Identities of symmetry for q-Bernoulli polynomials

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, we derive eight basic identities of symmetry in three variables related to q-Bernoulli polynomials and the q-analogue of power sums. These and most of their corollaries are new, since there have been results only concerning identities of symmetry in two variables. These abundant symmetries shed new light even on the existing identities so as to yield some further interesting ones. The derivations of the identities are based on the p-adic integral expression of the generating function for the q-Bernoulli polynomials and the quotient of integrals that can be expressed as the exponential generating function for the q-analogue of power sums.

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1. Introduction and preliminaries

Let p be a fixed prime. Throughout this paper, $\mathbb{Z}_p$, $\mathbb{Q}_p$, $\mathbb{C}_p$ will respectively denote the ring of p-adic integers, the field of p-adic rational numbers and the completion of the algebraic closure of $\mathbb{Q}_p$. For a uniformly differentiable (also called continuously differentiable) function $f : \mathbb{Z}_p \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}_p$ (cf. [1]), the Volkenborn integral of f is defined by

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} f(z) \mathrm{d}\mu(z) = \lim_{N \to \infty} \frac{1}{p^N} \sum_{j=0}^{p^N - 1} f(j).$$

Then it is easy to see that

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} f(z + 1) \mathrm{d}\mu(z) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} f(z) \mathrm{d}\mu(z) + f'(0). \tag{1.1}$$

Let $| \ |_p$ be the normalized absolute value of $\mathbb{C}_p$, such that $|p|_p = \frac{1}{p}$, and let

$$E = \left\{ t \in \mathbb{C}_p \,\middle|\, |t|_p < p^{\frac{-1}{p-1}} \right\}. \tag{1.2}$$

Assume that $q, t \in \mathbb{C}_p$, with $q - 1, t \in E$, and so $q^z = \exp(z \log q)$ and e^{zt} are, as functions of z, analytic functions on $\mathbb{Z}_p$. By applying (1.1) to f, with $f(z) = q^z \mathrm{e}^{tz}$, we get the p-adic integral expression for the generating function for q-Bernoulli numbers $B_{n,q}$ (cf. [2,3]):

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^z \mathrm{e}^{zt} \mathrm{d}\mu(z) = \frac{\log q + t}{q \mathrm{e}^t - 1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,q} \frac{t^n}{n!} (q - 1, t \in E). \tag{1.3}$$

So we have the following p-adic integral expression for the generating function for the q-Bernoulli polynomials $B_{n,q}(x)$:

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^z e^{(x+z)t} d\mu(z) = \frac{\log q + t}{q e^t - 1} e^{xt} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,q}(x) \frac{t^n}{n!} (q - 1, t \in E, x \in \mathbb{Z}_p). \tag{1.4}$$

Here and throughout this paper, we will have many instances where we are able to interchange the integral and infinite sum. That is justified by Proposition 55.4 in [1]. Let $S_{k,q}(n)$ denote the q-analogue of the kth power sum of the first $n + 1$ nonnegative integers, namely

$$S_{k,q}(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{n} i^k q^i = 0^k q^0 + 1^k q^1 + \cdots + n^k q^n. \tag{1.5}$$

In particular,

$$S_{0,q}(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{n} q^i = \frac{q^{n+1} - 1}{q - 1} = [n+1]_q, \qquad S_{k,q}(0) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } k = 0, \\ 0, & \text{for } k > 0. \end{cases} \tag{1.6}$$

From (1.3) and (1.5), one easily derives the following identities: for $w \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$,

$$\frac{w \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^x e^{xt} d\mu(x)}{\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{wy} e^{wyt} d\mu(y)} = \sum_{i=0}^{w-1} q^i e^{it} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} S_{k,q}(w - 1) \frac{t^k}{k!} (q - 1, t \in E). \tag{1.7}$$

In what follows, we will always assume that the Volkenborn integrals of the various exponential functions on $\mathbb{Z}_p$ are defined for $q - 1, t \in E$ (cf. (1.2)), and therefore this will not be mentioned.

[4–8] are some of the previous works on identities of symmetry in two variables involving Bernoulli polynomials and power sums. For a brief history, one is referred to those papers. In [9], the idea of [6] was adopted to produce many new identities for symmetry in three variables involving Bernoulli polynomials and power sums.

In this paper, we will produce eight basic identities of symmetry in three variables w_1, w_2, w_3 related to q-Bernoulli polynomials and the q-analogue of power sums (cf. (4.8), (4.9), (4.12), (4.15), (4.19), (4.21), (4.23), (4.24)). These and most of their corollaries seem to be new, since there have been results only concerning identities of symmetry in two variables in the literature. These abundant symmetries shed new light even on the existing identities. For instance, it is known that (1.8) and (1.9) are equal (cf. [2, (2.20)]) and (1.10) and (1.11) are too (cf. [2, (2.25)]). In fact, (1.8)–(1.11) are all equal, as they can be derived from one and the same p-adic integral. Perhaps [2] neglected to mention this. Also, we have a bunch of new identities in (1.12)–(1.15). All of these were obtained as corollaries (cf. Corollaries 4.9, 4.12 and 4.15) to some of the basic identities by specializing the variable w_3 as 1. They would not be unearthed if more symmetries had not been available.

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} B_{k,q^{w_2}}(w_1 y_1) S_{n-k,q^{w_1}}(w_2 - 1) w_1^{n-k} w_2^{k-1} \tag{1.8}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} B_{k,q^{w_1}}(w_2 y_1) S_{n-k,q^{w_2}}(w_1 - 1) w_2^{n-k} w_1^{k-1} \tag{1.9}$$

$$= w_1^{n-1} \sum_{i=0}^{w_1-1} q^{w_2 i} B_{n,q^{w_1}} \left(w_2 y_1 + \frac{w_2}{w_1} i \right) \tag{1.10}$$

$$= w_2^{n-1} \sum_{i=0}^{w_2-1} q^{w_1 i} B_{n,q^{w_2}} \left(w_1 y_1 + \frac{w_1}{w_2} i \right) \tag{1.11}$$

$$= \sum_{k+l+m=n} \binom{n}{k, l, m} B_{k,q^{w_1 w_2}}(y_1) S_{l,q^{w_2}}(w_1 - 1) S_{m,q^{w_1}}(w_2 - 1) w_1^{k+m-1} w_2^{k+l-1} \tag{1.12}$$

$$= w_1^{n-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} S_{n-k,q^{w_1}}(w_2 - 1) w_2^{k-1} \sum_{i=0}^{w_1-1} q^{w_2 i} B_{k,q^{w_1 w_2}} \left(y_1 + \frac{i}{w_1} \right) \tag{1.13}$$

$$= w_2^{n-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} S_{n-k,q^{w_2}}(w_1 - 1) w_1^{k-1} \sum_{i=0}^{w_2-1} q^{w_1 i} B_{k,q^{w_1 w_2}} \left(y_1 + \frac{i}{w_2} \right) \tag{1.14}$$

$$= (w_1 w_2)^{n-1} \sum_{i=0}^{w_1-1} \sum_{j=0}^{w_2-1} q^{w_2 i + w_1 j} B_{n,q^{w_1 w_2}} \left(y_1 + \frac{i}{w_1} + \frac{j}{w_2} \right). \tag{1.15}$$

The derivations of the identities are based on the p-adic integral expression for the generating function for the q-Bernoulli polynomials in (1.4) and the quotient of integrals in (1.7) that can be expressed as the exponential generating function for the q-analogue of power sums. We are indebted for this idea to the paper [2].

2. Several quotient types for Volkenborn integrals

Here we will introduce several quotient types for Volkenborn integrals on $\mathbb{Z}_p$ or $\mathbb{Z}_p^3$ from which some interesting identities follow owing to the built-in symmetries in w_1, w_2, w_3. In the following, w_1, w_2, w_3 are all positive integers and all of the explicit expressions for integrals in (2.2), (2.4), (2.6) and (2.8) are obtained from the identity in (1.3).

(a) Type Λ_{23}^i (for $i = 0, 1, 2, 3$):

$$I(\Lambda_{23}^i) = \frac{\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^3} q^{w_2 w_3 x_1 + w_1 w_3 x_2 + w_1 w_2 x_3} e^{\left(w_2 w_3 x_1 + w_1 w_3 x_2 + w_1 w_2 x_3 + w_1 w_2 w_3 \left(\sum_{j=1}^{3-i} y_j\right)\right)t} d\mu(X)}{\left(\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{w_1 w_2 w_3 x_4} e^{w_1 w_2 w_3 x_4 t} d\mu(x_4)\right)^i}, \tag{2.1}$$

with $d\mu(X) = d\mu(x_1) d\mu(x_2) d\mu(x_3)$,

$$= \frac{(w_1 w_2 w_3)^{2-i} (\log q + t)^{3-i} e^{w_1 w_2 w_3 \left(\sum_{j=1}^{3-i} y_j\right)t} (q^{w_1 w_2 w_3} e^{w_1 w_2 w_3 t} - 1)^i}{(q^{w_2 w_3} e^{w_2 w_3 t} - 1)(q^{w_1 w_3} e^{w_1 w_3 t} - 1)(q^{w_1 w_2} e^{w_1 w_2 t} - 1)}. \tag{2.2}$$

(b) Type Λ_{13}^i (for $i = 0, 1, 2, 3$):

$$I(\Lambda_{13}^i) = \frac{\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^3} q^{w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2 + w_3 x_3} e^{\left(w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2 + w_3 x_3 + w_1 w_2 w_3 \left(\sum_{j=1}^{3-i} y_j\right)\right)t} d\mu(x_1) d\mu(x_2) d\mu(x_3)}{\left(\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{w_1 w_2 w_3} e^{w_1 w_2 w_3 x_4 t} d\mu(x_4)\right)^i} \tag{2.3}$$

$$= \frac{(w_1 w_2 w_3)^{1-i} (\log q + t)^{3-i} e^{w_1 w_2 w_3 \left(\sum_{j=1}^{3-i} y_j\right)t} (q^{w_1 w_2 w_3} e^{w_1 w_2 w_3 t} - 1)^i}{(q^{w_1} e^{w_1 t} - 1)(q^{w_2} e^{w_2 t} - 1)(q^{w_3} e^{w_3 t} - 1)}. \tag{2.4}$$

(c-0) Type Λ_{12}^0:

$$I(\Lambda_{12}^0) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^3} q^{w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2 + w_3 x_3} e^{(w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2 + w_3 x_3 + w_2 w_3 y + w_1 w_3 y + w_1 w_2 y)t} d\mu(x_1) d\mu(x_2) d\mu(x_3) \tag{2.5}$$

$$= \frac{w_1 w_2 w_3 (\log q + t)^3 e^{(w_2 w_3 + w_1 w_3 + w_1 w_2)yt}}{(q^{w_1} e^{w_1 t} - 1)(q^{w_2} e^{w_2 t} - 1)(q^{w_3} e^{w_3 t} - 1)}. \tag{2.6}$$

(c-1) Type Λ_{12}^1:

$$I(\Lambda_{12}^1) = \frac{\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^3} q^{w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2 + w_3 x_3} e^{(w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2 + w_3 x_3)t} d\mu(x_1) d\mu(x_2) d\mu(x_3)}{\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^3} q^{w_2 w_3 z_1 + w_1 w_3 z_2 + w_1 w_2 z_3} e^{(w_2 w_3 z_1 + w_1 w_3 z_2 + w_1 w_2 z_3)t} d\mu(z_1) d\mu(z_2) d\mu(z_3)} \tag{2.7}$$

$$= \frac{(w_1 w_2 w_3)^{-1} (q^{w_2 w_3} e^{w_2 w_3 t} - 1)(q^{w_1 w_3} e^{w_1 w_3 t} - 1)(q^{w_1 w_2} e^{w_1 w_2 t} - 1)}{(q^{w_1} e^{w_1 t} - 1)(q^{w_2} e^{w_2 t} - 1)(q^{w_3} e^{w_3 t} - 1)}. \tag{2.8}$$

All of the above *p*-adic integrals of various types are invariant under all permutations of w_1, w_2, w_3, as one can see either from *p*-adic integral representations in (2.1), (2.3), (2.5) and (2.7) or from their explicit evaluations in (2.2), (2.4), (2.6) and (2.8).

3. Identities for *q*-Bernoulli polynomials

First, let's consider Type Λ_{23}^i, for each $i = 0, 1, 2, 3$.

(a-0) The following results can be easily obtained from (1.4) and (1.7):

$$I(\Lambda_{23}^0) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{w_2 w_3 x_1} e^{w_2 w_3 (x_1 + w_1 y_1)t} d\mu(x_1) \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{w_1 w_3 x_2} e^{w_1 w_3 (x_2 + w_2 y_2)t} d\mu(x_2) \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{w_1 w_2 x_3} e^{w_1 w_2 (x_3 + w_3 y_3)t} d\mu(x_3)$$

$$= \left(\sum_{k=0}^\infty \frac{B_{k,q^{w_2 w_3}}(w_1 y_1)}{k!}(w_2 w_3 t)^k\right)\left(\sum_{l=0}^\infty \frac{B_{l,q^{w_1 w_3}}(w_2 y_2)}{l!}(w_1 w_3 t)^l\right)\left(\sum_{m=0}^\infty \frac{B_{m,q^{w_1 w_2}}(w_3 y_3)}{m!}(w_1 w_2 t)^m\right)$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^\infty \left(\sum_{k+l+m=n} \binom{n}{k, l, m} B_{k,q^{w_2 w_3}}(w_1 y_1) B_{l,q^{w_1 w_3}}(w_2 y_2) B_{m,q^{w_1 w_2}}(w_3 y_3) w_1^{l+m} w_2^{k+m} w_3^{k+l}\right) \frac{t^n}{n!}, \tag{3.1}$$

where the inner sum is over all nonnegative integers k, l, m, with $k + l + m = n$, and

$$\binom{n}{k, l, m} = \frac{n!}{k!l!m!}. \tag{3.2}$$

(a-1) Here we write $I(\Lambda_{23}^1)$ in two different ways:

(1)

$$I(\Lambda_{23}^1) = \frac{1}{w_3} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{w_2 w_3 x_1} e^{w_2 w_3 (x_1 + w_1 y_1)t} d\mu(x_1) \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{w_1 w_3 x_2} e^{w_1 w_3 (x_2 + w_2 y_2)t} d\mu(x_2) \frac{w_3 \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{w_1 w_2 x_3} e^{w_1 w_2 x_3 t} d\mu(x_3)}{\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{w_1 w_2 w_3 x_4} e^{w_1 w_2 w_3 x_4 t} d\mu(x_4)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{w_3} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} B_{k, q^{w_2 w_3}} (w_1 y_1) \frac{(w_2 w_3 t)^k}{k!} \right) \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} B_{l, q^{w_1 w_3}} (w_2 y_2) \frac{(w_1 w_3 t)^l}{l!} \left(\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} S_{m, q^{w_1 w_2}} (w_3 - 1) \frac{(w_1 w_2 t)^m}{m!} \right) \tag{3.3}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k+l+m=n} \binom{n}{k, l, m} B_{k, q^{w_2 w_3}} (w_1 y_1) B_{l, q^{w_1 w_3}} (w_2 y_2) S_{m, q^{w_1 w_2}} (w_3 - 1) w_1^{l+m} w_2^{k+m} w_3^{k+l-1} \right) \frac{t^n}{n!}. \tag{3.4}$$

(2) Invoking (1.7), (3.3) can also be written as

$$I(\Lambda_{23}^1) = \frac{1}{w_3} \sum_{i=0}^{w_3 - 1} q^{w_1 w_2 i} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{w_2 w_3 x_1} e^{w_2 w_3 (x_1 + w_1 y_1)t} d\mu(x_1) \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{w_1 w_3 x_2} e^{w_1 w_3 \left(x_2 + w_2 y_2 + \frac{w_2}{w_3} i \right)t} d\mu(x_2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{w_3} \sum_{i=0}^{w_3 - 1} q^{w_1 w_2 i} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} B_{k, q^{w_2 w_3}} (w_1 y_1) \frac{(w_2 w_3 t)^k}{k!} \right) \left(\sum_{l=0}^{\infty} B_{l, q^{w_1 w_3}} \left(w_2 y_2 + \frac{w_2}{w_3} i \right) \frac{(w_1 w_3 t)^l}{l!} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(w_3^{n-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} B_{k, q^{w_2 w_3}} (w_1 y_1) w_1^{n-k} w_2^k \sum_{i=0}^{w_3 - 1} q^{w_1 w_2 i} B_{n-k, q^{w_1 w_3}} \left(w_2 y_2 + \frac{w_2}{w_3} i \right) \right) \frac{t^n}{n!}. \tag{3.5}$$

(a-2) Here we write $I(\Lambda_{23}^2)$ in three different ways:

(1)

$$I(\Lambda_{23}^2) = \frac{1}{w_2 w_3} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{w_2 w_3 x_1} e^{w_2 w_3 (x_1 + w_1 y_1)t} d\mu(x_1) \frac{w_2 \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{w_1 w_3 x_2} e^{w_1 w_3 x_2 t} d\mu(x_2)}{\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{w_1 w_2 w_3 x_4} e^{w_1 w_2 w_3 x_4 t} d\mu(x_4)} \frac{w_3 \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{w_1 w_2 x_3} e^{w_1 w_2 x_3 t} d\mu(x_3)}{\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{w_1 w_2 w_3 x_4} e^{w_1 w_2 w_3 x_4 t} d\mu(x_4)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{w_2 w_3} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} B_{k, q^{w_2 w_3}} (w_1 y_1) \frac{(w_2 w_3 t)^k}{k!} \right) \left(\sum_{l=0}^{\infty} S_{l, q^{w_1 w_3}} (w_2 - 1) \frac{(w_1 w_3 t)^l}{l!} \right)$$

$$\times \left(\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} S_{m, q^{w_1 w_2}} (w_3 - 1) \frac{(w_1 w_2 t)^m}{m!} \right) \tag{3.6}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k+l+m=n} \binom{n}{k, l, m} B_{k, q^{w_2 w_3}} (w_1 y_1) S_{l, q^{w_1 w_3}} (w_2 - 1) S_{m, q^{w_1 w_2}} (w_3 - 1) w_1^{l+m} w_2^{k+m-1} w_3^{k+l-1} \right) \frac{t^n}{n!}. \tag{3.7}$$

(2) Invoking (1.7), (3.6) can also be written as

$$I(\Lambda_{23}^2) = \frac{1}{w_2 w_3} \sum_{i=0}^{w_2 - 1} q^{w_1 w_3 i} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{w_2 w_3 x_1} e^{w_2 w_3 \left(x_1 + w_1 y_1 + \frac{w_1}{w_2} i \right)t} d\mu(x_1) \frac{w_2 \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{w_1 w_2 x_3} e^{w_1 w_2 x_3 t} d\mu(x_3)}{\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{w_1 w_2 w_3 x_4} e^{w_1 w_2 w_3 x_4 t} d\mu(x_4)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{w_2 w_3} \sum_{i=0}^{w_2 - 1} q^{w_1 w_3 i} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} B_{k, q^{w_2 w_3}} \left(w_1 y_1 + \frac{w_1}{w_2} i \right) \frac{(w_2 w_3 t)^k}{k!} \right) \left(\sum_{l=0}^{\infty} S_{l, q^{w_1 w_2}} (w_3 - 1) \frac{(w_1 w_2 t)^l}{l!} \right) \tag{3.8}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(w_2^{n-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} S_{n-k, q^{w_1 w_2}} (w_3 - 1) w_1^{n-k} w_3^{k-1} \sum_{i=0}^{w_2 - 1} q^{w_1 w_3 i} B_{k, q^{w_2 w_3}} \left(w_1 y_1 + \frac{w_1}{w_2} i \right) \right) \frac{t^n}{n!}. \tag{3.9}$$

(3) Invoking (1.7) once again, (3.8) can be written as

$$I(\Lambda_{23}^2) = \frac{1}{w_2 w_3} \sum_{i=0}^{w_2 - 1} \sum_{j=0}^{w_3 - 1} q^{w_1 w_3 i + w_1 w_2 j} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{w_2 w_3 x_1} e^{w_2 w_3 \left(x_1 + w_1 y_1 + \frac{w_1}{w_2} i + \frac{w_1}{w_3} j \right)t} d\mu(x_1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{w_2 w_3} \sum_{i=0}^{w_2-1} \sum_{j=0}^{w_3-1} \left(q^{w_1 w_3 i + w_1 w_2 j} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,q^{w_2 w_3}} \left(w_1 y_1 + \frac{w_1}{w_2} i + \frac{w_1}{w_3} j \right) \frac{(w_2 w_3 t)^n}{n!} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left((w_2 w_3)^{n-1} \sum_{i=0}^{w_2-1} \sum_{j=0}^{w_3-1} q^{w_1 w_3 i + w_1 w_2 j} B_{n,q^{w_2 w_3}} \left(w_1 y_1 + \frac{w_1}{w_2} i + \frac{w_1}{w_3} j \right) \right) \frac{t^n}{n!}. \tag{3.10}$$

(a-3):

$$I(\Lambda_{23}^3) = \frac{1}{w_1 w_2 w_3} \frac{w_1 \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{w_2 w_3 x_1} e^{w_2 w_3 x_1 t} d\mu(x_1)}{\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{w_1 w_2 w_3 x_4} e^{w_1 w_2 w_3 x_4 t} d\mu(x_4)} \frac{w_2 \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{w_1 w_3 x_2} e^{w_1 w_3 x_2 t} d\mu(x_2)}{\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{w_1 w_2 w_3 x_4} e^{w_1 w_2 w_3 x_4 t} d\mu(x_4)}$$

$$\times \frac{w_3 \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{w_1 w_2 x_3} e^{w_1 w_2 x_3 t} d\mu(x_3)}{\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{w_1 w_2 w_3 x_4} e^{w_1 w_2 w_3 x_4 t} d\mu(x_4)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{w_1 w_2 w_3} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} S_{k,q^{w_2 w_3}} (w_1 - 1) \frac{(w_2 w_3 t)^k}{k!} \right) \left(\sum_{l=0}^{\infty} S_{l,q^{w_1 w_3}} (w_2 - 1) \frac{(w_1 w_3 t)^l}{l!} \right)$$

$$\times \left(\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} S_{m,q^{w_1 w_2}} (w_3 - 1) \frac{(w_1 w_2 t)^m}{m!} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k+l+m=n} \binom{n}{k,\,l,\,m} S_{k,q^{w_2 w_3}} (w_1 - 1) S_{l,q^{w_1 w_3}} (w_2 - 1) \right.$$

$$\left. \times S_{m,q^{w_1 w_2}} (w_3 - 1) w_1^{l+m-1} w_2^{k+m-1} w_3^{k+l-1} \right) \frac{t^n}{n!}. \tag{3.11}$$

(b) For Type Λ_{13}^i ($i = 0, 1, 2, 3$), we may consider analogous things to the ones in (a-0), (a-1), (a-2), and (a-3). However, these do not lead us to new identities. Indeed, if we substitute $w_2 w_3, w_1 w_3, w_1 w_2$ respectively for w_1, w_2, w_3 in (2.1), this amounts to replacing t by $w_1 w_2 w_3 t$ and q by $q^{w_1 w_2 w_3}$ in (2.3). So, upon replacing w_1, w_2, w_3 respectively by $w_2 w_3, w_1 w_3, w_1 w_2$ and dividing by $(w_1 w_2 w_3)^n$, in each of the expressions (3.1), (3.4), (3.5), (3.7), (3.9)–(3.11), we will get the corresponding symmetric identities for Type Λ_{13}^i ($i = 0, 1, 2, 3$).

(c-0):

$$I(\Lambda_{12}^0) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{w_1 x_1} e^{w_1 (x_1 + w_2 y) t} d\mu(x_1) \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{w_2 x_2} e^{w_2 (x_2 + w_3 y) t} d\mu(x_2) \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{w_3 x_3} e^{w_3 (x_3 + w_1 y) t} d\mu(x_3)$$

$$= \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{B_{k,q^{w_1}} (w_2 y)}{k!} (w_1 t)^k \right) \left(\sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{B_{l,q^{w_2}} (w_3 y)}{l!} (w_2 t)^l \right) \left(\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{B_{m,q^{w_3}} (w_1 y)}{m!} (w_3 t)^m \right)$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k+l+m=n} \binom{n}{k,\,l,\,m} B_{k,q^{w_1}} (w_2 y) B_{l,q^{w_2}} (w_3 y) B_{m,q^{w_3}} (w_1 y) w_1^k w_2^l w_3^m \right) \frac{t^n}{n!}. \tag{3.12}$$

(c-1):

$$I(\Lambda_{12}^1) = \frac{1}{w_1 w_2 w_3} \frac{w_2 \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{w_1 x_1} e^{w_1 x_1 t} d\mu(x_1)}{\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{w_1 w_2 z_3} e^{w_1 w_2 z_3 t} d\mu(z_3)} \frac{w_3 \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{w_2 x_2} e^{w_2 x_2 t} d\mu(x_2)}{\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{w_2 w_3 z_1} e^{w_2 w_3 z_1 t} d\mu(z_1)} \frac{w_1 \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{w_3 x_3} e^{w_3 x_3 t} d\mu(x_3)}{\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{w_3 w_1 z_2} e^{w_3 w_1 z_2 t} d\mu(z_2)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{w_1 w_2 w_3} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} S_{k,q^{w_1}} (w_2 - 1) \frac{(w_1 t)^k}{k!} \right) \left(\sum_{l=0}^{\infty} S_{l,q^{w_2}} (w_3 - 1) \frac{(w_2 t)^l}{l!} \right) \left(\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} S_{m,q^{w_3}} (w_1 - 1) \frac{(w_3 t)^m}{m!} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k+l+m=n} \binom{n}{k,\,l,\,m} S_{k,q^{w_1}} (w_2 - 1) S_{l,q^{w_2}} (w_3 - 1) S_{m,q^{w_3}} (w_1 - 1) w_1^{k-1} w_2^{l-1} w_3^{m-1} \right) \frac{t^n}{n!}. \tag{3.13}$$

4. Main theorems

As we noted earlier in the last paragraph of Section 2, the various quotient types for Volkenborn integrals are invariant under any permutation of w_1, w_2, w_3. So the corresponding expressions in Section 3 are also invariant under any permutation of w_1, w_2, w_3. Thus our results concerning identities of symmetry will be immediate consequences of this observation.

However, not all permutations of an expression in Section 3 yield distinct ones. In fact, as these expressions are obtained by permuting w_1, w_2, w_3 in a single case labeled by them, they can be viewed as a group in a natural manner and hence it is isomorphic to a quotient of S_3. In particular, the number of possible distinct expressions are 1, 2, 3, or 6. (a-0), (a-1(1)), (a-1(2)), and (a-2(2)) give the full six identities of symmetry, (a-2(1)) and (a-2(3)) yield three identities of symmetry, and (c-0) and (c-1) give two identities of symmetry, while the expression in (a-3) yields no identities of symmetry.

Here we will just consider the cases of Theorems 4.8 and 4.17, leaving the others as easy exercises for the reader. As for the case of Theorem 4.8, in addition to (4.14)–(4.16), we get the following three cases:

$$\sum_{k+l+m=n} \binom{n}{k,\, l,\, m} B_{k,q^{w_2 w_3}}(w_1 y_1) S_{l,q^{w_1 w_2}}(w_3-1) S_{m,q^{w_1 w_3}}(w_2-1) w_1^{l+m} w_3^{k+m-1} w_2^{k+l-1}, \tag{4.1}$$

$$\sum_{k+l+m=n} \binom{n}{k,\, l,\, m} B_{k,q^{w_1 w_3}}(w_2 y_1) S_{l,q^{w_2 w_3}}(w_1-1) S_{m,q^{w_1 w_2}}(w_3-1) w_2^{l+m} w_1^{k+m-1} w_3^{k+l-1}, \tag{4.2}$$

$$\sum_{k+l+m=n} \binom{n}{k,\, l,\, m} B_{k,q^{w_1 w_2}}(w_3 y_1) S_{l,q^{w_1 w_3}}(w_2-1) S_{m,q^{w_2 w_3}}(w_1-1) w_3^{l+m} w_2^{k+m-1} w_1^{k+l-1}. \tag{4.3}$$

But, by interchanging l and m, we see that (4.1)–(4.3) are respectively equal to (4.14)–(4.16).

As regards Theorem 4.17, in addition to (4.24) and (4.25), we have

$$\sum_{k+l+m=n} \binom{n}{k,\, l,\, m} S_{k,q^{w_1}}(w_2-1) S_{l,q^{w_2}}(w_3-1) S_{m,q^{w_3}}(w_1-1) w_1^{k-1} w_2^{l-1} w_3^{m-1}, \tag{4.4}$$

$$\sum_{k+l+m=n} \binom{n}{k,\, l,\, m} S_{k,q^{w_2}}(w_3-1) S_{l,q^{w_3}}(w_1-1) S_{m,q^{w_1}}(w_2-1) w_2^{k-1} w_3^{l-1} w_1^{m-1}, \tag{4.5}$$

$$\sum_{k+l+m=n} \binom{n}{k,\, l,\, m} S_{k,q^{w_1}}(w_3-1) S_{l,q^{w_3}}(w_2-1) S_{m,q^{w_2}}(w_1-1) w_1^{k-1} w_3^{l-1} w_2^{m-1}, \tag{4.6}$$

$$\sum_{k+l+m=n} \binom{n}{k,\, l,\, m} S_{k,q^{w_3}}(w_2-1) S_{l,q^{w_2}}(w_1-1) S_{m,q^{w_1}}(w_3-1) w_3^{k-1} w_2^{l-1} w_1^{m-1}. \tag{4.7}$$

However, (4.4) and (4.5) are equal to (4.24), as we can see by applying the permutations $k \to l, l \to m, m \to k$ for (4.4) and $k \to m, l \to k, m \to l$ for (4.5). Similarly, we see that (4.6) and (4.7) are equal to (4.25), by applying permutations $k \to l, l \to m, m \to k$ for (4.6) and $k \to m, l \to k, m \to l$ for (4.7).

Theorem 4.1. *Let w_1, w_2, w_3 be any positive integers. Then the following expression is invariant under any permutation of w_1, w_2, w_3, so it gives us six symmetries:*

$$\sum_{k+l+m=n} \binom{n}{k,\, l,\, m} B_{k,q^{w_2 w_3}}(w_1 y_1) B_{l,q^{w_1 w_3}}(w_2 y_2) B_{m,q^{w_1 w_2}}(w_3 y_3) w_1^{l+m} w_2^{k+m} w_3^{k+l}$$

$$= \sum_{k+l+m=n} \binom{n}{k,\, l,\, m} B_{k,q^{w_2 w_3}}(w_1 y_1) B_{l,q^{w_1 w_2}}(w_3 y_2) B_{m,q^{w_1 w_3}}(w_2 y_3) w_1^{l+m} w_3^{k+m} w_2^{k+l}$$

$$= \sum_{k+l+m=n} \binom{n}{k,\, l,\, m} B_{k,q^{w_1 w_3}}(w_2 y_1) B_{l,q^{w_2 w_3}}(w_1 y_2) B_{m,q^{w_1 w_2}}(w_3 y_3) w_2^{l+m} w_1^{k+m} w_3^{k+l}$$

$$= \sum_{k+l+m=n} \binom{n}{k,\, l,\, m} B_{k,q^{w_1 w_3}}(w_2 y_1) B_{l,q^{w_1 w_2}}(w_3 y_2) B_{m,q^{w_2 w_3}}(w_1 y_3) w_2^{l+m} w_3^{k+m} w_1^{k+l}$$

$$= \sum_{k+l+m=n} \binom{n}{k,\, l,\, m} B_{k,q^{w_1 w_2}}(w_3 y_1) B_{l,q^{w_2 w_3}}(w_1 y_2) B_{m,q^{w_1 w_3}}(w_2 y_3) w_3^{l+m} w_1^{k+m} w_2^{k+l}$$

$$= \sum_{k+l+m=n} \binom{n}{k,\, l,\, m} B_{k,q^{w_1 w_2}}(w_3 y_1) B_{l,q^{w_1 w_3}}(w_2 y_2) B_{m,q^{w_2 w_3}}(w_1 y_3) w_3^{l+m} w_2^{k+m} w_1^{k+l}. \tag{4.8}$$

Theorem 4.2. *Let w_1, w_2, w_3 be any positive integers. Then the following expression is invariant under any permutation of w_1, w_2, w_3, so it gives us six symmetries:*

$$\sum_{k+l+m=n} \binom{n}{k,\, l,\, m} B_{k,q^{w_2 w_3}}(w_1 y_1) B_{l,q^{w_1 w_3}}(w_2 y_2) S_{m,q^{w_1 w_2}}(w_3-1) w_1^{l+m} w_2^{k+m} w_3^{k+l-1}$$

$$= \sum_{k+l+m=n} \binom{n}{k,l,m} B_{k,q^{w_2 w_3}}(w_1 y_1) B_{l,q^{w_1 w_2}}(w_3 y_2) S_{m,q^{w_1 w_3}}(w_2 - 1) w_1^{l+m} w_3^{k+m} w_2^{k+l-1}$$

$$= \sum_{k+l+m=n} \binom{n}{k,l,m} B_{k,q^{w_1 w_3}}(w_2 y_1) B_{l,q^{w_2 w_3}}(w_1 y_2) S_{m,q^{w_1 w_2}}(w_3 - 1) w_2^{l+m} w_1^{k+m} w_3^{k+l-1}$$

$$= \sum_{k+l+m=n} \binom{n}{k,l,m} B_{k,q^{w_1 w_3}}(w_2 y_1) B_{l,q^{w_1 w_2}}(w_3 y_2) S_{m,q^{w_2 w_3}}(w_1 - 1) w_2^{l+m} w_3^{k+m} w_1^{k+l-1}$$

$$= \sum_{k+l+m=n} \binom{n}{k,l,m} B_{k,q^{w_1 w_2}}(w_3 y_1) B_{l,q^{w_1 w_3}}(w_2 y_2) S_{m,q^{w_2 w_3}}(w_1 - 1) w_3^{l+m} w_2^{k+m} w_1^{k+l-1}$$

$$= \sum_{k+l+m=n} \binom{n}{k,l,m} B_{k,q^{w_1 w_2}}(w_3 y_1) B_{l,q^{w_2 w_3}}(w_1 y_2) S_{m,q^{w_1 w_3}}(w_2 - 1) w_3^{l+m} w_1^{k+m} w_2^{k+l-1}. \tag{4.9}$$

Putting $w_3 = 1$ in (4.9), we get the following corollary.

Corollary 4.3. *Let* w_1, w_2 *be any positive integers.*

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} B_{k,q^{w_2}}(w_1 y_1) B_{n-k,q^{w_1}}(w_2 y_2) w_1^{n-k} w_2^k = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} B_{k,q^{w_1}}(w_2 y_1) B_{n-k,q^{w_2}}(w_1 y_2) w_2^{n-k} w_1^k$$

$$= \sum_{k+l+m=n} \binom{n}{k,l,m} B_{k,q^{w_1 w_2}}(y_1) B_{l,q^{w_1}}(w_2 y_2) S_{m,q^{w_2}}(w_1 - 1) w_2^{k+m} w_1^{k+l-1}$$

$$= \sum_{k+l+m=n} \binom{n}{k,l,m} B_{k,q^{w_1}}(w_2 y_1) B_{l,q^{w_1 w_2}}(y_2) S_{m,q^{w_2}}(w_1 - 1) w_2^{l+m} w_1^{k+l-1}$$

$$= \sum_{k+l+m=n} \binom{n}{k,l,m} B_{k,q^{w_1 w_2}}(y_1) B_{l,q^{w_2}}(w_1 y_2) S_{m,q^{w_1}}(w_2 - 1) w_1^{k+m} w_2^{k+l-1}$$

$$= \sum_{k+l+m=n} \binom{n}{k,l,m} B_{k,q^{w_2}}(w_1 y_1) B_{l,q^{w_1 w_2}}(y_2) S_{m,q^{w_1}}(w_2 - 1) w_1^{l+m} w_2^{k+l-1}. \tag{4.10}$$

Letting further $w_2 = 1$ in (4.10), we have the following corollary.

Corollary 4.4. *Let* w_1 *be any positive integer.*

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} B_{k,q}(w_1 y_1) B_{n-k,q^{w_1}}(y_2) w_1^{n-k} = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} B_{k,q^{w_1}}(y_1) B_{n-k,q}(w_1 y_2) w_1^k$$

$$= \sum_{k+l+m=n} \binom{n}{k,l,m} B_{k,q^{w_1}}(y_1) B_{l,q^{w_1}}(y_2) S_{m,q}(w_1 - 1) w_1^{k+l-1}. \tag{4.11}$$

Theorem 4.5. *Let* w_1, w_2, w_3 *be any positive integers. Then the following expression is invariant under any permutation of* w_1, w_2, w_3, *so it gives us six symmetries:*

$$w_1^{n-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} B_{k,q^{w_1 w_2}}(w_3 y_1) w_3^{n-k} w_2^k \sum_{i=0}^{w_1-1} q^{w_2 w_3 i} B_{n-k,q^{w_1 w_3}}\left(w_2 y_2 + \frac{w_2}{w_1} i\right)$$

$$= w_1^{n-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} B_{k,q^{w_1 w_3}}(w_2 y_1) w_2^{n-k} w_3^k \sum_{i=0}^{w_1-1} q^{w_2 w_3 i} B_{n-k,q^{w_1 w_2}}\left(w_3 y_2 + \frac{w_3}{w_1} i\right)$$

$$= w_2^{n-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} B_{k,q^{w_1 w_2}}(w_3 y_1) w_3^{n-k} w_1^k \sum_{i=0}^{w_2-1} q^{w_1 w_3 i} B_{n-k,q^{w_2 w_3}}\left(w_1 y_2 + \frac{w_1}{w_2} i\right)$$

$$= w_2^{n-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} B_{k,q^{w_2 w_3}}(w_1 y_1) w_1^{n-k} w_3^k \sum_{i=0}^{w_2-1} q^{w_1 w_3 i} B_{n-k,q^{w_1 w_2}}\left(w_3 y_2 + \frac{w_3}{w_2} i\right)$$

$$= w_3^{n-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} B_{k,q^{w_1 w_3}}(w_2 y_1) w_2^{n-k} w_1^k \sum_{i=0}^{w_3-1} q^{w_1 w_2 i} B_{n-k,q^{w_2 w_3}}\left(w_1 y_2 + \frac{w_1}{w_3}i\right)$$

$$= w_3^{n-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} B_{k,q^{w_2 w_3}}(w_1 y_1) w_1^{n-k} w_2^k \sum_{i=0}^{w_3-1} q^{w_1 w_2 i} B_{n-k,q^{w_1 w_3}}\left(w_2 y_2 + \frac{w_2}{w_3}i\right). \tag{4.12}$$

Letting $w_3 = 1$ in (4.12), we obtain alternative expressions for the identities in (4.10).

Corollary 4.6. *Let w_1, w_2 be any positive integers.*

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} B_{k,q^{w_2}}(w_1 y_1) B_{n-k,q^{w_1}}(w_2 y_2) w_1^{n-k} w_2^k = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} B_{k,q^{w_1}}(w_2 y_1) B_{n-k,q^{w_2}}(w_1 y_2) w_2^{n-k} w_1^k$$

$$= w_1^{n-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} B_{k,q^{w_1 w_2}}(y_1) w_2^k \sum_{i=0}^{w_1-1} q^{w_2 i} B_{n-k,q^{w_1}}\left(w_2 y_2 + \frac{w_2}{w_1}i\right)$$

$$= w_1^{n-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} B_{k,q^{w_1}}(w_2 y_1) w_2^{n-k} \sum_{i=0}^{w_1-1} q^{w_2 i} B_{n-k,q^{w_1 w_2}}\left(y_2 + \frac{i}{w_1}\right)$$

$$= w_2^{n-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} B_{k,q^{w_1 w_2}}(y_1) w_1^k \sum_{i=0}^{w_2-1} q^{w_1 i} B_{n-k,q^{w_2}}\left(w_1 y_2 + \frac{w_1}{w_2}i\right)$$

$$= w_2^{n-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} B_{k,q^{w_2}}(w_1 y_1) w_1^{n-k} \sum_{i=0}^{w_2-1} q^{w_1 i} B_{n-k,q^{w_1 w_2}}\left(y_2 + \frac{i}{w_2}\right). \tag{4.13}$$

Putting further $w_2 = 1$ in (4.13), we have the alternative expressions for the identities for (4.11).

Corollary 4.7. *Let w_1 be any positive integer.*

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} B_{k,q^{w_1}}(y_1) B_{n-k,q}(w_1 y_2) w_1^k = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} B_{k,q^{w_1}}(y_2) B_{n-k,q}(w_1 y_1) w_1^k$$

$$= w_1^{n-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} B_{k,q^{w_1}}(y_1) \sum_{i=0}^{w_1-1} q^i B_{n-k,q^{w_1}}\left(y_2 + \frac{i}{w_1}\right).$$

Theorem 4.8. *Let w_1, w_2, w_3 be any positive integers. Then we have the following three symmetries in w_1, w_2, w_3:*

$$\sum_{k+l+m=n} \binom{n}{k,\, l,\, m} B_{k,q^{w_2 w_3}}(w_1 y_1) S_{l,q^{w_1 w_3}}(w_2 - 1) S_{m,q^{w_1 w_2}}(w_3 - 1) w_1^{l+m} w_2^{k+m-1} w_3^{k+l-1} \tag{4.14}$$

$$= \sum_{k+l+m=n} \binom{n}{k,\, l,\, m} B_{k,q^{w_1 w_3}}(w_2 y_1) S_{l,q^{w_1 w_2}}(w_3 - 1) S_{m,q^{w_2 w_3}}(w_1 - 1) w_2^{l+m} w_3^{k+m-1} w_1^{k+l-1} \tag{4.15}$$

$$= \sum_{k+l+m=n} \binom{n}{k,\, l,\, m} B_{k,q^{w_1 w_2}}(w_3 y_1) S_{l,q^{w_2 w_3}}(w_1 - 1) S_{m,q^{w_1 w_3}}(w_2 - 1) w_3^{l+m} w_1^{k+m-1} w_2^{k+l-1}. \tag{4.16}$$

Putting $w_3 = 1$ in (4.14)–(4.16), we get the following corollary.

Corollary 4.9. *Let w_1, w_2 be any positive integers.*

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} B_{k,q^{w_2}}(w_1 y_1) S_{n-k,q^{w_1}}(w_2 - 1) w_1^{n-k} w_2^{k-1} = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} B_{k,q^{w_1}}(w_2 y_1) S_{n-k,q^{w_2}}(w_1 - 1) w_2^{n-k} w_1^{k-1}$$

$$= \sum_{k+l+m=n} \binom{n}{k,\, l,\, m} B_{k,q^{w_1 w_2}}(y_1) S_{l,q^{w_2}}(w_1 - 1) S_{m,q^{w_1}}(w_2 - 1) w_1^{k+m-1} w_2^{k+l-1}. \tag{4.17}$$

Letting further $w_2 = 1$ in (4.17), we get the following corollary. This is also obtained in [2, (2.22)].

Corollary 4.10. *Let w_1 be any positive integer.*

$$B_{n,q}(w_1y_1) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} B_{k,q^{w_1}}(y_1) S_{n-k,q}(w_1 - 1) w_1^{k-1}. \tag{4.18}$$

Theorem 4.11. *Let w_1, w_2, w_3 be any positive integers. Then the following expression is invariant under any permutation of w_1, w_2, w_3, so it gives us six symmetries:*

$$w_1^{n-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} S_{n-k,q^{w_1 w_2}}(w_3 - 1) w_2^{n-k} w_3^{k-1} \sum_{i=0}^{w_1-1} q^{w_2 w_3 i} B_{k,q^{w_1 w_3}}\left(w_2 y_1 + \frac{w_2}{w_1}i\right)$$

$$= w_1^{n-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} S_{n-k,q^{w_1 w_3}}(w_2 - 1) w_3^{n-k} w_2^{k-1} \sum_{i=0}^{w_1-1} q^{w_2 w_3 i} B_{k,q^{w_1 w_2}}\left(w_3 y_1 + \frac{w_3}{w_1}i\right)$$

$$= w_2^{n-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} S_{n-k,q^{w_1 w_2}}(w_3 - 1) w_1^{n-k} w_3^{k-1} \sum_{i=0}^{w_2-1} q^{w_1 w_3 i} B_{k,q^{w_2 w_3}}\left(w_1 y_1 + \frac{w_1}{w_2}i\right)$$

$$= w_2^{n-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} S_{n-k,q^{w_2 w_3}}(w_1 - 1) w_3^{n-k} w_1^{k-1} \sum_{i=0}^{w_2-1} q^{w_1 w_3 i} B_{k,q^{w_1 w_2}}\left(w_3 y_1 + \frac{w_3}{w_1}i\right)$$

$$= w_3^{n-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} S_{n-k,q^{w_1 w_3}}(w_2 - 1) w_1^{n-k} w_2^{k-1} \sum_{i=0}^{w_3-1} q^{w_1 w_2 i} B_{k,q^{w_2 w_3}}\left(w_1 y_1 + \frac{w_1}{w_3}i\right)$$

$$= w_3^{n-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} S_{n-k,q^{w_2 w_3}}(w_1 - 1) w_2^{n-k} w_1^{k-1} \sum_{i=0}^{w_3-1} q^{w_1 w_2 i} B_{k,q^{w_1 w_3}}\left(w_2 y_1 + \frac{w_2}{w_3}i\right). \tag{4.19}$$

Putting $w_3 = 1$ in (4.19), we obtain the following corollary. In Section 1, the identities in (4.17), (4.20) and (4.22) are combined to give those in (1.8)–(1.15).

Corollary 4.12. *Let w_1, w_2 be any positive integers.*

$$w_1^{n-1} \sum_{i=0}^{w_1-1} q^{w_2 i} B_{n,q^{w_1}}\left(w_2 y_1 + \frac{w_2}{w_1}i\right) = w_2^{n-1} \sum_{i=0}^{w_2-1} q^{w_1 i} B_{n,q^{w_2}}\left(w_1 y_1 + \frac{w_1}{w_2}i\right)$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} B_{k,q^{w_1}}(w_2 y_1) S_{n-k,q^{w_2}}(w_1 - 1) w_2^{n-k} w_1^{k-1}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} B_{k,q^{w_2}}(w_1 y_1) S_{n-k,q^{w_1}}(w_2 - 1) w_1^{n-k} w_2^{k-1}$$

$$= w_1^{n-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} S_{n-k,q^{w_1}}(w_2 - 1) w_2^{k-1} \sum_{i=0}^{w_1-1} q^{w_2 i} B_{k,q^{w_1 w_2}}\left(y_1 + \frac{i}{w_1}\right)$$

$$= w_2^{n-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} S_{n-k,q^{w_2}}(w_1 - 1) w_1^{k-1} \sum_{i=0}^{w_2-1} q^{w_1 i} B_{k,q^{w_1 w_2}}\left(y_1 + \frac{i}{w_2}\right). \tag{4.20}$$

Letting further $w_2 = 1$ in (4.20), we get the following corollary. This is the multiplication formula for q-Bernoulli polynomials (cf. [2, (2.26)]) together with the relatively new identity mentioned in (4.18).

Corollary 4.13. *Let w_1 be any positive integer.*

$$B_{n,q}(w_1 y_1) = w_1^{n-1} \sum_{i=0}^{w_1-1} q^i B_{n,q^{w_1}}\left(y_1 + \frac{i}{w_1}\right)$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} B_{k,q^{w_1}}(y_1) S_{n-k,q}(w_1 - 1) w_1^{k-1}.$$

Theorem 4.14. *Let w_1, w_2, w_3 be any positive integers. Then we have the following three symmetries in w_1, w_2, w_3:*

$$(w_1 w_2)^{n-1} \sum_{i=0}^{w_1-1} \sum_{j=0}^{w_2-1} q^{w_2 w_3 i + w_1 w_3 j} B_{n,q^{w_1 w_2}} \left(w_3 y_1 + \frac{w_3}{w_1} i + \frac{w_3}{w_2} j \right)$$

$$= (w_2 w_3)^{n-1} \sum_{i=0}^{w_2-1} \sum_{j=0}^{w_3-1} q^{w_1 w_3 i + w_1 w_2 j} B_{n,q^{w_2 w_3}} \left(w_1 y_1 + \frac{w_1}{w_2} i + \frac{w_1}{w_3} j \right)$$

$$= (w_3 w_1)^{n-1} \sum_{i=0}^{w_3-1} \sum_{j=0}^{w_1-1} q^{w_1 w_2 i + w_2 w_3 j} B_{n,q^{w_1 w_3}} \left(w_2 y_1 + \frac{w_2}{w_3} i + \frac{w_2}{w_1} j \right). \tag{4.21}$$

Letting $w_3 = 1$ in (4.21), we have the following corollary.

Corollary 4.15. *Let w_1, w_2 be any positive integers.*

$$w_1^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{w_1-1} q^{w_2 j} B_{n,q^{w_1}} \left(w_2 y_1 + \frac{w_2}{w_1} j \right) = w_2^{n-1} \sum_{i=0}^{w_2-1} q^{w_1 i} B_{n,q^{w_2}} \left(w_1 y_1 + \frac{w_1}{w_2} i \right)$$

$$= (w_1 w_2)^{n-1} \sum_{i=0}^{w_1-1} \sum_{j=0}^{w_2-1} q^{w_2 i + w_1 j} B_{n,q^{w_1 w_2}} \left(y_1 + \frac{i}{w_1} + \frac{j}{w_2} \right). \tag{4.22}$$

Theorem 4.16. *Let w_1, w_2, w_3 be any positive integers. Then we have the following two symmetries in w_1, w_2, w_3:*

$$\sum_{k+l+m=n} \binom{n}{k,\, l,\, m} B_{k,q^{w_3}}(w_1 y) B_{l,q^{w_1}}(w_2 y) B_{m,q^{w_2}}(w_3 y) w_3^k w_1^l w_2^m$$

$$= \sum_{k+l+m=n} \binom{n}{k,\, l,\, m} B_{k,q^{w_2}}(w_1 y) B_{l,q^{w_1}}(w_3 y) B_{m,q^{w_3}}(w_2 y) w_2^k w_1^l w_3^m. \tag{4.23}$$

Theorem 4.17. *Let w_1, w_2, w_3 be any positive integers. Then we have the following two symmetries in w_1, w_2, w_3:*

$$\sum_{k+l+m=n} \binom{n}{k,\, l,\, m} S_{k,q^{w_3}}(w_1 - 1) S_{l,q^{w_1}}(w_2 - 1) S_{m,q^{w_2}}(w_3 - 1) w_3^{k-1} w_1^{l-1} w_2^{m-1} \tag{4.24}$$

$$= \sum_{k+l+m=n} \binom{n}{k,\, l,\, m} S_{k,q^{w_2}}(w_1 - 1) S_{l,q^{w_1}}(w_3 - 1) S_{m,q^{w_3}}(w_2 - 1) w_2^{k-1} w_1^{l-1} w_3^{m-1}. \tag{4.25}$$

Putting $w_3 = 1$ in (4.24) and (4.25) and multiplying the resulting identity by $w_1 w_2$, we get the following corollary.

Corollary 4.18. *Let w_1, w_2 be any positive integers.*

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} S_{k,q^{w_1}}(w_2 - 1) S_{n-k,q}(w_1 - 1) w_1^k = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} S_{k,q^{w_2}}(w_1 - 1) S_{n-k,q}(w_2 - 1) w_2^k.$$

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