

Barnes-type Daehee polynomials

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Abstract

In this paper, we consider Barnes-type Daehee polynomials of the first kind and of the second kind. From the properties of Sheffer sequences of these polynomials arising from umbral calculus, we derive new and interesting identities.

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1 Introduction

In this paper, we consider the polynomials $D_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r)$ and $\widehat{D}_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r)$ called the Barnes-type Daehee polynomials of the first kind and of the second kind, whose generating functions are given by

$$\prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) (1+t)^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} D_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) \frac{t^n}{n!}, \quad (1)$$

$$\prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_j} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) (1+t)^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \widehat{D}_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) \frac{t^n}{n!}, \quad (2)$$

respectively, where $a_1, \dots, a_r \neq 0$. When $x = 0$, $D_n(a_1, \dots, a_r) = D_n(0|a_1, \dots, a_r)$ and $\widehat{D}_n(a_1, \dots, a_r) = \widehat{D}_n(0|a_1, \dots, a_r)$ are called the Barnes-type Daehee numbers of the first kind and of the second kind, respectively.

Recall that the Daehee polynomials of the first kind and of the second kind of order r , denoted by $D_n^{(r)}(x)$ and $\widehat{D}_n^{(r)}(x)$, respectively, are given by the generating functions to be

$$\left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{t} \right)^r (1+t)^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} D_n^{(r)}(x) \frac{t^n}{n!},$$

$$\left(\frac{(1+t) \ln(1+t)}{t} \right)^r (1+t)^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \widehat{D}_n^{(r)}(x) \frac{t^n}{n!},$$

respectively. If $a_1 = \dots = a_r = 1$, then $D_n^{(r)}(x) = D_n(x|\underbrace{1, \dots, 1}_r)$ and $\widehat{D}_n^{(r)}(x) = \widehat{D}_n(x|\underbrace{1, \dots, 1}_r)$. Daehee polynomials were defined by the second author [7] and have been investigated in [5, 12, 13].

In this paper, we consider Barnes-type Daehee polynomials of the first kind and of the second kind. From the properties of Sheffer sequences of these polynomials arising from umbral calculus, we derive new and interesting identities.

2 Umbral calculus

Let \mathbb{C} be the complex number field and let \mathcal{F} be the set of all formal power series in the variable t :

$$\mathcal{F} = \left\{ f(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_k}{k!} t^k \mid a_k \in \mathbb{C} \right\}. \quad (3)$$

Let $\mathbb{P} = \mathbb{C}[x]$ and let \mathbb{P}^* be the vector space of all linear functionals on \mathbb{P} . $\langle L|p(x) \rangle$ is the action of the linear functional L on the polynomial $p(x)$, and we recall that the vector space operations on \mathbb{P}^* are defined by $\langle L + M|p(x) \rangle = \langle L|p(x) \rangle + \langle M|p(x) \rangle$, $\langle cL|p(x) \rangle =$

$c\langle L|p(x)\rangle$, where c is a complex constant in \mathbb{C} . For $f(t) \in \mathcal{F}$, let us define the linear functional on \mathbb{P} by setting

$$\langle f(t)|x^n\rangle = a_n, \quad (n \geq 0). \quad (4)$$

In particular,

$$\langle t^k|x^n\rangle = n!\delta_{n,k} \quad (n, k \geq 0), \quad (5)$$

where $\delta_{n,k}$ is the Kronecker's symbol.

For $f_L(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\langle L|x^k\rangle}{k!} t^k$, we have $\langle f_L(t)|x^n\rangle = \langle L|x^n\rangle$. That is, $L = f_L(t)$. The map $L \mapsto f_L(t)$ is a vector space isomorphism from \mathbb{P}^* onto \mathcal{F} . Henceforth, \mathcal{F} denotes 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 \mathcal{F} will be thought of as both a formal power series and a linear functional. We call \mathcal{F} the *umbral algebra* and the *umbral calculus* is the study of umbral algebra. The order $O(f(t))$ of a power series $f(t) (\neq 0)$ is the smallest integer k for which the coefficient of t^k does not vanish. If $O(f(t)) = 1$, then $f(t)$ is called a *delta series*; if $O(f(t)) = 0$, then $f(t)$ is called an *invertible series*. For $f(t), g(t) \in \mathcal{F}$ with $O(f(t)) = 1$ and $O(g(t)) = 0$, there exists a unique sequence $s_n(x)$ ($\deg s_n(x) = n$) such that $\langle g(t)f(t)^k|s_n(x)\rangle = n!\delta_{n,k}$, for $n, k \geq 0$. Such a sequence $s_n(x)$ is called the *Sheffer sequence* for $(g(t), f(t))$ which is denoted by $s_n(x) \sim (g(t), f(t))$.

For $f(t), g(t) \in \mathcal{F}$ and $p(x) \in \mathbb{P}$, we have

$$\langle f(t)g(t)|p(x)\rangle = \langle f(t)|g(t)p(x)\rangle = \langle g(t)|f(t)p(x)\rangle \quad (6)$$

and

$$f(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \langle f(t)|x^k\rangle \frac{t^k}{k!}, \quad p(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \langle t^k|p(x)\rangle \frac{x^k}{k!} \quad (7)$$

([14, Theorem 2.2.5]). Thus, by (7), we get

$$t^k p(x) = p^{(k)}(x) = \frac{d^k p(x)}{dx^k} \quad \text{and} \quad e^{yt} p(x) = p(x+y). \quad (8)$$

Sheffer sequences are characterized in the generating function ([14, Theorem 2.3.4]).

Lemma 1 *The sequence $s_n(x)$ is Sheffer for $(g(t), f(t))$ if and only if*

$$\frac{1}{g(\bar{f}(t))} e^{y\bar{f}(t)} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{s_k(y)}{k!} t^k \quad (y \in \mathbb{C}),$$

where $\bar{f}(t)$ is the compositional inverse of $f(t)$.

For $s_n(x) \sim (g(t), f(t))$, we have the following equations ([14, Theorem 2.3.7, Theorem

2.3.5, Theorem 2.3.9]):

$$f(t)s_n(x) = ns_{n-1}(x) \quad (n \geq 0), \quad (9)$$

$$s_n(x) = \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{1}{j!} \left\langle g(\bar{f}(t))^{-1} \bar{f}(t)^j | x^n \right\rangle x^j, \quad (10)$$

$$s_n(x+y) = \sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n}{j} s_j(x) p_{n-j}(y), \quad (11)$$

where $p_n(x) = g(t)s_n(x)$.

Assume that $p_n(x) \sim (1, f(t))$ and $q_n(x) \sim (1, g(t))$. Then the transfer formula ([14, Corollary 3.8.2]) is given by

$$q_n(x) = x \left(\frac{f(t)}{g(t)} \right)^n x^{-1} p_n(x) \quad (n \geq 1).$$

For $s_n(x) \sim (g(t), f(t))$ and $r_n(x) \sim (h(t), l(t))$, assume that

$$s_n(x) = \sum_{m=0}^n C_{n,m} r_m(x) \quad (n \geq 0).$$

Then we have ([14, p.132])

$$C_{n,m} = \frac{1}{m!} \left\langle \frac{h(\bar{f}(t))}{g(\bar{f}(t))} l(\bar{f}(t))^m \middle| x^n \right\rangle. \quad (12)$$

3 Main results

We now note that $D_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r)$ is the Sheffer sequence for

$$g(t) = \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{e^{a_j t} - 1}{t} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad f(t) = e^t - 1.$$

So,

$$D_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) \sim \left(\prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{e^{a_j t} - 1}{t} \right), e^t - 1 \right). \quad (13)$$

$\widehat{D}_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r)$ is the Sheffer sequences for

$$g(t) = \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{e^{a_j t} - 1}{te^{a_j t}} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad f(t) = e^t - 1.$$

So,

$$\widehat{D}_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) \sim \left(\prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{e^{a_j t} - 1}{te^{a_j t}} \right), e^t - 1 \right). \quad (14)$$

3.1 Explicit expressions

Recall that Barnes' multiple Bernoulli polynomials $B_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r)$ are defined by the generating function as

$$\frac{t^r}{\prod_{j=1}^r (e^{a_j t} - 1)} e^{xt} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) \frac{t^n}{n!}, \quad (15)$$

where $a_1, \dots, a_r \neq 0$ ([8, 9, 1]). Let $(n)_j = n(n-1)\cdots(n-j+1)$ ($j \geq 1$) with $(n)_0 = 1$. The (signed) Stirling numbers of the first kind $S_1(n, m)$ are defined by

$$(x)_n = \sum_{m=0}^n S_1(n, m) x^m.$$

Theorem 1

$$D_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) = \sum_{m=0}^n S_1(n, m) B_m(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) \quad (16)$$

$$= \sum_{j=0}^n \left(\sum_{l=j}^n \binom{n}{l} S_1(l, j) D_{n-l}(a_1, \dots, a_r) \right) x^j \quad (17)$$

$$= \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} D_{n-m}(a_1, \dots, a_r) (x)_m, \quad (18)$$

$$\widehat{D}_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) = \sum_{m=0}^n S_1(n, m) B_m(x + a_1 + \cdots + a_r|a_1, \dots, a_r) \quad (19)$$

$$= \sum_{j=0}^n \left(\sum_{l=j}^n \binom{n}{l} S_1(l, j) \widehat{D}_{n-l}(a_1, \dots, a_r) \right) x^j \quad (20)$$

$$= \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} \widehat{D}_{n-m}(a_1, \dots, a_r) (x)_m. \quad (21)$$

Proof. Since

$$\prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{e^{a_j t} - 1}{t} \right) D_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) \sim (1, e^t - 1) \quad (22)$$

and

$$(x)_n \sim (1, e^t - 1), \quad (23)$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned}
D_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) &= \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{t}{e^{a_j t} - 1} \right) (x)_n \\
&= \sum_{m=0}^n S_1(n, m) \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{t}{e^{a_j t} - 1} \right) x^m \\
&= \sum_{m=0}^n S_1(n, m) B_m(x|a_1, \dots, a_r).
\end{aligned}$$

So, we get (16).

Similarly, by

$$\prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{e^{a_j t} - 1}{te^{a_j t}} \right) \widehat{D}_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) \sim (1, e^t - 1) \quad (24)$$

and (23), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\widehat{D}_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) &= \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{te^{a_j t}}{e^{a_j t} - 1} \right) (x)_n \\
&= \sum_{m=0}^n S_1(n, m) \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{te^{a_j t}}{e^{a_j t} - 1} \right) x^m \\
&= \sum_{m=0}^n S_1(n, m) e^{(a_1 + \dots + a_r)t} \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{t}{e^{a_j t} - 1} \right) x^m \\
&= \sum_{m=0}^n S_1(n, m) B_m(x + a_1 + \dots + a_r | a_1, \dots, a_r).
\end{aligned}$$

So, we get (19).

By (10) with (13), we get

$$D_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) = \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{1}{j!} \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) (\ln(1+t))^j \middle| x^n \right\rangle x^j.$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) (\ln(1+t))^j \middle| x^n \right\rangle \\
&= \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \middle| (\ln(1+t))^j x^n \right\rangle \\
&= \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \middle| j! \sum_{l=j}^{\infty} S_1(l, j) \frac{t^l}{l!} x^n \right\rangle \\
&= j! \sum_{l=j}^n \binom{n}{l} S_1(l, j) \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \middle| x^{n-l} \right\rangle \\
&= j! \sum_{l=j}^n \binom{n}{l} S_1(l, j) \left\langle \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} D_i(a_1, \dots, a_r) \frac{t^i}{i!} \middle| x^{n-l} \right\rangle \\
&= j! \sum_{l=j}^n \binom{n}{l} S_1(l, j) D_{n-l}(a_1, \dots, a_r),
\end{aligned}$$

we obtain (17).

Similarly, by (10) with (14), we get

$$\widehat{D}_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) = \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{1}{j!} \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_j} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) (\ln(1+t))^j \middle| x^n \right\rangle x^j.$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_j} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) (\ln(1+t))^j \middle| x^n \right\rangle \\
&= \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_j} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \middle| (\ln(1+t))^j x^n \right\rangle \\
&= j! \sum_{l=j}^n \binom{n}{l} S_1(l, j) \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_j} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \middle| x^{n-l} \right\rangle \\
&= j! \sum_{l=j}^n \binom{n}{l} S_1(l, j) \left\langle \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \widehat{D}_i(a_1, \dots, a_r) \frac{t^i}{i!} \middle| x^{n-l} \right\rangle \\
&= j! \sum_{l=j}^n \binom{n}{l} S_1(l, j) \widehat{D}_{n-l}(a_1, \dots, a_r),
\end{aligned}$$

we obtain (20).

Next, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned}
D_n(y|a_1, \dots, a_r) &= \left\langle \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} D_i(y|a_1, \dots, a_r) \frac{t^i}{i!} \middle| x^n \right\rangle \\
&= \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) (1+t)^y \middle| x^n \right\rangle \\
&= \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \middle| \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (y)_m \frac{t^m}{m!} x^n \right\rangle \\
&= \sum_{m=0}^n (y)_m \binom{n}{m} \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \middle| x^{n-m} \right\rangle \\
&= \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} D_{n-m}(a_1, \dots, a_r) (y)_m.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, we get the identity (18).

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}
\widehat{D}_n(y|a_1, \dots, a_r) &= \left\langle \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \widehat{D}_i(y|a_1, \dots, a_r) \frac{t^i}{i!} \middle| x^n \right\rangle \\
&= \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_j} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) (1+t)^y \middle| x^n \right\rangle \\
&= \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_j} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \middle| \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (y)_m \frac{t^m}{m!} x^n \right\rangle \\
&= \sum_{m=0}^n (y)_m \binom{n}{m} \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_j} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \middle| x^{n-m} \right\rangle \\
&= \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} \widehat{D}_{n-m}(a_1, \dots, a_r) (y)_m.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, we get the identity (21). ■

3.2 Sheffer identity

Theorem 2

$$D_n(x+y|a_1, \dots, a_r) = \sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n}{j} D_j(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) (y)_{n-j}, \quad (25)$$

$$\widehat{D}_n(x+y|a_1, \dots, a_r) = \sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n}{j} \widehat{D}_j(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) (y)_{n-j}. \quad (26)$$

Proof. By (13) with

$$\begin{aligned} p_n(x) &= \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{e^{a_j t} - 1}{t} \right) D_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\ &= (x)_n \sim (1, e^t - 1), \end{aligned}$$

using (11), we have (25).

By (14) with

$$\begin{aligned} p_n(x) &= \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{e^{a_j t} - 1}{te^{a_j t}} \right) \widehat{D}_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\ &= (x)_n \sim (1, e^t - 1), \end{aligned}$$

using (11), we have (26). ■

3.3 Difference relations

Theorem 3

$$D_n(x+1|a_1, \dots, a_r) - D_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) = nD_{n-1}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r), \quad (27)$$

$$\widehat{D}_n(x+1|a_1, \dots, a_r) - \widehat{D}_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) = n\widehat{D}_{n-1}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r). \quad (28)$$

Proof. By (9) with (13), we get

$$(e^t - 1)D_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) = nD_{n-1}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r).$$

By (8), we have (27).

Similarly, by (9) with (14), we get

$$(e^t - 1)\widehat{D}_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) = n\widehat{D}_{n-1}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r).$$

By (8), we have (28). ■

3.4 Recurrence

Theorem 4

$$\begin{aligned}
D_{n+1}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) &= xD_n(x-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
&\quad - \sum_{m=0}^n \left(\sum_{i=m}^n \sum_{l=i}^n \sum_{j=1}^r \frac{1}{i+1} \binom{n}{l} \binom{i+1}{m} S_1(l, i) \right. \\
&\quad \left. \times B_{i+1-m}(-a_j)^{i+1-m} D_{n-l}(a_1, \dots, a_r) \right) (x-1)^m, \quad (29)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\widehat{D}_{n+1}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) &= \left(x + \sum_{j=1}^r a_j \right) \widehat{D}_n(x-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
&\quad - \sum_{m=0}^n \left(\sum_{i=m}^n \sum_{l=i}^n \sum_{j=1}^r \frac{1}{i+1} \binom{n}{l} \binom{i+1}{m} S_1(l, i) \right. \\
&\quad \left. \times B_{i+1-m}(-a_j)^{i+1-m} \widehat{D}_{n-l}(a_1, \dots, a_r) \right) (x-1)^m, \quad (30)
\end{aligned}$$

where B_n is the n th ordinary Bernoulli number.

Proof. By applying

$$s_{n+1}(x) = \left(x - \frac{g'(t)}{g(t)} \right) \frac{1}{f'(t)} s_n(x) \quad (31)$$

([14, Corollary 3.7.2]) with (13), we get

$$D_{n+1}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) = xD_n(x-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) - e^{-t \frac{g'(t)}{g(t)}} D_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r).$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{g'(t)}{g(t)} &= (\ln g(t))' \\
&= \left(\sum_{j=1}^r \ln(e^{a_j t} - 1) - r \ln t \right)' \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^r \frac{a_j e^{a_j t}}{e^{a_j t} - 1} - \frac{r}{t} \\
&= \frac{\sum_{j=1}^r \prod_{i \neq j} (e^{a_i t} - 1) (a_j t e^{a_j t} - e^{a_j t} + 1)}{t \prod_{j=1}^r (e^{a_j t} - 1)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{j=1}^r \frac{a_j t e^{a_j t}}{e^{a_j t} - 1} - r &= \frac{\sum_{j=1}^r \prod_{i \neq j} (e^{a_i t} - 1) (a_j t e^{a_j t} - e^{a_j t} + 1)}{\prod_{j=1}^r (e^{a_j t} - 1)} \\
&= \frac{\frac{1}{2} (\sum_{j=1}^r a_1 \cdots a_{j-1} a_j^2 a_{j+1} \cdots a_r) t^{r+1} + \cdots}{(a_1 \cdots a_r) t^r + \cdots} \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{j=1}^r a_j \right) t + \cdots
\end{aligned}$$

is a series with order ≥ 1 , by (17) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&D_{n+1}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
&= x D_n(x-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) - e^{-t} \frac{\sum_{j=1}^r \frac{a_j t e^{a_j t}}{e^{a_j t} - 1} - r}{t} D_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
&= x D_n(x-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) - e^{-t} \frac{\sum_{j=1}^r \frac{a_j t e^{a_j t}}{e^{a_j t} - 1} - r}{t} \left(\sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{l=i}^n \binom{n}{l} S_1(l, i) D_{n-l}(a_1, \dots, a_r) x^i \right) \\
&= x D_n(x-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
&\quad - \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{l=i}^n \binom{n}{l} S_1(l, i) D_{n-l}(a_1, \dots, a_r) e^{-t} \left(\sum_{j=1}^r \frac{a_j t e^{a_j t}}{e^{a_j t} - 1} - r \right) \frac{x^{i+1}}{i+1}.
\end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned}
e^{-t} \left(\sum_{j=1}^r \frac{a_j t e^{a_j t}}{e^{a_j t} - 1} - r \right) x^{i+1} &= e^{-t} \left(\sum_{j=1}^r \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m B_m a_j^m}{m!} t^m - r \right) x^{i+1} \\
&= e^{-t} \left(\sum_{j=1}^r \sum_{m=0}^{i+1} \binom{i+1}{m} B_m (-a_j)^m x^{i+1-m} - r x^{i+1} \right) \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^r \sum_{m=1}^{i+1} \binom{i+1}{m} B_m (-a_j)^m (x-1)^{i+1-m} \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^r \sum_{m=0}^i \binom{i+1}{m} B_{i+1-m} (-a_j)^{i+1-m} (x-1)^m, \quad (32)
\end{aligned}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned}
D_{n+1}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) &= xD_n(x-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
&\quad - \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{l=i}^n \sum_{j=1}^r \sum_{m=0}^i \frac{1}{i+1} \binom{n}{l} \binom{i+1}{m} S_1(l, i) \\
&\quad \quad \times B_{i+1-m}(-a_j)^{i+1-m} D_{n-l}(a_1, \dots, a_r) (x-1)^m \\
&= xD_n(x-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
&\quad - \sum_{m=0}^n \left(\sum_{i=m}^n \sum_{l=i}^n \sum_{j=1}^r \frac{1}{i+1} \binom{n}{l} \binom{i+1}{m} S_1(l, i) \right. \\
&\quad \quad \left. \times B_{i+1-m}(-a_j)^{i+1-m} D_{n-l}(a_1, \dots, a_r) \right) (x-1)^m,
\end{aligned}$$

which is the identity (29).

Next, by applying (31) with (14), we get

$$\widehat{D}_{n+1}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) = x\widehat{D}_n(x-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) - e^{-t} \frac{g'(t)}{g(t)} \widehat{D}_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r).$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{g'(t)}{g(t)} &= (\ln g(t))' \\
&= \left(\sum_{j=1}^r \ln(e^{a_j t} - 1) - r \ln t - \left(\sum_{j=1}^r a_j \right) t \right)' \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^r \frac{a_j e^{a_j t}}{e^{a_j t} - 1} - \frac{r}{t} - \sum_{j=1}^r a_j.
\end{aligned}$$

By (20) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \widehat{D}_{n+1}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
&= \left(x + \sum_{j=1}^r a_j \right) \widehat{D}_n(x-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) - e^{-t} \frac{\sum_{j=1}^r \frac{a_j t e^{a_j t}}{e^{a_j t} - 1} - r}{t} \widehat{D}_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
&= \left(x + \sum_{j=1}^r a_j \right) \widehat{D}_n(x-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
&\quad - e^{-t} \frac{\sum_{j=1}^r \frac{a_j t e^{a_j t}}{e^{a_j t} - 1} - r}{t} \left(\sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{l=i}^n \binom{n}{l} S_1(l, i) \widehat{D}_{n-l}(a_1, \dots, a_r) x^i \right) \\
&= \left(x + \sum_{j=1}^r a_j \right) \widehat{D}_n(x-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
&\quad - \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{l=i}^n \binom{n}{l} S_1(l, i) \widehat{D}_{n-l}(a_1, \dots, a_r) e^{-t} \left(\sum_{j=1}^r \frac{a_j t e^{a_j t}}{e^{a_j t} - 1} - r \right) \frac{x^{i+1}}{i+1}.
\end{aligned}$$

By (32), we have the identity (30). ■

3.5 Differentiation

Theorem 5

$$\frac{d}{dx} D_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) = n! \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \frac{(-1)^{n-l-1}}{l!(n-l)} D_l(x|a_1, \dots, a_r), \quad (33)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \widehat{D}_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) = n! \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \frac{(-1)^{n-l-1}}{l!(n-l)} \widehat{D}_l(x|a_1, \dots, a_r). \quad (34)$$

Proof. We shall use

$$\frac{d}{dx} s_n(x) = \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \binom{n}{l} \langle \bar{f}(t) | x^{n-l} \rangle s_l(x)$$

(Cf. [14, Theorem 2.3.12]). Since

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \bar{f}(t) | x^{n-l} \rangle &= \langle \ln(1+t) | x^{n-l} \rangle \\
&= \left\langle \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{m-1} t^m}{m} \middle| x^{n-l} \right\rangle \\
&= \sum_{m=1}^{n-l} \frac{(-1)^{m-1}}{m} \langle t^m | x^{n-l} \rangle \\
&= \sum_{m=1}^{n-l} \frac{(-1)^{m-1}}{m} (n-l)! \delta_{m, n-l} \\
&= (-1)^{n-l-1} (n-l-1)!,
\end{aligned}$$

with (13), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d}{dx} D_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) &= \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \binom{n}{l} (-1)^{n-l-1} (n-l-1)! D_l(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
&= n! \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \frac{(-1)^{n-l-1}}{l!(n-l)} D_l(x|a_1, \dots, a_r),
\end{aligned}$$

which is the identity (33). Similarly, with (14), we have the identity (34). ■

3.6 More relations

The classical Cauchy numbers c_n are defined by

$$\frac{t}{\ln(1+t)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \frac{t^n}{n!}$$

(see e.g. [3, 10]).

Theorem 6

$$\begin{aligned}
D_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) &= xD_{n-1}(x-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
&\quad + \frac{r}{n} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} c_l D_{n-l}(x-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^r \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} a_j c_l D_{n-l}(x+a_j-1|a_1, \dots, a_r, a_j), \tag{35}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\widehat{D}_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) &= \left(x + \sum_{j=1}^r a_j \right) \widehat{D}_{n-1}(x-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
&\quad + \frac{r}{n} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} c_l \widehat{D}_{n-l}(x-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^r \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} a_j c_l \widehat{D}_{n-l}(x-1|a_1, \dots, a_r, a_j). \tag{36}
\end{aligned}$$

Proof. For $n \geq 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
D_n(y|a_1, \dots, a_r) &= \left\langle \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} D_l(y|a_1, \dots, a_r) \frac{t^l}{l!} \middle| x^n \right\rangle \\
&= \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) (1+t)^y \middle| x^n \right\rangle \\
&= \left\langle \partial_t \left(\prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) (1+t)^y \right) \middle| x^{n-1} \right\rangle \\
&= \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) (\partial_t (1+t)^y) \middle| x^{n-1} \right\rangle \\
&\quad + \left\langle \left(\partial_t \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \right) (1+t)^y \middle| x^{n-1} \right\rangle \\
&= yD_{n-1}(y-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
&\quad + \left\langle \left(\partial_t \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \right) (1+t)^y \middle| x^{n-1} \right\rangle.
\end{aligned}$$

Observe that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \partial_t \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^r \prod_{i \neq j} \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) \frac{\frac{1}{1+t}((1+t)^{a_j} - 1) - \ln(1+t)(a_j(1+t)^{a_j-1})}{((1+t)^{a_j} - 1)^2} \\
&= \frac{1}{1+t} \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) \sum_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{1}{\ln(1+t)} - \frac{a_j(1+t)^{a_j}}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{1+t} \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) \frac{\sum_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{t}{\ln(1+t)} - \frac{a_j t (1+t)^{a_j}}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right)}{t}.
\end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\sum_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{t}{\ln(1+t)} - \frac{a_j t (1+t)^{a_j}}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) = -\frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{j=1}^r a_j \right) t + \dots$$

is a series with order(≥ 1), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left\langle \left(\partial_t \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) \right) (1+t)^y \Big| x^{n-1} \right\rangle \\
&= \left\langle \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) (1+t)^{y-1} \Big| \frac{\sum_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{t}{\ln(1+t)} - \frac{a_j t (1+t)^{a_j}}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right)}{t} x^{n-1} \right\rangle \\
&= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^r \left\langle \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) (1+t)^{y-1} \Big| \left(\frac{t}{\ln(1+t)} - \frac{a_j t (1+t)^{a_j}}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) x^n \right\rangle \\
&= \frac{r}{n} \left\langle \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) (1+t)^{y-1} \Big| \frac{t}{\ln(1+t)} x^n \right\rangle \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^r a_j \left\langle \frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) (1+t)^{y+a_j-1} \Big| \frac{t}{\ln(1+t)} x^n \right\rangle \\
&= \frac{r}{n} \left\langle \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) (1+t)^{y-1} \Big| \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} c_l \frac{t^l}{l!} x^n \right\rangle \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^r a_j \left\langle \frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) (1+t)^{y+a_j-1} \Big| \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} c_l \frac{t^l}{l!} x^n \right\rangle
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{r}{n} \sum_{l=0}^n c_l \binom{n}{l} \left\langle \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) (1+t)^{y-1} \middle| x^{n-l} \right\rangle \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^r a_j \sum_{l=0}^n c_l \binom{n}{l} \left\langle \frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) (1+t)^{y+a_j-1} \middle| x^{n-l} \right\rangle \\
&= \frac{r}{n} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} c_l D_{n-l}(y-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^r \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} a_j c_l D_{n-l}(y+a_j-1|a_1, \dots, a_r, a_j).
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
D_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) &= x D_{n-1}(x-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
&\quad + \frac{r}{n} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} c_l D_{n-l}(x-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^r \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} a_j c_l D_{n-l}(x+a_j-1|a_1, \dots, a_r, a_j),
\end{aligned}$$

which is the identity (35).

Next, for $n \geq 1$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\widehat{D}_n(y|a_1, \dots, a_r) &= \left\langle \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \widehat{D}_l(y|a_1, \dots, a_r) \frac{t^l}{l!} \middle| x^n \right\rangle \\
&= \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_j} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) (1+t)^y \middle| x^n \right\rangle \\
&= \left\langle \partial_t \left(\prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_j} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) (1+t)^y \right) \middle| x^{n-1} \right\rangle \\
&= \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_j} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) (\partial_t (1+t)^y) \middle| x^{n-1} \right\rangle \\
&\quad + \left\langle \left(\partial_t \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_j} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \right) (1+t)^y \middle| x^{n-1} \right\rangle \\
&= y \widehat{D}_{n-1}(y-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
&\quad + \left\langle \left(\partial_t \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_j} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \right) (1+t)^y \middle| x^{n-1} \right\rangle.
\end{aligned}$$

Observe that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \partial_t \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_j} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \\
&= \partial_t \left(\prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \prod_{j=1}^r (1+t)^{a_j} \right) \\
&= \left(\partial_t \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \right) \prod_{j=1}^r (1+t)^{a_j} \\
&\quad + \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \left(\partial_t \prod_{j=1}^r (1+t)^{a_j} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{1+t} \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_i} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) \frac{\sum_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{t}{\ln(1+t)} - \frac{a_j t (1+t)^{a_j}}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right)}{t} \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{1+t} \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_i} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) \sum_{j=1}^r a_j.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left\langle \left(\partial_t \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_i} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) \right) (1+t)^y \middle| x^{n-1} \right\rangle \\
&= \left\langle \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_i} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) (1+t)^{y-1} \middle| \frac{\sum_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{t}{\ln(1+t)} - \frac{a_j t (1+t)^{a_j}}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right)}{t} x^{n-1} \right\rangle \\
&\quad + \left(\sum_{j=1}^r a_j \right) \left\langle \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_i} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) (1+t)^{y-1} \middle| x^{n-1} \right\rangle \\
&= \left(\sum_{j=1}^r a_j \right) \widehat{D}_{n-1}(y-1 | a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{n} \left\langle \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_i} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) (1+t)^{y-1} \middle| \sum_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{t}{\ln(1+t)} - \frac{a_j t (1+t)^{a_j}}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) x^n \right\rangle
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \left(\sum_{j=1}^r a_j \right) \widehat{D}_{n-1}(y-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
&\quad + \frac{r}{n} \left\langle \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_i} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) (1+t)^{y-1} \left| \frac{t}{\ln(1+t)} x^n \right. \right\rangle \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^r a_j \left\langle \frac{(1+t)^{a_j} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_i} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) (1+t)^{y-1} \left| \frac{t}{\ln(1+t)} x^n \right. \right\rangle \\
&= \left(\sum_{j=1}^r a_j \right) \widehat{D}_{n-1}(y-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
&\quad + \frac{r}{n} \left\langle \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_i} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) (1+t)^{y-1} \left| \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} c_l \frac{t^l}{l!} x^n \right. \right\rangle \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^r a_j \left\langle \frac{(1+t)^{a_j} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_i} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) (1+t)^{y-1} \left| \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} c_l \frac{t^l}{l!} x^n \right. \right\rangle \\
&= \left(\sum_{j=1}^r a_j \right) \widehat{D}_{n-1}(y-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
&\quad + \frac{r}{n} \sum_{l=0}^n c_l \binom{n}{l} \left\langle \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_i} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) (1+t)^{y-1} \left| x^{n-l} \right. \right\rangle \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^r a_j \sum_{l=0}^n c_l \binom{n}{l} \left\langle \frac{(1+t)^{a_j} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_i} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) (1+t)^{y-1} \left| x^{n-l} \right. \right\rangle \\
&= \left(\sum_{j=1}^r a_j \right) \widehat{D}_{n-1}(y-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) + \frac{r}{n} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} c_l \widehat{D}_{n-l}(y-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^r \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} a_j c_l \widehat{D}_{n-l}(y-1|a_1, \dots, a_r, a_j).
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\widehat{D}_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) &= \left(x + \sum_{j=1}^r a_j \right) \widehat{D}_{n-1}(x-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
&\quad + \frac{r}{n} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} c_l \widehat{D}_{n-l}(x-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^r \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} a_j c_l \widehat{D}_{n-l}(x-1|a_1, \dots, a_r, a_j).
\end{aligned}$$

which is the identity (36). ■

3.7 Relations including the Stirling numbers of the first kind

Theorem 7 For $n - 1 \geq m \geq 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \binom{n}{l} S_1(n-l, m) D_l(a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
&= \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \binom{n-1}{l} S_1(n-l-1, m-1) D_l(-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
&+ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{l=0}^{n-m-1} \binom{n}{l+1} S_1(n-l-1, m) \\
&\quad \times \left(r \sum_{i=0}^{l+1} \binom{l+1}{i} c_i D_{l+1-i}(-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \sum_{j=1}^r \sum_{i=0}^{l+1} \binom{l+1}{i} a_j c_i D_{l+1-i}(a_j - 1|a_1, \dots, a_r, a_j) \right), \tag{37}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \binom{n}{l} S_1(n-l, m) \widehat{D}_l(a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
&= \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \binom{n-1}{l} S_1(n-l-1, m-1) \widehat{D}_l(-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
&+ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{l=0}^{n-m-1} \binom{n}{l+1} S_1(n-l-1, m) \\
&\quad \times \left(r \sum_{i=0}^{l+1} \binom{l+1}{i} c_i \widehat{D}_{l+1-i}(-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \sum_{j=1}^r \sum_{i=0}^{l+1} \binom{l+1}{i} a_j c_i \widehat{D}_{l+1-i}(-1|a_1, \dots, a_r, a_j) \right) \\
&+ \sum_{l=0}^{n-m-1} \binom{n-1}{l} S_1(n-l-1, m) \sum_{j=1}^r a_j \widehat{D}_l(-1|a_1, \dots, a_r). \tag{38}
\end{aligned}$$

Proof. We shall compute

$$\left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) (\ln(1+t))^m \middle| x^n \right\rangle$$

in two different ways. On the one hand,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) (\ln(1+t))^m \middle| x^n \right\rangle \\
&= \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \middle| (\ln(1+t))^m x^n \right\rangle \\
&= \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \middle| \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{m!}{(l+m)!} S_1(l+m, m) t^{l+m} x^n \right\rangle \\
&= \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \frac{m!}{(l+m)!} S_1(l+m, m) (n)_{l+m} \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \middle| x^{n-l-m} \right\rangle \\
&= \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} m! \binom{n}{l+m} S_1(l+m, m) D_{n-l-m}(a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
&= \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} m! \binom{n}{l} S_1(n-l, m) D_l(a_1, \dots, a_r).
\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) (\ln(1+t))^m \middle| x^n \right\rangle \\
&= \left\langle \partial_t \left(\prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) (\ln(1+t))^m \right) \middle| x^{n-1} \right\rangle \\
&= \left\langle \left(\partial_t \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \right) (\ln(1+t))^m \middle| x^{n-1} \right\rangle \\
&\quad + \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \partial_t ((\ln(1+t))^m) \middle| x^{n-1} \right\rangle. \tag{39}
\end{aligned}$$

The second term of (39) is equal to

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \partial_t \left((\ln(1+t))^m \right) \middle| x^{n-1} \right\rangle \\
&= m \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) (1+t)^{-1} \middle| (\ln(1+t))^{m-1} x^{n-1} \right\rangle \\
&= m \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) (1+t)^{-1} \middle| \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \frac{(m-1)!}{(l+m-1)!} S_1(l+m-1, m-1) t^{l+m-1} x^{n-1} \right\rangle \\
&= m \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \frac{(m-1)!}{(l+m-1)!} S_1(l+m-1, m-1) (n-1)_{l+m-1} \\
&\quad \times \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) (1+t)^{-1} \middle| x^{n-l-m} \right\rangle \\
&= m! \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \binom{n-1}{l+m-1} S_1(l+m-1, m-1) D_{n-l-m}(-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
&= m! \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \binom{n-1}{l} S_1(n-l-1, m-1) D_l(-1|a_1, \dots, a_r).
\end{aligned}$$

The first term of (39) is equal to

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left\langle \left(\partial_t \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \right) (\ln(1+t))^m \middle| x^{n-1} \right\rangle \\
&= \left\langle \partial_t \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \middle| (\ln(1+t))^m x^{n-1} \right\rangle \\
&= \left\langle \partial_t \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \middle| \sum_{l=0}^{n-m-1} \frac{m!}{(l+m)!} S_1(l+m, m) t^{l+m} x^{n-1} \right\rangle \\
&= \sum_{l=0}^{n-m-1} \frac{m!}{(l+m)!} S_1(l+m, m) (n-1)_{l+m} \left\langle \partial_t \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \middle| x^{n-l-m-1} \right\rangle
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{l=0}^{n-m-1} m! \binom{n-1}{l+m} S_1(l+m, m) \\
&\quad \times \left\langle \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) (1+t)^{-1} \left| \frac{\sum_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{t}{\ln(1+t)} - \frac{a_j t (1+t)^{a_j}}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right)}{t} x^{n-l-m-1} \right. \right\rangle \\
&= m! \sum_{l=0}^{n-m-1} \frac{1}{n-l-m} \binom{n-1}{l+m} S_1(l+m, m) \\
&\quad \times \left\langle \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) (1+t)^{-1} \left| \sum_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{t}{\ln(1+t)} - \frac{a_j t (1+t)^{a_j}}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) x^{n-l-m} \right. \right\rangle \\
&= \frac{m!}{n} \sum_{l=0}^{n-m-1} \binom{n}{l+1} S_1(n-1-l, m) \\
&\quad \times \left(r \left\langle \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) (1+t)^{-1} \left| \frac{t}{\ln(1+t)} x^{l+1} \right. \right\rangle \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \left(\sum_{j=1}^r a_j \right) \left\langle \frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} (1+t)^{a_j-1} \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) \left| \frac{t}{\ln(1+t)} x^{l+1} \right. \right\rangle \right) \\
&= \frac{m!}{n} \sum_{l=0}^{n-m-1} \binom{n}{l+1} S_1(n-l-1, m) \\
&\quad \times \left(r \left\langle \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) (1+t)^{-1} \left| \sum_{i=0}^{l+1} c_i \frac{t^i}{i!} x^{l+1} \right. \right\rangle \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \left(\sum_{j=1}^r a_j \right) \left\langle \frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} (1+t)^{a_j-1} \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) \left| \sum_{i=0}^{l+1} c_i \frac{t^i}{i!} x^{l+1} \right. \right\rangle \right) \\
&= \frac{m!}{n} \sum_{l=0}^{n-m-1} \binom{n}{l+1} S_1(n-l-1, m) \\
&\quad \times \left(r \sum_{i=0}^{l+1} \binom{l+1}{i} c_i D_{l+1-i}(-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \sum_{j=1}^r a_j \sum_{i=0}^{l+1} \binom{l+1}{i} c_i D_{l+1-i}(a_j-1|a_1, \dots, a_r, a_j) \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have, for $n - 1 \geq m \geq 1$,

$$\begin{aligned}
& m! \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \binom{n}{l} S_1(n-l, m) D_l(a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
&= m! \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \binom{n-1}{l} S_1(n-l-1, m-1) D_l(-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
&\quad + \frac{m!}{n} \sum_{l=0}^{n-m-1} \binom{n}{l+1} S_1(n-l-1, m) \\
&\quad \times \left(r \sum_{i=0}^{l+1} \binom{l+1}{i} c_{l+1-i} D_i(-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \sum_{j=1}^r \sum_{i=0}^{l+1} a_j \binom{l+1}{i} c_{l+1-i} D_i(a_j - 1|a_1, \dots, a_r, a_j) \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, we get (37).

Next, we shall compute

$$\left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_j} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) (\ln(1+t))^m \middle| x^n \right\rangle$$

in two different ways. On the one hand,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_j} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) (\ln(1+t))^m \middle| x^n \right\rangle \\
&= \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_j} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \middle| (\ln(1+t))^m x^n \right\rangle \\
&= \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_j} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \middle| \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{m!}{(l+m)!} S_1(l+m, m) t^{l+m} x^n \right\rangle \\
&= \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \frac{m!}{(l+m)!} S_1(l+m, m) (n)_{l+m} \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_j} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \middle| x^{n-l-m} \right\rangle \\
&= \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} m! \binom{n}{l+m} S_1(l+m, m) \widehat{D}_{n-l-m}(a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
&= \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} m! \binom{n}{l} S_1(n-l, m) \widehat{D}_l(a_1, \dots, a_r).
\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_j} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) (\ln(1+t))^m \middle| x^n \right\rangle \\
&= \left\langle \partial_t \left(\prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_j} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) (\ln(1+t))^m \right) \middle| x^{n-1} \right\rangle \\
&= \left\langle \left(\partial_t \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_j} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \right) (\ln(1+t))^m \middle| x^{n-1} \right\rangle \\
&\quad + \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_j} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \partial_t ((\ln(1+t))^m) \middle| x^{n-1} \right\rangle. \tag{40}
\end{aligned}$$

The second term of (40) is equal to

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_j} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \partial_t ((\ln(1+t))^m) \middle| x^{n-1} \right\rangle \\
&= m \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_j} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) (1+t)^{-1} \middle| (\ln(1+t))^{m-1} x^{n-1} \right\rangle \\
&= m \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_j} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) (1+t)^{-1} \middle| \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \frac{(m-1)!}{(l+m-1)!} S_1(l+m-1, m-1) t^{l+m-1} x^{n-1} \right\rangle \\
&= m \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \frac{(m-1)!}{(l+m-1)!} S_1(l+m-1, m-1) (n-1)_{l+m-1} \\
&\quad \times \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_j} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) (1+t)^{-1} \middle| x^{n-l-m} \right\rangle \\
&= m! \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \binom{n-1}{l+m-1} S_1(l+m-1, m-1) \widehat{D}_{n-l-m}(-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
&= m! \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \binom{n-1}{l} S_1(n-l-1, m-1) \widehat{D}_l(-1|a_1, \dots, a_r).
\end{aligned}$$

The first term of (40) is equal to

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left\langle \left(\partial_t \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_j} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \right) (\ln(1+t))^m \Big| x^{n-1} \right\rangle \\
&= \left\langle \partial_t \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_j} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \Big| (\ln(1+t))^m x^{n-1} \right\rangle \\
&= \left\langle \partial_t \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_j} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \Big| \sum_{l=0}^{n-m-1} \frac{m!}{(l+m)!} S_1(l+m, m) t^{l+m} x^{n-1} \right\rangle \\
&= \sum_{l=0}^{n-m-1} \frac{m!}{(l+m)!} S_1(l+m, m) (n-1)_{l+m} \left\langle \partial_t \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_j} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \Big| x^{n-l-m-1} \right\rangle.
\end{aligned}$$

From the proof of (36), we recall

$$\begin{aligned}
\partial_t \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_j} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) &= \frac{1}{1+t} \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_i} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) \frac{\sum_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{t}{\ln(1+t)} - \frac{a_j t (1+t)^{a_j}}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right)}{t} \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{1+t} \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_i} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) \sum_{j=1}^r a_j.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, the first term of (39) is equal to

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{l=0}^{n-m-1} m! \binom{n-1}{l+m} S_1(l+m, m) \\
& \times \left(\left\langle \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_i} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) (1+t)^{-1} \left| \frac{\sum_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{t}{\ln(1+t)} - \frac{a_j t (1+t)^{a_j}}{(1+t)^{a_j-1}} \right)}{t} x^{n-l-m-1} \right. \right\rangle \right. \\
& \left. + \left(\sum_{j=1}^r a_j \right) \left\langle \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_i} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) (1+t)^{-1} \left| x^{n-l-m-1} \right. \right\rangle \right) \\
& = m! \sum_{l=0}^{n-m-1} \binom{n-1}{l} S_1(n-l-1, m) \\
& \times \left(\left\langle \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_i} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) (1+t)^{-1} \left| \frac{\sum_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{t}{\ln(1+t)} - \frac{a_j t (1+t)^{a_j}}{(1+t)^{a_j-1}} \right)}{t} x^l \right. \right\rangle \right. \\
& \left. + \left(\sum_{j=1}^r a_j \right) \left\langle \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_i} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) (1+t)^{-1} \left| x^l \right. \right\rangle \right) \\
& = m! \sum_{l=0}^{n-m-1} \binom{n-1}{l} S_1(n-l-1, m) \\
& \times \left(\frac{1}{l+1} \left\langle \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_i} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) (1+t)^{-1} \left| \sum_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{t}{\ln(1+t)} - \frac{a_j t (1+t)^{a_j}}{(1+t)^{a_j-1}} \right) x^{l+1} \right. \right\rangle \right. \\
& \left. + \left(\sum_{j=1}^r a_j \right) \left\langle \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_i} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) (1+t)^{-1} \left| x^{l+1} \right. \right\rangle \right) \\
& = m! \sum_{l=0}^{n-m-1} \binom{n-1}{l} S_1(n-l-1, m) \\
& \times \left(\frac{r}{l+1} \left\langle \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_i} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) (1+t)^{-1} \left| \frac{t}{\ln(1+t)} x^{l+1} \right. \right\rangle \right. \\
& \left. - \frac{1}{l+1} \left(\sum_{j=1}^r a_j \right) \left\langle \frac{(1+t)^{a_j} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_i} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) (1+t)^{-1} \left| \frac{t}{\ln(1+t)} x^{l+1} \right. \right\rangle \right. \\
& \left. + \left(\sum_{j=1}^r a_j \right) \left\langle \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_i} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) (1+t)^{-1} \left| x^l \right. \right\rangle \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= m! \sum_{l=0}^{n-m-1} \binom{n-1}{l} S_1(n-l-1, m) \\
&\quad \times \left(\frac{r}{l+1} \left\langle \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_i} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) (1+t)^{-1} \middle| \sum_{i=0}^{l+1} c_i \frac{t^i}{i!} x^{l+1} \right\rangle \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \frac{1}{l+1} \left(\sum_{j=1}^r a_j \right) \left\langle \frac{(1+t)^{a_j} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_i} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) (1+t)^{-1} \middle| \sum_{i=0}^{l+1} c_i \frac{t^i}{i!} x^{l+1} \right\rangle \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \left(\sum_{j=1}^r a_j \right) \left\langle \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_i} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) (1+t)^{-1} \middle| x^l \right\rangle \right) \\
&= m! \sum_{l=0}^{n-m-1} \binom{n-1}{l} S_1(n-l-1, m) \\
&\quad \times \left(\frac{r}{l+1} \sum_{i=0}^{l+1} \binom{l+1}{i} c_i \widehat{D}_{l+1-i}(-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \frac{1}{l+1} \sum_{j=1}^r a_j \sum_{i=0}^{l+1} \binom{l+1}{i} c_i \widehat{D}_{l+1-i}(-1|a_1, \dots, a_r, a_j) + \sum_{j=1}^r a_j \widehat{D}_l(-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \right) \\
&= \frac{m!}{n} \sum_{l=0}^{n-m-1} \binom{n}{l+1} S_1(n-l-1, m) \\
&\quad \times \left(r \sum_{i=0}^{l+1} \binom{l+1}{i} c_i \widehat{D}_{l+1-i}(-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \sum_{j=1}^r \sum_{i=0}^{l+1} \binom{l+1}{i} a_j c_i \widehat{D}_{l+1-i}(-1|a_1, \dots, a_r, a_j) \right) \\
&\quad + m! \sum_{l=0}^{n-m-1} \binom{n-1}{l} S_1(n-l-1, m) \sum_{j=1}^r a_j \widehat{D}_l(-1|a_1, \dots, a_r).
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we get (38). ■

3.8 Relations with the falling factorials

Theorem 8

$$D_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) = \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} D_{n-m}(a_1, \dots, a_r)(x)_m, \quad (41)$$

$$\widehat{D}_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) = \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} \widehat{D}_{n-m}(a_1, \dots, a_r)(x)_m. \quad (42)$$

Proof. For (13) and (23), assume that $D_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) = \sum_{m=0}^n C_{n,m}(x)_m$. By (12), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
C_{n,m} &= \frac{1}{m!} \left\langle \frac{1}{\prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{e^{a_j \ln(1+t)} - 1}{\ln(1+t)} \right)} t^m \middle| x^n \right\rangle \\
&= \frac{1}{m!} \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \middle| t^m x^n \right\rangle \\
&= \binom{n}{m} \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \middle| x^{n-m} \right\rangle \\
&= \binom{n}{m} D_{n-m}(a_1, \dots, a_r).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, we get the identity (41).

Similarly, for (13) and (23), assume that $\widehat{D}_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) = \sum_{m=0}^n C_{n,m}(x)_m$. By (12), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
C_{n,m} &= \frac{1}{m!} \left\langle \frac{1}{\prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{e^{a_j \ln(1+t)} - 1}{e^{a_j \ln(1+t)} \ln(1+t)} \right)} t^m \middle| x^n \right\rangle \\
&= \frac{1}{m!} \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_j} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \middle| t^m x^n \right\rangle \\
&= \binom{n}{m} \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_j} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \middle| x^{n-m} \right\rangle \\
&= \binom{n}{m} \widehat{D}_{n-m}(a_1, \dots, a_r).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, we get the identity (42). ■

3.9 Relations with higher-order Frobenius-Euler polynomials

For $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ with $\lambda \neq 1$, the Frobenius-Euler polynomials of order r , $H_n^{(r)}(x|\lambda)$ are defined by the generating function

$$\left(\frac{1-\lambda}{e^t - \lambda} \right)^r e^{xt} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} H_n^{(r)}(x|\lambda) \frac{t^n}{n!}$$

(see e.g. [4, 6]).

Theorem 9

$$D_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) = \sum_{m=0}^n \left(\sum_{j=0}^{n-m} \sum_{l=0}^{n-m-j} \binom{s}{j} \binom{n-j}{l} (n)_j \right. \\ \left. \times (1-\lambda)^{-j} S_1(n-j-l, m) D_l(a_1, \dots, a_r) \right) H_m^{(s)}(x|\lambda), \quad (43)$$

$$\widehat{D}_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) = \sum_{m=0}^n \left(\sum_{j=0}^{n-m} \sum_{l=0}^{n-m-j} \binom{s}{j} \binom{n-j}{l} (n)_j \right. \\ \left. \times (1-\lambda)^{-j} S_1(n-j-l, m) \widehat{D}_l(a_1, \dots, a_r) \right) H_m^{(s)}(x|\lambda). \quad (44)$$

Proof. For (13) and

$$H_n^{(s)}(x|\lambda) \sim \left(\left(\frac{e^t - \lambda}{1 - \lambda} \right)^s, t \right), \quad (45)$$

assume that $D_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) = \sum_{m=0}^n C_{n,m} H_m^{(s)}(x|\lambda)$. By (12), similarly to the proof of (37), we have

$$\begin{aligned} C_{n,m} &= \frac{1}{m!} \left\langle \frac{\left(\frac{e^{\ln(1+t)} - \lambda}{1 - \lambda} \right)^s}{\prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{e^{a_j \ln(1+t)} - 1}{\ln(1+t)} \right)} (\ln(1+t))^m \middle| x^n \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{m!(1-\lambda)^s} \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) (\ln(1+t))^m (1-\lambda+t)^s \middle| x^n \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{m!(1-\lambda)^s} \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) (\ln(1+t))^m \middle| \sum_{i=0}^{\min\{s,n\}} \binom{s}{i} (1-\lambda)^{s-i} t^i x^n \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{m!(1-\lambda)^s} \sum_{i=0}^{n-m} \binom{s}{i} (1-\lambda)^{s-i} (n)_i \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \middle| (\ln(1+t))^m x^{n-i} \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{m!(1-\lambda)^s} \sum_{i=0}^{n-m} \binom{s}{i} (1-\lambda)^{s-i} (n)_i \sum_{l=0}^{n-m-i} m! \binom{n-i}{l} S_1(n-i-l, m) D_l(a_1, \dots, a_r) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-m} \sum_{l=0}^{n-m-i} \binom{s}{i} \binom{n-i}{l} (n)_i (1-\lambda)^{-i} S_1(n-i-l, m) D_l(a_1, \dots, a_r). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we get the identity (43).

Next, for (14) and (45), assume that $\widehat{D}_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) = \sum_{m=0}^n C_{n,m} H_m^{(s)}(x|\lambda)$. By (12),

similarly to the proof of (38), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
C_{n,m} &= \frac{1}{m!} \left\langle \frac{\left(\frac{e^{\ln(1+t)} - \lambda}{1-\lambda}\right)^s}{\prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{e^{a_j \ln(1+t)} - 1}{e^{a_j \ln(1+t)} \ln(1+t)}\right)} (\ln(1+t))^m \middle| x^n \right\rangle \\
&= \frac{1}{m!(1-\lambda)^s} \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_j} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1}\right) (\ln(1+t))^m \middle| (1-\lambda+t)^s x^n \right\rangle \\
&= \frac{1}{m!(1-\lambda)^s} \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_j} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1}\right) (\ln(1+t))^m \middle| \sum_{i=0}^{\min\{s,n\}} \binom{s}{i} (1-\lambda)^{s-i} t^i x^n \right\rangle \\
&= \frac{1}{m!(1-\lambda)^s} \sum_{i=0}^{n-m} \binom{s}{i} (1-\lambda)^{s-i} (n)_i \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_j} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1}\right) \middle| (\ln(1+t))^m x^{n-i} \right\rangle \\
&= \frac{1}{m!(1-\lambda)^s} \sum_{i=0}^{n-m} \binom{s}{i} (1-\lambda)^{s-i} (n)_i \sum_{l=0}^{n-m-i} m! \binom{n-i}{l} S_1(n-i-l, m) \widehat{D}_l(a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
&= \sum_{i=0}^{n-m} \sum_{l=0}^{n-m-i} \binom{s}{i} \binom{n-i}{l} (n)_i (1-\lambda)^{-i} S_1(n-i-l, m) \widehat{D}_l(a_1, \dots, a_r).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, we get the identity (44). ■

3.10 Relations with higher-order Bernoulli polynomials

Bernoulli polynomials $\mathfrak{B}_n^{(r)}(x)$ of order r are defined by

$$\left(\frac{t}{e^t - 1}\right)^r e^{xt} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\mathfrak{B}_n^{(r)}(x)}{n!} t^n$$

(see e.g. [14, Section 2.2]). In addition, Cauchy numbers of the first kind $\mathfrak{C}_n^{(r)}$ of order r are defined by

$$\left(\frac{t}{\ln(1+t)}\right)^r = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\mathfrak{C}_n^{(r)}}{n!} t^n$$

(see e.g. [2, (2.1)], [11, (6)]).

Theorem 10

$$\begin{aligned}
&D_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
&= \sum_{m=0}^n \left(\sum_{i=0}^{n-m} \sum_{l=0}^{n-m-i} \binom{n}{i} \binom{n-i}{l} \mathfrak{C}_i^{(s)} S_1(n-i-l, m) D_l(a_1, \dots, a_r) \right) \mathfrak{B}_m^{(s)}(x), \quad (46)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\widehat{D}_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
&= \sum_{m=0}^n \left(\sum_{i=0}^{n-m} \sum_{l=0}^{n-m-i} \binom{n}{i} \binom{n-i}{l} \mathfrak{C}_i^{(s)} S_1(n-i-l, m) \widehat{D}_l(a_1, \dots, a_r) \right) \mathfrak{B}_m^{(s)}(x). \quad (47)
\end{aligned}$$

Proof. For (13) and

$$\mathfrak{B}_n^{(s)}(x) \sim \left(\left(\frac{e^t - 1}{t} \right)^s, t \right), \quad (48)$$

assume that $D_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) = \sum_{m=0}^n C_{n,m} \mathfrak{B}_m^{(s)}(x)$. By (12), similarly to the proof of (37), we have

$$\begin{aligned} C_{n,m} &= \frac{1}{m!} \left\langle \frac{\left(\frac{e^{\ln(1+t)} - 1}{\ln(1+t)} \right)^s}{\prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{e^{a_j \ln(1+t)} - 1}{\ln(1+t)} \right)} (\ln(1+t))^m \middle| x^n \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{m!} \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) (\ln(1+t))^m \middle| \left(\frac{t}{\ln(1+t)} \right)^s x^n \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{m!} \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) (\ln(1+t))^m \middle| \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \mathfrak{e}_i^{(s)} \frac{t^i}{i!} x^n \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{m!} \sum_{i=0}^{n-m} \mathfrak{e}_i^{(s)} \binom{n}{i} \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) (\ln(1+t))^m \middle| x^{n-i} \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{m!} \sum_{i=0}^{n-m} \mathfrak{e}_i^{(s)} \binom{n}{i} \sum_{l=0}^{n-m-i} m! \binom{n-i}{l} S_1(n-i-l, m) D_l(a_1, \dots, a_r) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-m} \sum_{l=0}^{n-m-i} \binom{n}{i} \binom{n-i}{l} \mathfrak{e}_i^{(s)} S_1(n-i-l, m) D_l(a_1, \dots, a_r). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we get the identity (46).

Next, for (13) and (48), assume that $\widehat{D}_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) = \sum_{m=0}^n C_{n,m} \mathfrak{B}_m^{(s)}(x)$. By (12),

similarly to the proof of (38), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
C_{n,m} &= \frac{1}{m!} \left\langle \frac{\left(\frac{e^{\ln(1+t)}-1}{\ln(1+t)}\right)^s}{\prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{e^{a_j \ln(1+t)}-1}{e^{a_j \ln(1+t)} \ln(1+t)}\right)} (\ln(1+t))^m \middle| x^n \right\rangle \\
&= \frac{1}{m!} \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_j} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1}\right) (\ln(1+t))^m \middle| \left(\frac{t}{\ln(1+t)}\right)^s x^n \right\rangle \\
&= \frac{1}{m!} \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_j} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1}\right) (\ln(1+t))^m \middle| \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \mathfrak{e}_i^{(s)} \frac{t^i}{i!} x^n \right\rangle \\
&= \frac{1}{m!} \sum_{i=0}^{n-m} \mathfrak{e}_i^{(s)} \binom{n}{i} \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{(1+t)^{a_j} \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1}\right) (\ln(1+t))^m \middle| x^{n-i} \right\rangle \\
&= \frac{1}{m!} \sum_{i=0}^{n-m} \mathfrak{e}_i^{(s)} \binom{n}{i} \sum_{l=0}^{n-m-i} m! \binom{n-i}{l} S_1(n-i-l, m) \widehat{D}_l(a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
&= \sum_{i=0}^{n-m} \sum_{l=0}^{n-m-i} \binom{n}{i} \binom{n-i}{l} \mathfrak{e}_i^{(s)} S_1(n-i-l, m) \widehat{D}_l(a_1, \dots, a_r).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, we get the identity (47). ■

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