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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).

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

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

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

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

Corollary 5.2 (Newton series via Stirling numbers).

$$n^m = \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{n}{k} \begin{Bmatrix} m \\ k \end{Bmatrix} k!$$

Proposition 5.3 (Finite differences via Stirling numbers).

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

Proposition 5.4 (Finite differences via Stirling numbers reindexed).

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

Corollary 5.5 (For OEIS).

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

For example

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

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. \square

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

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

\square

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]` \square

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

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

Proof. By hockey stick identity. \square

Corollary 7.8.

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

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

Corollary 7.9.

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

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

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).

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

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

$$\Sigma^2 n^2 = 4 \left(\binom{n}{2} + \binom{1}{1} n - \binom{0}{2} \right) + 5 \left(\binom{n}{3} - \binom{2}{2} n + \binom{1}{3} \right) + 2 \left(\binom{n}{4} + \binom{3}{3} n - \binom{2}{4} \right)$$

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

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.

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

Validation (Mathematica). See $t = 121213$; RFoldSumViaAlternatingBinomialCorrectionTerm[5, 10, 4, t] \square

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 $t = 121213$; RFoldSumViaAlternatingBinomialCorrectionTerm2[5, 10, 4, t] \square

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 | $T(n, k) = \Delta^k 0^n$ | $0 \leq k \leq n$ | A131689 in [3] |
| 1 | 1, 1, 1, 1, 3, 2, 1, 7, 12, 6, 1, 15, 50, 60, 24, 1, 31, 180, 390, 360, 120 | $T(n, k) = \Delta^k 1^n$ | $1 \leq k \leq n$ | A028246 in [3] |
| 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 | $T(n, k) = \Delta^k 2^n$ | $0 \leq k \leq n$ | A038719 in [3] |
| 3 | 1, 3, 1, 9, 7, 2, 27, 37, 24, 6, 81, 175, 194, 108, 24, 243, 781, 1320, 1230, 600, 120 | $T(n, k) = \Delta^k 3^n$ | $0 \leq k \leq n$ | A391552 in [3] |
| 4 | 1, 4, 1, 16, 9, 2, 64, 61, 30, 6, 256, 369, 302, 132, 24 | $T(n, k) = \Delta^k 4^n$ | $0 \leq k \leq n$ | A391633 in [3] |
| 5 | 1, 5, 1, 25, 11, 2, 125, 91, 36, 6, 625, 671, 434, 156, 24 | $T(n, k) = \Delta^k 5^n$ | $0 \leq k \leq n$ | A391635 in [3] |

12. MATHEMATICA PROGRAMS

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

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