

# DERIVATION OF A COEFFICIENTS

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ABSTRACT. Derivation of  $\mathbf{A}_{m,r}$  in a simple and explicit manner.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION AND MAIN RESULTS

Consider a polynomial relation

$$n^{2m+1} = \sum_{r=0}^m \mathbf{A}_{m,r} \sum_{k=1}^n k^r (n-k)^r$$

Expanding the  $(n-k)^r$  part via Binomial theorem we get

$$\begin{aligned} n^{2m+1} &= \sum_{r=0}^m \mathbf{A}_{m,r} \sum_{k=1}^n k^r (n-k)^r \\ &= \sum_{r=0}^m \mathbf{A}_{m,r} \sum_{k=1}^n k^r \left[ \sum_{t=0}^r (-1)^t \binom{r}{t} n^{r-t} k^t \right] \\ &= \sum_{r=0}^m \mathbf{A}_{m,r} \left[ \sum_{t=0}^r (-1)^t \binom{r}{t} n^{r-t} \sum_{k=1}^n k^{t+r} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Consider the Faulhaber's formula

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k^p = \frac{1}{p+1} \sum_{j=0}^p \binom{p+1}{j} B_j n^{p+1-j}$$

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it is very important to note that summation bound is  $p$  while binomial coefficient upper bound is  $p + 1$ . It means that we cannot skip summation bounds unless we do some trick as

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{k=1}^n k^p &= \frac{1}{p+1} \sum_{j=0}^p \binom{p+1}{j} B_j n^{p+1-j} \\
&= \left[ \frac{1}{p+1} \sum_{j=0}^{p+1} \binom{p+1}{j} B_j n^{p+1-j} \right] - B_{p+1} \\
&= \left[ \frac{1}{p+1} \sum_j \binom{p+1}{j} B_j n^{p+1-j} \right] - B_{p+1}
\end{aligned} \tag{1.1}$$

Using Faulhaber's formula  $\sum_{k=1}^n k^p = \frac{1}{p+1} \sum_{j=0}^p \binom{p+1}{j} B_j n^{p+1-j}$  we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{k=1}^n k^r (n-k)^r &= \sum_{t=0}^r (-1)^t \binom{r}{t} n^{r-t} \sum_{k=1}^n k^{t+r} \\
&= \sum_{t=0}^r (-1)^t \binom{r}{t} n^{r-t} \left[ \frac{1}{t+r+1} \sum_j \binom{t+r+1}{j} B_j n^{t+r+1-j} - B_{t+r+1} \right] \\
&= \sum_{t=0}^r \binom{r}{t} \left[ \frac{(-1)^t}{t+r+1} \sum_j \binom{t+r+1}{j} B_j n^{2r+1-j} - B_{t+r+1} n^{r-t} \right] \\
&= \sum_{t=0}^r \binom{r}{t} \frac{(-1)^t}{t+r+1} \sum_j \binom{t+r+1}{j} B_j n^{2r+1-j} - \sum_{t=0}^r \binom{r}{t} \frac{(-1)^t}{t+r+1} B_{t+r+1} n^{r-t} \\
&= \sum_j \sum_t \binom{r}{t} \frac{(-1)^t}{t+r+1} \binom{t+r+1}{j} B_j n^{2r+1-j} - \sum_{t=0}^r \binom{r}{t} \frac{(-1)^t}{t+r+1} B_{t+r+1} n^{r-t} \\
&= \sum_j B_j n^{2r+1-j} \sum_t \binom{r}{t} \frac{(-1)^t}{t+r+1} \binom{t+r+1}{j} - \sum_{t=0}^r \binom{r}{t} \frac{(-1)^t}{t+r+1} B_{t+r+1} n^{r-t}
\end{aligned}$$

Now, we notice that

$$\sum_t \binom{r}{t} \frac{(-1)^t}{r+t+1} \binom{r+t+1}{j} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{(2r+1) \binom{2r}{r}}, & \text{if } j = 0; \\ \frac{(-1)^r}{j} \binom{r}{2r-j+1}, & \text{if } j > 0. \end{cases} \tag{1.2}$$

In particular, the last sum is zero for  $0 < t \leq j$ . So taking  $j = 0$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n k^r (n-k)^r &= \frac{1}{(2r+1)\binom{2r}{r}} n^{2r+1} + \left[ \sum_{j \geq 1} B_j n^{2r+1-j} \sum_t \binom{r}{t} \frac{(-1)^t}{t+r+1} \binom{t+r+1}{j} \right] \\ &\quad - \left[ \sum_{t=0}^r \binom{r}{t} \frac{(-1)^t}{t+r+1} B_{t+r+1} n^{r-t} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Now let's simplify the double summation

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n k^r (n-k)^r &= \frac{1}{(2r+1)\binom{2r}{r}} n^{2r+1} + \underbrace{\left[ \sum_{j \geq 1} \frac{(-1)^r}{j} \binom{r}{2r-j+1} B_j n^{2r+1-j} \right]}_{(\star)} \\ &\quad - \underbrace{\left[ \sum_{t=0}^r \binom{r}{t} \frac{(-1)^t}{t+r+1} B_{t+r+1} n^{r-t} \right]}_{(\diamond)} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, introducing  $\ell = 2r - j + 1$  to  $(\star)$  and  $\ell = r - t$  to  $(\diamond)$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n k^r (n-k)^r &= \frac{1}{(2r+1)\binom{2r}{r}} n^{2r+1} + \left[ \sum_{\ell} \frac{(-1)^r}{2r+1-\ell} \binom{r}{\ell} B_{2r+1-\ell} n^{\ell} \right] \\ &\quad - \left[ \sum_{\ell} \binom{r}{\ell} \frac{(-1)^{r-\ell}}{2r+1-\ell} B_{2r+1-\ell} n^{\ell} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{(2r+1)\binom{2r}{r}} n^{2r+1} + 2 \sum_{\text{odd } \ell} \frac{(-1)^r}{2r+1-\ell} \binom{r}{\ell} B_{2r+1-\ell} n^{\ell} \end{aligned} \tag{1.3}$$

Using the definition of  $\mathbf{A}_{m,r}$ , we obtain the following identity for polynomials in  $n$

$$\sum_r \mathbf{A}_{m,r} \frac{1}{(2r+1)\binom{2r}{r}} n^{2r+1} + 2 \sum_r \mathbf{A}_{m,r} \sum_{\text{odd } \ell} \frac{(-1)^r}{2r+1-\ell} \binom{r}{\ell} B_{2r+1-\ell} n^{\ell} \equiv n^{2m+1} \tag{1.4}$$

Replacing  $\ell$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_r \mathbf{A}_{m,r} \frac{1}{(2r+1)\binom{2r}{r}} n^{2r+1} + 2 \sum_r \mathbf{A}_{m,r} \sum_d \frac{(-1)^r}{2r-2d} \binom{r}{2d+1} B_{2r-2d} n^{2d+1} &\equiv n^{2m+1} \\ \sum_r \mathbf{A}_{m,r} \left[ \frac{1}{(2r+1)\binom{2r}{r}} n^{2r+1} \right] + 2 \sum_r \mathbf{A}_{m,r} \left[ \sum_d \frac{(-1)^r}{2r-2d} \binom{r}{2d+1} B_{2r-2d} n^{2d+1} \right] &- n^{2m+1} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

## 2. QUESTIONS

- (1) Any proof or reference to the relation (1.2)?
- (2) What is the motivation to use (1.1) version of Faulhaber's formula?
- (3) Why is there twice odd  $\ell$  in (1.3)?
- (4) Why  $\mathbf{A}_{m,m}$  equals  $(2m+1)\binom{2m}{m}$ ?

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