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# On Carlitz's Type $q$ -Euler Numbers Associated with the Fermionic $P$ -Adic Integral on $\mathbb{Z}_p$

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We consider the following problem in the paper of Kim et al. (2010): "Find Witt's formula for Carlitz's type  $q$ -Euler numbers." We give Witt's formula for Carlitz's type  $q$ -Euler numbers, which is an answer to the above problem. Moreover, we obtain a new  $p$ -adic  $q$ - $l$ -function  $l_{p,q}(s, \chi)$  for Dirichlet's character  $\chi$ , with the property that  $l_{p,q}(-n, \chi) = E_{n, \chi, q} - \chi_n(p)[p]_q^n E_{n, \chi, q^p}$  for  $n = 0, 1, \dots$  using the fermionic  $p$ -adic integral on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ .

## 1. Introduction

Throughout this paper, let  $p$  be an odd prime number. The symbol,  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ ,  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ , and  $\mathbb{C}_p$  denote the rings of  $p$ -adic integers, the field of  $p$ -adic numbers, and the field of  $p$ -adic completion of the algebraic closure of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ , respectively. The  $p$ -adic absolute value in  $\mathbb{C}_p$  is normalized in such way that  $|p|_p = p^{-1}$ . Let  $\mathbb{N}$  be the set of natural numbers and  $\mathbb{Z}^+ = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ .

As the definition of  $q$ -number, we use the following notations:

$$[x]_q = \frac{1 - q^x}{1 - q}, \quad [x]_{-q} = \frac{1 - (-q)^x}{1 + q}. \quad (1.1)$$

Note that  $\lim_{q \rightarrow 1} [x]_q = x$  for  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ , where  $q$  tends to 1 in the region  $0 < |q - 1|_p < 1$ .

When one talks of  $q$ -analogue,  $q$  is variously considered as an indeterminate, a complex number  $q \in \mathbb{C}$ , or a  $p$ -adic number  $q \in \mathbb{C}_p$ . If  $q = 1 + t \in \mathbb{C}_p$ , one normally assumes

$|t|_p < 1$ . We will further suppose that  $\text{ord}_p(t) > 1/(p-1)$ , so that  $q^x = \exp(x \log q)$  for  $|x|_p \leq 1$ . If  $q \in \mathbb{C}$ , then we assume that  $|q| < 1$ .

After Carlitz [1, 2] gave  $q$ -extensions of the classical Bernoulli numbers and polynomials, the  $q$ -extensions of Bernoulli and Euler numbers and polynomials have been studied by several authors (cf. [1–21]). The Euler numbers and polynomials have been studied by researchers in the field of number theory, mathematical physics, and so on (cf. [1, 2, 9, 11, 13–16, 22, 23]). Recently, various  $q$ -extensions of these numbers and polynomials have been studied by many mathematicians (cf. [6–8, 10, 12, 17, 18, 20]). Also, some authors have studied in the several area of  $q$ -theory (cf. [3, 4, 16, 19, 24]).

It is known that the generating function of Euler numbers  $F(t)$  is given by

$$F(t) = \frac{2}{e^t + 1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n \frac{t^n}{n!}. \quad (1.2)$$

From (1.2), we know the recurrence formula of Euler numbers is given by

$$E_0 = 1, \quad (E + 1)^n + E_n = 0 \quad \text{if } n > 0, \quad (1.3)$$

with the usual convention of replacing  $E^n$  by  $E_n$  (see [7, 18]).

In [17], the  $q$ -extension of Euler numbers  $E_{n,q}^*$  are defined as

$$E_{0,q}^* = 1, \quad (qE^* + 1)^n + E_{n,q}^* = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } n = 0, \\ 0 & \text{if } n > 0, \end{cases} \quad (1.4)$$

with the usual convention of replacing  $(E^*)^n$  by  $E_{n,q}^*$ .

As the same motivation of the construction in [18], Carlitz's type  $q$ -Euler numbers  $E_{n,q}$  are defined as

$$E_{0,q} = \frac{2}{[2]_q}, \quad q(qE + 1)^n + E_{n,q} = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } n = 0, \\ 0 & \text{if } n > 0, \end{cases} \quad (1.5)$$

with the usual convention of replacing  $E^n$  by  $E_{n,q}$ . It was shown that  $\lim_{q \rightarrow 1} E_{n,q} = E_n$ , where  $E_n$  is the  $n$ th Euler number. In the complex case, the generating function of Carlitz's type  $q$ -Euler numbers  $F_q(t)$  is given by

$$F_q(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_{n,q} \frac{t^n}{n!} = 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-q)^n e^{[n]_q t}, \quad (1.6)$$

where  $q$  is a complex number with  $|q| < 1$  (see [18]). The remark point is that the series on the right-hand side of (1.6) is uniformly convergent in the wider sense. In  $p$ -adic case, Kim et al. [18] could not determine the generating function of Carlitz's type  $q$ -Euler numbers and Witt's formula for Carlitz's type  $q$ -Euler numbers.

In this paper, we obtain the generating function of Carlitz's type  $q$ -Euler numbers in the  $p$ -adic case. Also, we give Witt's formula for Carlitz's type  $q$ -Euler numbers, which

is a partial answer to the problem in [18]. Moreover, we obtain a new  $p$ -adic  $q$ - $l$ -function  $l_{p,q}(s, \chi)$  for Dirichlet's character  $\chi$ , with the property that

$$l_{p,q}(-n, \chi) = E_{n, \chi_n, q} - \chi_n(p) [p]_q^n E_{n, \chi_n, q^{p^n}}, \quad (1.7)$$

for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  using the fermionic  $p$ -adic integral on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ .

## 2. Carlitz's Type $q$ -Euler Numbers in the $p$ -Adic Case

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

$$I_q(f) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} f(a) d\mu_q(a) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{[p^N]_q} \sum_{a=0}^{p^N-1} f(a) q^a, \quad (2.1)$$

(cf. [5–17, 19, 20, 22]). The bosonic  $p$ -adic integral on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  is considered as the limit  $q \rightarrow 1$ , that is,

$$I_1(f) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} f(a) d\mu_1(a). \quad (2.2)$$

From (2.1), we have the fermionic  $p$ -adic integral on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  as follows:

$$I_{-1}(f) = \lim_{q \rightarrow -1} I_q(f) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} f(a) d\mu_{-1}(a). \quad (2.3)$$

Using (2.3), we can readily derive the classical Euler polynomials,  $E_n(x)$ , namely

$$2 \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} e^{(x+y)t} d\mu_{-1}(y) = \frac{2e^{xt}}{e^t + 1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n(x) \frac{t^n}{n!}. \quad (2.4)$$

In particular, when  $x = 0$ ,  $E_n(0) = E_n$  is the well-known the Euler numbers (cf. [7, 16, 19]).

By definition of  $I_{-1}(f)$ , we show that

$$I_{-1}(f_1) + I_{-1}(f) = 2f(0), \quad (2.5)$$

where  $f_1(x) = f(x+1)$  (see [7]). By (2.5) and induction, we obtain

$$I_{-1}(f_n) + (-1)^{n-1} I_{-1}(f) = 2 \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (-1)^{n-i-1} f(i), \quad (2.6)$$

where  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  and  $f_n(x) = f(x + n)$ . From (2.6), we note that

$$\begin{aligned} I_{-1}(f_n) + I_{-1}(f) &= 2 \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (-1)^i f(i) \quad \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ I_{-1}(f_n) - I_{-1}(f) &= 2 \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (-1)^{i+1} f(i) \quad \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \end{aligned} \quad (2.7)$$

For  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  and any integer  $i \geq 0$ , we define

$$\binom{x}{i} = \begin{cases} \frac{x(x-1) \cdots (x-i+1)}{i!} & \text{if } i \geq 1, \\ 1, & \text{if } i = 0. \end{cases} \quad (2.8)$$

It is easy to see that  $\binom{x}{i} \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  (see [23, page 172]). We put  $x \in \mathbb{C}_p$  with  $\text{ord}_p(x) > 1/(p-1)$  and  $|1-q|_p < 1$ . We define  $q^x$  for  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  by

$$q^x = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \binom{x}{i} (q-1)^i, \quad [x]_q = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \binom{x}{i} (q-1)^{i-1}. \quad (2.9)$$

If we set  $f(x) = q^x$  in (2.7), we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_{-1}(q^x) &= \frac{2}{q^n + 1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (-1)^i q^i = \frac{2}{q+1} \quad \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ I_{-1}(q^x) &= \frac{2}{q^n - 1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (-1)^{i+1} q^i = \frac{2}{q+1} \quad \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

From (2.10), we note that if  $f(x) = q^x$ , then  $I_{-1}(q^x) = 2/(q+1)$ , hence there is no need to consider both (odd and even) cases. Thus, for each  $l \in \mathbb{N}$ , we obtain  $I_{-1}(q^{lx}) = 2/(q^l + 1)$ . Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_{-1}(q^x [x]_q^n) &= \frac{1}{(1-q)^n} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} (-1)^l I_{-1}(q^{(l+1)x}) \\ &= \frac{1}{(1-q)^n} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} (-1)^l \frac{2}{q^{l+1} + 1}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

Also, if  $f(x) = q^{lx}$  in (2.5), then

$$I_{-1}(q^{l(x+1)}) + I_{-1}(q^{lx}) = 2f(0) = 2. \quad (2.12)$$

On the other hand, by (2.12), we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} I_{-1}\left(q^{x+1}[x+1]_q^n\right) + I_{-1}\left(q^x[x]_q^n\right) &= \frac{1}{(1-q)^n} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} (-1)^l \left( I_{-1}\left(\left(q^{l+1}\right)^{x+1}\right) + I_{-1}\left(\left(q^{l+1}\right)^x\right) \right) \\ &= \frac{2}{(1-q)^n} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} (-1)^l = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= I_{-1}\left(q^{x+1}[x+1]_q^n\right) + I_{-1}\left(q^x[x]_q^n\right) \\ &= q I_{-1}\left(q^x(1+q[x]_q^n)\right) + I_{-1}\left(q^x[x]_q^n\right) \\ &= q I_{-1}\left(q^x \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} q^l [x]^l\right) + I_{-1}\left(q^x[x]_q^n\right) \\ &= q \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} q^l I_{-1}\left(q^x[x]^l\right) + I_{-1}\left(q^x[x]_q^n\right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.14)$$

From the definition of fermionic  $p$ -adic integral on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  and (2.11), we can derive

$$\begin{aligned} I_{-1}\left(q^x[x]_q^n\right) &= \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} [x]_q^n q^x d\mu_{-1}(x) \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{a=0}^{p^N-1} \frac{1}{(1-q)^n} \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^i q^{ia} (-q)^a \\ &= \frac{1}{(1-q)^n} \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^i \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{a=0}^{p^N-1} (-1)^a \left(q^{i+1}\right)^a \\ &= \frac{1}{(1-q)^n} \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^i \frac{2}{1+q^{i+1}} \end{aligned} \quad (2.15)$$

is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} I_{-1}\left(q^x[x]_q^n\right) \frac{t^n}{n!} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1-q)^n} \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^i \frac{2}{1+q^{i+1}} \frac{t^n}{n!} \\ &= 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-q)^n e^{[n]_q t}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.16)$$

From (2.12), (2.13), (2.14), (2.15), and (2.16), it is easy to show that

$$q \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} q^l E_{l,q} + E_{n,q} = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } n = 0, \\ 0 & \text{if } n > 0, \end{cases} \quad (2.17)$$

where  $E_{n,q}$  are Carlitz's type  $q$ -Euler numbers defined by (see [18])

$$F_q(t) = 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-q)^n e^{[n]_q t} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_{n,q} \frac{t^n}{n!}. \quad (2.18)$$

Therefore, we obtain the recurrence formula for the Carlitz's type  $q$ -Euler numbers as follows:

$$q(qE + 1)^n + E_{n,q} = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } n = 0, \\ 0 & \text{if } n > 0, \end{cases} \quad (2.19)$$

with the usual convention of replacing  $E^n$  by  $E_{n,q}$ . Therefore, by (2.16), (2.18), and (2.19), we obtain the following theorem, which is a partial answer to the problem in [18].

**Theorem 2.1** (Witt's formula for  $E_{n,q}$ ). For  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,

$$E_{n,q} = \frac{1}{(1-q)^n} \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^i \frac{2}{1+q^{i+1}} = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} [x]_q^n q^x d\mu_{-1}(x). \quad (2.20)$$

Carlitz's type  $q$ -Euler numbers  $E_n = E_{n,q}$  can be determined inductively by

$$q(qE + 1)^n + E_{n,q} = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } n = 0, \\ 0 & \text{if } n > 0, \end{cases} \quad (2.21)$$

with the usual convention of replacing  $E^n$  by  $E_{n,q}$ .

Carlitz type  $q$ -Euler polynomials  $E_{n,q}(x)$  are defined by means of the generating function  $F_q(x, t)$  as follows:

$$F_q(x, t) = 2 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k q^k e^{[k+x]_q t} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_{n,q}(x) \frac{t^n}{n!}. \quad (2.22)$$

In the cases  $x = 0$ ,  $E_{n,q}(0) = E_{n,q}$  will be called Carlitz type  $q$ -Euler numbers (cf. [8, 19]). One also can see that the generating functions  $F_q(x, t)$  are determined as solutions of

$$F_q(x, t) = 2e^{[x]_q t} - qe^t F_q(x, qt). \quad (2.23)$$

From (2.22), one gets the following.

**Lemma 2.2.** (1)  $F_q(x, t) = 2e^{t/(1-q)} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (1/(q-1))^j q^{xj} (1/(1+q^{j+1})) (tj/j!)$ .  
 (2)  $E_{n,q}(x) = 2 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k q^k [k+x]_q^n$ .

It is clear from (1) and (2) of Lemma 2.2 that

$$\begin{aligned} E_{n,q}(x) &= \frac{2}{(1-q)^n} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \frac{(-1)^k}{1+q^{k+1}} q^{xk}, \\ \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} (-1)^k q^k [k+x]_q^n &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k q^k [k+x]_q^n - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+m} q^{k+m} [k+m+x]_q^n \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (E_{n,q}(x) + (-1)^{m+1} q^m E_{n,q}(x+m)). \end{aligned} \quad (2.24)$$

From (2.24), we may state the following.

**Proposition 2.3.** If  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , then

- (1)  $E_{n,q}(x) = (2/(1-q)^n) \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} ((-1)^k / (1+q^{k+1})) q^{xk}$ ,
- (2)  $\sum_{k=0}^{m-1} (-1)^k q^k [k+x]_q^n = (1/2) (E_{n,q}(x) + (-1)^{m+1} q^m E_{n,q}(x+m))$ .

**Proposition 2.4.** For  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , the value of  $\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} [x+y]_q^n q^y d\mu_{-1}(y)$  is  $n!$  times the coefficient of  $t^n$  in the formal expansion of  $2 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k q^k e^{[k+x]_q t}$  in powers of  $t$ . That is,  $E_{n,q}(x) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} [x+y]_q^n q^y d\mu_{-1}(y)$ .

*Proof.* From (2.3), we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{k(x+y)} q^y d\mu_{-1}(y) = q^{xk} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{a=0}^{p^N-1} (-q^{k+1})^a = \frac{2q^{xk}}{1+q^{k+1}}, \quad (2.25)$$

which leads to

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} [x+y]_q^n q^y d\mu_{-1}(y) &= 2 \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \frac{1}{(1-q)^n} (-1)^k \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{k(x+y)} q^y d\mu_{-1}(y) \\ &= \frac{2}{(1-q)^n} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \frac{(-1)^k}{1+q^{k+1}} q^{xk}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.26)$$

The result now follows by using (1) of Proposition 2.3. □

**Corollary 2.5.** If  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , then

$$E_{n,q}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} [x]_q^{n-k} q^{kx} E_{k,q}. \quad (2.27)$$

Let  $d \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $d \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  and  $p$  be a fixed odd prime number. One sets

$$X = \varprojlim_N \left( \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{dp^N \mathbb{Z}} \right), \quad X^* = \bigcup_{\substack{0 < a < dp \\ (a,p)=1}} a + dp\mathbb{Z}_p, \quad (2.28)$$

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

where  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $0 \leq a < dp^N$  (cf. [7, 9]). Note that the natural map  $\mathbb{Z}/dp^N \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/p^N \mathbb{Z}$  induces

$$\pi : X \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p. \quad (2.29)$$

Hereafter, if  $f$  is a function on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ , one denotes by the same  $f$  the function  $f \circ \pi$  on  $X$ . Namely one considers  $f$  as a function on  $X$ .

Let  $\chi$  be the Dirichlet character with an odd conductor  $d = d_\chi \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then, the generalized Carlitz type  $q$ -Euler polynomials attached to  $\chi$  are defined by

$$E_{n,\chi,q}(x) = \int_X \chi(a) [x+y]_q^n q^y d\mu_{-1}(y), \quad (2.30)$$

where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ . Then, one has the generating function of generalized Carlitz type  $q$ -Euler polynomials attached to  $\chi$

$$F_{q,\chi}(x,t) = 2 \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \chi(m) (-1)^m q^m e^{[m+x]_q t} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_{n,\chi,q}(x) \frac{t^n}{n!}. \quad (2.31)$$

Now, fixed any  $t \in \mathbb{C}_p$  with  $\text{ord}_p(t) > 1/(p-1)$  and  $|1-q|_p < 1$ . From (2.31), one has

$$\begin{aligned} F_{q,\chi}(x,t) &= 2 \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \chi(m) (-q)^m \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1-q)^n} \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^i q^{i(m+x)} \frac{t^n}{n!} \\ &= 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1-q)^n} \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^i q^{ix} \\ &\quad \times \sum_{j=0}^{d-1} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \chi(j+dl) (-q)^{j+dl} q^{i(j+dl)} \frac{t^n}{n!} \\ &= 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1-q)^n} \sum_{j=0}^{d-1} \chi(j) (-q)^j \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^i \frac{q^{i(x+j)}}{1+q^{d(i+1)}} \frac{t^n}{n!}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.32)$$

where  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  and  $d \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $d \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ . By (2.31) and (2.32), one can derive

$$\begin{aligned}
 E_{n,\chi,q}(x) &= \frac{1}{(1-q)^n} \sum_{j=0}^{d-1} \chi(j) (-q)^j \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^i q^{i(x+j)} \frac{2}{1+q^{d(i+1)}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(1-q)^n} \sum_{j=0}^{d-1} \chi(j) (-q)^j \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^i q^{i(x+j)} \times \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{l=0}^{p^N-1} (-1)^l \left( q^{d(i+1)} \right)^l \\
 &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=0}^{d-1} \sum_{l=0}^{p^N-1} \chi(j+dl) \frac{1}{(1-q)^n} \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^i q^{i(j+dl+x)} \times (-1)^{j+dl} q^{j+dl} \quad (2.33) \\
 &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{a=0}^{dp^N-1} \chi(a) \frac{1}{(1-q)^n} \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^i q^{i(a+x)} (-q)^a \\
 &= \int_X \chi(y) [x+y]_q^n q^y d\mu_{-1}(y),
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  and  $d \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $d \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ . Therefore, one obtains the following.

**Theorem 2.6.**

$$E_{n,\chi,q}(x) = \frac{1}{(1-q)^n} \sum_{j=0}^{d-1} \chi(j) (-q)^j \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^i q^{i(x+j)} \frac{2}{1+q^{d(i+1)}}, \quad (2.34)$$

where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ .

Let  $\omega$  denote the Teichmüller character mod  $p$ . For  $x \in X^*$ , one sets

$$\langle x \rangle = [x]_q \omega^{-1}(x) = \frac{[x]_q}{\omega(x)}. \quad (2.35)$$

Note that since  $|\langle x \rangle - 1|_p < p^{-1/(p-1)}$ ,  $\langle x \rangle^s$  is defined by  $\exp(s \log_p \langle x \rangle)$  for  $|s|_p \leq 1$  (cf. [10, 12, 21]). One notes that  $\langle x \rangle^s$  is analytic for  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ .

One defines an interpolation function for Carlitz type  $q$ -Euler numbers. For  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ ,

$$l_{p,q}(s, \chi) = \int_{X^*} \langle x \rangle^{-s} \chi(x) q^x d\mu_{-1}(x). \quad (2.36)$$

Then,  $l_{p,q}(s, \chi)$  is analytic for  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ .

The values of this function at nonpositive integers are given by the following.

**Theorem 2.7.** For integers  $n \geq 0$ ,

$$l_{p,q}(-n, \chi) = E_{n, \chi_n, q} - \chi_n(p) [p]_q^n E_{n, \chi_n, q^p}, \quad (2.37)$$

where  $\chi_n = \chi \omega^{-n}$ . In particular, if  $\chi = \omega^n$ , then  $l_{p,q}(-n, \omega^n) = E_{n,q} - [p]_q^n E_{n,q^p}$ .

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} l_{p,q}(-n, \chi) &= \int_{X^*} \langle x \rangle^n \chi(x) q^x d\mu_{-1}(x) \\ &= \int_X [x]_q^n \chi_n(x) q^x d\mu_{-1}(x) - \int_X [px]_q^n \chi_n(px) q^{px} d\mu_{-1}(px) \\ &= \int_X [x]_q^n \chi_n(x) q^x d\mu_{-1}(x) - [p]_q^n \chi_n(p) \int_X [x]_{q^p}^n \chi_n(x) q^{px} d\mu_{-1}(x). \end{aligned} \quad (2.38)$$

Therefore by (2.30), the theorem is proved.  $\square$

Let  $\chi$  be the Dirichlet character with an odd conductor  $d = d_\chi \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $F$  be a positive integer multiple of  $p$  and  $d$ . Then, by (2.22) and (2.31), we have

$$\begin{aligned} F_{q,\chi}(x, t) &= 2 \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \chi(m) (-1)^m q^m e^{[m+x]_q t} \\ &= 2 \sum_{a=0}^{F-1} \chi(a) (-q)^a \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-q)^{Fk} e^{[F]_q [k + ((x+a)/F)]_{q^F} t} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( [F]_q^n \sum_{a=0}^{F-1} \chi(a) (-q)^a E_{n, q^F} \left( \frac{x+a}{F} \right) \right) \frac{t^n}{n!}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.39)$$

Therefore, we obtain the following

$$E_{n, \chi, q}(x) = [F]_q^n \sum_{a=0}^{F-1} \chi(a) (-q)^a E_{n, q^F} \left( \frac{x+a}{F} \right). \quad (2.40)$$

If  $\chi_n(p) \neq 0$ , then  $(p, d_{\chi_n}) = 1$ , so that  $F/p$  is a multiple of  $d_{\chi_n}$ . From (2.40), we derive

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_n(p) [p]_q^n E_{n, \chi_n, q^p} &= \chi_n(p) [p]_q^n \left[ \frac{F}{p} \right]_{q^p}^{F/p-1} \sum_{a=0}^{F/p-1} \chi_n(a) (-q^p)^a E_{n, (q^p)^{F/p}} \left( \frac{a}{F/p} \right) \\ &= [F]_q^n \sum_{\substack{a=0 \\ p|a}}^F \chi_n(a) (-q)^a E_{n, q^F} \left( \frac{a}{F} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.41)$$

Thus, we have

$$E_{n,\chi_{n,q}} - \chi_n(p) [p]_q^n E_{n,\chi_{n,q^p}} = [F]_q^n \sum_{\substack{a=0 \\ p \nmid a}}^{F-1} \chi_n(a) (-q)^a E_{n,q^F} \left( \frac{a}{F} \right). \quad (2.42)$$

By Corollary 2.5, we easily see that

$$\begin{aligned} E_{n,q^F} \left( \frac{a}{F} \right) &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \left[ \frac{a}{F} \right]_{q^F}^{n-k} q^{ka} E_{k,q^F} \\ &= [F]_q^{-n} [a]_q^n \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \left[ \frac{F}{a} \right]_{q^a}^k q^{ka} E_{k,q^F}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.43)$$

From (2.42) and (2.43), we have

$$\begin{aligned} E_{n,\chi_{n,q}} - \chi_n(p) [p]_q^n E_{n,\chi_{n,q^p}} &= [F]_q^n \sum_{\substack{a=0 \\ p \nmid a}}^{F-1} \chi_n(a) (-q)^a E_{n,q^F} \left( \frac{a}{F} \right) \\ &= \sum_{\substack{a=0 \\ p \nmid a}}^{F-1} \chi(a) \langle a \rangle^n (-q)^a \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{n}{k} \left[ \frac{F}{a} \right]_{q^a}^k q^{ka} E_{k,q^F}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.44)$$

since  $\chi_n(a) = \chi(a) \omega^{-n}(a)$ . From Theorem 2.7 and (2.44), we have

$$l_{p,q}(-n, \chi) = \sum_{\substack{a=0 \\ p \nmid a}}^{F-1} \chi(a) \langle a \rangle^n (-q)^a \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{n}{k} \left[ \frac{F}{a} \right]_{q^a}^k q^{ka} E_{k,q^F}, \quad (2.45)$$

for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Therefore, we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.8.** *Let  $F$  be a positive integer multiple of  $p$  and  $d = d_\chi$ , and let*

$$l_{p,q}(s, \chi) = \int_{X^*} \langle x \rangle^{-s} \chi(x) q^x d\mu_{-1}(x), \quad s \in \mathbb{Z}_p. \quad (2.46)$$

Then,  $l_{p,q}(s, \chi)$  is analytic for  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  and

$$l_{p,q}(s, \chi) = \sum_{\substack{a=0 \\ p \nmid a}}^{F-1} \chi(a) \langle a \rangle^{-s} (-q)^a \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{-s}{k} \left[ \frac{F}{a} \right]_{q^a}^k q^{ka} E_{k,q^F}. \quad (2.47)$$

Furthermore, for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

$$l_{p,q}(-n, \chi) = E_{n,\chi_{n,q}} - \chi_n(p) [p]_q^n E_{n,\chi_{n,q^p}}. \quad (2.48)$$

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