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# Some new identities on the twisted Carlitz's $q$ -Bernoulli numbers and $q$ -Bernstein polynomials

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## Abstract

In this paper, we consider the twisted Carlitz's  $q$ -Bernoulli numbers using  $p$ -adic  $q$ -integral on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ . From the construction of the twisted Carlitz's  $q$ -Bernoulli numbers, we investigate some properties for the twisted Carlitz's  $q$ -Bernoulli numbers. Finally, we give some relations between the twisted Carlitz's  $q$ -Bernoulli numbers and  $q$ -Bernstein polynomials.

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## 1. Introduction and preliminaries

Let  $p$  be a fixed 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 algebraic closure of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ , respectively. Let  $\mathbb{N}$  be the set of natural numbers, and let  $\mathbb{Z}_+ = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . Let  $v_p$  be the normalized exponential valuation of  $\mathbb{C}_p$  with  $|p|_p = p^{-v_p(p)} = \frac{1}{p}$ . In this paper, we assume that  $q \in \mathbb{C}_p$  with  $|1 - q|_p < 1$ . The  $q$ -number is defined by  $[x]_q = \frac{1 - q^x}{1 - q}$ . Note that  $\lim_{q \rightarrow 1} [x]_q = x$ .

We say that  $f$  is a uniformly differentiable function at a point  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ , and denote this property by  $f \in UD(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ , if the difference quotient  $F_f(x, y) = \frac{f(x) - f(y)}{x - y}$  has a limit  $f'(a)$  as  $(x, y) \rightarrow (a, a)$ . For  $f \in UD(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ , the  $p$ -adic  $q$ -integral on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ , which is called the  $q$ -Volkenborn integral, is defined by Kim as follows:

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

In [2], Carlitz defined  $q$ -Bernoulli numbers, which are called the Carlitz's  $q$ -Bernoulli numbers, by

$$\beta_{0,q} = 1, \quad \text{and} \quad q(q\beta + 1)^n - \beta_{n,q} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1, \\ 0 & \text{if } n > 1, \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

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

In [2,3], Carlitz also considered the expansion of  $q$ -Bernoulli numbers as follows:

$$\beta_{0,q}^{(h)} = \frac{h}{[h]_q}, \quad \text{and} \quad q^h (q\beta^{(h)} + 1)^n - \beta_{n,q}^{(h)} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1, \\ 0 & \text{if } n > 1, \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

with the usual convention about replacing  $(\beta^{(h)})^n$  by  $\beta_{n,q}^{(h)}$ .

Let  $C_{p^n} = \{\xi \mid \xi^{p^n} = 1\}$  be the cyclic group of order  $p^n$ , and let  $T_p = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} C_{p^n} = C_{p^\infty} = \bigcup_{n \geq 0} C_{p^n}$  (see [1-16]). Note that  $T_p$  is a locally constant space.

For  $\xi \in T_p$ , the twisted  $q$ -Bernoulli numbers are defined by

$$\frac{t}{\xi e^t - 1} = e^{B_{\xi} t} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,\xi} \frac{t^n}{n!}, \tag{4}$$

(see [1-19]). From (4), we note that

$$B_{0,q} = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad \xi(B_{\xi} + 1)^n - B_{n,\xi} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1, \\ 0 & \text{if } n > 1, \end{cases} \tag{5}$$

with the usual convention about replacing  $B_{\xi}^n$  by  $B_{n,\xi}$  (see [17-19]). Recently, several authors have studied the twisted Bernoulli numbers and  $q$ -Bernoulli numbers in the area of number theory(see [17-19]).

In the viewpoint of (5), it seems to be interesting to investigate the twisted properties of (3). Using  $p$ -adic  $q$ -integral equation on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ , we investigate the properties of the twisted  $q$ -Bernoulli numbers and polynomials related to  $q$ -Bernstein polynomials. From these properties, we derive some new identities for the twisted  $q$ -Bernoulli numbers and polynomials. Final purpose of this paper is to give some relations between the twisted Carlitz's  $q$ -Bernoulli numbers and  $q$ -Bernstein polynomials.

## 2. On the twisted Carlitz 's $q$ -Bernoulli numbers

In this section, we assume that  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ ,  $\xi \in T_p$  and  $q \in \mathbb{C}_p$  with  $|1 - q|_p < 1$ .

Let us consider the  $n$ th twisted Carlitz's  $q$ -Bernoulli polynomials using  $p$ -adic  $q$ -integral on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_{n,\xi,q}(x) &= \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} [y+x]_q^n \xi^y d\mu_q(y) \\ &= \frac{1}{(1-q)^n} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} (-1)^l q^{lx} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \xi^y q^{ly} d\mu_q(y) \\ &= \frac{1}{(1-q)^{n-1}} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} \left( \frac{l+1}{1-\xi q^{l+1}} \right) (-1)^l q^{lx}. \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

In the special case,  $x = 0$ ,  $\beta_{n,\xi,q}(0) = \beta_{n,\xi,q}$  are called the  $n$ th twisted Carlitz's  $q$ -Bernoulli numbers.

From (6), we note that

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_{n,\xi,q}(x) &= \frac{1}{(1-q)^{n-1}} \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \binom{n}{l} (-1)^l q^{lx} \left( \frac{1}{1-\xi q^{l+1}} \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{(1-q)^{n-1}} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} (-1)^l q^{lx} \left( \frac{1}{1-\xi q^{l+1}} \right) \\ &= -n \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \xi^m q^{2m+x} [x+m]_q^{n-1} + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \xi^m q^m (1-q) [x+m]_q^n. \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

Therefore, by (7), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.** For  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ , we have

$$\beta_{n,\xi,q}(x) = -n \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \xi^m q^m [x+m]_q^{n-1} + (1-q)(n+1) \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \xi^m q^m [x+m]_q^n.$$

Let  $F_{q,\xi}(t, x)$  be the generating function of the twisted Carlitz's  $q$ -Bernoulli polynomials, which are given by

$$F_{q,\xi}(t, x) = e^{\beta_{\xi,q}(x)t} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \beta_{n,\xi,q}(x) \frac{t^n}{n!}, \tag{8}$$

with the usual convention about replacing  $(\beta_{\xi,q}(x))^n$  by  $\beta_{n,\xi,q}(x)$ .

By (8) and Theorem 1, we get

$$\begin{aligned} F_{q,\xi}(t, x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \beta_{n,\xi,q}(x) \frac{t^n}{n!} \\ &= -t \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \xi^m q^{2m+x} e^{[x+m]_q t} + (1-q) \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \xi^m q^m e^{[x+m]_q t}. \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

Let  $F_{q,\xi}(t, 0) = F_{q,\xi}(t)$ . Then, we have

$$q\xi F_{q,\xi}(t, 1) - F_{q,\xi}(t) = t + (q-1). \tag{10}$$

Therefore, by (9) and (10), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.** For  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ , we have

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

From (6), we note that

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_{n,\xi,q}(x) &= \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} [x]_q^{n-l} q^{lx} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \xi^y [y]_q^l d\mu_q(y) \\ &= \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} [x]_q^{n-l} q^{lx} \beta_{l,\xi,q} \\ &= ([x]_q + q^x \beta_{\xi,q})^n, \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

with the usual convention about replacing  $(\beta_{\xi,q})^n$  by  $\beta_{n,\xi,q}$ . By (11) and Theorem 2, we get

$$q\xi(q\beta_{\xi,q} + 1)^n - \beta_{n,\xi,q} = \begin{cases} q-1 & \text{if } n=0, \\ 1 & \text{if } n=1, \\ 0 & \text{if } n>1. \end{cases} \tag{12}$$

It is easy to show that

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_{n,\xi^{-1},q^{-1}}(1-x) &= \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \xi^{-y} [1-x+y]_{q^{-1}}^n d\mu_{q^{-1}}(y) \\ &= \frac{(-1)^n q^n}{(1-q)^n} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} (-1)^l q^{-l+lx} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \xi^{-y} q^{-ly} d\mu_{q^{-1}}(y) \\ &= \xi q^n (-1)^n \left( \frac{1}{(1-q)^{n-1}} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} (-1)^l q^{lx} \left( \frac{l+1}{1-\xi q^{l+1}} \right) \right) \\ &= \xi q^n (-1)^n \beta_{n,\xi,q}(x). \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

Therefore, by (13), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.** For  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ , we have

$$\beta_{n,\xi^{-1},q^{-1}}(1-x) = \xi q^n (-1)^n \beta_{n,\xi,q}(x).$$

From Theorem 3, we can derive the following functional equation:

$$F_{q^{-1},\xi^{-1}}(t, 1-x) = \xi F_{q,\xi}(-qt, x). \tag{14}$$

Therefore, by (14), we obtain the following corollary.

**Corollary 4.** Let  $F_{q,\xi}(t, x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \beta_{n,\xi,q}(x) \frac{t^n}{n!}$ . Then we have

$$F_{q^{-1},\xi^{-1}}(t, 1-x) = \xi F_{q,\xi}(-qt, x).$$

By (11), we get that

$$\begin{aligned} q^2 \xi^2 \beta_{n,\xi,q}(2) &= q^2 \xi^2 \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} q^l (1 + q\beta_{\xi,q})^l \\ &= q^2 \xi^2 \left( \frac{1-q}{1-q\xi} \right) + \binom{n}{1} q^2 \xi (1 + \beta_{1,\xi,q}) + q^2 \xi^2 \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} q^l \beta_{l,\xi,q}(1) \\ &= (1-q) \frac{q^2 \xi^2}{1-q\xi} + \binom{n}{1} q^2 \xi + q\xi \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} q^l \beta_{l,\xi,q} \\ &= \frac{1-q}{1-q\xi} q^2 \xi^2 + nq^2 \xi - q\xi \frac{1-q}{1-q\xi} + \beta_{n,\xi,q}, \quad \text{if } n > 1. \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

Therefore, by (15), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 5.** For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $n > 1$ , we have

$$\beta_{n,\xi,q}(2) = \frac{1-q}{1-q\xi} + \frac{n}{\xi} - \frac{1}{q\xi} \left( \frac{1-q}{1-q\xi} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{q\xi} \right)^2 \beta_{n,\xi,q}.$$

By a simple calculation, we easily set

$$\begin{aligned} \xi \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} [1-x]_{q^{-1}}^n \xi^x d\mu_q(x) &= \xi (-1)^n q^n \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} [x-1]_q^n \xi^x d\mu_q(x) \\ &= \xi (-1)^n q^n \beta_{n,\xi,q}(-1) = \beta_{n,\xi^{-1},q^{-1}}(2). \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

For  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  with  $n > 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \xi \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} [1-x]_{q^{-1}}^n \xi^x d\mu_q(x) &= \beta_{n,\xi^{-1},q^{-1}}(2) \\ &= \xi \left( \frac{1-q}{1-q\xi} \right) + n\xi - q\xi^2 \left( \frac{1-q}{1-q\xi} \right) + (q\xi)^2 \beta_{n,\xi^{-1},q^{-1}} \\ &= \xi(1-q) + n\xi + (q\xi)^2 \beta_{n,\xi^{-1},q^{-1}}. \end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

Therefore, by (16) and (17), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 6.** For  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  with  $n > 1$ , we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} [1-x]_{q^{-1}}^n \xi^x d\mu_q(x) = (1-q) + n + q^2 \xi \beta_{n,\xi^{-1},q^{-1}}.$$

For  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  and  $n, k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ , the  $p$ -adic  $q$ -Bernstein polynomials are given by

$$B_{k,n}(x, q) = \binom{n}{k} [x]_q^k [1 - x]_{q^{-1}}^{n-k}, \tag{18}$$

(see [8,20]).

In [8], the  $q$ -Bernstein operator of order  $n$  is given by

$$\mathbb{B}_{n,q}(f|x) = \sum_{k=0}^n f\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) B_{k,n}(x, q) = \sum_{k=0}^n f\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) \binom{n}{k} [x]_q^k [1 - x]_{q^{-1}}^{n-k}.$$

Let  $f$  be continuous function on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ . Then, the sequence  $\mathbb{B}_{n,q}(f|x)$  converges uniformly to  $f$  on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  (see [8]). If  $q$  is same version in (18), we cannot say that the sequence  $\mathbb{B}_{n,q}(f|x)$  converges uniformly to  $f$  on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ .

Let  $s \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $s \geq 2$ . For  $n_1, \dots, n_s, k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  with  $n_1 + \dots + n_s > sk + 1$ , we take the  $p$ -adic  $q$ -integral on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  for the multiple product of  $q$ -Bernstein polynomials as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \xi^x B_{k,n_1}(x, q) \cdots B_{k,n_s}(x, q) d\mu_q(x) \\ &= \binom{n_1}{k} \cdots \binom{n_s}{k} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} [x]_q^k [1 - x]_{q^{-1}}^{n_1 + \dots + n_s - sk} \xi^x d\mu_q(x) \\ &= \binom{n_1}{k} \cdots \binom{n_s}{k} \sum_{l=0}^{sk} \binom{sk}{l} (-1)^{l+sk} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} [1 - x]_{q^{-1}}^{n_1 + \dots + n_s - l} \xi^x d\mu_q(x) \\ &= \binom{n_1}{k} \cdots \binom{n_s}{k} \sum_{l=0}^{sk} \binom{sk}{l} (-1)^{l+sk} \\ & \quad \times (q^2 \xi \beta_{n_1 + \dots + n_s - l, \xi^{-1}, q^{-1}} + n_1 + \dots + n_s - l + 1 - q) d\mu_q(x) \\ &= \begin{cases} q^2 \xi \beta_{n_1 + \dots + n_s, \xi^{-1}, q^{-1}} + n_1 + \dots + n_s + (1 - q) & \text{if } k = 0, \\ q^2 \xi \binom{n_1}{k} \cdots \binom{n_s}{k} \sum_{l=0}^{sk} \binom{sk}{l} (-1)^{l+sk} \beta_{n_1 + \dots + n_s - l, \xi^{-1}, q^{-1}} & \text{if } k > 0, \end{cases} \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

and we also have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \xi^x B_{k,n_1}(x, q) \cdots B_{k,n_s}(x, q) d\mu_q(x) \\ &= \binom{n_1}{k} \cdots \binom{n_s}{k} \sum_{l=0}^{n_1 + \dots + n_s - sk} \binom{n_1 + \dots + n_s - sk}{l} (-1)^l \beta_{l+sk, \xi, q}. \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

By comparing the coefficients on the both sides of (19) and (20), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 7.** Let  $s \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $s \geq 2$ . For  $n_1, \dots, n_s, k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  with  $n_1 + \dots + n_s > sk + 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{l=0}^{n_1 + \dots + n_s - sk} \binom{n_1 + \dots + n_s - sk}{l} (-1)^l \beta_{l+sk, \xi, q} \\ &= \begin{cases} q^2 \xi \beta_{n_1 + \dots + n_s, \xi^{-1}, q^{-1}} + n_1 + \dots + n_s + (1 - q) & \text{if } k = 0, \\ q^2 \xi \sum_{l=0}^{sk} \binom{sk}{l} (-1)^{l+sk} \beta_{n_1 + \dots + n_s - l, \xi^{-1}, q^{-1}} & \text{if } k > 0. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

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