

# A Note on Identities of Symmetry for Generalized Carlitz's $q$ -Bernoulli Polynomials<sup>1</sup>

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## Abstract

In this paper, we investigate some symmetric properties of  $p$ -adic  $q$ -integral on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ . A question was asked in [10] as to finding formulae of symmetries for the generalized Carlitz  $q$ -Bernoulli polynomials. From our investigation, we derive some

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $p$  be a fixed prime number. Throughout this paper,  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ ,  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  and  $\mathbb{C}_p$  will, respectively, denote the ring of  $p$ -adic rational integers, the field of  $p$ -adic rational numbers and the completion of algebraic closure of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ . The  $p$ -adic absolute value in  $\mathbb{C}_p$  is normalized so that  $|p|_p = p^{-1}$ . Let  $q$  be variously considered as an indeterminate, a complex number  $q \in \mathbb{C}$ , or a  $p$ -adic number  $q \in \mathbb{C}_p$ . If  $q \in \mathbb{C}_p$ , we assume that  $|1 - q|_p < p^{-\frac{1}{p-1}}$ . Let  $d$  be a fixed positive integer. We set

$$X = \varprojlim_N (\mathbb{Z}/dp^N\mathbb{Z}), \quad X^* = \bigcup_{\substack{0 < a < dp \\ (a,p)=1}} a + dp\mathbb{Z}_p,$$

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

where  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  lies in  $0 \leq a < dp^N$ , (see [1-19]).

Let  $UD(\mathbb{Z}_p)$  be the space of uniformly differentiable functions on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ . For  $f \in UD(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ , the  $p$ -adic  $q$ -integral is defined by Kim to be

$$I_q(f) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} f(x) d\mu_q(x) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{[p^N]_q} \sum_{x=0}^{p^N-1} f(x) q^x, \quad (1.1)$$

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

From (1.1), we note that

$$qI_q(f_1) = I_q(f) + (q-1)f(0) + \frac{q-1}{\log q} f'(0), \quad (1.2)$$

where  $f_1(x) = f(x+1)$ .

By (1.2), we easily get

$$q^n I_q(f_n) = I_q(f) + (q-1) \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} f(l) + \frac{q-1}{\log q} \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} f'(l), \quad (1.3)$$

where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $f_n(x) = f(x+n)$ .

It is not difficult to show that

$$\int_X f(x) d\mu_q(x) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} f(x) d\mu_q(x), \quad (\text{see [9]}),$$

where  $f \in UD(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ .

The Bernoulli polynomials are defined by the generating function to be

$$\frac{t}{e^t - 1} e^{xt} = e^{B(x)t} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n(x) \frac{t^n}{n!}, \quad (\text{see [14, 15, 16, 17, 18]}) . \quad (1.4)$$

When  $x = 0$ ,  $B_n = B_n(0)$  is called the  $n$ -th Bernoulli number.

By (1.4), we easily get

$$B_0 = 1 \text{ and } (B+1)^n - B_n = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } n > 1, \end{cases}$$

with the usual convention about replacing  $B^i$  by  $B_i$  (see [18, 19]).

In [3], Carlitz considered the  $q$ -extensions of Bernoulli numbers as follows :

$$\beta_{0,q} = 1, \quad q(q\beta_q + 1)^n - \beta_{n,q} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 0, & \text{if } n > 1, \end{cases} \quad (1.5)$$

with the usual convention about replacing  $\beta_q^i$  by  $\beta_{i,q}$ .

He also defined  $q$ -Bernoulli polynomials as follows :

$$\beta_{n,q}(x) = \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} [x]_q^{n-l} q^{lx} \beta_{l,q}, \quad (\text{see [2, 3]}) . \quad (1.6)$$

Recently, Kim gave the Witt's formula for the Carlitz's  $q$ -Bernoulli polynomials which are given by

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} [x+y]_q^n d\mu_q(y) = \beta_{n,q}(x), \quad (n \geq 0), \quad (\text{see [9]}) . \quad (1.7)$$

When  $x = 0$ ,  $\beta_{n,q} = \beta_{n,q}(0)$  is called the  $n$ -th Carlitz  $q$ -Bernoulli number.

From (1.2) and (1.7), we note that

$$q\beta_{n,q}(1) - \beta_{n,q} = \begin{cases} q-1 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } n > 1. \end{cases} \quad (1.8)$$

By (1.7), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_{n,q}(x) &= \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} [x+y]_q^n d\mu_q(x) = \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} q^{lx} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} [y]_q^l d\mu_q(x) [x]_q^{n-l} \\ &= \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} q^{lx} \beta_{l,q} [x]_q^{n-l} = \left( q^x \beta_q + [x]_q \right)^n . \end{aligned} \quad (1.9)$$

Let  $\chi$  be a primitive Dirichlet character with conductor  $d \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ , with  $(d, p) = 1$ . Then the generalized Bernoulli polynomials attached to  $\chi$  are defined by the generating function to be

$$\frac{t}{e^{dt} - 1} \left( \sum_{a=0}^{d-1} \chi(a) e^{at} \right) e^{xt} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,\chi}(x) \frac{t^n}{n!}. \quad (1.10)$$

When  $x = 0$ ,  $B_{n,\chi} = B_{n,\chi}(0)$  is called the  $n$ -th generalized Bernoulli number attached to  $\chi$  (see [9, 17, 18]). By (1.10), we get

$$B_{k,\chi}(x) = d^{k-1} \sum_{a=0}^{d-1} \chi(a) B_k\left(\frac{a+x}{d}\right), \quad (k \geq 0). \quad (1.11)$$

In [9], the  $q$ -extension of (1.11) is given by

$$\beta_{n,\chi,q}(x) = [d]_q^{n-1} \sum_{a=0}^{d-1} \chi(a) q^a \beta_{n,q^d}\left(\frac{a+x}{d}\right), \quad (1.12)$$

where  $\beta_{n,\chi,q}(x)$  are called the generalized  $q$ -Bernoulli polynomials attached to  $\chi$ .

From (1.1) and (1.12), we note that

$$\beta_{n,\chi,q}(x) = \int_X [x+y]_q^n \chi(y) d\mu_q(y), \quad (n \geq 0), \quad (\text{see [10]}). \quad (1.13)$$

When  $x = 0$ ,  $\beta_{n,\chi,q} = \beta_{n,\chi,q}(0)$  is called the  $n$ -th generalized Carlitz  $q$ -Bernoulli number attached to  $\chi$ .

Indeed, by (1.13), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_X [x+y]_q^n \chi(y) d\mu_q(y) &= \frac{1}{[d]_q} \sum_{a=0}^{d-1} \chi(a) q^a \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} [x+a+dy]_q^n d\mu_{q^d}(y) \\ &= [d]_q^{n-1} \sum_{a=0}^{d-1} \chi(a) q^a \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \left[\frac{x+a}{d} + y\right]_{q^d}^n d\mu_{q^d}(y) \\ &= [d]_q^{n-1} \sum_{a=0}^{d-1} \chi(a) q^a \beta_{n,q^d}\left(\frac{x+a}{d}\right). \end{aligned}$$

In this paper, we investigate some symmetric properties of  $p$ -adic  $q$ -integral on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ . A question was asked in [10] as to finding formulae of symmetries for the generalized Carlitz  $q$ -Bernoulli polynomials. From our investigation, we derive some new identities of symmetry for the generalized Carlitz  $q$ -Bernoulli polynomials which are a partial answer to that question.

## 2. SYMMETRIC IDENTITIES OF GENERALIZED $q$ -BERNOULLI POLYNOMIALS

From (1.13), we note that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \beta_{n,\chi,q}(x) \frac{t^n}{n!} = \int_X \chi(y) e^{[x+y]_q t} d\mu_q(y). \quad (2.1)$$

Let  $w_1, w_2$  be natural numbers.

Then, by (2.1), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{[w_1]_q} \int_X \chi(y) e^{[w_1 w_2 x + w_2 j + w_1 y]_q t} d\mu_{q^{w_1}}(y) \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{[dw_1 w_2 p^N]_q} \sum_{i=0}^{dw_2-1} \chi(i) q^{w_1 i} \sum_{y=0}^{p^N-1} e^{[w_1 w_2 x + w_2 j + w_1(i+dw_2 y)]_q t} q^{dw_1 w_2 y}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

Thus, from (2.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{[w_1]_q} \sum_{j=0}^{dw_1-1} \chi(j) q^{w_2 j} \int_X \chi(y) e^{[w_1 w_2 x + w_2 j + w_1 y]_q t} d\mu_{q^{w_1}}(y) \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{[dw_1 w_2 p^N]_q} \sum_{y=0}^{p^N-1} \sum_{j=0}^{dw_1-1} \sum_{i=0}^{dw_2-1} \chi(i) \chi(j) \\ & \quad \times q^{w_1 i + w_2 j + dw_1 w_2 y} e^{[w_1 w_2 x + w_2 j + w_1(i+dw_2 y)]_q t}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

By the same method as (2.3), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{[w_2]_q} \sum_{j=0}^{dw_2-1} \chi(j) q^{w_1 j} \int_X \chi(y) e^{[w_1 w_2 x + w_1 j + w_2 y]_q t} d\mu_{q^{w_2}}(y) \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{[dw_1 w_2 p^N]_q} \sum_{y=0}^{p^N-1} \sum_{j=0}^{dw_2-1} \sum_{i=0}^{dw_1-1} \chi(i) \chi(j) \\ & \quad \times q^{w_2 i + w_1 j + dw_1 w_2 y} e^{[w_1 w_2 x + w_1 j + w_2(i+dw_1 y)]_q t}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

Therefore, by (2.3) and (2.4), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.1.** *For  $w_1, w_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have*

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{[w_1]_q} \sum_{j=0}^{dw_1-1} \chi(j) q^{w_2 j} \int_X \chi(y) e^{[w_1 w_2 x + w_2 j + w_1 y]_q t} d\mu_{q^{w_1}}(y) \\ &= \frac{1}{[w_2]_q} \sum_{j=0}^{dw_2-1} \chi(j) q^{w_1 j} \int_X \chi(y) e^{[w_1 w_2 x + w_1 j + w_2 y]_q t} d\mu_{q^{w_2}}(y). \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$[w_1 w_2 x + w_2 j + w_1 y]_q = [w_1]_q \left[ w_2 x + \frac{w_2}{w_1} j + y \right]_{q^{w_1}} \quad (2.5)$$

and

$$[w_1 w_2 x + w_1 j + w_2 y]_q = [w_2]_q \left[ w_1 x + \frac{w_1}{w_2} j + y \right]_{q^{w_2}}. \quad (2.6)$$

Therefore, by Theorem 2.1, (2.5) and (2.6), we obtain the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.2.** *For  $n \geq 0$ , we have*

$$\begin{aligned} & [w_1]_q^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{dw_1-1} \chi(j) q^{w_2 j} \int_X \chi(y) \left[ w_2 x + \frac{w_2}{w_1} j + y \right]_{q^{w_1}}^n d\mu_{q^{w_1}}(y) \\ &= [w_2]_q^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{dw_2-1} \chi(j) q^{w_1 j} \int_X \chi(y) \left[ w_1 x + \frac{w_1}{w_2} j + y \right]_{q^{w_2}}^n d\mu_{q^{w_2}}(y). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by (1.13) and Corollary 2.2, we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.3.** *For  $n \geq 0$ ,  $w_1, w_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have*

$$\begin{aligned} & [w_1]_q^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{dw_1-1} \chi(j) q^{w_2 j} \beta_{n, \chi, q^{w_1}} \left( w_2 x + \frac{w_2}{w_1} j \right) \\ &= [w_2]_q^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{dw_2-1} \chi(j) q^{w_1 j} \beta_{n, \chi, q^{w_2}} \left( w_1 x + \frac{w_1}{w_2} j \right). \end{aligned}$$

**Remark.** We note that Theorem 2.3 is a partial answer to Question 1 in [10].

From (1.13), we can derive the following equation (2.7) :

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_X \chi(y) \left[ w_2 x + \frac{w_2}{w_1} j + y \right]_{q^{w_1}}^n d\mu_{q^{w_1}}(y) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} \left( \frac{[w_2]_q}{[w_1]_q} \right)^i [j]_{q^{w_2}}^i q^{w_2(n-i)j} \int_X [w_2 x + y]_{q^{w_1}}^{n-i} \chi(y) d\mu_{q^{w_1}}(y) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} \left( \frac{[w_2]_q}{[w_1]_q} \right)^i [j]_{q^{w_2}}^i q^{w_2(n-i)j} \beta_{n-i, \chi, q^{w_1}}(w_2 x). \end{aligned} \tag{2.7}$$

Thus, by (2.7), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & [w_1]_q^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{dw_1-1} \chi(j) q^{w_2 j} \int_X \chi(y) \left[ w_2 x + \frac{w_2}{w_1} j + y \right]_{q^{w_1}}^n d\mu_{q^{w_1}}(y) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} [w_1]_q^{n-i-1} [w_2]_q^i \left( \sum_{j=0}^{dw_1-1} [j]_{q^{w_2}}^i q^{w_2 j(n-i+1)} \chi(j) \right) \beta_{n-i, \chi, q^{w_1}}(w_2 x) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} [w_1]_q^{i-1} [w_2]_q^{n-i} \left( \sum_{j=0}^{dw_1-1} [j]_{q^{w_2}}^{n-i} q^{w_2 j(i+1)} \chi(j) \right) \beta_{i, \chi, q^{w_1}}(w_2 x) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} [w_1]_q^{i-1} [w_2]_q^{n-i} T_{n,i}(dw_1, q^{w_2} | \chi) \beta_{i, \chi, q^{w_1}}(w_2 x), \end{aligned} \tag{2.8}$$

where

$$T_{n,i}(w, q|\chi) = \sum_{j=0}^{w-1} [j]_q^{n-i} q^{j(i+1)} \chi(j). \quad (2.9)$$

By the same method as (2.8), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & [w_2]_q^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{dw_2-1} \chi(j) q^{w_1 j} \int_X \chi(y) \left[ w_1 x + \frac{w_1}{w_2} j + y \right]_{q^{w_2}}^n d\mu_{q^{w_2}}(y) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} [w_2]_q^{i-1} [w_1]_q^{n-i} T_{n,i}(dw_2, q^{w_1}|\chi) \beta_{i,\chi,q^{w_2}}(w_1 x). \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

Therefore, by (2.8), (2.9) and (2.10), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.4.** For  $n \geq 0$ ,  $w_1, w_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} [w_1]_q^{i-1} [w_2]_q^{n-i} T_{n,i}(dw_1, q^{w_2}|\chi) \beta_{i,\chi,q^{w_1}}(w_2 x) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} [w_2]_q^{i-1} [w_1]_q^{n-i} T_{n,i}(dw_2, q^{w_1}|\chi) \beta_{i,\chi,q^{w_2}}(w_1 x), \end{aligned}$$

where  $T_{n,i}(w, q|\chi) = \sum_{j=0}^{w-1} [j]_q^{n-i} q^{j(i+1)} \chi(j)$ .

**Remark.** (1) Let  $\chi$  be the trivial character. Then we have  $\beta_{n,\chi_{\text{triv}},q^{w_1}}(w_2 x) = \beta_{n,q^{w_1}}(w_2 x)$ , ( $n \geq 0$ ).

(2) For  $\chi = \chi_{\text{triv}}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} [w_1]_q^{i-1} [w_2]_q^{n-i} T_{n,i}(w_1, q^{w_2}) \beta_{i,q^{w_1}}(w_2 x) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} [w_2]_q^{i-1} [w_1]_q^{n-i} T_{n,i}(w_2, q^{w_1}) \beta_{i,q^{w_2}}(w_1 x), \end{aligned}$$

where  $T_{n,i}(w, q) = \sum_{j=0}^{w-1} [j]_q^{n-i} q^{j(i+1)}$ .

(3) We note that Theorem 2.4 is another partial answer to Question 1 in [10].

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