

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

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{1 - x^2} &= 1 - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\prod_{k=1}^{n-1} (k - \frac{1}{2})}{2n!} x^{2n} \\ &\quad 1 - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2n-2)!}{(n!) (n-1)! 2^{2n-1}} x^{2n} \\ (\arctan x)' &= \frac{1}{1+x^2} \end{aligned}$$

Then one can write

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

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

Then we get the recurrent formula

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

2 Some Properties of a_n

2.1 Factors of a_n

There are some properties about a_n . It is observed that

$$\begin{aligned}
n &\equiv 0 \pmod{3}, n \geq 2 \\
n &\equiv 0 \pmod{5}, n \geq 3 \\
a_n &\equiv 0 \pmod{3^{f_{n,3}}} \\
a_n &\equiv 0 \pmod{5^{f_{n,5}}} \\
f_{n,3} &= 0, 1, 1, 2, 4, 4, 7, 6, 6, 8, \\
&\quad 9, 9, 10, 13, 13, 14, 17, \\
&\quad 15, 17, 18, 19, 19, 21, \\
&\quad 21, 24, 23 \\
f_{n,5} &= 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, \\
&\quad 5, 5, 6, 6, 6, 7, 7, 8, 8, 8 \dots
\end{aligned}$$

2.2 Denominator of $\frac{a_n}{(2n)!}$

It is more interesting about the numerator and denominator of $\frac{a_n}{(2n)!}$

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

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} 2^m &= \underbrace{100 \dots 0}_m \\ f_{2^m} &= 1 \\ 2^m - 1 &= \underbrace{111 \dots 1}_m \\ f_{2^m - 1} &= m \\ f_0 &= 0 \\ f_{2n} &= f_n \\ f_{2n+1} &= f_n + 1 \\ f_n &= f_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} + n \bmod 2 \end{aligned}$$

See <https://oeis.org/A000120>, which is called Hamming weight of n .

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

$$q_{2^m} = 2^{2^{m+1} - 1} \quad (1)$$

Furthermore, when n is the multiplication of a prime and a power of 2, one can write

$$\begin{aligned} n &= 2^m p \\ q_n &= p \times 2^{2n - f_k} \end{aligned}$$

And, when n is a Mersenne prime, one can get q_n via

$$q_{2^m - 1} = 2^{2^{m+1} - 2(m+1)} (2^m - 1)$$

where m is prime and $2^m - 1$ is prime.

2.3 Numerator of $\frac{a_n}{(2n)!}$

As for the numerators p_n , one can prove that all of p_n is odd since the denominators are always even. Also, there is a conjecture that there are infinitely n so that p_n is prime, some prime p_n are listed in the Appendix.

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

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

Appendix

a_n with $n \leq 20$

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= 1 \\ a_2 &= 3 \\ a_3 &= 15 \\ a_4 &= 315 \\ a_5 &= 36855 \\ a_6 &= 4833675 \\ a_7 &= 711485775 \\ a_8 &= 133449190875 \\ a_9 &= 33399969978375 \\ a_{10} &= 10845524928112875 \\ a_{11} &= 4368604540935009375 \\ a_{12} &= 2121018409773134 \\ &\quad 746875 \\ a_{13} &= 1222083076784378 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& 918484375 \\
a_{14} &= 8260130176741322 \\
& 44878796875 \\
a_{15} &= 6477241138419361 \\
& 42199672859375 \\
a_{16} &= 5831696435249193 \\
& 52829283528046875 \\
a_{17} &= 59735917746314449 \\
& 1308077497692734375 \\
a_{18} &= 69070563474827507 \\
& 73890069987317042 \\
& 96875 \\
a_{19} &= 89530877093508634 \\
& 76640969618485120 \\
& 87109375 \\
a_{20} &= 12930147565151909 \\
& 18978281765759779 \\
& 961360546875
\end{aligned}$$

p_n with $n \leq 20$

$$\begin{aligned}
p_1 &= 1 \\
p_2 &= 1 \\
p_3 &= 1 \\
p_4 &= 1 \\
p_5 &= 13 \\
p_6 &= 31 \\
p_7 &= 117 \\
p_8 &= 209 \\
p_9 &= 3077 \\
p_{10} &= 5843 \\
p_{11} &= 22415 \\
p_{12} &= 43015 \\
p_{13} &= 330457 \\
p_{14} &= 636347 \\
p_{15} &= 2458109 \\
p_{16} &= 4759409
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
p_{17} &= 147733749 \\
p_{18} &= 287091419 \\
p_{19} &= 1117521323 \\
p_{20} &= 2178052043 \\
p_{21} &= 5667208289 \\
p_{22} &= 33216221057
\end{aligned}$$

q_n with $n \leq 20$

$$\begin{aligned}
q_1 &= 2 \\
&= 2^1 \\
q_2 &= 8 \\
&= 2^3 \\
q_3 &= 48 \\
&= 2^4 \times 3^1 \\
q_4 &= 128 \\
&= 2^7 \\
q_5 &= 1280 \\
&= 2^8 \times 5^1 \\
q_6 &= 3072 \\
&= 2^{10} \times 3^1 \\
q_7 &= 14336 \\
&= 2^{11} \times 7^1 \\
q_8 &= 32768 \\
&= 2^{15} \\
q_9 &= 589824 \\
&= 2^{16} \times 3^2 \\
q_{10} &= 1310720 \\
&= 2^{18} \times 5^1 \\
q_{11} &= 5767168 \\
&= 2^{19} \times 11^1 \\
q_{12} &= 12582912 \\
&= 2^{22} \times 3^1 \\
q_{13} &= 109051904 \\
&= 2^{23} \times 13^1 \\
q_{14} &= 234881024 \\
&= 2^{25} \times 7^1
\end{aligned}$$

q_{15}	$=$	1006632960	075377561604220776300
	$=$	$2^{26} \times 3^1 \times 5^1$	623247248105927795763
q_{16}	$=$	2147483648	23897
	$=$	2^{31}	$p_{437} =$ 132826198763401313280
q_{17}	$=$	73014444032	585119934525107382711
	$=$	$2^{32} \times 17^1$	284452214529798920088
q_{18}	$=$	154618822656	069952738221413540575
	$=$	$2^{34} \times 3^2$	646323455756363232682
q_{19}	$=$	652835028992	095220830661203976318
	$=$	$2^{35} \times 19^1$	730041110236955737761
q_{20}	$=$	1374389534720	420708939239504355127
	$=$	$2^{38} \times 5^1$	804643551416330663663
q_{21}	$=$	3848290697216	997210832053536500045
	$=$	$2^{39} \times 7^1$	423635910869675730412
q_{22}	$=$	24189255811072	885022471452421547266
	$=$	$2^{41} \times 11^1$	30814189

Prime p_n within 1000

p_5	$=$	13	508818332708978663103
p_6	$=$	31	107911527620184502586
p_{10}	$=$	5843	073511194666269794065
p_{15}	$=$	2458109	763105253803021305545
p_{18}	$=$	287091419	331613391179050179918
p_{24}	$=$	254342741399	750722619885974464239
p_{35}	$=$	3529501245305884867	453380533927033735587
p_{39}	$=$	427860028793103252967	851768367857263396369
p_{83}	$=$	906377099957202739168	992989008221344478305
		439729625276641710281	633246748311053178344
		62149	493170345298176422170
p_{104}	$=$	890041453097372994863	127717655694908284303
		389952648819701669139	180577462897540480172
		68061129264810447	026642211891918649
p_{109}	$=$	178041567983613612685	$p_{552} =$ 2039052684120318062
		170776564228683871018	9032554889106983231
		804351665817679734203	8156458396082806651
p_{120}	$=$	593034744586068109565	0840476779448769104
			4058884861552698620
			89393129452028971
			4756847971993219664

$$\begin{array}{ll}
2272381333662993054 & = \sum_{k=0}^n (C_{2n+1}^{2k} I_{2k+1} - C_{2n+1}^{2k+1} I_{2k+2}) \\
3935108519650164989 & = \sum_{k=0}^n \left(\frac{C_{2n+1}^{2k} 2^{2k}}{(2k+1) C_{2k}^k} - \frac{C_{2n+1}^{2k+1} C_{2k+2}^{k+1} \pi}{2^{2k+3}} \right) \\
0540453125429789130 & \\
04252955375193693 & \\
6274967897166378869 & x = \sin \theta \\
3431710245426744510 & \tan y = 1 - \sqrt{1-x^2} \\
5743490756545708646 & = 1 - \cos \theta = 2 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \\
119920490625 & \\
5146902790276966220 & \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} d\theta \cos^{2n} \theta = 2^{-2n-1} C_{2n}^n \pi = I_{2n} \\
8837000889825196913 & \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} d\theta \cos^{2n+1} \theta = \frac{\Gamma(n+1) \Gamma(\frac{1}{2})}{2\Gamma(n+\frac{3}{2}) (\frac{3}{2}) (\frac{1}{2})} \\
98449971025842337 & = \frac{n! 2^n}{(2n+1)!!} \\
\dots \dots \dots & = \frac{(n!)^2 2^{2n}}{(2n+1)!} = \frac{2^{2n}}{(2n+1) C_{2n}^n}
\end{array}$$

Integral of $f(x)$ in the region $[0, 1]$

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_0^1 f(x) dx &= \int_0^1 dx \arctan(1 - \sqrt{1-x^2}) \\
&= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} d\theta \cos \theta \arctan(1 - \cos \theta) & I_{2n} I_{2n+1} &= \frac{I_{2n+1}}{\pi} \\
&= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} d\theta \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \cos \theta (1 - \cos \theta)^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} & I_0 &= \frac{\pi}{2}, I_1 = 1 \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(-1)^n (C_{2n+1}^{2k} I_{2k+1} - C_{2n+1}^{2k+1} I_{2k+2})}{(2n+1)!} & I_{m-1} I_m &= \frac{\pi}{2m} \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{2n+1} \frac{(-1)^{n+k} C_{2n+1}^k I_{k+1}}{(2n+1)!} & I_m I_{m+1} &= \frac{\pi}{2m+2} \\
&= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{(2n+1)!} \\
&\quad \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} d\theta \cos \theta (1 - \cos \theta)^{2n+1} \\
&= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} d\theta \cos \theta \sum_{k=0}^{2n+1} C_{2n+1}^k (-1)^k \cos^k \theta \\
&= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} d\theta \sum_{k=0}^{2n+1} (-1)^k C_{2n+1}^k \cos^{k+1} \theta \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^{2n+1} (-1)^k C_{2n+1}^k I_{k+1}
\end{aligned}$$