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# Differential Equations Arising from the Generating Function of the $(r, \beta)$ -Bell Polynomials and Distribution of Zeros of Equations

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we study differential equations arising from the generating function of the  $(r, \beta)$ -Bell polynomials. We give explicit identities for the  $(r, \beta)$ -Bell polynomials. Finally, we find the zeros of the  $(r, \beta)$ -Bell equations with numerical experiments.

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## 1. Introduction

The moments of the Poisson distribution are a well-known connecting tool between Bell numbers and Stirling numbers. As we know, the Bell numbers  $B_n$  are those using generating function

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

The Bell polynomials  $B_n(\lambda)$  are this formula using the generating function

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

(see [1,2]).

Observe that

$$B_n(\lambda) = \sum_{i=0}^n \lambda^i S_2(n, i),$$

where  $S_2(n, i) = \frac{1}{i!} \sum_{l=0}^i (-1)^{i-l} \binom{i}{l} l^n$  denotes the second kind Stirling number.

The generalized Bell polynomials  $B_n(x, \lambda)$  are these formula using the generating function:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n(x, \lambda) \frac{t^n}{n!} = e^{xt - \lambda(e^t - t - 1)}, \quad (\text{see [2]}).$$

In particular, the generalized Bell polynomials  $B_n(x, -\lambda) = E_{\lambda}[(Z + x - \lambda)^n]$ ,  $\lambda, x \in \mathbb{R}, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , where  $Z$  is a Poisson random variable with parameter  $\lambda > 0$  (see [1–3]). The  $(r, \beta)$ -Bell polynomials  $G_n(x, r, \beta)$  are this formula using the generating function:

$$F(t, x, r, \beta) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} G_n(x, r, \beta) \frac{t^n}{n!} = e^{rt + (e^{\beta t} - 1) \frac{x}{\beta}}, \quad (2)$$

(see [3]), where,  $\beta$  and  $r$  are real or complex numbers and  $(r, \beta) \neq (0, 0)$ . Note that  $B_n(x + r, -x) = G_n(x, r, 1)$  and  $B_n(x) = G_n(x, 0, 1)$ . The first few examples of  $(r, \beta)$ -Bell polynomials  $G_n(x, r, \beta)$  are

$$\begin{aligned} G_0(x, r, \beta) &= 1, \\ G_1(x, r, \beta) &= r + x, \\ G_2(x, r, \beta) &= r^2 + \beta x + 2rx + x^2, \\ G_3(x, r, \beta) &= r^3 + \beta^2 x + 3\beta r x + 3r^2 x + 3\beta x^2 + 3rx^2 + x^3, \\ G_4(x, r, \beta) &= r^4 + \beta^3 x + 4\beta^2 r x + 6\beta r^2 x + 4r^3 x + 7\beta^2 x^2 + 12\beta r x^2 \\ &\quad + 6r^2 x^2 + 6\beta x^3 + 4rx^3 + x^4, \\ G_5(x, r, \beta) &= r^5 + \beta^4 x + 5\beta^3 r x + 10\beta^2 r^2 x + 10\beta r^3 x + 5r^4 x + 15\beta^3 x^2 + 35\beta^2 r x^2 \\ &\quad + 30\beta r^2 x^2 + 10r^3 x^2 + 25\beta^2 x^3 + 30\beta r x^3 + 10r^2 x^3 + 10\beta x^4 + 5rx^4 + x^5. \end{aligned}$$

From (1) and (2), we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} G_n(x, r, \beta) \frac{t^n}{n!} &= e^{(e^{\beta t} - 1) \frac{x}{\beta}} e^{rt} \\ &= \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} B_k(x/\beta) \beta^k \frac{t^k}{k!} \right) \left( \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} r^m \frac{t^m}{m!} \right) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} B_k(x/\beta) \beta^k r^{n-k} \right) \frac{t^n}{n!}. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Compare the coefficients in Formula (3). We can get

$$G_n(x, r, \beta) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \beta^k B_k(x/\beta) r^{n-k}, \quad (n \geq 0).$$

Similarly we also have

$$G_n(x + y, r, \beta) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} G_k(x, r, \beta) B_{n-k}(y/\beta) \beta^{n-k}.$$

Recently, many mathematicians have studied the differential equations arising from the generating functions of special polynomials (see [4–8]). Inspired by their work, we give a differential equations by generation of  $(r, \beta)$ -Bell polynomials  $G_n(x, r, \beta)$  as follows. 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  $N$ ,

$$D^N F = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)^N F(t, x, r, \beta).$$

We find differential equations with coefficients  $a_i(N, x, r, \beta)$ , which are satisfied by

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)^N F(t, x, r, \beta) - a_0(N, x, r, \beta) F(t, x, r, \beta) - \cdots - a_N(N, x, r, \beta) e^{\beta t N} F(t, x, r, \beta) = 0.$$

Using the coefficients of this differential equation, we give explicit identities for the  $(r, \beta)$ -Bell polynomials. In addition, we investigate the zeros of the  $(r, \beta)$ -Bell equations with numerical methods. Finally, we observe an interesting phenomena of ‘scattering’ of the zeros of  $(r, \beta)$ -Bell equations. Conjectures are also presented through numerical experiments.

## 2. Differential Equations Related to $(R, \beta)$ -Bell Polynomials

Differential equations arising from the generating functions of special polynomials are studied by many authors to give explicit identities for special polynomials (see [4–8]). In this section, we study differential equations arising from the generating functions of  $(r, \beta)$ -Bell polynomials.

Let

$$F = F(t, x, r, \beta) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} G_n(x, r, \beta) \frac{t^n}{n!} = e^{rt + (e^{\beta t} - 1) \frac{x}{\beta}}, \quad x, r, \beta \in \mathbb{C}. \quad (4)$$

Then, by (4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} DF &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} F(t, x, r, \beta) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( e^{rt + (e^{\beta t} - 1) \frac{x}{\beta}} \right) \\ &= e^{rt + (e^{\beta t} - 1) \frac{x}{\beta}} (r + x e^{\beta t}) \\ &= r e^{rt + (e^{\beta t} - 1) \frac{x}{\beta}} + x e^{(r + \beta)t + (e^{\beta t} - 1) \frac{x}{\beta}} \\ &= r F(t, x, r, \beta) + x F(t, x, r + \beta, \beta), \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} D^2 F &= r DF(t, x, r, \beta) + x DF(t, x, r + \beta, \beta) \\ &= r^2 F(t, x, r, \beta) + x(2r + \beta) F(t, x, r + \beta, \beta) + x^2 F(t, x, r + 2\beta, \beta), \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} D^3 F &= r^2 DF(t, x, r, \beta) + x(2r + \beta) DF(t, x, r + \beta, \beta) + x^2 DF(t, x, r + 2\beta, \beta) \\ &= r^3 F(t, x, r, \beta) + x \left( r^2 + (2r + \beta)(r + \beta) \right) F(t, x, r + \beta, \beta) \\ &\quad + x^2 (3r + 3\beta) F(t, x, r + 2\beta, \beta) + x^3 F(t, x, r + 3\beta, \beta). \end{aligned}$$

We prove this process by induction. Suppose that

$$D^N F = \sum_{i=0}^N a_i(N, x, r, \beta) F(t, x, r + i\beta, \beta), \quad (N = 0, 1, 2, \dots). \quad (7)$$

is true for  $N$ . From (7), we get

$$\begin{aligned} D^{N+1} F &= \sum_{i=0}^N a_i(N, x, r, \beta) DF(t, x, r + i\beta, \beta) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^N a_i(N, x, r, \beta) \{ (r + i\beta) F(t, x, r + i\beta, \beta) + x F(t, x, r + (i + 1)\beta, \beta) \} \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^N a_i(N, x, r, \beta) (r + i\beta) F(t, x, r + i\beta, \beta) \\ &\quad + x \sum_{i=0}^N a_i(N, x, r, \beta) F(t, x, r + (i + 1)\beta, \beta) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^N (r + i\beta) a_i(N, x, r, \beta) F(t, x, r + i\beta, \beta) \\ &\quad + x \sum_{i=1}^{N+1} a_{i-1}(N, x, r, \beta) F(t, x, r + i\beta, \beta). \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

From (8), we get

$$D^{N+1} F = \sum_{i=0}^{N+1} a_i(N + 1, x, r, \beta) F(t, x, r + i\beta, \beta). \quad (9)$$

We prove that

$$D^{k+1}F = \sum_{i=0}^{k+1} a_i(k+1, x, r, \beta) F(t, x, r + i\beta, \beta).$$

If we compare the coefficients on both sides of (8) and (9), then we get

$$a_0(N+1, x, r, \beta) = ra_0(N, x, r, \beta), \quad a_{N+1}(N+1, x, r, \beta) = xa_N(N, x, r, \beta), \quad (10)$$

and

$$a_i(N+1, x, r, \beta) = (r + i\beta)a_{i-1}(N, x, r, \beta) + xa_{i-1}(N, x, r, \beta), \quad (1 \leq i \leq N). \quad (11)$$

In addition, we get

$$F(t, x, r, \beta) = a_0(0, x, r, \beta)F(t, x, r, \beta). \quad (12)$$

Now, by (10), (11) and (12), we can obtain the coefficients  $a_i(j, x, r, \beta)_{0 \leq i, j \leq N+1}$  as follows. By (12), we get

$$a_0(0, x, r, \beta) = 1. \quad (13)$$

It is not difficult to show that

$$\begin{aligned} rF(t, x, r, \beta) + xF(t, x, r + \beta, \beta) \\ &= DF(t, x, r, \beta) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^1 a_i(1, x, r, \beta)F(t, x, r + i\beta, \beta) \\ &= a_0(1, x, r, \beta)F(t, x, r, \beta) + a_1(1, x, r, \beta)F(t, x, r + \beta, \beta). \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

Thus, by (14), we also get

$$a_0(1, x, r, \beta) = r, \quad a_1(1, x, r, \beta) = x. \quad (15)$$

From (10), we have that

$$a_0(N+1, x, r, \beta) = ra_0(N, x, r, \beta) = \cdots = r^N a_0(1, x, r, \beta) = r^{N+1}, \quad (16)$$

and

$$a_{N+1}(N+1, x, r, \beta) = xa_N(N, x, r, \beta) = \cdots = x^N a_1(1, x, r, \beta) = x^{N+1}. \quad (17)$$

For  $i = 1, 2, 3$  in (11), we have

$$a_1(N+1, x, r, \beta) = x \sum_{k=0}^N (r + \beta)^k a_0(N-k, x, r, \beta), \quad (18)$$

$$a_2(N+1, x, r, \beta) = x \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} (r + 2\beta)^k a_1(N-k, x, r, \beta), \quad (19)$$

and

$$a_3(N+1, x, r, \beta) = x \sum_{k=0}^{N-2} (r + 3\beta)^k a_2(N-k, x, r, \beta). \quad (20)$$

By induction on  $i$ , we can easily prove that, for  $1 \leq i \leq N$ ,

$$a_i(N+1, x, r, \beta) = x \sum_{k=0}^{N-i+1} (r + i\beta)^k a_{i-1}(N-k, x, r, \beta). \quad (21)$$

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

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & r & r^2 & r^3 & \dots & r^{N+1} \\ 0 & x & x(2r + \beta) & x(3r^2 + 3r\beta + \beta^2) & \dots & \cdot \\ 0 & 0 & x^2 & x^2(3r + 3\beta) & \dots & \cdot \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & x^3 & \dots & \cdot \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & x^{N+1} \end{pmatrix}$$

Now, we give explicit expressions for  $a_i(N+1, x, r, \beta)$ . By (18), (19), and (20), we get

$$\begin{aligned} a_1(N+1, x, r, \beta) &= x \sum_{k_1=0}^N (r + \beta)^{k_1} a_0(N - k_1, x, r, \beta) \\ &= \sum_{k_1=0}^N (r + \beta)^{k_1} r^{N-k_1}, \\ a_2(N+1, x, r, \beta) &= x \sum_{k_2=0}^{N-1} (r + 2\beta)^{k_2} a_1(N - k_2, x, r, \beta) \\ &= x^2 \sum_{k_2=0}^{N-1} \sum_{k_1=0}^{N-1-k_2} (r + \beta)^{k_1} (r + 2\beta)^{k_2} r^{N-k_2-k_1-1}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} a_3(N+1, x, r, \beta) &= x \sum_{k_3=0}^{N-2} (r + 3\beta)^{k_3} a_2(N - k_3, x, r, \beta) \\ &= x^3 \sum_{k_3=0}^{N-2} \sum_{k_2=0}^{N-2-k_3} \sum_{k_1=0}^{N-2-k_3-k_2} (r + 3\beta)^{k_3} (r + 2\beta)^{k_2} (r + \beta)^{k_1} r^{N-k_3-k_2-k_1-2}. \end{aligned}$$

By induction on  $i$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} a_i(N+1, x, r, \beta) &= x^i \sum_{k_i=0}^{N-i+1} \sum_{k_{i-1}=0}^{N-i+1-k_i} \dots \sum_{k_1=0}^{N-i+1-k_i-\dots-k_2} \left( \prod_{l=1}^i (r + l\beta)^{k_l} \right) r^{N-i+1-\sum_{l=1}^i k_l}. \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

Finally, by (22), we can derive a differential equations with coefficients  $a_i(N, x, r, \beta)$ , which is satisfied by

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)^N F(t, x, r, \beta) - a_0(N, x, r, \beta) F(t, x, r, \beta) - \dots - a_N(N, x, r, \beta) e^{\beta t N} F(t, x, r, \beta) = 0.$$

**Theorem 1.** For same as below  $N = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , the differential equation

$$D^N F = \sum_{i=0}^N a_i(N, x, r, \beta) e^{i\beta t} F(t, x, r, \beta)$$

has a solution

$$F = F(t, x, r, \beta) = e^{rt + (e^{\beta t} - 1) \frac{x}{\beta}},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} a_0(N, x, r, \beta) &= r^N, \\ a_N(N, x, r, \beta) &= x^N, \\ a_i(N, x, r, \beta) &= x^i \sum_{k_i=0}^{N-i} \sum_{k_{i-1}=0}^{N-i-k_i} \cdots \sum_{k_1=0}^{N-i-k_i-\cdots-k_2} \left( \prod_{l=1}^i (r + l\beta)^{k_l} \right) r^{N-i-\sum_{l=1}^i k_l}, \\ &(1 \leq i \leq N). \end{aligned}$$

From (4), we have this

$$D^N F = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)^N F(t, x, r, \beta) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} G_{k+N}(x, r, \beta) \frac{t^k}{k!}. \quad (23)$$

By using Theorem 1 and (23), we can get this equation:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} G_{k+N}(x, r, \beta) \frac{t^k}{k!} &= D^N F \\ &= \left( \sum_{i=0}^N a_i(N, x, r, \beta) e^{i\beta t} \right) F(t, x, r, \beta) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^N a_i(N, x, r, \beta) \left( \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (i\beta)^l \frac{t^l}{l!} \right) \left( \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} G_m(x, r, \beta) \frac{t^m}{m!} \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^N a_i(N, x, r, \beta) \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^k \binom{k}{m} (i\beta)^{k-m} G_m(x, r, \beta) \frac{t^k}{k!} \right) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{i=0}^N \sum_{m=0}^k \binom{k}{m} (i\beta)^{k-m} a_i(N, x, r, \beta) G_m(x, r, \beta) \right) \frac{t^k}{k!}. \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

Compare coefficients in (24). We get the below theorem.

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

$$G_{k+N}(x, r, \beta) = \sum_{i=0}^N \sum_{m=0}^k \binom{k}{m} i^{k-m} \beta^{k-m} a_i(N, x, r, \beta) G_m(x, r, \beta), \quad (25)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} a_0(N, x, r, \beta) &= r^N, \\ a_N(N, x, r, \beta) &= x^N, \\ a_i(N, x, r, \beta) &= x^i \sum_{k_i=0}^{N-i} \sum_{k_{i-1}=0}^{N-i-k_i} \cdots \sum_{k_1=0}^{N-i-k_i-\cdots-k_2} \left( \prod_{l=1}^i (r + l\beta)^{k_l} \right) r^{N-i-\sum_{l=1}^i k_l}, \\ &(1 \leq i \leq N). \end{aligned}$$

By using the coefficients of this differential equation, we give explicit identities for the  $(r, \beta)$ -Bell polynomials. That is, in (25) if  $k = 0$ , we have corollary.

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

$$G_N(x, r, \beta) = \sum_{i=0}^N a_i(N, x, r, \beta).$$

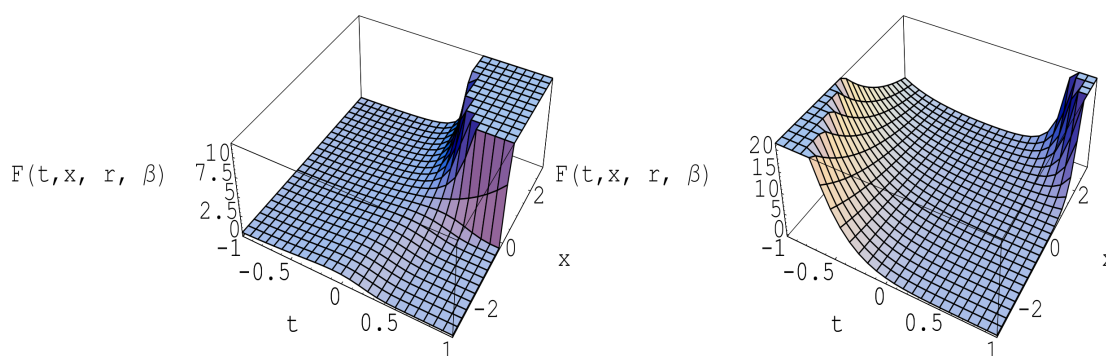
For  $N = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , it follows that equation

$$D^N F - \sum_{i=0}^N a_i(N, x, r, \beta) e^{i\beta t} F(t, x, r, \beta) = 0$$

has a solution

$$F = F(t, x, r, \beta) = e^{rt + (e^{\beta t} - 1)\frac{x}{\beta}}.$$

In Figure 1, we have a sketch of the surface about the solution  $F$  of this differential equation. On the left of Figure 1, we give  $-3 \leq x \leq 3$ ,  $-1 \leq t \leq 1$ , and  $r = 2, \beta = 5$ . On the right of Figure 1, we give  $-3 \leq x \leq 3$ ,  $-1 \leq t \leq 1$ , and  $r = -3, \beta = 2$ .



**Figure 1.** The surface for the solution  $F(t, x, r, \beta)$ .

Making  $N$ -times derivative for (4) with respect to  $t$ , we obtain

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)^N F(t, x, r, \beta) = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)^N e^{rt + (e^{\beta t} - 1)\frac{x}{\beta}} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} G_{m+N}(x, r, \beta) \frac{t^m}{m!}. \quad (26)$$

By multiplying the exponential series  $e^{xt} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} x^m \frac{t^m}{m!}$  in both sides of (26) and Cauchy product, we derive

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-nt} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)^N F(t, x, r, \beta) &= \left(\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-n)^m \frac{t^m}{m!}\right) \left(\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} G_{m+N}(x, r, \beta) \frac{t^m}{m!}\right) \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m}{k} (-n)^{m-k} G_{N+k}(x, r, \beta)\right) \frac{t^m}{m!}. \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

By using the Leibniz rule and inverse relation, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-nt} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)^N F(t, x, y) &= \sum_{k=0}^N \binom{N}{k} n^{N-k} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)^k (e^{-nt} F(t, x, r, \beta)) \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k=0}^N \binom{N}{k} n^{N-k} G_{m+k}(x - n, r, \beta)\right) \frac{t^m}{m!}. \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

So using (27) and (28), and using the coefficients of  $\frac{t^m}{m!}$  gives the below theorem.

**Theorem 3.** Let  $m, n, N$  be nonnegative integers. Then

$$\sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m}{k} (-n)^{m-k} G_{N+k}(x, r, \beta) = \sum_{k=0}^N \binom{N}{k} n^{N-k} G_{m+k}(x - n, r, \beta). \quad (29)$$

When we give  $m = 0$  in (29), then we get corollary.

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

$$G_N(x, r, \beta) = \sum_{k=0}^N \binom{N}{k} n^{N-k} G_k(x - n, r, \beta).$$

### 3. Distribution of Zeros of the $(R, \beta)$ -Bell Equations

This section aims to demonstrate the benefit of using numerical investigation to support theoretical prediction and to discover new interesting patterns of the zeros of the  $(r, \beta)$ -Bell equations  $G_n(x, r, \beta) = 0$ . We investigate the zeros of the  $(r, \beta)$ -Bell equations  $G_n(x, r, \beta) = 0$  with numerical experiments. We plot the zeros of the  $B_n(x, \lambda) = 0$  for  $n = 16, r = -5, -3, 3, 5, \beta = 2, 3$  and  $x \in \mathbb{C}$  (Figure 2).

In top-left of Figure 2, we choose  $n = 16$  and  $r = -5, \beta = 2$ . In top-right of Figure 2, we choose  $n = 16$  and  $r = -3, \beta = 3$ . In bottom-left of Figure 2, we choose  $n = 16$  and  $r = 3, \beta = 2$ . In bottom-right of Figure 2, we choose  $n = 16$  and  $r = 5, \beta = 3$ .

Prove that  $G_n(x, r, \beta), x \in \mathbb{C}$ , has  $\text{Im}(x) = 0$  reflection symmetry analytic complex functions (see Figure 3). Stacks of zeros of the  $(r, \beta)$ -Bell equations  $G_n(x, r, \beta) = 0$  for  $1 \leq n \leq 20$  from a 3-D structure are presented (Figure 3).

On the left of Figure 3, we choose  $r = -5$  and  $\beta = 2$ . On the right of Figure 3, we choose  $r = 5$  and  $\beta = 2$ . In Figure 3, the same color has the same degree  $n$  of  $(r, \beta)$ -Bell polynomials  $G_n(x, r, \beta)$ . For example, if  $n = 20$ , zeros of the  $(r, \beta)$ -Bell equations  $G_n(x, r, \beta) = 0$  is red.

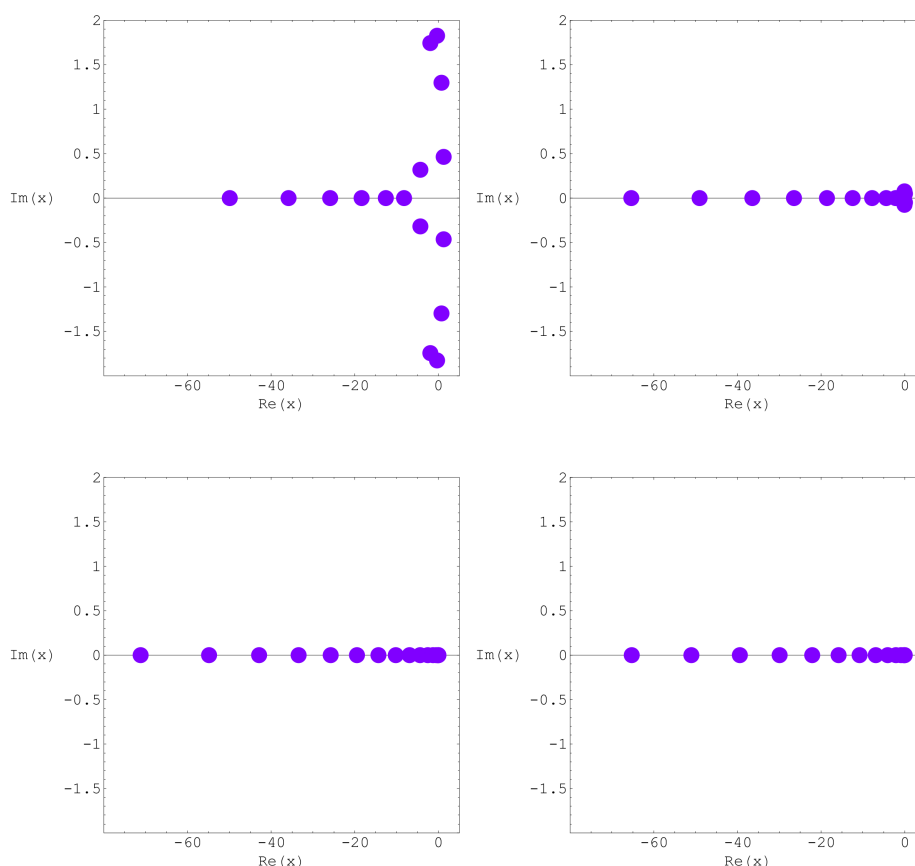
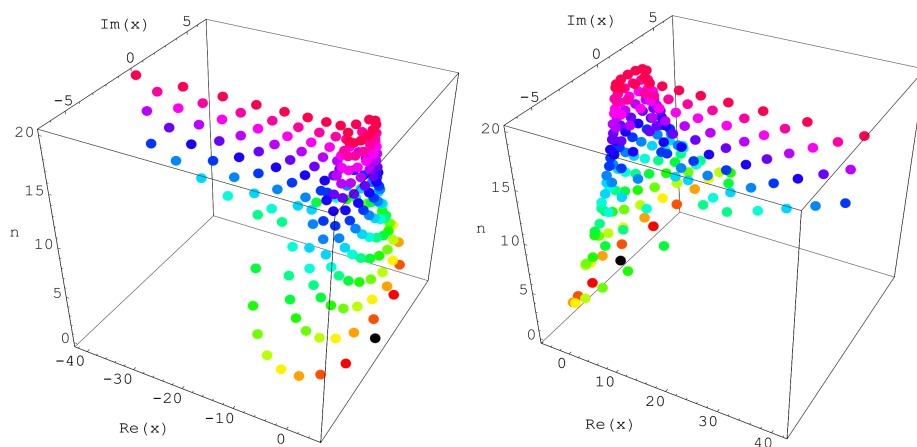


Figure 2. Zeros of  $G_n(x, r, \beta) = 0$ .





**Figure 3.** Stacks of zeros of  $G_n(x, r, \beta) = 0, 1 \leq n \leq 20$ .

Our numerical results for approximate solutions of real zeros of the  $(r, \beta)$ -Bell equations  $G_n(x, r, \beta) = 0$  are displayed (Tables 1 and 2).

**Table 1.** Numbers of real and complex zeros of  $G_n(x, r, \beta) = 0$

Degree $n$	$r = -5, \beta = 2$		$r = 5, \beta = 2$	
	Real Zeros	Complex Zeros	Real Zeros	Complex Zeros
1	1	0	1	0
2	0	2	2	0
3	1	2	3	0
4	0	4	4	0
5	1	4	5	0
6	0	6	6	0
7	1	6	7	0
8	0	8	8	0
9	1	8	9	0
10	2	8	10	0

**Table 2.** Approximate solutions of  $G_n(x, r, \beta) = 0, x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Degree $n$	$x$
1	−5.000
2	−9.317, −2.683
3	−13.72, −5.68, −1.605
4	−18.21, −9.01, −3.77, −1.010
5	−22.8, −12.6, −6.4, −2.61, −0.655
6	−27.4, −16.3, −9.3, −4.7, −1.85, −0.434
7	−32.0, −20.0, −12.0, −7.1, −3.5, −1.34, −0.291

Plot of real zeros of  $G_n(x, r, \beta) = 0$  for  $1 \leq n \leq 20$  structure are presented (Figure 4).

In Figure 4 (left), we choose  $r = 5$  and  $\beta = -2$ . In Figure 4 (right), we choose  $r = 5$  and  $\beta = 2$ . In Figure 4, the same color has the same degree  $n$  of  $(r, \beta)$ -Bell polynomials  $G_n(x, r, \beta)$ . For example, if  $n = 20$ , real zeros of the  $(r, \beta)$ -Bell equations  $G_n(x, r, \beta) = 0$  is blue.

Next, we calculated an approximate solution satisfying  $G_n(x, r, \beta) = 0, r = 5, \beta = 2, x \in \mathbb{R}$ . The results are given in Table 2.

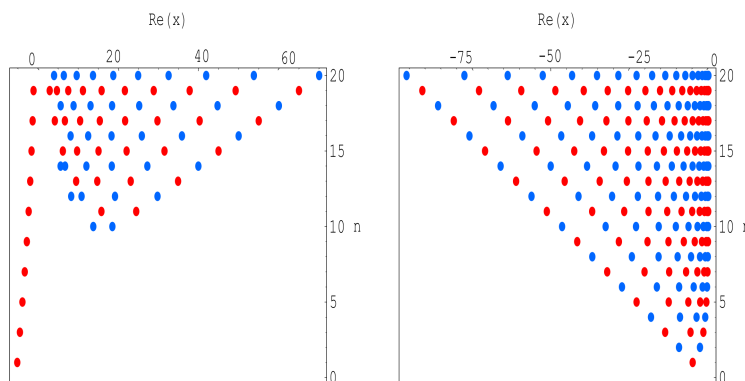


Figure 4. Stacks of zeros of  $G_n(x, r, \beta) = 0, 1 \leq n \leq 20$ .

#### 4. Conclusions

We constructed differential equations arising from the generating function of the  $(r, \beta)$ -Bell polynomials. This study obtained some explicit identities for  $(r, \beta)$ -Bell polynomials  $G_n(x, r, \beta)$  using the coefficients of this differential equation. The distribution and symmetry of the roots of the  $(r, \beta)$ -Bell equations  $G_n(x, r, \beta) = 0$  were investigated. We investigated the symmetry of the zeros of the  $(r, \beta)$ -Bell equations  $G_n(x, r, \beta) = 0$  for various variables  $r$  and  $\beta$ , but, unfortunately, we could not find a regular pattern. We make the following series of conjectures with numerical experiments:

Let us use the following notations.  $R_{G_n(x, r, \beta)}$  denotes the number of real zeros of  $G_n(x, r, \beta) = 0$  lying on the real plane  $Im(x) = 0$  and  $C_{G_n(x, r, \beta)}$  denotes the number of complex zeros of  $G_n(x, r, \beta) = 0$ . Since  $n$  is the degree of the polynomial  $G_n(x, r, \beta)$ , we have  $R_{G_n(x, r, \beta)} = n - C_{G_n(x, r, \beta)}$  (see Table 1).

We can see a good regular pattern of the complex roots of the  $(r, \beta)$ -Bell equations  $G_n(x, r, \beta) = 0$  for  $r > 0$  and  $\beta > 0$ . Therefore, the following conjecture is possible.

**Conjecture 1.** For  $r > 0$  and  $\beta > 0$ , prove or disprove that

$$C_{H_n(x, y)} = 0.$$

As a result of investigating more  $r > 0$  and  $\beta > 0$  variables, it is still unknown whether the conjecture 1 is true or false for all variables  $r > 0$  and  $\beta > 0$  (see Figure 1 and Table 1).

We observe that solutions of  $(r, \beta)$ -Bell equations  $G_n(x, r, \beta) = 0$  has  $Im(x) = 0$ , reflecting symmetry analytic complex functions. It is expected that solutions of  $(r, \beta)$ -Bell equations  $G_n(x, r, \beta) = 0$ , has not  $Re(x) = a$  reflection symmetry for  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  (see Figures 2–4).

**Conjecture 2.** Prove or disprove that solutions of  $(r, \beta)$ -Bell equations  $G_n(x, r, \beta) = 0$ , has not  $Re(x) = a$  reflection symmetry for  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Finally, how many zeros do  $G_n(x, r, \beta) = 0$  have? We are not able to decide if  $G_n(x, r, \beta) = 0$  has  $n$  distinct solutions (see Tables 1 and 2). We would like to know the number of complex zeros  $C_{G_n(x, r, \beta)}$  of  $G_n(x, r, \beta) = 0, Im(x) \neq 0$ .

**Conjecture 3.** Prove or disprove that  $G_n(x, r, \beta) = 0$  has  $n$  distinct solutions.

As a result of investigating more  $n$  variables, it is still unknown whether the conjecture is true or false for all variables  $n$  (see Tables 1 and 2). We expect that research in these directions will make a new approach using the numerical method related to the research of the  $(r, \beta)$ -Bell numbers and polynomials which appear in mathematics, applied mathematics, statistics, and mathematical physics. The reader may refer to [5–10] for the details.

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