

Special Issue

Polynomials: Special Polynomials and Number-Theoretical Applications

Message from the Guest Editor

The polynomials play an important role in mathematics and science. We aim to focus on two applications of these well-known mathematical objects in this Issue: special polynomials and number theory. The special polynomials (including Bernoulli and Euler polynomials and their generalizations) possess several applications in many branches of pure and applied mathematics. On the other hand, the n th Bernoulli polynomial $B_n(X)$, for example, is a special bridge between certain mathematical topics; we refer here only to the classical formula by Jacob Bernoulli, $1k+2k+\dots+(x-1)k=1/(k+1)(Bk+1(x)-Bk+1(0))$. The application of polynomials in number theory, especially in the theory of diophantine equations, goes back to the famous result of LeVeque from 1964. Let $f(X)$ be a polynomial with rational coefficients, and let r_1, \dots, r_n denote the multiplicities of its zeros. LeVeque's theorem states that for given $m > 1$, the superelliptic equation $f(x) = y^m$ in integers x, y has only finitely many solutions, unless $\{m/(m, r_1), \dots, m/(m, r_n)\}$ is a permutation of one of the n -tuples $\{t, 1, \dots, 1\}$, $t > 0$, and $\{2, 2, 1, \dots, 1\}$.

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