

COUNTING LATTICE POINTS IN CERTAIN RATIONAL POLYTOPES AND GENERALIZED DEDEKIND SUMS

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Abstract: Let $\mathcal{P} \subset \mathbf{R}^n$ be a rational convex polytope with vertices at the origin and on each positive coordinate axes. On the basis of the study on counting lattice points in $t\mathcal{P}$ with positive integer t , which is deeply connected with reciprocity laws for generalized Dedekind sums, we study the number of lattice points in the shifted polytope of $t\mathcal{P}$ by a fixed rational point. Certain generalized multiple Dedekind sums appear naturally in the main result.

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1. Introduction

Let $\mathcal{P} \subset \mathbf{R}^n$ be a rational convex polytope and for $t \in \mathbf{N}$, put

$$L_{\mathcal{P}}(t) = \#(t\mathcal{P} \cap \mathbf{Z}^n),$$

the number of lattice points in $t\mathcal{P}$. It is known that $L_{\mathcal{P}}(t)$ is expressed as

$$L_{\mathcal{P}}(t) = c_n(t)t^n + \cdots + c_1(t)t + c_0(t)$$

with periodic functions $c_0(t), \dots, c_n(t)$ and is called the Ehrhart quasipolynomial of \mathcal{P} ([15]). Further the problem of finding an explicit expression of $L_{\mathcal{P}}(t)$ is deeply connected with reciprocity laws for certain generalized Dedekind sums. Historically, the first example appeared in [16], where Mordell studied the number of lattice points in the interior of the tetrahedron

$$\mathcal{P} = \left\{ (x, y, z) \in \mathbf{R}_{\geq 0}^3 \mid \frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} + \frac{z}{c} \leq 1 \right\}$$

for $a, b, c \in \mathbf{N}$ and obtained a formula connected with a three-term relation of the classical Dedekind sums.

Generalizations for higher dimensional case are studied in [2], [3] and [4] etc., in which Dedekind-Rademacher sums or Fourier-Dedekind sums appear naturally. Here, along the content of this paper, put

$$\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{a}) = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbf{R}_{\geq 0}^n \mid a_1x_1 + \dots + a_nx_n \leq 1\}$$

and

$$L(t : \mathbf{a}) = L_{\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{a})}(t)$$

for $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbf{N}^n$. Let us recall the result for this case. It is obvious that $L(t : \mathbf{a})$ is equal to the Taylor coefficient of z^t of the function

$$\begin{aligned} F(z : \mathbf{a}) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left(\prod_{i=1}^n (1 + z^{a_i} + z^{2a_i} + \dots) \right) (1 + z + z^2 + \dots) \\ &= \left(\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{1 - z^{a_i}} \right) \frac{1}{1 - z}. \end{aligned}$$

Making use of this, Beck, Dias and Robins studied in [3] an explicit expression of $L(t : \mathbf{a})$ under the condition of $\gcd\{a_i, a_j\} = 1$ for all $i \neq j$. In order to state the result precisely, let us define the Fourier-Dedekind sum by

$$\sigma_l(c_1, \dots, c_n : c) = \frac{1}{c} \sum_{\substack{\zeta^c=1 \\ \zeta \neq 1}} \frac{\zeta^t}{(\zeta^{c_1} - 1) \dots (\zeta^{c_n} - 1)} \tag{1.1}$$

for $c, c_1, \dots, c_n \in \mathbf{N}$ and $l \in \mathbf{Z}$, and put

$$R_{-t}(\mathbf{a}) = -\text{Res} (z^{-t-1} F(z : \mathbf{a}) : z = 1).$$

Then, it is shown in [3] that

$$L(t : \mathbf{a}) = R_{-t}(\mathbf{a}) + (-1)^n \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_{-t}(a_1, \dots, \widehat{a}_i, \dots, a_n, 1 : a_i). \tag{1.2}$$

Note that if we put

$$p(t : \mathbf{a}) = \#\{(m_1, \dots, m_n) \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}^n \mid a_1m_1 + \dots + a_nm_n = t\},$$

then

$$L(t : \mathbf{a}) = p(t : (\mathbf{a}, 1)),$$

where $(\mathbf{a}, 1) = (a_1, \dots, a_n, 1) \in \mathbf{N}^{n+1}$. In [4], Beck, Gessel and Komatsu studied a formula for the polynomial part of $p(t : \mathbf{a})$. From Theorem and Proposition of [4] and Remark 1 of [3], we see that $R_{-t}(\mathbf{a})$ equals the polynomial part of $p(t : (\mathbf{a}, 1))$ and is expressed as

$$R_{-t}(\mathbf{a}) = \frac{1}{a_1 \dots a_n} \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{(-1)^m}{(n-m)!} \sum_{\substack{p_1, \dots, p_n, q \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0} \\ p_1 + \dots + p_n + q = m}} a_1^{p_1} \dots a_n^{p_n} \frac{B_{p_1} \dots B_{p_n} B_q}{p_1! \dots p_n! q!} t^{n-m}, \tag{1.3}$$

where B_p is the p th Bernoulli number.

As for the value at $t = 0$, it is known that if \mathcal{P} is an integral polytope, $L_{\mathcal{P}}(t)$ is a polynomial of t of which the constant term equals the Euler characteristic $\chi(\mathcal{P})$ of \mathcal{P} . It is also known that $\chi(\mathcal{P}) = 1$ if \mathcal{P} is convex. In our case, since $a_1 \cdots a_n \cdot \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{a})$ is integral and convex, we have $L(0, \mathbf{a}) = 1$. We note that this can also be interpreted as $L(0, \mathbf{a}) = \sharp(0 \cdot \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{a}) \cap \mathbf{Z}^n)$. In addition the formula (1.2) also holds for $t = 0$.

Now the classical Dedekind sum $s(a, b)$ is defined by

$$s(a, b) = \sum_{\lambda \bmod b} \left(\left(\frac{\lambda}{b} \right) \right) \left(\left(\frac{a\lambda}{b} \right) \right), \tag{1.4}$$

where $a \in \mathbf{Z}$, $b \in \mathbf{N}$ and

$$\left((x) \right) = \begin{cases} x - [x] - \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } x \notin \mathbf{Z} \\ 0 & \text{if } x \in \mathbf{Z}. \end{cases}$$

If $a, b \in \mathbf{N}$ with $\gcd\{a, b\} = 1$, we have a well-known reciprocity law such as

$$s(a, b) + s(b, a) = \frac{1}{12} \left(\frac{b}{a} + \frac{a}{b} + \frac{1}{ab} \right) - \frac{1}{4}. \tag{1.5}$$

([14], [18]). In the special case of $n = 2$ and $t = 0$, we have

$$\sigma_0(a, 1 : b) = -s(a, b) + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4ab}$$

and the formula (1.2), together with (1.3), naturally reduces to (1.5).

In this paper, as a generalization of $L(t : \mathbf{a})$, we study the formula for the number of the lattice points in the shifted polytope of $t\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{a})$ by a fixed rational point, namely the formula expressing $\sharp((- \boldsymbol{\alpha} + t\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{a})) \cap \mathbf{Z}^n)$ for $\boldsymbol{\alpha} \in \mathbf{Q}^n$. The special case of $n = 2$, in which $\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{a})$ is a rectangled triangle in \mathbf{R}^2 , is studied in [5]. In our main result, we enlarge the range of t as $t \in \mathbf{Q}_{\geq 0}$ and multiple versions of the Dedekind-Rademacher sums will appear naturally. Let us give a description of each section.

In Section 2, we first recall the definition and basic properties of Bernoulli functions and give a definition of generalized Dedekind sums which appear in our main result.

In Section 3, as important tools for the study of lattice points in rational polytopes, we describe the integer-point transforms of rational polytopes or cones in \mathbf{R}^n and well-known Brion’s Theorem. Then we state the main result as a natural application of Brion’s Theorem to the polytope $- \boldsymbol{\alpha} + t\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{a})$. As a Corollary of the main result, we also show a generalized reciprocity law for multiple Dedekind-Rademacher sums.

In order to prove the main result, we prepare two equations as Lemmas in Section 4 and complete the proof in Section 5.

2. Notations and definitions

Let $B_p(X)$ be the p th Bernoulli polynomial defined by

$$\frac{te^{tX}}{e^t - 1} = \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} B_p(X) \frac{t^p}{p!}.$$

and let $B_p = B_p(0)$, the p th Bernoulli number. For any $x \in \mathbf{Q}$, write $x = [x] + \{x\}$ with $[x] \in \mathbf{Z}$ and $0 \leq \{x\} < 1$ and define $\tilde{B}_p(x) = B_p(\{x\})$, which is periodic of period 1 and satisfies a distribution relation such as

$$\sum_{\lambda \bmod k} \tilde{B}_p \left(x + \frac{\lambda}{k} \right) = k^{1-p} \tilde{B}_p(kx) \tag{2.1}$$

for any $k \in \mathbf{N}$ and $x \in \mathbf{Q}$. Let $P = (p_1, \dots, p_n) \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}^n$, $q \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}$, $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbf{Z}^n$, $b \in \mathbf{Z}$, $\boldsymbol{\alpha} = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \in \mathbf{Q}^n$ and $\beta \in \mathbf{Q}$, and we define the following multiple Dedekind sum:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{S}_{(P,q)} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a} & b \\ \boldsymbol{\alpha} & \beta \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \sum_{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \bmod b} \left(\prod_{j=1}^n \tilde{B}_{p_j} \left(\frac{\lambda_j + \alpha_j}{b} \right) \right) \tilde{B}_q \left(\frac{\sum_{j=1}^n a_j (\lambda_j + \alpha_j)}{b} + \beta \right). \end{aligned} \tag{2.2}$$

In the special case of $n = 1$, the sum is reduced to the classical Dedekind sum (1.4) as

$$\mathcal{S}_{(1,1)} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{4} + s(a, b).$$

In addition, we also have

$$\mathcal{S}_{(p,q)} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ \alpha & \beta \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{\lambda \bmod b} \tilde{B}_p \left(\frac{\lambda + \alpha}{b} \right) \tilde{B}_q \left(\frac{a(\lambda + \alpha)}{b} + \beta \right),$$

which essentially includes the sums defined by Apostol as (1.3) in [1], by Rademacher as (1.3) in [17] and by Carlitz as (1.2) in [8], (1.7) in [10] and (1.12) in [12]. We also note that in [10] and [13], Carlitz had already studied the sum (2.2) in the case of $P = (1, \dots, 1)$, $\boldsymbol{\alpha} = (0, \dots, 0)$ and $\beta = 0$ with rather modified forms.

In the case of $P = (1, \dots, 1)$, $q = 1$, $\boldsymbol{\alpha} = \mathbf{0} = (0, \dots, 0)$ and $\beta = t/b$, the sum (2.2) is reduced to the Fourier-Dedekind sum (1.1) in such a way that

$$\mathcal{S}_{(1, \dots, 1, 1)} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a} & b \\ \mathbf{0} & t/b \end{pmatrix} = \sigma_{-t}(-\mathbf{a}, 1 : b) + \frac{B_1^n}{b}. \tag{2.3}$$

In the case of $(P, q) = (p_1, \dots, p_n, q) \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}^{n+1} - \mathbf{N}^{n+1}$ and $\gcd(b, a_j) = 1$ for $1 \leq j \leq n$, we can derive by (2.1) that

$$\mathcal{S}_{(P,q)} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a} & b \\ \boldsymbol{\alpha} & \beta \end{pmatrix} = b^{n-(p_1+\dots+p_n+q)} \left(\prod_{j=1}^n \tilde{B}_{p_j}(\alpha_j) \right) \tilde{B}_q(\mathbf{a} \cdot \boldsymbol{\alpha} + b\beta), \tag{2.4}$$

where $\mathbf{a} \cdot \boldsymbol{\alpha} = a_1\alpha_1 + \dots + a_n\alpha_n$, the inner product of \mathbf{a} and $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$.

3. Integer-point transforms

Let $S \subset \mathbf{R}^n$ be a rational cone or polytope, The integer-point transform of S is defined by

$$\sigma(u_1, \dots, u_n : S) = \sum_{(m_1, \dots, m_n) \in S \cap \mathbf{Z}^n} u_1^{m_1} \cdots u_n^{m_n}. \tag{3.1}$$

If S is a polytope, the right-hand side of (3.1) is a finite sum. If S is a cone, the right-hand side of (3.1) is a Laurent series of $u_1^{\varepsilon_1}, \dots, u_n^{\varepsilon_n}$, where $\varepsilon_j = 1$ or -1 for $1 \leq j \leq n$ and can also be expressed as a rational function of u_1, \dots, u_n (cf. Chapter 3.2 of [6]).

Let $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbf{N}^n$, $b \in \mathbf{N}$, $\boldsymbol{\alpha} = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \in \mathbf{Q}^n$ and $\beta \in \mathbf{Q}$. In what follows, we consider the range of t as $t \in \mathbf{Q}_{\geq 0}$.

Proposition 3.1. *Let $t \in \mathbf{Q}_{\geq 0}$ and let $K(t)$ denote the cone in \mathbf{R}^{n+1} defined by*

$$K(t) = \left\{ (x_1, \dots, x_n, y) \in \mathbf{R}^{n+1} \mid \sum_{j=1}^n a_j(x_j + \alpha_j) + b(y + \beta) \leq t, \right. \\ \left. x_j + \alpha_j \geq 0 \ (1 \leq j \leq n) \right\}.$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sigma(u_1, \dots, u_n, v : K(t)) \\ &= \sum_{0 \leq \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \leq b-1} \left(\prod_{j=1}^n \frac{u_j^{\lambda_j - [\alpha_j]}}{1 - u_j^b v^{-a_j}} \right) \frac{v^{[-\frac{1}{b} \sum_{j=1}^n a_j(\lambda_j + \{\alpha_j\}) - \beta + \frac{t}{b}]} }{1 - v^{-1}} \tag{3.2} \\ &= u_1^{-\alpha_1} \cdots u_n^{-\alpha_n} v^{-\beta + \frac{t}{b}} \sum_{0 \leq \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \leq b-1} \left(\prod_{j=1}^n \frac{(u_j^b v^{-a_j})^{\frac{\lambda_j + \{\alpha_j\}}{b}}}{1 - u_j^b v^{-a_j}} \right) \\ & \quad \times \frac{v^{-\{-\frac{1}{b} \sum_{j=1}^n a_j(\lambda_j + \{\alpha_j\}) - \beta + \frac{t}{b}\}}}{1 - v^{-1}}. \tag{3.3} \end{aligned}$$

Proof. If $(m_1, \dots, m_n, m) \in K(t) \cap \mathbf{Z}^{n+1}$, then we have $m_j + \alpha_j \geq 0$ for each $1 \leq j \leq n$ and

$$m \leq -\frac{1}{b} \sum_{j=1}^n a_j(m_j + \alpha_j) - \beta + \frac{t}{b}.$$

This implies $m_j + [\alpha_j] \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}$ and we can express

$$m_j = -[\alpha_j] + \lambda_j + bl_j \quad \text{with } 0 \leq \lambda_j \leq b-1 \text{ and } l_j \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 m &= \left[-\frac{1}{b} \sum_{j=1}^n a_j(m_j + \alpha_j) - \beta + \frac{t}{b} \right] - l \quad \text{with } l \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0} \\
 &= \left[-\frac{1}{b} \sum_{j=1}^n a_j(\lambda_j + \{\alpha_j\}) - \beta + \frac{t}{b} \right] - \sum_{j=1}^n a_j l_j - l.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sigma(u_1, \dots, u_n, v : K(t)) \\
 &= \sum_{l_1, \dots, l_n, l \geq 0} \sum_{0 \leq \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \leq b-1} \left(\prod_{j=1}^n u_j^{-[\alpha_j] + \lambda_j} \right) v^{[-\frac{1}{b} \sum_{j=1}^n a_j(\lambda_j + \{\alpha_j\}) - \beta + \frac{t}{b}]} \\
 &\quad \times \left(\prod_{j=1}^n (u_j^b v^{-a_j})^{l_j} \right) \cdot v^{-l} \\
 &= \sum_{0 \leq \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \leq b-1} \left(\prod_{j=1}^n \frac{u_j^{\lambda_j - [\alpha_j]}}{1 - u_j^b v^{-a_j}} \right) \frac{v^{[-\frac{1}{b} \sum_{j=1}^n a_j(\lambda_j + \{\alpha_j\}) - \beta + \frac{t}{b}]} }{1 - v^{-1}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we obtain (3.2) and equation (3.3) is directly derived from (3.2) by making use of $[x] = x - \{x\}$ for any $x \in \mathbf{Q}$. ■

Now suppose that $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbf{N}^n$ with $\gcd\{a_i, a_j\} = 1$ for all $i \neq j$ and as in the introduction, put

$$\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{a}) = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbf{R}_{\geq 0}^n \mid a_1 x_1 + \dots + a_n x_n \leq 1\}.$$

Let A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n denote the points $\left(\frac{1}{a_1}, 0, \dots, 0\right), \left(0, \frac{1}{a_2}, 0, \dots, 0\right), \dots, \left(0, \dots, 0, \frac{1}{a_n}\right)$, respectively. Then for $t > 0$, the vertices of $t\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{a})$ are the origin and tA_1, \dots, tA_n . For each $1 \leq i \leq n$, let $K_i(t)$ denote the tangent cone of tA_i . Then

$$K_i(t) = \{(t - \mu_i)\overrightarrow{OA_i} + \sum_{j \neq i} \mu_j \overrightarrow{A_i A_j} \mid \mu_1, \dots, \mu_n \geq 0\} \tag{3.4}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbf{R}^n \mid a_1 x_1 + \dots + a_n x_n \leq t, \\
 &\quad x_j \geq 0 \text{ for } 1 \leq j \leq n \text{ with } j \neq i\}. \tag{3.5}
 \end{aligned}$$

In addition, we put

$$K_0(t) = \mathbf{R}_{\geq 0}^n, \tag{3.6}$$

which is the tangent cone of the origin for $t\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{a})$. Let $\boldsymbol{\alpha} = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \in \mathbf{Q}^n$ and let us consider the shifted polytope

$$-\boldsymbol{\alpha} + t\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{a}) = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbf{R}^n \mid a_1(x_1 + \alpha_1) + \dots + a_n(x_n + \alpha_n) \leq t, \\ x_j + \alpha_j \geq 0 \ (1 \leq j \leq n)\}$$

and put

$$L(t : \mathbf{a}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \#((-\boldsymbol{\alpha} + t\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{a})) \cap \mathbf{Z}^n).$$

Then the vertices of $-\boldsymbol{\alpha} + t\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{a})$ are the points $-\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ and $-\boldsymbol{\alpha} + tA_i$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$ and their tangent cones are $-\boldsymbol{\alpha} + K_0(t) = -\boldsymbol{\alpha} + \mathbf{R}_{\geq 0}^n$ and

$$-\boldsymbol{\alpha} + K_i(t) = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbf{R}^n \mid a_1(x_1 + \alpha_1) + \dots + a_n(x_n + \alpha_n) \leq t, \\ x_j + \alpha_j \geq 0 \text{ for } 1 \leq j \leq n \text{ with } j \neq i\},$$

respectively. Applying (3.3), we see that

$$\begin{aligned} &\sigma(u_1, \dots, u_n, : -\boldsymbol{\alpha} + K_i(t)) \\ &= u_1^{-\alpha_1} \dots u_n^{-\alpha_n} u_i^{\frac{t}{a_i}} \sum_{0 \leq \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_i, \dots, \lambda_n \leq a_i - 1} \left(\prod_{j \neq i} \frac{(u_j^{a_j} u_i^{-a_j})^{\lambda_j + \{\alpha_j\}}}{1 - u_j^{a_j} u_i^{-a_j}} \right) \\ &\quad \times \frac{u_i^{-\{-\frac{1}{a_i} \sum_{j \neq i} a_j(\lambda_j + \{\alpha_j\}) - \alpha_i + \frac{t}{a_i}\}}}{1 - u_i^{-1}} \end{aligned} \tag{3.7}$$

for $1 \leq i \leq n$. For $i = 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(u_1, \dots, u_n, : -\boldsymbol{\alpha} + K_0(t)) &= \sum_{(m_1, \dots, m_n) \in (-\boldsymbol{\alpha} + \mathbf{R}_{\geq 0}^n) \cap \mathbf{Z}^n} u_1^{m_1} \dots u_n^{m_n} \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \sum_{m_i \geq -\{\alpha_i\}} u_i^{m_i} = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{u_i^{-\{\alpha_i\}}}{1 - u_i} \\ &= u_1^{-\alpha_1} \dots u_n^{-\alpha_n} \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{u_i^{\{\alpha_i\}}}{1 - u_i}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.8}$$

Now we have the following theorem due to Brion ([7] or Theorem 9.7 of [6]).

Theorem 3.2 (Brion). *Suppose $\mathcal{P} \subset \mathbf{R}^n$ is a rational convex polytope. For each vertex v of \mathcal{P} , let K_v denote the tangent cone of v . Then we have*

$$\sigma(u_1, \dots, u_n : \mathcal{P}) = \sum_{v: \text{vertex of } \mathcal{P}} \sigma(u_1, \dots, u_n : K_v).$$

Applying Brion’s Theorem to $\mathcal{P} = -\boldsymbol{\alpha} + t\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{a})$, we deduce that

$$\sigma(u_1, \dots, u_n : -\boldsymbol{\alpha} + t\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{a})) = \sum_{i=0}^n \sigma(u_1, \dots, u_n : -\boldsymbol{\alpha} + K_i(t)). \tag{3.9}$$

For each $P = (p_1, \dots, p_n) \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}^n$, we put $P_i = (p_1, \dots, \widehat{p}_i, \dots, p_n)$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$. Similarly we put $\mathbf{a}_i = (a_1, \dots, \widehat{a}_i, \dots, a_n)$ and $\boldsymbol{\alpha}_i = (\alpha_1, \dots, \widehat{\alpha}_i, \dots, \alpha_n)$. Then taking $u_i = e^{a_i x_i}$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$ and combining equations (3.7), (3.8), (3.9) and the definition (2.2), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & e^{a_1 \alpha_1 x_1 + \dots + a_n \alpha_n x_n} \sum_{(m_1, \dots, m_n) \in (-\boldsymbol{\alpha} + t\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{a})) \cap \mathbf{Z}^n} e^{a_1 m_1 x_1 + \dots + a_n m_n x_n} \\ &= (-1)^n \sum_{i=1}^n e^{t x_i} \sum_{P=(p_1, \dots, p_n) \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}^n} \mathcal{S}_{(P_i, p_i)} \begin{pmatrix} -\mathbf{a}_i & \mathbf{a}_i \\ \boldsymbol{\alpha}_i & -\alpha_i + \frac{t}{a_i} \end{pmatrix} \\ & \quad \times \left(\prod_{j \neq i} \frac{(a_j x_j - x_i)^{p_j - 1}}{p_j!} \right) \frac{(-a_i x_i)^{p_i - 1}}{p_i!} \\ & \quad + (-1)^n \sum_{P=(p_1, \dots, p_n) \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}^n} \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\widetilde{B}_{p_i}(\alpha_i)}{p_i!} (a_i x_i)^{p_i - 1} \end{aligned} \tag{3.10}$$

Here we give a supplementary explanation for the case of $t = 0$. We define $K_i(0)$ by (3.4) or equivalently by (3.5) if $i \geq 1$ and by (3.6) if $i = 0$. Then (3.7) and (3.8) are also valid for $t = 0$. Further we have $-\boldsymbol{\alpha} + 0 \cdot \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{a}) = \{-\boldsymbol{\alpha}\}$ and we define $L(0 : \mathbf{a}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \#(\{-\boldsymbol{\alpha}\} \cap \mathbf{Z}^n)$, which is 1 or 0 according as $\boldsymbol{\alpha} \in \mathbf{Z}^n$ or $\boldsymbol{\alpha} \notin \mathbf{Z}^n$. In the same way we can define $\sigma(u_1, \dots, u_n : \{-\boldsymbol{\alpha}\}) = u^{-\alpha_1} \dots u^{-\alpha_n}$ or 0 according as $\boldsymbol{\alpha} \in \mathbf{Z}^n$ or $\boldsymbol{\alpha} \notin \mathbf{Z}^n$. Since \mathbf{Z}^n is discrete in \mathbf{R}^n , $L(t_0 + \varepsilon : \mathbf{a}, \boldsymbol{\alpha})$ and $\sigma(u_1, \dots, u_n : -\boldsymbol{\alpha} + (t_0 + \varepsilon)\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{a}))$ remain invariant for any fixed $t_0 \in \mathbf{Q}_{\geq 0}$ and sufficiently small $\varepsilon \geq 0$. By considering the case of $t_0 = 0$, (3.10) also holds for $t = 0$.

Now for $t \in \mathbf{Q}_{\geq 0}$, we have

$$L(t : \mathbf{a}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \sigma(1, \dots, 1 : -\boldsymbol{\alpha} + t\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{a})),$$

which also equals the left-hand side of (3.10) at $(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (0, \dots, 0)$. In the rest of this paper, we shall study the right-hand side of (3.10) and deduce the following main result.

Theorem 3.3. *For any $t \in \mathbf{Q}_{\geq 0}$, we have*

$$L(t : \mathbf{a}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}) = P(t : \mathbf{a}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}) + (-1)^n \sum_{i=1}^n Q_i(t : \mathbf{a}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}), \tag{3.11}$$

where

$$P(t : \mathbf{a}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \frac{1}{a_1 \cdots a_n} \sum_{m=0}^n \sum_{\substack{p_1, \dots, p_n, p \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0} \\ p_1 + \dots + p_n + p = m}} (-1)^m \left(\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{a_i^{p_i} \tilde{B}_{p_i}(\alpha_i)}{p_i!} \right) \frac{\tilde{B}_p(-\mathbf{a} \cdot \boldsymbol{\alpha} + t)}{p!} \cdot \frac{t^{n-m}}{(n-m)!}$$

symbolically

$$= \frac{1}{a_1 \cdots a_n} \left(t - \left(a_1 \tilde{B}(\alpha_1) + \dots + a_n \tilde{B}(\alpha_n) + \tilde{B}(-\mathbf{a} \cdot \boldsymbol{\alpha} + t) \right) \right)^n \frac{1}{n!} \quad (3.12)$$

and

$$Q_i(t : \mathbf{a}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \mathcal{S}_{(1, \dots, 1)} \begin{pmatrix} -\mathbf{a}_i & a_i \\ \boldsymbol{\alpha}_i & -\alpha_i + \frac{t}{a_i} \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{a_i} \left(\prod_{j \neq i} \tilde{B}_1(\alpha_j) \right) \tilde{B}_1(-\mathbf{a} \cdot \boldsymbol{\alpha} + t).$$

Taking $t = 0$ and making use of the symbolical expression as in (3.12), we can easily deduce a generalized reciprocity law for multiple Dedekind-Rademacher sums, which we show as the following.

Corollary 3.4. *We have*

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 \cdots a_n \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{S}_{(1, \dots, 1)} \begin{pmatrix} -\mathbf{a}_i & a_i \\ \boldsymbol{\alpha}_i & -\alpha_i \end{pmatrix} &= -\frac{1}{n!} \left(a_1 \tilde{B}(\alpha_1) + \dots + a_n \tilde{B}(\alpha_n) + \tilde{B}(-\mathbf{a} \cdot \boldsymbol{\alpha}) \right)^n \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\prod_{j \neq i} a_j \tilde{B}_1(\alpha_j) \right) \tilde{B}_1(-\mathbf{a} \cdot \boldsymbol{\alpha}) + \varepsilon, \end{aligned} \quad (3.13)$$

where $\varepsilon = (-1)^n a_1 \cdots a_n$ or 0 according as $\boldsymbol{\alpha} \in \mathbf{Z}^n$ or $\boldsymbol{\alpha} \notin \mathbf{Z}^n$.

4. Preliminary results

Let $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ and $\Delta(\mathbf{x}) = \Delta(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (x_i - x_j)$, the difference product of x_1, \dots, x_n . Then as is well known for the Vandermonde determinant, we have

$$\begin{vmatrix} x_1^{n-1} & x_1^{n-2} & \cdots & x_1 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_n^{n-1} & x_n^{n-2} & \cdots & x_n & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \Delta(\mathbf{x}).$$

For the proof of Theorem 3.3, we shall need the following two lemmas.

Lemma 4.1. *Let $n \geq 2$ and $N \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}$. Then we have*

$$\begin{vmatrix} x_1^N & x_1^{n-2} & \cdots & x_1 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_n^N & x_n^{n-2} & \cdots & x_n & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \Delta(\mathbf{x}) \sum_{\substack{p_1, \dots, p_n \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0} \\ p_1 + \dots + p_n = N - n + 1}} x_1^{p_1} \cdots x_n^{p_n}. \quad (4.1)$$

Lemma 4.2. *Let $n, N \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}$ and $l \in \mathbf{Z}$. Then we have*

$$\sum_{j=0}^N (-1)^j \binom{N}{j} \binom{l+j}{n} = \begin{cases} (-1)^N \binom{l}{n-N} & \text{if } N \leq n \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Concerning Lemma 4.1, let us recall the Schur polynomial, which is defined by

$$s(\mathbf{x} : (\lambda_j)) = \frac{\det(x_i^{\lambda_j + n - j})}{\Delta(\mathbf{x})}$$

for $(\lambda_j) = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}$ with $\lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n$ and expressed by making use of the corresponding Young diagrams for (λ_j) . If $N \geq n - 1$, (4.1) is a direct consequence of the special case of $(\lambda_j) = (N - n + 1, 0, \dots, 0)$, in which the Schur polynomial becomes the complete symmetric polynomial of degree $N - n + 1$ in n variables x_1, \dots, x_n . Direct proof for this case is also possible by making use of induction on N . Note that in the case of $0 \leq N < n - 1$, (4.1) is also valid since both sides become 0.

As for Lemma 4.2, consider the following equation

$$T^l(1+T)^N = \sum_{j=0}^N \binom{N}{j} T^{l+j}.$$

Differentiating both sides n times, we obtain

$$\sum_{j=0}^N \binom{n}{j} \frac{d^{n-j} T^l}{dT^{n-j}} \cdot \frac{d^j}{dT^j} (1+T)^N = \sum_{j=0}^N \binom{N}{j} \frac{d^n T^{l+j}}{dT^n},$$

namely

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=0}^N \binom{n}{j} \binom{l}{n-j} (n-j)! T^{l-n+j} \cdot \binom{N}{j} j! (1+T)^{N-j} \\ = \sum_{j=0}^N \binom{N}{j} \binom{l+j}{n} n! T^{l+j-n}. \end{aligned}$$

By taking $T = -1$, the result follows immediately.

5. Proof of Theorem 3.3

In order to study the right-hand side of (3.10), we put $Z_0 = \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}^n$ and $Z_1 = \mathbf{N}^n$, and introduce the following functions $G_k(\mathbf{x}) = G_k(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ and $H_k(\mathbf{x}) = H_k(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ for $k = 0, 1$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 G_k(\mathbf{x}) &= \sum_{i=1}^n e^{tx_i} \sum_{P=(p_1, \dots, p_n) \in Z_k} \mathcal{S}_{(P_i, p_i)} \begin{pmatrix} -\mathbf{a}_i & a_i \\ \boldsymbol{\alpha}_i & -\alpha_i + \frac{t}{a_i} \end{pmatrix} \\
 &\quad \times \left(\prod_{j \neq i} \frac{(a_i a_j (x_j - x_i))^{p_j - 1}}{p_j!} \right) \frac{(-a_i x_i)^{p_i - 1}}{p_i!} \\
 H_k(\mathbf{x}) &= \frac{1}{a_1 \cdots a_n} \sum_{i=1}^n e^{tx_i} \sum_{P=(p_1, \dots, p_n) \in Z_k} \left(\prod_{j \neq i} a_j^{p_j} \tilde{B}_{p_j}(\alpha_j) \right) \tilde{B}_{p_i}(-\mathbf{a} \cdot \boldsymbol{\alpha} + t) \\
 &\quad \times \left(\prod_{j \neq i} \frac{(x_j - x_i)^{p_j - 1}}{p_j!} \right) \frac{(-x_i)^{p_i - 1}}{p_i!}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Then by (2.4), we see that

$$G_0(\mathbf{x}) - G_1(\mathbf{x}) = H_0(\mathbf{x}) - H_1(\mathbf{x}). \tag{5.1}$$

Taking $\mathbf{x} = (x, \dots, x)$, we have

$$G_1(x, \dots, x) = e^{tx} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{S}_{(1, \dots, 1, p)} \begin{pmatrix} -\mathbf{a}_i & a_i \\ \boldsymbol{\alpha}_i & -\alpha_i + \frac{t}{a_i} \end{pmatrix} \frac{(-a_i x)^{p-1}}{p!}$$

and

$$H_1(x, \dots, x) = e^{tx} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{a_i} \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \left(\prod_{j \neq i} \tilde{B}_1(\alpha_j) \right) \tilde{B}_p(-\mathbf{a} \cdot \boldsymbol{\alpha} + t) \frac{(-x)^{p-1}}{p!}.$$

Especially for $\mathbf{x} = (0, \dots, 0)$, we have

$$G_1(0, \dots, 0) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{S}_{(1, \dots, 1, 1)} \begin{pmatrix} -\mathbf{a}_i & a_i \\ \boldsymbol{\alpha}_i & -\alpha_i + \frac{t}{a_i} \end{pmatrix} \tag{5.2}$$

and

$$H_1(0, \dots, 0) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{a_i} \left(\prod_{j \neq i} \tilde{B}_1(\alpha_j) \right) \tilde{B}_1(-\mathbf{a} \cdot \boldsymbol{\alpha} + t). \tag{5.3}$$

As for $H_0(\mathbf{x})$, we first note that

$$x_i^{p_i - 1} \left(\prod_{j \neq i} (x_j - X)^{p_j} \right) (x_i - X)^p \Big|_{X=x_i} = \begin{cases} x_i^{p_i - 1} \prod_{j \neq i} (x_j - x_i)^{p_j} & \text{if } p = 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } p \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

for $1 \leq i \leq n$. Changing the roles of p_i and p , we can express

$$H_0(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{a_1 \cdots a_n} \sum_{i=1}^n e^{tx_i} \sum_{P=(p_1, \dots, p_n) \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}^n} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \left(\prod_{j=1}^n \frac{a_j^{p_j} \tilde{B}_{p_j}(\alpha_j)}{p_j!} \right) \frac{\tilde{B}_p(-\mathbf{a} \cdot \boldsymbol{\alpha} + t)}{p!} \\ \times \frac{(-x_i)^{p-1} \prod_{j=1}^n (x_j - X)^{p_j} \Big|_{X=x_i}}{\prod_{j \neq i} (x_j - x_i)}.$$

For each $P = (p_1, \dots, p_n) \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}^n$ and $p \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}$, we put

$$\mathcal{B}(P, p) = \left(\prod_{j=1}^n \frac{a_j^{p_j} \tilde{B}_{p_j}(\alpha_j)}{p_j!} \right) \frac{\tilde{B}_p(-\mathbf{a} \cdot \boldsymbol{\alpha} + t)}{p!}$$

and

$$s(P) = p_1 + \cdots + p_n,$$

and express

$$\prod_{j=1}^n (x_i - X)^{p_j} = \sum_{k=0}^{s(P)} c_k(\mathbf{x} : P) X^k$$

with $c_k(\mathbf{x} : P) \in \mathbf{Z}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \Delta(\mathbf{x})H_0(\mathbf{x}) \\ &= \frac{1}{a_1 \cdots a_n} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \sum_{P \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}^n} \mathcal{B}(P, p) \sum_{i=1}^n e^{tx_i} \Delta(x_1, \dots, \hat{x}_i, \dots, x_n) (-1)^{p+n-i-1} x_i^{p-1} \\ & \quad \times \sum_{k=0}^{s(P)} c_k(\mathbf{x} : P) x_i^k \\ &= \frac{(-1)^n}{a_1 \cdots a_n} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \sum_{P \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}^n} (-1)^p \mathcal{B}(P, p) \sum_{k=0}^{s(P)} c_k(\mathbf{x} : P) \begin{vmatrix} e^{tx_1} x_1^{p+k-1} & x_1^{n-2} & \cdots & x_1 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ e^{tx_n} x_n^{p+k-1} & x_n^{n-2} & \cdots & x_n & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \frac{(-1)^n}{a_1 \cdots a_n} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \sum_{P \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}^n} (-1)^p \mathcal{B}(P, p) \sum_{k=0}^{s(P)} c_k(\mathbf{x} : P) \\ & \quad \times \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^m}{m!} \begin{vmatrix} x_1^{m+p+k-1} & x_1^{n-2} & \cdots & x_1 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_n^{m+p+k-1} & x_n^{n-2} & \cdots & x_n & 1 \end{vmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Applying Lemma 4.1, we have

$$\begin{vmatrix} x_1^{m+p+k-1} & x_1^{n-2} & \cdots & x_1 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_n^{m+p+k-1} & x_n^{n-2} & \cdots & x_n & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \Delta(\mathbf{x}) \sum_{\substack{Q=(q_1, \dots, q_n) \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}^n \\ s(Q)=m+p+k-n}} x_1^{q_1} \cdots x_n^{q_n}$$

except for the case of $m = p = k = 0$. If $m = p = k = 0$, the determinant above becomes

$$\begin{vmatrix} x_1^{-1} & x_1^{n-2} & \cdots & x_1 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_n^{-1} & x_n^{n-2} & \cdots & x_n & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{x_1 \cdots x_n} \Delta(\mathbf{x}).$$

Hence we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} H_0(\mathbf{x}) &= \frac{(-1)^n}{a_1 \cdots a_n} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \sum_{P \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}^n} (-1)^p \mathcal{B}(P, p) \sum_{k=0}^{s(P)} c_k(\mathbf{x} : P) \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^m}{m!} \sum_{\substack{Q=(q_1, \dots, q_n) \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}^n \\ s(Q)=m+p+k-n}} x_1^{q_1} \cdots x_n^{q_n} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{a_1 \cdots a_n} \sum_{P \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}^n} \frac{\mathcal{B}(P, 0) c_0(\mathbf{x} : P)}{x_1 \cdots x_n}. \end{aligned}$$

Now taking $\mathbf{x} = (x, \dots, x)$, we have

$$\prod_{j=1}^n (x_j - X)^{p_j} = (x - X)^{s(P)} = \sum_{k=0}^{s(P)} \binom{s(P)}{k} x^{s(P)-k} (-1)^k X^k,$$

which implies

$$c_k(x, \dots, x : P) = \binom{s(P)}{k} (-1)^k x^{s(P)-k}.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} H_0(x, \dots, x) &= \frac{(-1)^n}{a_1 \cdots a_n} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \sum_{P \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}^n} \mathcal{B}(P, p) \sum_{k=0}^{s(P)} \binom{s(P)}{k} (-1)^{p+k} \\ &\quad \times \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^m}{m!} \sum_{\substack{Q \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}^n \\ s(Q)=m+p+k-n}} x^{s(P)+s(Q)-k} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{a_1 \cdots a_n} \sum_{P \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}^n} \mathcal{B}(P, 0) x^{s(P)-n}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that for any $l \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}$, the number of $Q \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}^n$ satisfying $s(Q) = l$ is what is called the number of repeated combination and equals $\binom{l+n-1}{n-1}$. It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} H_0(x, \dots, x) &= \frac{(-1)^n}{a_1 \cdots a_n} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \sum_{P \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}^n} \mathcal{B}(P, p) \sum_{k=0}^{s(P)} \binom{s(P)}{k} (-1)^{p+k} \\ &\quad \times \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^m}{m!} \binom{m+p+k-1}{n-1} x^{m+p+s(P)-n} \\ &\quad - \frac{(-1)^n}{a_1 \cdots a_n} \sum_{P \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}^n} \mathcal{B}(P, 0) \binom{-1}{n-1} x^{s(P)-n} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{a_1 \cdots a_n} \sum_{P \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}^n} \mathcal{B}(P, 0) x^{s(P)-n}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that the last two summations in the right-hand side of this equation are canceled since $\binom{-1}{n-1} = (-1)^{n-1}$. Then applying Lemma 4.2, we see that

$$\begin{aligned} &H_0(x, \dots, x) \\ &= \frac{(-1)^n}{a_1 \cdots a_n} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\substack{P \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}^n \\ s(P) \leq n-1}} \mathcal{B}(P, p) \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^m}{m!} (-1)^{p+s(P)} \binom{m+p-1}{n-1-s(P)} x^{m+p+s(P)-n}. \end{aligned} \tag{5.4}$$

Now we see from (3.10) that

$$\begin{aligned} L(t; \mathbf{a}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}) &= \text{constant term of} \\ &(-1)^n \left(G_0(x, \dots, x) + \sum_{P=(p_1, \dots, p_n) \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}^n} \left(\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{a_i^{p_i-1} \tilde{B}_{p_i}(\alpha_i)}{p_i!} \right) x^{s(P)-n} \right). \end{aligned}$$

From (5.1), (5.2) and (5.3), we also see that the constant term of $G_0(x, \dots, x) - H_0(x, \dots, x)$ equals

$$\begin{aligned} &G_1(0, \dots, 0) - H_1(0, \dots, 0) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\mathcal{S}_{(1, \dots, 1, 1)} \left(\begin{matrix} -\mathbf{a}_i & a_i \\ \boldsymbol{\alpha}_i & -\alpha_i + \frac{t}{a_i} \end{matrix} \right) - \frac{1}{a_i} \left(\prod_{j \neq i} \tilde{B}_1(\alpha_j) \right) \tilde{B}_1(-\mathbf{a} \cdot \boldsymbol{\alpha} + t) \right). \end{aligned}$$

It follows from (5.4) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 &L(t : \mathbf{a}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}) \\
 &= (-1)^n \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\mathcal{S}_{(1, \dots, 1)} \left(\begin{matrix} -\mathbf{a}_i & a_i \\ \boldsymbol{\alpha}_i & -\alpha_i + \frac{t}{a_i} \end{matrix} \right) - \frac{1}{a_i} \left(\prod_{j \neq i} \tilde{B}_1(\alpha_j) \right) \tilde{B}_1(-\mathbf{a} \cdot \boldsymbol{\alpha} + t) \right) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{a_1 \cdots a_n} \sum_{\substack{P \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}^n \\ s(P) \leq n-1}} \sum_{\substack{p, m \geq 0 \\ s(P) + m + p = n}} (-1)^{p+s(P)} \mathcal{B}(P, p) \frac{t^m}{m!} \\
 &\quad + \frac{(-1)^n}{a_1 \cdots a_n} \sum_{\substack{P=(p_1, \dots, p_n) \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}^n \\ s(P)=n}} \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{a_i^{p_i} \tilde{B}_{p_i}(\alpha_i)}{p_i!} \\
 &= \frac{1}{a_1 \cdots a_n} \sum_{\substack{P=(p_1, \dots, p_n) \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}^n \\ s(P) \leq n}} \sum_{\substack{p, m \geq 0 \\ s(P) + m + p = n}} (-1)^{s(P)+p} \mathcal{B}(P, p) \frac{t^m}{m!} \\
 &\quad + (-1)^n \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\mathcal{S}_{(1, \dots, 1)} \left(\begin{matrix} -\mathbf{a}_i & a_i \\ \boldsymbol{\alpha}_i & -\alpha_i + \frac{t}{a_i} \end{matrix} \right) - \frac{1}{a_i} \left(\prod_{j \neq i} \tilde{B}_1(\alpha_j) \right) \tilde{B}_1(-\mathbf{a} \cdot \boldsymbol{\alpha} + t) \right),
 \end{aligned}$$

which is easily transformed into the right-hand side of (3.11). This completes the proof of Theorem 3.3. ■

As for relations to preceding results mainly by Beck, Carlitz and Rademacher, we note the following.

Remark 5.1. In the case of $\boldsymbol{\alpha} = (0, \dots, 0)$ and $t \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}$, $P(t : \mathbf{a}, \boldsymbol{\alpha})$ reduces to the right-hand side of (1.3) and $Q_i(t : \mathbf{a}, \boldsymbol{\alpha})$ to $\sigma_{-t}(a_1, \dots, \widehat{a_i}, \dots, a_n : a_i)$ by virtue of (2.3). Hence (3.11) reduces to the formula (1.2).

Remark 5.2. In the case of $n = 2$ and $t = 0$, some calculations show that (3.13) reduces to the reciprocity law for Dedekind-Rademacher sums (Theorem 2 of [17] or the formula in the case $p = 1$ for (4.4) of [11]). In addition, multiplying both sides of (3.10) by $(x_1 - x_2)x_1x_2$ and examining the coefficient of $x_1^r x_2^s$ carefully for each $r, s \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}$, we can also derive the formula (2.15) of [12], which also reduces to (3.2) of [8] and (4.1) of [9] if $\boldsymbol{\alpha} \in \mathbf{Z}^2$.

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