



## Nonlinear Differential Equations Arising from Boole Numbers and their Applications

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we study nonlinear differential equations satisfied by the generating function of Boole numbers. In addition, we derive some explicit and new interesting identities involving Boole numbers and higher-order Boole numbers arising from our nonlinear differential equations.

### 1. Introduction

The Boole polynomials,  $Bl_n(x | \lambda)$ , ( $n \geq 0$ ), are given by the generating function

$$\frac{1}{1 + (1 + t)^\lambda} (1 + t)^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} Bl_n(x | \lambda) \frac{t^n}{n!}, \quad (\text{see [7–10]}), \quad (1)$$

where we assume that  $\lambda \neq 0$ .

When  $x = 0$ ,  $Bl_n(\lambda) = Bl_n(0 | \lambda)$ , ( $n \geq 0$ ), are called the Boole numbers. The higher-order Boole polynomials (also called Peters polynomials) are defined by the generating function

$$\left( \frac{1}{1 + (1 + t)^\lambda} \right)^r (1 + t)^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} Bl_n^{(r)}(x | \lambda) \frac{t^n}{n!}, \quad (r \in \mathbb{N}), \quad (\text{see [16]}). \quad (2)$$

The first few Boole and higher-order Boole polynomials are as follows:

$$Bl_0(x | \lambda) = \frac{1}{2}, \quad Bl_1(x | \lambda) = \frac{1}{4}(2x - \lambda), \quad Bl_2(x | \lambda) = \frac{1}{4}(2x(x - \lambda - 1) + \lambda),$$

and

$$Bl_0^{(r)}(x | \lambda) = 2^{-r}, \quad Bl_1^{(r)}(x | \lambda) = 2^{-(r+1)}(2x - \lambda), \\ Bl_2^{(r)}(x | \lambda) = 2^{-(r+2)}(4x(x - 1) + (2 - 4x)\lambda r + r(r - 1)\lambda^2), \dots$$

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Boole numbers and polynomials have been studied by several authors (see [7–9, 15]). For Apostol-Bernoulli, Apostol-Euler, and Apostol-Genocchi polynomials, one is referred to [1–5, 11–14, 17–19]).

The purpose of this paper is to give some explicit and new identities for the Boole numbers and the higher-order Boole numbers arising from nonlinear differential equations.

The following Theorems A and B are the main results of this paper which are stated as Theorems 2.2 and 2.3, respectively.

**Theorem A.** *The family of nonlinear differential equations*

$$F^{(N)} = \frac{(-1)^N \lambda}{(1+t)^N} \sum_{i=1}^{N+1} a_{i-1}(N; \lambda) F^i, \quad (N \in \mathbb{N}), \tag{3}$$

have a solution  $F = F(t, \lambda) = \frac{1}{(1+t)^\lambda + 1}$ ,

where  $a_0(N; \lambda) = (N + \lambda - 1)_{N-1}$ ,  $a_N(N; \lambda) = (-1)^N \lambda^{N-1} N!$ , and with  $a_j(N; \lambda)$  ( $1 \leq j \leq n - 1$ ) as in (26)

**Theorem B.** *For  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ , we have*

$$Bl_{k+N}(N; \lambda) = (-1)^N \lambda \sum_{i=1}^{N+1} a_{i-1}(N; \lambda) \sum_{k=0}^i \binom{k}{i} (-1)^i (N + i - 1)_i Bl_{k-i}^{(i)}(N; \lambda). \tag{4}$$

## 2. Nonlinear Differential Equations Arising from the Generating Function of Boole Numbers

Let

$$F = F(t; \lambda) = \frac{1}{(1+t)^\lambda + 1}. \tag{5}$$

Then, by (5), we get

$$\begin{aligned} F^{(1)} &= \frac{d}{dt} F(t) \tag{6} \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{(1+t)^\lambda + 1} \right)^2 \frac{(-1)\lambda}{(1+t)} (1+t)^\lambda \\ &= \frac{(-1)\lambda}{1+t} \frac{1}{((1+t)^\lambda + 1)^2} ((1+t)^\lambda - 1 + 1) \\ &= \frac{(-1)\lambda}{1+t} (F - F^2), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} F^{(2)} &= \frac{dF^{(1)}}{dt} \tag{7} \\ &= \frac{(-1)^2 \lambda}{(1+t)^2} (F - F^2) - \frac{\lambda}{1+t} (F^{(1)} - 2FF^{(1)}) \\ &= \frac{(-1)^2 \lambda}{(1+t)^2} (F - F^2) + \frac{(-1)^2 \lambda^2}{(1+t)^2} (1 - 2F)(F - F^2) \\ &= \frac{(-1)^2 \lambda}{(1+t)^2} \{ (1 + \lambda)F - (1 + 3\lambda)F^2 + 2\lambda F^3 \}. \end{aligned}$$

Continuing this process, we set

$$F^{(N)} = \left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)^N F(t) = \frac{(-1)^N \lambda}{(1+t)^N} \sum_{i=1}^{N+1} a_{i-1}(N; \lambda) F^i, \tag{8}$$

where  $N = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

From (8), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & F^{(N+1)} \tag{9} \\ &= \frac{d}{dt} F^{(N)} \\ &= \frac{(-1)^{N+1} \lambda N}{(1+t)^{N+1}} \sum_{i=1}^{N+1} a_{i-1}(N; \lambda) F^i + \frac{(-1)^N \lambda}{(1+t)^N} \sum_{i=1}^{N+1} a_{i-1}(N; \lambda) i F^{i-1} F^{(1)} \\ &= \frac{(-1)^{N+1} \lambda N}{(1+t)^{N+1}} \sum_{i=1}^{N+1} a_{i-1}(N; \lambda) F^i + \frac{(-1)^{N+1} \lambda^2}{(1+t)^{N+1}} \sum_{i=1}^{N+1} i a_{i-1}(N; \lambda) F^{i-1} (F - F^2) \\ &= \frac{(-1)^{N+1} \lambda}{(1+t)^{N+1}} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{N+1} (N + i\lambda) a_{i-1}(N; \lambda) F^i - \sum_{i=2}^{N+2} (i - 1) \lambda a_{i-2}(N; \lambda) F^i \right\} \\ &= \frac{(-1)^{N+1} \lambda}{(1+t)^{N+1}} \left\{ (N + \lambda) a_0(N; \lambda) F - (N + 1) \lambda a_N(N; \lambda) F^{N+2} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{i=2}^{N+1} \left( (N + i\lambda) a_{i-1}(N; \lambda) - (i - 1) \lambda a_{i-2}(N; \lambda) F^i \right) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, replacing  $N$  by  $N + 1$  in (8), we get

$$F^{(N+1)} = \frac{(-1)^{N+1} \lambda}{(1+t)^{N+1}} \sum_{i=1}^{N+2} a_{i-1}(N + 1; \lambda) F^i. \tag{10}$$

From (9) and (10), we can derive the following relations:

$$a_0(N + 1; \lambda) = (N + \lambda) a_0(N; \lambda), \tag{11}$$

$$a_{N+1}(N + 1; \lambda) = -(N + 1) \lambda a_N(N; \lambda) \tag{12}$$

and

$$a_{i-1}(N + 1; \lambda) = -(i - 1) \lambda a_{i-2}(N; \lambda) + (N + i\lambda) a_{i-1}(N; \lambda), \tag{13}$$

where  $2 \leq i \leq N + 1$ .

By (5) and (8), it is easy to show that

$$F = F^{(0)} = \lambda a_0(0; \lambda) F. \tag{14}$$

By comparing the coefficients on both sides of (14), we have

$$a_0(0; \lambda) = \frac{1}{\lambda}. \tag{15}$$

From (6) and (8), we note that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(-1)\lambda}{1+t} (F - F^2) &= F^{(1)} \tag{16} \\ &= \frac{(-1)\lambda}{1+t} (a_0(1; \lambda) F + a_1(1; \lambda) F^2). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by (16), we get

$$a_0(1; \lambda) = 1, \text{ and } a_1(1; \lambda) = -1.$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_0(N+1; \lambda) &= (N+\lambda)a_0(N; \lambda) \\ &= (N+\lambda)(N+\lambda-1)a_0(N-1; \lambda) \\ &\vdots \\ &= (N+\lambda)(N+\lambda-1)\cdots(1+\lambda)a_0(1; \lambda) \\ &= (N+\lambda)(N+\lambda-1)\cdots(1+\lambda) \cdot 1 \\ &= (N+\lambda)_N, \end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} a_{N+1}(N+1; \lambda) &= -(N+1)\lambda a_N(N; \lambda) \\ &= (-1)^2 \lambda^2 (N+1) N a_{N-1}(N-1; \lambda) \\ &\vdots \\ &= (-1)^N \lambda^N (N+1) N \cdots 2 a_1(1; \lambda) \\ &= (-1)^{N+1} \lambda^N (N+1)!, \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

where

$$(x)_n = x(x-1)(x-2)\cdots(x-n+1), \quad (n \geq 0).$$

From (13), we can derive the following equations:

$$\begin{aligned} a_1(N+1; \lambda) &= -\lambda a_0(N; \lambda) + (N+2\lambda)a_1(N; \lambda) \\ &= -\lambda a_0(N; \lambda) + (N+2\lambda)\{-\lambda a_0(N-1; \lambda) + ((N-1)+2\lambda)a_1(N-1; \lambda)\} \\ &= -\lambda(a_0(N; \lambda) + (N+2\lambda)a_0(N-1; \lambda)) + (N+2\lambda)(N+2\lambda-1)a_1(N-1; \lambda) \\ &= -\lambda(a_0(N; \lambda) + (N+2\lambda)a_0(N-1; \lambda)) \\ &\quad + (N+2\lambda)(N+2\lambda-1)\{-\lambda a_0(N-2; \lambda) + (N+2\lambda-2)a_1(N-2; \lambda)\} \\ &= -\lambda\{a_0(N; \lambda) + (N+2\lambda)a_0(N-1; \lambda) + (N+2\lambda)(N+2\lambda-1)a_0(N-2; \lambda)\} \\ &\quad + (N+2\lambda)(N+2\lambda-1)(N+2\lambda-2)a_1(N-2; \lambda) \\ &\vdots \\ &= -\lambda \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} (N+2\lambda)_i a_0(N-i; \lambda) + (N+2\lambda)_N a_1(1; \lambda) \\ &= -\lambda \sum_{i=0}^N (N+2\lambda)_i a_0(N-i; \lambda), \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

Similarly to  $i = 1$  case, for  $i = 2$  and  $i = 3$ , we obtain

$$a_2(N+1; \lambda) = -2\lambda \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} (N+3\lambda)_i a_1(N-i; \lambda), \tag{20}$$

and

$$a_3(N + 1; \lambda) = -3\lambda \sum_{i=0}^{N-2} (N + 4\lambda)_i a_2(N - i; \lambda). \tag{21}$$

Proceeding in this way, we get

$$a_k(N + 1; \lambda) = -k\lambda \sum_{i_1=0}^{N-k+1} (N + (k + 1)\lambda)_{i_1} a_{k-1}(N - i_1; \lambda), \tag{22}$$

where  $1 \leq k \leq N$ .

Therefore, we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.1.** *We have the following recurrence relations:*

- (i)  $a_0(0; \lambda) = \frac{1}{\lambda}, a_0(1; \lambda) = 1, a_1(1; \lambda) = -1,$
- (ii)  $a_0(N + 1; \lambda) = (N + \lambda)_N, a_{N+1}(N + 1; \lambda) = (-1)^{N+1} \lambda^N (N + 1)!,$
- (iii)  $a_k(N + 1; \lambda) = -k\lambda \sum_{i_1=0}^{N-k+1} (N + (k + 1)\lambda)_{i_1} a_{k-1}(N - i_1; \lambda),$

for  $1 \leq k \leq N$ .

Now, we observe that

$$\begin{aligned} a_1(N + 1; \lambda) &= -\lambda \sum_{i_1=0}^N (N + 2\lambda)_{i_1} a_0(N - i_1; \lambda) \\ &= -\lambda \sum_{i_1=0}^N (N + 2\lambda)_{i_1} (N + \lambda - i_1 - 1)_{N-i_1-1}, \end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

Continuing this process, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &a_j(N + 1; \lambda) \\ &= (-1)^j j! \lambda^j \\ &\quad \times \sum_{i_j=0}^{N-j+1} \sum_{i_{j-1}=0}^{N-j+1-i_j} \cdots \sum_{i_1=0}^{N-j+1-i_j-\cdots-i_2} (N + (j + 1)\lambda)_{i_j} (N + j\lambda - i_j - 1)_{i_{j-1}} \\ &\quad \times \cdots \times (N + 2\lambda - i_j - \cdots - i_2 - (j - 1))_{i_1} \\ &\quad \times (N + \lambda - i_j - \cdots - i_1 - j)_{N-i_j-\cdots-i_1-j}, \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

where  $1 \leq j \leq N$ .

From (24), we note that the matrix  $(a_i(j; \lambda))_{0 \leq i, j \leq N}$  is given by

$$\begin{matrix} & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & & N \\ \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ \\ N \end{matrix} & \left[ \begin{array}{cccccc} \frac{1}{\lambda} & 1 & (1 + \lambda) & (2 + \lambda)_2 & \cdots & (N + \lambda - 1)_{N-1} \\ & -1 & & & & \\ & & (-1)^2 \lambda 2! & & & \\ & & & (-1)^3 \lambda^2 3! & & \\ & & & & \ddots & \\ & 0 & & & & (-1)^N \lambda^{N-1} N! \end{array} \right] \end{matrix} \tag{25}$$

Therefore, by Theorem 1, (8), and (24), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.2.** *The family of nonlinear differential equations*

$$F^{(N)} = \frac{(-1)^N \lambda}{(1+t)^N} \sum_{i=1}^{N+1} a_{i-1}(N; \lambda) F^i, \quad (N \in \mathbb{N}),$$

have a solution  $F = F(t, \lambda) = \frac{1}{(1+t)^\lambda + 1}$ ,

where  $a_0(N; \lambda) = (N + \lambda - 1)_{N-1}$ ,  $a_N(N; \lambda) = (-1)^N \lambda^{N-1} N!$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} a_j(N; \lambda) &= (-1)^j j! \lambda^j \sum_{i_j=0}^{N-j} \sum_{i_{j-1}=0}^{N-j-i_j} \cdots \sum_{i_1=0}^{N-j-i_j-\cdots-i_2} (N + (j+1)\lambda - 1)_{i_j} \\ &\quad \times (N + j\lambda - \lambda_j - 2)_{i_{j-1}} \cdots (N + 2\lambda - i_j - \cdots - i_2 - j)_{i_1} \\ &\quad \times (N + \lambda - i_j - \cdots - i_1 - j - 1)_{N-i_j-\cdots-i_1-j-1}, \quad (1 \leq j \leq N-1). \end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

Recall that the Boole numbers,  $Bl_k(\lambda)$ , ( $k \geq 0$ ), are given by the generating function

$$\frac{1}{(1+t)^\lambda + 1} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} Bl_k(\lambda) \frac{t^k}{k!}. \tag{27}$$

From (2), Theorem 2.2 and (27), we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} Bl_{k+N}(\lambda) \frac{t^k}{k!} \\ &= F^{(N)} \\ &= \frac{(-1)^N \lambda}{(1+t)^N} \sum_{i=1}^{N+1} a_{i-1}(N; \lambda) \left( \frac{1}{(1+t)^\lambda + 1} \right)^i \\ &= (-1)^N \lambda (1+t)^{-N} \sum_{i=1}^{N+1} a_{i-1}(N; \lambda) \left( \frac{1}{(1+t)^\lambda + 1} \right)^i \\ &= (-1)^N \lambda \left( \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (-1)^l (N+l-1)_l \frac{t^l}{l!} \right) \left( \sum_{i=1}^{N+1} a_{i-1}(N; \lambda) \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} Bl_m^{(i)}(\lambda) \frac{t^m}{m!} \right) \\ &= (-1)^N \lambda \sum_{i=1}^{N+1} a_{i-1}(N; \lambda) \left( \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (-1)^l (N+l-1)_l \frac{t^l}{l!} \right) \left( \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} Bl_m^{(i)}(\lambda) \frac{t^m}{m!} \right) \\ &= (-1)^N \lambda \sum_{i=1}^{N+1} a_{i-1}(N; \lambda) \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^k \binom{k}{l} (-1)^l (N+l-1)_l Bl_{k-l}^{(i)}(\lambda) \right) \frac{t^k}{k!} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left\{ (-1)^N \lambda \sum_{i=1}^{N+1} a_{i-1}(N; \lambda) \sum_{l=0}^k \binom{k}{l} (-1)^l (N+l-1)_l Bl_{k-l}^{(i)}(\lambda) \right\} \frac{t^k}{k!}, \end{aligned} \tag{28}$$

where  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ .

By comparing the coefficients on both sides of (28), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.3.** *For  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ , we have*

$$Bl_{k+N}(\lambda) = (-1)^N \lambda \sum_{i=1}^{N+1} a_{i-1}(N; \lambda) \sum_{k=0}^k \binom{k}{l} (-1)^l (N+l-1)_l Bl_{k-l}^{(i)}(\lambda).$$

As is well known, Euler numbers are given by the generating function

$$\left(\frac{2}{e^t + 1}\right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n \frac{t^n}{n!}. \tag{29}$$

By (2) and (29), we easily get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^i Bl_n^{(i)}(\lambda) \frac{t^n}{n!} &= \left(\frac{2}{(1+t)^\lambda + 1}\right)^i \\ &= \left(\frac{2}{e^{\lambda \log(1+t)} + 1}\right)^i \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} E_k^{(i)} \frac{1}{k!} \lambda^k (\log(1+t))^k \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k=0}^n E_k^{(i)} \lambda^k S_1(n, k)\right) \frac{t^n}{n!}, \quad (i \in \mathbb{N}). \end{aligned} \tag{30}$$

From (30), we have

$$2^i Bl_n^{(i)}(\lambda) = \sum_{k=0}^n E_k^{(i)} \lambda^k S_1(n, k), \quad (n \geq 0, i \in \mathbb{N}). \tag{31}$$

Therefore, by Theorem 2.3 and (31), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.4.** For  $k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  and  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{k+N} E_n \lambda^n S_1(k+N, n) \\ &= (-1)^N \lambda \sum_{i=1}^{N+1} a_{i-1}(N; \lambda) \sum_{l=0}^k \binom{k}{l} (-1)^l (N+l-1)_l \sum_{n=0}^{k-l} 2^{-i} E_n^{(i)} \lambda^n S_1(k-l, n). \end{aligned}$$

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