

## GENERALIZED PASCAL $k$ -ELIMINATED FUNCTIONAL MATRIX WITH $2N$ VARIABLES\*

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we introduce the Pascal  $k$ -eliminated functional matrix and the Pascal symmetric functional matrix with  $2n$  variables. Some algebraic properties of these matrices are presented and proved. In addition, we demonstrate a direct application of these properties for LU decompositions of some well-known matrices (such as symmetric Pascal matrices).

**Key words.** Pascal matrix, Pascal  $k$ -eliminated functional matrix, Pascal symmetric functional matrix, LU decompositions, Cholesky factorization.

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**1. Introduction.** In [1], the Pascal matrix  $P_n[x]$  is defined by

$$(1.1) \quad (P_n[x])_{ij} = \begin{cases} \binom{i}{j} x^{i-j}, & i \geq j \\ 0, & i < j \end{cases} \quad (i, j = 0, 1, \dots, n).$$

Call and Velleman [1] discussed the inverse and exponential property of  $P_n[x]$ , i.e.,  $P_n[x+y] = P_n[x]P_n[y]$  for all  $x, y$ , and a few basic properties of this matrix. In [2], the symmetric Pascal matrix  $Q_n$  is defined by

$$(1.2) \quad (Q_n)_{ij} = \binom{i+j}{j} \quad (i, j = 0, 1, \dots, n),$$

and it has been shown that  $Q_n$  can be expressed as the product of a lower triangular Pascal matrix,  $P_n[1]$ , and an upper triangular Pascal matrix,  $P_n^T[1]$ .

In [3], the extended generalized lower triangular Pascal matrix for two variables  $\Phi_n[x, y]$  is defined by

$$(1.3) \quad (\Phi_n[x, y])_{ij} = \begin{cases} \binom{i}{j} x^{i-j} y^{i+j}, & i \geq j \\ 0, & i < j \end{cases} \quad (i, j = 0, 1, \dots, n),$$

and the extended generalized rectangular Pascal matrix  $\Psi_n[x, y]$  is defined by

$$(1.4) \quad (\Psi_n[x, y])_{ij} = x^{i-j} y^{i+j} \binom{i+j}{j} \quad (i, j = 0, 1, \dots, n).$$

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In [3], the authors also demonstrated that  $\Psi_n[x, y]$  has the LU decomposition  $\Psi_n[x, y] = \Phi_n[x, y]P_n^T \begin{bmatrix} y \\ x \end{bmatrix}$ . The Pascal functional matrix was introduced in [4], by

$$(1.5) \quad (P_{n,\lambda}[x])_{ij} = \begin{cases} \binom{i}{j} x^{(i-j)|\lambda}, & i \geq j \\ 0, & i < j \end{cases} \quad (i, j = 0, 1, \dots, n),$$

where  $x^{n|\lambda}$  is the generalized upper factorial, which is defined as follows:

$$x^{n|\lambda} = \begin{cases} x(x + \lambda)(x + 2\lambda) \cdots (x + (n - 1)\lambda), & n \geq 1 \\ 0, & n = 0 \end{cases}.$$

In [5], the notion of Pascal functional matrix was extended to a more general Pascal functional matrix,  $G_n[x]$ , defined by

$$(1.6) \quad (G_n[x])_{i,j} = \begin{cases} \binom{i}{j} g_{i-j}(x), & i \geq j \\ 0, & i < j \end{cases} \quad (i, j = 0, 1, \dots, n),$$

where  $\{g_n(x)\}$  is an arbitrary sequence of binomial-type polynomials, i.e., for all  $n$ ,  $g_n(x + y) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} g_k(x)g_{n-k}(y)$  for any  $x$  and  $y$ .

In [6], the Pascal  $k$ -eliminated functional matrix with two variables, is defined by

$$(1.7) \quad (P_{n,k}[x, y])_{i,j} = \begin{cases} \binom{i+k}{j+k} x^{i-j} y^j, & i \geq j \\ 0, & i < j \end{cases} \quad (i, j = 0, 1, \dots, n, k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}).$$

Another variant of Pascal functional matrix was introduced in [8], defined by

$$(1.8) \quad (\mathcal{P}_n[f(t, x)])_{i,j} = \begin{cases} \binom{i}{j} f^{(i-j)}(t, x), & i \geq j \\ 0, & i < j \end{cases} \quad (i, j = 0, 1, \dots, n),$$

where  $f^{(k)}(t, x)$  is  $k$ th order derivative of  $f$  with respect to  $t$ . In [8], it was shown that all well-known variants of Pascal matrices in [4,5] are special cases of this generalization of Pascal functional matrix. In [3–8], the authors proved some algebraic properties of such matrices and derived combinatorial identities from these properties.

## 2. The Pascal $k$ -eliminated functional matrix with $2n$ variables.

DEFINITION 2.1. Using the sequence  $t_0 = 1, t_1, t_2, \dots$ , we define the sequence  $t^{[0]} = 1, t^{[1]}, t^{[2]}, \dots$  by the relation

$$t^{[n]} = t_n t^{[n-1]}.$$

*Notation.* For convenience, we accept the following notation:

$$t^{[i]+[j]} := t^{[i]}t^{[j]} \quad \text{and} \quad t^{[i]-[j]} := \frac{t^{[i]}}{t^{[j]}}.$$

**DEFINITION 2.2.** Let  $x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_n$  be any  $2n$  variables. The Pascal  $k$ -eliminated functional matrix with  $2n$  variables  $\Phi_{n,k}[x_1, \dots, x_n; y_1, \dots, y_n]$  for  $k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  is defined by

$$(2.1) \quad (\Phi_{n,k}[x_1, \dots, x_n; y_1, \dots, y_n])_{ij} = \binom{i+k}{j+k} x^{[i]-[j]} y^{[i]+[j]} \quad (i, j = 0, 1, \dots, n),$$

where it is assumed that

$$\binom{i}{j} = 0 \quad \text{if} \quad j > i.$$

It can be shown that all well-known variants of Pascal matrices in [1,3,4,6,7] are special cases of this new generalization of Pascal functional matrix with  $2n$  variables. At first we study a special case of this matrix where  $x_1 = \dots = x_n = x$ ,  $y_1 = \dots = y_n = y$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ :

$$\Phi_{n,k}[x; y] = \Phi_{n,k}[x, \dots, x; y, \dots, y],$$

called the Pascal  $k$ -eliminated functional matrix with two variables [4]. It is easily seen that for  $k = 0$ ,  $\Phi_{n,0}[x, y]$  is the Pascal matrix  $\Phi_n[x, y]$  in [3], and for  $k = 0$  and  $y = 1$ ,  $\Phi_{n,0}[x, 1]$  is the Pascal matrix  $P_n[x]$  in [1]. Also taking  $x_1 = x$ ,  $x_2 = x + \lambda, \dots, x_n = x + (n-1)\lambda$ ,  $y_1 = y$ ,  $y_2 = y + \lambda, \dots, y_n = y + (n-1)\lambda$  and  $k = 0$  in (2.1), it yields (1.5).

**THEOREM 2.3.** For any four real numbers  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ , we have

$$(i) \quad \Phi_{n,k}[x_1; y_1] \cdot \Phi_{n,k}[x_2; y_2] = \Phi_{n,k} \left[ \frac{x_1}{y_2} + x_2 y_1; y_1 y_2 \right].$$

Also for any two real numbers  $x$  and  $y$ , we have

$$(ii) \quad \Phi_{n,k}[-x; y] = \Phi_{n,k}[x; -y],$$

$$(iii) \quad \Phi_{n,k}^{-1}[x; y] = \Phi_{n,k} \left[ -x; \frac{1}{y} \right] = \Phi_{n,k} \left[ x, -\frac{1}{y} \right] \quad (y \neq 0),$$

$$(iv) \quad \prod_{i=1}^m \Phi_{n,k}[x_i; y_i] = \Phi_{n,k} \left[ \left( x_1 + \sum_{i=2}^k x_i y_1 (y_2 \cdots y_{i-1})^2 y_i \right) \prod_{j=2}^m \frac{1}{y_j}, \prod_{i=1}^m y_i \right].$$

*Proof.* Let  $(\Phi_{n,k}[x_1; y_1] \cdot \Phi_{n,k}[x_2; y_2])_{ij} = a_{ij}$ . Then

$$a_{ij} = \sum_{t=0}^n \binom{i+k}{t+k} x_1^{i-t} y_1^{i+t} \binom{t+k}{j+k} x_2^{t-j} y_2^{t+j}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{t=0}^n \binom{i+k}{j+k} \binom{i-j}{t-j} x_1^{i-t} y_1^{i+t} x_2^{t-j} y_2^{t+j} \\
 &= \binom{i+k}{j+k} (y_1 y_2)^{i+j} \sum_{t=0}^n \binom{i-j}{t-j} \left( \frac{x_1}{y_2} \right)^{i-t} (x_2 y_1)^{t-j} \\
 &= \binom{i+k}{j+k} (y_1 y_2)^{i+j} \left( \frac{x_1}{y_2} + x_2 y_1 \right)^{i-j} \\
 &= \left( \Phi_{n,k} \left[ \frac{x_1}{y_2} + x_2 y_1; y_1 y_2 \right] \right)_{ij}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, using (i) and  $\Phi_{n,k}[0; 1] = I_{n+1}$ , considering  $y_1 y_2 = 1$  and  $\frac{x_1}{y_2} + x_2 y_1 = 0$ , we have  $x_2 = -x_1$  and  $y_2 = \frac{1}{y_1}$ . For the proof of (iv), we apply induction on  $m$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

COROLLARY 2.4. *It holds that*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Phi_{n,k}^m[x; y] &= \Phi_{n,k} \left[ xy^{-(m-1)} (1 + y^2 + y^4 + \cdots + y^{2(m-1)}); y^m \right] \\
 &= \Phi_{n,k} \left[ \frac{xy^{-(m-1)} (1 - y^{2m})}{1 - y^2}; y^m \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE 2.5.

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\Phi_{3,2}[x; y] \cdot \Phi_{3,2} \left[ -x; \frac{1}{y} \right] \\
 &= \Phi_{3,2}[x; y] \cdot \Phi_{3,2} \left[ x; -\frac{1}{y} \right] \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3xy & y^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 6x^2y^2 & 4xy^3 & y^4 & 0 \\ 10x^3y^3 & 10x^2y^4 & 5xy^5 & y^6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{3x}{y^2} & \frac{1}{y^2} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{6x^2}{y^3} & -\frac{4x}{y^3} & \frac{1}{y^4} & 0 \\ -\frac{10x^3}{y^4} & \frac{10x^2}{y^4} & -\frac{5x}{y^5} & \frac{1}{y^6} \end{bmatrix} = I_4.
 \end{aligned}$$

The matrices  $\Phi_{n,0}[x; y]$  and  $\Phi_{n,0}[x; 1]$  are the same as  $\Phi_n[x; y]$  and  $P_n[x]$ , respectively, which are defined in [1,3]. We also consider the  $(n+1) \times (n+1)$  matrices

$$(W_{n,k}[x_1, \dots, x_n; y_1, \dots, y_n])_{ij} = \begin{cases} \binom{k+i-j}{k} x^{[i]-[j]} y^{[i]+[j]}, & i \geq j \\ 0, & i < j \end{cases}$$

and

$$(U_{n,k}[x_1, \dots, x_n; y_1, \dots, y_n])_{ij} = \begin{cases} (-1)^m \binom{k+1}{m} \frac{x^{[i]-[j]}}{y^{[i]+[j]}}, & i = j+m, m = 0, 1, \dots, k+1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases},$$

where  $i, j = 0, 1, \dots, n$ .

THEOREM 2.6. For  $k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ , we have

- (i)  $\Phi_{n,k}[-x_1, \dots, -x_n; y_1, \dots, y_n] = \Phi_{n,k}[x_1, \dots, x_n; -y_1, \dots, -y_n]$ ,
- (ii)  $\Phi_{n,k}^{-1}[x_1, \dots, x_n; y_1, \dots, y_n] = \Phi_{n,k}\left[-x_1, \dots, -x_n; \frac{1}{y_1}, \dots, \frac{1}{y_n}\right]$   
 $= \Phi_{n,k}\left[x_1, \dots, x_n; -\frac{1}{y_1}, \dots, -\frac{1}{y_n}\right]$ ,
- (iii)  $W_{n,k}^{-1}[x_1, \dots, x_n; y_1, \dots, y_n] = U_{n,k}[x_1, \dots, x_n; y_1, \dots, y_n]$ .

*Proof.* Here we prove (iii). Let

$$(W_{n,k}[x_1, \dots, x_n; y_1, \dots, y_n] U_{n,k}[x_1, \dots, x_n; y_1, \dots, y_n])_{ij} = a_{ij}.$$

Obviously,  $a_{ii} = 1$  ( $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$ ) and  $a_{ij} = 0$  ( $i < j$ ). When  $i > j$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} a_{ij} &= \sum_{t=0}^i \binom{k+i-t}{k} x^{[i]-[t]} y^{[i]+[t]} (-1)^{t-j} \binom{k+1}{t-j} \frac{x^{[t]-[j]}}{y^{[t]+[j]}} \\ &= x^{[i]-[j]} y^{[i]-[j]} \sum_{t=j}^i (-1)^{t-j} \binom{k+i-t}{k} \binom{k+1}{t-j} \\ &= x^{[i]-[j]} y^{[i]-[j]} \sum_{s=0}^{i-j} (-1)^s \binom{k+i-j-s}{k} \binom{k+1}{s} = 0. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE 2.7.

$$\begin{aligned} &W_{3,1}[x_1, x_2, x_3; y_1, y_2, y_3] U_{3,1}[x_1, x_2, x_3; y_1, y_2, y_3] \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2x_1y_1 & y_1^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 3x_1x_2y_1y_2 & 2x_2y_1^2y_2 & y_1^2y_2^2 & 0 \\ 4x_1x_2x_3y_1y_2y_3 & 3x_2x_3y_1^2y_2y_3 & 2x_3y_1^2y_2^2y_3 & y_1^2y_2^2y_3^2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\times \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{2x_1}{y_1} & \frac{1}{y_1^2} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{x_1x_2}{y_1y_2} & -\frac{2x_2}{y_1^2y_2} & \frac{1}{y_1^2y_2^2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{x_2x_3}{y_1^2y_2y_3} & -\frac{2x_3}{y_1^2y_2^2y_3} & \frac{1}{y_1^2y_2^2y_3^2} \end{bmatrix} = I_4. \end{aligned}$$

Again, we need the matrices  $P_n[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ ,  $S_n[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ ,  $\bar{P}_m[x_1, \dots, x_m]$  and  $G_n[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ :

$$\begin{aligned} P_n[x_1, \dots, x_n] &:= \Phi_{n,0}[x_1, \dots, x_n; 1, \dots, 1], \\ S_n[x_1, \dots, x_n] &:= W_{n,0}[x_1, \dots, x_n; 1, \dots, 1], \\ \bar{P}_m[x_1, \dots, x_m] &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & O^T \\ O & P_m[x_1, \dots, x_m] \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{(m+2) \times (m+2)} \quad (m \geq 0), \end{aligned}$$

$$G_m[x_1, \dots, x_m] = \begin{bmatrix} I_{n-m} & O^T \\ O & S_m[x_1, \dots, x_m] \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{(n+1) \times (n+1)} \quad (m = 0, 1, \dots, n-1),$$

$$G_n[x_1, \dots, x_n] := S_n[x_1, \dots, x_n].$$

LEMMA 2.8. For  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ , we have

$$W_{m,k}[x_1, \dots, x_m; y_1, \dots, y_m] \overline{P}_{m-1} \left[ \frac{x_2}{y_2}, \dots, \frac{x_m}{y_m} \right] = P_{m,k}[x_1, \dots, x_m; y_1, \dots, y_m].$$

*Proof.* Let

$$\left( W_{m,k}[x_1, \dots, x_m; y_1, \dots, y_m] \overline{P}_{m-1} \left[ \frac{x_2}{y_2}, \dots, \frac{x_m}{y_m} \right] \right)_{ij} = a_{ij}.$$

Obviously,  $a_{ii} = (y^{[i]})^2$  ( $i = 0, 1, \dots, m$ ) and  $a_{ij} = 0$  ( $i < j$ ). When  $i > j$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} a_{ij} &= \sum_{t=0}^i \binom{k+i-t}{k} x^{[i]-[t]} y^{[i]+[t]} \binom{t-1}{j-1} \frac{x^{[t]-[j]}}{y^{[t]-[j]}} \\ &= x^{[i]-[j]} y^{[i]+[j]} \sum_{t=j}^i \binom{k+i-t}{k} \binom{t-1}{j-1} \\ &= x^{[i]-[j]} y^{[i]+[j]} \sum_{s=j-1}^{i-1} \binom{k+i-1-s}{k} \binom{s}{j-1} \\ &= x^{[i]-[j]} y^{[i]+[j]} \binom{i+k}{j+k}. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE 2.9.

$$\begin{aligned} &W_{3,1}[x_1, x_2, x_3; y_1, y_2, y_3] \overline{P}_2 \left[ \frac{x_2}{y_2}, \frac{x_3}{y_3} \right] \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2x_1y_1 & y_1^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 3x_1x_2y_1y_2 & 2x_2y_1^2y_2 & y_1^2y_2^2 & 0 \\ 4x_1x_2x_3y_1y_2y_3 & 3x_2x_3y_1^2y_2y_3 & 2x_3y_1^2y_2^2y_3 & y_1^2y_2^2y_3^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{x_2}{y_2} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{x_2x_3}{y_2y_3} & \frac{2x_3}{y_3} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2x_1y_1 & y_1^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 3x_1x_2y_1y_2 & 3x_2y_1^2y_2 & y_1^2y_2^2 & 0 \\ 4x_1x_2x_3y_1y_2y_3 & 6x_2x_3y_1^2y_2y_3 & 4x_3y_1^2y_2^2y_3 & y_1^2y_2^2y_3^2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= P_{3,1}[x_1, x_2, x_3; y_1, y_2, y_3]. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 2.8 and the definition of  $G_m[x_1, \dots, x_m]$ , we get the following result:

**THEOREM 2.10.** *The extended generalized Pascal matrix  $\Phi_{n,k}[x_1, \dots, x_n; y_1, \dots, y_n]$  can be factorized by  $W_{n,k}[x_1, \dots, x_n; y_1, \dots, y_n]$  and  $G_m[x_1, \dots, x_m]$  ( $m = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$ ):*

$$\begin{aligned} & \Phi_{n,k}[x_1, \dots, x_n; y_1, \dots, y_n] \\ &= W_{n,k}[x_1, \dots, x_n; y_1, \dots, y_n] G_{n-1} \left[ \frac{x_2}{y_2}, \dots, \frac{x_n}{y_n} \right] G_{n-2} \left[ \frac{x_3}{y_3}, \dots, \frac{x_n}{y_n} \right] \cdots G_1 \left[ \frac{x_n}{y_n} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

**EXAMPLE 2.11.**

$$\begin{aligned} & \Phi_{3,1}[x_1, x_2, x_3; y_1, y_2, y_3] \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2x_1y_1 & y_1^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 3x_1x_2y_1y_2 & 3x_2y_1^2y_2 & y_1^2y_2^2 & 0 \\ 4x_1x_2x_3y_1y_2y_3 & 6x_2x_3y_1^2y_2y_3 & 4x_3y_1^2y_2^2y_3 & y_1^2y_2^2y_3^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{x_2}{y_2} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{x_2x_3}{y_2y_3} & \frac{2x_3}{y_3} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\quad \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{x_3}{y_3} & 1 \end{bmatrix} = W_{3,1}[x_1, x_2, x_3; y_1, y_2, y_3] G_2 \left[ \frac{x_2}{y_2}, \frac{x_3}{y_3} \right] G_1 \left[ \frac{x_3}{y_3} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

If we take  $x_1 = \dots = x_n = x$ ,  $y_1 = \dots = y_n = y$  and  $k = 0$  (or  $x_1 = \dots = x_n = x$ ,  $y_1 = \dots = y_n = 1$ ) in Theorem 2.10, then we get the following results [3,4]:

**COROLLARY 2.12.** *It holds that*

$$\Phi_n[x; y] = W_{n,k}[x; y] G_{n-1} \left[ \frac{x}{y} \right] G_{n-2} \left[ \frac{x}{y} \right] \cdots G_1 \left[ \frac{x}{y} \right],$$

where

$$\Phi_n[x; y] = P_{n,0}[x, \dots, x; y, \dots, y] \quad \text{and} \quad W_n[x; y] = W_{n,0}[x, \dots, x; y, \dots, y].$$

**COROLLARY 2.13.** *It holds that*

$$P_{n,k}[x] = (G_n[x])^k G_{n-1}[x] G_{n-2}[x] \cdots G_1[x],$$

where

$$P_{n,k}[x] = P_{n,k}[x, \dots, x] \quad \text{and} \quad (G_n[x])^k = W_{n,k}[x, \dots, x; x, \dots, x].$$

For the inverse of the extended generalized Pascal matrix  $\Phi_{n,k}[x_1, \dots, x_n; y_1, \dots, y_n]$ , applying Theorems 2.6 and 2.10 yields the following.

**THEOREM 2.14.** *It holds that*

$$\begin{aligned} & \Phi_{n,k}^{-1}[x_1, \dots, x_n; y_1, \dots, y_n] \\ &= \Phi_{n,k} \left[ -x_1, \dots, -x_n; \frac{1}{y_1}, \dots, \frac{1}{y_n} \right] \\ &= \Phi_{n,k} \left[ x_1, \dots, x_n; -\frac{1}{y_1}, \dots, -\frac{1}{y_n} \right] \\ &= G_1^{-1} \left[ \frac{x_n}{y_n} \right] G_2^{-1} \left[ \frac{x_{n-1}}{y_{n-1}}, \frac{x_n}{y_n} \right] \cdots G_{n-1}^{-1} \left[ \frac{x_2}{y_2}, \dots, \frac{x_n}{y_n} \right] W_{n,k}^{-1}[x_1, \dots, x_n; y_1, \dots, y_n] \\ &= F_1 \left[ \frac{x_n}{y_n} \right] F_2 \left[ \frac{x_{n-1}}{y_{n-1}}, \frac{x_n}{y_n} \right] \cdots F_{n-1} \left[ \frac{x_2}{y_2}, \dots, \frac{x_n}{y_n} \right] U_{n,k}[x_1, \dots, x_n; y_1, \dots, y_n], \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} F_m \left[ \frac{x_{n-m+1}}{y_{n-m+1}}, \dots, \frac{x_n}{y_n} \right] &= G_m^{-1} \left[ \frac{x_{n-m+1}}{y_{n-m+1}}, \dots, \frac{x_n}{y_n} \right] \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} I_{n-k} & O^T \\ O & D_m \left[ \frac{x_{n-m+1}}{y_{n-m+1}}, \dots, \frac{x_n}{y_n} \right] \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

for  $m = 1, \dots, n-1$ , and  $D_n[x_1, \dots, x_n] = U_{n,0}[x_1, \dots, x_n; 1, \dots, 1]$ .

In particular,

$$P_{n,k}^{-1}[x_1, \dots, x_n; y_1, \dots, y_n] = J_n[y_1, \dots, y_n] P_{n,k}[x_1, \dots, x_n; y_1, \dots, y_n] J_n[y_1, \dots, y_n],$$

where

$$J_n[y_1, \dots, y_n] = \text{diag} \left( 1, -\frac{1}{y_1^2}, \frac{1}{y_1^2 y_2^2}, \dots, (-1)^n \frac{1}{y_1^2 \cdots y_n^2} \right).$$

**3. The symmetric Pascal matrix with  $2n$  variables.** In this section, we define the extended generalized symmetric Pascal matrix  $\Psi_n[x_1, \dots, x_n; y_1, \dots, y_n]$  by

$$(\Psi_n[x_1, \dots, x_n; y_1, \dots, y_n])_{ij} = \binom{i+j}{i} x^{[i]-[j]} y^{[i]+[j]},$$

where  $i, j = 0, 1, \dots, n$ .

**THEOREM 3.1.** *It holds that*

$$\begin{aligned} P_n^T \left[ \frac{y_1}{x_1}, \dots, \frac{y_n}{x_n} \right] &= F_1 \left[ \frac{x_n}{y_n} \right] F_2 \left[ \frac{x_{n-1}}{y_{n-1}}, \frac{x_n}{y_n} \right] \cdots F_{n-1} \left[ \frac{x_2}{y_2}, \dots, \frac{x_n}{y_n} \right] \\ &\quad \times U_{n,0}[x_1, \dots, x_n; y_1, \dots, y_n] \Psi_n[x_1, \dots, x_n; y_1, \dots, y_n], \end{aligned}$$

$$P_{n,0}^T[x_1, \dots, x_n; y_1, \dots, y_n] = F_1\left[\frac{x_n}{y_n}\right] F_2\left[\frac{x_{n-1}}{y_{n-1}}, \frac{x_n}{y_n}\right] \cdots F_{n-1}\left[\frac{x_2}{y_2}, \dots, \frac{x_n}{y_n}\right] \\ \times U_{n,0}[1, \dots, 1; y_1, \dots, y_n] \Psi_n[x_1, \dots, x_n; y_1, \dots, y_n],$$

and the Cholesky factorization of  $\Psi_n[x_1, \dots, x_n; y_1, \dots, y_n]$  is given by

$$(3.1) \quad \Psi_n[x_1, \dots, x_n; y_1, \dots, y_n] = P_{n,0}^T[1, \dots, 1; x_1 y_1, \dots, x_n y_n] \\ \times P_{n,0}^T\left[y_1, \dots, y_n; \frac{1}{x_1}, \dots, \frac{1}{x_n}\right],$$

$$(3.2) \quad \Psi_n[x_1, \dots, x_n; y_1, \dots, y_n] = P_{n,0}^T[x_1, \dots, x_n; y_1, \dots, y_n] P_n^T\left[\frac{y_1}{x_1}, \dots, \frac{y_n}{x_n}\right].$$

*Proof.* Let  $\left(P_{n,0}^T[1, \dots, 1; x_1 y_1, \dots, x_n y_n] P_{n,0}^T\left[y_1, \dots, y_n; \frac{1}{x_1}, \dots, \frac{1}{x_n}\right]\right)_{ij} = a_{ij}$ .

Then

$$a_{ij} = \begin{cases} \sum_{k=0}^j \binom{i}{k} \binom{j}{k} x^{[i]-[j]} y^{[i]+[j]}, & i \geq j \\ \sum_{k=0}^i \binom{i}{k} \binom{j}{k} x^{[i]-[j]} y^{[i]+[j]}, & i < j \end{cases},$$

which by using the Vandermonde identities

$$\sum_{k=0}^i \binom{i}{k} \binom{j}{k} = \sum_{k=0}^i \binom{i}{k} \binom{j}{j-k} = \binom{i+j}{j}$$

and

$$\sum_{k=0}^j \binom{i}{k} \binom{j}{k} = \sum_{k=0}^j \binom{i}{i-k} \binom{j}{k} = \binom{i+j}{j},$$

implies (3.1). Similarly we get (3.2).  $\square$

### EXAMPLE 3.2.

$$W_{3,1}[x_1, x_2, x_3; y_1, y_2, y_3] \bar{P}_2\left[\frac{x_2}{y_2}, \frac{x_3}{y_3}\right] \\ = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2x_1 y_1 & y_1^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 3x_1 x_2 y_1 y_2 & 2x_2 y_1^2 y_2 & y_1^2 y_2^2 & 0 \\ 4x_1 x_2 x_3 y_1 y_2 y_3 & 3x_2 x_3 y_1^2 y_2 y_3 & 2x_3 y_1^2 y_2^2 y_3 & y_1^2 y_2^2 y_3^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{x_2}{y_2} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{x_2 x_3}{y_2 y_3} & \frac{2x_3}{y_3} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2x_1 y_1 & y_1^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 3x_1 x_2 y_1 y_2 & 3x_2 y_1^2 y_2 & y_1^2 y_2^2 & 0 \\ 4x_1 x_2 x_3 y_1 y_2 y_3 & 6x_2 x_3 y_1^2 y_2 y_3 & 4x_3 y_1^2 y_2^2 y_3 & y_1^2 y_2^2 y_3^2 \end{bmatrix}, \\ = P_{3,1}[x_1, x_2, x_3; y_1, y_2, y_3].$$

By using Theorems 2.6 and 3.1, we have:

COROLLARY 3.3. *It holds that*

$$\begin{aligned}\Psi_n^{-1}[x_1, \dots, x_n; y_1, \dots, y_n] &= P_n^T \left[ -\frac{y_1}{x_1}, \dots, -\frac{y_n}{x_n} \right] P_{n,0} \left[ x_1, \dots, x_n; -\frac{1}{y_1}, \dots, -\frac{1}{y_n} \right] \\ &= P_{n,0}^T [y_1, \dots, y_n; -x_1, \dots, -x_n] P_{n,0} \left[ 1, \dots, 1; -\frac{1}{x_1 y_1}, \dots, -\frac{1}{x_n y_n} \right].\end{aligned}$$

Applying Theorems 2.14 and 3.1, we get the following.

COROLLARY 3.4. *It holds that*

$$\begin{aligned}\Psi_n^{-1}[x_1, \dots, x_n; y_1, \dots, y_n] &= J_n[1, \dots, 1] P_n^T \left[ \frac{y_1}{x_1}, \dots, \frac{y_n}{x_n} \right] J_n[1, \dots, 1] \\ &\quad \times J_n[y_1, \dots, y_n] P_{n,0}[x_1, \dots, x_n; y_1, \dots, y_n] J_n[y_1, \dots, y_n] \\ &= J_n \left[ \frac{1}{x_1}, \dots, \frac{1}{x_n} \right] P_{n,0}^T \left[ y_1, \dots, y_n; \frac{1}{x_1}, \dots, \frac{1}{x_n} \right] J_n \left[ \frac{1}{x_1}, \dots, \frac{1}{x_n} \right] \\ &\quad \times J_n[y_1, \dots, y_n] P_{n,0}^T [1, \dots, 1; x_1 y_1, \dots, x_n y_n] J_n[y_1, \dots, y_n].\end{aligned}$$

For the previous two kinds of extended generalized Pascal matrices, we can get:

COROLLARY 3.5. *It holds that*

$$\begin{aligned}\det \Phi_{n,k}[x_1, \dots, x_n; y_1, \dots, y_n] &= y_1^{2n} y_2^{2(n-1)} \cdots y_n^2, \\ \det \Phi_{n,k}^{-1}[x_1, \dots, x_n; y_1, \dots, y_n] &= y_1^{-2n} y_2^{-2(n-1)} \cdots y_n^{-2}, \\ \det \Psi_n[x_1, \dots, x_n; y_1, \dots, y_n] &= y_1^{2n} y_2^{2(n-1)} \cdots y_n^2, \\ \det \Psi_n^{-1}[x_1, \dots, x_n; y_1, \dots, y_n] &= y_1^{-2n} y_2^{-2(n-1)} \cdots y_n^{-2}.\end{aligned}$$

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