(4 - \sqrt{2} - \sqrt{6} - i(\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2})\right)^n \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

Entry 2: If $0 \leq \theta < \pi/3$, then

$$\theta \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{2n}{n}^2 2^{-4n} X_n = -4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{2n}{n}^2 2^{-4n} h_n Y_n \quad (14)$$

$$\theta \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{2n}{n}^2 2^{-4n} Y_n = 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{2n}{n}^2 2^{-4n} h_n X_n \quad (15)$$

where

$$X_n + iY_n = (1 - \cos \theta - i \sin \theta)^n, \quad n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \quad (16)$$

$$X_n = \operatorname{Re}((1 - \cos \theta - i \sin \theta)^n), \quad n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \quad (17)$$

$$Y_n = \operatorname{Im}((1 - \cos \theta - i \sin \theta)^n), \quad n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \quad (18)$$

$$X_n = \frac{1}{2} \left((1 - \cos \theta - i \sin \theta)^n + (1 - \cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n \right), \quad n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \quad (19)$$

$$Y_n = \frac{1}{2i} \left((1 - \cos \theta - i \sin \theta)^n - (1 - \cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n \right), \quad n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \quad (20)$$

$$\begin{cases} X_{n+1} = (1 - \cos \theta) X_n + (\sin \theta) Y_n \\ Y_{n+1} = -(\sin \theta) X_n + (1 - \cos \theta) Y_n \\ X_0 = 1, Y_0 = 0 \end{cases} \quad (21)$$

Example: $\theta = \pi/4$.

$$\pi \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{2n}{n}^2 2^{-4n} X_n = -16 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{2n}{n}^2 2^{-4n} h_n Y_n \quad (22)$$

$$\pi \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{2n}{n}^2 2^{-4n} Y_n = 16 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{2n}{n}^2 2^{-4n} h_n X_n \quad (23)$$

where

$$X_{n+1} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) X_n + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} Y_n, \quad Y_{n+1} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} X_n + \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) Y_n, \quad X_0 = 1, Y_0 = 0 \quad (24)$$

Entry 3:

$$\pi \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{2n}{n}^2 2^{-5n} (a_n + b_n \sqrt{2}) = -16 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{2n}{n}^2 2^{-5n} h_n (c_n + d_n \sqrt{2}) \quad (25)$$

$$\pi \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{2n}{n}^2 2^{-5n} (c_n + d_n \sqrt{2}) = 16 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{2n}{n}^2 2^{-5n} h_n (a_n + b_n \sqrt{2}) \quad (26)$$

where

$$\begin{cases} a_{n+1} = 2a_n - 2b_n + 2d_n \\ b_{n+1} = -a_n + 2b_n + c_n \\ c_{n+1} = -2b_n + 2c_n - 2d_n \\ d_{n+1} = -a_n - c_n + 2d_n \\ a_0 = 1, b_0 = c_0 = d_0 = 0 \end{cases} \quad (27)$$

Let $\alpha = \frac{1+i}{\sqrt{2}}, \beta = \frac{-1+i}{\sqrt{2}}$, then

$$a_n = \frac{2^n}{4} \left((1-\alpha)^n + (1+\alpha)^n + (1-\beta)^n + (1+\beta)^n \right), n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \quad (28)$$

$$b_n = \frac{2^n (1-i)}{8} \alpha \left((1-\alpha)^n - (1+\alpha)^n - (1-\beta)^n + (1+\beta)^n \right), n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \quad (29)$$

$$c_n = -\frac{2^n i}{4} \left((1-\alpha)^n + (1+\alpha)^n - (1-\beta)^n - (1+\beta)^n \right), n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \quad (30)$$

$$d_n = -\frac{2^n (1+i)}{8} \alpha \left((1-\alpha)^n - (1+\alpha)^n + (1-\beta)^n - (1+\beta)^n \right), n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \quad (31)$$

Entry 4: If $k \in \mathbb{N}$, then

$$\pi = \underbrace{\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2 + \dots + \sqrt{2}}}}}_{k\text{-radicals}} \left(\frac{2^k}{2^k - 1} + 2^k \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2^{-1} - 2^{-k-1})_n}{n! (n 2^{k+1} + 2^k - 1)} \right) \quad (32)$$

$$\pi = \underbrace{\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2 + \dots + \sqrt{2}}}}}_{k\text{-radicals}} \left(\frac{2^k}{2^k + 1} + 2^k \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2^{-1} + 2^{-k-1})_n}{n! (n 2^{k+1} + 2^k + 1)} \right) \quad (33)$$

$$\pi = 2^k \sqrt{2 - \underbrace{\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2 + \dots + \sqrt{2}}}}}_{(k-1)\text{-radicals}}} \left(1 + 2^{-k-1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2^{-k-1})_n}{n!(n+2^{-k-1})} \right) \quad (34)$$

Entry 5:

$$\begin{aligned} \ln\left(\frac{4}{3}\right) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{4n}{2n}^2 (-768)^{-n} + \frac{\pi}{48\sqrt{3}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{4n+2}{2n+1}^2 (-768)^{-n} = \\ = -8 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{4n}{2n}^2 (-768)^{-n} h_{2n} \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

$$\begin{aligned} -\ln\left(\frac{4}{3}\right) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{4n+2}{2n+1}^2 (-768)^{-n} + \frac{16\pi}{\sqrt{3}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{4n}{2n}^2 (-768)^{-n} = \\ = -2^{11} 3 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{4n-2}{2n-1}^2 (-768)^{-n} h_{2n-1} \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

Entry 6: If $a = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{3 + \sqrt{2}\sqrt[4]{27}}$, then

$$\pi = 3\sqrt{3} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{2n}{n} \frac{2^{-2n} a^{2n+1}}{3n+2} {}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{6}, n + \frac{2}{3}; n + \frac{5}{3}; 1\right) \quad (37)$$

$$\pi = \frac{6\sqrt{3}}{5} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{2n}{n} 2^{-2n} a^{2n+1} {}_2F_1\left(\frac{5}{6}, -n + \frac{1}{3}; \frac{11}{6}; 1\right) \quad (38)$$

Entry 7:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{(1/4)_n}{n!}\right)^2 \frac{2^{-n}}{2n+1} = \sqrt{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{(3/4)_n}{n!}\right)^2 f_n \quad (39)$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{(3/4)_n}{n!}\right)^2 \frac{(2n+5)2^{-n-1}}{(2n+1)(2n+5)} = \sqrt{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{(1/4)_n}{n!}\right)^2 f_n \quad (40)$$

where

$$f_0 = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{\pi}{8}, f_n = -\frac{2^{-n-2}}{n+1} + \frac{2n-1}{2n+2} f_{n-1}, n \in \mathbb{N} \quad (41)$$

Entry 8:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{(3/4)_n}{n!} \right)^2 \frac{2^{-n}}{2n+1} = \sqrt{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{(1/4)_n}{n!} \right)^2 f_n \quad (42)$$

where

$$f_0 = \frac{\pi}{4}, f_n = -\frac{2^{-n-1}}{n} + \frac{2n-1}{2n} f_{n-1}, n \in \mathbb{N} \quad (43)$$

Entry 9: If $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(2^{-n-1})_k}{k!(k+2^{-n-1})^2} = \frac{2\pi}{\underbrace{\sqrt{2-\sqrt{2+\sqrt{2+\sqrt{2+\dots+\sqrt{2}}}}}}_{(n-1)\text{-radicals}}} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1-2^{-n-1}}{k(k+2^{-n-1}-1)} \quad (44)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(2^{-1}-2^{-n-1})_k}{k!(k+2^{-1}-2^{-n-1})^2} = \frac{\pi}{\underbrace{\sqrt{2+\sqrt{2+\sqrt{2+\dots+\sqrt{2}}}}}_{n\text{-radicals}}} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1+2^{-n}}{k(k+2^{-1}-2^{-n-1}-1)} \quad (45)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(2^{-1}+2^{-n-1})_k}{k!(k+2^{-1}+2^{-n-1})^2} = \frac{\pi}{\underbrace{\sqrt{2+\sqrt{2+\sqrt{2+\dots+\sqrt{2}}}}}_{n\text{-radicals}}} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1-2^{-n}}{k(k+2^{-1}+2^{-n-1}-1)} \quad (46)$$

Entry 10:

$$\frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{(1/2)_n}{n!} \right)^2 \frac{(2/3)^n}{2n+1} {}_2F_1 \left(n+1, n+\frac{1}{2}; n+\frac{3}{2}; -\frac{1}{3} \right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1/4)_n (3/4)_n}{(n!)^2} f_n \quad (47)$$

$$\frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{(1/2)_n}{n!} \right)^2 \frac{2^{-n}}{2n+1} {}_2F_1 \left(1, \frac{1}{2}; n+\frac{3}{2}; -\frac{1}{3} \right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1/4)_n (3/4)_n}{(n!)^2} f_n \quad (48)$$

$$\frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{(1/2)_n}{n!} \right)^2 \frac{2^{-n}}{2n+1} {}_2F_1 \left(1, n+1; n+\frac{3}{2}; \frac{1}{4} \right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1/4)_n (3/4)_n}{(n!)^2} f_n \quad (49)$$

$$\frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{(1/2)_n}{n!} \right)^2 \frac{2^{-n}}{2n+1} {}_2F_1 \left(\frac{1}{2}, n + \frac{1}{2}; n + \frac{3}{2}; \frac{1}{4} \right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1/4)_n (3/4)_n}{(n!)^2} f_n \quad (50)$$

where

$$f_0 = \frac{\ln 3}{2}, f_n = -\frac{(8n-1)3^{-2n}}{8n^2-4n} + \frac{(4n-1)(4n-3)}{8n(2n-1)} f_{n-1}, n \in \mathbb{N} \quad (51)$$

Entry 11: If $n > 0$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \pi = & -12n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k!}{k(n)_{k+1}} \left(\frac{1}{3+\sqrt{3}} \right)^k \operatorname{Im} \left((1-i)^k \right) + \\ & + 12n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k(k+n)} \operatorname{Im} \left(\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{3}}{2} + i \frac{3+\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)^{-k} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (52)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \pi = & -8n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k!}{k(n)_{k+1}} \left(\frac{1}{2+\sqrt{2}} \right)^k \operatorname{Im} \left((1-i)^k \right) + \\ & + 8n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k(k+n)} \operatorname{Im} \left(\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + i \frac{2+\sqrt{2}}{2} \right)^{-k} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (53)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \pi = & -6n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k!}{k(n)_{k+1}} \left(\frac{1}{1+\sqrt{3}} \right)^k \operatorname{Im} \left((1-i)^k \right) + \\ & + 6n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k(k+n)} \operatorname{Im} \left(\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{2} + i \frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{2} \right)^{-k} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (54)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \pi = & -12n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k!}{k(n)_{k+1}} \operatorname{Im} \left(\left(\frac{2+\sqrt{3}}{2} + i \frac{3+2\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)^{-k} \right) + \\ & + 12n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k(k+n)} \operatorname{Im} \left(\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + i \frac{3+2\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)^{-k} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (55)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \pi = & -12n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k!}{k(n)_{k+1}} \operatorname{Im} \left(\left(\frac{3+\sqrt{3}}{2} + i \frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{2} \right)^{-k} \right) + \\ & + 12n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k(k+n)} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}+1} \right)^k \operatorname{Im} \left((1-i)^k \right) \end{aligned} \quad (56)$$

Entry 12: If $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$, then

$$\pi = \frac{2n!}{(1/2)_n} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{-n+\frac{1}{2}}{k} \frac{1}{(2k+1)k!} \quad (57)$$

Entry 13: If $p, q \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$, then

$$\frac{1}{\pi} = \frac{(1/2)_{p+q}}{2p!q!} {}_4F_3 \left(\frac{5}{4}, \frac{1}{2}, -p+\frac{1}{2}, -q+\frac{1}{2}; \frac{1}{4}, p+1, q+1; -1 \right) \quad (58)$$

Remark: ${}_4F_3$ is the generalized hypergeometric function.

Entry 14: If $n \in \mathbb{N}, p, q \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$, then

$$\pi = \frac{n!(p+q+n-1)!}{(1/2)_{p+n}(1/2)_{q+n}} {}_4F_3 \left(\frac{n}{2}+1, n, -p+\frac{1}{2}, -q+\frac{1}{2}; \frac{n}{2}, p+n+\frac{1}{2}, q+n+\frac{1}{2}; -1 \right) \quad (59)$$

Remark: ${}_4F_3$ is the generalized hypergeometric function.

References

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