VARIOUS TYPES OF (p,q)-DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS RELATED WITH SPECIAL POLYNOMIALS

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ABSTRACT. We introduce several higher-order (p,q)-differential equation of which are related to (p,q)-Bernoulli polynomials. We also find some relations between (p,q)-Bernoulli, (p,q)-Euler, and (p,q)-Genocchi polynomials.

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1. Introduction

For any $n \in \mathbb{C}$, the (p,q)-number is defined by

$$[n]_{p,q} = \frac{p^n - q^n}{p - q}.$$

Wachs and White [9] introduced the (p,q)-numbers in mathematics literature in certain combinatorial problems without any connection to the quantum group related to mathematics and physics literature, see [4], [5] [9].

Definition 1.1. [1], [8] Let z be any complex numbers with |z| < 1. The two forms of (p,q)-exponential functions are defined by

$$e_{p,q}(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p^{\binom{n}{2}} \frac{z^n}{[n]_{p,q}!}, \quad E_{p,q}(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^{\binom{n}{2}} \frac{z^n}{[n]_{p,q}!}.$$

In [2], Corcino made the theorem of (p,q)-extension of binomials coefficients and found various properties which are related to horizontal function, triangular function, and vertical function.

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Definition 1.2. [2] Let $n \geq k$. (p,q)-Gauss Binomial coefficients are defined by

$$\begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix}_{p,q} = \frac{[n]_{p,q}!}{[n-k]_{p,q}![k]_{p,q}!},$$

where $[n]_{p,q}! = [n]_{p,q}[n-1]_{p,q} \cdots [1]_{p,q}$.

Definition 1.3. [1], [8] (p,q)-derivative operator of any function f, also referred to as the Jackson derivative, is defined the as follows:

$$D_{p,q}f(x) = \frac{f(px) - f(qx)}{(p-q)x}, \quad x \neq 0,$$

and $D_{p,q}f(0) = f'(0)$.

Let p = 1 in Definition 1.3. Then, we can remark

$$D_q f(x) = \frac{f(x) - f(qx)}{(1 - q)x}, \quad x \neq 0,$$

we call D_q is the q-derivative.

Theorem 1.4. [1], [6] The operator, $D_{p,q}$, has the following basic properties:

(i) Derivative of a product
$$D_{p,q}(f(x)g(x)) = f(px)D_{p,q}g(x) + g(qx)D_{p,q}f(x)$$

= $g(px)D_{p,q}f(x) + f(qx)D_{p,q}g(x)$.

(ii) Derivative of a ratio
$$D_{p,q}\left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}\right) = \frac{g(qx)D_{p,q}f(x) - f(qx)D_{p,q}g(x)}{g(px)g(qx)}$$
$$= \frac{g(px)D_{p,q}f(x) - f(px)D_{p,q}g(x)}{g(px)g(qx)}.$$

In 2016, Araci et al.[1] introduced a new class of Bernoulli, Euler and Genocchi polynomials based on the theory of (p,q)-numbers and found some properties and identities. After that, several studies have investigated the special functions for various applications, see [3], [6], [7].

Definition 1.5. [3] (p,q)-Euler numbers $\mathcal{E}_{n,p,q}$ and polynomials $\mathcal{E}_{n,p,q}(x)$ are defined by

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{E}_{n,p,q} \frac{t^n}{[n]_{p,q}!} = \frac{2}{e_{p,q}(t)+1}, \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{E}_{n,p,q}(x) \frac{t^n}{[n]_{p,q}!} = \frac{2}{e_{p,q}(t)+1} e_{p,q}(tx).$$

Consider p = 1 in Definition 1.5. Then, we note

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{E}_{n,q} \frac{t^n}{[n]_q!} = \frac{2}{e_q(t)+1}, \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{E}_{n,q}(x) \frac{t^n}{[n]_q!} = \frac{2}{e_q(t)+1} e_q(tx),$$

where $\mathcal{E}_{n,q}$ is the q-Euler number and $\mathcal{E}_{n,q}(x)$ is the q-Euler polynomials.

Definition 1.6. [3] (p,q)-Genocchi numbers $G_{n,p,q}$ and polynomials $G_{n,p,q}(x)$ are defined by

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} G_{n,p,q} \frac{t^n}{[n]_{p,q}!} = \frac{2t}{e_{p,q}(t)+1}, \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} G_{n,p,q}(x) \frac{t^n}{[n]_{p,q}!} = \frac{2t}{e_{p,q}(t)+1} e_{p,q}(tx).$$

Consider p = 1 in Definition 1.6, we note

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} G_{n,q} \frac{t^n}{[n]_q!} = \frac{2t}{e_q(t)+1}, \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} G_{n,q}(x) \frac{t^n}{[n]_q!} = \frac{2t}{e_q(t)+1} e_q(tx),$$

where $G_{n,q}$ is the q-Genocchi numbers and $G_{n,q}(x)$ is the q-Genocchi polynomials.

Definition 1.7. [3] (p,q)-Bernoulli numbers $B_{n,p,q}$ and polynomials $B_{n,p,q}(x)$ are defined by

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,p,q} \frac{t^n}{[n]_{p,q}!} = \frac{t}{e_{p,q}(t) - 1}, \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,p,q}(x) \frac{t^n}{[n]_{p,q}!} = \frac{t}{e_{p,q}(t) - 1} e_{p,q}(tx).$$

Putting p = 1 in Definition 1.7, we can note

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,q} \frac{t^n}{[n]_q!} = \frac{t}{e_q(t) - 1}, \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,q}(x) \frac{t^n}{[n]_q!} = \frac{t}{e_q(t) - 1} e_q(tx),$$

where $B_{n,q}$ is the q-Bernoulli numbers and $B_{n,q}(x)$ is the q-Bernoulli polynomials.

2. Main results

We construct several (p,q)-differential equation for (p,q)-Bernoulli polynomials. We also find some relations between (p,q)-Bernoulli, (p,q)-Euler, and (p,q)-Genocchi polynomials.

Theorem 2.1. Let $[n]_{p,q} \neq 0$. Then, we have

$$D_{p,q,x}B_{n,p,q}(x) = [n]_{p,q}B_{n-1,p,q}(px).$$

Proof. From the generating function of (p,q)-Bernoulli polynomials, we have a relation as

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,p,q}(x) \frac{t^n}{[n]_{p,q}!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,p,q} \frac{t^n}{[n]_{p,q}!} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p^{\binom{n}{2}} x^n \frac{t^n}{[n]_{p,q}!}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{n} {n \brack k}_{p,q} p^{\binom{n-k}{2}} B_{k,p,q} x^{n-k} \right) \frac{t^n}{[n]_{p,q}!}.$$
(2.1)

Comparing the coefficients of the both-sides in Eq. (2.1), we obtain

$$B_{n,p,q}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} {n \brack k}_{p,q} p^{\binom{n-k}{2}} B_{k,p,q} x^{n-k}$$
 (2.2)

By applying (p, q)-derivative in Eq. (2.2), we find

$$D_{p,q,x}^{(1)}B_{n,p,q}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} {n \brack k}_{p,q} p^{\binom{n-k}{2}} B_{k,p,q} D_{p,q,x}^{(1)} x^{n-k}$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{n} {n \brack k}_{p,q} [n-k]_{p,q} p^{\binom{n-k-1}{2}} B_{k,p,q} (px)^{n-k-1}$$
(2.3)

From Equations (2.2) and (2.3), we find the required result.

Corollary 2.2. Considering p = 1 in Theorem 2.1, one holds

$$D_{q,x}B_{n,q}(x) = [n]_q B_{n-1,q}(x),$$

where D_q is q-derivative, $[n]_q$ is q-number, and $B_{n,q}(x)$ is the q-Bernoulli polynomials.

Corollary 2.3. Considering $p = 1, q \rightarrow 1$ in Theorem 2.1, one holds

$$\frac{d}{dx}B_n(x) = nB_{n-1}(x),$$

where $B_n(x)$ is the Bernoulli polynomials.

Corollary 2.4. From Theorem 2.1, we have

$$D_{p,q,x}^{(k)}B_{n,p,q}(x) = \frac{p^{\binom{k}{2}}[n]_{p,q}!}{[n-k]_{p,q}!}B_{n-k,p,q}(p^kx).$$

Theorem 2.5. The (p,q)-Bernoulli polynomials $B_{n,q}(x)$ satisfies the following higher-order (p,q)-differential equation.

$$\begin{split} &\frac{1}{[n]_{p,q}!}D_{p,q,x}^{(n)}B_{n,p,q}(p^{-n}x) + \frac{1}{[n-1]_{p,q}!}D_{p,q,x}^{(n-1)}B_{n,p,q}(p^{-(n-1)}x) \\ &+ \dots + \frac{1}{[3]_{p,q}!}D_{p,q,x}^{(3)}B_{n,p,q}(p^{-3}x) + \frac{1}{[2]_{p,q}!}D_{p,q,x}^{(2)}B_{n,p,q}(p^{-2}x) \\ &+ D_{p,q,x}^{(1)}B_{n,p,q}(p^{-1}x) - [n]_{p,q}p^{\binom{n-1}{2}}x^{n-1} = 0. \end{split}$$

Proof. In order to find higher-order (p,q)-differential equation, we consider $e_{p,q}(t) \neq 1$. Then, (p,q)-Bernoulli polynomials can be transformed as

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,p,q}(x) \frac{t^n}{[n]_{p,q}!} \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p^{\binom{n}{2}} \frac{t^n}{[n]_{p,q}!} - 1 \right) = t \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p^{\binom{n}{2}} x^n \frac{t^n}{[n]_{p,q}!}.$$

By using Cauchy product and comparison of coefficients, we find

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n} {n \brack k}_{p,q} p^{\binom{k}{2}} B_{n-k,p,q}(x) - B_{n,p,q}(x) = [n]_{p,q} p^{\binom{n-1}{2}} x^{n-1}.$$
 (2.4)

From Corollary 2.4, we can note

$$D_{p,q,x}^{(k)}B_{n,p,q}(p^{-k}x) = \frac{p^{\binom{k}{2}}[n]_{p,q}!}{[n-k]_{p,q}!}B_{n-k,p,q}(x).$$
 (2.5)

Replacing Eq. (2.5) in the left-hand side of Eq. (2.4), we find

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n} {n \brack k}_{p,q} p^{\binom{k}{2}} B_{n-k,p,q}(x) - B_{n,p,q}(x)$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{1}{[k]_{p,q}!} D_{p,q,x}^{(k)} B_{n,p,q}(p^{-k}x) - B_{n,p,q}(x).$$
(2.6)

From Equations (2.4) and (2.6), we derive

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{1}{[k]_{p,q}!} D_{p,q,x}^{(k)} B_{n,p,q}(p^{-k}x) - B_{n,p,q}(x) - [n]_{p,q} p^{\binom{n-1}{2}} x^{n-1} = 0,$$

where the required result is completed at once.

Corollary 2.6. Putting p = 1 in Theorem 2.5, one holds

$$\begin{split} &\frac{1}{[n]_q!}D_{q,x}^{(n)}B_{n,q}(x) + \frac{1}{[n-1]_q!}D_{q,x}^{(n-1)}B_{n,q}(x) + \cdots \\ &+ \frac{1}{[3]_q!}D_{q,x}^{(3)}B_{n,q}(x) + \frac{1}{[2]_q!}D_{q,x}^{(2)}B_{n,q}(x) + D_{q,x}^{(1)}B_{n,q}(x) - [n]_qx^{n-1} = 0, \end{split}$$

where $D_q^{(n)}$ is the q-derivative, $B_{n,q}(x)$ is the q-Bernoulli polynomials.

Corollary 2.7. Setting $p = 1, q \rightarrow 1$ in Theorem 2.5, one holds

$$\frac{1}{n!} \frac{d^n}{dx^n} B_n(x) + \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \frac{d^{n-1}}{dx^{n-1}} B_n(x) + \frac{1}{(n-2)!} \frac{d^{n-2}}{dx^{n-2}} B_n(x) + \cdots
+ \frac{1}{3!} \frac{d^3}{dx^3} B_n(x) + \frac{1}{2!} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} B_n(x) + \frac{d}{dx} {}^{(1)} B_n(x) - nx^{n-1} = 0,$$

where $B_n(x)$ is the Bernoulli polynomials.

Theorem 2.8. The (p,q)-Bernoulli polynomials $B_{n,p,q}(x)$ satisfies the following higher-order (p,q)-differential equation which is combined (p,q)-Euler numbers and polynomials.

$$\frac{\mathcal{E}_{n,p,q} + \mathcal{E}_{n,p,q}(1)}{p^{\binom{n}{2}}[n]_{p,q}!} D_{p,q,x}^{(n)} B_{n,p,q}(x) + \frac{\mathcal{E}_{n-1,p,q} + \mathcal{E}_{n-1,p,q}(1)}{p^{\binom{n-1}{2}}[n-1]_{p,q}!} D_{p,q,x}^{(n-1)} B_{n,p,q}(x) + \cdots
+ \frac{\mathcal{E}_{2,p,q} + \mathcal{E}_{2,p,q}(1)}{p[2]_{p,q}!} D_{p,q,x}^{(2)} B_{n,p,q}(x) + (\mathcal{E}_{1,p,q} + \mathcal{E}_{1,p,q}(1)) D_{p,q,x}^{(1)} B_{n,p,q}(x)
+ (\mathcal{E}_{0,p,q} + \mathcal{E}_{0,p,q}(1) - 2) B_{n,p,q}(x) = 0,$$

where $\mathcal{E}_{n,p,q}$ is (p,q)-Euler numbers and $\mathcal{E}_{n,p,q}(x)$ is the (p,q)-Euler polynomials.

Proof. From the generating function of (p,q)-Bernoulli polynomials, we consider the equation

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,p,q}(x) \frac{t^n}{[n]_{p,q}!} = \frac{t}{e_{p,q}(t) - 1} e_{p,q}(tx)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{2}{e_{p,q}(t) + 1} + \frac{2}{e_{p,q}(t) + 1} e_{p,q}(t) \right) \frac{t}{e_{p,q}(t) - 1} e_{p,q}(tx)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{n} {n \brack k}_{p,q} (\mathcal{E}_{k,p,q} + \mathcal{E}_{k,p,q}(1)) B_{n-k,p,q}(x) \right) \frac{t^n}{[n]_{p,q}!}.$$
(2.7)

In Eq. (2.7), we obtain a relation as

$$2B_{n,p,q}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} {n \brack k}_{p,q} (\mathcal{E}_{k,p,q} + \mathcal{E}_{k,p,q}(1)) B_{n-k,p,q}(x).$$
 (2.8)

Applying $D_{p,q,x}^{(k)}B_{n,p,q}(x) = \frac{p^{\binom{k}{2}}[n]_{p,q}!}{[n-k]_{p,q}!}B_{n-k,p,q}(p^kx)$ in Eq. (2.8), we find

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{\mathcal{E}_{k,p,q} + \mathcal{E}_{k,p,q}(1)}{p^{\binom{k}{2}}[k]_{p,q}!} D_{p,q,x}^{(k)} B_{n,p,q}(p^{-k}x) - 2B_{n,p,q}(x) = 0.$$

From the above equation, we obtain the required result.

Corollary 2.9. Setting p = 1 in Theorem 2.8, one holds

$$\frac{\mathcal{E}_{n,q} + \mathcal{E}_{n,q}(1)}{[n]_q!} D_{q,x}^{(n)} B_{n,q}(x) + \frac{\mathcal{E}_{n-1,q} + \mathcal{E}_{n-1,q}(1)}{[n-1]_q!} D_{q,x}^{(n-1)} B_{n,q}(x) + \cdots
+ \frac{\mathcal{E}_{2,q} + \mathcal{E}_{2,q}(1)}{[2]_q!} D_{q,x}^{(2)} B_{n,q}(x) + (\mathcal{E}_{1,q} + \mathcal{E}_{1,q}(1)) D_{q,x}^{(1)} B_{n,q}(x)
+ (\mathcal{E}_{0,q} + \mathcal{E}_{0,q}(1) - 2) B_{n,q}(x) = 0,$$

where $D_q^{(n)}$ is the q-derivative, $\mathcal{E}_{n,q}$ is q-Euler numbers, and $\mathcal{E}_{n,q}(x)$ is the q-Euler polynomials.

Corollary 2.10. Setting $p = 1, q \rightarrow 1$ in Theorem 2.8, one holds

$$\frac{\mathcal{E}_n + \mathcal{E}_n(1)}{n!} \frac{d^n}{dx^n} B_n(x) + \frac{\mathcal{E}_{n-1} + \mathcal{E}_{n-1}(1)}{(n-1)!} \frac{d^{n-1}}{dx^{n-1}} B_n(x) + \cdots
+ \frac{\mathcal{E}_2 + \mathcal{E}_2(1)}{2!} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} B_n(x) + (\mathcal{E}_1 + \mathcal{E}_1(1)) \frac{d}{dx} B_n(x) + (\mathcal{E}_0 + \mathcal{E}_0(1) - 2) B_n(x) = 0,$$

where \mathcal{E}_n is the Euler numbers and $\mathcal{E}_n(x)$ is the Euler polynomials.

Theorem 2.11. The (p,q)-Bernoulli polynomials $B_{n,p,q}(x)$ satisfies the following higher-order (p,q)-differential equation which is combined (p,q)-Genocchi

numbers and polynomials.

$$\begin{split} &\frac{G_{n,p,q}+G_{n,p,q}(1)}{p^{\binom{n}{2}}[n]_{p,q}!}D_{p,q,x}^{(n)}B_{n,p,q}(p^{-n}x)\\ &+\frac{G_{n-1,p,q}+G_{n-1,p,q}(1)}{p^{\binom{n-1}{2}}[n-1]_{p,q}!}D_{p,q,x}^{(n-1)}B_{n,p,q}(p^{-(n-1)}x)+\cdots\\ &+\frac{G_{2,p,q}+G_{2,p,q}(1)}{p[2]_{p,q}!}D_{p,q,x}^{(2)}B_{n,p,q}(p^{-(2)}x)+(G_{1,p,q}+G_{1,p,q}(1))D_{p,q,x}^{(1)}B_{n,p,q}(p^{-1}x)\\ &+(G_{0,p,q}+G_{0,p,q}(1))B_{n,p,q}(x)-2[n]_{p,q}B_{n-1,p,q}(x)=0, \end{split}$$

where $G_{n,p,q}$ is the (p,q)-Genocchi numbers and $G_{n,p,q}(x)$ is the (p,q)-Genocchi polynomials.

Proof. From the generating function of $B_{n,p,q}(x)$, we have a relation as

$$\begin{split} &\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n,p,q}(x) \frac{t^n}{[n]_{p,q}!} \\ &= \frac{1}{2t} \left(\frac{2t}{e_{p,q}(t)+1} + \frac{2t}{e_{p,q}(t)+1} e_{p,q}(t) \right) \frac{t}{e_{p,q}(t)-1} e_{p,q}(tx) \\ &= \frac{1}{2t} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k}_{p,q} (G_{k,p,q} + G_{k,p,q}(1)) B_{n-k,p,q}(x) \right) \frac{t^n}{[n]_{p,q}!}. \end{split}$$

In a similar way of Theorem 2.5, we derive the following equation.

$$[n]_{p,q}B_{n-1,p,q}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix}_{p,q} (G_{k,p,q} + G_{k,p,q}(1)) B_{n-k,p,q}(x).$$

From the equation above, we find the desired result.

Corollary 2.12. Setting p = 1 in Theorem 2.11, the following holds

$$\frac{G_{n,q} + G_{n,q}(1)}{[n]_q!} D_{q,x}^{(n)} B_{n,q}(x) + \frac{G_{n-1,q} + G_{n-1,q}(1)}{[n-1]_q!} D_{q,x}^{(n-1)} B_{n,q}(x) + \cdots
+ \frac{G_{2,q} + G_{2,q}(1)}{[2]_q!} D_{q,x}^{(2)} B_{n,q}(x) + (G_{1,q} + G_{1,q}(1)) D_{q,x}^{(1)} B_{n,q}(x)
+ (G_{0,q} + G_{0,q}(1)) B_{n,q}(x) - 2[n]_q B_{n-1,q}(x) = 0,$$

where $D_q^{(n)}$ is the q-derivative, $G_{n,q}$ is the q-Genocchi numbers, and $G_{n,q}(x)$ is the q-Genocchi polynomials.

Corollary 2.13. Putting $p = 1, q \rightarrow 1$ in Theorem 2.11, the following holds

$$\frac{G_n + G_n(1)}{n!} \frac{d^n}{dx^n} B_n(x) + \frac{G_{n-1} + G_{n-1}(1)}{(n-1)!} \frac{d^{n-1}}{dx^{n-1}} B_n(x) + \dots + \frac{G_2 + G_2(1)}{2!} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} B_n(x) + (G_1 + G_1(1)) \frac{d}{dx} B_n(x) + (G_0 + G_0(1)) B_{n,q}(x) - 2n B_{n-1}(x) = 0,$$

where G_n is the Genocchi numbers and $G_n(x)$ is the Genocchi polynomials.

Theorem 2.14. Let $\alpha \neq 0$, $\beta \neq 0$, and 0 < q < 1. Then, we find

$$\begin{split} &\frac{\alpha^{n}B_{n,p,q}}{p^{\binom{n}{2}}[n]_{p,q}!}D_{p,q,x}^{(n)}B_{n,p,q}(\alpha^{-1}p^{-n}x) + \frac{\alpha^{n-1}\beta B_{n-1,p,q}}{p^{\binom{n-1}{2}}[n-1]_{p,q}!}D_{p,q,x}^{(n-1)}B_{n,p,q}(\alpha^{-1}p^{-(n-1)}x) \\ &+ \frac{\alpha^{n-2}\beta^{2}B_{n-2,p,q}}{p^{\binom{n-2}{2}}[n-2]_{p,q}!}D_{p,q,x}^{(n-2)}B_{n,p,q}(\alpha^{-1}p^{-(n-2)}x) + \cdots \\ &+ \alpha\beta^{n-1}B_{1,p,q}D_{p,q,x}^{(1)}B_{n,p,q}(\alpha^{-1}p^{-1}x) + \beta^{n}B_{0,p,q}B_{n,p,q}(\alpha^{-1}x) \\ &= \frac{\beta^{n}B_{n,p,q}}{p^{\binom{n}{2}}[n]_{p,q}!}D_{p,q,x}^{(n)}B_{n,p,q}(\beta^{-1}p^{-n}x) + \frac{\beta^{n-1}\alpha B_{n-1,p,q}}{p^{\binom{n-1}{2}}[n-1]_{p,q}!}D_{p,q,x}^{(n-1)}B_{n,p,q}(\beta^{-1}p^{-(n-1)}x) \\ &+ \frac{\beta^{n-2}\alpha^{2}B_{n-2,p,q}}{p^{\binom{n-2}{2}}[n-2]_{p,q}!}D_{p,q,x}^{(n-2)}B_{n,p,q}(\beta^{-1}p^{-(n-2)}x) + \cdots \\ &+ \beta\alpha^{n-1}B_{1,p,q}D_{p,q,x}^{(1)}B_{n,p,q}(\beta^{-1}p^{-1}x) + \alpha^{n}B_{0,p,q}B_{n,p,q}(\beta^{-1}x). \end{split}$$

Proof. To find a symmetric property of higher-order (p, q)-differential equation for (p, q)-Bernoulli polynomials, we consider a form A as

$$A := \frac{(\alpha \beta t)^2 e_{p,q}(tx)}{(e_{p,q}(\alpha t) - 1)(e_{p,q}(\beta t) - 1)}.$$

From the form A, we obtain

$$A := \frac{\alpha \beta t}{e_{p,q}(\alpha t) - 1} \frac{\alpha \beta t}{e_{p,q}(\beta t) - 1} e_{p,q}(tx)$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{n} {n \brack k}_{p,q} \alpha^{k+1} \beta^{n-k+1} B_{k,p,q} B_{n-k,p,q}(\beta^{-1} x) \right) \frac{t^n}{[n]_{p,q}!}, \tag{2.9}$$

and

$$A := \frac{\alpha \beta t}{e_{p,q}(\beta t) - 1} \frac{\alpha \beta t}{e_{p,q}(\alpha t) - 1} e_{p,q}(tx)$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{n} {n \brack k}_{p,q} \beta^{k+1} \alpha^{n-k+1} B_{k,p,q} B_{n-k,p,q}(\alpha^{-1} x) \right) \frac{t^n}{[n]_{p,q}!}.$$
(2.10)

Comparing Eq. (2.9) and (2.10), we have

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n} {n \brack k}_{p,q} \alpha^{k+1} \beta^{n-k+1} B_{k,p,q} B_{n-k,p,q} (\beta^{-1} x)$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{n} {n \brack k}_{p,q} \beta^{k+1} \alpha^{n-k+1} B_{k,p,q} B_{n-k,p,q} (\alpha^{-1} x)$$
(2.11)

Using a relation of $B_{n-k,p,q}(x)$ and $D_{p,q,x}^{(K)}B_{n,p,q}(x)$ to Eq. (2.11), we derive

$$\begin{split} &\sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{\alpha^{k} \beta^{n-k} B_{k,p,q}}{p^{\binom{k}{2}}[k]_{p,q}!} D_{p,q,x}^{(k)} B_{n,p,q}(\alpha^{-1} p^{-k} x) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{\beta^{k} \alpha^{n-k} B_{k,p,q}}{p^{\binom{k}{2}}[k]_{p,q}!} D_{p,q,x}^{(k)} B_{n,p,q}(\beta^{-1} p^{-k} x). \end{split}$$

Therefore, we complete the proof of Theorem 2.14.

Corollary 2.15. Setting $\alpha = 1$ in Theorem 2.14, one holds

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{\beta^{n-k} B_{k,p,q}}{p^{\binom{k}{2}}[k]_{p,q}!} D_{p,q,x}^{(k)} B_{n,p,q}(p^{-k}x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{\beta^{k} B_{k,p,q}}{p^{\binom{k}{2}}[k]_{p,q}!} D_{p,q,x}^{(k)} B_{n,p,q}(\beta^{-1}p^{-k}x).$$

Corollary 2.16. Considering p = 1 in Theorem 2.14, the following holds

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{\alpha^{k} \beta^{n-k} B_{k,q}}{[k]_{q}!} D_{q,x}^{(k)} B_{n,q}(\alpha^{-1}x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{\beta^{k} \alpha^{n-k} B_{k,q}}{[k]_{q}!} D_{q,x}^{(k)} B_{n,q}(\beta^{-1}x),$$

where D_q is q-derivative, $B_{n,q}$ is the q-Bernoulli numbers and $B_{n,q}(x)$ is the q-Bernoulli polynomials.

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