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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we study some properties of associated sequences in umbral calculus. From these properties, we derive new and interesting identities of several kinds of polynomials.

#### 1. Introduction

We recall that the Bernoulli polynomials are defined by the generating function to be

$$\frac{t}{e^t - 1}e^{xt} = e^{B(x)t} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n(x)\frac{t^n}{n!}, \quad (see[7, 8]),$$

with the usual convention about replacing  $B^n(x)$  by  $B_n(x)$ .

In the special case, x = 0,  $B_n(0) = B_n$  are called the *n*-th Bernoulli numbers (see[1-14]).

For  $r \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ , the higher order Bernoulli polynomials are also defined by the generating function to be

$$\left(\frac{t}{e^t - 1}\right)^r e^{xt} = \underbrace{\left(\frac{t}{e^t - 1}\right) \dots \left(\frac{t}{e^t - 1}\right)}_{r - times} e^{xt} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n^{(r)}(x) \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$

In the special case, x = 0,  $B_n^{(r)}(0) = B_n^{(r)}$  are called the *n*-th Bernoulli numbers of order r (see [5,6]). From the definition of Bernoulli numbers, we note that

$$B_0 = 1$$
,  $(B+1)^n - B_n = \delta_{1,n}$ ,  $(see[7, 8, 10])$ ,

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

As is well Known, the Euler and higher-order Euler polynomials are also defined by the generating functions as follows:

$$\frac{2}{e^t + 1}e^{xt} = e^{E(x)t} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n(x)\frac{t^n}{n!},$$

and

$$\left(\frac{2}{e^t+1}\right)^r e^{xt} = \underbrace{\left(\frac{2}{e^t+1}\right) \dots \left(\frac{2}{e^t+1}\right)}_{r-times} e^{xt} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n^{(r)}(x) \frac{t^n}{n!},$$

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with the usual convention about replacing  $(E^{(r)}(x))^n$  by  $E_n^{(r)}(x)$  (see[3, 4, 5, 6]). Let  $\mathbb{C}$  be the complex number field and let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the set of all formal power series in the variable t over  $\mathbb{C}$  with

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

Let  $\mathbb{P} = \mathbb{C}[t]$  and let  $\mathbb{P}^*$  be the vector space of all linear functional on  $\mathbb{P}$ . Now, we use the notation  $< L \mid p(x) >$  to denote the action of a linear functional L on a polynomial p(x) (see[4,11]).

The formal power series

$$f(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_k}{k!} t^k \in \mathcal{F}, \quad (see[4,11]),$$

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

$$\langle f(t) \mid x^n \rangle = a_n$$
, for all  $n \ge 0$ , (see[4,11]).

Thus, we have

$$\langle t^k \mid x^n \rangle = n! \delta_{n,k}, \quad (see[4]).$$

Let  $f_L(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\langle L \mid x^k \rangle}{k!} t^k$ . Then, we note that  $\langle f_L(t) \mid x^n \rangle = \langle L \mid x^n \rangle$  and so as linear functionals  $L = f_L(t)$ . It is known in [11] that the map  $L \mapsto f_L(t)$  is a vector space isomorphism from  $\mathbb{P}^*$  on to  $\mathcal{F}$ . Henceforth,  $\mathcal{F}$  will denote both the algebra of formal power series in t and the vector space of all linear functionals on  $\mathbb{P}$  and so an element f(t) of  $\mathcal{F}$  will be thought of as both a formal power series and a linear functional. We shall call  $\mathcal{F}$  the umbral algebra. The umbral calculus is the study of umbral algebra and modern classical umbral calculus can be described as a systematic study of the class of Sheffer sequences (see[11]). The order O(f(t)) of the power series  $f(t) \neq 0$  is the smallest integer k for which  $a_k$  does not vanish. The series f(t) has a multiplicative inverse, denoted by  $f(t)^{-1}$  or  $\frac{1}{f(t)}$  if and only if O(f(t)) = 0. Such a series is called invertible series. A series f(t) for which f(t) = 1 is called a delta series (f(t) = 1). Let  $f(t), f(t) \in \mathcal{F}$ . Then, we see that

$$< f(t)g(t) \mid p(x) > = < f(t) \mid g(t)p(x) > = < g(t) \mid f(t)p(x) >, \quad (see[11]).$$

In [11], we note that for all f(t) in  $\mathcal{F}$ 

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

and for all polynomials p(x)

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

Thus, we get

$$p^{(k)}(x) = \frac{d^k p(x)}{dx^k} = \sum_{l=k}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(l-k)!} < t^l \mid p(x) > x^{l-k},$$

and

$$p^{(k)}(0) = \langle t^k \mid p(x) \rangle$$
 and  $\langle 1 \mid p^{(k)}(x) \rangle = p^{(k)}(0)$ .

From this, we have  $t^k p(x) = p^{(k)}(x) = \frac{d^k p(x)}{dx^k}$ ,  $(k \ge 0)$ . It is not difficult to show that  $e^{yt}p(x) = p(x+y)$  (see[4,11]). Let  $S_n(x)$  be a polynomial with deg  $S_n(x) = n$ , f(t) a delta series and let g(t) be an invertible series. Then there exists a unique sequence  $S_n(x)$  of polynomials with  $\langle g(t)f(t)^k \mid S_n(x) \rangle = n!\delta_{n,k}, (n,k \ge 0)$ . The sequence  $S_n(x)$  is called the Sheffer sequence for (g(t),f(t)), which is denoted by  $S_n(x) \sim (g(t),f(t))$ . If  $S_n(x) \sim (1,f(t))$ , then  $S_n(x)$  is called the associated sequences for f(t), or  $S_n(x)$  is associated to f(t). If  $S_n(x) \sim (g(t),t)$ , then  $S_n(x)$  is called the Appell sequence for g(t) or  $S_n(x)$  is Applell for g(t) (see[4,11]). For  $p(x) \in \mathbb{P}$ , we have  $\langle e^{yt-1} \mid p(x) \rangle = \int_0^y p(u)du$  (see[4,11])

In this paper, we study some properties of associated sequences in umbral algebra. From these properties, we derive new and interesting identities of several kinds of polynomials.

## 2. Some identities of polynomials arising from umbral calculus

Let  $p_n(x) \sim (1, f(t))$  and  $q_n(x) \sim (1, g(t))$ . Then, for  $n \geq 1$ , we have

(1) 
$$q_n(x) = x \left(\frac{f(t)}{g(t)}\right)^n x^{-1} p_n(x), \quad (see[11]).$$

Let us take  $p_n(x) = (x)_n$  and  $q_n(x) = x^n$ . Then we see that  $(x)_n \sim (1, e^t - 1)$  and  $x^n \sim (1, t)$ .

It is easy to show that

(2) 
$$\left(\frac{e^t - 1}{t}\right)^n = \underbrace{\left(\frac{e^t - 1}{t}\right) \dots \left(\frac{e^t - 1}{t}\right)}_{n - times} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{(l+n)!} S_2(l+n,n) t^l,$$

where  $S_2(n,k)$  is the stirling number of the second kind. For  $n \geq 1$ , by (1), we get

(3) 
$$x^{n} = x \left(\frac{e^{t} - 1}{t}\right)^{n} x^{-1}(x)_{n}$$
$$= x \left(\frac{e^{t} - 1}{t}\right)^{n} (x - 1)_{n-1}$$
$$= x \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{(l+n)!} S_{2}(l+n,n) t^{l} (x-1)_{n-1},$$

where  $(x)_n = x(x-1)...(x-n+1)$ .

The stirling number of the first kind is defined by

(4) 
$$(x)_n = \sum_{l=0}^n S_1(n,l)x^l, \quad (see[6,11]).$$

By (3) and (4), we get

(5)

$$(x+1)^n = \sum_{l=0}^n \frac{(n+1)!}{(l+n+1)!} S_2(l+n+1,n+1) \sum_{m=0}^{n-l} S_1(n,l+m) x^m (l+m)_l$$
$$= \sum_{m=0}^n \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \frac{\binom{l+m}{l}}{\binom{l+n+1}{l}} S_2(l+n+1,n+1) S_1(n,l+m) x^m,$$

and

$$(6) (x+1)^m = \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} x^m.$$

Therefore, by (5) and (6), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 1**. For  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}_+ = \mathbb{N} \bigcup \{0\}$  with  $n \geq m \geq 0$ , we have

$$\binom{n}{m} = \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \frac{\binom{l+m}{l}}{\binom{l+n+1}{l}} S_2(l+n+1,n+1) S_1(n,l+m).$$

It is known that

(7) 
$$x^n \sim (1,t), \quad (x)_n \sim (1,e^t-1), \quad (see[11]).$$

By (1) and (7), we get

(8) 
$$(x)^{n} = x \left(\frac{t}{e^{t} - 1}\right)^{n} x^{-1} x^{n}$$

$$= x \left(\frac{t}{e^{t} - 1}\right)^{n} x^{n-1} = x B_{n-1}^{(n)}(x).$$

Thus, by (8), we have

(9) 
$$B_{n-1}^{(n)}(x) = (x-1)_{n-1}, (n \in \mathbb{N}).$$

Therefore, by(9), we obtain the following lemma.

**Lemma 2** . For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  , we have

$$B_n^{(n+1)}(x+1) = (x)_n.$$

Note that

(10) 
$$\sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{e^{t}-1}{t}\right) B_{l}^{(n+1)}(x) \frac{t^{l}}{l!} = \left(\frac{e^{t}-1}{t}\right) \left(\frac{t}{e^{t}-1}\right)^{n+1} e^{xt}$$
$$= \left(\frac{t}{e^{t}-1}\right)^{n} e^{xt}$$
$$= \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} B_{l}^{(n)}(x) \frac{t^{l}}{l!}.$$

By comparing the coefficients on the both sides of (10), we get

(11) 
$$\left(\frac{e^t - 1}{t}\right) B_l^{(n+1)}(x) = B_l^{(n)}(x), \quad (l \ge 0).$$

From (11), we have

(12) 
$$\left(\frac{e^t - 1}{t}\right) B_n^{(n+1)}(x) = B_n^{(n)}(x), \quad (n \ge 0).$$

By Lemma 2, (11) and (12), we get

(13) 
$$B_n^{(n)}(x+1) = \left(\frac{e^t - 1}{t}\right) B_n^{(n+1)}(x+1)$$
$$= \left(\frac{e^t - 1}{t}\right) (x)_n$$
$$= \int_{x}^{x+1} (u)_n du.$$

From (4) and (13), we have

(14) 
$$\int_{x}^{x+1} (u)_{n} du = \sum_{l=0}^{n} S_{1}(n, l) \int_{x-1}^{x} u^{l} du$$
$$= \sum_{l=0}^{n} \frac{S_{1}(n, l)}{l+1} (x^{l+1} - (x-1)^{l+1}).$$

Therefore, by (13) and (14), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 3**. For  $n \ge 1$ , we have

$$B_n^{(n)}(x+1) = \sum_{l=0}^n S_1(n,l) \frac{1}{l+1} (x^{l+1} - (x-1)^{l+1}).$$

For  $a \neq 0$ , Abel sequence is defined by  $A_n(x; a) = x(x - an)^{n-1}$ . In [11], we note that  $A_n(x; a) \sim (1, te^{at})$ .

Let us consider the following associated sequences:

(15) 
$$A_n(x;a) = x(x-an)^{n-1} \sim (1, te^{at}), \quad a \neq 0,$$
$$(\frac{x}{b})_n \sim (1, e^{bt} - 1), \quad (b \neq 0).$$

For  $n \ge 1$ , by(1), we get

(16) 
$$(\frac{x}{b})_n = x \left(\frac{te^{at}}{e^{bt} - 1}\right)^n x^{-1} A_n(x; a)$$

$$= \frac{x}{b^n} \left(\frac{bt}{e^{bt} - 1}\right)^n e^{ant} (x - an)^{n-1},$$

where

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(17) 
$$\left(\frac{bt}{e^{bt}-1}\right)^n e^{ant} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b^k B_k^{(n)} \left(\frac{an}{b}\right) \frac{t^k}{k!}.$$

From (16) and (17), we have

$$(18) \qquad (\frac{x}{b})_n = \frac{x}{b^n} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b^k B_k^{(n)} \left( \frac{an}{b} \right) \frac{t^k}{k!} \right) (x - an)^{n-1}$$

$$= x \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} b^{k-n} B_k^{(n)} \left( \frac{an}{b} \right) \frac{(n-1)_k}{k!} (x - an)^{n-1-k}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} b^{k-n} B_k^{(n)} \left( \frac{an}{b} \right) \binom{n-1}{k} x (x - an)^{n-1-k}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{k} b^{k-n} B_k^{(n)} \left( \frac{an}{b} \right) A_{n-k} (x - ak; a).$$

On the other hand, by (16), we get

$$(19) \qquad (\frac{x}{b})_n = \left(\frac{1}{b}\right)^n x \left(\frac{bt}{e^{bt} - 1}\right)^n e^{ant} (x - an)^{n-1}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{b}\right)^n x \left(\frac{bt}{e^{bt} - 1}\right)^n x^{n-1}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{b}\right)^n x \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \frac{B_l^{(n)}}{l!} b^l (n-1)_l x^{n-l-1}$$

$$= \frac{x}{b} \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{l} \left(\frac{1}{b}\right)^{n-l-1} x^{n-l-1} B_l^{(n)}$$

$$= \frac{x}{b} B_{n-1}^{(n)} (\frac{x}{b}).$$

Therefore, by (18) and (19), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 4**. For  $n \geq 1$ , we have

$$(\frac{x}{b})_n = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} {n-1 \choose k} b^{k-n} B_k^{(n)} \left(\frac{an}{b}\right) A_{n-k}(x - ak; a)$$

$$= \frac{x}{b} B_{n-1}^{(n)} (\frac{x}{b}).$$

Moreover,

$$xB_{n-1}^{(n)}(\frac{x}{b}) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} {n-1 \choose k} b^{k-n+1} B_k^{(n)} \left(\frac{an}{b}\right) A_{n-k}(x-ak;a).$$

**Remark** . For  $b = 1, n \ge 1$ , we have

$$(x)_n = xB_{n-1}^{(n)}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} {n-1 \choose k} B_k^{(n)}(an) A_{n-k}(x-ak;a).$$

Let  $\phi_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n S_2(n,k) x^k$  be exponential polynomial. Then, we note that

(20) 
$$\phi_n(x) \sim (1, \log(1+t)), \quad x^n \sim (1, t).$$

It is well known that

(21) 
$$\left(\frac{\log(1+t)}{t}\right)^n = n \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{B_k^{(n+k)}}{n+k} \frac{t^k}{k!}, (see[5,6]).$$

By (1) and (20), we get

$$(22) x^{n} = x \left(\frac{\log(1+t)}{t}\right)^{n} x^{-1} \phi_{n}(x)$$

$$= x \left\{n \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{B_{k}^{(n+k)}}{k+n} \frac{t^{k}}{k!} \right\} x^{-1} \phi_{n}(x)$$

$$= n \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \sum_{l=k+1}^{n} \frac{\binom{l-1}{k}}{n+k} B_{k}^{(n+k)} S_{2}(n,l) x^{l-k}$$

$$= n \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \sum_{m=1}^{n-k} \frac{\binom{k+m-1}{k}}{n+k} B_{k}^{(n+k)} S_{2}(n,k+m) x^{m}$$

$$= n \sum_{m=1}^{n} \left\{\sum_{k=0}^{n-m} \frac{\binom{k+m-1}{k}}{n+k} B_{k}^{(n+k)} S_{2}(n,k+m) \right\} x^{m}.$$

Thus, by (22), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 5**. For  $n \ge 1$  with  $1 \le m \le n$ , we have

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-m} \frac{n\binom{k+m-1}{k}}{n+k} B_k^{(n+k)} S_2(n,k+m) = \delta_{m,n}.$$

Let  $M_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (n-1)_{n-k} 2^k(x)_k$  be Mittag-Leffler polynomials with  $M_n(x) \sim (1, \frac{e^t-1}{e^t+1})$ . Then, let us consider the following associated sequence:

(23) 
$$M_n(x) \sim (1, \frac{e^t - 1}{e^t + 1}), \quad (x)_n \sim (1, e^t - 1).$$

For  $n \ge 1$ , by (1) and (23), we get

$$(24) \quad (x)_{n} = x \left(\frac{1}{e^{t}+1}\right)^{n} x^{-1} M_{n}(x)$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} (n-1)_{n-k} 2^{k} x \left(\frac{1}{e^{t}+1}\right)^{n} (x-1)_{k-1}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{n} \sum_{l=0}^{k-1} \binom{n}{k} (n-1)_{n-k} 2^{k} S_{1}(k-1,l) \frac{1}{2^{n}} x \left(\frac{2}{e^{t}+1}\right)^{n} (x-1)^{l}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{n} \sum_{l=0}^{k-1} \binom{n}{k} (n-1)_{n-k} 2^{k-n} S_{1}(k-1,l) x E_{l}^{(n)}(x-1).$$

Thus, by (24), we obtain the following proposition.

**Proposition 6** . For  $n \ge 1$  , we have

$$(x)_n = \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{l=0}^{k-1} \binom{n}{k} (n-1)_{n-k} 2^{k-n} S_1(k-1,l) x E_l^{(n)}(x-1).$$

For  $n \geq 1$ , by (1) and (23), we get

(25) 
$$M_n(x) = x(e^t + 1)^n x^{-1}(x)_n = x(e^t + 1)^n (x - 1)_{n-1}$$
$$= x \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} e^{kt} (x - 1)_{n-1} = x \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (x + k - 1)_{n-1}.$$

The equation (25) is different from the expression

$$M_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} (n-1)_{n-k} 2^k (x)_k.$$

Therefore, by (25), we obtain the following corollary.

Corollary 7. For  $n \ge 1$ , we have

$$M_n(x) = x \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (x+k-1)_{n-1}.$$

Let  $L_n^{(\alpha)}(x)$  be the Laguerre polynomials of order  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then we note that  $L_n^{(\alpha)}(x) \sim ((1-t)^{-\alpha-1}, \frac{t}{t-1})$ . Especially,  $L_n(x) \sim (1, \frac{t}{t-1})$ . By the

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definition of associated sequences, we see that

(26) 
$$\langle \left(\frac{t}{t-1}\right)^n | L_n(x) \rangle = n! \delta_{n,k}, \quad (n,k \ge 0).$$

From (26), we have

$$(27) \qquad \qquad <\left(\frac{t}{t+1}\right)^n | \quad L_n(-x)>=n!\delta_{n,k}.$$

Thus, by (27), we get

(28) 
$$L_n(-x) \sim (1, \frac{t}{t+1}).$$

As it is shown in Roman [11], one can find an explicit expression for  $L_n(x)$  by using the transfer formula

$$L_n(-x) = \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n-1}{k-1} \frac{n!}{k!} x^k, \quad (n \ge 1), (see[11]).$$

It is well known that

(29) 
$$\frac{t}{(1+t)\log(1+t)} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} B_k^{(k)} \frac{t^k}{k!}, (see[5,6]).$$

Thus, by (29), we get

(30) 
$$\left(\frac{t}{(1+t)\log(1+t)}\right)^n = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{l_1+\ldots+l_n=k} {k \choose l_1,\ldots,l_n} B_{l_1}^{(l_1)} \ldots B_{l_n}^{(l_n)} \right) \frac{t^k}{k!}.$$

From (1),(20) and (28), we have

(31) 
$$\phi_n(x) = x \left(\frac{t}{(1+t)\log(1+t)}\right)^n x^{-1} L_n(-x)$$
$$= x \left(\frac{t}{(1+t)\log(1+t)}\right)^n x^{-1} \sum_{m=1}^n \binom{n-1}{m-1} \frac{n!}{m!} x^m.$$

By (30) and (31), we get

(32)

$$\begin{split} &\phi_n(x) \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^n \binom{n-1}{m-1} \frac{n!}{m!} x \{ \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \sum_{l_1 + \ldots + l_n = k} \binom{k}{l_1, \ldots, l_n} B_{l_1}^{(l_1)} \ldots B_{l_n}^{(l_n)} \} \frac{t^k}{k!} x^{m-1} \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^n \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \sum_{l_1 + \ldots + l_n = k} \binom{n-1}{m-1} \binom{m-1}{k} \frac{n!}{m!} \binom{k}{l_1, \ldots, l_n} B_{l_1}^{(l_1)} \ldots B_{l_n}^{(l_n)} x^{m-k} \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^n \{ \sum_{l=1}^m \sum_{l_1 + \ldots + l_n = m-l} \binom{n-1}{m-1} \binom{m-1}{l-1} \frac{n!}{m!} \binom{m-l}{l_1, \ldots, l_n} B_{l_1}^{(l_1)} \ldots B_{l_n}^{(l_n)} \} x^l. \end{split}$$

From (20), we have

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(33) 
$$\phi_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n S_2(n,k) x^k = \sum_{k=1}^n S_2(n,k) x^k, \quad (n \ge 1).$$

Therefore, by (32) and (33), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 8** . For  $n \ge 1$  with  $1 \le l \le n$ , we have

$$S_2(n,l)$$

$$=\sum_{l\leq m\leq n}\sum_{l_1+\ldots+l_n=m-l}\binom{n-1}{m-1}\binom{m-1}{l-1}\frac{n!}{m!}\binom{m-l}{l_1,\ldots,l_n}B_{l_1}^{(l_1)}\ldots B_{l_n}^{(l_n)}.$$

It is well known in [5,6] that

(34) 
$$\frac{(e^t - 1)^n}{e^{tx}t^n} = (n!)^2 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{j=0}^k (-1)^{k-j} \frac{\binom{k}{j} S_2(j+n,n)}{\binom{j+n}{j}} x^{k-j} \right) \frac{t^k}{k!}.$$

From (35), we have

(35)

$$\left(\frac{e^{bt}-1}{te^{at}}\right)^n = (n!)^2 b^n \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{j=0}^k (-1)^{k-j} \frac{\binom{k}{j} S_2(j+n,n)}{\binom{j+n}{j}} (an)^{k-j} b^j\right) \frac{t^k}{k!},$$

where  $a, b \neq 0$ .

By (1) and (15), we get

(36)

$$A_n(x;a) = x \left(\frac{e^{bt} - 1}{te^{at}}\right)^n x^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{b}\right)_n$$

$$= x \left(\frac{e^{bt} - 1}{te^{at}}\right)^n \frac{1}{b} \left(\frac{x}{b} - 1\right)_{n-1}$$

$$= (n!)^2 b^{n-1} x \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left(\sum_{j=0}^k (-an)^{k-j} b^j \frac{\binom{k}{j} S_2(j+n,n)}{\binom{j+n}{j}}\right) \frac{t^k}{k!} \left(\frac{x}{b} - 1\right)_{n-1},$$

where

(37) 
$$t^{k} \left(\frac{x}{b} - 1\right)_{n-1} = \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} S_{1}(n-1,l) t^{k} \left(\frac{x}{b} - 1\right)^{l}$$
$$= \sum_{l=k}^{n-1} S_{1}(n-1,l) \left(\frac{1}{b}\right)^{k} (l)_{k} \left(\frac{x}{b} - 1\right)^{l-k}.$$

From (36) and (37), we have

(38)

$$A_n(x;a) = x(x-an)^{n-1}$$

$$= (n!)^2 b^{n-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left( \sum_{j=0}^k \sum_{l=k}^{n-1} \left( -\frac{an}{b} \right)^{k-j} \frac{\binom{k}{j} \binom{l}{k} S_2(j+n,n) S_1(n-1,l)}{\binom{j+n}{j}} \right) x \left( \frac{x}{b} - 1 \right)^{l-k}.$$

Therefore, by (39), we obtain the following lemma.

**Lemma 9** . For  $n \ge 1$ , we have

 $A_n(x;a)$ 

$$= (n!)^2 b^{n-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left( \sum_{j=0}^k \sum_{l=k}^{n-1} \left( -\frac{an}{b} \right)^{k-j} \frac{\binom{k}{j} \binom{l}{k} S_2(j+n,n) S_1(n-1,l)}{\binom{j+n}{j}} \right) x \left( \frac{x}{b} - 1 \right)^{l-k}.$$

**Remark.** Let b = 1. Then we have

$$A_n(x;a) = x(x - an)^{n-1}$$

$$= (n!)^2 \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left( \sum_{j=0}^k \sum_{l=k}^{n-1} (-an)^{k-j} \frac{\binom{k}{j} \binom{l}{k} S_2(j+n,n) S_1(n-1,l)}{\binom{j+n}{j}} \right) x(x-1)^{l-k}.$$

It is well known in [5,6] that

(39) 
$$\frac{(1+t)^{x-1}t^n}{(\log(1+t))^n} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} B_k^{(k-n+1)}(x) \frac{t^k}{k!}.$$

From (39), we have

(40) 
$$\left(\frac{t(1+t)^a}{\log(1+t)}\right)^n = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} B_k^{(k-n+1)} (an+1) \frac{t^k}{k!}.$$

Let us consider the following associated sequences:

(41) 
$$S_n(x) \sim (1, t(t+1)^a), (a \neq 0), \quad x^n \sim (1, t).$$

Then, for  $n \geq 1$ , by (1) and (41), we get

(42) 
$$S_n(x) = x \left(\frac{t}{t(1+t)^a}\right)^n x^{-1} x^n$$
$$= x(1+t)^{-an} x^{n-1}$$
$$= x \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} {\binom{-an}{k}} (n-1)_k x^{n-1-k}$$
$$= \sum_{k=1}^n {\binom{-an}{n-k}} (n-1)_{n-k} x^k.$$

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Therefore, by (42), we obtain the following proposition.

**Proposition 10**. For  $n \ge 1$ , let  $S_n(x) \sim (1, t(1+t)^a)$ ,  $(a \ne 0)$ . Then, we have

$$S_n(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n {\binom{-an}{n-k}} (n-1)_{n-k} x^k.$$

By (1), (20) and (41), we get

(43) 
$$\phi_n(x) = x \left(\frac{t(1+t)^a}{\log(1+t)}\right)^n x^{-1} S_n(x)$$
$$= x \left(\frac{t(1+t)^a}{\log(1+t)}\right)^n \sum_{l=1}^n {\binom{-an}{n-l}} (n-1)_{n-l} x^{l-1}.$$

From (40) and (43), we get (44)

$$\begin{split} \phi_n(x) &= \sum_{l=1}^n \binom{-an}{n-l} (n-1)_{n-l} x \left( \frac{t(1+t)^a}{\log(1+t)} \right)^n x^{l-1} \\ &= \sum_{l=1}^n \binom{-an}{n-l} (n-1)_{n-l} \sum_{k=0}^{l-1} B_k^{(k-n+1)} (an+1) \frac{1}{k!} x t^k x^{l-1} \\ &= \sum_{l=1}^n \sum_{k=0}^{l-1} \binom{-an}{n-l} (n-1)_{n-l} \binom{l-1}{k} B_k^{(k-n+1)} (an+1) x^{l-k} \\ &= \sum_{l=1}^n \sum_{m=1}^l \binom{-an}{n-l} (n-1)_{n-l} \binom{l-1}{m-1} B_{l-m}^{(l-n-m+1)} (an+1) x^m \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^n \{ \sum_{l=1}^n \binom{-an}{n-l} (n-1)_{n-l} \binom{l-1}{m-1} B_{l-m}^{(l-n-m+1)} (an+1) \} x^m. \end{split}$$

Therefore, by (20) and (44), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 11** . For  $n \ge 1$  and  $m \ge 0$ , we have

$$S_2(n,m) = \sum_{m \le l \le n} {\binom{-an}{n-l}} (n-1)_{n-l} {\binom{l-1}{m-1}} B_{l-m}^{(l-m-n+1)}(an+1).$$

Let us consider the following associated sequences:

(45) 
$$S_n^*(x) \sim (1, \frac{t(e^t + 1)}{2}), \quad x^n \sim (1, t)$$

Then, by (1) and (45), we get

(46) 
$$S_n^*(x) = x \left(\frac{2}{e^t + 1}\right)^n x^{n-1} = x E_{n-1}^{(n)}(x).$$

For  $n \ge 1$ , by (1), (15) and (46), we get

(47) 
$$xE_{n-1}^{(n)}(x) = x \left(\frac{2}{e^t + 1}\right)^n e^{ant} (x - an)^{n-1}$$

$$= x \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{E_k^{(n)}(an)}{k!} t^k (x - an)^{n-1}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{k} E_k^{(n)}(an) x (x - an)^{n-1-k}.$$

Therefore, by (47), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 12**. For  $n \ge 1$ , we have

$$xE_{n-1}^{(n)}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n-1}{k} E_k^{(n)}(an) A_{n-k}(x - ak; a).$$

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