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Riordan arrays and the reciprocation of series: two approaches.*

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PRELIMINARIES

$$\mathbb{K}, \quad \mathbb{K}[[x]]$$

$$g = \sum_{n \geq 0} g_n x^n, \quad \omega(g)$$

$$(\mathbb{K}[[x]], d)$$

$$d(f, g) = \frac{1}{2^{\omega(f-g)}}$$

Banach fixed point theorem (BFPT) Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and $f : X \rightarrow X$ contractive. Then f has a unique fixed point x_0 and $f^n(x) \rightarrow x_0$ for every $x \in X$.

Generalize Banach fixed point theorem (GBFPT)

Let (X, d) be a complete metric space. Suppose $\{f_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} : X \rightarrow X$ is a sequence of contractive maps with the same contraction constant α and suppose that $\{f_n\} \rightarrow f$ (point to point). Then f is α -contractive and for any point $z \in X$ the sequence $\{f_n \circ \cdots \circ f_1(z)\} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} x_0$, where x_0 is the unique fixed point of f .

FIRST EXAMPLE: The geometric series.

$$\begin{aligned} f : (\mathbb{K}[[x]], d) &\rightarrow (\mathbb{K}[[x]], d) \\ t &\mapsto xt + 1 \end{aligned}$$

f is contractive, $d(f(t_1), f(t_2)) \leq \frac{1}{2}d(t_1, t_2)$

$$f(0) = 1$$

$$f^2(0) = x + 1$$

$$f^3(0) = x^2 + x + 1$$

$$f^4(0) = x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$$

$$f^{n+1}(0) = \sum_{k=0}^n x^k$$

$$f(t) = xt + 1 = t \quad \Rightarrow \quad t = \frac{1}{1-x}$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n x^k \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1-x}$$

Can we sum the arithmetic-geometric series

$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} kx^{k-1}$ using the BFPT?

$$f(t) = g(x)t + h(x), \quad x_0 / f^{n+1}(x_0) \neq \sum_{k=0}^n (k+1)x^k$$

$$f(x_0) = g(x)x_0 + h(x) = 1,$$

$$f^2(x_0) = g(x) + h(x) = 1 + 2x$$

$$f^3(x_0) = g(x)(1 + 2x) + h(x) = 1 + 2x + 3x^2$$

$$x_0 = -\frac{1}{3} \text{ and } f(x) = \frac{3}{2}xt + 1 + \frac{1}{2}x \text{ but}$$

$$f^4(-\frac{1}{3}) \neq 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + 4x^3.$$

FIRST APPROACH: The first remainder.

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} kx^{k-1} = \frac{1}{(1-x)^2}$$

$$t = \frac{1}{(1-x)^2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad t = 1 + (2x - x^2)t$$

$$f(t) = 1 + (2x - x^2)t$$

$$f(0) = 1$$

$$f^2(0) = 1 + 2x - x^2$$

$$f^3(0) = 1 + 2x + 3x^2 - 4x^3 + x^4$$

$$f^4(0) = 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + 4x^3 - 11x^4 + 6x^5 - x^6$$

$$f^5(0) = 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + 4x^3 + 5x^4 - 26x^5 + 23x^6 - 8x^7 + x^8$$

$$f^6(0) = 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + 4x^3 + 5x^4 + 6x^5 - 57x^6 + 72x^7 - 39x^8 + 10x^9 - x^{10}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & & & & & & & \\ -4 & 1 & & & & & & \\ -11 & 6 & -1 & & & & & \\ -26 & 23 & -8 & 1 & & & & \\ -57 & 72 & -39 & 10 & -1 & & & \\ -120 & 201 & -150 & 59 & -12 & 1 & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \end{pmatrix}$$

1. $a_{n,k} = 2a_{n-1,k} - a_{n-1,k-1}$.

2. Eulerian numbers.

3. Triangular numbers.

4. $\sum_{k=1}^{i-1} a_{kj} + \sum_{k=j+1}^n a_{ik} = 0$.

5. $a_{n,j} = n + j - 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} (-1)^k \binom{n+j-1-k}{n+j-2k} 2^{n+j-2k}$.

SECOND APPROACH: A generalized Banach fixed point theorem GBFPT

Equicontractive sequence: $h_0(t) = xt$, $h_1(t) = xt + x$, $h_2(t) = xt + x + x^2$, $h_3(t) = xt + x + x^2 + x^3$,

$$h_m(t) = xt + x \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} x^k$$

$$\{h_m\} \longrightarrow h(t) = xt + \frac{x}{1-x}$$

$$h_0(0) = 0$$

$$h_1(h_0(0)) = x$$

$$h_2(h_1(h_0(0))) = x + 2x^2$$

$$h_3(h_2(h_1(h_0(0)))) = x + 2x^2 + 3x^3$$

Using **GBFPT** and $xt + \frac{x}{1-x} = t \Rightarrow t = \frac{x}{(1-x)^2}$

$$(h_m \circ \dots \circ h_0)(0) \longrightarrow \frac{x}{(1-x)^2}$$

$$\begin{array}{cccccccc}
1 & & & & & & & & \\
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\vdots & & & & & & & & \\
\binom{n}{0} & & & & & & & \cdots & \binom{n}{n} \\
\vdots & & & & & & & \vdots & \vdots \\
1 & & & & & & & \cdots & \frac{x^{n-1}}{(1-x)^n} \\
\frac{1}{1-x} & \frac{x}{(1-x)^2} & \frac{x^2}{(1-x)^3} & \frac{x^3}{(1-x)^4} & \frac{x^4}{(1-x)^5} & \frac{x^5}{(1-x)^6} & \frac{x^6}{(1-x)^7} & \cdots &
\end{array}$$

$$h_{m,1}(t) = xt + x \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} x^k = xt + xT_{m-1,1}$$

$$h_{m,2}(t) = xt + x \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} kx^k = xt + xT_{m-1,2}$$

$$h_2(t) = xt + x \frac{x}{(1-x)^2} \Rightarrow t = \frac{x^2}{(1-x)^3}$$

$$h_{0,2}(0) = h_{1,2}(h_{0,2}(0)) = 0,$$

$$h_{2,2}(h_{1,2}(h_{0,2}(0))) = x^2,$$

$$h_{3,2}(h_{2,2}(h_{1,2}(h_{0,2}(0)))) = x^2 + 3x^3,$$

$$h_{4,2}(h_{3,2}(h_{2,2}(h_{1,2}(h_{0,2}(0))))) = x^2 + 3x^3 + 6x^4,$$

$$(h_{m,2} \cdots h_{0,2})(0) = \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{k}{2} x^k \longrightarrow \frac{x^2}{(1-x)^3}.$$

Proposition 1. For $n \geq 2$, the n -column in Pascal's triangle is obtained from the $(n-1)$ -column applying the crossed iterations in **GBFPT** to the sequence $\{h_{m,n}\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$ where

$$h_{m,n}(t) = xt + xT_{m-1,n-1}$$

being $T_{m-1,n-1}$ the $(m-1)$ -Taylor polynomial of the $(n-1)$ -column.

THE $T(f | g)$ GROUP.

$$f = \sum_{n \geq 0} f_n x^n, \quad g = \sum_{n \geq 0} g_n x^n, \quad \frac{f}{g} = \sum_{n \geq 0} d_n x^n$$

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} f_0 & & & & \\ f_1 & c_{1,1} & & & \\ f_2 & c_{1,1} & c_{1,2} & & \\ f_3 & c_{2,1} & c_{2,2} & c_{2,3} & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots \\ f & \frac{f}{g} & \frac{xf}{g^2} & \frac{x^2 f}{g^3} & \dots \end{array}$$

$$h_{m,n}(t) = T_m \left(\frac{g_0 - g}{g_0} \right) t + x T_{m-1,n-1} \left(\frac{x^{n-2} f}{g_0 g^{n-1}} \right)$$

$$h_n(t) = \left(\frac{g_0 - g}{g_0} \right) t + x \left(\frac{x^{n-2} f}{g_0 g^{n-1}} \right) \Rightarrow t = \frac{x^{n-1} f}{g^n}$$

$$d_0 = \frac{f_0}{g_0}$$

$$d_n = -\frac{g_1}{g_0}d_{n-1} - \frac{g_2}{g_0}d_{n-2} \cdots - \frac{g_n}{g_0}d_0 + \frac{f_n}{g_0}$$

Algorithm for $T(f | g) = (c_{i,j})$

| | | | | | | |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| f_0 | | | | | | |
| f_1 | c_{11} | c_{12} | c_{13} | c_{14} | c_{15} | \cdots |
| f_2 | c_{21} | c_{22} | c_{23} | c_{24} | c_{25} | \cdots |
| f_3 | c_{31} | c_{32} | c_{33} | c_{34} | c_{35} | \cdots |
| \vdots | \vdots | \vdots | \vdots | \vdots | \vdots | \cdots |
| f_i | c_{i1} | c_{i2} | c_{i3} | c_{i4} | c_{i5} | \cdots |
| \vdots | \vdots | \vdots | \vdots | \vdots | \vdots | \cdots |

with $c_{i,j} = 0$ if $j > i$ and for $i \geq j$. For $j \geq 2$:

$$c_{i,j} = -\frac{g_1}{g_0}c_{i-1,j} - \frac{g_2}{g_0}c_{i-2,j} \cdots - \frac{g_{i-1}}{g_0}c_{1,j} + \frac{c_{i-1,j-1}}{g_0}$$

$$c_{i,1} = -\frac{g_1}{g_0}c_{i-1,1} - \frac{g_2}{g_0}c_{i-2,1} \cdots - \frac{g_{i-1}}{g_0}c_{1,1} + \frac{f_{i-1}}{g_0}$$

$$T(f \mid g) : (\mathbb{K}[[x]], d) \rightarrow (\mathbb{K}[[x]], d)$$

$$h \mapsto T(f \mid g)(h) = \frac{f}{g} h \left(\frac{x}{g} \right)$$

$$T(f_1 \mid g_1)T(f_2 \mid g_2) = T \left(f_1 f_2 \left(\frac{x}{g_1} \right) \mid g_1 g_2 \left(\frac{x}{g_1} \right) \right)$$

$$(T(f \mid g))^{-1} = T \left(\frac{1}{f(k^{-1})} \mid \frac{1}{g(k^{-1})} \right), \quad k = \frac{x}{g}$$

Shapiro and $T(f | g)$ Notations

| Name | $(d(t), th(t))$ | $T(f g)$ |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Identity | $(1, t)$ | $T(1 1)$ |
| Pascal | $\left(\frac{1}{1-t}, \frac{t}{1-t}\right)$ | $T(1 1-t)$ |
| Remainders | $\left(\frac{1}{Q(t)}, \frac{-c}{a+bt}, \frac{-ct}{a+bt}\right)$ | $T\left(\frac{1}{Q} \mid \frac{a+bt}{-c}\right)$ |
| Appel subgroup element | $(d(t), t)$ | $T(d 1)$ |
| Associated subgroup element | $(1, th(t))$ | $T\left(\frac{1}{h} \mid \frac{1}{h}\right)$ |
| Bell subgroup element | $(d(t), td(t))$ | $T\left(1 \mid \frac{1}{d}\right)$ |

Sprugnoli and $T(f | g)$ Notations

| Name | $(d(t), h(t))$ | $T(f g)$ |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Pascal | $\left(\frac{1}{1-t}, \frac{1}{1-t}\right)$ | $T(1 1-t)$ |
| Appel | $(d(t), 1)$ | $T(d 1)$ |
| Associated | $(1, h(t))$ | $T\left(\frac{1}{h} \mid \frac{1}{h}\right)$ |
| Bell | $(d(t), d(t))$ | $T\left(1 \mid \frac{1}{d}\right)$ |
| Stirling 1 | $\left(1, \frac{1}{t} \ln \frac{1}{1-t}\right)$ | $T\left(\frac{-t}{\ln(1-t)} \mid \frac{-t}{\ln(1-t)}\right)$ |
| Stirling 2 | $\left(1, \frac{e^t - 1}{t}\right)$ | $T\left(\frac{t}{e^t - 1} \mid \frac{t}{e^t - 1}\right)$ |

Fundamental equality

$$\boxed{T(f|g) = T(f|1)T(1|g)}$$

$$\left(\frac{f(t)}{g(t)}, \frac{t}{g(t)}\right) = (f(t), t) \left(\frac{1}{g(t)}, \frac{t}{g(t)}\right)$$

$$\left(\frac{f(t)}{g(t)}, \frac{1}{g(t)}\right) = (f(t), 1) \left(\frac{1}{g(t)}, \frac{1}{g(t)}\right)$$

$$T^{-1}(1 | g) = T(1 | A)$$

$$T^{-1}(f | g) = T\left(\frac{g_0}{f_0}(A - xZ) | A\right)$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccccc} -1 & & & & & \\ -4 & 1 & & & & \\ -11 & 6 & -1 & & & \\ -26 & 23 & -8 & 1 & & \\ -57 & 72 & -39 & 10 & -1 & \\ -120 & 201 & -150 & 59 & -12 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{array} \right) = T \left(\frac{1}{(1-x)^2} \mid 2x-1 \right)$$

$$Q(x) = a + bx + cx^2, a \neq 0$$

$$T \left(\frac{1}{Q} \mid \frac{a+bx}{-c} \right)$$

Theorem

$$T \left(\frac{1}{Q} \mid \frac{a+bx}{-c} \right) = T \left(\frac{1}{Q} \mid 1-x \right) T^{-1}(1 \mid 1-x) T \left(1 \mid \frac{a+bx}{-c} \right)$$

or equivalently

$$T \left(\frac{1}{Q} \mid 1-x \right) = T \left(\frac{1}{Q} \mid \frac{a+bx}{-c} \right) T^{-1} \left(1 \mid \frac{a+bx}{-c} \right) T(1 \mid 1-x)$$

or equivalently

$$T(1 \mid 1-x) = T \left(1 \mid \frac{a+bx}{-c} \right) T^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{Q} \mid \frac{a+bx}{-c} \right) T \left(\frac{1}{Q} \mid 1-x \right)$$

$$T(1 \mid a + bx)$$

p_n associated to $T(f \mid g) = (c_{n,k})_{n,k \in \mathbb{N}}$

$$p_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n c_{n,k} x^k$$

$$T(f \mid ag + bx)$$

$$q_n(t) = \frac{1}{a} \sum_{k=0}^n c_{n,k} t^k \text{ with } t = \frac{x - b}{a}$$

$$T(f \mid ag + bx) = T(f \mid g)T(1 \mid a + bx)$$

Conclusions:

- By means of Banach's fixed point theorem we run into the Riordan group.
- In some sense, we reinforce the idea of the ubiquity of Pascal triangle.
- The algorithm of dividing series allow us to get a general algorithm to construct all Riordan arrays avoiding both usual A and Z sequences.

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