

# Applications of $q$ -Umbral Calculus to Modified Apostol Type $q$ -Bernoulli Polynomials

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**Abstract:** This article aims to identify the generating function of modified Apostol type  $q$ -Bernoulli polynomials. With the aid of this generating function, some properties of modified Apostol type  $q$ -Bernoulli polynomials are given. It is shown that aforementioned polynomials are  $q$ -Appell. Hence, we make use of these polynomials to have applications on  $q$ -Umbral calculus. From those applications, we derive some theorems in order to get Apostol type modified  $q$ -Bernoulli polynomials as a linear combination of some known polynomials which we stated in the paper.

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## Introduction

Throughout this paper, we make use of the following standard notations:  $\mathbb{N} := \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  and  $\mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . Also, as usual,  $\mathbb{Z}$  denotes the set of integers,  $\mathbb{R}$  denotes the set of real numbers and  $\mathbb{C}$  denotes the set of complex numbers.

We now begin with the fundamental properties of  $q$ -calculus. Let  $q$  be chosen as a fixed real number between 0 and 1. The  $q$ -analogue of any number  $n$  is given by:

$$[n]_q = \frac{1 - q^n}{1 - q}$$

The expression:

$$[n]_q! = [n]_q [n-1]_q \dots [2]_q [1]_q$$

means the  $q$ -factorial of  $n$  and also let  $n, k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , for  $k \leq n$ :

$$\binom{n}{k}_q = \frac{[n]_q!}{[k]_q! [n-k]_q!}$$

is called  $q$ -binomial coefficient. Note that  $[0]_q! := 1$ . The  $q$ -derivative of  $f(x)$  is defined by:

$$D_q f(x) = \frac{d_q f(x)}{d_q x} = \frac{f(x) - f(qx)}{(1-q)x} \quad (0 < q < 1) \quad (1.1)$$

If  $q \rightarrow 1^-$ , it becomes:

$$\lim_{q \rightarrow 1^-} D_q f(x) = \frac{df(x)}{dx}$$

representing familiar derivative of a function  $f$ , with respect to  $x$ . The Jackson definite  $q$ -integral of a function  $f$  is also defined by:

$$\int_a^q f(x) d_q x = a(1-q) \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} f(q^j a) q^j$$

The  $q$ -exponential functions are given by:

$$e_q(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{[n]_q!} \text{ and } E_q(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{q^{\binom{n}{2}} t^n}{[n]_q!} \quad (t \in \mathbb{C} \text{ with } |t| < 1)$$

with the following equality:

$$e_{q^{-1}}(t) = E_q(t)$$

These fundamental properties of  $q$ -calculus listed above are taken from the book (Kac and Cheung, 2002).

By using an exponential function  $e_q(x)$ , Kupershmidt (2005) defined the following  $q$ -Bernoulli polynomials:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,q}(x) \frac{t^n}{[n]_q!} = \frac{t}{e_q(t)-1} e_q(xt)$$

In the case  $x = 0$ ,  $B_{n,q}(0) = B_{n,q}$  means the  $n$ -th  $q$ -Bernoulli number.

Very recently, Kurt (2016) defined Apostol type  $q$ -Bernoulli polynomials of order  $\alpha$  by making use of the following generating function:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,q}^{(\alpha)}(x, y, \lambda) \frac{t^n}{[n]_q!} = \left( \frac{t}{\lambda e_q(t) - 1} \right)^\alpha e_q(xt) E_q(yt) \quad (1.2)$$

where,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}$ . In this study, we will study on the following polynomial  $B_{n,q}^{(\alpha)}(x, \lambda) := B_{n,q}(x, \lambda)$  which is given by special cases  $\alpha = 1$  and  $y = 0$  in (1.2):

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,q}(x, \lambda) \frac{t^n}{[n]_q!} = \frac{t}{\lambda e_q(t) - 1} e_q(xt) \quad (1.3)$$

When  $q \rightarrow 1$  in (1.3), it reduces to Apostol-Bernoulli polynomials (Choi *et al.*, 2008; Luo and Srivastava, 2006).

We now review briefly the concept of  $q$ -umbral calculus. For the properties of  $q$ -umbral calculus, we refer the reader to see the references (Araci *et al.*, 2007; Choi *et al.*, 2008; Kac and Cheung, 2002; Kim and Kim, 2014a; Kim *et al.*, 2013; Mahmudov and Keshlteri, 2013; Roman, 1985).

Let  $\mathbb{C}$  be a field of characteristic zero and let  $F$  be the set of all formal power series in the variable  $t$  over  $\mathbb{C}$  with:

$$F = \left\{ f \mid f(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k \frac{t^k}{[k]_q!}, (a_k \in \mathbb{C}) \right\}$$

Let  $\mathbb{P}$  be the algebra of polynomials in the single variable  $x$  over the field complex numbers and let  $\mathbb{P}^*$  be the vector space of all linear functionals on  $\mathbb{P}$ . In the  $q$ -Umbral calculus,  $\langle L | p(x) \rangle$  means the action of a linear functional  $L$  on the polynomial  $p(x)$ . This operator has a linear property on  $\mathbb{P}^*$  given by:

$$\langle L + M | p(x) \rangle = \langle L | p(x) \rangle + \langle M | p(x) \rangle$$

and:

$$\langle cL | p(x) \rangle = c \langle L | p(x) \rangle$$

for any constant  $c$  in  $\mathbb{C}$ .

The formal power series:

$$f(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k \frac{t^k}{[k]_q!} \quad (1.4)$$

defines a linear functional on  $\mathbb{P}$  by setting:

$$\langle f(t) | x^n \rangle = a_n \quad (x \geq 0) \quad (1.5)$$

Taking  $f(t) = t^k$  in Equation 1.4 and 1.5 gives:

$$\langle t^k | x^n \rangle = [n]_q! \delta_{n,k}, \quad (n, k \geq 0) \quad (1.6)$$

where:

$$\delta_{n,k} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n = k \\ 0, & \text{if } n \neq k \end{cases}$$

Actually, any linear functional  $L$  in  $\mathbb{P}^*$  has the form (1.4). That is, since:

$$f_L(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \langle L | x^k \rangle \frac{t^k}{[k]_q!}$$

we have:

$$\langle f_L(t) | x^n \rangle = \langle L | x^n \rangle$$

and so as linear functionals  $L = f_L(t)$ . Moreover, the map  $L \rightarrow f_L(t)$  is a vector space isomorphism from  $\mathbb{P}^*$  onto  $F$ . Henceforth,  $F$  will denote both the algebra of formal power series in  $t$  and the vector space of all linear functionals on  $\mathbb{P}$  and so an element  $f(t)$  of  $F$  will be thought of as both a formal power series and a linear functional. From (1.5), we have:

$$\langle e_q(yt) | x^n \rangle = y^n$$

and so:

$$\langle e_q(yt) | p(x) \rangle = p(y) \quad (p(x) \in \mathbb{P})$$

The order  $o(f(t))$  of a power series  $f(t)$  is the smallest integer  $k$  for which the coefficient of  $t^k$  does not vanish. If  $o(f(t)) = 0$ , then  $f(t)$  is called an invertible

series. A series  $f(t)$  for which  $o(f(t)) = 1$  will be called a delta series (Araci *et al.*, 2007; Choi *et al.*, 2008; Kac and Cheung, 2002; Kim and Kim, 2014a; Kim *et al.*, 2013; Mahmudov and Keleshteri, 2013; Roman, 1985).

If  $f_1(t), \dots, f_m(t)$  are in  $F$ , then:

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle f_1(t) \dots f_m(t) | x_n \rangle \\ &= \sum_{i_1 + i_2 + \dots + i_m = n} \binom{n}{i_1, \dots, i_m}_q \langle f_1(t) | x^{i_1} \rangle \dots \langle f_m(t) | x^{i_m} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

where:

$$\binom{n}{i_1, \dots, i_r}_q = \frac{[n]_q!}{[i_1]_q! \dots [i_r]_q!}$$

We use the notation  $t^k$  for the  $k$ -th  $q$ -derivative operator on  $\mathbb{P}$  as follows:

$$t^k x^n = \begin{cases} \frac{[n]_q!}{[n-k]_q!} x^{n-k} & k \leq n \\ 0, & k > n \end{cases}$$

If  $f(t)$  and  $g(t)$  are in  $F$ , then:

$$\langle f(t)g(t) | p(x) \rangle = \langle f(t) | g(t)p(x) \rangle = \langle g(t) | f(t)p(x) \rangle$$

for all polynomials  $p(x)$ . Notice that for all  $f(t)$  in  $F$  and for all polynomials  $p(x)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \langle f(t) | x^k \rangle \frac{t^k}{[k]_q!} \text{ and} \\ p(x) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \langle t^k | p(x) \rangle \frac{x^k}{[k]_q!} \end{aligned} \tag{1.7}$$

Using (1.7), we obtain:

$$p^{(k)}(x) = D_q^k p(x) = \sum_{l=k}^{\infty} \frac{\langle t^l | p(x) \rangle}{[l]_q!} x^{l-k} \prod_{s=1}^k [l-s+1]_q$$

providing:

$$p^{(k)}(0) = \langle t^k | p(x) \rangle \text{ and } \langle 1 | p^{(k)}(x) \rangle = p^{(k)}(0) \tag{1.8}$$

Thus, from (1.8), we note that:

$$t^k p(x) = p^{(k)}(x) = D_q^k p(x)$$

Let  $f(t) \in F$  be a delta series and let  $g(t) \in F$  be an invertible series. Then there exists a unique

sequence  $s_n(x)$  of polynomials satisfying the following property:

$$\langle g(t)f(t)^k | s_n(x) \rangle = [n]_q! \delta_{n,k} \quad (x, k \geq 0) \tag{1.9}$$

which is called an orthogonality condition for any  $q$ -sheffer sequence, *cf.* (Araci *et al.*, 2007; Choi *et al.*, 2008; Kac and Cheung, 2002; Kim and Kim, 2014a; Kim *et al.*, 2013; Mahmudov and Keleshteri, 2013; Roman, 1985).

The sequence  $s_n(x)$  is called the  $q$ -Sheffer sequence for the pair of  $(g(t), f(t))$ , or this  $s_n(x)$  is  $q$ -Sheffer for  $(g(t), f(t))$ , which is denoted by  $s_n(x) \sim (g(t), f(t))$ .

Let  $s_n(x)$  be  $q$ -Sheffer for  $(g(t), f(t))$ . Then for any  $h(t)$  in  $F$  and for any polynomial  $p(x)$ , we have:

$$h(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\langle h(t) | s_k(x) \rangle}{[k]_q!} g(t)f(t)^k, \tag{1.10}$$

$$p(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\langle g(t)f(t)^k | p(x) \rangle}{[k]_q!} s_k(x)$$

and the sequence  $s_n(x)$  is  $q$ -Sheffer for  $(g(t), f(t))$  if and only if:

$$\frac{1}{g(\bar{f}(t))} e_q(x\bar{f}(t)) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} s_n(x) \frac{t^n}{[n]_q!} \tag{1.11}$$

for all  $x$  in  $\mathbb{C}$ , where  $\bar{f}(f(t)) = f(\bar{f}(t)) = t$ .

An important property for the  $q$ -Sheffer sequence  $s_n(x)$  having  $(g(t), t)$  is the  $q$ -Appell sequence. It is also called  $q$ -Appell for  $g(t)$  with the following consequence:

$$s_n(x) = \frac{1}{g(t)} x^n \Leftrightarrow t s_n(x) = [n]_q s_{n-1}(x) \tag{1.12}$$

Further important property for  $q$ -Sheffer sequence  $s_n(x)$  is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} s_n(x) \text{ is } q\text{-Appell for } g(t) &\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{g(t)} e_q(xt) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} s_k(x) \frac{t^k}{[k]_q!} \quad (x \in \mathbb{C}) \end{aligned}$$

For having information about the properties of  $q$ -umbral theory (Araci *et al.*, 2007; Choi *et al.*, 2008; Kac and Cheung, 2002; Kim and Kim, 2014a; Kim *et al.*, 2013; Mahmudov and Keleshteri, 2013; Roman, 1985) and cited references therein.

Recently several authors have studied  $q$ -Bernoulli polynomials,  $q$ -Euler polynomials and various

generalizations of these polynomials (Araci *et al.*, 2007; Choi *et al.*, 2008; Kac and Cheung, 2002; Kim and Kim, 2014a; 2014b; 2015; Kim *et al.*, 2013; Kurt, 2016; Kurt and Simsek, 2013; Kupersmidt, 2005; Luo and Srivastava, 2006; Mahmudov, 2013; Mahmudov and Keleshteri, 2013; Roman, 1985; Srivastava, 2011). In the next section, we investigate modified Apostol type  $q$ -Bernoulli numbers and polynomials and we apply these numbers and polynomials to  $q$ -umbral theory which is the systematic study of  $q$ -umbral algebra. Actually, we are motivated to write this paper from Kim's systematic works on  $q$ -umbral theory (Kim and Kim, 2014a; 2014b; 2015; Kim *et al.*, 2013).

### Modified Apostol Type $q$ -Bernoulli Numbers and Polynomials

Recall from (1.3) that:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,q}(x, \lambda) \frac{t^n}{[n]_q!} = \frac{t}{\lambda e_q(t) - 1} e_q(xt) \quad (\lambda \neq 1) \quad (2.1)$$

Taking  $t \rightarrow 0$  on the above gives  $B_{0,q}(x, \lambda) = 0$ . This shows that the generating function of these polynomials is not invertible. Therefore, we need to modify slightly Equation (2.1) as follows:

$$F_q^*(x, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,q}^*(x, \lambda) \frac{t^n}{[n]_q!} = \frac{t}{\lambda e_q(t) - 1} e_q(xt)$$

representing:

$$\frac{B_{n+1,q}^*(x, \lambda)}{[n+1]_q} = B_{n,q}^*(x, \lambda) \quad (2.2)$$

Here we called  $B_{n,q}^*(x, \lambda)$  modified Apostol type  $q$ -Bernoulli polynomials. Now:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} F_q^*(x, t) = B_{0,q}^*(x, \lambda) = \frac{1}{\lambda - 1} \neq 0 \quad (\lambda \neq 1)$$

This modification yields to being invertible for generating function of modified Apostol type  $q$ -Bernoulli polynomials. As a traditional for some special polynomials to be a number, in the case when  $x = 0$ ,  $B_{n,q}^*(0, \lambda) = B_{n,q}^*(\lambda)$  is called the modified Apostol type  $n$ -th  $q$ -Bernoulli number. Now we list some properties of modified Apostol type  $q$ -Bernoulli polynomials as follows.

From (2.2), we obtain:

$$B_{n,q}^*(x, \lambda) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}_q B_{k,q}^*(\lambda) x^{n-k} = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}_q B_{n-k,q}^*(\lambda) x^k \quad (2.3)$$

By (2.2), the modified Apostol type  $q$ -Bernoulli numbers can be found by means of the following recurrence relation:

$$B_{0,q}^*(x, \lambda) = \frac{1}{\lambda - 1} \text{ and } \lambda B_{n,q}^*(1, \lambda) - B_{n,q}^*(\lambda) = \delta_{0,n} \quad (2.4)$$

A few numbers are listed below:

$$B_{0,q}^*(\lambda) = \frac{1}{\lambda - 1}, B_{1,q}^*(\lambda) = \frac{-\lambda}{(\lambda - 1)^2}, B_{2,q}^*(\lambda) = \frac{\lambda(1 + \lambda q)}{(\lambda - 1)^3}$$

$$B_{3,q}^*(\lambda) = \frac{-\lambda(1 + 2\lambda q + 2\lambda q^2 + \lambda^2 q^3)}{(\lambda - 1)^4}$$

From (1.11) and (1.12), we have:

$$B_{n,q}^*(x, \lambda) \sim (\lambda e_q(t) - 1, t) \quad (2.5)$$

and:

$$t B_{n,q}^*(x, \lambda) = [n]_q B_{n-1,q}^*(x, \lambda) = B_{n,q}^*(x, \lambda) \quad (2.6)$$

It follows from (2.6) that  $B_{n,q}^*(x, \lambda)$  is  $q$ -Appell for  $\lambda e_q(t) - 1$ .

We now have the following theorem.

#### Theorem 1

Let  $p(x) \in \mathbb{P}$ . We have:

$$\left\langle \frac{\lambda e_q(t) - 1}{t} \mid p(x) \right\rangle = \lambda \int_0^1 p(u) d_q u$$

#### Proof

From Equation (2.5) and (2.6), we write:

$$B_{n,q}^*(x, \lambda) = \frac{1}{\lambda e_q(t) - 1} x^n \quad (n \geq 0)$$

By (1.1) and (1.6), we obtain the following calculations:

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle \frac{\lambda e_q(t) - 1}{t} \mid x^n \right\rangle &= \frac{1}{[n+1]_q} \left\langle \frac{\lambda e_q(t) - 1}{t} \mid t x^{n+1} \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{[n+1]_q} \langle \lambda e_q(t) - 1 \mid x^{n+1} \rangle \\ &= \frac{\lambda}{[n+1]_q} = \lambda \int_0^1 x^n d_q x \end{aligned} \quad (2.7)$$

Thus, from (2.7), we arrive at:

$$\left\langle \frac{\lambda e_q(t) - 1}{t} \mid p(x) \right\rangle = \lambda \int_0^1 p(u) d_q u \quad (p(x) \in \mathbb{P})$$

which is desired result.

**Example 1**

If we take  $p(x) = B_{n,q}^*(x, \lambda)$  in Theorem 1, on the one hand, we derive:

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda \int_0^1 B_{n,q}^*(x, \lambda) d_q x &= \left\langle \frac{\lambda e_q(t) - 1}{t} \mid B_{n,q}^*(x, \lambda) \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle 1 \mid \frac{\lambda e_q(t) - 1}{t} \frac{t B_{n+1,q}^*(x, \lambda)}{[n+1]_q} \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{[n+1]_q} \langle t^0 \mid x^{n+1} \rangle = [n]_q! \delta_{n+1,0} \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand:

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda [n+1]_q \int_0^1 B_{n,q}^*(x, \lambda) d_q x &= \lambda [n+1]_q \int_0^1 \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}_q B_{n-k,q}^*(\lambda) x^k d_q x \\ &= \lambda [n+1]_q \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}_q B_{n-k,q}^*(\lambda) \int_0^1 x^k d_q x \\ &= \lambda \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n+1}{k+1}_q B_{n-k,q}^*(\lambda) \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have the following interesting property for modified Apostol type  $q$ -Bernoulli numbers derived from Theorem 1 for  $n \geq 0$ :

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n+1}{k+1}_q B_{n-k,q}^*(\lambda) = 0$$

which can be also generated by Equation (2.3) and (2.4).

The following is an immediate result emerging from (1.10) and (2.5) that:

$$\begin{aligned} p(x) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{[n+1]_q}{[k]_q!} \left\langle \frac{\lambda e_q(t) - 1}{t} t^k \mid p(x) \right\rangle B_{k,q}^*(x, \lambda) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{[n+1]_q}{[k]_q!} \left\langle \frac{\lambda e_q(t) - 1}{t} t^k p(x) \right\rangle B_{k,q}^*(x, \lambda) \\ &= \lambda \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{[n+1]_q}{[k]_q!} B_{k,q}^*(x, \lambda) \int_0^1 t^k p(x) d_q x \end{aligned}$$

By choosing suitable polynomials  $p(x)$ , one can derive some interesting results. So we omit to give examples and so we now take care of a fundamental property in  $q$ -umbral theory which is stated below by Theorem 2.

**Theorem 2**

Let  $n$  be nonnegative integer. Then we have:

$$\left\langle \frac{e_q(t) - 1}{t} \mid B_{n,q}^*(x, \lambda) \right\rangle = \int_0^1 B_{n,q}^*(u, \lambda) d_q u$$

**Proof**

From (2.3), we first obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_x^{x+y} B_{n,q}^*(u, \lambda) d_q u &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}_q B_{n-k,q}^*(\lambda) \frac{1}{[k+1]_q} \{(x+y)^{k+1} - x^{k+1}\} \\ &= \frac{1}{[n+1]_q} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n+1}{k+1}_q B_{n-k,q}^*(\lambda) \{(x+y)^{k+1} - x^{k+1}\} \\ &= \frac{1}{[n+1]_q} (B_{n-1,q}^*(x+y, \lambda) - B_{n-1,q}^*(x, \lambda)) \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by applying (2.8), we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle \frac{e_q(t) - 1}{t} \mid B_{n,q}^*(x, y) \right\rangle &= \frac{1}{[n+1]_q} \left\langle \frac{e_q(t) - 1}{1} \mid t B_{n+1,q}^*(x, y) \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{[n+1]_q} \{B_{n+1,q}^*(1, \lambda) - B_{n+1,q}^*(\lambda)\} \\ &= \int_0^1 B_{n,q}^*(u, \lambda) d_q u \end{aligned} \tag{2.9}$$

Comparing Equation (2.8) with Equation (2.9), we complete the proof of this theorem.

The following theorem is useful to derive any polynomial as a linear combination of modified Apostol type  $q$ -Bernoulli polynomials.

**Theorem 3**

For  $q(x) \in P_n$ , let:

$$q(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n b_{k,q} B_{k,q}^*(x, \lambda)$$

Then:

$$b_{k,q} = \frac{1}{[k]_q!} \{ \lambda q^{(k)}(1) - q^{(k)}(0) \}$$

**Proof**

It follows from (1.9) that:

$$\left\langle (\lambda e_q(t) - 1) t^k \mid B_{n,q}^*(x, \lambda) \right\rangle = [n]_q! \delta_{n,k} \quad (n, k \geq 0) \tag{2.10}$$

We now consider the following sets of polynomials of degree less than or equal to  $n$ :

$$\mathbb{P}_n = \{q(x) \in \mathbb{C}[x] \mid \deg q(x) \leq n\}$$

For  $q(x) \in \mathbb{P}_n$ , we further consider that:

$$q(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n b_{k,q} B_{k,q}^*(x, \lambda) \quad (2.11)$$

Combining (2.10) with (2.11), it becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (\lambda e_q(t) - 1)t^k \mid q(x) \rangle &= \sum_{l=0}^n b_{l,q} \langle (\lambda e_q(t) - 1)t^k \mid B_{l,q}^*(x, \lambda) \rangle \\ &= \sum_{l=0}^n b_{l,q} [l]_q! \delta_{l,k} = [k]_q! b_{k,q} \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

Thus, from (2.12), we have:

$$b_{k,q} = \frac{1}{[k]_q!} \langle (\lambda e_q(t) - 1)t^k \mid q(x) \rangle = \frac{1}{[k]_q!} \{ \lambda q^{(k)}(1) - q^{(k)}(0) \}$$

where,  $q^{(k)}(x) = D_q^k q(x)$ . Thus the proof is completed.

When we choose  $q(x) = E_{n,q}(x)$ , we have the following corollary which is given by its proof.

**Corollary 1**

Let  $n \geq 2$ . Then:

$$\begin{aligned} E_{n,q}(x) &= (\lambda q - 1) B_{n,q}^*(x, \lambda) + [n]_q \left( \frac{\lambda + 1}{2} \right) B_{n-1,q}^*(x, \lambda) \\ &\quad - (\lambda + 1) \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} \binom{n}{k}_q E_{n-k,q} B_{k,q}^*(x, \lambda) \end{aligned}$$

**Proof**

Recall that the  $q$ -Euler polynomials  $E_{n,q}(x)$  are defined by (Mahmudov, 2013; Srivastava, 2011):

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_{n,q}(x) \frac{t^n}{[n]_q!} = \frac{[2]_q}{e_q(t) + 1} e_q(xt)$$

which in turn yields to:

$$E_{n,q}(x) \sim \left( \frac{e_q(t) + 1}{[2]_q}, t \right) \quad (n \geq 0)$$

and:

$$tE_{n,q}(x) = [n]_q E_{n-1,q}(x)$$

Set:

$$q(x) = E_{n,q}(x) \in \mathbb{P}_n$$

Then it becomes:

$$E_{n,q}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n b_{k,q} B_{k,q}^*(x, \lambda) \quad (2.13)$$

Let us now evaluate the coefficients  $b_{k,q}$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} b_{k,q} &= \frac{1}{[k]_q!} \langle (\lambda e_q(t) - 1)t^k \mid E_{n,q}(x) \rangle \\ &= \frac{[n]_q [n-1]_q \cdots [n-k+1]_q}{[k]_q!} \langle \lambda e_q(t) - 1 \mid E_{n-k,q}(x) \rangle \\ &= \binom{n}{k}_q \langle \lambda e_q(t) - 1 \mid E_{n-k,q}(x) \rangle \\ &= \binom{n}{k}_q (\lambda E_{n-k,q}(1) - E_{n-k,q}) \end{aligned}$$

where,  $E_{n,q} := E_{n,q}(0)$  are called  $q$ -Euler numbers satisfying the following property:

$$E_{n,q}(1) + E_{n,q} = [2]_q \delta_{0,n} \quad (2.14)$$

with the conditions  $E_{0,q} = 1$  and  $E_{1,q} = -\frac{1}{2}$ . By (2.13) and (2.14), we have:

$$\begin{aligned} E_{n,q}(x) &= b_{n,q} B_{n,q}^*(x, \lambda) + b_{n-1,q} B_{n-1,q}^*(x, \lambda) + \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} b_{k,q} B_{k,q}^*(x, \lambda) \\ &= (\lambda q - 1) B_{n,q}^*(x, \lambda) + [n]_q \left( \frac{\lambda + 1}{2} \right) B_{n-1,q}^*(x, \lambda) \\ &\quad - (\lambda + 1) \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} \binom{n}{k}_q E_{n-k,q} B_{k,q}^*(x, \lambda). \end{aligned}$$

Recall from (1.2) that Apostol type  $q$ -Bernoulli polynomials of order  $r$  are given by the following generating function, for  $y = 0$  (Kurt, 2016):

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,q}^{(r)}(x, \lambda) \frac{t^n}{[n]_q!} = \left( \frac{t}{\lambda e_q(t) - 1} \right)^r e_q(xt)$$

where,  $t \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $t$  approaches to 0 on the above, it yields to  $B_{0,q}^{(r)}(x, \lambda) = 0$ , which means that the generating function of  $B_{n,q}^{(r)}(x, \lambda)$  is not invertible. So, we need to modify slightly Equation (2.1), as follows:

$$\bar{F}_q^{(r)}(x, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \bar{B}_{n,q}^{(r)}(x, \lambda) \frac{t^n}{[n]_q!} = \left( \frac{1}{\lambda e_q(t) - 1} \right)^r e_q(xt) \quad (2.15)$$

which implies an invertible since:

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \bar{F}_q^{(r)}(x, t) = \bar{B}_{n,q}^{(r)}(x, \lambda) = \left( \frac{1}{\lambda - 1} \right)^r \neq 0 \quad (\lambda \neq 1)$$

Therefore, we called  $\bar{B}_{n,q}^{(r)}(x, \lambda)$  as modified Apostol type  $q$ -Bernoulli polynomials of higher order. In the case  $x = 0$ ,  $\bar{B}_{n,q}^{(r)}(0, \lambda) := \bar{B}_{n,q}^{(r)}(\lambda)$  may be called the modified Apostol type  $q$ -Bernoulli numbers.

Let:

$$g^r(t, \lambda) = (\lambda e_q(t) - 1)^r$$

It is clear that  $g^r(t, \lambda)$  is an invertible series. It follows from (2.15) that  $\bar{B}_{n,q}^{(r)}(x, \lambda)$  is  $q$ -Appell for  $(\lambda e_q(t) - 1)^r$ . So, by (1.12), we have:

$$\bar{B}_{n,q}^{(r)}(x, \lambda) = \frac{1}{g^r(t, \lambda)} x^n$$

and:

$$t \bar{B}_{n,q}^{(r)}(x, \lambda) = [n]_q \bar{B}_{n-1,q}^{(r)}(x, \lambda)$$

Thus, we have:

$$\bar{B}_{n,q}^{(r)}(x, \lambda) \sim ((\lambda e_q(t) - 1)^r, t)$$

By (1.5) and (2.15), we get:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\langle \frac{1^r}{(\lambda e_q(t) - 1)^r} e_q(yt) \mid x^n \right\rangle \\ &= \bar{B}_{n,q}^{(r)}(y, \lambda) = \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} \bar{B}_{n-l,q}^{(r)}(\lambda) y^l \end{aligned} \quad (2.16)$$

Here we find that:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\langle \left( \frac{1}{\lambda e_q(t) - 1} \right)^r \mid x^n \right\rangle = \left\langle \frac{1}{\lambda e_q(t) - 1} \times \cdots \times \frac{1}{\lambda e_q(t) - 1} \mid x^n \right\rangle \\ &= \sum_{i_1 + \cdots + i_r = n} \binom{n}{i_1, \dots, i_r} B_{i_1,q}^* (\lambda) \cdots B_{i_r,q}^* (\lambda) \end{aligned} \quad (2.17)$$

By using (2.16), we have:

$$\left\langle \left( \frac{1}{\lambda e_q(t) - 1} \right)^r \mid x^n \right\rangle = \bar{B}_{n,q}^{(r)}(\lambda) \quad (2.18)$$

Therefore, by (2.17) and (2.18), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 4**

Let  $n$  be nonnegative integer. Then we have:

$$\bar{B}_{n,q}^{(r)}(\lambda) = \sum_{i_1 + \cdots + i_r = n} \binom{n}{i_1, \dots, i_r} \prod_{j=1}^r B_{i_j,q}^* (\lambda)$$

Set:

$$q(x) = \bar{B}_{n,q}^{(r)}(x, \lambda) \in \mathbb{P}_n$$

Then, by Theorem 3, we write:

$$\bar{B}_{n,q}^{(r)}(x, \lambda) = \sum_{k=0}^n b_{k,q} B_{k,q}^*(x, \lambda) \quad (2.19)$$

where the coefficient  $b_{k,q}$  is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} b_{k,q} &= \frac{1}{[k]_q!} \langle (\lambda e_q(t) - 1) t^k \mid q(x) \rangle \\ &= \binom{n}{k}_q \langle (\lambda e_q(t) - 1) \mid \bar{B}_{n-k,q}^{(r)}(x, \lambda) \rangle \\ &= \binom{n}{k}_q (\lambda \bar{B}_{n-k,q}^{(r)}(1 - \lambda) - \bar{B}_{n-k,q}^{(r)}(\lambda)) \end{aligned} \quad (2.20)$$

From the Equation (2.15), we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\lambda \bar{B}_{n,q}^{(r)}(1, \lambda) - \bar{B}_{n,q}^{(r)}(\lambda)) \frac{t^n}{[n]_q!} = \left( \frac{1}{\lambda e_q(t) - 1} \right)^r (\lambda e_q(t) - 1) \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{\lambda e_q(t) - 1} \right)^{r-1} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \bar{B}_{n,q}^{(r-1)}(\lambda) \frac{t^n}{[n]_q!} \end{aligned}$$

By comparing the coefficients  $\frac{t^n}{[n]_q!}$  in the above equation, we get:

$$\lambda \bar{B}_{n,q}^{(r)}(1, \lambda) - \bar{B}_{n,q}^{(r)}(\lambda) = \bar{B}_{n,q}^{(r-1)}(\lambda) \quad (2.21)$$

From the Equation (2.19) to (2.21), we get the following theorem.

**Theorem 5**

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and  $r \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . Then:

$$\bar{B}_{n,q}^{(r)}(x, \lambda) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}_q \bar{B}_{n-k,q}^{(r-1)}(\lambda) B_{k,q}^*(x, \lambda)$$

Let us assume that:

$$q(x) \sum_{k=0}^n b_{k,q}^r \bar{B}_{k,q}^{(r)}(x, \lambda) \in \mathbb{P}_n \tag{2.22}$$

We use a similar method in order to find the coefficient  $b_{k,q}^r$  as same as Theorem 3. So we omit the details and give the following equality:

$$b_{k,q}^r = \frac{1}{[k]_q!} \sum_{l=0}^r \binom{r}{l}_q \lambda^l (-1)^{r-l} \sum_{m \geq 0} \sum_{i_1 + \dots + i_l = m} \binom{m}{i_1, \dots, i_l}_q \frac{1}{[m]_q!} q^{(m+k)}(0)$$

By (2.22) and coefficient  $b_{k,q}^r$ , we state the following theorem.

**Theorem 6**

For  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , let:

$$q(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n b_{k,q}^r \bar{B}_{k,q}^{(r)}(x, \lambda) \in \mathbb{P}_n$$

Then:

$$b_{k,q}^r = \frac{1}{[k]_q!} \langle (\lambda e_q(t) - 1)^k | q(x) \rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{[k]_q!} \sum_{m \geq 0} \sum_{l=0}^r \binom{r}{l}_q \lambda^l (-1)^{r-l} \sum_{i_1 + \dots + i_l = m} \binom{m}{i_1, \dots, i_l}_q \frac{1}{[m]_q!} q^{(m+k)}(0)$$

where,  $q^{(k)}(x) = D_q^k q(x)$ .

Let us consider  $q(x) = B_{n,q}^*(x, \lambda) \in \mathbb{P}_n$ . Then, by Theorem 6, we have:

$$B_{n,q}^*(x, \lambda) = \sum_{k=0}^n b_{k,q}^r \bar{B}_{k,q}^{(r)}(x, \lambda) \tag{2.23}$$

From Theorem 6 and (2.23), we acquire the following theorem.

**Theorem 7**

For  $n, r \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , the following equality holds true:

$$B_{n,q}^*(x, \lambda) = \sum_{k=0}^n \left( \sum_{m=0}^{n-k} \sum_{l=0}^r \sum_{i_1 + \dots + i_l = m} (-1)^{r-l} \lambda^l \binom{r}{l}_q \binom{m}{i_1, \dots, i_l}_q \right) \times \binom{m+k}{m}_q \binom{n}{m+k}_q B_{n-m-k,q}^*(\lambda) \bar{B}_{k,q}^{(r)}(x, \lambda)$$

**Conclusion**

In the paper, we have derived some new and interesting identities arising from  $q$ -umbral theory.

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