

ON THE SCHWARZ-CHRISTOFFEL PARAMETERS PROBLEM

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Abstract. In the paper the Schwarz-Christoffel parameter problem is analyzed and the method for their computation is given.

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In integrated circuitry and elsewhere in electronics, the electrical resistance of a polygonal circuit element or pathway is often physically important. In the simplest problem of resistor *analysis* and *design*, a polygon is given and its resistance must be determined through selection of a polygon, from a family of candidates parametrized by some geometric quantity (see [1],[2]). It depends on the solution of a boundary value problem for Laplace's equation, and as a result it is invariant under a conformal map. Therefore, we can construct a conformal map onto a new domain where the problem is trivial.

Conformal mapping methods for resistor analysis on polygons requires the numerical solution of a Schwarz-Christoffel *parameter problem* [3], which has only recently become feasible for general polygons.

In this paper we will consider Schwarz-Christoffel formula

$$f^{-1}(z) = w_c + C \int_0^z \prod_{k=1}^N \left(1 - \frac{\zeta}{z_k}\right)^{-\beta_k} d\zeta$$

and find its constants through given parameters.

Theorem 1 (Schwarz-Christoffel). *Let P be the interior of a polygon Γ having vertices w_1, \dots, w_n and external angles $\beta_1\pi, \dots, \beta_n\pi$ in counter-clockwise order. If f is conformal mapping from P to the upper half plane \mathbb{H} , then its inverse can be written in the form:*

$$f^{-1}(z) = w_c + C \int_0^z \prod_{k=1}^N \left(1 - \frac{\zeta}{z_k}\right)^{-\beta_k} d\zeta,$$

where $z_k = f(w_k)$ and w_c, C are some constants.

Our goal is to solve the Schwarz-Christoffel *parameter problem*. For this we will study the structure of the integration part.

If we have $g(z)$ and its inverse $g^{-1}(z)$, then inverse of $f(z) = a + bg(z)$ is

$$f^{-1}(z) = g^{-1}\left(\frac{z-a}{b}\right)$$

Therefore, if manage to find the inverse of

$$g(z) = \int_0^z \prod_{k=1}^N \left(1 - \frac{\zeta}{z_k}\right)^{-\beta_k} d\zeta,$$

we will find $f^{-1} : P \rightarrow \mathbb{H}^+$ conformal mapping.

To study the equation we will need to interpret expression, inside integration, as the sum series. By using Taylor series it easy to show the following proposition.

Proposition 1. *Let $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{z = 0 \vee |z| = 1\}$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}$. Then*

$$(1+z)^\alpha = e^{2\pi i c \alpha} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{\alpha}{k} z^k, \quad \text{when } |z| < 1$$

and

$$(1+z)^\alpha = e^{2\pi i c \alpha} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{\alpha}{k} z^{\alpha-k}, \quad \text{when } |z| > 1.$$

Here the infinite power series gives only one of the values of the $(1+z)^\alpha$, while $e^{2\pi i c \alpha}$, $c \in \mathbb{Z}$, rotates on unit circle, giving all branch points and since α is rational, these points are finite.

The coefficients are called binomial and they are used in combinatorics and they are generalization of Newton's binomial series. However, if we follow Taylor formula step-by-step we will see that the coefficients are constructed, like

$$\binom{\alpha}{0} = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \binom{\alpha}{k} = \prod_{j=1}^k \frac{\alpha - j + 1}{j}.$$

Furthermore, since factorials can be generalized by Γ function, we will use the following expression

$$n! := \Gamma(n+1)$$

for $\forall n \in \mathbb{R}$.

To simplify visualization of operation on combinatorial structures, we'll be using expressions like

$$\sum_{k_1+k_2=3} a_{k_1} b_{k_2} = a_3 b_0 + a_2 b_1 + a_1 b_2 + a_0 b_3,$$

$$\sum_{k_1+2k_2+3k_3=4} a_{k_1} b_{k_2} c_{k_3} = a_4 b_0 c_0 + a_2 b_1 c_0 + a_0 b_2 c_0 + a_1 b_0 c_1.$$

In algebra it is common to use this kind of expression, since it allows to better visualise operation on sets.

Proposition 2. *If $x \neq 0$, then*

$$\left(\sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^i\right) \left(\sum_{j=0}^n b_j x^{-j}\right) = \sum_{r=-n}^n \left(\sum_{i-j=r} a_i b_j\right) x^r,$$

where $i - j = r$ expression means that i and j are non-negative integer numbers that satisfy this equation.

Example 1. If $n = 2$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\sum_{i=0}^2 a_i x^i \right) \left(\sum_{j=0}^2 b_j x^{-j} \right) = \sum_{r=-2}^2 \left(\sum_{i-j=r} a_i b_j \right) x^r = \\ & = \frac{a_0 b_2}{x^2} + \frac{a_0 b_1 + a_1 b_2}{x} + (a_0 b_0 + a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2) + (a_1 b_0 + a_2 b_1)x + a_2 b_0 x^2. \end{aligned}$$

If we organize coefficients as a matrix, we'll get

$$\begin{array}{ccc} a_0 b_0 & a_1 b_0 & a_2 b_0 \\ a_0 b_1 & a_1 b_1 & a_2 b_1 \\ a_0 b_2 & a_1 b_2 & a_2 b_2 \end{array}$$

$(n+1) \times (n+1)$ dimensional square matrix and it is easy to see that for $|r| \leq n$

$$\sum_{i-j=r} a_i b_j = \sum_{i=r}^n a_i b_{i-r}.$$

Definition 1. For any $z_1, \dots, z_N \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}$ and $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N \in \mathbb{Q}$ points, we define λ_n and μ_n as

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_n(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N; z_1, \dots, z_N) &= \sum_{k_1 + \dots + k_N = n} \left(\prod_{j=1}^N \binom{\alpha_j}{k_j} \frac{1}{z_j^{k_j}} \right), \\ \mu_n(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N; z_1, \dots, z_N) &= \sum_{k_1 + \dots + k_N = n} \left(\prod_{j=1}^N \binom{\alpha_j}{k_j} \frac{1}{z_j^{\alpha_j - k_j}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

The functions λ_n and μ_n are coefficients of power series which we are constructing for

$$\prod_{k=1}^N \left(1 - \frac{\zeta}{z_k} \right)^{-\beta_k}$$

product series.

Proposition 3. For the sequence $\{(z_j, \alpha_j)\}_{j=1}^N$, such that $0 < |z_j \zeta| < 1$, have the identity

$$\prod_{j=1}^N (1 + \zeta z_j)^{\alpha_j} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k_1 + \dots + k_N = n} \left(\prod_{j=1}^N \binom{\alpha_j}{k_j} z_j^{k_j} \right) \right) \zeta^n$$

and if $|z_j \zeta| > 1$, we have

$$\prod_{j=1}^N (1 + \zeta z_j)^{\alpha_j} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k_1 + \dots + k_N = n} \left(\prod_{j=1}^N \binom{\alpha_j}{k_j} z_j^{\alpha_j - k_j} \right) \right) \zeta^{\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_N - n}.$$

◁ Indeed, if $0 < |z_j \zeta| < 1$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{j=1}^N (1 + \zeta z_j)^{\alpha_j} &= \prod_{j=1}^N \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{\alpha_j}{k} (\zeta z_j)^k = \sum_{k_1, \dots, k_N} \binom{\alpha_1}{k_1} \cdots \binom{\alpha_N}{k_N} z_1^{k_1} \cdots z_N^{k_N} \zeta^{k_1 + \dots + k_N} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k_1 + \dots + k_N = n} \binom{\alpha_1}{k_1} \cdots \binom{\alpha_N}{k_N} z_1^{k_1} \cdots z_N^{k_N} \right) \zeta^n \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k_1 + \dots + k_N = n} \left(\prod_{j=1}^N \binom{\alpha_j}{k_j} z_j^{k_j} \right) \right) \zeta^n. \end{aligned}$$

If $|z_j \zeta| > 1$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{j=1}^N (1 + \zeta z_j)^{\alpha_j} &= \left(\prod_{j=1}^N (\zeta z_j)^{\alpha_j} \right) \left(\prod_{j=1}^N \left(1 + \frac{1}{\zeta z_j} \right)^{\alpha_j} \right) \\ &= \left(\prod_{j=1}^N (\zeta z_j)^{\alpha_j} \right) \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k_1 + \dots + k_N = n} \left(\prod_{j=1}^N \binom{\alpha_j}{k_j} \frac{1}{z_j^{k_j}} \right) \right) \zeta^{-n} \right) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k_1 + \dots + k_N = n} \left(\prod_{j=1}^N \binom{\alpha_j}{k_j} z_j^{\alpha_j - k_j} \right) \right) \zeta^{\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_N - n}. \end{aligned}$$

▷

Remark 1. We can formulate Proposition 3 in the following manner:

$$\prod_{j=1}^N \left(1 + \frac{\zeta}{z_j} \right)^{\alpha_j} = e^{i\theta} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \lambda_n(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N; z_1, \dots, z_N) \zeta^n, \text{ when } \left| \frac{\zeta}{z_j} \right| < 1$$

and

$$\prod_{j=1}^N \left(1 + \frac{\zeta}{z_j} \right)^{\alpha_j} = e^{i\theta} \zeta^{\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_N} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mu_n(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N; z_1, \dots, z_N) \zeta^{-n}, \text{ when } \left| \frac{\zeta}{z_j} \right| > 1,$$

where $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$ is some constant.

At this point we have power series, which allow us to make approximation of a product, and all the difficulties are moved to coefficients λ_n and μ_n , which don't depend on ζ .

Example 2. For better visualization, why we study this problem by power series, let's take fixed points on \mathbb{R} and see how it works

$$f(\zeta) = \left(1 + \frac{\zeta}{3} \right)^{7/3} \left(1 + \frac{\zeta}{17} \right)^{4/5} \left(1 + \frac{\zeta}{35} \right)^{23/11}$$

and

$$f_s(\zeta) = \sum_{n=0}^s \lambda_n \left(\frac{7}{3}, \frac{4}{5}, \frac{23}{11}; 3, 17, 35 \right) \zeta^n.$$

From the theory we know that each component *absolute convergence* when $\zeta \in (0, 3)$ interval, and our f_s is a result of multiplying these components. Suppose $\zeta = 2$, then

$$\begin{aligned} f(2) &\approx 4.04345073813124671, \\ f_4(2) &\approx 4.04262394108668742, \\ f_8(2) &\approx 4.04344234608117199, \\ f_{50}(2) &\approx 4.04345073813124596. \end{aligned}$$

As we can see, f_s is making approximation of f and for rational arguments it returns rational numbers. Since we showed how this series works, let's integrate both f and f_s

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^2 f(\zeta) d\zeta &\approx 4.57756, \\ \int_0^2 f_8(\zeta) d\zeta &\approx 4.57756. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we can use this power series to approximately calculate this type of integrals.

Lemma 1. *Let $z_1, \dots, z_N \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ be on arbitrary set of points and*

$$0 < |z_1| < |z_2| < \dots < |z_N| < \infty,$$

$\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N \in \mathbb{Q}$. Then for any

$$\zeta \in \left\{ z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\} \left| \left| \frac{z}{z_j} \right| \neq 1, j = \overline{1, N} \right. \right\}$$

we have three cases

1. If $|\zeta| < |z_1|$, then

$$\prod_{j=1}^N \left(1 - \frac{\zeta}{z_j} \right)^{-\beta_j} = e^{i\theta} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \lambda_n(-\beta_1, \dots, -\beta_N; z_1, \dots, z_N) \zeta^n$$

2. If $|\zeta| > |z_N|$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{j=1}^N \left(1 - \frac{\zeta}{z_j} \right)^{-\beta_j} &= e^{i\theta} \zeta^{-(\beta_1 + \dots + \beta_N)} \times \\ &\times \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \mu_n(-\beta_1, \dots, -\beta_N; z_1, \dots, z_N) \zeta^{-n} \end{aligned}$$

3. If $|z_M| < |\zeta| < |z_{M+1}|$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{j=1}^N \left(1 - \frac{\zeta}{z_j}\right)^{-\beta_j} &= \prod_{j=1}^M \left(1 - \frac{\zeta}{z_j}\right)^{-\beta_j} \prod_{j=M+1}^N \left(1 - \frac{\zeta}{z_j}\right)^{-\beta_j} \\ &= e^{i\theta} \zeta^{-(\beta_1 + \dots + \beta_M)} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (-1)^n \xi_{n,M}(-\beta_1, \dots, -\beta_N; z_1, \dots, z_N) \zeta^n \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_{n,M}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N; z_1, \dots, z_N) &= \\ \sum_{k=n \vee 0}^{\infty} \lambda_k(\alpha_{M+1}, \dots, \alpha_N; z_{M+1}, \dots, z_N) \mu_{k-n}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_M; z_1, \dots, z_M) \end{aligned}$$

where $n \vee 0 := \max\{n, 0\}$, since if $k < 0$, then $\lambda_k = \mu_k = 0$.

◁ First two are proved in Proposition 3. The third follows from Proposition 2. ▷

Example 3. Let's take a f function

$$f(\zeta) = \left(1 + \frac{\zeta}{3}\right)^{7/3} \left(1 + \frac{\zeta}{17}\right)^{4/5} \left(1 + \frac{\zeta}{35}\right)^{8/11} \left(1 + \frac{\zeta}{39}\right)^{5/17}$$

and let $\zeta = 19$, then

$$f(\zeta) \approx 293.3450707$$

unlike, when we had only one side, when coefficients were calculated from finite sum, in this case we have an infinite sum. For coefficients we write

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_n^m(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4; z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) &= \sum_{k=n}^{n+m} \lambda_k(\alpha_3, \alpha_4; z_3, z_4) \mu_{k-n}(\alpha_1, \alpha_2; z_1, z_2), \\ f_n^m(\zeta) &= \zeta^{7/3+4/5} \sum_{k=-n}^n \xi_k^m\left(\frac{7}{3}, \frac{4}{5}, \frac{8}{11}, \frac{5}{17}; 3, 17, 35, 39\right) \zeta^k \end{aligned}$$

and approximations are

$$\begin{aligned} f_{20}^{30}(19) &\approx 293.3439706, \\ f_{25}^{30}(19) &\approx 293.3454928. \end{aligned}$$

If integrate both on (19, 23) interval, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{19}^{23} f(\zeta) d\zeta &\approx 1570.876256, \\ \int_{19}^{23} f_{30}^{30}(\zeta) d\zeta &\approx 1570.875901. \end{aligned}$$

If we have the formal power series

$$f(x) = 1 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots,$$

then

$$\frac{1}{f(x)} = 1 + b_1x + b_2x^2 + \dots,$$

where

$$b_n = \sum_{k_1+2k_2+\dots+nk_n=n} (-1)^{k_1+k_2+\dots+k_n} (k_1+k_2+\dots+k_n)! \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{a_j^{k_j}}{k_j!}.$$

Before we begin to prove, we need to mention that by

$$\frac{1}{f(x)} = 1 + b_1x + b_2x^2 + \dots,$$

we mean that right side is such that

$$(1 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots)(1 + b_1x + b_2x^2 + \dots) = 1 + c_1x + c_2x^2 + \dots,$$

where all $c_n = 0$. For example, first four b_n are

$$\begin{aligned} b_1 &= -a_1, \\ b_2 &= a_1^2 - a_2, \\ b_3 &= -a_1^3 + 2a_1a_2 - a_3, \\ b_4 &= a_1^4 - 3a_1^2a_2 + 2a_1a_3 + a_2^2 - a_4. \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to justify that

$$c_n = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i b_{n-i}, \quad a_0 = b_0 = 1$$

and since $c_n = 0$, we get recursive interpretation

$$b_n = - \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_{n-i}.$$

To solve the recursion, we'll assume that

$$b_n = \sum_{k_1+2k_2+\dots+nk_n=n} (-1)^{k_1+k_2+\dots+k_n} \phi(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n) \prod_{j=1}^n a_j^{k_j},$$

where ϕ doesn't depend on n and has the following properties

1. $\phi(0) = 1$;
2. $\phi(k_1, \dots, k_n) = \phi(k_1, \dots, k_n, 0, 0, \dots)$;

3. If any argument is negative, then $\phi = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{z_1+2z_2+\dots+nz_n=n} (-1)^{z_1+\dots+z_n} \phi(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n) \prod_{j=1}^n a_j^{z_j} = b_n = - \sum_{s=1}^n a_s b_{n-s} \\
 &= - \sum_{s=1}^n \left(\sum_{k_1+2k_2+\dots+nk_n=n-s} (-1)^{k_1+\dots+k_n} \phi(k_1, \dots, k_n) \prod_{j=1}^n a_j^{k_j} \right) a_s \\
 &= - \sum_{s=1}^n \left(\sum_{k_1+2k_2+\dots+nk_n=n-s} (-1)^{k_1+\dots+k_n} \phi(k_1, \dots, k_n) \prod_{j=1}^n a_j^{k_j} \right) \times \\
 & \quad \left(\sum_{m_1+2m_2+\dots+nm_n=s} \chi(\forall i \neq s : m_i = 0) \chi(m_s = 1) \prod_{j=1}^n a_j^{m_j} \right) \\
 &= - \sum_{s=1}^n \sum_{k_1+2k_2+\dots+nk_n=n-s} \sum_{m_1+2m_2+\dots+nm_n=s} \\
 & \quad (-1)^{k_1+\dots+k_n} \phi(k_1, \dots, k_n) \chi(\forall i \neq s : m_i = 0) \chi(m_s = 1) \prod_{j=1}^n a_j^{k_j+m_j} \\
 &= \sum_{z_1+2z_2+\dots+nz_n=n} \sum_{s=1}^n \sum_{k_1+2k_2+\dots+nk_n=n-s} \\
 & \quad (-1)^{1+k_1+\dots+k_n} \phi(k_1, \dots, k_n) \chi(\forall i \neq s : k_i = z_i) \chi(z_s - k_s = 1) \prod_{j=1}^n a_j^{z_j}
 \end{aligned}$$

Here we made few important steps, the first one is following interpretation

$$a_s = \sum_{m_1+2m_2+\dots+nm_n=s} \chi(\forall i \neq s : m_i = 0) \chi(m_s = 1) \prod_{j=1}^n a_j^{m_j},$$

where $\chi(\mathcal{A})$ is a Boolean function, which is 1 if \mathcal{A} statement is true and 0 if it is false.

The second step was changing summation set, for visualisation let's write it like

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{s=1}^n \sum_{k_1+2k_2+\dots+nk_n=n-s} \sum_{m_1+2m_2+\dots+nm_n=s} u(k_1, \dots, k_n) v(m_1, \dots, m_n) \\
 &= \sum_{s=1}^n \sum_{k_1+2k_2+\dots+nk_n=n-s} \sum_{z_1+2z_2+\dots+nz_n=n} u(k_1, \dots, k_n) v(z_1 - k_1, \dots, z_n - k_n) \\
 &= \sum_{z_1+2z_2+\dots+nz_n=n} \left(\sum_{s=1}^n \sum_{k_1+2k_2+\dots+nk_n=n-s} u(k_1, \dots, k_n) v(z_1 - k_1, \dots, z_n - k_n) \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

here we need the third property of ϕ , that if the argument is negative, then the function is 0.

Since a_j coefficients are arbitrary we get, when $z_1 + 2z_2 + \dots + nz_n = n$

$$\begin{aligned} & (-1)^{z_1 + \dots + z_n} \phi(z_1, \dots, z_n) = \\ &= \sum_{s=1}^n \sum_{k_1 + 2k_2 + \dots + nk_n = n-s} (-1)^{1+k_1 + \dots + k_n} \phi(k_1, \dots, k_n) \times \\ & \quad \times \chi(\forall i \neq s : k_i = z_i) \chi(z_s - k_s = 1) \\ &= \sum_{s=1}^n (-1)^{1+z_1 + \dots + z_{s-1} + (z_s-1) + z_{s+1} + \dots + z_n} \phi(z_1, \dots, z_{s-1}, z_s - 1, z_{s+1}, \dots, z_n) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\phi(z_1, \dots, z_n) = \sum_{s=1}^n \phi(z_1, \dots, z_{s-1}, z_s - 1, z_{s+1}, \dots, z_n).$$

For example

$$\phi(2, 1, 0) = \phi(1, 1, 0) + \phi(2, 0, 0) = \phi(1, 0, 0) + \phi(1, 0, 0) + \phi(2, 0, 0) = 3$$

and it is the coefficient of $a_1^2 a_2$ in b_4 .

Solution of this recursion is

$$\phi(z_1, \dots, z_n) = \frac{(z_1 + z_2 + \dots + z_n)!}{z_1! z_2! \dots z_n!}.$$

It is easy to check that it satisfies all properties, for example

$$\frac{((k_1 - 1) + k_2)!}{(k_1 - 1)! k_2!} + \frac{(k_1 + (k_2 - 1))!}{k_1! (k_2 - 1)!} = (k_1 + k_2) \frac{(k_1 + k_2 - 1)!}{k_1! k_2!} = \frac{(k_1 + k_2)!}{k_1! k_2!}.$$

▷

Example 4. If we take

$$\frac{\sin(x)}{x} = 1 - \frac{1}{3!}x^2 + \frac{1}{5!}x^4 - \frac{1}{7!}x^6 + O(x^8), \quad a_n = \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \cos\left(\frac{\pi n}{2}\right),$$

then

$$\frac{x}{\sin(x)} = 1 + \frac{1}{6}x^2 + \frac{7}{360}x^4 + \frac{31}{15120}x^6 + O(x^8).$$

Theorem 2. If we enumerate z_1, z_2, \dots, z_N so that

$$|z_1| < |z_2| < \dots < |z_N|,$$

the constants in formula

$$f(z) = w_c + C \int_0^z \prod_{k=1}^N \left(1 - \frac{\zeta}{z_k}\right)^{-\beta_k} d\zeta$$

are

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{C} &= \frac{e^{i\theta_1}}{f(z_2) - f(z_1)} \\ &\times \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (-1)^n \left(\sum_{k=n \vee 0}^{\infty} \lambda_k(-\beta_2, \dots, -\beta_N; z_2, \dots, z_N) \mu_{k-n}(-\beta_1; z_1) \right) \\ &\quad \times \frac{z_2^{n-\beta_1+1} - z_1^{n-\beta_1+1}}{n - \beta_1 + 1}, \\ w_c &= f(z_1) - C e^{i\theta_2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \lambda_n(-\beta_1, \dots, -\beta_N; z_1, \dots, z_N) \frac{z_1^{n+1}}{n+1}, \end{aligned}$$

where θ_1 and θ_2 are some constants.

◁ To find constants lets take $z = z_1$ and $z = z_2$ points

$$f(z_1) = w_c + C \int_0^{z_1} \prod_{k=1}^N \left(1 - \frac{\zeta}{z_k} \right)^{-\beta_k} d\zeta$$

since $|\zeta| < |z_1|$

$$\begin{aligned} f(z_1) &= w_c + C \int_0^{z_1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \lambda_n(-\beta_1, \dots, -\beta_N; z_1, \dots, z_N) \zeta^n \\ &= w_c + C \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \lambda_n(-\beta_1, \dots, -\beta_N; z_1, \dots, z_N) \frac{z_1^{n+1}}{n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

If we take the integral from z_1 till z_2 , we get

$$\begin{aligned} f(z_2) - f(z_1) &= C \int_{z_1}^{z_2} \prod_{k=1}^N \left(1 - \frac{\zeta}{z_k} \right)^{-\beta_k} d\zeta \\ &= C \int_{z_1}^{z_2} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (-1)^n \left(\zeta^{-\beta_1} \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \lambda_k(-\beta_2, \dots, -\beta_N; z_2, \dots, z_N) \mu_{k-n}(-\beta_1; z_1) \right) \zeta^n d\zeta \\ &= C \int_{z_1}^{z_2} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (-1)^n \left(\sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \lambda_k(-\beta_2, \dots, -\beta_N; z_2, \dots, z_N) \mu_{k-n}(-\beta_1; z_1) \right) \zeta^{n-\beta_1} d\zeta \\ &= C \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (-1)^n \left(\sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \lambda_k(-\beta_2, \dots, -\beta_N; z_2, \dots, z_N) \mu_{k-n}(-\beta_1; z_1) \right) \\ &\quad \times \frac{z_2^{n-\beta_1+1} - z_1^{n-\beta_1+1}}{n - \beta_1 + 1}, \end{aligned}$$

so

$$\frac{1}{C} = \frac{1}{f(z_2) - f(z_1)} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (-1)^n \left(\sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \lambda_k(-\beta_2, \dots, -\beta_N; z_2, \dots, z_N) \mu_{k-n}(-\beta_1; z_1) \right)$$

$$\times \frac{z_2^{n-\beta_1+1} - z_1^{n-\beta_1+1}}{n - \beta_1 + 1}.$$

▷

Proposition 4. *Let enumerate z_1, z_2, \dots, z_N such, that*

$$|z_1| < |z_2| < \dots < |z_N|,$$

then

$$\int_{z_M}^{z_{M+1}} \prod_{k=1}^N \left(1 - \frac{\zeta}{z_k}\right)^{-\beta_k} d\zeta = e^{i\theta} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (-1)^n \xi_{n,M} \int_{z_M}^{z_{M+1}} \zeta^{n-\beta_1-\dots-\beta_M} d\zeta,$$

where θ depends on chosen M .

Comment 1. We can use some manipulations with power series coefficients to get interesting results, which can be hard to prove on its own, like the Riemann zeta function for even positive arguments

$$\zeta(z) = \frac{(2\pi)^z}{2z!} |B_z|$$

is proved by using Fourier Series expansion of $B_z(x)$ Bernoulli polynomials. Besides, it is very well known how to find $\zeta(2)$ and similarly we can calculate $\zeta(6)$

$$\begin{aligned} 2x^3 \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{x^6}{(\pi k)^6}\right) &= 2x^3 - 2 \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(\pi k)^6}\right) x^9 + \dots = 2x^3 - \frac{2\zeta(6)x^9}{\pi^6} + \dots \\ 2x^3 \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{x^6}{(\pi k)^6}\right) &= 2x^3 \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{(\pi k)^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{(xe^{\frac{\pi}{3}i})^2}{(\pi k)^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{(xe^{-\frac{\pi}{3}i})^2}{(\pi k)^2}\right) \\ &= 2x^3 \frac{\sin(x)}{x} \frac{\sin(xe^{\frac{\pi}{3}i})}{xe^{\frac{\pi}{3}i}} \frac{\sin(xe^{-\frac{\pi}{3}i})}{xe^{-\frac{\pi}{3}i}} = \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{(2x)^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \left(\cos\left(\frac{2\pi n}{3} + \frac{\pi}{3}\right) - \frac{1}{2}\right) \\ &= 2x^3 - \frac{2x^9}{945} + \frac{8x^{15}}{212837625} - \frac{4x^{21}}{64965492466875} + \dots, \end{aligned}$$

so

$$-\frac{2\zeta(6)x^9}{\pi^6} = -\frac{2x^9}{945} \Rightarrow \zeta(6) = \frac{\pi^6}{945}.$$

From Proposition we know that

$$(1+z)^\alpha = e^{2\pi i c \alpha} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{\alpha}{k} z^k, \quad \text{when } |z| < 1.$$

It is a Taylor series expansion of $f(z) = (1+z)^\alpha$ and we don't have restrictions on $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$. Binomial coefficients and factorials are strongly associated with classical probability theory, so it may be unusual to see

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)! \quad \text{or} \quad \binom{3}{5/2}$$

since we cannot use analogs, like how many permutation a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n different letters, have which is $n!$, because it works only for natural numbers. The factorial is defined by recursion, which can be solved, by the Γ -function

$$n! = \Gamma(n+1) = \int_0^\infty t^n e^{-t} dt.$$

The same is for binomial coefficients. The coefficients we get from the Taylor series are

$$\binom{\alpha}{0} = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \binom{\alpha}{k} = \prod_{j=1}^k \frac{\alpha - j + 1}{j}$$

and then two expressions can be rewritten as

$$\binom{\alpha}{k} = \frac{\alpha!}{k!(\alpha - k)!}.$$

Therefore, arguments of factorials and binomial functions are not limited by \mathbb{N} .

Example 5.

$$\begin{aligned} (1+z)^\beta (1-z)^\beta &= \left(\sum_{k=0}^\infty \binom{\beta}{k} z^k \right) \left(\sum_{j=0}^\infty \binom{\beta}{j} (-z)^j \right) \\ &= \sum_{k,j=0}^\infty \binom{\beta}{k} \binom{\beta}{j} (-1)^j z^{k+j} \\ &= \sum_{r=0}^\infty \left(\sum_{k+j=r} (-1)^j \binom{\beta}{k} \binom{\beta}{j} \right) z^r = \sum_{r=0}^\infty \left(\sum_{j=0}^\infty (-1)^j \binom{\beta}{r-j} \binom{\beta}{j} \right) z^r \\ &= \sum_{r=0}^\infty \left(\binom{\beta}{r} \sum_{j=0}^\infty \frac{(-\beta)_j (-r)_j (-1)^r}{(\beta - r + 1)_j j!} \right) z^r \\ &= \sum_{r=0}^\infty (-1)^r {}_2F_1(-\beta, -r, \beta - r + 1; -1) \binom{\beta}{r} z^r, \end{aligned}$$

on the other hand

$$(1+z)^\beta (1-z)^\beta = (1-z^2)^\beta = \sum_{r=0}^\infty \binom{\beta}{r} (-1)^r z^{2r},$$

so if $r \geq 0$ is odd

$${}_2F_1(-\beta, -r, \beta - r + 1; -1) = 0$$

and if $r \geq 0$ is even

$${}_2F_1(-\beta, -r, \beta - r + 1; -1) = (-1)^{r/2} \binom{\beta}{r/2} \binom{\beta}{r}^{-1}.$$

Example 6. If

$$(1+z)^\beta = 1 + \binom{\beta}{1}z + \binom{\beta}{2}z^2 + \binom{\beta}{3}z^3 + \dots,$$

then

$$\frac{1}{(1+z)^\beta} = 1 + b_1z + b_2z^2 + b_3z^3 + \dots,$$

where

$$b_s = \sum_{k_1+2k_2+\dots+sk_s=s} (-1)^{k_1+\dots+k_s} \frac{(k_1+\dots+k_s)!}{k_1! \dots k_s!} \prod_{j=1}^s \binom{\beta}{j}^{k_j}.$$

Therefore, we get

$$\binom{-\beta}{s} = \sum_{k_1+2k_2+\dots+sk_s=s} (-1)^{k_1+\dots+k_s} \frac{(k_1+\dots+k_s)!}{k_1! \dots k_s!} \prod_{j=1}^s \binom{\beta}{j}^{k_j}.$$

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