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On Reciprocity Formula for Certain Character Hardy–Berndt Sums

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Abstract

Applying character analogue of the Euler–MacLaurin summation formula to certain functions, we define sums which generalize character Hardy–Berndt sums \( s_3, p(b, c; \chi) \) and \( s_4, p(b, c; \chi) \), and prove the corresponding reciprocity formulas. We also obtain integral representations for these sums.

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Introduction

For the logarithms of the classical theta functions, Berndt [2] and Goldberg [7] derived transformation formulas. In these formulas, six different arithmetic sums arise that are known as Berndt’s arithmetic sums or Hardy-Berndt sums. Two of these sums are defined for \( c > 0 \) by

\[
\begin{align*}
    s_3(d, c) &= \sum_{n=1}^{c-1} (-1)^n \frac{B_1 \left( \frac{dn}{c} \right)}{c} \\
    s_4(d, c) &= \sum_{n=1}^{c-1} (-1)^n \frac{d}{c} B_1 \left( \frac{dn}{c} \right),
\end{align*}
\]

where \( B_n(x) \) are the Bernoulli functions given by

\[
\begin{align*}
    B_n(x) &= B_n(x - \lfloor x \rfloor), \quad n > 1, \\
    B_1(x) &= \begin{cases} 
    0, & \text{if } x \text{ is integer} \\
    B_1(x - \lfloor x \rfloor), & \text{otherwise}. 
    \end{cases}
\end{align*}
\]

Here, \( \lfloor x \rfloor \) denotes the largest integer \( \leq x \) and \( B_n(x) \) are the Bernoulli polynomials

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defined by means of the generating function [1]
\[
\frac{te^{xt}}{e^t - 1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n(x) \frac{t^n}{n!} \quad (|t| < 2\pi)
\]
and \(B_n(0) = B_n\) are the Bernoulli numbers with \(B_0 = 1\), \(B_1 = -1/2\) and \(B_{2n-1}( \frac{1}{2} ) = B_{2n+1} = 0\) for \(n \geq 1\).

These sums also obey reciprocity formulas. For instance, for coprime positive integers \(d\) and \(c\) we have ([2, 7])

\[
2s_3(d, c) - s_4(c, d) = 1 - \frac{d}{c}, \quad \text{if } c \text{ is odd.}
\]

The generalizations of these sums in the sense of Apostol have been given in [4] by

\[
s_{3,p}(b, c) = \sum_{m=1}^{c-1} (-1)^m B_p \left( \frac{bm}{c} \right),
\]

\[
s_{4,p}(b, c) = -4 \sum_{m=1}^{c-1} B_p \left( \frac{bm}{2c} \right),
\]

which satisfy certain reciprocity formulas (see [4]).

The character generalization of these sums has been given in [5] by

\[
s_{3,p}(b, c; \chi) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \chi(n) B_{p, \chi} \left( \frac{bn}{c} \right),
\]

\[
s_{4,p}(b, c; \chi) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \chi(n) B_{p, \chi} \left( \frac{bn}{2c} \right),
\]

where \(B_{p, \chi}(x)\) are the generalized Bernoulli functions defined by Berndt [3] as

\[
B_{p, \chi}(x) = k^{p-1} \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \chi(j) B_p \left( \frac{j + x}{k} \right)
\]

for \(p \geq 1\). Also, the corresponding reciprocity formula is established in [5].

The reciprocity formulas are proved by employing various techniques and theories such as transformation formulas, residue theory, Franel integral and arithmetic methods.

Recently, the authors in [6] systematically generalize the Dedekind sum \(s_p(b, c; \chi)\) (analogues of Hardy-Berndt sums) to sums involving two primitive characters and prove the corresponding reciprocity formulas applying the character analogue of the Euler–MacLaurin summation formula, which is presented here in the following form.

**Theorem 1 ([3, Theorem 4.1])** Let \(f \in C^{(\alpha+1)}[\alpha, \beta], \quad -\infty < \alpha < \beta < \infty.\) Then,

\[
\sum_{\alpha \leq n \leq \beta} \chi(n)f(n)
\]

\[
= \chi(-1) \sum_{j=0}^{l} \frac{(-1)^{j+1}}{(j+1)!} \times \left( B_{j+1, \chi}(\beta)f^{(j)}(\beta) - B_{j+1, \chi}(\alpha)f^{(j)}(\alpha) \right)
\]

\[
+ \chi(-1) \frac{(-1)^l}{(l+1)!} \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} B_{l+1, \chi}(u)f^{(l+1)}(u)du,
\]

where the dash indicates that if \(n = \alpha\) or \(n = \beta\), then only \(1/2 \chi(\alpha)f(\alpha)\) or \(1/2 \chi(\beta)f(\beta)\) is counted, respectively.

In the present paper, by the same motivation of [6], the character Hardy–Berndt sums involving primitive characters \(\chi_1\) and \(\chi_2\) of modulus \(k\) are defined by

\[
s_{3,p}(b, c; \chi_1, \chi_2)
\]

\[
= \sum_{n=1}^{ck} (-1)^n \chi_1(n) B_{p, \chi_2} \left( \frac{bn}{c} \right),
\]

\[
s_{4,p}(b, c; \chi_1, \chi_2) = \sum_{n=1}^{ck} \chi_1(n) B_{p, \chi_2} \left( \frac{bn}{2c} \right),
\]

which are the natural generalizations of the sum \(s_{3,p}(b, c; \chi)\) and \(s_{4,p}(b, c; \chi)\) given by (1.1) and (1.2), i.e., \(s_{3,p}(b, c; \chi, \chi) = s_{3,p}(b, c; \chi)\) and \(s_{4,p}(b, c; \chi, \chi) = s_{4,p}(b, c; \chi)\).
Utilizing the power of the characteristic analogue of the Euler–MacLaurin summation formula, the following reciprocity formula is derived.

**Theorem 2** Let \( b \) and \( c \) be coprime positive integers with odd \( c \). For odd \( p \geq 1 \), we have

\[
(p + 1) \left( \chi_2(-1)c(2b)^p s_{4,p}(c, b; \overline{x}_2, \overline{x}_1) \right.
+ \chi_1(-1) \frac{b}{c} p s_{3,p}(b, c; \overline{x}_1, \overline{x}_2) \bigg)
= 2 \sum_{j=1}^{p} \binom{p+1}{j} (-1)^j b_j c^{p+1-j}
\times \chi_2(2) \frac{B_j}{c} \frac{B_p+1-j}{x_2},
\]

\[
-(p + 1) \chi_1(-2) b c k^{p-1}
\sum_{h=1}^{k-1} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \chi_1(h) \overline{x}_2(j) \frac{B_p}{c} \left( \frac{c_j}{k} + \frac{bh}{k} \right).
\]

Secondly, we define sums \( \hat{s}_{3,p}(b, c; \chi_1, \chi_2) \) and \( \hat{s}_{4,p}(b, c; \chi_1, \chi_2) \) for primitive characters \( \chi_1 \) and \( \chi_2 \) having modulus \( k_1 \) and \( k_2 \), which need not to be same, by

\[
\hat{s}_{3,p}(b, c; \chi_1, \chi_2) = \sum_{n=1}^{ck_1, k_2} (-1)^n \chi_1(n) \frac{b n}{c} \frac{B_p}{c} (x_2),
\]

\[
\hat{s}_{4,p}(b, c; \chi_1, \chi_2) = \sum_{n=1}^{ck_1, k_2} \chi_1(n) \frac{B_p}{c} (x_2),
\]

which reduce to \( s_{3,p}(b, c; \chi_1, \chi_2) \) and \( s_{4,p}(b, c; \chi_1, \chi_2) \) for \( k_1 = k_2 \).

Finally, for primitive characters \( \chi_1 \) and \( \chi_2 \) having modulus \( k_1 \) and \( k_2 \), we consider following sums

\[
\hat{s}_{3,p}(b, c; \chi_1, \chi_2) = \sum_{n=1}^{ck_1, k_2} (-1)^n \chi_1(n) \frac{b n}{c} \frac{B_p}{c} (x_2),
\]

\[
\hat{s}_{4,p}(b, c; \chi_1, \chi_2) = \sum_{n=1}^{ck_1, k_2} \chi_1(n) \frac{B_p}{c} (x_2),
\]

which reduce to \( s_{3,p}(b, c; \chi_1, \chi_2) \) and \( s_{4,p}(b, c; \chi_1, \chi_2) \) for \( k_1 = k_2 \).

**Theorem 3** Let \( b, c \) be positive integers with \( \text{gcd}(b, c) = 1 \) and \( p > 1 \). Let \( \chi_1 \) and \( \chi_2 \) be non-principal characters of modulus \( k_1 \) and \( k_2 \), respectively. For \( (-1)^{p+1} \chi_1(-1) \chi_2(-1) = 1 \) the following reciprocity formula holds

\[
\chi_2(-1) \frac{ck_1(2b k_2)^p}{x_2} \frac{\hat{s}_{3,p}(b, c; \overline{x}_2, \overline{x}_1)}{x_1(-2) b k_2(c k_1)^p} \frac{\hat{s}_{3,p}(b, c; \chi_1, \chi_2)}{x_1(-2) b c k_2(c k_1)^p}(x_2)
\times \chi_1(h) \frac{B_p}{c} \left( \frac{c_j}{k} + \frac{bh}{k} \right).
\]

The reciprocity formula for \( \hat{s}_{3,p}(b, c; \chi_1, \chi_2) \) and \( \hat{s}_{4,p}(b, c; \chi_1, \chi_2) \) follows as a result of Theorem 3 as

\[
\chi_2(-1) \frac{ck_1(2b k_2)^p}{x_2} \frac{\hat{s}_{4,p}(b, c; \overline{x}_2, \overline{x}_1)}{x_1(-2) b k_2(c k_1)^p} \frac{\hat{s}_{4,p}(b, c; \chi_1, \chi_2)}{x_1(-2) b c k_2(c k_1)^p}(x_2)
\times \chi_1(h) \frac{B_p}{c} \left( \frac{c_j}{k} + \frac{bh}{k} \right).
\]
Before establishing the proofs, we recall some properties that we need in the sequel.

\[
\frac{d}{dx} B_m(x) = m B_{m-1}(x), m \geq 1 \\
\frac{d}{dx} B_{m,x}(x) = m B_{m-1,x}(x), m \geq 1 \\
\frac{d}{dx} \overline{B}_{m,x}(x) = m \overline{B}_{m-1,x}(x), m \geq 2
\]

and for \( m \geq 0 \)

\[
\overline{B}_{m,x}(k) = \overline{B}_{m,x}(0) = B_{m,x}, \\
B_{m,x}(-x) = (-1)^m \chi(-1) B_{m,x}(x).
\]

(1.3)

The Gauss sum \( G(z, \chi) \) is defined by

\[
G(z, \chi) = \sum_{m=0}^{k-1} \chi(m) e^{2\pi imz/k}.
\]

If \( n \) is an integer, then [1, p. 168]

\[
G(n, \chi) = \overline{\chi}(n) G(\chi),
\]

where \( G(\chi) = G(1, \chi) \).

Proofs of Theorems 2 and 3

We apply character analogue of the Euler–MacLaurin summation formula to generalized Bernoulli function in order to obtain identities involving integrals for \( s_{3,p}(b, c; \chi_1, \chi_2) \) and \( s_{4,p}(b, c; \chi_1, \chi_2) \). These identities lead the reciprocity formula given by Theorem 2.

In view of (1.3), it is easy to see that

\[
s_{3,p}(b, c; \chi_1, \chi_2) = (-1)^{p+1} \chi_1(-1) \chi_2(-1) s_{3,p}(b, c; \chi_1, \chi_2)
\]

and

\[
s_{4,p}(b, c; \chi_1, \chi_2) = (-1)^{p+1} \chi_1(-1) \chi_2(-1) s_{4,p}(b, c; \chi_1, \chi_2),
\]

which entails \( s_{r,p}(b, c; \chi_1, \chi_2) = 0 \) \( (r = 3,4) \) for \( (-1)^{p+1} \chi_1(-1) \chi_2(-1) = -1 \).

Let \( f(x) = \overline{B}_{p,x}(xy), y \in \mathbb{R} \). The property ([3, Corollary 3.3])

\[
\frac{d}{dx} \overline{B}_{m,x}(x) = m \overline{B}_{m-1,x}(x), m \geq 2
\]

teans that

\[
\frac{d^i}{dx^i} f(x) = \frac{d^i}{dx^i} \overline{B}_{p,x}(xy) = y^i \left( \frac{p!}{(p-j)!} \right) \overline{B}_{p-j,x}(xy)
\]

for \( 0 \leq j \leq p - 1 \) and \( f \in C^{(p-1)}[\alpha, \beta] \).

Proof of Theorem 2

We consider the following three cases:

I) \( y = b/c, \alpha = 0 \) and \( \beta = ck \),

II) \( y = b/(2c), \alpha = 0 \) and \( \beta = ck \),

III) \( y = 2b/c, \alpha = 0 \) and \( \beta = ck/2 \),

where \( c > 0 \), separately.

For \( \alpha = 0, \beta = ck \) and \( 1 \leq l + 1 \leq p - 1 \), Theorem 1 can be written as

\[
\sum_{n=1}^{ck} \chi_1(n) \overline{B}_{p,\chi_2}(ny)
\]

\[
= \overline{\chi_1(-1)} \sum_{j=0}^{l} \left( \frac{p+1}{j+1} \right) (-1)^{j+1} y^j \\
\times \left\{ \overline{B}_{p-j,\chi_2}(cky) - \overline{B}_{p-j,\chi_2}(B_{j+1,\chi_1}) \\
- \chi_1(-1)(-y)^{l+1} \left( \frac{p}{l+1} \right) \\
\times \int_0^{ck} \overline{B}_{l+1,\chi_1}(u) \overline{B}_{p-l-1,\chi_2}(yu) du \right\}.
\]

(2.1)

I) Let \( y = b/c, \alpha = 0 \) and \( \beta = ck \). Then, (2.1) becomes

\[
\sum_{n=1}^{ck} \chi_1(n) \overline{B}_{p,\chi_2} \left( \frac{b}{c} n \right)
\]

\[
= -\overline{\chi_1(-1)} \left( \frac{p}{l+1} \right) \left( -\frac{b}{c} \right)^{l+1} \\
\times \int_0^{ck} \overline{B}_{l+1,\chi_1}(u) \overline{B}_{p-l-1,\chi_2} \left( \frac{b}{c} u \right) du.
\]

(2.2)

- If \( b = c \), using the fact that [6,
Remark 7]:

\[
\sum_{n=1}^{ck-1} \chi_1(n) \overline{B}_{p, \chi_2}(\frac{bn}{c}) = -\varepsilon \frac{p!}{(2\pi)^p} \left(\frac{k}{p}\right)^{p-1} \\
\times G(b, \chi_1)G(c, \overline{\chi_2})L(p, \overline{\chi_2}).
\]

for \( \gcd(b, c) = 1 \) with \( c > 0 \), (2.2) becomes with \( b = c = 1 \) as

\[
\int_0^k \overline{B}_{r, \overline{\chi}_2}(u) \overline{B}_{m, \chi_2}(u) du = r!m!(-1)^r \overline{\chi}_1(\overline{\chi}_2) k^{p-1} \\
= \varepsilon \frac{(2\pi)^p}{(p+1)} \\
\times G(\chi_1)G(\overline{\chi}_2)L(r, \overline{\chi}_2),
\]

by setting \( l + 1 = r \), \( p - r = m \). Here

\( \varepsilon = 1 + (-1)^r \chi_1(-1) \chi_2(-1) \)

and \( \overline{\chi}_2 \chi_2 \) is a Dirichlet character modulo \( k \), and \( L(p, \overline{\chi}_2) \) stands for the Dirichlet \( L \)-function.

- If \( b = ck \), it follows from the fact

\[
\sum_{n=0}^{ck-1} \chi(n) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad (2.2)
\]

that

\[
\int_0^k \overline{B}_{l+1, \overline{\chi}_1}(u) \overline{B}_{p-l-1, \chi_2}(ku) du = 0.
\]

- Now assume that \( (b, c) = 1 \). Then, it follows from [6, Remark 7] and (2.2) that

\[
\int_0^k \overline{B}_{l+1, \overline{\chi}_1}(cu) \overline{B}_{p-l-1, \chi_2}(bu) du = 0.
\]

\[
\sum_{n=0}^{ck-1} \chi(n) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad (2.2)
\]

we have, for odd \( b \),

\[
\overline{B}_{p-1, \chi}(\frac{bk}{2}) = \overline{B}_{p-1, \chi}(\frac{k}{2}) \\
= \{2^{j+1-p} \chi(2) - 1\}B_{p-1, \chi}.
\]

Therefore, (2.1) becomes

\[
s_{4,p}(b, c; \chi_1, \chi_2) \\
= \sum_{n=1}^{ck} \chi_1(n) \overline{B}_{p, \chi_2}(\frac{bn}{2c}) \\
= -2^{1-p} \chi_1(-1) \sum_{m=0}^{p-1} \frac{(-b)^{p-m}}{m} \\
\times \{\chi_2(2) - 2^{m}\}B_{m, \chi_2}B_{p+1-m, \overline{\chi}_1} \\
- \chi_1(-1)c \left(\frac{p}{l+1}\right) \left(\frac{b}{2c}\right) \\
\times \int_0^k \overline{B}_{l+1, \overline{\chi}_1}(cu) \overline{B}_{p-l-1, \chi_2}(\frac{b}{2}u) du \\
\]

by setting \( j = p - m \).

For \( l = 0 \) we have the following integral representation

\[
\overline{\chi}_1(-1)s_{4,p}(b, c; \chi_1, \chi_2) \\
= \frac{pb}{2} \int_0^k \overline{B}_{1, \overline{\chi}_1}(cu) \overline{B}_{p-1, \chi_2}(\frac{b}{2}u) du \\
- (2^{1-p} \chi_2(2) - 2)B_{p, \chi_2}B_{1, \overline{\chi}_1}.
\]

- Let \( p \) be odd and put \( l + 1 = p - 1 \) in (2.4). Then,

\[
\overline{\chi}_1(-1)(p+1)b(2c)p s_{4,p}(b, c; \chi_1, \chi_2) \\
= 2 \sum_{m=0}^{p} \frac{(-b)^{p-m}}{m} \left(\frac{p}{l+1}\right) \left(\frac{b}{2c}\right) \\
\times \{\chi_2(2) - 2^{m}\}B_{m, \chi_2}B_{p+1-m, \overline{\chi}_1} \\
- 2cbp(p+1)c \\
\times \int_0^k \overline{B}_{p-1, \overline{\chi}_1}(cu) \overline{B}_{1, \chi_2}(\frac{b}{2}u) du. \\
\]

- Let \( k \) and \( c \) be odd and consider \( y = 2b/c \), \( \alpha = 0 \), \( \beta = ck/2 \) with \( (b, c) = 1 \). Then, from Theorem 1 and

\[\text{II} \] Let \( k \) and \( b \) be odd and consider \( y = b/2c \) with \( (b, c) = 1 \). From the fact that [5, Eq. (3.13)]

\[
\chi(r)r^{1-m} \overline{B}_{m, \chi}(r) = \sum_{j=0}^{r-1} \overline{B}_{m, \chi} \left( x + \frac{jk}{r} \right),
\]
Eq. (2.3) we have
\[
\sum_{0 \leq n \leq (ck-1)/2} x_1(n) \overline{B}_{p, x_2} \left( \frac{2b}{c} n \right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\lfloor ck \rfloor - 1} x_1(n) \overline{B}_{p, x_2} \left( \frac{2b}{c} n \right)
\]
\[
= -\frac{x_1(-1)}{p + 1} \sum_{j=1}^{l+1} \binom{p + 1}{j} \left( -\frac{b}{c} \right)^{j-1} \times \{ \overline{x}_2(2) - 2^j \} B_{j, x_1} B_{p+1-j, x_2}
\]
\[
-\frac{x_1(-1)}{p + 1} \sum_{j=1}^{l+1} \binom{p + 1}{j} \left( -\frac{b}{c} \right)^{j-1} \times \{ \overline{x}_2(2) - 2^j \} B_{j, x_1} B_{p+1-j, x_2}
\]
\[
= \frac{b p}{0} \int_{0}^{\lfloor c/2 \rfloor} \frac{c}{u} \overline{B}_{p-1, x_2} (bu) du.
\]
\[
(2.7)
\]

Now consider the sum \( s_{3, p}(b, c; x_1, x_2) \).
\[
s_{3, p}(b, c; x_1, x_2) = \sum_{n=1}^{ck} (-1)^n x_1(n) \overline{B}_{p, x_2} \left( \frac{bn}{c} \right)
\]
\[
= 2x_1(2) \sum_{n=1}^{\lfloor c/2 \rfloor} x_1(n) \overline{B}_{p, x_2} \left( \frac{2bn}{c} \right)
\]
\[
-\sum_{n=1}^{ck} x_1(n) \overline{B}_{p, x_2} \left( \frac{bn}{c} \right).
\]
\[
(2.8)
\]

• Let \( p \) be odd. Put \( l + 1 = p - 1 \) in (2.7). Then, (2.7), (2.8) and [6, Eq. (21)] yield
\[
\frac{1}{2} \overline{x}_1(-2)s_{3, p}(b, c; x_1, x_2)
\]
\[
+ \frac{1}{2} \overline{x}_1(-2) \sum_{h=1}^{k-1} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} x_1(h) \overline{x}_2(j) B_p \left( \frac{cj}{k} + \frac{bh}{k} \right)
\]
\[
= b p \int_{0}^{\lfloor c/2 \rfloor} \frac{c}{u} \overline{B}_{p-1, x_2} (bu) du.
\]
\[
(2.10)
\]

Combining (2.5) and (2.9), we arrive at the reciprocity formula
\[
\frac{1}{2} \overline{x}_1(-2)c(2b)p s_{3, p}(c, b; x_2, \overline{x}_1)
\]
\[
+ \frac{1}{2} \overline{x}_1(-2)bc p s_{3, p}(b, c; x_1, x_2)
\]
\[
= 2 \sum_{j=1}^{p+1} \binom{p + 1}{j} \left( -1 \right)^j b^j c^{p+1-j}
\]
\[
\times \{ \overline{x}_2(2) - 2^j \} B_{j, x_1} B_{p+1-j, x_2}
\]
\[
-\sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} x_1(h) \overline{x}_2(j) B_p \left( \frac{cj}{k} + \frac{bh}{k} \right).
\]
\[
(2.9)
\]

Proof of Theorem 3

We first note that similar to \( s_{3, p}(b, c; x_1, x_2) \) and \( s_{4, p}(b, c; x_1, x_2) \) the sums \( \overline{s}_{3, p}(b, c; x_1, x_2) \) and \( \overline{s}_{4, p}(b, c; x_1, x_2) \) vanishes when \( (-1)^{p+1} x_1(-1) x_2(-1) = -1 \). Let \( \gcd(b, c) = 1 \) with \( c > 0 \). Let \( y = bk_2/c_1 \), \( y = bk_2/2ck_1 \) and \( y = 2bk_2/c_1 \) instead of \( y = b/c \), \( y = b/2c \) and \( y = 2b/c \) in I, II and III respectively. Then adopting the arguments in the proof of Theorem 2, and using [6, Eq. (22)] instead of [6, Eq. (21)], the desired result follows.

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