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## generating function for the reciprocal central binomial coefficients

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It is well known that the sequence called central binomial coefficients is defined by  $\binom{2n}{n}$  and whose initial terms are  $1, 2, 6, 20, 70, 252, \dots$  has a generating function  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-4x}}$ . But it is less known the fact that the function

$$\frac{4\left(\sqrt{4-x} + \sqrt{x}\arcsin(\frac{\sqrt{x}}{2})\right)}{\sqrt{(4-x)^3}}$$

has ordinary power series

$$1 + \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^2}{6} + \frac{x^3}{20} + \frac{x^4}{70} + \frac{x^5}{252} + \dots$$

This means that such a function is a generating function for the reciprocals  $\binom{2n}{n}^{-1}$ .

From that expression we can see that the numerical series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} {2n \choose n}^{-1}$  sums  $\frac{4(\sqrt{3}+\frac{\pi}{6})}{3\sqrt{3}}$  which has the approximate value 1,7363998587187151.

Reference:

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