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Some explicit expressions for twisted q-analogues of Catalan numbers and polynomials

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Abstract

In this paper, the author considers the twisted q-analogues of Catalan numbers, which are arisen from the fermionic p-adic q-integrals. By using the fermionic p-adic q-integrals or generating functions, some explicit identities and properties for the twisted q-analogues of Catalan numbers and polynomials are given.

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1. Introduction

Although the Catalan numbers were named after the French-Belgian mathematician Eugène Charles Catalan (1814– 1894), they were initially introduced by the Mongolian mathematician Ming Antu in 1730. The Catalan numbers C_n are given [7, 15] by the generating function

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n t^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n} t^n$$

We note that

$$\sqrt{1-4t} = 1 - 2\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \binom{2m}{m} \frac{1}{m+1} t^{m+1} = 1 - 2\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} C_m t^{m+1}, \quad (0 < |4t| < 1).$$
(1)

The Catalan numbers satisfy the recurrence relations

$$C_0 = 1, \ C_n = \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} C_m C_{n-1-m}, \ (n \ge 1).$$

Also, the Catalan numbers form a sequence of positive integers

1, 1, 2, 5, 14, 42, 132, 429, 1430, 4862, 16796, 58786, 208012, \cdots

which is asymptotic to $4^n/n^{\frac{3}{2}}\sqrt{\pi}$, as *n* tends to ∞ , and appears in various counting problems. They count certain types of lattice paths, permutations, binary trees, and many other combinatorial objects. For more information on the Catalan numbers, please refer to [5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 15] and the closely related references therein.

Let p be a fixed odd prime number. Throughout this paper, \mathbb{Z}_p , \mathbb{Q}_p and \mathbb{C}_p denote the ring of p-adic integers, the field of p-adic rational numbers and the completion of the algebraic closure of \mathbb{Q}_p , respectively. The p-adic norm $|\cdot|_p$ is normalized as $|p|_p = \frac{1}{p}$. The notation $[x]_q$ denotes

$$[x]_q = \frac{1 - q^x}{1 - q}.$$

Let f(x) be a continuous \mathbb{C}_p -valued function on \mathbb{Z}_p . Then the fermionic *p*-adic integral on \mathbb{Z}_p is defined [3] by the limit, if it exists,

$$I_{-1}(f) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} f(x) d\mu_{-1}(x) = \lim_{N \to \infty} \sum_{x=0}^{p^N - 1} f(x) (-1)^x$$

From the above definition, we note that

$$I_{-1}(f_1) = -I_{-1}(f) + 2f(0)$$
, where $f_1(x) = f(x+1)$.

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Remarkably, it follows from [2] that the Catalan numbers are represented by the fermionic *p*-adic integral on \mathbb{Z}_p

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} (1-4t)^{\frac{x}{2}} d\mu_{-1}(x) = \frac{2}{1+\sqrt{1-4t}}$$
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n} t^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n t^n, \quad (0 < |4t| < 1).$$

where $t \in \mathbb{C}_p$ with $|t|_p < p^{-\frac{1}{p-1}}$. The application of the fermionic *p*-adic integral on \mathbb{Z}_p is an effective way to deduce many important results for *q*-numbers and polynomials. For more information, please refer to [1,3,4,6,8,13,14].

Let *q* be an indeterminate in \mathbb{C}_p with $|1 - q|_p < 1$. It is known that the fermionic *p*-adic *q*-integral on \mathbb{Z}_p is defined [4] by

$$I_{-q}(f) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} f(x) d\mu_{-q}(x) = \lim_{N \to \infty} \sum_{x=0}^{p^N - 1} f(x) \mu_{-q}(x + p^N \mathbb{Z}_p)$$
$$= \lim_{N \to \infty} \frac{1}{[p^N]_{-q}} \sum_{x=0}^{p^N - 1} f(x) (-q)^x,$$

where f is any continuous function on \mathbb{Z}_p . From the above definition, we can derive the following integral identity

$$qI_{-q}(f_1) + I_{-q}(f) = [2]_q f(0).$$
⁽²⁾

The following are well known for the Stirling numbers of the first kind $S_1(n,k)$ for $n \ge 0$ can be generated by

$$(x)_n = \sum_{k=0}^n S_1(n,k) x^k$$
 and $\frac{1}{k!} (\log (1+t))^k = \sum_{n=k}^\infty S_1(n,k) \frac{t^n}{n!},$

where $(x)_0 = 1$, $(x)_n = x(x-1)\cdots(x-n+1)$, $(n \ge 1)$. Further, for $n \ge 0$, the Stirling numbers of the second kind $S_2(n,k)$ are given by

$$x^{n} = \sum_{k=0}^{n} S_{2}(n,k)(x)_{k}, \quad \frac{1}{k!}(e^{t}-1)^{k} = \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} S_{2}(n,k)\frac{t^{n}}{n!}$$

For $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let T_p be the *p*-adic locally constant space defined by

$$T_p = \bigcup_{n \ge 1} C_{p^n} = \lim_{n \to \infty} C_{p^n}$$

where $C_{p^n} = \{w | w^{p^n} = 1\}$ is the cyclic group of order p^n (see [6, 10, 13]).

The aim of this paper is to construct a new type of numbers, the twisted *q*-analogues of Catalan numbers $C_{n,q,w}$ by virtue of a fermionic *p*-adic *q*-integral of \mathbb{Z}_p , and to investigate some properties and identities of these numbers.

2. Twisted *q*-analogues of Catalan numbers

Assume that $t, q \in \mathbb{C}_p$ such that

$$|t|_p < p^{-\frac{1}{p-1}}$$
 and $|q-1|_p < 1$

For $w \in T_p$, let us take $f(x) = w^x(1-4t)^{\frac{x}{2}}$ in (2). Then we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} w^x (1-4t)^{\frac{x}{2}} d\mu_{-q}(x) = \frac{[2]_q}{wq\sqrt{1-4t}+1} = \frac{[2]_q}{1-w^2q^2+4w^2q^2t} (1-wq\sqrt{1-4t}), \quad (w\neq 1).$$
(3)

Motivated from (3), we consider the twisted q-analogues of Catalan numbers $C_{n,q,w}$ which are given by the generating function to be

$$\frac{[2]_q}{1 - w^2 q^2 + 4w^2 q^2 t} (1 - wq\sqrt{1 - 4t}) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_{n,q,w} t^n, \quad (w \neq 1).$$
(4)

When w = 1, we can recover the *q*-analogues of Catalan numbers, denoted by $C_{n,q}$, which are generated [5] by

$$\frac{[2]_q}{1 - 2q^2 + 4q^2t} (1 - q\sqrt{1 - 4t}) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_{n,q} t^n$$

Especially $q \rightarrow 1$,

$$\lim_{q \to 1} C_{n,q} = \frac{1}{2t} (1 - \sqrt{1 - 4t}) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n t^n$$

which recovers the Catalan numbers in (1). From (3) or (4), we observe that

$$\begin{split} \frac{[2]_q}{1 - w^2 q^2 + 4w^2 q^2 t} (1 - wq\sqrt{1 - 4t}) &= \frac{[2]_q}{1 - w^2 q^2 + 4w^2 q^2 t} \left(1 + wq \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \binom{2l}{l} \frac{1}{2l - 1} t^l\right) \\ &= \frac{[2]_q}{1 - w^2 q^2} \left(\frac{1}{1 + \frac{4w^2 q^2}{1 - w^2 q^2}}\right) \left(1 + wq \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \binom{2l}{l} \frac{1}{2l - 1} t^l\right) \\ &= \frac{[2]_q}{1 - w^2 q^2} \left(\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{4w^2 q^2}{1 - w^2 q^2}\right)^m (-1)^m t^m\right) \left(1 + wq \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \binom{2l}{l} \frac{1}{2l - 1} t^l\right) \\ &= \frac{[2]_q}{1 - w^2 q^2} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{4w^2 q^2}{1 - w^2 q^2}\right)^m (-1)^m t^m + \frac{[2]_q wq}{1 - w^2 q^2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{2l}{l} \frac{(-1)^{n-l}}{2l - 1} \left(\frac{4w^2 q^2}{1 - w^2 q^2}\right)^{n-l} t^n \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[\frac{[2]_q}{1 - w^2 q^2} \left\{ \left(-\frac{4w^2 q^2}{1 - w^2 q^2}\right)^n + wq \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{2l}{l} \frac{(-1)^{n-l}}{2l - 1} \left(\frac{4w^2 q^2}{1 - w^2 q^2}\right)^{n-l} \right\} \right] t^n. \end{split}$$

Combining this with (4) leads to the identity given in the next theorem.

Theorem 2.1. For $w \in T_p$ and $n \ge 0$, we have

$$C_{n,q,w} = \frac{[2]_q}{1 - w^2 q^2} \left\{ \left(-\frac{4w^2 q^2}{1 - w^2 q^2} \right)^n + wq \sum_{l=0}^\infty \binom{2l}{l} \frac{(-1)^{n-l}}{2l - 1} \left(\frac{4w^2 q^2}{1 - w^2 q^2} \right)^{n-l} \right\}$$
$$= \frac{[2]_q wq}{1 - w^2 q^2} \sum_{l=1}^n \binom{2l}{l} \frac{(-1)^{n-l}}{2l - 1} \left(\frac{4w^2 q^2}{1 - w^2 q^2} \right)^{n-l} + \frac{[2]_q}{1 + wq} \left(-\frac{4w^2}{1 - w^2} \right)^n.$$

For example,

$$C_{0,q,w} = \frac{[2]_q}{1+wq}, \quad C_{1,q,w} = \frac{2[2]_q wq}{(1+wq)^2}, \quad C_{2,q,w} = \frac{[2]_q (6w^2 q^3 + 2wq)}{(1+wq)^3},$$

$$C_{3,q,w} = \frac{[2]_q (20w^3 q^5 + 16w^2 q^3 + 4wq)}{(1+wq)^4}, \quad C_{4,q,w} = \frac{[2]_q (70w^4 q^7 + 94w^3 q^5 + 50w^2 q^3 + 10wq)}{(1+wq)^5}, \quad \cdots$$
(5)

For the case w = 1 in (5), we have

$$C_{0,q} = 1, \quad C_{1,q} = \frac{2q}{1+q}, \quad C_{2,q} = \frac{6q^3 + 2q}{(1+q)^2}, \quad C_{3,q} = \frac{20q^5 + 16q^3 + 4q}{(1+q)^3}, \quad C_{4,q} = \frac{70q^7 + 94q^5 + 50q^3 + 10q}{(1+wq)^4}, \quad \cdots,$$

and $q \rightarrow 1$ in (5), we can derive the twisted Catalan numbers in [10]

$$C_{0,w} = \frac{2}{1+w}, \quad C_{1,w} = \frac{4w}{(1+w)^2}, \quad C_{2,w} = \frac{12w^2 + 4w}{(1+w)^3},$$
$$C_{3,w} = \frac{8(5w^3 + 4w^2 + w)}{(1+w)^4}, \quad C_{4,w} = \frac{70w^4 + 94w^3 + 50w^2 + 10w}{(1+w)^5}, \quad \cdots.$$

Note that

$$\lim_{q \to 1} \lim_{w \to 1} C_{n,q,w} = \lim_{w \to 1} \frac{[2]_q}{1 - wq} \left\{ \left(-\frac{4w^2 q^2}{1 - w^2 q^2} \right)^n + wq \sum_{l=0}^\infty \binom{2l}{l} \frac{(-1)^{n-l}}{2l-1} \left(\frac{4w^2 q^2}{1 - w^2 q^2} \right)^{n-l} \right\} = \binom{2n}{n} \frac{1}{n+1} = C_n, \quad (n \ge 0).$$

3. Twisted q-analogues of Catalan polynomials

In this section, we assume that $t, q \in \mathbb{C}_p$ with $|t|_p < p^{-\frac{1}{p-1}}$ and $|q-1|_p < 1$. For $w \in T_p$, we define the twisted q-analogues of Catalan polynomials $C_{n,q,w}(x)$ by the fermionic p-adic q-integral on \mathbb{Z}_p .

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} w^y (1-4t)^{\frac{x+y}{2}} d\mu_{-q}(y) = \frac{[2]_q}{wq\sqrt{1-4t}+1} (1-4t)^{\frac{x}{2}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_{n,q,w}(x)t^n.$$
(6)

When x = 0, $C_{n,q,w} = C_{n,q,w}(0)$ are the twisted *q*-analogue Catalan numbers in (3).

Now, we want to give relations between the twisted q-analogues of Catalan polynomials and the twisted q-Euler polynomials. Recall from [6] that the twisted q-Euler polynomials $E_{n,q,w}(x)$ are generated by

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_{n,q,w}(x) \frac{t^n}{n!} = \frac{[2]_q}{wqe^t + 1} e^{tx} = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} w^y e^{(x+y)t} d\mu_{-q}(y).$$
(7)

When x = 0, $E_{n,q,w} = E_{n,q,w}(0)$ are the twisted *q*-Euler numbers.

For $w \in T_p$, by (6) and (7), it follows that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_{n,q,w}(x)t^{n} = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_{p}} w^{y}(1-4t)^{\frac{x+y}{2}} d\mu_{-q}(y)$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{Z}_{p}} w^{y} \exp\left(\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right)\log\left(1-4t\right)\right) d\mu_{-q}(y)$$

$$= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{m}} m! \left(\log(1-4t)\right)^{m} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_{p}} w^{y}(x+y)^{m} d\mu_{-q}(y)$$

$$= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} 2^{-m} E_{m,q,w}(x) \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} S_{1}(n,m) \frac{(-4t)^{n}}{n!}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{m=0}^{n} 2^{-m} E_{m,q,w}(x) S_{1}(n,m) \frac{(-4)^{n}}{n!}\right) t^{n}.$$
(8)

Equating coefficients of t^n gives the next result.

Theorem 3.1. For $w \in T_p$ and $n \ge 0$, we have

$$C_{n,q,w}(x) = \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \sum_{m=0}^n 2^{2n-m} E_{m,q,w}(x) S_1(n,m).$$

Replacing t with $\frac{1}{4}(1-e^{2t})$ in (6) yields

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} E_{m,q,w}(x) \frac{t^m}{m!} = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} w^y e^{(x+y)t} d\mu_{-q}(y)$$
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n C_{n,q,w}(x)}{4^n} (e^{2t} - 1)^n$$
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n C_{n,q,w}(x)}{4^n} \sum_{m=n}^{\infty} S_2(m,n) \frac{2^m t^m}{m!}$$
$$= \sum_{m=0}^n \left(\sum_{n=0}^m (-1)^n 2^{m-2n} n! S_2(m,n) C_{n,q,w}(x) \right) \frac{t^m}{m!}$$

Therefore, we obtain the inversion formula of Theorem 3.1.

Theorem 3.2. For $w \in T_p$ and $m \ge 0$, we have

$$E_{m,q,w}(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{m} (-1)^n 2^{m-2n} n! S_2(m,n) C_{n,q,w}(x).$$

Alternatively, $C_{n,q,w}(x)$ can be expressed as follows:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_{n,q,w}(x)t^n = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} w^y (1-4t)^{\frac{x+y}{2}} d\mu_{-q}(y)$$
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-4)^n \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} w^y \left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right)_n d\mu_{-q}(y) \frac{t^n}{n!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-4)^n \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} w^y \left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) d\mu_{-q}(y) t^n.$$

Comparing this with (8) leads to the the identity given in the next theorem.

Theorem 3.3. For $w \in T_p$ and $n \ge 0$, we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} w^y \binom{\frac{x+y}{2}}{n} d\mu_{-q}(y) = (-1)^n \frac{C_{n,q,w}(x)}{4^n}, \quad (x, y \in \mathbb{Z}_p).$$

For $\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}_p$, $|t|_p < p^{-\frac{1}{p-1}}$ and $w \in T_p$, the twisted (q, λ) -Changhee polynomials $Ch_{n,q,w}(x|\lambda)$ are defined by the generating function

$$\frac{[2]_q}{wq(1+t)^{\lambda}+1}(1+t)^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} Ch_{n,q,w}(x|\lambda)\frac{t^n}{n!}$$

Thus by (2), we get the fermionic *p*-adic *q*-integral representation of $Ch_{n,q,w}(x|\lambda)$ by

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} w^y (1+t)^{\lambda y+x} d\mu_{-q}(y) = \frac{[2]_q}{wq(1+t)^{\lambda}+1} (1+t)^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} Ch_{n,q,w}(x|\lambda) \frac{t^n}{n!}, \quad (x \in \mathbb{Z}_p).$$
(9)

When x = 0, we obtain the twisted (q, λ) -Changhee numbers $Ch_{n,q,w}(\lambda) = Ch_{n,q,w}(0|\lambda)$, which are generated by

$$\frac{[2]_q}{wq(1+t)^{\lambda}+1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} Ch_{n,q,w}(\lambda) \frac{t^n}{n!} = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} w^y (1+t)^{\lambda y} d\mu_{-q}(y).$$
(10)

We note that $Ch_{0,q,w}(\lambda) = \frac{1+q}{1+wq}$. Specially w = 1, $Ch_{n,q}(\lambda) = Ch_{n,q,1}(\lambda)$ is the *n*th (λ, q) -Changhee numbers in [5]. Hence we have from (6) and (10)

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_{n,q,w} t^n = \frac{[2]_q}{wq\sqrt{1-4t}+1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} Ch_{n,q,w}(\frac{1}{2})(-4)^n \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$
(11)

Futhermore, by using (6) and (9), we obtain

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_{n,q,w}(x)t^n = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} w^y (1-4t)^{\frac{x+y}{2}} d\mu_{-q}(y) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} Ch_{n,q,w}\left(\frac{x}{2}\Big|\frac{1}{2}\right) (-4)^n \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$
(12)

Comparing the coefficients on both sides of (11) and (12) respectively, we obtain the next result.

Theorem 3.4. For $w \in T_p$ and $n \ge 0$, we have

(i)
$$n!C_{n,q,w} = (-4)^n Ch_{n,q,w}(\frac{1}{2}),$$

(ii)
$$n!C_{n,q,w}(x) = (-4)^n Ch_{n,q,w}\left(\frac{x}{2} \mid \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

It is easy to see that the generating function of $C_{n,q,w}(x)$ can be reformulated as

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_{n,q,w}(x)t^n = \frac{[2]_q}{wq\sqrt{1-4t}+1}(1-4t)^{\frac{x}{2}}$$
$$= \left(\sum_{l=0}^{\infty} C_{l,q,w}t^l\right)\left(\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \binom{\frac{x}{2}}{m}(-4)^m t^m\right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{m=0}^n \binom{\frac{x}{2}}{m}(-4)^m C_{n-m,q,w}\right)t^n.$$

This implies another expression for the twisted q-analogues of Catalan polynomials

$$C_{n,q,w}(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{n} {\binom{\frac{x}{2}}{m}} (-4)^m C_{n-m,q,w}.$$
(13)

Whereas we observe that

$$(1-4t)^{\frac{x}{2}} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{l} \frac{1}{l!} \left(\log\left(1-4t\right)\right)^{l}$$
$$= \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{l} \sum_{m=l}^{\infty} S_{1}(m,l)(-4)^{m} \frac{t^{m}}{m!} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{l=0}^{m} S_{1}(m,l) \frac{(-4)^{m}}{m!} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{l}\right) t^{m}.$$

Combination of this identity with (13) results in

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_{n,q,w}(x)t^n = \frac{[2]_q}{wq\sqrt{1-4t}+1}(1-4t)^{\frac{x}{2}} = \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_{k,q,w}t^k\right)\left(\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{l=0}^m S_1(m,l)\frac{(-4)^m}{m!}\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^l\right)t^m\right)$$
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{m=0}^n \sum_{l=0}^m S_1(m,l)\frac{(-4)^m}{m!}\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^l C_{n-m,q,w}\right)t^n.$$

Equating coefficients on the very ends of the above identity arrives at another expression for $C_{n,q,w}(x)$.

$$C_{n,q,w}(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{n} \sum_{l=0}^{m} S_1(m,l) \frac{(-4)^m}{m!} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^l C_{n-m,q,w}.$$
(14)

Therefore, by (13) and (14), we have the next result.

Theorem 3.5. For $w \in T_p$ and $n \ge 0$, we have

$$C_{n,q,w}(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{n} {\binom{\frac{x}{2}}{m}} (-4)^{m} C_{n-m,q,w} = \sum_{m=0}^{n} \sum_{l=0}^{m} S_{1}(m,l) \frac{(-4)^{m}}{m!} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{l} C_{n-m,q,w}$$

Remark 3.1. In view of Theorems 3.1–3.5, by specializing $q \rightarrow 1$, we can obtain several interesting identities for the twisted Catalan polynomials $C_{n,w}(x)$.

Remark 3.2. In view of Theorems 3.1–3.5, by specializing w = 1, we can recover the identities for the q-analogues of Catalan polynomials $C_{n,q}(x)$ in [5].

4. Conclusion

In this paper, we introduced the twisted q-analogues of the Catalan numbers $C_{n,q,w}$ with the help of a fermionic p-adic q-integral of \mathbb{Z}_p and derive explicit expressions and some identities for those numbers. In particular, we deduced explicit expressions of $C_{n,q,w}$, as a rational function in q and w, in terms of the twisted q-Euler numbers and Stirling numbers of the first kind, as a fermionic p-adic q-integral on \mathbb{Z}_p , and involving the twisted (q, λ) -Changhee numbers. In addition, we considered a polynomial extension of the twisted q-analogues of Catalan numbers, namely the twisted q-analogues of Catalan polynomials $C_{n,q,w}(x)$, and derived explicit expressions in terms of the twisted Catalan numbers and Stirling numbers of the first kind and of the twisted q-Euler polynomials and Stirling numbers of the first kind.

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