

## P-ADIC INTERPOLATION OF DEDEKIND SUMS

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In this article we give an explicit representation of  $p$ -adic Dedekind sums and their reciprocity laws by using  $p$ -adic measure theory. We then study the consequences of the  $p$ -adic reciprocity law for particular positive integer values in which case we can recover a reciprocity law for Dedekind sums attached to particular Dirichlet characters. This gives a proof different from that of Nagasaka.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

In [4], the authors showed that by  $p$ -adically interpolating certain partial zeta functions, it is possible to interpolate the higher order Dedekind sums introduced by Apostol [1], thus obtaining  $p$ -adic Dedekind sums. The authors then showed that there is a reciprocity law for  $p$ -adic Dedekind sums, however they were not able to obtain an explicit representation of the reciprocity law for all  $p$ -adic integers. In this article, we obtain an explicit form for the reciprocity law for arbitrary  $p$ -adic integers. This is accomplished by the use of  $p$ -adic measure theory. We then study the consequences of this  $p$ -adic reciprocity law for particular integer values in which case we can recover a reciprocity law for Dedekind sums attached to particular types of Dirichlet characters. This gives a proof different from that of Nagasaka [3] for these special cases.

### 2. $p$ -ADIC INTERPOLATION OF HIGHER ORDER DEDEKIND SUMS

The higher order Dedekind sums are defined as follows: let  $m$ ,  $h$  and  $k$  be integers such that  $m \geq 0$  and  $k > 0$ , then

$$s_m(h, k) = \sum_{\mu=0}^{k-1} \overline{B}_1\left(\frac{\mu}{k}\right) \overline{B}_m\left(\frac{h\mu}{k}\right)$$

where  $\overline{B}_m(x)$  denotes the  $m$ th periodic Bernoulli function defined by

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} B_m(x) \frac{z^m}{m!} = \frac{ze^{xz}}{e^z - 1} \quad (|z| < 2\pi)$$

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for all real  $x$  and  $\overline{B}_m(x) = B_m(x - [x])$ . It is well-known that  $B_m(x) = \sum_{j=0}^m \binom{m}{j} x^{m-j} B_j$  or, symbolically,  $B_m(x) = (x + B)^m$  and  $B_m(0) = B_m$ , the  $m$ th Bernoulli number.

Throughout this section, let  $p$  denote a fixed prime which, for convenience, we assume to be odd. Let  $Z_p$  and  $Q_p$  denote the set of  $p$ -adic integers and  $p$ -adic rationals, respectively. Let  $||_p$  denote the  $p$ -adic norm, normalised so that  $|p|_p = \frac{1}{p}$ . Recall that the group of  $p$ -adic units  $Z_p^* \simeq V \times (1 + pZ_p)$  where  $V$  is the group of  $(p - 1)$ st roots of unity in  $Z_p$  and  $1 + pZ_p$  is the so called group of principal units. If  $x \in Z_p^*$ , then we denote by  $\omega(x)$  and  $\langle x \rangle$  the projections of  $x$  onto  $V$  and  $1 + pZ_p$ , respectively. Furthermore let  $A_p$  denote the set

$$\{f(z) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m z^m \in K[[z]] : \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} a_m = 0\},$$

where  $K$  is a finite extension of  $Q_p$ . We define a linear functional  $d\beta$  from  $A_p$  to  $K$  by

$$\int f(z) d\beta(z) = \int \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m z^m d\beta(z) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m B_m.$$

Notice that this series converges since  $|B_m|_p \leq p$  by the von Staudt-Clausen theorem. We then have the following proposition.

**PROPOSITION 1.** *For all integers  $m, a$  and  $k$  such that  $m \geq 0, k \neq 0$*

$$k^m B_m\left(\frac{a}{k}\right) = \int (a + kz)^m d\beta(z).$$

*If in addition  $a \neq 0$ , then*

$$k^m B_m\left(\frac{a}{k}\right) = a^m \int \left(1 + \frac{kz}{a}\right)^m d\beta(z).$$

**PROOF:**

$$\begin{aligned} \int (a + kz)^m d\beta(z) &= \int \sum_{j=0}^m \binom{m}{j} a^{m-j} k^j z^j d\beta(z) = \sum_{j=0}^m \binom{m}{j} a^{m-j} k^j B_j. \\ &= k^m \sum_{j=0}^m \binom{m}{j} \left(\frac{a}{k}\right)^{m-j} B_j = k^m B_m\left(\frac{a}{k}\right) \end{aligned}$$

The second part is equally obvious. ■

Now, if  $p \mid k$  but  $p \nmid a$ , then it is easy to see how we can extend  $k^m B_m\left(\frac{a}{k}\right)$  to a continuous function for “ $p$ -adic  $m$ ”, namely, by  $\langle a \rangle^s \int \left(1 + \frac{kz}{z}\right)^s d\beta(z)$  or more

generally by  $\omega^{-n}(a) < a >^s \int (1 + \frac{kz}{a})^s d\beta(z)$  for some fixed integer  $n$ . Here  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  and  $(1 + \frac{kz}{a})^s = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \binom{s}{m} (\frac{k}{a})^m z^m \in A_p$  since  $\binom{s}{m} \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  and  $k/a \in p\mathbb{Z}_p$ . From this we see easily how to interpolate  $k^m s_m(h, k)$  when  $p \mid k, p \nmid a$ :

DEFINITION: Let  $h, k$  be integers such that  $k > 0, p \mid k$  but  $p \nmid h$ . Then  $S_p(s; h, k) = \sum_{\substack{\mu=0 \\ p \nmid \mu}}^{k-1} \bar{B}_1(\frac{\mu}{k}) \omega^{-1}(h\mu) < (h\mu)_k >^s \int (1 + \frac{kz}{(h\mu)_k})^s d\beta(z)$  for all  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ .  $(a)_k$  denotes the integer  $x \in [0, k)$  such that  $a \equiv x \pmod{k}$ .

We introduced the factor  $\omega^{-1}(h\mu)$  in the above definition in order to recover the classical reciprocity law for higher order Dedekind sums, as we shall see later.

PROPOSITION 2. For any integers  $m, h$  and  $k$  such that  $m \geq 0, k > 0$  and  $p \mid k$  but  $p \nmid h$ ,

$$S_p(m; h, k) = \sum_{\substack{\mu=0 \\ p \nmid \mu}}^{k-1} \bar{B}_1(\frac{\mu}{k}) \omega^{-m-1}(h\mu) k^m \bar{B}_m(\frac{h\mu}{k}).$$

Moreover, if  $m + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p - 1}$ ,

$$S_p(m; h, k) = k^m s_m(h, k) - p^m (k/p)^m s_m(h, k/p).$$

PROOF:

$$\begin{aligned} S_p(m; h, k) &= \sum_{\substack{\mu=0 \\ p \nmid \mu}}^{k-1} \bar{B}_1(\frac{\mu}{k}) \omega^{-1}(h\mu) (\omega^{-1}((h\mu)_k) (h\mu)_k)^m \int (1 + \frac{kz}{(h\mu)_k})^m d\beta(z) \\ &= \sum_{\substack{\mu=0 \\ p \nmid \mu}}^{k-1} \bar{B}_1(\frac{\mu}{k}) \omega^{-m-1}(h\mu) k^m \bar{B}_m(\frac{h\mu}{k}) \end{aligned}$$

by Proposition 1 and the observation that  $\omega^{-m}((h\mu)_k) = \omega^{-m}(h\mu)$  since  $p \mid k$  and  $\omega^{-m}$  has period dividing  $p$ . If  $m + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p - 1}$ , then  $\omega^{-m-1}(h\mu) = 1$  for all  $\mu$ .

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} S_p(m; h, k) &= \sum_{\mu=0}^{k-1} \bar{B}_1(\frac{\mu}{k}) k^m \bar{B}_m(\frac{h\mu}{k}) - \sum_{\substack{\mu=0 \\ p \mid \mu}}^{k-1} \bar{B}_1(\frac{\mu}{k}) k^m \bar{B}_m(\frac{h\mu}{k}) \\ &= k^m s_m(h, k) - \sum_{\mu=0}^{\frac{k}{p}-1} \bar{B}_1(\frac{\mu p}{k}) k^m \bar{B}_m(\frac{h\mu p}{k}) \\ &= k^m s_m(h, k) - k^m s_m(h, k/p) \end{aligned}$$



We shall now define  $S_p(s; h, k)$  when  $p \nmid hk$ . We proceed as above by replacing  $k$  by  $pk$  and appealing to Raabe's theorem:

$$k^m \bar{B}_m \left( \frac{h\mu}{k} \right) = p^{m-1} k^m \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \bar{B}_m \left( \frac{h\mu + kj}{pk} \right).$$

Each term on the right-hand side may be interpolated  $p$ -adically provided  $h\mu + kj \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ .

DEFINITION: Let  $h, k$  be integers such that  $k > 0$  and  $p \nmid hk$ . Then

$$S_p(s; h, k) = \sum_{\mu=0}^{k-1} \bar{B}_1 \left( \frac{\mu}{k} \right) \frac{1}{p} \sum_{\substack{j=0 \\ p \nmid h\mu + kj}}^{p-1} \omega^{-1}(h\mu + kj) \\ < (h\mu + kj)_{pk} >^s \int \left( 1 + \frac{pkz}{(h\mu + kj)_{pk}} \right)^s d\beta(z)$$

for all  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ .

PROPOSITION 3. For any integers  $m, h$  and  $k$  such that  $m \geq 0, k > 0$  and  $p \nmid hk$ .

$$S_p(m; h, k) = \sum_{\mu=0}^{p-1} \bar{B}_1 \left( \frac{\mu}{k} \right) \frac{1}{p} \sum_{\substack{j=0 \\ p \nmid h\mu + kj}}^{p-1} \omega^{-m-1}(h\mu + kj) (pk)^m \bar{B}_m \left( \frac{h\mu + kj}{pk} \right).$$

Moreover, if  $m + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p - 1}$ ,

$$S_p(m; h, k) = k^m s_m(h, k) - p^{m-1} k^m s_m((p^{-1}h)_k, k)$$

where  $(p^{-1}h)_k$  denotes the integer  $x \in [0, k)$  such that  $px \equiv h \pmod{k}$ .

PROOF: The first formula follows just as in the proof of Proposition 2. If  $m + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p - 1}$ , then

$$S_p(m; h, k) = \sum_{\mu=0}^{k-1} B_1 \left( \frac{\mu}{k} \right) p^{m-1} k^m \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \bar{B}_m \left( \frac{h\mu + kj}{pk} \right) \\ - \sum_{\mu=0}^{k-1} \bar{B}_1 \left( \frac{\mu}{k} \right) \frac{1}{p} \sum_{\substack{j=0 \\ p \nmid h\mu + kj}}^{p-1} (kp)^m \bar{B}_m \left( \frac{k\mu + kj}{pk} \right) \\ = \sum_{\mu=0}^{k-1} \bar{B}_1 \left( \frac{\mu}{k} \right) k^m \bar{B}_m \left( \frac{h\mu}{k} \right) - \sum_{\mu=0}^{k-1} \bar{B}_1 \left( \frac{\mu}{k} \right) p^{m-1} k^m \bar{B}_m \left( \frac{(p^{-1}h)_k \mu}{k} \right)$$

since  $h\mu + kj \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$  and  $h\mu + kj \equiv h\mu \pmod{k}$  implies that  $h\mu + kj \equiv p(p^{-1}h)_k \mu \pmod{pk}$ . Thus the Proposition. ■

We now review the reciprocity law for higher order Dedekind sums and then see how to interpolate it. Recall that for all integers  $m, h$  and  $k$  such that  $m \geq 0, h > 0, k > 0$  and  $(h, k) = 1$

$$hk^m s_m(h, k) + kh^m s_m(k, h) = \frac{m}{m+1} B_{m+1} + \frac{1}{m+1} (hB + kB)^{m+1}$$

where  $(hB + kB)^{m+1}$  is written symbolically.

We would like to determine explicitly  $hS_p(s; h, k) + kS_p(s; k, h)$  when  $p \nmid hk$ . To this end we have the following Proposition.

**PROPOSITION 4.** *Let  $m, h$  and  $k$  be positive integers such that  $(h, k) = 1, p \nmid hk$  and  $m + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p - 1}$ . Then*

$$hS_p(m; h, k) + kS_p(m; k, h) = \frac{m}{m+1} (1 - p^m) B_m + \frac{1}{m+1} (kB - hB)^{m+1} - \frac{1}{m+1} p^{m-1} (ks - hs)^{m+1} \left(\frac{hk}{p}\right)$$

where  $(ks - hs)^{m+1} \left(\frac{hk}{p}\right) = \sum_{j=0}^{m+1} \binom{m+1}{j} (-h)^{m+1-j} k^j s_{j, m+1-j} \left(\frac{hk}{p}\right)$  with  $s_{m,n} \left(\frac{hk}{p}\right) = \sum_{\lambda=0}^{p-1} \overline{B}_m \left(\frac{h\lambda}{p}\right) \overline{B}_n \left(\frac{k\lambda}{p}\right)$ , see [2].

**PROOF:** By Proposition 3, we have for  $m + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p - 1}$

$$hS_p(mh, k) + kS_p(m; k, h) = hk^m s_m(h, k) + kh^m s_m(k, h) - p^{m-1} (hk^m s_m((p^{-1}h)_k, k) + kh^m s_m((p^{-1}k)_h, h)).$$

The sum of the first two terms on the right-hand side is given by the reciprocity law above.

We now consider the remaining terms. Notice that

$$s_m((p^{-1}h)_k, k) = \sum_{\mu=0}^{k-1} \overline{B}_1 \left(\frac{\mu}{k}\right) \overline{B}_m \left(\frac{(p^{-1}h)_k \mu}{k}\right) = \sum_{\mu=0}^{k-1} \overline{B}_1 \left(\frac{p\mu}{k}\right) \overline{B}_m \left(\frac{h\mu}{k}\right) = s_{1,m} \left(\frac{ph}{k}\right).$$

Similarly,  $s_m((p^{-1}k)_h, h) = s_{1,m} \left(\frac{pk}{h}\right)$ . But by [2] (5.6) we have the following reciprocity law:

$$hk^m s_{1,m} \left(\frac{ph}{k}\right) + kh^m s_{1,m} \left(\frac{pk}{h}\right) = \frac{m}{m+1} p B_{m+1} - hk^m B_m + \frac{1}{m+1} (ks - hs)^{m+1} \left(\frac{hk}{p}\right).$$

Putting the two terms together we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 hS_p(m; h, k) + kS_p(m; k, h) &= \frac{m}{m+1}(1-p^m)B_{m+1} \\
 &+ \frac{1}{m+1}(kB+hB)^{m+1} - \frac{p^{m-1}}{m+1}(ks-hs)^{m+1} \binom{hk}{p} + p^{m-1}hk^m B_m.
 \end{aligned}$$

This yields the proposition since  $(kB+hB)^{m+1} = (kB-hB)^{m+1} - hk^m B_m$  and  $m$  is odd since  $m+1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p-1}$ . ■

We are now in a position to state and prove our main theorem.

**THEOREM.** *Let  $h, k$  be positive integers such that  $(h, k) = 1$  and  $p \nmid hk$ . For any  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ , let*

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_p(s) &= \frac{1}{p} \sum_{\mu=1}^{p-1} \langle \mu \rangle^{s+1} \int \left(1 + \frac{pz}{\mu}\right)^{s+1} d\beta(z), \\
 K_p(s) &= \frac{1}{p^2} \sum_{\substack{i,j=0 \\ i \neq j}}^{p-1} \langle k(hj)_p - h(ki)_p \rangle^{s+1} \\
 &\times \iint \left(1 + \frac{p(kz-hw)}{k(hj)_p - h(ki)_p}\right)^{s+1} d\beta(z)d\beta(w).
 \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$hS_p(s; h, k) + kS_p(s; k, h) = \frac{s}{s+1}I_p(s) + \frac{1}{s+1}K_p(s).$$

**PROOF:** We show that for  $m+1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p-1}$ , the theorem reduces to Proposition 4. Thus by continuity and the fact that  $\{m \in \mathbb{N} \mid m+1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p-1}\}$  is dense in  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ , the theorem will follow.

Thus assume  $m$  is a positive integer such that  $m+1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p-1}$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_p(m) &= \frac{1}{p} \sum_{\mu=1}^{p-1} \mu^{m+1} \int \left(1 + \frac{pz}{\mu}\right)^{m+1} d\beta(z) = \frac{1}{p} \sum_{\mu=1}^{p-1} p^{m+1} \bar{B}_{m+1} \left(\frac{\mu}{p}\right) \\
 &= p^m \sum_{\mu=0}^{p-1} \bar{B}_{m+1} \left(\frac{\mu}{p}\right) - p^m B_{m+1} = (1-p^m)B_{m+1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned}
 K_p(m) &= \frac{1}{p^2} \sum_{\substack{i,j=0 \\ i \neq j}}^{p-1} \left( k(hj)_p - h(ki)_p \right)^{m+1} \iint \left( 1 + \frac{p(kz - hw)}{k(hj)_p - h(ki)_p} \right)^{m+1} d\beta(z)d\beta(w) \\
 &= \frac{1}{p^2} \sum_{i \neq j} \iint \left( k(hj)_p - h(ki)_p + p(kz - hw) \right)^{m+1} d\beta(z)d\beta(w) \\
 &= \frac{1}{p^2} \sum_{i \neq j} \sum_{l=0}^{m+1} \binom{m+1}{l} \\
 &\quad \times \iint \left( k[(hj)_p + pz] \right)^{m+1-l} \left( -h[(ki)_p + pw] \right)^l d\beta(z)d\beta(w) \\
 &= \sum_{l=0}^{m+1} \binom{m+1}{l} k^{m+1-l} (-h)^l p^{m-1} \sum_{i \neq j} \bar{B}_{m+1-l} \left( \frac{hj}{p} \right) \bar{B}_l \left( \frac{ki}{p} \right) \\
 &= \sum_{l=0}^{m+1} \binom{m+1}{l} k^{m+1-l} (-h)^l \\
 &\quad \times \left( \sum_{i,j=0}^{p-1} p^{m-l} \bar{B}_{m+1-l} \left( \frac{hi}{p} \right) p^{l-1} \bar{B}_l \left( \frac{kj}{p} \right) - p^{m-1} \sum_{i=0}^{p-1} \bar{B}_{m+1-l} \left( \frac{hi}{p} \right) \bar{B}_l \left( \frac{ki}{p} \right) \right) \\
 &= \sum_{l=0}^{m+1} \binom{m+1}{l} k^{m+1-l} (-h)^l B_{m+1-l} B_l - p^{m-1} (ks - hs)^{m+1} \left( \frac{hk}{p} \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $hS_p(m; h, k) + kS_p(m; k, h) = \frac{m}{m+1} I_p(m) + \frac{1}{m+1} K_p(m)$ . This in turn establishes the theorem. ■

In particular the theorem is true for any integer  $m$ . We obtain the following Corollary to the Theorem.

**COROLLARY.** *Let  $m$  be any nonnegative integer such that  $m + 1 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p - 1}$  and let  $h, k$  be positive integers such that  $(h, k) = 1$  and  $p \nmid hk$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned}
 &hk^m \sum_{\mu=0}^{k-1} \bar{B}_1 \left( \frac{\mu}{k} \right) p^{m-1} \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \omega^{-m-1}(h\mu + kj) \bar{B}_m \left( \frac{h\mu + kj}{pk} \right) \\
 &+ kh^m \sum_{\nu=0}^{h-1} \bar{B}_1 \left( \frac{\nu}{h} \right) p^{m-1} \sum_{i=0}^{p-1} \omega^{-m-1}(k\nu + hi) \bar{B}_m \left( \frac{k\nu + hi}{ph} \right) \\
 &= \frac{m}{m+1} B_{m+1, \omega^{-m-1}} \\
 &+ \frac{p^{m-1}}{m+1} \omega^{-m-1}(hk) \sum_{i,j=0}^{p-1} \omega^{-m-1}(j-i) \left( k\bar{B} \left( \frac{hj}{p} \right) - h\bar{B} \left( \frac{ki}{p} \right) \right)^{m+1}
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $B_{m+1,\omega^{-m-1}}$  is the  $(m + 1)$ st generalised Bernoulli number associated with the character  $\omega^{-m-1}$ , that is,  $B_{m,\chi}$  is defined by

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} B_{m,\chi} \frac{z^m}{m!} = \sum_{a=0}^{f-1} \frac{\chi(a)ze^{az}}{e^{fz} - 1}$$

where  $f$  is a modulus of  $\chi$ . The expression

$$\left( k\bar{B}\left(\frac{hj}{p}\right) - h\bar{B}\left(\frac{ki}{p}\right) \right)^{m+1} = \sum_{l=0}^{m+1} \binom{m+1}{l} k^{m+1-l} (-h)^l \bar{B}_{m+1-l}\left(\frac{hj}{p}\right) \bar{B}_l\left(\frac{ki}{p}\right).$$

PROOF: Let  $s = m$  be as in the statement of the Corollary. Then by Proposition 3,

$$\begin{aligned} & hS_p(m; h, k) + kS_p(m; k, h) \\ &= hk^m \sum_{\mu=0}^{k-1} \bar{B}_1\left(\frac{\mu}{k}\right) p^{m-1} \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \omega^{-m-1}(h\mu + kj) \bar{B}_m\left(\frac{h\mu + kj}{pk}\right) \\ &+ kh^m \sum_{\nu=0}^{h-1} \bar{B}_1\left(\frac{\nu}{h}\right) p^{m-1} \sum_{i=0}^{p-1} \omega^{-m-1}(k\nu + hi) \bar{B}_m\left(\frac{k\nu + hi}{ph}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} I_p(m) &= \frac{1}{p} \sum_{\mu=0}^{p-1} \langle \mu \rangle^{m+1} \int \left(1 + \frac{pz}{\mu}\right)^{m+1} d\beta(z) \\ &= \frac{1}{p} \sum_{\mu=1}^{p-1} \omega^{-m-1}(\mu) \mu^{m+1} \int \left(1 + \frac{pz}{\mu}\right)^{m+1} d\beta(z) \\ &= \frac{1}{p} \sum_{\mu=1}^{p-1} \omega^{-m-1}(\mu) p^{m+1} \bar{B}_{m+1}\left(\frac{\mu}{p}\right) \\ &= p^m \sum_{\mu=1}^{p-1} \omega^{-m-1}(\mu) \bar{B}_{m+1}\left(\frac{\mu}{p}\right) = B_{m+1,\omega^{-m-1}}. \end{aligned}$$

The last equality follows from the definitions of  $B_{m+1,\omega^{-m-1}}$  and  $B_{m+1}(x)$  in terms of their generating functions.

By an argument similar to the one in the proof of the theorem we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} K_p(m) &= \sum_{i,j=0}^{p-1} \omega^{-m-1} \left( k(hj)_p - h(ki)_p \right) \\ &\times \sum_{l=0}^{m+1} \binom{m+1}{l} k^{m+1-l} (-h)^l p^{m-1} \bar{B}_{m+1-l}\left(\frac{hj}{p}\right) \bar{B}_l\left(\frac{ki}{p}\right) \\ &= p^{m-1} \omega^{-m-1} (hk) \sum_{i,j=0}^{p-1} \omega^{-m-1}(j-i) \left( k\bar{B}\left(\frac{hj}{p}\right) - h\bar{B}\left(\frac{ki}{p}\right) \right)^{m+1}. \end{aligned}$$



The corollary now follows easily. ■

The corollary to the theorem suggests a definition of Dedekind sums attached to characters somewhat different (although equivalent) to that of Nagasaka [3].

DEFINITION: Let  $\chi$  be a numerical character on  $\mathbf{Z}$  of modulus dividing  $f$ . For any integer  $m \geq 0$ , define

$$\bar{B}_{m,\chi}(x) = f^{m-1} \sum_{a=0}^{f-1} \chi(a+x) \bar{B}_m\left(\frac{a+x}{f}\right)$$

for any rational number  $x$  with denominator relatively prime to  $f$ . (Notice  $\chi$  extends without ambiguity to such  $x$  by multiplicativity).

DEFINITION: Let  $\chi$  be a numerical character of modulus  $f$ , let  $h, k$  be integers such that  $k > 0$  and  $(k, f) = 1$ . Then for any integer  $m \geq 0$ , define

$$s_{n,m}^{\chi}(h, k) = \sum_{\mu=0}^{k-1} \bar{B}_n\left(\frac{\mu}{k}\right) \bar{B}_{m,\chi}\left(\frac{h\mu}{k}\right).$$

It is easy to see that  $s_{n,m}^{\chi}(h, k)$  is independent of the choice of representatives of  $\mu \pmod{k}$ . Then the corollary is equivalent to the following result for  $\chi = \omega^{-m-1}$ .

Let  $\chi$  be a primitive character of conductor  $f$ . Let  $m$  be any integer with  $m \geq 0$  and  $h$  and  $k$  positive integers such that  $(h, k) = 1$  and  $(hk, f) = 1$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & hk^m \chi(k) s_{1,m}^{\chi}(h, k) + kh^m \chi(h) s_{1,m}^{\chi}(k, h) \\ &= \frac{m}{m+1} B_{m+1,\chi} + \frac{f^{m-1}}{m+1} \sum_{i,j=0}^{f-1} \chi(hi+kj) \left( h\bar{B}\left(\frac{i}{f}\right) + k\bar{B}\left(\frac{j}{f}\right) \right)^{m+1}. \end{aligned}$$

We shall not prove this statement since an equivalent form may be found in [3].

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