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# 5 Series

## 1. Bernoulli and Euler Numbers

A set of numbers,  $B_1, B_3, \dots, B_{2n-1}$  (Bernoulli numbers) and  $B_2, B_4, \dots, B_{2n}$  (Euler numbers) appear in the series expansions of many functions. A partial listing follows; these are computed from the following equations:

$$\begin{aligned} B_{2n} - \frac{2n(2n-1)}{2!} B_{2n-2} \\ + \frac{2n(2n-1)(2n-2)(2n-3)}{4!} B_{2n-4} - \dots \\ + (-1)^n = 0, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2^{2n}(2^{2n}-1)}{2n} B_{2n-1} = (2n-1) B_{2n-2} \\ - \frac{(2n-1)(2n-2)(2n-3)}{3!} B_{2n-4} + \dots + (-1)^{n-1}. \end{aligned}$$

$B_1 = 1/6$	$B_2 = 1$
$B_3 = 1/30$	$B_4 = 5$
$B_5 = 1/42$	$B_6 = 61$
$B_7 = 1/30$	$B_8 = 1385$
$B_9 = 5/66$	$B_{10} = 50521$

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$$\begin{array}{ll}
 B_{11} = 691/2730 & B_{12} = 2702765 \\
 B_{13} = 7/6 & B_{14} = 199360981 \\
 \vdots & \vdots
 \end{array}$$

## 2. Series of Functions

In the following, the interval of convergence is indicated, otherwise it is all  $x$ . Logarithms are to the base  $e$ . Bernoulli and Euler numbers ( $B_{2n-1}$  and  $B_{2n}$ ) appear in certain expressions.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (a+x)^n &= a^n + na^{n-1}x + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}a^{n-2}x^2 \\
 &+ \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!}a^{n-3}x^3 + \dots \\
 &+ \frac{n!}{(n-j)!j!}a^{n-j}x^j + \dots \quad [x^2 < a^2]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(a-bx)^{-1} = \frac{1}{a} \left[ 1 + \frac{bx}{a} + \frac{b^2x^2}{a^2} + \frac{b^3x^3}{a^3} + \dots \right]$$

$[b^2x^2 < a^2]$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1 \pm x)^n &= 1 \pm nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}x^2 \\
 &\pm \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)x^3}{3!} + \dots \quad [x^2 < 1]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1 \pm x)^{-n} &= 1 \mp nx + \frac{n(n+1)}{2!}x^2 \\
 &\mp \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{3!}x^3 + \dots \quad [x^2 < 1]
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$(1 \pm x)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 1 \pm \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{2 \cdot 4}x^2 \pm \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6}x^3$$

$$- \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot 8}x^4 \pm \dots \quad [x^2 < 1]$$

$$(1 \pm x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = 1 \mp \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2 \cdot 4}x^2 \mp \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6}x^3$$

$$+ \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot 8}x^4 \mp \dots \quad [x^2 < 1]$$

$$(1 \pm x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 1 \pm \frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{x^4}{2 \cdot 4} \pm \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6}x^6$$

$$- \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot 8}x^8 \pm \dots \quad [x^2 < 1]$$

$$(1 \pm x)^{-1} = 1 \mp x + x^2 \mp x^3 + x^4 \mp x^5 + \dots$$

$$[x^2 < 1]$$

$$(1 \pm x)^{-2} = 1 \mp 2x + 3x^2 \mp 4x^3 + 5x^4 \mp \dots$$

$$[x^2 < 1]$$

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots$$

$$e^{-x^2} = 1 - x^2 + \frac{x^4}{2!} - \frac{x^6}{3!} + \frac{x^8}{4!} - \dots$$

$$a^x = 1 + x \log a + \frac{(x \log a)^2}{2!} + \frac{(x \log a)^3}{3!} + \dots$$

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$$\log x = (x-1) - \frac{1}{2}(x-1)^2 + \frac{1}{3}(x-1)^3 - \dots$$

$$[0 < x < 2]$$

$$\log x = \frac{x-1}{x} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{x-1}{x} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{x-1}{x} \right)^3 + \dots$$

$$\left[ x > \frac{1}{2} \right]$$

$$\log x = 2 \left[ \left( \frac{x-1}{x+1} \right) + \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{x-1}{x+1} \right)^3 + \frac{1}{5} \left( \frac{x-1}{x+1} \right)^5 + \dots \right]$$

$$[x > 0]$$

$$\log(1+x) = x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{4}x^4 + \dots$$

$$[x^2 < 1]$$

$$\log \left( \frac{1+x}{1-x} \right) = 2 \left[ x + \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \frac{1}{5}x^5 + \frac{1}{7}x^7 + \dots \right]$$

$$[x^2 < 1]$$

$$\log \left( \frac{x+1}{x-1} \right) = 2 \left[ \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{1}{x} \right)^3 + \frac{1}{5} \left( \frac{1}{x} \right)^5 + \dots \right]$$

$$[x^2 > 1]$$

$$\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots$$

$$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots$$

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$$\tan x = x + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{2x^5}{15} + \frac{17x^7}{315}$$

$$+ \dots + \frac{2^{2n}(2^{2n}-1)B_{2n-1}x^{2n-1}}{(2n)!}$$

$$\left[ x^2 < \frac{\pi^2}{4} \right]$$

$$\operatorname{ctn} x = \frac{1}{x} - \frac{x}{3} + \frac{x^3}{45} - \frac{2x^5}{945}$$

$$- \dots - \frac{B_{2n-1}(2x)^{2n}}{(2n)!x} - \dots$$

$$[x^2 < \pi^2]$$

$$\sec x = 1 + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{5x^4}{4!} + \frac{61x^6}{6!} + \dots$$

$$+ \frac{B_{2n}x^{2n}}{(2n)!} + \dots \quad \left[ x^2 < \frac{\pi^2}{4} \right]$$

$$\operatorname{csc} x = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{x}{3!} + \frac{7x^3}{3 \cdot 5!} + \frac{31x^5}{3 \cdot 7!}$$

$$+ \dots + \frac{2(2^{2n+1}-1)}{(2n+2)!} B_{2n+1}x^{2n+1} + \dots$$

$$[x^2 < \pi^2]$$

$$\sin^{-1} x = x + \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{(1 \cdot 3)x^5}{(2 \cdot 4)5} + \frac{(1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5)x^7}{(2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6)7} + \dots$$

$$[x^2 < 1]$$

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$$\tan^{-1} x = x - \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \frac{1}{5}x^5 - \frac{1}{7}x^7 + \dots$$

$$[x^2 < 1]$$

$$\sec^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{6x^3} - \frac{1 \cdot 3}{(2 \cdot 4)5x^5} - \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{(2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6)7x^7} - \dots$$

$$[x^2 > 1]$$

$$\sinh x = x + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots$$

$$\cosh x = 1 + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \frac{x^6}{6!} + \frac{x^8}{8!} + \dots$$

$$\tanh x = (2^2 - 1)2^2 B_1 \frac{x}{2!} - (2^4 - 1)2^4 B_3 \frac{x^3}{4!}$$

$$+ (2^6 - 1)2^6 B_5 \frac{x^5}{6!} - \dots \quad \left[ x^2 < \frac{\pi^2}{4} \right]$$

$$\operatorname{ctnh} x = \frac{1}{x} \left( 1 + \frac{2^2 B_1 x^2}{2!} - \frac{2^4 B_3 x^4}{4!} + \frac{2^6 B_5 x^6}{6!} - \dots \right)$$

$$[x^2 < \pi^2]$$

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$$\operatorname{sech} x = 1 - \frac{B_2 x^2}{2!} + \frac{B_4 x^4}{4!} - \frac{B_6 x^6}{6!} + \dots$$

$$\left[ x^2 < \frac{\pi^2}{4} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{csch} x &= \frac{1}{x} - (2-1)2B_1 \frac{x}{2!} \\ &+ (2^3-1)2B_3 \frac{x^3}{4!} - \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$[x^2 < \pi^2]$$

$$\sinh^{-1} x = x - \frac{1}{2} \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2 \cdot 4} \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6} \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots$$

$$[x^2 < 1]$$

$$\tanh^{-1} x = x + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} + \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots \quad [x^2 < 1]$$

$$\operatorname{ctnh}^{-1} x = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{3x^3} + \frac{1}{5x^5} + \dots \quad [x^2 > 1]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{csch}^{-1} x &= \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3x^3} + \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 5x^5} \\ &- \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot 7x^7} + \dots \quad [x^2 > 1] \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_0^x e^{-t^2} dt = x - \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \frac{x^5}{5 \cdot 2!} - \frac{x^7}{7 \cdot 3!} + \dots$$

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### 3. Error Function

The following function, known as the error function,  $\operatorname{erf} x$ , arises frequently in applications:

$$\operatorname{erf} x = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^x e^{-t^2} dt$$

The integral cannot be represented in terms of a finite number of elementary functions, therefore values of  $\operatorname{erf} x$  have been compiled in tables. The following is the series for  $\operatorname{erf} x$ :

$$\operatorname{erf} x = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left[ x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5 \cdot 2!} - \frac{x^7}{7 \cdot 3!} + \dots \right]$$

There is a close relation between this function and the area under the standard normal curve (Table A.1). For evaluation it is convenient to use  $z$  instead of  $x$ ; then  $\operatorname{erf} z$  may be evaluated from the area  $F(z)$  given in (Table A.1) by use of the relation

$$\operatorname{erf} z = 2F(\sqrt{2} z)$$

#### *Example*

$$\operatorname{erf}(0.5) = 2F[(1.414)(0.5)] = 2F(0.707)$$

By interpolation from (Table A.1),  $F(0.707) = 0.260$ ; thus,  $\operatorname{erf}(0.5) = 0.520$ .