

A formula involving the Bernstein fundamental polynomials

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ABSTRACT. In this article we want to determinate a relation between the Bernstein fundamental multivariate polynomials.

1. PRELIMINARIES

In this section we recall some notions and results which we will use in this paper. Let $B_m : C(\Delta_k) \rightarrow C(\Delta_k)$, m a non zero natural number, be the Bernstein multivariate operators (see [2]) defined for any function $f \in C(\Delta_k)$ by

$$(B_m f)(x_1, \dots, x_k) = \sum_{\substack{\nu_1, \dots, \nu_k \geq 0 \\ \nu_1 + \dots + \nu_k \leq m}} p_{\nu_1, \dots, \nu_k; m}(x_1, \dots, x_k) \cdot f\left(\frac{\nu_1}{m}, \dots, \frac{\nu_k}{m}\right) \quad (1.1)$$

where $p_{\nu_1, \dots, \nu_k; m}(x_1, \dots, x_k)$ are the fundamental polynomials, defined by

$$p_{\nu_1, \dots, \nu_k; m}(x_1, \dots, x_k) = \binom{m}{\nu_1, \dots, \nu_k} x_1^{\nu_1} \dots x_k^{\nu_k} (1 - x_1 - \dots - x_k)^{m - \nu_1 - \dots - \nu_k},$$

with

$$\binom{m}{\nu_1, \dots, \nu_k} = \frac{m!}{\nu_1! \dots \nu_k! (m - \nu_1 - \dots - \nu_k)!},$$

where f and $p_{\nu_1, \dots, \nu_k; m}$ are defined on k -dimensional simplex

$$\Delta_k : x_i \geq 0, i \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}, x_1 + \dots + x_k \leq 1.$$

For $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $k \in \mathbb{N}$, let $x^{[k]} = x(x-1)\dots(x-k+1)$, $x^{[0]} = 1$. It is well known that (see [4])

$$x^k = \sum_{\nu=1}^k S(k, \nu) x^{[\nu]}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}^*, \quad (1.2)$$

and

$$x^{[k]} = \sum_{\nu=1}^k s(k, \nu) x^\nu, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}^*, \quad (1.3)$$

where $S(k, \nu)$, $\nu \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ are the Stirling numbers of second kind, and $s(k, \nu)$, $\nu \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ are the Stirling numbers of first kind. These numbers verify the relations (see [4])

$$\begin{aligned} S(p, k) &= kS(p-1, k) + S(p-1, k-1), \quad S(1, 1) = 1, \\ S(2, 1) &= S(2, 2) = 1, \quad S(p, 1) = S(p, p) = 1, \end{aligned} \quad (1.4)$$

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for $p \in \mathbb{N}$, $p \geq 3$, $k \in \{2, 3, \dots, p-1\}$, and

$$\begin{aligned} s(p, k) &= s(p-1, k-1) - (p-1)s(p-1, k), \quad s(1, 1) = 1, \\ s(2, 1) &= -1, \quad s(2, 2) = 1, \end{aligned} \tag{1.5}$$

for $p \geq 3$, $k \in \{2, 3, \dots, p-1\}$. We note $S(p, k) = 0$ and $s(p, k) = 0$, from definition, if $p, k \in \mathbb{N}$, $p < k$, or if $k = 0$ and $s(0, 0) = 1$. In the paper [1] we proved that

Proposition 1.1. If $m, p_1, \dots, p_k \in \mathbb{N}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} (B_m e_{p_1 \dots p_k})(x_1, \dots, x_k) &= \frac{1}{mp_1 + \dots + p_k} \cdot \\ &\cdot \sum_{n_1=1}^{p_1} \dots \sum_{n_k=1}^{p_k} m^{[n_1 + \dots + n_k]} S(p_1, n_1) \dots S(p_k, n_k) x_1^{n_1} \dots x_k^{n_k}, \end{aligned} \tag{1.6}$$

where $e_{p_1 \dots p_k}(x_1, \dots, x_k) = x_1^{p_1} \dots x_k^{p_k}$, $(x_1, \dots, x_k) \in \Delta_k$.

2. MAIN RESULTS

Theorem 2.1. We have the formula

$$\sum_{\substack{\nu_1, \dots, \nu_k \geq 0 \\ \nu_1 + \dots + \nu_k \leq m}} \left(\frac{\nu_1}{m} - x_1 \right) \dots \left(\frac{\nu_k}{m} - x_k \right) p_{\nu_1, \dots, \nu_k; m}(x_1, \dots, x_k) = \frac{x_1 \dots x_k}{m^k} \sum_{i=0}^k a_i m^i \tag{2.7}$$

where

$$a_i = \sum_{j=0}^i (-1)^j \binom{k}{j} s(k-j, i-j), \tag{2.8}$$

$i \in \{0, 1, \dots, k\}$.

Proof. Because

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{\nu_1}{m} - x_1 \right) \dots \left(\frac{\nu_k}{m} - x_k \right) &= \frac{\nu_1}{m} \dots \frac{\nu_k}{m} - \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\nu_1}{m} \dots x_i \dots \frac{\nu_k}{m} + \\ &+ \sum_{\substack{i, j=1 \\ i < j}}^k \frac{\nu_1}{m} \dots x_i \dots x_j \dots \frac{\nu_k}{m} - \dots + (-1)^k x_1 \dots x_k, \end{aligned}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{\substack{\nu_1, \dots, \nu_k \geq 0 \\ \nu_1 + \dots + \nu_k \leq m}} \left(\frac{\nu_1}{m} - x_1 \right) \dots \left(\frac{\nu_k}{m} - x_k \right) p_{\nu_1, \dots, \nu_k; m}(x_1, \dots, x_k) = \\
&= (B_m e_{11\dots1})(x_1, \dots, x_k) - \sum_{i=1}^k x_i (B_m e_{1\dots0\dots1})(x_1, \dots, x_k) + \dots + \\
&+ (-1)^k x_1 \dots x_k (B_m e_{00\dots0})(x_1, \dots, x_k) = \\
&= \left(\binom{k}{0} \frac{m^{[k]}}{m^k} - \binom{k}{1} \frac{m^{[k-1]}}{m^{k-1}} + \dots + (-1)^k \binom{k}{k} \right) x_1 \dots x_k = \\
&= \frac{x_1 x_2 \dots x_k}{m^k} \sum_{i=0}^k (-1)^i \binom{k}{i} m^i m^{[k-i]} = \frac{x_1 x_2 \dots x_k}{m^k} \sum_{i=0}^k (-1)^i \binom{k}{i} m^i \cdot \\
&\cdot \sum_{j=1}^{k-i} s(k-i, j) m^j = \frac{x_1 x_2 \dots x_k}{m^k} \sum_{i=0}^k \left(\sum_{j=0}^i (-1)^j \binom{k}{j} s(k-j, i-j) \right) m^i.
\end{aligned}$$

We used Proposition 1.1, from where we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(B_m e_{11\dots1})(x_1, \dots, x_k) &= \frac{m^{[k]}}{m^k} x_1 \dots x_k; x_i (B_m e_{1\dots0\dots1})(x_1, \dots, x_k) = \\
&= \frac{m^{[k-1]}}{m^{k-1}} x_1 \dots x_k, i \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}; \\
x_i x_j (B_m e_{1\dots0\dots0\dots1})(x_1, \dots, x_k) &= \frac{m^{[k-2]}}{m^{k-2}} x_1 \dots x_i \dots x_j \dots x_k \\
i, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}, i < j, \dots, x_1 \dots x_k (B_m e_{0\dots0})(x_1, \dots, x_k) &= x_1 \dots x_k.
\end{aligned}$$

□

Remark 2.1. Obviously, $a_0 = 0$. From (1.5) we have that $s(k, 1) = (-1)^{k-1}(k-1)!$ so that $a_1 = (-1)^{k-1}(k-1)!$, for $k \geq 2$; for $k = 1$ we have $a_1 = s(1, 1) - s(0, 0) = 0$.

Remark 2.2. Because $s(k, k) = 1$ we have

$$a_k = \sum_{j=0}^k (-1)^j \binom{k}{j} = 0.$$

Remark 2.3. From (1.5) we can easily obtain that $s(k, k-1) = -\frac{k(k-1)}{2}$, $k \geq 1$. So that we have for $k \geq 3$

$$\begin{aligned}
a_{k-1} &= \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} (-1)^j \binom{k}{j} s(k-j, k-j-1) = - \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} (-1)^j \frac{k!}{j!(k-j)!} \cdot \\
&\cdot \frac{(k-j)(k-j-1)}{2} = -\frac{k(k-1)}{2} \sum_{j=0}^{k-2} (-1)^j \binom{k-2}{j} = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Particular cases:

1) For $k = 1$ we have

$$\sum_{i=0}^m \left(\frac{i}{m} - x \right) p_{i;m}(x) = \frac{a_0 + a_1 m}{m} x = 0. \quad (2.9)$$

2) For $k = 2$ we obtain the formula

$$\sum_{i=0}^m \sum_{j=0}^{m-i} \left(\frac{i}{m} - x \right) \left(\frac{j}{m} - y \right) p_{i,j;m}(x, y) = \frac{a_0 + a_1 m + a_2 m^2}{m^2} xy = -\frac{xy}{m}, \quad (2.10)$$

demonstrated in [3]

3) For $k = 3$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\substack{i,j,k \geq 0 \\ i+j+k \leq m}}^m \left(\frac{i}{m} - x \right) \left(\frac{j}{m} - y \right) \left(\frac{k}{m} - z \right) p_{i,j,k;m}(x, y, z) = \\ & = \frac{a_0 + a_1 m + a_2 m^2 + a_3 m^3}{m^3} xyz = \frac{2xyz}{m^2} \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

because $a_1 = (-1)^2 \cdot 2! = 2$ and $a_2 = 0$ from Remark 2.3.

4) For $k = 4$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\substack{\nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_3, \nu_4 \geq 0 \\ \nu_1 + \nu_2 + \nu_3 + \nu_4 \leq m}}^m \left(\frac{\nu_1}{m} - x_1 \right) \left(\frac{\nu_2}{m} - x_2 \right) \left(\frac{\nu_3}{m} - x_3 \right) \left(\frac{\nu_4}{m} - x_4 \right) p_{\nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_3, \nu_4;m}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = \\ & = \frac{a_0 + a_1 m + a_2 m^2 + a_3 m^3 + a_4 m^4}{m^4} x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4 = \frac{3m - 6}{m^3} x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4 \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

because

$$a_1 = (-1)^3 \cdot 3! = -6a_2 = \binom{4}{0} \cdot s(4, 2) - \binom{4}{1} \cdot s(3, 1) + \binom{4}{2} \cdot s(2, 0) = 3$$

and $a_3 = 0$ from Remark 2.3.

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