

Chalkboard #9 The Generating Functions

In the past 8 chalkboards the discussion has been focused on integer and rational number sequences of numbers. In this board I will discuss the transformation of integer sequences into real number functions.

I derive a number of functions in x , $F(x)$ with the following property.

$$F(x) = f_0 + f_1 \cdot x + f_2 \cdot x^2 + f_3 \cdot x^3 + \dots + f_n \cdot x^n$$

where $F(x)$ is a power series in the variable x and $f_0, f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$ are integer or rational numbers that are defined by sequence relations $f_3 = a \cdot f_0 + b \cdot f_1 \dots$
 $f_n = a \cdot f_{(n-3)} + b \cdot f_{(n-2)}$ or $f_n = a \cdot f_{(n-3)} +/ - b \cdot f_{(n-1)}$.

I will not show the details of the derivation of these generating functions, only results. Several papers are available on-line which discuss finding generating functions for sequences.

(See MIT course notes, week 11, Mathematics for Computer Science (A.R. Meyer and R. Rubinfeld, 2005))

1. Generating function for the Perrin Sequence

The first 18 terms of the power series are:

(for convenience I have split into two continuous series where $B=B(x)$ and $C=C(x)$)

$$B := 3 + 0 \cdot x + 2 \cdot x^2 + 3 \cdot x^3 + 2 \cdot x^4 + 5 \cdot x^5 + 5 \cdot x^6 + 7 \cdot x^7 + 10 \cdot x^8$$

$$C := 12 \cdot x^9 + 17 \cdot x^{10} + 22 \cdot x^{11} + 29 \cdot x^{12} + 39 \cdot x^{13} + 51 \cdot x^{14} + 68 \cdot x^{15} + 90 \cdot x^{16} + 119 \cdot x^{17} + 158 \cdot x^{18}$$

The generating function is $A=A(x)$

$$A := \frac{3 - x^2}{1 - x^2 - x^3}$$

A numerical solution with $x = 0.2$ shows that $A = B+C$

$$A = 3.1092436975$$

$$B + C = 3.1092436975$$

$$A - (B + C) = 0$$

2. Generating Function for the Inverse Perrin Sequence

$$BR := -3 + x - x^2 - 2 \cdot x^3 + 3 \cdot x^4 - 4 \cdot x^5 + 2 \cdot x^6 + x^7 - 5 \cdot x^8 + 7 \cdot x^9$$

$$CR := -6 \cdot x^{10} + x^{11} + 6 \cdot x^{12} - 12 \cdot x^{13} + 13 \cdot x^{14} - 7 \cdot x^{15} - 5 \cdot x^{16} + 18 \cdot x^{17} - 25 \cdot x^{18}$$

The generating function is $AR=AR(x)$

$$AR := \frac{2 \cdot x + 3}{x^3 - x - 1}$$

$$AR = -2.8523489933 \quad BR + CR = -2.8523489933$$

$$AR - (BR + CR) = 0$$

As shown in an earlier board, the sum of the above generating functions $A(x)$ and $AR(x)$ is the isolated fixed point period sequence of the 3 torus $Per11(x)$. [OEIS - A001945]

Adding terms of $B+C$ and $BR+CR$ give the sequence 0,1,1,1,5,1,7,8,5,19,11,23,35,27,64, which is A001945:

Below is the value of the sums at $x = 0.2$

$$A + AR = 0.2568947042$$

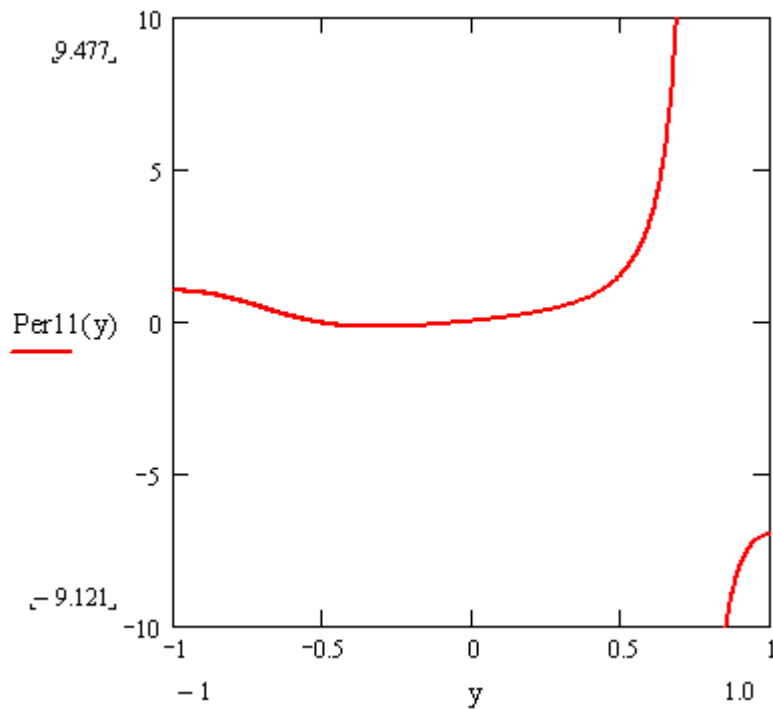
$$(B + C) + (BR + CR) = 0.2568947042$$

Combining the generating functions $A(x)$ and $AR(x)$ gives $Per11(x)$

$$\text{Per11} := \frac{(-1) \cdot x \cdot (1 + 2 \cdot x + x^2 + 2 \cdot x^3 + x^4)}{(x^3 - x - 1) \cdot (1 - x^2 - x^3)}$$

$$\text{Per11} = 0.2568947042$$

Plot of $\text{Per11}(y)$ (vertical axis) for $-1.0 < y < 1.0$ (horizontal axis) [y is used as the independent variable]



The radius of convergence r for the power series in x can be estimated from the limit of the ratio:

$$r = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{f_n}{f_{(n+1)}} \right| \quad \text{This limit is about } r = 0.75 \text{ where the value of } \text{Per11}(x)$$

approaches infinity. For $x < 0$ there are no zero roots so the function extends to $-\infty$.

Generating Functions: A general case.

$[\alpha, \beta]$ elliptic equations and $\text{Per}_{\alpha\beta}(x)$.

In board 8, I derived a general equation for calculating the number of isolated fixed points for the Perrin sequence and the Inverse Perrin sequence where in the later case the numbers can be rational fractions.

$$\text{Per}_{\alpha\beta} = S1_{\alpha\beta} - \text{SN}_{\alpha\beta}(\text{num}) + \text{SN}_{\alpha\beta}(\text{den}) - 1$$

Below are the necessary generating functions to derive the power sequence in x for $\text{Per}_{\alpha\beta}(x)$

$$S1_{\alpha\beta} := \frac{3 - \alpha \cdot x^2}{1 - \alpha \cdot x^2 - \beta \cdot x^3}$$

$$\text{SN}_{\alpha\beta}(\text{num}) := \frac{f_0 + (f_0 \cdot \alpha + f_1) \cdot x + (f_2 + f_1 \cdot \alpha) \cdot x^2}{1 + \alpha \cdot x - \beta \cdot x^3}$$

$$\text{SN}_{\alpha\beta}(\text{den}) := \frac{1}{1 - \beta \cdot x}$$

In the sum, the generating function of the number 1 must also be calculated:

$$\text{ONE} = 1(x) = 1 + 1 \cdot x + 1 \cdot x^2 + \dots + 1 \cdot x^n$$

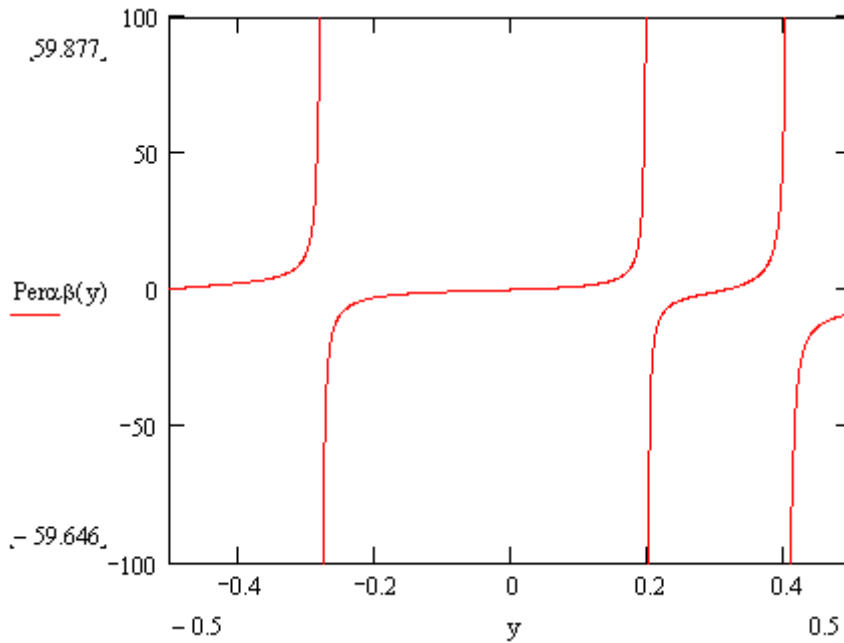
$\text{SN}_{\alpha\beta}(\text{den})$ is the general case of this series when β does not equal 1.

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

$$\underline{\text{ONE}} := \frac{1}{1 - x}$$

$$\text{Per}_{\alpha\beta} := S1_{\alpha\beta} - \text{SN}_{\alpha\beta}(\text{num}) + \text{SN}_{\alpha\beta}(\text{den}) - \text{ONE}$$

Plot of $Per_{\alpha\beta}(y)$ (vertical axis) for $-0.5 < y < 0.5$ (horizontal axis) where $\alpha=4$ and $\beta=5$



The radius of convergence r for the power series in x for $Per_{45}(x)$ can be estimated from the limit of the ratio:

$$r = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{f_n}{f(n+1)} \right| \quad \text{This limit is about } r = 0.20 \text{ where } Per_{45}(x) \text{ approaches}$$

infinity.

The denominator $(1+4x-5x^3)$ has zeros for $x < -0.2$ so becomes infinite.

Invariant Properties

Previously I defined the elliptic equation in terms of Weierstrass invariants g_2 and g_3 where $\alpha=g_2/4$ and $\beta=g_3/4$

If e_1 , e_2 , and e_3 are roots of $x^3 - (g_2/4)x - (g_3/4)$ then the invariant properties are:

$$g_2 = -4*(e_1*e_2 + e_1*e_3 + e_2*e_3) = -4* \sum_{(i,j)} e_i * e_j = 2*(e_1^2 + e_2^2 + e_3^2)$$

$$g_3 = 4*e_1*e_2*e_3 = 4* \prod_i e_i$$

Also since $1/e_1 + 1/e_2 + 1/e_3 = e_1 \cdot e_2 + e_1 \cdot e_3 + e_2 \cdot e_3 / e_1 e_2 e_3 =$
 $-(g_2/4)/(g_3/4) = -\alpha/\beta$

The first three terms f_0 , f_1 , and f_2 are defined for the sequences $S_{\alpha\beta}$ and $SN_{\alpha\beta}$

For $S_{\alpha\beta}$

$$f_0 = 3$$

$$f_1 = 0$$

$$f_2 = g_2/2 = 4\alpha/2$$

For $SN_{\alpha\beta}$ num

$$f_{0\text{num}} = 3$$

$$f_{1\text{num}} = \sum_{(i,j)} (e_i \cdot e_j)$$

$$f_{2\text{num}} = f_{1\text{num}}^2$$

For $SN_{\alpha\beta}$ den

$$f_{0\text{den}} = 1$$

$$f_{1\text{den}} = \prod_i e_i$$

$$f_{2\text{den}} = f_{1\text{den}}^2$$

In the next board I will discuss other functions for $Per_{\alpha\beta}(x)$ which are generating functions for the orbit counts and number of isolated fixed points of the representative matrices of the 3-torus. These are called the dynamical zeta functions which are important functions for integer sequences and topology.

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