Solution to problem 67-4 : A double sum

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$$F(x) = zI_0(x) + \sinh z \left[I_0(x) \int_0^x \exp (t \cosh z) K_0(t)\, dt - K_0(x) \int_0^x \exp (t \cosh z) I_0(t)\, dt \right].$$

$F(x)$ can also be expressed as a series of modified Bessel functions by making use of the expansion

$$\exp(x \cosh \theta) = I_0(x) + 2 \sum_1^\infty I_n(x) \cosh n\theta,$$

giving

$$F(x) = zI_0(x) + 2 \sum_1^\infty n^{-1} I_n(x) \sinh nz.$$

Also solved by L. CARLITZ (Duke University), I. FARKAS (University of Toronto) and the proposer.

Editorial note. Carlitz notes that if we put

$$I(z) = \sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{C_{2n} z^{2n}}{(2n)!},$$

it follows that

$$(2n + 1)C_{2n} = -na \operatorname{csch} z \sum_{j=1}^n \binom{2n-1}{2j-1} C_{2n-2j}, \qquad n \geqq 1.$$

The proposer notes that the singularities of $I(z)$ appear to be isolated essential singularities at the points $z = \pm n\pi i$, $n = 1, 2, 3, \cdots$.

Problem 67–4, *A Double Sum,* by L. CARLITZ (Duke University).

Show that

$$\sum_{r=0}^m \sum_{s=0}^n \binom{r+s}{r}^2 \binom{m+n-r-s}{m-r}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \binom{2m+2n+2}{2m+1}.$$

Solution by the proposer.

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
\{(1-x-y)^2 - 4xy\}^{-1/2} &= \sum_{r=0}^\infty \binom{2r}{r} x^r y^r (1-x-y)^{-2r-1} \\
&= \sum_{r=0}^\infty \binom{2r}{r} x^r y^r \sum_{k=0}^\infty \binom{2r+k}{k} (x+y)^k \\
&= \sum_{r=0}^\infty \binom{2r}{r} x^r y^r \sum_{m,n=0}^\infty \frac{(2r+m+n)!}{(2r)!\,m!\,n!} x^m y^n \\
&= \sum_{m,n=0}^\infty x^m y^n \sum_{r=0}^{\min(m,n)} \frac{(m+n)!}{(2r)!(m-r)!(n-r)!} \\
&= \sum_{m,n=0}^\infty \binom{m+n}{n} x^m y^n \sum_{r=0}^{\min(m,n)} \binom{m}{n}\binom{n}{r} \\
&= \sum_{m,n=0}^\infty \binom{m+n}{n}^2 x^m y^n.
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\{(1-x-y)^2-4xy\}^{-1}=\sum_{r=0}^{\infty}2^{2r}x^ry^r(1-x-y)^{-2r-2}$$

$$(1)\qquad =\sum_{r=0}^{\infty}2^{2r}x^ry^r\sum_{m,n=0}^{\infty}\frac{(2r+m+n+1)!}{(2r+1)!m!n!}x^my^n$$

$$=\sum_{m,n=0}^{\infty}\frac{(m+n+1)!}{m!n!}x^my^n\sum_{r=0}^{\min(m,n)}\frac{(-m)_r(-n)_r}{(2r+1)!}.$$

Now

$$\sum_{r=0}^{\min(m,n)}\frac{(-m)_r(-n)_r}{(2r+1)!}2^{2r}=\sum_{r=0}^{\min(m,n)}\frac{(-m)_r(-n)_r}{r!(3/2)_r}$$

$$=\frac{(3/2)_{m+n}}{(3/2)_m(3/2)_m}=\frac{(2m+2n+1)!}{(2m+1)!(2n+1)!}\frac{m!n!}{(m+n)!},$$

so that

$$(2)\qquad \frac{1}{2}\sum_{m,n=0}^{\infty}\binom{2m+2n+2}{2m+1}x^my^n=\{(1-x-y)^2-4xy\}^{-1}.$$

Comparing (1) and (2) we obtain the stated result.

Remark. In exactly the same way we can prove that

$$\sum_{m,n=0}^{\infty}C(m,n;\lambda)x^my^n=\{(1-x-y)^2-4xy\}^{-\lambda},$$

where

$$C(m,n;\lambda)=\frac{(2\lambda)_{m+n}}{m!n!}\frac{(\lambda+\frac{1}{2})_{m+n}}{(\lambda+\frac{1}{2})_m(\lambda+\frac{1}{2})_n}.$$

This implies

$$\sum_{r=0}^{m}\sum_{s=0}^{n}C(r,s;\alpha)C(m-r,n-s;\beta)=C(m,n;\alpha+\beta).$$

J. Boersma (Technological University, Eindhoven, The Netherlands) obtained his solution by noting that the double series s_{mn} is the coefficient of x^my^n in the expansion of the generating function

$$F(x,y)=\left\{\sum_{r=0}^{\infty}\sum_{s=0}^{\infty}\binom{r+s}{r}^2x^ry^s\right\}^2=\{F_4(1,1,1,1;x,y)\}^2,$$

where F_4 denotes a hypergeometric function of two variables. From [4, 5.7(a) and 5.10(b)],

$$F(x,y)=[(1-x-y)^2-4xy]^{-1}.$$

Then expanding out $F(x,y)$ by the binomial theory, he showed that

$$s_{mn} = \frac{2^{2m}(n+m+1)!}{(n-m)!(2m+1)!} F\left(-m-\frac{1}{2}, -m; n-m+1; 1\right)$$
$$= \frac{1}{2}\binom{2m+2n+2}{2m+1}.$$

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