

$$z = 1 + \frac{a_{2n-1}}{\bar{z}}, \quad \bar{z} = 1 + \frac{a_{2n}}{z}, \quad n \geq 1.$$

This gives

$$a_{2n-1} = (z - 1)\bar{z},$$

$$a_{2n} = (\bar{z} - 1)z = \bar{a}_{2n-1},$$

and it is easily seen that all a_n lie on the boundary of the parabola. The theorem is now completely proved.

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A TABLE OF COEFFICIENTS FOR NUMERICAL DIFFERENTIATION

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The following table lists the coefficients $A_{m,s}$ for $m = 1, 2, \dots, 20$ and $s = m, \dots, 20$ in Markoff's formula for the m th derivative in terms of advancing differences, namely

$$\omega^m f^{(m)}(x) = \sum_{s=m}^{n-1} (-1)^{m+s} A_{m,s} \Delta^s f(x) + (-1)^{m+n} \omega^n A_{m,n} f^{(n)}(\xi).$$

In this formula ω is the tabular interval and

$$A_{m,s} = (-1)^{m+s} m B_{s-m}^{(s)} / s(s-m)!$$

and $B_{s-m}^{(s)}$ is the $(s-m)$ th Bernoulli number of the s th order.

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