

We note that to get the coefficient of  $f^{(n)}$  correctly, using iteration, we need to keep correspondingly many terms on the right side of (4.70) and iterate  $n + 1$  times.

In this case, we can find the coefficients explicitly. Indeed, examining the way the  $C_j$ s are obtained, it is clear that they do not depend on  $f$ . Then it suffices to look at some particular  $f$  for which the sum can be calculated explicitly; for instance  $f(k) = e^{k/n}$  summed from 0 to  $n$ . By one of the definitions of the Bernoulli numbers we have

$$\frac{z}{1 - e^{-z}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (-1)^j \frac{B_j}{j!} z^j \tag{4.72}$$

**Exercise 4.73** Using these identities, determine the coefficients  $C_j$  in (4.71).

Using Exercise 4.73 we get

$$S(k) \sim \int_{k_0}^k f(s) ds + \frac{1}{2} f(n) + C + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{B_{2j}}{2j!} f^{(2j-1)}(k) \tag{4.74}$$

Rel. (4.74) is called the Euler-Maclaurin sum formula.

**Exercise 4.75 (\*)** Complete the details of the calculation involving the identification of coefficients in the Euler-Maclaurin sum formula.

**Exercise 4.76** Find for which values of  $a > 0$  the series

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{i\sqrt{k}}}{k^a}$$

is convergent.

**Exercise 4.77 (\*)** Prove the Euler-Maclaurin sum formula in the case  $f$  is  $C^\infty$  by first looking at the integral  $\int_n^{n+1} f(s) ds$  and expanding  $f$  in Taylor at  $s = n$ . Then correct  $f$  to get a better approximation, etc.

That (4.74) gives the correct asymptotic behavior in fairly wide generality is proved, for example, in [20].

We will prove here, under stronger assumptions, a stronger result which implies (4.74). The conditions are often met in applications, after changes of variables, as our examples showed.

**Lemma 4.78** Assume  $f$  has a Borel summable expansion at  $0^+$  (in applications  $f$  is often analytic at 0) and  $f(z) = O(z^2)$ . Then  $f(\frac{1}{n}) = \int_0^\infty F(p)e^{-np} dp$ ,  $F(p) = O(p)$  for small  $p$  and

$$\sum_{k=n_0}^{n-1} f(1/k) = \int_0^\infty e^{-np} \frac{F(p)}{e^{-p} - 1} dp - \int_0^\infty e^{-n_0 p} \frac{F(p)}{e^{-p} - 1} dp \tag{4.79}$$