

Generalized Degenerated Bernoulli Numbers and Polynomials

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Abstract: The Generalized degenerate Bernoulli numbers $B_m^\alpha(\lambda)$ can be defined by means of the exponential generating

function $(t)^\alpha / \left[(1 + \lambda t)^{\frac{1}{\lambda}} - 1 \right]^\alpha$. As further applications we derive

several identities, recurrences, and congruences involving the Generalized Bernoulli numbers, Generalized degenerate Bernoulli numbers and polynomials.

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1. Introduction

Carlitz¹ defined the generalized degenerate Bernoulli numbers $B_m^\alpha(\lambda)$ by means of the generating function

$$(1.1) \quad \frac{(t)^\alpha}{\left[(1+\lambda t)^{\frac{1}{\lambda}} - 1 \right]^\alpha} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} B_m^\alpha(\lambda) \frac{t^m}{m!}$$

we have, $B_m^\alpha(0) = B_m^\alpha$, the ordinary generalized Bernoulli number In² Carlitz proved many properties of $B_m^\alpha(\lambda)$. He also pointed out that $B_m^\alpha(\lambda)$ is a polynomials in λ with degree $\leq m$, we have

$$B_0^\alpha(\lambda) = 1$$

$$B_1^\alpha(\lambda) = \frac{-\alpha}{2} + \frac{\alpha\lambda}{2} \quad \text{and so on.}$$

Carlitz² also defined the generalized degenerate Bernoulli polynomials $B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x)$ for $\lambda \neq 0$ by means of the generating function.

$$(1.2) \quad \frac{(t)^\alpha (1+\lambda t)^{\frac{x}{\lambda}}}{\left[(1+\lambda t)^{\frac{1}{\lambda}} - 1 \right]^\alpha} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x) \frac{t^m}{m!}$$

where $\lambda\mu=1$. These are polynomials in λ and x with rational coefficients. We often write $B_m^\alpha(\lambda)$ for $B_m^\alpha(\lambda, 0)$, and refer to the polynomial $B_m^\alpha(\lambda)$ as a generalized degenerate Bernoulli number. The first few are

$$B_0^\alpha(\lambda, x) = 1$$

$$B_1^\alpha(\lambda, x) = x - \frac{\alpha}{2} + \frac{\alpha}{2}\lambda \quad \text{and so on}$$

Clearly, we have

$$B_m^1(\lambda, x) = B_m(\lambda, x)$$

2. A Recurrence Relation of $B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x)$

In this section, we derive the following recurrence relation for $B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x)$

$$(2.1) \quad B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x) = \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m}{k} B_k^\alpha(\lambda) \left(\frac{x}{\lambda}\right)_{m-k}$$

Proof: We know that the generating function of generalized degenerate Bernoulli polynomial

$$\frac{(t)^\alpha (1 + \lambda t)^{\frac{x}{\lambda}}}{\left[(1 + \lambda t)^{\frac{1}{\lambda}} - 1\right]^\alpha} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x) \frac{t^m}{m!}$$

By (1.1) we get

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} B_m^\alpha(\lambda) \frac{t^m}{m!} (1 + \lambda t)^{\frac{x}{\lambda}} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x) \frac{t^m}{m!}$$

By the Binomial expansion

$$[(1 + x)^n = 1 + nx + n(n-1)\frac{x^2}{2!} + n(n-1)(n-2)\frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots]$$

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} B_m^\alpha(\lambda) \frac{t^m}{m!} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x}{\lambda}\right)_m \frac{t^m}{m!} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x) \frac{t^m}{m!}$$

By the Cauchy product rule

$$B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x) = \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m}{k} B_k^\alpha(\lambda) \left(\frac{x}{\lambda}\right)_{m-k}$$

where $\left(\frac{x}{\lambda}\right)_m = [x(x - \lambda)(x - 2\lambda)\dots(x - (m-1)\lambda)]$

Particular case: It is interesting to note that (2.1) reduces to the well-known recurrence relation of degenerate Bernoulli polynomial for $\alpha = 1$.

$$(2.2) \quad B_m(\lambda, x) = \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m}{k} B_k(\lambda) \left(\frac{x}{\lambda}\right)_{m-k}$$

3. Properties of generalized Degenerate Bernoulli polynomial

In this section, some of well-known properties of generalized Degenerate Bernoulli polynomials are derived from the generating function (1.2)

Property-1

$$(3.1) \quad B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x+y) = \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m}{k} B_k^\alpha(\lambda, x) \left(\frac{y}{\lambda}\right)_{m-k}$$

Proof: Now put $x \rightarrow x+y$ in (1.2)

$$\frac{(t)^\alpha (1+\lambda t)^{\mu(x+y)}}{\left[(1+\lambda t)^{\frac{1}{\lambda}} - 1\right]^\alpha} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x+y) \frac{t^m}{m!}$$

$$\frac{(t)^\alpha (1+\lambda t)^{\mu x} (1+\lambda t)^{\mu y}}{\left[(1+\lambda t)^{\frac{1}{\lambda}} - 1\right]^\alpha} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x+y) \frac{t^m}{m!}$$

By the equation (1.2)

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x) \frac{t^m}{m!} (1+\lambda t)^{\mu y} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x+y) \frac{t^m}{m!}$$

By the help of Binomial expansion

$$(1+\lambda t)^{\mu y} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \binom{\mu y}{m} \frac{t^m}{m!}$$

Therefore

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x) \frac{t^m}{m!} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \binom{\mu y}{m} \frac{t^m}{m!} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x+y) \frac{t^m}{m!}$$

By the Cauchy product rule

$$\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \frac{t^n}{n!}\right) \cdot \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n \frac{t^n}{n!}\right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \frac{t^n}{n!}$$

where
$$c_n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} a_k \cdot b_{n-k}$$

$$B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x+y) = \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m}{k} B_k^\alpha(\lambda, x) \left(\frac{y}{\lambda}\right)_{m-k}$$

Particular case: When $\alpha = 1$, we get the ordinary Degenerate Bernoulli polynomial

$$(3.2) \quad B_m(\lambda, x+y) = \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m}{k} B_k(\lambda, x) \left(\frac{y}{\lambda}\right)_{m-k}$$

Here $y=1$ then,

$$(3.3) \quad B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x+1) = \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m}{k} B_k^\alpha(\lambda, x) \left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\right)_{m-k}$$

Property-2

$$(3.4) \quad \frac{d}{dx} B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x) = \lambda^{-1} B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x)$$

Proof:-By the generating function of generalized degenerate Bernoulli polynomials

$$\frac{(t)^\alpha (1 + \lambda t)^{\mu x}}{\left[(1 + \lambda t)^\mu - 1\right]^\alpha} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x) \frac{t^m}{m!}$$

Differentiate above equation with respect to x

$$\frac{\mu(t)^\alpha(1+\lambda t)^{\mu x}}{\left[(1+\lambda t)^\mu - 1\right]^\alpha} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dx} B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x) \frac{t^m}{m!}$$

$$\mu \cdot \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x) \frac{t^m}{m!} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dx} B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x) \frac{t^m}{m!}$$

Equating the coefficients

$$\frac{d}{dx} B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x) = \mu B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x) \text{ Where } \mu\lambda=1$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x) = \lambda^{-1} B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x)$$

Property-3

$$(3.5) \quad B_m^\alpha(\lambda, \alpha - x) = (-1)^m B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x)$$

Proof: By equation (1.2)

$$\frac{(t)^\alpha(1+\lambda t)^{\mu x}}{\left[(1+\lambda t)^\mu - 1\right]^\alpha} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x) \frac{t^m}{m!}$$

Replace $x \rightarrow \alpha - x$ in the above equation

$$\frac{(t)^\alpha(1+\lambda t)^{\mu(\alpha-x)}}{\left[(1+\lambda t)^\mu - 1\right]^\alpha} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} B_m^\alpha(\lambda, \alpha - x) \frac{t^m}{m!}$$

$$\frac{(t)^\alpha (1 + \lambda t)^{\mu\alpha} (1 + \lambda t)^{-\mu x}}{\left[(1 + \lambda t)^\mu - 1 \right]^\alpha} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} B_m^\alpha(\lambda, \alpha - x) \frac{t^m}{m!}$$

$$\frac{(t)^\alpha (1 + \lambda t)^{\mu\alpha} (1 + \lambda t)^{-\mu x}}{(1 + \lambda t)^{\mu\alpha} \left[1 - (1 + \lambda t)^{-\mu} \right]^\alpha} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} B_m^\alpha(\lambda, \alpha - x) \frac{t^m}{m!}$$

$$\frac{(t)^\alpha (1 + \lambda t)^{-\mu x}}{\left[1 - (1 + \lambda t)^{-\mu} \right]^\alpha} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} B_m^\alpha(\lambda, \alpha - x) \frac{t^m}{m!}$$

$$-\frac{(t)^\alpha (1 + \lambda t)^{-\mu x}}{\left[(1 + \lambda t)^{-\mu} - 1 \right]^\alpha} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} B_m^\alpha(\lambda, \alpha - x) \frac{t^m}{m!}$$

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x) \frac{(-t)^m}{m!} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} B_m^\alpha(\lambda, \alpha - x) \frac{t^m}{m!}$$

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x) \frac{(-t)^m}{m!} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} B_m^\alpha(\lambda, \alpha - x) \frac{t^m}{m!}$$

Equating the coefficients

$$B_m^\alpha(\lambda, \alpha - x) = (-1)^m B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x)$$

Property-4

$$(3.6) \quad B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x+1) - B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x) = m B_{m-1}^{\alpha-1}(\lambda, x)$$

Proof: By equation (1.2)

$$(3.7) \quad \frac{(t)^\alpha (1 + \lambda t)^{\mu x}}{\left[(1 + \lambda t)^\mu - 1 \right]^\alpha} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x) \frac{t^m}{m!}$$

Replace $x \rightarrow x+1$ in the above equation.

$$(3.8) \quad \frac{(t)^\alpha (1 + \lambda t)^{\mu(x+1)}}{\left[(1 + \lambda t)^\mu - 1 \right]^\alpha} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x+1) \frac{t^m}{m!}$$

Subtracting (3.8)-(3.7)

$$\frac{(t)^\alpha (1 + \lambda t)^{\mu(x+1)}}{\left[(1 + \lambda t)^\mu - 1 \right]^\alpha} - \frac{(t)^\alpha (1 + \lambda t)^{\mu x}}{\left[(1 + \lambda t)^\mu - 1 \right]^\alpha} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x+1) \frac{t^m}{m!} - \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x) \frac{t^m}{m!}$$

$$\frac{(t)^\alpha (1 + \lambda t)^{\mu x} \left[(1 + \lambda t)^\mu - 1 \right]}{\left[(1 + \lambda t)^\mu - 1 \right]^\alpha} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \left[B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x+1) - B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x) \right] \frac{t^m}{m!}$$

$$\frac{(t)^{\alpha-1+1} (1 + \lambda t)^{\mu x} \left[(1 + \lambda t)^\mu - 1 \right]}{\left[(1 + \lambda t)^\mu - 1 \right]^{\alpha-1+1}} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \left[B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x+1) - B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x) \right] \frac{t^m}{m!}$$

$$\frac{t \cdot (t)^{\alpha-1} (1 + \lambda t)^{\mu x}}{\left[(1 + \lambda t)^\mu - 1 \right]^{\alpha-1}} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \left[B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x+1) - B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x) \right] \frac{t^m}{m!}$$

$$t \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} B_m^{\alpha-1}(\lambda, x) \frac{t^m}{m!} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \left[B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x+1) - B_m^\alpha(\lambda, x) \right] \frac{t^m}{m!}$$

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} B_m^{\alpha-1}(\lambda, x) \frac{t^{m+1}}{m!} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \left[B_m^{\alpha}(\lambda, x+1) - B_m^{\alpha}(\lambda, x) \right] \frac{t^m}{m!}$$

Equating the coefficient of $\frac{t^m}{m!}$

$$B_m^{\alpha}(\lambda, x+1) - B_m^{\alpha}(\lambda, x) = m B_{m-1}^{\alpha-1}(\lambda, x)$$

Property-4

$$(3.9) \quad B_m^{\alpha-1}(\lambda, x) = \frac{1}{m+1} \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m+1}{k} B_k^{\alpha}(\lambda, x) \left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\right)_{m+1-k}$$

Proof:-By equation (3.6)

$$B_m^{\alpha}(\lambda, x+1) = \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m}{k} B_k^{\alpha}(\lambda, x) \left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\right)_{m-k}$$

$$B_m^{\alpha}(\lambda, x+1) = \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \binom{m}{k} B_k^{\alpha}(\lambda, x) \left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\right)_{m-k} + \binom{m}{m} B_m^{\alpha}(\lambda, x) \left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\right)_{m-m}$$

$$B_m^{\alpha}(\lambda, x+1) - B_m^{\alpha}(\lambda, x) = \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \binom{m}{k} B_k^{\alpha}(\lambda, x) \left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\right)_{m-k}$$

But we know that by (3.5)

$$B_m^{\alpha}(\lambda, x+1) - B_m^{\alpha}(\lambda, x) = m B_{m-1}^{\alpha-1}(\lambda, x)$$

$$(3.10) \quad m B_{m-1}^{\alpha-1}(\lambda, x) = \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \binom{m}{k} B_k^{\alpha}(\lambda, x) \left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\right)_{m-k}$$

Now put $m \rightarrow m+1$ in the above equation

$$(3.11) \quad B_m^{\alpha-1}(\lambda, x) = \frac{1}{m+1} \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m+1}{k} B_k^{\alpha}(\lambda, x) \left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\right)_{m+1-k}$$

Now put $x=0$ in equation (3.10), then

$$m B_{m-1}^{\alpha-1}(\lambda, 0) = \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \binom{m}{k} B_k^{\alpha}(\lambda, 0) \left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\right)_{m-k}$$

By definition

$$B_m^{\alpha}(\lambda, 0) = B_m^{\alpha}(\lambda)$$

Therefore

$$(3.12) \quad m B_{m-1}^{\alpha-1}(\lambda) = \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \binom{m}{k} B_k^{\alpha}(\lambda) \left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\right)_{m-k} .$$

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