

The series expansion of  $B$ -function ( $p, q > 0$  and not integers) is:

$$B(p, q) = \frac{1}{2^{p+q-1}} \left( \frac{1}{p} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n + \frac{1}{q} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n \right)$$

$$a_0 = 1$$

$$b_0 = 1$$

$$a_n = \frac{(q-1)(q-2)\cdots(q-n)}{(p+1)(p+2)\cdots(p+n)} = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{q-i}{p+i}$$

$$b_n = \frac{(p-1)(p-2)\cdots(p-n)}{(q+1)(q+2)\cdots(q+n)} = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{p-i}{q+i}$$

$$(i = 1, 2, 3, \dots)$$

(Proof)

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} x^{p-1} (1-x)^{q-1} dx &= \left[ \frac{1}{p} x^p (1-x)^{q-1} \right]_0^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{q-1}{p} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} x^p (1-x)^{q-2} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2^{p+q-1}} \frac{1}{p} + \left[ \frac{q-1}{p(p+1)} x^{p+1} (1-x)^{q-2} \right]_0^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{(q-1)(q-2)}{p(p+1)} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} x^{p+1} (1-x)^{q-3} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2^{p+q-1}} \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{2^{p+q-1}} \frac{q-1}{p(p+1)} + \frac{(q-1)(q-2)}{p(p+1)} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} x^{p+1} (1-x)^{q-3} dx \end{aligned}$$

If we continue the above and define the following integer sequence  $\{a_n\} (n = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$ :

$$a_0 = 1$$

$$a_n = \frac{(q-1)(q-2)\cdots(q-n)}{(p+1)(p+2)\cdots(p+n)} = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{q-i}{p+i}$$

$$(n = 1, 2, 3, \dots)$$

we obtain:

$$\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} x^{p-1} (1-x)^{q-1} dx = \frac{1}{2^{p+q-1}} \frac{1}{p} \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^n a_i + (q-n-1) a_n \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} x^{p+n} (1-x)^{q-n-2} dx \right\}.$$

Next, let's show that

$$\frac{q-n-1}{p} a_n \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} x^{p+n} (1-x)^{q-n-2} dx \rightarrow 0 \quad (n \rightarrow \infty).$$

Consider that

$$\frac{x}{1-x} = t$$

Then, we have:

$$x = \frac{t}{1+t}$$

$$1-x = 1 - \frac{t}{1+t}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1+t}$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{t}{1+t} \right)$$

$$= \frac{d}{dt} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{1+t} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{(1+t)^2}$$

$$\left| \frac{q-n-1}{p} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} x^{p+n} (1-x)^{q-n-2} dx \right| = \left| \frac{q-n-1}{p} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} x^{p-1} (1-x)^{q-1} \left( \frac{x}{1-x} \right)^{n+1} dx \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{q-n-1}{p} \int_0^1 \left( \frac{t}{1+t} \right)^{p-1} \left( \frac{1}{1+t} \right)^{q-1} t^{n+1} \frac{1}{(1+t)^2} dt \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{q-n-1}{p} \int_0^1 \frac{t^{p+n+1}}{(1+t)^{p+q}} dt \right|$$

$$< \left| \frac{q-n-1}{p} \int_0^1 t^{p+n+1} dt \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{q-n-1}{p(p+n+2)} \right| \rightarrow \frac{1}{p} \quad (n \rightarrow \infty)$$

Here, we assume that  $n$  is sufficiently large.

An integer  $I$  that satisfies  $q < I$  exists, given that  $1 < I$ .

If  $q < I$ , then  $0 < 1 - \frac{p+q}{p+i} < 1$

$$|a_n| = \left| \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{q-i}{p+i} \right|$$

$$= \left| \prod_{i=1}^{I-1} \frac{q-i}{p+i} \right| \prod_{i=I}^n \frac{i-q}{i+p}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \left| \prod_{i=1}^{l-1} \frac{q-i}{p+i} \right| \exp\left( \log \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{i-q}{i+p} \right) \\
&= \left| \prod_{i=1}^{l-1} \frac{q-i}{p+i} \right| \exp\left( \sum_{i=1}^n \log \frac{i-q}{i+p} \right) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n \log \frac{i-q}{i+p} = \sum_{i=1}^n \log \left( 1 - \frac{p+q}{i+p} \right) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ -\left( \frac{p+q}{i+p} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p+q}{i+p} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{p+q}{i+p} \right)^3 - \dots \right\} \rightarrow -\infty \quad (n \rightarrow \infty)
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$|a_n| \rightarrow 0 \quad (n \rightarrow \infty)$$

Then, we have:

$$\frac{q-n-1}{p} a_n \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} x^{p+n} (1-x)^{q-n-2} dx \rightarrow 0 \quad (n \rightarrow \infty)$$

Using a similar method, we construct the integer sequence  $\{b_n\} (n=0,1,2,\dots)$  from

$$\int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 x^{p-1} (1-x)^{q-1} dx, \text{ and then we can prove that the sequence } \{b_n\} \text{ converges.}$$

(End of proof)