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SEVERAL IDENTITIES FOR THE GENERALIZED APOSTOL-EULER AND APOSTOL-GENOCCHI POLYNOMIALS

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Abstract. The purpose of this paper is to give several symmetric identities on the generalized Apostol-Euler and Apostol-Genocchi polynomials by applying the generating functions. These extend some known identities.

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1. Introduction

The classical Bernoulli polynomials $B_n(x)$, the classical Euler polynomials $E_n(x)$ and the classical Genocchi polynomials $G_n(x)$, together with their familiar generalizations $B_n^\alpha(x)$, $E_n^\alpha(x)$ and $G_n^\alpha(x)$ of (real or complex) of order α are usually defined by means of the following generating functions; see [13]-[15] and the references cited therein.

$$\left(\frac{t}{e^t - 1}\right)^\alpha e^{xt} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n^\alpha(x) \frac{t^n}{n!} \quad (|t| < 2\pi; 1^\alpha = 1) \quad (1.1)$$

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$$\left(\frac{2}{e^t + 1}\right)^\alpha e^{xt} = \sum_{n=0}^\infty E_n^\alpha(x) \frac{t^n}{n!} \quad (|t| < 2\pi; 1^\alpha = 1) \tag{1.2}$$

and

$$\left(\frac{2t}{e^t + 1}\right)^\alpha e^{xt} = \sum_{n=0}^\infty G_n^\alpha(x) \frac{t^n}{n!} \quad (|t| < 2\pi; 1^\alpha = 1). \tag{1.3}$$

So that obviously

$$B_n(x) = B_n^1(x), E_n(x) = E_n^1(x) \text{ and } G_n(x) = G_n^1(x), (n \in \mathbb{N}), \tag{1.4}$$

where

$$N_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \quad (N = 1, 2, 3, \dots).$$

For the classical Bernoulli numbers B_n , the classical Euler numbers E_n and the classical Genocchi numbers G_n we readily find from (1.6) that

$$B_n^1(0) = B_n(0) = B_n, E_n^1(0) = E_n(0) = E_n \text{ and } G_n^1(0) = G_n(0) = G_n \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}), \tag{1.5}$$

respectively.

Some interesting analogues of the classical Bernoulli polynomials and numbers were first investigated by Apostol; see [1], [16] and the references therein. We begin here Apostol's definition as follows.

Definition 1.1. The Apostol-Bernoulli polynomials $B_n(x; \lambda)$ ($\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$) are defined by means of the following generating function

$$\frac{t}{\lambda e^t - 1} e^{xt} = \sum_{n=0}^\infty B_n(x; \lambda) \frac{t^n}{n!} \quad (|t| < 2\pi; \text{ when } \lambda = 1; t < |\log \lambda| \text{ when } \lambda \neq 1) \tag{1.6}$$

with of course

$$B_n(x) = B_n(x; 1) \text{ and } B_n(\lambda) = B_n(0; \lambda), \tag{1.7}$$

where $B_n(\lambda)$ denotes the so called Apostol-Bernoulli numbers.

Recently Luo and Srivastava [6] further extended the Apostol-Bernoulli polynomials as the so called Apostol-Bernoulli polynomials of order α .

Definition 1.2. The Apostol-Bernoulli polynomials $B_n^\alpha(x; \lambda)$ ($\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$) of order $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0$ are defined by means of the following generating function

$$\left(\frac{t}{\lambda e^t - 1}\right)^\alpha e^{xt} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n^\alpha(x; \lambda) \frac{t^n}{n!} \quad (|t| < 2\pi; \text{ when } \lambda = 1; t < |\log \lambda| \text{ when } \lambda \neq 1) \quad (1.8)$$

with of course

$$B_n^\alpha(x) = B_n^\alpha(x; 1) \text{ and } B_n^\alpha(\lambda) = B_n^\alpha(0; \lambda), \quad (1.9)$$

where $B_n^\alpha(x; \lambda)$ denotes the so called Apostol-Bernoulli numbers of order α .

On the other hand Luo [7] gave an analogous extension of the generalized Euler polynomials as the so called Apostol-Euler polynomials of order α .

Definition 1.3. The Apostol-Euler polynomials $E_n^\alpha(x; \lambda)$ ($\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$) of order $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0$ are defined by means of the following generating function

$$\left(\frac{2}{\lambda e^t + 1}\right)^\alpha e^{xt} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n^\alpha(x; \lambda) \frac{t^n}{n!} \quad (|t| < \log(-\lambda)) \quad (1.10)$$

with of course

$$E_n^\alpha(x) = E_n^\alpha(x; 1) \text{ and } E_n^\alpha(\lambda) = E_n^\alpha(0; \lambda), \quad (1.11)$$

where $E_n^\alpha(x; \lambda)$ denotes the so called Apostol-Euler numbers of order α .

On the subject of the Genocchi polynomials $G_n(x)$ and their various extensions a remarkably large number of investigations have appeared in the literature (see for example [2,3,4,5,8,9,10]). Moreover Luo (8-11) introduced and investigated the Apostol-Genocchi polynomials of (real or complex) order α which are defined as follows.

Definition 1.4. The Apostol-Genocchi polynomials $G_n^\alpha(x; \lambda)$ ($\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$) of order $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0$ are defined by means of the following generating function

$$\left(\frac{2t}{\lambda e^t + 1}\right)^\alpha e^{xt} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} G_n^\alpha(x; \lambda) \frac{t^n}{n!} \quad (|t| < \log(-\lambda)) \quad (1.12)$$

with of course

$$G_n^\alpha(x) = G_n^\alpha(x; 1), G_n^\alpha(\lambda) = G_n^\alpha(0; \lambda) G_n(x; \lambda) = G_n^{(1)}(x; \lambda), G_n(\lambda) = G_n^{(1)}(\lambda), \quad (1.13)$$

where $G_n(\lambda)$, $G_n^\alpha(\lambda)$ and $G_n(x; \lambda)$ denotes the so called Apostol-Genocchi numbers of order α and the Apostol-Genocchi polynomials respectively.

For each integer $k \geq 0$, $M_k(n) = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i i^k$ is called sum of alternative integer powers. The exponential generating function for $M_k(n)$ is

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} M_k(n) \frac{t^k}{k!} = 1 - e^t + e^{2t} + \dots + (-1)^n e^{nt} = \frac{1 - (-e^t)^{n+1}}{e^t + 1}. \tag{1.14}$$

Definition 1.5. For an arbitrary real or complex parameter λ , the generalized sum of alternative integer powers $M_k(n; \lambda)$ is defined by the following generating functions

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} M_k(n, \lambda) \frac{t^k}{k!} = \frac{1 - \lambda (-e^t)^{n+1}}{\lambda e^t + 1}. \tag{1.15}$$

The object of this paper is to present a systematic account of these families in a unified and generalized form. We develop some elementary properties and derive the some symmetric identities for the generalized Apostol-Euler and Apostol-Genocchi polynomials by using different analytical means on their respective generating functions. Recently, Zhang *et al* [20], Yang [18], Yang *et al* [19] and Pathan [12] also established symmetric identities of the generalized Bernoulli and Apostol-Bernoulli polynomials. Many of these properties of these generalized polynomials extend appropriately to generalized Euler and Genocchi polynomials.

2. Some symmetric identities for the Apostol-Euler polynomials

In this section, we give general symmetry identities for the generalized Apostol-Euler polynomials $E_n^{(\alpha)}(x; \lambda)$ by applying generating functions (1.10) and (1.15). Throughout this section α will be taken as an arbitrary real or complex parameter.

Theorem 2.1. For all integers $a > 0, b > 0$ and $n \geq 0, \alpha \geq 1, \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$, we have the following identity

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} a^{n-k} b^{k+1} E_{n-k}^{(\alpha)}(bx; \lambda) \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} M_i(a-1; \lambda) E_{k-i}^{(\alpha-1)}(ay; \lambda) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} b^{n-k} a^{k+1} E_{n-k}^{(\alpha)}(ax; \lambda) \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} M_i(b-1; \lambda) E_{k-i}^{(\alpha-1)}(by; \lambda). \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

Proof. Let

$$g(t) = \frac{1}{a^\alpha b^{\alpha-1}} \left(\frac{2a}{\lambda e^{at} + 1} \right)^\alpha e^{abxt} \left(\frac{1 - \lambda (-e^{at})^b}{\lambda e^{bt} + 1} \right) \left(\frac{2b}{\lambda e^{bt} + 1} \right)^\alpha e^{abyt} \tag{2.2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{a^\alpha b^{\alpha-1}} \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n^{(\alpha)}(bx; \lambda) \frac{(at)^n}{n!} \right) \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} M_n(a-1; \lambda) \frac{(bt)^n}{n!} \right) \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n^{(\alpha-1)}(ay; \lambda) \frac{(bt)^n}{n!} \right). \\
g(t) &= \frac{1}{a^\alpha b^\alpha} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} a^{n-k} b^{k+1} E_{n-k}^{(\alpha)}(bx; \lambda) \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} M_i(a-1; \lambda) E_{k-i}^{(\alpha-1)}(ay; \lambda) \right) \frac{t^n}{n!}.
\end{aligned} \tag{2.3}$$

Using the similar method, we have

$$g(t) = \frac{1}{a^\alpha b^\alpha} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} b^{n-k} a^{k+1} E_{n-k}^{(\alpha)}(ax; \lambda) \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} M_i(b-1; \lambda) E_{k-i}^{(\alpha-1)}(by; \lambda) \right) \frac{t^n}{n!}. \tag{2.4}$$

Equating the coefficients of $\frac{t^n}{n!}$ in the last two equations (2.3) and (2.4), we get the desired result.

By setting $\lambda=1$ in Theorem 2.1, the result reduces to a similar known result of Yang [18., Eq.(9)].

Corollary 2.1. For all integers $a > 0, b > 0$ and $n \geq 0, \alpha \geq 1, \lambda \in \mathcal{C}$,

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} a^{n-k} b^{k+1} E_{n-k}^{(\alpha)}(bx) \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} M_i(a-1; \lambda) E_{k-i}^{(\alpha-1)}(ay) \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} b^{n-k} a^{k+1} E_{n-k}^{(\alpha)}(ax) \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} M_i(b-1) E_{k-i}^{(\alpha-1)}(by).
\end{aligned} \tag{2.5}$$

Setting $y=0$ and $\alpha = 1$ in Theorem (2.1), we obtain the relation.

Corollary 2.2. For all integers $a > 0, b > 0$ and $n \geq 0, \lambda \in \mathcal{C}$,

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} a^{i-1} b^{n-i} E_i(bx; \lambda) M_{n-i}(a-1; \lambda) = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} b^{i-1} a^{n-i} E_i(ax; \lambda) M_{n-i}(b-1; \lambda). \tag{2.6}$$

Setting $x = 0$ in (2.6), we have the relation

Corollary 2.3. For all integers $a > 0, b > 0$ and $n \geq 0, \lambda \in \mathcal{C}$,

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} a^{i-1} b^{n-i} E_i(\lambda) M_{n-i}(a-1; \lambda) = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} b^{i-1} a^{n-i} E_i(\lambda) M_{n-i}(b-1; \lambda). \tag{2.7}$$

For $\lambda = 1$ in (2.7), the result reduces to similar result of Tuentler [17].

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} a^{i-1} b^{n-i} E_i M_{n-i}(a-1) = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} b^{i-1} a^{n-i} E_i M_{n-i}(b-1). \tag{2.8}$$

Setting $b=1$ in (2.6), we have

$$E_n(ax; \lambda) = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} a^{i-1} E_i(x; \lambda) M_{n-i}(a-1; \lambda). \tag{2.9}$$

On the other hand by setting $\lambda = 1$ in (2.9), the result reduces to similar result of Yang [18, Eq.(11)].

On the other hand by setting $x = 0$ in (2.9), we have a recurrence on the Apostol-Euler polynomials.

$$E_n(\lambda) = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} a^{i-1} E_i(\lambda) M_{n-i}(a-1; \lambda). \tag{2.10}$$

Theorem 2.2. For each pair of positive integers a and b and all integers $n \geq 0, \alpha \geq 1, \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$, we have the following identity

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} \sum_{j=0}^{b-1} (\lambda)^{i+j} a^k b^{n-k} E_k^{(\alpha)}(bx + \frac{b}{a}i; \lambda) E_{n-k}^{(\alpha)}(ay + \frac{a}{b}j; \lambda) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{i=0}^{b-1} \sum_{j=0}^{a-1} (\lambda)^{i+j} b^k a^{n-k} E_k^{(\alpha)}(ax + \frac{a}{b}i; \lambda) E_{n-k}^{(\alpha)}(by + \frac{b}{a}j; \lambda). \end{aligned} \tag{2.11}$$

Proof. Let $g(t) = \frac{(2a)^\alpha (2b)^\alpha e^{ab(x+y)t} (\lambda^a e^{abt} + 1)(\lambda^b e^{abt} + 1)}{(\lambda e^{at} + 1)^{\alpha+1} (\lambda e^{bt} + 1)^{\alpha+1}}$. Then the expression for $g(t)$ is symmetric in a and b and we can expand $g(t)$ into series in two ways to prove the theorem.

$$\begin{aligned} g(t) &= \left(\frac{2a}{\lambda e^{at} + 1} \right)^\alpha e^{abxt} \left(\frac{\lambda^a e^{abt} + 1}{\lambda e^{bt} + 1} \right) \left(\frac{2b}{\lambda e^{bt} + 1} \right)^\alpha e^{abyt} \left(\frac{\lambda^b e^{abt} + 1}{\lambda e^{at} + 1} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{2a}{\lambda e^{at} + 1} \right)^\alpha e^{abxt} \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} \lambda^i e^{bti} \left(\frac{2b}{\lambda e^{bt} + 1} \right)^\alpha e^{abyt} \sum_{j=0}^{b-1} \lambda^j e^{atj} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} \lambda^i \left(\frac{2a}{\lambda e^{at} + 1} \right)^\alpha e^{(bx + \frac{b}{a}i)at} \sum_{j=0}^{b-1} \lambda^j \left(\frac{2b}{\lambda e^{bt} + 1} \right)^\alpha e^{(ax + \frac{a}{b}j)bt} \\
&= \left(\sum_{i=0}^{a-1} \lambda^i \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} E_k^{(\alpha)} \left(bx + \frac{b}{a}i; \lambda \right) \frac{(at)^k}{k!} \right) \left(\sum_{j=0}^{b-1} \lambda^j \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n^{(\alpha)} \left(ay + \frac{a}{b}j; \lambda \right) \frac{(bt)^n}{n!} \right) \\
&= \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} \sum_{j=0}^{b-1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \lambda^{i+j} E_k^{(\alpha)} \left(bx + \frac{b}{a}i; \lambda \right) a^k b^n E_n^{(\alpha)} \left(ay + \frac{a}{b}j; \lambda \right) \frac{t^{n+k}}{n!k!}.
\end{aligned}$$

Replacing n by $n-k$ in above equation, we get

$$g(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} \sum_{j=0}^{b-1} a^k b^{n-k} E_k^{(\alpha)} \left(bx + \frac{b}{a}i; \lambda \right) E_{n-k}^{(\alpha)} \left(ay + \frac{a}{b}j; \lambda \right) \right) \frac{t^n}{n!}. \quad (2.12)$$

On the other hand

$$g(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{i=0}^{b-1} \sum_{j=0}^{a-1} a^{n-k} b^k E_k^{(\alpha)} \left(ax + \frac{a}{b}i; \lambda \right) E_{n-k}^{(\alpha)} \left(by + \frac{b}{a}j; \lambda \right) \right) \frac{t^n}{n!}. \quad (2.13)$$

Equating the coefficients of $\frac{t^n}{n!}$ in the last two expressions for $g(t)$ gives us the desired result.

By setting $\lambda = 1$ in Theorem (2.2), we immediately deduce the following result.

Corollary 2.4. For all integers $a > 0, b > 0$ and $n \geq 0, \alpha \geq 1$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} \sum_{j=0}^{b-1} a^k b^{n-k} E_k^{(\alpha)} \left(bx + \frac{b}{a}i \right) E_{n-k}^{(\alpha)} \left(ay + \frac{a}{b}j \right) \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{i=0}^{b-1} \sum_{j=0}^{a-1} b^k a^{n-k} E_k^{(\alpha)} \left(ax + \frac{a}{b}i \right) E_{n-k}^{(\alpha)} \left(by + \frac{b}{a}j \right)
\end{aligned} \quad (2.14)$$

Setting $y = 0, \alpha = 1$ in Theorem 2.2, we have the following.

Corollary 2.5. For all integers $a > 0, b > 0$ and $n \geq 0, \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} \sum_{j=0}^{b-1} (\lambda)^{i+j} a^k b^{n-k} E_k \left(bx + \frac{b}{a}i; \lambda \right) E_{n-k} \left(\frac{a}{b}j; \lambda \right) \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{i=0}^{b-1} \sum_{j=0}^{a-1} (\lambda)^{i+j} b^k a^{n-k} E_k \left(ax + \frac{a}{b}i; \lambda \right) E_{n-k} \left(\frac{b}{a}j; \lambda \right)
\end{aligned} \quad (2.15)$$

When $b=1$ in (2.15), we have the relationship

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} \lambda^i a^k E_k(x + \frac{i}{a}; \lambda) E_{n-k}(\lambda) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{j=0}^{a-1} \lambda^j a^{n-k} E_k(ax; \lambda) E_{n-k}(\frac{j}{a}; \lambda) \tag{2.16}$$

Substituting $\lambda = 1$ in (2.16), we have the relationship

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} a^k E_k(x + \frac{i}{a}) E_{n-k} = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{j=0}^{a-1} a^{n-k} E_k(ax) E_{n-k}(\frac{j}{a}). \tag{2.17}$$

Theorem 2.3. For each pair of positive integers a and b and all integers $n \geq 0, \alpha \geq 1, \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$, we have the following identity

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} \sum_{j=0}^{b-1} (\lambda)^{i+j} a^k b^{n-k} E_k^{(\alpha)}(bx + \frac{b}{a}i + j; \lambda) E_{n-k}^{(\alpha)}(ay; \lambda) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{i=0}^{b-1} \sum_{j=0}^{a-1} (\lambda)^{i+j} b^k a^{n-k} E_k^{(\alpha)}(ax + \frac{a}{b}i + j; \lambda) E_{n-k}^{(\alpha)}(by; \lambda). \end{aligned} \tag{2.18}$$

Proof. The proof is analogous to Theorem 2.2, but we need to change the order of the summation of series. On the one hand

$$\begin{aligned} g(t) &= \frac{(2a)^\alpha (2b)^\alpha e^{ab(x+y)t} (\lambda^a e^{abt} + 1) (\lambda^b e^{abt} + 1)}{(\lambda e^{at} + 1)^{\alpha+1} (\lambda e^{bt} + 1)^{\alpha+1}} \\ g(t) &= \left(\frac{2a}{\lambda e^{at} + 1}\right)^\alpha e^{abxt} \left(\frac{\lambda^a e^{abt} + 1}{\lambda e^{bt} + 1}\right) \left(\frac{2b}{\lambda e^{bt} + 1}\right)^\alpha e^{abyt} \left(\frac{\lambda^b e^{abt} + 1}{\lambda e^{at} + 1}\right) \\ &= \left(\frac{2a}{\lambda e^{at} + 1}\right)^\alpha e^{abxt} \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} \lambda^i e^{bti} \left(\frac{2b}{\lambda e^{bt} + 1}\right)^\alpha e^{abyt} \sum_{j=0}^{b-1} \lambda^j e^{atj} \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} \sum_{j=0}^{b-1} \lambda^{i+j} \left(\frac{2a}{\lambda e^{at} + 1}\right)^\alpha e^{(bx + \frac{b}{a}i + j)at} \left(\frac{2b}{\lambda e^{bt} + 1}\right)^\alpha e^{abyt} \\ &= \left(\sum_{i=0}^{a-1} \sum_{j=0}^{b-1} \lambda^{i+j} \sum_{k=0}^\infty E_k^{(\alpha)}(bx + \frac{b}{a}i + j; \lambda) \frac{(at)^k}{k!}\right) \left(\sum_{n=0}^\infty E_n^{(\alpha)}(ay; \lambda) \frac{(bt)^n}{n!}\right) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} \sum_{j=0}^{b-1} \sum_{n=0}^\infty \sum_{k=0}^\infty \lambda^{i+j} E_k^{(\alpha)}(bx + \frac{b}{a}i + j; \lambda) a^k b^n E_n^{(\alpha)}(ay; \lambda) \frac{t^{n+k}}{n!k!}. \end{aligned}$$

Replacing n by $n-k$ in above equation, we get

$$g(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} \sum_{j=0}^{b-1} a^k b^{n-k} E_k^{(\alpha)} \left(bx + \frac{b}{a}i + j; \lambda \right) E_{n-k}^{(\alpha)}(ay; \lambda) \right) \frac{t^n}{n!}. \quad (2.19)$$

On the other hand, we have

$$g(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{i=0}^{b-1} \sum_{j=0}^{a-1} a^{n-k} b^k E_k^{(\alpha)} \left(ax + \frac{a}{b}i + j; \lambda \right) E_{n-k}^{(\alpha)}(by; \lambda) \right) \frac{t^n}{n!}. \quad (2.20)$$

Equating the coefficients of $\frac{t^n}{n!}$ in the last two expressions for $g(t)$ gives us the desired result.

By setting $\lambda = 1$ in Theorem 2.3, we immediately deduce the following result.

Corollary 2.6. *For all integers $a > 0, b > 0$ and $n \geq 0, \alpha \geq 1$. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} \sum_{j=0}^{b-1} a^k b^{n-k} E_k^{(\alpha)} \left(bx + \frac{b}{a}i + j \right) E_{n-k}^{(\alpha)}(ay) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{i=0}^{b-1} \sum_{j=0}^{a-1} b^k a^{n-k} E_k^{(\alpha)} \left(ax + \frac{a}{b}i + j \right) E_{n-k}^{(\alpha)}(by) \end{aligned} \quad (2.21)$$

Setting $y = 0, \alpha = 1$ in Theorem 2.3, we have the following.

Corollary 2.7. *For all integers $a > 0, b > 0$ and $n \geq 0, \lambda \in C$. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} \sum_{j=0}^{b-1} (\lambda)^{i+j} a^k b^{n-k} E_k \left(bx + \frac{b}{a}i + j; \lambda \right) E_{n-k}(\lambda) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{i=0}^{b-1} \sum_{j=0}^{a-1} (\lambda)^{i+j} b^k a^{n-k} E_k \left(ax + \frac{a}{b}i + j; \lambda \right) E_{n-k}(\lambda). \end{aligned} \quad (2.22)$$

When $b = 1$ in (2.22), we have the relationship

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} \lambda^i a^k E_k \left(x + \frac{i}{a}; \lambda \right) E_{n-k}(\lambda) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{j=0}^{a-1} \lambda^j a^{n-k} E_k(ax + j; \lambda) E_{n-k}(\lambda). \quad (2.23)$$

Substituting $\lambda = 1$ in (2.23), we have the relationship

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} a^k E_k \left(x + \frac{i}{a} \right) E_{n-k} = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{j=0}^{a-1} a^{n-k} E_k(ax + j) E_{n-k}. \quad (2.24)$$

3. Some symmetric identities for the Apostol-Genocchi polynomials

In this section, we give general symmetry identities for the generalized Apostol-Genocchi polynomials $G_n^{(\alpha)}(x; \lambda)$ by applying generating functions (1.12) and (1.15). Throughout this section α will be taken as an arbitrary real or complex parameter.

Theorem 3.1 For all integers $a > 0, b > 0$ and $n \geq 0, \alpha \geq 1, \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$, we have the following identity

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} a^{n-k} b^{k+1} G_{n-k}^{(\alpha)}(bx; \lambda) \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} M_i(a-1; \lambda) G_{k-i}^{(\alpha-1)}(ay; \lambda) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} b^{n-k} a^{k+1} G_{n-k}^{(\alpha)}(ax; \lambda) \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} M_i(b-1; \lambda) G_{k-i}^{(\alpha-1)}(by; \lambda) \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

Proof. Let

$$\begin{aligned} g(t) &= \frac{1}{a^\alpha b^{\alpha-1}} \left(\frac{2at}{\lambda e^{at} + 1} \right)^\alpha e^{abxt} \left(\frac{1 - \lambda(-e^{at})^b}{\lambda e^{bt} + 1} \right) \left(\frac{2bt}{\lambda e^{bt} + 1} \right)^\alpha e^{abyt} \quad (3.2) \\ &= \frac{1}{a^\alpha b^{\alpha-1}} \left(\sum_{n=0}^\infty G_n^{(\alpha)}(bx; \lambda) \frac{(at)^n}{n!} \right) \left(\sum_{n=0}^\infty M_n(a-1; \lambda) \frac{(bt)^n}{n!} \right) \left(\sum_{n=0}^\infty G_n^{(\alpha-1)}(ay; \lambda) \frac{(bt)^n}{n!} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$g(t) = \frac{1}{a^\alpha b^\alpha} \sum_{n=0}^\infty \left(\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} a^{n-k} b^{k+1} G_{n-k}^{(\alpha)}(bx; \lambda) \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} M_i(a-1; \lambda) G_{k-i}^{(\alpha-1)}(ay; \lambda) \right) \frac{t^n}{n!}. \quad (3.3)$$

Using similar plan, we have

$$g(t) = \frac{1}{a^\alpha b^\alpha} \sum_{n=0}^\infty \left(\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} b^{n-k} a^{k+1} G_{n-k}^{(\alpha)}(ax; \lambda) \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} M_i(b-1; \lambda) G_{k-i}^{(\alpha-1)}(by; \lambda) \right) \frac{t^n}{n!}. \quad (3.4)$$

Equating the coefficients of $\frac{t^n}{n!}$ in the last two equations (3.3) and (3.4), we get the desired result.

By setting $\lambda=1$ in Theorem 3.1, the result reduces to a similar known result of Yang [18., Eq.(9)].

Corollary 3.1. For all integers $a > 0, b > 0$ and $n \geq 0, \alpha \geq 1, \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} a^{n-k} b^{k+1} G_{n-k}^{(\alpha)}(bx) \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} M_i(a-1; \lambda) G_{k-i}^{(\alpha-1)}(ay) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} b^{n-k} a^{k+1} G_{n-k}^{(\alpha)}(ax) \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} M_i(b-1) G_{k-i}^{(\alpha-1)}(by) \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

Setting $y=0$ and $\alpha = 1$ in Theorem (3.1), we obtain the relation.

Corollary 3.2. For all integers $a > 0, b > 0$ and $n \geq 0, \lambda \in C$,

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} a^{i-1} b^{n-i} G_i(bx; \lambda) M_{n-i}(a-1; \lambda) = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} b^{i-1} a^{n-i} G_i(ax; \lambda) M_{n-i}(b-1; \lambda) \quad (3.6)$$

Setting $x = 0$ in (3.6), we have the relation.

Corollary 3.3. For all integers $a > 0, b > 0$ and $n \geq 0, \lambda \in C$,

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} a^{i-1} b^{n-i} G_i(\lambda) M_{n-i}(a-1; \lambda) = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} b^{i-1} a^{n-i} G_i(\lambda) M_{n-i}(b-1; \lambda) \quad (3.7)$$

For $\lambda = 1$ in (3.7), the result reduces to similar result of Tuentler [17].

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} a^{i-1} b^{n-i} G_i M_{n-i}(a-1) = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} b^{i-1} a^{n-i} G_i M_{n-i}(b-1). \quad (3.8)$$

Setting $b = 1$ in (3.6), we have

$$G_n(ax; \lambda) = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} a^{i-1} G_i(x; \lambda) M_{n-i}(a-1; \lambda). \quad (3.9)$$

On the other hand by setting $\lambda = 1$ in (3.9), the result reduces to similar result of Yang [18, Eq.(11)]. By setting $x = 0$ in (3.9), we have a recurrence on the Apostol-Genocchi polynomials.

$$G_n(\lambda) = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} a^{i-1} G_i(\lambda) M_{n-i}(a-1; \lambda). \quad (3.10)$$

Theorem 3.2. For each pair of positive integers a and b and all integers $n \geq 0, \alpha \geq 1, \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$, we have the following identity

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} \sum_{j=0}^{b-1} (\lambda)^{i+j} a^k b^{n-k} G_k^{(\alpha)}\left(bx + \frac{b}{a}i; \lambda\right) G_{n-k}^{(\alpha)}\left(ay + \frac{a}{b}j; \lambda\right) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{i=0}^{b-1} \sum_{j=0}^{a-1} (\lambda)^{i+j} b^k a^{n-k} G_k^{(\alpha)}\left(ax + \frac{a}{b}i; \lambda\right) G_{n-k}^{(\alpha)}\left(by + \frac{b}{a}j; \lambda\right) \end{aligned} \tag{3.11}$$

Proof. Let $g(t) = \frac{(2at)^\alpha (2bt)^\alpha e^{ab(x+y)t} (\lambda^a e^{abt} + 1)(\lambda^b e^{abt} + 1)}{(\lambda e^{at} + 1)^{\alpha+1} (\lambda e^{bt} + 1)^{\alpha+1}}$. Then the expression for $g(t)$ is symmetric in a and b and we can expand $g(t)$ into series in two ways to prove the theorem.

$$\begin{aligned} g(t) &= \left(\frac{2at}{\lambda e^{at} + 1}\right)^\alpha e^{abxt} \left(\frac{\lambda^a e^{abt} + 1}{\lambda e^{bt} + 1}\right) \left(\frac{2bt}{\lambda e^{bt} + 1}\right)^\alpha e^{abyt} \left(\frac{\lambda^b e^{abt} + 1}{\lambda e^{at} + 1}\right) \\ &= \left(\frac{2at}{\lambda e^{at} + 1}\right)^\alpha e^{abxt} \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} \lambda^i e^{bti} \left(\frac{2bt}{\lambda e^{bt} + 1}\right)^\alpha e^{abyt} \sum_{j=0}^{b-1} \lambda^j e^{atj} \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} \lambda^i \left(\frac{2at}{\lambda e^{at} + 1}\right)^\alpha e^{(bx + \frac{b}{a}i)at} \sum_{j=0}^{b-1} \lambda^j \left(\frac{2bt}{\lambda e^{bt} + 1}\right)^\alpha e^{(ax + \frac{a}{b}j)bt} \\ &= \left(\sum_{i=0}^{a-1} \lambda^i \sum_{k=0}^\infty G_k^{(\alpha)}\left(bx + \frac{b}{a}i; \lambda\right) \frac{(at)^k}{k!}\right) \left(\sum_{j=0}^{b-1} \lambda^j \sum_{n=0}^\infty G_n^{(\alpha)}\left(ay + \frac{a}{b}j; \lambda\right) \frac{(bt)^n}{n!}\right) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} \sum_{j=0}^{b-1} \sum_{n=0}^\infty \sum_{k=0}^\infty \lambda^{i+j} G_k^{(\alpha)}\left(bx + \frac{b}{a}i; \lambda\right) a^k b^n G_n^{(\alpha)}\left(ay + \frac{a}{b}j; \lambda\right) \frac{t^{n+k}}{n!k!}. \end{aligned}$$

Replacing n by $n-k$ in above equation, we get

$$g(t) = \sum_{n=0}^\infty \left(\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} \sum_{j=0}^{b-1} a^k b^{n-k} G_k^{(\alpha)}\left(bx + \frac{b}{a}i; \lambda\right) G_{n-k}^{(\alpha)}\left(ay + \frac{a}{b}j; \lambda\right) \right) \frac{t^n}{n!}. \tag{3.12}$$

On the other hand

$$g(t) = \sum_{n=0}^\infty \left(\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{i=0}^{b-1} \sum_{j=0}^{a-1} a^{n-k} b^k G_k^{(\alpha)}\left(ax + \frac{a}{b}i; \lambda\right) G_{n-k}^{(\alpha)}\left(by + \frac{b}{a}j; \lambda\right) \right) \frac{t^n}{n!}. \tag{3.13}$$

Equating the coefficients of $\frac{t^n}{n!}$ in the last two expressions for $g(t)$ gives us the desired result.

By setting $\lambda = 1$ in Theorem 3.2, we immediately deduce the following result

Corollary 3.4. For all integers $a > 0, b > 0$ and $n \geq 0, \alpha \geq 1$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} \sum_{j=0}^{b-1} a^k b^{n-k} G_k^{(\alpha)}\left(bx + \frac{b}{a}i\right) G_{n-k}^{(\alpha)}\left(ay + \frac{a}{b}j\right) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{i=0}^{b-1} \sum_{j=0}^{a-1} b^k a^{n-k} G_k^{(\alpha)}\left(ax + \frac{a}{b}i\right) G_{n-k}^{(\alpha)}\left(by + \frac{b}{a}j\right) \end{aligned} \quad (3.14)$$

Setting $y = 0, \alpha = 1$ in Theorem 3.2, we have the following.

Corollary 3.5. For all integers $a > 0, b > 0$ and $n \geq 0, \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} \sum_{j=0}^{b-1} (\lambda)^{i+j} a^k b^{n-k} G_k\left(bx + \frac{b}{a}i; \lambda\right) G_{n-k}\left(\frac{a}{b}j; \lambda\right) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{i=0}^{b-1} \sum_{j=0}^{a-1} (\lambda)^{i+j} b^k a^{n-k} G_k\left(ax + \frac{a}{b}i; \lambda\right) G_{n-k}\left(\frac{b}{a}j; \lambda\right). \end{aligned} \quad (3.15)$$

When $b = 1$ in (3.15), we have the relationship

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} \lambda^i a^k G_k\left(x + \frac{i}{a}; \lambda\right) G_{n-k}(\lambda) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{j=0}^{a-1} \lambda^j a^{n-k} G_k(ax; \lambda) G_{n-k}\left(\frac{j}{a}; \lambda\right). \quad (3.16)$$

Substituting $\lambda = 1$ in (3.16), we have the relationship

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} a^k G_k\left(x + \frac{i}{a}\right) G_{n-k} = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{j=0}^{a-1} a^{n-k} G_k(ax) G_{n-k}\left(\frac{j}{a}\right). \quad (3.17)$$

Theorem 3.3. For each pair of positive integers a and b and all integers $n \geq 0, \alpha \geq 1, \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$, we have the following identity

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} \sum_{j=0}^{b-1} (\lambda)^{i+j} a^k b^{n-k} G_k^{(\alpha)}\left(bx + \frac{b}{a}i + j; \lambda\right) G_{n-k}^{(\alpha)}(ay; \lambda) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{i=0}^{b-1} \sum_{j=0}^{a-1} (\lambda)^{i+j} b^k a^{n-k} G_k^{(\alpha)}\left(ax + \frac{a}{b}i + j; \lambda\right) G_{n-k}^{(\alpha)}(by; \lambda). \end{aligned} \quad (3.18)$$

Proof. The proof is analogous to Theorem 3.2, but we need to change the order of the summation of series. On the one hand

$$\begin{aligned}
 g(t) &= \frac{(2at)^\alpha (2bt)^\alpha e^{ab(x+y)t} (\lambda^a e^{abt} + 1) (\lambda^b e^{abt} + 1)}{(\lambda e^{at} + 1)^{\alpha+1} (\lambda e^{bt} + 1)^{\alpha+1}} \\
 g(t) &= \left(\frac{2at}{\lambda e^{at} + 1} \right)^\alpha e^{abxt} \left(\frac{\lambda^a e^{abt} + 1}{\lambda e^{bt} + 1} \right) \left(\frac{2bt}{\lambda e^{bt} + 1} \right)^\alpha e^{abyt} \left(\frac{\lambda^b e^{abt} + 1}{\lambda e^{at} + 1} \right) \\
 &= \left(\frac{2at}{\lambda e^{at} + 1} \right)^\alpha e^{abxt} \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} \lambda^i e^{bti} \left(\frac{2bt}{\lambda e^{bt} + 1} \right)^\alpha e^{abyt} \sum_{j=0}^{b-1} \lambda^j e^{atj} \\
 &= \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} \sum_{j=0}^{b-1} \lambda^{i+j} \left(\frac{2at}{\lambda e^{at} + 1} \right)^\alpha e^{(bx + \frac{b}{a}i + j)at} \left(\frac{2bt}{\lambda e^{bt} + 1} \right)^\alpha e^{abyt} \\
 &= \left(\sum_{i=0}^{a-1} \sum_{j=0}^{b-1} \lambda^{i+j} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} G_k^{(\alpha)} \left(bx + \frac{b}{a}i + j; \lambda \right) \frac{(at)^k}{k!} \right) \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} G_n^{(\alpha)} (ay; \lambda) \frac{(bt)^n}{n!} \right) \\
 &= \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} \sum_{j=0}^{b-1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \lambda^{i+j} G_k^{(\alpha)} \left(bx + \frac{b}{a}i + j; \lambda \right) a^k b^n G_n^{(\alpha)} (ay; \lambda) \frac{t^{n+k}}{n!k!}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Replacing n by $n - k$ in above equation, we get

$$g(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} \sum_{j=0}^{b-1} a^k b^{n-k} G_k^{(\alpha)} \left(bx + \frac{b}{a}i + j; \lambda \right) G_{n-k}^{(\alpha)} (ay; \lambda) \right) \frac{t^n}{n!}. \tag{3.19}$$

On the other hand

$$g(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{i=0}^{b-1} \sum_{j=0}^{a-1} a^{n-k} b^k G_k^{(\alpha)} \left(ax + \frac{a}{b}i + j; \lambda \right) G_{n-k}^{(\alpha)} (by; \lambda) \right) \frac{t^n}{n!}. \tag{3.20}$$

Equating the coefficients of $\frac{t^n}{n!}$ in the last two expressions for $g(t)$ gives us the desired result. By setting $\lambda = 1$ in Theorem 3.3, we immediately deduce the following result.

Corollary 3.6. For all integers $a > 0, b > 0$ and $n \geq 0, \alpha \geq 1$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} \sum_{j=0}^{b-1} a^k b^{n-k} G_k^{(\alpha)} \left(bx + \frac{b}{a}i + j \right) G_{n-k}^{(\alpha)} (ay) \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{i=0}^{b-1} \sum_{j=0}^{a-1} b^k a^{n-k} G_k^{(\alpha)} \left(ax + \frac{a}{b}i + j \right) G_{n-k}^{(\alpha)} (by)
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.21}$$

Setting $y = 0, \alpha = 1$ in Theorem 3.3, we have the following.

Corollary 3.7. For all integers $a > 0, b > 0$ and $n \geq 0, \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} \sum_{j=0}^{b-1} (\lambda)^{i+j} a^k b^{n-k} G_k\left(bx + \frac{b}{a}i + j; \lambda\right) G_{n-k}(\lambda) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{i=0}^{b-1} \sum_{j=0}^{a-1} (\lambda)^{i+j} b^k a^{n-k} G_k\left(ax + \frac{a}{b}i + j; \lambda\right) G_{n-k}(\lambda). \end{aligned} \quad (3.22)$$

When $b = 1$ in (3.22), we have the relationship

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} \lambda^i a^k G_k\left(x + \frac{i}{a}; \lambda\right) G_{n-k}(\lambda) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{j=0}^{a-1} \lambda^j a^{n-k} G_k(ax + j; \lambda) G_{n-k}(\lambda). \quad (3.23)$$

Substituting $\lambda = 1$ in (3.23), we have the relationship

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} a^k G_k\left(x + \frac{i}{a}\right) G_{n-k} = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \sum_{j=0}^{a-1} a^{n-k} G_k(ax + j) G_{n-k}. \quad (3.24)$$

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