

New computations of Poisson polynomials

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Polynomials arising from the Poisson ϕ function

The Poisson potential function appears in numerous applied math contexts, ranging from mathematical physics to sharpening iPhone images. A simple 2-D instance is:

$$\phi_2(x, y) = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \sum_{m, n \text{ odd}} \frac{\cos(m\pi x) \cos(n\pi y)}{m^2 + n^2}$$

A 2013 study numerically discovered and then proved that when x and y are rational, then $\phi_2(x, y)$ satisfies

$$\phi_2(x, y) = \frac{1}{\pi} \log \beta(x, y)$$

where $\beta(x, y)$ is an algebraic number.

By computing high-precision numerical values of $\phi_2(x, y)$ for various specific rational x and y , and applying variants of the PSLQ program, we were able to produce the explicit minimal polynomials for $\beta(x, y)$ in several simple specific cases.

- D. H. Bailey, J. M. Borwein, R. E. Crandall and J. Zucker, "Lattice sums arising from the Poisson equation," *Journal of Physics A: Mathematical and Theoretical*, vol. 46 (2013), 115201.

Borwein's fast algorithm to compute $\phi_2(x, y)$

The original formula for $\phi_2(x, y)$ converges much too slowly for numerical evaluation. But this formula, found by Jonathan Borwein (deceased 2016), is remarkably efficient:

$$\phi_2(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \log \left| \frac{\theta_2(z, q)\theta_4(z, q)}{\theta_1(z, q)\theta_3(z, q)} \right|,$$

where $q = e^{-\pi}$ and $z = \frac{\pi}{2}(y + ix)$, and where the complex theta functions are computed using these rapidly convergent formulas:

$$\theta_1(z, q) = 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k-1} q^{(2k-1)^2/4} \sin((2k-1)z),$$

$$\theta_2(z, q) = 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} q^{(2k-1)^2/4} \cos((2k-1)z),$$

$$\theta_3(z, q) = 1 + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} q^{k^2} \cos(2kz),$$

$$\theta_4(z, q) = 1 + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k q^{k^2} \cos(2kz).$$

Using PSLQ to find minimal polynomials

Let $X = (x_k)$ be an $(m + 1)$ -long real or complex vector. An **integer relation algorithm** such as PSLQ finds a nontrivial integer vector $A = (a_k)$ such that

$$a_0x_0 + a_1x_1 + \cdots + a_mx_m = 0.$$

- ▶ PSLQ typically requires floating-point arithmetic with **hundreds or thousands of digits**, or else the true relation will be lost in a sea of numerical artifacts.
- ▶ Fast variations of PSLQ utilize two or even three levels of precision, doing as much computation as possible with only double precision.

To find the minimal polynomial of a computed real number α , just apply PSLQ to the m -long vector $(1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^{m-1})$.

If a numerically significant result is found, the relation integers are quite possibly the coefficients of a polynomial satisfied by α . By successively repeating with smaller m (or by using *Mathematica* or *Maple*), one can find the minimal polynomial.

- ▶ D. H. Bailey and D. J. Broadhurst, "Parallel integer relation detection: Techniques and applications," *Mathematics of Computation*, vol. 70, no. 236 (Oct 2000), 1719–1736.

2013: Some initial Poisson polynomial results

s Minimal polynomial of $\alpha = \exp(8\pi\phi_2(x, y))$:

$$5 \quad 1 + 52\alpha - 26\alpha^2 - 12\alpha^3 + \alpha^4$$

$$6 \quad 1 - 28\alpha + 6\alpha^2 - 28\alpha^3 + \alpha^4$$

$$7 \quad -1 - 196\alpha + 1302\alpha^2 - 14756\alpha^3 + 15673\alpha^4 + 42168\alpha^5 - 111916\alpha^6 + 82264\alpha^7 \\ - 35231\alpha^8 + 19852\alpha^9 - 2954\alpha^{10} - 308\alpha^{11} + 7\alpha^{12}$$

$$8 \quad 1 - 88\alpha + 92\alpha^2 - 872\alpha^3 + 1990\alpha^4 - 872\alpha^5 + 92\alpha^6 - 88\alpha^7 + \alpha^8$$

$$9 \quad -1 - 534\alpha + 10923\alpha^2 - 342864\alpha^3 + 2304684\alpha^4 - 7820712\alpha^5 + 13729068\alpha^6 \\ - 22321584\alpha^7 + 39775986\alpha^8 - 44431044\alpha^9 + 19899882\alpha^{10} + 3546576\alpha^{11} \\ - 8458020\alpha^{12} + 4009176\alpha^{13} - 273348\alpha^{14} + 121392\alpha^{15} \\ - 11385\alpha^{16} - 342\alpha^{17} + 3\alpha^{18}$$

$$10 \quad 1 - 216\alpha + 860\alpha^2 - 744\alpha^3 + 454\alpha^4 - 744\alpha^5 + 860\alpha^6 - 216\alpha^7 + \alpha^8$$

Questions:

- ▶ Given s , what is the degree of the corresponding minimal polynomial?
- ▶ Note that when s is even, the polynomial is palindromic, i.e., coefficients $a_k = a_{m-k}$. Does this pattern hold for all even s ?

These computations were quite expensive, requiring very high numeric precision.

Help! More powerful computational tools are required.

Kimberley's formula for the degree of the polynomial

Based on these preliminary results, Jason Kimberley of the University of Newcastle, Australia observed that the degree $m(s)$ of the minimal polynomial associated with the case $x = y = 1/s$ appears to be given by the following rule:

Set $m(2) = 1/2$. Otherwise for primes p congruent to 1 mod 4, set $m(p) = \text{int}^2(p/2)$, where int denotes greatest integer, and for primes p congruent to 3 mod 4, set $m(p) = \text{int}(p/2)(\text{int}(p/2) + 1)$. Then for any other positive integer s whose prime factorization is $s = p_1^{e_1} p_2^{e_2} \cdots p_r^{e_r}$,

$$m(s) = 4^{r-1} \prod_{i=1}^r p_i^{2(e_i-1)} m(p_i).$$

Questions:

- ▶ Does Kimberley's formula hold for larger s ?
- ▶ Does the palindromic property hold for larger even s ?

2016: Improvements to the Poisson polynomial program

1. A new thread-safe arbitrary precision floating-point package; it may optionally utilize the MPFR / GMP packages for even faster performance.
2. A new 3-level multipair PSLQ program:
 - a Double precision: approx. 15 digit accuracy.
 - b Medium multiprecision: typically 100 digits to 1,000 digits.
 - c Full multiprecision: typically 2,500 digits to 25,000 digits.

Using this software, DHB found the minimal polynomials corresponding to $x = y = 1/s$ for all integers s up to 40, and also $s = 42, 44, 45, 46, 48, 50, 64$.

- ▶ D. H. Bailey, J. M. Borwein, J. Kimberley and W. Ladd, "Computer discovery and analysis of large Poisson polynomials," *Experimental Mathematics*, 27 Aug 2016, vol. 26, 349-363, <https://www.davidhbailey.com/dhbpapers/poisson-res.pdf>.

Degree-100 minimal polynomial found for the case $x = y = 1/25$

-1
-13306 x^{99}
-852970 x^{98}
+154337950 x^{97}
-28134877825 x^{96}
-288026420280 x^{95}
-562978126133806 x^{94}
+5872238020348800 x^{93}
-710743181862115300 x^{92}
-11613218494047586640 x^{91}
+154794861724671388320 x^{90}
-186818567754657491760 x^{89}
-27945811547177178256370 x^{88}
+43132795448252038686000 x^{87}
-256412184983964433434320 x^{86}
+138470035887203864211266400 x^{85}
-968887489424818818944095750 x^{84}
-71338964651117630486182500 x^{83}
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-1121835780633868504038874762388 x^{80}
-837292865762422882988073230 x^{79}
+8212880081681688372941844174800 x^{78}
-104022286217803437171481787267800 x^{77}
-7403269493469677531878163180 x^{76}
-2685576151247076839883670213068 x^{75}
-17683889877318038959882128230 x^{74}
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-13888888888888888888888888888888 x^4
-88888888888888888888888888888888 x^3
-18888888888888888888888888888888 x^2
-18888888888888888888888888888888 x
+6708 x^0

2016: A proof of Kimberley formula for the case $x = 1/s, y = 1/s$

Analyses of the computed results ultimately led to a proof of Kimberley's formula, in the specific case $x = y = 1/s$, and also of the observed fact that when s is even, the polynomial is palindromic (i.e., coefficient $a_k = a_{m-k}$, where m is the degree).

What about the *much larger* set of cases $(x, y) = (p/s, q/s)$, for $1 \leq p \leq q < s/2$?

Is there a generalization of Kimberley's formula that holds in these other cases? Does the palindromic property hold for these other cases?

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2023: New computations of Poisson polynomials

New multiprecision software: A new high-level multiprecision package that employs FFT-based multiplication; approximately 3X faster than before.

New 3-level multipair PSLQ program:

- a Double precision: approx. 15 digit accuracy.
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New computer runs: The new software has been used to compute the minimal polynomials for the entire set of cases $(p/s, q/s)$, where $1 \leq p \leq q < s/2$ and $10 \leq s \leq 36$, and also for $s = 38, 40, 42$ and $s = 50$ (a total of 2,206 cases).

These runs required **over six CPU-months** of computer time.

2023 results: A modified Kimberley rule for the $(p/s, q/s)$ cases

1. For the cases $x = y = p/s$, Kimberley's formula holds; further, for fixed s , *all these cases share the same minimal polynomial*).
2. For the cases $x = p/s, y = q/s$ with s odd, Kimberley's formula holds (except for a few where the correct degree is half Kimberley's rule).
3. For the cases $x = p/s, y = q/s$, with s even and both p and q odd, Kimberley's formula holds (except for a few where the correct degree is half Kimberley's rule).
4. For the cases $x = p/s, y = q/s$, with s even and one of p or q is even, the correct degree is **twice Kimberley's formula** (except for a few where the correct degree is equal to Kimberley's rule).

For full details:

- ▶ D. H. Bailey, "Large Poisson polynomials: Computation, results and analysis," manuscript, 8 Jul 2023, available at <https://www.davidhbailey.com/dhbpapers/poisson-2023.pdf>.

Sharing of minimal polynomials

One intriguing finding from the latest computations is that many cases for a given s share the same minimal polynomial, even though the numerical values are distinct.

For example, when $s = 17$, the (x, y) cases $(1/17, 1/17), (2/17, 2/17), (3/17, 3/17), (5/17, 5/17), (6/17, 6/17), (7/17, 7/17), (8/17, 8/17)$ all share the same degree-64 minimal polynomial:

$$\begin{aligned} &+ 1 + 6912\alpha^1 - 1023008\alpha^2 + 535196800\alpha^3 + 7742027760\alpha^4 - 2451239864832\alpha^5 + 140264665723552\alpha^6 - 2494265652888704\alpha^7 + 18453445522215032\alpha^8 \\ &+ 21614293158955264\alpha^9 - 1840469978381611680\alpha^{10} + 26560170568288794240\alpha^{11} - 219265475764921569840\alpha^{12} + 1143759465759937297408\alpha^{13} - 4563932639248948435424\alpha^{14} \\ &+ 21048406812137688311168\alpha^{15} - 123756069205191278016740\alpha^{16} + 662708878348907477250816\alpha^{17} - 2671051287612630032421280\alpha^{18} + 7693234584556635821267584\alpha^{19} \\ &- 14862548097474240887146768\alpha^{20} + 11985439092809681992002048\alpha^{21} + 44351668349396581870408736\alpha^{22} - 259625664937972467300807296\alpha^{23} \\ &+ 803186115899676703948238664\alpha^{24} - 1789602095389051533149533952\alpha^{25} + 3055552833334608777606289376\alpha^{26} - 4156271487999506323835036544\alpha^{27} \\ &+ 4903963676671959157531751248\alpha^{28} - 6019517253583536219231909888\alpha^{29} + 8780067564346216307831284640\alpha^{30} - 13334548483907481046238812288\alpha^{31} \\ &+ 17362857489419448630866293318\alpha^{32} - 17345855629600599241800189696\alpha^{33} + 11966489230110362129440701856\alpha^{34} - 3898119322387426442055756416\alpha^{35} \\ &- 2451983939727870545406928048\alpha^{36} + 4743446591055878746050587136\alpha^{37} - 3881818694457698660972764704\alpha^{38} + 2101492937309911776817793664\alpha^{39} \\ &- 830074840813669608610951352\alpha^{40} + 269366792757186303037874944\alpha^{41} - 96596567511508184274883040\alpha^{42} + 46311532722057913438161792\alpha^{43} \\ &- 22155672572673873192657168\alpha^{44} + 8153783303351403692882944\alpha^{45} - 207996917396645801137916\alpha^{46} + 331427117746835861477504\alpha^{47} - 18856552838875733014756\alpha^{48} \\ &- 7235322856083561662208\alpha^{49} + 3292609205079608858656\alpha^{50} - 73883364767394491136\alpha^{51} + 76552613117134517712\alpha^{52} - 1424154241008650752\alpha^{53} + 342676113911934816\alpha^{54} \\ &- 89825284727190400\alpha^{55} + 3891480748650616\alpha^{56} - 154854254425344\alpha^{57} - 3704022727520\alpha^{58} + 404224147840\alpha^{59} - 125943824\alpha^{60} + 62013440\alpha^{61} \\ &- 670240\alpha^{62} - 1408\alpha^{63} + 1\alpha^{64} \end{aligned}$$

December 2024: Results for the Poisson ψ function

The 2013 study briefly mentioned the closely related function

$$\psi_2(x, y) = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \sum_{m, n \text{ even}} \frac{\cos(\pi mx) \cos(\pi ny)}{m^2 + n^2}.$$

As with $\phi_2(x, y)$, the authors found that when x and y are rational, then

$$\psi_2(x, y) = \frac{1}{\pi} \cdot \log \beta(x, y),$$

for algebraic $\beta(x, y)$.

A handful of results were given in the 2013 study, but progress has been stymied by an unfortunate error in the fast formulas for numerical evaluation.

December 2024: Corrected fast formulas for the Poisson ψ function

DHB has found these fast formulas to compute ψ :

$$\psi_2(x, y) = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \log \left| 2\mu(2z) \left(\sqrt{2}\lambda(2z) - 1 \right) \right|,$$

where $q = e^{-\pi}$, $z = \pi/2 \cdot (y + ix)$, $\text{Im}(z)$ denotes imaginary part, and

$$\mu(z) = \exp\left(-2\text{Im}^2(z)/\pi\right) \frac{\theta_3^2(z, q)}{\theta_3^2(0, q)}, \quad \lambda(z) = \frac{\theta_4^2(z, q)}{\theta_3^2(z, q)}.$$

The complex theta functions are computed using these rapidly convergent formulas:

$$\theta_3(z, q) = 1 + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} q^{k^2} \cos(2kz),$$

$$\theta_4(z, q) = 1 + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k q^{k^2} \cos(2kz).$$

December 2024: Initial results for the Poisson ψ polynomials

DHB has successfully computed the minimal polynomials for $\psi_2(x, y)$ for various rational x and y .

It appears that Kimberley's rule also holds for these polynomials, except that for even s , the polynomials have half the degree (in most cases) of the corresponding $\phi_2(x, y)$.

However, the computations and analysis for $\psi_2(x, y)$ are many times more challenging than with $\phi_2(x, y)$ — some runs have required up to 160,000-digit floating-point arithmetic.

Computations are currently running 24/7 on DHB's 12-processor Mac Studio. A comparable set of cases will require over two CPU-years run time.

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Degree-36 minimal polynomial found for the case $(x, y) = (1/13, 1/13)$

+1 α
-102008900 α^1
+3386359201083610 α^2
-45767430603522450027036 α^3
+235847871430876886823255114847 α^4
-401808595154612767463343530401906914 α^5
+322639319964424434060996969082765345466492 α^6
-128935196503678705655858436162015626186093449926 α^7
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+119351474020211942432679618099379351018638670800160392135616726563072711 α^{12}
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+34626289697017167900469550986 α^{35}
+1 α^{36}

Conclusions

- ▶ New software has been used to compute the minimal polynomials corresponding to $\phi_2(x, y)$, for a total of 2,206 cases. These runs required up to 50,000-digit floating-point and several CPU-months run time.
- ▶ A modified Kimberley's formula appears to hold in all cases, although no proof is yet known. For a given s , many cases share the same minimal polynomial.
- ▶ Formulas have been found to compute polynomials for $\psi_2(x, y)$.
- ▶ Computations are underway to find polynomials associated with $\psi_2(x, y)$, but these require much more computation and much higher numeric precision (up to 160,000 digits), compared with the $\phi_2(x, y)$ runs.
- ▶ A familiar refrain: Help! More powerful computational tools are required.

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