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# A note on the Von Staudt-Clausen's theorem for the weighted $q$ -Genocchi numbers

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available at the end of the article**Abstract**

Recently, the Von Staudt-Clausen theorem for  $q$ -Euler numbers was introduced by Kim (Russ. J. Math. Phys. 20(1):33-38, 2013) and Araci *et al.* have also studied this theorem for  $q$ -Genocchi numbers (see Araci *et al.* in Appl. Math. Comput. 247:780-785, 2014) based on the work of Kim *et al.* In this paper, we give the corresponding Von Staudt-Clausen theorem for the weighted  $q$ -Genocchi numbers and also prove the Kummer-type congruences for the generated weighted  $q$ -Genocchi numbers.

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## 1 Introduction and preliminaries

As is well known, a theorem including the fractional part of Bernoulli numbers, which is called the Von Staudt-Clausen theorem, was introduced by Karl Von Staudt and Thomas Clausen (see [1]). In [2], Kim has studied the Von Staudt-Clausen theorem for the  $q$ -Euler numbers and Araci *et al.* have introduced the Von Staudt-Clausen theorem associated with  $q$ -Genocchi numbers.

Let  $p$  be a fixed odd 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 the algebraic closure  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ . Let us assume that  $q$  is an indeterminate in  $\mathbb{C}_p$  with  $|1 - q|_p < p^{-\frac{1}{1-p}}$  where  $|\cdot|_p$  is a  $p$ -adic norm. The  $q$ -extension of  $x$  is defined by  $[x]_q = \frac{1-q^x}{1-q}$ . Note that  $\lim_{q \rightarrow 1} [x]_q = x$ . For  $f \in C(\mathbb{Z}_p) =$  the space of all continuous functions on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ , the fermionic  $p$ -adic  $q$ -integral on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  is defined by Kim to be

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} f(x) d\mu_{-q}(x) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{[p^N]_{-q}} \sum_{x=0}^{p^N-1} f(x)(-q)^x \quad (\text{see [2-6]}). \quad (1)$$

From (1), we note that

$$q \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} f(x+1) d\mu_{-q}(x) + \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} f(x) d\mu_{-q}(x) = [2]_q f(0). \quad (2)$$

From  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & q^n \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} f(x+n) d\mu_{-q}(x) + (-1)^{n-1} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} f(x) d\mu_{-q}(x) \\ &= [2]_q \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} f(l) (-1)^{n-l-1} q^l \quad (\text{see [4]}). \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

Let  $d \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $d \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  and  $(p, d) = 1$ . Then we set

$$x = x_d = \lim_{\substack{\leftarrow \\ \mathbb{N}}} \mathbb{Z}/d p^N \mathbb{Z}, \quad X^* = \bigcup_{0 < a < d p, (a,p)=1} a + d p \mathbb{Z}_p$$

and  $a + d p^N \mathbb{Z}_p = \{x \in X \mid x \equiv a \pmod{d p^N}\}$  where  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  lies in  $0 \leq a < d p^N$ . It is well known that

$$\int_X f(x) d\mu_{-q}(x) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} f(x) d\mu_{-q}(x), \quad \text{where } f \in C(\mathbb{Z}_p) \text{ (see [2-6]).} \tag{4}$$

Recently, the weighted  $q$ -Euler numbers were introduced by the generating function to be

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_{n,q}^{(\alpha)} \frac{t^n}{n!} = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} e^{[x]_{q^\alpha} t} d\mu_{-q}(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} [x]_{q^\alpha}^n d\mu_{-q}(x) \right) \frac{t^n}{n!} \quad (\text{see [5, 7]}). \tag{5}$$

Thus, by (5), we get

$$E_{n,q}^{(\alpha)}(x) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} [x]_{q^\alpha}^n d\mu_{-q}(x) \quad (\text{see [5, 8]}),$$

where  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}_p$ . Many researchers have studied the weighted  $q$ -Euler numbers and  $q$ -Genocchi numbers in the recent decade (see [1-16]).

From (5), Araci defined the weighted  $q$ -Genocchi numbers as follows:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} G_{n,q}^{(\alpha)} \frac{t^n}{n!} = t \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} e^{[x]_{q^\alpha} t} d\mu_{-q}(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} [x]_{q^\alpha}^n d\mu_{-q}(x) \right) \frac{t^{n+1}}{n!}. \tag{6}$$

By (6), we get

$$\frac{G_{n+1,q}^{(\alpha)}}{n+1} = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} [x]_{q^\alpha}^n d\mu_{-q}(x), \quad G_{0,q}^{(\alpha)} = 0. \tag{7}$$

The weighted  $q$ -Genocchi polynomials are also defined by

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} G_{n,q}^{(\alpha)}(x) \frac{t^n}{n!} = t \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} e^{[x+y]_{q^\alpha} t} d\mu_{-q}(x). \tag{8}$$

Thus, by (8), we have

$$\frac{G_{n+1,q}^{(\alpha)}(x)}{n+1} = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} [x+y]_{q^\alpha}^n d\mu_{-q}(y) \quad (n \geq 0). \tag{9}$$

Let us assume that  $\chi$  is a Dirichlet character with conductor  $d \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $d \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ . Then we defined the generalized weighted  $q$ -Genocchi numbers attached to  $\chi$  as follows:

$$\frac{G_{n+1,q,\chi}^{(\alpha)}}{n+1} = \int_X \chi(x)[x]_{q^\alpha}^n d\mu_{-q}(x). \tag{10}$$

From (10), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{G_{n+1,q,\chi}^{(\alpha)}}{n+1} &= \int_X \chi(x)[x]_{q^\alpha}^n d\mu_{-q}(x) \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{[dp^N]_{-q}} \sum_{x=0}^{dp^N-1} \chi(x)(-1)^x [x]_{q^\alpha}^n \\ &= \frac{[d]_{q^\alpha}^n}{[d]_{-q}} \sum_{k=0}^{d-1} (-1)^k \chi(k) q^k \left( \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{[p^N]_{-q^d}} \sum_{x=0}^{p^N-1} \left[ x + \frac{k}{d} \right]_{q^{d\alpha}} (-1)^x q^{dx} \right) \\ &= \frac{[d]_{q^\alpha}^n}{[d]_{-q}} \sum_{k=0}^{d-1} (-1)^k \chi(k) q^k \frac{G_{n+1,q^d}^{(\alpha)}\left(\frac{k}{d}\right)}{n+1}. \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

**Theorem 1.1** *Let  $\chi$  be the Dirichlet character with conductor  $d \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $d \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ . For  $n \in \mathbb{N}^* = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ , we have*

$$G_{n,q,\chi}^{(\alpha)} = \frac{[d]_{q^\alpha}^n}{[d]_{-q}} \sum_{k=0}^{d-1} (-1)^k \chi(k) q^k G_{n,q^d}^{(\alpha)}\left(\frac{k}{d}\right).$$

Next we give a familiar theorem, which is known as the Von Staudt-Clausen theorem.

**Lemma 1.2** (Von Staudt-Clausen theorem) *Let  $n$  be an even and positive integer. Then*

$$B_n + \sum_{p-1|n, p:\text{prime}} \frac{1}{p} \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Notice that  $pB_n$  is a  $p$ -adic integer where  $p$  is an arbitrary prime number,  $n$  is an arbitrary integer and also  $B_n$  is a Bernoulli number as in [1]. The purpose of this paper is to show that the weighted  $q$ -Genocchi numbers can be described by a Von Staudt-Clausen-type theorem. Finally, we prove a Kummer-type congruence for the generated weighted  $q$ -Genocchi numbers.

**2 Von Staudt-Clausen theorems**

From (10), we have

$$\frac{G_{n+1,q}^{(\alpha)}}{n+1} = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} [x]_{q^\alpha}^n d\mu_{-q}(x) = \frac{[2]_q}{2} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^x [x]_{q^\alpha}^n d\mu_{-1}(x). \tag{12}$$

Thus, by (12), we have

$$\lim_{q \rightarrow 1} \frac{G_{n+1,q}^{(\alpha)}}{n+1} = \frac{G_{n+1}}{n+1} = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} x^n d\mu_{-1}(x) \quad (\text{see [2-6, 15]}).$$

In [2], Kim introduced the following inequality:

$$\left| \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} (-1)^j [j]_{q^\alpha} q^j \right| \leq 1. \tag{13}$$

Let us define the following equality: for  $k \geq 1$ ,

$$L_{n-1}^{(\alpha)}(k) = [0]_{q^\alpha}^{n-1} - q[1]_{q^\alpha}^{n-1} + \dots + [p^k - 1]_{q^\alpha}^{n-1} q^{p^k-1}. \tag{14}$$

From (3), we note that

$$q^d \frac{G_{n+1, q^d}^{(\alpha)}(d)}{n+1} + \frac{G_{n+1, q^d}^{(\alpha)}}{n+1} = [2]_q \sum_{l=0}^{d-1} [l]_{q^d}^n (-1)^l q^l, \tag{15}$$

where  $d \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $d \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ . By (14) and (12), we get

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} nL_{n-1}^{(\alpha)}(k) = \frac{2}{[2]_q} G_{n, q}^{(\alpha)}.$$

By (14), we get

$$\begin{aligned} L_{n-1}^{(\alpha)}(k+1) &= \sum_{a=0}^{p^{k+1}-1} (-1)^a q^a [a]_{q^\alpha}^{n-1} \\ &= \sum_{a=0}^{p^k-1} \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} (-1)^{a+jp^k} q^{a+jp^k} [a+jp^k]_{q^\alpha}^{n-1} \\ &= \sum_{a=0}^{p^k-1} \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} (-1)^{a+jp^k} q^{a+jp^k} ([a]_{q^\alpha} + q^{\alpha a} [jp^k]_{q^\alpha})^{n-1} \\ &= \sum_{a=0}^{p^k-1} \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{l} [a]_{q^\alpha}^{n-1-l} (-1)^{a+j} q^{a\alpha l} [jp^k]_{q^\alpha}^l q^{a+jp^k} \\ &= \sum_{a=0}^{p^k-1} \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{l} [a]_{q^\alpha}^{n-1-l} (-1)^{a+j} q^{a(\alpha l+1)+jp^k} [p^k]_{q^\alpha}^l [j]_{q^\alpha}^l q^{a+jp^k} \\ &= \sum_{a=0}^{p^k-1} (-1)^a q^a [a]_{q^\alpha}^{n-1} \frac{[2]_{q^{p^2k}}}{[2]_{q^{p^k}}} \\ &\quad + \sum_{a=0}^{p^k-1} \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{l} [a]_{q^\alpha}^{n-1-l} (-1)^{a+j} q^{a(\alpha l+1)+jp^k} [p^k]_{q^\alpha}^l [j]_{q^\alpha}^l q^{a+jp^k} \\ &= \sum_{a=0}^{p^k-1} \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{l} [a]_{q^\alpha}^{n-1-l} (-1)^{a+j} q^{a(\alpha l+1)+jp^k} [p^k]_{q^\alpha}^l [j]_{q^\alpha}^l q^{a+jp^k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{a=0}^{p^k-1} (-1)^a q^a [a]_{q^\alpha}^{n-1} \frac{[2]_{q^{p^2k}}}{[2]_{q^{pk}}} \\
 &\quad + \sum_{a=0}^{p^k-1} \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{l} [a]_{q^\alpha}^{n-1-l} (-1)^{a+j} q^{a(\alpha l+1)+jp^k} [p^k]_{q^\alpha}^l [j]_{q^\alpha}^l. \tag{16}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by (16), we get

$$L_{n-1}^{(\alpha)}(k+1) \equiv \sum_{a=0}^{p^k-1} [a]_{q^\alpha}^{n-1} (-1)^a q^a \pmod{[p^k]_{q^\alpha}}. \tag{17}$$

From (16), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sum_{a=0}^{p^{k+1}-1} (-1)^a [a]_{q^\alpha}^{n-1} q^a \\
 &= \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \sum_{j=0}^{p^k-1} (-1)^{a+pj} [a+pj]_{q^\alpha}^{n-1} q^{a+pj} \\
 &= \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} (-1)^a q^a \sum_{j=0}^{p^k-1} (-1)^j q^{pj} ([a]_{q^\alpha} + q^{\alpha a} [p]_{q^\alpha} [j]_{q^\alpha p})^{n-1} \\
 &= \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \sum_{j=0}^{p^k-1} \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{l} (-1)^{a+j} q^{a+pj} [a]_{q^\alpha}^{n-1-l} q^{\alpha al} [p]_{q^\alpha}^l [j]_{q^\alpha p}^l \\
 &= \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} (-1)^a q^a [a]_{q^\alpha}^{n-1} \frac{[2]_{q^{pk+1}}}{[2]_{q^p}} \\
 &\quad + \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \sum_{j=0}^{p^k-1} \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{l} (-1)^{a+j} q^{a+pj+\alpha al} [a]_{q^\alpha}^{n-1-l} [p]_{q^\alpha}^l [j]_{q^\alpha p}^l \\
 &= \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} (-1)^a q^a [a]_{q^\alpha}^{n-1} \pmod{[p]_{q^\alpha}}. \tag{18}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by (17) and (18), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.1** *Let  $L_{n-1}^{(\alpha)}(k) = \sum_{a=0}^{p^k-1} (-1)^a [a]_{q^\alpha}^{n-1}$ . Then we have*

$$L_{n-1}^{(\alpha)}(k+1) = \sum_{a=0}^{p^k-1} [a]_{q^\alpha}^{n-1} (-1)^a q^a.$$

Furthermore

$$\sum_{a=0}^{p^k-1} [a]_{q^\alpha}^{n-1} (-1)^a q^a \pmod{[p^k]_{q^\alpha}} \equiv \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} (-1)^a q^a [a]_{q^\alpha}^{n-1} \pmod{[p]_{q^\alpha}}.$$

By Theorem 2.1, we get

$$\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} (-1)^a n [a]_{q^\alpha}^{n-1} q^a = \int_X [x]_{q^\alpha}^{n-1} d\mu_{-q}(x) \equiv G_{n,q}^{(\alpha)} \pmod{[p]_q}. \tag{19}$$

Therefore, by (19), we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.2** *For  $n \geq 1$ , we have*

$$\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} (-1)^a n [a]_{q^\alpha}^{n-1} = G_{n,q}^{(\alpha)} \pmod{[p]_q}.$$

From (17) and (19), we note that

$$G_{n+1,q}^{(\alpha)} + n \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} (-1)^{a+1} [a]_{q^\alpha}^{n-1} q^a \in \mathbb{Z}_p \quad (n \geq 1).$$

**Corollary 2.3** *For  $n \geq 1$ , we have*

$$G_{n+1,q}^{(\alpha)} + n \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} (-1)^{a+1} [a]_{q^\alpha}^{n-1} q^a \in \mathbb{Z}_p.$$

Let  $n \geq 1$ . Then we observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{G_{n+1,q}^{(\alpha)}}{n+1} \right|_p &= \left| \frac{G_{n+1,q}^{(\alpha)}}{n+1} - \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} (-1)^a [a]_{q^\alpha}^n q^a + \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} (-1)^a q^a [a]_{q^\alpha}^n \right|_p \\ &\leq \max \left\{ \left| \frac{G_{n+1,q}^{(\alpha)}}{n+1} - \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} (-1)^a [a]_{q^\alpha}^n \right|_p, \left| \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} (-1)^a q^a [a]_{q^\alpha}^n \right|_p \right\} \leq 1. \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

Therefore, we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.4** *For  $n \geq 1$ , we have*

$$\frac{G_{n+1,q}^{(\alpha)}}{n+1} \in \mathbb{Z}_p.$$

Let  $\chi$  be the Dirichlet character  $d \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $d \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ . The generalized weighted  $q$ -Genocchi numbers attached to  $\chi$  are introduced as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} G_{n,q,\chi}^{(\alpha)} \frac{t^n}{n!} &= [2]_q t \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-1)^m \chi(m) e^{[m]_{q^\alpha} t} \\ &= t \int_X \chi(x) e^{[x]_{q^\alpha} t} d\mu_{-q}(x). \end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

Let  $\bar{f} = [f, p]$  be the least common multiple of the conductor  $f$  of  $\chi$  and  $p$ . By (21), we get

$$G_{n,q,\chi}^{(\alpha)} = n \int_X \chi(x) [x]_{q^\alpha}^{n-1} d\mu_{-q}(x) = n \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{x=0}^{f\bar{p}^N-1} \chi(x) (-1)^x [x]_{q^\alpha}^{n-1}. \tag{22}$$

Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 G_{n,q,\chi}^{(\alpha)} &= n \lim_{\rho \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{1 \leq a \leq \bar{f}p^\rho, (a,p)=1} \chi(a)(-1)^a q^a [a]_{q^\alpha}^{n-1} \\
 &\quad + n[p]_{q^\alpha}^{n-1} \chi(p) \lim_{\rho \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{1 \leq a \leq \bar{f}p^\rho, (a,p)=1}^{\bar{f}p^\rho-1} \chi(a)(-1)^a q^{ap} [a]_{q^\alpha p}^{n-1} \\
 &= n \lim_{\rho \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{1 \leq a \leq \bar{f}p^\rho, (a,p)=1} \chi(a)(-1)^a q^a [a]_{q^\alpha}^{n-1} + a[p]_{q^\alpha}^{n-1} \chi(p) G_{n,q^p,\chi}^{(\alpha)}. \tag{23}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by (23), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.5** *For  $n \geq 1$ , we have*

$$n \lim_{\rho \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{1 \leq a \leq \bar{f}p^\rho, (a,p)=1} \chi(a)(-1)^a q^a [a]_{q^\alpha}^{n-1} = G_{n,q,\chi}^{(\alpha)} - [p]_{q^\alpha}^{n-1} \chi(p) G_{n,q^p,\chi}^{(\alpha)}. \tag{24}$$

Assume that  $w$  is the Teichmüller character by mod  $p$ . For  $a \in X^*$ , set  $\langle a \rangle_\alpha = \langle a : q \rangle_\alpha = \frac{[a]_{q^\alpha}}{w(a)}$ . Note that  $|\langle a \rangle_\alpha - 1|_p < p^{\frac{1}{p-1}}$ , where  $\langle a \rangle^s = \exp(s \log \langle a \rangle)$  for  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ . For  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ , we define the weighted  $p$ -adic  $l$ -function associated with  $G_{n,q,\chi}^{(\alpha)}$  as follows:

$$l_{p,q}^{(\alpha)}(s, \chi) = \lim_{\rho \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{1 \leq a \leq \bar{f}p^\rho, (a,p)=1} \chi(a)(-1)^a \langle a \rangle_\alpha^{-s} q^a = \int_{X^*} \chi(x) \langle x \rangle_\alpha^{-s} d\mu_{-q}(x).$$

For  $k \geq 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &kl_{p,q}(1 - k, \chi w^{k-1}) \\
 &= k \lim_{\rho \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{1 \leq a \leq \bar{f}p^\rho} \chi(a)(-1)^a q^a [a]_{q^\alpha}^{k-1} \\
 &= k \int_X \chi(x) [x]_{q^\alpha}^{k-1} d\mu_{-q}(x) - k \int_{pX} \chi(x) [x]_{q^\alpha}^{k-1} d\mu_{-q}(x) \\
 &= k \int_X \chi(x) [x]_{q^\alpha}^{k-1} d\mu_{-q}(x) - \frac{k[2]_q \chi(p)}{[2]_{q^p}} [p]_{q^\alpha}^{k-1} \int_X \chi(x) [x]_{q^\alpha p}^{k-1} d\mu_{-q^p}(x) \\
 &= G_{x,q,\chi}^{(\alpha)} - \frac{[2]_q}{[2]_{q^p}} \chi(p) [p]_{q^\alpha}^{k-1} G_{k,q^p,\chi}^{(\alpha)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to show that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle a \rangle_\alpha^{p^n} &= \exp(p^n \log \langle a \rangle_\alpha) \\
 &= 1 + p^n \log \langle a \rangle_\alpha + \frac{(p^n \log_p \langle a \rangle_\alpha)^2}{2!} + \dots \\
 &\equiv 1 \pmod{p^n}.
 \end{aligned}$$

So, by the definition of  $l_{p,q}^{(\alpha)}(1 - k, x)$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 l_{p,q}^{(\alpha)}(-k, \chi) &= \lim_{\rho \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{1 \leq a \leq \bar{f} p^\rho, (a,p)=1} \chi(a) (-1)^a q^a \langle a \rangle_\alpha^k \\
 &\equiv \lim_{\rho \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{1 \leq a \leq \bar{f} p^\rho, (a,p)=1} \chi(a) (-1)^a q^a \langle a \rangle_\alpha^{k'} \pmod{p^n},
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $k \equiv k' \pmod{p^n(p - 1)}$ . Namely, we have

$$l_{p,q}^{(\alpha)}(-k, \chi w^k) \equiv l_{p,q}^{(\alpha)}(-k', \chi w^{k'}) \pmod{p^n}.$$

**Theorem 2.6** For  $k \equiv k' \pmod{p^n(p - 1)}$ , we have

$$\frac{G_{k+1,q,\chi}^{(\alpha)}}{k+1} - \frac{[2]_q G_{k+1,q^p,\chi}^{(\alpha)}}{[2]_{q^p} k+1} \equiv \frac{G_{k'+1,q,\chi}^{(\alpha)}}{k'+1} - \frac{[2]_q G_{k'+1,q^p,\chi}^{(\alpha)}}{[2]_{q^p} k'+1} \pmod{p^n}.$$

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