

EXAMPLE. $A_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2}$. EXACT $A = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6} \approx 1.6449$

n	N=0 (A _n)	N=1	N=2
1	1.000	1.500	1.625
5	1.464	1.630	1.644
10	1.550	1.641	1.645

ASYMPTOTIC SUMMATION - INTEGRAL FORMULAS FOR SUMS

MANY INFINITE SERIES CAN BE WRITTEN AS AN INTEGRAL

eg. $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{te^{-nt}}{e^t-1} dt \stackrel{\text{BINOMIAL EXPANSION}}{=} \int_0^{\infty} te^{-nt} e^{-t} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (e^{-t})^k dt$

$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} te^{-(n+k+1)t} dt = \sum_{p=n+1}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} te^{-pt} dt$

INTEGRATE BY PARTS $= \sum_{p=n+1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{-t}{p} e^{-pt} \Big|_0^{\infty} + \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{p} e^{-pt} dt \right]$

$= \sum_{p=n+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{p^2}$

so $\sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2} = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{te^{-nt}}{e^t-1} dt$

$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2} = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2} + \int_0^{\infty} \frac{te^{-nt}}{e^t-1} dt = A_n + R_n$ ERROR.

WE CAN EVALUATE ERROR USING WATSON'S LEMMA!

LET $I(n) = \int_0^{\infty} f(t) e^{-nt} dt$

WITH $f(t) = \frac{t}{e^t-1} \stackrel{t \text{ small}}{\approx} \frac{t}{(t + \frac{1}{2}t^2 + \frac{1}{6}t^3 + \dots)} = \frac{1}{(1 + (\frac{1}{2}t + \frac{1}{6}t^2 + \dots))} \approx (1 - (\frac{1}{2}t + \frac{1}{6}t^2 + \dots) + (\frac{1}{2}t + \frac{1}{6}t^2 + \dots)^2 - \dots)$

$\approx +1 + \frac{1}{2}t + \frac{1}{12}t^2 + \dots$

so AS $n \rightarrow \infty$ $I \sim +1 \frac{\Gamma(1)}{n^1} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Gamma(2)}{n^2} + \frac{1}{12} \frac{\Gamma(3)}{n^3} = \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{2n^2} + \frac{1}{6n^3} + O(n^{-3})$

So for $A_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2}$

$n \quad A_n$

1 1

2 $\frac{5}{4} = 1.25$

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

$1 + \frac{2}{3} \approx 1.667$

$\frac{5}{4} + \frac{19}{48} \pm \frac{79}{48} \approx 1.646$



MORE GENERALLY, FOR THE RIEMANN-ZETA FUNCTION

$\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s} \quad \text{Re}(s) > 1$

WE CAN WRITE

$\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{n^s} + \frac{1}{\Gamma(s)} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{u^{s-1} e^{-Nu}}{e^u - 1} du$

USING
WASSER'S
LEMMA

$\zeta(s) \sim \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{n^s} + \frac{1}{(s-1)N^{s-1}} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{N^s} + \dots$

SUMMATION OF DIVERGENT SERIES

WE HAVE SEEN THAT, ALTHOUGH $\sum a_n x^n$ MAY DIVERGE IF $|x|$ IS SUFFICIENTLY LARGE, A SHANKS TRANSFORMATION CAN NONETHELESS GIVE A FINITE RESULT.

THESE AND SIMILAR TECHNIQUES ARE PARTICULARLY HANDY FOR GETTING FINITE ANSWERS TO PERTURBATION SERIES EXPANSIONS IN ϵ THAT DIVERGE FOR ϵ LARGE.

DEFⁿ: EULER SUMMATION

IF $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$ IS ALGEBRAICALLY DIVERGENT (GROWS UP AS A POWER OF n) THEN $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ CONVERGES FOR $|x| < 1$.

EULER SUM IS $S = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x)$ WHENEVER SUM EXISTS

EXAMPLES

1) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n$ DIVERGES (LIMIT ALTERNATES BETWEEN 1 AND 0)

BUT $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n x^n = \frac{1}{1+x}$ SO $S = \frac{1}{2}$.

(ALTERNATELY, USE SHANKS TRANSFORMATION TO GET SAME RESULT)

2) Sum $1+0+(-1)+0+(1)+\dots$ DIVERGES

$S = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-x^2)^n = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{1}{1+x^2} = \frac{1}{2}$.

HERE THE SHANKS TRANSFORMATION DOESN'T WORK!

BOREL SUMMATION

SUPPOSE $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$ DIVERGES BECAUSE a_n GROWS FASTER THAN
A POWER OF n . (i.e. $a_n = 2^n$ OR $a_n = n!$)

CANNOT APPLY EULER SUMMATION BECAUSE $\sum a_n x^n$ DIVERGES
EVEN FOR $|x| \leq 1$.

INSTEAD, DEFINE $\phi(x) \equiv \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n x^n}{n!}$

AND DEFINE $B(x) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} \phi(xt) dt$

WRITE $B(x) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{x}t} \phi(t) \frac{1}{x} dt$ AND USE
WATSON'S LEMMA TO EXPAND FOR SMALL x .

$$\Rightarrow B(x) \sim \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n!} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{x}t} t^n \frac{1}{x} dt = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$$

AS $x \rightarrow 0^+$

SO, BY CONSTRUCTION $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ IS ASYMPTOTIC TO $B(x)$

AS $x \rightarrow 0^+$

HENCE, GIVEN $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$, WE DEFINE THE BOREL SUM

$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ TO EQUAL $B(x)$.

AND SO, IN PARTICULAR, WE DEFINE $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \equiv B(1)$.

EXAMPLE $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n n!$ DIVERGES

BUT $\phi(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n n!}{n!} x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-x)^n$ CONVERGES AS $x \rightarrow 1^-$

FOR $x < 1$ INDDED $\phi(x) = \frac{1}{1+x}$

SO DEFINE THE BOREL SUM OF $\sum (-1)^n n!$ TO BE

$$B(x) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-t}}{1+xt} dt$$

HENCE. $B(1) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-t}}{1+t} dt$

NOTE THE BACKWARDS APPROACH TO WATSON'S LEMMA.

HIERE WE START WITH SERIES AND DERIVE INTEGRAL.

PADE SUMMATION

APPROXIMATE $f(z) = \sum c_n z^n$ BY A RATIO OF TWO

POLYNOMIALS:

$$P_{M,N}^N(z) = \frac{\sum_{n=0}^N A_n z^n}{\sum_{m=0}^M B_m z^m}$$

WHERE, WITHOUT LOSS OF GENERALITY, WE CHOOSE $B_0 = 1$

FOR GIVEN N AND M , WE FIND COEFFICIENTS A_n, B_m BY REQUIRING THE LEADING $N+M+1$ TERMS IN THE TAYLOR SERIES OF $P_{M,N}^N(z)$ TO MATCH THOSE OF $f(z)$.

IT TURNS OUT THAT, EVEN IF $\sum c_n z^n$ IS DIVERGENT, WE CAN STILL FIND $f(z) \sim P_{M,N}^N(z)$ AS $N, M \rightarrow \infty$

EXAMPLE: FIND $P_1^0(z) = \frac{A_0}{1+B_1 z}$

WANT TO FIND A_0, B_1 , SUCH THAT

$$\frac{A_0}{1+B_1 z} = A_0 (1 - B_1 z + \dots) \approx c_0 + c_1 z + \dots$$

$$\text{SO } A_0 = c_0$$

$$\text{AND } -A_0 B_1 = c_1 \Rightarrow B_1 = -\frac{c_1}{c_0}$$

$$\text{SO } P_1^0(z) = \frac{c_0}{1 - \frac{c_1}{c_0} z}$$

EXAMPLE FOR DIVERGENT SUM $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n (n+1)! x^n$

$$B(x) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-t}}{(1+xt)^2} dt \quad \text{IS BOREL SUM.}$$

IN PARTICULAR $B\left(\frac{1}{10}\right) \approx 0.84367$

FOR $P_2^2(x)$ WANT $\frac{A_0 + A_1x + A_2x^2}{1 + B_1x + B_2x^2} = 1 - 2x + 6x^2 - 24x^3 + 120x^4 - \dots$

SOME ALGEBRA GIVES

$$P_2^2(x) = \frac{1 + 6x + 2x^2}{1 + 8x + 12x^2} \Rightarrow P_2^2\left(\frac{1}{10}\right) = 0.84375$$

LIKEWISE, FIND

$$P_3^2 = \frac{1 + 10x + 18x^2}{1 + 12x + 36x^2 + 24x^3} \Rightarrow P_3^2(x) = 0.84365$$

NOT BAD ~~AGREEMENT~~ CONSIDERING SUM DIVERGES.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

THESE GIVE APPROXIMATE VALUE OF ~~FIRST~~ TERMS OF SUM BEFORE IT STARTS TO DIVERGE.

E.G. AT $x = \frac{1}{10}$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum (-1)^n (n+1)! \left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^n &\approx 1 - 0.2 + 0.06 - 0.024 + 0.012 - 0.0072 + 0.0054 - 0.004032 \\ &\quad + 0.0036 - 0.0036 \\ &\quad + \text{INCREASING TERMS} \\ &\approx 0.84543 \quad + \end{aligned}$$