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## 1. FINITE DIFFERENCE FORMULAS

**Proposition 1.1** (Forward finite difference).

$$\Delta^k f(x) = \sum_{j=0}^k (-1)^{k-j} \binom{k}{j} f(x+j)$$

**Corollary 1.2** (Forward finite difference of power).

$$\Delta^k x^m = \sum_{j=0}^k (-1)^{k-j} \binom{k}{j} (x+j)^m$$

**Corollary 1.3** (Forward difference of power in zero).

$$\Delta^n 0^m = \sum_{j=0}^n (-1)^{n-j} \binom{n}{j} j^m$$

## 2. NEWTON SERIES

**Proposition 2.1.** (*Newton's series around zero* [[1](#), p. 190].)

$$f(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \binom{x}{j} \Delta^j f(0)$$

**Proposition 2.2.** (*Newton's series around arbitrary point* [[2](#), Lemma V].)

$$f(x + a) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \binom{x}{j} \Delta^j f(a)$$

## 3. PARTIAL SUMS OF POWERS

**Example 3.1** (Newton series for cubes monomial).

$$\begin{aligned}
n^3 &= 0 \binom{n}{0} + 1 \binom{n}{1} + 6 \binom{n}{2} + 6 \binom{n}{3} \\
n^3 &= 1 \binom{n-1}{0} + 7 \binom{n-1}{1} + 12 \binom{n-1}{2} + 6 \binom{n-1}{3} \\
n^3 &= 8 \binom{n-2}{0} + 19 \binom{n-2}{1} + 18 \binom{n-2}{2} + 6 \binom{n-2}{3} \\
n^3 &= \Delta^0 t^3 \binom{n-t}{0} + \Delta^1 t^3 \binom{n-t}{1} + \Delta^2 t^3 \binom{n-t}{2} + \Delta^3 t^3 \binom{n-t}{3}
\end{aligned}$$

**Example 3.2** (Newton series for cubes binomial).

$$\begin{aligned}
(n+0)^3 &= 0 \binom{n}{0} + 1 \binom{n}{1} + 6 \binom{n}{2} + 6 \binom{n}{3} \\
(n+1)^3 &= 1 \binom{n}{0} + 7 \binom{n}{1} + 12 \binom{n}{2} + 6 \binom{n}{3} \\
(n+2)^3 &= 8 \binom{n}{0} + 19 \binom{n}{1} + 18 \binom{n}{2} + 6 \binom{n}{3} \\
(n+t)^3 &= \Delta^0 t^3 \binom{n}{0} + \Delta^1 t^3 \binom{n}{1} + \Delta^2 t^3 \binom{n}{2} + \Delta^3 t^3 \binom{n}{3}
\end{aligned}$$

**Example 3.3** (Partial sums of cubes 1).

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{k=0}^{n+0} k^3 &= 0 \binom{n+1}{1} + 1 \binom{n+1}{2} + 6 \binom{n+1}{3} + 6 \binom{n+1}{4} \\
\sum_{k=1}^{n+1} k^3 &= 1 \binom{n+1}{1} + 7 \binom{n+1}{2} + 12 \binom{n+1}{3} + 6 \binom{n+1}{4} \\
\sum_{k=2}^{n+2} k^3 &= 8 \binom{n+1}{1} + 19 \binom{n+1}{2} + 18 \binom{n+1}{3} + 6 \binom{n+1}{4}
\end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 3.4** (Partial sums of cubes 1).

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{k=t}^{n+t} k^3 &= \Delta^0 t^3 \binom{n+1}{1} + \Delta^1 t^3 \binom{n+1}{2} + \Delta^2 t^3 \binom{n+1}{3} + \Delta^3 t^3 \binom{n+1}{4} \\
&= \sum_{j=0}^3 \binom{n+1}{j+1} \Delta^j t^3
\end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 3.5** (Partial sums of powers 1).

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{k=t}^{n+t} k^m &= \Delta^0 t^m \binom{n+1}{1} + \Delta^1 t^m \binom{n+1}{2} + \Delta^2 t^m \binom{n+1}{3} + \Delta^3 t^m \binom{n+1}{4} \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^m \binom{n+1}{j+1} \Delta^j t^m\end{aligned}$$

**Example 3.6** (Partial power sums of cubes 2).

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{k=0}^n k^3 &= 0 \binom{n+1}{1} + 1 \binom{n+1}{2} + 6 \binom{n+1}{3} + 6 \binom{n+1}{4} \\ \sum_{k=1}^n k^3 &= 1 \binom{n-1}{1} + 7 \binom{n-1}{2} + 12 \binom{n-1}{3} + 6 \binom{n-1}{4} \\ \sum_{k=2}^n k^3 &= 8 \binom{n-2}{1} + 19 \binom{n-2}{2} + 18 \binom{n-2}{3} + 6 \binom{n-2}{4}\end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 3.7** (Partial power sums of cubes 2).

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{k=t}^n k^3 &= \Delta^0 t^3 \binom{n-t+1}{1} + \Delta^1 t^3 \binom{n-t+1}{2} + \Delta^2 t^3 \binom{n-t+1}{3} + \Delta^3 t^3 \binom{n-t+1}{4} \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^3 \binom{n-t+1}{j+1} \Delta^j t^3\end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 3.8** (Partial power sums 2).

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{k=t}^n k^m &= \Delta^0 t^m \binom{n-t+1}{1} + \Delta^1 t^m \binom{n-t+1}{2} + \Delta^2 t^m \binom{n-t+1}{3} + \Delta^3 t^m \binom{n-t+1}{4} \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^m \binom{n-t+1}{j+1} \Delta^j t^m\end{aligned}$$

## 4. POLYNOMIAL IDENTITIES

**Example 4.1** (Newton series for cubes monomial).

$$\begin{aligned} n^3 &= 0 \binom{n}{0} + 1 \binom{n}{1} + 6 \binom{n}{2} + 6 \binom{n}{3} \\ n^3 &= 1 \binom{n-1}{0} + 7 \binom{n-1}{1} + 12 \binom{n-1}{2} + 6 \binom{n-1}{3} \\ n^3 &= 8 \binom{n-2}{0} + 19 \binom{n-2}{1} + 18 \binom{n-2}{2} + 6 \binom{n-2}{3} \end{aligned}$$

*In general,*

$$n^3 = \Delta^0 t^3 \binom{n-t}{0} + \Delta^1 t^3 \binom{n-t}{1} + \Delta^2 t^3 \binom{n-t}{2} + \Delta^3 t^3 \binom{n-t}{3}$$

**Example 4.2** (Newton series for cubes binomial).

$$\begin{aligned} (n+0)^3 &= 0 \binom{n}{0} + 1 \binom{n}{1} + 6 \binom{n}{2} + 6 \binom{n}{3} \\ (n+1)^3 &= 1 \binom{n}{0} + 7 \binom{n}{1} + 12 \binom{n}{2} + 6 \binom{n}{3} \\ (n+2)^3 &= 8 \binom{n}{0} + 19 \binom{n}{1} + 18 \binom{n}{2} + 6 \binom{n}{3} \\ (n+t)^3 &= \Delta^0 t^3 \binom{n}{0} + \Delta^1 t^3 \binom{n}{1} + \Delta^2 t^3 \binom{n}{2} + \Delta^3 t^3 \binom{n}{3} \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 4.3** (Newton series for power in zero).

$$n^m = \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{n}{m-k} \Delta^{m-k} 0^m$$

**Corollary 4.4** (Newton series for power in zero reversed).

$$n^m = \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{n}{k} \Delta^k 0^m$$

**Corollary 4.5** (Newton series for binomial).

$$(n+t)^m = \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{n}{m-k} \Delta^{m-k} t^m$$

**Corollary 4.6** (Commutativity of Newton series for binomial).

$$(n+t)^m = \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{t}{m-k} \Delta^{m-k} n^m$$

**Corollary 4.7** (Newton series for binomial reversed).

$$(n+t)^m = \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{n}{k} \Delta^k t^m$$

**Corollary 4.8** (Commutativity of Newton series for binomial reversed).

$$(n+t)^m = \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{t}{k} \Delta^k n^m$$

**Corollary 4.9** (Newton series for monomial).

$$n^m = \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{n-t}{m-k} \Delta^{m-k} t^m$$

*Proof.* By setting  $n \rightarrow n-t$  into (4.5). □

**Proposition 4.10** (Newton series for monomial reversed).

$$n^m = \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{n-t}{k} \Delta^k t^m$$

*Proof.* By setting  $n \rightarrow n-t$  into (4.7). □

**Proposition 4.11** (Newton series for monomial reindexed).

$$n^m = \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{t}{k} \Delta^k (n-t)^m$$

**Proposition 4.12** (Newton series for monomial reindexed with  $b = m$ ).

$$n^m = \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m}{k} \Delta^k (n-m)^m$$

**Proposition 4.13** (Newton series for monomial reversed with  $b = m$ ).

$$n^m = \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{n-m}{k} \Delta^k m^m$$

*Proof.* By setting  $t = m$  into (4.10). □

## 5. STIRLING NUMBERS FINITE DIFFERENCES

**Example 5.1** (Differences of Cubes via Stirling Numbers).

$$T(3, 0) = 0! \left\{ \begin{matrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{matrix} \right\} = \Delta^0(0^3) = 0$$

$$T(3, 1) = 1! \left\{ \begin{matrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{matrix} \right\} = \Delta^1(0^3) = 1$$

$$T(3, 2) = 2! \left\{ \begin{matrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{matrix} \right\} = \Delta^2(0^3) = 6$$

$$T(3, 3) = 3! \left\{ \begin{matrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{matrix} \right\} = \Delta^3(0^3) = 6$$

**Corollary 5.2** (Newton series via Stirling numbers).

$$n^m = \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{n}{k} \left\{ \begin{matrix} m \\ k \end{matrix} \right\} k!$$

**Proposition 5.3** (Finite differences via Stirling numbers).

$$T_1(n, k, x) = \sum_{t=0}^n \binom{x}{t-k} \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ t \end{matrix} \right\} t! = \Delta^k x^n$$

**Proposition 5.4** (Finite differences via Stirling numbers reindexed).

$$T_2(x, n, k) = \sum_{t=0}^n \binom{x}{t} \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ k+t \end{matrix} \right\} (k+t)! = \Delta^k x^n$$

**Corollary 5.5** (For OEIS).

$$T_2(t, n, k) = \sum_{j=0}^n \binom{t}{j} \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ k+j \end{matrix} \right\} (k+j)! = \Delta^k t^n$$

For example

- $T_2(0, n, k) = \binom{0}{0} \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right\} k!$
- $T_2(1, n, k) = \binom{1}{0} \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right\} k! + \binom{1}{1} \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ k+1 \end{matrix} \right\} (k+1)!$
- $T_2(2, n, k) = \binom{2}{0} \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right\} k! + \binom{2}{1} \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ k+1 \end{matrix} \right\} (k+1)! + \binom{2}{2} \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ k+2 \end{matrix} \right\} (k+2)!$
- $T_2(3, n, k) = \binom{3}{0} \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right\} k! + \binom{3}{1} \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ k+1 \end{matrix} \right\} (k+1)! + \binom{3}{2} \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ k+2 \end{matrix} \right\} (k+2)! + \binom{3}{3} \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ k+3 \end{matrix} \right\} (k+3)!$
- $T_2(4, n, k) = \binom{4}{0} \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right\} k! + \binom{4}{1} \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ k+1 \end{matrix} \right\} (k+1)! + \binom{4}{2} \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ k+2 \end{matrix} \right\} (k+2)! + \binom{4}{3} \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ k+3 \end{matrix} \right\} (k+3)! + \binom{4}{4} \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ k+4 \end{matrix} \right\} (k+4)!$



## 6. SEGMENTED HOCKEY STICK IDENTITY

**Lemma 6.1** (Negative binomial coefficient).

$$\binom{-k}{j} = (-1)^j \binom{j+k-1}{j}$$

**Proposition 6.2** (Segmented Hockey stick identity). *For integers  $n, t$  and  $j$*

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{-t+k}{j} = (-1)^j \binom{j+t}{j+1} + \binom{n-t+1}{j+1}$$

*Proof.* First we split the sum  $\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{-t+k}{j}$  into two sub-sums so that we discuss them separately

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{-t+k}{j} = \sum_{k=0}^{t-1} \binom{-t+k}{j} + \sum_{k=t}^n \binom{-t+k}{j}$$

We assume that the two sums above run over the partition  $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, t, \dots, n\}$  such that  $t < n$ . Considering the sum  $\sum_{k=0}^{t-1} \binom{-t+k}{j}$  we notice that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{t-1} \binom{-t+k}{j} &= \binom{-t}{j} + \binom{-t+1}{j} + \binom{-t+2}{j} + \dots + \\ &\quad + \binom{-t+t-2}{j} + \binom{-t+t-1}{j} \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\sum_{k=0}^{t-1} \binom{-t+k}{j} = \sum_{k=1}^t \binom{-k}{j} = \sum_{k=0}^{t-1} \binom{-k-1}{j}$$

By lemma (6.1)

$$\binom{-k-1}{j} = \binom{-(k+1)}{j} = (-1)^j \binom{j+k}{j}$$

Thus

$$\sum_{k=0}^{t-1} \binom{-t+k}{j} = (-1)^j \sum_{k=0}^{t-1} \binom{j+k}{j} = (-1)^j \binom{j+t}{j+1}$$

By means of Hockey stick identity  $\sum_{k=0}^t \binom{j+k}{j} = \binom{j+t+1}{j+1}$ .

Considering the sum  $\sum_{k=t}^n \binom{-t+k}{j}$  we notice that

$$\sum_{k=t}^n \binom{-t+k}{j} = \sum_{k=0}^{n-t} \binom{k}{j}$$

Thus

$$\sum_{k=t}^n \binom{-t+k}{j} = \sum_{k=0}^{n-t} \binom{k}{j} = \binom{n-t+1}{j+1}$$

By means of Hockey stick identity  $\sum_{k=0}^t \binom{j+k}{j} = \binom{j+t+1}{j+1}$ . Thus

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{-t+k}{j} = (-1)^j \binom{j+t}{j+1} + \binom{n-t+1}{j+1}$$

This completes the proof. □

**Lemma 6.3.** *For integers*

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \binom{-t+k}{j} = (-1)^j \binom{j+t-1}{j+1} + \binom{n-t+1}{j+1}$$

*Proof.* By rearranging

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \binom{-t+k}{j} = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \binom{-t+k+1}{j}$$

By segmented hockey stick identity

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \binom{-t+k+1}{j} = (-1)^j \binom{j+t-1}{j+1} + \binom{n-t+1}{j+1}$$

□

## 7. MULTIFOLD SUMS OF POWERS

**Definition 7.1** (Multifold sum of powers recurrence).

$$\Sigma^0 n^m = n^m$$

$$\Sigma^1 n^m = \Sigma^0 1^m + \Sigma^0 2^m + \cdots + \Sigma^0 n^m$$

$$\Sigma^{r+1} n^m = \Sigma^r 1^m + \Sigma^r 2^m + \cdots + \Sigma^r n^m$$

**Theorem 7.2** (Sums of powers via finite difference). *For non-negative integers  $n, m$  and arbitrary integer  $t$*

$$\sum_{k=0}^n k^m = \sum_{j=0}^m \Delta^j t^m \left[ (-1)^j \binom{j+t}{j+1} + \binom{n-t+1}{j+1} \right]$$

**Theorem 7.3** (Sums of powers via finite difference 2). *For non-negative integers  $n, m$  and arbitrary integer  $t$*

$$\Sigma^1 n^m = \sum_{j=0}^m \Delta^j t^m \left[ (-1)^j \binom{j+t-1}{j+1} + \binom{n-t+1}{j+1} \right]$$

**Theorem 7.4** (Double sums of powers via finite difference 2).

$$\Sigma^2 n^m = \sum_{j=0}^m \Delta^j t^m \left[ (-1)^j \binom{j+t-1}{j+1} n + (-1)^{j+1} \binom{j+t-1}{j+2} n^0 + \binom{n-t+2}{j+2} \right]$$

*Validation (Mathematica).* See the function `t = 121; DoubleSumsOfPowersViaFiniteDifference5[10, t, 3]` □

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma^2 n^m &= \sum_{j=0}^m \Delta^j t^m \sum_{k=1}^n \left[ (-1)^j \binom{j+t-1}{j+1} + \binom{k-t+1}{j+1} \right] \\ \Sigma^2 n^m &= \sum_{j=0}^m \Delta^j t^m \left[ (-1)^j \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{j+t-1}{j+1} + \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{k-t+1}{j+1} \right] \\ \Sigma^2 n^m &= \sum_{j=0}^m \Delta^j t^m \left[ (-1)^j \binom{j+t-1}{j+1} n + \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{k-t+1}{j+1} \right] \end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem 7.5** (Triple sums of powers via finite difference 24).

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma^3 n^m = \sum_{j=0}^m \Delta^j t^m & \left[ (-1)^j \binom{j+t-1}{j+1} \Sigma^2 n^0 + (-1)^{j+1} \binom{j+t-1}{j+2} \Sigma^1 n^0 + \right. \\ & \left. + (-1)^{j+2} \binom{j+t-1}{j+3} \Sigma^0 n^0 + \binom{n-t+3}{j+3} \right] \end{aligned}$$

*Validation (Mathematica).* See `t = 126; TripleSumsOfPowersViaFiniteDifference24[10, t, 3]`

□

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma^3 n^m &= \sum_{j=0}^m \Delta^j t^m \sum_{k=1}^n \left[ (-1)^j \binom{j+t-1}{j+1} k^1 + (-1)^{j+1} \binom{j+t-1}{j+2} k^0 + \binom{k-t+2}{j+2} \right] \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^m \Delta^j t^m \left[ (-1)^j \binom{j+t-1}{j+1} \sum_{k=1}^n k^1 + (-1)^{j+1} \binom{j+t-1}{j+2} \sum_{k=1}^n k^0 + \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{k-t+2}{j+2} \right] \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^m \Delta^j t^m \left[ (-1)^j \binom{j+t-1}{j+1} \Sigma^2 n^0 + (-1)^{j+1} \binom{j+t-1}{j+2} \Sigma^1 n^0 + \right. \\ & \quad \left. + (-1)^{j+2} \binom{j+t-1}{j+3} \Sigma^0 n^0 + \binom{n-t+3}{j+3} \right] \end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem 7.6** (R-Fold Sum via Alternating Binomial Correction Term).

$$\Sigma^r n^m = \sum_{j=0}^m \Delta^j t^m \left[ \left( \sum_{s=1}^r (-1)^{j+s-1} \binom{j+t-1}{j+s} \Sigma^{r-s} n^0 \right) + \binom{n-t+r}{j+r} \right]$$

*Proof.* By Newton series for monomial reversed (4.10) and repeated segmented hockey stick identity (6.2). □

*Validation (Mathematica).* `r = 3; Table[MultifoldSumOfPowersRecurrence[r, n, m] - RFoldSumViaAlternatingBinomialCorrectionTerm[r, n, m, t], {n, 0, 10, m, 1, 10, t, 0, n}] // Flatten`

□

**Proposition 7.7.** For integers  $r$  and  $n$

$$\Sigma^r n^0 = \binom{r+n-1}{r}$$

*Proof.* By hockey stick identity. □

**Corollary 7.8.**

$$\Sigma^r n^m = \sum_{j=0}^m \Delta^j t^m \left[ \left( \sum_{s=1}^r (-1)^{j+s-1} \binom{j+t-1}{j+s} \binom{r-s+n-1}{r-s} \right) + \binom{n-t+r}{j+r} \right]$$

*Validation (Mathematica).* `r = 3; Table[MultifoldSumOfPowersRecurrence[r, n, m] - RFoldSumViaAlternatingBinomialCorrectionTerm3[r, n, m, t], {n, 0, 10}, {m, 0, 10}, {t, 0, n}] // Flatten` □

**Corollary 7.9.**

$$\Sigma^r n^m = \sum_{j=0}^m \Delta^j t^m \left[ \left( \sum_{s=0}^{r-1} (-1)^{j+s} \binom{j+t-1}{j+s+1} \binom{r-s+n-2}{r-s-1} \right) + \binom{n-t+r}{j+r} \right]$$

*Validation (Mathematica).* `r = 3; Table[MultifoldSumOfPowersRecurrence[r, n, m] - RFoldSumViaAlternatingBinomialCorrectionTerm4[r, n, m, t], {n, 0, 10}, {m, 0, 10}, {t, 0, n}] // Flatten` □

## 8. EXAMPLES FOR SINGLE SUMS

**Example 8.1** (Sums of powers via finite difference 2).

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k^m = \sum_{j=0}^m \Delta^j t^m \left[ \binom{n-t+1}{j+1} + (-1)^j \binom{j+t-1}{j+1} \right]$$

8.1. For  $t=0$ .

**Example 8.2** (For  $t = 0$ ).

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k^m = \sum_{j=0}^m \Delta^j 0^m \left[ \binom{n+1}{j+1} + (-1)^j \binom{j-1}{j+1} \right]$$

**Example 8.3** (For  $t=0$ ).

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma^1 n^0 &= 1 \left( \binom{n+1}{1} + \binom{-1}{1} \right) \\ \Sigma^1 n^1 &= 0 \left( \binom{n+1}{1} + \binom{-1}{1} \right) + 1 \left( \binom{n+1}{2} - \binom{0}{2} \right) \\ \Sigma^1 n^2 &= 0 \left( \binom{n+1}{1} + \binom{-1}{1} \right) + 1 \left( \binom{n+1}{2} - \binom{0}{2} \right) + 2 \left( \binom{n+1}{3} + \binom{1}{3} \right) \\ \Sigma^1 n^3 &= 0 \left( \binom{n+1}{1} + \binom{-1}{1} \right) + 1 \left( \binom{n+1}{2} - \binom{0}{2} \right) + 6 \left( \binom{n+1}{3} + \binom{1}{3} \right) \\ &\quad + 6 \left( \binom{n+1}{4} - \binom{2}{4} \right) \\ \Sigma^1 n^m &= \sum_{j=0}^m T(0, n, k) \left[ \binom{n+1}{j+1} + (-1)^j \binom{j-1}{j+1} \right] \end{aligned}$$

## 8.2. For t=1.

**Example 8.4** (For  $t = 1$ ).

$$\Sigma^1 n^m = \sum_{j=0}^m \Delta^j 1^m \left[ (-1)^j \binom{j}{j+1} + \binom{n}{j+1} \right]$$

**Example 8.5** (For  $t = 1$ ).

$$\Sigma^1 n^m = \sum_{j=0}^m T(1, m, j) \left[ (-1)^j \binom{j}{j+1} + \binom{n}{j+1} \right]$$

**Example 8.6** (For t=1).

$$\Sigma^1 n^0 = 1 \left( \binom{n}{1} + \binom{0}{1} \right)$$

$$\Sigma^1 n^1 = 1 \left( \binom{n}{1} + \binom{0}{1} \right) + 1 \left( \binom{n}{2} - \binom{1}{2} \right)$$

$$\Sigma^1 n^2 = 1 \left( \binom{n}{1} + \binom{0}{1} \right) + 3 \left( \binom{n}{2} - \binom{1}{2} \right) + 2 \left( \binom{n}{3} + \binom{2}{3} \right)$$

$$\Sigma^1 n^3 = 1 \left( \binom{n}{1} + \binom{0}{1} \right) + 7 \left( \binom{n}{2} - \binom{1}{2} \right) + 12 \left( \binom{n}{3} + \binom{2}{3} \right) + 6 \left( \binom{n}{4} - \binom{3}{4} \right)$$

$$\Sigma^1 n^m = \sum_{j=0}^m T(1, m, j) \left[ \binom{n}{j+1} + (-1)^j \binom{j}{j+1} \right]$$

### 8.3. For t=2.

**Example 8.7** (For  $t = 2$ ).

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k^m = \sum_{j=0}^m \Delta^j 2^m \left[ \binom{n-1}{j+1} + (-1)^j \right]$$

**Example 8.8** (For t=2).

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma^1 n^0 &= 1 \left( \binom{n-1}{1} + \binom{1}{1} \right) \\ \Sigma^1 n^1 &= 2 \left( \binom{n-1}{1} + \binom{1}{1} \right) + 1 \left( \binom{n-1}{2} - \binom{2}{2} \right) \\ \Sigma^1 n^2 &= 4 \left( \binom{n-1}{1} + \binom{1}{1} \right) + 5 \left( \binom{n-1}{2} - \binom{2}{2} \right) + 2 \left( \binom{n-1}{3} + \binom{3}{3} \right) \\ \Sigma^1 n^3 &= 8 \left( \binom{n-1}{1} + \binom{1}{1} \right) + 19 \left( \binom{n-1}{2} - \binom{2}{2} \right) + 18 \left( \binom{n-1}{3} + \binom{3}{3} \right) \\ &\quad + 6 \left( \binom{n-1}{4} - \binom{4}{4} \right) \\ \Sigma^1 n^m &= \sum_{j=0}^m T(2, m, j) \left[ \binom{n-1}{j+1} + (-1)^j \binom{j+1}{j+1} \right] \end{aligned}$$

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- $\Sigma^1 n^0 = 1 \left[ \binom{n-1}{1} + 1 \right]$
- $\Sigma^1 n^1 = 2 \left[ \binom{n-1}{1} + 1 \right] + 1 \left[ \binom{n-1}{2} - 1 \right]$
- $\Sigma^1 n^2 = 4 \left[ \binom{n-1}{1} + 1 \right] + 5 \left[ \binom{n-1}{2} - 1 \right] + 2 \left[ \binom{n-1}{3} + 1 \right]$
- $\Sigma^1 n^3 = 8 \left[ \binom{n-1}{1} + 1 \right] + 19 \left[ \binom{n-1}{2} - 1 \right] + 18 \left[ \binom{n-1}{3} + 1 \right] + 6 \left[ \binom{n-1}{4} - 1 \right]$
- $\Sigma^1 n^m = \sum_{j=0}^m T(m, j) \left[ \binom{n-1}{j+1} + (-1)^j \right]$



#### 8.4. For $t=3$ .

**Example 8.9** (For  $t = 3$ ).

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k^m = \sum_{j=0}^m \Delta^j 3^m \left[ \binom{n-2}{j+1} + (-1)^j \binom{j+2}{j+1} \right]$$

**Example 8.10** (For  $t=3$ ).

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma^1 n^0 &= 1 \left( \binom{n-2}{1} + \binom{2}{1} \right) \\ \Sigma^1 n^1 &= 3 \left( \binom{n-2}{1} + \binom{2}{1} \right) + 1 \left( \binom{n-2}{2} - \binom{3}{2} \right) \\ \Sigma^1 n^2 &= 9 \left( \binom{n-2}{1} + \binom{2}{1} \right) + 7 \left( \binom{n-2}{2} - \binom{3}{2} \right) + 2 \left( \binom{n-2}{3} + \binom{4}{3} \right) \\ \Sigma^1 n^3 &= 27 \left( \binom{n-2}{1} + \binom{2}{1} \right) + 37 \left( \binom{n-2}{2} - \binom{3}{2} \right) \\ &\quad + 24 \left( \binom{n-2}{3} + \binom{4}{3} \right) + 6 \left( \binom{n-2}{4} - \binom{5}{4} \right) \\ \Sigma^1 n^m &= \sum_{j=0}^m T(3, m, j) \left[ \binom{n-2}{j+1} + (-1)^j \binom{j+2}{j+1} \right] \end{aligned}$$

### 8.5. For $t=4$ .

**Example 8.11** (For  $t = 4$ ).

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k^m = \sum_{j=0}^m \Delta^j 4^m \left[ \binom{n-3}{j+1} + (-1)^j \binom{j+3}{j+1} \right]$$

**Example 8.12** (For  $t=4$ ).

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma^1 n^0 &= 1 \left( \binom{n-3}{1} + \binom{3}{1} \right) \\ \Sigma^1 n^1 &= 4 \left( \binom{n-3}{1} + \binom{3}{1} \right) + 1 \left( \binom{n-3}{2} - \binom{4}{2} \right) \\ \Sigma^1 n^2 &= 16 \left( \binom{n-3}{1} + \binom{3}{1} \right) + 9 \left( \binom{n-3}{2} - \binom{4}{2} \right) + 2 \left( \binom{n-2}{3} + \binom{5}{3} \right) \\ \Sigma^1 n^3 &= 64 \left( \binom{n-3}{1} + \binom{3}{1} \right) + 61 \left( \binom{n-3}{2} - \binom{4}{2} \right) \\ &\quad + 30 \left( \binom{n-3}{3} + \binom{5}{3} \right) + 6 \left( \binom{n-3}{4} - \binom{6}{4} \right) \\ \Sigma^1 n^m &= \sum_{j=0}^m T(4, m, j) \left[ \binom{n-3}{j+1} + (-1)^j \binom{j+3}{j+1} \right] \end{aligned}$$

### 8.6. For $t=5$ .

**Example 8.13** (For  $t = 5$ ).

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k^m = \sum_{j=0}^m \Delta^j 5^m \left[ \binom{n-4}{j+1} + (-1)^j \binom{j+4}{j+1} \right]$$

**Example 8.14** (For  $t=5$ ).

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma^1 n^0 &= 1 \left( \binom{n-4}{1} + \binom{4}{1} \right) \\ \Sigma^1 n^1 &= 5 \left( \binom{n-4}{1} + \binom{4}{1} \right) + 1 \left( \binom{n-4}{2} - \binom{5}{2} \right) \\ \Sigma^1 n^2 &= 25 \left( \binom{n-4}{1} + \binom{4}{1} \right) + 11 \left( \binom{n-4}{2} - \binom{5}{2} \right) + 2 \left( \binom{n-4}{3} + \binom{6}{3} \right) \\ \Sigma^1 n^3 &= 125 \left( \binom{n-4}{1} + \binom{4}{1} \right) + 91 \left( \binom{n-4}{2} - \binom{5}{2} \right) \\ &\quad + 36 \left( \binom{n-4}{3} + \binom{6}{3} \right) + 6 \left( \binom{n-4}{4} - \binom{7}{4} \right) \\ \Sigma^1 n^m &= \sum_{j=0}^m T(5, m, j) \left[ \binom{n-4}{j+1} + (-1)^j \binom{j+4}{j+1} \right] \end{aligned}$$

## 9. EXAMPLES FOR DOUBLE SUMS

**Theorem 9.1** (Double sums of powers via finite difference 2).

$$\Sigma^2 n^m = \sum_{j=0}^m \Delta^j t^m \left[ \binom{n-t+2}{j+2} + (-1)^j \binom{j+t-1}{j+1} n^1 + (-1)^{j+1} \binom{j+t-1}{j+2} n^0 \right]$$

### 9.1. For $t=0$ .

**Example 9.2** (For  $t=0$ ).

$$\Sigma^2 n^m = \sum_{j=0}^m \Delta^j 0^m \left[ \binom{n+2}{j+2} + (-1)^j \binom{j-1}{j+1} n + (-1)^{j+1} \binom{j-1}{j+2} n^0 \right]$$

**Example 9.3** (For  $t=0$ ).

$$\Sigma^2 n^m = \sum_{j=0}^m T(0, m, j) \left[ \binom{n+2}{j+2} + (-1)^j \binom{j-1}{j+1} n + (-1)^{j+1} \binom{j-1}{j+2} n^0 \right]$$

**Example 9.4** (For  $t=0$ ).

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma^2 n^0 &= 1 \left( \binom{n+2}{2} + \binom{-1}{1} n - \binom{-1}{2} \right) \\ \Sigma^2 n^1 &= 0 \left( \binom{n+2}{2} + \binom{-1}{1} n - \binom{-1}{2} \right) + 1 \left( \binom{n+2}{3} - \binom{0}{2} n + \binom{0}{3} \right) \\ \Sigma^2 n^2 &= 0 \left( \binom{n+2}{2} + \binom{-1}{1} n - \binom{-1}{2} \right) + 1 \left( \binom{n+2}{3} - \binom{0}{2} n + \binom{0}{3} \right) \\ &\quad + 2 \left( \binom{n+2}{4} + \binom{1}{3} n - \binom{1}{4} \right) \\ \Sigma^2 n^3 &= 0 \left( \binom{n+2}{2} + \binom{-1}{1} n - \binom{-1}{2} \right) + 1 \left( \binom{n+2}{3} - \binom{0}{2} n + \binom{0}{3} \right) \\ &\quad + 6 \left( \binom{n+2}{4} + \binom{1}{3} n - \binom{1}{4} \right) + 6 \left( \binom{n+2}{5} - \binom{2}{4} n + \binom{2}{5} \right) \end{aligned}$$

## 9.2. For t=1.

**Example 9.5** (For t=1).

$$\Sigma^2 n^m = \sum_{j=0}^m T(1, m, j) \left[ \binom{n+1}{j+2} + (-1)^j \binom{j}{j+1} n^1 + (-1)^{j+1} \binom{j}{j+2} n^0 \right]$$

**Example 9.6** (For t=1).

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma^2 n^0 &= 1 \left( \binom{n+1}{2} + \binom{0}{1} n - \binom{0}{2} \right) \\ \Sigma^2 n^1 &= 1 \left( \binom{n+1}{2} + \binom{0}{1} n - \binom{0}{2} \right) + 1 \left( \binom{n+1}{3} - \binom{1}{2} n + \binom{1}{3} \right) \\ \Sigma^2 n^2 &= 1 \left( \binom{n+1}{2} + \binom{0}{1} n - \binom{0}{2} \right) + 3 \left( \binom{n+1}{3} - \binom{1}{2} n + \binom{1}{3} \right) \\ &\quad + 2 \left( \binom{n+1}{4} + \binom{2}{3} n - \binom{2}{4} \right) \\ \Sigma^2 n^3 &= 1 \left( \binom{n+1}{2} + \binom{0}{1} n - \binom{0}{2} \right) + 7 \left( \binom{n+1}{3} - \binom{1}{2} n + \binom{1}{3} \right) \\ &\quad + 12 \left( \binom{n+1}{4} + \binom{2}{3} n - \binom{2}{4} \right) + 6 \left( \binom{n+1}{5} - \binom{3}{4} n + \binom{3}{5} \right) \end{aligned}$$

### 9.3. For t=2.

**Example 9.7** (For t=2).

$$\Sigma^2 n^m = \sum_{j=0}^m T(2, m, j) \left[ \binom{n}{j+2} + (-1)^j \binom{j+1}{j+1} n^1 + (-1)^{j+1} \binom{j+1}{j+2} n^0 \right]$$

**Example 9.8** (For t=2).

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma^2 n^0 &= 1 \left( \binom{n}{2} + \binom{1}{1} n - \binom{0}{2} \right) \\ \Sigma^2 n^1 &= 2 \left( \binom{n}{2} + \binom{1}{1} n - \binom{0}{2} \right) + 1 \left( \binom{n}{3} - \binom{2}{2} n + \binom{1}{3} \right) \\ \Sigma^2 n^2 &= 4 \left( \binom{n}{2} + \binom{1}{1} n - \binom{0}{2} \right) + 5 \left( \binom{n}{3} - \binom{2}{2} n + \binom{1}{3} \right) + 2 \left( \binom{n}{4} + \binom{3}{3} n - \binom{2}{4} \right) \\ \Sigma^2 n^3 &= 8 \left( \binom{n}{2} + \binom{1}{1} n - \binom{0}{2} \right) + 19 \left( \binom{n}{3} - \binom{2}{2} n + \binom{1}{3} \right) + 18 \left( \binom{n}{4} + \binom{3}{3} n - \binom{2}{4} \right) \\ &\quad + 6 \left( \binom{n}{5} - \binom{4}{4} n + \binom{3}{5} \right) \end{aligned}$$

#### 9.4. For t=3.

**Example 9.9** (For t=3).

$$\Sigma^2 n^m = \sum_{j=0}^m T(3, m, j) \left[ \binom{n+1}{j+2} + (-1)^j \binom{j+2}{j+1} n^1 + (-1)^{j+1} \binom{j+2}{j+2} n^0 \right]$$

**Example 9.10** (For t=3).

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma^2 n^0 &= 1 \left( \binom{n+1}{2} + \binom{2}{1} n - \binom{2}{2} \right) \\ \Sigma^2 n^1 &= 3 \left( \binom{n+1}{2} + \binom{2}{1} n - \binom{2}{2} \right) + 1 \left( \binom{n+1}{3} - \binom{3}{2} n + \binom{3}{3} \right) \\ \Sigma^2 n^2 &= 9 \left( \binom{n+1}{2} + \binom{2}{1} n - \binom{2}{2} \right) + 7 \left( \binom{n+1}{3} - \binom{3}{2} n + \binom{3}{3} \right) \\ &\quad + 2 \left( \binom{n+1}{4} + \binom{4}{3} n - \binom{4}{4} \right) \\ \Sigma^2 n^3 &= 27 \left( \binom{n+1}{2} + \binom{2}{1} n - \binom{2}{2} \right) + 37 \left( \binom{n+1}{3} - \binom{3}{2} n + \binom{3}{3} \right) \\ &\quad + 24 \left( \binom{n+1}{4} + \binom{4}{3} n - \binom{4}{4} \right) + 6 \left( \binom{n+1}{5} - \binom{5}{4} n + \binom{5}{5} \right) \end{aligned}$$



9.5. For  $t=4$ .

**Example 9.11** (For  $t=4$ ).

$$\Sigma^2 n^m = \sum_{j=0}^m T(4, m, j) \left[ \binom{n-2}{j+2} + (-1)^j \binom{j+3}{j+1} n^1 + (-1)^{j+1} \binom{j+3}{j+2} n^0 \right]$$

**Example 9.12** (For  $t=4$ ).

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma^2 n^0 &= 1 \left( \binom{n-2}{2} + \binom{3}{1} n - \binom{3}{2} \right) \\ \Sigma^2 n^1 &= 4 \left( \binom{n-2}{2} + \binom{3}{1} n - \binom{3}{2} \right) + 1 \left( \binom{n-2}{3} - \binom{4}{2} n + \binom{4}{3} \right) \\ \Sigma^2 n^2 &= 16 \left( \binom{n-2}{2} + \binom{3}{1} n - \binom{3}{2} \right) + 9 \left( \binom{n-2}{3} - \binom{4}{2} n + \binom{4}{3} \right) \\ &\quad + 2 \left( \binom{n-2}{4} + \binom{5}{3} n - \binom{5}{4} \right) \\ \Sigma^2 n^3 &= 64 \left( \binom{n-2}{2} + \binom{3}{1} n - \binom{3}{2} \right) + 61 \left( \binom{n-2}{3} - \binom{4}{2} n + \binom{4}{3} \right) \\ &\quad + 30 \left( \binom{n-2}{4} + \binom{5}{3} n - \binom{5}{4} \right) + 6 \left( \binom{n-2}{5} - \binom{6}{4} n + \binom{6}{5} \right) \end{aligned}$$

### 9.6. For t=5.

**Example 9.13** (For t=5).

$$\Sigma^2 n^m = \sum_{j=0}^m T(5, m, j) \left[ \binom{n-3}{j+2} + (-1)^j \binom{j+4}{j+1} n^1 + (-1)^{j+1} \binom{j+4}{j+2} n^0 \right]$$

**Example 9.14** (For t=5).

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma^2 n^0 &= 1 \left( \binom{n-3}{2} + \binom{4}{1} n - \binom{4}{2} \right) \\ \Sigma^2 n^1 &= 5 \left( \binom{n-3}{2} + \binom{4}{1} n - \binom{4}{2} \right) + 1 \left( \binom{n-3}{3} - \binom{5}{2} n + \binom{5}{3} \right) \\ \Sigma^2 n^2 &= 25 \left( \binom{n-3}{2} + \binom{4}{1} n - \binom{4}{2} \right) + 11 \left( \binom{n-3}{3} - \binom{5}{2} n + \binom{5}{3} \right) \\ &\quad + 2 \left( \binom{n-3}{4} + \binom{6}{3} n - \binom{6}{4} \right) \\ \Sigma^2 n^3 &= 125 \left( \binom{n-3}{2} + \binom{4}{1} n - \binom{4}{2} \right) + 91 \left( \binom{n-3}{3} - \binom{5}{2} n + \binom{5}{3} \right) \\ &\quad + 36 \left( \binom{n-3}{4} + \binom{6}{3} n - \binom{6}{4} \right) + 6 \left( \binom{n-3}{5} - \binom{7}{4} n + \binom{7}{5} \right) \end{aligned}$$

## 10. COEFFICIENTS OF FINITE DIFFERENCE IN SUMS OF POWERS

**Theorem 10.1.**

$$\Sigma^r n^m = \sum_{j=0}^m \Delta^j t^m \left[ \left( \sum_{s=1}^r (-1)^{j+s-1} \binom{j+t-1}{j+s} \Sigma^{r-s} n^0 \right) + \binom{n-t+r}{j+r} \right]$$

*Validation (Mathematica).* See `t = 121213; RFoldSumViaAlternatingBinomialCorrection-Term[5, 10, 4, t]` □

**Corollary 10.2.**

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma^r n^m &= \sum_{j=0}^m \Delta^j t^m \left[ \left( \sum_{s=1}^r (-1)^{j+s-1} \binom{j+t-1}{j+s} \Sigma^{r-s} n^0 \right) + \binom{n-t+r}{j+r} \right] \\ \Sigma^r n^m &= \sum_{j=0}^m R(t, n, j, r) \cdot \Delta^j t^m \end{aligned}$$

*Validation (Mathematica).* See `t = 121213; RFoldSumViaAlternatingBinomialCorrection-Term2[5, 10, 4, t]` □

**Proposition 10.3.**

$$R(t, n, j, r) = \left[ \left( \sum_{s=1}^r (-1)^{j+s-1} \binom{j+t-1}{j+s} \Sigma^{r-s} n^0 \right) + \binom{n-t+r}{j+r} \right]$$

## 11. OEIS TABLE

N	Sequence data	Formula	Offset	OEIS ID
0	1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 2, 0, 1, 6, 6, 0, 1, 14, 36, 24, 0, 1, 30, 150, 240, 120	$T(n, k) = \Delta^k 0^n$	$0 \leq k \leq n$	<a href="#">A131689</a> in <a href="#">[3]</a>
1	1, 1, 1, 1, 3, 2, 1, 7, 12, 6, 1, 15, 50, 60, 24, 1, 31, 180, 390, 360, 120	$T(n, k) = \Delta^k 1^n$	$1 \leq k \leq n$	<a href="#">A028246</a> in <a href="#">[3]</a>
1	1, 1, 1, 1, 3, 2, 1, 7, 12, 6, 1, 15, 50, 60, 24, 1, 31, 180, 390, 360, 120	$T(n, k) = \Delta^k 1^n$	$0 \leq k \leq n$	NA
2	1, 2, 1, 4, 5, 2, 8, 19, 18, 6, 16, 65, 110, 84, 24, 32, 211, 570, 750, 480, 120	$T(n, k) = \Delta^k 2^n$	$0 \leq k \leq n$	<a href="#">A038719</a> in <a href="#">[3]</a>
3	1, 3, 1, 9, 7, 2, 27, 37, 24, 6, 81, 175, 194, 108, 24, 243, 781, 1320, 1230, 600, 120	$T(n, k) = \Delta^k 3^n$	$0 \leq k \leq n$	<a href="#">A391552</a> in <a href="#">[3]</a>
4	1, 4, 1, 16, 9, 2, 64, 61, 30, 6, 256, 369, 302, 132, 24	$T(n, k) = \Delta^k 4^n$	$0 \leq k \leq n$	<a href="#">A391633</a> in <a href="#">[3]</a>
5	1, 5, 1, 25, 11, 2, 125, 91, 36, 6, 625, 671, 434, 156, 24	$T(n, k) = \Delta^k 5^n$	$0 \leq k \leq n$	<a href="#">A391635</a> in <a href="#">[3]</a>

## 12. MATHEMATICA PROGRAMS

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Mathematica Function	Validates / Prints
<code>FiniteDifferenceOfPowerOrderN[var, exp, n]</code>	Corollary 1.2
<code>NewtonSeriesForMonomialReindexed[n, t, m]</code>	Proposition 4.11
<code>NewtonSeriesForPowerInZero[n, m]</code>	Corollary 4.3
<code>NewtonSeriesForPowerInZeroReversed[n, m]</code>	Corollary 4.4
<code>NewtonSeriesForBinomial[n, t, m]</code>	Corollary 4.5
<code>CommutativityOfNewtonSeriesForBinomial[n, t, m]</code>	Corollary 4.6
<code>NewtonSeriesForBinomialReversed[n, t, m]</code>	Corollary 4.7
<code>CommutativityOfNewtonSeriesForBinomialReversed[n, t, m]</code>	Corollary 4.8
<code>NewtonSeriesForMonomial[n, t, m]</code>	Corollary 4.9
<code>NewtonSeriesForMonomialReversed[n, t, m]</code>	Corollary ??
<code>PartialPowerSumLHS[t, n, exp]</code>	Corollary 3.8 (LHS)
<code>PartialPowerSumRHS[t, n, exp]</code>	Corollary 3.8 (RHS)

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