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# A note on the Barnes-type *q*-Euler polynomials

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# Abstract

In this paper, we consider the Barnes-type *q*-Euler polynomials which are derived from the fermionic *p*-adic *q*-integrals and investigate some identities of these polynomials. Furthermore, we define the Barnes-type *q*-Changhee polynomials and numbers, and we derive some identities related with the Barnes-type *q*-Euler polynomials and the Barnes-type *q*-Changhee polynomials.

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# **1** Introduction

Let *p* be a fixed odd prime number. Throughout this paper,  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ ,  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ , and  $\mathbb{C}_p$  will, respectively, denote the rings of *p*-adic integers, the fields of *p*-adic numbers, and the completion of the algebraic closure of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ . The *p*-adic norm  $|\cdot|_p$  is normalized as  $|p|_p = \frac{1}{p}$ . The space of continuous functions on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  is denoted by  $C(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ . Let *q* be an element in  $\mathbb{C}_p$  with  $|1 - q|_p < p^{-\frac{1}{p-1}}$ . The *q*-number of *x* is defined by  $[x]_q = \frac{1-q^x}{1-q}$ . For  $f \in C(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ , the fermionic *p*-adic integral on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  is defined by Kim,

$$I_{-q}(f) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} f(x) \, d\mu_{-q}(x) = \lim_{N \to \infty} \frac{1}{[p^N]_{-q}} \sum_{x=0}^{p^N - 1} f(x)(-q)^x \quad (\text{see } [1-27]), \tag{1}$$

where  $[x]_{-q} = \frac{1 - (-q)^x}{1 + q}$ . From (1), we note that

$$q^{n}I_{-q}(f_{n}) + (-1)^{n-1}I_{-q}(f) = [2]_{q} \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} (-1)^{n-1-l} q^{l}f(l),$$
(2)

where  $f_n(x) = f(x + n)$   $(n \ge 1)$ . In particular, for n = 1,

$$qI_{-q}(f_1) + I_{-q}(f) = [2]_q f(0).$$
(3)

We note that

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} e^{(x+y)t} d\mu_{-q}(y) = \frac{[2]_q}{qe^t + 1} e^{xt}.$$
(4)



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As is well known, the *q*-Euler polynomials are defined by Kim,

$$\frac{[2]_q}{qe^t + 1}e^{xt} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_{n,q}(x)\frac{t^n}{n!} \quad (\text{see } [2, 9, 22, 28]).$$
(5)

When x = 0,  $E_{n,q} = E_{n,q}(0)$  are called the *q*-Euler numbers. We note that  $\lim_{q\to 1} E_{n,q}(x) = E_n(x)$ , where  $E_n(x)$  are called the Euler polynomials which are defined by the generating function,

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

The Stirling number of the first kind is given by the generating function,

$$(x)_m = \sum_{l=0}^m S_1(m, l) x^l \quad (m \ge 0)$$
(6)

and the Stirling number of the second kind is defined by the generating function,

$$\left(e^{t}-1\right)^{m}=m!\sum_{l=m}^{\infty}S_{2}(l,m)\frac{t^{l}}{l!} \quad (m\geq0) \text{ (see [7, 8, 15, 17])}.$$
(7)

In [21], Kim (2010) presented the generating functions related to the q-Euler polynomials of higher order and gave some interesting identities involving these polynomials. In [2], Bayad and Kim (2011) studied some relations involving values of q-Bernoulli, q-Euler, and Bernstein polynomials (see [3–6, 10, 20, 22–25, 29, 30]). Recently, Kim *et al.* studied some identities for q-analogs of the Changhee polynomials (see [11, 15]), for various degenerate Bernoulli polynomials (see [13, 16, 17, 22]), and for q-analogs of the Boole polynomials (see [10, 12]).

In recent years, a lot of people have studied various types of q-Euler polynomials and obtained many results which are interesting in number theory and combinatorics. To cite a few, in [28] one obtained eight basic identities of symmetry in three variables related to the q-Euler polynomials and a q-analog of alternating power sums. The derivation is based on the p-adic q-integrals in our case but on the p-adic integrals in [28]. In [9], some combinatorial identities involving q-Euler numbers and polynomials were obtained by adopting the ideas from [25]. It is fascinating that very recently some degenerate versions of many important polynomials were studied and some interesting results were obtained including the degenerate q-Euler polynomials. The aim of this paper is to define Barnes-type q-Euler numbers and polynomials and to derive Witt-type formulas for them. Further, we find the connection between Barnes-type q-Euler polynomials and Barnes-type Frobenius polynomials and Barnes-type q-Changhee polynomials. This generalizes the Euler polynomials introduced in [21] by Kim.

In a forthcoming paper, we would like to give some of the applications of our results to symmetric identities involving Barnes-type *q*-Euler numbers and polynomials, to derivation of many identities of combinatorial nature. Also, we will investigate further properties, recurrence relations, and combinatorial identities for the Barnes-type polynomials by utilizing umbral calculus and degenerate versions of them.

The main results of this paper are some identities of the Barnes-type q-Euler polynomials. Furthermore, we define the Barnes-type q-Changhee polynomials and numbers, and we derive some identities related with the Barnes-type q-Euler polynomials and the Barnes-type q-Changhee polynomials.

# 2 The Barnes-type *q*-Euler polynomials and numbers

Let  $w_1, \ldots, w_r \in \mathbb{C}_p$ . The Barnes-type Euler polynomials are defined by the generating function

$$\prod_{l=1}^{r} \left(\frac{2}{e^{w_{l}t}+1}\right) e^{xt} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_{n}(x|w_{1},\dots,w_{r}) \frac{t^{n}}{n!}.$$
(8)

When x = 0,  $E_n(w_1, ..., w_r) = E_n(0|w_1, ..., w_r)$  are called the Barnes-type Euler numbers (see [1, 3, 5, 6, 9, 12, 14, 28–30]). By (4), we get

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \cdots \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} e^{(w_1 x_1 + \dots + w_r x_r + x)t} d\mu_{-q}(x_1) \cdots d\mu_{-q}(x_r) = \prod_{l=1}^r \left(\frac{[2]_q}{q e^{w_l t} + 1}\right) e^{xt},$$
(9)

for  $|t|_p < p^{-\frac{1}{p-1}}$ . From (9), the Barnes-type *q*-Euler polynomials are defined by the generating function,

$$[2]_{q}^{r}\prod_{l=1}^{r}\left(\frac{1}{qe^{w_{1}t}+1}\right)e^{xt} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty}E_{n,q}(x|w_{1},\ldots,w_{r})\frac{t^{n}}{n!}.$$
(10)

When x = 0,  $E_{n,q}(w_1, ..., w_r) = E_{n,q}(0|w_1, ..., w_r)$  are called the Barnes-type *q*-Euler numbers. By (9) and (10), we get

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_{n,q}(x|w_1, \dots, w_r) \frac{t^n}{n!}$$
  
=  $\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \cdots \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} e^{(w_1 x_1 + \dots + w_r x_r + x)t} d\mu_{-q}(x_1) \cdots d\mu_{-q}(x_r)$   
=  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \cdots \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} (w_1 x_1 + \dots + w_r x_r + x)^n d\mu_{-q}(x_1) \cdots d\mu_{-q}(x_r) \frac{t^n}{n!}.$  (11)

From (11), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.1** *For*  $n \ge 0$ *, we have* 

$$E_{n,q}(x|w_1,\ldots,w_r) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \cdots \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} (w_1x_1 + \cdots + w_rx_r + x)^n d\mu_{-q}(x_1) \cdots d\mu_{-q}(x_r).$$
(12)

From (12), we note that

$$E_{n,q}(w_1,\ldots,w_r) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \cdots \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} (w_1 x_1 + \cdots + w_r x_r)^n d\mu_{-q}(x_1) \cdots d\mu_{-q}(x_r).$$
(13)

Now, we observe that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_{n,q}(x|w_1, \dots, w_r) \frac{t^n}{n!} = \frac{(1+q)^r}{(qe^{w_1t}+1)\cdots(qe^{w_rt}+1)} e^{xt}$$
$$= \frac{(1+q^{-1})^r}{(e^{w_1t}+q^{-1})\cdots(e^{w_rt}+q^{-1})} e^{xt}$$
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} H_n(x, -q^{-1}|w_1, \dots, w_r) \frac{t^n}{n!},$$
(14)

where  $H_n(x, u|w_1, ..., w_r)$  are called the Barnes-type Frobenius-Euler polynomials defined by the generating function,

$$\frac{(1-u)^r}{(e^{w_1t}-u)\cdots(e^{w_rt}-u)}e^{xt} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} H_n(x,u|w_1,\dots,w_r)\frac{t^n}{n!} \quad (\text{see } [2,4]).$$
(15)

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

**Theorem 2.2** Let  $n \ge 0$ , we have

$$E_{n,q}(x|w_1,\ldots,w_r) = H_n(x,-q^{-1}|w_1,\ldots,w_r).$$
(16)

Let  $n \ge 0$  and  $d \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $d \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ . By (2), we get

$$q^{d}I_{-q}(f_{d}) + I_{-q}(f) = [2]_{q} \sum_{l=0}^{d-1} (-q)^{l} f(l).$$
(17)

By (17), we get

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_{n,q}(x|w_{1},...,w_{r})\frac{t^{n}}{n!}$$

$$= \left(\frac{[2]_{q}}{[2]_{q^{d}}}\right) \int_{\mathbb{Z}_{p}} \cdots \int_{\mathbb{Z}_{p}} e^{(w_{1}x_{1}+\cdots+w_{r}x_{r}+x)t} d\mu_{-q}(x_{1})\cdots d\mu_{-q}(x_{r})$$

$$= \left(\frac{[2]_{q}}{[2]_{q^{d}}}\right) \prod_{l=1}^{r} \left(\frac{[2]_{q}}{q^{d}e^{w_{l}dt}+1}\right) \sum_{l_{1},...,l_{r}=0}^{d-1} (-q)^{l_{1}+\cdots+l_{r}} e^{(w_{1}l_{1}+\cdots+w_{r}l_{r}+x)t}$$

$$= \left(\frac{[2]_{q}}{[2]_{q^{d}}}\right) \left(\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} E_{m,q^{d}}(dw_{1},\ldots,dw_{r})\frac{t^{m}}{m!}\right)$$

$$\times \sum_{l_{1},...,l_{r}=0}^{d-1} (-q)^{l_{1}+\cdots+l_{r}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (w_{1}l_{1}+\cdots+w_{r}l_{r}+x)^{k} \frac{t^{k}}{k!}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{[2]_{q}}{[2]_{q^{d}}}\right) \left(\sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} \sum_{l_{1},...,l_{r}=0}^{d-1} (-q)^{l_{1}+\cdots+l_{r}} (w_{1}l_{1}+\cdots+w_{r}l_{r}+x)^{k} \times E_{n-k,q^{d}}(dw_{1},\ldots,dw_{r})\right) \frac{t^{n}}{n!}.$$
(18)

Thus, by (18), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.3** Let  $n \ge 0$ . Then, for positive integer d with  $d \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ ,

$$E_{n,q}(x|w_1,...,w_r) = \left(\frac{[2]_q}{[2]_{q^d}}\right) \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{l_1,...,l_r=0}^{d-1} (-q)^{l_1+\dots+l_r} (w_1 l_1 + \dots + w_1 l_1 + x)^k \times E_{n-k,q^d} (dw_1,...,dw_r).$$
(19)

We note that in [6], the authors considered the *q*-extensions of Changhee polynomials which are derived from the fermionic *p*-adic *q*-integral on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ , and they gave some identities for these polynomials. Finally, we consider the Barnes-type *q*-Changhee polynomials. By (3), we note that, for l = 1, ..., r,

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} (1+t)^{w_l x} d\mu_{-q}(x) = \frac{[2]_q}{q(1+t)^{w_l} + 1},$$
(20)

where  $|t|_p < p^{-\frac{1}{p-1}}$ . By (20), we get

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \cdots \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} (1+t)^{w_1 x_1 + \dots + w_r x_r + x} d\mu_{-q}(x_1) \cdots d\mu_{-q}(x_r) = \prod_{l=1}^r \frac{[2]_q}{q(1+t)^{w_l} + 1} (1+t)^x.$$
(21)

From (21), the Barnes-type *q*-Changhee polynomials are defined by the generating function,

$$\prod_{l=1}^{r} \frac{[2]_{q}}{q(1+t)^{w_{l}}+1} (1+t)^{x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} Ch_{n,q}(x|w_{1},\dots,w_{r}) \frac{t^{n}}{n!}.$$
(22)

When x = 0,  $Ch_{n,q}(w_1, ..., w_r) = Ch_{n,q}(0|w_1, ..., w_r)$  are called the Barnes-type *q*-Changhee numbers (see [7, 11, 13, 15]). By (21) and (22), we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} Ch_{n,q}(x|w_1, \dots, w_r) \frac{t^n}{n!}$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \cdots \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} (1+t)^{w_1 x_1 + \dots + w_r x_r + x} d\mu_{-q}(x_1) \cdots d\mu_{-q}(x_r)$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \cdots \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \binom{w_1 x_1 + \dots + w_r x_r + x}{n} t^n d\mu_{-q}(x_1) \cdots d\mu_{-q}(x_r)$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \cdots \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} (w_1 x_1 + \dots + w_r x_r + x)_n d\mu_{-q}(x_1) \cdots d\mu_{-q}(x_r) \frac{t^n}{n!}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^n \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \cdots \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} S_1(n,l)(w_1 x_1 + \dots + w_r x_r + x)^l d\mu_{-q}(x_1) \cdots d\mu_{-q}(x_r) \frac{t^n}{n!}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^n S_1(n,l) E_{l,q}(x|w_1, \dots, w_r) \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$
(23)

By (23), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.4** *Let*  $n \ge 0$ *. Then we have* 

$$Ch_{n,q}(x|w_1,\ldots,w_r) = \sum_{l=0}^n S_1(n,l) E_{l,q}(x|w_1,\ldots,w_r).$$
(24)

By replacing *t* by  $e^t - 1$ , we have

$$\prod_{l=1}^{r} \frac{[2]_{q}}{qe^{w_{l}t} + 1} e^{xt} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} Ch_{m,q}(x|w_{1}, \dots, w_{r}) \frac{(e^{t} - 1)^{m}}{m!}$$
$$= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} Ch_{m,q}(x|w_{1}, \dots, w_{r}) \frac{1}{m!} m! \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} S_{2}(n,m) \frac{t^{m}}{m!}$$
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{n} S_{2}(n,m) Ch_{m,q}(x|w_{1}, \dots, w_{r}) \frac{t^{n}}{n!}.$$
(25)

By (25) we obtain the following theorem.

## **Theorem 2.5** Let $n \ge 0$ . Then we have

$$E_{n,q}(x|w_1,\ldots,w_r) = \sum_{m=0}^n S_2(n,m)Ch_{n,q}(x|w_1,\ldots,w_r).$$
(26)

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