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A NOTE ON *q*-ANALOGUE OF CATALAN NUMBERS ASSOCIATED WITH *q*-CHANGHEE NUMBERS

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Abstract: In this paper, we study q-analogue of Catalan numbers and polynomials by using p-adic q-integral on \mathbb{Z}_p . We investigate some properties of these numbers and polynomials. In addition, we define q-analogue of $\frac{1}{2}$ -Changhee numbers by using p-adic q-integral on \mathbb{Z}_p and derive their explicit expressions and some identities involving them.

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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 filed of p-adic rational numbers and the completion of an algebraic closure of \mathbb{Q}_p . The p-adic norm $| \cdot |_p$ is normalized by $| p |_p = \frac{1}{p}$. Let $C(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ be the space of continuous function on \mathbb{Z}_p . Let q be an indeterminate in \mathbb{C}_p with $| 1-q |_p < 1$ and q-extension of x is defined by $[x]_q = \frac{1-q^x}{1-q}$. Then the fermionic *p*-adic *q*-integral of f on \mathbb{Z}_p is defined by Kim as follows

$$I_{-q}(f) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} f(x) d\mu_{-q}(x) = \lim_{N \to \infty} \sum_{x=0}^{p^N - 1} f(x) \mu_{-q}(x + p^N \mathbb{Z}_p),$$
$$= \lim_{N \to \infty} \frac{1}{[p^N]_{-q}} \sum_{x=0}^{p^N - 1} f(x) (-q)^x, \quad (\text{see } [4, 10, 14, 15, 26]). \tag{1.1}$$

Let $f_1(x) = f(x+1)$. Then, by (1.1), we get

$$qI_{-q}(f_1) + I_{-q}(f) = [2]_q f(0).$$
(1.2)

It is well known that the Euler numbers are defined by

$$\frac{2}{e^t + 1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n \frac{t^n}{n!}, \quad (\text{see } [12, 17, 19]). \tag{1.3}$$

Let q be an indeterminate in \mathbb{C}_p with $|1 - q|_p < 1$. The q-analogues of Euler numbers are given by

$$\frac{[2]_q}{qe^t + 1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_{n,q} \frac{t^n}{n!}, \quad (\text{see } [7, 23]).$$
(1.4)

Note that $\lim_{q\to 1} E_{n,q} = E_n$, $(n \ge 0)$. The *q*-analogues of Changhee numbers are given by

$$\frac{[2]_q}{[2]_q + t} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} Ch_{n,q} \frac{t^n}{n!}, \quad (\text{see } [6\text{-}10, 13, 14]). \tag{1.5}$$

Kim *et al.* [8] introduced the λ -Changhee polynomials defined by

$$\frac{2}{(1+t)^{\lambda}+1}(1+t)^{\lambda x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} Ch_{n,\lambda}(x)\frac{t^n}{n!},$$
(1.6)

where $\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}_p$.

When x = 0, $Ch_{n,\lambda} = Ch_{n,\lambda}(0)$ are called the λ -Changhee numbers. For $n \ge 0$, the Stirling numbers of the first kind are defined by

$$(x)_n = \sum_{l=0}^n S_1(n,l) x^l, \quad (\text{see [1-15]})$$
 (1.7)

where $(x)_0 = 1$, and $(x)_n = x(x-1)\cdots(x-n+1), (n \ge 1)$. From (1.7), it is easy to see that

$$\frac{1}{r!}(\log(1+t))^r = \sum_{n=r}^{\infty} S_1(n,r) \frac{t^n}{n!}, \quad (r \ge 0), \quad (\text{see } [11\text{-}20]). \tag{1.8}$$

For $n \ge 0$, the Stirling numbers of the second kind are defined by

$$x^n = \sum_{l=0}^n S_2(n,l)(x)_l,$$
 (see [15-27]). (1.9)

From (1.9), we see that

$$\frac{1}{r!}(e^t - 1)^r = \sum_{n=r}^{\infty} S_2(n, r) \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$
(1.10)

As is well known, the Catalan numbers are defined by the generating function as follows (see [1, 2, 3, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27])

$$\frac{2}{1+\sqrt{1-4t}} = \frac{1-\sqrt{1-4t}}{2t} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n t^n,$$
(1.11)

where $C_n = \binom{2n}{n} \frac{1}{n+1}, (n \ge 0).$

The Catalan polynomials are defined by the generating function as follows (see [13])

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} (1-4t)^{\frac{x+y}{2}} d\mu_{-1}(y) = \frac{2}{1+\sqrt{1-4t}} (1-4t)^{\frac{x}{2}}$$
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n(x) t^n.$$
(1.12)

When x = 0, $C_n = C_n(0)$ are called the Catalan numbers. Thus, by (1.11) and (1.12), we have

$$C_n(x) = \sum_{m=0}^n \sum_{j=0}^m \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^j S_1(m,j)(-4)^m \frac{C_{n-m}}{m!}.$$

Kim introduced the $\frac{1}{2}$ -Changhee polynomials which are given by the generating function (see [12])

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} (1+t)^{\frac{x+y}{2}} d\mu_{-1}(y) = \frac{2}{1+\sqrt{1+t}} \sqrt{(1+t)^x}$$

$$=\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} Ch_{n,\frac{1}{2}}(x)\frac{t^n}{n!}.$$
(1.13)

When x = 0, $Ch_{n,\frac{1}{2}} = Ch_{n,\frac{1}{2}}(0)$ are called the $\frac{1}{2}$ -Changhee numbers. On replacing t by -4t in (1.13) and by using (1.12), we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} (1-4t)^{\frac{x+y}{2}} d\mu_{-1}(y) = \frac{2}{1+\sqrt{1-4t}} \sqrt{(1-4t)^x}$$
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} Ch_{n,\frac{1}{2}}(x)(-4)^n \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$
$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n(x)t^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} Ch_{n,\frac{1}{2}}(x)(-4)^n \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$
(1.14)

Comparing the coefficients of t, we get

$$C_n(x) = \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} Ch_{n,\frac{1}{2}}(x) 2^{2n}$$

Recently, Kim *et al.* [11] introduced the q-analogues of Catalan polynomials which are given by

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} (1-4t)^{\frac{x+y}{2}} d\mu_{-q}(y) = \frac{[2]_q}{1+q\sqrt{1-4t}} (1-4t)^{\frac{x}{2}}$$
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_{n,q}(x) t^n.$$
(1.15)

When x = 0, $C_{n,q} = C_{n,q}(0)$ are called the q-Catalan numbers.

The aim of the paper is to introduce the q-analogues of Catalan numbers $C_{n,q}$ with the help of a p-adic q-integral on \mathbb{Z}_p and derive explicit expressions and some identities for those numbers. In more detail, we deduce explicit expressions of $C_{n,q}$, as a rational function in terms of Euler number and Stirling numbers of the first kind, as a fermionic p-adic q-integral on \mathbb{Z}_p and involving q-analogue of $\frac{1}{2}$ -Changhee numbers.

2. q-analogue Catalan Numbers Associated with q-Changhee Numbers

In this section, we assume that $q, t \in \mathbb{C}_p$ with |1 - q| < 1 and $|t| < p^{-\frac{1}{p-1}}$. Let us apply (1.2) with $f(x) = (1+t)^{\frac{1}{2}}$. Then, we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} (1+t)^{\frac{x}{2}} d\mu_{-q}(x) = \frac{[2]_q}{1+q\sqrt{1+t}} = \frac{[2]_q}{1-q^2-q^2t} (1-q\sqrt{1+t}).$$
(2.1)

Now, we consider the q-analogues of $\frac{1}{2}$ -Changhee numbers which are defined by

$$\frac{[2]_q}{1-q^2-q^2t}(1-q\sqrt{1+t}) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} Ch_{n,q,\frac{1}{2}}\frac{t^n}{n!}.$$
(2.2)

Note that

$$\lim_{q \to 1} Ch_{n,q,\frac{1}{2}} = Ch_{n,\frac{1}{2}} \quad (n \ge 0).$$

From (1.2), we note that

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} e^{xt} d\mu_{-q}(x) = \frac{[2]_q}{qe^t + 1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_{n,q} \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$
(2.3)

Thus, by (2.3), we get

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} x^n d\mu_{-q}(x) = E_{n,q}, (n \ge 0).$$
(2.4)

On the other hand, by using (2.4) we also have

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} (1+t)^{\frac{x}{2}} d\mu_{-q}(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} x^m d\mu_{-q}(x) \frac{1}{m!} (\log(1+t))^m$$
$$= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} E_{m,q} 2^{-m} \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} S_1(n,m) \frac{t^n}{n!}$$
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{m=0}^n E_{m,q} 2^{-m} S_1(n,m) \right) \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$
(2.5)

Therefore, by (2.2) and (2.5), we obtain the following theorem. **Theorem 2.1.** For $n \ge 0$, we have

$$Ch_{n,q,\frac{1}{2}} = \sum_{m=0}^{n} E_{m,q} 2^{-m} S_1(n,m).$$

By replacing t by -4t in (2.2), we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} (1-4t)^{\frac{x}{2}} d\mu_{-q}(x) = \frac{[2]_q}{q\sqrt{1-4t}+1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_{n,q} t^n.$$
(2.6)

On the other hand,

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} (1-4t)^{\frac{x}{2}} d\mu_{-q}(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} Ch_{n,q,\frac{1}{2}} \frac{(-4)^n t^n}{n!}.$$
(2.7)

Therefore, by (2.6) and (2.7), we obtain the following theorem.

Theorem 2.2. For $n \ge 0$, we have

$$C_{n,q} = (-1)^n \frac{4^n C h_{n,q,\frac{1}{2}}}{n!}.$$

From (2.1), we observe that

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} (1+t)^{\frac{x}{2}} d\mu_{-q}(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right) d\mu_{-q}(x) \frac{[\log(1+t)]^m}{m!}$$
$$= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} C_{m,q} \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} S_1(n,m) \frac{t^n}{n!}$$
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{m=0}^n C_{m,q} S_1(n,m)\right) \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$
(2.8)

Therefore, by (2.2) and (2.8), we get the following theorem. **Theorem 2.3.** For $n \ge 0$, we have

$$Ch_{n,q,\frac{1}{2}} = \sum_{m=0}^{n} C_{m,q} S_1(n,m).$$

First, we note that

$$(1+t)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} {\binom{\frac{1}{2}}{n}} t^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} {\frac{(\frac{1}{2})_n}{n!}} t^n$$
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1(\frac{1}{2}-1)(\frac{1}{2}-2)\cdots(\frac{1}{2}-n+1)}{n!} t^n$$
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}1.3.5\cdots(2n-3)}{n!2^n} t^n$$
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}1.3.4\cdots(2n-3)(2n-2)(2n-1)(2n)}{n!2^n2.4.6\cdots(2n-2)(2n-1)(2n)} t^n$$

$$=\sum_{n=0}^{\infty}(-1)^{n-1}(-1)^{n-1}\frac{(2n)!}{n!4^n(2n-1)n!}t^n=\sum_{n=0}^{\infty}\binom{2n}{n}\frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{4^n(2n-1)}t^n.$$
 (2.9)

By (2.1) and (2.9), we get

$$[2]_{q} = \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} Ch_{n,q,\frac{1}{2}} \frac{t^{n}}{n!}\right) \left((1+q\sqrt{1+t})\right)$$
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} Ch_{n,q,\frac{1}{2}} \frac{t^{n}}{n!} + \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} Ch_{n,q,\frac{1}{2}} \frac{t^{n}}{n!}\right) \left(q \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \binom{2m}{m} \frac{(-1)^{m-1}}{4^{m}(2m-1)} t^{m}\right)$$
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} Ch_{n,q,\frac{1}{2}} \frac{t^{n}}{n!} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(q \sum_{m=0}^{n} C_{m} \frac{(m+1)(-1)^{m-1}}{4^{m}(2m-1)} \frac{m!n!}{(n-m)!m!} Ch_{n-m,q,\frac{1}{2}}\right) \frac{t^{n}}{n!}$$
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} Ch_{n,q,\frac{1}{2}} \frac{t^{n}}{n!} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(q \sum_{m=0}^{n} C_{m} \frac{(m+1)(-1)^{m-1}}{4^{m}(2m-1)} \binom{n}{m} Ch_{n-m,q,\frac{1}{2}}\right) \frac{t^{n}}{n!}.$$
 (2.10)

By comparing the coefficients of t on both sides, we obtain the following theorem. **Theorem 2.4.** For $n \ge 0$, we have

$$Ch_{n,q,\frac{1}{2}} + q \sum_{m=0}^{n} C_m \frac{(m+1)(-1)^{m-1}}{4^m (2m-1)} \binom{n}{m} Ch_{n-m,q,\frac{1}{2}} = \begin{cases} [2]_q, & ifn = 0\\ 0, & ifn > 1. \end{cases}$$

By replacing t by $-\frac{t}{4}$ in (1.4), we get

$$\frac{[2]_q}{1+q\sqrt{1+t}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_{n,q} \left(-\frac{t}{4}\right)^n.$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_{n,q} (-1)^n 4^{-n} t^n$$
(2.11)

On the other hand, we have

$$\frac{[2]_q}{1+q\sqrt{1+t}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} Ch_{n,q,\frac{1}{2}} \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$
(2.12)

Therefore, by (2.11) and (2.12), we get the following theorem.

Theorem 2.5. For $n \ge 0$, we have

$$Ch_{n,q,\frac{1}{2}} = n!C_{n,q}(-1)^n 2^{-2n}$$

Replacing t by $e^{2t} - 1$ in (2.1), we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} e^{xt} d\mu_{-q}(x) = \frac{[2]_q}{qe^t + 1} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} Ch_{m,q,\frac{1}{2}} \frac{(e^{2t} - 1)^m}{m!}$$
$$= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} Ch_{m,q,\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} S_2(n,m) \frac{2^n t^n}{n!}$$
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{m=0}^n 2^n Ch_{m,q,\frac{1}{2}} S_2(n,m) \right) \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$
(2.13)

On the other hand, we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} e^{xt} d\mu_{-q}(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_{n,q} \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$
(2.14)

Therefore, by (2.13) and (2.14), we obtain the following theorem.

Theorem 2.6. For $n \ge 0$, we have

$$E_{n,q} = \sum_{m=0}^{n} 2^{n} Ch_{m,q,\frac{1}{2}} S_{2}(n,m).$$

Now, we observe that

$$(1+t)^{\frac{x}{2}} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^m \frac{[\log(1+t)]^m}{m!}$$
$$= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^m \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} S_1(n,m) \frac{t^n}{n!}$$
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{m=0}^n \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^m S_1(n,m)\right) \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$
(2.15)

Now, we consider the q-analogues of $\frac{1}{2}$ -Changhee polynomials which are given by the generating function to be

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} (1+t)^{\frac{x+y}{2}} d\mu_{-q}(y) = \frac{[2]_q}{1+q\sqrt{1+t}} \sqrt{(1+t)^x}$$

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$$=\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} Ch_{n,q,\frac{1}{2}}(x)\frac{t^n}{n!}.$$
(2.16)

When x = 0, $Ch_{n,q,\frac{1}{2}} = Ch_{n,q,\frac{1}{2}}(0)$ are called the q-analogues of $\frac{1}{2}$ -Changhee numbers.

From (2.16), we note that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} Ch_{n,q,\frac{1}{2}}(x)\frac{t^n}{n!} = \frac{[2]_q}{1+q\sqrt{1+t}}\sqrt{(1+t)^x}$$
$$= \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} Ch_{n,q,\frac{1}{2}}\frac{t^n}{n!}\right) \left(\sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^l \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^m S_1(l,m)\frac{t^l}{l!}\right)$$
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{l} Ch_{n-l,q,\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{m=0}^l \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^m S_1(l,m)\right) \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$
(2.17)

By (2.16) and (2.17), we obtain the following theorem. **Theorem 2.7.** For $n \ge 0$, we have

$$Ch_{n,q,\frac{1}{2}}(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{n} \binom{n}{l} Ch_{n-l,q,\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{m=0}^{l} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{m} S_{1}(l,m).$$

By replacing t by -4t in (2.16), we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} (1-4t)^{\frac{x+y}{2}} d\mu_{-q}(y) = \frac{[2]_q}{1+q\sqrt{1}-4t} \sqrt{(1-4t)^x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_{n,q}(x)t^n.$$
(2.18)

On the other hand,

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} Ch_{n,q,\frac{1}{2}}(x) \frac{(-4t)^n}{n!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} Ch_{n,q,\frac{1}{2}}(x)(-1)^n 2^{2n} \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$
(2.19)

Therefore, by (2.18) and (2.19), we state the following theorem.

Theorem 2.8. For $n \ge 0$, we have

$$C_{n,q}(x) = \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} 2^{2n} Ch_{n,q,\frac{1}{2}}(x).$$

From (2.16), we note that

$$\frac{[2]_q}{1+q\sqrt{1+t}}\sqrt{(1+t)^x} = \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} Ch_{n,q,\frac{1}{2}}\frac{t^n}{n!}\right)\left(\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x}{2}\\m\right)(-1)^m 2^{2m}t^m\right)$$
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{m=0}^n \left(\frac{x}{2}\\m\right)(-1)^m 2^{2m}Ch_{n-m,q,\frac{1}{2}}\frac{1}{(n-m)!}\right)t^n.$$
(2.20)

Therefore, by (2.16) and (2.19), we obtain the following theorem. **Theorem 2.9.** For $n \ge 0$, we have

$$Ch_{n,q,\frac{1}{2}}(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{n} \binom{\frac{x}{2}}{m} (-1)^{m} 2^{2m} Ch_{n-m,q,\frac{1}{2}} \frac{n!}{(n-m)!}.$$

From (1.2), we see that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} (x+y)^n d\mu_{-q}(y) \frac{t^n}{n!} = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} e^{(x+y)t} d\mu_{-q}(y) = \frac{[2]_q}{qe^t + 1} e^{xt}$$
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_{n,q}(x) \frac{t^n}{n!},$$
(2.21)

where $E_{n,q}(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{n} {n \choose m} E_{n-m,q} x^m = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} (x+y)^n d\mu_{-q}(y)$ are q-Euler polynomials. From (2.16), we have

$$\frac{[2]_q}{1+q\sqrt{1+t}}\sqrt{(1+t)^x} = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} (1+t)^{\frac{x+y}{2}} d\mu_{-q}(y)$$
$$= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} 2^{-m} \frac{1}{m!} (\log(1+t))^m = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} (x+y)^m d\mu_{-q}(y)$$
$$= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} 2^{-m} E_{m,q}(x) \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} S_1(n,m) \frac{t^n}{n!}$$
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{m=0}^n 2^{-m} E_{m,q}(x) S_1(n,m)\right) \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$
(2.22)

Thus, by (2.16) and (2.22), we get the following theorem.

Theorem 2.10. For $n \ge 0$, we have

$$Ch_{n,q,\frac{1}{2}}(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{n} 2^{-m} E_{m,q}(x) S_1(n,m).$$

3. Conclusion

The aim of the paper is to introduced q-analogue of Catalan numbers $C_{n,q}$ with the help of a p-adic q-integral on \mathbb{Z}_p and derived explicit expressions and some identities for those numbers. In more detail, we deduced explicit expressions of $C_{n,q}$, as a rational function in terms of q-Euler number and Stirling numbers of the first kind, as a fermionic p-adic q-integral on \mathbb{Z}_p and involving q-analogue of $\frac{1}{2}$ -Changhee numbers.

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