

## Higher order monodiffic difference equation

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**1. Introduction.** In [1] Berzsenyi has discussed the general solution of the first order monodiffic difference equation. Let  $D$  be the first quadrant of the discrete plane, and suppose  $a \in D - \{0\}$  and  $g \in M(D)$ , then the general solution of the monodiffic equation  $f'(z) - af(z) = g(z)$  with initial condition  $f(0) = c$  is given by the monodiffic function

$$f(z) = cE(z, a) + \frac{1}{a} [g * E(z, a)] \quad \text{for every } z \in D,$$

where  $E(z, a)$  is the monodiffic exponential function (c. f. [2])

$$E(z, a) = (1+a)^x (1+ia)^y \quad \text{for } z = x + iy.$$

In the sequel, we use the notation  $e^{a,z}$  instead of  $E(z, a)$ .

In this paper, we extend Berzsenyi's results to more general cases, namely, the general solution of the  $n$ 'th order monodiffic linear homogeneous difference equation

$$F^{(n)}(z) + c_{n-1}F^{(n-1)}(z) + \cdots + c_1F'(z) + c_0F(z) = 0, \quad (1.1)$$

where the coefficients  $c_i$  ( $i=0, 1, \dots, n$ ) are arbitrary constants.

**2. Definition.** Let  $D = \{z | z = x + iy, x \text{ and } y \text{ are integers}\}$  and  $f$  be a complex-valued function defined on  $D$ . We define the monodiffic residue of  $f$  at  $z$  to be the value  $Mf(z)$  given by

$$Mf(z) = (i-1)f(z) + f(z+i) - if(z+1). \quad (1.2)$$

We say that  $f$  is monodiffic at  $z$  if  $Mf(z) = 0$ . And a function which is monodiffic at every point in  $D$  is monodiffic on  $D$ . In this case, we write  $f \in M(D)$ . The monodiffic derivative  $f'$  of  $f$  is defined by

$$f'(z) = \frac{1}{2} [(i-1)f(z) + f(z+1) - if(z+i)].$$

We also use the symbol  $\frac{df}{dz}$  or  $D_z$ .

### 3. The monodiffic exponential function $e^{a,z}$ .

In [2], Isaacs has introduced the monodiffic exponential function  $e^{a,z}$ , it has a form  $e^{a,z} = (1+a)^x (1+ia)^y$  for  $z = x + iy$  and  $a$  is a complex number.