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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

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

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

$$X = X_d = \lim_{\stackrel{\sim}{N}} \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{dp^N \mathbb{Z}}, \qquad X_1 = \mathbb{Z}_p,$$

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

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

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

We say that f is a uniformly differentiable function at a point  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  and denote this property by  $f \in UD(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ , 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  $f \in UD(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ , the *p*-adic invariant *q*-integral is defined as

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

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

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

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

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

for  $f \in UD(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ . 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

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

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

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

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

$$E_{0,q} = \frac{[2]_q}{2},$$

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

$$T_p = \lim_{n \to \infty} C_{p^n} = \bigcup_{n \ge 0} C_{p^n}.$$
(2.1)

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

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

Then, we have

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

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

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

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

Since

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

we have from (2.4) that

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

By (2.2) and (2.6), we have

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

Since

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

we have

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

Therefore, we also have

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

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

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

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

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

$$= [2]_{q} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{m} \xi^{m} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [m]_{q}^{n} \frac{t^{n}}{n!}$$
$$= [2]_{q} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{m} \xi^{m} e^{[m]_{q}t}.$$
(2.12)

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

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

Note that

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{-x} \xi^x e^{[x]_q t} d\mu_{-q}(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{-x} \xi^x [x]_q^n d\mu_{-q}(x) \frac{t^n}{n!}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_{n,q,\xi} \frac{t^n}{n!} = F(t).$$
(2.14)

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

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

Hence, we obtain the following theorem.

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

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

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

$$E_{n,q,\xi} = [2]_q \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-1)^m \xi^m [m]_{q'}^n,$$

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

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

$$E_{n,q,\xi}(x) = \int_{X} q^{-y} \xi^{y} [x+y]_{q}^{n} d\mu_{-q}(y)$$
  
$$= \lim_{N \to \infty} \frac{1}{[dp^{N}]_{-q}} \sum_{y=0}^{dp^{N}-1} \xi^{y} (-1)^{y} [x+y]_{q}^{n}$$
  
$$= \lim_{N \to \infty} \frac{1}{[dp^{N}]_{-q}} \sum_{a=0}^{d-1} \sum_{y=0}^{p^{N}-1} \xi^{a+dy} (-1)^{a+dy} [x+a+dy]_{q}^{n}.$$
 (2.19)

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

$$[dp^{N}]_{-q} = [d]_{-q} [p^{N}]_{-q^{d}},$$

$$[x + a + dy]_{q} = [d]_{q} \left[ \frac{x + a}{d} + y \right]_{q^{d}}.$$
(2.20)

By (2.19), we have

$$E_{n,q,\xi}(x) = \frac{1}{[d]_{-q}} \sum_{a=0}^{d-1} \xi^a (-1)^a \lim_{N \to \infty} \frac{1}{[p^N]_{-q^d}} \sum_{y=0}^{p^N-1} (\xi^d)^y (-1)^y [d]_q^n \left[\frac{x+a}{d}+y\right]_{q^d}^n$$

$$= \frac{[d]_q^n}{[d]_{-q}} \sum_{a=0}^{d-1} \xi^a (-1)^a \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} (\xi^d)^y (q^d)^{-y} \left[\frac{x+a}{d}+y\right]_{q^d}^n d\mu_{-q^d}(y).$$
(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

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

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

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

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

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

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