



# Infinite order linear differential equation satisfied by $p$ -adic Hurwitz-type Euler zeta functions

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## Abstract

In 1900, at the international congress of mathematicians, Hilbert claimed that the Riemann zeta function  $\zeta(s)$  is not the solution of any algebraic ordinary differential equations on its region of analyticity. In 2015, Van Gorder (J Number Theory 147:778–788, 2015) considered the question of whether  $\zeta(s)$  satisfies a non-algebraic differential equation and showed that it *formally* satisfies an infinite order linear differential equation. Recently, Prado and Klinger-Logan (J Number Theory 217:422–442, 2020) extended Van Gorder’s result to show that the Hurwitz zeta function  $\zeta(s, a)$  is also *formally* satisfies a similar differential equation

$$T\left[\zeta(s, a) - \frac{1}{a^s}\right] = \frac{1}{(s-1)a^{s-1}}.$$

But unfortunately in the same paper they proved that the operator  $T$  applied to Hurwitz zeta function  $\zeta(s, a)$  does not converge at any point in the complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$ . In this paper, by defining  $T_p^a$ , a  $p$ -adic analogue of Van Gorder’s operator  $T$ , we establish an analogue of Prado and Klinger-Logan’s differential equation satisfied by  $\zeta_{p,E}(s, a)$  which is the  $p$ -adic analogue of the Hurwitz-type Euler zeta functions

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

In contrast with the complex case, due to the non-archimedean property, the operator  $T_p^a$  applied to the  $p$ -adic Hurwitz-type Euler zeta function  $\zeta_{p,E}(s, a)$  is convergent  $p$ -adically in

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Dedicated to the memory of Prof. David Goss (1952–2017)

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the area of  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  with  $s \neq 1$  and  $a \in K$  with  $|a|_p > 1$ , where  $K$  is any finite extension of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  with ramification index over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  less than  $p - 1$ .

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### 1 Introduction

Throughout this paper we shall use the following notations.

- $\mathbb{C}$  – the field of complex numbers.
- $p$  – an odd rational prime number.
- $\mathbb{Z}_p$  – the ring of  $p$ -adic integers.
- $\mathbb{Q}_p$  – the field of fractions of  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ .
- $\mathbb{C}_p$  – the completion of a fixed algebraic closure  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}_p}$  of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ .

The Riemann zeta function  $\zeta(s)$  is defined as

$$\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s}, \quad \text{Re}(s) > 1, \tag{1.1}$$

it can be analytically continued to the whole complex plane except for a single pole at  $s = 1$  with residue 1. In 1900, at the international congress of mathematicians, David Hilbert [5] claimed that  $\zeta(s)$  is not the solution of any algebraic ordinary differential equations on its region of analyticity. In 2015, Van Gorder [19] considered the question of whether  $\zeta(s)$  satisfies a non-algebraic differential equation and showed that it *formally* satisfies an infinite order linear differential equation. In fact, he established the differential equation

$$T[\zeta(s) - 1] = \frac{1}{s - 1} \tag{1.2}$$

formally, where

$$T = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} L_n \tag{1.3}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} L_n &:= p_n(s) \exp(nD), \\ p_n(s) &:= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} (s + j) & \text{if } n > 0, \end{cases} \\ \exp(nD) &:= id + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^k}{k!} D^k \end{aligned}$$

for  $D_s^k := \frac{\partial^k}{\partial s^k}$ .

For  $0 < a \leq 1$ ,  $\text{Re}(s) > 1$ , in 1882 Hurwitz [4] defined the partial zeta functions

$$\zeta(s, a) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n + a)^s}, \tag{1.4}$$

which generalized (1.1). As (1.1), this function can also be analytically continued to a meromorphic function in the complex plane with a simple pole at  $s = 1$ . Recently, Prado and Klinger-Logan [15] extended Van Gorder’s result to show that the Hurwitz zeta function  $\zeta(s, a)$  also *formally* satisfies a similar differential equation

$$T\left[\zeta(s, a) - \frac{1}{a^s}\right] = \frac{1}{(s - 1)a^{s-1}} \tag{1.5}$$

for  $s \in \mathbb{C}$  satisfying  $s + n \neq 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ , where  $T$  is the Van Gorder’s operator defined as in (1.3) (see [15, Corollary 4]). But unfortunately, in the same paper they proved that

$$T\left[\zeta(s, a) - \frac{1}{a^s}\right] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_n(s) \exp(nD) \left[\zeta(s, a) - \frac{1}{a^s}\right],$$

the operator  $T$  applied to Hurwitz zeta function, does not converge at any point in the complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$  (see [15, Theorem 8]). Then they defined a generalized operator  $G$  instead of  $T$ . That is, let  $\mathcal{M}$  be the collection of meromorphic functions on  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $f \in \mathcal{M}$ , define  $G : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  by

$$G[f](s) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_n(s) f(s + n). \tag{1.6}$$

Under this linear operator, we have a convergent difference equation

$$G\left[\zeta(s, a) - \frac{1}{a^s}\right] = \frac{1}{(s - 1)a^{s-1}}. \tag{1.7}$$

But it needs to mention that  $G$  is not a differential operator.

For  $\text{Re}(s) > 0$ , the Euler zeta function (also called alternative series or Dirichlet eta function) is defined by

$$\zeta_E(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^s}. \tag{1.8}$$

This function can be analytically continued to the complex plane without any pole. For  $\text{Re}(s) > 0$ , (1.1) and (1.8) are connected by the following equation

$$\zeta_E(s) = (1 - 2^{1-s})\zeta(s). \tag{1.9}$$

By Weil’s history [21, p. 273–276] (also see a survey by Goss [3, Sect. 2]), Euler used (1.8) to “prove”

$$\frac{\zeta_E(1 - s)}{\zeta_E(s)} = \frac{-\Gamma(s)(2^s - 1)\cos(\pi s/2)}{(2^{s-1} - 1)\pi^s}, \tag{1.10}$$

which leads to the functional equation of  $\zeta(s)$ .

For  $s \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $a \neq 0, -1, -2, \dots$ , the Hurwitz-type Euler zeta function is defined as the Hurwitz zeta function (1.4) twisted by  $(-1)^n$

$$\zeta_E(s, a) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(n + a)^s}. \tag{1.11}$$

This function can also be analytically continued to the complex plane without any pole. It represents a partial zeta function of cyclotomic fields in one version of Stark’s conjectures in algebraic number theory (see [11, p. 4249, (6.13)]). Recently, several interesting properties for the function  $\zeta_E(s, a)$  have been studied, including its Fourier expansion and several integral representations [7], special values and power series expansions [6], convexity properties [2], etc.

In [10], using the fermionic  $p$ -adic integral (see (2.6) below), we defined  $\zeta_{p,E}(s, a)$ , the  $p$ -adic analogue of Hurwitz-type Euler zeta functions (1.11), which interpolates (1.11) at non-positive integers (see Theorem 2.4 below), so called the  $p$ -adic Hurwitz-type Euler zeta functions. In the same paper, we also proved several properties of  $\zeta_{p,E}(s, a)$ , including the analyticity, the convergent Laurent series expansion, the distribution formula, the difference equation, the reflection functional equation, the derivative formula and the  $p$ -adic Raabe formula.

In this note, we define a  $p$ -adic analogue of the operator  $T$ , denoted by  $T_p^a$  (see (2.10) below). Under this operator, the  $p$ -adic Hurwitz-type Euler zeta function  $\zeta_{p,E}(s, a)$  satisfies an infinite order linear differential equation

$$T_p^a [\zeta_{p,E}(s, a) - \langle a \rangle^{1-s}] = \frac{1}{s-1} (\langle a-1 \rangle^{1-s} - \langle a \rangle^{1-s}) \tag{1.12}$$

(see Theorem 3.5). In contrast with the complex case, the left hand side of the above equation is convergent everywhere for  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  with  $s \neq 1$  and  $a \in K$  with  $|a|_p > 1$ , where  $K$  is any finite extension of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  with ramification index over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  less than  $p - 1$  (see Corollary 3.8 and Remarks 3.7 and 3.9 below).

## 2 Preliminaries

### 2.1 $p$ -adic Teichmüller character

To our purpose, in this subsection, we recall some notions from  $p$ -adic analysis, including the  $p$ -adic Teichmüller character  $\omega_v(a)$  and the projection function  $\langle a \rangle$  for  $a \in \mathbb{C}_p^\times$ . Our approach follows Tangedal and Young in [18] closely.

Given  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_p, p \nmid a$  and  $p > 2$ , there exists a unique  $(p - 1)$ th root of unity  $\omega(a) \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  such that

$$a \equiv \omega(a) \pmod{p},$$

where  $\omega$  is the Teichmüller character. Let  $\langle a \rangle = \omega^{-1}(a)a$ , so  $\langle a \rangle \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ .

In what follows we extend the definition domain of the projection function  $\langle a \rangle$  from  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  to  $\mathbb{C}_p$ . Fixed an embedding of  $\mathbb{Q}$  into  $\mathbb{C}_p$ , denote the image of the set of positive real rational powers of  $p$  under this embedding in  $\mathbb{C}_p^\times$  by  $p^\mathbb{Q}$ , and the group of roots of unity with order not divisible by  $p$  in  $\mathbb{C}_p^\times$  by  $\mu$ . Given  $a \in \mathbb{C}_p$  with  $|a|_p = 1$ , there exists a unique element  $\hat{a} \in \mu$  such that

$$|a - \hat{a}|_p < 1, \tag{2.1}$$

which is also named the Teichmüller representative of  $a$ ; it can also be defined from  $\hat{a} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a^{p^n!}$ . Then we extend this definition to  $a \in \mathbb{C}_p^\times$  by

$$\hat{a} := \widehat{(a/p^{v_p(a)})}, \tag{2.2}$$

that is, we define  $\hat{a} = \hat{u}$  if  $a = p^r u$  with  $p^r \in p^{\mathbb{Q}}$  and  $|u|_p = 1$ , then we define the function  $\langle \cdot \rangle$  on  $\mathbb{C}_p^\times$  by

$$\langle a \rangle = p^{-v_p(a)} a / \hat{a}.$$

Now we define  $\omega_v(\cdot)$  on  $\mathbb{C}_p^\times$  by

$$\omega_v(a) = \frac{a}{\langle a \rangle} = p^{v_p(a)} \hat{a}. \tag{2.3}$$

From this we get an internal product decomposition of multiplicative groups

$$\mathbb{C}_p^\times \simeq p^{\mathbb{Q}} \times \mu \times D, \tag{2.4}$$

where  $D = \{a \in \mathbb{C}_p : |a - 1|_p < 1\}$ , given by

$$a = p^{v_p(a)} \cdot \hat{a} \cdot \langle a \rangle \mapsto (p^{v_p(a)}, \hat{a}, \langle a \rangle). \tag{2.5}$$

As remarked by Tangedal and Young in [18], this decomposition of  $\mathbb{C}_p^\times$  depends on the choice of embedding of  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$  into  $\mathbb{C}_p$ ; the projections  $p^{v_p(a)}, \hat{a}, \langle a \rangle$  are uniquely determined up to roots of unity. However for  $a \in \mathbb{Q}_p^\times$  the projections  $p^{v_p(a)}, \hat{a}, \langle a \rangle$  are uniquely determined and do not depend on the choice of the embedding. Notice that the projections  $a \mapsto p^{v_p(a)}$  and  $a \mapsto \hat{a}$  are constant on discs of the form  $\{a \in \mathbb{C}_p : |a - y|_p < |y|_p\}$  and therefore have derivative zero whereas the projections  $a \mapsto \langle a \rangle$  has derivative  $\frac{d}{da} \langle a \rangle = \langle a \rangle / a$ .

### 2.2 The fermionic $p$ -adic integral and the $p$ -adic Hurwitz-type Euler zeta functions

In this subsection, we recall the definition of the  $p$ -adic Hurwitz-type Euler zeta functions  $\zeta_{p,E}(s, a)$  from the fermionic  $p$ -adic integral. For details, we refer to [10].

Let  $UD(\mathbb{Z}_p)$  be the space of all uniformly (or strictly) differentiable  $\mathbb{C}_p$ -valued functions on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  (see [1, §11.1.2]). The fermionic  $p$ -adic integral  $I_{-1}(f)$  on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  of a function  $f \in UD(\mathbb{Z}_p)$  is defined by

$$I_{-1}(f) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} f(t) d\mu_{-1}(t) = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^{p^r-1} f(k) (-1)^k. \tag{2.6}$$

The fermionic  $p$ -adic integral (2.6) was independently found by Katz [8, p. 486] (in Katz’s notation, the  $\mu^{(2)}$ -measure), Shiratani and Yamamoto [17], Osipov [14], Lang [12] (in Lang’s notation, the  $E_{1,2}$ -measure), Kim [9] from very different viewpoints.

For  $a \in \mathbb{C}_p^\times$  and  $s \in \mathbb{C}_p$ , the two-variable function  $\langle a \rangle^s$  ([16, p. 141]) is defined by

$$\langle a \rangle^s = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{s}{n} (\langle a \rangle - 1)^n, \tag{2.7}$$

when this sum is convergence. The analytic property of  $\langle a \rangle^s$  is stated in the following proposition.

**Proposition 2.1** (see Tangedal and Young [18]) *For any  $a \in \mathbb{C}_p^\times$  the function  $s \mapsto \langle a \rangle^s$  is a  $C^\infty$  function of  $s$  on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  and is analytic on a disc of positive radius about  $s = 0$ ; on this disc it is locally analytic as a function of  $a$  and independent of the choice made to define the  $\langle \cdot \rangle$  function. If  $a$  lies in a finite extension  $K$  of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  whose ramification index over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  is less than  $p - 1$  then  $s \mapsto \langle a \rangle^s$  is analytic for  $|s|_p < |\pi|_p^{-1} p^{-1/(p-1)}$ , where  $(\pi)$  is the maximal ideal of the ring of integers  $O_K$  of  $K$ . If  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ , the function  $a \mapsto \langle a \rangle^s$  is an analytic function of  $a$  on any disc of the form  $\{a \in \mathbb{C}_p : |a - y|_p < |y|_p\}$ .*

Now we are at the position to recall the definition for the  $p$ -adic Hurwitz-type Euler zeta function  $\zeta_{p,E}(s, a)$ .

**Definition 2.2** (see [10, Definition 3.3]) For  $a \in \mathbb{C}_p \setminus \mathbb{Z}_p$ , we define the  $p$ -adic Hurwitz-type Euler zeta function  $\zeta_{p,E}(s, a)$  by the formula

$$\zeta_{p,E}(s, a) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \langle a + t \rangle^{1-s} d\mu_{-1}(t). \tag{2.8}$$

The following theorem summarize the analytic property of  $\zeta_{p,E}(s, x)$  and Tangedal and Young proved a similar result for  $p$ -adic multiple zeta functions (see [18, Theorem 3.1]).

**Theorem 2.3** (see [10, Theorem 3.4]) *For any choice of  $a \in \mathbb{C}_p \setminus \mathbb{Z}_p$  the function  $\zeta_{p,E}(s, a)$  is a  $C^\infty$  function of  $s$  on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ , and is an analytic function of  $s$  on a disc of positive radius about  $s = 0$ ; on this disc it is locally analytic as a function of  $a$  and independent of the choice made to define the  $\langle \cdot \rangle$  function. If  $a$  is so chosen to lie in a finite extension  $K$  of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  whose ramification index over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  is less than  $p - 1$  then  $\zeta_{p,E}(s, a)$  is analytic for  $|s|_p < |\pi|_p^{-1} p^{-1/(p-1)}$ . If  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ , the function  $\zeta_{p,E}(s, a)$  is locally analytic as a function of  $a$  on  $\mathbb{C}_p \setminus \mathbb{Z}_p$ .*

It needs to mention that the  $p$ -adic Hurwitz-type Euler zeta function  $\zeta_{p,E}(s, a)$  interpolates its complex counterpart  $\zeta_E(s, a)$  (1.11)  $p$ -adically, that is,

**Theorem 2.4** (see [10, Theorem 3.8]) *Suppose that  $a \in \mathbb{C}_p$  and  $|a|_p > 1$ . For  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,*

$$\zeta_{p,E}(1 - m, a) = \frac{1}{\omega_v^m(a)} E_m(a) = \frac{1}{\omega_v^m(a)} \zeta_E(-m, a),$$

where the Euler polynomials  $E_m(x)$  is defined by the generating function

$$\frac{2e^{xz}}{e^z + 1} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} E_m(x) \frac{z^m}{m!}, \quad |z| < \pi. \tag{2.9}$$

### 2.3 The $p$ -adic operator $T_p^a$

In this subsection, we give a definition of  $T_p^a$ , the  $p$ -adic analogue of the operator  $T$  (see (1.3)). Let  $E = \{x \in \mathbb{C}_p : |x|_p < p^{-\frac{1}{p-1}}\}$  be the region of convergence of the power series  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k!}$ . The  $p$ -adic exponential function is given by

$$\exp_p(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k!}, \quad (x \in E)$$

(see [16, p. 70]) and the  $p$ -adic Van Gorder’s operator is defined as follows

$$T_p^a = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} L_{p,n}^a, \tag{2.10}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} L_{p,n}^a &:= P_{p,n}^a(s) \exp_p(nD), \\ P_{p,n}^a(s) &:= \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ \frac{s-1}{\omega_v(a)} & \text{if } n = 1 \\ \frac{1}{n! \omega_v^n(a)} \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} (s-1+j) & \text{if } n \geq 2, \end{cases} \\ \exp_p(nD) &:= id + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^k}{k!} D_s^k \end{aligned} \tag{2.11}$$

for  $D_s^k := \frac{\partial^k}{\partial s^k}$ .

### 3 Main results

In this section, we shall prove (1.12). First we need to establish the following identity for  $\zeta_{p,E}(s, a)$ .

**Lemma 3.1** *Let  $\zeta_{p,E}(s, a)$  be the  $p$ -adic Hurwitz-type Euler zeta function. Then, for  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  with  $s \neq 1$  and  $a \in \mathbb{C}_p$  with  $|a|_p > 1$ , we have that*

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{2}{s-1} (\zeta_{p,E}(s, a) - \langle a \rangle^{1-s}) + \frac{1}{\omega_v(a)} (\zeta_{p,E}(s+1, a) - \langle a \rangle^{1-(s+1)}) \\ &+ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{n-1} (s-1+j)}{n! \omega_v^n(a)} (\zeta_{p,E}(s+n, a) - \langle a \rangle^{1-(s+n)}) \\ &= \frac{1}{s-1} (\langle a-1 \rangle^{1-s} - \langle a \rangle^{1-s}). \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

**Remark 3.2** This is a  $p$ -adic analogue of complex identities for the Hurwitz zeta function  $\zeta(s, a)$  (see [15, Lemma 1]) and for the Riemann zeta function  $\zeta(s)$  (see [15, (3.3)]).

**Proof of Lemma 3.1** Fix  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  and  $a \in \mathbb{C}_p$  with  $|a|_p > 1$ . For any  $r \in \mathbb{N}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
-\frac{1}{(s-1)\langle a \rangle^{s-1}} &= \frac{1}{s-1} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{p^r-1} \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{\langle k+a \rangle^{s-1}} + \sum_{k=1}^{p^r-1} \frac{(-1)^k}{\langle k+a \rangle^{s-1}} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{s-1} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{p^r} \frac{(-1)^k}{\langle k-1+a \rangle^{s-1}} + \sum_{k=1}^{p^r-1} \frac{(-1)^k}{\langle k+a \rangle^{s-1}} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{s-1} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{p^r-1} \frac{(-1)^k}{\langle k-1+a \rangle^{s-1}} + \sum_{k=1}^{p^r-1} \frac{(-1)^k}{\langle k+a \rangle^{s-1}} + \frac{(-1)^{p^r}}{\langle p^r-1+a \rangle^{s-1}} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{s-1} \sum_{k=1}^{p^r-1} \frac{(-1)^k}{\langle k+a \rangle^{s-1}} \left( \left\langle \frac{k+a}{k-1+a} \right\rangle^{s-1} + 1 \right) \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{s-1} \frac{1}{\langle p^r-1+a \rangle^{s-1}} \\
&\quad \text{(since } p \text{ is an odd prime).}
\end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

Since  $|a|_p > 1$ , for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $|k+a|_p > 1$ , thus

$$\left| 1 - \frac{1}{k+a} \right|_p = 1$$

and

$$\left| \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{k+a}} - 1 \right|_p = \left| \frac{\frac{1}{k+a}}{1 - \frac{1}{k+a}} \right|_p < 1.$$

Then from (2.1) we see that

$$\widehat{\frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{k+a}}} = 1$$

and by (2.3)

$$\omega_v \left( \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{k+a}} \right) = 1.$$

Again by (2.3), we have



$$\begin{aligned}
 \left\langle \frac{k+a}{k-1+a} \right\rangle &= \left\langle \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{k+a}} \right\rangle \\
 &= \omega_v^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{k+a}} \right) \left( \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{k+a}} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{k+a}} \\
 &= \left( 1 - \frac{1}{k+a} \right)^{-1}.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{3.3}$$

From [16, p.140, Lemma 47.6], for  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  we have the expansion

$$(1+x)^s = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{s}{n} x^n, \quad |x|_p < 1.$$

Thus by (3.3) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left\langle \frac{k+a}{k-1+a} \right\rangle^{s-1} &= \left( 1 - \frac{1}{k+a} \right)^{1-s} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{1-s}{n} \frac{(-1)^n}{(k+a)^n} \\
 &= 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\prod_{j=0}^{n-1} (s-1+j)}{n!} \frac{1}{(k+a)^n}.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{3.4}$$

Substituting the above expansion into (3.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & - \frac{1}{(s-1)\langle a \rangle^{s-1}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{s-1} \sum_{k=1}^{p^r-1} \frac{(-1)^k}{\langle k+a \rangle^{s-1}} \left( \left( 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\prod_{j=0}^{n-1} (s-1+j)}{n!} \frac{1}{\langle k+a \rangle^n} \right) + 1 \right) \\
 & - \frac{1}{s-1} \frac{1}{\langle p^r-1+a \rangle^{s-1}} \\
 &= \frac{2}{s-1} \sum_{k=1}^{p^r-1} \frac{(-1)^k}{\langle k+a \rangle^{s-1}} \\
 & + \frac{1}{s-1} \sum_{k=1}^{p^r-1} \frac{(-1)^k}{\langle k+a \rangle^{s-1}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\prod_{j=0}^{n-1} (s-1+j)}{n!} \frac{1}{\langle k+a \rangle^n} \\
 & - \frac{1}{s-1} \frac{1}{\langle p^r-1+a \rangle^{s-1}} \\
 &= \frac{2}{s-1} \sum_{k=1}^{p^r-1} \frac{(-1)^k}{\langle k+a \rangle^{s-1}} \\
 & + \frac{1}{s-1} \sum_{k=1}^{p^r-1} \frac{(-1)^k}{\langle k+a \rangle^{s-1}} \left( \frac{s-1}{k+a} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\prod_{j=0}^{n-1} (s-1+j)}{n!} \frac{1}{\langle k+a \rangle^n} \right) \\
 & - \frac{1}{s-1} \frac{1}{\langle p^r-1+a \rangle^{s-1}}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.5}$$

Since  $|a|_p > 1$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , by (2.3) we have

$$\omega_v(k+a) = \omega_v(a)$$

and

$$k+a = \omega_v(k+a)\langle k+a \rangle = \omega_v(a)\langle k+a \rangle.$$

Substituting the above identity into (3.5), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 - \frac{1}{(s-1)\langle a \rangle^{s-1}} &= \frac{2}{s-1} \sum_{k=1}^{p^r-1} \frac{(-1)^k}{\langle k+a \rangle^{s-1}} + \frac{1}{\omega_v(a)} \sum_{k=1}^{p^r-1} \frac{(-1)^k}{\langle k+a \rangle^s} \\
 & + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{n-1} (s-1+j)}{n! \omega_v^n(a)} \sum_{k=1}^{p^r-1} \frac{(-1)^k}{\langle k+a \rangle^{s+n-1}} \\
 & - \frac{1}{s-1} \frac{1}{\langle p^r-1+a \rangle^{s-1}}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.6}$$

Taking  $r \rightarrow \infty$  in the above equality, by the continuity of the  $p$ -adic function  $\langle a \rangle^s$  in  $a$  (see the last sentence of Proposition 2.1), we have

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \langle p^r-1+a \rangle^{s-1} = \langle a-1 \rangle^{s-1}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 -\frac{1}{(s-1)\langle a \rangle^{s-1}} &= \frac{2}{s-1} \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^{p^r-1} \frac{(-1)^k}{\langle k+a \rangle^{s-1}} + \frac{1}{\omega_v(a)} \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^{p^r-1} \frac{(-1)^k}{\langle k+a \rangle^s} \\
 &\quad + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{n-1} (s-1+j)}{n! \omega_v^n(a)} \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^{p^r-1} \frac{(-1)^k}{\langle k+a \rangle^{s+n-1}} \\
 &\quad \text{(see Proposition 3.3)} \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{s-1} \frac{1}{\langle a-1 \rangle^{s-1}} \\
 &= \frac{2}{s-1} \left( \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^{p^r-1} \frac{(-1)^k}{\langle k+a \rangle^{s-1}} - \frac{1}{\langle a \rangle^{s-1}} \right) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{\omega_v(a)} \left( \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^{p^r-1} \frac{(-1)^k}{\langle k+a \rangle^s} - \frac{1}{\langle a \rangle^s} \right) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{n-1} (s-1+j)}{n! \omega_v^n(a)} \left( \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^{p^r-1} \frac{(-1)^k}{\langle k+a \rangle^{s+n-1}} - \frac{1}{\langle a \rangle^{s+n-1}} \right) \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{s-1} \frac{1}{\langle a-1 \rangle^{s-1}}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.7}$$

Then by the definitions of the fermionic  $p$ -adic integral (2.7) and the  $p$ -adic Hurwitz-type zeta function  $\zeta_{p,E}(s, a)$  (2.8), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 -\frac{1}{(s-1)\langle a \rangle^{s-1}} &= \frac{2}{s-1} \left( \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \langle k+a \rangle^{1-s} d\mu_{-1}(a) - \frac{1}{\langle a \rangle^{s-1}} \right) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{\omega_v(a)} \left( \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \langle k+a \rangle^{-s} d\mu_{-1}(a) - \frac{1}{\langle a \rangle^s} \right) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{n-1} (s-1+j)}{n! \omega_v^n(a)} \left( \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \langle k+a \rangle^{1-(s+n)} d\mu_{-1}(a) - \frac{1}{\langle a \rangle^{s+n-1}} \right) \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{s-1} \frac{1}{\langle a-1 \rangle^{s-1}} \\
 &= \frac{2}{s-1} (\zeta_{p,E}(s, a) - \langle a \rangle^{1-s}) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{\omega_v(a)} (\zeta_{p,E}(s+1, a) - \langle a \rangle^{1-(s+1)}) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{n-1} (s-1+j)}{n! \omega_v^n(a)} (\zeta_{p,E}(s+n, a) - \langle a \rangle^{1-(s+n)}) \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{s-1} \frac{1}{\langle a-1 \rangle^{s-1}},
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.8}$$

which is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{2}{s-1} (\zeta_{p,E}(s, a) - \langle a \rangle^{1-s}) + \frac{1}{\omega_v(a)} (\zeta_{p,E}(s+1, a) - \langle a \rangle^{1-(s+1)}) \\
 & + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{n-1} (s-1+j)}{n! \omega_v^n(a)} (\zeta_{p,E}(s+n, a) - \langle a \rangle^{1-(s+n)}) \\
 & = \frac{1}{s-1} (\langle a-1 \rangle^{1-s} - \langle a \rangle^{1-s}).
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.9}$$

This completes the proof. □

As pointed out by the referee, in order to move the limit to the inside of the summation  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty}$  in (3.7) of the above lemma, we need to show that the convergence of the inner limit is uniform for  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ . To this end, we add the following proposition.

**Proposition 3.3** *For  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  and  $a \in \mathbb{C}_p$  with  $|a|_p > 1$ , the series*

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{n-1} (s-1+j)}{n! \omega_v^n(a)} \sum_{k=1}^{p^r-1} \frac{(-1)^k}{\langle k+a \rangle^{s+n-1}}$$

*converges uniformly for  $r \in \mathbb{N}$  and*

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{n-1} (s-1+j)}{n! \omega_v^n(a)} \sum_{k=1}^{p^r-1} \frac{(-1)^k}{\langle k+a \rangle^{s+n-1}} \\
 & = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{n-1} (s-1+j)}{n! \omega_v^n(a)} \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^{p^r-1} \frac{(-1)^k}{\langle k+a \rangle^{s+n-1}}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.10}$$

**Proof** For  $n \geq 2$  we have

$$\frac{\prod_{j=1}^{n-1} (s-1+j)}{n!} = \binom{s+n-2}{n-1} \frac{1}{n}.$$

By [16, p. 138, Proposition 47.2(v)], for  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ ,

$$\left| \binom{s+n-2}{n-1} \right|_p \leq 1.$$

Since  $|n|_p = \left(\frac{1}{p}\right)^{v_p(n)}$ , we have

$$\left| \frac{1}{n} \right|_p = p^{v_p(n)} \leq n,$$

thus for  $n \geq 2$ ,

$$\left| \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{n-1} (s-1+j)}{n!} \right|_p = \left| \binom{s+n-2}{n-1} \frac{1}{n} \right|_p \leq n. \tag{3.11}$$

Since for any  $a \in \mathbb{C}_p^\times$ ,  $\hat{a} \in \mu$  is a root of unity, we have  $|\hat{a}|_p = 1$  and by (2.3)

$$|\omega_v(a)|_p = |p^{v_p(a)}\hat{a}|_p = |p|_p^{v_p(a)} = \left(\frac{1}{p}\right)^{v_p(a)},$$

thus

$$\left|\frac{1}{\omega_v^n(a)}\right|_p = p^{nv_p(a)}. \tag{3.12}$$

Combining (3.11) and (3.12), for any fixed  $a \in \mathbb{C}_p$  with  $|a|_p > 1$  we have

$$\left|\frac{\prod_{j=1}^{n-1}(s-1+j)}{n!\omega_v^n(a)}\right|_p \leq p^{nv_p(a)} \cdot n. \tag{3.13}$$

Now fix  $a \in \mathbb{C}_p$  with  $|a|_p > 1$ , we know that  $\log_p \langle y + a \rangle$  is a continuous function in  $y \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ . Since  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  is compact in the  $p$ -adic topology, by the Weierstrass maximum value theorem ([13, p. 61, Theorem 4.3]) there exists a  $y_0 \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  such that

$$|\log_p \langle y + a \rangle|_p \leq |\log_p \langle y_0 + a \rangle|_p \tag{3.14}$$

for all  $y \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ . Since  $\langle y_0 + a \rangle - 1 \in (p)$ , we have

$$|\langle y_0 + a \rangle - 1|_p \leq p^{-1} < p^{-1/(p-1)} \tag{3.15}$$

and by [20, p. 51, Lemma 5.5],

$$|\log_p \langle y_0 + a \rangle|_p = |\langle y_0 + a \rangle - 1|_p \leq p^{-1}. \tag{3.16}$$

Combining (3.14), (3.15) and (3.16), we see that

$$|\log_p \langle y + a \rangle|_p \leq p^{-1} \tag{3.17}$$

for all  $y \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ . By [18, p. 1245, (2.22)], for  $(x, s) \in \mathbb{C}_p^\times \times \mathbb{C}_p$  satisfying  $|s|_p < p^{-1/(p-1)}|\log_p \langle x \rangle|_p^{-1}$ , we have

$$\langle x \rangle^s = \exp_p(s \log_p \langle x \rangle). \tag{3.18}$$

Let  $D = \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_p$ . For  $(y, s) \in D$ , at first we have  $|s|_p \leq 1$  and by (3.17), we see that  $p^{-1/(p-1)}|\log_p \langle y + a \rangle|_p^{-1} \geq p^{-1/(p-1)} \cdot p = p^{\frac{p-2}{p-1}} > 1$ , thus  $|s|_p < p^{-1/(p-1)}|\log_p \langle y + a \rangle|_p^{-1}$ . Then by (3.18) we have

$$\langle y + a \rangle^s = \exp_p(s \log_p \langle y + a \rangle) \tag{3.19}$$

for  $(y, s) \in D$ . Hence the two variable function  $f(y, s) = \langle y + a \rangle^s$  is continuous on the domain  $D$ . Since  $D = \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_p$  is compact in the  $p$ -adic topology, for any fixed  $a \in \mathbb{C}_p$  with  $|a|_p > 1$  it is bounded as a function for  $(y, s) \in D$ , so there exists a positive constant  $N_a$  such that for any  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{(-1)^k}{\langle k+a \rangle^{s+n-1}} \right|_p &= \left| (-1)^k \langle k+a \rangle^{1-s-n} \right|_p \\ &= \left| (-1)^k f(k, 1-s-n) \right|_p \\ &\leq N_a \end{aligned} \tag{3.20}$$

and by the non-archimedean property, for any  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\left| \sum_{k=1}^{p^r-1} \frac{(-1)^k}{\langle k+a \rangle^{s+n-1}} \right|_p \leq N_a. \tag{3.21}$$

Then combining (3.13) and (3.21), for any fixed  $a \in \mathbb{C}_p$  with  $|a|_p > 1$  and for any  $r \in \mathbb{N}$  we have

$$\left| \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{n-1} (s-1+j)}{n! \omega_v^n(a)} \sum_{k=1}^{p^r-1} \frac{(-1)^k}{\langle k+a \rangle^{s+n-1}} \right|_p \leq N_a \cdot p^{nv_p(a)} \cdot n. \tag{3.22}$$

Since  $|a|_p > 1$ , i.e.,  $v_p(a) < 0$ , we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N_a \cdot p^{nv_p(a)} \cdot n = 0$ , which implies the series

$$N_a \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} p^{nv_p(a)} n \tag{3.23}$$

is convergent. Finally by (3.22), (3.23) and the Weierstrass test (see [13, p. 230, Theorem 5.1]), we see that the series

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{n-1} (s-1+j)}{n! \omega_v^n(a)} \sum_{k=1}^{p^r-1} \frac{(-1)^k}{\langle k+a \rangle^{s+n-1}}$$

converges uniformly for  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then applying [13, p. 185, Theorem 3.5] we conclude that the limit  $r \rightarrow \infty$  can be moved to the inside of the above series, which is the desired result. □

The following result ensures the convergence of (3.1), which is a  $p$ -adic analogue of [15, Lemma 2].

**Lemma 3.4** *The left hand side of (3.1) in Lemma 3.1 converges  $p$ -adically for  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  with  $s \neq 1$  and  $a \in \mathbb{C}_p$  with  $|a|_p > 1$ .*

**Proof** By Proposition 2.1 and Theorem 2.3, for  $a \in \mathbb{C}_p$  with  $|a|_p > 1$ ,  $\zeta_{p,E}(s, a) - \langle a \rangle^{1-s}$  is a  $C^\infty$  function of  $s$  on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ . Since  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  is compact in the  $p$ -adic topology, for any fixed  $a \in \mathbb{C}_p$  with  $|a|_p > 1$  it is bounded as a function for  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ , i.e., there exists a positive constant  $M_a$  such that

$$\left| \zeta_{p,E}(s, a) - \langle a \rangle^{1-s} \right|_p \leq M_a. \tag{3.24}$$

Then combining (3.13) and (3.24), for any fixed  $a \in \mathbb{C}_p$  with  $|a|_p > 1$  we have

$$\left| \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{n-1} (s-1+j)}{n! \omega_v^n(a)} (\zeta_{p,E}(s+n, a) - \langle a \rangle^{1-(s+n)}) \right|_p \leq M_a \cdot p^{nv_p(a)} \cdot n. \tag{3.25}$$

Since  $|a|_p > 1$ , i.e.,  $v_p(a) < 0$ , we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_a \cdot p^{nv_p(a)} \cdot n = 0$ , which implies

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{n-1} (s-1+j)}{n! \omega_v^n(a)} (\zeta_{p,E}(s+n, a) - \langle a \rangle^{1-(s+n)}) \right|_p = 0,$$

thus the series

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{n-1} (s-1+j)}{n! \omega_v^n(a)} (\zeta_{p,E}(s+n, a) - \langle a \rangle^{1-(s+n)})$$

is convergent under the  $p$ -adic topology. □

The above result implies the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.5** *Let  $T_p^a$  be as defined in (2.10). Then  $\zeta_{p,E}(s, a)$  formally satisfies the following differential equation*

$$T_p [\zeta_{p,E}(s, a) - \langle a \rangle^{1-s}] = \frac{1}{s-1} (\langle a-1 \rangle^{1-s} - \langle a \rangle^{1-s}) \tag{3.26}$$

for  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  with  $s \neq 1$  and  $a \in \mathbb{C}_p$  with  $|a|_p > 1$ .

**Proof** Denote by  $D_s^k := \frac{\partial^k}{\partial s^k}$ . For any analytic function  $f(s)$  on  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \exp_p(nD)f(s) &= \left( id + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^k}{k!} D_s^k \right) f(s) \\ &= f(s) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^k}{k!} \frac{\partial^k f(s)}{\partial s^k} \\ &= f(s+n), \end{aligned} \tag{3.27}$$

which maybe interpreted operationally through its formal Taylor expansion in  $n$ . By Proposition 2.1 and Theorem 2.3, for  $a \in \mathbb{C}_p$  with  $|a|_p > 1$ , the function  $\zeta_{p,E}(s, a) - \langle a \rangle^{1-s}$  is analytic for  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ . Thus from (3.27) we get

$$\begin{aligned} L_{p,n}^a [\zeta_{p,E}(s, a) - \langle a \rangle^{1-s}] &= P_{p,n}^a(s) \exp_p(nD) [\zeta_{p,E}(s, a) - \langle a \rangle^{1-s}] \\ &= P_{p,n}^a(s) (\zeta_{p,E}(s+n, a) - \langle a \rangle^{1-(s+n)}) \end{aligned} \tag{3.28}$$

for  $n \geq 0$  and by the definition of  $T_p^a$  (2.10) and Lemma 3.1

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_p^a [\zeta_{p,E}(s, a) - \langle a \rangle^{1-s}] &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} L_{p,n}^a [\zeta_{p,E}(s, a) - \langle a \rangle^{1-s}] \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_{p,n}^a(s) (\zeta_{p,E}(s+n, a) - \langle a \rangle^{1-(s+n)}) \\
 &= \frac{2}{s-1} (\zeta_{p,E}(s, a) - \langle a \rangle^{1-s}) + \frac{1}{\omega_v(a)} (\zeta_{p,E}(s+1, a) - \langle a \rangle^{1-(s+1)}) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{n-1} (s-1+j)}{n! \omega_v^n(a)} (\zeta_{p,E}(s+n, a) - \langle a \rangle^{1-(s+n)}) \\
 &= \frac{1}{s-1} (\langle a-1 \rangle^{1-s} - \langle a \rangle^{1-s}),
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.29}$$

which is the desired result. □

In what follows, we shall investigate the area of convergence for Theorem 3.5 and show that the operator  $T_p^a$  applied to the  $p$ -adic Hurwitz-type Euler zeta function  $\zeta_{p,E}(s, a)$  is convergent in certain area of the  $p$ -adic plane. First we need to prove the following proposition.

**Proposition 3.6** *Let  $K$  be a finite extension of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  with ramification index  $e$  over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  less than  $p-1$ . Let  $s \in \mathbb{C}_p$  with  $|s|_p < r_p := p^{\frac{1}{e}-\frac{1}{p-1}}$ , and  $a \in K \setminus \mathbb{Z}_p$ . For any  $n \geq 2$  the series*

$$\exp_p(nD) [\zeta_{p,E}(s, a) - \langle a \rangle^{1-s}] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{D_s^k (\zeta_{p,E}(s, a) - \langle a \rangle^{1-s})}{k!} n^k$$

*converges.*

**Remark 3.7** This is mainly because the non-archimedean property of the  $p$ -adic metric and it is quite different from the complex situation for Hurwitz zeta functions. In that case, by [15, Proposition 5], we have “for any  $s \in \mathbb{C}$ , we can find some  $N \geq 0$  so that the series

$$\exp(ND) \left[ \zeta(s, a) - \frac{1}{a^s} \right] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{D_s^k \left( \zeta(s, a) - \frac{1}{a^s} \right)}{k!} N^k$$

diverges.”

**Proof of Proposition 3.6** Let  $(\pi)$  be the maximal ideal of the ring of integers  $O_K$  of  $K$ . Then

$$|\pi|_p = |p|_p^{\frac{1}{e}} = \left( \frac{1}{p} \right)^{\frac{1}{e}}.$$

By Proposition 2.1 and Theorem 2.3, given  $a \in K \setminus \mathbb{Z}_p$ , the function  $\zeta_{p,E}(s, a) - \langle a \rangle^{1-s}$  is analytic for

$$|s|_p < r_p := |\pi|_p^{-1} p^{-1/(p-1)} = p^{\frac{1}{e}-\frac{1}{p-1}}.$$

Fix  $s_0 \in \mathbb{C}_p$  with  $|s_0|_p < r_p$ . For any  $s \in \mathbb{C}_p$  with  $|s - s_0|_p < r_p$ , we have



$$|s|_p \leq \max\{|s - s_0|_p, |s_0|_p\} < r_p,$$

so the disc  $\{s : |s - s_0| < r_p\}$  is contained in the disc  $\{s : |s| < r_p\}$ . In fact,

$$\{s : |s - s_0| < r_p\} = \{s : |s| < r_p\}.$$

Thus  $\zeta_{p,E}(s, a)$  can be expanded as a power series around  $s_0$  with the radius of convergence equal to  $r_p$ .

Since  $e < p - 1$  as the assumption, we have  $r_p > 1$  and for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $|(s_0 + n) - s_0|_p = |n|_p \leq 1 < r_p$ . From the discussion above, we have the following convergent power series expansion of  $\zeta_{p,E}(s, a)$  at  $s_0$

$$\zeta_{p,E}(s_0 + n, a) - \langle a \rangle^{1-(s_0+n)} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{D_s^k|_{s=s_0} (\zeta_{p,E}(s, a) - \langle a \rangle^{1-s})}{k!} n^k.$$

Then by the definition of  $\exp_p(nD)$  (2.10), we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta_{p,E}(s_0 + n, a) - \langle a \rangle^{1-(s_0+n)} &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{D_s^k|_{s=s_0} (\zeta_{p,E}(s, a) - \langle a \rangle^{1-s})}{k!} n^k \\ &= \exp_p(nD)|_{s=s_0} [\zeta_{p,E}(s, a) - \langle a \rangle^{1-s}], \end{aligned} \tag{3.30}$$

which is the desired result. □

From the above proposition we have the following result which asserts that the operator  $T_p^a$  applied to the  $p$ -adic Hurwitz-type Euler zeta function  $\zeta_{p,E}(s, a)$  is convergent in the  $p$ -adic topology.

**Corollary 3.8** *Let  $K$  be stated as in the Proposition 3.6. Then*

$$T_p^a [\zeta_{p,E}(s, a) - \langle a \rangle^{1-s}] = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P_{p,n}^a(s) \exp_p(nD) [\zeta_{p,E}(s, a) - \langle a \rangle^{1-s}] \tag{3.31}$$

converges for  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  with  $s \neq 1$  and  $a \in K$  with  $|a|_p > 1$ .

**Remark 3.9** Notice that in the complex situation, we have

$$T \left[ \zeta(s, a) - \frac{1}{a^s} \right] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_n(s) \exp(nD) \left[ \zeta(s, a) - \frac{1}{a^s} \right]$$

diverges for all complex numbers  $s \in \mathbb{C}$  (see [15, Theorem 8]).

**Proof of Corollary 3.8** By (3.29) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_p^a [\zeta_{p,E}(s, a) - \langle a \rangle^{1-s}] &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_{p,n}^a(s) \exp_p(nD) [\zeta_{p,E}(s, a) - \langle a \rangle^{1-s}] \\
 &= \frac{2}{s-1} (\zeta_{p,E}(s, a) - \langle a \rangle^{1-s}) + \frac{1}{\omega_v(a)} (\zeta_{p,E}(s+1, a) - \langle a \rangle^{1-(s+1)}) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{n-1} (s-1+j)}{n! \omega_v^n(a)} (\zeta_{p,E}(s+n, a) - \langle a \rangle^{1-(s+n)}).
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.32}$$

Suppose that  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  with  $s \neq 1$  and  $a \in K$  with  $|a|_p > 1$ . By (2.11) and (3.13), for  $n \geq 2$  we have

$$|P_{p,n}^a(s)|_p = \left| \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{n-1} (s-1+j)}{n! \omega_v^n(a)} \right|_p \leq p^{nv_p(a)} \cdot n$$

and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_{p,n}^a(s) = 0$ . Then combining the conclusions of Proposition 3.6 and Lemma 3.4, for each  $n \geq 2$ , both the series

$$\exp_p(nD) [\zeta_{p,E}(s, a) - \langle a \rangle^{1-s}] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{D_s^k (\zeta_{p,E}(s, a) - \langle a \rangle^{1-s})}{k!} n^k$$

and the right hand side of (3.32) converge, which have established our result. □

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