# THE BRAHMAGUPTA POLYNOMIALS IN TWO COMPLEX VARIABLES* <br> In Commemoration of Brahmagupta's Fourteenth Centenary <br> E. R. Suryanarayan <br> Department of Mathematics, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI 02881 <br> (Submitted April 1996-Final Revision March 1997) 

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Some of the properties of the Brahmagupta matrix [see (1) below], and polynomials $x_{n}$ and $y_{n}$ in two real variables $(x, y)$ (see § 3) have been studied in [6]; we know that the Brahmagupta polynomials contain the Fibonacci polynomials, the Pell and Pell-Lucas polynomials [2], [5], and the Morgan-Voyce polynomials [4], [7]. The convolution properties that hold for the Fibonacci polynomials and for the Pell and Pell-Lucas polynomials also hold for Brahmagupta polynomials.

In this paper we extend analytically the properties of the Brahmagupta matrix and polynomials derived in [6] from two real variables to two complex variables $z$ and $w$, which belong to two distinct complex planes. We denote this space by $\mathbf{C}^{2}$. A typical member in $\mathbf{C}^{2}$ has the form $\zeta=(z, w)$. Since $\mathbf{C}$ is simply $\mathbf{R}^{2}$ with the additional algebraic structure, we realize that $\mathbf{C}^{2}$ is (topologically) $\mathbf{R}^{4}$ with some additional algebraic properties. We have a natural way to identify points in $\mathbf{C}^{2}$ with points in $\mathbf{R}^{4}$. This is described by the scheme:

$$
\mathbf{C}^{2} \ni(z, w) \leftrightarrow(x+i y, u+i v) \leftrightarrow(x, y, u, v) \in \mathbf{R}^{4}
$$

In particular, we measure the distance in $\mathbf{C}^{2}$ in the customary Euclidean fashion: if $\zeta_{1}=\left(z_{1}, w_{1}\right)$ and $\zeta_{2}=\left(z_{2}, w_{2}\right)$ are points in $\mathbf{C}^{2}$, then $\left|\zeta_{1}-\zeta_{2}\right|=\left(\left|z_{1}-z_{2}\right|^{2}+\left|w_{1}-w_{2}\right|^{2}\right)^{1 / 2}$.

Another interesting feature of the Brahmagupta polynomials $z_{n}$ and $w_{n}$ in $\mathbf{C}^{2}$ is that, when the polynomials are expressed in terms of real and imaginary parts with $z=x+i y$ and $w=u+i v$, the resulting polynomials $x_{n}, y_{n}, u_{n}, v_{n}$ satisfy recurrence relations (11)-(18). The functions $x_{n}, y_{n}$, $u_{n}, v_{n}$ are solutions of the second-order partial differential equations (19) and (20).

Since the calculations go through without change in the complex case, we just list some of the properties.

## 2. BRAHMAGUPTA MATRIX

Let B be a matrix (a Brahmagupta matrix) of the form

$$
B=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
z & w  \tag{1}\\
t w & z
\end{array}\right]
$$

where $t$ is the fixed real number and $z$ and $w$ are complex variables; further, we shall assume that $\operatorname{det} B=\beta=z^{2}-t w^{2} \neq 0$. Using its eigenrelations, B has the following diagonal form:

$$
\left[\begin{array}{cc}
z & w \\
t w & z
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} & \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \\
\sqrt{\frac{t}{2}} & -\sqrt{\frac{t}{2}}
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{cc}
z+w \sqrt{t} & 0 \\
0 & z-w \sqrt{t}
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{cc}
\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} & \sqrt{\frac{1}{2 t}} \\
\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} & -\sqrt{\frac{1}{2 t}}
\end{array}\right] .
$$

[^0]Define

$$
B^{n}=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
z & w \\
t w & z
\end{array}\right]^{n}=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
z_{n} & w_{n} \\
t w_{n} & z_{n}
\end{array}\right]=B_{n} .
$$

Then the above diagonalization enables us to compute

$$
B^{n}=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} & \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}  \tag{2}\\
\sqrt{\frac{t}{2}} & -\sqrt{\frac{t}{2}}
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{cc}
z+w \sqrt{t} & 0 \\
0 & z-w \sqrt{t}
\end{array}\right]^{n}\left[\begin{array}{cc}
\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} & \sqrt{\frac{1}{2 t}} \\
\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} & -\sqrt{\frac{1}{2 t}}
\end{array}\right] .
$$

Since $B^{n+1}=B^{n} B$, we have the following recurrence relations:

$$
\begin{equation*}
z_{n+1}=z z_{n}+t w w_{n}, \quad w_{n+1}=z w_{n}+w z_{n}, \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

with $z_{n}=z$ and $w_{n}=w$. From (2) we derive the following Binet forms for $z_{n}$ and $w_{n}$ :

$$
\begin{align*}
& z_{n}=\frac{1}{2}\left[(z+w \sqrt{t})^{n}+(z-w \sqrt{t})^{n}\right],  \tag{4}\\
& w_{n}=\frac{1}{2 \sqrt{t}}\left[(z+w \sqrt{t})^{n}-(z-w \sqrt{t})^{n}\right], \tag{5}
\end{align*}
$$

and $z_{n} \pm \sqrt{t} w_{n}=(z \pm \sqrt{t} w)^{n}$. Note that if we set $z=1 / 2=w$ and $t=5$ then $\beta=-1$; then $2 w_{n}=F_{n}$ is the Fibonacci sequence, while $2 z_{n}=L_{n}$ is the Lucas sequence, where $n>0$.

Let $\xi=z+w \sqrt{t}, \eta=z-w \sqrt{t}, \xi_{n}=z_{n}+w_{n} \sqrt{t}, \eta_{n}=z_{n}-w_{n} \sqrt{t}$ and $\beta_{n}=z_{n}^{2}-t w_{n}^{2}$, with $\eta_{n}=\eta$, $\xi_{n}=\xi$, and $\beta_{n}=\beta$. Then we have $\xi_{n}=\xi^{n}, \eta_{n}=\eta^{n}$, and $\beta_{n}=\beta^{n}$. To prove the last equality, consider $\beta^{n}=\left(z^{2}-t w^{2}\right)^{n}=\xi^{n} \eta^{n}=\xi_{n} \eta_{n}=\left(z_{n}^{2}-t w_{n}^{2}\right)=\beta_{n}$.

We also have the following property:

$$
e^{B}=\frac{1}{4}\left[\begin{array}{cc}
e^{\xi}+e^{\eta} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}}\left(e^{\xi}-e^{\eta}\right) \\
\sqrt{t}\left(e^{\xi}-e^{\eta}\right) & e^{\xi}+e^{\eta}
\end{array}\right], \operatorname{det} e^{B}=e^{2 z} .
$$

To prove these results, set $2 z_{k}=\xi^{k}+\eta^{k}, 2 \sqrt{t} w_{k}=\xi^{k}-\eta^{k}$. Since

$$
e^{B}=\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{B^{k}}{k!} \quad \text { and } \quad \frac{B^{k}}{k!}=\frac{1}{k!}\left[\begin{array}{cc}
z_{k} & w_{k} \\
t w_{k} & z_{k}
\end{array}\right],
$$

we express $z_{k}$ and $w_{k}$ in terms of $\xi$ and $\eta$ to obtain the desired results.
Recurrence relations (3) also imply that $z_{n}$ and $w_{n}$ satisfy the difference equations:

$$
\begin{equation*}
z_{n+1}=2 z z_{n}-\beta z_{n-1}, \quad w_{n+1}=2 z w_{n}-\beta w_{n-1} . \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

Conversely, if $z_{0}=1, z_{1}=z$, and $w_{0}=0$, and $w_{1}=w$, then the solutions of the difference equations (6) are given by the Binet forms (4) and (5).

The expressions $z_{n}$ and $w_{n}$ can be extended to negative integers by defining $z_{-n}=z_{n} \beta^{-n}$ and $w_{-n}=-w_{n} \beta^{-n}$. Then we have

$$
B^{-n}=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
z & w \\
t w & z
\end{array}\right]^{n}=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
z_{-n} & w_{-n} \\
t w_{-n} & z_{-n}
\end{array}\right]=B_{-n},
$$

where we have used the property

$$
\left(\left[\begin{array}{cc}
z & w \\
t w & z
\end{array}\right]^{-1}\right)^{n}=\left(\frac{1}{\beta}\left[\begin{array}{cc}
z & -w \\
-t w & z
\end{array}\right]\right)^{n}=\frac{1}{\beta^{n}}\left[\begin{array}{cc}
z_{n} & -w_{n} \\
-t w_{n} & z_{n}
\end{array}\right]
$$

All of the recurrence relations extend to the negative integers also. Notice that $B^{0}=I$, where $I$ is the identity matrix. For negative integers, $z_{n}$ and $w_{n}$ are rational functions of $z$ and $w$.

## 3. THE BRAHMAGUPTA POLYNOMIALS

Using the Binet forms (4) and (5), we deduce some results: Write $z_{n}$ and $w_{n}$ as polynomials in $z$ and $w$ using the binomial expansion:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& z_{n}=z^{n}+t\binom{n}{2} z^{n-2} w^{2}+t^{2}\binom{n}{4} z^{n-4} w^{4}+\cdots \\
& w_{n}=n z^{n-1} w+t\binom{n}{3} z^{n-3} w^{3}+t^{2}\binom{n}{5} z^{n-5} w^{5}+\cdots
\end{aligned}
$$

The first few polynomials are $z_{0}=1, z_{1}=z, z_{2}=z^{2}+t w^{2}, z_{3}=z^{3}+3 t z w^{2}, z_{4}=z^{4}+6 t z^{2} w^{2}+t^{2} w^{4}$, $\ldots, w_{0}=0, w_{1}=w, w_{2}=2 z w, w_{3}=3 z^{2} w+t w^{3}, w_{4}=4 z^{3} w+4 t z w^{3}, \ldots$. Notice that $z_{n}$ and $w_{n}$ are homogeneous in $z$ and $w$; therefore, they are analytic (in the classical one-variable sense) in each variable separately. Also, $z_{n}$ and $w_{n}$ satisfy the Cauchy-Riemann equations in each variable separately: If $z_{n}=x_{n}+i y_{n}$, then

$$
\frac{\partial x_{n}}{\partial x}=\frac{\partial y_{n}}{\partial y}, \quad \frac{\partial x_{n}}{\partial y}=-\frac{\partial y_{n}}{\partial x}
$$

and

$$
\frac{\partial x_{n}}{\partial u}=\frac{\partial y_{n}}{\partial v}, \quad \frac{\partial x_{n}}{\partial v}=-\frac{\partial y_{n}}{\partial u}
$$

Similar relations are satisfied by the polynomials $w_{n}=u_{n}+i v_{n}$.
If $t>0$, then $z_{n}$ and $w_{n}$ satisfy:

$$
\begin{gathered}
\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{z_{n}}{w_{n}}= \begin{cases}+\sqrt{t} & \text { if }\left|\frac{z-\sqrt{t} w}{z+\sqrt{t} w}\right|<1 \\
-\sqrt{t} & \text { if }\left|\frac{z-\sqrt{t} w}{z+\sqrt{t} w}\right|>1\end{cases} \\
\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{z_{n}}{z_{n-1}}=\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{w_{n}}{w_{n-1}}= \begin{cases}z+\sqrt{t} w & \text { if }\left|\frac{z-\sqrt{t} w}{z+\sqrt{t} w}\right|<1 \\
z-\sqrt{t} w & \text { if }\left|\frac{z-\sqrt{t} w}{z+\sqrt{t} w}\right|>1\end{cases} \\
\frac{\partial z_{n}}{\partial z}=\frac{\partial w_{n}}{\partial w}=n z_{n-1} \\
\frac{\partial z_{n}}{\partial w}=t \frac{\partial w_{n}}{\partial z}=n t w_{n-1}
\end{gathered}
$$

From the above relations, we infer that $z_{n}$ and $w_{n}$ are the polynomial solutions of the "wave equation":

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(\frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial z^{2}}-\frac{1}{t} \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial w^{2}}\right) U=0 \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

Since the partial differential equation (7) is linear, by the principle of superposition its general solution is

$$
U(z, w)=\sum_{0}^{\infty}\left(A_{n} z_{n}+B_{n} w_{n}\right),
$$

where $A_{n}$ and $B_{n}$ are constants.

## 4. RECURRENCE RELATIONS

From the Binet forms (4) and (5), we record the following obvious recurrence relations:
(i) $z_{m+n}=z_{m} z_{n}+t w_{m} w_{n}$,
(vi) $w_{m+n}+\beta^{n} w_{m-n}=2 z_{n} w_{m}$,
(ii) $w_{m+n}=z_{m} w_{n}+w_{m} z_{n}$,
(vii) $z_{m+n}+\beta^{n} z_{m-n}=2 t w_{m} w_{n}$,
(iii) $\beta^{n} z_{m-n}=z_{m} z_{n}-t w_{m} w_{n}$,
(viii) $w_{m+n}+\beta^{n} w_{m-n}=2 z_{m} w_{n}$,
(iv) $\beta^{n} w_{m-n}=z_{n} w_{m}-z_{m} w_{n}$,
(ix) $2\left(z_{m}^{2}-z_{m+n} z_{m-n}\right)=\beta^{(m-n)}\left(\beta^{n}-z_{2 n}\right)$,
(v) $z_{m+n}+\beta^{n} z_{m-n}=2 z_{m} z_{n}$,
(x) $z_{2 m}-2 t w_{m+n} w_{m-n}=\beta^{(m-n)} z_{2 n}$.

Putting $m=n$ in (i) and (ii) above, we see that $z_{2 n}=z_{n}^{2}+t w_{n}^{2}$ and $w_{2 n}=2 z_{n} w_{n}$; these relations imply that: (a) $z_{2 n}$ is divisible by $z_{n} \pm i \sqrt{t} w_{n}$ if $t>0$; (b) $z_{2 n}$ is divisible by $z_{n} \pm \sqrt{t} w_{n}$ if $t<0$; (c) $w_{2 n}$ is divisible by $z_{n}$ and $w_{n}$ and, if $r$ divides $s$, then $z_{r n}$ and $w_{r n}$ are divisors of $w_{s n}$.

Let $\sum_{k=1}^{n}=\sum$. Then, using the Binet forms, it is not difficult to see the following facts:
(i) $\sum z_{k}=\frac{\beta z_{n}-z_{n+1}+z-\beta}{\beta-2 z+1}$,
(ii) $\sum w_{k}=\frac{\beta w_{n}-w_{n+1}+w}{\beta-2 z+1}$,
(iii) $\sum z_{k}^{2}=\frac{\beta z_{2 n}-z_{2 n+2}+z_{2}-\beta}{2\left(\beta-2 z_{2}+1\right)}+\frac{\beta\left(\beta^{n}-1\right)}{2(\beta-1)}$,
(iv) $\sum w_{k}^{2}=\frac{\beta^{2} z_{2 n}-z_{2 n+2}+z_{2}-\beta^{2}}{2 t\left(\beta^{2}-2 z_{2}+1\right)}-\frac{\beta\left(\beta^{n}-1\right)}{2 t(\beta-1)}$,
(v) $2 \sum z_{k} z_{n+1-k}=n z_{n+1}+\frac{\beta w_{n}}{w}$,
(vi) $2 t \sum w_{k} w_{n+1-k}=n z_{n+1}-\frac{\beta w_{n}}{w}$
(vii) $2 \sum z_{k} w_{n-k+1}=2 \sum w_{k} z_{n-k+1}=n w_{n+1}$.

Now we generalize a result satisfied by the generating functions of Fibonacci $\left(F_{n}\right)$ and Lucas $\left(L_{n}\right)$ sequences; namely,

$$
F(t)=\sum_{1}^{\infty} \frac{F_{n}}{n} t^{n}, \quad L(t)=\sum_{1}^{\infty} L_{n} t^{n} .
$$

Then $L(t)=e^{2 F(t)}$ [3]. A similar result holds between $z_{n}$ and $w_{n}$. Let $Z$ and $W$ be generating functions of $z_{n}$ and $w_{n}$, respectively; that is,

$$
\begin{equation*}
Z=\sum_{1}^{\infty} \frac{z_{n}}{n} s^{n}, \quad W=\sum_{1}^{\infty} w_{n} s^{n} . \tag{9}
\end{equation*}
$$

Then $W(s)=s w e^{2 Z(s)}$. Since the proof is similar to the real case (see [6]), we omit it here.

## 5. SERIES SUMMATION INVOLVING RECIPROCALS OF $\boldsymbol{z}_{\boldsymbol{n}}$ AND $\boldsymbol{w}_{\boldsymbol{n}}$

All the properties of infinite series summation involving $x_{n}$ and $y_{n}$ can be extended to the complex variables case also. Since the arithmetic goes through without any changes, we shall just list them here. For details, see [6].

1. $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{z_{k+1}}\left(\frac{2 z}{z_{k-1}}-\frac{\beta+1}{z_{k}}\right)=\frac{1}{z}$.
2. $\sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty}\left(\frac{2 z}{z_{k-1} z_{k+1}}-\frac{\beta+1}{z_{k+1} z_{k}}\right)=\frac{1}{z_{r} z_{r+1}}, \quad \sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty}\left(\frac{2 z}{w_{k-1} w_{k+1}}-\frac{\beta+1}{w_{k+1} w_{k}}\right)=\frac{1}{w_{r} w_{r+1}}$.
3. $\sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty} \frac{2 z z_{k}}{z_{k-1} z_{k+1}}=\sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty}\left(\frac{1}{z_{k-1}}+\frac{\beta}{z_{k+1}}\right)$, $\quad \sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty} \frac{2 z w_{k}}{w_{k-1} w_{k+1}}=\sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty}\left(\frac{1}{w_{k-1}}+\frac{\beta+1}{w_{k+1}}\right)$.
4. $\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{z_{(k+1) r}}\left(\frac{2 z_{r}}{z_{(k-1) r}}-\frac{\beta^{r}+1}{z_{k r}}\right)=\frac{1}{z_{r} z_{2 r}}, \quad \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{w_{(k+1) r}}\left(\frac{2 z_{r}}{w_{(k-1) r}}-\frac{\beta^{r}+1}{w_{k r}}\right)=\frac{1}{w_{r} w_{2 r}}$.
5. $\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{\beta^{2^{k-1}-2}}{y_{2^{k}}}=\frac{1}{(x+y \sqrt{t})^{2}}$.
6. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\beta^{n-1}}{z_{n} z_{n+k}}=\frac{1}{t w w_{k}}\left(\sum_{1}^{k} \frac{z_{n-1}}{z_{n}}-k(z \pm \sqrt{t} w)\right)$,
where the plus sign should be taken if $|\xi / \eta|<1$ and the minus sign should be taken if $|\xi / \eta|>1$. To show item 6, we consider

$$
\begin{aligned}
z_{n-1} z_{n+k}-z_{n+k-1} z_{n} & =z_{n-1}\left(z z_{n+k-1}+t w w_{n+k-1}\right)-z_{n+k-1}\left(z z_{n-1}+t w w_{n-1}\right) \\
& =t w\left(z_{n-1} w_{n+k-1}-z_{n+k-1} w_{n-1}\right)=t w \beta^{n-1} w_{k} .
\end{aligned}
$$

Thus,

$$
\begin{aligned}
\sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{\beta^{n}}{z_{n} z_{n+k}} & =\frac{1}{t w w_{k}} \frac{z_{n-1} z_{n+k}-z_{n+k-1} z_{n}}{z_{n} z_{n+k}} \\
& =\frac{1}{t w w_{k}} \sum_{n=1}^{N}\left(\frac{z_{n-1}}{z_{n}}-\frac{z_{n+k-1}}{z_{n+k}}\right)=\frac{1}{t w w_{k}}\left(\sum_{n=1}^{k} \frac{z_{n-1}}{z_{n}}-\sum_{n=N+1}^{N+k} \frac{z_{n-1}}{z_{n}}\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

Now fix $k \geq 1$ and let $N$ tend to infinity. Using the property we derived in Section 3, we obtain the required result. Similarly, we show that

$$
\beta^{k} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\beta^{(n-1)}}{w_{n} w_{n+k}}=\frac{1}{w w_{k}}\left(\sum_{1}^{k} \frac{w_{n-1}}{w_{n}}-k(z \pm \sqrt{t} w)\right),
$$

where the plus sign should be taken if $|\xi / \eta|<1$ and the minus sign should be taken if $|\xi / \eta|>1$.

## 6. CONVOLUTIONS FOR $z_{n}$ AND $w_{n}$

Suppose that $a_{n}(z, w)$ and $b_{n}(z, w)$ are two homogeneous polynomial sequences in two variables $z$ and $w$, where $n$ is an integer $\geq 1$. Their first convolution sequence is defined by

$$
\left(a_{n} * b_{n}\right)^{(1)}=\sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{j} b_{n+1-j}=\sum_{j=1}^{n} b_{j} a_{n+1-j}
$$

In the above definition, we have written $a_{n}=a_{n}(z, w)$ and $b_{n}=b_{n}(z, w)$. To determine the convolutions $z_{n} * z_{n}, z_{n} * w_{n}$, and $w_{n} * w_{n}$, we use the matrix properties of $B$, namely,

$$
\left[\begin{array}{cc}
z & w \\
t w & z
\end{array}\right]^{n+1}=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
z_{n+1} & w_{n+1} \\
w_{n+1} & z_{n+1}
\end{array}\right]=B^{n+1}=B^{j} B^{n+1-j}=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
z_{j} & w_{j} \\
t w_{j} & z_{j}
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{cc}
z_{n+1-j} & w_{n+1-j} \\
t w_{n+1-j} & z_{n+1-j}
\end{array}\right]
$$

Let

$$
B_{n}^{(1)}=\sum_{j=1}^{n} B_{j} B_{n+1-j}=\sum_{j=1}^{n} B^{n+1}=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
z_{n}^{(1)} & w_{n}^{(1)} \\
t w_{n}^{(1)} & z_{n}^{(1)}
\end{array}\right]
$$

Note that $B^{n}=B_{n}$. We prefer using the subscript notation. Since $\sum_{j=1}^{n} B_{n+1}=n B_{n+1}$, the above result can be written as

$$
n B_{n+1}=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
z_{n} * z_{n}+t w_{n} * w_{n} & 2 z_{n} * w_{n} \\
2 t z_{n} * w_{n} & z_{n} * z_{n}+t w_{n} * w_{n}
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
z_{n}^{(1)} & w_{n}^{(1)} \\
t w_{n}^{(1)} & z_{n}^{(1)}
\end{array}\right]=B_{n}^{(1)},
$$

where we have written $\sum_{j=1}^{n}=\sum$. Therefore, we have $z_{n}^{(1)}=n z_{n+1}$ and $w_{n}^{(1)}=n w_{n+1}$, or

$$
2 z_{n} * z_{n}=n z_{n+1}+\frac{\beta w_{n}}{w} \text { and } 2 t w_{n} * w_{n}=n z_{n+1}-\frac{\beta w_{n}}{w}
$$

from (8) parts (v) and (vi). The above result can be extended to the $k^{\text {th }}$ convolution by defining

$$
B_{n}^{(k)}=\sum_{j=1}^{n} B_{j}\left(B_{n+1-j}^{(k-1)}\right)
$$

We can show that

$$
B_{n}^{(k)}=\binom{n+k-1}{k} B_{n+k}
$$

We shall prove the result by induction on $k$. Since $B^{(1)}=n B_{n+1}$, the result is true for $k=1$. Now consider

$$
\begin{aligned}
B_{n}^{(k+1)} & =\sum B_{j} B_{n+1-j}^{(k)}=\sum B_{n+1-j}\left(B_{j}^{(k)}\right) \\
& =\sum B_{n+1-j}\binom{j+k-1}{k} B_{j+k}=B_{n+k+1} \sum\binom{j+k-1}{k}=\binom{n+k}{k+1} B_{n+k+1}
\end{aligned}
$$

which completes the induction. We have used the property $\sum\binom{j+k-1}{k}=\binom{n+k}{k+1}$, to derive the above result.

From the above results, we can write the following $k^{\text {th }}$ convolutions, namely,

$$
\begin{equation*}
z_{n}^{(k)}=\binom{n+k-1}{k} z_{n+k} \quad \text { and } \quad w_{n}^{(k)}=\binom{n+k-1}{k} w_{n+k} \tag{10}
\end{equation*}
$$

Result (10) enables us to write the convolutions $z_{n} * z_{n}^{(k)}, w_{n} * w_{n}^{(k)}, z_{n} * w_{n}^{(k)}$, and $w_{n} * z_{n}^{(k)}$. First, we shall show that

$$
2 z_{n} * z_{n}^{(k)}=\binom{n+k}{k+1} z_{n+k+1}+\sum_{j=1}^{n} z_{j}^{k} z_{n-j+1} \beta^{j+k} z_{n+1-2 j-k} .
$$

We consider

$$
\begin{aligned}
2 z_{n} * z_{n}^{(k)} & =2 \sum z_{j}^{k} z_{n-j+1} \\
& =2 \Sigma\binom{j+k-1}{k} z_{j+k} z_{n-j+1} \\
& =2 \Sigma\binom{j+k-1}{k}\left(z_{j} z_{k}+t w_{j} w_{k}\right) z_{n-j+1} \\
& =2 z_{k} \Sigma\binom{j+k-1}{k} z_{j} z_{n-j+1}+2 t w_{k} \sum_{j=1}^{n}\binom{j+k-1}{k} w_{j} z_{n-j+1} \\
& =z_{k} \Sigma\left[\binom{j+k-1}{k} z_{n+1}+\beta^{j} z_{n-2 j+1}\right]+w_{k} \Sigma\binom{j+k-1}{k}\left(w_{n+1}-\beta^{j} w_{n-2 j+1}\right) \\
& =\Sigma\binom{j+k-1}{k}\left(z_{k} z_{n+1}+t w_{k} w_{n+1}\right) \sum \beta^{j}\binom{j+k-1}{k}\left(z_{k} z_{n-2 j+1}-t w_{k} w_{n-2 j+1}\right) \\
& =\binom{n+k}{k+1} z_{n+k+1}+\Sigma\binom{j+k-1}{k} \beta^{j+k} z_{n+1-2 j-k} .
\end{aligned}
$$

We have used (10) and (8) part (i) to derive the above result. Similarly, we can show that

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 2 t w_{n} * w_{n}^{(k)}=\binom{n+k}{k+1} z_{n+k+1}-\Sigma\binom{j+k-1}{k} \beta^{j+k} z_{n+1-2 j-k}, \\
& 2 z_{n}^{(k)} * w_{n}=\binom{n+k}{k+1} w_{n+k+1}-\Sigma\binom{j+k-1}{k} \beta^{j+k} w_{n+1-2 j-k}, \\
& 2 z_{n} * w_{n}^{(k)}=\binom{n+k}{k+1} w_{n+k+1}-\Sigma\binom{j+k-1}{k} \beta^{j+k} w_{n+1-2 j-k} .
\end{aligned}
$$

## 7. THE IMPLICATIONS OF $z_{n}$ AND $w_{n}$ IN $\mathbf{R}^{4}$

Let $z=x+i y$ and $w=u+i v$. Then $z_{n}=x_{n}+i y_{n}, w_{n}=u_{n}+i v_{n}$, and $\beta=z^{2}-t w^{2}=\alpha+i \gamma$, where $\alpha=x^{2}-y^{2}-t\left(u^{2}-v^{2}\right)$ and $\gamma=2(x y-t u v)$. Note that $\operatorname{det} B \neq 0$ implies that either $\alpha \neq 0$ or $\gamma \neq 0$. Recurrence relations (3) now become:

$$
\begin{align*}
& x_{n+1}=2 x x_{n}-2 y y_{n}-\alpha x_{n-1}+\gamma y_{n-1},  \tag{11}\\
& y_{n+1}=2 y x_{n}+2 x y_{n}-\gamma x_{n-1}-\alpha y_{n-1},  \tag{12}\\
& u_{n+1}=2 x u_{n}-2 y v_{n}-\alpha u_{n-1}+\gamma v_{n-1},  \tag{13}\\
& v_{n+1}=2 x v_{n}+2 y u_{n}-\gamma u_{n-1}-\alpha v_{n-1}, \tag{14}
\end{align*}
$$

with $x_{0}=1, y_{0}=0, u_{0}=0, v_{0}=0$ and $x_{1}=x, y_{1}=y, u_{1}=u, v_{1}=v$. By (11)-(14), the first few polynomials are given by

$$
\begin{gathered}
x_{2}=x^{2}-y^{2}+t\left(u^{2}-v^{2}\right), \\
y_{2}=2(x y+t u v), \\
u_{2}=2(x u-y v), \\
v_{2}=2(x v+y u), \\
x_{3}=x^{3}-3 x y^{2}+3 t x u^{2}-3 t x v^{2}-6 t y u v, \\
y_{3}=3 x^{2} y-y^{3}+6 t x u v+3 t y u^{2}-3 t y v^{2}, \\
u_{3}=3 x^{2} u-3 y^{2} u-6 x y v-3 t u v^{2}+t u^{3}, \\
v_{3}=6 x y u+3 x^{2} v-3 y^{2} v+3 t u^{2} v-t v^{3}, \ldots .
\end{gathered}
$$

By expressing equations (8) parts (i) and (ii) in terms of the real and imaginary components, we find that the recurrence relations transform to

$$
\begin{align*}
& x_{m+n}=x_{n} x_{n}-y_{m} y_{n}+t\left(u_{m} v_{n}-u_{n} v_{m}\right),  \tag{15}\\
& y_{m+n}=x_{m} y_{n}+x_{n} y_{m}+t\left(u_{m} v_{n}-u_{n} v_{m}\right),  \tag{16}\\
& u_{m+n}=x_{m} u_{n}+x_{n} u_{m}-y_{m} v_{n}-y_{n} v_{m},  \tag{17}\\
& v_{m+n}=x_{m} v_{n}+x_{n} v_{m}+y_{m} u_{n}+y_{n} u_{m} . \tag{18}
\end{align*}
$$

To transform the partial differential equation (7) in $z$ and $w$ to the one in variables $x, y, u$, and $v$, we use the partial differential operators:

$$
\frac{\partial}{\partial z}=\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}-i \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\right) \text { and } \frac{\partial}{\partial z}=\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}+i \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\right) .
$$

Then equation (7) becomes

$$
\begin{gather*}
{\left[\frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial x^{2}}-\frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial y^{2}}-\frac{1}{t}\left(\frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial u^{2}}-\frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial u^{2}}\right)\right] f_{n}=0,}  \tag{19}\\
\left(\frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial x \partial y}-\frac{1}{t} \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial u \partial}\right) g_{n}=0 . \tag{20}
\end{gather*}
$$

where $f_{n}=x_{n}$ or $u_{n}$ and $g_{n}=y_{n}$ or $v_{n}$. By the principle of superposition, the solution of differential equations (19) and (20) are, respectively,

$$
f(x, y, u, v)=\sum_{0}^{\infty}\left(a_{n} x_{n}+b_{n} u_{n}\right) \text { and } g(x, y, u, v)=\sum_{0}^{\infty}\left(c_{n} y_{n}+d_{n} v_{n}\right)
$$

where $a_{n}, b_{n}, c_{n}$, and $d_{n}$ are constants.
Now we express relation (9) in Section 4, i.e., $W(s)=s w e^{2 Z(s)}$, in terms of real and imaginary parts. Let $Z(s)=X(s)+i Y(s)$ and $W(s)=U(s)+i V(s)$. Then (9) transforms to

$$
U(s)=u s e^{X(s)}(u \cos Y(s)-v \sin Y(s))
$$

and

$$
V(s)=v s e^{X(s)}(v \cos Y(s)+u \sin Y(s))
$$

Now, let us turn our attention to the convolutions in Section 6. Result (11), expressed in terms of real and imaginary components, becomes

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
x_{n}^{(k)}=\binom{n+k-1}{k} x_{n+k}, & y_{n}^{(k)}=\binom{n+k-1}{k} y_{n+k}, \\
u_{n}^{(k)}=\binom{n+k-1}{k} u_{n+k}, & v_{n}^{(k)}=\binom{n+k-1}{k} v_{n+k} .
\end{array}
$$

We have seen here some of the properties of the matrix $B$ with complex entries; we are sure there are many more of them.

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