

1. NOTATION AND CONVENTIONS

We now set the following notation, which remains fixed for the remainder of this paper:

- We strongly believe to D. Knuth's words in [citation]

I realized long ago that "boundary conditions" on indices of summation are often a handicap and a waste of time.

For example, instead of writing

$$2^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}$$

it is much better to write

$$2^n = \sum_k \binom{n}{k}$$

the sum now extends over all integers k , but only finitely many terms are nonzero.

- We believe to [citation] that exponential function 0^x should be defined for all x as

$$0^x = 1.$$

- Iverson's convention $[P(k)]$, where $P(k)$ is logical sentence depending on k

$$[P(k)] = \begin{cases} 1, & P(k) \text{ is true,} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- $f^r(n)$ is a power function defined piecewise by means of Iverson's convention

$$f^r(n) := n^r [n \geq 0], \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

- Discrete convolution transform $(f * f)[n]$ of function $f(n)$

$$(f * f)[n] = \sum_k f[k] f[n - k].$$

- $\mathbf{A}_{m,r}$ is a real coefficient defined recursively as

$$\mathbf{A}_{m,r} := \begin{cases} (2r+1) \binom{2r}{r}, & \text{if } r = m, \\ (2r+1) \binom{2r}{r} \sum_{d=2r+1}^m \mathbf{A}_{m,d} \binom{d}{2r+1} \frac{(-1)^{d-1}}{d-r} B_{2d-2r}, & \text{if } 0 \leq r < m, \\ 0, & \text{if } r < 0 \text{ or } r > m. \end{cases}$$

where B_t are Bernoulli numbers. We assume that $B_1 = \frac{1}{2}$. For $m \geq 11$ the $\mathbf{A}_{m,r}$ takes the fractional values for certain r .

- $\mathbf{Q}_{a,b}^r(n)$ is the power sum defined as

$$\mathbf{Q}_{a,b}^r(n) := \sum_{a \leq k < b} k^r (n - k)^r, \quad (n, r) \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Notation $\mathbf{Q}_b^r(n)$ is an equivalent to $\mathbf{Q}_{a,b}^r(n)$ with set $a = 0$, i.e $\mathbf{Q}_b^r(n) \equiv \mathbf{Q}_{0,b}^r(n)$.

- $S_p(n)$ is a common power sum [possible cite of mathworld]

$$S_p(n) = \sum_{0 \leq k < n} k^p.$$

- $\mathbf{L}_m(n, k)$ are polynomials of degree $2m$ in n, k defined involving coefficients $\mathbf{A}_{m,r}$

$$\mathbf{L}_m(n, k) := \sum_r \mathbf{A}_{m,r} k^r (n - k)^r, \quad m \in \mathbb{N}, \quad (n, k) \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

- $\mathbf{P}_{a,b}^m(n)$ are polynomials of degree $2m$ in a, b, n . Polynomials $\mathbf{P}_{a,b}^m(n)$ are defined as a sum of $\mathbf{L}_m(n, k)$ over $k \in [a, \dots, b]$,

$$\mathbf{P}_{a,b}^m(n) := \sum_{a \leq k < b} \mathbf{L}_m(n, k), \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Notation $\mathbf{P}_b^m(n)$ is an equivalent to $\mathbf{P}_{a,b}^m(n)$ with set $a = 0$, i.e $\mathbf{P}_b^m(n) \equiv \mathbf{P}_{0,b}^m(n)$.

- $\mathbf{X}_t^m(a, b)$ are polynomials of degree $2m - t$ in a, b defined as

$$\mathbf{X}_t^m(a, b) := (-1)^m \sum_{j \geq t} \mathbf{A}_{m,j} (-1)^j \binom{j}{t} \sum_{a \leq k < b} k^{2j-t}, \quad 0 \leq t \leq m.$$

Notation $\mathbf{X}_t^m(b)$ is an equivalent to $\mathbf{X}_t^m(a, b)$ with set $a = 0$, i.e $\mathbf{X}_t^m(b) \equiv \mathbf{X}_t^m(0, b)$.

- $\mathbf{H}_{m,t}(k)$ are real coefficients defined in terms of Bernoulli numbers B_t , Binomial coefficients $\binom{t}{k}$ and $\mathbf{A}_{m,r}$

$$\mathbf{H}_{m,t}(k) := \sum_{j \geq t} \binom{j}{t} \mathbf{A}_{m,j} \frac{(-1)^j}{2j - t + 1} \binom{2j - t + 1}{k} B_{2j-t+1-k}, \quad 0 \leq t \leq m,$$

where $B_1 = \frac{1}{2}$.