



## SOME RESULTS FOR $q$ -POLY-BERNOULLI POLYNOMIALS WITH A PARAMETER

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*Abstract.* The main object of this paper is to investigate a new class of the generalized  $q$ -poly-Bernoulli numbers and polynomials with a parameter. We give explicit formulas and a recursive method for the calculation of the  $q$ -poly-Bernoulli numbers and polynomials. As a consequence, we derive a method for the calculation of the special values at negative integral points of the Arakawa–Kaneko zeta function also known as generalized Hurwitz zeta function.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $q$  be an indeterminate with  $0 \leq q < 1$ . The  $q$ -analogue of  $x$  is defined by

$$[x]_q = \frac{1 - q^x}{1 - q}$$

with  $[0]_q = 0$  and  $\lim_{q \rightarrow 1} [x]_q = x$ . Recently Komatsu in [12] introduced and studied a new family of polynomials, called  $q$ -poly-Bernoulli polynomials  $B_{n,\rho,q}^{(k)}(z)$  with a real parameter  $\rho$  which are defined by the following generating function:

$$F_{q,\rho}(t; z) := \frac{\rho}{1 - e^{-\rho t}} \text{Li}_{k,q} \left( \frac{1 - e^{-\rho t}}{\rho} \right) e^{-tz} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,\rho,q}^{(k)}(z) \frac{t^n}{n!}, \quad (1.1)$$

$(n \geq 0; k \in \mathbb{Z}; \rho \neq 0)$

where  $\text{Li}_{k,q}(z)$  is the  $q$ -polylogarithm function [11] defined by

$$\text{Li}_{k,q}(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{[n]_q^k}.$$

Clearly, we have

$$\lim_{q \rightarrow 1} B_{n,\rho,q}^{(k)}(z) = B_{n,\rho}^{(k)}(z),$$

which is the poly-Bernoulli polynomial with a  $\rho$  parameter [7], and

$$\lim_{q \rightarrow 1} \text{Li}_{k,q}(z) = \text{Li}_k(z),$$

which is the ordinary polylogarithm function, defined by

$$\text{Li}_k(z) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^m}{m^k}. \quad (1.2)$$

In addition, when  $z = 0$ ,  $B_{n,\rho}^{(k)}(0) = B_{n,\rho}^{(k)}$  is the poly-Bernoulli number with a  $\rho$  parameter. When  $z = 0$  and  $\rho = 1$ ,  $B_{n,1}^{(k)}(0) = B_n^{(k)}$  is the poly-Bernoulli number [1–3, 10] defined by

$$\frac{\text{Li}_k(1 - e^{-t})}{1 - e^{-t}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n^{(k)} \frac{t^n}{n!}, \quad (1.3)$$

In this paper, we propose to investigate a new class of the generalized  $q$ -poly-Bernoulli numbers and polynomials with a parameter which we call  $(m, q)$ -poly-Bernoulli polynomials with a parameter  $\rho$ . We establish several properties of these polynomials. The study of  $(m, q)$ -poly-Bernoulli polynomials with a parameter yields an interesting algorithm for calculating  $\mathbb{B}_{n,m}^{(k)}(z; \rho, q)$ . As an application, we derive a recursive method for the calculation of the special values at negative integral points of the Arakawa-Kaneko zeta function.

We first recall some basic definitions and some results [8, 16] that will be useful in the rest of the paper. The (signed) Stirling numbers  $s(n, i)$  of the first kind are the coefficients in the following expansion:

$$x(x-1)\cdots(x-n+1) = \sum_{i=0}^n s(n, i) x^i, \quad n \geq 1$$

and satisfy the recurrence relation given by

$$s(n+1, i) = s(n, i-1) - ns(n, i) \quad (1 \leq i \leq n). \quad (1.4)$$

The Stirling numbers of the second kind, denoted  $S(n, i)$  are the coefficients in the expansion

$$x^n = \sum_{i=0}^n S(n, i) x(x-1)\cdots(x-i+1), \quad n \geq 1.$$

These numbers count the number of ways to partition a set of  $n$  elements into exactly  $i$  nonempty subsets.

The exponential generating functions for  $s(n, i)$  and  $S(n, i)$  are given by

$$\sum_{n=i}^{\infty} s(n, i) \frac{z^n}{n!} = \frac{1}{i!} [\ln(1+z)]^i$$

and

$$\sum_{n=i}^{\infty} S(n, i) \frac{z^n}{n!} = \frac{1}{i!} (e^z - 1)^i,$$

respectively.

The weighted Stirling numbers  $\mathfrak{S}_n^i(x)$  of the second kind are defined by (see [5,6])

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{S}_n^i(x) &= \frac{1}{i!} \Delta^i x^n \\ &= \frac{1}{i!} \sum_{j=0}^i (-1)^{i-j} \binom{i}{j} (x+j)^n, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Delta$  denotes the forward difference operator. The exponential generating function of  $\mathfrak{S}_n^i(x)$  is given by

$$\sum_{n=i}^{\infty} \mathfrak{S}_n^i(x) \frac{z^n}{n!} = \frac{1}{i!} e^{xz} (e^z - 1)^i \tag{1.5}$$

and weighted Stirling numbers  $\mathfrak{S}_n^i(x)$  satisfy the following recurrence relation:

$$\mathfrak{S}_{n+1}^i(x) = \mathfrak{S}_n^{i-1}(x) + (x+i) \mathfrak{S}_n^i(x) \quad (1 \leq i \leq n).$$

In particular, we have for nonnegative integer  $r$

$$\mathfrak{S}_n^i(0) = S(n, i) \text{ and } \mathfrak{S}_n^i(r) = \begin{Bmatrix} n+r \\ i+r \end{Bmatrix}_r.$$

where  $\begin{Bmatrix} n \\ i \end{Bmatrix}_r$  denotes the  $r$ -Stirling numbers of the second kind [4].

## 2. THE $(m, q)$ -POLY-BERNOULLI NUMBERS WITH A PARAMETER $\rho$

In order to compute  $B_{n,\rho,q}^{(k)} := B_{n,\rho,q}^{(k)}(0)$ , we define  $(m, q)$ -poly-Bernoulli numbers  $\mathbb{B}_{n,m}^{(k)}(\rho, q)$  with a parameter  $\rho$  in terms of  $m$ -Stirling numbers of the second kind by:

$$\mathbb{B}_{n,m}^{(k)}(\rho, q) = \frac{(-\rho)^n [m+1]_q^k}{m!} \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{(m+i)! \mathfrak{S}_n^i(m)}{(-\rho)^i [m+i+1]_q^k}, \quad m \geq 0 \tag{2.1}$$

with  $\mathbb{B}_{0,m}^{(k)}(\rho, q) = 1$  and  $\mathbb{B}_{n,0}^{(k)}(\rho, q) = B_{n,\rho,q}^{(k)}$ .

By direct computation from (2.1), we find

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{B}_{0,m}^{(k)}(\rho, q) &= 1, \\ \mathbb{B}_{1,m}^{(k)}(\rho, q) &= (m+1) \left( \frac{q^{m+1} - 1}{q^{m+2} - 1} \right)^k - m, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{B}_{2,m}^{(k)}(\rho, q) &= (m+1)(m+2) \left( \frac{q^{m+1}-1}{q^{m+3}-1} \right)^k \\ &\quad - (2m^2+3m+1) \left( \frac{q^{m+1}-1}{q^{m+2}-1} \right)^k + m^2. \end{aligned}$$

The following Theorem gives us a relation between the  $(m, q)$ -poly-Bernoulli numbers  $\mathbb{B}_{n,m}^{(k)}(\rho, q)$  and  $q$ -poly-Bernoulli numbers  $B_n^{(k)}(\rho, q) := B_{n,\rho,q}^{(k)}$ .

**Theorem 1.** For  $m \geq 0$ , we have

$$\mathbb{B}_{n,m}^{(k)}(\rho, q) = \frac{(-\rho)^m [m+1]_q^k}{m!} \sum_{i=0}^m s(m, i) \frac{B_{n+i}^{(k)}(\rho, q)}{(-\rho)^i}. \quad (2.2)$$

*Proof.* The explicit formula (2.2) can be derived from a known result in [14, p. 681, Corollary 1] for the Stirling transform upon specializing the initial sequence

$$a_{0,m} = \frac{m!}{(-\rho)^m [m+1]_q^k}.$$

□

The next Theorem contains the exponential generating function for  $(m, q)$ -poly-Bernoulli numbers with a parameter  $\rho$ .

**Theorem 2.** The exponential generating function for  $\mathbb{B}_{n,m}^{(k)}(\rho, q)$  is given by

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{B}_{n,m}^{(k)}(\rho, q) \frac{t^n}{n!} = \frac{(-\rho)^{m+n} [m+1]_q^k}{m!} e^{mt} \left( e^{-t} \frac{d}{dt} \right)^m F_{q,\rho}(t; z).$$

*Proof.* We have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{B}_{n,m}^{(k)}(\rho, q) \frac{t^n}{n!} &= \frac{(-\rho)^m [m+1]_q^k}{m!} \sum_{i=0}^m s(m, i) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{B_{n+i}^{(k)}(\rho, q) t^n}{(-\rho)^i n!} \\ &= \frac{(-\rho)^{m+n} [m+1]_q^k}{m!} \sum_{i=0}^m s(m, i) \frac{d^i}{dt^i} \left( \frac{\rho}{1-e^t} \text{Li}_{k,q} \left( \frac{1-e^t}{\rho} \right) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Since [13]

$$\sum_{i=0}^m s(m, i) \left( \frac{d}{dt} \right)^i = e^{mt} \left( e^{-t} \frac{d}{dt} \right)^m,$$

we get the desired result. □

Next, we propose an algorithm, which is based on a three-term recurrence relation, for calculating the  $(m, q)$ -poly-Bernoulli numbers  $\mathbb{B}_{n,m}^{(k)}(\rho, q)$  with a parameter  $\rho$ .

**Theorem 3.** For every integer  $k$ , the  $\mathbb{B}_{n,m}^{(k)}(\rho, q)$  satisfies the following three-term recurrence relation:

$$\mathbb{B}_{n+1,m}^{(k)}(\rho, q) = (m + 1) \left( \frac{q^{m+1} - 1}{q^{m+2} - 1} \right)^k \mathbb{B}_{n,m+1}^{(k)}(\rho, q) - \rho m \mathbb{B}_{n,m}^{(k)}(\rho, q) \quad (2.3)$$

with the initial sequence given by  $\mathbb{B}_{0,m}^{(k)}(\rho, q) = 1$ .

*Proof.* From (2.2) and (1.4), we have

$$\mathbb{B}_{n,m+1}^{(k)}(\rho, q) = \frac{(-\rho)^{m+1} [m + 2]_q^k}{(m + 1)!} \sum_{i=0}^{m+1} (s(m, i - 1) - m s(m, i)) \frac{B_{n+i}^{(k)}(\rho, q)}{(-\rho)^i}.$$

After some simplifications, we find that

$$\mathbb{B}_{n,m+1}^{(k)}(\rho, q) = \frac{1}{[m + 1]_q^k} \frac{(-\rho)[m + 2]_q^k}{m + 1} \left( \frac{1}{(-\rho)} \mathbb{B}_{n+1,m}^{(k)}(\rho, q) - m \mathbb{B}_{n,m}^{(k)}(\rho, q) \right).$$

This evidently equivalent to (2.3). □

*Remark 1.* If we set  $\rho = 1, k = 1$  and  $q \rightarrow 1$ , in (2.3), we get

$$B_{n+1,m} = \frac{(m + 1)^2}{(m + 2)} B_{n,m+1} - m B_{n,m}, \quad (2.4)$$

an algorithm for the classical Bernoulli numbers with  $B_1 = \frac{1}{2}$ . See [15] for the case  $B_1 = -\frac{1}{2}$ .

### 3. THE $(m, q)$ -POLY-BERNOULLI POLYNOMIALS WITH A PARAMETER $\rho$

For  $m \geq 0$ , let us consider the  $(m, q)$ -poly-Bernoulli polynomials with a parameter  $\mathbb{B}_{n,m}^{(k)}(z; \rho, q)$  as follows:

$$\mathbb{B}_{n,m}^{(k)}(z; \rho, q) = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^{n-i} \binom{n}{i} \mathbb{B}_{i,m}^{(k)}(\rho, q) z^{n-i}. \quad (3.1)$$

It is easy to show that the generating function of  $\mathbb{B}_{n,m}^{(k)}(z; \rho, q)$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \geq 0} \mathbb{B}_{n,m}^{(k)}(z; \rho, q) \frac{t^n}{n!} &= e^{-zt} \sum_{n \geq 0} \mathbb{B}_{n,m}^{(k)}(\rho, q) \frac{t^n}{n!} \\ &= \frac{1}{m!} (-\rho)^{m+n} [m + 1]_q^k e^{(m-z)t} \left( e^{-t} \frac{d}{dt} \right)^m F_{q,\rho}(t; z). \end{aligned}$$

Next, we show an explicit formula about  $\mathbb{B}_{n,m}^{(k)}(z; \rho, q)$ .

**Theorem 4.** *The following formula holds true*

$$\mathbb{B}_{n,m}^{(k)}(z; \rho, q) = \frac{[m+1]_q^k}{m!} \sum_{i=0}^n (-\rho)^{n-i} \frac{(m+i)!}{[m+i+1]_q^k} \mathcal{G}_n^i\left(\frac{z}{\rho} + m\right).$$

*Proof.* From (3.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{B}_{n,m}^{(k)}(z; \rho, q) &= \frac{[m+1]_q^k}{m!} \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^{n-i} \binom{n}{i} \sum_{j=0}^i \frac{(-\rho)^{i-j} (m+j)! \mathcal{G}_i^j(m)}{[m+j+1]_q^k} z^{n-i} \\ &= \frac{[m+1]_q^k}{m!} \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{(-\rho)^{n-j} (m+j)!}{[m+j+1]_q^k} \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} \mathcal{G}_i^j(m) \left(\frac{z}{\rho}\right)^{n-i}. \end{aligned}$$

By using the relation

$$\mathcal{G}_n^i(x+y) = \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} \mathcal{G}_l^i(x) y^{n-l},$$

we obtain

$$\mathbb{B}_{n,m}^{(k)}(z; \rho, q) = \frac{[m+1]_q^k (-\rho)^n}{m!} \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{(m+j)!}{(-\rho)^j [m+j+1]_q^k} \mathcal{G}_n^j\left(\frac{z}{\rho} + m\right),$$

we arrive at the desired result.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.** *The polynomials  $\mathbb{B}_{n,m}^{(k)}(z; \rho, q)$  satisfy the following three-term recurrence relation:*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{B}_{n+1,m}^{(k)}(z; \rho, q) &= (m+1) \left(\frac{q^{m+1}-1}{q^{m+2}-1}\right)^k \mathbb{B}_{n,m+1}^{(k)}(z; \rho, q) \\ &\quad + (z - \rho m) \mathbb{B}_{n,m}^{(k)}(z; \rho, q), \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

with the initial sequence given by

$$\mathbb{B}_{0,m}^{(k)}(z; \rho, q) = 1.$$

*Proof.* From (3.1), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dz} \mathbb{B}_{n,m}^{(k)}(z; \rho, q) &= \sum_{i=0}^n (n-i) (-1)^{n-i} \binom{n}{i} \mathbb{B}_{i,m}^{(k)}(\rho, q) z^{n-i-1} \\ &= n \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^{n-i} \binom{n}{i} \mathbb{B}_{i,m}^{(k)}(\rho, q) z^{n-i-1} \\ &\quad - n \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{n-i} \binom{n-1}{i-1} \mathbb{B}_{i,m}^{(k)}(\rho, q) z^{n-i-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$z \frac{d}{dz} \mathbb{B}_{n,m}^{(k)}(z; \rho, q) = n \mathbb{B}_{n,m}^{(k)}(z; \rho, q) - n \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (-1)^{n-i-1} \binom{n-1}{i} \mathbb{B}_{i+1,m}^{(k)}(\rho, q) z^{n-i-1}.$$

Now, using (2.3), we have

$$z \frac{d}{dz} \mathbb{B}_{n,m}^{(k)}(z; \rho, q) = n \mathbb{B}_{n,m}^{(k)}(z; \rho, q) + n \rho m \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{i} \mathbb{B}_{i,m}^{(k)}(\rho, q) (-z)^{n-i-1} - n(m+1) \left( \frac{q^{m+1}-1}{q^{m+2}-1} \right)^k \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{i} \mathbb{B}_{i,m+1}^{(k)}(\rho, q) (-z)^{n-i-1},$$

which, after simplification, yields

$$z \mathbb{B}_{n-1,m}^{(k)}(z; \rho, q) = \mathbb{B}_{n,m}^{(k)}(z; \rho, q) - (m+1) \left( \frac{q^{m+1}-1}{q^{m+2}-1} \right)^k \mathbb{B}_{n-1,m+1}^{(k)}(z; \rho, q) + \rho m \mathbb{B}_{n-1,m}^{(k)}(z; \rho, q),$$

which is obviously equivalent to (3.2) and the proof is complete.  $\square$

As consequence of Theorem 5, one can deduce a three-term recurrence relation for  $(m, q)$ -poly-Bernoulli polynomials with a parameter  $\rho$  and negative upper indices  $\mathbb{B}_{n,m}^{(-k)}(z; \rho, q)$ .

**Corollary 1.** *The  $\mathbb{B}_{n,m}^{(-k)}(z; \rho, q)$  satisfies the following three-term recurrence relation:*

$$\mathbb{B}_{n+1,m}^{(-k)}(z; \rho, q) = (m+1) \left( \frac{q^{m+2}-1}{q^{m+1}-1} \right)^k \mathbb{B}_{n,m+1}^{(-k)}(z; \rho, q) + (z - \rho m) \mathbb{B}_{n,m}^{(-k)}(z; \rho, q),$$

with the initial sequence given by

$$\mathbb{B}_{0,m}^{(-k)}(z; \rho, q) = 1.$$

The next result gives a method for the calculation of the special values at negative integral points of the Arakawa–Kaneko zeta function. Recall that the Arakawa–Kaneko zeta function  $\xi_k(s, x)$ , for  $s \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $x > 0$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , is defined by [9]

$$\xi_k(s, x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(s)} \int_0^{+\infty} t^{s-1} \frac{\text{Li}_k(1-e^{-t})}{1-e^{-t}} e^{-xt} dt$$

It is well-known that the special values at negative integral points are given in terms of poly-Bernoulli polynomials

$$\xi_k(-n, x) = (-1)^n B_n^{(k)}(x), n \geq 0.$$

We now present the following algorithm for  $\xi_k(-n, x)$ . We start with the sequence  $\mathcal{K}_{0,m} = 1$  as the first row of the matrix  $(\mathcal{K}_{n,m})_{n,m \geq 0}$ . Each entry is determined recursively by

$$\mathcal{K}_{n+1,m}(k, x) = \frac{(m+1)^{k+1}}{(m+2)^k} \mathcal{K}_{n,m+1}(k, x) + (x-m) \mathcal{K}_{n,m}(k, x).$$

Then

$$\xi_k(-n, x) = (-1)^n \mathcal{K}_{n,0}(k, x)$$

where  $\mathcal{K}_{n,0}(k, x)$  are the first column of the matrix  $(\mathcal{K}_{n,m})_{n,m \geq 0}$ .

#### 4. CONCLUSION

In our present research, we have investigated a new class of the generalized  $q$ -poly-Bernoulli numbers and polynomials with a parameter. As a consequence, we derive a method for the calculation of the special values at negative integral points of the Arakawa-Kaneko zeta function. We have also given a recursive method for the calculation of  $q$ -poly-Bernoulli numbers and polynomials with parameter.

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