

$$(4.14) \quad 5 \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k k H_{2k+1} = (-1)^n (n H_{2n+3} + (n+1) H_{2n+1}) - p$$

$$(4.15) \quad 4 \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k k H_{m+3k} = 2(-1)^n (n+1) H_{m+3n+1} - (-1)^n H_{m+3n+2} - H_{m-1} \quad (m = 2, 3, \dots)$$

and so on.

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where  $X$  is the largest root of

$$(3) \quad x^4 - x^3 - 3x^2 + x + 1 = 0.$$

The astonishing appearance of (1) stems from a peculiarity of (3). The Galois group of this quartic is the octic group (the symmetries of a square), and its resolvent cubic is therefore reducible:

$$(4) \quad z^3 - 8z - 7 = (z+1)(z^2 - z - 7) = 0.$$

The common discriminant of (3) and (4) equals  $725 = 5^2 \cdot 29$ . While the quartic field  $Q(X)$  contains  $Q(\sqrt{5})$  as a subfield it does not contain  $Q(\sqrt{29})$ . Yet  $X$  can be computed from any root of (4). The rational root  $z = -1$  gives  $X = (A+1)/4$  while  $z = (1 + \sqrt{29})/2$  gives  $X = (B+1)/4$ .

It is clear that we can construct any number of such incredible identities from other quartics having an octic group. For example

$$x^4 - x^3 - 5x^2 - x + 1 = 0$$

has the discriminant  $4205 = 29^2 \cdot 5$ , and so the two expressions involve  $\sqrt{5}$  and  $\sqrt{29}$  once again. But this time  $Q(\sqrt{29})$  is in  $Q(X)$  and  $Q(\sqrt{5})$  is not.

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