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**UNIFIED  $(p, q)$ -BERNOULLI-HERMITE  
POLYNOMIALS**

ABSTRACT. The Concepts of  $p$ -Bernoulli numbers  $B_{n,p}$  and  $p$ -Bernoulli polynomials  $B_{n,p}(x)$  are generalized to  $(p, q)$ -Bernoulli numbers  $B_{n,p,q}$  and  $(p, q)$ -Bernoulli polynomials  $B_{n,p,q}(x)$ , respectively. Some properties, generating functions and Laplace hypergeometric integral representations of  $(p, q)$ -Bernoulli numbers  $B_{n,p,q}$  and  $(p, q)$ -Bernoulli polynomials  $B_{n,p,q}(x)$ , are established. Unified  $(p, q)$ -Bernoulli-Hermite polynomials are defined by a generating function which aid in proving the generalizations of the results of Khan et al [8], Kargin and Rahmani [7], Dattoli [4] and Pathan [9]. Some explicit summation formulas and some relationships between Appell’s function  $F_1$ , Gauss hypergeometric function, Hurwitz zeta function and Euler’s polynomials are also given.

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**1. Introduction**

The Pochhammer’s symbol or Appell’s symbol or shifted factorial or rising factorial or generalized factorial function [13] is defined by

$$(b, k) = (b)_k = \frac{\Gamma(b + k)}{\Gamma(b)}$$

where  $b$  is neither zero nor negative integer and the notation  $\Gamma$  stands for Gamma function. Generalized Gaussian hypergeometric function  ${}_A F_B$  [15,p.42(1)] of one variable is defined by

$$(1) \quad {}_A F_B \left[ \begin{matrix} a_1, a_2, \dots, a_A ; \\ b_1, b_2, \dots, b_B ; \end{matrix} z \right] = {}_A F_B(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_A; b_1, b_2, \dots, b_B; z)$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a_1)_k (a_2)_k \cdots (a_A)_k z^k}{(b_1)_k (b_2)_k \cdots (b_B)_k k!}$$

where denominator parameters  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_B$  are neither zero nor negative integers and  $A, B$  are non-negative integers and we assume that variable  $z$  takes on complex values. The Appell function  $F_1$  of two variables is defined by [14]

$$(2) \quad F_1 = F_1(a, b_1, b_2; c; z_1, z_2) = \sum_{m,n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_{m+n} (b_1)_m (b_2)_n z_1^m z_2^n}{(c)_{m+n} m! n!}$$

$$(3) \quad F_1 = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_m (b_1)_m}{(c)_m} {}_2F_1(a+m, b_2; c+m; z_2) \frac{z_1^m}{m!},$$

$\max\{|z_1|, |z_2|\} < 1$ , and is represented by a single integral of Euler's type (see [14] and [15])

$$(4) \quad F_1 = \frac{1}{B(a, c-a)} \int_0^1 t^{a-1} (1-t)^{c-a-1} (1-tz_1)^{-b_1} (1-tz_2)^{-b_2} dt,$$

where  $\Re(c) > \Re(a) > 0$  and  $B(a, c-a)$  is beta function [13].

The generalized Hermite polynomials (known as Gould-Hopper polynomials)  $H_n^r(x, y)$  defined by

$$(5) \quad e^{xt+yt^r} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} H_n^r(x, y) \frac{t^n}{n!}$$

are 2-variable Kampe de Fériet generalization of the Hermite polynomials [1] and [4]

$$(6) \quad H_n(x, y) = n! \sum_{r=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \frac{y^r x^{n-2r}}{r!(n-2r)!}$$

These polynomials usually defined by the generating function

$$(7) \quad e^{xt+yt^2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} H_n(x, y) \frac{t^n}{n!}, \quad H_n(x, 0) = x^n$$

reduce to the ordinary Hermite polynomials  $H_n(x)$  (see [13]) when  $y = -1$  and  $x$  is replaced by  $2x$

We recall that the Hermite numbers  $H_n$  are the values of the Hermite polynomials  $H_n(x)$  at zero argument, that is,  $H_n(0)$ . A closed formula for  $H_n$  is given by

$$(8) \quad H_n = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd,} \\ \frac{(-1)^{n/2} n!}{(\frac{n}{2})!}, & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

## 2. Preliminaries

Observe that there are three independent linear transformations of Appell's function  $F_1$ . The number of  $z$  variables is diminished by one if (i) one of the  $b$  parameters equal to zero, (ii) one of the  $z$  variables equals zero, (iii) one of the  $z$  variables equals unity, or (iv) two  $z$  variables are equal. One of the reduction formula out of these four cases is considered by Rahmani [12] in the form of  $p$ -Bernoulli numbers  $B_{n,p}$  by constructing an infinite matrix. The situation  $z_1 = z_2 = 1 - e^t$  in (2) leads to a generating function

$$(9) \quad {}_2F_1(1, 1; p + 2; 1 - e^t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,p} \frac{t^n}{n!},$$

where  ${}_2F_1$  denotes the Gauss hypergeometric function given by (1), for the  $p$ -Bernoulli numbers  $B_{n,p}$  which are closely related to Bernoulli numbers  $B_n$  by the formula

$$(10) \quad B_{n,p} = \frac{p+1}{p} \sum_{j=0}^p (-1)^j \begin{bmatrix} p \\ j \end{bmatrix} B_{n+j},$$

where  $\begin{bmatrix} p \\ j \end{bmatrix}$  is the Stirling number of the first kind [6].

Utilizing the fact that for  $z_1 = z_2 = 1 - e^t$  in (2), we have a reduction formula

$$F_1(1, 1, q; p + 2; 1 - e^t, 1 - e^t) = {}_2F_1(1, q + 1; p + 2; 1 - e^t)$$

which is an immediate consequence of the familiar formula [15, p. 54(14)]

$$F_1(a, a, b; c; x, x) = {}_2F_1(a, b + 1; c; x).$$

In particular, we have the following definition of the generalized  $p$ -Bernoulli numbers.

**Definition 1.**  $(p, q)$ -Bernoulli numbers  $B_{n,p,q}$  are given by the generating function

$$(11) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,p,q} \frac{t^n}{n!} = F_1(1, 1, q; p+2; 1-e^t, 1-e^t) \\ = {}_2F_1(1, q+1; p+2; 1-e^t)$$

for every integer  $p \geq -1$ .

Equation (11) provides the equivalent definition to the Rahmani's original one given by (9). For  $q = 0$ , (11) reduces to (9). Thus we have  $B_{n,p,0} = B_{n,p}$  and  $B_{n,0,0} = B_n$ .  $(p, q)$ -Bernoulli numbers  $B_{n,p,q}$  have a series representation involving Stirling numbers of second kind [6]

$$(12) \quad B_{n,p,q} = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \frac{(q+1)_k}{(p+2)_k} \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right\} k!,$$

where Stirling numbers of second kind are defined by the generating function

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right\} \frac{t^n}{n!} = \frac{(e^t - 1)^k}{k!}.$$

For  $q = 0$ , (12) reduces to Kargin and Rahmani [7, p. 2(1.1)]

$$B_{n,p} = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right\} \binom{k+p+1}{k}^{-1} k!.$$

The first generating function for  $(p, q)$ -Bernoulli numbers  $B_{n,p,q}$  for  $p = 1$ ,  $q = 0$  is

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,1,0} \frac{t^n}{n!} = \frac{2[(t-1)e^t + 1]}{(e^t - 1)^2}$$

and for  $p = q = 1$ , we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,1,1} \frac{t^n}{n!} = 2 \frac{(e^t - 1 - t)}{(1 - e^t)^2} = 2 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - e^t)^k}{2 + k},$$

where  $(1 - e^t)^k$  is given by

$$(1 - e^t)^k = k! (-1)^k \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right\} \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$

Furthermore

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,1,2} \frac{t^n}{n!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,2,1} \frac{t^n}{n!} = \frac{3}{(1 - e^t)^3} [(1 - e^t)(1 + e^t) + 2te^t].$$

Since [5, eqn. (2.11.34)]

$${}_2F_1(a, b + 1; a - b; z) = (1 + z)^{-a} {}_2F_1(a/2, a/2 + 1/2; a - b; \frac{4z}{(1 + z)^2}),$$

the special case of (11) when  $a = 1$ ,  $p = -q - 1$  and  $z = 1 - e^t$  yields

$$(13) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,-q-1,q} \frac{t^n}{n!} = (2 - e^t)^{-1} {}_2F_1(1/2, 1; 1 - q; \frac{4(1 - e^t)}{(2 - e^t)^2}).$$

From (4), we obtain an integral representation of Euler's type

$$(14) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,p,q} \frac{t^n}{n!} = \frac{1}{B(1 + q, p - q + 1)} \int_0^1 \frac{t^q(1 - t)^{p-q}}{(1 - t(1 - e^t))} dt$$

where  $\Re(p - q) > -1$ .

Integral representations of Laplace type stem from the well-known results of Appell's  $F_1$  [see, for example, 14, p. 282(26) and(27)]

$$(15) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,p,q} \frac{t^n}{n!} = \frac{1}{\Gamma(q)} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} t^{q-1} \Phi_1(1, 1; p + 2; 1 - e^t, (1 - e^t)t) dt,$$

$Re(q) > 0$

$$(16) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,p,q} \frac{t^n}{n!} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} \Phi_2(1, q; p + 2; (1 - e^t)t, (1 - e^t)t) dt,$$

where  $\Phi_1$  and  $\Phi_2$  are confluent forms of Appell's series defined by Humbert [14, p. 25].

One can notice an interesting reduction of  $(p, q)$ -Bernoulli polynomials

$$(17) \quad {}_2F_1(1, b; b + 1; 1 - e^t) = b\zeta(1 - e^t, 1, b), \quad b \neq 0, -1, -2, \dots,$$

where Hurwitz zeta function  $\zeta$  is defined as [11]

$$\zeta(z, s, b) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{(b + k)^s}.$$

### 3. A generating function for $(p, q)$ -Bernoulli numbers

Kargin and Rahmani [7] derived a generating function for the  $p$ -Bernoulli numbers  $B_{n,p}$ . To this end they used the generating function of the geometric polynomials. Their result is

$$(18) \quad \sum_0^{\infty} B_{n,p} \frac{t^n}{n!} = (p + 1) \left[ \frac{(t - H_p)e^{pt}}{(e^t - 1)^{p+1}} + \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{p!}{k!(p - k)} \frac{H_k}{(e^t - 1)^{k+1}} \right],$$

where  $H_n$  is the  $n - th$  harmonic number defined by [6, p. 258]

$$H_n = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{j}.$$

It may be remarked that the above result of Kargin and Rahmani is a direct consequence of the following known result [11, p. 462(128)]

$$\begin{aligned} {}_2F_1(1, n; m; z) &= \frac{(m-1)!}{(m-n-1)!z} \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^{m-n-1} \frac{(m-n-k-1)!}{(m-k-1)!} \left(\frac{z-1}{z}\right)^{k-1} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{z}{(n-1)!} \left(\frac{z-1}{z}\right)^{m-n-1} \left[ \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{z^{-k}}{n-k} + z^{-n} \ln(1-z) \right] \right\}, \quad m > n. \end{aligned}$$

Substitution of  $z = 1 - e^t$ ,  $n = q + 1$  and  $m = p + 2$  in the above result provide us a more general result belonging to  $(p, q)$ -Bernoulli numbers considered in the preceding section. Thus we can write after a certain amount of algebra that

$$(19) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,p,q} \frac{t^n}{n!} = \frac{(p+1)!}{(1-e^t)(p-q)!} \left[ \sum_{k=1}^{p-q} \frac{(p+q-k)!}{(p+1-k)!} \left(\frac{e^t}{e^t-1}\right)^{k-1} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{(e^t-1)}{q!} \left(\frac{e^t}{e^t-1}\right)^{p-q} \left( \sum_{k=1}^q \frac{(1-e^t)^{-k}}{(q-k+1)} + \frac{t}{(1-e^t)^{q+1}} \right) \right],$$

$p > q - 1$ . For  $q = 0$ , (19) reduces to

$$(20) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,p} \frac{t^n}{n!} = (p+1) \left[ \frac{te^{pt}}{(e^t-1)^{p+1}} + \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{e^{(k-1)t}}{(p-k)(e^t-1)^k} \right]$$

and for  $q = 0$  and  $p = m - 2$  where  $m = 2, 3, 4, \dots$ , we have

$$(21) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,m-2} \frac{t^n}{n!} = (m-1)e^{-2t} \left[ \sum_{k=2}^{m-1} \frac{1}{m-k} \left(\frac{e^t}{e^t-1}\right)^k - t \left(\frac{e^t}{e^t-1}\right)^m \right]$$

Also a calculation shows that, for  $q = p = m - 1$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,m-1,m-1} \frac{t^n}{n!} = -\frac{m}{(1-e^t)^m} \left[ t + \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} \frac{(1-e^t)^k}{k} \right], \quad m = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

### 4. Unified $(p, q)$ -Bernoulli polynomials

This section is devoted to  $(p, q)$ -Bernoulli polynomials and their representations involving Euler polynomials  $E_n(x)$  [11].

**Definition 2** ( $(p, q)$ -Bernoulli polynomials). *An explicit formula for  $(p, q)$ -Bernoulli polynomials is given by the generating function*

$$(22) \quad e^{xt} {}_2F_1(1, q + 1; p + 2; 1 - e^t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,p,q}(x) \frac{t^n}{n!}$$

for every integer  $p \geq -1$ .

For  $x = 0$  in (22), we get

$$(23) \quad {}_2F_1(1, q + 1; p + 2; 1 - e^t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,p,q} \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$

Since this reduces to Bernoulli number  $B_n$  for special values of  $p$  and  $q$ , we shall call  $B_{n,p,q}$ , a  $(p, q)$ -Bernoulli number represented by the generating function (23). Since we have

$$(24) \quad \begin{aligned} {}_2F_1(1, q + 1; p + 2; 1 - e^t) &= e^{-xt} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,p,q}(x) \frac{t^n}{n!} \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-x)^m}{m!} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,p,q}(x) \frac{t^{n+m}}{n!}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore comparing (25) and (23), we have

$$B_{n,p,q} = n! \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{(-x)^m}{m!(n-m)!} B_{n-m,p,q}(x).$$

Similarly, when  $x = -1$ , (22) implies

$$(25) \quad B_{n,p,q}(-1) = n! \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{(-1)^m B_{n-m,p,q}}{m!(n-m)!}.$$

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $p \geq 1$ . Then following representation for  $(p, q)$ -Bernoulli polynomials  $B_{n,p,q}(x)$  involving Euler polynomials  $E_n(x)$  holds true:*

$$(26) \quad B_{n,p,q}(x) = \frac{n!}{2} \left[ \sum_{m=0}^n \sum_{k=0}^m \frac{B_{m-k,p,q} E_{n-m}(x)}{(m-k)!k!(n-m)!} + \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{B_{m,p,q} E_{n-m}(x)}{m!(n-m)!} \right]$$

**Proof.** The generating function for the Euler polynomials  $E_n(x)$  gives

$$(27) \quad e^{xt} = \frac{e^t + 1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n(x) \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$

Substituting this value of  $e^{xt}$  in (22) gives

$$(28) \quad \frac{e^t + 1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n(x) \frac{t^n}{n!} {}_2F_1(1, q + 1; p + 2; 1 - e^t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,p,q}(x) \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$

Now using

$$e^t {}_2F_1(1, q + 1; p + 2; 1 - e^t) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} t^m \sum_{k=0}^m \frac{B_{m-k,p,q}}{(m-k)!k!}$$

and

$$(29) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n(x) \frac{t^n}{n!} {}_2F_1(1, q + 1; p + 2; 1 - e^t) \\ = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n(x) \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} B_{m,p,q} \frac{t^m}{m!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t^n \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{E_{n-m}(x) B_{m,p,q}}{(n-m)!m!}$$

in the left hand side of (28), we get

$$(30) \quad \frac{1}{2} \left[ \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} t^m \sum_{k=0}^m \frac{B_{m-k,p,q}}{(m-k)!k!} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n(x) \frac{t^n}{n!} \right. \\ \left. + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t^n \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{E_{n-m}(x) B_{m,p,q}}{(n-m)!m!} \right] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,p,q}(x) \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$

Finally, replacing  $n$  by  $n - m$  and comparing the coefficients of  $t^n$ , we get the required result.  $\blacksquare$

Using the following result [11, p. 766]

$$(31) \quad E_n(x) = \frac{2}{n+1} (B_{n+1}(x) - 2^{n+1} B_{n+1}(x/2)),$$

in (26), we have

**Corollary 1.**

$$(32) \quad B_{n,p,q}(x) = n! \sum_{m=0}^n \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^m \frac{B_{m-k,p,q}}{(m-k)!k!(n-m)!} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{B_{m,p,q}}{m!(n-m)!} \right\} \frac{(B_{n-m+1}(x) - 2^{n-m+1} B_{n-m+1}(x/2))}{n-m+1}$$



Setting  $x = 0$  in (32), we have the following result

**Corollary 2.**

$$(33) \quad B_{n,p,q} = n! \sum_{m=0}^n \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^m \frac{B_{m-k,p,q}}{(m-k)!k!(n-m)!} + \frac{B_{m,p,q}}{m!(n-m)!} \right\} \frac{(1 - 2^{n-m+1})B_{n-m+1}}{n-m+1}.$$

**5. Unified  $(p, q)$ -Bernoulli-Hermite polynomials**

In this section, we define  $(p, q)$ -Bernoulli-Hermite polynomials and give some explicit formulas for these generalized polynomials.

**Definition 3** ( $(p, q)$ -Bernoulli-Hermite polynomials). *Given integer  $p \geq -1$  and integer  $q$ , a  $(p, q)$ -Bernoulli-Hermite polynomials, denoted by  ${}_H B_{n,p,q}^r(x, y)$  are defined by the generating function*

$$(34) \quad e^{xt+yt^r} {}_2F_1(1, q+1; p+2; 1-e^t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} {}_H B_{n,p,q}^r(x, y) \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$

Using (5) and (11) in (34), we can write

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} {}_H B_{n,p,q}^r(x, y) \frac{t^n}{n!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} H_n^r(x, y) \frac{t^n}{n!} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} B_{m,p,q} \frac{t^m}{m!}$$

which on replacing  $n$  by  $n - m$  and comparing the coefficients of  $t^n$  yields the representation

$${}_H B_{n,p,q}^r(x, y) = n! \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{H_{n-m}^r(x, y) B_{m,p,q}}{(n-m)!m!}.$$

With  $x$  replaced by  $2x$ ,  $r = 2$  and  $y = -1$  it turns to the equality

$$(35) \quad {}_H B_{n,p,q}(2x, -1) = n! \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{H_{n-m}(x) B_{m,p,q}}{(n-m)!m!}.$$

To obtain  $(p, q)$ -Bernoulli-Hermite numbers denoted by  ${}_H B_{n,p,q}$ , we take in (34),  $r = 2$ ,  $y = -1$  and replace  $x$  by  $2x$ . Once this has been done then we take  $x = 0$  and use (8) to get

$$(36) \quad \begin{aligned} {}_H B_{n,p,q}(0, -1) = {}_H B_{n,p,q} &= n! \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{H_{n-m} B_{m,p,q}}{(n-m)!m!} \\ &= n! \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{B_{m,p,q}}{(n-m)!m!} \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } n-m \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{(-1)^{(n-m)}/2}{(n-m)!} \binom{n-m}{2}!, & \text{if } n-m \text{ is even,} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

where Hermite number  $H_n$  is given by (8).

**Theorem 2.** *The following summation formulae for  $(p, q)$ -Bernoulli-Hermite polynomials  ${}_H B_{n,p,q}$  holds true:*

$$(37) \quad {}_H B_{n,p,q}^r(z, u) = n! \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{{}_H B_{n-m,p,q}^r(x - \alpha, y - \beta) H_m^r(\alpha - x + z, \beta - y + u)}{(n - m)! m!},$$

or, in its equivalent form

$$(38) \quad {}_H B_{n,p,q}^r(z - \alpha + x, u - \beta + y) = n! \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{{}_H B_{n-m,p,q}^r(x - \alpha, y - \beta) H_m^r(z, u)}{(n - m)! m!}.$$

**Proof.** By exploiting the generating function (34), we can write

$$\begin{aligned} t y {}_H B_{n,p,q}^r(z, u) \frac{t^n}{n!} &= e^{zt+ut^r} {}_2F_1(1, q + 1; p + 2; 1 - e^t) \\ &= e^{-(x-z-\alpha)t - (y-u-\beta)t^r} e^{(x-\alpha)t + (y-\beta)t^r} {}_2F_1(1, q + 1; p + 2; 1 - e^t) \\ &= e^{-(x-z-\alpha)t - (y-u-\beta)t^r} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} {}_H B_{n,p,q}^r(x - \alpha, y - \beta) \frac{t^n}{n!} \end{aligned}$$

which readily yields

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} {}_H B_{n,p,q}^r(z, u) \frac{t^n}{n!} &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} H_m^r(\alpha - x + z, \beta - y + u) \frac{t^m}{m!} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} {}_H B_{n,p,q}^r(x - \alpha, y - \beta) \frac{t^n}{n!}, \end{aligned}$$

and thus by replacing  $n$  by  $n - m$  and comparing the coefficients of  $t^n$ , we get (37). On replacing  $z$  by  $z - \alpha - x$  and  $u$  by  $u - \beta + y$  in (37), we get (38).

Setting  $z = u = 0$  in (37) and noting that  ${}_H B_{n,p,q}^r(0, 0) = {}_H B_{n,p,q}^r$ , we have the following result for  $(p, q)$ -Bernoulli polynomials  $B_{n,p,q}$ . ■

**Corollary 3.**

$$B_{n,p,q}^r = n! \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{{}_H B_{n-m,p,q}^r(x - \alpha, y - \beta) H_m^r(\alpha - x, \beta - y)}{(n - m)! m!}.$$

Setting  $z = u = q = 0$  in (37) and noting that  ${}_H B_{n,p,0}^r(0, 0) = B_{n,p}^r$ , we have the following result for  $p$ -Bernoulli polynomials.

**Corollary 4.**

$$B_{n,p}^r = n! \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{{}_H B_{n-m,p}^r(x - \alpha, y - \beta) H_m^r(\alpha - x, \beta - y)}{(n - m)!m!}.$$

**Theorem 3.** *The following summation formulae connecting Gauss hypergeometric functions  ${}_2F_1$  and  $(p, q)$ -Bernoulli-Hermite polynomials  ${}_H B_{m,p,q}^r$  holds true:*

$$(39) \quad \begin{aligned} {}_2F_1(1, p + 1 - q; p + 2; 1 - e^{-t}) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_{n,p,q}(x, y) \frac{t^n}{n!} \\ {}_2F_1(p + 1, q + 1; p + 2; 1 - e^{-t}) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} Q_{n,p,q}(x, y) \frac{t^n}{n!} \\ {}_2F_1(p + 1, p + 1 - q; p + 2; 1 - e^t) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} R_{n,p,q}(x, y) \frac{t^n}{n!}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $P_{n,p,q}$ ,  $Q_{n,p,q}$  and  $R_{n,p,q}$  are given by

$$(40) \quad \begin{aligned} P_{n,p,q}(x, y) &= n! \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{H_{n-m}^r(1 - x, -y) {}_H B_{m,p,q}^r(x, y)}{(n - m)!m!} \\ Q_{n,p,q}(x, y) &= n! \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{H_{n-m}^r(1 - x + q, -y) {}_H B_{m,p,q}^r(x, y)}{(n - m)!m!} \\ R_{n,p,q}(x, y) &= n! \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{H_{n-m}^r(q - x - p, -y) {}_H B_{m,p,q}^r(x, y)}{(n - m)!m!}. \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** It is easy to use the linear transformations (also known as Euler’s transformations) [see,  $S$  and  $M$  p. 33(19), (20), (21)] of Gauss hypergeometric functions to prove that

$$\begin{aligned} {}_2F_1(1, q + 1; p + 2; 1 - e^t) &= e^{-t} {}_2F_1(1, p + 1 - q; p + 2; 1 - e^{-t}) \\ &= e^{-qt-t} {}_2F_1(p + 1, q + 1; p + 2; 1 - e^{-t}) \\ &= e^{pt-qt} {}_2F_1(p + 1, p + 1 - q; p + 2; 1 - e^t). \end{aligned}$$

We further rewrite these relations in the form

$$\begin{aligned} {}_2F_1(1, p + 1 - q; p + 2; 1 - e^{-t}) &= e^{t-xt-yt^r} [e^{xt+yt^r} {}_2F_1(1, q + 1; p + 2; 1 - e^t)] \\ {}_2F_1(p + 1, q + 1; p + 2; 1 - e^{-t}) &= e^{qt+t-xt-yt^r} [e^{xt+yt^r} {}_2F_1(1, q + 1; p + 2; 1 - e^t)] \\ {}_2F_1(p + 1, p + 1 - q; p + 2; 1 - e^t) &= e^{-pt+qt-xt-yt^r} [e^{xt+yt^r} {}_2F_1(1, q + 1; p + 2; 1 - e^t)] \end{aligned}$$

We may split right hand sides of these relations into product of the generating functions of the polynomials  $H_n^r(x, y)$  and  $(p, q)$ -Bernoulli-Hermite polynomials  ${}_H B_{m,p,q}^r(x, y)$ . Finally, replacement of  $n$  by  $n - m$  and use of series arrangement technique prove the result (39). ■

**Remark 1.** An important application comes from the reduction of (39) for  $q = 0$ . Within such a context, we use (17) and the first two equations of (39) to get a series representation of Hurwitz zeta function

$$(p + 1)\zeta(1 - e^{-t}, 1, p + 1) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_{n,p}(x, y) \frac{t^n}{n!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} Q_{n,p}(x, y) \frac{t^n}{n!},$$

where

$$(41) \quad P_{n,p}(x, y) = Q_{n,p}(x, y) = n! \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{H_{n-m}^r(1 - x, -y) {}_H B_{m,p}^r(x, y)}{(n - m)!m!}.$$

On the other hand, we use (11) with  $q = p$  in the last equation of (39). Then we have

$$(42) \quad B_{n,p,p} = R_{n,p,p}(x, y) = n! \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{H_{n-m}^r(-x, -y) {}_H B_{m,p,p}^r(x, y)}{(n - m)!m!},$$

where

$$B_{n,p,p} = (p + 1) \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{(-1)^m m!}{p + 1 + m} \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ m \end{matrix} \right\}.$$

### 6. Implicit formulae involving $(p, q)$ -Bernoulli-Hermite polynomials

This section of the paper is devoted to employing the definition of the Hermite-Bernoulli polynomials  ${}_H B_n^{[\alpha, m-1]}(x, y)$  in proving the generalizations of the results of Khan et al [8], Dattoli [4, p. 386(1.7)] and Pathan [9] (see also [10]). For the derivation of implicit formulae involving the Hermite-Bernoulli polynomials  ${}_H B_n^{[\alpha, m-1]}(x, y)$ , the same considerations as developed for the ordinary Hermite and related polynomials in Khan et al [8] and Dattoli et al [2] and [3] hold as well. First we prove the following results involving Hermite-Bernoulli polynomials  ${}_H B_n^{[\alpha, m-1]}(x, y)$ .

**Theorem 4.** *The following summation formulae for  $(p, q)$  Bernoulli-Hermite polynomials  ${}_H B_{n,p,q}^r(x, y)$  holds true:*

$$(43) \quad {}_H B_{n,p,q}^r(x, y) = n! \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{B_{n-k,p}(x - z) H_k^r(z, y)}{(n - k)!k!}.$$

**Proof.** By exploiting the generating function (22), we can write equation (34) as

$$(44) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} {}_H B_{n,p,q}^r(x, y) \frac{t^n}{n!} = e^{(x-z)t} {}_2F_1(1, q + 1; p + 2; 1 - e^t) e^{zt+yt^r},$$

$$(45) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} {}_H B_{n,p,q}^r(x, y) \frac{t^n}{n!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,p}(x - z) \frac{t^n}{n!} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} H_k^r(z, y) \frac{t^k}{k!}.$$

Now replacing  $n$  by  $n - k$  using the Lemma 3 [15, p. 101(1)] in the right hand side of equation (46), we get

$$(46) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} {}_H B_{n,p,q}^r(x, y) \frac{t^n}{n!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^n B_{n-k,p}(x - z) H_k^r(z, y) \frac{t^n}{(n - k)!k!}$$

On equating the coefficients of the like powers of  $t$ , we get (43). ■

**Remark 2.** Letting  $z = x$  in (43) gives an equivalent form of (5.3). For  $p = q = 0$  in (43), we get a known result of Pathan [10] which further for  $r = 2$  gives a known result of Dattoli [4, p. 386(1.7)]. Again taking  $y = 0$  in formula (43), we obtain

$$(47) \quad {}_H B_{n,p,q}^r(x) = n! \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{z^k B_{n-k,p}(x - z)}{(n - k)!k!}.$$

**Theorem 5.** *The following summation formulae for  $(p, q)$  Bernoulli-Hermite polynomials  ${}_H B_{n,p,q}^r(x, y)$  and  $(p, q)$  Bernoulli polynomials  $B_{n,p,q}^r$  holds true:*

$$(48) \quad \sum_{m=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{r} \rfloor} \frac{B_{n-mr,p,q}^r(x) B_{m,p,q}(y)}{(n - mr)!m!} = \sum_{m=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{r} \rfloor} \frac{{}_H B_{n-mr,p,q}^r(x, y) B_{m,p,q}}{(n - mr)!m!},$$

$$(49) \quad \sum_{m=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{r} \rfloor} \frac{B_{n-mr,p,q}^r(x) B_{m,p,q}(y)}{(n - mr)!m!} = \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{m=0}^{n-k} \frac{H_{n-k}^r(x, y) B_{n-m-k,p,q} B_{m,p,q}}{k!(n - m - k)!m!}.$$

**Proof.** Consider the definition of  $(p, q)$  Bernoulli-polynomials  ${}_H B_{n,p,q}^r$

$$(50) \quad \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} B_{m,p,q}^r(y) \frac{t^{mr}}{m!} = e^{yt^r} {}_2F_1(1, q + 1; p + 2; 1 - e^{t^r}),$$

where  $x$  is replaced by  $y$  and  $t$  is replaced by  $t^r$  in (22). On multiplying (22) and (49), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (51) \quad & \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} B_{m,p,q}^r(y) \frac{t^{mr}}{m!} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,p,q}(x) \frac{t^n}{n!} \\
 &= e^{xt+yt^r} {}_2F_1(1, q+1; p+2; 1-e^t) {}_2F_1(1, q+1; p+2; 1-e^{t^r}) \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} {}_H B_{n,p,q}^r(x, y) \frac{t^n}{n!} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} B_{m,p,q} \frac{t^{mr}}{m!}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Now replacing  $n$  by  $n - rm$ , using the Lemma 3 [15, p. 101(1)] in the right hand side of equation (46) and then equating the coefficients of the like powers of  $t$ , we get (48). Another way of defining the right hand side of (51) is suggested by replacing  $e^{xt+yt^r}$  by its series representation

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} B_{m,p,q}^r(y) \frac{t^{mr}}{m!} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,p,q}(x) \frac{t^n}{n!} \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} H_n^r(x, y) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,p,q} \frac{t^n}{n!} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} B_{m,p,q} \frac{t^{mr}}{m!}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Next, we rearrange the order of summation and then equating the coefficients of the like powers of  $t$ , we get (49). ■

Setting  $r = 2$  and  $y = 0$  in the above theorem, we have the following result for  $(p, q)$ -Bernoulli polynomials

**Corollary 5.**

$$(52) \quad \sum_{m=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \frac{B_{n-2r,p,q}(x) B_{m,p,q}}{(n-2m)! m!} = \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{m=0}^{n-k} \frac{H_n(x) B_{n-m-k,p,q} B_{m,p,q}}{k! (n-m-k)! m!}.$$

**Theorem 6.** *The following summation formulae for  $(p, q)$ -Bernoulli-Hermite polynomials  ${}_H B_{n,p,q}^k(x, y)$  and  $(p, q)$ -Bernoulli polynomials  $B_{n,p,q}^k$  holds true:*

$$\begin{aligned}
 (53) \quad & \sum_{m=0}^n \sum_{r=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n-m}{k} \rfloor} \left( \frac{x}{y^k} - \frac{y}{x^k} \right)^r \frac{{}_H B_{n-kr-m,p,q}^k(x, y) B_{m,p,q}}{r! m! (n-m-kr)! y^m x^{n-m-kr}} \\
 &= \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{{}_H B_{n-m,p,q}^k(y, x) B_{m,p,q}}{(n-m)! m! x^m y^{n-m}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** On replacing  $t$  by  $t/x$  and  $r$  by  $k$ , we can write equation (34) as

$$(54) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} {}_H B_{n,p,q}^k(x, y) \frac{t^n}{x^n n!} = e^{t+y \frac{t^k}{x^k}} {}_2F_1(1, q+1; p+2; 1-e^{t/x}).$$

Now interchanging  $x$  and  $y$ , we have

$$(55) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} {}_H B_{n,p,q}^k(y, x) \frac{t^n}{y^n n!} = e^{t+x \frac{t^k}{y^k}} {}_2F_1(1, q+1; p+2; 1 - e^{t/y})$$

Comparison of (54) and (55) yields

$$(56) \quad e^{x \frac{t^k}{y^k} - y \frac{t^k}{x^k}} {}_2F_1(1, q+1; p+2; 1 - e^{t/y}) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} {}_H B_{n,p,q}^k(x, y) \frac{t^n}{x^n n!} \\ = {}_2F_1(1, q+1; p+2; 1 - e^{t/x}) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} {}_H B_{n,p,q}^k(y, x) \frac{t^n}{y^n n!}$$

Using (36), we get

$$(57) \quad \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\frac{x}{y^k} - \frac{y}{x^k})^r t^{kr}}{r!} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} B_{m,p,q} \frac{t^m}{y^m m!} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} {}_H B_{n,p,q}^k(x, y) \frac{t^n}{x^n n!} \\ = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} B_{m,p,q} \frac{t^m}{x^m m!} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} {}_H B_{n,p,q}^k(y, x) \frac{t^n}{y^n n!}.$$

■

Next, we rearrange the order of summation and then equating the coefficients of the like powers of  $t$ , we get (53).

Setting  $p = 0$  and  $q = 0$  in the above theorem, we have the following result for Bernoulli polynomials

**Corollary 6.**

$$(58) \quad \sum_{m=0}^n \sum_{r=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n-m}{k} \rfloor} \left(\frac{x}{y^k} - \frac{y}{x^k}\right)^r \frac{{}_H B_{n-kr-m}^k(x, y) B_m}{r! m! (n-m-kr)! y^m x^{n-m-kr}} \\ = \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{{}_H B_{n-m}^k(y, x) B_m}{(n-m)! m! x^m y^{n-m}}$$

**7. Concluding remarks**

The formulae we have provided in previous sections illustrate how properties of Appell’s function  $F_1$  can sometimes be established or understood more easily by using generalized hypergeometric series of several variables. Gauss’s

function  ${}_2F_1$  and Appell's function  $F_1$  are both special cases of Lauricella hypergeometric function  $F_D^n$  [15, p. 60] defined by the power series

$$(59) \quad F_D^n[a, b_1, \dots, b_n; c; x_1, \dots, x_n] \\ = \sum_{m_1, \dots, m_n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_{m_1+\dots+m_n} (b_1)_{m_1} \dots (b_n)_{m_n}}{(c)_{m_1+\dots+m_n}} \frac{z_1^{m_1}}{m_1!} \dots \frac{z_n^{m_n}}{m_n!},$$

where for convergence  $|z_m| < 1$ ,  $m = 1, 2, \dots$ . The following reduction of  $F_D^n$  will be useful

$$(60) \quad F_D^n[a, b_1, \dots, b_n; c; x, \dots, x] = {}_2F_1(a, b_1 + \dots + b_n; c; x),$$

because it allows one to conclude that for  $(p, q)$ -Bernoulli numbers given by (11) for every  $p \geq -1$ , we can write

$$F_D^n[1, q, 1, 0, 0, \dots, 0; p+2; 1-e^t, \dots, 1-e^t] \\ = F_D^n[1, q, b_2, \dots, b_n; c; 1-e^t, \dots, 1-e^t] \\ = {}_2F_1(1, q+1; p+2; 1-e^t)$$

where  $b_2 + b_3 + \dots + b_n = 1$ .

Our speculations for Lauricella hypergeometric function  $F_D^n$  [15,p.60] and their reduction cases will yield perhaps a further feeling on the usefulness of the series. This process of using different analytical means on their respective generating functions can be extended to drive new relations for conventional and generalized Bernoulli numbers and polynomials.

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