

## SOME IDENTITIES INVOLVING THE DEGENERATE BELL-CARLITZ POLYNOMIALS ARISING FROM DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION<sup>†</sup>

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper we define a new degenerate Bell-Carlitz polynomials. It also derives the differential equations that occur in the generating function of the degenerate Bell-Carlitz polynomials. We establish some new identities for the degenerate Bell-Carlitz polynomials. Finally, we perform a survey of the distribution of zeros of the degenerate Bell-Carlitz polynomials.

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### 1. Introduction

Recently, we have studied in the area of the special numbers and polynomials. Many generalizations of these polynomials have been studied(see [1, 2, 4, 5, 6]). The Bell-Carlitz polynomials  $B_n^c(x)(n \geq 0)$ , were introduced by Alain M. Robert(see [3]).

The Bell-Carlitz polynomials  $B_n^c(x)$  are defined by the generating function

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n^c(x) \frac{t^n}{n!} = e^{(xt+e^t-1)} \text{ (see [3]).} \quad (1.1)$$

As is well known, the Bell numbers  $B_n$  are given by the generating function

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n \frac{t^n}{n!} = e^{(e^t-1)}. \quad (1.2)$$

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We define the degenerate Bell-Carlitz polynomials  $\mathbf{B}_n^c(x, \lambda)$  by means of the generating function

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathbf{B}_n^c(x, \lambda) \frac{t^n}{n!} = (1 + \lambda) \frac{tx}{\lambda} e^{(e^t-1)}. \quad (1.4)$$

Since  $(1 + \lambda)^{\frac{tx}{\lambda}} \rightarrow e^{xt}$  as  $\lambda \rightarrow 0$ , it is evident that (1.4) reduces to (1.1). Now, we recall that the classical Stirling numbers of the first kind  $S_1(n, k)$  and the second kind  $S_2(n, k)$  are defined by the relations (see [7])

$$(x)_n = \sum_{k=0}^n S_1(n, k) x^k \text{ and } x^n = \sum_{k=0}^n S_2(n, k) (x)_k, \quad (1.5)$$

respectively. Here  $(x)_n = x(x-1)\cdots(x-n+1)$  denotes the falling factorial polynomial of order  $n$ . We also have

$$\sum_{n=m}^{\infty} S_2(n, m) \frac{t^n}{n!} = \frac{(e^t-1)^m}{m!} \text{ and } \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} S_1(n, m) \frac{t^n}{n!} = \frac{(\log(1+t))^m}{m!}. \quad (1.6)$$

Note that

$$\mathcal{G}(t, x, \lambda) = (1 + \lambda) \frac{tx}{\lambda} e^{(e^t-1)}$$

satisfies

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{G}(t, x, \lambda)}{\partial x} - \frac{\log(1+\lambda)}{\lambda} t (1 + \lambda) \frac{tx}{\lambda} e^{(e^t-1)} = 0.$$

Substitute the series in (1.4) for  $\mathcal{G}(t, x, \lambda)$  to get

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \mathbf{B}_n^c(x, \lambda) \frac{t^n}{n!} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\log(1+\lambda)}{\lambda} n \mathbf{B}_{n-1}^c(x, \lambda) \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$

Thus we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.1.** *The degenerate Bell-Carlitz polynomials  $\mathbf{B}_n^c(x, \lambda)$  in generating function (1.4) are the solution of equation*

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \mathbf{B}_n^c(x, \lambda) - \frac{n \log(1+\lambda)}{\lambda} \mathbf{B}_{n-1}^c(x, \lambda) = 0.$$

The generating function (1.4) is useful for deriving several properties of the degenerate Bell-Carlitz polynomials  $\mathbf{B}_n^c(x, \lambda)$ . For example, we have the following expression for these polynomials:

**Theorem 1.2.** *For any positive integer  $n$ , we have*

$$\mathbf{B}_n^c(x, \lambda) = \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{l=0}^k \binom{n}{k} S_2(k, l) \left( \frac{\log(1+\lambda)}{\lambda} \right)^{n-k} x^{n-k}.$$

**Proof.** By (1.2) and (1.6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathbf{B}_n^c(x, \lambda) \frac{t^n}{n!} &= (1 + \lambda) \frac{tx}{\lambda} e^{(e^t-1)} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{x \log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda} \right)^n \frac{t^n}{n!} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(e^t - 1)^n}{n!} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{x \log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda} \right)^n \frac{t^n}{n!} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} S_2(n, l) \right) \frac{t^n}{n!} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{l=0}^k \binom{n}{k} S_2(k, l) \left( \frac{x \log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda} \right)^{n-k} \right) \frac{t^n}{n!}. \end{aligned}$$

On comparing the coefficients of  $\frac{t^n}{n!}$ , the expected result of Theorem 1.2 is achieved.  $\square$

The following basic properties of the degenerate Bell-Carlitz polynomials  $\mathbf{B}_n^c(x, \lambda)$  are derived from (1.4), (1.5), and (1.6). We, therefore, choose to omit the details involved.

**Theorem 1.3.** For any positive integer  $n$ , we have

- (1)  $\mathbf{B}_n^c(x, \lambda) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \left( \frac{\log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda} \right)^k x^k B_{n-k}.$
- (2)  $\mathbf{B}_n^c(x_1 + x_2, \lambda) = \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} \mathbf{B}_l^c(x_1, \lambda) x_2^{n-l} \lambda^{l-n} (\log(1 + \lambda))^{n-l}.$
- (3)  $\mathbf{B}_n^c(x_1 + x_2, \lambda) = \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} \mathbf{B}_l^c(x_1, \lambda) \sum_{m=n-l}^{\infty} S_1(m, n-l) \frac{\lambda^{m+l-n} (n-l)!}{m!} x_2^{n-l}.$

Recently, in order to give explicit identities for special polynomials, differential equations arising from the generating functions of special polynomials are studied by many authors(see [1, 2, 4, 5, 6]). Inspired by their work, we construct a differential equations by generating function of degenerate Bell-Carlitz polynomials  $\mathbf{B}_n^c(x, \lambda)$  as follow. Let  $D$  denote differentiation with respect to  $t$ ,  $D^2$  denote differentiation twice with respect to  $t$ , and so on; that is, for positive integer  $N$ ,

$$D^N \mathcal{G} = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)^N \mathcal{G}.$$

We derive a differential equations with coefficients  $b_i(N, x, \lambda)$ , which is satisfied by

$$D^N \mathcal{G}(t, x, \lambda) - b_0(N, x, \lambda) \mathcal{G}(t, x, \lambda) - \dots - b_N(N, x, \lambda) e^{Nt} \mathcal{G}(t, x, \lambda) = 0.$$

For  $0 \leq i \leq N$ , by using the coefficients  $b_i(N, x, \lambda)$  of this differential equation, we have explicit identities for the degenerate Bell-Carlitz polynomials. This

paper is organized as follows. In Sect.2, we construct differential equations arising from the generating functions of degenerate Bell-Carlitz polynomials. We establish some new identities for the degenerate Bell-Carlitz polynomials. In Sect.3, using numerical methods, we investigate the structure of zeros of the degenerate Bell-Carlitz polynomials.

## 2. Differential equations associated with the degenerate Bell-Carlitz polynomials

In this section, we consider differential equation arising from the generating function of the degenerate Bell-Carlitz polynomials. Let

$$\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{G}(t, x, \lambda) = (1 + \lambda) \frac{tx}{\lambda} e^{(e^t - 1)}. \quad (2.1)$$

Then, by (2.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{G}^{(1)} &= \frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{G}(t, x) = \frac{d}{dt} \left( (1 + \lambda) \frac{tx}{\lambda} e^{(e^t - 1)} \right) \\ &= (1 + \lambda) \frac{tx}{\lambda} e^{(e^t - 1)} \left( \frac{\log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda} x + e^t \right) \\ &= \left( \frac{\log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda} x + e^t \right) \mathcal{G}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{G}^{(2)} &= \frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{G}^{(1)} = e^t \mathcal{G} + \left( \frac{\log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda} x + e^t \right) \mathcal{G}^{(1)} \\ &= e^t \mathcal{G} + \left( \frac{\log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda} x + e^t \right)^2 \mathcal{G} \\ &= \left( \left( \frac{x \log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda} \right)^2 + \left( 2 \left( \frac{x \log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda} \right) + 1 \right) e^t + e^{2t} \right) \mathcal{G}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{G}^{(3)} &= \frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{G}^{(2)} = \left( \frac{x \log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda} \right)^3 \mathcal{G} \\ &\quad + \left( 3 \left( \frac{x \log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda} \right)^2 + 3 \left( \frac{x \log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda} \right) + 1 \right) e^t \mathcal{G} \\ &\quad + \left( 3 \left( \frac{x \log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda} \right) + 3 \right) e^{2t} \mathcal{G} \\ &\quad + e^{3t} \mathcal{G}. \end{aligned}$$

Continuing this process, we can guess that

$$\mathcal{G}^{(N)} = \left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)^N \mathcal{G}(t, x, \lambda) = \left(\sum_{i=0}^N b_i(N, x, \lambda)e^{it}\right) \mathcal{G}, \quad (N = 0, 1, 2, \dots). \quad (2.4)$$

Taking the derivative with respect to  $t$  in (2.4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{G}^{(N+1)} &= \frac{d\mathcal{G}^{(N)}}{dt} \\ &= \left(\sum_{i=0}^N ib_i(N, x, \lambda)e^{it}\right) \mathcal{G} + \left(\sum_{i=0}^N b_i(N, x, \lambda)e^{it}\right) \mathcal{G}^{(1)} \\ &= \left(\sum_{i=0}^N ib_i(N, x, \lambda)e^{it}\right) \mathcal{G} + \left(\sum_{i=0}^N b_i(N, x, \lambda)e^{it}\right) \left(\frac{\log(1+\lambda)}{\lambda} + e^t\right) \mathcal{G} \\ &= \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^N \left(\frac{\log(1+\lambda)}{\lambda}x + i\right) b_i(N, x, \lambda)e^{it} + \sum_{i=0}^N b_i(N, x, \lambda)e^{(i+1)t} \right\} \mathcal{G} \\ &= \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^N \left(\frac{\log(1+\lambda)}{\lambda}x + i\right) b_i(N, x, \lambda)e^{it} + \sum_{i=1}^{N+1} b_{i-1}(N, x, \lambda)e^{it} \right\} \mathcal{G}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

On the other hand, by replacing  $N$  by  $N + 1$  in (2.4), we get

$$\mathcal{G}^{(N+1)} = \left(\sum_{i=0}^{N+1} b_i(N+1, x, \lambda)e^{it}\right) \mathcal{G}. \quad (2.6)$$

Comparing the coefficients on both sides of (2.5) and (2.6), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} b_0(N+1, x, \lambda) &= \frac{\log(1+\lambda)}{\lambda}xb_0(N, x, \lambda), \\ b_{N+1}(N+1, x, \lambda) &= b_N(N, x, \lambda), \end{aligned} \quad (2.7)$$

and

$$b_i(N+1, x, \lambda) = b_{i-1}(N, x, \lambda) + \left(\frac{\log(1+\lambda)}{\lambda}x + i\right) b_i(N, x, \lambda), \quad (1 \leq i \leq N). \quad (2.8)$$

In addition, by (2.4), we get

$$\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{G}^{(0)} = b_0(0, x, \lambda)\mathcal{G}. \quad (2.9)$$

By (2.9), we get

$$b_0(0, x, \lambda) = 1. \quad (2.10)$$

It is not difficult to show that

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{\log(1+\lambda)}{\lambda} + e^t\right) \mathcal{G} &= \mathcal{G}^{(1)} = \left(\sum_{i=0}^1 b_i(1, x, \lambda)e^{it}\right) \mathcal{G} \\ &= b_0(1, x, \lambda)\mathcal{G} + b_1(1, x, \lambda)e^t\mathcal{G}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

Thus, by (2.11), we also get

$$b_0(1, x, \lambda) = \frac{\log(1+\lambda)}{\lambda}x, \quad b_1(1, x, \lambda) = 1. \quad (2.12)$$

From (2.7), we note that

$$\begin{aligned} b_0(N+1, x, \lambda) &= \frac{\log(1+\lambda)}{\lambda}x b_0(N, x, \lambda) = \left(\frac{\log(1+\lambda)}{\lambda}\right)^2 x^2 b_0(N-1, x, \lambda) \\ &= \dots = \left(\frac{\log(1+\lambda)}{\lambda}\right)^N x^N b_0(1, x, \lambda) \\ &= \left(\frac{\log(1+\lambda)}{\lambda}\right)^{N+1} x^{N+1}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

and

$$b_{N+1}(N+1, x) = b_N(N, x, \lambda) = b_{N-1}(N-1, x, \lambda) = \dots = b_1(1, x, \lambda) = 1. \quad (2.14)$$

For  $i = 1, 2, 3$  in (2.8), we have

$$b_1(N+1, x, \lambda) = \sum_{k=0}^N \left(\frac{\log(1+\lambda)}{\lambda}x + 1\right)^k b_0(N-k, x, \lambda), \quad (2.15)$$

$$b_2(N+1, x, \lambda) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \left(\frac{\log(1+\lambda)}{\lambda}x + 2\right)^k b_1(N-k, x, \lambda), \quad (2.16)$$

and

$$b_3(N+1, x, \lambda) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-2} \left(\frac{\log(1+\lambda)}{\lambda}x + 3\right)^k b_2(N-k, x, \lambda). \quad (2.17)$$

Continuing this process, we can deduce that, for  $1 \leq i \leq N$ ,

$$b_i(N+1, x, \lambda) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-i+1} \left(\frac{\log(1+\lambda)}{\lambda}x + i\right)^k b_{i-1}(N-k, x, \lambda). \quad (2.18)$$

Here, we note that the matrix  $b_i(j, x, \lambda)_{0 \leq i, j \leq N+1}$  is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{\log(1+\lambda)}{\lambda}x & \left(\frac{\log(1+\lambda)}{\lambda}\right)^2 x^2 & \cdot & \dots & \left(\frac{\log(1+\lambda)}{\lambda}\right)^{N+1} x^{N+1} \\ 0 & 1 & \cdot & \cdot & \dots & \cdot \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \cdot & \dots & \cdot \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & \cdot \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now, we give explicit expressions for  $b_i(N + 1, x)$ . By (2.15), (2.16), and (2.17), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 b_1(N + 1, x, \lambda) &= \sum_{k_1=0}^N \left( \frac{\log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda} x + 1 \right)^{k_1} b_0(N - k_1, x, \lambda) \\
 &= \sum_{k_1=0}^N \left( \frac{\log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda} \right)^{N-k_1} \left( \frac{\log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda} x + 1 \right)^{k_1} x^{N-k_1}, \\
 b_2(N + 1, x, \lambda) &= \sum_{k_2=0}^{N-1} \left( \frac{\log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda} x + 2 \right)^{k_2} b_1(N - k_2, x, \lambda) \\
 &= \sum_{k_2=0}^{N-1} \sum_{k_1=0}^{N-1-k_2} \left( \frac{\log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda} \right)^{N-k_2-k_1-1} \left( \frac{\log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda} x + 2 \right)^{k_2} \\
 &\quad \times \left( \frac{\log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda} x + 1 \right)^{k_1} x^{N-k_2-k_1-1},
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 b_3(N + 1, x, \lambda) &= \sum_{k_3=0}^{N-2} \left( \frac{\log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda} x + 3 \right)^{k_3} b_2(N - k_3, x, \lambda) \\
 &= \sum_{k_3=0}^{N-2} \sum_{k_2=0}^{N-2-k_3} \sum_{k_1=0}^{N-2-k_3-k_2} \left( \frac{\log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda} \right)^{N-k_3-k_2-k_1-2} \left( \frac{\log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda} x + 3 \right)^{k_3} \\
 &\quad \times \left( \frac{\log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda} x + 2 \right)^{k_2} \left( \frac{\log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda} x + 1 \right)^{k_1} x^{N-k_3-k_2-k_1-2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Continuing this process, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 b_i(N + 1, x, \lambda) &= \sum_{k_i=0}^{N-i+1} \sum_{k_{i-1}=0}^{N-i+1-k_i} \cdots \sum_{k_1=0}^{N-i+1-k_i-\cdots-k_2} \left( \frac{\log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda} \right)^{N-i+1-(k_1-\cdots-k_i)} \\
 &\quad \times \prod_{l=1}^i \left( \frac{\log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda} x + l \right)^{k_l} x^{N-i+1-(k_1-\cdots-k_i)}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.19}$$

Therefore, by (2.19), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.1.** For  $N = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , the differential equations

$$\mathcal{G}^{(N)} = \left( \sum_{i=0}^N b_i(N, x, \lambda) e^{it} \right) \mathcal{G}$$

have a solution

$$\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{G}(t, x, \lambda) = (1 + \lambda) \frac{tx}{\lambda} e^{(e^t - 1)},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} b_0(N, x, \lambda) &= \left( \frac{\log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda} \right)^N x^N, \\ b_i(N, x, \lambda) &= \sum_{k_i=0}^{N-i} \sum_{k_{i-1}=0}^{N-i-k_i} \cdots \sum_{k_1=0}^{N-i-k_i-\cdots-k_2} \left( \frac{\log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda} \right)^{N-i-(k_1+\cdots+k_i)} \\ &\quad \times \prod_{l=1}^i \left( \frac{\log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda} x + l \right)^{k_l} x^{N-i-(k_1+\cdots+k_i)}, \quad (1 \leq i \leq N). \end{aligned}$$

From (2.1), we note that

$$\mathcal{G}^{(N)} = \left( \frac{d}{dt} \right)^N \mathcal{G}(t, x, \lambda) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathbf{B}_{k+N}^c(x, \lambda) \frac{t^k}{k!}. \quad (2.20)$$

From Theorem 2.1 and (2.20), we can derive the following equation:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathbf{B}_{k+N}^c(x) \frac{t^k}{k!} &= \mathcal{G}^{(N)} = \left( \sum_{i=0}^N b_i(N, x, \lambda) e^{it} \right) \mathcal{G} \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^N b_i(N, x, \lambda) \left( \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} i^l \frac{t^l}{l!} \right) \left( \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \mathbf{B}_m^c(x, \lambda) \frac{t^m}{m!} \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^N b_i(N, x, \lambda) \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^k \binom{k}{m} i^{k-m} \mathbf{B}_m^c(x, \lambda) \frac{t^k}{k!} \right) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{i=0}^N \sum_{m=0}^k \binom{k}{m} i^{k-m} b_i(N, x, \lambda) \mathbf{B}_m^c(x, \lambda) \right) \frac{t^k}{k!}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.21)$$

By comparing the coefficients on both sides of (2.21), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.2.** For  $k, N = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , we have

$$\mathbf{B}_{k+N}^c(x, \lambda) = \sum_{i=0}^N \sum_{m=0}^k \binom{k}{m} i^{k-m} b_i(N, x, \lambda) \mathbf{B}_m^c(x, \lambda), \quad (2.22)$$



where

$$\begin{aligned}
 b_0(N, x, \lambda) &= \left(\frac{\log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda}\right)^N x^N, \\
 b_i(N, x, \lambda) &= \sum_{k_i=0}^{N-i} \sum_{k_{i-1}=0}^{N-i-k_i} \cdots \sum_{k_1=0}^{N-i-k_i-\cdots-k_2} \left(\frac{\log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda}\right)^{N-i-(k_1+\cdots+k_i)} \\
 &\quad \times \prod_{l=1}^i \left(\frac{\log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda} x + l\right)^{k_l} x^{N-i-(k_1+\cdots+k_i)}, (1 \leq i \leq N).
 \end{aligned}$$

Let us take  $k = 0$  in (2.22). Then, we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.3.** For  $N = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , we have

$$\mathbf{B}_N^c(x, \lambda) = \sum_{i=0}^N b_i(N, x, \lambda).$$

### 3. Zeros of the degenerate Bell-Carlitz polynomials

This section aims to demonstrate the benefit of using numerical investigation to support theoretical prediction and to discover new interesting pattern of the zeros of the degenerate Bell-Carlitz polynomials  $\mathbf{B}_n^c(x, \lambda)$ . By using computer, the degenerate Bell-Carlitz polynomials  $\mathbf{B}_n^c(x, \lambda)$  can be determined explicitly.

The first few examples of degenerate Bell-Carlitz polynomials  $\mathbf{B}_n^c(x, \lambda)$  are

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{B}_0^c(x, \lambda) &= 1, \\
 \mathbf{B}_1^c(x, \lambda) &= 1 + x \frac{\log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda}, \\
 \mathbf{B}_2^c(x, \lambda) &= 2 + 2x \frac{\log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda} + x^2 \left(\frac{\log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda}\right)^2, \\
 \mathbf{B}_3^c(x, \lambda) &= 5 + 6x \frac{\log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda} + 3x^2 \left(\frac{\log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda}\right)^2 + x^3 \left(\frac{\log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda}\right)^3, \\
 \mathbf{B}_4^c(x, \lambda) &= 15 + 20x \frac{\log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda} + 12x^2 \left(\frac{\log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda}\right)^2 + 4x^3 \left(\frac{\log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda}\right)^3 \\
 &\quad + x^4 \left(\frac{\log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda}\right)^4, \\
 \mathbf{B}_5^c(x, \lambda) &= 52 + 75x \frac{\log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda} + 50x^2 \left(\frac{\log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda}\right)^2 + 20x^3 \left(\frac{\log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda}\right)^3 \\
 &\quad + 5x^4 \left(\frac{\log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda}\right)^4 + x^5 \left(\frac{\log(1 + \lambda)}{\lambda}\right)^5.
 \end{aligned}$$

We investigate the beautiful zeros of the degenerate Bell-Carlitz polynomials  $\mathbf{B}_n^c(x, \lambda)$  by using a computer. We plot the zeros of the  $B_n^c(x)$  for  $n = 5, 10, 15, 20$  and  $x \in \mathbb{C}$ (Figure 2). In Figure 1(top-left), we choose  $n = 30, \lambda = 1/10$ . In

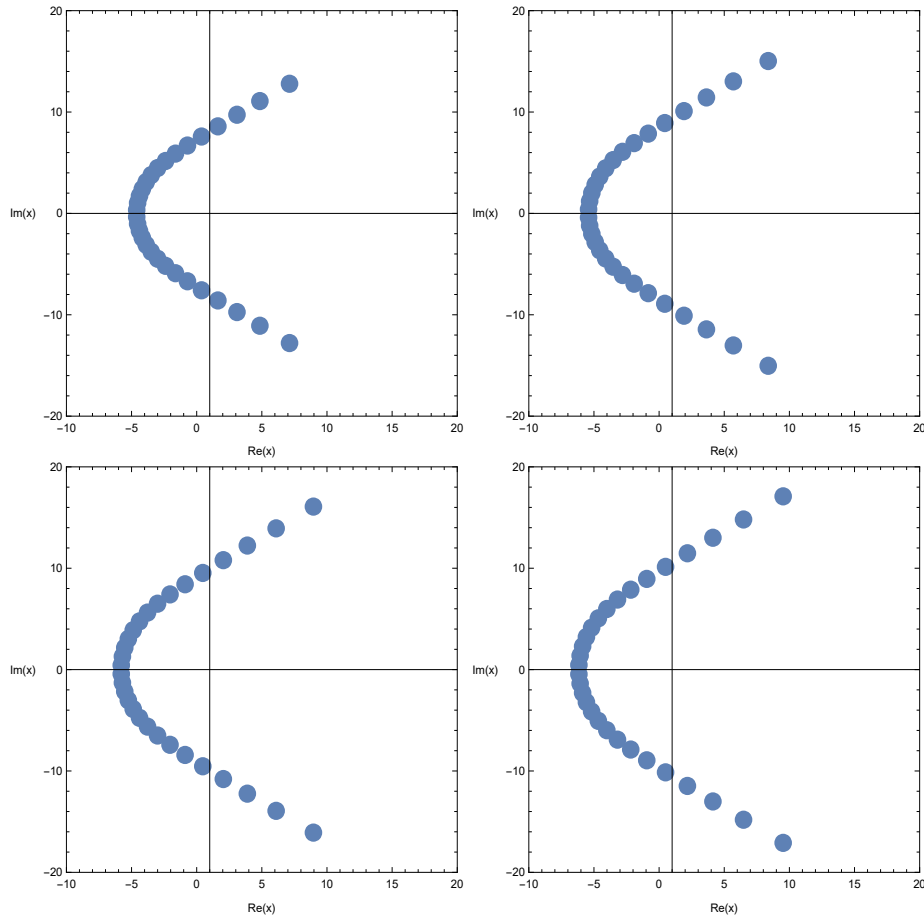


FIGURE 1. Zeros of  $\mathbf{B}_n^c(x, \lambda)$

Figure 1(top-right), we choose  $n = 30, \lambda = 5/10$ . In Figure 1(bottom-left), we choose  $n = 30, \lambda = 7/10$ . In Figure 1(bottom-right), we choose  $n = 30, \lambda = 9/10$ . Prove that  $\mathbf{B}_n^c(x, \lambda), x \in \mathbb{C}$ , has  $Im(x) = 0$  reflection symmetry analytic complex functions(see Figure 2). Stacks of zeros of the degenerate Bell-Carlitz polynomials  $\mathbf{B}_n^c(x, \lambda)$  for  $1 \leq n \leq 50$  from a 3-D structure are presented(Figure 3). In Figure 2(left), we choose  $n = 30, \lambda = 1/10$ . In Figure 2(right), we choose  $n = 30, \lambda = 9/10$ . Plot of real zeros of degenerate Bell-Carlitz polynomials  $\mathbf{B}_n^c(x, \lambda) = 0$  for  $1 \leq n \leq 50$  structure are presented(Figure 4). In Figure 2(left),

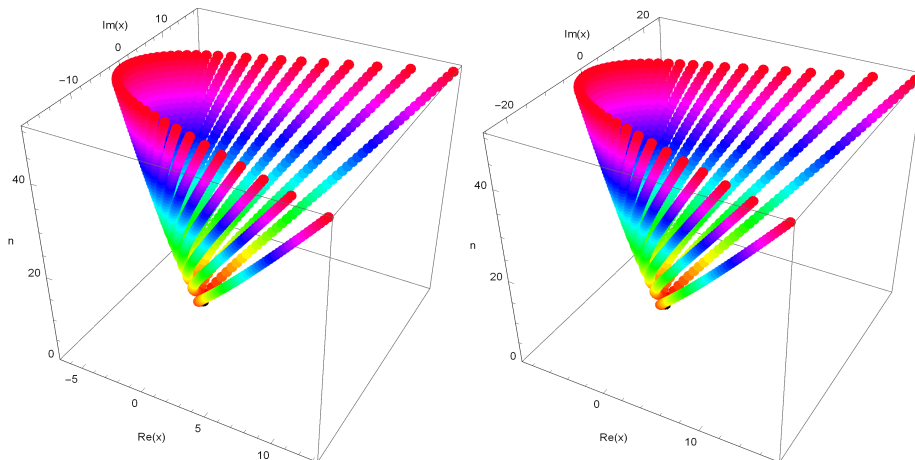


FIGURE 2. Stacks of zeros of  $\mathbf{B}_n^c(x, \lambda) = 0, 1 \leq n \leq 50$

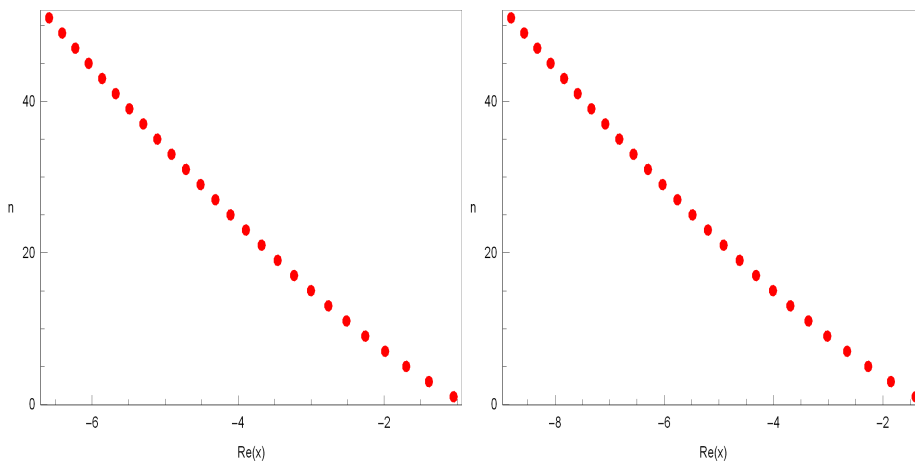


FIGURE 3. Real zeros of  $\mathbf{B}_n^c(x, \lambda)$  for  $1 \leq n \leq 50$

we choose  $\lambda = 1/10$ . In Figure 2(right), we choose  $\lambda = 9/10$ . We observe a remarkably regular structure of the complex roots of the degenerate Bell-Carlitz polynomials  $\mathbf{B}_n^c(x, \lambda)$ . We hope to verify a remarkably regular structure of the complex roots of the degenerate Bell-Carlitz polynomials  $\mathbf{B}_n^c(x, \lambda)$ . Next, we calculated an approximate solution satisfying  $\mathbf{B}_n^c(x, \lambda), x \in \mathbb{C}$ . The results are

given in Table 1.

**Table 1.** Approximate solutions of  $\mathbf{B}_n^c(x, 9/10) = 0, x \in \mathbb{C}$

degree $n$	$x$
1	-1.4022
2	-1.4022 - 1.4022 <i>i</i> , -1.4022 + 1.4022 <i>i</i>
3	-1.8540, -1.1763 - 2.4600 <i>i</i> , -1.1763 + 2.4600 <i>i</i>
4	-1.9383 + 1.0217 <i>i</i> , -1.9383 - 1.0217 <i>i</i> , -0.8660 - 3.3657 <i>i</i> , -0.8660 + 3.3657 <i>i</i>
5	-2.2694, -1.8554 - 1.8871 <i>i</i> , -1.8554 + 1.8871 <i>i</i> , -0.5154 + 4.1795 <i>i</i> , -0.5154 - 4.1795 <i>i</i>
6	-2.3810 - 0.8481 <i>i</i> , -2.3810 + 0.8481 <i>i</i> , -1.6832 + 2.6641 <i>i</i> , -1.6832 - 2.6641 <i>i</i> , -0.1423 - 4.9295 <i>i</i> , -0.1423 + 4.9295 <i>i</i>

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