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# On fractional powers of double band matrices 

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#### Abstract

In the present article, we determine the explicit formula for finding the fractional powers of a double band matrix and in particular, we establish the formula for finding the nth root of the matrix. Some examples are also given for supporting the new formulas.


Keywords: Forward difference operator; Backward difference operator; Double band matrix.

## 1. Introduction

Let $\mathbf{R}$ be the set of all real numbers and $\mathbf{N}$ denote the set of all positive integers. Let $w$ be the space of all real valued sequences. Let $X$ and $Y$ be two subspaces of $w$, then we define a matrix mapping $A: X \rightarrow Y$, as

$$
\begin{equation*}
(A x)_{n}:=\sum_{k} a_{n k} x_{k},(n \in \mathbf{N}) . \tag{1.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

In fact, for $x=\left(x_{k}\right) \in X, A x$ is called as the $A$-transform of $x$ provided the series in the right hand side of (1.1) converges for each $n \in \mathbf{N}$. Moreover, the matrix $A=\left(a_{i j}\right)(i, j \in \mathbf{N})$ is also regarded as a linear operator. Let $x=\left(x_{k}\right)$ be any sequence in $w$ and $r(\neq 0), s$ be two real numbers, then we define the generalized first forward and backward difference operators as

$$
\left(B_{+}(r, s) x\right)_{k}=r x_{k}+s x_{k+1},(k \in \mathbf{N})
$$

and

$$
\left(B_{-}(r, s) x\right)_{k}=r x_{k}+s x_{k-1}(k \in \mathbf{N}) .
$$

Clearly, the operators $B_{+}(r, s)$ and $B_{-}(r, s)$ represent an upper and a lower double band matrices, respectively as follows:

$$
B_{+}(r, s)=\left(\begin{array}{ccccc}
r & s & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
0 & r & s & 0 & \ldots \\
0 & 0 & r & s & \ldots \\
0 & 0 & 0 & r & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right), B_{-}(r, s)=\left(\begin{array}{ccccc}
r & 0 & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
s & r & 0 & 0 & \ldots \\
0 & s & r & 0 & \ldots \\
0 & 0 & s & r & \ldots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right) .
$$

The forward difference operator $\Delta$ was initially studied by Kızmaz [9] by defining the difference sequence $\left(\Delta x_{k}\right)=\left(x_{k}-x_{k+1}\right), k \in \mathbf{N}$. In matrix notation, it can also be expressed as double band matrix where main and super diagonal elements are 1 and -1 , respectively. Ahmad and Mursaleen [1] have studied the backward difference operator $\Delta^{(1)}$, defined by $\left(\Delta^{(1)} x_{k}\right)=\left(x_{k}-x_{k-1}\right), k \in \mathbf{N}$ and the corresponding double band matrix contains 1 and -1 , respectively in main and sub diagonal positions. It is noted that any integral power of the difference matrices $\Delta$ and $\Delta^{(1)}$ can be directly found out by taking the difference operators $\Delta^{m}$ and $\Delta^{(m)}, m \in \mathbf{N}$ introduced by Et and Colak [7] and Ahmad and Mursaleen [1], respectively. Subsequently, the fractional powers of these matrices are directly evaluated by using the operator $\Delta^{\alpha}$ and $\Delta^{(\alpha)}$ introduced by Baliarsingh [4](see also $[5,6])$. The double band matrix $B(r, s)$ was studied by Altay and Başar
[3] (see also [8]). The primary goal of this work is to evaluate the integral and fractional powers of the matrix $B(r, s)$.

Since both of the operators $B_{+}(r, s)$ and $B_{-}(r, s)$ are linear and now taking $\alpha$ times successive transformations, we write

$$
\begin{align*}
\left(B_{+}^{\alpha}(r, s) x\right)_{k} & =\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{i!\Gamma(\alpha-i+1)} r^{\alpha-i} s^{i} x_{k+i},(k \in \mathbf{N})  \tag{1.2}\\
\left(B_{-}^{\alpha}(r, s) x\right)_{k} & =\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{i!\Gamma(\alpha-i+1)} r^{\alpha-i} s^{i} x_{k-i},(k \in \mathbf{N}) \tag{1.3}
\end{align*}
$$

where $\Gamma(\alpha)$ denotes the well known Gamma function of a real number $\alpha$ and $\alpha \notin\{0,-1,-2,-3 \ldots\}$. For any integral value of $\alpha$, Eqns.(1.2) and (1.3) reduce to finite sums. It is noticed that operators $B_{+}^{\alpha}(r, s)$ and $B_{-}^{\alpha}(r, s)$ includes several difference operators such as
(i) Forward and backward difference operators $\Delta$ and $\Delta^{(1)}$ for $\alpha=1, r=$ 1 and $s=-1$ (see $[9,2]$ ).
(ii) Forward and backward difference operators $\Delta^{m}$ and $\Delta^{(m)}$ for $\alpha=$ $m \in \mathbf{N}, r=1$ and $s=-1($ see $[7,1])$.
(iii) Forward and backward difference operators $\Delta^{\alpha}$ and $\Delta^{(\alpha)}$ for $r=1$ and $s=-1($ see $[4,5,6])$.
(iv) Difference operator $B(r, s)$ for $\alpha=1$ (see [3]).

Keeping in view Eqns.(1.2) and (1.3), the inverse operators of $B_{+}^{\alpha}(r, s)$ and $B_{-}^{\alpha}(r, s)$ are $B_{+}^{-\alpha}(r, s)$ and $B_{-}^{-\alpha}(r, s)$, respectively, where

$$
\begin{align*}
\left(B_{+}^{-\alpha}(r, s) x\right)_{k} & =\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(-\alpha+1)}{i!\Gamma(-\alpha-i+1)} r^{-\alpha-i} s^{i} x_{k+i},(k \in \mathbf{N})  \tag{1.4}\\
\left(B_{-}^{-\alpha}(r, s) x\right)_{k} & =\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(-\alpha+1)}{i!\Gamma(-\alpha-i+1)} r^{-\alpha-i} s^{i} x_{k-i},(k \in \mathbf{N}) \tag{1.5}
\end{align*}
$$

It is remarked that for $\alpha=1$, Eqns. (1.4) and (1.5) are bing simplified by using formula $\Gamma(\alpha+1)=\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)$ and finally we obtain

$$
\begin{align*}
\left(B_{+}^{-1}(r, s) x\right)_{k} & =\sum_{i=0}^{\infty}(-1)^{i} \frac{s^{i}}{r^{i+1}} x_{k+i},(k \in \mathbf{N})  \tag{1.6}\\
\left(B_{-}^{-1}(r, s) x\right)_{k} & =\sum_{i=0}^{\infty}(-1)^{i} \frac{s^{i}}{r^{i+1}} x_{k-i},(k \in \mathbf{N}) \tag{1.7}
\end{align*}
$$

## 2. Main results

In the present section, we establish some new results on the operators $B_{+}^{\alpha}(r, s)$ and $B_{-}^{\alpha}(r, s)$ and their application to the matrix theory involving the integral and non integral powers of double band matrices.

Theorem 1. For any reals $\alpha, \beta$ and $k \in \mathbf{N}$,
(i) $\left(B_{+}^{\alpha}(r, s)\left(B_{+}^{\beta}(r, s) x\right)\right)_{k}=\left(B_{+}^{\beta}(r, s)\left(B_{+}^{\alpha}(r, s) x\right)\right)_{k}=\left(B_{+}^{\alpha+\beta}(r, s) x\right)_{k}$,
(ii) $\left(B_{-}^{\alpha}(r, s)\left(B_{-}^{\beta}(r, s) x\right)\right)_{k}=\left(B_{-}^{\beta}(r, s)\left(B_{-}^{\alpha}(r, s) x\right)\right)_{k}=\left(B_{-}^{\alpha+\beta}(r, s) x\right)_{k}$,
(iii) $\left\|B_{+}^{\alpha}(r, s)\right\|=\left\|B_{-}^{\alpha}(r, s)\right\|=(|r|+|s|)^{\alpha}$.

Proof. The proof is a routine verification, hence omitted.

Corollary 1. For any reals $\alpha, \beta$ and $k \in \mathbf{N}$,
(i) $\left(B_{+}^{\alpha}(r, s)\left(B_{+}^{-\alpha}(r, s) x\right)\right)_{k}=\left(B_{+}^{-\alpha}(r, s)\left(B_{+}^{\alpha}(r, s) x\right)\right)_{k}=x_{k}$,
(ii) $\left(B_{-}^{\alpha}(r, s)\left(B_{-}^{-\alpha}(r, s) x\right)\right)_{k}=\left(B_{-}^{-\alpha}(r, s)\left(B_{-}^{\alpha}(r, s) x\right)\right)_{k}=x_{k}$,
(iii) $\left(B_{ \pm}^{-2}(r, s) x\right)_{k}=\sum_{i=0}^{\infty}(-1)^{i}(i+1) \frac{s^{i}}{r^{i+1}} x_{k \pm i}$,
(iv) $\left(B_{ \pm}^{-3}(r, s) x\right)_{k}=\sum_{i=0}^{\infty}(-1)^{i}(i+1)(i+2) \frac{s^{i}}{2 r^{i+\mathrm{T}}} x_{k \pm i}$.

Proof. This is a direct application of Theorem 1.
Theorem 2. Let the lower double band matrix $A=\left(a_{n k}\right)$ be defined by

$$
a_{n k}=\left\{\begin{array}{lc}
r, & (k=n) \\
s, & (k=n-1), \\
0, & (\text { otherwise })
\end{array}\right.
$$

then for $\alpha \in \mathbf{R}, A^{\alpha}=\left(a_{n k}^{\alpha}\right)$ is given by

$$
a_{n k}^{\alpha}=\left\{\begin{array}{lr}
r^{\alpha}, \quad \Gamma(\alpha+1) \\
\frac{\Gamma(n-k)!\Gamma(\alpha-n+k+1)}{} r^{\alpha-n+k} s^{n-k}, & (0 \leq k<n) \\
0, & (k>n)
\end{array}\right.
$$

Proof. We prove this theorem by induction. Since $(A x)_{k}=\left(B_{-}(r, s) x\right)_{k}=$ $r x_{k}+s x_{k-1}$, hence we obtain that

$$
\begin{gathered}
\left(A^{2} x\right)_{k}=A\left(r x_{k}+s x_{k-1}\right)=r^{2} x_{k}+2 r s x_{k-1}+s^{2} x_{k-2}, \\
\left(A^{3} x\right)_{k}=A\left(r^{2} x_{k}+2 r s x_{k-1}+s^{2} x_{k-2}\right)=r^{3} x_{k}+3 r^{2} s x_{k-1}+3 r s^{2} x_{k-2}+s^{3} x_{k-3},
\end{gathered}
$$

Let the theorem be assumed for any arbitrary $\beta$ and hence

$$
\left(A^{\beta} x\right)_{k}=\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(\beta+1)}{i!\Gamma(\beta-i+1)} r^{\beta-i} s^{i} x_{k-i} .
$$

Now,

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left(A^{\beta+1} x\right)_{k} \\
& =A\left(\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(\beta+1)}{i!\Gamma(\beta-i+1)} r^{\beta-i} s^{i} x_{k-i}\right) \\
& =A\left(r^{\beta} x_{k}+\beta r^{\beta-1} s x_{k-1}+\frac{\beta(\beta-1)}{2!} r^{\beta-2} s^{2} x_{k-2}+\ldots\right) \\
& =r^{\beta}\left(r x_{k}+s x_{k-1}\right)+\beta r^{\beta-1} s\left(r x_{k-1}+s x_{k-2}\right) \\
& \left.+\frac{\beta(\beta-1)}{2!} r^{\beta-2} s^{2}\left(r x_{k-2}+s x_{k-3}\right)+\ldots\right) \\
& =r^{\beta+1} x_{k}+(\beta+1) r^{\beta} s x_{k-1}+\frac{(\beta+1)}{2!} r^{\beta-1} s^{2} x_{k-2}+\ldots \\
& =\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(\beta+2)}{i!\Gamma(\beta-i+2)} r^{\beta+1-i} s^{i} x_{k-i}
\end{aligned}
$$

This completes the proof.
Theorem 3. Let the upper double band matrix $A=\left(a_{n k}\right)$ be defined by

$$
a_{n k}=\left\{\begin{array}{lc}
r, & (k=n) \\
s, & (k=n+1) \\
0, & (\text { otherwise })
\end{array}\right.
$$

then for $\alpha \in \mathbf{R}, A^{\alpha}=\left(a_{n k}^{\alpha}\right)$ is given by

$$
a_{n k}^{\alpha}=\left\{\begin{array}{lr}
r^{\alpha}, \quad \Gamma(\alpha+1) \\
\frac{\Gamma(\alpha-n)!\Gamma(\alpha-k+n+1)}{} r^{\alpha-k+n} s^{k-n}, & (k>n) \\
0, & (0 \leq k<n)
\end{array}\right.
$$

Proof. The proof is analogous to that of Theorem 2.
Corollary 2. The explicit formula for $m$ th root of the double band matrix $A$, defined in Theorem 2 is given by
$a_{n k}^{\frac{1}{m}}=\left\{\begin{array}{lr}r^{1 / m}, & (k=n) \\ \frac{(1-m)(1-2 m) \ldots(1-m(n-k-1))}{(n-k)!m^{n-k}} r^{\frac{1}{m}-n+k} s^{n-k}, & (0 \leq k<n), \\ 0, & (k>n)\end{array}\right.$,

Proof. Suppose $m \in \mathbf{N}$ and $m$ th root of $A$ is denoted by $A^{1 / m}=\left(a_{n k}^{\frac{1}{m}}\right)$.
From Theorem 2, one may write

$$
a_{n k}^{1 / m}=\left\{\begin{array}{lr}
r^{1 / m}, & (k=n) \\
\frac{\Gamma(1 / m+1)}{(n-k)!\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{m}-n+k+1\right)} r^{\frac{1}{m}-n+k} s^{n-k}, & (0 \leq k<n), \\
0, & (k>n)
\end{array},\right.
$$

However, for $(0 \leq k<n)$ one may easily calculate

$$
\begin{aligned}
a_{n k}^{\frac{1}{m}} & =\frac{\Gamma(1 / m+1)}{(n-k)!\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{m}-n+k+1\right)} r^{\frac{1}{m}-n+k} s^{n-k} \\
& =\frac{\frac{1}{m}\left(\frac{1}{m}-1\right)\left(\frac{1}{m}-2\right) \ldots\left(\frac{1}{m}-n+k+1\right)}{(n-k)!} r^{\frac{1}{m}-n+k} s^{n-k} \\
& =\frac{(1-m)(1-2 m) \ldots(1-m(n-k-1))}{(n-k)!m^{n-k}} r^{\frac{1}{m}-n+k} s^{n-k}
\end{aligned}
$$

Since $A$ is a triangle, for $k=n$ and $k>n, a_{n k}^{\frac{1}{m}}$ takes the values as $r^{1 / m}$ and 0 , respectively.

Corollary 3. The explicit formula for $m$ th root of the double band matrix $A$, defined in Theorem 3 is given by
$a_{n k}^{\frac{1}{m}}=\left\{\begin{array}{lr}r^{1 / m}, & (k=n) \\ \frac{(1-m)(1-2 m) \ldots(1-m(k-n-1))}{(k-n)!m^{k-n}} r^{\frac{1}{m}-k+n} s^{k-n}, & (k>n) \\ 0, & (0 \leq k<n)\end{array}\right.$,
Proof. This follows from Theorem 3.
Now, as applications of Corollaries 2 and 3, we illustrate following counter examples:
Example 1 : Consider a matrix $A$ of order 5 , where

$$
A=\left(\begin{array}{lllll}
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
3 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 1
\end{array}\right)
$$

Using Corollary 2, we calculate the square root of $A$ as $a_{n k}^{\frac{1}{2}}=1$ for all $k=n$ and $\mathrm{a}_{21}^{\frac{1}{2}}=a_{32}^{\frac{1}{2}}=a_{43}^{\frac{1}{2}}=a_{54}^{\frac{1}{2}}=3 / 2$,
$a_{31}^{\frac{1}{2}}=a_{42}^{\frac{1}{2}}=a_{53}^{\frac{1}{2}}=-9 / 8$,
$a_{41}^{\frac{1}{2}}=a_{52}^{\frac{1}{2}}=27 / 16$,
$a_{51}^{\frac{1}{2}}=-405 / 128$, Therefore, one can write

$$
A^{\frac{1}{2}}=\left(\begin{array}{ccccc}
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
3 / 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
-9 / 8 & 3 / 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
27 / 16 & -9 / 8 & 3 / 2 & 1 & 0 \\
-405 / 128 & 27 / 16 & -9 / 8 & 3 / 2 & 1
\end{array}\right)
$$

Example 2: Consider a matrix $B$ of order 5 , where

$$
B=\left(\begin{array}{lllll}
8 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 8 & 5 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 8 & 5 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 8 & 5 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 8
\end{array}\right)
$$

Using Corollary 3, we calculate the cube root of $B$ as $b_{n k}^{\frac{1}{3}}=2$ for all $k=n$ and

$$
\begin{aligned}
b_{12}^{\frac{1}{3}} & =b_{23}^{\frac{1}{3}}=b_{34}^{\frac{1}{3}}=b_{45}^{\frac{1}{3}}=5 / 12, \\
b_{13}^{\frac{1}{3}} & =b_{24}^{\frac{1}{3}}=b_{35}^{\frac{1}{3}}=-28 / 288, \\
b_{14}^{\frac{1}{3}} & =b_{25}^{\frac{1}{3}}=625 / 20736, \\
b_{15}^{\frac{1}{3}} & =-6250 / 497664,
\end{aligned}
$$

Therefore, we write

$$
B^{\frac{1}{3}}=\left(\begin{array}{ccccc}
2 & 5 / 12 & -28 / 288 & 625 / 20736 & -6250 / 497664 \\
0 & 2 & 5 / 12 & -28 / 288 & 625 / 20736 \\
0 & 0 & 2 & 5 / 12 & -28 / 288 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 5 / 12 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2
\end{array}\right)
$$

## Conclusion:

In this study, we derive an explicit formula for finding any arbitrary power of the double band matrix. Being an application of these results, we have also determine the $n$th root and inverse of the double band matrix of finite order.

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