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Frobenius-Euler polynomials and umbral calculus in the p -adic case

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Abstract

In this paper, we study some p -adic Frobenius-Euler measure related to umbral calculus in the p -adic case. Finally, we derive some identities of Frobenius-Euler polynomials from our study.

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1 Introduction

Let p be a fixed prime number. Throughout this paper \mathbb{Z}_p , \mathbb{Q}_p and \mathbb{C}_p will denote the ring of p -adic integers, the field of p -adic rational numbers and the completion of algebraic closure of \mathbb{Q}_p , respectively.

For $f \in \mathbb{N}$ with $(f, p) = 1$, let

$$X = \varprojlim_{\mathbb{N}} \mathbb{Z}/f p^N \mathbb{Z};$$
$$a + f p^N \mathbb{Z}_p = \{x \in X \mid x \equiv a \pmod{f p^N}\}, \quad 0 \leq a \leq f p^N - 1,$$
$$X^* = \bigcup_{0 < a < f p^N, (a, p) = 1} (a + f p^N \mathbb{Z}_p), \quad N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ (see [1-7]).}$$

Note that the natural map $\mathbb{Z}/f p^N \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/p^N \mathbb{Z}$ induces

$$\pi : X \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p.$$

If g is a function on \mathbb{Z}_p , we denote by the same g the function $g \circ \pi$ on X . Namely, we can consider g as a function on X .

For $k \geq 0$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}_p$ with $|1 - \lambda|_p > 1$, the Frobenius-Euler measure on X is defined by

$$\mu_\lambda(x + f p^N \mathbb{Z}_p) = \frac{\lambda f p^{N-x}}{1 - \lambda f p^N} \quad (\text{see [5, 8]}), \quad (1.1)$$

where the p -adic absolute value on \mathbb{C}_p is normalized by $|p|_p = \frac{1}{p}$.

As is well known, the Frobenius-Euler polynomials are defined by the generating function to be

$$\left(\frac{1 - \lambda}{e^t - \lambda} \right) e^{xt} = e^{H(x|\lambda)t} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} H_n(x|\lambda) \frac{t^n}{n!} \quad (\text{see [5, 7, 9]}), \quad (1.2)$$

with the usual convention about replacing $H^n(x|\lambda)$ by $H_n(x|\lambda)$. In the special case, $x = 0$, $H_n(0|\lambda) = H_n(\lambda)$ are called the n th Frobenius-Euler numbers

$$H_n(x|\lambda) = (H(\lambda) + x)^n = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \binom{n}{l} H_l(\lambda) x^{n-l} \quad (\text{see [6, 9, 10]}). \tag{1.3}$$

Thus, by (1.2) and (1.3), we easily get

$$(H(\lambda) + 1)^n - \lambda H_n(\lambda) = (1 - \lambda)\delta_{0,n} \quad (\text{see [1-19]}), \tag{1.4}$$

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

For $r \in \mathbb{N}$, the Frobenius-Euler polynomials of order r are defined by the generating function

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{1-\lambda}{e^t-\lambda}\right)^r e^{xt} &= \underbrace{\left(\frac{1-\lambda}{e^t-\lambda}\right) \times \dots \times \left(\frac{1-\lambda}{e^t-\lambda}\right)}_{r\text{-times}} e^{xt} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} H_n^{(r)}(x|\lambda) \frac{t^n}{n!} \quad (\text{see [5, 9]}). \end{aligned} \tag{1.5}$$

In the special case, $x = 0$, $H_n^{(r)}(0|\lambda) = H_n^{(r)}(\lambda)$ are called the n th Frobenius-Euler numbers of order r . The n th Frobenius-Euler polynomials can be represented by (1.1) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\lambda H_n(x|\lambda)}{1-\lambda} &= \int_X (x+y)^n d\mu_\lambda(y) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} (x+y)^n d\mu_\lambda(y) \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1-\lambda^{p^N}} \sum_{y=0}^{p^N-1} (x+y)^n \lambda^{p^N-y} \quad (\text{see [6, 7]}). \end{aligned} \tag{1.6}$$

Let \mathcal{F} be the set of all formal power series in the variable t over \mathbb{C}_p with

$$\mathcal{F} = \left\{ f(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_k}{k!} t^k \mid a_k \in \mathbb{C}_p \right\}. \tag{1.7}$$

Let $\mathbb{P} = \mathbb{C}_p[x]$ and \mathbb{P}^* denote the vector space of all linear functionals on \mathbb{P} .

The formal power series

$$f(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_k}{k!} t^k \in \mathcal{F} \quad (\text{see [11, 15]}) \tag{1.8}$$

defines a linear functional on \mathbb{P} by setting

$$\langle f(t) | x^n \rangle = a_n \quad \text{for all } n \geq 0. \tag{1.9}$$

From (1.8) and (1.9), we have

$$\langle t^n | x^n \rangle = n! \delta_{n,k} \quad (n, k \geq 0). \tag{1.10}$$

Here, \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 (see [11, 15]). We will call \mathcal{F} the umbral algebra. The umbral calculus is the study of umbral algebra (see [11, 15]).

The order $o(f(t))$ of power series $f(t) (\neq 0)$ is the smallest integer k for which a_k does not vanish (see [11, 15]). A series $f(t)$ for which $o(f(t)) = 1$ is called a delta series. If a series $f(t)$ has $o(f(t)) = 0$, then $f(t)$ is called an invertible series (see [11, 15]). Let $f(t), g(t) \in \mathcal{F}$. Then we easily see that $\langle f(t)g(t)|p(x) \rangle = \langle f(t)|g(t)p(x) \rangle = \langle g(t)|f(t)p(x) \rangle$. From (1.10), we note that

$$\langle e^{yt}|x^n \rangle = y^n, \quad \langle e^{yt}|p(x) \rangle = p(y), \tag{1.11}$$

$$f(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\langle f(t)|x^k \rangle}{k!} t^k, \quad f(t) \in \mathcal{F}, \tag{1.12}$$

and

$$p(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\langle t^k|p(x) \rangle}{k!} x^k, \quad p(x) \in \mathbb{P} \text{ (see [15])}. \tag{1.13}$$

For $f_1(t), f_2(t), \dots, f_m(t) \in \mathcal{F}$, we have

$$\langle f_1(t)f_2(t) \cdots f_m(t)|x^n \rangle = \sum_{i_1+\dots+i_m=n} \binom{n}{i_1, \dots, i_m} \langle f_1(t)|x^{i_1} \rangle \cdots \langle f_m(t)|x^{i_m} \rangle. \tag{1.14}$$

By (1.13), we get

$$p^{(k)}(x) = \frac{d^k p(x)}{dx^k} = \sum_{l=k}^n \langle t^l|p(x) \rangle \binom{l}{k} \frac{k!}{l!} x^{l-k} \tag{1.15}$$

and

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

Thus, by (1.15), we get

$$t^k p(x) = p^{(k)}(x) = \frac{d^k p(x)}{dx^k} \quad \text{(see [11, 15])}. \tag{1.16}$$

By (1.16), we easily see that

$$e^{yt} p(x) = p(x+y) \quad \text{(see [15])}. \tag{1.17}$$

Let $S_n(x)$ denote a polynomial of degree n . Suppose that $f(t), g(t) \in \mathcal{F}$ with $o(f(t)) = 1$ and $o(g(t)) = 0$. Then there exists a unique sequence $S_n(x)$ of polynomials satisfying $\langle g(t)f(t)^k|S_n(x) \rangle = n! \delta_{n,k}$ for all $n, k \geq 0$. 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 $S_n(x) \sim (g(t), t)$, then $S_n(x)$ is called the *Appell sequence* for $g(t)$ (see [15]).

For $p(x) \in \mathbb{P}$, we have

$$\langle f(t)|xp(x) \rangle = \langle \partial_t f(t)|p(x) \rangle = \langle f'(t)|p(x) \rangle, \tag{1.18}$$

$$\langle e^{yt} - 1|p(x) \rangle = p(y) - p(0). \tag{1.19}$$

If $S_n(x) \sim (g(t), f(t))$, then we have

$$h(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\langle h(t)|S_k(x) \rangle}{k!} g(t)f(t)^k, \quad h(t) \in \mathcal{F}, \tag{1.20}$$

$$p(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\langle g(t)f(t)^k|p(x) \rangle}{k!} S_k(x), \quad p(x) \in \mathbb{P}, \tag{1.21}$$

$$f(t)S_n(x) = nS_{n-1}(x), \tag{1.22}$$

and

$$\frac{1}{g(\bar{f}(t))} e^{y\bar{f}(t)} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{S_k(y)}{k!} t^k \quad \text{for all } y \in \mathbb{C}_p, \tag{1.23}$$

where $\bar{f}(t)$ is compositional inverse of $f(t)$ (see [11, 15]). In [9], Kim and Kim have studied some identities of Frobenius-Euler polynomials arising from umbral calculus. In this paper, we study some p -adic Frobenius-Euler integral on \mathbb{Z}_p , related to umbral calculus in the p -adic case. Finally, we derive some new and interesting identities of Frobenius-Euler polynomials from our study.

2 Frobenius-Euler polynomials associated with umbral calculus

Let

$$g(t; \lambda) = \frac{e^t - \lambda}{1 - \lambda} \in \mathcal{F}. \tag{2.1}$$

Then we see that $g(t; \lambda)$ is an invertible series. From (1.2), we have

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} H_k(x|\lambda) \frac{t^k}{k!} = \frac{1}{g(t; \lambda)} e^{xt}. \tag{2.2}$$

Hence, by (2.2), we get

$$\left(\frac{1 - \lambda}{e^t - \lambda} \right) x^n = \frac{1}{g(t; \lambda)} x^n = H_n(x|\lambda). \tag{2.3}$$

By (2.2) and (2.3), we get

$$H_n(x|\lambda) \sim (g(t; \lambda), t).$$

From (1.6), we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} e^{(x+y)t} d\mu_\lambda(y) = \frac{\lambda}{e^t - \lambda} e^{xt}, \tag{2.4}$$

and

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} e^{(x+y+1)t} d\mu_\lambda(y) - \lambda \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} e^{(x+y)t} d\mu_\lambda(y) = \lambda e^{xt}. \tag{2.5}$$

By (2.5), we get

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} (x + y + 1)^n d\mu_\lambda(y) - \lambda \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} (x + y)^n d\mu_\lambda(y) = \lambda x^n. \tag{2.6}$$

From (1.6) and (2.6), we have

$$\frac{\lambda}{1 - \lambda} H_n(x + 1|\lambda) - \frac{\lambda^2}{1 - \lambda} H_n(x|\lambda) = \lambda x^n. \tag{2.7}$$

From (2.2), we can easily derive

$$H_{n+1}(x|\lambda) = \left(x - \frac{g'(t; \lambda)}{g(t; \lambda)} \right) H_n(x|\lambda). \tag{2.8}$$

By (2.8), we get

$$g(t; \lambda) H_{n+1}(x|\lambda) = g(t; \lambda) x H_n(x|\lambda) - g'(t; \lambda) H_n(x|\lambda). \tag{2.9}$$

Thus, from (2.9), we have

$$(e^t - \lambda) H_{n+1}(x|\lambda) = (e^t - \lambda) x H_n(x|\lambda) - e^t H_n(x|\lambda). \tag{2.10}$$

By (2.10), we get

$$H_{n+1}(x + 1|\lambda) - \lambda H_{n+1}(x|\lambda) = x(H_n(x + 1|\lambda) - \lambda H_n(x|\lambda)). \tag{2.11}$$

From (2.11), we note that

$$\begin{aligned} H_n(x + 1|\lambda) - \lambda H_n(x|\lambda) &= x(H_{n-1}(x + 1|\lambda) - \lambda H_{n-1}(x|\lambda)) \\ &= x^2(H_{n-2}(x + 1|\lambda) - \lambda H_{n-2}(x|\lambda)) = \dots \\ &= x^n(H_0(x + 1|\lambda) - \lambda H_0(x|\lambda)) = x^n(1 - \lambda). \end{aligned} \tag{2.12}$$

Let us consider the linear functional $f(t)$ such that

$$\langle f(t) | p(x) \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} p(u) d\mu_\lambda(u) \tag{2.13}$$

for all polynomials $p(x)$ can be determined from (1.12) to be

$$f(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\langle f(t) | x^k \rangle}{k!} t^k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} u^k d\mu_\lambda(u) \frac{t^k}{k!} = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} e^{ut} d\mu_\lambda(u). \tag{2.14}$$

By (2.4) and (2.14), we get

$$f(t) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} e^{ut} d\mu_\lambda(u) = \frac{\lambda}{e^t - \lambda}. \tag{2.15}$$

Therefore, by (2.15), we obtain the following theorem.

Theorem 2.1 For $p(x) \in \mathbb{P}$, we have

$$\left\langle \frac{\lambda}{e^t - \lambda} \middle| p(x) \right\rangle = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} p(u) d\mu_\lambda(u).$$

In particular,

$$\frac{\lambda}{1 - \lambda} H_n(\lambda) = \left\langle \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} e^{yt} d\mu_\lambda(y) \middle| x^n \right\rangle.$$

From (1.6), we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} (x+y)^n d\mu_\lambda(y) \frac{t^n}{n!} = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} e^{(x+y)t} d\mu_\lambda(y) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} e^{yt} d\mu_\lambda(y) x^n \frac{t^n}{n!}. \tag{2.16}$$

By (1.6), (2.4) and (2.16), we get

$$\frac{\lambda}{1 - \lambda} H_n(x|\lambda) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} e^{yt} d\mu_\lambda(y) x^n = \frac{\lambda}{e^t - \lambda} x^n, \quad \text{for } n \geq 0. \tag{2.17}$$

Therefore, by (2.17), we obtain the following theorem.

Theorem 2.2 For $p(x) \in \mathbb{P}$, we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} p(x+y) d\mu_\lambda(y) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} e^{yt} d\mu_\lambda(y) p(x) = \frac{\lambda}{e^t - \lambda} p(x).$$

In particular,

$$\frac{\lambda}{1 - \lambda} H_n(x|\lambda) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} e^{yt} d\mu_\lambda(y) x^n = \frac{\lambda}{e^t - \lambda} x^n \quad (n \geq 0).$$

By (1.6) and (2.16), we get

$$\frac{\lambda}{1 - \lambda} H_n(x|\lambda) \sim \left(\frac{e^t - \lambda}{\lambda}, t \right). \tag{2.18}$$

From Appell identity and (2.18), we can derive the following identities:

$$H_n(x+y|\lambda) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} H_k(x|\lambda) y^{n-k}. \tag{2.19}$$

Let

$$g^r(t; \lambda) = \left(\frac{e^t - \lambda}{\lambda} \right)^r = \underbrace{\left(\frac{e^t - \lambda}{\lambda} \right) \times \cdots \times \left(\frac{e^t - \lambda}{\lambda} \right)}_{r\text{-times}} \in \mathcal{F}. \tag{2.20}$$

Then $g^r(t; \lambda)$ is an invertible functional in \mathcal{F} . By (1.5) and (2.20), we get

$$\frac{1}{g^r(t; \lambda)} e^{xt} = \frac{\lambda^r}{(1-\lambda)^r} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} H_n^{(r)}(x|\lambda) \frac{t^k}{k!}. \tag{2.21}$$

Thus, from (2.21), we have

$$\frac{1}{g^r(t; \lambda)} x^n = \left(\frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda} \right)^r H_n^{(r)}(x|\lambda), \tag{2.22}$$

and

$$\left(\frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda} \right)^r t H_n^{(r)}(x|\lambda) = \frac{n}{g^r(t; \lambda)} x^{n-1} = n \left(\frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda} \right)^r H_{n-1}^{(r)}(x|\lambda). \tag{2.23}$$

By (2.22) and (2.23), we see that

$$\left(\frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda} \right)^r H_n^{(r)}(x|\lambda) \sim (g^r(t; \lambda), t). \tag{2.24}$$

From (2.4), we can derive the following identity:

$$\begin{aligned} & \underbrace{\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \cdots \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p}}_{r\text{-times}} e^{(x_1+x_2+\cdots+x_r+x)t} d\mu_\lambda(x_1) \cdots d\mu_\lambda(x_r) \\ &= \left(\frac{\lambda}{e^t - \lambda} \right)^r e^{xt} = \left(\frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda} \right)^r \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} H_n^{(r)}(x|\lambda) \frac{t^n}{n!}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.25}$$

By (1.10) and (2.25), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda} \right)^r H_n^{(r)}(x|\lambda) \\ &= \left\langle \underbrace{\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \cdots \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p}}_{r\text{-times}} e^{(x_1+x_2+\cdots+x_r+x)t} d\mu_\lambda(x_1) \cdots d\mu_\lambda(x_r) \middle| x^n \right\rangle. \end{aligned} \tag{2.26}$$

From (1.14), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\langle \underbrace{\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \cdots \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p}}_{r\text{-times}} e^{(x_1+x_2+\cdots+x_r)t} d\mu_\lambda(x_1) \cdots d\mu_\lambda(x_r) \middle| x^n \right\rangle \\ &= \sum_{n=i_1+\cdots+i_r} \binom{n}{i_1, \dots, i_r} \left\langle \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} e^{x_1 t} d\mu_\lambda(x_1) \middle| x^{i_1} \right\rangle \times \cdots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \times \left\langle \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} e^{x_r t} d\mu_\lambda(x_r) \middle| x^{i_r} \right\rangle \\ & = \sum_{n=i_1+\dots+i_r} \binom{n}{i_1, \dots, i_r} \left(\frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda} \right)^r H_{i_1}(x|\lambda) \cdots H_{i_r}(x|\lambda). \end{aligned} \tag{2.27}$$

By (2.26) and (2.27), we get

$$H_n^{(r)}(x|\lambda) = \sum_{n=i_1+\dots+i_r} \binom{n}{i_1, \dots, i_r} H_{i_1}(x|\lambda) \cdots H_{i_r}(x|\lambda),$$

where $\binom{n}{i_1, \dots, i_r} = \frac{n!}{i_1! \cdots i_r!}$. From (2.25), we note that

$$g^r(t; \lambda) = \frac{1}{\underbrace{\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \cdots \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} e^{(x_1+x_2+\dots+x_r)t} d\mu_\lambda(x_1) \cdots d\mu_\lambda(x_r)}_{r\text{-times}}} = \left(\frac{e^t - \lambda}{\lambda} \right)^r. \tag{2.28}$$

Thus, by (2.28), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{g^r(t; \lambda)} e^{xt} &= \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \cdots \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} e^{(x_1+x_2+\dots+x_r)t} d\mu_\lambda(x_1) \cdots d\mu_\lambda(x_r) e^{xt} \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \cdots \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} e^{(x_1+x_2+\dots+x_r+x)t} d\mu_\lambda(x_1) \cdots d\mu_\lambda(x_r) \\ &= \left(\frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda} \right)^r \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} H_n^{(r)}(x|\lambda) \frac{t^n}{n!}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.29}$$

By (2.29), we see that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda} \right)^r H_n^{(r)}(x|\lambda) \\ &= \underbrace{\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \cdots \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} (x + x_1 + \dots + x_r)^n d\mu_\lambda(x_1) \cdots d\mu_\lambda(x_r)}_{r\text{-times}} \\ &= \underbrace{\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \cdots \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} e^{(x_1+x_2+\dots+x_r)t} d\mu_\lambda(x_1) \cdots d\mu_\lambda(x_r) x^n}_{r\text{-times}} \\ &= \frac{1}{g^r(t; \lambda)} x^n. \end{aligned} \tag{2.30}$$

Therefore, by (2.30), we obtain the following theorem.

Theorem 2.3 For $p(x) \in \mathbb{P}$ and $r \in \mathbb{N}$, we have

$$\underbrace{\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \cdots \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} p(x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_r + x) d\mu_\lambda(x_1) \cdots d\mu_\lambda(x_r)}_{r\text{-times}} = \left(\frac{\lambda}{e^t - \lambda} \right)^r p(x).$$

In particular,

$$\left(\frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda}\right)^r H_n^{(r)}(x|\lambda) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \cdots \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} e^{(x_1+x_2+\cdots+x_r)t} d\mu_\lambda(x_1) \cdots d\mu_\lambda(x_r) x^n.$$

Moreover,

$$\left(\frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda}\right)^r H_n^{(r)}(x|\lambda) \sim \left(\frac{1}{\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \cdots \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} e^{(x_1+x_2+\cdots+x_r)t} d\mu_\lambda(x_1) \cdots d\mu_\lambda(x_r)}, t\right).$$

Let us consider the function $f^*(t)$ in \mathcal{F} such that

$$\langle f^*(t) | p(x) \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \cdots \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} p(x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_r) d\mu_\lambda(x_1) \cdots d\mu_\lambda(x_r) \tag{2.31}$$

for all polynomials $p(x)$ can be determined from (1.12) to be

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(t) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\langle f^*(t) | x^k \rangle}{k!} t^k \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \underbrace{\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \cdots \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p}}_{r\text{-times}} (x_1 + \cdots + x_r)^k d\mu_\lambda(x_1) \cdots d\mu_\lambda(x_r) \frac{t^k}{k!} \\ &= \underbrace{\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \cdots \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p}}_{r\text{-times}} e^{(x_1+\cdots+x_r)t} d\mu_\lambda(x_1) \cdots d\mu_\lambda(x_r). \end{aligned} \tag{2.32}$$

Therefore, by (2.31) and (2.32), we obtain the following theorem.

Theorem 2.4 For $p(x) \in \mathbb{P}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\langle \underbrace{\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \cdots \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p}}_{r\text{-times}} e^{(x_1+x_2+\cdots+x_r)t} d\mu_\lambda(x_1) \cdots d\mu_\lambda(x_r) \middle| p(x) \right\rangle \\ &= \underbrace{\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \cdots \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p}}_{r\text{-times}} p(x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_r) d\mu_\lambda(x_1) \cdots d\mu_\lambda(x_r). \end{aligned}$$

In particular,

$$\left\langle \left(\frac{\lambda}{e^t - \lambda}\right)^r \middle| p(x) \right\rangle = \underbrace{\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \cdots \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p}}_{r\text{-times}} p(x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_r) d\mu_\lambda(x_1) \cdots d\mu_\lambda(x_r).$$

Indeed, the n th Frobenius-Euler number of order r is given by

$$\left(\frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda}\right)^r H_n^{(r)}(x|\lambda) = \left\langle \underbrace{\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \cdots \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p}}_{r\text{-times}} e^{(x_1+x_2+\cdots+x_r)t} d\mu_\lambda(x_1) \cdots d\mu_\lambda(x_r) \middle| x^n \right\rangle,$$

where $n \geq 0$.

Remark From (1.2) and (1.5), we note that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{d\lambda} \left(\frac{1-\lambda}{e^t-\lambda} \right) &= \frac{1-e^t}{(e^t-\lambda)^2} = \frac{1}{1-\lambda} \left(\frac{(1-\lambda)^2}{(e^t-\lambda)^2} - \frac{1-\lambda}{e^t-\lambda} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{1-\lambda} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (H_n^{(2)}(\lambda) - H_n(\lambda)) \frac{t^n}{n!}, \end{aligned} \tag{2.33}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2}{d\lambda^2} \left(\frac{1-\lambda}{e^t-\lambda} \right) &= 2! \frac{1-e^t}{(e^t-\lambda)^3} = \frac{2!}{(1-\lambda)^2} \left(\frac{(1-\lambda)^3}{(e^t-\lambda)^3} - \frac{(1-\lambda)^2}{(e^t-\lambda)^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{2!}{(1-\lambda)^2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (H_n^{(3)}(\lambda) - H_n^{(2)}(\lambda)) \frac{t^n}{n!}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.34}$$

Continuing this process, we obtain the following equation:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^k}{d\lambda^k} \left(\frac{1-\lambda}{e^t-\lambda} \right) &= \frac{k!}{(1-\lambda)^k} \left(\frac{(1-\lambda)^{k+1}}{(e^t-\lambda)^{k+1}} - \frac{(1-\lambda)^k}{(e^t-\lambda)^k} \right) \\ &= \frac{k!}{(1-\lambda)^k} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (H_n^{(k+1)}(\lambda) - H_n^{(k)}(\lambda)) \frac{t^n}{n!}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.35}$$

By (1.2), (1.5) and (2.35), we get

$$\frac{d^k}{d\lambda^k} H_n(\lambda) = \frac{k!}{(1-\lambda)^k} (H_n^{(k+1)}(\lambda) - H_n^{(k)}(\lambda)),$$

where k is a positive integer.

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