

SEQUENCE [A307663](#)

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Consider the sequence $\{a_n\}_{n \geq 1}$, registered in the OEIS as [A307663](#). It is defined by

$$a_n = (n-1)! \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^i \binom{i}{j} \frac{i}{j}.$$

It is conjectured that the egf of the sequence, denoted by $A(x)$, is given by

$$\frac{(4x^2 - 8x + 5) \ln\left(\frac{1-x}{1-2x}\right)}{2(1-x)^2} + \frac{x(5x-6)}{4(1-x)^2}.$$

In this note we prove this conjecture. We shall exploit the fact that the egf $B(x)$ of the sequence

$$b_n = n! \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n}{k} \frac{1}{k},$$

registered in the OEIS as [A307663](#), is given by

$$B(x) = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{1-x}{1-2x}\right)}{1-x}.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} A(x) &= \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{a_n}{n!} x^n \\ &= \sum_{n \geq 1} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^i \binom{i}{j} \frac{i}{jn} x^n \\ &= \sum_{n \geq 1} \sum_{i=1}^n i \frac{b_i}{i!} \frac{x^n}{n} \\ &= \int_0^x \sum_{n \geq 1} \sum_{i=1}^n i \frac{b_i}{i!} t^{n-1} dt \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_0^x \sum_{n \geq 1} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{b_i}{i!} t^i \right)' t^{n-i} dt \\
&= \int_0^x \frac{B'(t)}{1-t} dt \\
&= \frac{(4x^2 - 8x + 5) \ln \left(\frac{1-x}{1-2x} \right)}{2(1-x)^2} + \frac{x(5x-6)}{4(1-x)^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

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