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# A new extension of *q*-Euler numbers and polynomials related to their interpolation functions

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## Abstract

In this work, by using a *p*-adic *q*-Volkenborn integral, we construct a new approach to generating functions of the (h, q)-Euler numbers and polynomials attached to a Dirichlet character  $\chi$ . By applying the Mellin transformation and a derivative operator to these functions, we define (h, q)-extensions of zeta functions and *l*-functions, which interpolate (h, q)-extensions of Euler numbers at negative integers.

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#### 1. Introduction, definitions and notation

Let *p* be a fixed odd prime number. Throughout this work,  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ ,  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ ,  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $\mathbb{C}_p$  respectively denote the ring of *p*-adic rational integers, the field of *p*-adic rational numbers, the complex numbers field and the completion of algebraic closure of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ . Let  $v_p$  be the normalized exponential valuation of  $\mathbb{C}_p$  with  $|p|_p = p^{-v_p(p)} = \frac{1}{p}$ . When one talks of *q*-extension, *q* is considered in many ways, e.g. as an indeterminate, a complex number  $q \in \mathbb{C}$ , or a *p*-adic number  $q \in \mathbb{C}_p$ . If  $q \in \mathbb{C}$  we assume that |q| < 1. If  $q \in \mathbb{C}_p$ , we assume that  $|1 - q|_p < p^{-\frac{1}{p-1}}$ , so that  $q^x = \exp(x \log q)$  for  $|x|_q \leq 1$ ; cf. [3,2,5–7,4,11,14,16,1]. We use the following notation:

$$[x]_q = \frac{1 - q^x}{1 - q}, \qquad [x]_{-q} = \frac{1 - (-q)^x}{1 + q}$$

where  $\lim_{q \to 1} [x]_q = x$ ; cf. [5].

Let  $UD(\mathbb{Z}_p)$  be the set of uniformly differentiable functions on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ . For  $f \in UD(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ , Kim [3] originally defined the *p*-adic invariant *q*-integral on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  as follows:

$$I_q(f) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} f(x) d\mu_q(x) = \lim_{N \to \infty} \frac{1}{[p^N]_q} \sum_{x=0}^{p^N - 1} f(x) q^x,$$

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where N is a natural number and p is an odd prime number. The q-deformed p-adic invariant integral on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ , in the fermionic sense, is defined by

$$I_{-q}(f) = \lim_{q \to -q} I_q(f) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} f(x) d\mu_{-q}(x), \quad \text{cf. [3,5,6,4]}.$$

Recently, twisted (h, q)-Bernoulli and Euler numbers and polynomials were studied by several authors (see [10,2,15, 16,9,8,13,1]).

By definition of  $\mu_{-q}(x)$ , we see that

$$I_{-1}(f_1) + I_{-1}(f) = 2f(0), \quad \text{cf. [5]},$$
(1.1)

where  $f_1(x) = f(x + 1)$ .

In this study, we define new (h, q)-extension of Euler numbers and polynomials. By using a derivative operator on these functions, we derive (h, q)-extensions of zeta functions and *l*-functions, which interpolate (h, q)-extensions of Euler numbers at negative integers.

## 2. A new approach to q-Euler numbers

In this section, we define (h, q)-extension of Euler numbers and polynomials. Substituting  $f(x) = q^{hx}e^{tx}$ , with  $h \in \mathbb{Z}$ , into (1.1) we have

$$F_q^h(t) = I_{-1}(q^{hx} e^{tx}) = \frac{2}{q^h e^t + 1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_{n,q}^{(h)} \frac{t^n}{n!}, \qquad |h \log q + t| < \pi,$$
(2.1)

where  $E_{n,q}^{(h)}$  is called the (h, q)-extension of Euler numbers.  $\lim_{q \to 1} E_{n,q}^{(h)} = E_n$ , where  $E_n$  is the classical Euler numbers. That is

$$\frac{2}{\mathrm{e}^t + 1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n \frac{t^n}{n!} \quad \text{cf. [8,4,12,17].}$$

(h, q)-extensions of Euler polynomials,  $E_{n,q}^{(h)}(x)$ , are defined by the following generating function:

$$F_q^h(t,x) = F_q^h(t)e^{tx} = \frac{2e^{tx}}{q^h e^t + 1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_{n,q}^{(h)}(x)\frac{t^n}{n!}.$$
(2.2)

By using the Maclaurin series of  $e^{tx}$  in (2.1), we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^{hx} \frac{t^n x^n}{n!} \mathrm{d}\mu_{-1}(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_{n,q}^{(h)} \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$

By comparing coefficients of  $\frac{t^n}{n!}$  on either side of the above equation, we obtain the Witt formula, which is given by the following theorem.

**Theorem 1** (*Witt Formula*). For  $h \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $q \in \mathbb{C}_p$  with  $|1 - q|_p < 1$ ,

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{hx} x^n \mathrm{d}\mu_{-1}(x) = E_{n,q}^{(h)}, \tag{2.3}$$

and

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{hy} (x+y)^n \mathrm{d}\mu_{-1}(y) = E_{n,q}^{(h)}(x).$$

From (2.2), we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_{n,q}^{(h)} \frac{t^n}{n!} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n \frac{t^n}{n!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_{n,q}^{(h)}(x) \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$

By the Cauchy product, we see that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{n} E_{k,q}^{(h)} \frac{t^{k}}{k!} x^{n-k} \frac{t^{n-k}}{(n-k)!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_{n,q}^{(h)}(x) \frac{t^{n}}{n!}.$$

By comparing coefficients of  $\frac{t^n}{n!}$ , we arrive at the following theorem:

**Theorem 2.** Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+ = \mathbb{Z} \cup \{0\}$ . Then we have

$$E_{n,q}^{(h)}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} x^{n-k} E_{k,q}^{(h)}.$$
(2.4)

Let d be a fixed integer. For any positive integer N, we set

$$\mathbb{X} = \mathbb{X}_d = \lim_{\stackrel{\leftarrow}{N}} \left( \mathbb{Z}/dp^N \mathbb{Z} \right), \qquad \mathbb{X}_1 = \mathbb{Z}_p, \qquad \mathbb{X}^* = \bigcup_{\substack{0 < a < dp \\ (a,p)=1}} \left( a + dp^N \mathbb{Z}_p \right),$$
$$a + dp^N \mathbb{Z}_p = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{X} : x \equiv a \left( \text{mod } dp^N \right) \right\},$$

where  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $0 \leq a < dp^N$  (cf. [3]). It is known that

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} f(x) d\mu_{-1}(x) = \int_{\mathbb{X}} f(x) d\mu_{-1}(x), \quad \text{cf. [3]}.$$

From this we note that

$$\int_{\mathbb{X}} (x+t)^k q^{ht} d\mu_{-1}(t) = d^k \sum_{a=0}^{d-1} (-1)^a q^{ha} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \left( t + \frac{a+x}{d} \right)^k \left( q^d \right)^{ht} d\mu_{-1}(t),$$
(2.5)

where d is an odd positive integer. From (2.2) and (2.5), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 3** (*Distribution Relation*). For d an odd positive integer,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ , we have

$$E_{k,q}^{(h)}(x) = d^k \sum_{a=0}^{d-1} (-1)^a q^{ha} E_{k,q^d}^{(h)} \left(\frac{x+a}{d}\right).$$

By (1.1), Kim [5] defined the following integral equation:

$$I_{-1}(f_n) + (-1)^{n-1} I_{-1}(f) = 2 \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} (-1)^{n-1-l} f(l),$$
(2.6)

where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $f_n(x) = f(x+n)$ .

Let *d* be an odd positive integer and  $\chi$  be the Dirichlet character with conductor *d*; substituting  $f(x) = q^{hx} \chi(x) e^{tx}$ , for  $h \in \mathbb{Z}$ , into (2.6), we obtain

$$F_q^h(t,\chi) = \frac{2\sum_{a=0}^{d-1} (-1)^a \chi(a) e^{ta} q^{ha}}{q^{hd} e^{td} + 1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_{n,\chi,q}^{(h)} \frac{t^n}{n!}, \qquad |t+h\log q| < \frac{\pi}{d},$$
(2.7)

where  $E_{n,\chi,q}^{(h)}$  denote (h,q)-extensions of generalized Euler numbers.

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From (2.7), we see that

$$\int_{\mathbb{X}} \chi(x) q^{hx} x^n \mathrm{d}\mu_{-1}(x) = d^n \sum_{a=0}^{d-1} \chi(a) q^{ha} (-1)^a \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \left(q^d\right)^{hx} \left(\frac{a}{d} + x\right)^n \mathrm{d}\mu_{-1}(x).$$
(2.8)

By Theorem 1 and (2.8), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.** Let d be an odd positive integer and  $\chi$  be Dirichlet's character with conductor d. Then we have

$$E_{n,\chi,q}^{(h)} = d^n \sum_{a=0}^{d-1} \chi(a) q^{ha} (-1)^a E_{n,q^d}^{(h)} \left(\frac{a}{d}\right).$$

From (2.6), we also note that

$$F_q^h(t, x, \chi) = \frac{2\sum_{a=0}^{d-1} (-1)^a \chi(a) e^{t(a+x)} q^{ha}}{q^{hd} e^{td} + 1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_{n,\chi,q}^{(h)}(x) \frac{t^n}{n!},$$
(2.9)

where  $h \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $E_{n,\chi,q}^{(h)}(x)$  are called generalized (h, q)-extensions of Euler polynomials attached to  $\chi$  and  $F_q^h(t, x, \chi) =$  $F_q^h(t, \chi) e^{tx}$ . By (2.9), we easily see that

$$\int_{\mathbb{X}} (x+y)^n \chi(y) q^{hy} d\mu_{-1}(y) = E_{n,\chi,q}^{(h)}(x).$$
(2.10)

By using (2.10), we arrive at the following theorem.

**Theorem 5.** *Let d be an odd integer. Then we have* 

$$E_{n,\chi,q}^{(h)}(x) = d^n \sum_{a=0}^{d-1} (-1)^a \chi(a) q^{ha} E_{n,q^d}^{(h)}\left(\frac{a+x}{d}\right).$$

## **3.** A new approach to the (h, q)-Euler zeta function

In this section, we assume that  $q \in \mathbb{C}$  with |q| < 1. By using a geometric series in (2.2), we obtain

$$2e^{xt}\sum_{n=0}^{\infty}q^{hn}e^{tn}(-1)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty}E_{n,q}^{(h)}(x)\frac{t^n}{n!}.$$

By applying the derivative operator  $\frac{d^k}{dt^k}|_{t=0}$  to the above equation, we have

$$E_{k,q}^{(h)}(x) = 2\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n q^{hn} (x+n)^k.$$
(3.1)

By (3.1), we define new extensions of Hurwitz type (h, q)-Euler zeta functions as follows:

**Definition 1.** For  $h \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $0 < x \le 1$ , we define

$$\zeta_{E,q}^{(h)}(s,x) = 2\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n q^{hn}}{(n+x)^s}.$$
(3.2)

 $\zeta_{E,q}^{(h)}(s, x)$  is an analytic function on the whole complex *s*-plane. If x = 1, then we define the (h, q)-Euler zeta function as follows:

$$\zeta_{E,q}^{(h)}(s) = 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n q^{hn}}{n^s}.$$

For  $s = -k, k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  in (3.2) and using (3.1), we arrive at the following theorem.

**Theorem 6.** For  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ , we have

$$\zeta_{E,q}^{(h)}(-k,x) = E_{k,q}^{(h)}(x).$$
(3.3)

**Remark 1.** By applying the Mellin transformation to the generating function of (h, q)-Euler polynomials, for  $s \in \mathbb{C}$ ,

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma(s)} \int_0^\infty F_q^h(-t, x) t^{s-1} dt = \zeta_{E,q}^{(h)}(s, x).$$

By substituting  $s = -n, n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  and using the Cauchy residue theorem, we obtain another proof of Theorem 6.

By using (2.7) we have with  $\chi(a + d) = \chi(a)$ , where d is an odd positive integer,

$$2\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-1)^m \chi(m) e^{tm} q^{hm} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_{n,\chi,q}^{(h)} \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$
(3.4)

By applying the derivative operator  $\frac{d^k}{dr^k}|_{t=0}$  to the above equation, we have

$$E_{k,\chi,q}^{(h)} = 2\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-1)^m q^{hm} \chi(m) m^k.$$
(3.5)

By using (3.5), we define new extensions of (h, q)-Euler *l*-functions as follows:

**Definition 2.** Let  $s \in \mathbb{C}$ . We define

$$l_{E,q}^{(h)}(s,\chi) = 2\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m q^{hm} \chi(m)}{m^s}.$$
(3.6)

 $l_{E,q}^{(h)}(s, x)$  is an analytic function on the whole complex *s*-plane. From (3.5) and (3.6), we arrive at the following theorem.

**Theorem 7.** For  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ , we have

$$l_{E,q}^{(h)}(-k,\chi) = E_{k,\chi,q}^{(h)}.$$
(3.7)

Remark 2.

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma(s)}\int_0^\infty F_{q,\chi}^h(-t)t^{s-1}\mathrm{d}t = l_{E,q}^{(h)}(s,\chi).$$

By using the Cauchy residue theorem we obtain another proof of Theorem 7.

By substituting m = a + dn,  $a = 1, \dots, d$ , d is odd,  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , into (3.6), we have

$$l_{E,q}^{(h)}(s,\chi) = 2\sum_{a=1}^{d} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{a+dm} q^{dhm+ha} \chi(dm+a)}{(a+dm)^s}$$
$$= d^{-s} \sum_{a=1}^{d} (-1)^a \chi(a) q^{ha} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{2(-1)^m q^{dhm}}{(m+\frac{a}{d})^s}$$
$$= d^{-s} \sum_{a=1}^{d} (-1)^a \chi(a) q^{ha} \zeta_{E,q^d}^{(h)} \left(s, \frac{a}{d}\right).$$

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By substituting  $s = -n, n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ , into the above equation, we have

$$l_{E,q}^{(h)}(-n,\chi) = d^{n} \sum_{a=1}^{d} (-1)^{a} \chi(a) q^{ha} \zeta_{E,q^{d}}^{(h)} \left(-n, \frac{a}{d}\right)$$
$$= d^{n} \sum_{a=1}^{d} (-1)^{a} \chi(a) q^{ha} E_{n,q^{d}}^{(h)} \left(\frac{a}{d}\right).$$
(3.8)

By using (2.4), (3.7) and (3.8), we obtained the following theorem.

**Theorem 8** (Distribution Relations for the Generalized (h, q)-Extension of Euler Numbers). Let d be an odd integer. Then we have

$$E_{n,\chi,q}^{(h)} = \sum_{a=1}^{a} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} (-1)^{a} \chi(a) q^{ha} a^{n-k} d^{k} E_{k,q^{d}}^{(h)}.$$

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