

# The Bowl's Sequence

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## 1 The Power Series of $\arctan(1 - \sqrt{1 - x^2})$ and Bowl's Sequence.

I have discussed about a function and its power series at  $x = 0$ . Here is the expression of the function. Obviously,  $f(x)$  is an even function, only the even powers of  $x$  is contained in the series.

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= \arctan(1 - \sqrt{1 - x^2}) \\&= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{(2n)!} x^{2n} \\a_n &= 1, 3, 15, 315, 36855, 4833675, \\&\quad 711485775, 133449190875, \\&\quad 33399969978375, 10845524928112875, \\&\quad 4368604540935009375, \\&\quad 2121018409773134746875, \dots\end{aligned}$$

I name the  $a_n$  Bowl's sequence, for the curve of  $f(x)$  looks like a bowl. Now I try to get the recurrence formula. Firstly, note that

$$\sqrt{1 - x^2} = 1 - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\prod_{k=1}^{n-1} (k - \frac{1}{2})}{2n!} x^{2n}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& 1 - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2n-2)!}{(n!)(n-1)!2^{2n-1}} x^{2n} \\
(\arctan x)' &= \frac{1}{1+x^2}
\end{aligned}$$

Then one can write

$$\begin{aligned}
f'(x) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{(2n-1)!} x^{2n-1} \\
&= \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}(3-x^2)-2(1-x^2)} \\
&\quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{(2n+1)!} x^{2n} \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}(3-x^2)-2(1-x^2)} \\
&= \frac{1}{(x^2-3) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} k_n x^{2n} + 1 + x^2} \\
&= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (k_{n-1} - 3k_n) x^{2n}} \\
&= \frac{1}{\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} b_m x^{2m}} \\
k_n &= \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{16}, \frac{5}{128}, n \geq 1 \\
k_n &= \frac{(2n-2)!}{(n!)(n-1)!2^{2n-1}} \\
&\quad k_{n-1} - 3k_n \\
&= \frac{(2n-4)!}{(n-1)!(n-2)!2^{2n-3}} \\
&\quad - \frac{3(2n-2)!}{(n!)(n-1)!2^{2n-1}} \\
&= \frac{(2n-4)!}{(n!)(n-1)!2^{2n-1}} \times \\
&\quad (4n(n-1) - 3(2n-2)(2n-3)) \\
&= \frac{-(2n-4)!2(n-1)(4n-9)}{(n!)(n-1)!2^{2n-1}} \\
&= -\frac{(2n-4)!(4n-9)}{(n!)(n-2)!2^{2n-2}} \\
b_{0,1,2,\dots} &= 1, -\frac{1}{2}, k_{n-1} - 3k_n
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
1 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{(2n+1)!} x^{2n} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} b_m x^{2m} \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{a_{k+1} b_{n-k}}{(2k+1)!} x^{2n} \\
0 &= \frac{a_2}{3!} + a_1 b_1 \\
0 &= \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{a_{k+1} b_{n-k}}{(2k+1)!}
\end{aligned}$$

Then we get the recurrent formula

$$\begin{aligned}
a_1 &= 1 \\
b_{0,1,2} &= 1, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{8} \\
b_n &= -\frac{(2n-4)!(4n-9)}{(n!)(n-2)!2^{2n-2}}, n \geq 2, \frac{10! * 19}{7! * 5! *} \\
a_{n+1} &= -(2n+1)! \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{a_{k+1} b_{n-k}}{(2k+1)!} \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{a_k b_{n+1-k}}{(2k-1)!} + n(2n+1) a_n \\
&= \frac{1}{2^{2n}} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} A_{n,k} a_k + n(2n+1) a_n \\
A_{n,k} &= \frac{2^{2k} (2n-2k-2)! (4n-4k-5) (2n+1)!}{(2k-1)! (n-k+1)! (n-k-1)!} \\
A_{n,n-1} &= \frac{-2^{2n-2} (2n+1)!}{(2n-3)! 2!} \\
&= -3 \times 2^{2n} C_{2n+1}^4 \\
A_{n,k+1} &= \frac{2^{2k+2} (2n-2k-4)! (4n-4k-9) (2n+1)!}{(2k+1)! (n-k)! (n-k-2)!} \\
\frac{A_{n,k}}{A_{n,k+1}} &= \frac{C_{2n-2k-2}^2 (4n-4k-5)}{(4n-4k-9)} \frac{C_{2k+1}^2}{(n-k+1)(n-k-1)} \\
&= \frac{C_{2k+1}^2 C_{2n-2k-2}^2 (4n-4k-5)}{(4n-4k-9) \left( (n-k)^2 - 1 \right)} \\
A_{n,k} &= \frac{C_{2k+1}^2 C_{2n-2k-2}^2 (4n-4k-5)}{(4n-4k-9) \left( (n-k)^2 - 1 \right)} A_{n,k+1}
\end{aligned}$$

## 2 Some Properties of $a_n$

There are some properties about  $a_n$ , especially the numerator and denominator of  $\frac{a_n}{(2n)!}$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{a_n}{(2n)!} &= \frac{p_n}{q_n} \\ q_n &= 2^{n_2} m, 2 \nmid m \\ n &= 2^{\lfloor \log_2^n \rfloor} + k \\ f_k &= 2n - n_2 \\ &= 1, 2, 2, 3, 2, 3, 3, 4, \\ &\quad 2, 3, 3, 4, 3, 4, 4, 5, \\ &\quad 2, 3, 3, 4, 3, 4, 4, 5, \dots\end{aligned}$$

There is an interesting property with the sequence  $f_n$ , one can determine  $f_n$  with a folding algorithm

$$\begin{aligned}f_0 &= 1 \\ f_n &= f_{n-2^{\lfloor \log_2^n \rfloor}} \\ f_{2^n+k} &= f_k, \geq 0, \\ 0 &\leq k \leq 2^n - 1\end{aligned}$$

Or more directly,  $f_n$  is the number of 1s in the binary form of n. For instance

$$\begin{aligned}2^m &= 1 \underbrace{00 \dots 0}_m \\ f_{2^m} &= 1 \\ 2^m - 1 &= \underbrace{111 \dots 1}_m \\ f_{2^m-1} &= m\end{aligned}$$

Finally, one can write

$$\begin{aligned}k &= n - 2^{\lfloor \log_2^n \rfloor} \\ q_n &\equiv 0 \pmod{2^{2n-f_k}}\end{aligned}$$

Especially, when n is the power of 2, one can write

$$q_{2^m} = 2^{2^{m-1}}$$

As for the numerator  $p_n$ , there is a conjecture that there are infinitely n so that  $p_n$  is prime, some prime  $p_n$  as bellow

$$\begin{aligned}
p_5 &= 13 \\
p_6 &= 31 \\
p_{10} &= 5843 \\
p_{15} &= 2458109 \\
p_{18} &= 287091419 \\
p_{24} &= 254342741399 \\
p_{35} &= 3529501245305884867 \\
p_{39} &= 427860028793103252967 \\
p_{83} &= 906377099957202739168 \\
&\quad 439729625276641710281 \\
&\quad 62149 \\
p_{104} &= 890041453097372994863 \\
&\quad 389952648819701669139 \\
&\quad 68061129264810447 \\
p_{109} &= 178041567983613612685 \\
&\quad 170776564228683871018 \\
&\quad 804351665817679734203 \\
p_{120} &= 593034744586068109565 \\
&\quad 075377561604220776300 \\
&\quad 623247248105927795763 \\
&\quad 23897 \\
p_{437} &= 132826198763401313280 \\
&\quad 585119934525107382711 \\
&\quad 284452214529798920088 \\
&\quad 069952738221413540575 \\
&\quad 646323455756363232682 \\
&\quad 095220830661203976318 \\
&\quad 730041110236955737761 \\
&\quad 420708939239504355127 \\
&\quad 804643551416330663663 \\
&\quad 997210832053536500045 \\
&\quad 423635910869675730412 \\
&\quad 885022471452421547266 \\
&\quad 30814189 \\
p_{490} &= 508818332708978663103
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
& & 107911527620184502586 \\
& & 073511194666269794065 \\
& & 763105253803021305545 \\
& & 331613391179050179918 \\
& & 750722619885974464239 \\
& & 453380533927033735587 \\
& & 851768367857263396369 \\
& & 992989008221344478305 \\
& & 633246748311053178344 \\
& & 493170345298176422170 \\
& & 127717655694908284303 \\
& & 180577462897540480172 \\
& & 026642211891918649 \\
p_{552} & = & 2039052684120318062 \\
& & 9032554889106983231 \\
& & 8156458396082806651 \\
& & 0840476779448769104 \\
& & 4058884861552698620 \\
& & 89393129452028971 \\
& & 4756847971993219664 \\
& & 2272381333662993054 \\
& & 3935108519650164989 \\
& & 0540453125429789130 \\
& & 04252955375193693 \\
& & 6274967897166378869 \\
& & 3431710245426744510 \\
& & 5743490756545708646 \\
& & 119920490625 \\
& & 5146902790276966220 \\
& & 8837000889825196913 \\
& & 98449971025842337 \\
& \dots & \dots \quad \dots
\end{array}$$

### 3 Summary

The Bowl's sequence was given in this note, and the recurrence formulas was given too.

Take-home message is here

(a.) The power series of  $\arctan(1 - \sqrt{1 - x^2})$  is

$$\begin{aligned} & \arctan(1 - \sqrt{1 - x^2}) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{(2n)!} x^{2n} \\ a_1 &= 1 \\ a_{n+1} &= \frac{1}{2^{2n}} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} A_{n,k} a_k + n(2n+1) a_n \end{aligned}$$

(b.) A property of  $a_n$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{p_n}{q_n} &= \frac{a_n}{(2n)!} \\ q_{2^m} &= 2^{2^{m-1}} \end{aligned}$$