

Bernoulli Numbers

Seki



Jacob Bernoulli
1655 - 1705

$$B_m = 1 - \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \binom{m}{k} \frac{B_k}{m-k+1}$$
$$B_0 = 1$$



Takakazu Seki
1642 - 1708

$$S_p(n) = \sum_{k=1}^n k^p.$$

$$S_p : 1^p + 2^p + 3^p + 4^p + 5^p + 6^p + 7^p + 8^p + 9^p + \dots + n^p = ?$$

$$p = 0 : 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 \dots + 1 = 1n$$

One is
Everything

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... sum of integers , squares , cubes , fourth powers ...

$$p = 1 : 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6 + 7 + 8 + 9 \dots + n$$

$$p = 2 : 1 + 4 + 9 + 16 + 25 + 36 + 49 + 64 + 81 \dots + n^2$$

$$p = 3 : 1 + 8 + 27 + 64 + 125 + 216 + 343 + 512 + 729 \dots + n^3$$

$$p = 4 : 1 + 16 + 81 + 256 + 625 + 1296 + 2401 + 4096 + 6561 \dots + n^4$$

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$$f n^3 = \frac{1}{4} n^4 + \frac{1}{2} n^3 + \frac{1}{4} n n$$

$$f n^4 = \frac{1}{5} n^5 + \frac{1}{2} n^4 + \frac{1}{3} n^3 - \frac{1}{30} n$$

$$f n^5 = \frac{1}{6} n^6 + \frac{1}{2} n^5 + \frac{5}{12} n^4 - \frac{1}{12} n n$$

$$f n^6 = \frac{1}{7} n^7 + \frac{1}{2} n^6 + \frac{1}{2} n^5 - \frac{1}{6} n^3 + \frac{1}{42} n$$

$$f n^7 = \frac{1}{8} n^8 + \frac{1}{2} n^7 + \frac{7}{12} n^6 - \frac{7}{24} n^4 + \frac{1}{12} n n$$

$$f n^8 = \frac{1}{9} n^9 + \frac{1}{2} n^8 + \frac{2}{3} n^7 - \frac{7}{15} n^5 + \frac{2}{9} n^3 - \frac{1}{30} n$$

$$f n^9 = \frac{1}{10} n^{10} + \frac{1}{2} n^9 + \frac{3}{4} n^8 - \frac{7}{10} n^6 + \frac{1}{2} n^4 - \frac{1}{12} n n$$

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$$+ \frac{c \cdot c - 1 \cdot c - 2 \cdot c - 3 \cdot c - 4}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6} C n^{c-5}$$

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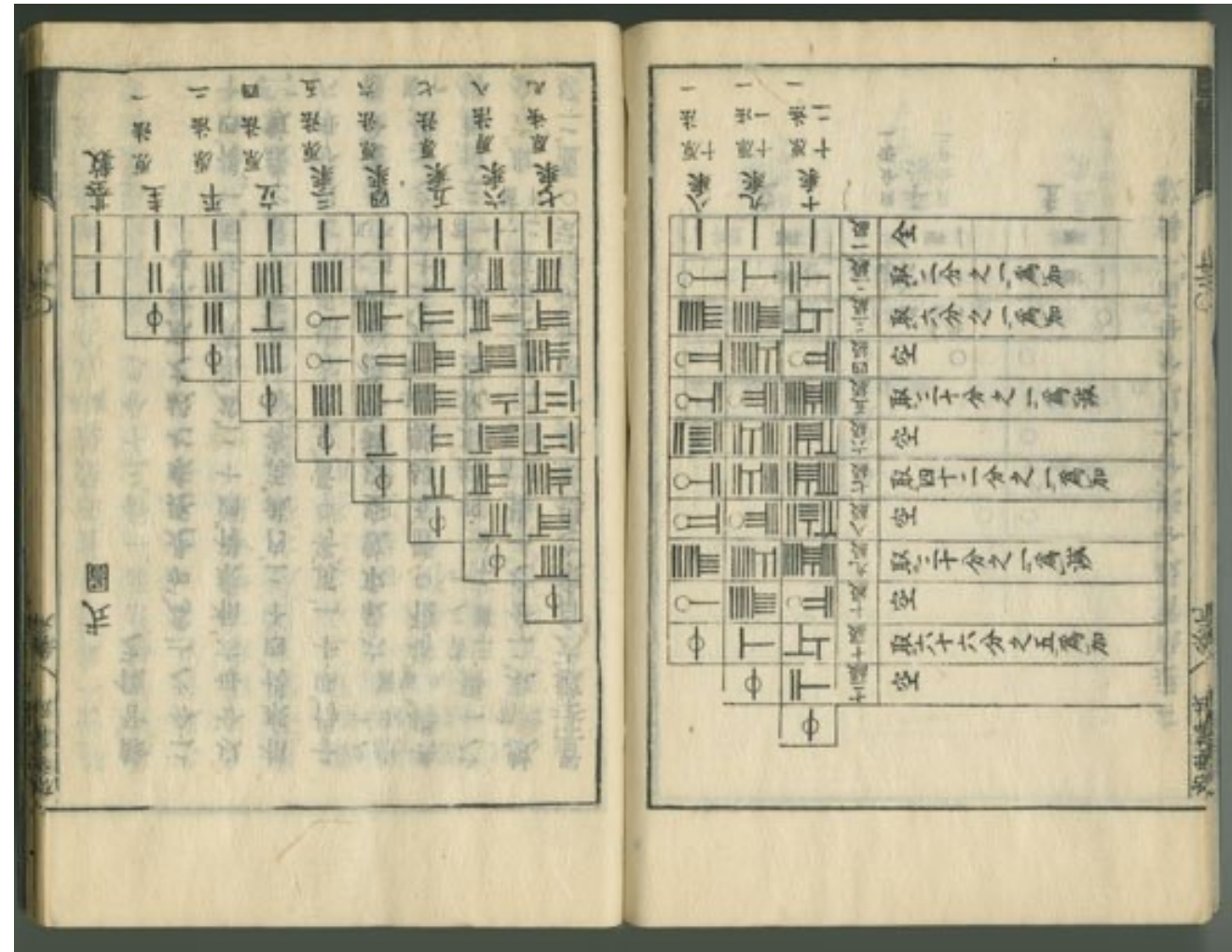
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The 'integral' Symbol means summation in Bernoulli's notation

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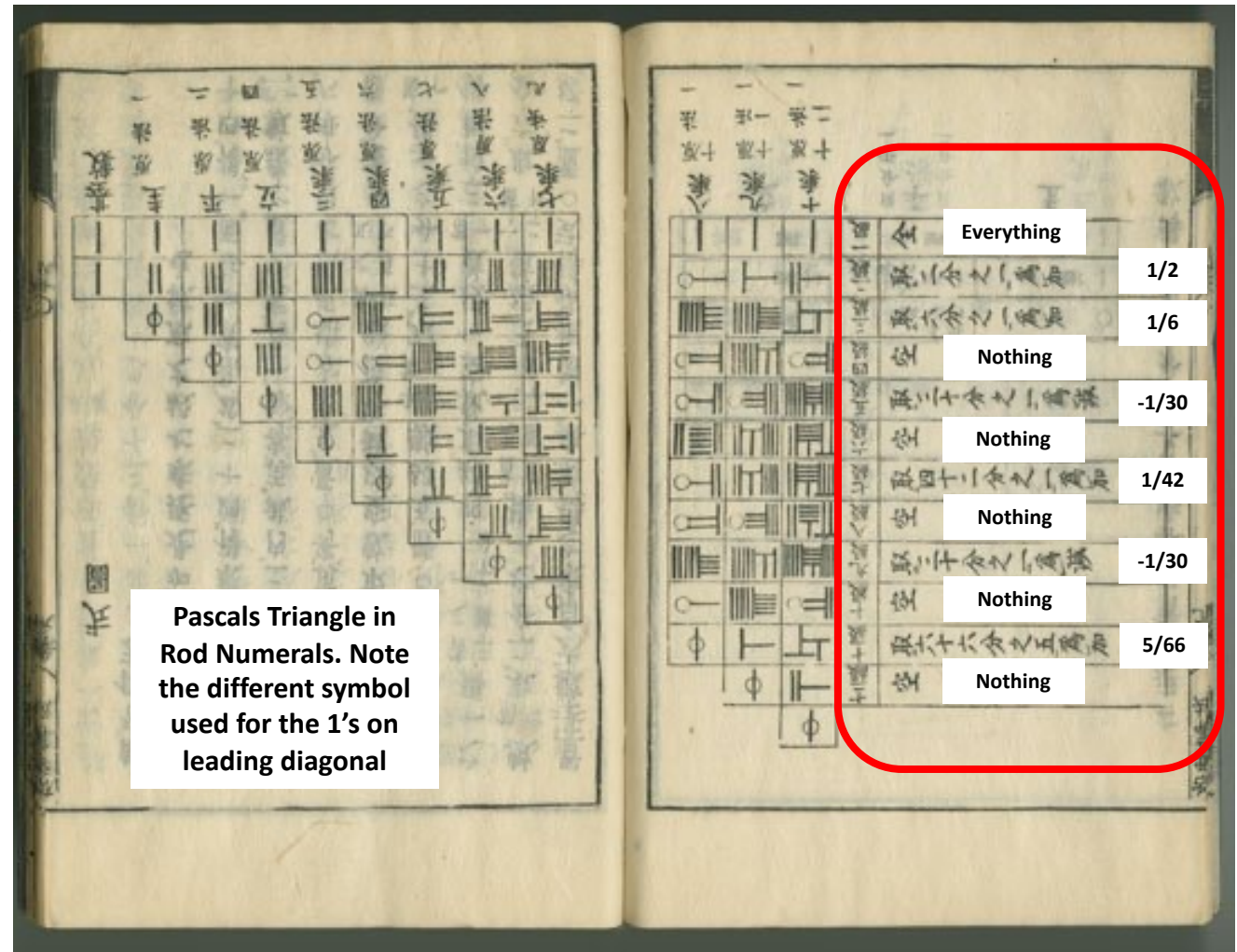
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Johan Faulhaber's
(1580 – 1635)
Formula
He Knew the first 17 cases

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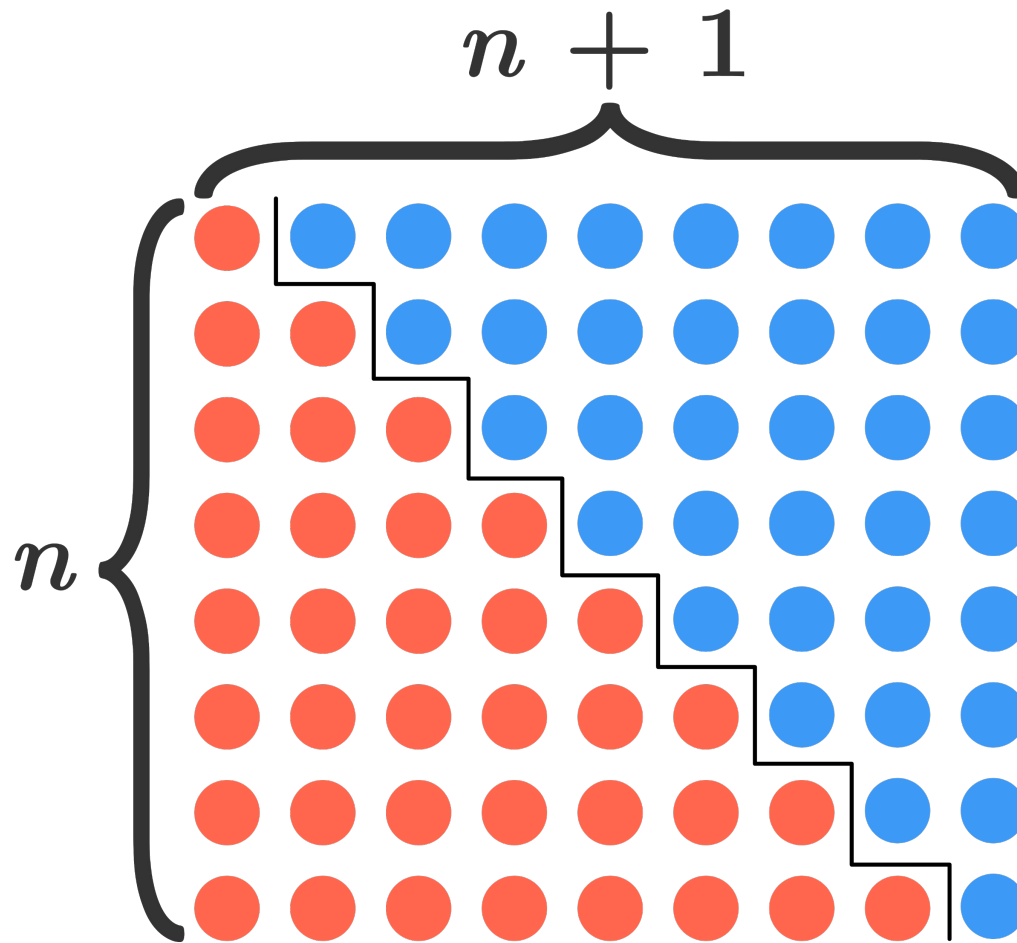


Pascals Triangle in
Rod Numerals. Note
the different symbol
used for the 1's on
leading diagonal

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$p = 1$

$$\sum = \frac{100(100+1)}{2} = \boxed{5050}$$



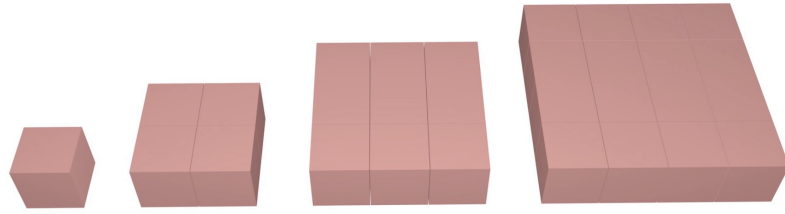
$$\sum_{k=1}^n k = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$= S_1(n) = \frac{1}{2} n^2 + \frac{1}{2} n$$

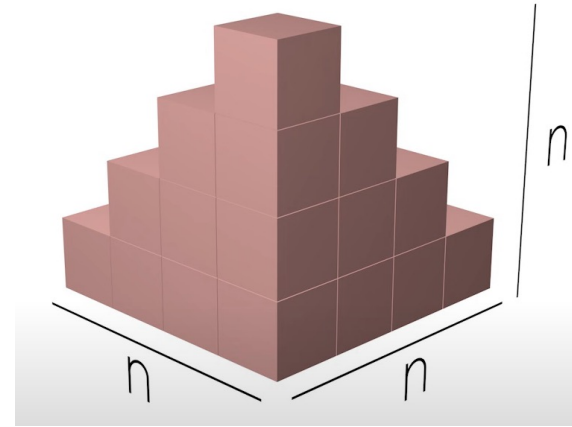


p = 2

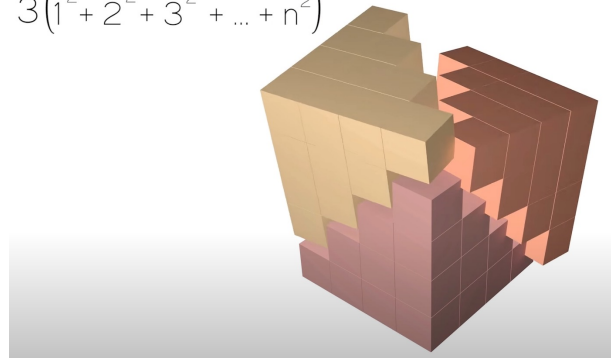
I will represent each term in the series with equivalent number of cubes



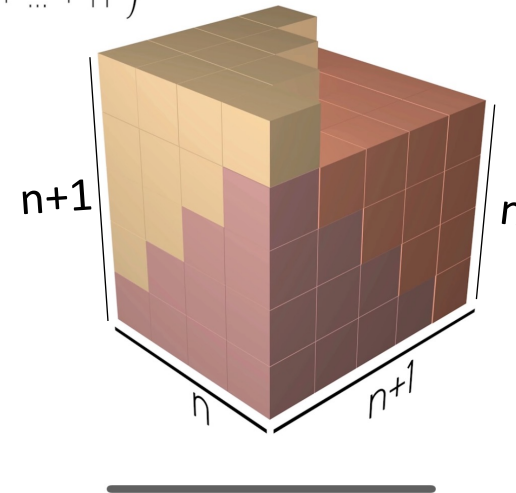
$$1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2$$



$$3(1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2)$$



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length = n
width = n + 1

$$1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2 + 5^2 + \dots + n^2$$

is equal to

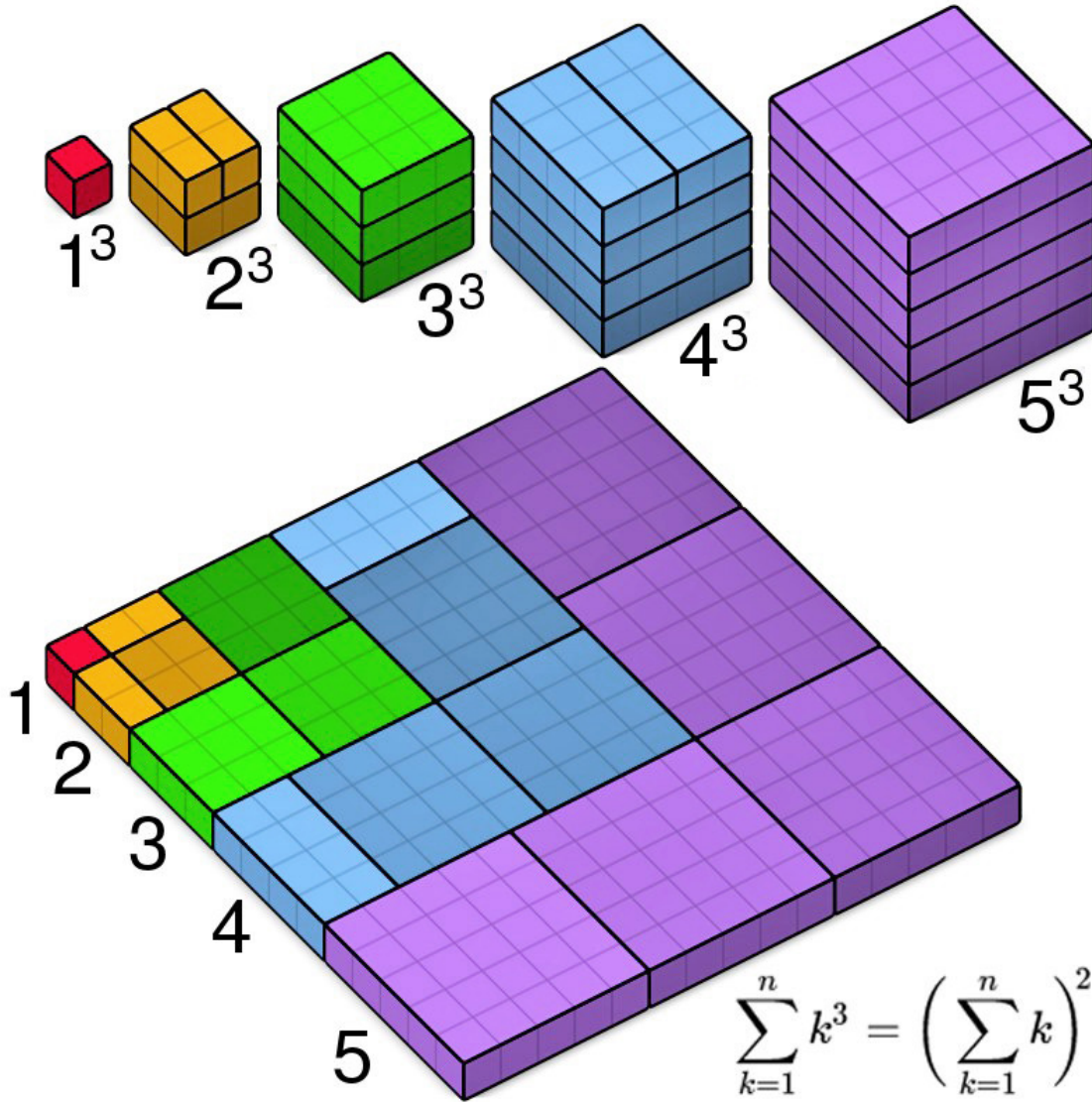
$$\frac{(n(n+1)(2n+1))}{6}$$

$$= S_2(n) = \frac{1}{3} n^3 + \frac{1}{2} n^2 + \frac{1}{6} n$$

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aXbT37IlyZQ>

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$p = 3$



$$\sum_{k=1}^n k^3 = \left(\sum_{k=1}^n k\right)^2$$

$$= S_3(n)$$

$$= (S_1(n))^2 = \frac{1}{4} n^4 + \frac{1}{2} n^3 + \frac{1}{4} n^2$$

$$+ 0n$$

p = 4

Sums of Fourth Powers

In order to find the formula for S_4 we begin with the identity $(a+1)^5 = a^5 + 5a^4 + 10a^3 + 10a^2 + 5a + 1$ to write the following equations

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i^4 = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 \right)^2 - 2 \left[\sum_{k=2}^n \left(k^2 \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} i^2 \right) \right]$$

$$\begin{array}{rcccccc} (n+1)^5 & = & n^5 & + & 5n^4 & + & 10n^3 & + & 10n^2 & + & 5n & + & 1 \\ n^5 & = & (n-1)^5 & + & 5(n-1)^4 & + & 10(n-1)^3 & + & 10(n-1)^2 & + & 5(n-1) & + & 1 \\ (n-1)^5 & = & (n-2)^5 & + & 5(n-2)^4 & + & 10(n-2)^3 & + & 10(n-2)^2 & + & 5(n-2) & + & 1 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 4^5 & = & 3^5 & + & 5 \cdot 3^4 & + & 10 \cdot 3^3 & + & 10 \cdot 3^2 & + & 5 \cdot 3 & + & 1 \\ 3^5 & = & 2^5 & + & 5 \cdot 2^4 & + & 10 \cdot 2^3 & + & 10 \cdot 2^2 & + & 5 \cdot 2 & + & 1 \\ 2^5 & = & 1^5 & + & 5 \cdot 1^4 & + & 10 \cdot 1^3 & + & 10 \cdot 1^2 & + & 5 \cdot 1 & + & 1 \end{array}$$

After adding these n equations and canceling the numbers $2^5, 3^5, \dots, n^5$ that show up to the left and to the right of "=" sign, the resulting equation becomes

$$(n+1)^5 = 1^5 + 5 \sum_{k=1}^n k^4 + 10 \sum_{k=1}^n k^3 + 10 \sum_{k=1}^n k^2 + 5 \sum_{k=1}^n k + 1 \cdot n$$

or

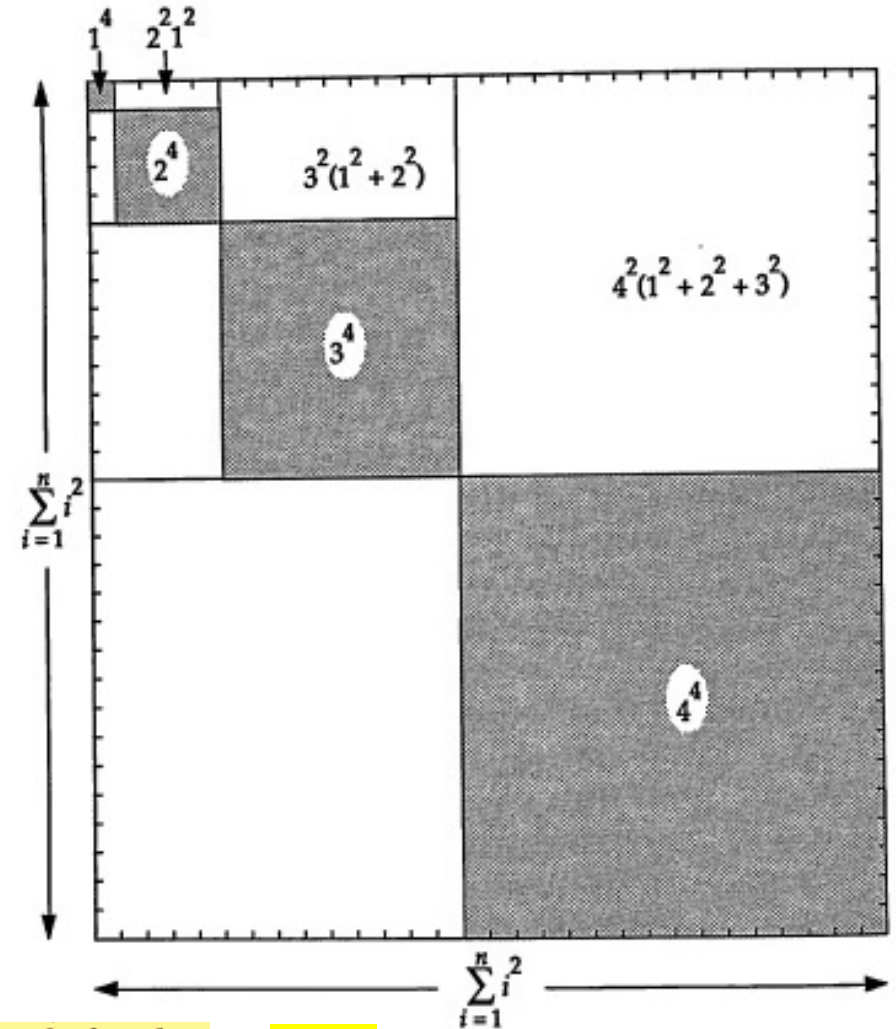
$$(n+1)^5 = 1 + 5S_4 + 10S_3 + 10S_2 + 5S_1 + n.$$

Using that $S_1 = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$, $S_2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$, and $S_3 = \left[\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right]^2$ to solve for S_4 results in

$$S_4 = \frac{(n+1)^5 - 10 \left[\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right]^2 - 10 \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} - 5 \frac{n(n+1)}{2} - n - 1}{5}$$

which can be simplified to

$$S_4 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)(3n^2+3n-1)}{30} = (S_4(n)) = \frac{1}{5}n^5 + \frac{1}{2}n^4 + \frac{1}{3}n^3 - \frac{1}{30}n \quad -1/30$$



$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 5 & 10 & 10 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 6 & 15 & 20 & 15 & 6 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 7 & 21 & 35 & 35 & 21 & 7 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 8 & 28 & 56 & 70 & 56 & 28 & 8 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 9 & 36 & 84 & 126 & 126 & 84 & 36 & 9 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 10 & 45 & 120 & 210 & 252 & 210 & 120 & 45 & 10 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 11 & 55 & 165 & 330 & 462 & 462 & 330 & 165 & 55 & 11 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 12 & 66 & 220 & 495 & 792 & 924 & 792 & 495 & 220 & 66 & 12 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 13 & 78 & 286 & 715 & 1287 & 1716 & 1716 & 1287 & 715 & 286 & 78 & 13 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 14 & 91 & 364 & 1001 & 2002 & 3003 & 3432 & 3003 & 2002 & 1001 & 364 & 91 & 14 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 15 & 105 & 455 & 1365 & 3003 & 5005 & 6435 & 6435 & 5005 & 3003 & 1365 & 455 & 105 & 15 & 0 \\ 1 & 16 & 120 & 560 & 1820 & 4368 & 8008 & 11440 & 12870 & 11440 & 8008 & 4368 & 1820 & 560 & 120 & 16 \end{bmatrix}$$

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e:=16  n:=0..e  k:=0..e-1

A_{n,k} := ||| if n>k
              ||| (n)!
              ||| k!*(n-k)!
              ||| else
              ||| 0
              |||
A:=submatrix(A,1,e,0,e-1)

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0	1
1	$\pm \frac{1}{2}$
2	$\frac{1}{6}$
3	0
4	$-\frac{1}{30}$
5	0
6	$\frac{1}{42}$
7	0
8	$-\frac{1}{30}$
9	0
10	$\frac{5}{66}$
11	0
12	$-\frac{691}{2730}$
13	0
14	$\frac{7}{6}$
15	0

$A^{-1} \rightarrow$

1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
$\frac{1}{6}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	$\frac{1}{4}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
$-\frac{1}{30}$	0	$\frac{1}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	$-\frac{1}{12}$	0	$\frac{5}{12}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
$\frac{1}{42}$	0	$-\frac{1}{6}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{7}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	$\frac{1}{12}$	0	$-\frac{7}{24}$	0	$\frac{7}{12}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
$-\frac{1}{30}$	0	$\frac{2}{9}$	0	$\frac{7}{15}$	0	$\frac{2}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{9}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	$-\frac{3}{20}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$-\frac{7}{10}$	0	$\frac{3}{4}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	0	0	0	0	0	0
$\frac{5}{66}$	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	0	-1	0	$\frac{5}{6}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{11}$	0	0	0	0	0
0	$\frac{5}{12}$	0	$-\frac{11}{8}$	0	$\frac{11}{6}$	0	$-\frac{11}{8}$	0	$\frac{11}{12}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	0	0	0	0
$\frac{691}{2730}$	0	$\frac{5}{3}$	0	$-\frac{33}{10}$	0	$\frac{22}{7}$	0	$-\frac{11}{6}$	0	1	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{13}$	0	0	0
0	$-\frac{691}{420}$	0	$\frac{65}{12}$	0	$-\frac{143}{20}$	0	$\frac{143}{28}$	0	$-\frac{143}{60}$	0	$\frac{13}{12}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{14}$	0	0
$\frac{7}{6}$	0	$\frac{691}{90}$	0	$\frac{91}{6}$	0	$-\frac{143}{10}$	0	$\frac{143}{18}$	0	$\frac{91}{30}$	0	$\frac{7}{6}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{15}$	0
0	$\frac{35}{4}$	0	$-\frac{691}{24}$	0	$\frac{455}{12}$	0	$-\frac{429}{16}$	0	$\frac{143}{12}$	0	$-\frac{91}{24}$	0	$\frac{5}{4}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{16}$

T = 4m20s

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[1]: from fractions import Fraction
import time
s = time.time()
N=100

def Bernoulli():
    A, m = [], 0
    while True:
        A.append(Fraction(1, m+1))
        for j in range(m, 0, -1):
            A[j-1] = j*(A[j-1] - A[j])
        yield A[0]
        m += 1

Bn = [ix for ix in zip(range(N+1), Bernoulli())]
Bn = [(i, b) for i,b in Bn if b]

width = max(len(str(b.numerator)) for i,b in Bn)
for i,b in Bn:
    print('B(%2i) = %*i/%i' % (i, width, b.numerator, b.denominator))
e = time.time() - s
print()
print ('Time is %f seconds' % e)
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B( 0) = 1/1
B( 1) = 1/2
B( 2) = 1/6
B( 4) = -1/30
B( 6) = 1/42
B( 8) = -1/30
B(10) = 5/66
B(12) = -691/2730
B(14) = 7/6
B(16) = -3617/510
B(18) = 43867/798
B(20) = -174611/330
B(22) = 854513/138
B(24) = -236364091/2730
B(26) = 8553103/6
B(28) = -23749461029/870
B(30) = 8615841276005/14322
B(32) = -7709321041217/510
B(34) = 2577687858367/6
B(36) = -26315271553053477373/1919190
B(38) = 2929993913841559/6
B(40) = -261082718496449122051/13530
B(42) = 1520097643918070802691/1806
B(44) = -27833269579301024235023/690
B(46) = 596451111593912163277961/282
B(48) = -5609403368997817686249127547/46410
B(50) = 495057205241079648212477525/66
B(52) = -801165718135489957347924991853/1590
B(54) = 29149963634884862421418123812691/798
B(56) = -2479392929313226753685415739663229/870
B(58) = 84483613348880041862046775994036021/354
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B(62) = 12300585434086858541953039857403386151/6
B(64) = -106783830147866529886385444979142647942017/510
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B(68) = -78773130858718728141909149208474606244347001/30
B(70) = 1505381347333367003803076567377857208511438160235/4686
B(72) = -5827954961669944110438277244641067365282488301844260429/140100870
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B(100) = -94598037819122125295227433069493721872702841533066936133385696204311395415197247711/33330
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Further Reading

The Bernoulli Numbers: A Brief Primer

Nathaniel Larson

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On the sums of series of reciprocals*

Leonhard Euler

<https://www.whitman.edu/documents/Academics/Mathematics/2019/Larson-Balof.pdf>

<https://scholarworks.lib.csusb.edu/etd/1132/>

<https://arxiv.org/abs/math/0506415>

... and what if p is not an integer or negative

(i.e. $p = -\frac{1}{2}$ - the Basel problem, Euler later proved $S_p(n)$ tends as n goes to infinity to $\pi^2/6$) ?

and connections with to the Riemann zeta function

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