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# A Note on Eulerian Polynomials

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We study Genocchi, Euler, and tangent numbers. From those numbers we derive some identities on Eulerian polynomials in connection with Genocchi and tangent numbers.

## 1. Introduction

As is well known, the Eulerian polynomials,  $A_n(t)$ , are defined by generating function as follows:

$$\frac{1-t}{\exp(x(t-1))-t} = e^{A(t)x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n(t) \frac{x^n}{n!}, \quad (1.1)$$

with the usual convention about replacing  $A^n(t)$  by  $A_n(t)$  (see [1–18]). From (1.1), we note that

$$(A(t) + (t-1))^n - tA_n(t) = (1-t)\delta_{0,n}, \quad (1.2)$$

where  $\delta_{n,k}$  is the Kronecker symbol (see [3]).

Thus, by (1.2), we get

$$A_0(t) = 1, \quad A_n(t) = \frac{1}{t-1} \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \binom{n}{l} A_l(t) (t-1)^{n-l}, \quad (n \geq 1). \quad (1.3)$$

By (1.1), (1.2), and (1.3), we see that

$$\sum_{i=1}^m i^n t^i = \sum_{l=1}^n (-1)^{n+l} \binom{n}{l} \frac{t^{m+1} A_{n-l}(t)}{(t-1)^{n-l+1}} m^l + (-1)^n \frac{t(t^m-1)}{(t-1)^{n+1}} A_n(t), \quad (1.4)$$

where  $m \geq 1$  and  $n \geq 0$  (see [1]).

The Genocchi polynomials are defined by

$$\frac{2t}{e^t + 1} e^{xt} = e^{G(x)t} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} G_n(x) \frac{t^n}{n!}, \quad (1.5)$$

(see [6–18]). In the special case,  $x = 0$ ,  $G_n(0) = G_n$  are called the  $n$ th Genocchi numbers (see [14, 17, 18]).

It is well known that the Euler polynomials are also defined by

$$\frac{2}{e^t + 1} e^{xt} = e^{E(x)t} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n(x) \frac{t^n}{n!}, \quad (1.6)$$

(see [1–5, 19–24]). Here  $x = 0$ , then  $E_n(0) = E_n$  is called the  $n$ th Euler number. From (1.6), we have

$$E_0 = 1, \quad (E + 1)^n + E_n = 2\delta_{0,n}, \quad (1.7)$$

(see [3–5, 19–23]).

As is well known, the Bernoulli numbers are defined by

$$B_0 = 1, \quad (B + 1)^n - B_n = \delta_{0,n}, \quad (1.8)$$

(see [5, 18, 19]), with the usual convention about replacing  $B^n$  by  $B_n$ .

From (1.8), we note that the Bernoulli polynomials are also defined as

$$B_n(x) = \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} B_l x^{n-l} = (B + x)^n, \quad (1.9)$$

(see [5, 18, 19]).

The tangent numbers  $T_{2n-1}$  ( $n \geq 1$ ) are defined as the coefficients of the Taylor expansion of  $\tan x$ :

$$\tan x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{T_{2n-1}}{(2n-1)!} x^{2n-1} = \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} 2 + \frac{x^5}{5!} 16 + \cdots, \quad (1.10)$$

(see [1–3, 5]).

In this paper, we give some identities on the Eulerian polynomials at  $t = -1$  associated with Genocchi, Euler, and tangent numbers.

## 2. Witt's Formula for Eulerian Polynomials

In this section, we assume that  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ ,  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ , and  $\mathbb{C}_p$  will, respectively, denote the ring of  $p$ -adic integers, the field of  $p$ -adic numbers, and the completion of algebraic closure of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ . The  $p$ -adic norm is normalized so that  $|p|_p = 1/p$ .

Let  $q$  be an indeterminate with  $|1 - q|_p < 1$ . Then the  $q$ -number is defined by

$$[x]_q = \frac{1 - q^x}{1 - q}, \quad [x]_{-q} = \frac{1 - (-q)^x}{1 + q}, \quad (2.1)$$

(see [6–18]).

Let  $C(\mathbb{Z}_p)$  be the space of continuous functions on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ . For  $f \in C(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ , the fermionic  $p$ -adic  $q$ -integral on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  is defined by

$$I_{-q}(f) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} f(x) d\mu_{-q}(x) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{[p^N]_{-q}} \sum_{x=0}^{p^N-1} f(x) (-q)^x, \quad (2.2)$$

(see [7, 10–13]). From (2.2), we can derive the following:

$$q^{-1} I_{-q^{-1}}(f_1) + I_{-q^{-1}}(f) = [2]_{q^{-1}} f(0), \quad (2.3)$$

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

Let us take  $f(x) = e^{-x(1+q)t}$ . Then, by (2.3), we get

$$\left( \frac{q + e^{-(1+q)t}}{q} \right) \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} e^{-x(1+q)t} d\mu_{-q^{-1}}(x) = [2]_{q^{-1}}. \quad (2.4)$$

Thus, from (2.4), we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} e^{-x(1+q)t} d\mu_{-q^{-1}}(x) = \frac{1+q}{e^{-(1+q)t} + q} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n(-q) \frac{t^n}{n!}. \quad (2.5)$$

By Taylor expansion on the left-hand side of (2.5), we get

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} x^n d\mu_{-q^{-1}}(x) (1+q)^n \frac{t^n}{n!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n(-q) \frac{t^n}{n!}. \quad (2.6)$$

Comparing coefficients on the both sides of (2.6), we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} x^n d\mu_{-q^{-1}}(x) = \frac{(-1)^n}{(1+q)^n} A_n(-q). \quad (2.7)$$

Therefore, by (2.7), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.1.** For  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ , one has

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} x^n d\mu_{-q^{-1}}(x) = \frac{(-1)^n}{(1+q)^n} A_n(-q), \quad (2.8)$$

where  $A_n(-q)$  is an Eulerian polynomials.

It seems interesting to study Theorem 2.1 at  $q = 1$ . By (2.3), we get

$$I_{-1}(f_1) + I_{-1}(f) = 2f(0), \quad (2.9)$$

where  $f_1(x) = f(x+1)$ . From (2.9), we can derive the following equation:

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} f(x+n) d\mu_{-1}(x) + (-1)^{n-1} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} f(x) d\mu_{-1}(x) = 2 \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} (-1)^{n-l+1} f(l), \quad (2.10)$$

where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  (see [5–13]).

From (2.9), we can derive the following:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \sin a(x+1) d\mu_{-1}(x) + \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \sin ax d\mu_{-1}(x) \\ &= (\cos a + 1) \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \sin ax d\mu_{-1}(x) + \sin a \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \cos ax d\mu_{-1}(x), \\ 2 &= \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \cos a(x+1) d\mu_{-1}(x) + \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \cos ax d\mu_{-1}(x) \\ &= (\cos a + 1) \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \cos ax d\mu_{-1}(x) - \sin a \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \sin ax d\mu_{-1}(x). \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

By (2.11), we get

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \sin ax d\mu_{-1}(x) = -\frac{\sin a}{\cos a + 1} = -\tan \frac{a}{2}. \quad (2.12)$$

From (1.10) and (2.12), we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{T_{2n-1}}{(2n-1)!} \left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^{2n-1} = - \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \sin ax d\mu_{-1}(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n a^{2n-1}}{(2n-1)!} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} x^{2n-1} d\mu_{-1}(x). \quad (2.13)$$

By comparing coefficients on the both sides of (2.13), we get

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} x^{2n-1} d\mu_{-1}(x) = (-1)^n \frac{T_{2n-1}}{2^{2n-1}}, \quad \text{for } n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad (2.14)$$

where  $T_{2n-1}$  is the  $(2n-1)$ th tangent number.

Therefore, by (2.14), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.2.** *For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , one has*

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} x^{2n-1} d\mu_{-1}(x) = (-1)^n \frac{T_{2n-1}}{2^{2n-1}}, \quad (2.15)$$

where  $T_{2n-1}$  is the  $(2n-1)$ th tangent numbers.

From Theorem 2.1, one has

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} x^n d\mu_{-1}(x) = \frac{(-1)^n}{2^n} A_n(-1). \quad (2.16)$$

Therefore, by Theorem 2.2 and (2.16), we obtain the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.3.** *For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , one has*

$$A_{2n-1}(-1) = (-1)^{n-1} T_{2n-1}. \quad (2.17)$$

From (1.6) and (2.9), we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} e^{xt} d\mu_{-1}(x) = \frac{2}{e^t + 1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n \frac{t^n}{n!}, \quad (2.18)$$

(see [5]). Thus, by (2.16) and (2.18), we get

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} x^{2n-1} d\mu_{-1}(x) = E_{2n-1} = (-1)^n \frac{T_{2n-1}}{2^{2n-1}}. \quad (2.19)$$

Therefore, by Corollary 2.3 and (2.19), we obtain the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.4.** *For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , one has*

$$E_{2n-1} = (-1)^n \frac{T_{2n-1}}{2^{2n-1}} = -\frac{A_{2n-1}(-1)}{2^{2n-1}}. \quad (2.20)$$

By (1.5) and (2.9), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 t \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} e^{xt} d\mu_{-1}(x) &= \frac{2t}{e^{2t}-1} e^t - \frac{2t}{e^{2t}-1} \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) 2^n \frac{t^n}{n!} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^n B_n}{n!} t^n \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( B_n \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - B_n \right) 2^n \frac{t^n}{n!}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.21}$$

By (2.21), we get

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} x^n d\mu_{-1}(x) = \frac{(B_{n+1}(1/2) - B_{n+1})}{n+1} 2^{n+1}. \tag{2.22}$$

Thus, from (2.19), Theorem 2.2 and Corollary 2.3, we have

$$\frac{(B_{2n}(1/2) - B_{2n})2^{2n}}{2n} = (-1)^n \frac{T_{2n-1}}{2^{2n-1}} = -\frac{A_{2n-1}(-1)}{2^{2n-1}}. \tag{2.23}$$

Therefore, by (2.23), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.5.** *For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , one has*

$$\frac{(B_{2n}(1/2) - B_{2n})2^{2n}}{n} = (-1)^n \frac{T_{2n-1}}{2^{2n-2}} = -\frac{A_{2n-1}(-1)}{2^{2n-2}}. \tag{2.24}$$

From (1.5), we note that

$$t \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} e^{xt} d\mu_{-1}(x) = \frac{2t}{e^t + 1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} G_n \frac{t^n}{n!} \tag{2.25}$$

(see [13, 14]). Thus, by (2.25), we get

$$G_0 = 0, \quad (G+1)^n + G_n = 2\delta_{1,n}, \tag{2.26}$$

(see [13, 14]), with the usual convention about replacing  $G^n$  by  $G_n$ .

From (1.5) and (2.9), one has

$$\begin{aligned}
 t \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} e^{xt} d\mu_{-1}(x) &= 2 \left( \frac{t}{e^t - 1} - \frac{2t}{e^{2t} - 1} \right) \\
 &= 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (B_n - 2^n B_n) \frac{t^n}{n!}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.27}$$

Thus, by (2.27), we get

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} x^n d\mu_{-1}(x) = 2 \left( \frac{B_{n+1} - 2^{n+1} B_{n+1}}{n+1} \right). \quad (2.28)$$

From (2.28), we have

$$\frac{G_{2n}}{2n} = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} x^{2n-1} d\mu_{-1}(x) = \frac{B_{2n} - 2^{2n} B_{2n}}{n}, \quad \text{for } n \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (2.29)$$

Therefore, by (2.19), Corollary 2.3 and (2.29), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.6.** *For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have*

$$G_{2n} = 2 \left( B_{2n} - 2^{2n} B_{2n} \right). \quad (2.30)$$

*In particular,*

$$\frac{-1}{2^{2n-1}} (A_{2n-1}(-1)) = ((-1)^n T_{2n-1}) \frac{1}{2^{2n-1}} = \frac{G_{2n}}{2n}. \quad (2.31)$$

### 3. Further Remark

In complex plane, we note that

$$\begin{aligned} \tan x &= \frac{1}{i} \left( \frac{e^{ix} - e^{-ix}}{e^{ix} + e^{-ix}} \right) = \frac{1}{i} \left( 1 - \frac{2e^{-ix}}{e^{ix} + e^{-ix}} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{i} \left( 1 - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{E_n}{n!} 2^n i^n x^n \right) = \frac{1}{i} \left( - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{E_n}{n!} 2^n i^n x^n \right) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n-1)!} E_{2n-1} 2^{2n-1} x^{2n-1}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

By (1.10) and (3.1), we also get

$$T_{2n-1} = (-1)^n E_{2n-1} 2^{2n-1}, \quad \text{for } n \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (3.2)$$

From (1.5), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{t^{2n}}{(2n)!} G_{2n} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(it)^{2n}}{(2n)!} (-1)^n G_{2n} = \frac{2it}{1+e^{it}} - it \\
 &= \frac{it(1-e^{it})}{1+e^{it}} = \frac{it(e^{-it/2} - e^{it/2})}{e^{it/2} + e^{-it/2}} = t \left( \frac{(e^{it/2} - e^{-it/2})/2i}{(e^{it/2} + e^{-it/2})/2} \right) \\
 &= t \tan\left(\frac{t}{2}\right).
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

Thus, by (1.10) and (3.3), we get

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{t^{2n}}{(2n)!} G_{2n} = t \tan\left(\frac{t}{2}\right) = t \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(t/2)^{2n-1}}{(2n-1)!} T_{2n-1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{t^{2n}}{(2n-1)! 2^{2n-1}} T_{2n-1}. \tag{3.4}$$

From (3.4), we have

$$nT_{2n-1} = 2^{2n-2} G_{2n} = 2^{2n-1} (1 - 2^{2n}) B_{2n}. \tag{3.5}$$

By (1.1), we see that

$$\frac{2}{1+e^{-2it}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n(-1) \frac{i^n t^n}{n!}. \tag{3.6}$$

Thus, we note that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} i^{n-1} A_n(-1) \frac{t^n}{n!} &= \frac{1}{i} \left( \frac{2}{1+e^{-2it}} - 1 \right) = \frac{1-e^{-2it}}{(1+e^{-2it})i} = \frac{((e^{it} - e^{-it})/2)}{((e^{it} + e^{-it})/2)i} \\
 &= \tan t = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} T_{2n-1} \frac{t^{2n-1}}{(2n-1)!}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.7}$$

From (3.7), we have

$$A_{2n}(-1) = 0, \quad A_{2n-1}(-1) = (-1)^{n-1} T_{2n-1}, \quad (n \geq 1). \tag{3.8}$$

It is easy to show that

$$\sum_{k=1}^m k^n (-1)^k = (-1)^m \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \frac{A_k(-1)}{2^{k+1}} m^{n-k} - \frac{\{(-1)^m - 1\}}{2^{n+1}} A_n(-1). \tag{3.9}$$



For simple calculation, we can derive the following equation:

$$i \tan x = \frac{e^{ix} - e^{-ix}}{e^{ix} + e^{-ix}} = 1 - \frac{2}{e^{2ix} - 1} + \frac{4}{e^{4ix} - 1}. \quad (3.10)$$

By (3.10), we get

$$x \tan x = -ix + \frac{2ix}{e^{2ix} - 1} - \frac{4ix}{e^{4ix} - 1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n B_{2n} 4^n (1 - 4^n)}{(2n)!} x^{2n}. \quad (3.11)$$

Thus, from (3.11), we have

$$\tan x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n B_{2n} 4^n (1 - 4^n)}{(2n)!} x^{2n-1}. \quad (3.12)$$

By (1.10) and (3.12), we get

$$T_{2n-1} = \frac{(-1)^n B_{2n} 4^n (1 - 4^n)}{2n}, \quad \text{for } n \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (3.13)$$

From Corollary 2.3 and (3.13), we can derive the following identity:

$$A_{2n-1}(-1) = -\frac{B_{2n} 2^{2n-1} (1 - 4^n)}{n}. \quad (3.14)$$

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