# ON THE LINK BETWEEN BINOMIAL THEOREM AND DISCRETE CONVOLUTION

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ABSTRACT. Let  $\mathbf{P}_b^m(x)$  be a 2m+1-degree integer-valued polynomial in  $b,x\in\mathbb{R}$ 

$$\mathbf{P}_{b}^{m}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{b-1} \sum_{r=0}^{m} \mathbf{A}_{m,r} k^{r} (x-k)^{r},$$

where  $\mathbf{A}_{m,r}$  is a real coefficient. In this manuscript we establish a relation between Binomial theorem and polynomial  $\mathbf{P}_b^m(x)$ . Furthermore, a relationship between Binomial theorem and discrete convolution in terms of polynomials is provided.

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#### 1. Definitions, notations and conventions

We now set the following notation, which remains fixed for the remainder of this paper:

•  $\mathbf{A}_{m,r}, m \in \mathbb{N}$  is a real coefficient defined recursively

$$\mathbf{A}_{m,r} := \begin{cases} (2r+1)\binom{2r}{r}, & \text{if } r = m; \\ (2r+1)\binom{2r}{r} \sum_{d=2r+1}^{m} \mathbf{A}_{m,d} \binom{d}{2r+1} \frac{(-1)^{d-1}}{d-r} B_{2d-2r}, & \text{if } 0 \le r < m; \\ 0, & \text{if } r < 0 \text{ or } r > m, \end{cases}$$
(1.1)

where  $B_t$  are Bernoulli numbers [1]. It is assumed that  $B_1 = \frac{1}{2}$ .

•  $\mathbf{P}_b^m(x)$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  is a 2m+1-degree integer-valued polynomial in  $b, x \in \mathbb{R}$ 

$$\mathbf{P}_b^m(x) := \sum_{k=0}^{b-1} \sum_{r=0}^m \mathbf{A}_{m,r} k^r (x-k)^r$$
 (1.2)

•  $\mathbf{H}_{m,t}(b), m, t, b \in \mathbb{N}$  is a polynomial defined as

$$\mathbf{H}_{m,t}(b) := \sum_{j=t}^{m} {j \choose t} \mathbf{A}_{m,j} \frac{(-1)^j}{2j-t+1} {2j-t+1 \choose b} B_{2j-t+1-b}$$
 (1.3)

•  $\mathbf{X}_{m,t}(j), m, t \in \mathbb{N}$  is polynomial of degree 2m+1-t in  $j \in \mathbb{R}$ 

$$\mathbf{X}_{m,t}(j) := (-1)^m \sum_{k=1}^{2m+1-t} \mathbf{H}_{m,t}(k) \cdot j^k$$
 (1.4)

•  $\mathbf{L}_m(x,k), m \in \mathbb{N}$  is 2m degree polynomial in  $x,k \in \mathbb{R}$ 

$$\mathbf{L}_{m}(x,k) := \sum_{r=0}^{m} \mathbf{A}_{m,r} k^{r} (x-k)^{r}$$

$$\tag{1.5}$$

• (f \* f)[n] is discrete convolution [2] of function f defined over set of integers  $\mathbb{Z}$ 

$$(f * f)[n] = \sum_{k} f(k)f(n-k)$$

#### 2. Introduction and main results

The polynomial  $\mathbf{P}_b^m(x)$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  is 2m+1-degree integer-valued polynomial in  $x, b \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$\mathbf{P}_{b}^{m}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{b-1} \sum_{r=0}^{m} \mathbf{A}_{m,r} k^{r} (x-k)^{r},$$

where  $\mathbf{A}_{m,r}$  is real coefficient. By means of Lemma 4.1, the polynomial  $\mathbf{P}_b^m(x)$  has the following relation with Binomial theorem [3]

$$\mathbf{P}_{x+y}^{m}(x+y) = \sum_{r=0}^{2m+1} {2m+1 \choose r} x^{2m+1-r} y^{r}.$$

From the other hand, polynomial  $\mathbf{P}_b^m(x)$  might be expressed in terms of discrete convolution of polynomial  $n^j$ ,  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ 

$$\mathbf{P}_{x+1}^{m}(x) = \sum_{r=0}^{m} \mathbf{A}_{m,r}(n^{r} * n^{r})[x], \quad n \ge 0.$$

It is of first necessity to notice that  $n^r$  of discrete convolution  $(n^r * n^r)[x]$  evaluated at x is implicit piecewise-defined polynomial such as

$$n^{r} = \begin{cases} \underbrace{n \cdot n \cdots n}_{\text{r times}}, & \text{if } n \ge 0\\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Therefore, it is easy to notice the following identities in terms of Binomial theorem and discrete convolution, see Corollaries 6.1, 6.2

$$\sum_{r=0}^{m} \mathbf{A}_{m,r} (n^r * n^r) [x+y] = 1 + \sum_{r=0}^{2m+1} {2m+1 \choose r} x^{2m+1-r} y^r, \quad n \ge 0,$$

$$\sum_{r=0}^{m} \mathbf{A}_{m,r} (n^r * n^r) [x+y] = -1 + \sum_{r=0}^{2m+1} {2m+1 \choose r} x^{2m+1-r} y^r, \quad n > 0.$$

Also, the following generalizations for multinomial case are discussed, see Corollaries 6.3, 6.4

$$\sum_{r=0}^{m} \mathbf{A}_{m,r}(n^{r} * n^{r})[x_{1} + x_{2} + \dots + x_{t}] = 1 + \sum_{k_{1} + k_{2} + \dots + k_{t} = 2m+1} {2m+1 \choose k_{1}, k_{2}, \dots, k_{t}} \prod_{\ell=1}^{t} x_{\ell}^{k_{\ell}}, \quad n \geq 0,$$

$$\sum_{r=0}^{m} \mathbf{A}_{m,r}(n^{r} * n^{r})[x_{1} + x_{2} + \dots + x_{t}] = -1 + \sum_{k_{1} + k_{2} + \dots + k_{t} = 2m+1} {2m+1 \choose k_{1}, k_{2}, \dots, k_{t}} \prod_{\ell=1}^{t} x_{\ell}^{k_{\ell}}, \quad n > 0.$$

A few polynomial identities are straightforward as well by means of Theorems 5.3, 5.5. Precisely, by the theorem 5.3 we have an odd-power identity as follows

$$x^{2m+1} = \sum_{r=0}^{m} \mathbf{A}_{m,r} \sum_{k=0}^{x-1} k^{r} (x-k)^{r}$$

From the other prospective, the theorem 5.5 concludes as follows

$$x^{2m+1} = \sum_{r=0}^{m} \mathbf{A}_{m,r} \sum_{k=1}^{x} k^{r} (x-k)^{r}$$

In its explicit form an identity  $x^{2m+1} = \sum_{r=0}^{m} \mathbf{A}_{m,r} \sum_{k=0}^{x-1} k^r (x-k)^r$  looks like as follows

$$x^{3} = \sum_{k=1}^{x} 6k(x-k) + 1$$

$$x^{5} = \sum_{k=1}^{x} 30k^{2}(x-k)^{2} + 1$$

$$x^{7} = \sum_{k=1}^{x} 140k^{3}(x-k)^{3} - 14k(x-k) + 1$$

$$x^{9} = \sum_{k=1}^{x} 630k^{4}(x-k)^{4} - 120k(x-k) + 1$$

$$x^{11} = \sum_{k=1}^{x} 2772k^{5}(x-k)^{5} + 660k^{2}(x-k)^{2} - 1386k(x-k) + 1$$

$$x^{13} = \sum_{k=1}^{x} 51480k^{7}(x-k)^{7} - 60060k^{3}(x-k)^{3} + 491400k^{2}(x-k)^{2} - 450054k(x-k) + 1$$

## 3. Polynomial $\mathbf{P}_b^m(x)$ and its properties

We continue our mathematical journey from short overview of polynomial  $\mathbf{L}_m(x,k)$  that is essential part of polynomial  $\mathbf{P}_b^m(x)$  since that  $\mathbf{P}_b^m(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{b-1} \mathbf{L}_m(x,k)$ . Polynomial  $\mathbf{L}_m(x,k)$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  is polynomial of degree 2m in  $x,k \in \mathbb{R}$ , see definition (1.5). In explicit form the polynomial  $\mathbf{L}_m(x,k)$  is as follows

$$\mathbf{L}_{m}(x,k) = \mathbf{A}_{m,m}k^{m}(x-k)^{m} + \mathbf{A}_{m,m-1}k^{m-1}(x-k)^{m-1} + \dots + \mathbf{A}_{m,0},$$

where  $\mathbf{A}_{m,r}$  are real coefficients defined by (1.1). Coefficients  $\mathbf{A}_{m,r}$  are nonzero only for r within the interval  $r \in \{m\} \cup \left[0, \frac{m-1}{2}\right]$ . For example,

m/r	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	1							
1	1	6						
2	1	0	30					
3	1	-14	0	140				
4	1	-120	0	0	630			
5	1	-1386	660	0	0	2772		
6	1	-21840	18018	0	0	0	12012	
7	1	-450054	491400	-60060	0	0	0	51480

**Table 1.** Coefficients  $A_{m,r}$ . See the OEIS entries: A302971, A304042.

Thus, the polynomial  $\mathbf{L}_m(x,k)$  may also be written as

$$\mathbf{L}_{m}(x,k) = \mathbf{A}_{m,m}k^{m}(x-k)^{m} + \sum_{r=0}^{\frac{m-1}{2}} \mathbf{A}_{m,r}k^{r}(x-k)^{r}$$

For example, the polynomials  $\mathbf{L}_m(x,k)$  for  $0 \le m \le 3$  are

$$\mathbf{L}_{0}(x,k) = 1,$$

$$\mathbf{L}_{1}(x,k) = 6k(x-k) + 1 = -6k^{2} + 6kx + 1,$$

$$\mathbf{L}_{2}(x,k) = 30k^{2}(x-k)^{2} + 1 = 30k^{4} - 60k^{3}x + 30k^{2}x^{2} + 1,$$

$$\mathbf{L}_{3}(x,k) = 140k^{3}(x-k)^{3} - 14k(x-k) + 1$$

$$= -140k^{6} + 420k^{5}x - 420k^{4}x^{2} + 140k^{3}x^{3} + 14k^{2} - 14kx + 1$$

It is worth to notice that  $\mathbf{L}_m(x,k)$  is symmetrical over x

**Property 3.1.** For every  $x, k \in \mathbb{R}$ 

$$\mathbf{L}_m(x,k) = \mathbf{L}_m(x,x-k)$$

This might be seen in the following table

x/k	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	1							
1	1	1						
2	1	7	1					
3	1	1 7 13	13	1				
4	1	19	25	19	1			
5	1	25	37	37	25	1		
6	1	31	49	55	49	31	1	
7	1	37	61	73	73	61	37	1

**Table 2.** Values of  $L_1(x, k)$ . See the OEIS entry: A287326.

Next we discuss the polynomial  $\mathbf{P}_b^m(x)$ . In its extended form, the polynomial  $\mathbf{P}_b^m(x)$  is

$$\mathbf{P}_b^m(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{b-1} \mathbf{L}_m(x,k) = \sum_{k=0}^{b-1} \sum_{r=0}^m \mathbf{A}_{m,r} k^r (x-k)^r = \sum_{r=0}^m \mathbf{A}_{m,r} \sum_{k=0}^{b-1} k^r (x-k)^r$$

By the binomial theorem  $(x-y)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \binom{n}{k} x^{n-k} y^k$ ,

$$\mathbf{P}_{b}^{m}(x) = \sum_{r=0}^{m} \mathbf{A}_{m,r} \sum_{k=0}^{b-1} k^{r} \sum_{j=0}^{r} (-1)^{j} {r \choose j} x^{r-j} k^{j}$$

$$= \sum_{r=0}^{m} \mathbf{A}_{m,r} \sum_{k=0}^{b-1} \sum_{j=0}^{r} (-1)^{j} {r \choose j} x^{r-j} k^{r+j}$$

$$= \sum_{r=0}^{m} \mathbf{A}_{m,r} \sum_{j=0}^{r} (-1)^{j} x^{r-j} {r \choose j} \sum_{k=0}^{b-1} k^{r+j}$$

However, by the symmetry (3.1) of  $\mathbf{L}_m(x,k)$  the polynomial  $\mathbf{P}_b^m(x)$  may also be written in the form

$$\mathbf{P}_{b}^{m}(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{b} \sum_{r=0}^{m} \mathbf{A}_{m,r} k^{r} (x-k)^{r} = \sum_{k=1}^{b} \sum_{r=0}^{m} \mathbf{A}_{m,r} k^{r} \sum_{t=0}^{r} (-1)^{r-t} x^{t} {r \choose t} k^{r-t}$$

$$= \sum_{t=0}^{m} x^{t} \sum_{k=1}^{b} \sum_{r=t}^{m} (-1)^{r-t} {r \choose t} \mathbf{A}_{m,r} k^{2r-t}$$

$$\underbrace{(-1)^{m-t} \mathbf{X}_{m,t}(b)}$$

Note that  $\sum_{k=1}^{b} \sum_{r=t}^{m} (-1)^{r-t} {r \choose t} \mathbf{A}_{m,r} k^{2r-t}$  is the  $(-1)^{m-t} \mathbf{X}_{m,t}(b)$ . From this formula it may be not immediately clear why  $\mathbf{X}_{m,t}(b)$  represent polynomials in b. However, this can be seen if we change the summation order and use Faulhaber's formula  $\sum_{k=1}^{n} k^p = \frac{1}{p+1} \sum_{j=0}^{p} {p+1 \choose j} B_j n^{p+1-j}$  to obtain

$$\mathbf{X}_{m,t}(b) = (-1)^m \sum_{r=t}^m \binom{r}{t} \mathbf{A}_{m,r} \frac{(-1)^r}{2r-t+1} \sum_{\ell=0}^{2r-t} \binom{2r-t+1}{\ell} B_{\ell} b^{2r-t+1-\ell}$$

Introducing  $k = 2r - t + 1 - \ell$  we further get the formula

$$\mathbf{X}_{m,t}(b) = (-1)^m \sum_{k=1}^{2m-t+1} b^k \underbrace{\sum_{r=t}^m \binom{r}{t} \mathbf{A}_{m,r} \frac{(-1)^r}{2r-t+1} \binom{2r-t+1}{k} B_{2r-t+1-k}}_{\mathbf{H}_{m,t}(k)}$$

Polynomials  $\mathbf{X}_{3,t}(b)$ ,  $0 \le t \le 3$  are

$$\mathbf{X}_{3,0}(j) = 7b^2 - 28b^3 + 70b^5 - 70b^6 + 20b^7,$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{3,1}(j) = 7b - 42b^2 + 175b^4 - 210b^5 + 70b^6,$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{3,2}(j) = -14b + 140b^3 - 210b^4 + 84b^5,$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{3,3}(j) = 35b^2 - 70b^3 + 35b^4$$

Polynomials  $\mathbf{H}_{3,t}(k)$  are defined by (1.3) and examples for  $m=3,\ 0\leq t\leq 3$  are

$$\mathbf{H}_{3,0}(k) = B_{1-k} \binom{1}{k} + \frac{14}{3} B_{3-k} \binom{3}{k} - 20 B_{7-k} \binom{7}{k},$$

$$\mathbf{H}_{3,1}(k) = 7 B_{2-k} \binom{2}{k} - 70 B_{6-k} \binom{6}{k},$$

$$\mathbf{H}_{3,2}(k) = -84 B_{5-k} \binom{5}{k},$$

$$\mathbf{H}_{3,3}(k) = -35 B_{4-k} \binom{4}{k}$$

It gives us an opportunity to overview the polynomial  $\mathbf{P}_b^m(x)$  from the different prospective, for instance

$$\mathbf{P}_{b}^{m}(x) = \sum_{r=0}^{m} (-1)^{m-r} \mathbf{X}_{m,r}(b) \cdot x^{r} = \sum_{r=0}^{m} \sum_{\ell=1}^{2m-r+1} (-1)^{2m-r} \mathbf{H}_{m,r}(\ell) \cdot b^{\ell} \cdot x^{r}$$
(3.1)

Equation (3.1) clearly states why  $\mathbf{P}_b^m(x)$  is polynomial in x, b. For example,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}_{b}^{0}(x) &= b, \\ \mathbf{P}_{b}^{1}(x) &= 3b^{2} - 2b^{3} - 3bx + 3b^{2}x, \\ \mathbf{P}_{b}^{2}(x) &= 10b^{3} - 15b^{4} + 6b^{5} \\ &- 15b^{2}x + 30b^{3}x - 15b^{4}x \\ &+ 5bx^{2} - 15b^{2}x^{2} + 10b^{3}x^{2}, \\ \mathbf{P}_{b}^{3}(x) &= -7b^{2} + 28b^{3} - 70b^{5} + 70b^{6} - 20b^{7} \\ &+ 7bx - 42b^{2}x + 175b^{4}x - 210b^{5}x + 70b^{6}x \\ &+ 14bx^{2} - 140b^{3}x^{2} + 210b^{4}x^{2} - 84b^{5}x^{2} \\ &+ 35b^{2}x^{3} - 70b^{3}x^{3} + 35b^{4}x^{3} \end{aligned}$$

The following property also holds for  $\mathbf{P}_b^m(x)$ 

**Property 3.2.** For every  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x, b \in \mathbb{R}$ 

$$\mathbf{P}_{b+1}^{m}(x) = \mathbf{P}_{b}^{m}(x) + \mathbf{L}_{m}(x,b)$$

4. Polynomial  $\mathbf{P}_b^m(x)$  in terms of Binomial Theorem

**Lemma 4.1.** For every  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ 

$$\mathbf{P}_{x+y}^{m}(x+y) = \sum_{r=0}^{2m+1} {2m+1 \choose r} x^{2m+1-r} y^{r}$$

By Lemma 4.1 and equation (3.1) the following polynomial identities straightforward

$$x^{2m+1} = \sum_{r=0}^{m} \sum_{\ell=1}^{2m-r+1} (-1)^{2m-r} \mathbf{H}_{m,r}(\ell) \cdot x^{\ell+r} = \sum_{r=0}^{m} (-1)^{m-r} \mathbf{X}_{m,r}(x) \cdot x^{r}$$

For instance,

$$\mathbf{P}_{x+y}^{2}(x+y) = (x+y)(x^{4} + 4x^{3}y + 6x^{2}y^{2} + 4xy^{3} + y^{4}).$$

In addition, the following identities hold

$$(x+y)^{2m+1} = \sum_{r=0}^{m} \sum_{\ell=1}^{2m-r+1} (-1)^{2m-r} \mathbf{H}_{m,r}(\ell) \cdot (x+y)^{\ell+r}$$
$$= \sum_{r=0}^{m} (-1)^{m-r} \mathbf{X}_{m,r}(x+y) \cdot (x+y)^{r}$$

Obviously, Multinomial expansion of t-fold sum  $(x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_t)^{2m+1}$  can be reached by  $\mathbf{P}_b^m(x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_t)$  as well

Corollary 4.2. For all  $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_t \in \mathbb{R}, m \in \mathbb{N}$ 

$$\mathbf{P}_{x_1+x_2+\dots+x_t}^m(x_1+x_2+\dots+x_t) = \sum_{k_1+k_2+\dots+k_t=2m+1} {2m+1 \choose k_1, k_2, \dots, k_t} \prod_{s=1}^t x_t^{k_s}$$

Moreover, the following multinomial identities hold

$$(x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_t)^{2m+1} = \sum_{r=0}^{m} \sum_{\ell=1}^{2m-r+1} (-1)^{2m-r} \mathbf{H}_{m,r}(\ell) \cdot (x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_t)^{\ell+r}$$
$$= \sum_{r=0}^{m} (-1)^{m-r} \mathbf{X}_{m,r}(x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_t) \cdot (x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_t)^r$$

### 5. Polynomial $\mathbf{P}_b^m(x)$ in terms of Discrete convolution

In this section we discuss the relation between  $\mathbf{P}_b^m(x)$  and discrete convolution of polynomials. To show that  $\mathbf{P}_b^m(x)$  involves the discrete convolution of polynomial  $n^r$  let's remind the definition of  $\mathbf{P}_b^m(x)$ 

$$\mathbf{P}_b^m(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{b-1} \sum_{r=0}^m \mathbf{A}_{m,r} k^r (x-k)^r = \sum_{r=0}^m \mathbf{A}_{m,r} \sum_{k=0}^{b-1} k^r (x-k)^r$$

A discrete convolution of defined over set of integers  $\mathbb{Z}$  function f is

$$(f * f)[n] = \sum_{k} f(k)f(n-k)$$

General formula of discrete convolution for polynomials  $f(n) = n^j$ ,  $n \ge a \in \mathbb{R}$  may be derived immediately

$$(n^{j} * n^{j})[x] = \sum_{k} k^{j} (x - k)^{j} [k \ge a] [x - k \ge a]$$

$$= \sum_{k} k^{j} (x - k)^{j} [k \ge a] [k \le x - a]$$

$$= \sum_{k} k^{j} (x - k)^{j} [a \le k \le x - a]$$

$$= \sum_{k=a}^{x-a} k^{j} (x - k)^{j},$$

where  $[a \le k \le x - a]$  is Iverson's bracket [4].

**Lemma 5.1.** For every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ 

$$(n^r * n^r)[x] = \sum_{k=0}^x k^r (x-k)^r, \quad n \ge 0.$$

It is of first importance to keep in mind that  $n^r$  of discrete convolution  $(n^r * n^r)[x]$  evaluated at x is implicit piecewise-defined polynomial such as

$$n^r = \begin{cases} \underbrace{n \cdot n \cdots n}_{\text{r times}}, & \text{if } n \ge 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Thus, the corollary follows

Corollary 5.2. By Lemma 5.1 the polynomial  $\mathbf{P}_b^m(n)$  might be expressed in terms of discrete convolution as follows

$$\mathbf{P}_{x+1}^{m}(x) = \sum_{r=0}^{m} \mathbf{A}_{m,r}(n^{r} * n^{r})[x], \quad n \ge 0.$$

Therefore, another polynomial identity follows

**Theorem 5.3.** By Lemma 4.1, Corollary 5.2 and property 3.2, for every  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ 

$$1 + x^{2m+1} = \sum_{r=0}^{m} \mathbf{A}_{m,r} (n^r * n^r)[x], \quad n \ge 0.$$

Now we notice the following identity in terms of polynomial  $\mathbf{P}_b^m(x)$  and discrete convolution  $(n^j*n^j)[x]$ 

**Proposition 5.4.** For every  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ 

$$\mathbf{P}_{x}^{m}(x) = \sum_{r=0}^{m} \mathbf{A}_{m,r} \left( 0^{r} x^{r} + \sum_{k=1}^{x-1} k^{r} (x - k)^{r} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{r=0}^{m} \mathbf{A}_{m,r} 0^{r} x^{r} + \sum_{r=0}^{m} \mathbf{A}_{m,r} (n^{r} * n^{r}) [x]$$

$$= 1 + \sum_{r=0}^{m} \mathbf{A}_{m,r} (n^{r} * n^{r}) [x], \quad n \ge 1.$$

Since that for all r in  $\mathbf{A}_{m,r}0^rx^r$  we have

$$\mathbf{A}_{m,r}0^r x^r = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } r = 0\\ 0, & \text{if } r > 0 \end{cases}$$

Above is true because  $\mathbf{A}_{m,0} = 1$  for every  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $x^0 = 1$  for every x, [5]. Hence, the following identity between  $\mathbf{P}_b^m(x)$  and discrete convolution  $(n^j * n^j)[x]$  holds

**Theorem 5.5.** By Lemma 4.1 and Proposition 5.4, for every  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ 

$$-1 + x^{2m+1} = \sum_{r=0}^{m} \mathbf{A}_{m,r} (n^r * n^r)[x], \quad n > 0.$$

Corollary 5.6. By Theorem 5.5, for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ 

$$\sum_{r=0}^{m} \mathbf{A}_{m,r} = 2^{2m+1} - 1$$

Corollary 5.6 holds since that convolution  $(n^j * n^j)[x] = 1, n > 0$  for each r and x = 2.

6. Relation between Binomial theorem and Discrete convolution

Corollary 6.1. (Generalization of Theorem 5.3 for Binomials.) For every  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ 

$$\sum_{r=0}^{m} \mathbf{A}_{m,r} (n^r * n^r) [x+y] = 1 + \sum_{r=0}^{2m+1} {2m+1 \choose r} x^{2m+1-r} y^r, \quad n \ge 0.$$

For example, given m = 0, 1, 2 the Corollary 6.1 gives

$$\sum_{r=0}^{0} \mathbf{A}_{0,r}(n^{r} * n^{r})[x+y] = 1 + x + y$$

$$\sum_{r=0}^{1} \mathbf{A}_{1,r}(n^{r} * n^{r})[x+y] = 1 + x + y - (x+y)(1+x+y)(1-3x-3y+2(x+y))$$

$$= 1 + x^{3} + 3x^{2}y + 3xy^{2} + y^{3}$$

$$\sum_{r=0}^{2} \mathbf{A}_{2,r}(n^{r} * n^{r})[x+y] = 1 + x + y + (x+y)(1+x+y)\left(-1+x+5x^{2}+y+10xy+5y^{2}\right)$$

$$-15x(x+y) + 10x^{2}(x+y) - 15y(x+y) + 20xy(x+y)$$

$$+10y^{2}(x+y) + 9(x+y)^{2} - 15x(x+y)^{2}$$

$$-15y(x+y)^{2} + 6(x+y)^{3}$$

$$= x^{5} + 5x^{4}y + 10x^{3}y^{2} + 10x^{2}y^{3} + 5xy^{4} + y^{5} + 1$$

Above example could be verified using using the commands

- BinomialTheoremAndDiscreteConvolutionTest[0, x + y]
- BinomialTheoremAndDiscreteConvolutionTest[1, x + y]
- Expand[BinomialTheoremAndDiscreteConvolutionTest[1, x + y]]
- BinomialTheoremAndDiscreteConvolutionTest[2, x + y]
- Expand[BinomialTheoremAndDiscreteConvolutionTest[2, x + y]]

defined in Mathematica package at [6].

**Corollary 6.2.** (Generalization of Theorem 5.5 for Binomials.) For every  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ 

$$\sum_{r=0}^{m} \mathbf{A}_{m,r} (n^r * n^r) [x+y] = -1 + \sum_{r=0}^{2m+1} {2m+1 \choose r} x^{2m+1-r} y^r, \quad n > 0.$$

For example, given m = 0, 1 the Corollary 6.2 gives

$$\sum_{r=0}^{0} \mathbf{A}_{0,r}(n^{r} * n^{r})[x+y] = x+y-1$$

$$\sum_{r=0}^{1} \mathbf{A}_{1,r}(n^{r} * n^{r})[x+y] = -1+x+y-(-1+x+y)(x+y)(-1-3x-3y+2(x+y))$$

$$= x^{3}+3x^{2}y+3xy^{2}+y^{3}-1$$

Above example could be verified using using the commands

- ullet BinomialTheoremAndDiscreteConvolutionStrictTest[0, x + y]
- $\bullet \ {\tt BinomialTheoremAndDiscreteConvolutionStrictTest[1, \ x \ + \ y] }$
- $\bullet \ \texttt{Expand} \\ \texttt{[BinomialTheoremAndDiscreteConvolutionStrictTest[1, x + y]]} \\$

defined in Mathematica package at [6]. From the other prospective, let be a function  $f_r(t,k) = (t-k)^r$ ,  $t \ge k$ , then following identity holds

$$(x-2a)^{2m+1} + 1 = \sum_{r=0}^{m} \mathbf{A}_{m,r} (f_r(t,k) * f_r(t,k))[x]$$
(6.1)

Let be a function  $g_r(t,k) = (t-k)^r$ , t > k, then

$$(x-2a)^{2m+1} - 1 = \sum_{r=0}^{m} \mathbf{A}_{m,r} (g_r(t,k) * g_r(t,k))[x]$$
(6.2)

6.1. **Generalization for Multinomials.** In this subsection we generalize Theorems 5.3, 5.5 for multinomial cases.

Corollary 6.3. (Generalization of Theorem 5.3 for Multinomials.) For every  $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \geq 1 \in \mathbb{N}$ 

$$\sum_{r=0}^{m} \mathbf{A}_{m,r} (n^r * n^r) [x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_t] = 1 + \sum_{k_1 + k_2 + \dots + k_t = 2m+1} {2m+1 \choose k_1, k_2, \dots, k_t} \prod_{\ell=1}^{t} x_{\ell}^{k_{\ell}}$$

For instance, given m = 1 the Corollary 6.3 gives

$$\sum_{r=0}^{1} \mathbf{A}_{1,r}(n^{r} * n^{r})[x + y + z]$$

$$= 1 + x + y + z - (x + y + z)(1 + x + y + z)(1 - 3x - 3y - 3z + 2(x + y + z))$$

$$= 1 + x^{3} + 3x^{2}y + 3xy^{2} + y^{3} + 3x^{2}z + 6xyz + 3y^{2}z + 3xz^{2} + 3yz^{2} + z^{3}.$$

Above example could be verified using using the commands

- $\bullet \ {\tt BinomialTheoremAndDiscreteConvolutionTest[1, x + y + z] }$
- Expand[BinomialTheoremAndDiscreteConvolutionTest[1, x + y + z]] defined in Mathematica package at [6].

Corollary 6.4. (Generalization of Theorem 5.5 for Multinomials.) For each  $x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_t \ge 1, \ x_1, x_2, \dots, x_t \in \mathbb{R}, \ m \in \mathbb{N}, \ n \ge 1 \in \mathbb{N}$ 

$$\sum_{r=0}^{m} \mathbf{A}_{m,r}(n^{r} * n^{r})[x_{1} + x_{2} + \dots + x_{t}] = -1 + \sum_{k_{1} + k_{2} + \dots + k_{t} = 2m+1} {2m+1 \choose k_{1}, k_{2}, \dots, k_{t}} \prod_{\ell=1}^{t} x_{\ell}^{k_{\ell}}$$

For example, given m = 1 the Corollary 6.4 gives

$$\sum_{r=0}^{1} \mathbf{A}_{1,r} (n^r * n^r) [x + y + z]$$

$$= -1 + x + y + z - (-1 + x + y + z)(x + y + z)(-1 - 3x - 3y - 3z + 2(x + y + z))$$

$$= -1 + x^3 + 3x^2y + 3xy^2 + y^3 + 3x^2z + 6xyz + 3y^2z + 3xz^2 + 3yz^2 + z^3.$$

Above example could be verified using using the commands

- BinomialTheoremAndDiscreteConvolutionStrictTest[1, x + y + z]
- Expand[BinomialTheoremAndDiscreteConvolutionStrictTest[1, x + y + z]] defined in Mathematica package at [6].
  - 7. Derivation of Coefficient  $\mathbf{A}_{m,r}$

By Lemma 4.1 for every  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{R}$ 

$$n^{2m+1} = \sum_{r=0}^{m} \mathbf{A}_{m,r} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} k^r (n-k)^r$$
 (7.1)

The  $\mathbf{A}_{m,r}$  might be evaluated using binomial expansion of  $\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} k^r (n-k)^r$ 

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} k^r (n-k)^r = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} k^r \sum_{j=0}^r (-1)^j \binom{r}{j} n^{r-j} k^j = \sum_{j=0}^r (-1)^j \binom{r}{j} n^{r-j} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} k^{r+j}$$

Using Faulhaber's formula  $\sum_{k=1}^n k^p = \frac{1}{p+1} \sum_{j=0}^p \binom{p+1}{j} B_j n^{p+1-j}$  we get

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} k^{r} (n-k)^{r} = \sum_{j=0}^{r} {r \choose j} n^{r-j} \frac{(-1)^{j}}{r+j+1} \left[ \sum_{s} {r+j+1 \choose s} B_{s} n^{r+j+1-s} - B_{r+j+1} \right]$$

$$= \sum_{j,s} {r \choose j} \frac{(-1)^{j}}{r+j+1} {r+j+1 \choose s} B_{s} n^{2r+1-s} - \sum_{j} {r \choose j} \frac{(-1)^{j}}{r+j+1} B_{r+j+1} n^{r-j}$$

$$= \sum_{s} \sum_{j} {r \choose j} \frac{(-1)^{j}}{r+j+1} {r+j+1 \choose s} B_{s} n^{2r+1-s}$$

$$- \sum_{j} {r \choose j} \frac{(-1)^{j}}{r+j+1} B_{r+j+1} n^{r-j}$$

$$(7.2)$$

where  $B_s$  are Bernoulli numbers and  $B_1 = \frac{1}{2}$ . Now, we notice that

$$\sum_{j} {r \choose j} \frac{(-1)^{j}}{r+j+1} {r+j+1 \choose s} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{(2r+1){2r \choose r}}, & \text{if } s = 0; \\ \frac{(-1)^{r}}{s} {r \choose 2r-s+1}, & \text{if } s > 0. \end{cases}$$

In particular, the last sum is zero for  $0 < s \le r$ . Therefore, expression (7.2) takes the form

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} k^r (n-k)^r = \frac{1}{(2r+1)\binom{2r}{r}} n^{2r+1} + \underbrace{\sum_{s\geq 1} \frac{(-1)^r}{s} \binom{r}{2r-s+1}}_{(\star)} B_s n^{2r+1-s}$$
$$- \underbrace{\sum_{j} \binom{r}{j} \frac{(-1)^j}{r+j+1}}_{(\diamond)} B_{r+j+1} n^{r-j}$$

Hence, introducing  $\ell = 2r + 1 - s$  to  $(\star)$  and  $\ell = r - j$  to  $(\diamond)$ , we get

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} k^r (n-k)^r = \frac{1}{(2r+1)\binom{2r}{r}} n^{2r+1} + \sum_{\ell} \frac{(-1)^r}{2r+1-\ell} \binom{r}{\ell} B_{2r+1-\ell} n^{\ell}$$
$$-\sum_{\ell} \binom{r}{\ell} \frac{(-1)^{j-\ell}}{2r+1-\ell} B_{2r+1-\ell} n^{\ell}$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} k^r (n-k)^r = \frac{1}{(2r+1)\binom{2r}{r}} n^{2r+1} + (-1)^r \sum_{\ell} \frac{1}{2r+1-\ell} \binom{r}{\ell} B_{2r+1-\ell} n^{\ell}$$
$$- \frac{1}{(-1)^r} \sum_{\ell} \binom{r}{\ell} \frac{(-1)^{j-\ell}}{2r+1-\ell} B_{2r+1-\ell} n^{\ell}$$
$$= \frac{1}{(2r+1)\binom{2r}{r}} n^{2r+1} + 2 \sum_{\substack{\text{odd } \ell}}^r \frac{(-1)^r}{2r+1-\ell} \binom{r}{\ell} B_{2r+1-\ell} n^{\ell}$$

Using the definition (7.1) of  $\mathbf{A}_{m,r}$ , we obtain the following identity for polynomials in n

$$\sum_{r=0}^{m} \mathbf{A}_{m,r} \frac{1}{(2r+1)\binom{2r}{r}} n^{2r+1} + 2 \sum_{r=0}^{m} \sum_{\text{odd } \ell}^{r} \mathbf{A}_{m,r} \frac{(-1)^{r}}{2r+1-\ell} \binom{r}{\ell} B_{2r+1-\ell} n^{\ell} \equiv n^{2m+1}$$
 (7.3)

Taking the coefficient of  $n^{2r+1}$  for r=m in (7.3) we get  $\mathbf{A}_{m,m}=(2m+1)\binom{2m}{m}$ . Since that odd  $\ell \leq r$  in explicit form is  $2j+1 \leq r$ , it follows that  $j \leq \frac{m-1}{2}$ , where j is iterator. Therefore, taking the coefficient of  $n^{2j+1}$  for an integer j in the range  $\frac{m}{2} \leq j \leq m$ , we get  $\mathbf{A}_{m,j}=0$ . Taking the coefficient of  $n^{2d+1}$  for d in the range  $m/4 \leq d < m/2$  we get

$$\mathbf{A}_{m,d} \frac{1}{(2d+1)\binom{2d}{d}} + 2(2m+1)\binom{2m}{m}\binom{m}{2d+1} \frac{(-1)^m}{2m-2d} B_{2m-2d} = 0,$$

i.e

$$\mathbf{A}_{m,d} = (-1)^{m-1} \frac{(2m+1)!}{d!d!m!(m-2d-1)!} \frac{1}{m-d} B_{2m-2d}$$

Continue similarly we can express  $\mathbf{A}_{m,r}$  for each integer r in range  $m/2^{s+1} \leq r < m/2^s$  (iterating consecutively s = 1, 2, ...) via previously determined values of  $\mathbf{A}_{m,d}$  as follows

$$\mathbf{A}_{m,r} = (2r+1) \binom{2r}{r} \sum_{d=2r+1}^{m} \mathbf{A}_{m,d} \binom{d}{2r+1} \frac{(-1)^{d-1}}{d-r} B_{2d-2r}$$

### 8. Verification of the results and examples

To fulfill our study we provide an opportunity to verify its results by means of Wolfram Mathematica language.

- 8.1. **Mathematica commands.** Proceeding to the repository [6] reader is able to find there a folder named mathematica that contains the files
  - OnTheBinomialTheoremAndDiscreteConvolution.m is a package file with definitions

• OnTheBinomialTheoremAndDiscreteConvolution.nb is a notebook file with examples.

The following commands may be used to reproduce the results of this manuscript:

- A[m, r] returns the real coefficient  $A_{m,r}$  defined by (1.1).
- PrintTriangleOfA[rows] prints the table of coefficients  $\mathbf{A}_{m,r}$ .

  Command PrintTriangleOfA[7] reproduces the table (1).
- Polynomial L[m, n, k] returns the polynomial  $L_m(n,k)$  defined by (1.5).
- Polynomial P[m, x, b] returns the polynomial  $P_b^m(x)$  defined by (1.2).
- ullet Expand[PolynomialP[m, x + y, x + y]] verifies the Lemma 4.1.
- PolynomialH[m, t, j] returns the polynomial  $\mathbf{H}_{m,t}(j)$  defined by (1.3).
- PolynomialX[m, t, k] returns the polynomial  $\mathbf{X}_{m,t}(k)$  defined by (1.4).
- Expand[BinomialTheoremAndDiscreteConvolutionTest[m, x + y]] verifies the Corollary 6.1.
- Expand[BinomialTheoremAndDiscreteConvolutionStrictTest[m, x + y]] verifies the Corollary 6.2.
- DiscreteConvolutionPowerIdentityParametricTest[m, x, a] verifies an equation (6.1). Usage Column[Table[DiscreteConvolutionPowerIdentityParametricTest[1, x, 1], x, 3, 20], Left].
- DiscreteConvolutionPowerIdentityStrictParametricTest[m, x, a] verifies an equation (6.2). Usage Column[Table[DiscreteConvolutionPowerIdentityStrictParametricTes x, 1], x, 3, 20], Left].
- Expand[PolynomialIdentityOfP[1, n, b]] validates an identity

$$\mathbf{P}_{b}^{m}(x) = \sum_{r=0}^{m} \mathbf{A}_{m,r} \sum_{j=0}^{r} (-1)^{j} x^{r-j} \binom{r}{j} \sum_{k=0}^{b-1} k^{r+j}$$

• PolynomialIdentityInvolvingX[m, x, b] validates an identity (3.1)

$$\mathbf{P}_b^m(x) = \sum_{r=0}^m (-1)^{m-r} \mathbf{X}_{m,r}(b) \cdot x^r$$

• PolynomialIdentityInvolvingH[m, n, b] validates an identity (3.1).

$$\mathbf{P}_{b}^{m}(x) = \sum_{r=0}^{m} \sum_{\ell=1}^{2m-r+1} (-1)^{2m-r} \mathbf{H}_{m,r}(\ell) \cdot b^{\ell} \cdot x^{r}$$

8.2. **Examples.** For example, given m=1 we have the following values of  $\mathbf{L}_1(x,k)$ 

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**Table 3.** Values of  $L_1(x, k)$ . See OEIS entry: A300656.

Table 3 can be reproduced using Mathematica command

### PrintTriangleOfPolynomialL[1, 7]

defined in the [6]. From Table 3 it is seen that

$$\mathbf{P}_{0}^{1}(0) = 0 = 0^{3}$$

$$\mathbf{P}_{1}^{1}(1) = 1 = 1^{3}$$

$$\mathbf{P}_{2}^{1}(2) = 1 + 7 = 2^{3}$$

$$\mathbf{P}_{3}^{1}(3) = 1 + 13 + 13 = 3^{3}$$

$$\mathbf{P}_{4}^{1}(4) = 1 + 19 + 25 + 19 = 4^{3}$$

$$\mathbf{P}_{5}^{1}(5) = 1 + 25 + 37 + 37 + 25 = 5^{3}$$

Another case, given m=2 we have the following values of  $\mathbf{L}_2(x,k)$ 

x/k	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	1							
1	1	1						
2	1	31	1					
3	1	121	121	1				
4	1	271	481	271	1			
5	1	481	1081	1081	481	1		
6	1	751	1921	2431	1921	751	1	
7	1	1081	3001	4321	4321	3001	1081	1

**Table 4.** Values of  $L_2(x, k)$ . See OEIS entry: A300656.

Table 4 can be reproduced using Mathematica command

### PrintTriangleOfPolynomialL[2, 7]

defined in the [6]. Again, an odd-power identity 4.1 holds

$$\mathbf{P}_{0}^{2}(0) = 0 = 0^{5}$$

$$\mathbf{P}_{1}^{2}(1) = 1 = 1^{5}$$

$$\mathbf{P}_{2}^{2}(2) = 1 + 31 = 2^{5}$$

$$\mathbf{P}_{3}^{2}(3) = 1 + 121 + 121 = 3^{5}$$

$$\mathbf{P}_{4}^{2}(4) = 1 + 271 + 481 + 271 = 4^{5}$$

$$\mathbf{P}_{5}^{2}(5) = 1 + 481 + 1081 + 1081 + 481 = 5^{5}$$

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10. Conclusion

In this manuscript we have shown that Binomial theorem is partial case of polynomial

 $\mathbf{P}_b^m(x)$ . Furthermore, by means of  $\mathbf{P}_b^m(x)$  it is shown a relation between Binomial theorem

and discrete convolution of polynomials.

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