

AN IDENTITY OF THE SYMMETRY FOR THE  
FROBENIUS-EULER POLYNOMIALS ASSOCIATED  
WITH THE FERMIONIC  $p$ -ADIC INVARIANT  
 $q$ -INTEGRALS ON  $\mathbf{Z}_p$

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ABSTRACT. The main purpose of this paper is to prove an identity of symmetry for the Frobenius-Euler polynomials. It turns out that the recurrence relation and multiplication theorem for the Frobenius-Euler polynomials which discussed in [18]. Finally we investigate several further interesting properties of symmetry for the Fermionic  $p$ -adic invariant  $q$ -integral on  $\mathbf{Z}_p$  associated with the Frobenius-Euler polynomials and numbers.

**1. Introduction.** The  $n$ th Frobenius-Euler numbers  $H_n(q)$  and the  $n$ th Frobenius-Euler polynomials  $H_n(q, x)$  attached to an algebraic number  $q (\neq 1)$  may be defined by the exponential generating functions

$$(1) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} H_n(q) \frac{t^n}{n!} = \frac{1-q}{e^t - q}, \text{ see [6, 7],}$$
$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} H_n(q, x) \frac{t^n}{n!} = \frac{1-q}{e^t - q} e^{xt}.$$

It is easy to show that  $H_n(q, x) = \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} x^{n-l} H_l(q)$ . Let  $p$  be a fixed prime. Throughout this paper  $\mathbf{Z}_p$ ,  $\mathbf{Q}_p$ ,  $\mathbf{C}$  and  $\mathbf{C}_p$  will, respectively, denote the ring of  $p$ -adic rational integers, the field of  $p$ -adic rational numbers, the complex number field, and the completion of algebraic closure of  $\mathbf{Q}_p$ . When one talks of  $q$ -extension,  $q$  is variously considered as an indeterminate, a complex  $q \in \mathbf{C}$ , or a  $p$ -adic number  $q \in \mathbf{C}_p$ , see [7–17, 19, 20, 21]. If  $q \in \mathbf{C}$ , then we assume  $|q| < 1$ . If  $q \in \mathbf{C}_p$ , then we assume  $|1 - q|_p < 1$ . For  $x \in \mathbf{Q}_p$ , we use the notation  $[x]_q = (1 - q^x)/(1 - q)$  and  $[x]_{-q} = (1 - (-q)^x)/(1 + q)$ , see [5, 6].

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The normalized valuation in  $\mathbf{C}_p$  is denoted by  $|\cdot|_p$  with  $|p|_p = 1/p$ . We say that  $f$  is a uniformly differentiable function at a point  $a \in \mathbf{Z}_p$  and denote this property by  $f \in UD(\mathbf{Z}_p)$ , if the difference quotients  $F_f(x, y) = f(x) - f(y)/x - y$  have a limit  $l = f'(a)$  as  $(x, y) \rightarrow (a, a)$ . For  $f \in UD(\mathbf{Z}_p)$ , let us start with the expression

$$\frac{1}{[p^N]_q} \sum_{0 \leq j < p^N} q^j f(j) = \sum_{0 \leq j < p^N} f(j) \mu_q(j + p^N \mathbf{Z}_p),$$

representing a  $q$ -analogue of Riemann sums for  $f$ , see [5, 6]. The integral of  $f$  on  $\mathbf{Z}_p$  will be defined as limit ( $n \rightarrow \infty$ ) of those sums, when it exists. The  $q$ -deformed bosonic  $p$ -adic integral of the function  $f \in UD(\mathbf{Z}_p)$  is defined by

$$I_q(f) = \int_{\mathbf{Z}_p} f(x) d\mu_q(x) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{[dp^N]_q} \sum_{0 \leq x < dp^N} f(x) q^x, \text{ see [5].}$$

Thus, we note that

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

where  $f_1(x) = f(x+1)$ ,  $f'(0) = df(0)/dx$ .

The Fermionic  $p$ -adic invariant  $q$ -integral on  $\mathbf{Z}_p$  is defined as (2)

$$I_{-q}(f) = \int_{\mathbf{Z}_p} f(x) d\mu_{-q}(x) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{[p^N]_{-q}} \sum_{x=0}^{p^N-1} f(x) (-q)^x, \text{ see [5].}$$

In [22], Tuentler provided a generalization of the Bernoulli number recurrence

$$B_m = \frac{1}{a(1-a^m)} \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} a^j \binom{m}{j} B_j \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} i^{m-j}, \text{ see [1, 3, 4],}$$

where  $a, m \in \mathbf{Z}$  with  $a > 1$ ,  $m \geq 1$ , attributed to Deeba and Rodriguez [3] and to Gessel [1]. Define  $S_m(k) = 0^m + 1^m + \dots + k^m$ , where  $a, m \in \mathbf{Z}$ , with  $a \geq 0$  and  $m \geq 0$ . Tuentler proved that the quantity

$$\sum_{j=0}^m \binom{m}{j} a^{j-1} B_j b^{m-j} S_{m-j}(a-1), \text{ see [22],}$$

is symmetric in  $a$  and  $b$ , provided  $a, b, m \in \mathbf{Z}$ , with  $a > 0, b > 0$  and  $m \geq 0$ . In this paper we prove an identity of symmetry for the Frobenius-Euler polynomials. It turns out that the recurrence relation and multiplication theorem for the Frobenius-Euler polynomials was discussed in [18]. Finally we investigate the several further interesting properties of the symmetry for the Fermionic  $p$ -adic invariant  $q$ -integral on  $\mathbf{Z}_p$  associated with the Frobenius-Euler polynomials and numbers.

**2. An identity of symmetry for the Frobenius-Euler polynomials.** From (2) we can derive

$$(3) \quad qI_{-q}(f_1) + I_{-q}(f) = [2]_q f(0), \text{ where } f_1(x) = f(x + 1).$$

By continuing this process, we see that

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

where  $f_n(x) = f(x + n)$ .

When  $n$  is an odd positive integer, we obtain

$$(4) \quad q^n I_{-q}(f_n) + I_{-q}(f) = [2]_q \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} (-1)^l f(l) q^l.$$

If  $n \in \mathbf{N}$  with  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ , then we have

$$(5) \quad q^n I_{-q}(f_n) - I_{-q}(f) = [2]_q \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} (-1)^{l-1} f(l) q^l.$$

From (1) and (3) we derive

$$(6) \quad \int_{\mathbf{Z}_p} e^{xt} d\mu_{-q}(x) = \frac{1 - (-q)^{-1}}{e^t - (-q)^{-1}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} H_n(-q^{-1}) \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$

Thus, we note that

$$\int_{\mathbf{Z}_p} x^n d\mu_{-q}(x) = H_n(-q^{-1}),$$

and

$$\int_{\mathbf{Z}_p} (y + x)^n d\mu_{-q}(x) = H_n(-q^{-1}, x).$$

Let  $n \in \mathbf{N}$  with  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ . Then we obtain

$$[2]_q \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} (-1)^l q^l l^m = q^n H_m(-q^{-1}, n) + H_m(-q^{-1}).$$

For  $n \in \mathbf{N}$  with  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ , we have

$$q^n H_m(-q^{-1}, n) - H_m(-q^{-1}) = [2]_q \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} (-1)^{l-1} q^l l^m.$$

By substituting  $f(x) = e^{xt}$  into (4), we can easily see that

$$\begin{aligned} (7) \quad \int_{\mathbf{Z}_p} q^n e^{(x+n)t} d\mu_{-q}(x) + \int_{\mathbf{Z}_p} e^{xt} d\mu_{-q}(x) &= [2]_q \frac{q^n e^{nt} + 1}{qe^t + 1} \\ &= [2]_q \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} (-1)^l q^l e^{lt}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $S_{k,q}(n) = \sum_{l=0}^n (-1)^l l^k q^l$ . Then  $S_{k,q}(n)$  is called the alternating sums of powers of consecutive  $q$ -integers. From the definition of the Fermionic  $p$ -adic invariant  $q$ -integral on  $\mathbf{Z}_p$ , we can derive

$$(8) \quad \int_{\mathbf{Z}_p} q^n e^{(x+n)t} d\mu_{-q}(x) + \int_{\mathbf{Z}_p} e^{xt} d\mu_{-q}(x) = \frac{[2]_q \int_{\mathbf{Z}_p} e^{xt} d\mu_{-q}(x)}{\int_{\mathbf{Z}_p} e^{nxt} q^{(n-1)x} d\mu_{-q}(x)}.$$

By (8), we easily see that

$$\int_{\mathbf{Z}_p} q^{(n-1)x} e^{nxt} d\mu_{-q}(x) = \frac{1 + q}{q^n e^{nt} + 1}.$$

Let  $w_1, w_2 \in \mathbf{N}$  be odd. By using double Fermionic  $p$ -adic invariant  $q$ -integral on  $\mathbf{Z}_p$ , we obtain

$$\frac{\int_{\mathbf{Z}_p} \int_{\mathbf{Z}_p} e^{(w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2)t} d\mu_{-q}(x_1) d\mu_{-q}(x_2)}{\int_{\mathbf{Z}_p} e^{w_1 w_2 x t} q^{(w_1 w_2 - 1)x} d\mu_{-q}(x)} = \frac{[2]_q (q^{w_1 w_2} e^{w_1 w_2 t} + 1)}{(q e^{w_1 t} + 1)(q e^{w_2 t} + 1)}.$$

Now we also consider the following Fermionic  $p$ -adic invariant  $q$ -integral on  $\mathbf{Z}_p$  associated with Frobenius-Euler polynomials.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (9) \quad I &= \frac{\int_{\mathbf{Z}_p} \int_{\mathbf{Z}_p} e^{(w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2 + w_1 w_2 x) t} d\mu_{-q}(x_1) d\mu_{-q}(x_2)}{\int_{\mathbf{Z}_p} e^{w_1 w_2 x t} q^{(w_1 w_2 - 1)x} d\mu_{-q}(x)} \\
 &= \frac{[2]_q e^{w_1 w_2 x t} (q^{w_1 w_2} e^{w_1 w_2 t} + 1)}{(q e^{w_1 t} + 1)(q e^{w_2 t} + 1)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

From (8) and (9), we can derive

$$\begin{aligned}
 (10) \quad \frac{[2]_q \int_{\mathbf{Z}_p} e^{x t} d\mu_{-q}(x)}{\int_{\mathbf{Z}_p} e^{w_1 x t} q^{(w_1 - 1)x} d\mu_{-q}(x)} &= [2]_q \sum_{l=0}^{w_1 - 1} (-1)^l q^l e^{l t} \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( [2]_q \sum_{l=0}^{w_1 - 1} (-1)^l q^l l^k \right) \frac{t^k}{k!} \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} [2]_q S_{k,q}(w_1 - 1) \frac{t^k}{k!}.
 \end{aligned}$$

By (9) and (10), we easily see that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (11) \quad I &= \left( \frac{1}{[2]_q} \int_{\mathbf{Z}_p} e^{w_1(x_1 + w_2 x) t} d\mu_{-q}(x_1) \right) \left( \frac{[2]_q \int_{\mathbf{Z}_p} e^{w_2 x_2 t} d\mu_{-q}(x_2)}{\int_{\mathbf{Z}_p} e^{w_1 w_2 x t} q^{(w_1 w_2 - 1)x} d\mu_{-q}(x)} \right) \\
 &= \left( \frac{1}{[2]_q} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} H_i(-q^{-1}, w_2 x) \frac{w_1^i t^i}{i!} \right) \left( [2]_q \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} S_{l,q^{w_2}}(w_1 - 1) \frac{w_2^l t^l}{l!} \right) \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} H_i(-q^{-1}, w_2 x) S_{n-i,q^{w_2}}(w_1 - 1) w_1^i w_2^{n-i} \right) \frac{t^n}{n!},
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $H_n(-q^{-1}, x)$  are the  $n$ th Frobenius-Euler polynomials.

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (12) \quad I &= \left( \frac{1}{[2]_q} \int_{\mathbf{Z}_p} e^{w_2(x_2+w_1x)t} d\mu_{-q}(x_2) \right) \left( \frac{[2]_q \int_{\mathbf{Z}_p} e^{w_1x_1t} d\mu_{-q}(x_1)}{\int_{\mathbf{Z}_p} e^{w_1w_2xt} q^{(w_1w_2-1)x} d\mu_{-q}(x)} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{[2]_q} \left( \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} H_i(-q^{-1}, w_1x) \frac{w_2^i t^i}{i!} \right) \left( [2]_q \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} S_{l,q^{w_1}}(w_2-1) \frac{w_1^l t^l}{l!} \right) \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} H_i(-q^{-1}, w_1x) S_{n-i,q^{w_1}}(w_2-1) w_2^i w_1^{n-i} \right) \frac{t^n}{n!}.
 \end{aligned}$$

By comparing the coefficients  $t^n/n!$  on the both sides of (11) and (12), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $w_1, w_2 \in \mathbf{N}$  be odd, and let  $n \geq 0$  with  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ . Then we have*

$$\begin{aligned}
 (13) \quad \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} H_i(-q^{-1}, w_2x) S_{n-i,q^{w_2}}(w_1-1) w_1^i w_2^{n-i} \\
 = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} H_i(-q^{-1}, w_1x) S_{n-i,q^{w_1}}(w_2-1) w_2^i w_1^{n-i},
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $H_n(q, x)$  are the  $n$ th Frobenius-Euler polynomials.

Setting  $x = 0$  in (13), we obtain the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.** *Let  $w_1, w_2 \in \mathbf{N}$  be odd, and let  $n \in \mathbf{Z}_+$  be odd. Then we have*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} H_i(-q^{-1}) S_{n-i,q^{w_2}}(w_1-1) w_1^i w_2^{n-i} \\
 = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} H_i(-q^{-1}) S_{n-i,q^{w_1}}(w_2-1) w_2^i w_1^{n-i},
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $H_i(-q^{-1})$  are the  $n$ th Frobenius-Euler numbers.

If we take  $w_2 = 1$  in (13), then we have

$$(14) \quad H_n(-q^{-1}, w_1x) = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} H_i(-q^{-1}, x) S_{n-i,q}(w_1 - 1) w_1^i.$$

Setting  $x = 0$  in (14), we obtain the following corollary.

**Corollary 3.** *Let  $w_1 (> 1)$  be an odd integer, and let  $n \in \mathbf{Z}_+$  with  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ . Then we have*

$$H_n(-q^{-1}) = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} H_i(-q^{-1}) S_{n-i,q}(w_1 - 1) w_1^i.$$

From (7) and (8), we derive

$$(15) \quad \begin{aligned} I &= \left( \frac{e^{w_1 w_2 x t}}{[2]_q} \int_{\mathbf{Z}_p} e^{w_1 x_1 t} d\mu_{-q}(x_1) \right) \left( \frac{[2]_q \int_{\mathbf{Z}_p} e^{w_2 x_2 t} d\mu_{-q}(x_2)}{\int_{\mathbf{Z}_p} e^{w_1 w_2 x t} q^{(w_1 w_2 - 1)x} d\mu_{-q}(x)} \right) \\ &= \left( \frac{e^{w_1 w_2 x t}}{[2]_q} \int_{\mathbf{Z}_p} e^{w_1 x_1 t} d\mu_{-q}(x_1) \right) \left( [2]_q \sum_{l=0}^{w_1-1} (-1)^l q^{w_2 l} e^{w_2 l t} \right) \\ &= \sum_{l=0}^{w_1-1} (-1)^l q^{w_2 l} \int_{\mathbf{Z}_p} e^{(x_1 + w_2 x + (w_2/w_1)l) t w_1} d\mu_{-q}(x_1) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( w_1^n \sum_{l=0}^{w_1-1} (-1)^l q^{w_2 l} H_n(-q^{-1}, w_2 x + \frac{w_2}{w_1} l) \right) \frac{t^n}{n!}. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$(16) \quad \begin{aligned} I &= \left( \frac{e^{w_1 w_2 x t}}{[2]_q} \int_{\mathbf{Z}_p} e^{w_2 x_2 t} d\mu_{-q}(x_2) \right) \left( \frac{[2]_q \int_{\mathbf{Z}_p} e^{w_1 x_1 t} d\mu_{-q}(x_1)}{\int_{\mathbf{Z}_p} e^{w_1 w_2 x t} q^{(w_1 w_2 - 1)x} d\mu_{-q}(x)} \right) \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{[2]_q} \int_{\mathbf{Z}_p} e^{w_2 x_2 t} d\mu_{-q}(x_2) \right) \left( [2]_q \sum_{l=0}^{w_2-1} (-1)^l q^{w_1 l} e^{(w_1 l + w_1 w_2 x) t} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{l=0}^{w_2-1} (-1)^l q^{w_1 l} \int_{\mathbf{Z}_p} e^{(x_2 + w_1 x + (w_1/w_2)l)tw_2} d\mu_{-q}(x_2) \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( w_2^n \sum_{l=0}^{w_2-1} (-1)^l q^{w_1 l} H_n \left( -q^{-1}, w_1 x + \frac{w_1 l}{w_2} \right) \right) \frac{t^n}{n!}.
\end{aligned}$$

By comparing the coefficients  $t^n/n!$  on the both sides of (15) and (16), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $w_1, w_2 \in \mathbf{N}$  be odd, and let  $n \in \mathbf{Z}_+$  with  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ . Then we have*

$$\begin{aligned}
w_1^n \sum_{l=0}^{w_1-1} (-1)^l q^{w_2 l} H_n \left( -q^{-1}, w_2 x + \frac{w_2 l}{w_1} \right) \\
= w_2^n \sum_{l=0}^{w_2-1} (-1)^l q^{w_1 l} H_n \left( -q^{-1}, w_1 x + \frac{w_1 l}{w_2} \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Setting  $w_2 = 1$  in Theorem 4, we get the multiplication theorem for the Frobenius-Euler polynomials as follows:

$$H_n(-q^{-1}, w_1 x) = w_1^n \sum_{l=0}^{w_1-1} (-1)^l q^l H_n \left( -q^{-1}, x + \frac{l}{w_1} \right).$$

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