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# On the $q$ -Extension of Apostol-Euler Numbers and Polynomials

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Recently, Choi et al. (2008) have studied the  $q$ -extensions of the Apostol-Bernoulli and the Apostol-Euler polynomials of order  $n$  and multiple Hurwitz zeta function. In this paper, we define Apostol's type  $q$ -Euler numbers  $E_{n,q,\xi}$  and  $q$ -Euler polynomials  $E_{n,q,\xi}(x)$ . We obtain the generating functions of  $E_{n,q,\xi}$  and  $E_{n,q,\xi}(x)$ , respectively. We also have the distribution relation for Apostol's type  $q$ -Euler polynomials. Finally, we obtain  $q$ -zeta function associated with Apostol's type  $q$ -Euler numbers and Hurwitz's type  $q$ -zeta function associated with Apostol's type  $q$ -Euler polynomials for negative integers.

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $p$  be a fixed odd prime. Throughout this paper,  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ ,  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  and  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $\mathbb{C}_p$  will, respectively, denote the ring of  $p$ -adic rational integers, the field of  $p$ -adic rational numbers, the complex number field, and the completion of algebraic closure of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ . Let  $\mathbb{N}$  be the set of natural numbers and  $\mathbb{Z}_+ = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . Let  $v_p$  be the normalized exponential valuation of  $\mathbb{C}_p$  with  $|p|_p = p^{-v_p(p)} = p^{-1}$ . When one talks of  $q$ -extension,  $q$  is variously considered as an indeterminate, a complex number  $q \in \mathbb{C}$ , or a  $p$ -adic number  $q \in \mathbb{C}_p$ . If  $q \in \mathbb{C}$ , one normally assumes  $|q| < 1$ . If  $q \in \mathbb{C}_p$ , then one assumes  $|q - 1|_p < 1$ . We also use the notations

$$[x]_q = \frac{1 - q^x}{1 - q}, \quad [x]_{-q} = \frac{1 - (-q)^x}{1 + q} \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{Z}_p \quad (1.1)$$

For a fixed odd positive integer  $d$  with  $(p, d) = 1$ , let

$$X = X_d = \lim_{\overline{N}} \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{dp^N \mathbb{Z}}, \quad X_1 = \mathbb{Z}_p,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 X^* &= \bigcup_{\substack{0 < a < dp \\ (a,p)=1}} (a + dp\mathbb{Z}_p), \\
 a + dp^N\mathbb{Z}_p &= \{x \in X \mid x \equiv a \pmod{dp^N}\},
 \end{aligned} \tag{1.2}$$

where  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  lies in  $0 \leq a < dp^N$ . The distribution is defined by

$$\mu_q(a + dp^N\mathbb{Z}_p) = \frac{q^a}{[dp^N]_q}. \tag{1.3}$$

We say that  $f$  is a uniformly differentiable function at a point  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  and denote this property by  $f \in \text{UD}(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ , if the difference quotients  $F_f(x, y) = (f(x) - f(y))/(x - y)$  have a limit  $l = f'(a)$  as  $(x, y) \rightarrow (a, a)$ . For  $f \in \text{UD}(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ , the  $p$ -adic invariant  $q$ -integral is defined as

$$I_q(f) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} f(x) d\mu_q(x) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{[p^N]_q} \sum_{x=0}^{p^N-1} f(x) q^x. \tag{1.4}$$

The fermionic  $p$ -adic  $q$ -measures on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  are defined as

$$\mu_{-q}(a + dp^N\mathbb{Z}_p) = \frac{(-q)^a}{[dp^N]_{-q}}, \tag{1.5}$$

and the fermionic  $p$ -adic invariant  $q$ -integral on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  is defined as

$$I_{-q}(f) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} f(x) d\mu_{-q}(x) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{[p^N]_{-q}} \sum_{x=0}^{p^N-1} f(x) (-q)^x \tag{1.6}$$

for  $f \in \text{UD}(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ . For details see [1–10].

Classical Euler numbers are defined by the generating function

$$\frac{2}{e^t + 1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n \frac{t^n}{n!}, \tag{1.7}$$

and these numbers are interpolated by the Euler zeta function which is defined as

$$\zeta_E(s) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^s}, \quad s \in \mathbb{C}. \tag{1.8}$$

After Carlitz [11] gave  $q$ -extensions of the classical Bernoulli numbers and polynomials, the  $q$ -extensions of Bernoulli and Euler numbers and polynomials have been studied by several authors (cf. [1–16, 18–26, 34–39]).

By using  $p$ -adic  $q$ -integral, the  $q$ -Euler numbers  $E_{n,q}$  are defined as

$$E_{n,q} = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} [t]_q^n d\mu_{-q}(t), \quad \text{for } n \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (1.9)$$

The  $q$ -Euler numbers  $E_{n,q}$  are defined by means of the generating function

$$F_q(t) = [2]_q \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n q^n e^{[n]_q t} \quad (1.10)$$

(cf. [8, 26]). Kim [22] gave a new construction of the  $q$ -Euler numbers  $E_{n,q}$  which can be uniquely determined by

$$\begin{aligned} E_{0,q} &= \frac{[2]_q}{2}, \\ (qE + 1)^n + E_{n,q} &= \begin{cases} [2]_q, & \text{if } n = 0, \\ 0, & \text{if } n \neq 0, \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (1.11)$$

with the usual convention of replacing  $E^n$  by  $E_{n,q}$ .

The twisted  $q$ -Euler numbers and  $q$ -Euler polynomials are very important in several fields of mathematics and physics, and so they have been studied by many authors. Simsek [37, 38] constructed generating functions of  $q$ -generalized Euler numbers and polynomials and twisted  $q$ -generalized Euler numbers and polynomials. Recently, Y. H. Kim et al. [27] gave the twisted  $q$ -Euler zeta function associated with twisted  $q$ -Euler numbers and obtained  $q$ -Euler's identity. They also have a  $q$ -extension of the Euler zeta function for negative integers and the  $q$ -analog of twisted Euler zeta function. Kim [24] defined twisted  $q$ -Euler numbers and polynomials of higher order and studied multiple twisted  $q$ -Euler zeta functions.

The Apostol-Bernoulli and the Apostol-Euler polynomials and numbers have been studied by several authors (cf. [15, 17, 32, 33, 40, 41]). Recently,  $q$ -extensions of the Apostol-Bernoulli and the Apostol-Euler polynomials and numbers have been studied by many authors with great interest. In [15], Cenkci and Can introduced and investigated  $q$ -extensions of the Bernoulli polynomials. Choi et al. [16] have studied some  $q$ -extensions of the Apostol-Bernoulli and the Apostol-Euler polynomials of order  $n$  and multiple Hurwitz zeta function.

In this paper, we define Apostol's type  $q$ -Euler numbers and  $q$ -Euler polynomials. Then, we have the generating functions of Apostol's type  $q$ -Euler numbers and  $q$ -Euler polynomials and the distribution relation for Apostol's type  $q$ -Euler polynomials. In Section 2, we define Apostol's type  $q$ -Euler numbers  $E_{n,q,\xi}$  and  $q$ -Euler polynomials  $E_{n,q,\xi}(x)$ . Then, we obtain the generating functions of  $E_{n,q,\xi}$  and  $E_{n,q,\xi}(x)$ , respectively. We also have the distribution relation for Apostol's type  $q$ -Euler polynomials. In Section 3, we obtain  $q$ -zeta function associated with Apostol's type  $q$ -Euler numbers and Hurwitz's type  $q$ -zeta function associated with Apostol's type  $q$ -Euler polynomials for negative integers.

## 2. On the $q$ -extensions of the Apostol-Euler numbers and polynomials

In this section, we will assume  $q \in \mathbb{C}_p$  with  $|q - 1|_p < 1$ . For  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ , let  $C_{p^n} = \{\xi \mid \xi^{p^n} = 1\}$  be the cyclic group of order  $p^n$ , and let  $T_p$  be the space of locally constant space, that is,

$$T_p = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} C_{p^n} = \bigcup_{n \geq 0} C_{p^n}. \quad (2.1)$$

Let  $\xi \in T_p$ . We define Apostol's type  $q$ -Euler numbers by

$$E_{n,q,\xi} = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{-x} \xi^x [x]_q^n d\mu_{-q}(x). \quad (2.2)$$

Then, we have

$$E_{n,q,\xi} = \frac{[2]_q}{(1-q)^n} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} (-1)^l \frac{1}{1+q^l \xi}, \quad (2.3)$$

where  $\binom{n}{l}$  are the binomial coefficients.

Apostol's type  $q$ -Euler polynomials are defined as

$$E_{n,q,\xi}(x) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{-y} \xi^y [x+y]_q^n d\mu_{-q}(y). \quad (2.4)$$

Since

$$[x+y]_q^n = ([x]_q + q^x [y]_q)^n = \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} [x]_q^{n-l} q^{lx} [y]_q^l, \quad (2.5)$$

we have from (2.4) that

$$E_{n,q,\xi}(x) = \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} [x]_q^{n-l} q^{lx} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{-y} \xi^y [y]_q^l d\mu_{-q}(y). \quad (2.6)$$

By (2.2) and (2.6), we have

$$E_{n,q,\xi}(x) = \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} [x]_q^{n-l} q^{lx} E_{l,q,\xi}. \quad (2.7)$$

Since

$$[x+y]_q^n = \frac{1}{(1-q)^n} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} (-1)^l q^{(x+y)l} = \frac{1}{(1-q)^n} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} (-1)^l q^{lx} q^{ly}, \quad (2.8)$$

we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{-y} \xi^y [x+y]_q^n d\mu_{-q}(y) = \frac{1}{(1-q)^n} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} (-1)^l q^{lx} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{(l-1)y} \xi^y d\mu_{-q}(y). \quad (2.9)$$

Therefore, we also have

$$E_{n,q,\xi}(x) = [2]_q \frac{1}{(1-q)^n} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} q^{lx} (-1)^l \frac{1}{1+q^l \xi}. \quad (2.10)$$

Note that (2.7) and (2.10) are two representations for  $E_{n,q,\xi}(x)$ . Hence, we have the following result.

**Theorem 2.1.** For  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  and  $\xi \in T_p$ , one has

$$\begin{aligned} E_{n,q,\xi} &= \frac{[2]_q}{(1-q)^n} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} (-1)^l \frac{1}{1+q^l \xi}, \\ E_{n,q,\xi}(x) &= \frac{[2]_q}{(1-q)^n} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} (-1)^l \frac{q^{lx}}{1+q^l \xi} \\ &= \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} [x]_q^{n-l} q^{lx} E_{l,q,\xi}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

Now, we will find the generating function of  $E_{n,q,\xi}$  and  $E_{n,q,\xi}(x)$ , respectively. Let  $F(t)$  be the generating function of  $E_{n,q,\xi}$ . Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} F(t) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_{n,q,\xi} \frac{t^n}{n!} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{[2]_q}{(1-q)^n} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} (-1)^l \frac{1}{1+q^l \xi} \right) \frac{t^n}{n!} \\ &= [2]_q \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1-q)^n} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} (-1)^l \left( \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} q^{lm} \xi^m (-1)^m \right) \frac{t^n}{n!} \\ &= [2]_q \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-1)^m \xi^m \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1-q)^n} \left( \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} (-1)^l q^{lm} \right) \frac{t^n}{n!} \\ &= [2]_q \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-1)^m \xi^m \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1-q)^n} (1-q^m)^n \frac{t^n}{n!} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= [2]_q \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-1)^m \xi^m \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [m]_q^n \frac{t^n}{n!} \\
&= [2]_q \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-1)^m \xi^m e^{[m]_q t}.
\end{aligned} \tag{2.12}$$

Therefore, the generating function  $F(t)$  of  $E_{n,q,\xi}$  equals

$$F(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_{n,q,\xi} \frac{t^n}{n!} = [2]_q \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-1)^m \xi^m e^{[m]_q t}. \tag{2.13}$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{-x} \xi^x e^{[x]_q t} d\mu_{-q}(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{-x} \xi^x [x]_q^n d\mu_{-q}(x) \frac{t^n}{n!} \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_{n,q,\xi} \frac{t^n}{n!} = F(t).
\end{aligned} \tag{2.14}$$

For the generating function of  $E_{n,q,\xi}(x)$ , we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{-y} \xi^y e^{[x+y]_q t} d\mu_{-q}(y) = [2]_q \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-1)^m \xi^m e^{[m+x]_q t}. \tag{2.15}$$

Hence, we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.2.** For  $\xi \in T_p$ , one has

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{-x} \xi^x e^{[x]_q t} d\mu_{-q}(x) = [2]_q \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-1)^m \xi^m e^{[m]_q t}, \tag{2.16}$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{-y} \xi^y e^{[x+y]_q t} d\mu_{-q}(y) = [2]_q \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-1)^m \xi^m e^{[m+x]_q t}. \tag{2.17}$$

Since (2.16) equals to the generating functions (2.17) equals to the generating functions  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_{n,q,\xi}(x) (t^n/n!)$ , we have the following result.

**Corollary 2.3.** For  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  and  $\xi \in T_p$ , one has

$$\begin{aligned}
E_{n,q,\xi} &= [2]_q \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-1)^m \xi^m [m]_q^n, \\
E_{n,q,\xi}(x) &= [2]_q \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-1)^m \xi^m [m+x]_q^n.
\end{aligned} \tag{2.18}$$

Now, we will find the distribution relation for  $E_{n,q,\xi}(x)$ . By (2.4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} E_{n,q,\xi}(x) &= \int_X q^{-y} \xi^y [x+y]_q^n d\mu_{-q}(y) \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{[dp^N]_{-q}} \sum_{y=0}^{dp^N-1} \xi^y (-1)^y [x+y]_q^n \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{[dp^N]_{-q}} \sum_{a=0}^{d-1} \sum_{y=0}^{p^N-1} \xi^{a+dy} (-1)^{a+dy} [x+a+dy]_q^n. \end{aligned} \quad (2.19)$$

Note that for odd numbers  $d$  and  $p$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} [dp^N]_{-q} &= [d]_{-q} [p^N]_{-q^d}, \\ [x+a+dy]_q &= [d]_q \left[ \frac{x+a}{d} + y \right]_{q^d}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.20)$$

By (2.19), we have

$$\begin{aligned} E_{n,q,\xi}(x) &= \frac{1}{[d]_{-q}} \sum_{a=0}^{d-1} \xi^a (-1)^a \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{[p^N]_{-q^d}} \sum_{y=0}^{p^N-1} (\xi^d)^y (-1)^y [d]_q^n \left[ \frac{x+a}{d} + y \right]_{q^d}^n \\ &= \frac{[d]_q^n}{[d]_{-q}} \sum_{a=0}^{d-1} \xi^a (-1)^a \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} (\xi^d)^y (q^d)^{-y} \left[ \frac{x+a}{d} + y \right]_{q^d}^n d\mu_{-q^d}(y). \end{aligned} \quad (2.21)$$

Therefore, we obtain the distribution relation for  $E_{n,q,\xi}(x)$  as follows.

**Theorem 2.4.** For  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ ,  $\xi \in T_p$ , and  $d \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  with  $d \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ , one has

$$E_{n,q,\xi}(x) = \frac{[d]_q^n}{[d]_{-q}} \sum_{a=0}^{d-1} \xi^a (-1)^a E_{n,q^d,\xi^d} \left( \frac{x+a}{d} \right). \quad (2.22)$$

### 3. Further remark on the basic $q$ -zeta functions associated with Apostol's type $q$ -Euler numbers and polynomials

In this section, we assume that  $q \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $|q| < 1$ . Let  $\xi \in T_p$ . For  $s \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $q$ -zeta function associated with Apostol's type  $q$ -Euler numbers is defined as

$$\zeta_{q,\xi}(s) = [2]_q \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\xi^n (-1)^n}{[n]_q^s}, \quad (3.1)$$

which is analytic in whole complex  $s$ -plane. Substituting  $s = -k$  with  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  into  $\zeta_{q,\xi}(s)$  and using Corollary 2.3, then we arrive at

$$\zeta_{q,\xi}(-k) = [2]_q \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \xi^n (-1)^n [n]_q^k = E_{k,q,\xi}. \quad (3.2)$$

Now, we also consider Hurwitz's type  $q$ -zeta function associated with the Apostol's type  $q$ -Euler polynomials as follows:

$$\zeta_{q,\xi}(s, x) = [2]_q \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\xi^n (-1)^n}{[n+x]_q^s}. \quad (3.3)$$

Substituting  $s = -k$  with  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  into  $\zeta_{q,\xi}(s, x)$  and using Corollary 2.3, then we arrive at

$$\zeta_{q,\xi}(-k, x) = [2]_q \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \xi^n (-1)^n [n+x]_q^k = E_{k,q,\xi}(x). \quad (3.4)$$

Hence, we obtain  $q$ -zeta function associated with Apostol's type  $q$ -Euler numbers and Hurwitz's type  $q$ -zeta function associated with Apostol's type  $q$ -Euler polynomials for negative integers.

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