



A Relation Between Restricted and Unrestricted Weighted Motzkin Paths

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Abstract

We consider those lattice paths that use the steps “up”, “level”, and “down” with assigned weights w, b, c . In probability theory, the total weight is 1. In combinatorics, we replace weight by the number of colors. Here we give a combinatorial proof of a relation between restricted and unrestricted weighted Motzkin paths.

1 Introduction

We consider those lattice paths in the Cartesian plane starting from $(0, 0)$ that use the steps $\{U, L, D\}$, where $U = (1, 1)$, an up-step, $L = (1, 0)$, a level-step and $D = (1, -1)$, a down-step, with assigned weights w, b , and c . In probability theory, the total weight is 1. In combinatorics, we regard weight as the number of colors and normalize by setting $w = 1$. Let P be a path. We define the weight $w(P)$ to be the product of the weight of the steps. Let $A(n, k)$ be the set of all weighted lattice paths ending at the point (n, k) , and let $M(n, k)$ be the set of lattice paths in $A(n, k)$ that never go below the x -axis. Let $a_{n,k}$ be the sum of all $w(P)$ with P in $A(n, k)$ and let $m_{n,k}$ be the sum of all $w(P)$ with P in $M(n, k)$. Note that

$$a_{n,k} = a_{n-1,k-1} + ba_{n-1,k} + ca_{n-1,k+1},$$

and the same relationship holds for $b_{n,k}$ and $m_{n,k}$. In combinatorics, we regard the weights as the number of colors. Then $A(n, k)$ is the set of all colored lattice paths ending at the point (n, k) and $M(n, k)$ is the set of all colored lattice paths in $A(n, k)$ that never go below the x -axis. Then $a_{n,k} = |A(n, k)|$, $m_{n,k} = |M(n, k)|$, and $m_n = |M(n, 0)|$. The sequence $\{m_n\}$ is called the bc -Motzkin sequence for the bc -Motzkin lattice path. Let $B(n, k)$ denote the set of lattice paths in $A(n, k)$ that never return to the x -axis after the initial U step and

let $b_{n,k} = |B(n,k)|$. Note that the paths in $M(n,k)$ and $B(n,k)$ are restricted paths. For definitions and results please refer to Stanley [5].

2 Some Examples

Example 1. For $b = 2$, $c = 1$, all matrices are infinite by infinite. Partial entries are as follows:

$$(a_{n,k}) = \begin{bmatrix} n \setminus k & -5 & -4 & -3 & -2 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 6 & 15 & 20 & 15 & 6 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 & 8 & 28 & 56 & 70 & 56 & 28 & 8 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 1 & 10 & 45 & 120 & 210 & 252 & 210 & 120 & 45 & 10 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$(m_{n,k}) = \begin{bmatrix} n \setminus k & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 14 & 14 & 6 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 42 & 48 & 27 & 8 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 132 & 165 & 110 & 44 & 10 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$(b_{n,k}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 14 & 14 & 6 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 42 & 48 & 27 & 8 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 132 & 165 & 110 & 44 & 10 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The 21-Motzkin sequence 1, 2, 5, 14, 42, 132, ... of the first column of $(m_{n,k})$ is the Catalan sequence (Sloane's [A000108](#)). Please refer to Stanley [5].

Example 2. For $b = 3$, $c = 2$, partial entries are as follows:

$$(a_{n,k}) = \begin{bmatrix} n \setminus k & -5 & -4 & -3 & -2 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 12 & 13 & 6 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 8 & 36 & 66 & 63 & 33 & 9 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 16 & 96 & 248 & 360 & 321 & 180 & 62 & 12 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 32 & 240 & 800 & 1560 & 1970 & 1683 & 985 & 390 & 100 & 15 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$(m_{n,k}) = \begin{bmatrix} n \setminus k & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 11 & 6 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 45 & 31 & 9 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 197 & 156 & 60 & 12 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 903 & 785 & 372 & 98 & 15 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$(b_{n,k}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 11 & 6 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 45 & 31 & 9 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 197 & 156 & 60 & 12 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 903 & 785 & 360 & 98 & 15 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The 32-Motzkin sequence 1, 3, 11, 45, 197, ... of the first column of $(m_{n,k})$ is the little Schroeder sequence (Sloane's [A001003](#)).

Example 3. Let $b = 4, c = 3$. Partial entries are as follows:

$$(a_{n,k}) = \begin{bmatrix} n \setminus k & -4 & -3 & -2 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 9 & 24 & 22 & 8 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 27 & 108 & 171 & 136 & 57 & 12 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 81 & 432 & 972 & 1200 & 886 & 400 & 108 & 16 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$(m_{n,k}) = \begin{bmatrix} n \setminus k & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 19 & 8 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 100 & 54 & 12 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 562 & 352 & 105 & 16 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$(b_{n,k}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 19 & 8 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 100 & 54 & 9 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 562 & 356 & 105 & 16 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

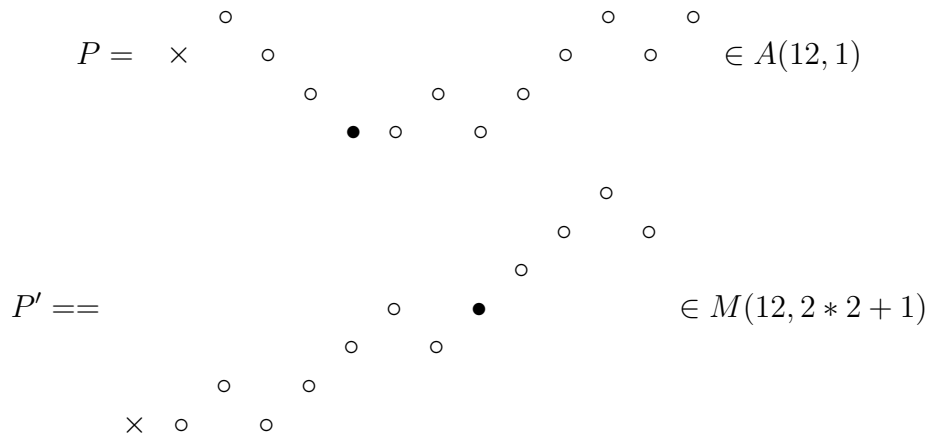
3 Main results

We now give a bijective proof for

Theorem 4. $a_{n,k} = \sum_{i=0}^k c^i m_{n,2i+k}$ for $n, k \geq 0$.

Proof. Let P be a lattice path in $A(n, k)$. Find the leftmost lowest point of the path, and let this point be $p = (m, -i)$. Now we obtain path P' in $M(n, 2i + k)$ from P as follows: first, replace U with D , and D with U for the section of P before the point p . Next, reverse the order of those steps and attach those steps to the end of the rest of the path. This gives us a path P' with i fewer down steps and $w(P) = c^i w(P')$. Note that the attached point is the rightmost point of height $i + k$; this identification suggests the inverse mapping. \square

Example 5. Let $P = (UDDD)LUDUUUDU \in A(15, 1)$, $P' = LUDUUUDU(UUUD) \in M(15, 5)$.



Remark 6. Theorem 4 shows us the relationship between $(m_{n,k})$ and $(a_{n,k})$.

For Example 1

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 14 & 14 & 6 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 42 & 48 & 27 & 8 & 1 & 0 \\ 132 & 165 & 110 & 44 & 10 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 & = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 6 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 20 & 15 & 6 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 70 & 56 & 28 & 8 & 1 & 0 \\ 252 & 210 & 120 & 45 & 10 & 1 \end{bmatrix} .
 \end{aligned}$$

For Example 2

$$\begin{aligned}
& \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 11 & 6 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 45 & 31 & 9 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 197 & 156 & 60 & 12 & 1 & 0 \\ 903 & 785 & 360 & 98 & 15 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
= & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 13 & 6 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 63 & 33 & 9 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 321 & 180 & 62 & 12 & 1 & 0 \\ 1683 & 985 & 390 & 100 & 15 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.
\end{aligned}$$

For Example 3

$$\begin{aligned}
& \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 19 & 8 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 100 & 54 & 12 & 1 & 0 \\ 562 & 352 & 105 & 16 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 9 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
= & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 22 & 8 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 136 & 57 & 12 & 1 & 0 \\ 886 & 400 & 108 & 16 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.
\end{aligned}$$

We now give a bijective proof for

Theorem 7. $a_{n,-k} = c^k a_{n,k}$.

Proof. Let P be in $A(n, -k)$. Then P has k more D steps than U steps. We obtain $P' \in A(n, k)$ from P by interchanging D steps and U steps. Then P has k more D steps than P' . Hence $a_{n,-k} = c^k a_{n,k}$. \square

For examples, see Examples 1, 2 and 3.

We now give a bijective proof for

Theorem 8. $(1 + b + c)^n = \sum_{k=-n}^n a_{n,k} = a_{n,0} + \sum_{k=1}^n (c^k + 1)a_{n,k}$.

Proof. For each step we have $(1 + b + c)$ choices. Let us index the columns of $(a_{n,k})$ by the power k of y . The generating function going from one row to next is multiplied by

$w(y) = y + b + cy^{-1}$. Hence the generating function of the n^{th} row of $(a_{n,k})$ is $w(y)^n$. By setting $y = 1$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1 + b + c)^n &= \sum_{k=-n}^n a_{n,k} \\
 &= \sum_{k=-n}^{-1} a_{n,k} + a_{n,0} + \sum_{k=1}^n a_{n,k} \\
 &= \sum_{k=1}^n c^k a_{n,k} + a_{n,0} + \sum_{k=1}^n a_{n,k} \\
 &= a_{n,0} + \sum_{k=1}^n (c^k + 1)a_{n,k}.
 \end{aligned}$$

□

Remark 9. Apply Theorem 8 to

Example 1:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 6 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 20 & 15 & 6 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 70 & 56 & 28 & 8 & 1 & 0 \\ 252 & 210 & 120 & 45 & 10 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 16 \\ 64 \\ 256 \\ 1024 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Example 2

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 13 & 6 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 63 & 33 & 9 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 321 & 180 & 62 & 12 & 1 & 0 \\ 1683 & 985 & 390 & 100 & 15 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 9 \\ 17 \\ 33 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \\ 36 \\ 216 \\ 1296 \\ 7776 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Example 3

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 22 & 8 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 136 & 57 & 12 & 1 & 0 \\ 886 & 400 & 108 & 16 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 10 \\ 28 \\ 82 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 8 \\ 64 \\ 512 \\ 4096 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Please refer to Getu [2] for Riordan matrices.

Definition 10. A lower triangular matrix $A = (g, f)$ is said to be a *Riordan* matrix if the generating function A_k of the k^{th} column is gf^k , where $g = g(x) = 1 + g_1x + g_2x^2 + \dots$ and $f = f(x) = x + f_2x^2 + f_3x^3 + \dots$. Let R be the set of all Riordan matrices.

Lemma 11. Let $D = (d_{n,k}) = (g, f) \in R$ and $A = [a_i]$ a column vector with generating function $A(x) = \sum a_i x^i$. Then the generating function for $B = DA$ is $gA(f)$.

Proof. $b_n = \sum a_i ([x^n] g f^i) = [x^n] \sum a_i g f^i = [x^n] g A(f)$. □

Remark 12. Let $M = (g, f)$ and $N = (h, l)$ be in R . Then $MN = (g, f)(k, l) = (gk(f), l(f))$ and R is a group with $(g, f)^{-1} = (\frac{1}{g(f^{-1})}, f^{-1})$.

Definition 13. For each $A \in R$, we define the *Stieltjes* Matrix. $S_A = A^{-1}\bar{A}$ or $AS_A = \bar{A}$, where \bar{A} is the matrix obtaining from A by removing the first row. The entries of the *Stieltjes* matrix are of the following form:

$$S_A = \begin{bmatrix} \times & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \times & \times & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \times & \times & \times & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & 1 & 0 \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times & 1 \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \end{bmatrix}.$$

For the following Remark please refer to Peart [3] and Spitzer [4].

Remark 14. Let $A = (g, f) \in R$ be a matrix with tridiagonal Stieltjes matrix of the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ d & b & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c & b & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c & b & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & c & b & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & c & b \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then $f = f(x) = x(1 + bf + cf^2)$, $g = \frac{1}{1-ax-dxf}$.

For Example 1, $f = x(1 + 2f + f^2) = \frac{1-2x-\sqrt{1-4x}}{2x}$,

$(a_{n,k}) = (g, f)$ with $g = \frac{1}{1-2x-2xf}$,

$(m_{n,k}) = (\frac{f}{x}, f)$,

$$S_{(a_{n,k})} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad S_{(m_{n,k})} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

For Example 2, $f = x(1 + 3f + 2f^2) = \frac{1-3x-\sqrt{1-6x+x^2}}{4x}$,
 $(a_{n,k}) = (g, f)$ with $g = \frac{1}{1-3x-4xf}$,
 $(m_{n,k}) = (\frac{f}{x}, f)$,

$$S_{(a_{n,k})} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad S_{(m_{n,k})} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Theorem 15. For bc-Motzkin sequences we have $(m_{n,k})(\frac{1}{1-cx^2}, x) = (a_{n,k})$.

Proof. It follows by Theorem 4. □

Theorem 16. For bc-Motzkin sequences we have $(a_{n,k})(\frac{1}{1-cx} + \frac{x}{1-x}) = \frac{1}{1-kx}$, $k = 1 + b + c$.

Proof. By Theorem 8. □

Theorem 17. For bc-Motzkin sequences we have $(m_{n,k})(\frac{1}{(1-cx)(1-x)}) = \frac{1}{1-kx}$.

Proof. By Theorems 15, 16. □

Remark 18. Apply Theorem 17 to

Example 1.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 14 & 14 & 6 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 42 & 48 & 27 & 8 & 1 & 0 \\ 132 & 165 & 110 & 44 & 10 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 16 \\ 64 \\ 256 \\ 1024 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Example 2. Please refer to Cameron [1] for this example.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 11 & 6 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 45 & 31 & 9 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 197 & 156 & 60 & 12 & 1 & 0 \\ 903 & 785 & 360 & 98 & 15 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 7 \\ 15 \\ 31 \\ 63 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \\ 36 \\ 216 \\ 1296 \\ 7776 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Example 3.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 19 & 8 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 100 & 54 & 12 & 1 & 0 \\ 562 & 352 & 105 & 16 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 13 \\ 40 \\ 121 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 8 \\ 64 \\ 512 \\ 4096 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Remark 19. Theorem 17 applies only to Stieltjes matrices of the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} b & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ c & b & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c & b & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c & b & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & c & b & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & c & b \end{bmatrix}$$

The following is a generalization.

Theorem 20. Let $A = (g, f) \in R$ be a Riordan matrix with tridiagonal Stieltjes matrix of the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ d & b & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c & b & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c & b & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & c & b & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & c & b \end{bmatrix}$$

and $A(x) = \frac{(1-cx)+(k-a-1)x+(c-d)x^2}{(1-x)(1-cx)}$,

then $(g, f)A(x) = \frac{1}{1-kx}$, where $k = 1 + b + c$.

Proof. Let $A(x) = 1 + (k - a)x + [(k - a - 1)c + (c - d) + (k - a)]x^2 + [((k - a - 1)c + c - d)c + (k - a - 1)c + (c - d) + (k - a)]x^3 + \dots$.

Then $A(x) - xA(x) = \frac{(1-cx)+(k-a-1)x+(c-d)x^2}{1-cx}$.

Now

$$\begin{aligned}
(g, f)A(x) &= \frac{1}{1-ax-dxf} \frac{1+(k-a-c-1)f+(c-d)f^2}{(1-f)(1-cf)} \\
&= \frac{1}{1-ax-dxf} \frac{1+(b-a)f+(c-d)f^2}{(1-f)(1-cf)} = \frac{1}{1-ax-dxf} \frac{1+bf+cf^2-af-df^2}{(1-f)(1-cf)} \\
&= \frac{1}{1-ax-dxf} \frac{\frac{f}{x}-af-df^2}{(1-f)(1-cf)} \\
&= \frac{f}{x(1-f)(1-cf)} \\
&= \frac{f}{x(1-f-cf+cf^2)} \\
&= \frac{f}{x-xf-cxf+xcf^2} \\
&= \frac{f}{f-xbf-xf-cxf} \\
&= \frac{f}{f-xf(b+c+1)} \\
&= \frac{1}{1-kx}.
\end{aligned}$$

□

Remark 21. Apply Theorem 20 and Peart [3].

Example 1.

$$S_A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 9 & 5 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 14 & 28 & 20 & 7 & 1 & 0 \\ 42 & 90 & 75 & 35 & 9 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = (g, f),$$

where $f = x(1+2f+f^2) = \frac{1-2x-\sqrt{1-4x}}{2x}$, $g = \frac{1}{1-x-xf} = \frac{1-\sqrt{1-4x}}{2}$,
 $A(x) = \frac{1+x}{(1-x)(1-x)} = 1 + 3x + 5x^2 + 7x^3 + 9x^4 + 11x^5 + 13x^6 + O(x^7)$,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 9 & 5 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 14 & 28 & 20 & 7 & 1 & 0 \\ 42 & 90 & 75 & 35 & 9 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 7 \\ 9 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 16 \\ 64 \\ 256 \\ 1024 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Example 2.

$$S_A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 6 & 5 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 22 & 23 & 8 & 1 & 0 \\ 90 & 107 & 49 & 11 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = (g, f),$$

where $f = x(1 + 3f + 2f^2) = \frac{1-3x-\sqrt{1-6x+x^2}}{4x}$, $g = \frac{1}{1-2x-2xf}$,
 $A(x) = \frac{1+x}{(1-x)(1-2x)} = 1 + 4x + 10x^2 + 22x^3 + 46x^4 + 94x^5 + 190x^6 + 382x^7 + O(x^8)$,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 6 & 5 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 22 & 23 & 8 & 1 & 0 \\ 90 & 107 & 49 & 11 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 10 \\ 22 \\ 46 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \\ 36 \\ 216 \\ 1296 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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