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Putting  $x = 1$  and dividing by  $t^n$ , we have

$$(1) \quad \left[ \frac{\log(1+t)}{t} \right]^n = \sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^{\nu}}{\nu!} B_{\nu}^{(n+\nu+1)}(1) \\ = \sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^{\nu}}{\nu!} \frac{n}{n+\nu} B_{\nu}^{(n+\nu)},$$

using 6.3 (4).

In particular, for  $n = 1$ ,

$$(2) \quad \frac{\log(1+t)}{t} = \sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^{\nu}}{(\nu+1)!} B_{\nu}^{(\nu+1)}.$$

Again, integrating  $(1+t)^{x-1}$  with respect to  $x$  from  $x$  to  $x+1$ ,  $n$  times in succession, we have from 6.11 (9),

$$\frac{(1+t)^{x-1} t^n}{[\log(1+t)]^n} = \sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^{\nu}}{\nu!} B_{\nu}^{(\nu-n+1)}(x).$$

Putting  $x = 0$ , we have

$$(3) \quad \frac{t^n}{(1+t)[\log(1+t)]^n} = \sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^{\nu}}{\nu!} B_{\nu}^{(\nu-n+1)},$$

and in particular, for  $n = 1$ ,

$$(4) \quad \frac{t}{(1+t)\log(1+t)} = \sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^{\nu}}{\nu!} B_{\nu}^{(\nu)},$$

which is the generating function of the numbers  $B_{\nu}^{(\nu)}$ .

Again putting  $x = 1$ , we have

$$(5) \quad \left[ \frac{t}{\log(1+t)} \right]^n = \sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^{\nu}}{\nu!} B_{\nu}^{(\nu-n+1)}(1),$$

which shews that (1) also holds when  $n$  is negative.

In particular, for  $n = 1$ ,

$$(6) \quad \frac{t}{\log(1+t)} = \sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^{\nu}}{\nu!} B_{\nu}^{(\nu)}(1),$$

which is the generating function of the numbers  $B_{\nu}^{(\nu)}(1)$ .

Using 6.3 (4), we have from (6),

$$(7) \quad \frac{t}{\log(1+t)} = 1 + \frac{1}{2}t - \sum_{\nu=2}^{\infty} \frac{t^{\nu}}{\nu!} \frac{B_{\nu}^{(\nu-1)}}{\nu-1}.$$

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1, 5, 9, 25, ...

We give a list of ten of the numbers  $B_\nu^{(\nu)}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} B_1^{(1)} &= -\frac{1}{2}, & B_6^{(6)} &= \frac{19087}{84}, \\ B_2^{(2)} &= \frac{5}{6}, & B_7^{(7)} &= -\frac{36799}{24}, \\ B_3^{(3)} &= -\frac{9}{4}, & B_8^{(8)} &= \frac{1070017}{90}, \\ B_4^{(4)} &= \frac{251}{30}, & B_9^{(9)} &= -\frac{2082753}{20}, \\ B_5^{(5)} &= -\frac{475}{12}, & B_{10}^{(10)} &= \frac{134211265}{132}. \end{aligned}$$

6-5. Bernoulli's Polynomials of the First Order. We shall write  $B_\nu(x)$  instead of  $B_\nu^{(\nu)}(x)$ , the order unity being understood. Thus from 6-1 (2), we have

(1) 
$$\frac{te^{xt}}{e^t-1} = \sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^\nu}{\nu!} B_\nu(x),$$

as the generating function of the polynomials and

(2) 
$$\frac{t}{e^t-1} = \sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^\nu}{\nu!} B_\nu,$$

as the generating function of Bernoulli's numbers,  $B_\nu$ , of the first order.

From 6-11, we have the following properties:

- (3)  $B_\nu(x) \doteq (B+x)^\nu.$
- (4)  $(B+1)^\nu - B_\nu \doteq 0, \nu = 2, 3, 4, \dots$
- (5)  $\frac{d}{dx} B_\nu(x) = \nu B_{\nu-1}(x).$
- (6)  $\int_a^x B_\nu(t) dt = \frac{1}{\nu+1} [B_{\nu+1}(x) - B_{\nu+1}(a)].$
- (7)  $\Delta B_\nu(x) = \nu x^{\nu-1}.$
- (8)  $B_\nu(1-x) = (-1)^\nu B_\nu(x),$  from 6-2.

The first seven polynomials are given in the following list:

$$\begin{aligned} B_0(x) &= 1, \\ B_1(x) &= x - \frac{1}{2}, \\ B_2(x) &= x^2 - x + \frac{1}{6}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} B_3(x) &= x(x-1)(x-\frac{1}{2}) = x^3 - \frac{3}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{2}x, \\ B_4(x) &= x^4 - 2x^3 + x^2 - \frac{1}{30}, \\ B_5(x) &= x(x-1)(x-\frac{1}{2})(x^2-x-\frac{1}{3}) = x^5 - \frac{5}{2}x^4 + \frac{5}{6}x^3 - \frac{1}{6}x^2 + \frac{1}{30}x, \\ B_6(x) &= x^6 - 3x^5 + \frac{5}{2}x^4 - \frac{1}{2}x^3 + \frac{1}{42}x^2 - \frac{1}{42}x. \end{aligned}$$

We have also for the values of the first series

$B_0$	$B_1$	$B_2$	$B_3$	$B_4$	$B_5$	$B_6$
1	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	0	$-\frac{1}{30}$	$\frac{1}{42}$	$-\frac{1}{42}$

6-501. A Summation Problem. We have by 6-5 (6) and (7),

$$\int_s^{s+1} B_\nu(x) dx = \frac{1}{\nu+1} [B_{\nu+1}(s+1) - B_{\nu+1}(s)] = s^\nu.$$

Thus

$$\sum_{s=1}^n s^\nu = \int_0^{n+1} B_\nu(x) dx = \frac{1}{\nu+1} [B_{\nu+1}(n+1) - B_{\nu+1}(0)].$$

For example, if  $\nu = 3$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{s=1}^n s^3 &= \frac{1}{4} [B_4(n+1) - B_4] \\ &= \frac{1}{4} [(n+1)^4 - 2(n+1)^3 + \frac{1}{2}(n+1)^2 - \frac{1}{24}] \\ &= \frac{1}{4} n(n+1)^3. \end{aligned}$$

The method can clearly be applied if the function to be summed is a polynomial in  $s$ .

6-51. Bernoulli's Numbers of the First Order. From 6-5 (2),

(1) 
$$\frac{t}{2} + \sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^\nu}{\nu!} B_\nu = \frac{t}{2} \cdot \frac{e^t + e^{-t}}{e^t - e^{-t}}$$

The function on the right is even, since the function unaltered. It follows that there are no odd powers of  $t$ , and hence

$$\begin{aligned} B_{2\mu+1} &= 0, \quad \mu > 0, \\ B_1 &= -\frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$