

MATH 466: Project 1

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1.) The first computer program ever written was by Ada Lovelace who wrote a program for the Analytical Engine to compute Bernoulli numbers. The Bernoulli number B_n is given by $B_n = B_n(0)$ where $B_n(x)$ is the unique polynomial of degree n such that:

$$\int_x^{x+1} B_n(t)dt = x^n$$

Find B_n for $n = 0, 1, 2$ and 3 by substituting a polynomial of degree n into the integral and solving for the coefficients so that equality holds. You may use Maple or some other computer algebra system or do the calculation by hand.

SOLUTION:

The solution our group obtained is written in C programming language:

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1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <math.h>
3
4 double factorial(int x)
5 {
6     double k = 1;
7     while (x > 1){
8         k *= x;
9         x--;
10    }
11    return k;
12 }
13
14 double polyCoeff(int n, int r){
15     if(r<1){
16         return 0;
17     }
18     return factorial(n) / (factorial(r) * factorial(n-r));
19 }
20
21 int main(){
22     //bernoulli numbers to be found
23     int n=5;
24     double poly[n][n];
25     double calcArr[n][n];
26     double scaleFactor;
27     //generates matrix of pascal's triangle
28     for(int i=0;i<n;i++){
29         for(int j=0;j<n;j++){
30             poly[i][j] = polyCoeff(i+1,i-j+1)*1/(i+1);
31         }
32     }
33     //generates bernoulli polynomials and numbers
34     for(int i=0;i<n;i++){
35         for(int j=i;j>=0;j--){
36             for (int k=i;k>=0;k--){
37                 calcArr[j][k] = poly[j][k];
38             }
39         }
40         //generates coefficients on terms of polynomial
41         for(int j=i-1;j>=0;j--){
42             scaleFactor = calcArr[i][j]*-1;
43             for(int k=0;k<n;k++){
44                 calcArr[j][k] = calcArr[j][k]*scaleFactor;
45                 calcArr[i][k] = calcArr[j][k]+calcArr[i][k];
46             }
47         }
48     }
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48 //reports bernoulli polynomials
49 printf("The n=%d bernoulli polynomial is: \n",i);
50 for(int j=i;j>=0;j--){
51     if(j>1){
52         printf("%fx^%d + ",calcArr[j][j],j);
53     } else if(j==1){
54         printf("%fx + ",calcArr[1][1]);
55     } else {
56         printf("%f\n",calcArr[0][0]);
57     }
58 }
59 //reports bernoulli numbers
60 printf("The n=%i bernoulli number is: %f\n",i,calcArr[0][0]);
61 printf("\n");
62 }
63 return 0;
64 }

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Output:

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The n=0 bernoulli polynomial is:
1.000000
The n=0 bernoulli number is: 1.000000

The n=1 bernoulli polynomial is:
1.000000x + -0.500000
The n=1 bernoulli number is: -0.500000

The n=2 bernoulli polynomial is:
1.000000x^2 + -1.000000x + 0.166667
The n=2 bernoulli number is: 0.166667

The n=3 bernoulli polynomial is:
1.000000x^3 + -1.500000x^2 + 0.500000x + -0.000000
The n=3 bernoulli number is: -0.000000

The n=4 bernoulli polynomial is:
1.000000x^4 + -2.000000x^3 + 1.000000x^2 + -0.000000x + -0.033333
The n=4 bernoulli number is: -0.033333

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2.) By the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus it follows that:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_x^{x+1} B_n(t) dt = B_n(x+1) - B_n(x) = \int_x^{x+1} B'_n(t) dt.$$

Use this fact to show that $B'_n(x) = nB_{n-1}(x)$.

SOLUTION:

First Fundamental Theorem: Let $[a,b]$ be a closed bounded interval and let f be a function which is continuous on $[a,b]$ and differentiable on (a,b) with f' integrable $[a,b]$, then,

$$\int_a^b f'(x) dx = f(b) - f(a).$$

Proof:

We have that, $\int_x^{x+1} B'_n(t) dt = B_n(x+1) - B_n(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \int_x^{x+1} B_n(t) dt = \frac{d}{dx} x^n = nx^{n-1}$.

Then, $\int_x^{x+1} \frac{1}{n} B'_n(t) dt = x^{n-1}$.

Therefore, since $B_{n-1}(x)$ is the unique polynomial of degree $n-1$ such that $\int_x^{x+1} B_{n-1}(t) dt = x^{n-1}$ it follows that $\frac{1}{n} B'_n(t) = B_{n-1}(t)$.

3.) By the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus we also have,

$$\int_0^x B'_n(t)dt = B_n(x) - B_n(0) \text{ or equivalently } B_n(x) = B_n + \int_0^x nB_{n-1}(t)dt$$

Integrate the above equality in x from 0 to 1, then interchange the order of integration to obtain the relation that,

$$B_n(x) = \int_0^1 tnB_{n-1}(t)dt \text{ for } n > 1.$$

SOLUTION:

By integrating both sides of $B_n(x) = B_n + \int_0^x nB_{n-1}(t)dt$, we have,

$$B_n(1) - B_n(0) = \int_0^1 \int_0^x nB_{n-1}(t) dt dx$$

By interchanging the order of integration we have,

$$B_n = \int_0^1 \int_t^1 nB_{n-1}(t) dx dt$$

$$B_n = \int_0^1 tnB_{n-1}(t)dt$$

4.) Write $B_{n-1}(x) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1x + \dots + \alpha_{n-1}x^{n-1}$ and use the identity,

$$B_n(x) = \int_0^1 tnB_{n-1}(t)dt + \int_0^x nB_{n-1}(t)dt$$

derived in the previous step to find formulas for B_n and $B_n(x)$ in terms of the α_k

SOLUTION:

5.) Starting with $B_1(x) = x_1 = 2$, write a program that computes the Bernoulli numbers by means of the formulas derived in the previous step. Use your program to print a table listing the values of n and B_n for $n = 1, 2, \dots, 10$.

SOLUTION:

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <math.h>
3
4 static double alpha[11];
5 static double temp[11];
6 static int n;
7
8 double generate_alpha(int n);
9 void generate_b(int);
10
11 int main(int argc, char **argv)
12 {
13     alpha[0] = 1;
14     alpha[1] = -0.5;
15     for (int h = 2; h < 11; h++)
16     {
17         generate_alpha(h);
18         generate_b(h);
19         printf("%d\t\t", h);
20         for (int y = 0; y <= h; y++)
21         {
22             printf("%3.6lf\t", alpha[y]);
23         }
24         putchar('\n');
25     }
26     return 0;
27 }
28
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29 double generate_alpha(int n)
30 {
31     double return_val = 0;
32     for (int u = 0; u < n; u++)
33     {
34         return_val += alpha[u] / (n-u+1);
35     }
36     return return_val * n;
37 }
38
39 void generate_b(int n)
40 {
41     double r[n];
42     for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
43     {
44         r[i] = alpha[i] * n / (n - i);
45     }
46     alpha[n] = generate_alpha(n);
47     for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
48     {
49         alpha[i] = r[i];
50     }
51 }

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Output:

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root@DESKTOP-OCN6246:/mnt/c/Users/Dillon/Desktop# clear
root@DESKTOP-OCN6246:/mnt/c/Users/Dillon/Desktop# ./Q5
2      1.000000      -1.000000      0.166667
3      1.000000      -1.500000      0.500000      0.000000
4      1.000000      -2.000000      1.000000      0.000000      -0.033333
5      1.000000      -2.500000      1.666667      0.000000      -0.166667      -0.000000
6      1.000000      -3.000000      2.500000      0.000000      -0.500000      -0.000000      0.023810
7      1.000000      -3.500000      3.500000      0.000000      -1.166667      -0.000000      0.166667-0.000000
8      1.000000      -4.000000      4.666667      0.000000      -2.333333      -0.000000      0.666667-0.000000      -0.033333
9      1.000000      -4.500000      6.000000      0.000000      -4.200000      -0.000000      2.000000-0.000000      -0.300000      -0.000000
10     1.000000      -5.000000      7.500000      0.000000      -7.000000      -0.000000      5.000000-0.000000      -1.500000      -0.000000      0.075758
root@DESKTOP-OCN6246:/mnt/c/Users/Dillon/Desktop#

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