

On poly-Cauchy numbers and polynomials

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Cauchy numbers

The **Cauchy numbers** of the first kind, denoted by c_n , are introduced by the integral of the falling factorial:

$$c_n = \int_0^1 x(x-1)\dots(x-n+1)dx = n! \int_0^1 \binom{x}{n} dx.$$

The generating function of the Cauchy numbers of the first kind c_n is given by

$$\frac{x}{\ln(1+x)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \frac{x^n}{n!}.$$



Cauchy numbers are not so famous, though they seem to have similar properties to those of the **Bernoulli numbers**. The classical Bernoulli numbers B_n are defined by the generating function

$$\frac{x}{1 - e^{-x}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n \frac{x^n}{n!} \quad \left(B_1 = \frac{1}{2} \right).$$

or

$$\frac{x}{e^x - 1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n \frac{x^n}{n!} \quad \left(B_1 = -\frac{1}{2} \right).$$

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$$\frac{2}{e^x - 1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n \frac{x^n}{n!}.$$

Euler polynomials $E_n(z)$

$$\frac{2e^{xz}}{e^x - 1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n(z) \frac{x^n}{n!}.$$

Multiple Euler numbers $\mathcal{E}_n^{(r)}$

$$\left(\frac{2}{e^{x/2} + e^{-x/2}} \right)^r = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{E}_n^{(r)} \frac{x^n}{n!}.$$



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The Bernoulli polynomials of the order r (r is an integer) denoted by $\mathcal{B}_n^{(r)}(z)$ are defined by

$$\left(\frac{x}{e^x - 1}\right)^r e^{xz} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{B}_n^{(r)}(z) \frac{x^n}{n!}.$$

If $z = 0$, $\mathcal{B}_n^{(r)}(z) = \mathcal{B}_n^{(r)}$ is the Bernoulli number of the order r .

If $z = 0$ and $k = 1$, $\mathcal{B}_n^{(1)} = \mathcal{B}_n$ is the ordinary Bernoulli number.

Nörlund's number $\mathcal{B}_n^{(n)}$ (1954, Nörlund)

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In fact, $b_n = c_n/n!$, where c_n is the Cauchy number of the first kind.

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Degenerate Bernoulli polynomials $\beta_m(\lambda, z)$ (1956, Carlitz)

$$\frac{x(1+\lambda x)^{\mu z}}{(1+\lambda x)^\mu - 1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \beta_m(\lambda, z) \frac{x^n}{n!} \quad (\lambda\mu = 1).$$

Korobov polynomials of the first kind K_n (2001, Korobov; 2003, Ustinov)

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$H(n, r) := \sum_{1 \leq n_0 + n_1 + \dots + n_r \leq n} (n_0 n_1 \dots n_r)^{-1}$ ($n \geq 1$,
 $r \geq 0$) (1997, Gertsch; 1997 Santmyer)

$$\frac{(-1)^r (\ln(1-x))^{r+1}}{1-x} = \sum_{n=r+1}^{\infty} H(n, r) x^n .$$

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$$\text{Li}_k(z) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^m}{m^k}$$

is the k -th **polylogarithm** function. When $k = 1$, $B_n^{(1)}$ is the classical Bernoulli number with $B_1^{(1)} = 1/2$.

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An explicit formula for $B_n^{(k)}$ is given by

$$B_n^{(k)} = (-1)^n \sum_{m=0}^n \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ m \end{matrix} \right\} \frac{(-1)^m m!}{(m+1)^k} \quad (n \geq 0, k \geq 1). \quad (1)$$

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The Cauchy numbers $c_n = c_n^{(1)}$ can be expressed in terms of the (unsigned) Stirling numbers of the first kind $\left[\begin{smallmatrix} n \\ m \end{smallmatrix} \right]$:

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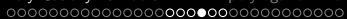
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The generating function of the poly-Cauchy numbers $c_n^{(k)}$ is given by the following:

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For $k \geq 2$ we have

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We call the Cauchy numbers c_n as the Cauchy numbers of the first kind, in order to distinguish with those of the second kind.

Similarly to the poly-Cauchy numbers of the first kind, we define the poly-Cauchy numbers of the second kind as follows.

$$\hat{c}_n^{(k)} = n! \underbrace{\int_0^1 \dots \int_0^1}_k \binom{-x_1 x_2 \dots x_k}{n} dx_1 dx_2 \dots dx_k.$$

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By using Theorem 4, we get

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The generating function of the poly-Cauchy numbers $\hat{c}_n^{(k)}$ is given by the following:

$$\text{Lif}_k(-\ln(1+x)) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \hat{c}_n^{(k)} \frac{x^n}{n!},$$

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The generating function of the poly-Cauchy numbers of the second kind can be also written in the form of iterated integrals by putting $z = -\ln(1+x)$ in

$$\text{Lif}_k(z) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{z} \int_0^z \frac{1}{z} \int_0^z \cdots \frac{1}{z} \int_0^z}_{k-1} \frac{e^z - 1}{z} \underbrace{dz dz \cdots dz}_{k-1}.$$

Corollary 2

For $k \geq 2$ we have

$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{\ln(1+x)} \int_0^x \frac{1}{(1+x) \ln(1+x)} \int_0^x \cdots \frac{1}{(1+x) \ln(1+x)} \int_0^x \frac{x}{(1+x)^2 \ln(1+x)} \underbrace{dx dx \dots dx}_{k-1}}_{k-1}$$

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There are relations between poly-Bernoulli numbers and poly-Cauchy numbers.

Theorem 8

For $n \geq 1$ we have

$$B_n^{(k)} = \sum_{l=1}^n \sum_{m=1}^n m! \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ m \end{matrix} \right\} \left\{ \begin{matrix} m-1 \\ l-1 \end{matrix} \right\} c_l^{(k)},$$

$$c_n^{(k)} = \sum_{l=1}^n \sum_{m=1}^n \frac{(-1)^{n-m}}{m!} \begin{bmatrix} n \\ m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} m \\ l \end{bmatrix} B_l^{(k)}.$$

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$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} B_n^{(-k)} \frac{x^n}{n!} \frac{y^k}{k!} = \frac{e^{x+y}}{e^x + e^y - e^{x+y}}.$$

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The generating function of the poly-Cauchy numbers with q parameter $c_{n,q}^{(k)}$ is given by

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The generating function of the poly-Cauchy numbers with q parameter in Theorem 17 can be also written in the form of iterated integrals as that of the poly-Cauchy numbers.

Corollary 5

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$$\{c_n^{(-5)}\}_{n \geq 0} = 1, 32, 211, 359, -538, 984, -1866, 1110, 32640,$$

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$$T_2^{(-k)}(n) = c_n^{(1)}(-1) + n \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} (c_n^{(-j)} + (n-1)c_{n-1}^{(-j)}),$$

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Bernoulli polynomials

It is known that the Bernoulli polynomials $B_n(z)$ defined by the generating function

$$\frac{xe^{xz}}{e^x - 1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n(z) \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

satisfy the identity

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} B_l(x) B_{n-l}(y) \\ &= n(x+y-1)B_{n-1}(x+y) - (n-1)B_n(x+y) \quad (n \geq 0) \end{aligned}$$

For $n \geq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} c_i(x) (c_{n-i}^{(k-1)}(y) - c_{n-i}^{(k)}(y)) \\ = n((x+y+n-1)c_{n-1}^{(k)}(x+y) + c_n^{(k)}(x+y)). \end{aligned}$$

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$$- n \sum_{j=1}^k (c_n^{(j)}(x + y))$$

$$+ (x + y + n - 1) c_{n-1}^{(j)}(x + y),$$

$$\begin{aligned} T_2^{(-k)}(n; x, y) &= c_n^{(1)}(x + y - 1) \\ &\quad + n \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} (c_n^{(-j)}(x + y) \\ &\quad \quad + (x + y + n - 1)c_{n-1}^{(-j)}(x + y)), \end{aligned}$$

where $c_n^{(1)}(x + y - 1) = c_n(x + y) + nc_{n-1}(x + y)$.

Putting $k = 1$ in the second identity, we have

$$\sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} c_l(x) c_{n-l}(y)$$
$$= -n(x+y+n-2)c_{n-1}(x+y) - (n-1)c_n(x+y) \quad (n \geq 0),$$