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# On the modified *q*-Euler polynomials with weight

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# Abstract

In this paper, we construct a new *q*-extension of Euler numbers and polynomials with weight related to fermionic *p*-adic *q*-integral on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  and give new explicit formulas related to these numbers and polynomials.

**Keywords:** modified *q*-Euler polynomials; modified *q*-Euler polynomials with weight; fermionic *p*-adic *q*-integral on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ 

Throughout this paper  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ ,  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  and  $\mathbb{C}_p$  will respectively denote the ring of *p*-adic integers, the field of *p*-adic rational numbers and the completion of algebraic closure of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ . Let  $\nu_p$  be the normalized exponential valuation of  $\mathbb{C}_p$  with  $|p|_p = p^{-\nu_p(p)} = \frac{1}{p}$ .

In this paper, we assume that  $q \in \mathbb{C}_p$  with  $|1 - q|_p < p^{-\frac{1}{p-1}}$  so that  $q^x = \exp(x \log q)$  for  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ . The *q*-number of *x* is denoted by  $[x]_q = \frac{1-q^x}{1-q}$ . Note that  $\lim_{q\to 1} [x]_q = x$ . Let *d* be a fixed integer bigger than 0, and let *p* be a fixed prime number and (d, p) = 1. We set

$$X_d = \lim_{\stackrel{\leftarrow}{N}} \mathbb{Z}/dp^N \mathbb{Z}, \qquad X^* = \bigcup_{\substack{0 < a < dp \\ (a,p) = 1}} (a + dp \mathbb{Z}_p),$$

 $a + dp^N \mathbb{Z}_p = \{x \in X \mid x \equiv a \pmod{dp^N}\},\$ 

where  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  lies in  $0 \le a < dp^N$  (see [1–22]).

Let  $C(\mathbb{Z}_p)$  be the space of continuous functions on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ . For  $f \in C(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ , the *fermionic padic q-integral* on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  is defined by Kim as

$$I_q(f) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} f(x) \, d\mu_{-q}(x) = \lim_{N \to \infty} \frac{1}{[p^N]_q} \sum_{x=0}^{p^N - 1} f(x)(-q)^x \quad (\text{see } [8-22]).$$

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

$$\frac{2}{e^t + 1}e^{xt} = e^{E(x)t} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n(x)\frac{t^n}{n!} \quad (\text{see [11-13, 15, 20-22]})$$

with the usual convention about replacing  $E^n(x)$  by  $E_n(x)$ . In the special case, x = 0,  $E_n(0) = E_n$  are called the *nth Euler numbers*.

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In [13, 20, 23], Kim defined the *q-Euler numbers* as follows:

$$E_{0,q} = 1, \qquad q(qE+1)^n + E_{n,q} = \begin{cases} [2]_q, & \text{if } n = 0, \\ 0, & \text{if } n \neq 0, \end{cases}$$
(1)

with the usual convection of replacing  $E^n$  by  $E_{n,q}$ . From (1), we also derive

$$E_{n,q} = \frac{[2]_q}{(1-q)^n} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} \frac{(-1)^l}{1+q^{l+1}} \quad (\text{see} \ [20, 23]).$$

By using an invariant *p*-adic *q*-integral on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ , a *q*-extension of ordinary Euler polynomials, called *q*-*Euler polynomials*, is considered and investigated by Kim [14, 15, 18]. For  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ , *q*-Euler polynomials are defined as follows:

$$E_{n,q}(x) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} [x+y]_q^n d\mu_{-q}(y).$$
(2)

By (2), the following relation holds:

$$E_{n,q}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} [x]_q^{n-k} q^{kx} E_{k,q}.$$

Recently, Kim considered the modified *q*-Euler polynomials which are slightly different from Kim's *q*-Euler polynomials as follows:

$$\epsilon_{n,q}(x) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{-x} [x+y]_q^n d\mu_{-q}(y) \quad \text{for } n \in \mathbb{N},$$

and he showed that

$$\epsilon_{n,q}(x) = \frac{[2]_q}{(1-q)^n} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} \frac{q^{xl}}{1+q^l}$$
(3)

(see [22]). In the special case, x = 0,  $\epsilon_{n,q}(0) = \epsilon_{n,q}$  are called the *nth modified q-Euler num*bers, and it is showed that

$$\epsilon_{n,q} = \frac{[2]_q}{(1-q)^n} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} \frac{1}{1+q^l}.$$
(4)

And in [24], authors defined *modified q-Euler polynomials with weight*  $\alpha \epsilon_{n,q}^{(\alpha)}(x)$  as follows:

$$\epsilon_{n,q}^{(\alpha)}(x) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{-x} [x+y]_{q^\alpha}^n \, d\mu_{-q^\alpha}(y)$$

and proved that

$$\epsilon_{n,q}^{(\alpha)}(x) = \frac{[2]_q}{(1-q^{\alpha})^n} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} (-1)^l \frac{q^{\alpha l}}{1+q^{\alpha l}}.$$
(5)

In the special case, x = 0,  $\epsilon_{n,q}^{(\alpha)}(0) = \epsilon_{n,q}^{(\alpha)}$  are called the *nth modified q-Euler numbers with weight*  $\alpha$ , and it is showed that

$$\epsilon_{n,q}^{(\alpha)} = \frac{[2]_q}{(1-q^{\alpha})^n} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} (-1)^l q^{\alpha l} \frac{1}{1+q^{\alpha l}}$$
$$= [2]_q \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-1)^m [m+x]_{q^{\alpha}}^n.$$
(6)

In this paper, we construct a new q-extension of Euler numbers and polynomials with weight related to fermionic p-adic q-integral on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  and give new explicit formulas related to these numbers and polynomials.

## 1 A new approach of modified *q*-Euler polynomials

Let us consider the following *modified q-Euler numbers*:

$$\begin{split} \tilde{\epsilon}_{n,q}(x) &= \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{-y} \big( x + [y]_q \big)^n \, d\mu_{-q}(y) \\ &= \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} x^{n-l} \epsilon_{l,q} = \sum_{l=0}^n \sum_{k=0}^l \binom{n}{l} \binom{l}{k} \frac{[2]_q}{(1-q)^l} \frac{x^{n-l}}{1+q^k}, \end{split}$$

where

$$\tilde{\epsilon}_{n,q}(0) = \epsilon_{n,q} = \frac{[2]_q}{(1-q)^n} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} \frac{1}{1+q^l}.$$
(7)

Thus, by (7),

$$(1-q)^n \epsilon_{n,q} = [2]_q \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} \frac{1}{1+q^l}.$$

Consider the equation

$$\begin{split} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1-q)^n \epsilon_{n,q} \frac{t^n}{n!} &= [2]_q \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} \frac{1}{1+q^l} \frac{t^n}{n!} = [2]_q \left( \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^m}{m!} \right) \left( \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+q^l} \frac{t^l}{l!} \right) \\ &= [2]_q e^t \left( \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+q^l} \frac{t^l}{l!} \right). \end{split}$$

Since

$$e^{(1-q)xt} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1-q)^n \epsilon_{n,q} \frac{t^n}{n!} = \left( \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1-q)^l x^l t^l}{l!} \right) \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1-q)^n \epsilon_{n,q} \frac{t^n}{n!} \right)$$
$$= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (1-q)^m \sum_{n=0}^m \binom{m}{n} \epsilon_{n,q} x^{m-n} \frac{t^m}{m!}$$
$$= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (1-q)^m \tilde{\epsilon}_{m,q}(x) \frac{t^m}{m!}$$
(8)

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 $e^{(1-q)xt}[2]_{q}e^{t}\left(\sum_{l=0}^{\infty}\frac{1}{1+q^{l}}\frac{t^{l}}{l!}\right) = [2]_{q}e^{((1-q)x+1)t}\left(\sum_{l=0}^{\infty}\frac{1}{1+q^{l}}\frac{t^{l}}{l!}\right)$  $= [2]_{q}\left(\sum_{m=0}^{\infty}\left((1-q)x+1\right)^{m}\frac{t^{m}}{m!}\right)\left(\sum_{l=0}^{\infty}\frac{1}{1+q^{l}}\frac{t^{l}}{l!}\right)$  $= [2]_{q}\sum_{n=0}^{\infty}\sum_{l=0}^{n}\binom{n}{l}\frac{(1-q)x+1)^{n-l}}{1+q^{l}}\frac{t^{n}}{n!},$ (9)

by (8) and (9), we get

$$\begin{split} (1-q)^n \tilde{\epsilon}_{n,q}(x) &= [2]_q \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} \frac{((1-q)x+1)^{n-l}}{1+q^l} \\ &= [2]_q \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} \frac{1}{1+q^l} \sum_{j=0}^{n-l} \binom{n-l}{j} (1-q)^j x^j. \end{split}$$

Thus, we have the following result.

**Theorem 1.1** For  $n \ge 1$ ,

$$\begin{split} \tilde{\epsilon}_{n,q}(x) &= \frac{[2]_q}{(1-q)^n} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} \frac{((1-q)x+1)^{n-l}}{1+q^l} \\ &= \frac{[2]_q}{(1-q)^n} \sum_{l=0}^n \sum_{j=0}^{n-l} \binom{n}{l} \binom{n-l}{j} \frac{(1-q)^j}{1+q^l} x^j. \end{split}$$

### **2** A new approach of q-Euler polynomials with weight $\alpha$

Let us consider the following *modified q-Euler polynomials with weight*  $\alpha$ :

$$\begin{split} \tilde{\epsilon}_{n,q}^{(\alpha)}(x) &= \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{-y} \big( x + [y]_{q^{\alpha}} \big)^n \, d\mu_{-q^{\alpha}}(y) \\ &= \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^{n-l} \epsilon_{k,q}^{(\alpha)} = \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{l=0}^k \binom{n}{k} \binom{k}{l} \frac{[2]_{q^{\alpha}}}{(1-q)^n} \frac{(-1)^l}{1+q^{\alpha+l}} x^{n-k}, \end{split}$$

where

$$\tilde{\epsilon}_{n,q}^{(\alpha)}(0) = \epsilon_{n,q}^{(\alpha)} = \frac{[2]_q}{(1-q^{\alpha})^n} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} \frac{(-1)^l q^{\alpha l}}{1+q^{\alpha l}}.$$
(10)

Thus, by (10), we have

$$\left(1-q^{\alpha}\right)^{n}\epsilon_{n,q}^{(\alpha)}=[2]_{q}\sum_{l=0}^{n}\binom{n}{l}\frac{(-1)^{l}q^{\alpha l}}{1+q^{\alpha l}}.$$

and

$$\begin{split} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1-q^{\alpha})^{n} \epsilon_{n,q}^{(\alpha)} \frac{t^{n}}{n!} &= [2]_{q} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^{n} \binom{n}{l} \frac{(-1)^{l} q^{\alpha l}}{1+q^{\alpha l}} \frac{t^{n}}{n!} = [2]_{q} \left( \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^{m}}{m!} \right) \left( \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{l} q^{\alpha l}}{1+q^{\alpha l}} \frac{t^{l}}{l!} \right) \\ &= [2]_{q} e^{t} \left( \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-q^{\alpha})^{l}}{1+q^{\alpha l}} \frac{t^{l}}{l!} \right). \end{split}$$

Since

$$e^{(1-q^{\alpha})xt} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1-q^{\alpha})^{n} \epsilon_{n,q}^{(\alpha)} \frac{t^{n}}{n!} = \left( \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1-q^{\alpha})^{l} x^{l} t^{l}}{l!} \right) \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1-q^{\alpha})^{n} \epsilon_{n,q}^{(\alpha)} \frac{t^{n}}{n!} \right)$$
$$= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (1-q^{\alpha})^{m} \sum_{n=0}^{m} \binom{m}{n} \epsilon_{n,q}^{(\alpha)} x^{m-n} \frac{t^{m}}{m!}$$
$$= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (1-q^{\alpha})^{m} \tilde{\epsilon}_{m,q}^{(\alpha)} (x) \frac{t^{m}}{m!}$$
(11)

and

$$e^{(1-q^{\alpha})xt}[2]_{q}e^{t}\left(\sum_{l=0}^{\infty}\frac{(-q^{\alpha})^{l}}{1+q^{\alpha l}}\frac{t^{l}}{l!}\right) = [2]_{q}e^{((1-q^{\alpha})x+1)t}\left(\sum_{l=0}^{\infty}\frac{(-q^{\alpha})^{l}}{1+q^{\alpha l}}\frac{t^{l}}{l!}\right)$$
$$= [2]_{q}\left(\sum_{m=0}^{\infty}\left(\left(1-q^{\alpha}\right)x+1\right)^{m}\frac{t^{m}}{m!}\right)\left(\sum_{l=0}^{\infty}\frac{(-q^{\alpha})^{l}}{1+q^{\alpha l}}\frac{t^{l}}{l!}\right)$$
$$= [2]_{q}\sum_{n=0}^{\infty}\sum_{l=0}^{n}\binom{n}{l}\frac{((1-q^{\alpha})x+1)^{n-l}}{1+q^{\alpha l}}\left(-q^{\alpha}\right)^{l}\frac{t^{n}}{n!}, \qquad (12)$$

by (11) and (12), we get

$$\begin{split} \left(1-q^{\alpha}\right)^{n} \tilde{\epsilon}_{n,q}^{(\alpha)}(x) &= [2]_{q} \sum_{l=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} \frac{((1-q^{\alpha})x+1)^{n-l}}{1+q^{\alpha l}} \left(-q^{\alpha}\right)^{l} \\ &= [2]_{q} \sum_{l=0}^{n} \binom{n}{l} \frac{(-q^{\alpha})^{l}}{1+q^{\alpha l}} \sum_{j=0}^{n-l} \binom{n-l}{j} \left(1-q^{\alpha}\right)^{j} x^{j}. \end{split}$$

Thus, we have the following result.

**Theorem 2.1** For  $n \ge 1$ ,

$$\begin{split} \tilde{\epsilon}_{n,q}^{(\alpha)}(x) &= \frac{[2]_q}{(1-q^{\alpha})^n} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} \frac{(-q^{\alpha})^l ((1-q^{\alpha})x+1)^{n-l}}{1+q^{\alpha l}} \\ &= \frac{[2]_q}{(1-q^{\alpha})^n} \sum_{l=0}^n \sum_{j=0}^{n-l} \binom{n}{l} \binom{n-l}{j} \frac{(-q^{\alpha})^l (1-q^{\alpha})^j}{1+q^{\alpha l}} x^j. \end{split}$$

A systemic study of some families of the modified *q*-Euler polynomials with weight is presented by using the multivariate fermionic *p*-adic integral on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ . The study of these modified q-Euler numbers and polynomials yields an interesting q-analogue of identities for Stirling numbers.

In recent years, many mathematicians and physicists have investigated zeta functions, multiple zeta functions, *L*-functions, and multiple *q*-Bernoulli numbers and polynomials mainly because of their interest and importance. These functions and polynomials are used not only in complex analysis and mathematical physics, but also in *p*-adic analysis and other areas. In particular, multiple zeta functions and multiple *L*-functions occur within the context of knot theory, quantum field theory, applied analysis and number theory (see [1-29]).

In our subsequent papers, we shall apply this p-adic mathematical theory to quantum statistical mechanics. Using p-adic quantum statistical mechanics, we can also derive a new partition function in the p-adic space and adopt this new partition function to quantum transport theory which is based on the projection technique related to the Liouville equation. We expect that a new quantum transport theory will explain diverse physical properties of the condensed matter system.

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