



The Matrix of Super Patalan Numbers and its Factorizations

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Abstract. Matrices related to Patalan and super-Patalan numbers are factored according to the LU-decomposition. Results are obtained via inspired guessings and later proved using methods from Computer Algebra.

1. Introduction

Catalan numbers $C_n = \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n}$ are very well known mathematical entities and even the subject of a whole book [3]. They can be generalized in at least two ways:

For integers $1 \leq q < p$, Richardson [2] defines (q, p) -Patalan numbers

$$b_n := -p^{2n+1} \binom{n - q/p}{n+1}.$$

Here, the general definition of a binomial coefficient, $\binom{\alpha}{k} := \frac{\alpha(\alpha-1)\dots(\alpha-k+1)}{k!}$ is employed. Now, for $q = 1, p = 2$ this leads to

$$b_n = -2^{2n+1} \binom{n - 1/2}{n+1} = 2^n \frac{(2n-1)(2n-3)\dots 3 \cdot 1}{(n+1)!} = \frac{(2n)!}{n!(n+1)!} = C_n,$$

which is a Catalan number.

In an other direction, let

$$S(m, n) := \frac{(2m)!(2n)!}{m!n!(m+n)!},$$

a super Catalan number, then

$$S(m, 1) := \frac{(2m)!2}{m!(m+1)!} = 2C_n.$$

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Richardson [2] has generalized these as well via

$$Q(i, j) := (-1)^j p^{2(i+j)} \binom{i - q/p}{i + j},$$

again for integers $1 \leq q < p$. The special case arises, as before, for $q = 1, p = 2$:

$$\begin{aligned} Q(i, j) &= (-1)^j 2^{2(i+j)} \binom{i - 1/2}{i + j} = (-1)^j 2^{2(i+j)} \frac{(i - \frac{1}{2})(i - \frac{3}{2}) \dots (-j + \frac{1}{2})}{(i + j)!} \\ &= (-1)^j 2^{i+j} \frac{(2i - 1)(2i - 3) \dots (-2j + 1)}{(i + j)!} \\ &= 2^{i+j} \frac{(2i - 1)(2i - 3) \dots 1(2j - 1)(2j - 3) \dots 1}{(i + j)!} \\ &= \frac{(2i)!(2j)!}{(i + j)!i!j!} = S(i, j). \end{aligned}$$

The name (p, q) -super Patalan numbers was chosen for the $Q(i, j)$.

For a sequence a_n , it is customary to arrange them in a matrix as follows:

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{0+r} & a_{1+r} & a_{2+r} & a_{3+r} & \dots \\ a_{1+r} & a_{2+r} & a_{3+r} & a_{4+r} & \dots \\ a_{2+r} & a_{3+r} & a_{4+r} & a_{5+r} & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \end{pmatrix}$$

Compare the general remarks in [1]. All our matrices are indexed starting at $(0, 0)$ and have N rows resp. columns, where N might also be infinity, depending on the context. The nonnegative integer r is a *shift parameter*.

Likewise, for a sequence $a_{m,n,r}$ depending on two indices, one considers

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{0+r,0+s} & a_{0+r,1+s} & a_{0+r,2+s} & a_{0+r,3+s} & \dots \\ a_{1+r,0+s} & a_{1+r,1+s} & a_{1+r,2+s} & a_{1+r,3+s} & \dots \\ a_{2+r,0+s} & a_{2+r,1+s} & a_{2+r,2+s} & a_{2+r,3+s} & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \end{pmatrix}$$

For any such matrix M , we are interested in *factorizations*, based on the LU -decomposition: We use in a consistent way the notation $M = LU$ and $M^{-1} = AB$, and provide explicit expressions for $L, L^{-1}, U, U^{-1}, A, A^{-1}, B, B^{-1}$.

This program will be executed for the matrix based on the sequence of (q, p) -Patalan numbers as well as (q, p) -super Patalan numbers, as well as for reciprocal (q, p) -(super) Patalan numbers. Instead of working with the numbers p and q , we find it easier to set $x := \frac{q}{p}$, and our formulæ will work for general x , provided that $0 < x < 1$. Actually, they even work, provided x is not an integer.

We need the notion of falling factorials: $x^{\underline{n}} := x(x - 1) \dots (x - n + 1) = \frac{\Gamma(x+1)}{\Gamma(x-n+1)}$.

We only give proofs for the claimed results given in Sections 3 and 5. Others could be similarly done.

2. The Patalan Matrix

In the next 4 sections, we list our findings.

The matrix M has now entries

$$M_{i,j} = -\frac{1}{p^{2(i+j+r)+1}} \binom{i + j + r - x}{i + j + r + 1}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_{i,j} &= \frac{(i+r-x)^{i-j} i! (2j+1+r)!}{p^{2i-2j} (i-j)! (i+j+1+r)! j!} \\
 L_{i,j}^{-1} &= \frac{(-1)^{i-j} i! (i+j+r)! (i+r-x)^{i-j}}{p^{2i-2j} (2i+r)! (i-j)! j!} \\
 U_{i,j} &= \frac{(j-x+r)^{j+r} (i+x)^{i+1} j! (i+r)!}{p^{2i+2j+1+2r} (i+j+1+r)! (j-i)! (2i+r)!} \\
 U_{i,j}^{-1} &= \frac{p^{2i+2j+1+2r} (-1)^{i-j} (2j+1+r)! (i+j+r)!}{(j+x)^{j+1} (i+r-x)^{i+r} (j+r)! (j-i)!} \\
 A_{i,j} &= \frac{p^{2i-2j} (N+i+r)! (N-1-j)!}{(N-1-i)! (i-j)! (N+j+r)! (x-r-2j-2)^{i-j}} \\
 A_{i,j}^{-1} &= \frac{(-1)^{i+j} p^{2i-2j} (N+i+r)! (N-1-j)!}{(N-1-i)! (i-j)! (N+j+r)! (x-1-i-j-r)^{i-j}} \\
 B_{i,j} &= \frac{(-1)^{i+j+N+1+r} p^{2i+2j+1+2r} (N-j+r)! (x-i-j-2-r)^{N-1-j}}{(N-i-1+x)^{N+i+r} (N-1-j)! (j-i)!} \\
 B_{i,j}^{-1} &= \frac{(-1)^{i+j+1+r} (N-1-i)! (-x)^{N-j} (x-1)^{i+j+r}}{p^{2i+2j+1+2r} (j-i)! (N+i+r)! (x-2j-2-r)^{N-1-j}}
 \end{aligned}$$

3. The Reciprocal Patalan Matrix

The matrix M has now entries

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_{i,j} &= -p^{2(i+j+r)+1} \binom{i+j+r-x}{i+j+r+1}^{-1} \\
 L_{i,j} &= \frac{(-1)^{i-j} p^{2i-2j} (i+1+r)! i!}{(x-1-2j-r)^{i-j} (i-j)! j! (j+1+r)!} \\
 L_{i,j}^{-1} &= \frac{p^{2i-2j} i! (i+1+r)!}{(i-j)! j! (j+1+r)! (x-i-j-r)^{i-j}} \\
 U_{i,j} &= \frac{(-1)^{i+j+r} p^{2i+2j+1+2r} (j+1+r)! (x+1) j!}{(j-i)! (x-i+1)^{j+2+r} (x-i-r)^i} \\
 U_{i,j}^{-1} &= \frac{(-1)^r (x-j-r)^i x^{2j+1+r}}{p^{2i+2j+1+2r} (x+1)^i i! (i+1+r)! (j-i)!} \\
 A_{i,j} &= \frac{(x-N-j-r)^{i-j} (2j+2+r)! (N-1-j)!}{p^{2i-2j} (N-1-i)! (i+j+2+r)! (i-j)!} \\
 A_{i,j}^{-1} &= \frac{(-1)^{i-j} (x-N-j-r)^{i-j} (i+j+1+r)! (N-1-j)!}{p^{2i-2j} (2i+1+r)! (N-1-i)! (i-j)!} \\
 B_{i,j} &= \frac{(-1)^r (x-N+i+2)^{i+j+2+r} (N+1+i+r)!}{p^{2i+2j+1+2r} (x+1) (N-1-j)! (i+j+2+r)! (j-i)! (2i+1+r)!} \\
 B_{i,j}^{-1} &= \frac{p^{2i+2j+1+2r} (x+1) (2j+2+r)! (i+j+1+r)! (N-1-i)!}{(N+i-1+r-x)^{i+j+2+r} (N+1+j+r)! (j-i)!}
 \end{aligned}$$

4. The Super Patalan Matrix

The matrix M has now entries

$$M_{i,j} = (-1)^{j+s} p^{2(i+r+j+s)} \binom{i+r-x}{i+r+j+s}.$$

$$L_{i,j} = \frac{p^{2i-2j}(-x+i+r)^{i-j} i! (2j+r+s)!}{(i-j)! (i+j+r+s)! j!}$$

$$L_{i,j}^{-1} = \frac{p^{2i-2j}(x-j-1-r)^{i-j} (i+j-1+r+s)! i!}{(2i-1+r+s)! (i-j)! j!}$$

$$U_{i,j} = \frac{(-1)^{j+1+r+s} p^{2i+2j+2r+2s} (-x-1)^{j-1+s} x^{i+1+r} j! (i+r+s-1)!}{(j-i)! (2i-1+r+s)! (i+j+r+s)!}$$

$$U_{i,j}^{-1} = \frac{(-1)^s (2j+r+s)! (i+j-1+r+s)!}{p^{2i+2j+2r+2s} (-x+j+r)^{i+j+r+s} i! (j-i)! (j-1+r+s)!}$$

$$A_{i,j} = \frac{p^{2i-2j}(-x-s-j)^{i-j} (N-1-i)! (i-j)! (N+j-1+r+s)!}{(N+i-1+r+s)! (N-1-j)!}$$

$$A_{i,j}^{-1} = \frac{p^{2i-2j}(x+i-1+s)^{i-j} (N-1-i)! (i-j)! (N+j-1+r+s)!}{(-1)^{N+i+1+r+s} (N+j-1+r+s)!}$$

$$B_{i,j} = \frac{p^{2i+2j+2r+2s} (x-1)^{j+r} (-x)^{i+s} (N-1-j)! (j-i)!}{(-1)^{N+i+1+r+s} p^{2i+2j+2r+2s} (-x)^{j+s} (x-1)^{i+r} (N-1-i)!}$$

$$B_{i,j}^{-1} = \frac{(-1)^{N+i+1+r+s} p^{2i+2j+2r+2s} (-x)^{j+s} (x-1)^{i+r} (N-1-i)!}{(j-i)! (N+i-1+r+s)!}$$

5. The Reciprocal Super Patalan Matrix

The matrix M has now entries

$$M_{i,j} = (-1)^{j+s} p^{2(i+r+j+s)} \binom{i+r-x}{i+r+j+s}^{-1}.$$

$$L_{i,j} = \frac{i! (i+r+s)!}{p^{2i-2j}(-x+i+r)^{i-j} (i-j)! j! (j+r+s)!}$$

$$L_{i,j}^{-1} = \frac{i! (i+r+s)!}{p^{2i-2j}(x-j-1-r)^{i-j} (i-j)! j! (j+r+s)!}$$

$$U_{i,j} = \frac{(-1)^{i+j+1+r+s} (j+r+s)! j!}{p^{2i+2j+2r+2s} (-x-1)^{j-1+s} x^{i+1+r} (j-i)!}$$

$$U_{i,j}^{-1} = \frac{(-1)^{r+s+1} p^{2i+2j+2r+2s} x^{j+1} (x-j-1)^r (-x-1)^{i-1+s}}{i! (j-i)! (i+r+s)!}$$

$$A_{i,j} = \frac{p^{2i-2j} (2j+1+r+s)! (N-1-j)! (-x-j-s)^{i-j}}{(i+j+1+r+s)! (i-j)! (N-1-i)!}$$

$$A_{i,j}^{-1} = \frac{p^{2i-2j} (i+j+r+s)! (N-1-j)! (x-1+i+s)^{i-j}}{(N-1-i)! (2i+r+s)! (i-j)!}$$

$$B_{i,j} = \frac{(-1)^{j+s} p^{2i+2j+2r+2s} (-x+j+r)^{i+j+r+s} (N+i+r+s)!}{(N-1-j)!(j-i)!(i+j+1+r+s)!(2i+r+s)!}$$

$$B_{i,j}^{-1} = \frac{(-1)^{j+s} (N-1-i)!(i+j+r+s)!(2j+1+r+s)!}{p^{2i+2j+2r+2s} (j-i)!(N+j+r+s)!(-x+i+r)^{i+j+r+s}}$$

6. Proofs for the Results of Section 3

For L and L^{-1} , we should prove the following equation

$$\sum_{j \leq d \leq i} L_{id} L_{dj}^{-1} = \delta_{i,j},$$

where $\delta_{k,j}$ is the Kronecker delta. So we have

$$\sum_{j \leq d \leq i} L_{id} L_{dj}^{-1} = (-1)^i p^{2i-2j} \frac{(i+1+r)!i!}{(j+1+r)!j!} \sum_{j \leq d \leq i} (-1)^d \binom{x-1-2d-r}{i-d}^{-1} \binom{x-d-j-r}{d-j}^{-1} \frac{1}{((d-j)!)^2 ((i-d)!)^2},$$

which equals 0 when $i \neq j$ by Zeilberger’s algorithm. The case $L_{ii} L_{ii}^{-1} = 1$ can be directly seen.

For U and U^{-1} , we have

$$\sum_{i \leq d \leq j} U_{id} U_{dj}^{-1} = \frac{(-1)^i p^{2i-2j} x^{2j+1+r} (x+1)}{(x+1)^j (x-k-r)^i} \sum_{i \leq d \leq j} (-1)^d \binom{x-i+1}{d+2+r}^{-1} \binom{x-j-r}{d} \frac{d!}{(d+2+r)!(d-i)!(j-d)!}.$$

The Zeilberger algorithm computes that the previous sum is equal to 0 when $i \neq j$. If $i = j$, we get

$$U_{ii} U_{ii}^{-1} = \frac{(x+1)x^{2i+1+r}}{(x+1)^i (x-i+1)^{i+2+r}} = 1,$$

which completes the proof.

For the LU -decomposition, we have to prove that

$$\sum_{0 \leq d \leq \min\{i,j\}} L_{id} U_{dj} = M_{ij}.$$

Consider

$$\sum_{0 \leq d \leq \min\{i,j\}} L_{id} U_{dj} = p^{2i+2j+2r+1} \sum_{0 \leq d \leq \min\{i,j\}} \binom{x-1-2d-r}{i-d}^{-1} \binom{x-d+1}{j+2+r}^{-1} \binom{x-d-r}{d}^{-1}$$

$$\times \frac{(-1)^{i+j+r} (i+1+r)!i! (x+1) j!}{(j+r+2) ((i-d)!)^2 (d!)^2 (d+1+r)!(j-d)!}.$$

Without loss of generality, we choose $i \leq j$. Denote the RHS of the sum in the equation just above by SUM_i . The Mathematica version of the Zeilberger algorithm produces the recursion

$$SUM_i = \frac{j+i+r+1}{i+j+r-x} SUM_{i-1}.$$

Since $SUM_0 = \frac{(-1)^{j+r} (j+r+1)!(x+1)}{(x+1)^{j+2+r}}$, we obtain

$$SUM_i = \frac{(j+i+r+1)^i (-1)^{j+r} (j+r+1)!(x+1)}{(i+j+r-x)^i (x+1)^{j+2+r}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= -\frac{(i+j+r+1)!}{(i+j+r-x)^i(-x+j+r)^{j+r+1}} \\
 &= -\frac{(i+j+r+1)!}{(i+j+r-x)^{i+j+r+1}} \\
 &= -\binom{i+j+r-x}{i+j+r+1}^{-1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

So we get

$$\sum_{0 \leq d \leq \min\{i,j\}} L_{id} U_{dj} = M_{kj},$$

as claimed.

For A and A^{-1} , we have

$$\sum_{j \leq d \leq i} A_{id} A_{dj}^{-1} = p^{2j-2k} \frac{(-1)^j (N-1-j)!}{(N-1-i)!} \sum_{j \leq d \leq i} (-1)^d \frac{(2d+2+r)(d+j+1+r)!}{(i+d+2+r)!} \binom{x-N-d-r}{i-d} \binom{x-N-j-r}{d-j},$$

which equals 0 provided that $i \neq j$. If $i = j$, it is obvious that $A_{ii} A_{ii}^{-1} = 1$. Thus

$$\sum_{i \leq d \leq j} A_{id} A_{dj}^{-1} = \delta_{ij},$$

as claimed.

For B and B^{-1} , by using the Zeilberger algorithm, similarly we obtain

$$\sum_{i \leq d \leq j} B_{id} B_{dj}^{-1} = \delta_{ij}.$$

For the LU -decomposition of M^{-1} , we should prove that $M^{-1} = AB$ which is same as $M = B^{-1}A^{-1}$. So it is sufficient to show that

$$\sum_{\max\{i,j\} \leq d \leq n-1} B_{id}^{-1} A_{dj}^{-1} = M_{ij}.$$

After some rearrangements, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{j \leq d \leq n-1} B_{id}^{-1} A_{dj}^{-1} &= p^{2i+2j+2r+1} \sum_{j \leq d \leq n-1} (-1)^{d-j} \binom{x-N-j-r}{d-j} \binom{N-1+i+r-x}{i+d+2+r}^{-1} \\
 &\quad \times \frac{(x+1)(2d+2+r)(N-1-i)!(d+j+1+r)!(N-1-j)!}{(N+1+d+r)!(d-i)!(N-1-d)!(i+d+2+r)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Here we replace $(N-1)$ with N and denote the RHS of the sum by SUM_N . The Zeilberger algorithm produces the recursion

$$SUM_N = SUM_{N-1}.$$

So

$$SUM_N = SUM_j = \frac{(x+1)(i+j+1+r)!}{(j+i+r-x)^{i+j+2+r}} = \frac{(x+1)(i+j+1+r)!}{(j+i+r-x)^{i+j+1+r}(-x-1)} = -\binom{i+j+r-x}{i+j+r+1}^{-1},$$

which completes the proof.

7. Proofs for the Results of Section 5

For L and L^{-1} , we have

$$\sum_{j \leq d \leq i} L_{id} L_{dj}^{-1} = p^{2i-2j} \frac{i!}{j!} \sum_{j \leq d \leq i} \binom{i+r-x}{i-d} \binom{x-j-1-r}{d-j} \frac{(2d+r+s)(j+d+r+s-1)!}{(i+d+r+s)!}$$

By the Zeilberger algorithm, the sum of the RHS of the equation just above is equal to 0 when $i \neq j$. The case $i = j$ can be easily computed. So

$$\sum_{j \leq d \leq i} L_{id} L_{dj}^{-1} = \delta_{i,j},$$

as desired.

For U and U^{-1} ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i \leq d \leq j} U_{id} U_{dj}^{-1} &= \frac{(-1)^{r+1} p^{2i-2j} x^{i+1+r} (i+r+s-1)! (2j+r+s)!}{(2k-1+r+s)! (j-1+r+s)!} \sum_{i \leq d \leq j} (-1)^d \binom{-x-1}{d-1+s} \binom{-x+j+r}{d+j+r+s} \\ &\quad \times \frac{(d-1-s)!}{(d+j+r+s)(d-i)!(j-d)!(i+d+r+s)!} \end{aligned}$$

which equals 0 provided that $(j-i)(j+i+r+s) \neq 0$. Since r and s are nonnegative integer parameters, only the case $j = i$ should be examined. Consider

$$U_{ii} U_{ii}^{-1} = \frac{(-1)^{r+1+i} x^{i+1+r} (-x-1)^{i+s-1}}{(-x+i+r)^{2i+r+s}} = 1,$$

which completes the proof.

Similarly, for LU -decomposition, we have to prove that

$$\sum_{0 \leq d \leq \min\{i,j\}} L_{id} U_{dj} = M_{ij}.$$

So without loss of generality we may choose $i \leq j$. Then we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{0 \leq d \leq i} L_{id} U_{dj} &= p^{2(i+j+r+s)} (-1)^{j+1+r+s} \sum_{0 \leq d \leq i} \binom{-x+i+r}{i-d} \binom{x}{d+1+r} \\ &\quad \times \binom{-x-1}{j+s-1} \frac{i! j! (j-1+s)! (2d+r+s)(d+r+s-1)!(d+1+r)!}{d! (i+d+r+s)(j-d)!(d+j+r+s)!} \end{aligned}$$

Denote the above sum on the RHS in the equation above by SUM_i , the Zeilberger algorithm produces the recurrence relation for SUM_i :

$$SUM_i = \frac{i+r-x}{i+j+r+s} SUM_{i-1},$$

with the initial $SUM_0 = \binom{x}{1+r} \binom{-x-1}{j+s-1} \frac{(r+1)!(j-1+s)!}{(j+r+s)!}$. If we solve the recurrence, we obtain

$$SUM_i = \frac{(i+r-x)^i}{(i+j+r+s)^i} SUM_0 = (-1)^{1+r} \binom{i+r-x}{i+r+j+s},$$

which completed the proof.

For A and A^{-1} , consider

$$\sum_{j \leq d \leq i} A_{id} A_{dj}^{-1} = p^{2j-2k} \frac{(N+i+r+s-1)!(N-1-j)!}{(N+j+r+s-1)!(N-1-i)!} \sum_{j \leq d \leq i} \binom{x+d-1+s}{d-j}^{-1} \binom{-x-s-d}{i-d}^{-1} \frac{1}{((d-j)!)^2 ((i-d)!)^2}.$$

When $j \neq i$, the Zeilberger algorithm evaluates that the sum on the RHS in the equation above is equal to 0. The case $j = i$ can be easily computed.

Similarly, we have

$$\sum_{i \leq d \leq j} B_{id} B_{dj}^{-1} = p^{2j-2k} (-1)^k \frac{(-x)^{j+s}}{(-x)^{i+s}} \sum_{i \leq d \leq j} \frac{(-1)^d}{(j-d)!(d-k)!} = \delta_{i,j}.$$

Finally, by using the same argument in previous section, we should show that

$$\sum_{\max\{i,j\} \leq d \leq N-1} B_{id}^{-1} A_{dj}^{-1} = M_{ij}.$$

Consider $j \geq i$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j \leq d \leq N-1} B_{id}^{-1} A_{dj}^{-1} &= p^{2(i+j+r+s)} (x-1)^{i+r} (-1)^{k+r+s} \sum_{j \leq d \leq N-1} (-1)^{N+1} \binom{-x}{d+s} \binom{x+d-1+s}{d-j}^{-1} \\ &\times \frac{(d+s)!(N-1-i)!(N-1-j)!(N-1+d+r+s)!}{((d-j)!)^2 (d-i)!(N-1+i+r+s)!(N-1-d)!(N-1+j+r+s)!}. \end{aligned}$$

By replacing $(N-1)$ with N on the RHS in the equation just above, we obtain the sum

$$\sum_{j \leq d \leq N} (-1)^N \binom{-x}{d+s} \binom{x+d-1+s}{d-j}^{-1} \frac{(d+s)!(N-i)!(N-j)!(N+d+r+s)!}{((d-j)!)^2 (d-i)!(N+i+r+s)!(N-d)!(N+j+r+s)!}.$$

Denote this sum by SUM_N . By using the Zeilberger algorithm, we get

$$SUM_N = SUM_{N-1} = SUM_j = \frac{(-1)^j (-x)^{j+s}}{(j+i+r+s)!}.$$

Summarizing,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j \leq d \leq N-1} B_{id}^{-1} A_{dj}^{-1} &= p^{2(i+j+r+s)} (x-1)^{i+r} (-1)^{i+r+s} \frac{(-1)^j (-x)^{j+s}}{(j+i+r+s)!} \\ &= (-1)^{j+s} p^{2(i+r+j+s)} \binom{i+r-x}{i+r+j+s}, \end{aligned}$$

as claimed.

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