# B-Binomial Convolution and Associated Arithmetical Functions and Their Properties

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**Abstract.** In this paper we considered Apostol's article [2] and we defined for B-Binomial convolution associated arithmetical function S. We show that this function and B-Binomial convolution associated with Ramanujan Sums are connected.

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#### 1. Introduction

Let n and d's standart forms are  $n=\prod_k p_k^{n_k}$  and  $d=\prod_k p_k^{d_k}$  respectively. We know that d|n if and only if  $d_k\leq n_k$  [6]. Let  $\binom{n_k}{d_k}$  be classical Binomial coefficent. For positive integer n and d is a divisor of n, the function B(n,d) is defined by,

$$B(n,d) = \prod_{k} \binom{n_k}{d_k} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1, \\ 0, \end{array} \right. \qquad if \quad d_k = n_k \ \lor \ d_k = 0$$

For each positive integer  $n_k$ , we choose a nonempty subset of the set of divisors of  $n_k$ , that is  $B(n_k) = \{d_k : d_k \leq n_k \land B(n,d) = 1\}$ . Let

$$B(n,d) = \prod_{d_k < n_k} \binom{n_k}{d_k} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1, & if \\ 0, & if \end{array} \right. \quad d_k \in B(n_k)$$

With this for arithmetical functions f and g, we define B-Binomial convolution as;

$$b_{(f*_Bg)}(n_k) = \sum_{d_k \le n_k} f(d_k) g\left(\frac{n_k}{d_k}\right) B(n, d).$$

 $b_{(f*_Bg)}(n_k)$  generalize the Dirichlet convolution. In fact, providing  $d_k \in B(n_k)$ , from equation (1) we directly obtain

$$(f *_B g)(n_k) = \sum_{d_k \in B(n_k)} f(d_k) g\left(\frac{n_k}{d_k}\right).$$

**Theorem 1.** For fixed  $n_k$ , Equation (1) expresses  $b_{(f*_Bg)}(n_k)$  as a dirichlet convolution,

$$b_{(f*_Bq)}(n_k) = (a_{B'} * \mu^{-1})(n_k),$$

where

$$a_{B'}(d_k) = f(d_k)g\left(\frac{n_k}{d_k}\right)B(n,d).$$

Proof.

$$(a_{B'} * \mu^{-1})(n_k) = \sum_{d_k \le n_k} a_{B'}(d_k) \mu^{-1} \left(\frac{n_k}{d_k}\right)$$

$$= \sum_{d_k \le n_k} f(d_k) g\left(\frac{n_k}{d_k}\right) B(n, d) \mu^{-1} \left(\frac{n_k}{d_k}\right)$$

$$= \sum_{d_k \le n_k} f(d_k) g\left(\frac{n_k}{d_k}\right) B(n, d)$$

$$= b_{(f*_B g)}(n_k)$$

which proves Theorem 1.

**Theorem 2.** For fixed  $n_k$ , Equation (1) expresses  $b_{(f*_B g)}(n_k)$  as a Drichlet convolution

$$b_{(f*_Bq)}(n_k) = (a_{B^"} * g)(n_k),$$

where

$$a_{B''}(d_k) = f(d_k)B(n,d).$$

Proof.

$$(a_{B^{"}} * g)(n_{k}) = \sum_{d_{k} \leq n_{k}} a_{B^{"}}(d_{k})g\left(\frac{n_{k}}{d_{k}}\right)$$

$$= \sum_{d_{k} \leq n_{k}} f(d_{k})B(n,d)g\left(\frac{n_{k}}{d_{k}}\right)$$

$$= \sum_{d_{k} \leq n_{k}} f(d_{k})g\left(\frac{n_{k}}{d_{k}}\right)B(n,d)$$

$$= b_{(f*_{B}g)}(n_{k})$$

which proves Theorem 2.

**Definition 1.** If k is a nonnegative integer, the function  $\zeta_k$  is defined by  $\zeta_k(n) = n^k$ . The function  $\zeta = \zeta_0$  is called the zeta function and for all n,  $\zeta(n) = 1$  [4]

**Definition 2.** For  $n = \prod_{k} p_k^{a_k}$ , Liouville function is defined by  $\lambda(1) = 1$  and  $\lambda(n) = (-1)^{a_1 + a_2 + ... + a_k}$  [1].

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**Theorem 3.**  $\zeta^{-1} = \lambda$  where  $\zeta(n) = 1$  [2].

The following inversion theorem for B-Binomial convolution is given by Haukkanen and  $\lambda$  Liouville function is served as  $\mu$  Mobius function in classical inversion theorem [3].

**Theorem 4.** (Inversion Theorem) For all n;

$$f(n) = \sum_{d|n} B(n, d)g(d)$$

if and only if

$$g(n) = \sum_{d|n} B(n,d) f(d) \lambda\left(\frac{n}{d}\right).$$

[4].

## 2. RAMANUJAN SUMS FOR B-BINOMIAL CONVOLUTION

**Definition 3.** For any integers  $a_k$  and  $b_k$ , let  $e(a_k, b_k) = e^{\frac{2\pi i a_k}{b_k}}$  and let  $n_k$  be an integer positive, negative or zero and  $r_k$  be a positive integer. Then Ramanujan Sum for B-Binomial convolution is defined by,

$$C_B(n_k, r_k) = \sum_{(n_k, r_k)_b = 1} e(n_k x_k, r_k)$$

It should be noted that the sum is taken over all  $x_k$  such that  $1 \le x_k \le r_k$  and  $(x_k, r_k) = 1$ , but it could be over any reduced residue system  $(Mod \ r_k)$ . This is becouse, if  $x_k \equiv x_k' \pmod{r_k}$  then  $e(n_k x_k, r_k) = e(n_k x_k', r_k)$ .

For fixed  $r_k$ , and with  $n_k$  restricted to the positive integers, we obtain an arithmetical function  $C_B(., r_k)$ .

On the other hand, for fixed  $n_k$ , we obtain an arithmetical function  $C_B(n_k, .)$ . Classical Ramanujan Sum has following property,

**Proposition 5.** For all n and r,

$$C(n,r) = \sum_{d|(n,r)} d\mu \left(\frac{r}{d}\right)$$

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We introduce and prove an analogue property of the classical Ramanujan Sum, called Ramanujan Sum for B-Binomial Convolution in our M.s. Thesis.

**Theorem 6.** For all  $n_k$  and  $r_k$ ,

$$C_B(n_k, r_k) = \sum_{\substack{d_k \le (n_k, r_k) \\ d_k \in B(n_k)}} d_k \lambda_B \left(\frac{n_k}{d_k}\right)$$

[4].

In Theorem 6 when  $r_k=0$  , we obtain Euler's function related to Ramanujan Sum. Indeed

$$C_B(n_k, r_k) = \sum_{\substack{d_k \le (n_k, r_k) \\ d_k \in B(n_k)}} d_k \lambda_B \left(\frac{n_k}{d_k}\right)$$

$$C_B(n_k, r_k) = \sum_{\substack{d_k \le (n_k, 0) \\ d_k \in B(n_k)}} d_k \lambda_B \left(\frac{n_k}{d_k}\right)$$

$$C_B(n_k, r_k) = \sum_{\substack{d_k \le n_k \\ d_k \in B(n_k)}} d_k \lambda_B \left(\frac{n_k}{d_k}\right)$$

$$C_B(n_k, 0) = \varphi_B(n_k).$$

In the following theorem we prove some basic properties of Ramanujan Sum for B-Binomial convolution.

**Definition 4.** Let h and g be multiplicative arithmetical functions and consider the sum.

$$s_{(f*_Bg)}(n_k, r_k) = \sum_{\substack{d_k \le (n_k, r_k) \\ d_k \in B(n_k)}} B(n, d)h(d_k)g\left(\frac{n_k}{d_k}\right)\lambda_B\left(\frac{n_k}{d_k}\right)$$

where  $n_k$  is an integer and  $r_k$  is a positive integer. For B-Binomial convolution associated arithmetical function S is defined by

$$S(n_k) = s_{(f*p,q)}(n_k, 0)$$
 for all  $n_k$ .

**Theorem 7.** Let  $h = \zeta_1$  and  $g = \zeta_0$ . Then

$$s_{(f*_Bg)}(n_k, r_k) = C_B(n_k, r_k), \qquad S(n_k) = \varphi_B(n_k).$$

*Proof.* For  $h = \zeta_1 = d_k$  and  $g = \zeta_0 = 1$ 

$$s_{(f*_Bg)}(n_k, r_k) = \sum_{\substack{d_k \le (n_k, r_k) \\ d_k \in B(n_k)}} B(n, d)h(d_k)g\left(\frac{n_k}{d_k}\right)\lambda_B\left(\frac{n_k}{d_k}\right)$$

$$= \sum_{\substack{d_k \le (n_k, r_k) \\ d_k \in B(n_k)}} 1.d_{k.}1.\lambda_B \left(\frac{n_k}{d_k}\right)$$

$$=C_B(n_k,r_k).$$

Now again for  $h = \zeta_1 = d_k$  and  $g = \zeta_0 = 1$  and  $r_k = 0$ ; we clearly obtain  $(n_k, r_k) = (n_k, 0) = n_k$ .

$$S(n_k) = s_{(f*_B g)}(n_k, r_k) = \sum_{\substack{d_k \le (n_k, r_k) \\ d_k \in B(n_k)}} B(n, d)h(d_k)g\left(\frac{n_k}{d_k}\right)\lambda_B\left(\frac{n_k}{d_k}\right)$$

$$= \sum_{\substack{d_k \le (n_k, 0) \\ d_k \in B(n_k)}} B(n, d)h(d_k)g\left(\frac{n_k}{d_k}\right)\lambda_B\left(\frac{n_k}{d_k}\right)$$

$$= \sum_{\substack{d_k \le n_k \\ d_k \in B(n_k)}} d_k\lambda_B\left(\frac{n_k}{d_k}\right)$$

$$S(n_k) = \varphi_B(n_k)$$

which proves theorem 6. Here, we obtain at the same time as a bonus  $S(n_k) = s_{(f*_B g)}(n_k, 0) = C_B(n_k, 0) = \varphi_B(n_k)$ .

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