

IDENTITIES INVOLVING GENERALIZED BERNOULLI NUMBERS AND PARTIAL BELL POLYNOMIALS WITH THEIR APPLICATIONS

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Abstract

In the present paper, we show that the partial Bell polynomials allow for obtaining identities involving the generalized Bernoulli numbers. Then, on applying these identities we derive different generating and bilateral generating functions.

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1 Introduction

In [18], the partial Bell polynomials $B_{n,k}(\cdot, \cdot, \dots, \cdot) \forall n, k \geq 0$ are represented in the following series expansion

$$\frac{1}{k!} \left\{ \sum_{m \geq 1}^{\infty} x_m \frac{t^m}{m!} \right\}^k = \sum_{n \geq k}^{\infty} B_{n,k}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-k+1}) \frac{t^n}{n!} \quad \forall k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \quad (1.1)$$

where, $B_{n,k}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-k+1}) = \sum_{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_r, \dots=0}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{n_1! n_2! \dots n_r! \dots} \left(\frac{x_1}{1!}\right)^{n_1} \left(\frac{x_2}{2!}\right)^{n_2} \dots \left(\frac{x_r}{r!}\right)^{n_r} \dots$; along with $n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_r + \dots = k$ and $n_1 + 2n_2 + \dots + rn_r + \dots = n$.

Recently, Pathan et al. [11] obtained the connections between partial Bell polynomials, partition function and q -hypergeometric series.

On the other hand in [7], a generalization of (1.1) is introduced to prove the following relation

$$Q_{n+1} \left(\frac{1}{x} \right) = (n+1) \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(-1)^k k!}{x^{n+k+1}} B_{n,k} \left(\frac{1}{2} Q_2(x), \frac{1}{3} Q_3(x), \dots, \frac{1}{n-k+2} Q_{n-k+2}(x) \right), \quad n \geq 0, \quad (1.2)$$

in terms of the partial Bell polynomials [2,3,4,14,18] and the Bernoulli polynomials [1,13,16]

$$Q_m(y) = B_m(y) - B_m, \quad B_m = B_m(0), \quad m \geq 0, \quad (1.3)$$

from (1.3), we get the polynomials

$$\begin{aligned} Q_0(y) &= 0, \quad Q_1(y) = y, \quad Q_2(y) = y^2 - y, \quad Q_3(y) = y^3 - \frac{3}{2}y^2 + \frac{1}{2}y, \\ Q_4(y) &= y^4 - 2y^3 + y^2, \dots \end{aligned} \quad (1.4)$$

Then we employ (1.3) to find the property

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x} Q_m(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{B_m(x) - B_m(0)}{x} \\ &= \left[\frac{d}{dx} B_m(x) \right] (0) = m B_{m-1}. \end{aligned} \quad (1.5)$$

Here in this research work, we make an appeal to the results (1.2)-(1.5) and then for $n, k \geq 0$ deduce various results involving identities between the generalized Bernoulli numbers $B_n^{(k)}$ (see in [6,8,9,10,16]) and the partial Bell polynomials $B_{n,k}(\cdot, \dots, \cdot)$ (see [11,18]). Later on applying these results we obtain many generating and bilateral generating functions.

2 Some identities involving $B_{n,k}$ and $B_m^{(j)}$

In this section for $n, k \geq 0$, we derive certain identities between the generalized Bernoulli numbers $B_n^{(k)}$ and the partial Bell polynomials $B_{n,k}(B_1, B_2, \dots, B_{n-k+1})$.

Theorem 2.1. For all $n, k \geq 0$, the partial Bell polynomials $B_{n,k}(B_1, B_2, \dots, B_{n-k+1})$ involving Bernoulli numbers $B_n, (n \geq 0)$ give following identities

$$\sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k k! B_{n,k}(B_1, B_2, \dots, B_{n-k+1}) = \frac{1}{n+1}, n \geq 0, \quad (2.1)$$

and

$$\sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k k! B_{n,k}\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \dots, \frac{1}{n-k+2}\right) = B_n, n \geq 0. \quad (2.2)$$

Proof. Consider the expression (1.2) and then write it in the form

$$(n+1) \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k k! B_{n,k}\left(\frac{1}{2x} Q_2(x), \frac{1}{3x} Q_3(x), \dots, \frac{1}{(n-k+2)x} Q_{n-k+2}(x)\right) = x^{n+1} Q_{n+1}\left(\frac{1}{x}\right). \quad (2.3)$$

Then in the formula (2.3) apply the results (1.2) and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \text{eq.}(1.5)$, we obtain the identity (2.1) because of the limiting case $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^m Q_m\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = 1$.

Again, the inversion of (2.1) gives us the identity (2.2). \square

Remark 2.1. It is remarked that Zhang-Yang [18] deduced the relation

$$B_{n,k}(B_1, B_2, \dots, B_{n-k+1}) = \frac{1}{k!} B_n^{(k)}, (n, k \geq 0), \quad (2.4)$$

involving the generalized Bernoulli numbers ([6, 8, 9, 10, 16]), however, (2.4) is incorrect, it must be

$$B_{n,k}(B_1, B_2, \dots, B_{n-k+1}) = \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{j=0}^k (-1)^{k-j} \binom{k}{j} B_n^{(j)}. \quad (2.5)$$

Theorem 2.2. For the generalized Bernoulli numbers $B_n^{(k)}$ ($n, k \geq 0$), there exists an identity

$$\sum_{j=0}^n (-1)^j \binom{n+1}{j+1} B_n^{(j)} = \frac{1}{n+1}, \text{ for all } n \geq 0. \quad (2.6)$$

Proof. Make an appeal to the results (2.1) and (2.5), immediately we obtain the identity (2.6). \square

Theorem 2.3. For all $n, k \geq 0$, an identity between the generalized Bernoulli numbers $B_n^{(k)}$ and the partial Bell polynomials $B_{n,k}(\dots)$ exists as

$$\sum_{j=0}^k \binom{k}{j} j! B_{n,j}(B_1, B_2, \dots, B_{n-j+1}) = B_n^{(k)}, n, k \geq 0. \quad (2.7)$$

Proof. Make an appeal to the Theorems 2.1 and 2.3 and the corrigendum in the Remark 2.2 and then in it use the property due to [13] as given by

$$\sum_{k=j}^n \binom{k}{j} = \binom{n+1}{j+1}. \quad (2.8)$$

Finally, the binomial inversion [5] of (2.5) gives the expression (2.7). \square

Theorem 2.4. For all $n \geq 0$, there exists following identities

$$(-1)^k k! B_{n,k}(B_1, B_2, \dots, B_{n-k+1}) = \frac{1}{2} \binom{n-1}{k-1} \binom{2n-1}{k}^{-1} = (-1)^k \binom{n+1}{k+1} B_n^{(k)}. \quad (2.9)$$

Proof. In the Theorems 2.1 and 2.3, make an appeal to the formula given by

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \frac{k}{n} \binom{n}{k} \binom{2n-1}{k}^{-1} = \frac{2}{n+1}, \quad (2.10)$$

and thus use the reduction formula for binomial coefficients we arrive the identities in (2.9). \square

Remark 2.2. The relation (1.2) is equivalent to the following identity [7] (Cauchy convolution [15])

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{x^k}{k!(n-k)!} Q_k\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) Q_{n-k}(x) = 0, n \geq 3. \quad (2.11)$$

3 Applications

In this section on application of the identities obtained in the Section 2 and the formula due to [12, p. 348, Problem 212] and see also in [17, p. 355, Eqn. (9)] given by

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + (\beta + 1)n} \binom{\alpha + (\beta + 1)n}{n} t^n = (1 + w)^\alpha, |t| < 1,$$

$$w = w(t) = t(1 + w(t))^{\beta+1}, w(0) = 0, \quad (3.1)$$

we obtain various generating and bilateral generating functions:

Example 3.1. If $\alpha > 0$ and for $n \geq 0$

$$\Psi_n = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k k! B_{n,k}(B_1, B_2, \dots, B_{n-k+1}). \quad (3.2)$$

Then in the disk $|t| < 1$, there exists a generating formula

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{\alpha + \alpha n}{n} \Psi_n t^n = \alpha(1 + \zeta)^\alpha, \quad (3.3)$$

where, $\zeta = \zeta(t) = t(1 + \zeta(t))^\alpha, \zeta(0) = 0$.

Solution. In the Eqns. (3.2) and (3.3) make an application of the Theorem 2.1, we get

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{\alpha + \alpha n}{n} \Psi_n t^n = \alpha \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{\alpha + \alpha n}{n} \frac{1}{\alpha + \alpha n} t^n. \quad (3.4)$$

Finally in the result (3.4), apply the formula (3.1) for $\beta = \alpha - 1$ we obtain the formula (3.3).

Example 3.2. If $\alpha > 0$,

$$\psi_n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{\alpha + \alpha n}{n - k} \binom{\alpha + (\beta + 1)k}{k} \binom{k + 1}{k} \varphi_k, \quad (3.5)$$

Then by (3.2) and (3.5), there exists a bilateral generating formula

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \psi_n \Psi_n t^n = (1 + \zeta)^\alpha \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{\alpha + (\beta + 1)n}{n} \varphi_n \zeta^n. \quad (3.6)$$

Solution. In the left hand side of (3.6) on considering (3.2) and (3.5), then on use of (2.1), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \psi_n \Psi_n t^n &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\alpha + \alpha n} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{\alpha + \alpha n}{n - k} \binom{\alpha + (\beta + 1)k}{k} (\alpha k + \alpha) \varphi_k t^n \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{\alpha + \alpha n + \alpha k}{n} \frac{\alpha k + \alpha}{\alpha + \alpha n + \alpha k} \binom{\alpha + (\beta + 1)k}{k} \varphi_k t^{n+k} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{\alpha + (\beta + 1)k}{k} \varphi_k t^k \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha + \alpha k}{\alpha + \alpha k + \alpha n} \binom{\alpha + \alpha k + \alpha n}{n} t^n \\ &= (1 + \zeta)^\alpha \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{\alpha + (\beta + 1)k}{k} \varphi_k \{t(1 + \zeta)^\alpha\}^k \quad (\text{on use of (3.1)}). \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

Finally on use of (3.3) and (3.7), we find right hand side of (3.6).

Example 3.3. In (3.5) if

$$\varphi_k = {}_{p+1}F_{q+1} \left[\begin{matrix} -k, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p; \\ \alpha + \beta k + 1, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_q; \end{matrix} x \right], \quad (3.8)$$

where, the generalized hypergeometric function ${}_pF_q(\cdot)$ is defined by [17, p. 42]

$${}_pF_q \left[\begin{matrix} \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p; \\ \beta_1, \dots, \beta_q; \end{matrix} z \right] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\prod_{i=1}^p (\alpha_i)_n}{\prod_{i=1}^q (\beta_i)_n} \frac{z^n}{n!}, \quad (3.9)$$

where $p, q \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$, $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{C} (i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, p)$; $\gamma_i \in \mathbb{C} (i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, q)$; $z \in \mathbb{C}$; also all

$$\gamma_i \neq 0, -1, -2, \dots, (i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, q).$$

The series in (3.9) (i) converges for $|z| < \infty$, if $p \leq q$; (ii) converges for $|z| < 1$, if $p = q + 1$; (iii) diverges for all $z, z \neq 0$, if $p > q + 1$; (iv) converges absolutely for $|z| = 1$, if $p = q + 1$, and $\Re(\omega) > 0, \omega = \sum_{i=1}^q \gamma_i - \sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i$; (v) converges conditionally for $|z| = 1, z \neq 1$, if $p = q + 1$, and $-1 < \Re(\omega) \leq 0$; (vi) diverges for $|z| = 1$, if $p = q + 1$, and $\Re(\omega) < -1$.

Then on application of the example 3.2, there exists a bilateral generating function

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \psi_n \Psi_n t^n = \frac{(1 + \zeta)^\alpha (1 + W(\zeta))^{\alpha+1}}{1 - \beta W(\zeta)} {}_pF_q \left[\begin{matrix} \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p; \\ \beta_1, \dots, \beta_q; \end{matrix} -xW(\zeta) \right], \quad (3.10)$$

where $W(\zeta)$ is given in following (3.12).

Solution. Make an appeal to the functions (3.8) and (3.9) in Example (3.2) we find

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \psi_n \Psi_n t^n &= (1 + \zeta)^\alpha \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{\alpha + (\beta + 1)n}{n} {}_{p+1}F_{q+1} \left[\begin{matrix} -n, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p; \\ \alpha + \beta n + 1, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_q; \end{matrix} x \right] \zeta^n \\ &= (1 + \zeta)^\alpha \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha_1)_k \dots (\alpha_p)_k}{(\beta_1)_k \dots (\beta_q)_k} \frac{(-x\zeta)^k}{k!} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{\alpha + (\beta + 1)k + (\beta + 1)n}{n} \zeta^n \\ &= (1 + \zeta)^\alpha \frac{(1 + W(\zeta))^{\alpha+1}}{1 - \beta W(\zeta)} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha_1)_k \dots (\alpha_p)_k}{(\beta_1)_k \dots (\beta_q)_k} \frac{(-x\zeta (1 + W(\zeta))^{\beta+1})^k}{k!}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.11)$$

Now in (3.11) define

$$W(\zeta) = \zeta (1 + W(\zeta))^{\beta+1}, \quad W(0) = 0, \quad (3.12)$$

we derive the bilateral generating function (3.10).

4 Concluding remarks

The identities obtained in the Section 2 are very powerful tool to derive different results involving generalized Bernoulli numbers $B_n^{(k)}$ and the partial Bell polynomials $B_{n,k}(B_1, B_2, \dots, B_{n-k+1})$.

We derive various generating and bilateral generating functions which are applicable in computing of many problems occurring in the science and technology. The polynomials in form of generalized hypergeometric functions are specialized in Legendre, Bessel, Hermite, Laguerre and Jacobi polynomials etc. found in the literature of generating functions. Hence Section 3 has very important and applicable techniques.

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