

Defining power sums of n and $\varphi(n)$ integers

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The Legacy of Srinivasa Ramanujan, DU

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Definition 1: Power sums for a positive integers n and $\varphi(n)$ are defined by

$$S_k(n) = 1^k + 2^k + \cdots + n^k, \quad k \in \mathbb{C};$$

$$\Psi_k(n) = a_1^k + a_2^k + \cdots + a_{\varphi(n)}^k, \quad a_i \in \mathbb{Z}^+, \quad a_i \leq n, \quad \gcd(a_i, n) = 1.$$

$S_k(n), \Psi_k(n)$

$k=0$

$k=1$

$k=2$

$$\frac{n,}{2},$$

$$\frac{\varphi(n),}{2}$$

$$\frac{n(n+1)(2n+1),}{6}, \quad \frac{\varphi(n)}{6} \left(2n^2 + \prod_{p|n} p \right)$$

Jakob Bernoulli and Euler

1. Jakob Bernoulli:

$$S_k(n) = \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{m=0}^k (-1)^m C(k+1, m) B_m n^{k+1-m},$$

$$2. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n(n+1)} = 2, \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{2^n} = 6, \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^3}{2^n} = 26 \text{ etc.}$$

The Basel Problem: Jakob Bernoulli failed to obtain in closed form:

$$1 + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{4^2} + \dots$$

Later on Euler proved in (1735) that

$$1 + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{4^2} + \dots = \frac{\pi^2}{6}.$$

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$\Psi_k(n)$ from $S_k(n)$

Let p, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_r be distinct primes; $e, e_1, e_2, \dots, e_r > 0$ and $k \geq 0$ be integers. Then

$$\Psi_k(p^e) = \mathbf{S}_k(p^e) - p^k \mathbf{S}_k(p^{e-1});$$

$$\Psi_k(n = p_1^{e_1} p_2^{e_2}) = \mathbf{S}_k(n) - p_1^k \mathbf{S}_k\left(\frac{n}{p_1}\right) - p_2^k \mathbf{S}_k\left(\frac{n}{p_2}\right) + p_1^k p_2^k \mathbf{S}_k\left(\frac{n}{p_1 p_2}\right);$$

Theorem 1:

$$\Psi_k(n) = \mathbf{S}_k(n) - \sum p_i^k \mathbf{S}_k\left(\frac{n}{p_i}\right) + \dots + (-1)^r p_1^k p_2^k \dots p_r^k \mathbf{S}_k\left(\frac{n}{p_1 p_2 \dots p_r}\right)$$

where $n = p_1^{e_1} p_2^{e_2} \dots p_r^{e_r}$.

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Corollaries

$$\text{Cor. 1: } \Psi_k(n) = \sum_{d|n} \mu(d) d^k \mathbf{S}_k \left(\frac{n}{d} \right); \quad \mathbf{S}_k(n) = n^k \sum_{d|n} \frac{\Psi_k(d)}{d^k}$$

where $\mu(d)$ is the Möbius function.

$$\text{Cor. 2 } \Psi_k(n) = \frac{n^{k+1}}{k+1} \sum_{m=0}^{\lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor} C(k+1, 2m) B_{2m} n^{-2m} \prod_{p|n} (1 - p^{2m-1})$$

where B_m is the m -th Bernoulli number defined via

$$\frac{y}{e^y - 1} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} B_m \frac{y^m}{m!};$$

$$B_0 = 1, B_1 = -\frac{1}{2}, B_2 = \frac{1}{6}, B_{2m+1} = 0 \text{ for all } m = 1, 2, \dots \text{ .etc.}$$

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 $\Psi_k(n)$

$$\Psi_0(n) = \frac{n^{0+1}}{0+1} \sum_{m=0}^{\lfloor \frac{0}{2} \rfloor} C(0+1, 2m) B_{2m} n^{-2m} \prod_{p|n} (1 - p^{2m-1}) = \varphi(n);$$

$$\Psi_1(n) = \frac{n^{1+1}}{1+1} \sum_{m=0}^{\lfloor \frac{1}{2} \rfloor} C(1+1, 2m) B_{2m} n^{-2m} \prod_{p|n} (1 - p^{2m-1}) = n\varphi(n)/2;$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_2(n) &= \frac{n^{2+1}}{2+1} \sum_{m=0}^{\lfloor \frac{2}{2} \rfloor} C(2+1, 2m) B_{2m} n^{-2m} \prod_{p|n} (1 - p^{2m-1}) \\ &= n^2 \varphi(n)/3 + B_2 n \prod_{p|n} (1 - p); \end{aligned}$$

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$$\Psi_3(n) = \frac{n^{3+1}}{3+1} \sum_{m=0}^{\lfloor \frac{3}{2} \rfloor} C(3+1, 2m) B_{2m} n^{-2m} \prod_{p|n} (1-p^{2m-1})$$

$$= n^3 \varphi(n)/4 + B_2 \frac{3n^2}{2} \prod_{p|n} (1-p);$$

$$\Psi_4(n) = n^4 \varphi(n)/5 + 2B_2 n^3 \prod_{p|n} (1-p) + B_4 n \prod_{p|n} (1-p^3);$$

$$\Psi_5(n) = n^5 \varphi(n)/6 + B_2 \frac{5n^4}{2} \prod_{p|n} (1-p) + B_4 \frac{5n^2}{2} \prod_{p|n} (1-p^3) \quad \& \text{ so on.}$$

The functional equations

Let x be a real variable and k be a nonnegative integer.

Definition 2: Define the power sum $S_k(x)$ via the generating function:

$$\frac{e^{(x+1)y} - e^y}{e^y - 1} := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathbf{S}_k(x) \frac{y^k}{k!}.$$

$$\mathbf{S}_k(x) \Big|_{\mathbb{Z}_+} = \sum_{j=1}^x j^k;$$

$$\mathbf{S}_k(1) = 1 \quad \forall k; \quad \mathbf{S}_0(x) = x \quad \forall x.$$

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Let x be a real variable and k be a nonnegative integer.

Theorem 2:

- $\mathbf{S}_k(x) = k \int_0^x \mathbf{S}_{k-1}(t)dt + xC_k, C_k = 1 - k \int_0^1 \mathbf{S}_{k-1}(t)dt$
- $\mathbf{S}_k(x) = (-1)^{k+1} \mathbf{S}_k(-1-x), k \neq 0$

Idea:

- $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{e^{(x+1)y} - e^y}{e^y - 1} \right) = y \left(\frac{e^{(x+1)y} - e^y}{e^y - 1} \right) + \frac{ye^y}{e^y - 1}$
- $\left(\frac{e^{(x+1)y} - e^y}{e^y - 1} \right) = - \left(\frac{e^{(1-1-x)(-y)} - e^{-y}}{e^{-y} - 1} \right) - 1.$

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Let x be a real variable and k be a nonnegative integer.

Definition 3: Define using $\mathbf{S}_k(x)$, the power sum $\Psi_k(x, n)$ via

$$\Psi_k(x, n) = \sum_{d|n} \mu(d) d^k \mathbf{S}_k\left(\frac{x}{d}\right).$$

$$\sum_{d|n} \left[\mu(d) \frac{e^{(1+x/d)yd} - e^{yd}}{e^{yd} - 1} \right] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \Psi_k(x, n) \frac{y^k}{k!}; \quad \Psi_k(n, n) = \Psi_k(n).$$

Theorem 3:

$$\Psi_k(x, n) = k \int_0^x \Psi_{k-1}(x, n) dx + x C_k \prod_{p|n} (1 - p^{k-1})$$

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The zeroes of $S_k(x)$

Definition 4: Call a representation of a real number r its simplest form if it contains at most one rational term. This rational term will be called as the rational part of r , and we shall denote it by $\mathbf{Q}(r)$.

Definition 5: Call $x = 0, -1$ as *trivial zeros* of $S_k(x)$ for $k = 2, 3, 4, \dots$ each with multiplicity at most 2.

$$r = 3 + \sqrt[3]{5}, 1/2 + (5/2 + \sqrt[3]{5}), -2 + 1 + (4 + \sqrt[3]{5}); \mathbf{Q}(r) = 3$$

? Let x be a nontrivial zero of $S_k(x)$ for a fixed $k > 3$, then $\text{real}(x)$ in its simplest form has rational part $\mathbf{Q}(x) = -\frac{1}{2}$.

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Definition 6: Call $\psi_k(p)$ the k -th Euler polynomial (Ramanujan [9]) defined by

$$\frac{1}{e^y + p} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k \psi_k(p) y^k}{(p+1)^{k+1} k!}, \quad p \neq -1, \quad |y| < |\log(p)|.$$

Theorem 4(Ramanujan): For $|p| < 1$ and $k \geq 0$,

$$(p+1)^{-1-k} \psi_k(p) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-p)^n (n+1)^k.$$

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Motivated by Ramanujan's work we have the following:

Definition 7: Let $\alpha \neq 0, 1$. We say $\mathbf{E}_k(\alpha)$ is the k -th α -Euler number defined via the generating function

$$\frac{\alpha}{\alpha e^y - 1} := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathbf{E}_k(\alpha) \frac{y^k}{k!}, \quad \alpha \neq 0, 1,$$

$$E_k(0) := 0.$$

Examples:

$$\mathbf{E}_0(\alpha) = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha - 1}; \quad \mathbf{E}_1(\alpha) = -\frac{\alpha^2}{(1 - \alpha)^2}$$

$$\mathbf{E}_2(\alpha) = \frac{\alpha^2(\alpha + 1)}{(\alpha - 1)^3}; \quad \mathbf{E}_3(\alpha) = -\frac{\alpha^2(1 + 4\alpha + \alpha^2)}{(\alpha - 1)^4} \text{ etc.}$$

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$$\frac{y}{e^y + 1} = \frac{y}{e^y - 1} - \frac{2y}{e^{2y} - 1}$$

which gives

$$E_k(-1) = (1 - 2^k) \frac{B_{k+1}}{k+1};$$

$$\frac{\alpha}{\alpha e^y - 1} = \frac{1}{e^y + (-\alpha^{-1})}$$

$$\Rightarrow (-1)^k \frac{\psi_k(-\alpha^{-1})}{(1 - \alpha^{-1})^{k+1}} = \mathbf{E}_k(\alpha).$$

Theorem 5: For $\alpha \neq 0, 1$,

$$\mathbf{E}_{k+1}(\alpha) = \alpha^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} (\mathbf{E}_k(\alpha) / \alpha)$$

$$\alpha^{-1} \mathbf{E}_k(\alpha) = (-1)^{k+1} \alpha \mathbf{E}_k(\alpha^{-1}), \quad k \neq 0.$$

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Definition 8: Call $\mathbf{S}_k(\alpha, x)$ as the α -power sum defined by

$$\frac{\alpha^{x+1}e^{(x+1)y} - \alpha e^y}{\alpha e^y - 1} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathbf{S}_k(\alpha, x) \frac{y^k}{k!}, \quad \alpha \neq 1$$

- $\mathbf{S}_0(\alpha, x) = \alpha \frac{1 - \alpha^x}{1 - \alpha}$, $\mathbf{S}_k(\alpha, 1) = \alpha$, $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 1} \mathbf{S}_k(\alpha, x) = \mathbf{S}_k(x)$.
- When n is a positive integer

$$\mathbf{S}_k(\alpha, n) = \alpha + \alpha^2 2^k + \alpha^3 3^k + \cdots + \alpha^n n^k.$$

- From definition

$$\mathbf{S}_k(\alpha, x) = \sum_{m=0}^k C(k, m) \mathbf{E}_m(\alpha) \{\alpha^x (1+x)^{k-m} - 1\}, \quad \alpha \neq 1.$$

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For $k > 0$, $S_k(\alpha, -1) = 0$ and $S_0(\alpha, -1) = -1$, this leads to the identity ($\alpha \neq 0, 1$)

$$\sum_{m=0}^k C(k, m) \mathbf{E}_m(\alpha) = \begin{cases} \alpha^{-1} \mathbf{E}_k(\alpha), & \text{for } k \neq 0 \\ \mathbf{E}_0(\alpha), & \text{for } k = 0. \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

Theorem 6:

$$S_{k+1}(\alpha, x) = \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} S_k(\alpha, x)$$

$$\frac{\alpha^{x+1} e^{(x+1)y} - \alpha e^y}{\alpha e^y - 1} = - \frac{(\alpha^{-1})^{1-1-x} e^{(1-1-x)(-y)} - \alpha^{-1} e^{-y}}{\alpha^{-1} e^{-y} - 1} - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow S_k(\alpha, x) = (-1)^{k+1} S_k(\alpha^{-1}, -1-x), \quad k \neq 0$$

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As $S_0(\alpha, x) = \alpha \frac{1 - \alpha^x}{1 - \alpha}$, and for $|\alpha| < 1$ $\alpha^x \rightarrow 0$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$, therefore, $S_0(\alpha, x) \rightarrow \frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha} = -\mathbf{E}_0(\alpha)$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$. For $k > 0$ and $0 < |\alpha| < 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} S_k(\alpha, x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{m=0}^k C(k, m) \mathbf{E}_m(\alpha) \{ \alpha^x (1+x)^{k-m} - 1 \} \\ &= - \sum_{m=0}^k C(k, m) \mathbf{E}_m(\alpha) = -\alpha^{-1} \mathbf{E}_k(\alpha). \end{aligned}$$

The **Abel sum** for the divergent alternating series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n n^k$ is

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow -1^+} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha^n n^k = \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow -1^+} (-\alpha^{-1} \mathbf{E}_k(\alpha)) = \mathbf{E}_k(-1).$$

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s : a positive integer

ω_s : $(e^{\frac{2\pi i}{s}})$ s - th root of unity

$$\frac{1}{(\alpha e^{y/s})^s - 1} = \frac{1}{s} \left\{ \frac{1}{\alpha e^{y/s} - 1} + \frac{1}{\alpha \omega_s e^{y/s} - 1} + \cdots + \frac{1}{\alpha \omega_s^{s-1} e^{y/s} - 1} \right\}$$

$$\mathbf{E}_k(\alpha^s) = \frac{\alpha^{s-1}}{s^{k+1}} \{ \mathbf{E}_k(\alpha) + \omega_s^{-1} \mathbf{E}_k(\alpha \omega_s) + \cdots + \omega_s^{-(s-1)} \mathbf{E}_k(\alpha \omega_s^{s-1}) \}$$

$$\mathbf{E}_k(\alpha^2) = \frac{\alpha}{2^{k+1}} (\mathbf{E}_k(\alpha) - \mathbf{E}_k(-\alpha)).$$

Definition 9: $\mathbf{E}_k(1) := \frac{1}{1-2^{k+1}} \mathbf{E}_k(-1)$

$$\mathbf{E}_k(1) = \frac{1 - 2^k}{1 - 2^{k+1}} \frac{B_{k+1}}{k+1} = \frac{1 - 2^k}{1 - 2^{k+1}} \zeta(-k).$$

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Theorem 6 motivates the following:

$$\mathbf{Definition\ 10:}\ \mathbf{S}_k(\alpha, x) := \int_0^\alpha t^{-1} \mathbf{S}_{k+1}(t, x) dt, \quad k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2 \dots$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{S}_{-1}(\alpha, x) = -\log |\alpha - 1|$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{S}_{-2}(\alpha, x) = -\log(\alpha) \log(1 - \alpha) + \zeta(2) - \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{S}_{-2}(1 - \alpha, x),$$

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 1^-} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{S}_{-2}(\alpha, x) = \int_0^1 \frac{\log(t)}{1-t} dt = 1 + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \dots = \zeta(2)$$

Euler formula:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{S}_{-2}(1/2, x) = -\frac{(\log(2))^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \zeta(2)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} S_{-3}(\alpha, x) &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\alpha \frac{(\log(t))^2}{1-t} dt + \log(\alpha) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} S_{-2}(\alpha, x) \\ &\quad - \frac{(\log(\alpha))^2}{2} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} S_{-1}(\alpha, x) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Theorem 7: For $0 < \alpha < 1$ and $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} S_{-k}(\alpha, x) &= \frac{(-1)^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} \int_0^\alpha \frac{(\log(t))^{k-1}}{1-t} dt \\ &\quad - \sum_{\beta=1}^{k-1} (-1)^\beta \frac{(\log(\alpha))^\beta}{(\beta)!} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} S_{-k+\beta}(\alpha, x) \end{aligned}$$

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Definition 11:

$$\frac{a^{1+x}e^{(b+cx)y} - ae^{by}}{ae^{cy} - 1} := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathbf{S}_k(a, b, c, x) \frac{y^k}{k!}, \quad a, b, c \neq 0, \quad a \neq 1 \quad (3)$$

For $x = 1, 2, \dots$ we have

$$S_k(a, b, c, x) = ab^k + a^2(b+c)^k + a^3(b+2c)^k + \dots + a^x(b+(x-1)c)^k.$$

$$S_k(a, 1, 1, x) = S_k(a, x); \quad S_0(a, b, c, x) = a \frac{1 - a^x}{1 - a}$$

We are interested in the case when $a \in (-1, 1)$ and $x \rightarrow \infty$. So, for $|a| < 1$, let us denote $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} S_k(a, b, c, x)$ by $\mathbf{S}_k(a, b, c, \infty)$.

Generalized power sums

Definition 12: Define the generalized power sum $\mathbf{S}_{-k}(a, b, c, \infty)$ for $k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3 \dots$ and $c \neq 0, a \neq 0, 1, \text{real}(bc^{-1}) > 0$ via the functional equations:

$$(1) \mathbf{S}_0(a, b, c, \infty) = \frac{a}{1-a},$$

$$(2) (-k+1)\mathbf{S}_{-k}(a, b, c, \infty) = \frac{\partial}{\partial b} \mathbf{S}_{-k+1}(a, b, c, \infty),$$

$$(3) \mathbf{S}_{-k}(a, b, c, \infty) = \frac{c^{-1}}{a^{(bc^{-1}-1)}} \int_0^a t^{(bc^{-1}-2)} \mathbf{S}_{-k+1}(t, b, c, \infty) dt.$$

Theorem 14

$$S_{-k}(1^-, b, c, \infty) := \frac{(-c)^{-k+1}}{\Gamma(k)} \int_0^{1^-} \frac{t^{bc^{-1}-1} (\log t)^{k-1}}{1-t} dt$$

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