

# BICOMPLEX BALANCING AND BICOMPLEX LUCAS-BALANCING QUATERNIONS

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**Abstract.** In this paper, bicomplex balancing quaternions and bicomplex Lucas-balancing quaternions was defined. Moreover we give some properties involving these sequences. Finally, a different way to obtained the  $n$  th terms of these sequence is stated using the determinant of tridiagonal matrix whose entries are bicomplex balancing quaternions and bicomplex Lucas-balancing quaternions.

**Keywords:** bicomplex balancing; bicomplex balancing quaternions; bicomplex Lucas-Balancing quaternions.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The bicomplex numbers are defined by the basis  $\{1, i, j, ij\}$ , where  $i, j$  and  $ij$  satisfy the following properties:

$$i^2 = -1, \quad j^2 = -1, \quad ij = ji$$

A bicomplex number  $q$  can be expressed as follows:

$$q = q_1 + iq_2 + jq_3 + ijq_4$$

or

$$q = (q_1 + iq_2) + j(q_3 + iq_4)$$

where  $q_1, q_2, q_3$  and  $q_4$  are reel numbers.

Also the set of bicomplex numbers can be expressed by a basis  $\{1, i, j, ij\}$  as

$$K = \{q = q_1 + iq_2 + jq_3 + ijq_4 : q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4 \in IR\}.$$

A set of bicomplex numbers  $K$  is a real vector space with the addition and scalar multiplication operations. In addition, the vector space with the properties of scalar multiplication and the product of the bicomplex numbers is a commutative algebra. Again the bicomplex numbers form a commutative ring with unity which contain the complex numbers. For more details about this type numbers [1-2].

Quaternions were formally introduced by W.R. Hamilton in 1843. In [3] D. Tasci and N.F. Yalcin studied Fibonacci  $p$ -quaternions. Again in [4], D. Tasci studied  $k$ -Jacobsthal and  $k$ -Jacobsthal Lucas quaternions. In [5] F.T. Aydin studied bicomplex  $k$ - Fibonacci quaternions. Bicomplex numbers, just like quaternions, are a generalization of complex

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numbers of entities specified by four real numbers. But quaternions are non-commutative, whereas, bicomplex numbers and bicomplex quaternions are commutative. An other difference is that, quaternions form a division algebra, but bicomplex quaternions do not form a division algebra.

Bicomplex numbers were introduced by C. Segre in 1892 [6]. Further G. B. Price, the bicomplex numbers gave in his book on multicomplex spaces and functions [7].

In recent years it has been stated that several properties of quantum mechanics can be generalized to the bicomplex numbers; the Schrödinger equation for a particle in one dimension was generalized [8]. Further the fractal structures of these numbers are studied [9]. In [10], Horadam introduced the Fibonacci quaternions sequence.

Behera and Panda introduced the concept of balancing numbers [11]. They defined a balancing number  $n$  as a solution of Diophantine equation. A positive integer  $n$  is called balancing number if

$$1 + 2 + \dots + (n - 1) = (n + 1) + (n + 2) + \dots + (n + r)$$

for some natural number  $r$ . Here  $r$  is called the balancer corresponding to the balancing number  $n$ . For example 6 and 35 are balancing numbers with balancers 2 and 14, respectively. Again some authors proved that the balancing numbers fulfil the following recurrence relation:

$$B_{n+1} = 6B_n - B_{n-1}, n \geq 1$$

where  $B_0=0$  and  $B_1=1$ .

Panda [12] studied several fascinating properties of balancing numbers calling the positive square root of  $8x^2+1$ , a Lucas- balancing number for each balancing number  $x$ . All balancing numbers  $x$  and corresponding Lucas-balancing numbers  $y$  are positive integer solutions of Diophantine equation  $8x^2 + 1 = y^2$ . Balancing and Lucas-balancing numbers share the same linear recurrence  $x_{n+1} = 6x_n - x_{n-1}$ , while initial values of balancing numbers are  $x_0=0$ ,  $x_1=1$  and for Lucas-balancing numbers  $x_0=1$ ,  $x_1=3$ . Ray studied some Diophantine equations involving balancing and Lucas- balancing numbers [13-16].

We denote the  $n$  *th* balancing and Lucas-balancing numbers by  $B_n$  and  $C_n$ , respectively.

The sequences  $\{B_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  and  $\{C_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  satisfy the following recurrence relations:

$$B_{n+1} = 6B_n - B_{n-1}, (n \geq 1), B_0=0, B_1=1 \quad (1)$$

$$C_{n+1} = 6C_n - C_{n-1}, (n \geq 1), C_0=1, C_1=3 \quad (2)$$

We note that the Binet-like formulas for balancing and Lucas- balancing numbers are

$$B_n = \frac{\alpha^n - \beta^n}{\alpha - \beta} \text{ and } C_n = \frac{\alpha^n + \beta^n}{\alpha - \beta} \quad (3)$$

respectively. We remark that  $\alpha=3+\sqrt{8}$  and  $\beta=3-\sqrt{8}$ .

## 2. BICOMPLEX BALANCING QUATERNIONS

**Definition 1.** The bicomplex balancing quaternions are defined by

$$QB_n = B_n + iB_{n+1} + jB_{n+2} + ijB_{n+3} \quad (4)$$

where  $B_n$  is the  $n$ th balancing number.

**Lemma 2.** For  $n \geq 1$ , we have

$$QB_{n+1} + QB_{n-1} = 6QB_n.$$

*Proof:* By the Definition 1, we write

$$QB_{n+1} + QB_{n-1} = (B_{n+1} + B_{n-1}) + i(B_{n+2} + B_n) + j(B_{n+3} + B_n) + ij((B_{n+4} + B_n))$$

Now, considering (1), we have

$$B_{n+1} + B_{n-1} = 6B_n.$$

So we write

$$\begin{aligned} QB_{n+1} + QB_{n-1} &= 6B_n + i(6B_{n+1}) + j(B_{n+2}) + ij((B_{n+3})) \\ &= 6(B_n + iB_{n+1} + jB_{n+2} + ijB_{n+3}) \\ &= 6QB_n. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the proof is complete.

Considering the Lemma 2, we obtain the following recurrence relation:

$$QB_{n+1} = 6QB_n - QB_{n-1}, (n \geq 1) \quad (5)$$

with the initial values,  $QB_0 = i + 6j + 35ij$  and  $QB_1 = 1 + 6i + 35j + 204ij$ .

**Theorem 3.** (The Binet-like formula for bicomplex balancing quaternions) For  $n \geq 0$

$$QB_n = \frac{a\alpha^n - b\beta^n}{\alpha - \beta}$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are bicomplex quaternions defined by  $a=1+i\alpha+j\alpha^2+ij\alpha^3$  and  $b=1+i\beta+j\beta^2+ij\beta^3$ , respectively. Moreover  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the roots of the equation  $r^2 - 6r + 1 = 0$ , i.e.,  $\alpha = 3 + \sqrt{8}$  and  $\beta = 3 - \sqrt{8}$ .

*Proof:* Using the Binet formula for balancing numbers, i.e.,

$$B_n = \frac{\alpha^n - \beta^n}{\alpha - \beta}$$

we find

$$\begin{aligned}
 QB_n &= B_n + iB_{n+1} + jB_{n+2} + ijB_{n+3} \\
 &= \left(\frac{\alpha^n - \beta^n}{\alpha - \beta}\right) + i\left(\frac{\alpha^{n+1} - \beta^{n+1}}{\alpha - \beta}\right) + j\left(\frac{\alpha^{n+2} - \beta^{n+2}}{\alpha - \beta}\right) + ij\left(\frac{\alpha^{n+3} - \beta^{n+3}}{\alpha - \beta}\right) \\
 &= \frac{(1 + i\alpha + j\alpha^2 + ij\alpha^3)\alpha^n - (1 + i\beta + j\beta^2 + ij\beta^3)\beta^n}{\alpha - \beta} \\
 &= \frac{a\alpha^n - b\beta^n}{\alpha - \beta}.
 \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 4.** The generating function of the bicomplex balancing quaternions is

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} QB_n x^n = \frac{QB_0 + (QB_1 - 6QB_0)x}{1 - 6x + x^2},$$

where  $QB_0 = i + 6j + 35ij$  and  $QB_1 = 1 + 6i + 35j + 204ij$ .

*Proof:* Let

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} QB_n x^n = QB_0 + QB_1 x + QB_2 x^2 + \dots + QB_n x^n + \dots$$

be the generating function of the bicomplex balancing quaternions. Since

$$6xf(x) = 6QB_0 x + 6QB_1 x^2 + 6QB_2 x^3 + \dots + QB_{n-1} x^n + \dots$$

and

$$x^2 f(x) = QB_0 x^2 + QB_1 x^3 + QB_2 x^4 + \dots + QB_{n-2} x^n + \dots$$

and considering the recurrence relation for bicomplex balancing quaternions we obtain

$$(1 - 6x + x^2)f(x) = QB_0 + (QB_1 - 6QB_0)x$$

or

$$f(x) = \frac{QB_0 + (QB_1 - 6QB_0)x}{(1 - 6x + x^2)}$$

So the theorem is proved.

**Theorem 5.** (The Catalan-like identity for bicomplex balancing quaternions)

$$QB_{n-r}QB_{n+r} - (QB_n)^2 = -(ab)B_r^2$$

where  $n, r \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $n > r$  and  $B_r$  is the  $r$ th balancing number.

*Proof:* Using the Binet-like formula for the bicomplex balancing quaternions and taking into account that  $\alpha\beta = 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 QB_{n-r}QB_{n+r}-(QB_n)^2 &= \left(\frac{a\alpha^{n-r}-b\beta^{n-r}}{\alpha-\beta}\right)\left(\frac{a\alpha^{n+r}-b\beta^{n+r}}{\alpha-\beta}\right)-\left(\frac{a\alpha^n-b\beta^n}{\alpha-\beta}\right)^2 \\
 &= -\frac{ab}{(\alpha-\beta)^2}(\alpha\beta)^n\left[\left(\frac{\beta^r}{\alpha^r}+\frac{\alpha^r}{\beta^r}\right)-2\right] \\
 &= -\frac{ab}{(\alpha-\beta)^2}\left(\frac{\alpha^{2r}+\beta^{2r}-2}{(\alpha\beta)^r}\right) \\
 &= -\frac{ab}{(\alpha-\beta)^2}(\alpha^r-\beta^r)^2 \\
 &= -(ab)\left(\frac{\alpha^r-\beta^r}{\alpha-\beta}\right)^2 \\
 &= -(ab)B_r^2
 \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 6.** (Cassini's-like identity for bicomplex balancing quaternions)

$$QB_{n-r}QB_{n+r}-(QB_n)^2 = -(ab).$$

*Proof:* Note that for  $r = 1$ , the equality (6) gives Cassini's identity. Further we remark that  $B_1^2 = 1$ .

**Theorem 7.** (D'ocagne's-like identity for bicomplex balancing quaternions) If  $m > n$  and  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , then

$$QB_mQB_{n+1} - QB_{m+1}QB_n = -(ab) B_{m-n}.$$

where  $B_{m-n}$  is  $(m-n)$  th balancing number.

*Proof:* Using the Binet-like formula for bicomplex balancing quaternions and  $\alpha\beta = 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 QB_mQB_{n+1} - QB_{m+1}QB_n &= \left(\frac{a\alpha^m-b\beta^m}{\alpha-\beta}\right)\left(\frac{a\alpha^{n+1}-b\beta^{n+1}}{\alpha-\beta}\right) - \left(\frac{a\alpha^{m+1}-b\beta^{m+1}}{\alpha-\beta}\right)\left(\frac{a\alpha^{n+1}-b\beta^{n+1}}{\alpha-\beta}\right) \\
 &= -(ab)\left[\frac{(\alpha\beta)^n}{(\alpha-\beta)^2}\right](-\alpha^{m-n}\beta - \beta^{m-n}\alpha + \alpha^{m-n}\alpha + \beta^{m-n}\beta) \\
 &= \frac{ab}{(\alpha-\beta)^2}[\alpha^{m-n}(-\beta + \alpha) - \beta^{m-n}(\alpha - \beta)] \\
 &= \frac{ab}{(\alpha-\beta)^2}(\alpha - \beta)[\alpha^{m-n} - \beta^{m-n}] \\
 &= (ab)\left(\frac{\alpha^{m-n}-\beta^{m-n}}{\alpha-\beta}\right) \\
 &= (ab)B_{m-n}.
 \end{aligned}$$

So the proof is complete.

Now we give the summation formula for bicomplex balancing quaternions.

**Theorem 8.**

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} QB_i = \frac{1}{4}[5QB_n - QB_{n-1} - (1 + i + 5j + 29ij)].$$

*Proof:* From Lemma 2, we know that

$$QB_n = 6QB_{n-1} + QB_{n-2}$$

So we write

$$\begin{aligned}
QB_0 &= 6QB_{-1} - QB_{-2} \\
QB_1 &= 6QB_0 - QB_{-1} \\
&\vdots \\
QB_{n-1} &= 6QB_{n-2} - QB_{n-3} \\
QB_n &= 6QB_{n-1} - QB_{n-2}
\end{aligned}$$

Then summing the above equalities, we obtain

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} QB_i = \frac{1}{4} [5QB_n - QB_{n-1} - 5QB_{-1} - QB_{-2}]$$

Now considering  $QB_{-1} = -1 + j + 6ij$  and  $QB_{-2} = -6 - i + ij$ , we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} QB_i = \frac{1}{4} [5QB_n - QB_{n-1} - (1 + i + 5j + 29ij)]$$

Thus the theorem is proved..

**Theorem 9.** For the integer  $n \geq 1$ , we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^n \begin{bmatrix} QB_2 & QB_1 \\ QB_1 & QB_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} QB_{n+2} & QB_{n+1} \\ QB_{n+1} & QB_n \end{bmatrix}.$$

*Proof:* (By the induction on  $n$ ). If  $n = 1$ , then the result is obvious. We assume that it is true for  $n-1$ , i.e.,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{n-1} \begin{bmatrix} QB_2 & QB_1 \\ QB_1 & QB_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} QB_{n+1} & QB_n \\ QB_n & QB_{n-1} \end{bmatrix}.$$

By simple calculation using induction's hypothesis we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\begin{bmatrix} 6 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^n \begin{bmatrix} QB_2 & QB_1 \\ QB_1 & QB_n \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{n-1} \begin{bmatrix} QB_2 & QB_1 \\ QB_1 & QB_n \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} QB_{n+1} & QB_n \\ QB_n & QB_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} 6QB_{n+1} - QB_n & 6QB_n - QB_{n-1} \\ QB_{n+1} & QB_n \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} QB_{n+2} & QB_{n+1} \\ QB_{n+1} & QB_n \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

which ends the proof.

### 3. TRIDIAGONAL MATRIX WITH BICOMPLEX BALANCING QUATERNIONS

In this section, we give another way to obtain the  $n$  th term of the bicomplex balancing quaternion sequence as the computation of a tridiagonal matrix.

**Theorem 10.** [4] Let  $\{x_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  be any second order linear sequence defined recursively by the following ;

$$x_{n+1} = Ax_n + Bx_{n-1} \quad n \geq 1,$$

with  $x_0 = C, x_1 = D$ . Then for all  $n \geq 0$

$$x_n = \begin{vmatrix} C & D & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & B & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & A & B & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & A & B \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & -1 & A \end{vmatrix}_{(n+1) \times (n+1)}$$

**Proposition 11.** For all  $n \geq 0$

$$QB_n = \begin{vmatrix} QB_0 & QB_1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 6 & -1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 6 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & -1 & 6 \end{vmatrix}_{(n+1) \times (n+1)}$$

*Proof:* In Theorem 10, consider  $A = 6, B = -1, C = QB_0$  and  $D = QB_1$ , then the proof is immediately seen.

### 4. BICOMPLEX LUCAS-BALANCING QUATERNIONS

**Definition 12.** The bicomplex Lucas-balancing quaternions are defined by

$$QC_n = C_n + iC_{n+1} + jC_{n+2} + ijC_{n+3} \tag{7}$$

where  $C_n$  is the  $n$  th Lucas-balancing number.

**Theorem 13.** For  $n \geq 1, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

$$QC_{n+1} + QC_{n-1} = 6QC_n.$$

*Proof:* Considering the equality (7) and

$$C_{n+1} = 6C_n - C_{n-1}, (n \geq 1)$$

then the proof is immediately seen.

We note that by the Theorem 13, we obtain the following recurrence relation:

$$QC_{n+1} = 6QC_n - QC_{n-1}, (n \geq 1), n \geq 1$$

with the initial values  $QC_0 = 1 + 3i + 17j + 99ij$  and  $QC_1 = 3 + 17i + 99j + 577ij$ .

**Theorem 14.** The Binet- like formula for bicomplex Lucas-balancing quaternions is

$$QC_n = \frac{a\alpha^n + b\beta^n}{2}$$

where  $a = 1 + i\alpha + j\alpha^2 + ij\alpha^3$ ,  $b = 1 + i\beta + j\beta^2 + ij\beta^3$  and  $\alpha = 3 + \sqrt{8}$ ,  $\beta = 3 - \sqrt{8}$ .

*Proof:* Using the following Binet-like formula for the Lucas- balancing numbers

$$C_n = \frac{\alpha^n + \beta^n}{2}$$

and considering the equality (7), the proof is easily seen.

**Theorem 15.** The generating function for bicomplex Lucas-balancing quaternions is

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} QC_n x^n = \frac{QC_0 + (QC_1 - 6QC_0)x}{1 - 6x + x^2}$$

*Proof:* The proof of this theorem is similar to the proof of Theorem 4.

**Theorem 16.** (The Catalan's formula for bicomplex Lucas-balancing quaternions) For  $n > r$  and  $n, r \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , we have

$$QC_{n-r}QC_{n+r} - (QC_n)^2 = 2abB_r^2 \quad (8)$$

where  $a = 1 + i\alpha + j\alpha^2 + ij\alpha^3$  and  $b = 1 + i\beta + j\beta^2 + ij\beta^3$  and  $B_r$  is the  $r$  th balancing number.

*Proof:* Using the Binet-like formula for the bicomplex Lucas-balancing quaternions, the proof is immediately seen.

**Corollary 17.** The Cassini's-like formula for bicomplex Lucas-balancing quaternions is

$$QC_{n-1}QC_{n+1} - (QC_n)^2 = 2ab \quad (9)$$

*Proof:* We note that for  $r = 1$ , the equality (8) gives the formula (9). Further we remark that  $B_1^2 = 1$ .

**Theorem 18.** (D'ocagne's-like identity for bicomplex Lucas-balancing quaternions) If  $m > n$  and  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , then



$$QC_m QC_{n+1} - QC_{m+1} QC_n = -8(ab)B_{m-n}$$

where  $B_{m-n}$  is  $(m-n)$ th balancing number.

*Proof:* Considering the Binet-like formula for bicomplex Lucas-balancing quaternions, the proof is easily seen.

**Theorem 19.** The following equalities are valid:

$$i) \quad 2(QB_n)C_n - QB_{2n} = \frac{a-b}{2\sqrt{8}}$$

$$ii) \quad 2(QC_n)B_n - QB_{2n} = \frac{b-a}{2\sqrt{8}}$$

where  $a = 1 + i\alpha + j\alpha^2 + ij\alpha^3$  and  $b = 1 + i\beta + j\beta^2 + ij\beta^3$ .

*Proof:* Using the following formulas

$$QB_n = \frac{a\alpha^n - b\beta^n}{\alpha - \beta}, \quad B_n = \frac{\alpha^n - \beta^n}{\alpha - \beta}, \quad QC_n = \frac{a\alpha^n + b\beta^n}{2}, \quad C_n = \frac{\alpha^n + \beta^n}{2}$$

and  $\alpha\beta = 1$ , the proof is immediately seen.

**Proposition 20.** For  $n \geq 0$ , we have

$$QC_n = \begin{vmatrix} QC_0 & QC_1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 6 & -1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ & & \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 6 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & -1 & 6 \end{vmatrix}_{(n+1) \times (n+1)}$$

*Proof:* In Theorem 3.1 considering  $A = 1$ ,  $B = -6$ ,  $C = QC_0$  and  $D = QC_1$ , then the proof is easily seen.

### 5. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we presented new two sequences, these are bicomplex balancing quaternions and bicomplex Lucas-balancing quaternions. Moreover we obtained some formulas for example; Binet formula, Catalan formula, Cassini formula etc. Furthermore we presented  $n$ -th term of bicomplex balancing quaternion sequences as computation of a tridiagonal matrix.

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