

## ON $p$ -ADIC EULER $L$ -FUNCTION OF TWO VARIABLES<sup>†</sup>

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ABSTRACT. We consider a  $p$ -adic Euler  $L$ -function of two variables which interpolate the generalized Euler polynomials at nonpositive integers. We also show that the reflection formula and the functional equation for these functions.

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $p$  be an odd prime number. Let  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  be the topological completion of  $\mathbb{Q}$  with respect to the metric topology induced by  $|\cdot|_p$ . Let  $\mathbb{C}_p$  be the field of  $p$ -adic completion of algebraic closure of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ . Let  $v_p$  denote the  $p$ -adic exponential valuation on  $\mathbb{C}_p$ , normalized so that  $v_p(p) = 1$ .

For a primitive Dirichlet character  $\chi$  with odd conductor  $f_\chi$ , the generalized Euler polynomials  $E_{n,\chi}(t)$  are defined by the generating function

$$2 \sum_{a=1}^{f_\chi} \frac{(-1)^a \chi(a) e^{(a+t)x}}{e^{f_\chi x} + 1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_{n,\chi}(t) \frac{x^n}{n!} \quad (1)$$

(see [5, 9, 16, 19]). The corresponding generalized Euler numbers can be defined by  $E_{n,\chi} = E_{n,\chi}(0)$ . With this definition, the generalized Euler polynomials can also be expressed in terms of the expansion

$$E_{n,\chi}(t) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} E_{n-k,\chi} t^k, \quad (2)$$

which may be derived from (1). Let  $\mathbb{Q}(\chi)$  denote the field generated over  $\mathbb{Q}$  by all the values  $\chi(a)$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then it can be shown that  $E_{n,\chi} \in \mathbb{Q}(\chi)$  for each

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$n \geq 0$ , and  $E_{n,\chi}(t) \in \mathbb{Q}(\chi, t)$ . Recently, many authors have studied these and other related subject (see, e.g., [8, 14, 15]).

The  $p$ -adic analogue of Dirichlet  $L$ -functions were introduced and studied by Kubota and Leopoldt [11]. It becomes quite important in number theory after the works of Iwasawa [4], particularly in the theory of cyclotomic fields [12] and  $p$ -adic modular forms [22]. Recently, properties for several variations of Kubota-Leopoldt's  $p$ -adic  $L$ -functions have been studied by many authors (see [2, 4, 9, 13, 17, 18, 19, 23, 21, 24, 25]). And the  $p$ -adic functions which interpolate the Bernoulli and Euler polynomials have also been investigated by Tsumura [23], Kim [5, 6, 7], Cohn [1] and Young [20]. The constructions are based on  $p$ -adic gamma transforms, although Tsumura, Kim, Cohn and Young applied this technique to different areas of  $p$ -adic complex plane  $\mathbb{C}_p$ .

The two variable  $p$ -adic  $L$ -functions have been studied by Fox [2], Simsek [19] and Young [21]. These functions interpolate the generalized Bernoulli polynomials at nonpositive integers. By using these functions, Kummer's congruences for generalized Bernoulli polynomials are established.

In this paper, we construct the  $p$ -adic Euler  $L$ -functions  $L_{p,E}(s, t; \chi)$  which interpolate the generalized Euler polynomials  $E_{n,\chi}(t)$  at nonpositive integers, in analogue with Fox's construction of  $p$ -adic  $L$ -functions of two variable  $L_p(s, t; \chi)$  in [2]. The methods follow from Iwasawa's construction of  $p$ -adic  $L$ -functions in [4, Chapter 3] not involving the  $p$ -adic gamma transforms. We also prove several properties of  $L_{p,E}(s, t; \chi)$ , such as the reflection formula and the functional equation.

## 2. Construction of the $p$ -adic Euler $L$ -function $L_{p,E}(s, t; \chi)$

Throughout this paper, let  $p$  be an odd rational prime number.

In this section, by applying the method of Fox [2, Theorem 3.13] on the existence of a specific two-variable  $p$ -adic  $L$ -function, we construct the  $p$ -adic function  $L_{p,E}(s, t; \chi)$  and we also express them in an explicit form.

Note that there exist  $\varphi(p)$  distinct solutions, modulo  $p$ , to the equation  $x^{\varphi(p)} - 1 = 0$ , and each solution must be congruent to one of the values  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ , where  $1 \leq a \leq p, (a, p) = 1$ . Thus, by Hensel's Lemma, given  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $(a, p) = 1$ , there exists a unique  $\omega(a) \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ , where  $\omega(a)^{\varphi(p)} = 1$ , such that  $\omega(a) \equiv a \pmod{p\mathbb{Z}_p}$ . Letting  $\omega(a) = 0$  for  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $(a, p) \neq 1$ , it can be seen that  $\omega$  is actually a Dirichlet character having conductor  $f_\omega = p$ , called the Teichmüller character. Let  $\langle a \rangle = \omega^{-1}(a)a$ . Then  $\langle a \rangle \equiv 1 \pmod{p\mathbb{Z}_p}$ .

If  $t \in \mathbb{C}_p$  such that  $|t|_p \leq 1$ , then for any  $a \in \mathbb{Z}, a + pt \equiv a \pmod{p\mathbb{Z}_p[t]}$ . Thus, we define  $\omega(a + pt) = \omega(a)$  for these values of  $t$ . We also define  $\langle a + pt \rangle = \omega^{-1}(a)(a + pt)$  for such  $t$ . Therefore,  $\langle a + pt \rangle = \langle a \rangle + p\omega^{-1}(a)t$ , so that  $\langle a + pt \rangle \equiv 1 \pmod{p\mathbb{Z}_p[t]}$ .

We also define a particular subring of  $\mathbb{C}_p$  by

$$D = \left\{ s \in \mathbb{C}_p : v_p(s) > -1 + \frac{1}{p-1} \right\}.$$

Since  $1 \in D$  and any point of a  $p$ -adic disc is its center,  $D$  is the same as the set  $D = \{s \in \mathbb{C}_p : v_p(1 - s) > -1 + \frac{1}{p-1}\}$ .

To our purpose, we shall need to make a slight extension of the definition of  $p$ -adic Euler  $L$ -functions. Additional informations about these functions can be found in [10].

Let  $\chi$  be the Dirichlet character with odd conductor  $f = f_\chi$ ,  $\mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . Let  $\mathbb{Q}_p(\chi)$  denote the field generated over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  by  $\chi(a), a \in \mathbb{Z}$  (in an algebraic closure of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ ).  $\mathbb{Q}_p(\chi)$  is a locally compact topological field containing  $\mathbb{Q}(\chi)$  as a dense subfield. Let  $t \in \mathbb{C}_p, |t|_p \leq 1$ , and let  $\mathbb{Q}_p(\chi, t)$ , the field generated over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  by adjoining  $t$  and the values  $\chi(a), a \in \mathbb{Z}$ . For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we define  $\chi_n$  to be the primitive character associated with the character  $\chi_n : (\mathbb{Z}/\text{l.c.m.}(f, p)\mathbb{Z})^\times \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$  defined by  $\chi_n(a) = \chi(a)\omega^{-n}(a)$ . We define a sequence of elements  $\epsilon_{n,\chi}(t), n \geq 0$ , in  $\mathbb{Q}_p(\chi, t)$  by

$$\epsilon_{n,\chi}(t) = E_{n,\chi_n}(pt) - \chi_n(p)p^n E_{n,\chi_n}(t), \tag{3}$$

where  $E_{n,\chi_n}(t)$  is the generalized Euler polynomial and  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . Note that  $\chi_n(a)$  is in  $\mathbb{Q}_p(\chi)$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

In what follows, we construct a  $p$ -adic  $L$ -function of two variables which interpolates the generalized Euler polynomials at nonpositive integers. First, we need the following two lemmas.

**Lemma 2.1** ([10, Proposition 5.4(2)]). *If  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $n \geq 0$ , then there exists a Witt's formula of  $E_{n,\chi}(t)$  in the  $p$ -adic field  $\mathbb{Q}_p(\chi, t)$  such that*

$$E_{n,\chi}(t) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{a=1}^{fp^N} (-1)^a \chi(a)(a+t)^n,$$

where we set  $\chi(a) = 0$  if  $a$  is not prime to the conductor  $f$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** *In the  $p$ -adic field  $\mathbb{Q}_p(\chi, t)$ , for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \geq 0$ , we have*

$$E_{n,\chi}(t) - \chi(p)p^n E_{n,\chi}\left(\frac{t}{p}\right) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{\substack{a=1 \\ (a,p)=1}}^{fp^N} (-1)^a \chi(a)(a+t)^n.$$

*Proof.* From Lemma 2.1, we see that

$$\begin{aligned} & E_{n,\chi}(t) - \chi_n(p)p^n E_{n,\chi}\left(\frac{t}{p}\right) \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sum_{a=1}^{fp^N} (-1)^a \chi(a)(a+t)^n - \sum_{a=1}^{fp^{N-1}} (-1)^{ap} \chi(ap)(ap+t)^n \right) \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{\substack{a=1 \\ (a,p)=1}}^{fp^N} (-1)^a \chi(a)(a+t)^n, \end{aligned}$$

since  $p$  is an odd prime number. □

Now we consider a  $p$ -adic Euler  $L$ -function of two variables and we also compute its value at nonpositive integers.

Define

$$L_{p,E}(s, t; \chi) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{\substack{fp^N \\ a=1 \\ (a,p)=1}} (-1)^a \chi(a) (a + pt)^{1-s}, \tag{4}$$

which is analytic for  $s \in D$  and  $t \in \mathbb{C}_p$  such that  $|t|_p \leq 1$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** *For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $t \in \mathbb{C}_p$  such that  $|t|_p \leq 1$ , we have*

$$L_{p,E}(1 - n, t; \chi) = \epsilon_{n,\chi}(t).$$

*Proof.* Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $t \in \mathbb{C}_p$  such that  $|t|_p \leq 1$ . From (4), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} L_{p,E}(1 - n, t; \chi) &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{\substack{fp^N \\ a=1 \\ (a,p)=1}} (-1)^a \chi(a) (a + pt)^n \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{\substack{fp^N \\ a=1 \\ (a,p)=1}} (-1)^a \chi(a) \omega^{-n}(a) (a + pt)^n. \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

Therefore by Lemma 2.2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &L_{p,E}(1 - n, t; \chi) \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sum_{a=1}^{fp^N} (-1)^a \chi_n(a) (a + pt)^n - \sum_{a=1}^{fp^{N-1}} (-1)^{ap} \chi_n(ap) (ap + pt)^n \right) \\ &= E_{n,\chi_n}(pt) - \chi_n(p) p^n E_{n,\chi_n}(t) \\ &= \epsilon_{n,\chi}(t). \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

This is the desired result. □

Define the forward difference operator  $\Delta_c$  by the equation

$$\Delta_c a_n = a_{n+c} - a_n, \tag{7}$$

where  $a_n$  denotes a function of  $n$ , that is,  $a_n = a(n)$ . The power  $\Delta_c^k$  of  $\Delta_c$  are defined by  $\Delta_c^0 = \text{identity}$  and  $\Delta_c^k = \Delta_c \circ \Delta_c^{k-1}$  for positive integers  $k$ . The following is a fundamental result for the  $k$ th difference of the function  $a_n$ , which can be found in [3, p. 196].

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $\Delta$  be forward difference operator, which assigns to every function  $a_n \in A^{\mathbb{R}}$ , defined on the real numbers, and with values in a ring  $A$ . Then*

$$\Delta_c^k a_n = \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{k}{j} (-1)^{k-j} a_{n+jc}$$

for some nonnegative integer  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

In particular, Fox [3, Lemma 5] derives the following congruence property of  $\langle a + pt \rangle^m$  by elementary means:

**Lemma 2.5.** *Let  $a, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ , with  $(a, p) = 1$  and  $m \geq 2$ , and let  $t \in \mathbb{C}_p$  such that  $|t|_p \leq 1$ . Then*

$$\langle a + pt \rangle^m - 1 \equiv m(\langle a \rangle - 1 + p\omega^{-1}(a)t) \pmod{m(m-1)p^2\mathbb{Z}_p[t]}.$$

**Theorem 2.6.** *If  $c, k, n \geq 1$  and  $t \in \mathbb{C}_p$  such that  $|t|_p \leq 1$ . Then*

$$c^{-k}p^{-k}\Delta_c^k\epsilon_{n,\chi}(t) \in \mathbb{Z}_p[\chi, t].$$

*Proof.* Let  $t \in \mathbb{C}_p$  such that  $|t|_p \leq 1$ . An application of Theorem 2.3 and Lemma 2.4 to the sequence  $\{\Delta_c^k\epsilon_{n,\chi}(t)\}$  yields

$$\Delta_c^k\epsilon_{n,\chi}(t) = \Delta_c^k L_{p,E}(1-n, t, \chi) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{\substack{fp^N \\ a=1 \\ (a,p)=1}} (-1)^a \chi(a) \langle a + pt \rangle^n,$$

where  $c, n, k \geq 1$ . Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_c^k \langle a + pt \rangle^n &= \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{k}{j} (-1)^{k-j} \langle a + pt \rangle^{n+jc} \\ &= \langle a + pt \rangle^n \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{k}{j} (-1)^{k-j} \langle a + pt \rangle^{jc} \\ &= \langle a + pt \rangle^n (\langle a + pt \rangle^c - 1)^k, \end{aligned}$$

so that,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_c^k \epsilon_{n,\chi}(t) &= \Delta_c^k L_{p,E}(1-n, t, \chi) \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{k}{j} (-1)^{k-j} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{\substack{fp^N \\ a=1 \\ (a,p)=1}} (-1)^a \chi(a) \langle a + pt \rangle^{n+jc} \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{\substack{fp^N \\ a=1 \\ (a,p)=1}} (-1)^a \chi(a) \langle a + pt \rangle^n (\langle a + pt \rangle^c - 1)^k. \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

By Lemma 2.5, we obtain  $(\langle a + pt \rangle^c - 1)^k \equiv 0 \pmod{c^k p^k \mathbb{Z}_p[t]}$  and  $\Delta_c^k \epsilon_{n,\chi}(t) \equiv 0 \pmod{c^k p^k \mathbb{Z}_p[\chi, t]}$ . □

**Corollary 2.7.** *Let  $n' \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $n' > n \geq 1$  and let  $t \in \mathbb{C}_p$  with  $|t|_p \leq 1$ . Then*

$$\Delta_c^k \epsilon_{n,\chi}(t) \equiv \Delta_c^k \epsilon_{n',\chi}(t) \pmod{(n' - n)c^k p^{k+1} \mathbb{Z}_p[\chi, t]}.$$

*Proof.* From (8), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_c^k \epsilon_{n', \chi}(t) - \Delta_c^k \epsilon_{n, \chi}(t) &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{\substack{fp^N \\ a=1 \\ (a,p)=1}} (-1)^a \chi(a) \langle a + pt \rangle^n \\ &\quad \times (\langle a + pt \rangle^c - 1)^k (\langle a + pt \rangle^{n' - n} - 1). \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 2.5, we obtain  $(\langle a + pt \rangle^c - 1)^k (\langle a + pt \rangle^{n' - n} - 1) \equiv 0 \pmod{(n' - n)c^k p^{k+1} \mathbb{Z}_p[t]}$ , and the result follows.  $\square$

We denote two particular subrings of  $\mathbb{C}_p$  in the following manner

$$\mathfrak{o} = \{t \in \mathbb{C}_p : |t|_p \leq 1\}, \quad \mathfrak{p} = \{t \in \mathbb{C}_p : |t|_p < 1\}.$$

If  $t \in \mathbb{C}_p$  such that  $|t|_p \leq |p|_p^s$ , then  $t \in p^s \mathfrak{o}$  for  $s \in \mathbb{Q}$ , and we also write this as  $t \equiv 0 \pmod{p^s \mathfrak{o}}$  as usual. Let

$$c_{n, \chi}(t) = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^{n-i} \epsilon_{i, \chi}(t)$$

for all  $t \in \mathbb{C}_p$  with  $|t|_p \leq 1$ . We now derive our bound on the magnitude of  $c_{n, \chi}(t)$ .

**Lemma 2.8.**

$$|c_{n, \chi}(t)|_p \leq |p^n|_p, \quad n \geq 0.$$

*Proof.* From the definition of  $\epsilon_{i, \chi}$  and (5), we have

$$\begin{aligned} c_{n, \chi}(t) &= \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^{n-i} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{\substack{fp^N \\ a=1 \\ (a,p)=1}} (-1)^a \chi(a) \langle a + pt \rangle^i \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{\substack{fp^N \\ a=1 \\ (a,p)=1}} (-1)^a \chi(a) (\langle a + pt \rangle - 1)^n. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\langle a + pt \rangle \equiv 1 \pmod{p\mathfrak{o}}$  then  $(\langle a + pt \rangle - 1)^n \equiv 0 \pmod{p^n \mathfrak{o}}$ , we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} |c_{n, \chi}(t)|_p &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left| \sum_{\substack{fp^N \\ a=1 \\ (a,p)=1}} (-1)^a \chi(a) (\langle a + pt \rangle - 1)^n \right|_p \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} |p^n \theta_n(N, t)|_p \leq |p^n|_p, \end{aligned}$$

because

$$\sum_{\substack{fp^N \\ a=1 \\ (a,p)=1}} (-1)^a \chi(a) (\langle a + pt \rangle - 1)^n = p^n \theta_n(N, t)$$

for some  $\theta_n(N, t)$  with  $|\theta_n(N, t)|_p \leq 1$ . This is the desired result.  $\square$

Now we apply Theorem 1 in [4, p. 22] to the above sequences  $\epsilon_{n,\chi}(t)$  and  $c_{n,\chi}(t)$ ,  $n \geq 0$ , in  $\mathbb{Q}_p(\chi, t)$  and for

$$r = |p|_p < |p|_p^{1/(p-1)}.$$

This theorem shows that there exists a unique power series  $A_{\chi,t}(x) \in \mathbb{Q}_p(\chi, t)[[x]]$  convergent for  $|\xi|_p < |p|_p^{1/(p-1)}|p|_p^{-1} = |p|_p^{-(p-2)/(p-1)}$  which takes the prescribed values at the nonnegative integers, that is,

$$A_{\chi,t}(n) = \epsilon_{n,\chi}(t).$$

Denote by

$$L_{p,E}(s, t; \chi) = A_{\chi,t}(1 - s).$$

We have the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.9.** *Let  $\chi$  be a Dirichlet character with odd conductor  $f$ . For each  $t \in \mathbb{C}_p$ , with  $|t|_p \leq 1$ , there exists a unique  $p$ -adic analytic function*

$$L_{p,E}(s, t; \chi) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n a_n(t) (s - 1)^n, \quad a_n(t) \in \mathbb{Q}_p(\chi, t)$$

on  $\{s \in \mathbb{C}_p : |s - 1|_p < p^{-(p-2)/(p-1)}\}$  such that

$$L_{p,E}(1 - n, t; \chi) = \epsilon_{n,\chi}(t), \quad n \geq 1.$$

### 3. Properties of $L_{p,E}(s, t; \chi)$

This section will show some properties of the  $p$ -adic function  $L_p(s, t; \chi)$  constructed above, including the reflection formula (see Theorem 3.3) and the functional equation (see Theorem 3.4). And in what follows, let  $p$  be an odd prime and  $\chi$  a Dirichlet character with odd conductor  $f = f_\chi$ .

The polynomials  $E_{n,\chi}(t)$  has the property that, for all  $n \geq 0$ ,

$$E_{n,\chi}(-t) = (-1)^{n-1} \chi(-1) E_{n,\chi}(t) \tag{9}$$

if  $\chi \neq 1$ . From (1), if  $\chi = 1$ , we recover the original Euler polynomials, that is,  $E_{n,1}(x) = E_n(x)$ .

**Lemma 3.1.** *For all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \geq 0$ , we have*

$$E_{n,1}(-t) = (-1)^{n-1} E_{n,1}(t) - (-1)^{n-1} 2t^n.$$

*Proof.* The formula holds for  $n = 0$  because  $E_{0,1}(t) = 1$ . If  $n \geq 1$ , then since  $E_{n,1}(0) = 0$  for even  $n \geq 2$ , we may write (2) in the form

$$\begin{aligned} E_{n,1}(t) &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} E_{n-k,1}(0) t^k \\ &= \sum_{\substack{k=0 \\ n-k \text{ odd}}}^n \binom{n}{k} E_{n-k,1}(0) t^k + E_{0,1}(0) t^n. \end{aligned}$$

Any  $k$  such that  $n - k$  is odd must have the different parity as  $n$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} E_{n,1}(-t) &= (-1)^{n-1} \sum_{\substack{k=0 \\ n-k \text{ odd}}}^n \binom{n}{k} E_{n-k,1}(0)t^k + (-1)^n E_{0,1}(0)t^n \\ &= (-1)^{n-1} E_{n,1}(t) - (-1)^{n-1} 2E_{0,1}(0)t^n \\ &= (-1)^{n-1} E_{n,1}(t) - (-1)^{n-1} 2t^n, \end{aligned}$$

the lemma then follows. □

**Lemma 3.2.** *For all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \geq 0$ , we have*

$$\epsilon_{n,\chi}(-t) = -\chi(-1)\epsilon_{n,\chi}(t).$$

*Proof.* This is true for  $n = 0$  since  $\epsilon_{0,\chi}(-t) = -\chi(-1)\epsilon_{0,\chi}(t)$  and  $\epsilon_{0,1}(-t) = -\epsilon_{0,1}(t)$ . So we assume that  $n \geq 1$ .

First we consider the cases of  $\chi_n = 1$ . From Lemma 3.1, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_{n,1}(-t) &= E_{n,1}(-pt) - p^n E_{n,1}(-t) \\ &= (-1)^{n-1} E_{n,1}(pt) - (-1)^{n-1} 2(pt)^n \\ &\quad - p^n ((-1)^{n-1} E_{n,1}(t) - (-1)^{n-1} 2t^n) \\ &= (-1)^{n-1} (E_{n,1}(pt) - p^n E_{n,1}(t)) \\ &= (-1)^{n-1} \epsilon_{n,1}(t). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the lemma holds for  $\chi_n = 1$ .

Next we assume that  $\chi_n \neq 1$ . Then, from (9), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_{n,\chi}(-t) &= E_{n,\chi_n}(-pt) - \chi_n(p)p^n E_{n,\chi_n}(-t) \\ &= (-1)^{n-1} \chi_n(-1) E_{n,\chi_n}(pt) - \chi_n(p)p^n (-1)^{n-1} \chi_n(-1) E_{n,\chi_n}(t) \\ &= (-1)^{n-1} \chi_n(-1) (E_{n,\chi_n}(pt) - \chi_n(p)p^n E_{n,\chi_n}(t)) \\ &= (-1)^{n-1} \chi_n(-1) \epsilon_{n,\chi}(t) \\ &= -\chi(-1)\epsilon_{n,\chi}(t), \end{aligned}$$

since  $\chi_n(-1) = (-1)^n \chi(-1)$ . Thus the lemma also holds for  $\chi_n \neq 1$ . This completes the proof of our assertion. □

**Theorem 3.3** (Reflection formula). *Let  $s \in D$  and  $t \in \mathbb{C}_p$  such that  $|t|_p \leq 1$ . Then*

$$L_{p,E}(s, -t; \chi) = -\chi(-1)L_{p,E}(s, t; \chi).$$

*Proof.* From Lemma 3.2, we have  $\epsilon_{n,\chi}(-t) = -\chi(-1)\epsilon_{n,\chi}(t)$ , then using Theorem 2.9, we see this implies  $L_{p,E}(s, -t; \chi) = -\chi(-1)L_{p,E}(s, t; \chi)$ . □

Now, by (1) we obtain

$$(-1)^{m-1} E_{n,\chi}(t + mf) + E_{n,\chi}(t) = 2 \sum_{a=1}^{mf} (-1)^a \chi(a)(t + a)^n, \tag{10}$$



where  $\chi$  is the Dirichlet character with odd conductor  $f = f_\chi$  and  $m \geq 1$ . For the character  $\chi$ , let  $F_0 = \text{l.c.m}(f, p)$ . Then we have  $\chi_n \mid F_0$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . We also denote  $F$  a positive multiple of  $F_0$ .

**Theorem 3.4** (Functional equation). *Let  $s \in D$  and  $t \in \mathbb{C}_p$  such that  $|t|_p \leq 1$ . Then we have*

$$L_{p,E}(s, t + F; \chi) + L_{p,E}(s, t; \chi) = 2 \sum_{\substack{a=1 \\ (p,a)=1}}^{pF} (-1)^a \chi(a) (a + pt)^{1-s}. \tag{11}$$

*Proof.* Let  $t \in \mathbb{C}_p$  such that  $|t|_p \leq 1$ , and let  $n \geq 1$ . Then from Theorem 2.3, we have

$$L_{p,E}(1 - n, t + F; \chi) + L_{p,E}(1 - n, t; \chi) = \epsilon_{n,\chi}(t + F) + \epsilon_{n,\chi}(t). \tag{12}$$

By using (3) and (10), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_{n,\chi}(t + F) + \epsilon_{n,\chi}(t) &= E_{n,\chi_n}(p(t + F)) - \chi_n(p)p^n E_{n,\chi_n}(t + F) \\ &\quad + E_{n,\chi_n}(pt) - \chi_n(p)p^n E_{n,\chi_n}(t) \\ &= E_{n,\chi_n}(p(t + F)) + E_{n,\chi_n}(pt) \\ &\quad - \chi_n(p)p^n (E_{n,\chi_n}(t + F) + E_{n,\chi_n}(t)) \\ &= 2 \sum_{a=1}^{pF} (-1)^a \chi_n(a) (pt + a)^n \\ &\quad - \chi_n(p)p^n 2 \sum_{a=1}^F (-1)^a \chi_n(a) (t + a)^n. \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

We also note that

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_n(p)p^n 2 \sum_{a=1}^F (-1)^a \chi_n(a) (t + a)^n &= 2 \sum_{a=1}^F (-1)^{pa} \chi_n(pa) (pt + pa)^n \\ &= 2 \sum_{\substack{a=1 \\ p|a}}^{pF} (-1)^a \chi_n(a) (pt + a)^n. \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

Substitution the above equality into (13), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_{n,\chi}(t + F) + \epsilon_{n,\chi}(t) &= 2 \sum_{a=1}^{pF} (-1)^a \chi_n(a) (pt + a)^n - 2 \sum_{\substack{a=1 \\ p|a}}^{pF} (-1)^a \chi_n(a) (pt + a)^n \\ &= 2 \sum_{\substack{a=1 \\ (p,a)=1}}^{pF} (-1)^a \chi_n(a) (pt + a)^n. \end{aligned}$$

From which, by using (12), we conclude that for  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} L_{p,E}(1-n, t+F; \chi) + L_{p,E}(1-n, t; \chi) &= 2 \sum_{\substack{a=1 \\ (p,a)=1}}^{pF} (-1)^a \chi_n(a) (pt+a)^n \\ &= 2 \sum_{\substack{a=1 \\ (p,a)=1}}^{pF} (-1)^a \chi(a) (a+pt)^n, \end{aligned}$$

since  $\chi_n = \chi \omega^{-n}$ . Thus Theorem 3.4 holds for all  $s = 1 - n$ , where  $n \geq 1$ . Since the negative integers have 0 as a limit point, using the uniqueness property for power series in [4, p. 19, Lemma 1], we have shown that Theorem 3.4 holds for all  $s$  in any neighborhood about 0 common to the domain of the functions on either side of (11).

It is obvious that the definition domains in the variable  $s$  of the functions on the left hand-side of (11) contain  $D$ . For  $t \in \mathbb{C}_p, |t|_p \leq 1$ , the same argument as the proof of Theorem 4.8 of [2] shows that

$$2 \sum_{\substack{a=1 \\ (p,a)=1}}^{pF} (-1)^a \chi(a) (a+pt)^{1-s}$$

is convergence as a power series of  $s$ , whenever  $s \in D$ . Therefore, the definition domains of the functions on either side of (11) contain  $D$ , and our theorem holds.  $\square$

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