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41 I, L].—G. BLANCH & R. SIEGEL, "Table of modified Bernoulli polynomials," NBS, *Jn. of Research*, v. 44, 1950, p. 103-107.

The polynomials to which the title refers may be defined by their Fourier series as follows

$$b_{k+1}(x) = - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-k} \cos (nx + \frac{1}{2}\pi k)$$

are related to the Bernoulli polynomials

$$B_k(x) = (B + x)^k$$

the relation

$$2k!b_k(2\pi x) = (-2\pi)^k B_k(x)$$

that $b_1(x) = (\pi - x)/2$, $b_2(x) = \frac{x^2}{4} - \frac{\pi x}{2} + \frac{\pi^2}{6}$, etc. The polynomials are given explicitly for $k = 1(1)11$ and $\left[x = 0 \left(\frac{\pi}{36} \right) \pi; 17D \right]$. The values were computed from differences using the IBM 405 tabulator and checked by summation.

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42 II].—E. T. FRANKEL, "A calculus of figurate numbers and finite differences," *Amer. Math. Monthly*, v. 57, 1950, p. 14-25.

Figurate numbers are, effectively, taken as defined by generating functions

$$(i - i)^n = \sum F_r^n i^r$$

and thus are essentially binomial coefficients with sign convention reversed. Their relation to finite differences and sums depends essentially on the following results.

If $V(t) = \sum u_r t^r$ is the generating function of u_r ($r = 0, 1, \dots$), then $(1-t)^{-1}V(t)$ is the generating function of $u_0 + u_1 + \dots + u_r$ and $(1-t)V(t)$ is $u_r - u_{r-1}$. The author writes $Su_r = u_0 + u_1 + \dots + u_r$ and $S^{-1}u_r = u_r - u_{r-1}$ and defines their iterates in the usual way, which of course gives figurate numbers. The function generated by the product of two generating functions, now commonly called the convolution, he calls the ~~cross~~ cross product. For n -th degree polynomials, special attention is given to numbers $S^{-(n+1)}u_r$, which the author calls d_r , because $d_r = 0$, $r > n$, and all other sums (or differences) of the given number sequence u_r can be expressed in terms of them. Other than illustrative tables, there are two main tables one of figurate numbers F_r^n for $n = -7(1)7$ and $r = 0(1)7$ and one of $d_r = S^{-(n+1)}r^n$ for $n = 1(1)11$ and $r = 1(1)11$. The last have a long history (back to LAPLACE) and have lately been called cumulative numbers (~~Duryan~~) KUMMER numbers (PIZA), triangular permutation numbers (BLANSKY & RIORDAN).

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