

Two Conjectured Bernoulli Number Identities

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1) Prove or disprove that for all $m > 4$,

$$(1) \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\left[\frac{m-1}{2}\right]} \left(\frac{1}{m-2k} + H_{2k} \binom{m}{2k} \right) B_{2k} = \frac{m}{2} - \frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{m-1},$$

where $H_n = 1 + 1/2 + \cdots + 1/n$ is the n th harmonic number and $B_n = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{d^n}{dx^n} \frac{x}{e^x - 1}$ is the n th Bernoulli number.

2) Prove or disprove that for all $m > 4$, and $k = 1, 2, \dots, m-3$,

$$(2) \quad \sum_{j=1}^{\left[\frac{m-k-1}{2}\right]} \left(\frac{1}{(m-2j-k)(k+2j)} \binom{k+2j}{k} + \frac{1}{m} \binom{m}{k} \binom{m-k}{2j} H_{2j+k-1} \right) B_{2j} \\ = \frac{1}{k^2} \binom{m-1}{k-1} - \frac{1}{(m-k)k} - \frac{1}{2(m-1-k)} + \frac{m-k-2}{2(m-k)} \binom{m-1}{k} H_k.$$

Status. This problem is open.

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