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On the Generalized *q***-Genocchi Numbers and Polynomials of Higher-Order**

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We first consider the *q*-extension of the generating function for the higher-order generalized Genocchi numbers and polynomials attached to χ . The purpose of this paper is to present a systemic study of some families of higher-order generalized *q*-Genocchi numbers and polynomials attached to χ by using the generating function of those numbers and polynomials.

1. Introduction

As a well known definition, the Genocchi polynomials are defined by

$$\left(\frac{2t}{e^t+1}\right)e^{xt} = e^{G(x)t} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} G_n(x)\frac{t^n}{n!}, \quad |t| < \pi,$$
(1.1)

where we use the technical method's notation by replacing $G^n(x)$ by $G_n(x)$, symbolically, (see [1, 2]). In the special case x = 0, $G_n = G_n(0)$ are called the *n*th Genocchi numbers. From the definition of Genocchi numbers, we note that $G_1 = 1$, $G_3 = G_5 = G_7 = \cdots = 0$, and even coefficients are given by $G_{2n} = 2(1 - 2^{2n})B_{2n} = 2nE_{2n-1}(0)$ (see [3]), where B_n is a Bernoulli number and $E_n(x)$ is an Euler polynomial. The first few Genocchi numbers for 2, 4, 6, ... are -1, 1, -3, 17, -155, 2073, The first few prime Genocchi numbers are given by $G_6 = -3$ and $G_8 = 17$. It is known that there are no other prime Genocchi numbers with $n < 10^5$. For a real or complex parameter α , the higher-order Genocchi polynomials are defined by

$$\left(\frac{2t}{e^t+1}\right)^{\alpha} e^{xt} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} G_n^{(\alpha)}(x) \frac{t^n}{n!}$$
(1.2)

(see [1, 4]). In the special case x = 0, $G_n^{(\alpha)} = G_n^{(\alpha)}(0)$ are called the *n*th Genocchi numbers of order α . From (1.1) and (1.2), we note that $G_n = G_n^{(1)}$. For $d \in \mathbb{N}$ with $d \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$, let χ be the Dirichlet character with conductor d. It is known that the generalized Genocchi polynomials attached to χ are defined by

$$\left(\frac{2t\sum_{a=0}^{d-1}\chi(a)(-1)^{a}e^{at}}{e^{dt}+1}\right)e^{xt} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty}G_{n,\chi}(x)\frac{t^{n}}{n!}$$
(1.3)

(see [1]). In the special case x = 0, $G_{n,\chi} = G_{n,\chi}(0)$ are called the *n*th generalized Genocchi numbers attached to χ (see [1, 4–6]).

For a real or complex parameter α , the generalized higher-order Genocchi polynomials attached to χ are also defined by

$$\left(\frac{2t\sum_{a=0}^{d-1}\chi(a)(-1)^{a}e^{at}}{e^{dt}+1}\right)^{\alpha}e^{xt} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty}G_{n,\chi}^{(\alpha)}(x)\frac{t^{n}}{n!}$$
(1.4)

(see [7]). In the special case x = 0, $G_{n,\chi}^{(\alpha)} = G_{n,\chi}^{(\alpha)}(0)$ are called the *n*th generalized Genocchi numbers attached to χ of order α (see [1, 4–9]). From (1.3) and (1.4), we derive $G_{n,\chi} = G_{n,\chi}^{(1)}$. Let us assume that $q \in \mathbb{C}$ with |q| < 1 as an indeterminate. Then we, use the notation

$$[x]_q = \frac{1 - q^x}{1 - q}.\tag{1.5}$$

The *q*-factorial is defined by

$$[n]_{q}! = [n]_{q}[n-1]_{q} \cdots [2]_{q}[1]_{q'}$$
(1.6)

and the Gaussian binomial coefficient is also defined by

$$\binom{n}{k}_{q} = \frac{[n]_{q}!}{[n-k]_{q}![k]_{q}!} = \frac{[n]_{q}[n-1]_{q}\cdots[n-k+1]_{q}}{[k]_{q}!}$$
(1.7)

(see [5, 10]). Note that

$$\lim_{q \to 1} \binom{n}{k}_q = \binom{n}{k} = \frac{n(n-1)\cdots(n-k+1)}{k!}.$$
(1.8)

It is known that

$$\binom{n+1}{k}_{q} = \binom{n}{k-1}_{q} + q^{k}\binom{n}{k}_{q} = q^{n+1-k}\binom{n}{k-1}_{q} + \binom{n}{k}_{q},$$
(1.9)

(see [5, 10]). The *q*-binomial formula are known that

$$(x-y)_{q}^{n} = (x-y)(x-qy)\cdots(x-q^{n-1}y) = \sum_{i=0}^{n} \binom{n}{i}_{q} q^{\binom{i}{2}}(-1)^{i}x^{n-i}y^{i},$$

$$\frac{1}{(x-y)_{q}^{n}} = \frac{1}{(x-y)(x-qy)\cdots(x-q^{n-1}y)} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+l-1}{l}_{q}x^{n-l}y^{l},$$
(1.10)

(see[10, 11]).

There is an unexpected connection with *q*-analysis and quantum groups, and thus with noncommutative geometry *q*-analysis is a sort of *q*-deformation of the ordinary analysis. Spherical functions on quantum groups are *q*-special functions. Recently, many authors have studied the *q*-extension in various areas (see [1–15]). Govil and Gupta [10] have introduced a new type of *q*-integrated Meyer-König-Zeller-Durrmeyer operators, and their results are closely related to the study of *q*-Bernstein polynomials and *q*-Genocchi polynomials, which are treated in this paper. In this paper, we first consider the *q*-extension of the generating function for the higher-order generalized Genocchi numbers and polynomials attached to χ . The purpose of this paper is to present a systemic study of some families of higher-order generalized *q*-Genocchi numbers and polynomials attached to χ by using the generating function of those numbers and polynomials.

2. Generalized *q*-Genocchi Numbers and Polynomials

For $r \in \mathbb{N}$, let us consider the *q*-extension of the generalized Genocchi polynomials of order *r* attached to χ as follows:

$$F_{q,\chi}^{(r)}(t,x) = 2^{r} t^{r} \sum_{m_{1},\dots,m_{r}=0}^{\infty} \left(\prod_{j=1}^{r} \chi(m_{j}) \right) (-1)^{\sum_{j=1}^{r} m_{j}} e^{[x+m_{1}+\dots+m_{r}]_{q}t} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} G_{n,\chi,q}^{(r)}(x) \frac{t^{n}}{n!}.$$
 (2.1)

Note that

$$\lim_{q \to 1} F_{q,\chi}^{(r)}(t,x) = \left(\frac{2t \sum_{a=0}^{d-1} \chi(a)(-1)^a e^{at}}{e^{dt} + 1}\right)^r e^{xt}.$$
(2.2)

By (2.1) and (1.4), we can see that $\lim_{q\to 1} G_{n,\chi,q}^{(r)}(x) = G_{n,\chi}^{(r)}(x)$. From (2.1), we note that

$$G_{0,\chi,q}^{(r)}(x) = G_{1,\chi,q}^{(r)}(x) = \cdots = G_{r-1,\chi,q}^{(r)}(x) = 0,$$

$$\frac{G_{n+r,\chi,q}^{(r)}(x)}{\binom{n+r}{r}r!} = 2^{r} \sum_{m_{1},\dots,m_{r}=0}^{\infty} \left(\prod_{j=1}^{r} \chi(m_{j})\right) (-1)^{\sum_{j=1}^{r}m_{j}} [x+m_{1}+\dots+m_{r}]_{q}^{n}.$$
(2.3)

In the special case x = 0, $G_{n,\chi,q}^{(r)} = G_{n,\chi,q}^{(r)}(0)$ are called the *n*th generalized *q*-Genocchi numbers of order *r* attached to χ . Therefore, we obtain the following theorem.

Theorem 2.1. *For* $r \in \mathbb{N}$ *, one has*

$$\frac{G_{n+r,\chi,q}^{(r)}}{\binom{n+r}{r}r!} = 2^r \sum_{m_1,\dots,m_r=0}^{\infty} \left(\prod_{i=1}^r \chi(m_i)\right) (-1)^{\sum_{j=1}^r m_j} [m_1 + \dots + m_r]_q^n.$$
(2.4)

Note that

$$2^{r} \sum_{m_{1},\dots,m_{r}=0}^{\infty} \left(\prod_{i=1}^{r} \chi(m_{i})\right) (-1)^{\sum_{j=1}^{r} m_{j}} [m_{1} + \dots + m_{r}]_{q}^{n}$$

$$= \frac{2^{r}}{(1-q)^{n}} \sum_{l=0}^{n} \binom{n}{l} (-1)^{l} \sum_{a_{1},\dots,a_{r}=0}^{d-1} \left(\prod_{j=1}^{r} \chi(a_{j})\right) \frac{(-q^{l})^{\sum_{i=1}^{r} a_{i}}}{(1+q^{ld})^{r}}.$$
(2.5)

Thus we obtain the following corollary.

Corollary 2.2. *For* $r \in \mathbb{N}$ *, we have*

$$\frac{G_{n+r,\chi,q}^{(r)}}{\binom{n+r}{r}r!} = \frac{2^r}{(1-q)^n} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} (-1)^l \sum_{a_1,\dots,a_r=0}^{d-1} \left(\prod_{j=1}^r \chi(a_j)\right) \frac{(-q^l)^{\sum_{i=1}^r a_i}}{(1+q^{ld})^r}
= 2^r \sum_{m=0}^\infty \binom{m+r-1}{m} (-1)^m \sum_{a_1,\dots,a_r=0}^{d-1} (-1)^{\sum_{i=1}^r a_i} \left(\prod_{i=1}^r \chi(a_i)\right) \left[\sum_{i=1}^r a_i + md\right]_q^n.$$
(2.6)

For $h \in \mathbb{Z}$ *and* $r \in \mathbb{N}$ *, one also considers the extended higher-order generalized* (h, q)*-Genocchi polynomials as follows:*

$$F_{q,\chi}^{(h,r)}(t,x) = 2^{r} t^{r} \sum_{m_{1},\dots,m_{r}=0}^{\infty} q^{\sum_{j=1}^{r}(h-j)m_{j}} \left(\prod_{i=1}^{r} \chi(m_{i})\right) (-1)^{\sum_{j=1}^{r} m_{j}} e^{\left[x + \sum_{j=1}^{r} m_{j}\right]_{q}t}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} G_{n,\chi,q}^{(h,r)}(x) \frac{t^{n}}{n!}.$$
(2.7)

From (2.7), one notes that

$$G_{0,\chi,q}^{(h,r)}(x) = G_{1,\chi,q}^{(h,r)}(x) = \dots = G_{r-1,\chi,q}^{(h,r)}(x) = 0,$$

$$\frac{G_{n+r,\chi,q}^{(h,r)}(x)}{\binom{n+r}{r}r!r!} = 2^{r} \sum_{m_{1},\dots,m_{r}=0}^{\infty} q^{\sum_{j=1}^{r}(h-j)m_{j}} \left(\prod_{i=1}^{r} \chi(m_{i})\right) (-1)^{\sum_{j=1}^{r}m_{j}} [x+m_{1}+\dots+m_{r}]_{q}^{n}$$

$$= \frac{2^{r}}{(1-q)^{n}} \sum_{l=0}^{n} \binom{n}{l} q^{lx} (-1)^{l} \sum_{a_{1},\dots,a_{r}=0}^{d-1} \left(\prod_{j=1}^{r} \chi(a_{j})\right) q^{\sum_{j=1}^{r}(h-j)a_{j}} (-1)^{a_{1}+\dots+a_{r}} q^{l(a_{1}+\dots+a_{r})}$$

$$\times \sum_{m_{1},\dots,m_{r}=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{m_{1}+\dots+m_{r}} q^{d(m_{1}+\dots+m_{r})+d(\sum_{j=1}^{r}(h-j)m_{j})}$$

$$= \frac{2^{r}}{(1-q)^{n}} \sum_{l=0}^{n} \frac{\binom{n}{l} q^{lx} (-1)^{l} \sum_{a_{1},\dots,a_{r}=0}^{d-1} \left(\prod_{j=1}^{r} \chi(a_{j})\right) q^{\sum_{j=1}^{r}(h-j)a_{j}} (-q^{l})^{\sum_{j=1}^{r}a_{j}}}{(-q^{d(h-r+l)};q)_{r}},$$
(2.8)

where $(-x;q)_r = (1+x)(1+xq)\cdots(1+xq^{r-1}).$

Therefore, we obtain the following theorem.

Theorem 2.3. *For* $h \in \mathbb{Z}$ *,* $r \in \mathbb{N}$ *, one has*

$$\frac{G_{n+r,\chi,q}^{(h,r)}(x)}{\binom{n+r}{r}r!} = 2^{r} \sum_{m_{1},\dots,m_{r}=0}^{\infty} q^{\sum_{j=1}^{r}(h-j)m_{j}} \left(\prod_{i=1}^{r} \chi(m_{i})\right) (-1)^{\sum_{j=1}^{r}m_{j}} [x+m_{1}+\dots+m_{r}]_{q}^{n} \\
= \frac{2^{r}}{(1-q)^{n}} \sum_{l=0}^{n} \frac{\binom{n}{l}\left(-q^{x}\right)^{l} \sum_{a_{1},\dots,a_{r}=0}^{d-1} \left(\prod_{j=1}^{r} \chi(a_{j})\right) q^{\sum_{j=1}^{r}(h-j)a_{j}} (-q^{l})^{\sum_{j=1}^{r}a_{i}}}{(-q^{d(h-r+l)};q)_{r}}, \quad (2.9)$$

$$G_{0,\chi,q}^{(h,r)}(x) = G_{1,\chi,q}^{(h,r)}(x) = \dots = G_{r-1,\chi,q}^{(h,r)}(x) = 0.$$

Note that

$$\frac{1}{\left(-q^{d(h-r+l)};q\right)_{r}} = \frac{1}{\left(1+q^{d(h-r+l)}\right)} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \binom{m+r-1}{m}_{q} (-1)^{m} q^{d(h-r+l)m}.$$
 (2.10)

By (2.10), one sees that

$$\frac{1}{(1-q)^{n}} \sum_{l=0}^{n} \frac{\binom{n}{l} (-1)^{l} q^{l(x+\sum_{i=1}^{r} a_{i})}}{(-q^{d(h-r+l)};q)_{r}} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \binom{m+r-1}{m}_{q} (-1)^{m} q^{d(h-r)m} \frac{1}{(1-q)^{n}} \sum_{l=0}^{n} \binom{n}{l} (-1)^{l} q^{l(x+\sum_{i=1}^{r} a_{i}+dm)} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \binom{m+r-1}{m}_{q} (-1)^{m} q^{d(h-r)m} \left[x + \sum_{i=1}^{r} a_{i} + dm\right]_{q}^{n}.$$
(2.11)

By (2.10) and (2.11), we obtain the following corollary.

Corollary 2.4. *For* $h \in \mathbb{Z}$ *,* $r \in \mathbb{N}$ *, we have*

$$\frac{G_{n+r,\chi,q}^{(h,r)}(x)}{\binom{n+r}{r}r!} = 2^{r}\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \binom{m+r-1}{m}_{q} (-1)^{m} q^{d(h-r)m} \sum_{a_{1},\dots,a_{r}=0}^{d-1} \left(\prod_{j=1}^{r} \chi(a_{j})\right) q^{\sum_{j=1}^{r}(h-j)a_{j}} \left[x + \sum_{i=1}^{r} a_{i} + dm\right]_{q}^{n} \tag{2.12}$$

By (2.7), we can derive the following corollary.

Corollary 2.5. *For* $h \in \mathbb{Z}$ *,* $r, d \in \mathbb{N}$ *with* $d \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ *, we have*

$$q^{d(h-1)} \frac{G_{n+r,\chi,q}^{(h,r)}(x+d)}{\binom{n+r}{r}r!} + \frac{G_{n+r,\chi,q}^{(h,r)}(x)}{\binom{n+r}{r}r!} = 2\sum_{l=0}^{d-1}\chi(l)(-1)^{l} \frac{G_{n+r-1,\chi,q}^{(h-1,r-1)}}{\binom{n+r-1}{r-1}(r-1)!},$$

$$q^{x} \frac{G_{n+r,\chi,q}^{(h+1,r)}(x)}{\binom{n+r}{r}r!} = (q-1) \frac{G_{n+r+1,\chi,q}^{(h,r)}(x)}{\binom{n+r+1}{r}r!} + \frac{G_{n+r,\chi,q}^{(h,r)}(x)}{\binom{n+r}{r}r!}.$$
(2.13)

For h = r in Theorem 2.3, we obtain the following corollary.

Corollary 2.6. *For* $r \in \mathbb{N}$ *, one has*

$$G_{n+r,\chi,q}^{(r,r)}(x) = \frac{2^r}{(1-q)^n} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} (-q^x)^l \sum_{a_1,\dots,a_r=0}^{d-1} \left(\prod_{j=1}^r \chi(a_j)\right) \frac{q^{\sum_{j=1}^r ((r-j)a_j+la_j)} (-1)^{a_1+\dots+a_r}}{(-q^{dl};q)_r}$$
$$= 2^r \sum_{m=0}^\infty \binom{m+r-1}{m}_q (-1)^m \sum_{a_1,\dots,a_r=0}^{d-1} \left(\prod_{j=1}^r \chi(a_j)\right) q^{\sum_{j=1}^r (r-j)a_j} \left[x + \sum_{i=1}^r a_i + dm\right]_q^n.$$
(2.14)

In particular,

$$\frac{G_{n+r,\chi,q^{-1}}^{(r,r)}(r-x)}{\binom{n+r}{r}r!} = (-1)^n q^{n+\binom{r}{2}} \frac{G_{n+r,\chi,q}^{(r,r)}(x)}{\binom{n+r}{r}r!}.$$
(2.15)

Let x = r in Corollary 2.6. Then one has

$$\frac{G_{n+r,\chi,q^{-1}}^{(r,r)}}{\binom{n+r}{r}r!} = (-1)^n q^{n+\binom{r}{2}} \frac{G_{n+r,\chi,q}^{(r,r)}(r)}{\binom{n+r}{r}r!}.$$
(2.16)

Let $w_1, w_2, ..., w_r \in \mathbb{Q}_+$. Then, one has defines Barnes' type generalized q-Genocchi polynomials attached to χ as follows:

$$F_{q,\chi}^{(r)}(t,x \mid w_1, w_2, \dots, w_r) = 2^r t^r \sum_{m_1,\dots,m_r=0}^{\infty} \left(\prod_{i=1}^r \chi(m_i) \right) (-1)^{m_1+\dots+m_r} e^{[x+\sum_{j=1}^r w_j m_j]_q t}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} G_{n,\chi,q}^{(r)}(x \mid w_1, w_2, \dots, w_r) \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$
(2.17)

By (2.17), one sees that

$$\frac{G_{n+r,\chi,q}^{(r)}(x \mid w_1, \dots, w_r)}{\binom{n+r}{r}r!} = 2^r \sum_{m_1,\dots,m_r=0}^{\infty} \left(\prod_{i=1}^r \chi(m_i)\right) (-1)^{\sum_{j=1}^r m_j} \left[x + \sum_{j=1}^r w_j m_j\right]_q^n.$$
(2.18)

It is easy to see that

$$2^{r} \sum_{m_{1},\dots,m_{r}=0}^{\infty} \left(\prod_{i=1}^{r} \chi(m_{i})\right) (-1)^{m_{1}+\dots+m_{r}} \left[x + \sum_{j=1}^{r} w_{j}m_{j}\right]_{q}^{n}$$

$$= \frac{2^{r}}{(1-q)^{n}} \sum_{l=0}^{n} \frac{\binom{n}{l} (-q^{x})^{l} \sum_{a_{1},\dots,a_{r}=0}^{d-1} \left(\prod_{j=1}^{r} \chi(a_{j})\right) (-1)^{\sum_{j=1}^{r} a_{j}} q^{l \sum_{j=1}^{r} w_{i}a_{i}}}{(1+q^{dlw_{1}}) \cdots (1+q^{dlw_{r}})}.$$

$$(2.19)$$

Therefore, we obtain the following theorem.

Theorem 2.7. For $r \in \mathbb{N}$, $w_1, w_2, \ldots, w_r \in \mathbb{Q}_+$, one has

$$\frac{G_{n+r,\chi,q}^{(r)}(x \mid xw_1, w_2, \dots, w_r)}{\binom{n+r}{r}r!} = 2^r \sum_{m_1,\dots,m_r=0}^{\infty} \left(\prod_{i=1}^r \chi(m_i)\right) (-1)^{\sum_{j=1}^r m_j} [x + w_1m_1 + \dots + w_rm_r]_q^n \\
= \frac{2^r}{(1-q)^n} \sum_{l=0}^n \frac{\binom{n}{l} (-q^x)^l \sum_{a_1,\dots,a_r=0}^{d-1} \left(\prod_{j=1}^r \chi(a_j)\right) (-1)^{\sum_{j=1}^r a_j} q^l \sum_{i=1}^r w_i a_i}{(1+q^{dlw_1}) \cdots (1+q^{dlw_r})}.$$
(2.20)

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