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# Higher-order Frobenius-Euler and poly-Bernoulli mixed-type polynomials

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## Abstract

In this paper, we consider higher-order Frobenius-Euler polynomials, associated with poly-Bernoulli polynomials, which are derived from polylogarithmic function. These polynomials are called higher-order Frobenius-Euler and poly-Bernoulli mixed-type polynomials. The purpose of this paper is to give various identities of those polynomials arising from umbral calculus.

## 1 Introduction

For  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\lambda \neq 1$ , the Frobenius-Euler polynomials of order  $\alpha$  ( $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ) are defined by the generating function to be

$$\left(\frac{1-\lambda}{e^t-\lambda}\right)^\alpha e^{xt} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} H_n^{(\alpha)}(x|\lambda) \frac{t^n}{n!} \quad (\text{see [1-5]}). \quad (1.1)$$

When  $x = 0$ ,  $H_n^{(\alpha)}(\lambda) = H_n^{(\alpha)}(0|\lambda)$  are called the Frobenius-Euler numbers of order  $\alpha$ . As is well known, the Bernoulli polynomials of order  $\alpha$  are defined by the generating function to be

$$\left(\frac{t}{e^t-1}\right)^\alpha e^{xt} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{B}_n^{(\alpha)}(x) \frac{t^n}{n!} \quad (\text{see [6-8]}). \quad (1.2)$$

When  $x = 0$ ,  $\mathbb{B}_n^{(\alpha)} = \mathbb{B}_n^{(\alpha)}(x)$  is called the  $n$ th Bernoulli number of order  $\alpha$ . In the special case,  $\alpha = 1$ ,  $\mathbb{B}_n^{(1)}(x) = B_n(x)$  is called the  $n$ th Bernoulli polynomial. When  $x = 0$ ,  $B_n = B_n(0)$  is called the  $n$ th ordinary Bernoulli number. Finally, we recall that the Euler polynomials of order  $\alpha$  are given by

$$\left(\frac{2}{e^t+1}\right)^\alpha e^{xt} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n^{(\alpha)}(x) \frac{t^n}{n!} \quad (\text{see [9-13]}). \quad (1.3)$$

When  $x = 0$ ,  $E_n^{(\alpha)} = E_n^{(\alpha)}(0)$  is called the  $n$ th Euler number of order  $\alpha$ . In the special case,  $\alpha = 1$ ,  $E_n^{(1)}(x) = E_n(x)$  is called the  $n$ th ordinary Euler polynomial. The classical polylogarithmic function  $Li_k(x)$  is defined by

$$Li_k(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n^k} \quad (k \in \mathbb{Z}) \quad (\text{see [7]}). \quad (1.4)$$

As is known, poly-Bernoulli polynomials are defined by the generating function to be

$$\frac{Li_k(1 - e^{-t})}{1 - e^{-t}} e^{xt} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n^{(k)}(x) \frac{t^n}{n!} \quad (\text{cf. [7]}). \tag{1.5}$$

Let  $\mathbb{C}$  be the complex number field, and let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the set of all formal power series in the variable  $t$  over  $\mathbb{C}$  with

$$\mathcal{F} = \left\{ f(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_k}{k!} t^k \mid a_k \in \mathbb{C} \right\}. \tag{1.6}$$

Now, we use the notation  $\mathbb{P} = \mathbb{C}[x]$ . In this paper,  $\mathbb{P}^*$  will be denoted by the vector space of all linear functionals on  $\mathbb{P}$ . Let us assume that  $\langle L|p(x) \rangle$  be the action of the linear functional  $L$  on the polynomial  $p(x)$ , and we remind that the vector space operations on  $\mathbb{P}^*$  are defined by  $\langle L + M|p(x) \rangle = \langle L|p(x) \rangle + \langle M|p(x) \rangle$ ,  $\langle cL|p(x) \rangle = c\langle L|p(x) \rangle$ , where  $c$  is a complex constant in  $\mathbb{C}$ . The formal power series

$$f(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_k}{k!} t^k \in \mathcal{F} \tag{1.7}$$

defines a linear functional on  $\mathbb{P}$  by setting

$$\langle f(t)|x^n \rangle = a_n, \quad \text{for all } n \geq 0 \text{ (see [14, 15])}. \tag{1.8}$$

From (1.7) and (1.8), we note that

$$\langle t^k|x^n \rangle = n! \delta_{n,k} \quad (\text{see [14, 15]}), \tag{1.9}$$

where  $\delta_{n,k}$  is the Kronecker symbol.

Let us consider  $f_L(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\langle L|x^k \rangle}{k!} t^k$ . Then we see that  $\langle f_L(t)|x^n \rangle = \langle L|x^n \rangle$ , and so  $L = f_L(t)$  as linear functionals. The map  $L \mapsto f_L(t)$  is a vector space isomorphism from  $\mathbb{P}^*$  onto  $\mathcal{F}$ . Henceforth,  $\mathcal{F}$  will denote both the algebra of formal power series in  $t$  and the vector space of all linear functionals on  $\mathbb{P}$ , and so an element  $f(t)$  of  $\mathcal{F}$  will be thought of as both a formal power series and a linear functional (see [14]). We shall call  $\mathcal{F}$  the umbral algebra. The umbral calculus is the study of umbral algebra. The order  $o(f(t))$  of a nonzero power series  $f(t)$  is the smallest integer  $k$ , for which the coefficient of  $t^k$  does not vanish. A series  $f(t)$  is called a delta series if  $o(f(t)) = 1$ , and an invertible series if  $o(f(t)) = 0$ . Let  $f(t), g(t) \in \mathcal{F}$ . Then we have

$$\langle f(t)g(t)|p(x) \rangle = \langle f(t)|g(t)p(x) \rangle = \langle g(t)|f(t)p(x) \rangle \quad (\text{see [14]}). \tag{1.10}$$

For  $f(t), g(t) \in \mathcal{F}$  with  $o(f(t)) = 1$ ,  $o(g(t)) = 0$ , there exists a unique sequence  $S_n(x)$  ( $\deg S_n(x) = n$ ) such that  $\langle g(t)f(t)^k|S_n(x) \rangle = n! \delta_{n,k}$  for  $n, k \geq 0$ . The sequence  $S_n(x)$  is called the Sheffer sequence for  $(g(t), f(t))$ , which is denoted by  $S_n(x) \sim (g(t), f(t))$  (see [14, 15]). Let  $f(t) \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $p(t) \in \mathbb{P}$ . Then we have

$$f(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \langle f(t)|x^k \rangle \frac{t^k}{k!}, \quad p(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \langle t^k|p(x) \rangle \frac{x^k}{k!}. \tag{1.11}$$

From (1.11), we note that

$$p^{(k)}(0) = \langle t^k | p(x) \rangle = \langle 1 | p^{(k)}(x) \rangle. \tag{1.12}$$

By (1.12), we get

$$t^k p(x) = p^{(k)}(x) = \frac{d^k p(x)}{dx^k} \quad (\text{see [14, 15]}). \tag{1.13}$$

From (1.13), we easily derive the following equation

$$e^{yt} p(x) = p(x + y), \quad \langle e^{yt} | p(x) \rangle = p(y). \tag{1.14}$$

For  $p(x) \in \mathbb{P}, f(t) \in \mathcal{F}$ , it is known that

$$\langle f(t) | x p(x) \rangle = \langle \partial_t f(t) | p(x) \rangle = \langle f'(t) | p(x) \rangle \quad (\text{see [14]}). \tag{1.15}$$

Let  $S_n(x) \sim (g(t), f(t))$ . Then we have

$$\frac{1}{g(\bar{f}(x))} e^{y\bar{f}(x)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} S_n(y) \frac{t^n}{n!} \quad \text{for all } y \in \mathbb{C}, \tag{1.16}$$

where  $\bar{f}(t)$  is the compositional inverse of  $f(t)$  with  $\bar{f}(f(t)) = t$ , and

$$f(t) S_n(x) = n S_{n-1}(x) \quad (\text{see [14, 15]}). \tag{1.17}$$

The Stirling number of the second kind is defined by the generating function to be

$$(e^t - 1)^m = m! \sum_{l=m}^{\infty} S_2(l, m) \frac{t^l}{l!} \quad (m \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}). \tag{1.18}$$

For  $S_n(x) \sim (g(t), t)$ , it is well known that

$$S_{n+1}(x) = \left( x - \frac{g'(t)}{g(t)} \right) S_n(x) \quad (n \geq 0) \quad (\text{see [14, 15]}). \tag{1.19}$$

Let  $S_n(x) \sim (g(t), f(t)), r_n(x) \sim (h(t), l(t))$ . Then we have

$$S_n(x) = \sum_{m=0}^n C_{n,m} r_m(x), \tag{1.20}$$

where

$$C_{n,m} = \frac{1}{m!} \left\langle \frac{h(\bar{f}(t))}{g(\bar{f}(t))} l(\bar{f}(t))^m \middle| x^n \right\rangle \quad (\text{see [14, 15]}). \tag{1.21}$$

In this paper, we study higher-order Frobenius-Euler polynomials associated with poly-Bernoulli polynomials, which are called higher-order Frobenius-Euler and poly-Beroulli mixed-type polynomials. The purpose of this paper is to give various identities of those polynomials arising from umbral calculus.

## 2 Higher-order Frobenius-Euler polynomials, associated poly-Bernoulli polynomials

Let us consider the polynomials  $T_n^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda)$ , called higher-order Frobenius-Euler and poly-Bernoulli mixed-type polynomials, as follows:

$$\left(\frac{1-\lambda}{e^t-\lambda}\right)^r \frac{Li_k(1-e^{-t})}{1-e^{-t}} e^{xt} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} T_n^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) \frac{t^n}{n!}, \tag{2.1}$$

where  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\lambda \neq 1$ ,  $r, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

When  $x = 0$ ,  $T_n^{(r,k)}(\lambda) = T_n^{(r,k)}(0|\lambda)$  is called the  $n$ th higher-order Frobenius-Euler and poly-Bernoulli mixed type number.

From (1.16) and (2.1), we note that

$$T_n^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) \sim \left(g_{r,k}(t) = \left(\frac{e^t-\lambda}{1-\lambda}\right)^r \frac{1-e^{-t}}{Li_k(1-e^{-t})}, t\right). \tag{2.2}$$

By (1.17) and (2.2), we get

$$tT_n^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) = nT_{n-1}^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda). \tag{2.3}$$

From (2.1), we can easily derive the following equation

$$\begin{aligned} T_n^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) &= \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} H_{n-l}^{(r)}(\lambda) B_l^{(k)}(x) \\ &= \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} H_{n-l}^{(r)}(x|\lambda) B_l^{(k)}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.4}$$

By (1.16) and (2.2), we get

$$T_n^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) = \frac{1}{g_{r,k}(t)} x^n = \left(\frac{1-\lambda}{e^t-\lambda}\right)^r \frac{Li_k(1-e^{-t})}{1-e^{-t}} x^n. \tag{2.5}$$

In [7], it is known that

$$\frac{Li_k(1-e^{-t})}{1-e^{-t}} x^n = \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{1}{(m+1)^k} \sum_{j=0}^m (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} (x-j)^n. \tag{2.6}$$

Thus, by (2.5) and (2.6), we get

$$\begin{aligned} T_n^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) &= \left(\frac{1-\lambda}{e^t-\lambda}\right)^r \frac{Li_k(1-e^{-t})}{1-e^{-t}} x^n \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(m+1)^k} \sum_{j=0}^m (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} \left(\frac{1-\lambda}{e^t-\lambda}\right)^r (x-j)^n \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{1}{(m+1)^k} \sum_{j=0}^m (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} H_n^{(r)}(x-j|\lambda). \end{aligned} \tag{2.7}$$

By (1.1), we easily see that

$$H_n^{(r)}(x|\lambda) = \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} H_{n-l}^{(r)}(\lambda) x^l. \tag{2.8}$$

Therefore, by (2.7) and (2.8), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.1** For  $r, k \in \mathbb{Z}, n \geq 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} T_n^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) &= \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{1}{(m+1)^k} \sum_{j=0}^m (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} H_{n-l}^{(r)}(\lambda) (x-j)^l \\ &= \sum_{l=0}^n \left\{ \binom{n}{l} H_{n-l}^{(r)}(\lambda) \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(m+1)^k} \sum_{j=0}^m (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} \right\} (x-j)^l. \end{aligned}$$

In [7], it is known that

$$\frac{Li_k(1 - e^{-t})}{1 - e^{-t}} x^n = \sum_{j=0}^n \left\{ \sum_{m=0}^{n-j} \frac{(-1)^{n-m-j}}{(m+1)^k} \binom{n}{j} m! S_2(n-j, m) \right\} x^j. \tag{2.9}$$

By (2.5) and (2.9), we get

$$\begin{aligned} T_n^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) &= \left( \frac{1-\lambda}{e^t - \lambda} \right)^r \frac{Li_k(1 - e^{-t})}{1 - e^{-t}} x^n \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^n \left\{ \sum_{m=0}^{n-j} \frac{(-1)^{n-m-j}}{(m+1)^k} \binom{n}{j} m! S_2(n-j, m) \right\} \left( \frac{1-\lambda}{e^t - \lambda} \right)^r x^j \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^n \left\{ \sum_{m=0}^{n-j} \frac{(-1)^{n-m-j}}{(m+1)^k} \binom{n}{j} m! S_2(n-j, m) \right\} H_j^{(r)}(x|\lambda). \end{aligned} \tag{2.10}$$

Therefore, by (2.8) and (2.10), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.2** For  $r, k \in \mathbb{Z}, n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ , we have

$$T_n^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) = \sum_{l=0}^n \left\{ \sum_{j=l}^n \sum_{m=0}^{n-j} (-1)^{n-m-j} \binom{n}{j} \binom{j}{l} \frac{m!}{(m+1)^k} H_{j-l}^{(r)}(\lambda) S_2(n-j, m) \right\} x^l.$$

From (1.19) and (2.2), we have

$$T_{n+1}^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) = \left( x - \frac{g'_{r,k}(t)}{g_{r,k}(t)} \right) T_n^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda). \tag{2.11}$$

Now, we note that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{g'_{r,k}(t)}{g_{r,k}(t)} &= (\log g_{r,k}(t))' \\ &= (r \log(e^t - \lambda) - r \log(1 - \lambda) + \log(1 - e^{-t}) - \log Li_k(1 - e^{-t}))' \\ &= r + \frac{r\lambda}{e^t \lambda} + \left( \frac{t}{e^t - 1} \right) \frac{Li_k(1 - e^{-t}) - Li_{k-1}(1 - e^{-t})}{t Li_k(1 - e^{-t})}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.12}$$

By (2.11) and (2.12), we get

$$\begin{aligned} T_{n+1}^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) &= x T_n^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) - r T_n^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) - \frac{r\lambda}{1 - \lambda} \left( \frac{1 - \lambda}{e^t - \lambda} \right)^{r+1} \frac{Li_k(1 - e^{-t})}{1 - e^{-t}} x^n \\ &\quad - \left( \frac{1 - \lambda}{e^t - \lambda} \right)^r \frac{Li_k(1 - e^{-t}) - Li_{k-1}(1 - e^{-t})}{t(1 - e^{-t})} \left( \frac{t}{e^t - 1} \right) x^n \\ &= (x - r) T_n^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) - \frac{r\lambda}{1 - \lambda} T_n^{(r+1,k)}(x|\lambda) \\ &\quad - \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} B_{n-l} \left( \frac{1 - \lambda}{e^t - \lambda} \right)^r \frac{Li_k(1 - e^{-t}) - Li_{k-1}(1 - e^{-t})}{t(1 - e^{-t})} x^l. \end{aligned} \tag{2.13}$$

It is easy to show that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{Li_k(1 - e^{-t}) - Li_{k-1}(1 - e^{-t})}{1 - e^{-t}} &= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-t}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{(1 - e^{-t})^n}{n^k} - \frac{(1 - e^{-t})^n}{n^{k-1}} \right\} \\ &= \left( \frac{1 - e^{-t}}{2^k} - \frac{1 - e^{-t}}{2^{k-1}} \right) + \dots \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{2^k} - \frac{1}{2^{k-1}} \right) t + \dots \end{aligned} \tag{2.14}$$

For any delta series  $f(t)$ , we have

$$\frac{f(t)}{t} x^n = f(t) \frac{1}{n+1} x^{n+1}. \tag{2.15}$$

Thus, by (2.13), (2.14) and (2.15), we get

$$\begin{aligned} T_{n+1}^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) &= (x - r) T_n^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) - \frac{r\lambda}{1 - \lambda} T_n^{(r+1,k)}(x|\lambda) \\ &\quad - \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} B_{n-l} \frac{1}{l+1} \left( \frac{1 - \lambda}{e^t - \lambda} \right)^r \frac{Li_k(1 - e^{-t}) - Li_{k-1}(1 - e^{-t})}{1 - e^{-t}} x^{l+1} \\ &= (x - r) T_n^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) - \frac{r\lambda}{1 - \lambda} T_n^{(r+1,k)}(x|\lambda) \\ &\quad - \sum_{l=0}^n \frac{\binom{n}{l}}{l+1} B_{n-l} \{ T_{l+1}^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) - T_{l+1}^{(r,k-1)}(x|\lambda) \} \\ &= (x - r) T_n^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) - \frac{r\lambda}{1 - \lambda} T_n^{(r+1,k)}(x|\lambda) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -\frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{l=1}^{n+1} \binom{n+1}{l} B_{n+1-l} \{T_l^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) - T_l^{(r,k-1)}(x|\lambda)\} \\
 & = (x-r)T_n^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) - \frac{r\lambda}{1-\lambda} T_n^{(r+1,k)}(x|\lambda) \\
 & \quad - \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{l=0}^{n+1} \binom{n+1}{l} B_{n+1-l} \{T_l^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) - T_l^{(r,k-1)}(x|\lambda)\} \\
 & = (x-r)T_n^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) - \frac{r\lambda}{1-\lambda} T_n^{(r+1,k)}(x|\lambda) \\
 & \quad - \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{l=0}^{n+1} \binom{n+1}{l} B_l \{T_{n+1-l}^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) - T_{n+1-l}^{(r,k-1)}(x|\lambda)\}. \tag{2.16}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by (2.16), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.3** For  $r, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_{n+1}^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) & = (x-r)T_n^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) - \frac{r\lambda}{1-\lambda} T_n^{(r+1,k)}(x|\lambda) \\
 & \quad - \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{l=0}^{n+1} \binom{n+1}{l} B_l \{T_{n+1-l}^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) - T_{n+1-l}^{(r,k-1)}(x|\lambda)\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

**Remark 1** If  $r = 0$ , then we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n^{(k)}(x) \frac{t^n}{n!} = \frac{Li_k(1 - e^{-t})}{(1 - e^{-t})} e^{xt} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} T_n^{(0,k)}(x|\lambda) \frac{t^n}{n!}. \tag{2.17}$$

Thus, by (2.17), we get  $B_n^{(k)}(x) = T_n^{(0,k)}(x|\lambda)$ .

From (2.4), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 t x T_n^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) & = t \left( x \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} H_{n-l}^{(r)}(\lambda) B_l^{(k)}(x) \right) \\
 & = \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} H_{n-l}^{(r)}(\lambda) \{l x B_{l-1}^{(k)}(x) + B_l^{(k)}(x)\} \\
 & = n x \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{l} H_{n-1-l}^{(r)}(\lambda) B_l^{(k)}(x) + \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} H_{n-l}^{(r)}(\lambda) B_l^{(k)}(x) \\
 & = n x T_{n-1}^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) + T_n^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda). \tag{2.18}
 \end{aligned}$$

Applying  $t$  on both sides of Theorem 2.3, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (n+1)T_n^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) \\
 & = n x T_{n-1}^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) + T_n^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) - r n T_{n-1}^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) - \frac{r n \lambda}{1-\lambda} T_{n-1}^{(r+1,k)}(x|\lambda) \\
 & \quad - \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{l=0}^{n+1} \binom{n+1}{l} B_l \{(n+1-l)T_{n-l}^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) - (n+1-l)T_{n-l}^{(r,k-1)}(x|\lambda)\}. \tag{2.19}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by (2.19), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (n+1)T_n^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) + n\left(r - \frac{1}{2} - x\right)T_{n-1}^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) + \sum_{l=0}^{n-2} \binom{n}{l} B_{n-l} T_l^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) \\
 &= -\frac{r\lambda n}{1-\lambda} T_{n-1}^{(r+1,k)}(x|\lambda) + \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} B_{n-l} T_l^{(r,k-1)}(x|\lambda).
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.20}$$

Therefore, by (2.20), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.4** For  $r, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $n \geq 2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (n+1)T_n^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) + n\left(r - \frac{1}{2} - x\right)T_{n-1}^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) + \sum_{l=0}^{n-2} \binom{n}{l} B_{n-l} T_l^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) \\
 &= -\frac{r\lambda n}{1-\lambda} T_{n-1}^{(r+1,k)}(x|\lambda) + \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} B_{n-l} T_l^{(r,k-1)}(x|\lambda).
 \end{aligned}$$

From (1.14) and (2.5), we note that

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_n^{(r,k)}(y|\lambda) &= \left\langle \left(\frac{1-\lambda}{e^t-\lambda}\right)^r \frac{Li_k(1-e^{-t})}{1-e^{-t}} e^{yt} \middle| x^n \right\rangle \\
 &= \left\langle \left(\frac{1-\lambda}{e^t-\lambda}\right)^r \frac{Li_k(1-e^{-t})}{1-e^{-t}} e^{yt} \middle| xx^{n-1} \right\rangle.
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.21}$$

By (1.15) and (2.21), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_n^{(r,k)}(y|\lambda) &= \left\langle \partial_t \left( \left(\frac{1-\lambda}{e^t-\lambda}\right)^r \frac{Li_k(1-e^{-t})}{1-e^{-t}} e^{yt} \right) \middle| x^{n-1} \right\rangle \\
 &= \left\langle \left( \partial_t \left(\frac{1-\lambda}{e^t-\lambda}\right)^r \right) \frac{Li_k(1-e^{-t})}{1-e^{-t}} e^{yt} \middle| x^{n-1} \right\rangle \\
 &\quad + \left\langle \left(\frac{1-\lambda}{e^t-\lambda}\right)^r \left( \partial_t \frac{Li_k(1-e^{-t})}{1-e^{-t}} \right) e^{yt} \middle| x^{n-1} \right\rangle \\
 &\quad + \left\langle \left(\frac{1-\lambda}{e^t-\lambda}\right)^r \frac{Li_k(1-e^{-t})}{1-e^{-t}} \partial_t e^{yt} \middle| x^{n-1} \right\rangle.
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.22}$$

Therefore, by (2.22), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.5** For  $r, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_n^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) &= (x-r)T_{n-1}^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) - \frac{r\lambda}{1-\lambda} T_{n-1}^{(r+1,k)}(x|\lambda) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \left\{ (-1)^{n-1-l} \binom{n-1}{l} \sum_{m=0}^{n-1-l} (-1)^m \frac{(m+1)!}{(m+2)^k} S_2(n-1-l, m) \right\} H_l^{(r)}(x-1|\lambda).
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, we compute  $\langle (\frac{1-\lambda}{e^t-\lambda})^r Li_k(1-e^{-t}) | x^{n+1} \rangle$  in two different ways.

On the one hand,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left\langle \left( \frac{1-\lambda}{e^t - \lambda} \right)^r Li_k(1 - e^{-t}) \middle| x^{n+1} \right\rangle \\
 &= \left\langle \left( \frac{1-\lambda}{e^t - \lambda} \right)^r \frac{Li_k(1 - e^{-t})}{1 - e^{-t}} \middle| (1 - e^{-t})x^{n+1} \right\rangle \\
 &= \left\langle \left( \frac{1-\lambda}{e^t - \lambda} \right)^r \frac{Li_k(1 - e^{-t})}{1 - e^{-t}} \middle| x^{n+1} - (x-1)^{n+1} \right\rangle \\
 &= \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n+1}{m} (-1)^{n-m} \left\langle \left( \frac{1-\lambda}{e^t - \lambda} \right)^r \frac{Li_k(1 - e^{-t})}{1 - e^{-t}} \middle| x^m \right\rangle \\
 &= \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n+1}{m} (-1)^{n-m} \langle 1 | T_m^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) \rangle \\
 &= \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n+1}{m} (-1)^{n-m} T_m^{(r,k)}(\lambda). \tag{2.23}
 \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left\langle \left( \frac{1-\lambda}{e^t - \lambda} \right)^r Li_k(1 - e^{-t}) \middle| x^{n+1} \right\rangle \\
 &= \left\langle Li_k(1 - e^{-t}) \middle| \left( \frac{1-\lambda}{e^t - \lambda} \right)^r x^{n+1} \right\rangle \\
 &= \left\langle \int_0^t (Li_k(1 - e^{-s}))' ds \middle| H_{n+1}^{(r)}(x|\lambda) \right\rangle \\
 &= \left\langle \int_0^t e^{-s} \frac{Li_k(1 - e^{-s})}{(1 - e^{-s})} ds \middle| H_{n+1}^{(r)}(x|\lambda) \right\rangle \\
 &= \sum_{l=0}^n \left( \sum_{m=0}^l \binom{l}{m} (-1)^{l-m} B_m^{(k-1)} \right) \frac{1}{l!} \left\langle \int_0^t s^l ds \middle| H_{n+1}^{(r)}(x|\lambda) \right\rangle \\
 &= \sum_{l=0}^n \sum_{m=0}^l \binom{l}{m} (-1)^{l-m} \frac{B_m^{(k-1)}}{(l+1)!} \langle t^{l+1} \middle| H_{n+1}^{(r)}(x|\lambda) \rangle \\
 &= \sum_{l=0}^n \sum_{m=0}^l \binom{l}{m} \binom{n+1}{l+1} (-1)^{l-m} B_m^{(k-1)} H_{n-l}^{(r)}(\lambda). \tag{2.24}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by (2.23) and (2.24), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.6** For  $r, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n+1}{m} (-1)^{n-m} T_m^{(r,k)}(\lambda) \\
 &= \sum_{l=0}^n \sum_{m=0}^l (-1)^{l-m} \binom{l}{m} \binom{n+1}{l+1} B_m^{(k-1)} H_{n-l}^{(r)}(\lambda).
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, we consider the following two Sheffer sequences:

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_n^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) &\sim \left( \left( \frac{e^t - \lambda}{1 - \lambda} \right)^r \frac{1 - e^{-t}}{Li_k(1 - e^{-t})}, t \right), \\
 \mathbb{B}^{(s)} &\sim \left( \left( \frac{e^t - 1}{t} \right)^s, t \right),
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{2.25}$$

where  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ ,  $r, k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\lambda \neq 1$ . Let us assume that

$$T_n^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) = \sum_{m=0}^n C_{n,m} \mathbb{B}_m^{(s)}(x).
 \tag{2.26}$$

By (1.21) and (2.26), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_{n,m} &= \frac{1}{m!} \left\langle \left( \frac{e^t - 1}{t} \right)^s \left( \frac{1 - \lambda}{e^t - \lambda} \right)^r \frac{Li_k(1 - e^{-t})}{1 - e^{-t}} t^m \middle| x^n \right\rangle \\
 &= \frac{1}{m!} \left\langle \left( \frac{e^t - 1}{t} \right)^s \left( \frac{1 - \lambda}{e^t - \lambda} \right)^r \frac{Li_k(1 - e^{-t})}{1 - e^{-t}} \middle| t^m x^n \right\rangle \\
 &= \binom{n}{m} \left\langle \left( \frac{e^t - 1}{t} \right)^s \left( \frac{1 - \lambda}{e^t - \lambda} \right)^r \frac{Li_k(1 - e^{-t})}{1 - e^{-t}} \middle| x^{n-m} \right\rangle \\
 &= \binom{n}{m} \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \frac{s!}{(l+s)!} S_2(l+s, s) \left\langle \left( \frac{1 - \lambda}{e^t - \lambda} \right)^r \frac{Li_k(1 - e^{-t})}{1 - e^{-t}} \middle| t^l x^{n-m} \right\rangle \\
 &= \binom{n}{m} \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \frac{s! l!}{(l+s)!} \frac{(n-m)_l}{l!} S_2(l+s, s) \langle 1 | T_{n-m-l}^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) \rangle \\
 &= \binom{n}{m} \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \frac{\binom{n-m}{s+l}}{\binom{s+l}{l}} S_2(l+s, s) T_{n-m-l}^{(r,k)}(\lambda).
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{2.27}$$

Therefore, by (2.26) and (2.27), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.7** For  $r, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ , we have

$$T_n^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) = \sum_{m=0}^n \left\{ \binom{n}{m} \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \frac{\binom{n-m}{s+l}}{\binom{s+l}{l}} S_2(l+s, s) T_{n-m-l}^{(r,k)}(\lambda) \right\} \mathbb{B}_m^{(s)}(x).$$

From (1.3) and (2.1), we note that

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_n^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) &\sim \left( \left( \frac{e^t - \lambda}{1 - \lambda} \right)^r \frac{1 - e^{-t}}{Li_k(1 - e^{-t})}, t \right), \\
 E_n^{(r,s)}(x) &\sim \left( \left( \frac{e^t + 1}{2} \right)^s, t \right),
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{2.28}$$

where  $r, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ .

By the same method, we get

$$T_n^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) = \frac{1}{2^s} \sum_{m=0}^n \left\{ \binom{n}{m} \sum_{j=0}^s \binom{s}{j} T_{n-m}^{(r,k)}(j) \right\} E_m^{(s)}(x).
 \tag{2.29}$$

From (1.1) and (2.1), we note that

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_n^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) &\sim \left( \left( \frac{e^t - \lambda}{1 - \lambda} \right)^r \frac{1 - e^{-t}}{Li_k(1 - e^{-t})}, t \right), \\
 H_n^{(s)}(x|\mu) &\sim \left( \left( \frac{e^t - \mu}{1 - \mu} \right)^s, t \right),
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{2.30}$$

where  $r, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and  $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\lambda \neq 1, \mu \neq 1, s \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ .

Let us assume that

$$T_n^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) = \sum_{m=0}^n C_{n,m} H_m^{(s)}(x|\mu).
 \tag{2.31}$$

By (1.21) and (2.31), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_{n,m} &= \frac{1}{m!} \left\langle \left( \frac{e^t - \mu}{1 - \mu} \right)^s \left( \frac{1 - \lambda}{e^t - \lambda} \right)^r \frac{Li_k(1 - e^{-t})}{1 - e^{-t}} t^m \middle| x^n \right\rangle \\
 &= \frac{\binom{n}{m}}{(1 - \mu)^s} \left\langle (e^t - \mu)^s \middle| \left( \frac{1 - \lambda}{e^t - \lambda} \right)^r \frac{Li_k(1 - e^{-t})}{1 - e^{-t}} x^{n-m} \right\rangle \\
 &= \frac{\binom{n}{m}}{(1 - \mu)^s} \sum_{j=0}^s \binom{s}{j} (-\mu)^{s-j} \langle e^{jt} | T_{n-m}^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) \rangle \\
 &= \frac{\binom{n}{m}}{(1 - \mu)^s} \sum_{j=0}^s \binom{s}{j} (-\mu)^{s-j} T_{n-m}^{(r,k)}(j|\lambda).
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{2.32}$$

Therefore, by (2.31) and (2.32), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.8** For  $r, k \in \mathbb{Z}, s \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ , we have

$$T_n^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) = \frac{1}{(1 - \mu)^s} \sum_{m=0}^n \left\{ \binom{n}{m} \sum_{j=0}^s \binom{s}{j} (-\mu)^{s-j} T_{n-m}^{(r,k)}(j|\lambda) \right\} H_m^{(s)}(x|\mu).$$

It is known that

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_n^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) &\sim \left( \left( \frac{e^t - \lambda}{1 - \lambda} \right)^r \frac{1 - e^{-t}}{Li_k(1 - e^{-t})}, t \right), \\
 (x)_n &\sim (1, e^t - 1).
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{2.33}$$

Let

$$T_n^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) = \sum_{m=0}^n C_{n,m}(x)_m.
 \tag{2.34}$$

Then, by (1.21) and (2.34), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_{n,m} &= \frac{1}{m!} \left\langle \left( \frac{1 - \lambda}{e^t - \lambda} \right)^r \frac{Li_k(1 - e^{-t})}{1 - e^{-t}} (e^t - 1)^m \middle| x^n \right\rangle \\
 &= \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{S_2(l + m, m)}{(l + m)!} \left\langle \left( \frac{1 - \lambda}{e^t - \lambda} \right)^r \frac{Li_k(1 - e^{-t})}{1 - e^{-t}} t^{m+l} \middle| x^n \right\rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \frac{S_2(l+m, m)}{(l+m)!} (n)_{m+l} \left\langle 1 \left| \left( \frac{1-\lambda}{e^t - \lambda} \right)^r \frac{Li_k(1-e^{-t})}{1-e^{-t}} x^{n-m-l} \right\rangle \right. \\
 &= \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \binom{n}{l+m} S_2(l+m, m) T_{n-m-l}^{(r,k)}(\lambda).
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.35}$$

Therefore, by (2.34) and (2.35), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.9** For  $r, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we have

$$T_n^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) = \sum_{m=0}^n \left\{ \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \binom{n}{l+m} S_2(l+m, m) T_{n-m-l}^{(r,k)}(\lambda) \right\} (x)_m.$$

Finally, we consider the following two Sheffer sequences:

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_n^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) &\sim \left( \left( \frac{e^t - \lambda}{1 - \lambda} \right)^r \frac{1 - e^{-t}}{Li_k(1 - e^{-t})}, t \right), \\
 x^{[n]} &\sim (1, 1 - e^{-t}),
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.36}$$

where  $x^{[n]} = x(x+1) \cdots (x+n-1)$ .

Let us assume that

$$T_n^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) = \sum_{m=0}^n C_{n,m} x^{[m]}. \tag{2.37}$$

Then, by (1.21) and (2.37), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_{n,m} &= \frac{1}{m!} \left\langle \left( \frac{1-\lambda}{e^t - \lambda} \right)^r \frac{Li_k(1-e^{-t})}{1-e^{-t}} (1-e^{-t})^m \middle| x^n \right\rangle \\
 &= \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^l S_2(l+m, m)}{(l+m)!} \left\langle \left( \frac{1-\lambda}{e^t - \lambda} \right)^r \frac{Li_k(1-e^{-t})}{1-e^{-t}} \middle| t^{m+l} x^n \right\rangle \\
 &= \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \frac{(-1)^l S_2(l+m, m)}{(l+m)!} (n)_{m+l} \left\langle 1 \left| \left( \frac{1-\lambda}{e^t - \lambda} \right)^r \frac{Li_k(1-e^{-t})}{1-e^{-t}} x^{n-m-l} \right\rangle \right. \\
 &= \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} (-1)^l \binom{n}{l+m} S_2(l+m, m) T_{n-m-l}^{(r,k)}(\lambda).
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.38}$$

Therefore, by (2.37) and (2.38), we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.10** For  $r, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n \geq 0$ , we have

$$T_n^{(r,k)}(x|\lambda) = \sum_{m=0}^n \left\{ \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} (-1)^l \binom{n}{l+m} S_2(l+m, m) T_{n-m-l}^{(r,k)}(\lambda) \right\} x^{[m]}.$$

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