

SOME THEOREMS ON GENERALIZED DEDEKIND-RADEMACHER SUMS

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Radamacher has defined a generalized Dedekind sum

$$s(h, k; x, y) = \sum_{a \pmod{k}} \left(\left(h \frac{a+y}{k} + x \right) \right) \left(\left(\frac{a+y}{k} \right) \right)$$

and proved a reciprocity theorem for this sum that generalizes the well known result for $s(h, k)$. In the present paper we define

$$\phi_{r,s}(h, k; x, y) = \sum_{a \pmod{k}} \bar{B}_r \left(h \left(\frac{a+y}{k} \right) + x \right) \bar{B}_s \left(\frac{a+y}{k} \right),$$

$$\psi_{r,s}(h, k; x, y) = \sum_{j=0}^r (-1)^{r-j} \binom{r}{j} h^{r-j} \phi_{j, r+s-j}(h, k; x, y),$$

where $\bar{B}_n(x)$ is the Bernoulli function, and show that

$$\begin{aligned} & (s+1)k^s \psi_{r+1,s}(h, k; x, y) - (r+1)h^r \psi_{s+1,r}(k, h; y, x) \\ &= (s+1)k \bar{B}_{r+1}(x) \bar{B}_s(y) - (r+1)h \bar{B}_r(x) \bar{B}_{s+1}(y) \quad ((h, k) = 1). \end{aligned}$$

We also prove the polynomial reciprocity theorem

$$(1-v) \sum_{a=0}^{k-1} u^{h-[(ha+z)/k]} v^a - (1-u) \sum_{b=0}^{h-1} v^{k-[(kb+z)/h]} u^b = u^h - v^k \quad ((h, k) = 1)$$

as well as some related results.

1. Introduction. For real x put

$$((x)) = \begin{cases} x - [x] - \frac{1}{2} & (x \neq \text{integer}) \\ 0 & (x = \text{integer}), \end{cases}$$

where $[x]$ denotes the greatest integer $\leq x$. The Dedekind sum $s(h, k)$ is defined by

$$(1.1) \quad s(h, k) = \sum_{a \pmod{k}} \left(\left(\frac{a}{k} \right) \right) \left(\left(\frac{ha}{k} \right) \right).$$

The most striking property of $s(h, k)$ is the reciprocity theorem

$$(1.2) \quad 12hk\{s(h, k) + s(k, h)\} = h^2 - 3hk + k^2 + 1 \quad ((h, k) = 1).$$

For an excellent introduction and many references to Dedekind sums see [9].

The Bernoulli function $\bar{B}_n(x)$ is defined by

$$\bar{B}_n(x) = B_n(x - [x]),$$

where $B_n(x)$ is the Bernoulli polynomial defined by

$$(1.3) \quad \frac{ze^{xz}}{e^z - 1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n(x) \frac{z^n}{n!}.$$

Note that, for $x \neq$ integer, $\bar{B}_1(x) = ((x))$.

Apostol [1], [2] defined the generalized sum

$$(1.4) \quad s_n(h, k) = \sum_{r \pmod{k}} \bar{B}_1\left(\frac{r}{k}\right) \bar{B}_n\left(\frac{hr}{k}\right)$$

and proved the reciprocity theorem

$$(1.5) \quad (n+1)\{hk^n s_n(h, k) + kh^n s_n(k, h)\} = (Bk + Bh)^{n+1} + nB_{n+1} \\ ((h, k) = 1).$$

This result is indeed valid for all $n \geq 0$. For a simple proof see [4, §3].

A further generalization of (1.4) is furnished by

$$(1.6) \quad \phi_{r,s}(h, k) = \sum_{a \pmod{k}} \bar{B}_r\left(\frac{a}{k}\right) \bar{B}_s\left(\frac{ha}{k}\right),$$

where r, s are arbitrary nonnegative integers. Put

$$(1.7) \quad \psi_{r,s}(h, k) = \sum_{t=0}^r (-1)^t \binom{r}{t} h^t \phi_{r-t, s+t}(h, k).$$

The writer [3], [7] has proved the following reciprocity theorem which includes (1.5) as a special case.

$$(1.8) \quad (s + 1)k^r \psi_{r+1,s}(h, k) - (s + 1)k B_{r+1} B_s = (r + 1)h^r \psi_{s+1,r}(k, h) - (r + 1)h B_{s+1} B_r \quad ((h, k) = 1).$$

He has also proved the following polynomial reciprocity:

$$(1.9) \quad (u - 1) \sum_{r=1}^{k-1} u^{k-r-1} v^{\lfloor hr/k \rfloor} - (v - 1) \sum_{r=1}^{h-1} v^{h-r-1} u^{\lfloor kr/h \rfloor} = u^{k-1} - v^{h-1} \quad ((h, k) = 1),$$

where u, v are indeterminates.

Rademacher [10] has generalized $s(h, k)$ in the following way:

$$(1.10) \quad s(h, k; x, y) = \sum_{a \pmod{k}} \left(\left(h \frac{a+y}{k} + x \right) \right) \left(\left(\frac{a+y}{k} \right) \right),$$

where x, y are arbitrary real numbers. He proved that

$$(1.11) \quad \begin{aligned} & s(h, k; x, y) + s(k, h; y, x) \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} \delta(x) \delta(y) + ((x))((y)) \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{h}{k} \bar{B}_2(y) + \frac{1}{hk} \bar{B}_2(hy + kx) + \frac{k}{h} \bar{B}_2(x) \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where $(h, k) = 1$ and

$$\delta(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & (x = \text{integer}) \\ 0 & (x \neq \text{integer}) \end{cases}.$$

For a simplified version of the proof see [5].

In the present paper we define

$$(1.12) \quad \phi_{r,s}(h, k; x, y) = \sum_{a \pmod{k}} \bar{B}_r \left(h \frac{a+y}{k} + x \right) \bar{B}_s \left(\frac{a+y}{k} \right)$$

and

$$(1.13) \quad \psi_{r,s}(h, k; x, y) = \sum_{j=0}^r (-1)^{r-j} \binom{r}{j} h^{r-j} \phi_{j,r+s-j}(h, k; x, y),$$

corresponding to (1.6) and (1.7), respectively. We prove the reciprocity theorem

$$(s + 1)k^s \psi_{r+1,s}(h, k; x, y) - (r + 1)h^r \psi_{s+1,r}(k, h; y, x) = (s + 1)k \bar{B}_{r+1}(x) \bar{B}_s(y) - (r + 1)h \bar{B}_r(x) \bar{B}_{s+1}(y) \quad ((h, k) = 1). \tag{1.14}$$

It should be observed that there is no loss in generality in assuming that

$$0 \leq x < 1, \quad 0 \leq y < 1. \tag{1.15}$$

We show also, assuming (1.15), that

$$(1 - v) \sum_{a=0}^{k-1} u^{h-[(ha+z)/k]} v^a - (1 - u) \sum_{b=0}^{h-1} v^{k-[(kb+z)/h]} u^b = u^h - v^k \quad ((h, k) = 1), \tag{1.16}$$

where $z = kx + hy$. For $x = y = 0$, (1.16) reduces to (1.9) after a little manipulation. Clearly (1.16) holds for all z such that $0 \leq z < h + k$.

For some additional results see §4 below, in particular (4.1), (4.2), (4.3), (4.4), (4.5), (4.6).

2. Proof of (1.14). We recall that [8, Ch. 2]

$$\bar{B}_n(hx) = h^{n-1} \sum_{b \pmod{h}} \bar{B}_n\left(x + \frac{b}{h}\right). \tag{2.1}$$

Thus (1.12) becomes

$$\phi_{r,s}(h, k; x, y) = h^{r-1} \sum_{\substack{a \pmod{k} \\ b \pmod{h}}} \bar{B}_r\left(\frac{a+y}{k} + \frac{b+x}{h}\right) \bar{B}_s\left(\frac{a+y}{h}\right).$$

We shall write this in the abbreviated form

$$\phi_{r,s}(h, k; x, y) = h^{r-1} \sum_{a,b} \bar{B}_r(\alpha + \beta) \bar{B}_s(\alpha), \tag{2.2}$$

where

$$\alpha = \frac{a+y}{k}, \quad \beta = \frac{b+x}{h} \tag{2.3}$$

and the summation on the right of (2.2) is over complete residue systems $(\text{mod } k)$ and $(\text{mod } h)$, respectively.

Substituting from (2.2) in (1.13), we get

$$(2.4) \quad \psi_{r,s}(h, k; x, y) = h^{r-1} \sum_{j=0}^r (-1)^{r-j} \binom{r}{j} \sum_{a,b} \bar{B}_j(\alpha + \beta) \bar{B}_{r+s-j}(\alpha).$$

Now consider

$$(2.5) \quad \begin{aligned} &\Phi(h, k; x, y; u, v) \\ &= \sum_{r,s=0}^{\infty} s k^{s-1} \psi_{r,s-1}(h, k; x, y) \frac{u^r v^s}{r! s!} \\ &= \sum_{r,s} \frac{h^{r-1} k^{s-1} u^r v^s}{r!(s-1)!} \sum_{j=0}^r (-1)^{r-j} \binom{r}{j} \sum_{a=0}^{k-1} \sum_{b=0}^{h-1} \bar{B}_j(\alpha + \beta) \bar{B}_{r+s-j-1}(\alpha). \end{aligned}$$

We assume in what follows that

$$(2.6) \quad 0 \leq x < 1, \quad 0 \leq y < 1,$$

which implies

$$(2.7) \quad 0 \leq \alpha < 1, \quad 0 \leq \beta < 1.$$

Thus

$$\bar{B}_{r+s-j-1}(\alpha) = B_{r+s-j-1}(\alpha).$$

Taking $m = r + s - j - 1$, (2.5) becomes

$$(2.8) \quad \begin{aligned} &\Phi(h, k; x, y; u, v) \\ &= h^{-1} v \sum_{a=0}^{k-1} \sum_{b=0}^{h-1} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(hu)^j}{j!} \bar{B}_j(\alpha + \beta) \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m!} B_m(\alpha) \\ &\quad \sum_{r=j}^{m+j} (-1)^{r-j} \frac{m!}{(r-j)!(m-r+j)!} (hu)^{r-j} (kv)^{m-r+j} \\ &= h^{-1} v \sum_{a=0}^{k-1} \sum_{b=0}^{h-1} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(hu)^j}{j!} \bar{B}_j(\alpha + \beta) \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-hu + kv)^m}{m!} B_m(\alpha) \\ &= h^{-1} v \sum_{j,m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(hu)^j (-hu + kv)^m}{j! m!} \sum_{a,b} \bar{B}_j(\alpha + \beta) B_m(\alpha). \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$B_j(x + 1) - B_j(x) = jx^{j-1},$$

the inner sum

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{a=0}^{k-1} \sum_{b=0}^{h-1} \bar{B}_j(\alpha + \beta) B_m(\alpha) \\
 &= \sum_{a,b} B_j(\alpha + \beta - [\alpha + \beta]) B_m(\alpha) \\
 &= \sum_{a,b} B_j(\alpha + \beta) B_m(\alpha) - \sum_{\substack{a,b \\ \alpha + \beta \geq 1}} (B_j(\alpha + \beta) - B_j(\alpha + \beta - 1)) B_m(\alpha) \\
 &= \sum_{a,b} B_j(\alpha + \beta) B_m(\alpha) - j \sum_{\substack{a,b \\ \alpha + \beta \geq 1}} (\alpha + \beta - 1)^{-1} B_m(\alpha).
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus (2.8) becomes

$$(2.9) \quad \Phi(h, k; x, y; u, v) = \Phi_1(h, k; x, y; u, v) - \Phi_2(h, k; x, y; u, v),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Phi_1(h, k; x, y; u, v) &= h^{-1}v \sum_{j,m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(hu)^j (-hu + kv)^m}{j!m!} \\
 &\quad \cdot \sum_{a,b} B_j(\alpha + \beta) B_m(\alpha), \\
 \Phi_2(h, k; x, y; u, v) &= h^{-1}v \sum_{j,m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(hu)^j (-hu + kv)^m}{j!m!} \\
 &\quad \cdot \sum_{\substack{a,b \\ \alpha + \beta \geq 1}} (\alpha + \beta - 1)^{-1} B_m(\alpha).
 \end{aligned}$$

Clearly, by (1.3) and (2.3),

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.10) \quad \Phi_1(h, k; x, y; u, v) &= h^{-1}v \frac{hu}{e^{hu} - 1} \frac{-hu + kv}{e^{-hu+kv} - 1} \\
 &\quad \cdot \sum_{a,b} e^{hu(\alpha+\beta)} e^{(-hu+kv)\alpha} \\
 &= \frac{uv}{e^{hu} - 1} \frac{-hu + kv}{e^{-hu+kv} - 1} \cdot e^{xu+yv} \frac{e^{hu} - 1}{e^u - 1} \frac{e^{kv} - 1}{e^v - 1} \\
 &= \frac{uv}{e^u - 1} \frac{e^{kv} - 1}{e^v - 1} \frac{hu - kv}{e^{hu} - e^{kv}} e^{hu+xu+yv},
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Phi_2(h, k; x, y; u, v) &= uv \frac{-hu + kv}{e^{-hu+kv} - 1} \cdot \sum_{\substack{a,b \\ \alpha+\beta \geq 1}} e^{hu(a+\beta-1)} e^{(-hu+kv)\alpha} \\
 (2.11) \qquad \qquad \qquad &= uv \frac{hu - kv}{e^{hu} - e^{kv}} e^{xu+yv} \sum_{\substack{a,b \\ \alpha+\beta \geq 1}} e^{a\alpha+b\beta}.
 \end{aligned}$$

It follows from (2.10) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\Phi_1(h, k; x, y; u, v) - \Phi_1(k, h; y, x; v, u) \\
 (2.12) \qquad &= \frac{u}{e^u - 1} \frac{v}{e^v - 1} \frac{hu - kv}{e^{hu} - e^{kv}} e^{xu+yv} \{e^{hu}(e^{kv} - 1) - e^{kv}(e^{hu} - 1)\}. \\
 &= (-hu + kv) \frac{ue^{xu}}{e^u - 1} \frac{ve^{yv}}{e^v - 1},
 \end{aligned}$$

while

$$(2.13) \qquad \Phi_2(h, k; x, y; u, v) - \Phi_2(k, h; y, x; v, u) = 0.$$

Therefore, by (2.9), (2.12) and (2.13),

$$(2.14) \qquad \Phi(h, k; x, y; u, v) - \Phi(k, h; y, x; v, u) = (-hu + kv) \frac{ue^{xu}}{e^u - 1} \frac{ve^{yv}}{e^v - 1}.$$

By (2.5), the left hand side of (2.14) is equal to

$$\sum_{r,s=0}^{\infty} \{sk^{s-1}\psi_{r,s-1}(h, k; x, y) - rh^{r-1}\psi_{s,r-1}(k, h; y, x)\} \frac{u^r v^s}{r!s!}.$$

By (1.3), the right hand side of (2.14) is equal to

$$\begin{aligned}
 &(-hu + kv) \sum_{r,s=0}^{\infty} B_r(x)B_s(y) \frac{u^r v^s}{r!s!} \\
 &= \sum_{r,s=0}^{\infty} \{skB_r(x)B_{s-1}(y) - rhB_{r-1}(x)B_s(y)\} \frac{u^r v^s}{r!s!}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, equating coefficients of $u^r v^s / r!s!$, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 sk^{s-1}\psi_{r,s-1}(h, k; x, y) - rh^{r-1}\psi_{s,r-1}(k, h; y, x) &= skB_r(x)B_{s-1}(y) \\
 &\quad - rhB_{r-1}(x)B_s(y).
 \end{aligned}$$

Finally, dropping the restriction (2.6), we have

$$(2.15) \quad sk^{s-1}\psi_{r,s-1}(h, k; x, y) - rh^{r-1}\psi_{s,r-1}(k, h; y, x) = sk\bar{B}_r(x)\bar{B}_{s-1}(y) - rh\bar{B}_{r-1}(x)\bar{B}_s(y),$$

for all nonnegative r, s and all real x, y .

3. Proof of (1.16). We again assume that

$$(3.1) \quad 0 \leq x < 1, \quad 0 \leq y < 1.$$

By (1.12) and (1.13) we have

$$\psi_{r,s}(h, k; x, y) = \sum_{j=0}^r (-1)^{r-j} \binom{r}{j} h^{r-j} \sum_{a=0}^{k-1} \bar{B}_j \left(h \frac{a+y}{k} + x \right) B_{r+s-j} \left(\frac{a+y}{k} \right).$$

Then, as in the previous proof,

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(h, k; x, y; u, v) &= \sum_{r,s=0}^{\infty} sk^{s-1}\psi_{r,s-1}(h, k; x, y) \frac{u^r v^s}{r!s!} \\ &= v \sum_{r,s=0}^{\infty} \frac{u^r (kv)^s}{r!s!} \sum_{j=0}^r (-1)^{r-j} \binom{r}{j} h^{r-j} \sum_{a=0}^{k-1} \bar{B}_j \left(h \frac{a+y}{k} + x \right) B_{r+s-j} \left(\frac{a+y}{k} \right) \\ &= v \sum_{j,m=0}^{\infty} \frac{u^j (-hu + kv)^m}{j!m!} \sum_{a=0}^{k-1} B_j \left(\frac{ha+z}{k} - \left[\frac{ha+z}{k} \right] \right) B_m \left(\frac{a+y}{k} \right) \\ &= v \frac{u}{e^u - 1} \frac{-hu + kv}{e^{-hu+kv} - 1} \sum_{a=0}^{k-1} \exp \left\{ \left(\frac{ha+z}{k} - \left[\frac{ha+z}{k} \right] \right) u + \frac{a+y}{k} (-hu + kv) \right\} \\ &= \frac{uv}{e^u - 1} \frac{hu - kv}{e^{hu} - e^{kv}} e^{xu+yv} \sum_{a=0}^{k-1} \exp \left\{ \left(h - \left[\frac{ha+z}{k} \right] \right) u + av \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$(3.2) \quad z = kx + hy.$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \Phi(h, k; x, y; u, v) - \Phi(k, h; y, x; v, u) \\
 (3.3) \quad &= \frac{uv}{e^u - 1} \frac{hu - kv}{e^{hu} - e^{kv}} e^{xu+yu} \sum_{a=0}^{k-1} \exp \left\{ \left(h - \left[\frac{ha+z}{k} \right] \right) u + av \right\} \\
 & - \frac{uv}{e^v - 1} \frac{hu - kv}{e^{hu} - e^{kv}} e^{xu+yu} \sum_{b=0}^{h-1} \exp \left\{ \left(k - \left[\frac{kb+z}{h} \right] \right) v + bu \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Comparing (3.3) with (2.14) and simplifying, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.4) \quad & (e^v - 1) \sum_{a=0}^{k-1} \exp \left\{ \left(h - \left[\frac{ha+z}{k} \right] \right) u + av \right\} \\
 & - (e^u - 1) \sum_{b=0}^{h-1} \exp \left\{ \left(k - \left[\frac{kb+z}{h} \right] \right) v + bu \right\} = -e^{hu} + e^{kv}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Replacing e^u, e^v by u, v , respectively, this becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.5) \quad & (1-v) \sum_{a=0}^{k-1} u^{h-[(ha+z)/k]} v^a - (1-u) \sum_{b=0}^{h-1} v^{k-[(kb+z)/h]} u^b = u^h - v^k \\
 & \qquad \qquad \qquad ((h, k) = 1).
 \end{aligned}$$

Clearly (3.5) is a polynomial identity in the indeterminates u, v . It is not evident how the restriction (3.1) can be removed.

To show that (3.5) includes (1.9), take $x = y = z = 0$ and replace a by $k - a, b$ by $k - b$. Thus the left hand side of (3.5) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (1-v)u^h - (1-u)v^k \\
 & + (1-v) \sum_{a=1}^{k-1} u^{h-[h-(ha/k)]} v^{k-a} - (1-u) \sum_{b=1}^{h-1} v^{k-[k-(kb/h)]} u^{h-b} \\
 & = (u^h - v^k) - uv(u^{h-1} - v^{k-1}) \\
 & + (1-v) \sum_{a=1}^{k-1} u^{[ha/k]+1} v^{k-a} - (1-u) \sum_{b=1}^{h-1} v^{[kb/h]+1} u^{h-b},
 \end{aligned}$$

since

$$[m - x] = m - 1 - [x] \quad (m = \text{integer}, x \neq \text{integer}).$$

Thus we get

$$(1-v) \sum_{a=1}^{k-1} u^{\lceil ha/k \rceil} v^{k-a-1} - (1-u) \sum_{b=1}^{h-1} v^{\lceil kb/h \rceil} u^{h-b-1} = u^{h-1} - v^{k-1},$$

which is (1.9) in a slightly different notation.

4. Additional results. We have

$$\begin{aligned} & (e^v - 1) \sum_{a=0}^{k-1} \exp \left\{ \left(h - \left[\frac{ha+z}{k} \right] \right) u + av \right\} \\ &= \sum_{a=0}^{k-1} \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \left(h - \left[\frac{ha+z}{k} \right] \right)^r \frac{u^r}{r!} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} ((a+1)^s - a^s) \frac{v^s}{s!}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the left hand side of (3.4) is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{r,s=0}^{\infty} \frac{u^r v^s}{r! s!} \left\{ \sum_{a=0}^{k-1} \left(h - \left[\frac{ha+z}{k} \right] \right)^r ((a+1)^s - a^s) \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \sum_{b=0}^{h-1} \left(k - \left[\frac{kb+z}{h} \right] \right)^s ((b+1)^r - b^r) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Since the right hand side of (3.4) is equal to

$$- \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{h^r u^r}{r!} + \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \frac{k^s v^s}{s!},$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{a=0}^{k-1} \left(h - \left[\frac{ha+z}{k} \right] \right)^r ((a+1)^s - a^s) - \sum_{b=0}^{h-1} \left(k - \left[\frac{kb+z}{h} \right] \right)^s ((b+1)^r - b^r) \\ (4.1) \quad & = -h^r \delta_{s,0} + k^s \delta_{r,0}, \quad ((h, k) = 1) \end{aligned}$$

for all nonnegative r, s and all z such that

$$0 \leq z < h + k.$$

Hence, in particular,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{a=0}^{k-1} \left(h - \left[\frac{ha+z}{k} \right] \right)^r ((a+1)^s - a^s) = \sum_{b=0}^{h-1} \left(k - \left[\frac{kb+z}{h} \right] \right)^s ((b+1)^r - b^r) \\ (4.2) \quad & (r > 0, s > 0; \quad 0 \leq z < h + k). \end{aligned}$$

For example, for $r = s = 2$,

$$\sum_{a=0}^{k-1} (2a + 1) \left(h - \left[\frac{ha + z}{k} \right] \right)^2 = \sum_{b=0}^{h-1} (2b + 1) \left(k - \left[\frac{kb + z}{h} \right] \right)^2$$

$(0 \leq z < h + k).$

For $s = 1$ we get

$$(4.3) \quad \sum_{a=0}^{k-1} \left(h - \left[\frac{ha + z}{k} \right] \right)^r = \sum_{b=0}^{h-1} \left(k - \left[\frac{kb + z}{h} \right] \right)^r ((b + 1)^r - b^r)$$

$(r > 0, \quad 0 \leq z < h + k).$

Recall [8, Ch. 2] that

$$\begin{aligned} nx^{n-1} &= B_n(x + 1) - B_n(x) \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n}{j} B_{n-j} ((x + 1)^j - x^j), \end{aligned}$$

where $B_n = B_n(0)$ is the n th Bernoulli number. Thus if in (4.1) we replace r, s by i, j , respectively, multiply both sides by

$$\binom{r}{i} \binom{s}{j} B_{r-i} B_{s-j}$$

and sum over i, j , we get

$$(4.4) \quad s \sum_{a=0}^{k-1} a^{s-1} B_r \left(h - \left[\frac{ha + z}{k} \right] \right) - r \sum_{b=0}^{h-1} b^{r-1} B_s \left(k - \left[\frac{kb + z}{h} \right] \right)$$

$= B_s(k) B_r - B_r(h) B_s, \quad (0 \leq z < h + k).$

A more general result is

$$(4.5) \quad \begin{aligned} & s \sum_{a=0}^{k-1} (a + \eta)^{s-1} B_r \left(h + \xi - \left[\frac{ha + z}{k} \right] \right) \\ & - r \sum_{b=0}^{h-1} (b + \xi)^{r-1} B_s \left(k + \eta - \left[\frac{kb + z}{h} \right] \right) \\ & = B_r(\xi) B_s(k + \eta) - B_r(h + \xi) B_s(\eta) \quad (0 \leq z < h + k), \end{aligned}$$

where ξ and η are arbitrary. In particular, for $\xi = 1 - h, \eta = 1 - k$, (4.5)

reduces to

$$\begin{aligned} s \sum_{a=0}^{k-1} (a+1-k)^{s-1} B_r \left(1 - \left[\frac{ha+z}{k} \right] \right) - r \sum_{b=0}^{h-1} (b+1-h)^{r-1} B_s \left(1 - \left[\frac{kb+z}{h} \right] \right) \\ = B_r(1-h)B_s(1) - B_r(1)B_s(1-k). \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$B_n(1-x) = (-1)^n B_n(x),$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned} (4.6) \quad s \sum_{a=0}^{k-1} (k-a-1)^{s-1} B_r \left(\left[\frac{ha+z}{k} \right] \right) - r \sum_{b=0}^{h-1} (h-b-1)^{r-1} B_s \left(\left[\frac{kb+z}{h} \right] \right) \\ = -B_r(h)B_s + B_r B_s(k) \quad (0 \leq z < h+k). \end{aligned}$$

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