

ANALYTIC NUMBER THEORY

Sum of powers of integers

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The purpose of this study was to rewrite the formulas for the sum of powers of integers in a subsequent general mathematical formula independent of Bernoulli polynomials and numbers, starting from the formula of Faulhaber.

Abstract:

The domain of functions throughout the work are the exponents “r” natural numbers N^+ .

The history:

The sum of powers of integers is defined: $\sum_{k=1}^n k^r$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k^1 = \frac{1}{2} n (1 + n)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k^2 = \frac{1}{6} n (1 + n) (1 + 2n)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k^3 = \frac{1}{4} n^2 (1 + n)^2$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k^4 = \frac{1}{30} n (1 + n) (1 + 2n) (-1 + 3n + 3n^2)$$

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In 1631 Johann Faulhaber published in the journal "Algebra Academiae" a general formula which was later proved by Carl Jacobi in 1834 where we used the Bernoulli polynomials and numbers.

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k^r = \frac{1}{r+1} * \left(\sum_{k=0}^r \binom{r+1}{k} * (n+1)^{(r+1-k)} * B_k \right)$$

PROCESSING

I ° Objective: To replace the binomial formula and the Bernoulli numbers, respectively, with mathematical formulas containing the Gamma and the Zeta function.

The Bernoulli numbers can be written as a function of $\zeta(k)$ and extrapolate from Euler's formula to find the integer values of $\zeta(2k)$

$$\zeta(2k) = \frac{2^{2k-1} * \pi^{2k} * \text{Abs}[B_{2k}]}{(2k)!}$$

In this formula, Euler considered the absolute value of the Bernoulli numbers as in Faulhaber's formula are used for each:

$$k \in \mathbb{N} \left(1, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{6}, 0, -\frac{1}{30}, 0, \frac{1}{42}, 0, -\frac{1}{30}, 0, \frac{5}{66}, \dots \right)$$

For each $k \geq 2$ the formula is the same:

$$B_k = (-2^{1-k}) \pi^{-k} \Gamma(k+1) \cos\left[\frac{3k\pi}{2}\right] \zeta(k) \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N} \quad \forall k \geq 2$$

The addition operator $\cos\left[\frac{3k\pi}{2}\right]$ or $\operatorname{Re}\left[e^{\frac{3k\pi i}{2}}\right]$ have the function take the value of the Bernoulli numbers used in Faulhaber's formula.

Processing the formula:

$\mathbb{N} +$	B_k	$(-2^{1-k}) \pi^{-k} \Gamma(k+1) \cos\left[\frac{3k\pi}{2}\right] \zeta(k)$
2	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$
3	0	0
4	$-\frac{1}{30}$	$-\frac{1}{30}$
5	0	0
6	$\frac{1}{42}$	$\frac{1}{42}$
7	0	0

Binomial formula can be rewritten in terms of Gamma function:

$$\binom{r+1}{k} = \frac{\Gamma(r+2)}{\Gamma(k+1)\Gamma(-k+r+2)}$$

Substituting these two functions in Faulhaber's formula

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k^r = \frac{1}{r+1} * \left(\sum_{k=0}^r \binom{r+1}{k} * (n+1)^{(r+1-k)} * B_k \right) = \frac{1}{r+1} * \sum_{k=0}^r \left(\frac{\Gamma(r+2)}{(\Gamma(k+1)\Gamma(-k+r+2))} * (n+1)^{(r+1-k)} * \left((-2^{1-k}) \pi^{-k} \Gamma(k+1) \cos\left[\frac{3k\pi}{2}\right] \zeta(k) \right) \right)$$

The mathematical formula so constructed will not work because the function $\zeta(k)$ does not converge for $k = 1$ (Series Harmonica $\rightarrow \infty$) then we can decompose the sum in:

$$\frac{1}{r+1} * \left(\sum_{k=0}^1 \binom{r+1}{k} * (n+1)^{(r+1-k)} * B_k \right) + \frac{1}{r+1} * \left(\sum_{k=2}^r \left(- \frac{2^{1-k} (1+n)^{1-k+r} \pi^{-k} \Gamma(r+2) \cos\left[\frac{3k\pi}{2}\right] \zeta(k)}{\Gamma(-k+r+2)} \right) \right)$$

The Bernoulli numbers assume the value 1 when $k = 0$ and $(-1/2)$ when $k = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{r+1} * \left(\sum_{k=0}^0 \binom{r+1}{k} * (n+1)^{(r+1-k)} * 1 \right) + \frac{1}{r+1} * \left(\sum_{k=1}^1 \binom{r+1}{k} * (n+1)^{(r+1-k)} * \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \right) + \frac{1}{r+1} * \left(\sum_{k=2}^r \left(- \frac{2^{1-k} (1+n)^{1-k+r} \pi^{-k} \Gamma(r+2) \cos\left[\frac{3k\pi}{2}\right] \zeta(k)}{\Gamma(-k+r+2)} \right) \right) \\ &= - \frac{(1+n)^r (-1-2n+r)}{2(1+r)} + \frac{1}{r+1} * \left(\sum_{k=2}^r \left(- \frac{2^{1-k} (1+n)^{1-k+r} \pi^{-k} \Gamma(r+2) \cos\left[\frac{3k\pi}{2}\right] \zeta(k)}{\Gamma(-k+r+2)} \right) \right) \\ &= - \frac{(1+n)^r (-1-2n+r)}{2(1+r)} + \frac{(1+n)^{1+r} (\Gamma(r+2))}{r+1} * \left(\sum_{k=2}^r \left(- \frac{2^{1-k} (1+n)^{-k} \pi^{-k} \cos\left[\frac{3k\pi}{2}\right] \zeta(k)}{\Gamma(-k+r+2)} \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

Processing functions: in the second column Faulhaber's formula in the third column, the last formula:

for r=1	$\frac{1}{2} n (1+n)$	$\frac{1}{2} n (1+n)$
for r=2	$\frac{1}{6} n (1+n) (1+2n)$	$\frac{1}{6} n (1+n) (1+2n)$
for r=3	$\frac{1}{4} n^2 (1+n)^2$	$\frac{1}{4} n^2 (1+n)^2$
for r=4	$\frac{1}{30} n (1+n) (1+2n) (-1+3n(1+n))$	$\frac{1}{30} n (1+n) (1+2n) (-1+3n(1+n))$
for r=5	$\frac{1}{12} n^2 (1+n)^2 (-1+2n(1+n))$	$\frac{1}{12} n^2 (1+n)^2 (-1+2n(1+n))$
for r=6	$\frac{1}{42} (n - 7n^3 + 21n^5 + 21n^6 + 6n^7)$	$\frac{1}{42} (n - 7n^3 + 21n^5 + 21n^6 + 6n^7)$
for r=7	$\frac{1}{24} (2n^2 - 7n^4 + 14n^6 + 12n^7 + 3n^8)$	$\frac{1}{24} (2n^2 - 7n^4 + 14n^6 + 12n^7 + 3n^8)$
for r=8	$\frac{1}{90} n (-3+n^2 (20+n^2 (-42+5n^2 (12+n(9+2n))))))$	$\frac{1}{90} n (-3+n^2 (20+n^2 (-42+5n^2 (12+n(9+2n))))))$
for r=9	$\frac{1}{20} n^2 (-3+n^2 (10+n^2 (-14+n^2 (15+2n(5+n))))))$	$\frac{1}{20} n^2 (-3+n^2 (10+n^2 (-14+n^2 (15+2n(5+n))))))$

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2nd Objective: Replacing the function $\zeta(k)$ with the Riemman integral and exchange integral with the summation.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & - \frac{(1+n)^r (-1-2n+r)}{2(1+r)} + \frac{(1+n)^{1+r} (\Gamma(r+2))}{r+1} * \left(\sum_{k=2}^r \left(- \frac{2^{1-k} (1+n)^{-k} \pi^{-k} \text{Cos} \left[\frac{3k\pi}{2} \right]}{\Gamma(-k+r+2)} * \frac{\int_0^\infty \left(\frac{x^{k-1}}{e^x-1} \right) dx}{\Gamma(k)} \right) \right) \\
 & - \frac{(1+n)^r (-1-2n+r)}{2(1+r)} + \frac{(1+n)^{1+r} (\Gamma(r+2))}{r+1} * \sum_{k=2}^r \int_0^\infty \left(- \frac{2^{1-k} (1+n)^{-k} \pi^{-k} \text{Cos} \left[\frac{3k\pi}{2} \right]}{\Gamma(-k+r+2)} * \frac{\left(\frac{x^{k-1}}{e^x-1} \right)}{\Gamma(k)} \right) dx
 \end{aligned}$$

for r=4	$\frac{1}{30} n (1+n) (1+2n) (-1+3n(1+n))$	$\frac{1}{30} n (1+n) (1+2n) (-1+3n(1+n))$
for r=5	$\frac{1}{12} n^2 (1+n)^2 (-1+2n(1+n))$	$\frac{1}{12} n^2 (1+n)^2 (-1+2n(1+n))$
for r=6	$\frac{1}{42} (n - 7n^3 + 21n^5 + 21n^6 + 6n^7)$	$\frac{1}{42} (n - 7n^3 + 21n^5 + 21n^6 + 6n^7)$
for r=7	$\frac{1}{24} (2n^2 - 7n^4 + 14n^6 + 12n^7 + 3n^8)$	$\frac{1}{24} (2n^2 - 7n^4 + 14n^6 + 12n^7 + 3n^8)$
for r=8	$\frac{1}{90} n (-3+n^2 (20+n^2 (-42+5n^2 (12+n(9+2n))))))$	$\frac{1}{90} n (-3+n^2 (20+n^2 (-42+5n^2 (12+n(9+2n))))))$
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