

MATH 4410
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Quiz #1; Due 11:59 pm, 1/16/2024

1. Write n^4 as a sum of falling powers: $n^4 = c_0 \cdot n^0 + c_1 n^1 + c_2 n^2 + c_3 n^3 + c_4 n^4$.

I used a python program I made to make the difference table. Here is the code on github if you want to see:

https://github.com/funkybooboo/MATH4110_DifferenceTable

The program produced the numbers in the following table. However I don't know Latex that well so I copied the table you made and checked that our numbers matched then edited it to look how I like.

n	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$\Delta^{(0)}n^4$	0	1	16	81	256	625	1296	2401
$\Delta^{(1)}n^4$	1	15	65	175	369	671	1105	
$\Delta^{(2)}n^4$	14	50	110	194	302	434		
$\Delta^{(3)}n^4$	36	60	84	108	132			
$\Delta^{(4)}n^4$	24	24	24	24				
$\Delta^{(5)}n^4$	0	0	0					

Then I wanted to prove that this statement is true to make sure you weren't pulling any trickery.

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} = \frac{n^{\underline{k}}}{k!}$$

Start proof.

Lets focus in.

$$\frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} = \frac{n^{\underline{k}}}{k!}$$

We can eliminate $k!$.

$$\frac{n!}{(n-k)!} = n^{\underline{k}}$$

Wait $\frac{n!}{(n-k)!} = n^{\underline{k}}$ is the definition of $n^{\underline{k}}$ so I guess you weren't pulling anything there.

End proof.

Lets use The Discrete Taylor Theorem to find a falling power representation for n^4 .

$$f(n) = \sum_{k \geq 0} \Delta^{(k)}f(a) \binom{n-a}{k}$$

Let $a = 0$ so that we can get the first item of every row on the difference table.

$$f(n) = n^4 = \sum_{k \geq 0} \Delta^{(k)}f(0) \binom{n}{k} = 0 \binom{n}{0} + 1 \binom{n}{1} + 14 \binom{n}{2} + 36 \binom{n}{3} + 24 \binom{n}{4} + 0 \binom{n}{5} + 0 \binom{n}{6} + 0 \binom{n}{7} + \dots$$

We can through out the terms with 0 as the leading coefficient.

$$= 1 \binom{n}{1} + 14 \binom{n}{2} + 36 \binom{n}{3} + 24 \binom{n}{4}$$

OK so now I can use $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n^{\underline{k}}}{k!}$ to my advantage.

$$= 1 \left(\frac{n^{\underline{1}}}{1!} \right) + 14 \left(\frac{n^{\underline{2}}}{2!} \right) + 36 \left(\frac{n^{\underline{3}}}{3!} \right) + 24 \left(\frac{n^{\underline{4}}}{4!} \right)$$

Simplifying.

$$\begin{aligned} &= n^1 + 14 \left(\frac{n^2}{2} \right) + 36 \left(\frac{n^3}{6} \right) + 24 \left(\frac{n^4}{24} \right) \\ &= n^1 + 7n^2 + 6n^3 + n^4 \end{aligned}$$

There you have it.

$$n^4 = n^1 + 7n^2 + 6n^3 + n^4$$

2. Create a function that is a polynomial in n (ideally with no falling powers, but simplifying is not necessary) for the $\sum_{i=0}^n i^4$.

$$\sum_{i=0}^n i^4 = \sum_{i=0}^n (i^1 + 7i^2 + 6i^3 + i^4)$$

I know the summation doesn't distribute but you know what I'm doing

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{i=0}^n i^1 + \sum_{i=0}^n 7i^2 + \sum_{i=0}^n 6i^3 + \sum_{i=0}^n i^4 \\ &= \frac{i^2}{2} \Big|_{i=0}^{i=n+1} + 7 \left(\frac{i^3}{3} \Big|_{i=0}^{i=n+1} \right) + 6 \left(\frac{i^4}{4} \Big|_{i=0}^{i=n+1} \right) + \frac{i^5}{5} \Big|_{i=0}^{i=n+1} \\ &= \left(\frac{(n+1)^2}{2} - \frac{(0)^2}{2} \right) + 7 \left(\frac{(n+1)^3}{3} - \frac{(0)^3}{3} \right) + 6 \left(\frac{(n+1)^4}{4} - \frac{(0)^4}{4} \right) + \left(\frac{(n+1)^5}{5} - \frac{(0)^5}{5} \right) \\ &= \frac{(n+1)^2}{2} + 7 \left(\frac{(n+1)^3}{3} \right) + 6 \left(\frac{(n+1)^4}{4} \right) + \frac{(n+1)^5}{5} \\ &= \frac{(n+1)(n)}{2} + 7 \left(\frac{(n+1)(n)(n-1)}{3} \right) + 6 \left(\frac{(n+1)(n)(n-1)(n-2)}{4} \right) + \frac{(n+1)(n)(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)}{5} \\ &= \frac{n^2+n}{2} + 7 \left(\frac{n^3-n}{3} \right) + 6 \left(\frac{n^4-2n^3-n+2}{4} \right) + \frac{n^5-5n^4+5n^3+5n^2-6n}{5} \end{aligned}$$

Simplify

$$= \frac{n^5}{5} + \frac{n^4}{2} + \frac{n^3}{3} + \frac{3n^2}{2} - \frac{68n}{15} + 3$$

There you have it

$$\sum_{i=0}^n i^4 = \frac{n^5}{5} + \frac{n^4}{2} + \frac{n^3}{3} + \frac{3n^2}{2} - \frac{68n}{15} + 3$$

3. Show that $\sum_{i=0}^n (4i^3 + 6i^2 + 4i + 1) = (n+1)^4$.

Start proof

$$\sum_{i=0}^n (4i^3 + 6i^2 + 4i + 1) = (n+1)^4$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^n (4i^3 + 6i^2 + 4i + 1) = n^4 + 4n^3 + 6n^2 + 4n + 1$$

focus in on left side

$$= \sum_{i=0}^n (4(i^3 + 3i^2 + i^1) + 6(i^2 + i^1) + 4(i^1) + 1)$$

I know the summation doesn't distribute but you know

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{i=0}^n 4(i^3 + 3i^2 + i^1) + \sum_{i=0}^n 6(i^2 + i^1) + \sum_{i=0}^n 4(i^1) + \sum_{i=0}^n 1 \\ &= 4 \sum_{i=0}^n (i^3 + 3i^2 + i^1) + 6 \sum_{i=0}^n (i^2 + i^1) + 4 \sum_{i=0}^n i^1 + n + 1 \\ &= 4 \left(\sum_{i=0}^n i^3 + 3 \sum_{i=0}^n i^2 + \sum_{i=0}^n i^1 \right) + 6 \left(\sum_{i=0}^n i^2 + \sum_{i=0}^n i^1 \right) + 4 \sum_{i=0}^n i^1 + n + 1 \\ &= 4 \left(\frac{i^4}{4} \Big|_{i=0}^{i=n+1} + 3 \left(\frac{i^3}{3} \Big|_{i=0}^{i=n+1} \right) + \frac{i^2}{2} \Big|_{i=0}^{i=n+1} \right) + 6 \left(\frac{i^3}{3} \Big|_{i=0}^{i=n+1} + \frac{i^2}{2} \Big|_{i=0}^{i=n+1} \right) + 4 \left(\frac{i^2}{2} \Big|_{i=0}^{i=n+1} \right) + n + 1 \\ &= 4 \left(\frac{(n+1)^4}{4} + 3 \left(\frac{(n+1)^3}{3} \right) + \frac{(n+1)^2}{2} \right) + 6 \left(\frac{(n+1)^3}{3} + \frac{(n+1)^2}{2} \right) + 4 \left(\frac{(n+1)^2}{2} \right) + n + 1 \\ &= 4 \left(\frac{(n+1)n(n-1)(n-2)}{4} + 3 \left(\frac{(n+1)n(n-1)}{3} \right) + \frac{(n+1)(n)}{2} \right) + 6 \left(\frac{(n+1)n(n-1)}{3} + \frac{(n+1)n}{2} \right) + 4 \left(\frac{(n+1)n}{2} \right) + n + 1 \\ &= n^4 + 4n^3 + 6n^2 + 4n + 1 \end{aligned}$$

There you go

$$\sum_{i=0}^n (4i^3 + 6i^2 + 4i + 1) = (n+1)^4$$

End proof

4. Compute $\left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} 7 \\ 3 \end{smallmatrix} \right\}$ using the difference table for n^7 .

n	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
$\Delta^{(0)}n^7$	0	1	128	2187	16384	78125	279936	823543	2097152
$\Delta^{(1)}n^7$	1	127	2059	14197	61741	201811	543607	1273609	
$\Delta^{(2)}n^7$	126	1932	12138	47544	140070	341796	730002		
$\Delta^{(3)}n^7$	1806	10206	35406	92526	201726	388206			
$\Delta^{(4)}n^7$	8400	25200	57120	109200	186480				
$\Delta^{(5)}n^7$	16800	31920	52080	77280					
$\Delta^{(6)}n^7$	15120	20160	25200						
$\Delta^{(7)}n^7$	5040	5040							
$\Delta^{(8)}n^7$	0								

Given

$$\left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} k \\ j \end{smallmatrix} \right\} = \frac{\Delta^{(j)}[(0)^k]}{j!}$$

Compute

$$\left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} 7 \\ 3 \end{smallmatrix} \right\} = \frac{\Delta^{(3)}[(0)^7]}{3!} = \frac{1806}{3!} = 301$$
