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Barnes-type Daehee of the first kind and poly-Cauchy of the first kind mixed-type polynomials

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Abstract

In this paper, by considering Barnes-type Daehee polynomials of the first kind as well as poly-Cauchy polynomials of the first kind, we define and investigate the mixed-type polynomials of these polynomials. From the properties of Sheffer sequences of these polynomials arising from umbral calculus, we derive new and interesting identities.

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1 Introduction

In this paper, we consider the polynomials $D_n^{(k)}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r)$ called the Barnes-type Daehee of the first kind and poly-Cauchy of the first kind mixed-type polynomials, whose generating function is given by

$$\prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t))(1+t)^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} D_n^{(k)}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) \frac{t^n}{n!}, \quad (1)$$

where $a_1, \dots, a_r \neq 0$. Here, $\text{Lif}_k(x)$ ($k \in \mathbb{Z}$) is the polyfactorial function [1] defined by

$$\text{Lif}_k(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^m}{m!(m+1)^k}.$$

When $x = 0$, $D_n^{(k)}(a_1, \dots, a_r) = D_n^{(k)}(0|a_1, \dots, a_r)$ is called Barnes-type Daehee of the first kind and poly-Cauchy of the first kind mixed-type number.

Recall that the Barnes-type Daehee polynomials of the first kind, denoted by $D_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r)$, are given by the generating function

$$\prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) (1+t)^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} D_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$

If $a_1 = \dots = a_r = 1$, then $D_n^{(r)}(x) = D_n(x|\underbrace{1, \dots, 1}_r)$ are the Daehee polynomials of the first kind of order r . Daehee polynomials were defined by the second author [2] and have been investigated in [3, 4].

The poly-Cauchy polynomials of the first kind, denoted by $c_n^{(k)}(x)$ [5, 6], are given by the generating function as

$$\text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t))(1+t)^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n^{(k)}(-x) \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$

In this paper, by considering Barnes-type Daehee polynomials of the first kind as well as poly-Cauchy polynomials of the first kind, we define and investigate the mixed-type polynomials of these polynomials. From the properties of Sheffer sequences of these polynomials arising from umbral calculus, we derive new and interesting identities.

2 Umbral calculus

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

$$\mathcal{F} = \left\{ f(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_k}{k!} t^k \mid a_k \in \mathbb{C} \right\}. \tag{2}$$

Let $\mathbb{P} = \mathbb{C}[x]$ and let \mathbb{P}^* be the vector space of all linear functionals on \mathbb{P} . $\langle L|p(x) \rangle$ is the action of the linear functional L on the polynomial $p(x)$, and we recall 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} . For $f(t) \in \mathcal{F}$, let us define the linear functional on \mathbb{P} by setting

$$\langle f(t)|x^n \rangle = a_n \quad (n \geq 0). \tag{3}$$

In particular,

$$\langle t^k|x^n \rangle = n! \delta_{n,k} \quad (n, k \geq 0), \tag{4}$$

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

For $f_L(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\langle L|x^k \rangle}{k!} t^k$, we have $\langle f_L(t)|x^n \rangle = \langle L|x^n \rangle$. That is, $L = f_L(t)$. The map $L \mapsto f_L(t)$ is a vector space isomorphism from \mathbb{P}^* onto \mathcal{F} . Henceforth, \mathcal{F} denotes 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. We call \mathcal{F} the *umbral algebra* and the *umbral calculus* is the study of the umbral algebra. The order $O(f(t))$ of a power series $f(t) (\neq 0)$ is the smallest integer k for which the coefficient of t^k does not vanish. If $O(f(t)) = 1$, then $f(t)$ is called a *delta series*; if $O(f(t)) = 0$, then $f(t)$ is called an *invertible series*. For $f(t), g(t) \in \mathcal{F}$ with $O(f(t)) = 1$ and $O(g(t)) = 0$, 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 $n, k \geq 0$. Such a sequence $s_n(x)$ is called the *Sheffer sequence* for $(g(t), f(t))$, which is denoted by $s_n(x) \sim (g(t), f(t))$.

For $f(t), g(t) \in \mathcal{F}$ and $p(x) \in \mathbb{P}$, we have

$$\langle f(t)g(t)|p(x) \rangle = \langle f(t)|g(t)p(x) \rangle = \langle g(t)|f(t)p(x) \rangle \tag{5}$$

and

$$f(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \langle f(t) | x^k \rangle \frac{t^k}{k!}, \quad p(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \langle t^k | p(x) \rangle \frac{x^k}{k!} \tag{6}$$

[7, Theorem 2.2.5]. Thus, by (6), we get

$$t^k p(x) = p^{(k)}(x) = \frac{d^k p(x)}{dx^k} \quad \text{and} \quad e^{yt} p(x) = p(x + y). \tag{7}$$

Sheffer sequences are characterized by the generating function [7, Theorem 2.3.4].

Lemma 1 *The sequence $s_n(x)$ is Sheffer for $(g(t), f(t))$ if and only if*

$$\frac{1}{g(\bar{f}(t))} e^{y\bar{f}(t)} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{s_k(y)}{k!} t^k \quad (y \in \mathbb{C}),$$

where $\bar{f}(t)$ is the compositional inverse of $f(t)$.

For $s_n(x) \sim (g(t), f(t))$, we have the following equations [7, Theorem 2.3.7, Theorem 2.3.5, Theorem 2.3.9]:

$$f(t)s_n(x) = ns_{n-1}(x) \quad (n \geq 0), \tag{8}$$

$$s_n(x) = \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{1}{j!} \langle g(\bar{f}(t))^{-1} \bar{f}(t)^j | x^n \rangle x^j, \tag{9}$$

$$s_n(x + y) = \sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n}{j} s_j(x) p_{n-j}(y), \tag{10}$$

where $p_n(x) = g(t)s_n(x)$.

Assume that $p_n(x) \sim (1, f(t))$ and $q_n(x) \sim (1, g(t))$. Then the transfer formula [7, Corollary 3.8.2] is given by

$$q_n(x) = x \left(\frac{f(t)}{g(t)} \right)^n x^{-1} p_n(x) \quad (n \geq 1).$$

For $s_n(x) \sim (g(t), f(t))$ and $r_n(x) \sim (h(t), l(t))$, assume that

$$s_n(x) = \sum_{m=0}^n C_{n,m} r_m(x) \quad (n \geq 0).$$

Then we have [7, p.132]

$$C_{n,m} = \frac{1}{m!} \left\langle \frac{h(\bar{f}(t))}{g(\bar{f}(t))} l(\bar{f}(t))^m | x^n \right\rangle. \tag{11}$$

3 Main results

From the definition (1), $D_n^{(k)}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r)$ is the Sheffer sequence for the pair

$$g(t) = \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{e^{a_j t} - 1}{t} \right) \frac{1}{\text{Lif}_k(t)} \quad \text{and} \quad f(t) = e^t - 1.$$

So,

$$D_n^{(k)}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) \sim \left(\prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{e^{a_j t} - 1}{t} \right) \frac{1}{\text{Lif}_k(t)}, e^t - 1 \right). \tag{12}$$

3.1 Explicit expressions

Recall that Barnes' multiple Bernoulli polynomials $B_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r)$ are defined by the generating function

$$\frac{t^r}{\prod_{j=1}^r (e^{a_j t} - 1)} e^{xt} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) \frac{t^n}{n!}, \tag{13}$$

where $a_1, \dots, a_r \neq 0$ [8, 9]. Let $(n)_j = n(n-1) \cdots (n-j+1)$ ($j \geq 1$) with $(n)_0 = 1$. The (signed) Stirling numbers of the first kind $S_1(n, m)$ are defined by

$$(x)_n = \sum_{m=0}^n S_1(n, m) x^m.$$

Theorem 1

$$\begin{aligned} D_n^{(k)}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) &= \sum_{m=0}^n \sum_{l=0}^m S_1(n, m) \frac{\binom{m}{l}}{(m-l+1)^k} B_l(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

$$= \sum_{j=0}^n \sum_{l=0}^{n-j} \sum_{i=0}^l \binom{n}{l} \binom{l}{i} S_1(n-l, j) c_i^{(k)} D_{l-i}(a_1, \dots, a_r) x^j \tag{15}$$

$$= \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} D_{n-l}(a_1, \dots, a_r) c_l^{(k)}(-x) \tag{16}$$

$$= \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} c_{n-l}^{(k)} D_l(x|a_1, \dots, a_r). \tag{17}$$

Proof Since

$$\prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{e^{a_j t} - 1}{t} \right) \frac{1}{\text{Lif}_k(t)} D_n^{(k)}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) \sim (1, e^t - 1) \tag{18}$$

and

$$(x)_n \sim (1, e^t - 1), \tag{19}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_n^{(k)}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) &= \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{t}{e^{a_j t} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(t)(x)_n \\
 &= \sum_{m=0}^n S_1(n, m) \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{t}{e^{a_j t} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(t)x^m \\
 &= \sum_{m=0}^n S_1(n, m) \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{t}{e^{a_j t} - 1} \right) \sum_{l=0}^m \frac{t^l}{l!(l+1)^k} x^m \\
 &= \sum_{m=0}^n S_1(n, m) \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{t}{e^{a_j t} - 1} \right) \sum_{l=0}^m \frac{(m)_l}{l!(l+1)^k} x^{m-l} \\
 &= \sum_{m=0}^n S_1(n, m) \sum_{l=0}^m \frac{(m)_l}{l!(l+1)^k} \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{t}{e^{a_j t} - 1} \right) x^{m-l} \\
 &= \sum_{m=0}^n \sum_{l=0}^m S_1(n, m) \frac{\binom{m}{l}}{(l+1)^k} B_{m-l}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
 &= \sum_{m=0}^n \sum_{l=0}^m S_1(n, m) \frac{\binom{m}{l}}{(m-l+1)^k} B_l(x|a_1, \dots, a_r).
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we get (14).

By (9) with (12), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\langle g(\bar{f}(t))^{-1} \bar{f}(t)^j | x^n \rangle \\
 &= \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t)) (\ln(1+t))^j \middle| x^n \right\rangle \\
 &= \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t)) \middle| \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{j!}{(l+j)!} S_1(l+j, j) t^{l+j} x^n \right\rangle \\
 &= \sum_{l=0}^{n-j} \frac{j!}{(l+j)!} S_1(l+j, j) (n)_{l+j} \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t)) \middle| x^{n-l-j} \right\rangle \\
 &= \sum_{l=0}^{n-j} j! \binom{n}{l+j} S_1(l+j, j) \left\langle \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} D_i^{(k)}(a_1, \dots, a_r) \frac{t^i}{i!} \middle| x^{n-l-j} \right\rangle \\
 &= \sum_{l=0}^{n-j} j! \binom{n}{l+j} S_1(l+j, j) D_{n-l-j}^{(k)}(a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
 &= \sum_{l=0}^{n-j} j! \binom{n}{l} S_1(n-l, j) D_l^{(k)}(a_1, \dots, a_r).
 \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\langle g(\bar{f}(t))^{-1} \bar{f}(t)^j | x^n \rangle \\
 &= \sum_{l=0}^{n-j} \frac{j!}{(l+j)!} S_1(l+j, j) (n)_{l+j} \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t)) x^{n-l-j} \right\rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{l=0}^{n-j} j! \binom{n}{l+j} S_1(l+j, j) \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \middle| \sum_{i=0}^{n-l-j} c_i^{(k)} \frac{t^i}{i!} x^{n-l-j} \right\rangle \\
 &= \sum_{l=0}^{n-j} j! \binom{n}{l+j} S_1(l+j, j) \sum_{i=0}^{n-l-j} c_i^{(k)} \frac{(n-l-j)_i}{i!} \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \middle| x^{n-l-j-i} \right\rangle \\
 &= \sum_{l=0}^{n-j} j! \binom{n}{l+j} S_1(l+j, j) \sum_{i=0}^{n-l-j} c_i^{(k)} \frac{(n-l-j)_i}{i!} \left\langle \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} D_m(a_1, \dots, a_r) \frac{t^m}{m!} \middle| x^{n-l-j-i} \right\rangle \\
 &= \sum_{l=0}^{n-j} \sum_{i=0}^{n-l-j} j! \binom{n}{l+j} \binom{n-l-j}{i} S_1(l+j, j) c_i^{(k)} D_{n-l-j-i}(a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
 &= \sum_{l=0}^{n-j} \sum_{i=0}^l j! \binom{n}{l} \binom{l}{i} S_1(n-l, j) c_i^{(k)} D_{l-i}(a_1, \dots, a_r).
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 &D_n^{(k)}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
 &= \sum_{j=0}^n \sum_{l=0}^{n-j} \binom{n}{l} S_1(n-l, j) D_l^{(k)}(a_1, \dots, a_r) x^j \\
 &= \sum_{j=0}^n \sum_{l=0}^{n-j} \sum_{i=0}^l \binom{n}{l} \binom{l}{i} S_1(n-l, j) c_i^{(k)} D_{l-i}(a_1, \dots, a_r) x^j,
 \end{aligned}$$

which is the identity (15).

Next,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &D_n^{(k)}(y|a_1, \dots, a_r) = \left\langle \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} D_i^{(k)}(y|a_1, \dots, a_r) \frac{t^i}{i!} \middle| x^n \right\rangle \\
 &= \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t))(1+t)^y \middle| x^n \right\rangle \\
 &= \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \middle| \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t))(1+t)^y x^n \right\rangle \\
 &= \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \middle| \sum_{l=0}^n c_l^{(k)}(-y) \frac{t^l}{l!} x^n \right\rangle \\
 &= \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} c_l^{(k)}(-y) \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \middle| x^{n-l} \right\rangle \\
 &= \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} c_l^{(k)}(-y) \left\langle \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} D_i(a_1, \dots, a_r) \frac{t^i}{i!} \middle| x^{n-l} \right\rangle \\
 &= \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} c_l^{(k)}(-y) D_{n-l}(a_1, \dots, a_r).
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we obtain (16).

Finally, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_n^{(k)}(y|a_1, \dots, a_r) &= \left\langle \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} D_i^{(k)}(y|a_1, \dots, a_r) \frac{t^i}{i!} \middle| x^n \right\rangle \\
 &= \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t))(1+t)^y \middle| x^n \right\rangle \\
 &= \left\langle \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t)) \middle| \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) (1+t)^y x^n \right\rangle \\
 &= \left\langle \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t)) \middle| \sum_{l=0}^n D_l(y|a_1, \dots, a_r) \frac{t^l}{l!} x^n \right\rangle \\
 &= \sum_{l=0}^n D_l(y|a_1, \dots, a_r) \binom{n}{l} (\text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t)) | x^{n-l}) \\
 &= \sum_{l=0}^n D_l(y|a_1, \dots, a_r) \binom{n}{l} \left\langle \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} c_i^{(k)} \frac{t^i}{i!} \middle| x^{n-l} \right\rangle \\
 &= \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} D_l(y|a_1, \dots, a_r) c_{n-l}^{(k)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we get the identity (17). □

3.2 Sheffer identity

Theorem 2

$$D_n^{(k)}(x + y|a_1, \dots, a_r) = \sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n}{j} D_j^{(k)}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r)(y)_{n-j}. \tag{20}$$

Proof By (12) with

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_n(x) &= \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{e^{a_j t} - 1}{t} \right) \frac{1}{\text{Lif}_k(t)} D_n(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
 &= (x)_n \sim (1, e^t - 1),
 \end{aligned}$$

using (10), we have (20). □

3.3 Difference relations

Theorem 3

$$D_n^{(k)}(x + 1|a_1, \dots, a_r) - D_n^{(k)}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) = nD_{n-1}^{(k)}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r). \tag{21}$$

Proof By (8) with (12), we get

$$(e^t - 1)D_n^{(k)}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) = nD_{n-1}^{(k)}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r).$$

By (7), we have (21). □

3.4 Recurrence

Theorem 4

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_{n+1}^{(k)}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) &= xD_n^{(k)}(x-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
 &\quad - \sum_{m=0}^n \sum_{j=1}^r \sum_{l=1}^{m+1} \sum_{i=0}^l \frac{\binom{m+1}{l} \binom{l}{i}}{(m+1)(l-i+1)^k} S_1(n, m) \\
 &\quad \times (-a_j)^{m+1-l} B_{m+1-l} B_i(x-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{m=0}^n \sum_{l=0}^m \frac{\binom{m}{l}}{(m+2-l)^k} S_1(n, m) B_l(x-1|a_1, \dots, a_r), \tag{22}
 \end{aligned}$$

where B_n is the n th ordinary Bernoulli number.

Proof By applying

$$s_{n+1}(x) = \left(x - \frac{g'(t)}{g(t)} \right) \frac{1}{f'(t)} s_n(x) \tag{23}$$

[7, Corollary 3.7.2] with (12), we get

$$D_{n+1}^{(k)}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) = xD_n^{(k)}(x-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) - e^{-t} \frac{g'(t)}{g(t)} D_n^{(k)}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r).$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{g'(t)}{g(t)} &= (\ln g(t))' \\
 &= \left(\sum_{j=1}^r \ln(e^{a_j t} - 1) - r \ln t - \ln \text{Lif}_k(t) \right)' \\
 &= \sum_{j=1}^r \frac{a_j e^{a_j t}}{e^{a_j t} - 1} - \frac{r}{t} - \frac{\text{Lif}'_k(t)}{\text{Lif}_k(t)} \\
 &= \frac{\sum_{j=1}^r \prod_{i \neq j} (e^{a_i t} - 1) (a_j t e^{a_j t} - e^{a_j t} + 1)}{t \prod_{j=1}^r (e^{a_j t} - 1)} - \frac{\text{Lif}'_k(t)}{\text{Lif}_k(t)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Observe that

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{\sum_{j=1}^r \prod_{i \neq j} (e^{a_i t} - 1) (a_j t e^{a_j t} - e^{a_j t} + 1)}{\prod_{j=1}^r (e^{a_j t} - 1)} \\
 &= \frac{\frac{1}{2} (\sum_{j=1}^r a_1 \cdots a_{j-1} a_j^2 a_{j+1} \cdots a_r) t^{r+1} + \cdots}{(a_1 \cdots a_r) t^r + \cdots} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{j=1}^r a_j \right) t + \cdots
 \end{aligned}$$

is a series with order ≥ 1 . Since

$$D_n^{(k)}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) = \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{t}{e^{a_j t} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(t)(x)_n = \sum_{m=0}^n S_1(n, m) \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{t}{e^{a_j t} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(t)x^m,$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{g'(t)}{g(t)} D_n^{(k)}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) &= \sum_{m=0}^n S_1(n, m) \frac{g'(t)}{g(t)} \left(\prod_{j=1}^r \frac{t}{e^{a_j t} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(t)x^m \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^n S_1(n, m) \text{Lif}_k(t) \left(\prod_{j=1}^r \frac{t}{e^{a_j t} - 1} \right) \\ &\quad \times \frac{\sum_{j=1}^r \prod_{i \neq j} (e^{a_i t} - 1)(a_j t e^{a_j t} - e^{a_j t} + 1)}{t \prod_{j=1}^r (e^{a_j t} - 1)} x^m \\ &\quad - \sum_{m=0}^n S_1(n, m) \text{Lif}'_k(t) \left(\prod_{j=1}^r \frac{t}{e^{a_j t} - 1} \right) x^m. \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{\sum_{j=1}^r \prod_{i \neq j} (e^{a_i t} - 1)(a_j t e^{a_j t} - e^{a_j t} + 1)}{t \prod_{j=1}^r (e^{a_j t} - 1)} x^m \\ &= \frac{\sum_{j=1}^r \prod_{i \neq j} (e^{a_i t} - 1)(a_j t e^{a_j t} - e^{a_j t} + 1)}{\prod_{j=1}^r (e^{a_j t} - 1)} \frac{x^{m+1}}{m+1} \\ &= \frac{1}{m+1} \sum_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{a_j t e^{a_j t}}{e^{a_j t} - 1} - 1 \right) x^{m+1} \\ &= \frac{1}{m+1} \sum_{j=1}^r \left(\sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^l B_l a_j^l}{l!} t^l - 1 \right) x^{m+1} \\ &= \frac{1}{m+1} \sum_{j=1}^r \left(\sum_{l=0}^{m+1} \binom{m+1}{l} (-a_j)^l B_l x^{m+1-l} - x^{m+1} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{m+1} \sum_{j=1}^r \sum_{l=1}^{m+1} \binom{m+1}{l} (-a_j)^l B_l x^{m+1-l} \\ &= \frac{1}{m+1} \sum_{j=1}^r \sum_{l=1}^{m+1} \binom{m+1}{l} (-a_j)^{m+1-l} B_{m+1-l} x^l, \end{aligned}$$

the first term in (24) is

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{m=0}^n \frac{S_1(n, m)}{m+1} \sum_{j=1}^r \sum_{l=1}^{m+1} \binom{m+1}{l} (-a_j)^{m+1-l} B_{m+1-l} \text{Lif}_k(t) \left(\prod_{j=1}^r \frac{t}{e^{a_j t} - 1} \right) x^l \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{S_1(n, m)}{m+1} \sum_{j=1}^r \sum_{l=1}^{m+1} \binom{m+1}{l} (-a_j)^{m+1-l} B_{m+1-l} \sum_{i=0}^l \frac{t^i}{i!(i+1)^k} B_l(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{S_1(n, m)}{m+1} \sum_{j=1}^r \sum_{l=1}^{m+1} \binom{m+1}{l} (-a_j)^{m+1-l} B_{m+1-l} \sum_{i=0}^l \frac{\binom{l}{i}}{(i+1)^k} B_{l-i}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
 &= \sum_{m=0}^n \sum_{j=1}^r \sum_{l=1}^{m+1} \sum_{i=0}^l \frac{\binom{m+1}{l} \binom{l}{i}}{(m+1)(l-i+1)^k} S_1(n, m) (-a_j)^{m+1-l} B_{m+1-l} B_i(x|a_1, \dots, a_r).
 \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\text{Lif}_{k-1}(t) - \text{Lif}_k(t) = \left(\frac{1}{2^{k-1}} - \frac{1}{2^k} \right) t + \dots, \tag{25}$$

the second term in (24) is

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sum_{m=0}^n S_1(n, m) \frac{\text{Lif}_{k-1}(t) - \text{Lif}_k(t)}{t} B_m(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
 &= \sum_{m=0}^n S_1(n, m) (\text{Lif}_{k-1}(t) - \text{Lif}_k(t)) \frac{B_{m+1}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r)}{m+1} \\
 &= \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{S_1(n, m)}{m+1} (\text{Lif}_{k-1}(t) - \text{Lif}_k(t)) B_{m+1}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
 &= \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{S_1(n, m)}{m+1} \left(\sum_{l=0}^{m+1} \frac{t^l}{l!(l+1)^{k-1}} B_{m+1}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) - \sum_{l=0}^{m+1} \frac{t^l}{l!(l+1)^k} B_{m+1}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) \right) \\
 &= \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{S_1(n, m)}{m+1} \left(\sum_{l=0}^{m+1} \frac{\binom{m+1}{l}}{(l+1)^{k-1}} B_{m+1-l}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) - \sum_{l=0}^{m+1} \frac{\binom{m+1}{l}}{(l+1)^k} B_{m+1-l}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) \right) \\
 &= \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{S_1(n, m)}{m+1} \sum_{l=1}^{m+1} \frac{\binom{m+1}{l} l}{(l+1)^k} B_{m+1-l}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
 &= \sum_{m=0}^n \sum_{l=1}^{m+1} \binom{m}{l-1} S_1(n, m) \frac{1}{(l+1)^k} B_{m+1-l}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
 &= \sum_{m=0}^n \sum_{l=0}^m \frac{\binom{m}{l}}{(m+2-l)^k} S_1(n, m) B_l(x|a_1, \dots, a_r).
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_{n+1}^{(k)}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) &= x D_n^{(k)}(x-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
 &\quad - \sum_{m=0}^n \sum_{j=1}^r \sum_{l=1}^{m+1} \sum_{i=0}^l \frac{\binom{m+1}{l} \binom{l}{i}}{(m+1)(l-i+1)^k} S_1(n, m) \\
 &\quad \times (-a_j)^{m+1-l} B_{m+1-l} B_i(x-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{m=0}^n \sum_{l=0}^m \frac{\binom{m}{l}}{(m+2-l)^k} S_1(n, m) B_l(x-1|a_1, \dots, a_r),
 \end{aligned}$$

which is the identity (22). □

3.5 Differentiation

Theorem 5

$$\frac{d}{dx} D_n^{(k)}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) = n! \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \frac{(-1)^{n-l-1}}{l!(n-l)} D_l^{(k)}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r). \tag{26}$$

Proof We shall use

$$\frac{d}{dx} s_n(x) = \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \binom{n}{l} (\bar{f}(t)|x^{n-l}) s_l(x)$$

(cf. [7, Theorem 2.3.12]). Since

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{f}(t)|x^{n-l}) &= (\ln(1+t)|x^{n-l}) \\ &= \left\langle \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{m-1} t^m}{m} \middle| x^{n-l} \right\rangle \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{n-l} \frac{(-1)^{m-1}}{m} (t^m|x^{n-l}) \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{n-l} \frac{(-1)^{m-1}}{m} (n-l)! \delta_{m,n-l} \\ &= (-1)^{n-l-1} (n-l-1)!, \end{aligned}$$

with (12), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} D_n^{(k)}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) &= \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \binom{n}{l} (-1)^{n-l-1} (n-l-1)! D_l^{(k)}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\ &= n! \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \frac{(-1)^{n-l-1}}{l!(n-l)} D_l^{(k)}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r), \end{aligned}$$

which is the identity (26). □

3.6 One more relation

The classical Cauchy numbers c_n are defined by

$$\frac{t}{\ln(1+t)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \frac{t^n}{n!}$$

(see e.g. [1, 10]).

Theorem 6

$$\begin{aligned} D_n^{(k)}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) &= x D_{n-1}^{(k)}(x-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} c_l D_{n-l}^{(k-1)}(x-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \frac{r-1}{n} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} c_l D_{n-l}^{(k)}(x-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
 & - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^r \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} a_j c_l D_{n-l}^{(k)}(x+a_j-1|a_1, \dots, a_r, a_j). \tag{27}
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof For $n \geq 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_n^{(k)}(y|a_1, \dots, a_r) & = \left\langle \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} D_l^{(k)}(y|a_1, \dots, a_r) \frac{t^l}{l!} \middle| x^n \right\rangle \\
 & = \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t))(1+t)^y \middle| x^n \right\rangle \\
 & = \left\langle \partial_t \left(\prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t))(1+t)^y \right) \middle| x^{n-1} \right\rangle \\
 & = \left\langle \left(\partial_t \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t))(1+t)^y \middle| x^{n-1} \right\rangle \\
 & \quad + \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) (\partial_t \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t)))(1+t)^y \middle| x^{n-1} \right\rangle \\
 & \quad + \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t)) (\partial_t (1+t)^y) \middle| x^{n-1} \right\rangle.
 \end{aligned}$$

The third term is

$$\begin{aligned}
 & y \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t))(1+t)^{y-1} \middle| x^{n-1} \right\rangle \\
 & = y D_{n-1}^{(k)}(y-1|a_1, \dots, a_r).
 \end{aligned}$$

By (25), the second term is

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \frac{\text{Lif}_{k-1}(\ln(1+t)) - \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t))}{(1+t) \ln(1+t)} (1+t)^y \middle| x^{n-1} \right\rangle \\
 & = \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \frac{\text{Lif}_{k-1}(\ln(1+t)) - \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t))}{t} (1+t)^{y-1} \middle| \frac{t}{\ln(1+t)} x^{n-1} \right\rangle \\
 & = \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \frac{\text{Lif}_{k-1}(\ln(1+t)) - \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t))}{t} (1+t)^{y-1} \middle| \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} c_l \frac{t^l}{l!} x^{n-1} \right\rangle \\
 & = \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{l} c_l \\
 & \quad \times \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) (1+t)^{y-1} \middle| \frac{\text{Lif}_{k-1}(\ln(1+t)) - \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t))}{t} x^{n-1-l} \right\rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{l} c_l \\
 &\quad \times \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) (1+t)^{y-1} \left| \left(\text{Lif}_{k-1}(\ln(1+t)) - \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t)) \right) \frac{x^{n-l}}{n-l} \right. \right\rangle \\
 &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \binom{n}{l} c_l \left\langle \left(\prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_{k-1}(\ln(1+t)) (1+t)^{y-1} \right) x^{n-l} \right\rangle \\
 &\quad - \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t)) (1+t)^{y-1} \right| x^{n-l} \right\rangle \\
 &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \binom{n}{l} c_l (D_{n-l}^{(k-1)}(y-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) - D_{n-l}^{(k)}(y-1|a_1, \dots, a_r)).
 \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\partial_t \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) = \frac{1}{1+t} \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \frac{\sum_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{t}{\ln(1+t)} - \frac{a_i t(1+t)^{a_i}}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right)}{t},$$

with

$$\sum_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{t}{\ln(1+t)} - \frac{a_i t(1+t)^{a_i}}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) = -\frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^r a_i \right) t + \dots$$

a series with order (≥ 1), the first term is

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t)) (1+t)^{y-1} \right| \frac{\sum_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{t}{\ln(1+t)} - \frac{a_i t(1+t)^{a_i}}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right)}{t} x^{n-1} \right\rangle \\
 &= \frac{1}{n} \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t)) (1+t)^{y-1} \right| \sum_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{t}{\ln(1+t)} - \frac{a_i t(1+t)^{a_i}}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) x^n \right\rangle \\
 &= \frac{r}{n} \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t)) (1+t)^{y-1} \right| \frac{t}{\ln(1+t)} x^n \right\rangle \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^r a_i \left\langle \frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t)) (1+t)^{y+a_i-1} \right| \frac{t}{\ln(1+t)} x^n \right\rangle \\
 &= \frac{r}{n} \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t)) (1+t)^{y-1} \right| \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} c_l \frac{t^l}{l!} x^n \right\rangle \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^r a_i \left\langle \frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t)) (1+t)^{y+a_i-1} \right| \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} c_l \frac{t^l}{l!} x^n \right\rangle \\
 &= \frac{r}{n} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} c_l \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t)) (1+t)^{y-1} \right| x^{n-l} \right\rangle \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^r a_i \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} c_l
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \times \left\langle \frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i}-1} \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j}-1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t))(1+t)^{y+a_i-1} \middle| x^{n-l} \right\rangle \\ & = \frac{r}{n} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} c_l D_{n-l}^{(k)}(y-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\ & \quad - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^r a_i \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} c_l D_{n-l}^{(k)}(y+a_i-1|a_1, \dots, a_r, a_i). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} D_n^{(k)}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) & = x D_{n-1}^{(k)}(x-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \binom{n}{l} c_l (D_{n-l}^{(k-1)}(x-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) - D_{n-l}^{(k)}(x-1|a_1, \dots, a_r)) \\ & \quad + \frac{r}{n} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} c_l D_{n-l}^{(k)}(x-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\ & \quad - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^r \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} a_j c_l D_{n-l}^{(k)}(x+a_j-1|a_1, \dots, a_r, a_j) \\ & = x D_{n-1}^{(k)}(x-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \binom{n}{l} c_l D_{n-l}^{(k-1)}(x-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\ & \quad + \frac{r-1}{n} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} c_l D_{n-l}^{(k)}(x-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{n} c_n - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^r \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} a_j c_l D_{n-l}^{(k)}(x+a_j-1|a_1, \dots, a_r, a_j) \\ & = x D_{n-1}^{(k)}(x-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} c_l D_{n-l}^{(k-1)}(x-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\ & \quad + \frac{r-1}{n} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} c_l D_{n-l}^{(k)}(x-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\ & \quad - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^r \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} a_j c_l D_{n-l}^{(k)}(x+a_j-1|a_1, \dots, a_r, a_j), \end{aligned}$$

which is the identity (27). □

3.7 A relation including the Stirling numbers of the first kind

Theorem 7 For $n \geq m \geq 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & m \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \binom{n}{l} S_1(n-l, m) D_l^{(k)}(a_1, \dots, a_r) \\ & = \frac{mr}{n} \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \sum_{i=0}^l \binom{n}{l} \binom{l}{i} S_1(n-l, m) c_{l-i} D_i^{(k)}(-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -\frac{m}{n} \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \sum_{i=0}^l \sum_{j=1}^r \binom{n}{l} \binom{l}{i} S_1(n-l, m) a_j c_{l-i} D_i^{(k)}(a_j - 1 | a_1, \dots, a_r, a_j) \\
 & + \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \binom{n-1}{l} S_1(n-l-1, m-1) D_l^{(k-1)}(-1 | a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
 & + (m-1) \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \binom{n-1}{l} S_1(n-l-1, m-1) D_l^{(k)}(-1 | a_1, \dots, a_r). \tag{28}
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof We shall compute

$$\left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t)) (\ln(1+t))^m \middle| x^n \right\rangle$$

in two different ways. On the one hand,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t)) (\ln(1+t))^m \middle| x^n \right\rangle \\
 & = \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t)) \middle| (\ln(1+t))^m x^n \right\rangle \\
 & = \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t)) \middle| \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{m!}{(l+m)!} S_1(l+m, m) t^{l+m} x^n \right\rangle \\
 & = \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \frac{m!}{(l+m)!} S_1(l+m, m) (n)_{l+m} \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t)) \middle| x^{n-l-m} \right\rangle \\
 & = \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} m! \binom{n}{l+m} S_1(l+m, m) D_{n-l-m}^{(k)}(a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
 & = \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} m! \binom{n}{l} S_1(n-l, m) D_l^{(k)}(a_1, \dots, a_r).
 \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t)) (\ln(1+t))^m \middle| x^n \right\rangle \\
 & = \left\langle \partial_t \left(\prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t)) (\ln(1+t))^m \right) \middle| x^{n-1} \right\rangle \\
 & = \left\langle \left(\partial_t \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t)) (\ln(1+t))^m \middle| x^{n-1} \right\rangle \\
 & \quad + \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) (\partial_t \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t))) (\ln(1+t))^m \middle| x^{n-1} \right\rangle \\
 & \quad + \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t)) (\partial_t (\ln(1+t))^m) \middle| x^{n-1} \right\rangle. \tag{29}
 \end{aligned}$$

The third term of (29) is equal to

$$\begin{aligned}
 & m \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t))(1+t)^{-1} \left| (\ln(1+t))^{m-1} x^{n-1} \right. \right\rangle \\
 &= m \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t))(1+t)^{-1} \left| \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \frac{(m-1)!}{(l+m-1)!} S_1(l+m-1, m-1) t^{l+m-1} x^{n-1} \right. \right\rangle \\
 &= m \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \frac{(m-1)!}{(l+m-1)!} S_1(l+m-1, m-1) (n-1)_{l+m-1} \\
 &\quad \times \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t))(1+t)^{-1} \left| x^{n-l-m} \right. \right\rangle \\
 &= m! \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \binom{n-1}{l+m-1} S_1(l+m-1, m-1) D_{n-l-m}^{(k)}(-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
 &= m! \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \binom{n-1}{l} S_1(n-l-1, m-1) D_l^{(k)}(-1|a_1, \dots, a_r).
 \end{aligned}$$

The second term of (29) is equal to

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \left(\frac{\text{Lif}_{k-1}(\ln(1+t)) - \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t))}{(1+t)\ln(1+t)} \right) (\ln(1+t))^m \left| x^{n-1} \right. \right\rangle \\
 &= \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_{k-1}(\ln(1+t))(1+t)^{-1} \left| (\ln(1+t))^{m-1} x^{n-1} \right. \right\rangle \\
 &\quad - \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t))(1+t)^{-1} \left| (\ln(1+t))^{m-1} x^{n-1} \right. \right\rangle \\
 &= (m-1)! \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \binom{n-1}{l} S_1(n-l-1, m-1) D_l^{(k-1)}(-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
 &\quad - (m-1)! \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \binom{n-1}{l} S_1(n-l-1, m-1) D_l^{(k)}(-1|a_1, \dots, a_r).
 \end{aligned}$$

The first term of (29) is equal to

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left\langle \frac{1}{1+t} \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) \frac{\sum_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{t}{\ln(1+t)} - \frac{a_j t(1+t)^{a_j}}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right)}{t} \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t)) (\ln(1+t))^m \left| x^{n-1} \right. \right\rangle \\
 &= \left\langle \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t))(1+t)^{-1} (\ln(1+t))^m \left| \sum_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{t}{\ln(1+t)} - \frac{a_j t(1+t)^{a_j}}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) x^{n-1} \right. \right\rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{n} \left\langle \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t))(1+t)^{-1} (\ln(1+t))^m \right| \\
 &\quad \left. \sum_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{t}{\ln(1+t)} - \frac{a_j t(1+t)^{a_j}}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) x^n \right\rangle \\
 &= \frac{1}{n} \left\langle \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t))(1+t)^{-1} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \times \sum_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{t}{\ln(1+t)} - \frac{a_j t(1+t)^{a_j}}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) (\ln(1+t))^m x^n \right\rangle \\
 &= \frac{1}{n} \left\langle \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t))(1+t)^{-1} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \times \sum_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{t}{\ln(1+t)} - \frac{a_j t(1+t)^{a_j}}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \left| \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{m!}{(l+m)!} S_1(l+m, m) t^{l+m} x^n \right. \right\rangle \\
 &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \frac{m!}{(l+m)!} S_1(l+m, m) (n)_{l+m} \left\langle \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t))(1+t)^{-1} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \times \sum_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{t}{\ln(1+t)} - \frac{a_j t(1+t)^{a_j}}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \left| x^{n-l-m} \right. \right\rangle \\
 &= \frac{m!}{n} \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \binom{n}{l+m} S_1(l+m, m) \\
 &\quad \times \left(r \left\langle \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t))(1+t)^{-1} \left| \frac{t}{\ln(1+t)} x^{n-l-m} \right. \right\rangle \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \sum_{j=1}^r a_j \left\langle \frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t))(1+t)^{a_j-1} \right| \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. \frac{t}{\ln(1+t)} x^{n-l-m} \right\rangle \right) \\
 &= \frac{m!}{n} \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \binom{n}{l+m} S_1(l+m, m) \\
 &\quad \times \left(r \left\langle \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t))(1+t)^{-1} \left| \sum_{v=0}^{\infty} c_v \frac{t^v}{v!} x^{n-l-m} \right. \right\rangle \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \sum_{j=1}^r a_j \left\langle \frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t))(1+t)^{a_j-1} \right| \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. \sum_{v=0}^{\infty} c_v \frac{t^v}{v!} x^{n-l-m} \right\rangle \right) \\
 &= \frac{m!}{n} \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \binom{n}{l+m} S_1(l+m, m)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \times \left(r \sum_{v=0}^{n-l-m} \binom{n-l-m}{v} c_v \left\langle \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t))(1+t)^{-1} \middle| x^{n-l-m-v} \right\rangle \right. \\
 & - \sum_{j=1}^r a_j \sum_{v=0}^{n-l-m} \binom{n-l-m}{v} c_v \\
 & \times \left. \left\langle \frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_i} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t))(1+t)^{a_j-1} \middle| x^{n-l-m-v} \right\rangle \right) \\
 & = \frac{m!}{n} \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \binom{n}{l+m} S_1(l+m, m) \\
 & \times \left(r \sum_{v=0}^{n-l-m} \binom{n-l-m}{v} c_v D_{n-l-m-v}^{(k)}(-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \right. \\
 & - \sum_{j=1}^r \sum_{v=0}^{n-l-m} \binom{n-l-m}{v} a_j c_v D_{n-l-m-v}^{(k)}(a_j-1|a_1, \dots, a_r, a_j) \left. \right) \\
 & = \frac{m!}{n} \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \binom{n}{l} S_1(n-l, m) \\
 & \times \left(r \sum_{i=0}^l \binom{l}{i} c_i D_{n-i}^{(k)}(-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) - \sum_{j=1}^r \sum_{i=0}^l \binom{l}{i} a_j c_i D_{l-i}^{(k)}(a_j-1|a_1, \dots, a_r, a_j) \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we get for $n \geq m \geq 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & m! \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \binom{n}{l} S_1(n-l, m) D_l^{(k)}(a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
 & = m! \frac{r}{n} \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \sum_{i=0}^l \binom{n}{l} \binom{l}{i} S_1(n-l, m) c_i D_{l-i}^{(k)}(-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
 & - m! \frac{1}{n} \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \sum_{i=0}^l \sum_{j=1}^r \binom{n}{l} \binom{l}{i} S_1(n-l, m) a_j c_i D_{l-i}^{(k)}(a_j-1|a_1, \dots, a_r, a_j) \\
 & + (m-1)! \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \binom{n-1}{l} S_1(n-l-1, m-1) D_l^{(k-1)}(-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
 & - (m-1)! \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \binom{n-1}{l} S_1(n-l-1, m-1) D_l^{(k)}(-1|a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
 & + m! \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \binom{n-1}{l} S_1(n-l-1, m-1) D_l^{(k)}(-1|a_1, \dots, a_r).
 \end{aligned}$$

Dividing both sides by $(m-1)!$, we obtain for $n \geq m \geq 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & m \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \binom{n}{l} S_1(n-l, m) D_l^{(k)}(a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
 & = \frac{mr}{n} \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \sum_{i=0}^l \binom{n}{l} \binom{l}{i} S_1(n-l, m) c_{l-i} D_i^{(k)}(-1|a_1, \dots, a_r)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & - \frac{m}{n} \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \sum_{i=0}^l \sum_{j=1}^r \binom{n}{l} \binom{l}{i} S_1(n-l, m) a_j c_{l-i} D_i^{(k)}(a_j - 1 | a_1, \dots, a_r, a_j) \\
 & + \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \binom{n-1}{l} S_1(n-l-1, m-1) D_l^{(k-1)}(-1 | a_1, \dots, a_r) \\
 & + (m-1) \sum_{l=0}^{n-m} \binom{n-1}{l} S_1(n-l-1, m-1) D_l^{(k)}(-1 | a_1, \dots, a_r).
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we get (28). □

3.8 A relation with the falling factorials

Theorem 8

$$D_n^{(k)}(x | a_1, \dots, a_r) = \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} D_{n-m}^{(k)}(a_1, \dots, a_r)(x)_m. \tag{30}$$

Proof For (12) and (19), assume that $D_n^{(k)}(x | a_1, \dots, a_r) = \sum_{m=0}^n C_{n,m}(x)_m$. By (11), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_{n,m} &= \frac{1}{m!} \left\langle \frac{1}{\prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{e^{a_j \ln(1+t)} - 1}{\ln(1+t)} \right) \frac{1}{\text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t))}} t^m \middle| x^n \right\rangle \\
 &= \frac{1}{m!} \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t)) \middle| t^m x^n \right\rangle \\
 &= \binom{n}{m} \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t)) \middle| x^{n-m} \right\rangle \\
 &= \binom{n}{m} D_{n-m}^{(k)}(a_1, \dots, a_r).
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we get the identity (30). □

3.9 A relation with higher-order Frobenius-Euler polynomials

For $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ with $\lambda \neq 1$, the Frobenius-Euler polynomials of order r , $H_n^{(r)}(x | \lambda)$ are defined by the generating function

$$\left(\frac{1-\lambda}{e^t-\lambda} \right)^r e^{xt} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} H_n^{(r)}(x | \lambda) \frac{t^n}{n!}$$

(see e.g. [11]).

Theorem 9

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_n^{(k)}(x | a_1, \dots, a_r) &= \sum_{m=0}^n \left(\sum_{j=0}^{n-m} \sum_{l=0}^{n-m-j} \binom{s}{j} \binom{n-j}{l} (n)_j \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \times (1-\lambda)^{-j} S_1(n-j-l, m) D_l^{(k)}(a_1, \dots, a_r) \right) H_m^{(s)}(x | \lambda). \tag{31}
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof For (12) and

$$H_n^{(s)}(x|\lambda) \sim \left(\left(\frac{e^t - \lambda}{1 - \lambda} \right)^s, t \right), \tag{32}$$

assume that $D_n^{(k)}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) = \sum_{m=0}^n C_{n,m} H_m^{(s)}(x|\lambda)$. By (11), similarly to the proof of (28), we have

$$\begin{aligned} C_{n,m} &= \frac{1}{m!} \left\langle \frac{\left(\frac{e^{\ln(1+t)} - \lambda}{1 - \lambda} \right)^s}{\prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{e^{a_j \ln(1+t)} - 1}{\ln(1+t)} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t))} (\ln(1+t))^m \middle| x^n \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{m!(1-\lambda)^s} \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t)) (\ln(1+t))^m (1-\lambda+t)^s \middle| x^n \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{m!(1-\lambda)^s} \\ &\quad \times \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t)) (\ln(1+t))^m \middle| \sum_{i=0}^{\min\{s,n\}} \binom{s}{i} (1-\lambda)^{s-i} t^i x^n \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{m!(1-\lambda)^s} \sum_{i=0}^{n-m} \binom{s}{i} (1-\lambda)^{s-i} (n)_i \\ &\quad \times \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t)) (\ln(1+t))^m \middle| x^{n-i} \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{m!(1-\lambda)^s} \sum_{i=0}^{n-m} \binom{s}{i} (1-\lambda)^{s-i} (n)_i \sum_{l=0}^{n-m-i} m! \binom{n-i}{l} S_1(n-i-l, m) D_l^{(k)}(a_1, \dots, a_r) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-m} \sum_{l=0}^{n-m-i} \binom{s}{i} \binom{n-i}{l} (n)_i (1-\lambda)^{-i} S_1(n-i-l, m) D_l^{(k)}(a_1, \dots, a_r). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we get the identity (31). □

3.10 A relation with higher-order Bernoulli polynomials

Bernoulli polynomials $\mathfrak{B}_n^{(r)}(x)$ of order r are defined by

$$\left(\frac{t}{e^t - 1} \right)^r e^{xt} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\mathfrak{B}_n^{(r)}(x)}{n!} t^n$$

(see e.g. [7, Section 2.2]). In addition, Cauchy numbers of the first kind $\mathfrak{C}_n^{(r)}$ of order r are defined by

$$\left(\frac{t}{\ln(1+t)} \right)^r = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\mathfrak{C}_n^{(r)}}{n!} t^n$$

(see e.g. [12, (2.1)], [13, (6)]).

Theorem 10

$$D_n^{(k)}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) = \sum_{m=0}^n \left(\sum_{i=0}^{n-m} \sum_{l=0}^{n-m-i} \binom{n}{i} \binom{n-i}{l} \mathfrak{C}_i^{(s)} S_1(n-i-l, m) D_l^{(k)}(a_1, \dots, a_r) \right) \mathfrak{B}_m^{(s)}(x). \tag{33}$$

Proof For (12) and

$$\mathfrak{B}_n^{(s)}(x) \sim \left(\left(\frac{e^t - 1}{t} \right)^s, t \right), \tag{34}$$

assume that $D_n^{(k)}(x|a_1, \dots, a_r) = \sum_{m=0}^n C_{n,m} \mathfrak{B}_m^{(s)}(x)$. By (11), similarly to the proof of (28), we have

$$\begin{aligned} C_{n,m} &= \frac{1}{m!} \left\langle \frac{\left(\frac{e^{\ln(1+t)} - 1}{\ln(1+t)} \right)^s}{\prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{e^{a_j \ln(1+t)} - 1}{\ln(1+t)} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t))} (\ln(1+t))^m \middle| x^n \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{m!} \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t)) (\ln(1+t))^m \middle| \left(\frac{t}{\ln(1+t)} \right)^s x^n \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{m!} \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t)) (\ln(1+t))^m \middle| \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \mathfrak{C}_i^{(s)} \frac{t^i}{i!} x^n \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{m!} \sum_{i=0}^{n-m} \mathfrak{C}_i^{(s)} \binom{n}{i} \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^r \left(\frac{\ln(1+t)}{(1+t)^{a_j} - 1} \right) \text{Lif}_k(\ln(1+t)) (\ln(1+t))^m \middle| x^{n-i} \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{m!} \sum_{i=0}^{n-m} \mathfrak{C}_i^{(s)} \binom{n}{i} \sum_{l=0}^{n-m-i} m! \binom{n-i}{l} S_1(n-i-l, m) D_l^{(k)}(a_1, \dots, a_r) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-m} \sum_{l=0}^{n-m-i} \binom{n}{i} \binom{n-i}{l} \mathfrak{C}_i^{(s)} S_1(n-i-l, m) D_l^{(k)}(a_1, \dots, a_r). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we get the identity (33). □

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