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# **Identities Involving** *q***-Bernoulli and** *q***-Euler Numbers**

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We give some identities on the *q*-Bernoulli and *q*-Euler numbers by using *p*-adic integral equations on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ .

### **1. Introduction**

Let *p* be a fixed odd 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  $\mathbb{Z}_+ = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . The *p*-adic norm  $|\cdot|_p$  is normally defined by  $|p|_p = 1/p$ .

As it is well known, the Euler polynomials are defined by

$$\frac{2}{e^t+1}e^{xt} = e^{E(x)t} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n(x)\frac{t^n}{n!},$$
(1.1)

with the usual convention about replacing  $E^n(x)$  by  $E_n(x)$  (see [1–14]). In the special case, x = 0,  $E_n(0) = E_n$  is called the *n*th Euler number.

The ordinary Bernoulli polynomials are also defined by

$$\frac{t}{e^t - 1}e^{xt} = e^{B(x)t} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n(x)\frac{t^n}{n!},$$
(1.2)

with the usual convention about replacing  $B^n(x)$  by  $B_n(x)$  (see [1–14]). In the special case, x = 0,  $B_n(0) = B_n$  is called the *n*th Bernoulli number.

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

$$I(f) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} f(x) d\mu(x) = \lim_{N \to \infty} \sum_{x=0}^{p^{N-1}} f(x) \mu\left(x + p^N \mathbb{Z}_p\right) = \lim_{N \to \infty} \frac{1}{p^N} \sum_{x=0}^{p^{N-1}} f(x),$$
(1.3)

(see [1, 7]). Let  $f_1$  be the translation of f with  $f_1(x) = f(x + 1)$ . From (1.3) we have

$$I(f_1) - I(f) = f'(0), \tag{1.4}$$

(see [1, 7]).

The fermionic *p*-adic integral on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  is also defined by T. Kim as follows:

$$I_{-1}(f) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} f(x) d\mu_{-1}(x) = \lim_{N \to \infty} \sum_{x=0}^{p^N - 1} f(x) \mu_{-1} \left( x + p^N \mathbb{Z}_p \right) = \lim_{N \to \infty} \sum_{x=0}^{p^N - 1} f(x) (-1)^x, \quad (1.5)$$

(see [6, 15, 16]). By (1.5), we get

$$I_{-1}(f_1) + I_{-1}(f) = 2f(0), (1.6)$$

(see [6, 8]).

Let  $f(x) = e^{xt} \in UD(\mathbb{Z}_p)$  with  $|t|_p < |p|_p^{1/(p-1)}$  and  $|x|_p \le 1$ . From (1.4), we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} e^{(x+y)t} d\mu(y) = \frac{t}{e^t - 1} e^{xt} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n(x) \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$
(1.7)

Thus, by (1.7), we see that

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} (x+y)^n d\mu(y) = B_n(x), \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}_+.$$
(1.8)

By (1.8), we get

$$B_n(x) = \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} x^{n-l} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} y^l d\mu(y) = \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} x^{n-l} B_l.$$
(1.9)

As an indeterminate, let us assume that  $q \in \mathbb{C}_p$  with  $|1 - q|_p < 1$ .

From (1.1) and (1.6), we note that the *q*-Euler polynomials are given by

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^y e^{(x+y)t} d\mu_{-1}(y) = \frac{2}{qe^t + 1} e^{xt} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_{n,q}(x) \frac{t^n}{n!},$$
(1.10)

where  $E_{n,q}(x)$  are called the *n*th *q*-Euler polynomials (see [1, 3, 6, 8]).

Thus, by (1.10), we get

$$E_{n,q}(x) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^y (x+y)^n d\mu_{-1}(y), \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}_+.$$
 (1.11)

In the special case, x = 0,  $E_{n,q}(0) = E_{n,q}$  is called the *n*th *q*-Euler number (see [8, 9]). By (1.10) and (1.11), we get the recurrence formula for the *q*-Euler numbers as follows:

$$E_{0,q} = \frac{2}{[2]_q}, \quad q(E_q + 1)^n + E_{n,q} = 2\delta_{0,n}, \tag{1.12}$$

with the usual convention about replacing  $E_q^n$  by  $E_{n,q}$ . Here  $[x]_q = (1 - q^x)/(1 - q)$  is the *q*-number of *x* and  $\delta_{k,n}$  is the Kronecker symbol (see [10, 11]).

From (1.2), (1.7), and (1.8), we have

$$B_0 = 1, \quad (B+1)^n - B_n = \delta_{1,n}, \tag{1.13}$$

with the usual convention about replacing  $B^n$  by  $B_n$  (see [1, 3, 14]).

From (1.11), we easily see that

$$E_{n,q}(x) = \sum_{l=0}^{n} \binom{n}{l} x^{n-l} E_{l,q},$$
(1.14)

(see [14]).

In this paper we give some interesting properties of *p*-adic integrals on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  associated with the *q*-Bernoulli and the *q*-Euler numbers. From those properties, we derive new identities involving the *q*-Bernoulli and the *q*-Euler numbers arising from *p*-adic integrals of polynomial identities.

#### 2. Identities on *q*-Bernoulli and *q*-Euler Numbers

Let  $C_{p^n}$  be the cyclic group of order  $p^n$  with  $C_{p^n} = \{\zeta \in \mathbb{C}_p \mid \zeta^{p^n} = 1\}$ . Then  $T_p$  is defined by the direct limit as  $T_p = \lim_{n \to \infty} C_{p^n} = C_{p^{\infty}}$ . In this section, we assume that  $q(\neq 1) \in T_p$ , then  $|q-1|_p < 1$ . From (1.4), we can derive the following equation (2.1):

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^y e^{(x+y)t} d\mu(y) = \frac{t}{qe^t - 1} e^{xt} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,q}(x) \frac{t^n}{n!},$$
(2.1)

where  $B_{n,q}(x)$  is called the *n*th *q*-Bernoulli polynomial (see [7]). In the special case, x = 0,  $B_{n,q}(0) = B_{n,q}$  is called the *n*th *q*-Bernoulli number.

By (2.1), we get

$$B_{0,q} = 0, \quad q(B_q + 1)^n - B_{n,q} = \delta_{1,n}, \tag{2.2}$$

with the usual convention about replacing  $B_q^n$  by  $B_{n,q}$  (see [7, 14]).

From (1.3), we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} f(-y) d\mu(y) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} f(y+1) d\mu(y).$$
(2.3)

By (2.3), we get

$$q \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} (1 - x + y)^n q^y d\mu(y) = (-1)^n \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{-y} (x + y)^n d\mu(y).$$
(2.4)

From (2.1) and (2.4), we have

$$qB_{n,q}(1-x) = (-1)^n B_{n,q^{-1}}(x), \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}_+.$$
(2.5)

By using (1.4), we see that

$$q \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \left( 1 + x + y \right)^n q^y d\mu(y) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^y (x + y)^n d\mu(y) + nx^{n-1}.$$
 (2.6)

Thus, by (2.1) and (2.6), we get

$$qB_{n,q}(1+x) = B_{n,q}(x) + nx^{n-1}, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}_+.$$
(2.7)

Therefore, by (2.5) and (2.7), we obtain the following theorem.

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

$$(-1)^{n}B_{n,q^{-1}}(-x) = qB_{n,q}(1+x) = B_{n,q}(x) + nx^{n-1}.$$
(2.8)

From (1.5) and (1.6), we note that

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} (1-x+y)^n q^y d\mu_{-1}(y) = (-1)^n \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} (x+y)^n q^{-(y+1)} d\mu_{-1}(y).$$
(2.9)

Therefore, by (1.11) and (2.9), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.2.** *For*  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ *, one has* 

$$qE_{n,q}(1-x) = (-1)^n E_{n,q^{-1}}(x).$$
(2.10)

By (1.6), we get

$$q \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^y (x+1+y)^n d\mu_{-1}(y) + \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^y (x+y)^n d\mu_{-1}(y) = 2x^n.$$
(2.11)

Thus, by (1.11) and (2.11), we have

$$qE_{n,q}(x+1) = -E_{n,q}(x) + 2x^n, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}_+.$$
(2.12)

Therefore, by Theorem 2.2 and (2.12), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.3.** *For*  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ *, one has* 

$$(-1)^{n} E_{n,q^{-1}}(-x) = q E_{n,q}(1+x) = -E_{n,q}(x) + 2x^{n}.$$
(2.13)

By using the *p*-adic integrals on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ , we have the following equation (2.14):

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{(x+y)} e^{(x+y)t} d\mu(x) d\mu_{-1}(y) &= \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^x e^{xt} d\mu(x) \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^y e^{yt} d\mu_{-1}(y) \\ &= \left(\frac{t}{qe^t - 1}\right) \left(\frac{2}{qe^t + 1}\right) = \frac{2t}{q^2 e^{2t} - 1} \end{aligned} (2.14) \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{2x} e^{2xt} d\mu(x). \end{aligned}$$

By (2.14), we get

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{(x+y)} (x+y)^n d\mu(x) d\mu_{-1}(y) = 2^n \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{2x} x^n d\mu(x).$$
(2.15)

It is not difficult to show that

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^{(x+y)} (x+y)^n d\mu(x) d\mu_{-1}(y) = \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^x x^{n-l} q^y y^l d\mu(x) d\mu_{-1}(y).$$
(2.16)

Therefore, by (2.15) and (2.16), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.4.** *For*  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ *, one has* 

$$\sum_{l=0}^{n} \binom{n}{l} B_{n-l,q} E_{l,q} = 2^{n} B_{n,q^{2}}.$$
(2.17)

By (2.5), (2.7), (2.12), Theorems 2.1, and 2.3, we get

$$qB_{n,q}(x) = (-1)^n B_{n,q^{-1}}(1-x) = B_{n,q}(x-1) + n(x-1)^{n-1},$$
(2.18)

$$qE_{n,q}(x) = (-1)^n E_{n,q^{-1}}(1-x) = -E_{n,q}(x-1) + 2(x-1)^n.$$
(2.19)

From (2.1), we have

$$B_{n,q}(x) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^y (x+y)^n d\mu(y) = \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} B_{l,q} x^{n-l}, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}_+.$$
 (2.20)

Let

$$I_{1} = q \int_{\mathbb{Z}_{p}} q^{x} B_{n,q}(x) d\mu(x) = q \sum_{l=0}^{n} \binom{n}{l} B_{n-l,q} B_{l,q}.$$
 (2.21)

From (2.18), (2.20), and (2.21), we note that

$$I_{1} = (-1)^{n} \sum_{l=0}^{n} {n \choose l} B_{n-l,q} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_{p}} q^{x} (x-1)^{l} d\mu(x) + n \int_{\mathbb{Z}_{p}} q^{x} (x-1)^{n-1} d\mu(x)$$
  
$$= (-1)^{n} \sum_{l=0}^{n} {n \choose l} B_{n-l,q} B_{l,q} (-1) + n B_{n-1,q} (-1)$$
  
$$= (-1)^{n} \sum_{l=0}^{n} {n \choose l} B_{l,q} B_{n-l,q} (-1) + n B_{n-1,q} (-1).$$
  
(2.22)

By (2.5), we get

$$qB_{n,q}(-1) = (-1)^n B_{n,q^{-1}}(2), \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}_+.$$
(2.23)

By (2.3), we easily see that

$$q^{2}B_{n,q}(2) = nq + qB_{n,q}(1) = nq + B_{n,q} + \delta_{1,n},$$
(2.24)

where  $\delta_{1,n}$  is the Kronecker symbol.

Thus, by (2.23) and (2.24), we get

$$B_{n,q}(-1) = (-1)^n (n + q B_{n,q^{-1}} + q \delta_{1,n}).$$
(2.25)

By (2.22) and (2.25), we get

$$I_{1} = (-1)^{n} \sum_{l=0}^{n} {n \choose l} B_{l,q} (-1)^{n-l} (n-l+qB_{n-l,q^{-1}}+q\delta_{1,n-l}) + nB_{n-1,q} (-1)$$

$$= n \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} {n-1 \choose l} B_{l,q} (-1)^{l} + q \sum_{l=0}^{n} {n \choose l} (-1)^{l} B_{l,q} B_{n-l,q^{-1}} + q(-1)^{n-1} nB_{n-1,q} + nB_{n-1,q} (-1)$$

$$= q \sum_{l=0}^{n} {n \choose l} (-1)^{l} B_{l,q} B_{n-l,q^{-1}} + q(-1)^{n-1} nB_{n-1,q} + (1+(-1)^{n-1}) nB_{n-1,q} (-1).$$
(2.26)

Therefore, by (2.21) and (2.26), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.5.** *For*  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ *, one has* 

$$\sum_{l=0}^{2n} \binom{2n}{l} B_{2n-l,q} B_{l,q} - \sum_{l=0}^{2n} \binom{2n}{l} (-1)^l B_{l,q} B_{2n-l,q^{-1}} = -2n B_{2n-1,q}.$$
(2.27)

Let us consider the following integral:

$$I_{2} = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_{p}} q^{x+1} E_{n,q}(x) d\mu_{-1}(x) = q \sum_{l=0}^{n} \binom{n}{l} E_{n-l,q} E_{l,q}.$$
 (2.28)

By (2.19), we get

$$I_{2} = -\int_{\mathbb{Z}_{p}} q^{x} E_{n,q}(x-1) d\mu_{-1}(x) + 2 \int_{\mathbb{Z}_{p}} q^{x} (x-1)^{n} d\mu_{-1}(x)$$
  
$$= -\sum_{l=0}^{n} {n \choose l} E_{l,q} E_{n-l,q}(-1) + 2E_{n,q}(-1)$$
  
$$= -\sum_{l=0}^{n} {n \choose l} E_{n-l,q} E_{l,q}(-1) + 2E_{n,q}(-1).$$
  
(2.29)

From Theorem 2.2, we note that

$$qE_{n,q}(-1) = (-1)^n E_{n,q^{-1}}(2), \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}_+.$$
(2.30)

By (1.12), we get

$$q^{2}E_{n,q}(2) = 2q + E_{n,q} - 2\delta_{0,n}.$$
(2.31)

Thus, by (2.30) and (2.31), we get

$$E_{n,q}(-1) = (-1)^n (2 + q E_{n,q^{-1}} - 2q \delta_{0,n}).$$
(2.32)

From (2.29) and (2.32), we note that

$$I_{2} = -\sum_{l=0}^{n} {n \choose l} E_{l,q} (-1)^{n-l} (2 + qE_{n-l,q^{-1}} - 2q\delta_{0,n-l}) + 2(-1)^{n} (2 + qE_{n,q^{-1}} - 2q\delta_{0,n})$$
  
$$= -q\sum_{l=0}^{n} {n \choose l} (-1)^{n-l} E_{l,q} E_{n-l,q^{-1}} + 2qE_{n,q}.$$
(2.33)

Therefore, by (2.28) and (2.33), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.6.** *For*  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ *, one has* 

$$\sum_{l=0}^{n} \binom{n}{l} E_{n-l,q} E_{l,q} + \sum_{l=0}^{n} \binom{n}{l} (-1)^{n-l} E_{l,q} E_{n-l,q^{-1}} = 2E_{n,q}.$$
(2.34)

Now we consider the fermionic *p*-adic integral on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  for the *n*th *q*-Euler polynomials as follows:

$$I_{3} = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_{p}} q^{x} E_{n,q}(x) d\mu_{-1}(x) = \sum_{l=0}^{n} {n \choose l} E_{l,q} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_{p}} q^{x} x^{n-l} d\mu_{-1}(x)$$

$$= \sum_{l=0}^{n} {n \choose l} E_{l,q} E_{n-l,q}, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}_{+}.$$
(2.35)

On the other hand, by Theorem 2.2, we get

$$I_{3} = (-1)^{n} q^{-1} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_{p}} E_{n,q^{-1}} (1-x) q^{x} d\mu_{-1}(x)$$

$$= (-1)^{n} q^{-1} \sum_{l=0}^{n} {n \choose l} E_{n-l,q^{-1}} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_{p}} q^{x} (1-x)^{l} d\mu_{-1}(x)$$

$$= q^{-1} \sum_{l=0}^{n} {n \choose l} E_{n-l,q^{-1}} (-1)^{n-l} E_{l,q} (-1).$$
(2.36)

From (2.32) and (2.36), we note that

$$I_{3} = (-1)^{n} q^{-1} \sum_{l=0}^{n} {n \choose l} E_{n-l,q^{-1}} (2 + q E_{l,q^{-1}} - 2q \delta_{0,l})$$
  
=  $2(-1)^{n} q^{-1} E_{n,q^{-1}} (1) + (-1)^{n} \sum_{l=0}^{n} {n \choose l} E_{n-l,q^{-1}} E_{l,q^{-1}} - 2(-1)^{n} E_{n,q^{-1}}$   
=  $-2(-1)^{n} E_{n,q^{-1}} + 4(-1)^{n} \delta_{0,n} + (-1)^{n} \sum_{l=0}^{n} {n \choose l} E_{n-l,q^{-1}} E_{l,q^{-1}} - 2(-1)^{n} E_{n,q^{-1}}.$  (2.37)

Therefore, by (2.35) and (2.37), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.7.** *For*  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ *, one has* 

$$\sum_{l=0}^{2n+1} \binom{2n+1}{l} E_{l,q} E_{2n+1-l,q} + \sum_{l=0}^{2n+1} \binom{2n+1}{l} E_{l,q^{-1}} E_{2n+1-l,q^{-1}} = 4E_{2n+1,q^{-1}}.$$
 (2.38)

From (2.1) and (2.7), we note that

$$x^{n} = \frac{q}{n+1} \sum_{l=0}^{n} {\binom{n+1}{l}} B_{l,q}(x) + \frac{q-1}{n+1} B_{n+1,q}(x).$$
(2.39)

Let us consider the following fermionic *p*-adic integral on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ :

$$\begin{split} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} x^n q^x d\mu_{-1}(x) &= \frac{q}{n+1} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n+1}{l} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^x B_{l,q}(x) d\mu_{-1}(x) + \frac{q-1}{n+1} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} q^x B_{n+1,q}(x) d\mu_{-1}(x) \\ &= \frac{q}{n+1} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n+1}{l} \sum_{k=0}^l \binom{l}{k} B_{l-k,q} E_{k,q} + \frac{q-1}{n+1} \sum_{l=0}^{n+1} \binom{n+1}{l} B_{n+1-l,q} E_{l,q}. \end{split}$$

$$(2.40)$$

Therefore, by (2.40), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.8.** *For*  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ *, one has* 

$$E_{n,q} = \frac{q}{n+1} \sum_{l=0}^{n} \binom{n+1}{l} \sum_{k=0}^{l} \binom{l}{k} B_{l-k,q} E_{k,q} + \frac{q-1}{n+1} \sum_{l=0}^{n+1} \binom{n+1}{l} B_{n+1-l,q} E_{l,q}.$$
 (2.41)

From (1.10) and (2.12), we note that

$$x^{n} = \frac{[2]_{q}}{2} E_{n,q}(x) + \frac{q}{2} \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} {n \choose l} E_{l,q}(x).$$
(2.42)

Thus, by (2.42), we get

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

$$= \frac{[2]_q}{2} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} E_{n-l,q} E_{l,q} + \frac{q}{2} \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \binom{n}{l} \sum_{k=0}^l \binom{l}{k} E_{l-k,q} E_{k,q}.$$
(2.43)

Thus, by (2.43), we have

$$E_{n,q} = \frac{[2]_q}{2} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} E_{n-l,q} E_{l,q} + \frac{q}{2} \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \binom{n}{l} \sum_{k=0}^l \binom{l}{k} E_{l-k,q} E_{k,q}.$$
 (2.44)

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