# Subbalancing Numbers

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> Abstract A natural number n is called balancing number (with balancer r) if it satisfies the Diophantine equation  $1+2+\cdots+(n-1) = (n+1)+(n+2)+\cdots+(n+r)$ . However, if for some pair of natural numbers  $(n, r), 1+2+\cdots+(n-1) < (n+1)+(n+2)+\cdots+(n+r)$ and equality is achieved after adding a natural number D to the left hand side then we call n a D-subbalancing number with D-subbalancer number r. In this paper, such numbers are studied for certain values of D.

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## 1 Introduction

Behera and Panda in [1] stated that a natural number n is called a balancing number with balancer r if

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

Furthermore, they stated that if n is a balancing number then  $8n^2 + 1$  is a perfect square. The  $k^{th}$  balancing number is denoted by  $B_k$  and  $C_k = \sqrt{8B_k^2 + 1}$  is called the  $k^{th}$  Lucas-balancing number [2]. The balancing and Lucas-balancing numbers satisfy the recurrence relation  $x_{n+1} = x_n - x_{n-1}$  with initial terms  $B_0 = 0, B_1 = 1$  and  $C_0 = 1, C_1 = 3$  respectively. On other hand, n is called a cobalancing number [3] with cobalancer r if

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

The  $n^{th}$  cobalancing number is denoted by  $b_n$  and cobalancing numbers satisfy the nonhomogeneous recurrence  $b_1 = 0, b_2 = 2, b_{n+1} = 6b_n - b_{n-1} + 2$ . The Binet forms are

$$B_n = \frac{\alpha^{2n} - \beta^{2n}}{4\sqrt{2}}, \quad C_n = \frac{\alpha^{2n} + \beta^{2n}}{2}, \quad b_n = \frac{\alpha^{2n-1} - \beta^{2n-1}}{4\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{2}.$$

where  $\alpha = 1 + \sqrt{2}$  and  $\beta = 1 - \sqrt{2}$ .

Rout and Panda [4] generalized the concept of balancing numbers and introduced gap balancing numbers. If k is odd, they call a natural number n a k-gap balancing number if

$$1 + 2 + \dots + \left(n - \frac{k+1}{2}\right) = \left(n + \frac{k+1}{2}\right) + \left(n + \frac{k+3}{2}\right) + \dots + (n+r)$$

for some natural number r, which is a k-gap balancer corresponding to n, while for k even, if

$$1 + 2 + \dots + \left(n - \frac{k}{2}\right) = \left(n + \frac{k}{2} + 1\right) + \left(n + \frac{k}{2} + 2\right) + \dots + (n + r)$$

for some natural numbers n and r then they call 2n + 1 a k-gap balancing number and r is the corresponding k-gap balancer. In [5], Davala and Panda called n, a D-supercobalancing number if for a fixed positive integer D, n satisfies the Diophantine equation

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

for some natural number r, which they call as D-supercobalancer corresponding to n. Panda and Panda [6] defined almost balancing numbers as the values of n satisfying the Diophantine equation

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

respectively for some r, which they called an almost balancer corresponding to n. They observed that there are two classes of almost balancing numbers. The almost balancing numbers admits a generalization. The last term 1 of the left hand side of (1) may be replaced by an arbitrary integer D resulting the definition of subbalancing numbers.

## 2 Subbalancing Numbers

**Definition 1** For a fixed positive integer D, we call a positive integer n, a D-subbalancing number if

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

for some natural number r, which we call the D-subbalancer corresponding to D-subbalancing number n. If D is a negative integer, say D = -R, we call n a R-superbalancing number and r, a R-superbalancer corresponding to n.

Since, without D, the left hand side of (2) is less than the right hand side, we prefer the name subbalancing number for n. A similar justification applies when D is negative. Observe that when D = 0, the above definition coincides with that of balancing numbers; hence, we prefer to exclude the case D = 0 from the above definition. Let D > 0 and simplifying equation (2), we get

$$n^{2} + D = \frac{(n+r)(n+r+1)}{2}$$

Thus, n is a D-subbalancing number then  $n^2 + D$  is a triangular number or, equivalently,  $8n^2 + 8D + 1$  is a perfect square. The D-subbalancer r corresponding to n is given by

$$r = \frac{1}{2} \left[ -(1+2n) + \sqrt{8n^2 + 8D + 1} \right].$$
(3)

Observe that the value of n will generally depend on the choice of D and the existence of n is not ascertained for each value of D, for example, if D = 7, then  $8n^2 + 8D + 1 = 8n^2 + 57$  is not a perfect square for any natural number n. Hence, the choice of D plays a crucial role.

It is well-known that for each positive integer n,  $8b_n^2 + 8b_n + 1$  is a perfect square. A variant of this result is given in the following lemma.

Lemma 1 For  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

(1) 
$$B_m^2 + b_{2m} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{B_{m-1} + 5B_m - 1}{2} \right] \left[ \frac{B_{m-1} + 5B_m + 1}{2} \right]$$
  
(2i)  $B_m^2 + b_{2m+1} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{B_{m+1} + 5B_m - 1}{2} \right] \left[ \frac{B_{m+1} + 5B_m + 1}{2} \right]$ 

**Proof** Since  $8B_m^2 + 1 = C_m^2$  and  $B_{m-1} = 3B_m - C_m$ , we have

$$(B_{m-1} + 5B_m)^2 - C_m^2 = (B_{m-1} + 5B_m)^2 - (3B_m - B_{m-1})^2$$
  
=  $16(B_{m-1}B_m + B_m^2)$   
=  $16\left[\frac{\alpha^{2m-2} - \beta^{2m-2}}{4\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{\alpha^{2m} - \beta^{2m}}{4\sqrt{2}} + \left(\frac{\alpha^{2m} - \beta^{2m}}{4\sqrt{2}}\right)^2\right]$   
=  $\frac{1}{2}[\alpha^{4m-2} + \beta^{4m-2} - \alpha^2 - \beta^2 + \alpha^{4m} - 2 + \beta^{4m}]$   
=  $\frac{1}{2}[2\sqrt{2}\alpha^{4m-1} - 2\sqrt{2}\beta^{4m-1} - 8]$   
=  $8 b_{2m}$ ,

hence (1) follows. The proof of (2) follows from

$$(B_{m+1} + 5B_m)^2 - C_m^2 = (B_{m+1} + 5B_m)^2 - (3B_m - B_{m-1})^2$$
  
=  $16(B_{m+1}B_m + B_m^2)$   
=  $16\left[\frac{\alpha^{2m+2} - \beta^{2m+2}}{4\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{\alpha^{2m} - \beta^{2m}}{4\sqrt{2}} + \left(\frac{\alpha^{2m} - \beta^{2m}}{4\sqrt{2}}\right)^2\right]$   
=  $\frac{1}{2}[\alpha^{4m+2} + \beta^{4m+2} - \alpha^2 - \beta^2 + \alpha^{4m} - 2 + \beta^{4m}]$   
=  $\frac{1}{2}[2\sqrt{2}\alpha^{4m+1} - 2\sqrt{2}\beta^{4m+1} - 8]$   
=  $8 \ b_{2m+1}$ .

The above lemma ensures the existence of subbalancing numbers when D is restricted to cobalancing numbers.

If k = 1, then  $b_k = 0$  and the concept of  $b_1$ -subbalancing numbers coincides with that of balancing numbers. The definition of subbalancing numbers excludes this case. If k = 2 then  $b_k = 2$  and the requirement for a positive integer n to be a  $b_2$ -subbalancing number is that  $8n^2 + 17$  be a perfect square. But according to Rout and Panda [4], such numbers are 3-gap balancing numbers and are of the form  $5B_n \pm C_n$ .

#### 2.1 $b_3$ -subbalancing Numbers

By virtue of Definition 1, a natural number n is a  $b_3$ -subbalancing number if

$$1 + 2 + \dots + (n-1) + 14 = (n+1) + (n+2) + \dots + (n+r)$$
(4)

for some natural number r, which is a  $b_3$ -subbalancer corresponding to n.

**Example 1** Since 0 + 14 = 2 + 3 + 4 + 5, we accept 1 as a  $b_3$ -subbalancing number with  $b_3$ -subbalancer 4. Further  $1 + 2 + \cdots + 7 + 14 = 9 + 10 + 11 + 12$ , 8 is a  $b_3$ -subbalancing number with  $b_3$ -subbalancer 4.

It follows from equations (3) and (4) that, if n is a  $b_3$ -subbalancing number then the corresponding  $b_3$ -subbalancer is

$$r = \frac{-(2n+1) + \sqrt{8n^2 + 113}}{2}.$$

From the above discussion, we notice that if x is a  $b_3$ -subbalancing number then  $8x^2 + 113$  is a perfect square. Since 113 is prime, the congruence

$$121x^2 \equiv 8x^2 + 113 \pmod{113}$$

gives

$$11x \equiv \pm \sqrt{8x^2 + 113} \pmod{113}.$$

Thus,  $\frac{11x+\sqrt{8x^2+113}}{113}$  or  $\frac{11x-\sqrt{8x^2+113}}{113}$  is a natural number. Since

$$8\left[\frac{11x \pm \sqrt{8x^2 + 113}}{113}\right]^2 + 1 = \left[\frac{11\sqrt{8x^2 + 113} \pm 8x}{113}\right]^2,$$

it follows that either

$$\frac{11x + \sqrt{8x^2 + 113}}{113} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{11x - \sqrt{8x^2 + 113}}{113}$$

is a balancing number [1, p.98] Letting

$$B = \frac{11x \pm \sqrt{8x^2 + 113}}{113},$$

we obtain

$$(113B - 11x)^2 = 8x^2 + 113,$$

which leads to the quadratic equation

$$x^2 - 22Bx + 113B^2 - 1 = 0.$$

whose solutions are  $x = 11B \pm C$ , (C is the Lucas-balancing,  $C = \sqrt{8B^2 + 1}$ ). We further observe that

$$8(11B \pm C)^2 + 113 = (8B \pm 11C)^2.$$

Thus, the  $b_3$ -subbalancing numbers are of the form  $11B \pm C$  and hence the set

$$\{11B_l + C_l, 11B_{l+1} - C_{l+1} : l = 0, 1, \cdots\}$$
(5)

lists all the  $b_3$ -subbalancing numbers.

The above discussion confirms that the set in (5) is the exhaustive list of  $b_3$ -subbalancing numbers and hence we have the following theorem:

**Theorem 1** The  $b_3$ -subbalancing numbers partition in two classes of the form  $11B_l+C_l, 11B_{l+1}-C_{l+1}, l \ge 0$ .

#### 2.2 Computation of b<sub>5</sub>-subbalancing Numbers

In view of the definition 1, a natural number n is a  $b_5$ -subbalancing number if

$$1 + 2 + \dots + (n-1) + 492 = (n+1) + (n+2) + \dots + (n+r)$$
(6)

for some natural number r, which is the  $b_5$ -subbalancer corresponding to n.

**Example 2** From the following examples 2, 6, 47 and 57 are  $b_5$ -subbalancing numbers with 29, 26, 26 and 29 as corresponding  $b_5$ -subbalancers.

- 1.  $1 + 492 = 3 + 4 + \dots + 31$
- 2.  $1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 492 = 7 + 8 + \dots + 32$
- 3.  $1 + 2 + \dots + 46 + 492 = 48 + 49 + \dots + 73$
- 4.  $1 + 2 + \dots + 56 + 492 = 58 + 59 + \dots + 86$

It is easy to see that if n is a  $b_5$ -subbalancing number then the corresponding  $b_5$ -subbalancer is  $r = \frac{1}{2}[-(2n + 1) + \sqrt{8n^2 + 3937}]$ . We infer from the above discussion that, if x is a  $b_5$ subbalancing number then  $8x^2 + 3937$  is a perfect square. Thus, computation of  $b_5$ -subbalancing numbers reduces to solving the Diophantine equation

$$8x^2 + 3937 = y^2. (7)$$

To find all the  $b_5$ -subbalancing numbers one needs to solve the generalized Pell's equation  $y^2 - 8x^2 = 3937$ . The bounds for its fundamental solutions are  $|y| \leq \sqrt{7874} < 89$  and  $0 \leq x \leq \sqrt{3937/8} < 23$  (see [7]). Thus, we need to find those integers x in the interval [0,23) such that  $8x^2 + 3937$  is a perfect square. This happens for  $(x, y) = (2, \pm 63)$  and  $(6, \pm 65)$  from which it is easy to see that there are four fundamental solutions  $-63 + 2\sqrt{8}$ ,  $-65 + 6\sqrt{8}$ ,  $63 + 2\sqrt{8}$  and  $65 + 6\sqrt{8}$  respectively. Using techniques similar to that used in [6], we get the following four classes of solutions for  $b_5$ -subbalancing numbers in terms of balancing and Lucas-balancing numbers:

$$\{63B_l + 2C_l, 63B_{l+1} - 2C_{l+1}, 65B_l + 6C_l, 65B_{l+1} - 6C_{l+1} : l = 0, 1, \dots \}$$

Thus, we have the following theorem:

**Theorem 2** The  $b_5$ -subbalancing numbers can be classified in four classes of the form  $63B_l + 2C_l$ ,  $63B_{l+1} - 2C_{l+1}$ ,  $65B_l + 6C_l$ ,  $65B_{l+1} - 6C_{l+1} : l \ge 0$ .

From the above discussion, it is clear that for some values of k, there can be more than two classes of  $b_k$ -subbalancing numbers. Obtaining each class is a difficult task; however, we employ the same techniques used by the author in [5] for obtaining two classes of solutions.

In the following theorems we explore two classes of  $b_k$ -subbalancing numbers corresponding to even and odd positive integer k.

**Theorem 3** For m > 1, the values of x satisfying the Diophantine equation

$$1 + 2 + \dots + (x - 1) + b_{2m} = (x + 1) + (x + 2) + \dots + (x + r)$$

for some r, may result in multiple classes. Two such classes of solutions are

$$(B_{m-1}+5B_m)B_l+B_mC_l$$
 and  $(B_{m-1}+5B_m)B_{l+1}-B_mC_{l+1}$ 

for  $l \ge 0$ .

**Proof** In view of (3),  $8x^2 + 8b_{2m} + 1$  is perfect square. Since,  $8B_m^2 + 8b_{2m} + 1$  is a perfect square (Lemma 1), the congruence

$$(8B_m^2 + 8b_{2m} + 1)x^2 \equiv B_m^2(8x^2 + 8b_{2m} + 1) \pmod{8b_{2m}} + 1$$
(8)

holds. Hence any x satisfying the congruences

$$\sqrt{8B_m^2 + 8b_{2m} + 1} \ x \equiv \pm B_m \sqrt{8x^2 + 8b_{2m} + 1} \ (\text{mod } 8b_{2m} + 1) \tag{9}$$

is also a solution of the congruence (8). Thus, to obtain two classes of  $b_{2m}$ -subbalancing numbers, we need to solve the congruences (9).

Equation (9) implies that

$$\frac{x\sqrt{8B_m^2+8b_{2m}+1}+B_m\sqrt{8x^2+8b_{2m}+1}}{8b_{2m}+1}$$

or

$$\frac{x\sqrt{8B_m^2 + 8b_{2m} + 1} - B_m\sqrt{8x^2 + 8b_{2m} + 1}}{8b_{2m} + 1}$$

is a natural number. Since

$$8 \left[ \frac{x\sqrt{8B_m^2 + 8b_{2m} + 1} \pm B_m\sqrt{8x^2 + 8b_{2m} + 1}}{8b_{2m} + 1} \right]^2 + 1$$
$$= \left[ \frac{8xB_m \pm \sqrt{8x^2 + 8b_{2m} + 1}\sqrt{8B_m^2 + 8b_{2m} + 1}}{8b_{2m} + 1} \right]^2,$$

it follows that either

$$\frac{x\sqrt{8B_m^2+8b_{2m}+1}+B_m\sqrt{8x^2+8b_{2m}+1}}{8b_{2m}+1}$$

or

$$\frac{x\sqrt{8B_m^2+8b_{2m}+1}-B_m\sqrt{8x^2+8b_{2m}+1}}{8b_{2m}+1}$$

is a balancing number [1]. Letting

$$B = \frac{(B_{m-1} + 5B_m)x \pm B_m\sqrt{8x^2 + 8b_{2m} + 1}}{8b_{2m} + 1}$$

we get

$$[(B_{m-1} + 5B_m)x - B(8b_{2m} + 1)]^2 = B_m^2(8x^2 + 8b_{2m} + 1)$$

which can be transformed to the quadratic equation

$$x^{2} - 2(B_{m-1} + 5B_{m})B x + B^{2}(8b_{2m} + 1) - B_{m}^{2} = 0$$

whose solutions are  $x = (B_{m-1} + 5B_m)B \pm B_mC$ . We further observe that

$$8[(B_{m-1} + 5B_m)B \pm B_mC]^2 + 8b_{2m} + 1 = [(B_{m-1} + 5B_m)C \pm 8B_mB]^2.$$

Thus, two classes of  $b_{2m}$ -subbalancing numbers are  $(B_{m-1} + 5B_m)B_l + B_mC_l$  and  $(B_{m-1} + 5B_m)B_{l+1} - B_mC_{l+1}$  for  $l \ge 0$ .

**Theorem 4** For  $m \ge 1$ , the values of x satisfying the Diophantine equation

$$1 + 2 + \dots + (x - 1) + b_{2m+1} = (x + 1) + (x + 2) + \dots + (x + r)$$

may result in multiple classes. Two such classes of solutions are given by

$$(B_{m+1}+5B_m)B_l+B_mC_l$$
 and  $(B_{m+1}+5B_m)B_{l+1}-B_mC_{l+1}$ 

for  $l \ge 0$ .

**Proof** By virtue of equation (3),  $8x^2 + 8b_{2m+1} + 1$  is perfect square. Since,  $8B_m^2 + 8b_{2m+1} + 1$  is a perfect square (Lemma 1), the congruence

$$(8B_m^2 + 8b_{2m+1} + 1)x^2 \equiv B_m^2(8x^2 + 8b_{2m+1} + 1) \pmod{8b_{2m+1}} + 1$$

holds and is implied by

$$x\sqrt{8B_m^2 + 8b_{2m+1} + 1} \equiv \pm B_m\sqrt{8x^2 + 8b_{2m+1} + 1} \pmod{8b_{2m+1} + 1}$$

and any solution of the latter congruence is a solution of the former and is a  $b_{2m+1}$ -subbalancing number. In view of the latter congruence

$$\frac{x\sqrt{8B_m^2+8b_{2m+1}+1}+B_m\sqrt{8x^2+8b_{2m+1}+1}}{8b_{2m+1}+1}$$

$$\frac{x\sqrt{8B_m^2 + 8b_{2m+1} + 1} - B_m\sqrt{8x^2 + 8b_{2m+1} + 1}}{8b_{2m+1} + 1}$$

or

is a natural number. Since

$$8 \left[ \frac{x\sqrt{8B_m^2 + 8b_{2m+1} + 1} \pm B_m \sqrt{8x^2 + 8b_{2m+1} + 1}}{8b_{2m+1} + 1} \right]^2 + 1$$
$$= \left[ \frac{8xB_m \pm \sqrt{8x^2 + 8b_{2m+1} + 1}\sqrt{8B_m^2 + 8b_{2m+1} + 1}}{8b_{2m+1} + 1} \right]^2$$

it follows that either

$$\frac{x\sqrt{8B_m^2+8b_{2m+1}+1}+B_m\sqrt{8x^2+8b_{2m+1}+1}}{8b_{2m+1}+1}$$

or

$$\frac{x\sqrt{8B_m^2+8b_{2m+1}+1}-B_m\sqrt{8x^2+8b_{2m+1}+1}}{8b_{2m+1}+1}$$

is a balancing number [1]. Letting

$$B = \frac{(B_{m+1} + 5B_m)x \pm B_m\sqrt{8x^2 + 8b_{2m+1} + 1}}{8b_{2m+1} + 1}$$

we get

$$\left[ (B_{m+1} + 5B_m)x - B(8b_{2m+1} + 1) \right]^2 = B_m^2 (8x^2 + 8b_{2m+1} + 1),$$

which, on rearrangement, results in the quadratic equation

$$x^{2} - 2(B_{m+1} + 5B_{m})B x + B^{2}(8b_{2m+1} + 1) - B_{m}^{2} = 0,$$

whose solutions are  $x = (B_{m+1} + 5B_m)B \pm B_mC$ . We further observe that

$$8[(B_{m+1} + 5B_m)B \pm B_mC]^2 + 8b_{2m+1} + 1 = [(B_{m+1} + 5B_m)C \pm 8B_mB]^2.$$

Thus, two classes of  $b_{2m+1}$ -subbalancing numbers are  $(B_{m+1} + 5B_m)B_l + B_mC_l$  and  $(B_{m+1} + 5B_m)B_{l+1} - B_mC_{l+1}$  for  $l \ge 0$ .

In view of the above theorems, for a fixed positive integer m, the  $b_{2m}$ -subbalancing numbers are given by  $x_{2l} = (B_{m-1} + 5B_m)B_l + B_mC_l$ ,  $x_{2l+1} = (B_{m-1} + 5B_m)B_{l+1} - B_mC_{l+1}$  and the  $b_{2m+1}$ -subbalancing numbers are  $x_{2l} = (B_{m+1} + 5B_m)B_l + B_mC_l$ ,  $x_{2l+1} = (B_{m+1} + 5B_m)B_{l+1} - B_mC_{l+1}$  for  $l \ge 0$ . Since balancing and Lucas-balancing numbers satisfy the recurrence relation  $y_{n+1} = 6y_n - y_{n-1}$ , it follows that  $b_m$ -subbalancing numbers satisfy the recurrence relation  $x_{n+2} = 6x_n - x_{n-2}, n \ge 3$ .

In the following theorem we give functions that transforms from balancing to subbalancing numbers and subbalancing numbers to balancing numbers.

**Theorem 5** For a balancing number x,  $f(x) = (B_{m-1} + 5B_m)x + B_m\sqrt{8x^2 + 1}$  and  $g(x) = (B_{m-1} + 5B_m)x - B_m\sqrt{8x^2 + 1}$  are  $b_{2m}$ -subbalancing numbers.

We next find functions that transform  $b_{2m}$ -subbalancing numbers to balancing numbers. It is easy to check that the functions are strictly increasing in the domain  $[0, \infty)$ . Hence their inverses exist and are equal to

$$f^{-1}(y) = \frac{(B_{m-1} + 5B_m)y - B_m\sqrt{8x^2 + 8b_{2m} + 1}}{8b_{2m} + 1}$$

and

$$g^{-1}(y) = \frac{(B_{m-1} + 5B_m)y + B_m\sqrt{8x^2 + 8b_{2m} + 1}}{8b_{2m} + 1}$$

The above discussion leads to the following theorems.

**Theorem 6** If  $y = (B_{m-1} + 5B_m)B_n + B_mC_n$  is  $b_{2m}$ -subbalancing number then

$$B_n = \frac{(B_{m-1} + 5B_m)y - B_m\sqrt{8y^2 + 8b_{2m} + 1}}{8b_{2m} + 1}$$

and

$$C_n = \frac{(B_{m-1} + 5B_m)\sqrt{8y^2 + 8b_{2m} + 1} - 8yB_m}{8b_{2m} + 1}$$

**Theorem 7** If  $y = (B_{m-1} + 5B_m)B_n - B_mC_n$  is  $b_{2m}$ -subbalancing number then

$$B_n = \frac{(B_{m-1} + 5B_m)y + B_m\sqrt{8y^2 + 8b_{2m} + 1}}{8b_{2m} + 1}$$

and

$$C_n = \frac{(B_{m-1} + 5B_m)\sqrt{8y^2 + 8b_{2m} + 1} + 8yB_m}{8b_{2m} + 1}.$$

**Theorem 8** If x is a balancing number then  $\alpha(x) = (B_{m+1} + 5B_m)x + B_m\sqrt{8x^2 + 1}$  and  $\beta(x) = (B_{m+1} + 5B_m)x - B_m\sqrt{8x^2 + 1}$  are  $b_{2m+1}$ -subbalancing numbers.

We next find functions that transform  $b_{2m+1}$ -subbalancing numbers to balancing numbers. It is easy to check that the functions are strictly increasing in the domain  $[0, \infty)$ . Hence their inverses exist and are equal to

$$\alpha^{-1}(y) = \frac{(B_{m+1} + 5B_m)y - B_m\sqrt{8x^2 + 8b_{2m} + 1}}{8b_{2m+1} + 1}$$

and

$$\beta^{-1}(y) = \frac{(B_{m+1} + 5B_m)y + B_m\sqrt{8x^2 + 8b_{2m} + 1}}{8b_{2m+1} + 1}$$

The above discussion leads to the following theorems.

**Theorem 9** If  $y = (B_{m+1} + 5B_m)B_n + B_mC_n$  is  $b_{2m+1}$ -subbalancing number then

$$B_n = \frac{(B_{m+1} + 5B_m)y - B_m\sqrt{8y^2 + 8b_{2m} + 1}}{8b_{2m+1} + 1}$$

and

$$C_n = \frac{(B_{m+1} + 5B_m)\sqrt{8y^2 + 8b_{2m} + 1} - 8yB_m}{8b_{2m+1} + 1}$$

**Theorem 10** If  $y = (B_{m+1} + 5B_m)B_n - B_mC_n$  is  $b_{2m+1}$ -subbalancing number then

$$B_n = \frac{(B_{m+1} + 5B_m)y + B_m\sqrt{8y^2 + 8b_{2m} + 1}}{8b_{2m+1} + 1}$$

and

$$C_n = \frac{(B_{m+1} + 5B_m)\sqrt{8y^2 + 8b_{2m} + 1} + 8yB_m}{8b_{2m+1} + 1}.$$

## 3 Conclusion

In this paper, we define *D*-subbalancing numbers by restricting *D* to cobalancing numbers. However, for many values of *D*, *D*-subbalancer numbers exist. For example, one can verify that a natural number x is a 6-subbalancing number if and only if  $8x^2 + 49$  is a perfect square and the values of x satisfying  $8x^2 + 49 = y^2$  are 5-gap balancing numbers [4]. Indeed, finding all feasible values of *D* is an interesting problem.

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