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*Generalized Bernoulli Numbers and a Formula of Lucas*,

**Abstract**

An overlooked formula of E. Lucas for the generalized Bernoulli numbers is proved using generating functions. This is then used to provide a new proof and a new form of a sum involving classical Bernoulli numbers studied by K. Dilcher. The value of this sum is then given in terms of the Meixner-Pollaczek polynomials.