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# On Poly-Euler Polynomials and Arakawa-Kaneko Type Zeta Functions of Parameters $a, b, c$

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we investigate a class of generalized poly-Euler polynomials with  $a, b, c$  parameters, a generalization of the classical Euler numbers and polynomials. Various properties of these generalized polynomials are established. We also introduce the Arakawa-Kaneko type zeta functions for the poly-Euler polynomials with  $a, b, c$  parameters and obtain an interpolation formula for the generalization of poly-Euler numbers and polynomials with  $a, b, c$  parameters. Furthermore, we establish the relationship between the Arakawa-Kaneko type zeta functions for generalized poly-Euler polynomials and the Arakawa-Kaneko zeta functions for generalized poly-Bernoulli polynomials defined in [1].

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## 1. Introduction

For an integer  $k$ , the polylogarithm function  $\text{Li}_k(x)$  is defined via the formal power series

$$\text{Li}_k(x) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^m}{m^k}.$$

If  $k \leq 0$ , say  $k = -s$ , then it converges for  $|x| < 1$  and is given by

$$\text{Li}_{-s}(x) = \frac{\sum_{j=0}^s \langle j \rangle^s x^{s-j}}{(1-x)^{s+1}},$$

where  $\langle j \rangle^s$  are the Eulerian numbers. The number  $\langle j \rangle^s$  is the number of permutations of  $\{1, 2, \dots, s\}$  with  $j$  permutation ascents. Moreover,

$$\langle j \rangle^s = \sum_{l=0}^{j+1} \binom{s+1}{l} (j-l+1)^s.$$

For more properties of Eulerian numbers (see [9]).

In [4], Bayad and Hamahata introduced poly-Bernoulli polynomials  $B_n^{(k)}(x)$  by means of the following exponential generating function

$$\frac{\text{Li}_k(1-e^{-t})}{1-e^{-t}} e^{xt} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n^{(k)}(x) \frac{t^n}{n!}. \quad (1.1)$$

The numbers  $B_n^{(k)} := B_n^{(k)}(0)$  are called the poly-Bernoulli numbers which were introduced by Kaneko [13] as generalizations of the classical Bernoulli numbers  $B_n$ .

It can be seen from the generating function (1.1) that, for any  $n \geq 0$ ,

$$(-1)^n B_n^{(1)}(-x) = B_n(x),$$

where  $B_n(x)$  are the classical Bernoulli polynomials given by the generating function

$$\frac{te^{xt}}{e^t - 1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n(x) \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$

The poly-Bernoulli numbers  $B_n^{(k)}$  satisfy the relation (see [3])

$$B_n^{(-k)} = \sum_{m \geq 0} m! S_2(n+1, m+1) m! S_2(k+1, n+1),$$

where  $S_2(n, m)$  are the Stirling numbers of the second kind. For a detailed discussion of these numbers, one may see [6].

Arakawa and Kaneko [2] introduced the so-called Arakawa-Kaneko zeta function  $\xi_k(s)$  defined for any integer  $k \geq 1$  by

$$\xi_k(s) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(s)} \int_0^\infty \frac{\text{Li}_k(1-e^{-t})}{e^t - 1} t^{s-1} dt.$$

The above integral converges for  $\Re(s) > 0$  and the function  $\xi_k$  can be analytically continued to the entire function of the whole  $s$ -plane. Note that

$$\xi_1(s) = s\zeta(s+1) \quad \text{and} \quad \xi_k(1) = \zeta(k+1),$$

where  $\zeta(s)$  is the Riemann zeta function.

Moreover, Arakawa and Kaneko [2] have expressed the special values of function  $\xi_k(s)$  at the negative integers with the aid of the poly-Bernoulli numbers  $B_n^{(k)}$  through

$$\xi_k(-m) = \sum_{l=0}^m (-1)^l \binom{m}{l} B_l^{(k)}, \quad m = 0, 1, 2, \dots.$$

A generalization of Arakawa-Kaneko zeta function was introduced by Coppo and Candelpergher [7] defined for  $\Re(s) > 0$  and  $x > 0$  by

$$\xi_k(s, x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(s)} \int_0^\infty \frac{\text{Li}_k(1 - e^{-t})}{e^t - 1} e^{-xt} t^{s-1} dt.$$

This is a very natural extension of the Arakawa-Kaneko zeta function the same way the as the Hurwitz zeta function  $\zeta(s, x)$  generalizes the Riemann zeta function  $\zeta(s)$ . In particular,  $\xi_k(s, 1) = \xi_k(s)$  and  $\xi_1(s, x) = s\zeta(s+1, x)$ .

On the other hand, in [10] Hamahata defined poly-Euler polynomials  $E_n^{(k)}(x)$  via the generating function

$$\frac{2\text{Li}_k(1 - e^{-t})}{t(1 + e^t)} e^{xt} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n^{(k)}(x) \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$

These polynomials satisfy the explicit formula

$$E_n^{(k)}(x) = \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(m+1)^k} \sum_{j=0}^{m+1} (-1)^j \binom{m+1}{j} E_{n+1}(x-j), \quad (1.2)$$

where  $E_n(x) := E_n^{(1)}(x)$  are the classical Euler polynomials defined via the generating function

$$\frac{2e^{xt}}{e^t + 1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n(x) \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$

When  $x = 0$ ,  $E_n^{(k)} := E_n^{(k)}(0)$  are called the poly-Euler numbers.

Moreover, Hamahata introduced Arakawa-Kaneko type zeta function for poly-Euler polynomials defined for any integer  $k$  by

$$Z_{E,k}(s, x) = \frac{2}{\Gamma(s)} \int_0^\infty \frac{\text{Li}_k(1 - e^{-t})}{e^t + 1} e^{-xt} t^{s-2} dt,$$

and showed that the function  $s \rightarrow Z_{E,k}(s, x)$  has analytic continuation to an entire function on the whole complex  $s$ -plane and

$$Z_{E,k}(-n, x) = (-1)^n E_n^{(k)}(-x), \quad n \geq 0 \quad (1.3)$$

given that  $x > 0$  if  $k > 1$ , and  $x > |k| + 1$  if  $k \leq 1$ .

## 2. Generalized Poly-Euler Polynomials of Parameters $a, b, c$

Recently, generalized poly-Bernoulli polynomials of parameters  $a, b, c$  were introduced by Jolany et al. [11] (see also [8, 12]) via the generating function

$$\frac{\text{Li}_k(1 - (ab)^{-t})}{b^t - a^{-t}} c^{xt} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n^{(k)}(x; a, b, c) \frac{t^n}{n!}, \quad |t| < \frac{2\pi}{|\ln b - \ln a|}. \quad (2.1)$$

The numbers  $B_n^{(k)}(a, b, c) := B_n^{(k)}(0; a, b, c)$  are called the poly-Bernoulli numbers of parameters  $a, b, c$ . When  $k = 1$  in (2.1),

$$B_n^{(1)}(x; a, b, c) = (\ln ab) B_n(x; a^{-1}, b, c),$$

where  $B_n(x, a, b, c)$  are the generalized Bernoulli polynomials with parameters  $a, b, c$  defined by Luo et al. [14] using the generating function

$$\frac{t}{b^t - a^t} c^{xt} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n(x; a, b, c) \frac{t^n}{n!}, \quad |t| < \frac{2\pi}{|\ln b - \ln a|}.$$

Thus, we have

$$B_n(x; 1, e) := B_n(x), \quad B_n(0; a, b) := B_n(a, b) \quad \text{and} \quad B_n(0; 1, e) := B_n,$$

where  $B_n(a, b)$  are called the generalized Bernoulli numbers with  $a, b$  parameters.

In this section, parallel to the above generalization of poly-Bernoulli polynomials, we introduce  $E_n^{(k)}(x; a, b, c)$ , the generalized poly-Euler polynomials of parameters  $a, b, c$  as a generalization of Hamahata's work in [10] and establish various properties of these polynomials. Moreover, we also obtain several identities involving  $E_n^{(k)}(x; a, b, c)$ , poly-Euler polynomials  $E_n^{(k)}(x)$ , and poly-Bernoulli polynomials  $B_n^{(k)}(x)$ .

**Definition 2.1.** For  $a, b, c > 0$  and  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we define the *generalized poly-Euler polynomials of parameters  $a, b, c$*  by means of the generating function

$$\frac{2\text{Li}_k(1-(ab)^{-t})}{t(a^t+b^{-t})}c^{xt} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n^{(k)}(x; a, b, c) \frac{t^n}{n!}. \quad (2.2)$$

When  $c = e$  in (2.2), we define  $E_n^{(k)}(x; a, b) := E_n^{(k)}(x; a, b, e)$ , the *poly-Euler polynomials of parameters  $a, b$* . Setting further  $x = 0$ , the numbers  $E_n^{(k)}(a, b) := E_n^{(k)}(0; a, b)$  are called the *generalized poly-Euler numbers of parameters  $a, b$* . In particular,

$$E_n^{(k)}(x; e, 1, e) = E_n^{(k)}(x).$$

Moreover, when  $k = 1$  in (2.2)

$$E_n^{(1)}(x; a, b, c) = (\ln ab)E_n(x, a, b^{-1}, c) \quad \text{and} \quad E_n^{(1)}(x; e, 1, e) = E_n(x),$$

where  $E_n(x; a, b, c)$  are the generalized Euler polynomials of parameters  $a, b, c$  obtained by Luo *et al.* in [15] defined through the generating function

$$\frac{2}{b^t+a^t}c^{xt} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n(x; a, b, c) \frac{t^n}{n!}, \quad |t| < \frac{\pi}{|\ln b - \ln a|}.$$

Here, we have

$$E_n(x; e, 1) := E_n(x), \quad E_n(0; e, 1) := E_n, \quad \text{and} \quad E_n(0; a, b) := E_n(a, b),$$

where  $E_n(a, b)$  are called the *generalized Euler numbers with  $a, b$  parameters*.

The next theorem follows directly from the generating function (2.2).

**Theorem 2.2.** *The generalized poly-Euler polynomials satisfy the following relations:*

$$\begin{aligned} E_n^{(k)}(x; a, b, c) &= \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (\ln c)^{n-i} E_i^{(k)}(a, b) x^{n-i}, \quad x \neq 0, \\ E_n^{(k)}(x+y; a, b, c) &= \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (\ln c)^{n-i} E_i^{(k)}(y; a, b, c) x^{n-i}, \quad x \neq 0, \\ E_n^{(k)}(x; a, b, c) &= \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (\ln c)^{n-i} E_i^{(k)}(y; a, b, c) (x-y)^{n-i}, \quad x \neq y. \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

For the basic derivative and integral properties of  $F_n^{(\alpha)}(x, y; a, b, c)$ , we have the following theorem:

**Theorem 2.3.** For  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $n \geq 0$ ,

$$\frac{d}{dx} E_{n+1}^{(k)}(x; a, b, c) = (n+1) \ln c \cdot E_n^{(k)}(x; a, b, c), \quad (2.4)$$

$$\int E_n^{(k)}(x; a, b, c) dx = \frac{1}{(n+1) \ln c} E_{n+1}^{(k)}(x; a, b, c). \quad (2.5)$$

*Proof.* From (2.3), we have

$$E_{n+1}^{(k)}(x; a, b, c) = \sum_{i=0}^{n+1} \binom{n+1}{i} (\ln c)^{n+1-i} E_i^{(k)}(a, b) x^{n+1-i}. \quad (2.6)$$

Differentiating both side of (2.6), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} E_{n+1}^{(k)}(x; a, b, c) &= \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n+1}{i} (n+1-i) (\ln c)^{n+1-i} E_i^{(k)}(a, b) x^{n-i} \\ &= (n+1) \ln c \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (\ln c)^{n-i} E_i^{(k)}(a, b) x^{n-i} \\ &= (n+1) \ln c \cdot E_n^{(k)}(x; a, b, c). \end{aligned}$$

Equation (2.5) follows directly from (2.4).  $\square$

The next identity gives the relation between  $E_n^{(k)}(x; a, b, c)$  and  $E_n^{(k)}(x)$ .

**Theorem 2.4.** For  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $n \geq 0$ ,

$$E_n^{(k)}(x; a, b, c) = (\ln a + \ln b)^{n+1} E_n^{(k)}\left(\frac{x \ln c + \ln b}{\ln a + \ln b}\right).$$

*Proof.* From (2.2), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n^{(k)}(x; a, b, c) \frac{t^n}{n!} &= \frac{2 \text{Li}_k(1 - (ab)^{-t})}{t(1 + (ab)^t)b^{-t}} c^{xt} = \frac{\ln ab \cdot 2 \text{Li}_k(1 - e^{-t \ln ab})}{t \ln ab \cdot (1 + e^{t \ln ab})} e^{t \ln ab \left(\frac{x \ln c + \ln b}{\ln a + \ln b}\right)} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\ln a + \ln b)^{n+1} E_n^{(k)}\left(\frac{x \ln c + \ln b}{\ln a + \ln b}\right) \frac{t^n}{n!}. \end{aligned}$$

Comparing the coefficients of  $\frac{t^n}{n!}$ , we get the desired result.  $\square$

Using Theorem 2.4 and (1.2), we obtain the explicit formula of  $E_n^{(k)}(x; a, b, c)$  in terms of the classical Euler polynomials.

**Theorem 2.5.** For  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $n \geq 0$ ,

$$E_n^{(k)}(x; a, b, c) = \frac{(\ln a + \ln b)^{n+1}}{n+1} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(m+1)^k} \sum_{j=0}^{m+1} (-1)^j \binom{m+1}{j} E_{n+1}\left(\frac{x \ln c + \ln b}{\ln a + \ln b} - j\right).$$

The next result gives a recursive formula for  $E_n^{(k)}(x; a, b, c)$  in terms of the poly-Bernoulli numbers of parameters  $a, b$  and Euler polynomials of parameters  $a, b, c$ .

**Theorem 2.6.** For  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $n \geq 0$ ,

$$E_n^{(k)}(x; a, b, c) = (\ln ab) \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} B_{n-m}^{(k-1)}(b, a) \sum_{l=0}^m \binom{m}{l} \frac{(-\ln b)^{m-l}}{n-l+1} E_l(x; a, b^{-1}, c).$$

*Proof.* Note that

$$\text{Li}_{k+1}(t) = \int_0^t \frac{\text{Li}_k(s)}{s} ds.$$

Thus,

$$\frac{2\text{Li}_k(1-(ab)^{-t})}{t(b^{-t} + a^t)} c^{xt} = \frac{2c^{xt}}{t(b^{-t} + a^t)} \int_0^t \frac{\text{Li}_{k-1}(1-(ab)^{-s})}{1-(ab)^{-s}} (\ln ab) e^{-s \ln ab} ds.$$

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n^{(k)}(x; a, b, c) \frac{t^n}{n!} \\ &= (\ln ab) \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n(x; a, b^{-1}, c) \frac{t^{n-1}}{n!} \right) \int_0^t \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-\ln a)^n s^n}{n!} \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n^{(k-1)}(a, b) \frac{s^n}{n!} \right) ds \\ &= (\ln ab) \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n(x; a, b^{-1}, c) \frac{t^{n-1}}{n!} \right) \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} (-\ln a)^{n-m} B_m^{(k-1)}(a, b) \frac{t^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \right) \\ &= (\ln ab) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{l=0}^n E_{n-l}(x; a, b^{-1}, c) \sum_{m=0}^l \binom{l}{m} (-\ln a)^{l-m} B_m^{(k-1)}(a, b) \right) \frac{t^n}{(l+1)!(n-l)!} \\ &= (\ln ab) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} \frac{E_{n-l}(x; a, b^{-1}, c)}{l+1} \sum_{m=0}^l \binom{l}{m} (-\ln a)^{l-m} B_m^{(k-1)}(a, b) \right) \frac{t^n}{n!}. \end{aligned}$$

Applying the identity

$$\binom{n}{l} \binom{l}{m} = \binom{n}{m} \binom{n-m}{n-l},$$

we obtain

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n^{(k)}(x; a, b, c) \frac{t^n}{n!} = (\ln ab) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} B_m^{(k-1)}(a, b) \sum_{l=m}^n \binom{n-m}{n-l} \frac{(-\ln a)^{l-m}}{l+1} E_{n-l}(x; a, b^{-1}, c) \right) \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$

Setting  $l' = n - l$ , we get

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n^{(k)}(x; a, b, c) \frac{t^n}{n!} = (\ln ab) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} B_m^{(k-1)}(a, b) \sum_{l'=0}^{n-m} \binom{n-m}{l'} \frac{(-\ln a)^{n-l'-m}}{n-l'+1} E_{l'}(x; a, b^{-1}, c) \right) \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$

Setting  $m' = n - m$ , gives us

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n^{(k)}(x; a, b, c) \frac{t^n}{n!} = (\ln ab) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{m'=0}^n \binom{n}{m'} B_{n-m'}^{(k-1)}(a, b) \sum_{l'=0}^{m'} \binom{m'}{l'} \frac{(-\ln a)^{m'-l'}}{n-l'+1} E_{l'}(x; a, b^{-1}, c) \right) \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$

Comparing the coefficients of  $\frac{t^n}{n!}$ , we obtain

$$E_n^{(k)}(x; a, b, c) = (\ln ab) \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} B_{n-m}^{(k-1)}(a, b) \sum_{l=0}^m \binom{m}{l} \frac{(-\ln a)^{m-l}}{n-l+1} E_l(x; a, b^{-1}, c). \quad \square$$

**Theorem 2.7.** For  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $n \geq 0$ ,

$$E_n^{(k)}(x; a, b, c) = \sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n}{j} E_{n-j}(x; a, b^{-1}, c) c_j,$$

$$\text{where } c_j = \sum_{m=0}^j \frac{(-1)^{m+j} (\ln ab)^{j+1} m!}{(m+1)^{k-1} (j+1)} S_2(j+1, m+1).$$

*Proof.* Using (2.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n^{(k)}(x; a, b, c) \frac{t^n}{n!} &= \frac{2c^{xt}}{t(a^t + b^{-t})} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - e^{-t \ln ab})^{m+1}}{(m+1)^k} \\
&= \frac{2c^{xt}}{t(a^t + b^{-t})} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{m+1} m!}{(m+1)^{k-1}} \left\{ \frac{(e^{-t \ln ab} - 1)^{m+1}}{(m+1)!} \right\} \\
&= \frac{2c^{xt}}{t(a^t + b^{-t})} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{m+1} m!}{(m+1)^{k-1}} \sum_{j=m+1}^{\infty} S_2(j, m+1) \frac{(-t \ln ab)^j}{j!} \\
&= \frac{2c^{xt}}{a^t + b^{-t}} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{m+1} m!}{(m+1)^{k-1}} \sum_{j=m+1}^{\infty} (-1)^j (\ln ab)^j S_2(j, m+1) \frac{t^{j-1}}{j!} \\
&= \frac{2c^{xt}}{a^t + b^{-t}} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=m}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{m+j} m! (\ln ab)^{j+1}}{(m+1)^{k-1} (j+1)} S_2(j+1, m+1) \frac{t^j}{j!} \\
&= \frac{2c^{xt}}{a^t + b^{-t}} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^j \frac{(-1)^{m+j} m! (\ln ab)^{j+1}}{(m+1)^{k-1} (j+1)} S_2(j+1, m+1) \frac{t^j}{j!} \\
&= \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n(x; a, b^{-1}, c) \frac{t^n}{n!} \right) \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} c_j \frac{t^j}{j!} \right),
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$c_j = \sum_{m=0}^j \frac{(-1)^{m+j} (\ln ab)^{j+1} m!}{(m+1)^{k-1} (j+1)} S_2(j+1, m+1).$$

Hence,

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n^{(k)}(x; a, b, c) \frac{t^n}{n!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n}{j} E_{n-j}(x; a, b^{-1}, c) c_j \frac{t^n}{n!}. \quad \square$$

**Theorem 2.8.** For  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $n > 0$ ,

$$E_{n-1}^{(k)}(x; a, b, c) = \frac{2}{n} \sum_{s=0}^n \binom{n}{s} \left( B_{n-s}^{(k)}(x + 2 \log_c b; a, b, c) - B_{n-s}^{(k)}(x + \log_c(b/a); a, b, c) \right) \alpha_s,$$

where  $\alpha_s = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (-1)^j (j \ln ab)^s$ .

*Proof.* It follows from the generating function (2.2) that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} n E_{n-1}^{(k)}(x; a, b, c) \frac{t^n}{n!} = \frac{\text{Li}_k(1 - (ab)^{-t})}{b^{-t} + a^t} c^{xt}. \quad (2.7)$$

Expanding the right-hand side of (2.7), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\text{Li}_k(1 - (ab)^{-t})}{b^{-t} + a^t} c^{xt} &= \frac{\text{Li}_k(1 - (ab)^{-t})}{b^t - a^{-t}} \cdot \frac{(b^t - a^{-t})}{(a^t + b^{-t})} c^{xt} \\
&= \frac{\text{Li}_k(1 - (ab)^{-t})}{b^t - a^{-t}} (b^t - a^{-t}) c^{(x + \log_c b)t} (1 + e^{t \ln ab})^{-1} \\
&= \left( \frac{\text{Li}_k(1 - (ab)^{-t})}{b^t - a^{-t}} c^{(x + 2 \log_c b)t} - \frac{\text{Li}_k(1 - (ab)^{-t})}{b^t - a^{-t}} c^{(x + \log_c(b/a))t} \right) \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (-1)^j e^{t j \ln ab} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ B_n^{(k)}(x + 2\log_c b; a, b, c) - B_n^{(k)}(x + \log_c(b/a); a, b, c) \right] \frac{t^n}{n!} \right) \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (-1)^j (j \ln ab)^n \frac{t^n}{n!} \right) \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left\{ \sum_{s=0}^n \binom{n}{s} \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (-1)^j (j \ln ab)^s \right) \left[ B_{n-s}^{(k)}(x + 2\log_c b; a, b, c) - B_{n-s}^{(k)}(x + \log_c(b/a); a, b, c) \right] \right\} \frac{t^n}{n!}. \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

Expressing  $B_n^{(k)}(x, a, b, c)$  in terms of  $B_n^k(x)$  in Theorem 2.8 using the relation,

$$B_n^{(k)}(x, a, b, c) = (\ln ab)^n B_n^k \left( \frac{x \ln c - \ln b}{\ln ab} \right). \quad (\text{see [8, Theorem 3.5]})$$

We obtain the following expression of  $E_n^{(k)}(x, a, b, c)$  in terms of the poly-Bernoulli polynomials  $B_n^{(k)}(x)$ .

**Corollary 2.9.** For  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $n > 0$ ,

$$E_{n-1}^{(k)}(x; a, b, c) = \frac{2(\ln ab)^n}{n} \sum_{s=0}^n \binom{n}{s} \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (-1)^j j^s \right) \left[ B_{n-s}^{(k)} \left( \frac{x \ln c + \ln b}{\ln ab} \right) - B_{n-s}^{(k)} \left( \frac{x \ln c - \ln a}{\ln ab} \right) \right].$$

**Theorem 2.10.** For  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $n > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &n E_{n-1}^{(k)}(x + \log_c a; a, b, c) + n E_{n-1}^{(k)}(x - \log_c b; a, b, c) \\
 &= B_n^{(k)}(x + \log_c b; a, b, c) - B_n^{(k)}(x - \log_a c; a, b, c).
 \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Consider the equation

$$\frac{\text{Li}_k(1 - (ab)^{-t})}{t(a^t + b^{-t})} (a^t + b^{-t}) c^{xt} t = \frac{\text{Li}_k(1 - (ab)^{-t})}{b^t - a^{-t}} (b^t - a^{-t}) c^{xt}. \quad (2.8)$$

Expanding the left-hand side of (2.8), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{\text{Li}_k(1 - (ab)^{-t})}{t(a^t + b^{-t})} (a^t + b^{-t}) c^{xt} t \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ E_n^{(k)}(x + \log_c a; a, b, c) + E_n^{(k)}(x - \log_c b; a, b, c) \right] \frac{t^{n+1}}{n!} \\
 &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ n E_{n-1}^{(k)}(x + \log_c a; a, b, c) + n E_{n-1}^{(k)}(x - \log_c b; a, b, c) \right] \frac{t^n}{n!}.
 \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$

Similarly, expanding into series, the right-hand side of (2.8) is equal to

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ B_n^{(k)}(x + \log_c b; a, b, c) + B_n^{(k)}(x - \log_a c; a, b, c) \right] \frac{t^n}{n!}. \quad (2.10)$$

Comparing the coefficients of  $\frac{t^n}{n!}$  in (2.9) and (2.10) completes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.11.** For  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $n \geq 0$ , the generalized poly-Euler polynomials  $E_n^{(k)}(x; a, b, c)$  satisfy the following relations:

$$E_n^{(k)}(x; a, b, c) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=m}^n (\ln c)^l S_2(l, m) E_{n-l}^{(k)}(-m \ln c; a, b) x^{(m)}, \quad (2.11)$$

$$E_n^{(k)}(x; a, b, c) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=m}^n (\ln c)^l S_2(l, m) \binom{n}{m} E_{n-l}^{(k)}(a, b)(x)_m, \quad (2.12)$$

$$E_n^{(k)}(x; a, b, c) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \binom{n}{m} \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \frac{\binom{n-m}{l}}{\binom{l+s}{l}} S_2(l+s, s) E_{n-m-l}^{(k)}(a, b) B_m^{(s)}(x \ln c), \quad (2.13)$$

$$E_n^{(k)}(x; a, b, c) = \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{\binom{n}{m}}{(1-\lambda)^s} \sum_{j=0}^s \binom{s}{j} (-\lambda)^{s-j} E_{n-m}^{(k)}(j; a, b) H_m^{(s)}(x \ln c; \lambda), \quad (2.14)$$

where

$$\left(\frac{t}{e^t - 1}\right)^s e^{xt} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n^{(s)}(x) \frac{t^n}{n!} \quad \text{and} \quad \left(\frac{1-\lambda}{e^t - \lambda}\right)^s e^{xt} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} H_n^{(s)}(x; \lambda) \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$

Here,  $(x)_m$  and  $x^{(m)}$  are the falling and rising factorials respectively, defined as

$$(x)_m = x(x-1)\cdots(x-m+1) \text{ and } x^{(m)} = x(x+1)\cdots(x+m-1) \text{ for } m \geq 1, \text{ and } (x)_0 = x^{(0)} = 1.$$

*Proof.* For relation (2.11), we note that (2.2) can be written as

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n^{(k)}(x; a, b, c) \frac{t^n}{n!} = \frac{2\text{Li}_k(1-(ab)^{-t})}{t(b^{-t}+a^t)} (1-(1-e^{-t \ln c}))^{-x}.$$

Applying Newton's binomial theorem

$$(A+w)^{-x} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \binom{x+m-1}{m} A^{-x-m} (-w)^m, \quad (|w| < |A|)$$

and

$$(e^t - 1)^m = m! \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} S_2(n, m) \frac{t^n}{n!}, \quad (2.15)$$

where  $S_2(n, m)$  are the Stirling numbers of the second kind, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n^{(k)}(x; a, b, c) \frac{t^n}{n!} &= \frac{2\text{Li}_k(1-(ab)^{-t})}{t(b^{-t}+a^t)} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \binom{x+m-1}{m} (1-e^{-t \ln c})^m \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} x^{(m)} \frac{(e^{t \ln c} - 1)^m}{m!} \frac{2\text{Li}_k(1-(ab)^{-t})}{t(b^{-t}+a^t)} e^{-mt \ln c} \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} x^{(m)} \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} S_2(n, m) \frac{(t \ln c)^n}{n!} \right) \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n^{(k)}(-m \ln c; a, b) \frac{t^n}{n!} \right) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=m}^n (\ln c)^l S_2(l, m) \binom{n}{l} E_{n-l}^{(k)}(-m \ln c; a, b) x^{(m)} \right) \frac{t^n}{n!}. \end{aligned}$$

Comparing the coefficients of  $\frac{t^n}{n!}$  gives relation (2.11).

For relation (2.12), we can express (2.2) as

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n^{(k)}(x; a, b, c) \frac{t^n}{n!} = \frac{2\text{Li}_k(1-(ab)^{-t})}{t(b^{-t}+a^t)} ((e^{t \ln c} - 1) + 1)^x.$$

Again, using binomial theorem and (2.15), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n^{(k)}(x; a, b, c) \frac{t^n}{n!} &= \frac{2\text{Li}_k(1-(ab)^{-t})}{t(b^{-t}+a^t)} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \binom{x}{m} (e^{t \ln c} - 1)^m \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (x)_m \frac{(e^{t \ln c} - 1)^m}{m!} \frac{2\text{Li}_k(1-(ab)^{-t})}{t(b^{-t}+a^t)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (x)_m \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} S_2(n, m) \frac{(t \ln c)^n}{n!} \right) \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n^{(k)}(a, b) \frac{t^n}{n!} \right) \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=m}^n (\ln c)^l S_2(l, m) \binom{n}{l} E_{n-l}^{(k)}(a, b) (x)_m \right) \frac{t^n}{n!}.
\end{aligned}$$

Comparing the coefficients completes the proof of (2.12).

For relation (2.13), we express (2.2) as

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n^{(k)}(x; a, b, c) \frac{t^n}{n!} \\
&= \frac{(e^t - 1)^s}{s!} \cdot \frac{t^s e^{xt \ln c}}{(e^t - 1)^s} \cdot \frac{2 \text{Li}_k(1 - (ab)^{-t})}{t(b^{-t} + a^t)} \cdot \frac{s!}{t^s} \\
&= \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} S_2(n+s, s) \frac{t^{n+s}}{(n+s)!} \right) \left( \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} B_m^{(s)}(x \ln c) \frac{t^m}{m!} \right) \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n^{(k)}(a, b) \frac{t^n}{n!} \right) \frac{s!}{t^s} \\
&= \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} S_2(n+s, s) \frac{t^{n+s}}{(n+s)!} \right) \left( \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} B_m^{(s)}(x \ln c) \frac{t^m}{m!} E_{n-m}^{(k)}(a, b) \frac{t^{n-m}}{(n-m)!} \right) \frac{s!}{t^s} \\
&= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \left\{ \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} S_2(l+s, s) \frac{t^{l+s}}{(l+s)!} B_m^{(s)}(x \ln c) E_{n-m-l}^{(k)}(a, b) \frac{t^{n-m-l}}{(n-m-l)!} \frac{t^m}{m!} \frac{s!}{t^s} \right\} \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left\{ \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \frac{\binom{n-m}{l}}{\binom{l+s}{s!}} S_2(l+s, s) E_{n-m-l}^{(k)}(a, b) B_m^{(s)}(x \ln c) \right\} \frac{t^n}{n!}.
\end{aligned}$$

Comparing the coefficients completes the proof of (2.13).

For relation (2.14), we express (2.2) as

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n^{(k)}(x; a, b, c) \frac{t^n}{n!} = \frac{(1-\lambda)^s}{(e^t - \lambda)^s} e^{xt \ln c} \cdot \frac{(e^t - \lambda)^s}{(1-\lambda)^s} \cdot \frac{2 \text{Li}_k(1 - (ab)^{-t})}{t(b^{-t} + a^t)} \\
&= \frac{1}{(1-\lambda)^s} \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} H_n^{(s)}(x \ln c; \lambda) \frac{t^n}{n!} \right) \left( \sum_{j=0}^s \binom{s}{j} (-\lambda)^{s-j} \frac{2 \text{Li}_k(1 - (ab)^{-t})}{t(b^{-t} + a^t)} e^{jt} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{(1-\lambda)^s} \sum_{j=0}^s \binom{s}{j} (-\lambda)^{s-j} \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} H_m^{(s)}(x \ln c; \lambda) \frac{t^n}{n!} \right) \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n^{(k)}(j; a, b) \frac{t^n}{n!} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{(1-\lambda)^s} \left( \sum_{j=0}^s \binom{s}{j} (-\lambda)^{s-j} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} H_m^{(s)}(x \ln c; \lambda) E_{n-m}^{(k)}(j; a, b) \right) \frac{t^n}{n!} \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{\binom{n}{m}}{(1-\lambda)^s} \sum_{j=0}^s \binom{s}{j} (-\lambda)^{s-j} E_{n-m}^{(k)}(j; a, b) H_m^{(s)}(x \ln c; \lambda) \right) \frac{t^n}{n!}.
\end{aligned}$$

Comparing the coefficients completes the proof of (2.14).  $\square$

In particular, when  $c = e$  in Theorem 2.11, we have the following identities for the generalized poly-Euler polynomials of parameters  $a, b$ .

**Corollary 2.12.** *For  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $n \geq 0$ , the generalized poly-Euler polynomials  $E_n^{(k)}(x; a, b)$  satisfy the following relations:*

$$E_n^{(k)}(x; a, b) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=m}^n S_2(l, m) E_{n-l}^{(k)}(-m; a, b) x^{(m)},$$

$$\begin{aligned} E_n^{(k)}(x; a, b) &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=m}^n S_2(l, m) \binom{n}{m} E_{n-l}^{(k)}(a, b)(x)_m, \\ E_n^{(k)}(x; a, b) &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \binom{n}{m} \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \frac{\binom{n-m}{l}}{\binom{l+s}{l}} S_2(l+s, s) E_{n-m-l}^{(k)}(a, b) B_m^{(s)}(x), \\ E_n^{(k)}(x; a, b) &= \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{\binom{n}{m}}{(1-\lambda)^s} \sum_{j=0}^s \binom{s}{j} (-\lambda)^{s-j} E_{n-m}^{(k)}(j; a, b) H_m^{(s)}(x; \lambda). \end{aligned}$$

### 3. Arakawa-Kaneko Type Zeta Functions

In [10], Hamahata defined the Arakawa-Kaneko type zeta functions  $Z_{E,k}$  for poly-Euler polynomials by means of the Laplace-Mellin integral

$$Z_{E,k}(s, x) = \frac{2}{\Gamma(s)} \int_0^\infty \frac{\text{Li}_k(1-e^{-t})}{1+e^t} e^{-xt} t^{s-2} dt, \quad (3.1)$$

where  $\Re(s) > 1$  and  $x > 0$  if  $k \geq 1$ , and  $\Re(s) > 1$  and  $x > |k| + 1$  if  $k \leq 0$ .

For  $k = 1$ ,

$$Z_{E,1}(s, x) = \frac{2}{\Gamma(s)} \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-xt}}{e^t + 1} t^{s-1} dt = 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{(n+x)^s} = \zeta_E(s, x+1),$$

where  $\zeta_E(s, x)$  is the Euler zeta function of Hurwitz type defined by

$$\zeta_E(s, x) = 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(n+x)^s}.$$

In this section, we give a generalized Arakawa-Kaneko type zeta functions for the poly-Euler polynomials of parameters  $a, b, c$  and obtain an interpolation formula between these generalized zeta functions and the poly-Euler polynomials with parameters  $a, b, c$ . Moreover, we also establish relation between  $Z_{E,k}(s, x; a, b, c)$  and the generalized Arakawa-Kaneko zeta functions  $Z_{B,k}(s, x; a, b, c)$  (see [1]) for poly-Bernoulli polynomials of parameters  $a, b, c$  (see [11]).

**Definition 3.1.** For  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we define the generalized Arakawa-Kaneko type zeta functions with parameters  $a, b, c$  via the Laplace-Mellin type integral

$$Z_{E,k}(s, x; a, b, c) = \frac{2}{\Gamma(s)} \int_0^\infty \frac{\text{Li}_k(1-(ab)^{-t})}{b^{-t} + a^t} c^{-xt} t^{s-2} dt. \quad (3.2)$$

It can be seen that  $Z_{E,k}(s, x; e, 1, e)$  are just the Arakawa-Kaneko zeta type functions  $Z_{E,k}(x, s)$  defined by Hamahata [10].

The following lemma gives a relation between the generalized Arakawa-Kaneko type zeta functions with parameters  $a, b, c$  and Arakawa-Kaneko type zeta functions  $Z_{E,k}(x, s)$ .

**Lemma 3.2.** For  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,

$$Z_{E,k}(s, x; a, b, c) = (\ln a + \ln b)^{1-s} Z_{E,k}\left(s, \frac{x \ln c - \ln b}{\ln a + \ln b}\right).$$

*Proof.* Using the generating function (3.2),

$$Z_{E,k}(s, x; a, b, c) = \frac{2}{\Gamma(s)} \int_0^\infty \frac{\text{Li}_k(1-e^{-t \ln ab})}{1+e^{t \ln ab}} e^{-t(x \ln c - \ln b)} t^{s-2} dt. \quad (3.3)$$

By changing variables  $z = (\ln a + \ln b)t$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{E,k}(s, x; a, b, c) &= \frac{1}{(\ln a + \ln b)^{s-1}} \frac{2}{\Gamma(s)} \int_0^\infty \frac{\text{Li}_k(1 - e^{-z})}{1 + e^z} e^{-z\left(\frac{x \ln c - \ln b}{\ln a + \ln b}\right)} z^{s-2} dz \\ &= \frac{1}{(\ln a + \ln b)^{s-1}} Z_{E,k}\left(s, \frac{x \ln c - \ln b}{\ln a + \ln b}\right). \end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem 3.3** (Interpolation Formula). *The function  $s \rightarrow \xi_k(s, x; a, b, c)$  has analytic continuation to an entire function on the whole complex  $s$ -plane and for any positive integer  $n$ ,*

$$Z_{E,k}(-n, x; a, b, c) = (-1)^n E_n^{(k)}(-x; a, b, c).$$

*Proof.* To prove that  $s \rightarrow Z_{E,k}(s, x; a, b, c)$  has analytic continuation to an entire function on the whole complex  $s$ -plane, it is sufficient to show that  $s \rightarrow Z_{E,k}(s, x)$  has such a property which was already shown in [10, Theorem 4.3]. Hence by Lemma 3.2, equation (1.3) and Theorem 2.4, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{E,k}(-n, x; a, b, c) &= (\ln a + \ln b)^{1-(-n)} Z_{E,k}\left(-n, \frac{x \ln c - \ln b}{\ln a + \ln b}\right) \\ &= (\ln a + \ln b)^{n+1} (-1)^n E_n^{(k)}\left(\frac{-x \ln c + \ln b}{\ln a + \ln b}\right) \\ &= (-1)^n E_n^{(k)}(-x; a, b, c). \end{aligned}$$

□

We now give an explicit formulas of  $Z_{E,k}(s, x; a, b, c)$  in terms of  $\zeta(s, x)$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** *The Arakawa-Kaneko type zeta function  $Z_{E,k}(s, x; a, b, c)$  can be expressed as follows: For  $s \neq 1$ ,*

(i) *If  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then*

$$Z_{E,k}(s, x; a, b, c) = \frac{(\ln a + \ln b)^{1-s}}{s-1} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(m+1)^k} \sum_{j=0}^{m+1} \binom{m+1}{j} (-1)^j \zeta_E\left(s-1, \frac{x \ln c - \ln b}{\ln a + \ln b} + j + 1\right).$$

(ii) *If  $k \leq 0$ , then*

$$Z_{E,k}(s, x; a, b, c) = \frac{(\ln a + \ln b)^{1-s}}{s-1} \sum_{j=0}^{|k|} \binom{|k|}{j} \sum_{i=0}^{|k|-j} (-1)^j \binom{|k|-j}{i} \zeta_E\left(s-1, \frac{x \ln c - \ln b}{\ln a + \ln b} + i - |k|\right).$$

*Proof.* (i) It follows from (3.2) that

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{E,k}(s, x; a, b, c) &= (\ln a + \ln b)^{1-s} \frac{2}{\Gamma(s)} \int_0^\infty \frac{\text{Li}_k(1 - e^{-z})}{1 + e^z} e^{-z\left(\frac{x \ln c - \ln b}{\ln a + \ln b}\right)} z^{s-2} dz \\ &= (\ln a + \ln b)^{1-s} \frac{2}{\Gamma(s)} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(m+1)^k} \int_0^\infty \frac{(1 - e^{-z})^{m+1}}{1 + e^z} e^{-z\left(\frac{x \ln c - \ln b}{\ln a + \ln b}\right)} z^{s-2} dz. \end{aligned}$$

For  $s \neq 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{E,k}(s, x; a, b, c) &= \frac{(\ln a + \ln b)^{1-s}}{s-1} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(m+1)^k} \sum_{j=0}^{m+1} \binom{m+1}{j} (-1)^j \frac{2}{\Gamma(s-1)} \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-z\left(\frac{x \ln c - \ln b}{\ln a + \ln b} + j\right)}}{1 + e^z} z^{s-2} dz \\ &= \frac{(\ln a + \ln b)^{1-s}}{s-1} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(m+1)^k} \sum_{j=0}^{m+1} \binom{m+1}{j} (-1)^j \zeta_E\left(s-1, \frac{x \ln c - \ln b}{\ln a + \ln b} + j + 1\right). \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Note that for  $k \leq 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Li}_k(1 - e^{-t \ln ab}) &= \frac{\sum_{j=0}^{|k|} \binom{|k|}{j} (1 - e^{-t \ln ab})^{|k|-j}}{e^{-t \ln ab (|k|+1)}} \\ &= e^{t \ln ab (|k|+1)} \sum_{j=0}^{|k|} \binom{|k|}{j} \sum_{i=0}^{|k|-j} \binom{|k|-j}{i} (-1)^i e^{-it \ln ab}. \end{aligned}$$

Using (3.2) and (3.3), we get

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{E,k}(s, x; a, b, c) &= \frac{2}{\Gamma(s)} \sum_{j=0}^{|k|} \binom{|k|}{j} \sum_{i=0}^{|k|-j} \binom{|k|-j}{i} (-1)^i \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-t(x \ln c - \ln b + (i-|k|-1) \ln ab)}}{1 + e^{t \ln ab}} t^{s-2} dt \\ &= \frac{(\ln a + \ln b)^{1-s}}{s-1} \sum_{j=0}^{|k|} \binom{|k|}{j} \sum_{i=0}^{|k|-j} \binom{|k|-j}{i} (-1)^i \cdot \frac{2}{\Gamma(s-1)} \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-z \left( \frac{x \ln c - \ln b}{\ln a + \ln b} + i - |k| - 1 \right)}}{1 + e^z} z^{s-2} dz \\ &= \frac{(\ln a + \ln b)^{1-s}}{s-1} \sum_{j=0}^{|k|} \binom{|k|}{j} \sum_{i=0}^{|k|-j} \binom{|k|-j}{i} (-1)^i \zeta_E \left( s-1, \frac{x \ln c - \ln b}{\ln a + \ln b} + i - |k| \right). \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

**Theorem 3.5** (Addition Formula). *For  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $s \neq 1$ , we have*

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{E,k}(s, x - \log_c ab; a, b, c) + Z_{E,k}(s, x; a, b, c) &= \frac{2}{s-1} \sum_{m=0}^\infty \frac{1}{(m+1)^k} \sum_{j=0}^{m+1} \binom{m+1}{j} (-1)^j (x \ln c + (j-1) \ln b + j \ln a)^{1-s}. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Applying (3.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{E,k}(s, x - \log_c ab; a, b, c) + Z_{E,k}(s, x; a, b, c) &= \frac{2}{\Gamma(s)} \int_0^\infty \frac{\text{Li}_k(1 - (ab)^{-t})}{b^{-t} + a^t} \left( c^{-t(x - \log_c(ab))} + c^{-tx} \right) t^{s-2} dt \\ &= \frac{2}{\Gamma(s)} \int_0^\infty \frac{\text{Li}_k(1 - (ab)^{-t})}{1 + (ab)^{-t}} (1 + (ab)^{-t}) e^{-t(x \ln c - \ln b)} t^{s-2} dt \\ &= \frac{2}{\Gamma(s)} \int_0^\infty \text{Li}_k(1 - e^{-t \ln ab}) e^{-t(x \ln c - \ln b)} t^{s-2} dt \\ &= \frac{2}{\Gamma(s)} \sum_{m=0}^\infty \frac{1}{(m+1)^k} \int_0^\infty \sum_{j=0}^{m+1} \binom{m+1}{j} (-1)^j e^{-t(x \ln c + (j-1) \ln b + j \ln a)} t^{s-2} dt \\ &= 2 \sum_{m=0}^\infty \frac{1}{(m+1)^k} \sum_{j=0}^{m+1} \binom{m+1}{j} (-1)^j \cdot \frac{1}{\Gamma(s)} \int_0^\infty e^{-t(x \ln c + (j-1) \ln b + j \ln a)} t^{s-2} dt \\ &= \frac{2}{s-1} \sum_{m=0}^\infty \frac{1}{(m+1)^k} \sum_{j=0}^{m+1} \binom{m+1}{j} (-1)^j (x \ln c + (j-1) \ln b + j \ln a)^{1-s}. \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

### 3.1 Relation Between $Z_{E,k}(s, x; a, b, c)$ and $Z_{B,k}(s, x; a, b, c)$

Recently, Acala and Aleluya [1] defined the generalized Arakawa-Kaneko type zeta functions with  $a, b, c$  parameters  $Z_{B,k}(s, x; a, b, c)$  for the poly-Bernoulli polynomials  $B_n^{(k)}(x; a, b, c)$  via

the Laplace-Mellin type integral

$$Z_{B,k}(s, x; a, b, c) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(s)} \int_0^\infty \frac{\text{Li}_k(1 - (ab)^{-t})}{b^t - a^{-t}} c^{-xt} t^{s-1} dt, \quad (3.4)$$

and showed that the function  $s \rightarrow Z_{B,k}(s, x; a, b, c)$  has analytic continuation to an entire function on the whole complex  $s$ -plane and for any positive integer  $n$ ,

$$Z_{B,k}(-n, x; a, b, c) = (-1)^n B_n^{(k)}(-x; a, b, c).$$

In the next theorem, we give a relationship between  $Z_{B,k}(s, x; a, b, c)$  and  $Z_{E,k}(s, x; a, b, c)$ .

**Theorem 3.6.** For  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} sZ_{E,k}(s+1, x - \log_c b; a, b, c) + sZ_{E,k}(s+1, x + \log_c a; a, b, c) \\ = 2Z_{B,k}(s, x - \log_c b; a, b, c) - 2Z_{B,k}(s, x + \log_c a; a, b, c). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Note that

$$\begin{aligned} & 2Z_{B,k}(s, x - \log_c b; a, b, c) - 2Z_{B,k}(s, x + \log_c a; a, b, c) \\ &= \frac{2}{\Gamma(s)} \int_0^\infty \text{Li}_k(1 - (ab)^{-t}) c^{-xt} t^{s-1} dt \\ &= \frac{2}{\Gamma(s)} \int_0^\infty \frac{\text{Li}_k(1 - (ab)^{-t})}{b^{-t} + a^t} (b^{-t} + a^t) c^{-xt} t^{s-1} dt \\ &= \frac{2s}{\Gamma(s+1)} \int_0^\infty \left[ \frac{\text{Li}_k(1 - (ab)^{-t})}{b^{-t} + a^t} \left( c^{-t(x+\log_c b)} + c^{-t(x-\log_c a)} \right) t^{(s+1)-2} \right] dt \\ &= sZ_{E,k}(s+1, x + \log_c b; a, b, c) + sZ_{E,k}(s+1, x - \log_c a; a, b, c). \end{aligned}$$

□

## 4. Conclusion

By introducing a new class of generalized poly-Euler polynomials with  $a, b, c$  parameters, we defined the Arakawa-Kaneko type zeta functions for these polynomials and obtained an interpolation formula. Finally, a relationship between the Arakawa-Kaneko type zeta functions for generalized poly-Euler polynomials and the Arakawa-Kaneko for generalized poly-Bernoulli polynomials in [1] was established.

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The authors declare that they have no competing interests.

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