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Note on r -central Lah numbers and r -central Lah-Bell numbers

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Abstract: The r -Lah numbers generalize the Lah numbers to the r -Stirling numbers in the same sense. The Stirling numbers and the central factorial numbers are one of the important tools in enumerative combinatorics. The r -Lah number counts the number of partitions of a set with $n + r$ elements into $k + r$ ordered blocks such that r distinguished elements have to be in distinct ordered blocks. In this paper, the r -central Lah numbers and the r -central Lah-Bell numbers ($r \in \mathbb{N}$) are introduced parallel to the r -extended central factorial numbers of the second kind and r -extended central Bell polynomials. In addition, some identities related to these numbers including the generating functions, explicit formulas, binomial convolutions are derived. Moreover, the r -central Lah numbers and the r -central Lah-Bell numbers are shown to be represented by Riemann integral, respectively.

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1. Introduction

For $n \geq k \geq 0$, the Stirling numbers of the second kind $S_2(n, k)$ can be interpreted as the number of ways to partition a set with n elements into k non-empty subsets [7, 19] and the n -th Bell number B_n ($n \geq 0$) as the number of ways to partition a set with n elements into non-empty subsets.

As is known, the n -th Bell polynomial possess the following explicit formula and generating function

$$B_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n S_2(n, k)x^k, \quad \text{and} \quad e^{x(e^t-1)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n(x) \frac{t^n}{n!}, \quad (n \geq 0) \quad (\text{see [7, 22, 26]}), \quad (1.1)$$

respectively.

It is well-known that

$$(1-t)^{-m} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \binom{-m}{l} (-1)^l t^l = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \langle m \rangle_l \frac{t^l}{l!}, \quad (\text{see [7]}), \quad (1.2)$$

where $\langle x \rangle_n = x(x+1)(x+2)\cdots(x+n-1)$, ($n \geq 1$) and $\langle x \rangle_0 = 1$.

The central factorial numbers of the second kind $T(n, k)$ are the coefficients in the expansion of x^n in terms of central factorials given by

$$x^n = \sum_{k=0}^n T(n, k) x^{[k]}, \quad (n \geq k \geq 0), \quad (\text{see [26]}), \quad (1.3)$$

where $x^{[n]} = x\left(x + \frac{n}{2} - 1\right)\left(x + \frac{n}{2} - 2\right)\cdots\left(x - \frac{n}{2} + 1\right)$, ($n \geq 1$) and $x^{[0]} = 1$. From (1.3), it is easy to see that the generating function of $T(n, k)$ is

$$\frac{1}{k!} (e^{\frac{t}{2}} - e^{-\frac{t}{2}})^k = \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} T(n, k) \frac{t^n}{n!}, \quad (\text{see [15, 17, 26]}), \quad (1.4)$$

where $k \geq 0$.

Throughout this section, let $n, k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ with $n \geq k \geq 0$ and $r \in \mathbb{N}$.

The r -Stirling numbers $S_2^{(r)}(n, k)$ of the second kind are defined by the generating function

$$\frac{1}{k!} (e^t - 1)^k e^{rt} = \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} S_2^{(r)}(n+r, k+r) \frac{t^n}{n!}, \quad (\text{see [3]}).$$

and the r -Stirling numbers enumerate the numbers of partitions of the set $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ into k nonempty disjoint subsets in such a way that $1, 2, \dots, r$ are in distinct subsets. The generating function of r -Bell polynomials $B_n^{(r)}(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n S_2^{(r)}(n, k)$ is given by

$$e^{rt} e^{x(e^t-1)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n^{(r)}(x) \frac{t^n}{n!}, \quad (\text{see [3]}).$$

In particular, when $x = 1$, $B_n^{(c,r)} = B_n^{(c,r)}(1)$, which are called the r -extended Bell numbers.

Kim et al. [10] introduced the r -extended central factorial numbers of the second kind given by

$$\frac{1}{k!} e^{rt} (e^{\frac{t}{2}} - e^{-\frac{t}{2}})^k = \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} T_r(n+r, k+r) \frac{t^n}{n!}, \quad (k \geq 0) \quad (1.5)$$

and the r -extended central Bell polynomials $B_n^{(c,r)}(x)$ given by

$$e^{x(e^{\frac{t}{2}} - e^{-\frac{t}{2}} + rt)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n^{(c,r)}(x) \frac{t^n}{n!} \quad (r \in \mathbb{N} \cup \mathcal{K}).$$

The unsigned Lah-number $L(n, k)$ counts the number of partitions of a set with n elements into k ordered blocks with no box left empty. Lah-numbers are rarely called Stirling numbers of the third kind. It is well known that the Lah number $L(n, k)$ respectively possess the following explicit formula and generating function

$$L(n, k) = \frac{n!}{k!} \binom{n-1}{k-1}, \quad (\text{see [11, 14, 18]}), \quad (1.6)$$

and

$$\frac{1}{k!} \left(\frac{t}{1-t} \right)^k = \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} L(n, k) \frac{t^n}{n!}, \quad (\text{see [11, 14, 18]}). \quad (1.7)$$

The r -Lah number $L_r(n, k)$ counts the number of partitions of a set with $n + r$ elements into $k + r$ ordered blocks such that r distinguished elements have to be in distinct ordered blocks and $L_r(n, k)$ respectively possess the following explicit formula and generating function

$$L_r(n, k) = \binom{n+2r-1}{k+2r-1} \frac{n!}{k!} \quad (k \geq 0), \quad (\text{see [14, 15, 23, 24]}), \quad (1.8)$$

and

$$\frac{1}{k!} \left(\frac{t}{1-t} \right)^k \left(\frac{1}{1-t} \right)^{2r} = \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} L_r(n, k) \frac{t^n}{n!}, \quad (k \geq 0), \quad (\text{see [14, 15, 23, 24]}). \quad (1.9)$$

Kim-Kim introduced the r -extended Lah-Bell polynomials given by the generating function

$$\left(\frac{1}{1-t} \right)^{2r} e^{x \left(\frac{1}{1-t} - 1 \right)} = \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \mathbf{B}_{r,n}^L(x) \frac{t^n}{n!}, \quad (k \geq 0), \quad (\text{see [16]}). \quad (1.10)$$

When $x = 1$, $\mathbf{B}_n^L = \mathbf{B}_n^L(1)$ and $\mathbf{B}_{r,n}^L = \mathbf{B}_{r,n}^L(1)$, which are called the Lah-Bell numbers and r -extended Lah-Bell numbers, respectively.

Recently, H. K. Kim introduced the central Lah numbers $L^{(C)}(n, k)$ and the central Lah-Bell numbers $LB_n^{(C)}$ by means of the following generating functions

$$\frac{1}{k!} \left(2 \left(\frac{1}{2-t} - \frac{1}{2+t} \right) \right)^k = \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} L^{(C)}(n, k) \frac{t^n}{n!}, \quad (\text{see [13]}), \quad (1.11)$$

and

$$\exp \left(2 \left(\frac{1}{2-t} - \frac{1}{2+t} \right) \right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} LB_n^{(C)} \frac{t^n}{n!}, \quad (\text{see [13]}), \quad (1.12)$$

respectively. Where $LB_n^{(C)} = \sum_{k=0}^n L^{(C)}(n, k)$.

Let f be a non-negative real-valued function on interval $[a, b]$, and let $R = \{(x, y) | a \leq x \leq b, 0 < y < f(x)\}$ be the region of the plane under $f(x)$ and above interval $[a, b]$. The Riemann integral

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{\max \Delta x_k \rightarrow 0} \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_k^*) \Delta x_k$$

is approximations for the area of R , where $\Delta x_k = \frac{(b-a)k}{n}$ and $\Delta x_k^* = \frac{(b-a)k}{2n}$.

The central factorials have been introduced and studied by Steffensen [27]. The central factorial numbers are at least as important as Stirling numbers, and often appear in their properties and applications to difference calculus, spline theory, and to approximation theory, etc [1, 2, 4–6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 17, 16]. Moreover, the Lah numbers appear in various fields of mathematics such as non-crossing partitions, Dyck paths, q -analogues as well as falling and rising factorials [7, 8, 10, 13, 14, 16, 18, 20, 21, 23, 25]. Recently, H.K. Kim introduced and studied the central Lah numbers and the central Lah-Bell numbers. In this paper, we consider the r -central Lah numbers and the r -central Lah-Bell numbers ($r \in \mathbb{N}$), which generalize the central Lah numbers and the central Lah-Bell numbers. We derive the generating function, explicit formulas, binomial convolutions, and Riemann integral representations of the r -central Lah numbers and the r -central Lah-Bell numbers, respectively.

2. r -central Lah numbers and r -central Lah-Bell numbers

In this section, we introduce the r -central Lah numbers and the r -central Lah-Bell numbers, respectively, which are “central” analogues for r -extended central factorial numbers of the second kind and r -extended central Bell polynomials. We investigate some properties of these numbers.

Now, in view of (1.5) and (1.11), we introduce the following generating function that defines the r -central Lah numbers $L_r^{(C)}(n, k)$

$$\frac{1}{k!} \left(2 \left(\frac{1}{2-t} - \frac{1}{2+t} \right) \right)^k \left(\frac{1}{1-t} \right)^{2r} = \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} L_r^{(C)}(n, k) \frac{t^n}{n!}, \quad (r \in \mathbb{N}). \quad (2.1)$$

Theorem 1. For $n \geq k \geq 0$, an explicit formula of the r -central Lah-numbers $L_r^{(C)}(n, k)$ is

$$L_r^{(C)}(n, k) = \sum_{m=k}^n \sum_{q=i}^m \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{n}{m} (-1)^{k-i+m-q} 2^{-m} \langle 2r \rangle_{n-m} L(q, i) L(m-q, k-i),$$

where $L(0, 0) = 1$, $L(n, 0) = 0$, and $L(n, k) = 0$ for all $k > n$.

Proof. We observe that from (1.2), (1.11) and (2.1),

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{n=k}^{\infty} L_r^{(C)}(n, k) \frac{t^n}{n!} &= \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} L^{(C)}(n, k) \frac{t^n}{n!} \left(\frac{1}{t-1} \right)^{2r} \\
&= \frac{1}{k!} \left(\frac{\frac{1}{2}t}{1 - \frac{1}{2}t} - \frac{-\frac{1}{2}t}{1 - (-\frac{1}{2}t)} \right)^k \left(\frac{1}{t-1} \right)^{2r} \\
&= \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} \left(\frac{\frac{1}{2}t}{1 - \frac{1}{2}t} \right)^i (-1)^{k-i} \left(\frac{-\frac{1}{2}t}{1 - (-\frac{1}{2}t)} \right)^{k-i} \left(\frac{1}{t-1} \right)^{2r} \\
&= \sum_{i=0}^k (-1)^{k-i} \frac{1}{i!} \left(\frac{\frac{1}{2}t}{1 - \frac{1}{2}t} \right)^i \frac{1}{(k-i)!} \left(\frac{-\frac{1}{2}t}{1 - (-\frac{1}{2}t)} \right)^{k-i} \left(\frac{1}{t-1} \right)^{2r} \\
&= \sum_{i=0}^k (-1)^{k-i} \sum_{q=i}^{\infty} L(q, i) \frac{(\frac{1}{2}t)^q}{q!} \sum_{l=k-i}^{\infty} L(l, k-i) \frac{(-\frac{1}{2}t)^l}{l!} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \langle 2r \rangle_j \frac{t^j}{j!} \\
&= \sum_{i=0}^k \left(\sum_{m=k}^{\infty} \sum_{q=i}^m (-1)^{k-i+m-q} 2^{-m} L(q, i) L(m-q, k-i) \right) \frac{t^m}{m!} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \langle 2r \rangle_j \frac{t^j}{j!} \\
&= \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{m=k}^n \sum_{q=i}^m \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{n}{m} (-1)^{k-i+m-q} 2^{-m} \langle 2r \rangle_{n-m} L(q, i) L(m-q, k-i) \right) \frac{t^n}{n!}.
\end{aligned} \tag{2.2}$$

By comparing the coefficients of both side of (2.2), we obtain the desired result. \square

Theorem 2. For $n \geq k \geq 0$, we have

$$L_r^{(C)}(n, k) = \sum_{l=k}^n \binom{n}{l} \langle 2r \rangle_{n-l} L^{(C)}(l, k),$$

where $L^{(C)}(n, k)$ are the central Lah-numbers.

Proof. From (1.2), (1.11) and (2.1), we observe that

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{n=k}^{\infty} L_r^{(C)}(n, k) \frac{t^n}{n!} &= \frac{1}{k!} \left(2 \left(\frac{1}{2-t} - \frac{1}{2+t} \right) \right)^k \left(\frac{1}{1-t} \right)^{2r} \\
&= \sum_{l=k}^{\infty} L^{(C)}(l, k) \frac{t^l}{l!} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \langle 2r \rangle_m \frac{t^m}{m!} \\
&= \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{l=k}^n \binom{n}{l} L^{(C)}(l, k) \langle 2r \rangle_{n-l} \right) \frac{t^n}{n!}.
\end{aligned} \tag{2.3}$$

By comparing the coefficients of both sides of (2.3), we get the desired result. \square

In view of (1.1), we define the r -central Lah-Bell polynomials $LB_{n,r}^{(C)}(x)$ by

$$LB_{n,r}^{(C)}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n L_r^{(C)}(n, k) x^k, \quad (n \geq 0), \tag{2.4}$$

when $x = 1$, $LB_{n,r}^{(C)}(1) := LB_{n,r}^{(C)}$ are the central r -Lah-Bell numbers.

Theorem 3. For $n \geq k \geq 0$, the generating function of the r -central Lah-Bell polynomials is

$$\exp\left(2x\left(\frac{1}{2-t} - \frac{1}{2+t}\right)\right)\left(\frac{1}{1-t}\right)^{2r} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} LB_{n,r}^{(C)}(x) \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$

Proof. From (2.1) and (2.4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} LB_{n,r}^{(C)}(x) \frac{t^n}{n!} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k=0}^n L_r^{(C)}(n, k) x^k \right) \frac{t^n}{n!} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^k \left(\sum_{n=k}^{\infty} L_r^{(C)}(n, k) \right) \frac{t^n}{n!} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \left(2 \left(\frac{1}{2-t} - \frac{1}{2+t} \right) \right)^k x^k \left(\frac{1}{1-t} \right)^{2r} = \exp\left(2x\left(\frac{1}{2-t} - \frac{1}{2+t}\right)\right) \left(\frac{1}{1-t}\right)^{2r}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

By (2.5), we get the desired result. \square

Corollary 4. The generating function of the r -central Lah-Bell numbers $LB_{n,r}^{(C)}$ is

$$\exp\left(2\left(\frac{1}{2-t} - \frac{1}{2+t}\right)\right) \left(\frac{1}{1-t}\right)^{2r} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} LB_{n,r}^{(C)} \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$

Lemma 5. For $n \geq k \geq 0$, we have

$$L_r^{(C)}(n, k) = \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{j=0}^k \sum_{l=0}^n \sum_{d=0}^{n-l} \binom{k}{j} \binom{n}{l} \binom{n-l}{d} (-1)^{j+n-l-d} 2^{l-n} \langle j \rangle_{n-l-d} \langle k-j \rangle_d \langle 2r \rangle_l.$$

Proof. From (1.2) and (2.1), we observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} L_r^{(C)}(n, k) \frac{t^n}{n!} &= \frac{1}{k!} \left(2 \left(\frac{1}{2-t} - \frac{1}{2+t} \right) \right)^k \left(\frac{1}{1-t} \right)^{2r} \\ &= \frac{1}{k!} 2^k \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{k}{j} (-1)^j \left(\frac{1}{2+t} \right)^j \left(\frac{1}{2-t} \right)^{k-j} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \langle 2r \rangle_l \frac{t^l}{l!} \\ &= \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{k}{j} (-1)^j \sum_{c=0}^{\infty} \langle j \rangle_c \frac{\left(\frac{-t}{2}\right)^c}{c!} \sum_{d=0}^{\infty} \langle k-j \rangle_d \frac{\left(\frac{t}{2}\right)^d}{d!} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \langle 2r \rangle_l \frac{t^l}{l!} \\ &= \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{k}{j} (-1)^j \sum_{h=0}^{\infty} \sum_{d=0}^h \binom{h}{d} 2^{-h} (-1)^{h-d} \langle j \rangle_{h-d} \langle k-j \rangle_d \frac{t^h}{h!} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \langle 2r \rangle_l \frac{t^l}{l!} \\ &= \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{j=0}^k \sum_{l=0}^n \sum_{d=0}^{n-l} \binom{k}{j} \binom{n}{l} \binom{n-l}{d} (-1)^{j+n-l-d} 2^{l-n} \langle j \rangle_{n-l-d} \langle k-j \rangle_d \langle 2r \rangle_l \right) \frac{t^n}{n!}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

By comparing the coefficients of both side of (2.6), we have desired result. \square

Theorem 6. For $n \geq k \geq 0$, we have

$$L_r^{(C)}(n, k) = \frac{2(n!)}{k! \pi} \operatorname{Im} \int_0^\pi 2^k \left(\frac{1}{2 - e^{i\theta}} - \frac{1}{2 + e^{i\theta}} \right)^k \left(\frac{1}{1 - e^{i\theta}} \right)^{2r} \sin n\theta d\theta.$$

Proof. For $k \geq j \geq 0$,

By using Lemma 5, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{k!} \operatorname{Im} \int_0^\pi 2^k \left(\frac{1}{2 - e^{i\theta}} - \frac{1}{2 + e^{i\theta}} \right)^k \left(\frac{1}{1 - e^{i\theta}} \right)^{2r} \sin n\theta d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{k}{j} (-1)^j \operatorname{Im} \int_0^\pi 2^k \left(\frac{1}{2 + e^{i\theta}} \right)^j \left(\frac{1}{2 - e^{i\theta}} \right)^{k-j} \left(\frac{1}{1 - e^{i\theta}} \right)^{2r} \sin n\theta d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{k}{j} (-1)^j \operatorname{Im} \int_0^\pi 2^k \left(\frac{\frac{1}{2}}{1 + \frac{e^{i\theta}}{2}} \right)^j \left(\frac{\frac{1}{2}}{1 - \frac{e^{i\theta}}{2}} \right)^{k-j} \left(\frac{1}{1 - e^{i\theta}} \right)^{2r} \sin n\theta d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{k}{j} (-1)^j \operatorname{Im} \int_0^\pi \sum_{h=0}^\infty \sum_{d=0}^h \binom{h}{d} (-1)^{h-d} 2^{-h} \langle j \rangle_{h-d} \langle k-j \rangle_d \frac{(e^{i\theta})^h}{h!} \\ & \quad \times \sum_{l=0}^\infty \langle 2r \rangle_l \frac{(e^{i\theta})^l}{l!} \sin n\theta d\theta \tag{2.7} \\ &= \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{k}{j} (-1)^j \sum_{m=0}^\infty \sum_{l=0}^m \sum_{d=0}^{m-l} \binom{m}{l} \binom{m-l}{d} 2^{l-m} (-1)^{m-l-d} \\ & \quad \times \langle j \rangle_{m-l-d} \langle k-j \rangle_d \langle 2r \rangle_l \frac{1}{m!} \operatorname{Im} \int_0^\pi \sin m\theta \sin n\theta d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{j=0}^k \sum_{l=0}^n \sum_{d=0}^{n-l} \binom{k}{j} \binom{n}{l} \binom{n-l}{d} (-1)^{j+n-l-d} 2^{l-n} \langle j \rangle_{n-l-d} \langle k-j \rangle_d \langle 2r \rangle_l \frac{1}{n!} \frac{\pi}{2} \\ &= L_r^{(C)}(n, k) \frac{1}{n!} \frac{\pi}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

From (2.7), we have desired result. □

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

$$LB_{n,r}^{(C)} = \frac{2(n!)}{\pi} \operatorname{Im} \int_0^\pi \exp \left(2 \left(\frac{1}{2 - e^{i\theta}} - \frac{1}{2 + e^{i\theta}} \right) \right) \left(\frac{1}{1 - e^{i\theta}} \right)^{2r} \sin n\theta d\theta.$$

Proof. By (2.4), Theorem 3 and Theorem 6, we observe that

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{Im} \int_0^\pi \exp \left(2 \left(\frac{1}{2 - e^{i\theta}} - \frac{1}{2 + e^{i\theta}} \right) \right) \left(\frac{1}{1 - e^{i\theta}} \right)^{2r} \sin n\theta d\theta \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^\infty \frac{1}{k!} \operatorname{Im} \int_0^\pi 2^k \left(\frac{1}{2 - e^{i\theta}} - \frac{1}{2 + e^{i\theta}} \right) \left(\frac{1}{1 - e^{i\theta}} \right)^{2r} \sin n\theta d\theta \tag{2.8} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{n!2} \sum_{k=0}^\infty L_r^{(C)}(n, k) = \frac{\pi}{n!2} LB_{n,r}^{(C)}. \end{aligned}$$

By (2.8), we have desired result. \square

Remark.

Corollary 8. For $n \geq k \geq 0$, we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^n L_r^{(C)}(n, k) x^{[k]} \frac{t^n}{n!} = \left(\frac{1}{2-t} - \frac{1}{2+t} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2-t} - \frac{1}{2+t} \right)^2 + 1} \right)^{2x} \left(\frac{1}{1-t} \right)^{2r},$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^n L_r^{(C)}(n, k) x^{[k]} &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{d=0}^n \sum_{l=0}^d \binom{n}{d} \binom{2x}{m} \binom{2x-m+2i}{j} \binom{m}{i} \binom{d}{l} (-1)^{j+d-l} \\ &\quad \times 2^{2x-m+2i-n} \langle 2x-m+2i-j \rangle_l \langle j \rangle_{d-l} \langle 2r \rangle_{n-d}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. It is well known that the generating function of central factorial is given by

$$\left(\frac{t}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}t^2 + 1} \right)^{2x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^{[n]} \frac{t^n}{n!}, \quad (\text{see [15, 26]}), \quad (2.9)$$

By replacing t with $2\left(\frac{1}{2-t} - \frac{1}{2+t}\right)$ in (2.9), we get

$$\left(\frac{1}{2-t} - \frac{1}{2+t} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2-t} - \frac{1}{2+t} \right)^2 + 1} \right)^{2x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^{[n]} \frac{1}{n!} \left(2 \left(\frac{1}{2-t} - \frac{1}{2+t} \right) \right)^n. \quad (2.10)$$

Combining with (2.1), (2.4) and (2.10), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^n L_r^{(C)}(n, k) x^{[k]} \frac{t^n}{n!} &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^{[k]} \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} L_r^{(C)}(n, k) \frac{t^n}{n!} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^{[k]} \frac{1}{k!} \left(2 \left(\frac{1}{2-t} - \frac{1}{2+t} \right) \right)^k \left(\frac{1}{1-t} \right)^{2r} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2-t} - \frac{1}{2+t} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2-t} - \frac{1}{2+t} \right)^2 + 1} \right)^{2x} \left(\frac{1}{1-t} \right)^{2r} \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \binom{2x}{m} \left(\frac{1}{2-t} - \frac{1}{2+t} \right)^{2x-m} \left(\left(\frac{1}{2-t} - \frac{1}{2+t} \right)^2 + 1 \right)^{\frac{m}{2}} \left(\frac{1}{1-t} \right)^{2r} \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \binom{2x}{m} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \binom{\frac{m}{2}}{i} \left(\frac{1}{2-t} - \frac{1}{2+t} \right)^{2x-m+i} \left(\frac{1}{1-t} \right)^{2r} \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \binom{2x}{m} \binom{\frac{m}{2}}{i} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \binom{2x-m+i}{j} (-1)^j \left(\frac{2}{1-(-\frac{t}{2})} \right)^j \left(\frac{2}{1-(\frac{t}{2})} \right)^{2x-m-i-j} \left(\frac{1}{1-t} \right)^{2r} \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{d=0}^n \sum_{l=0}^d \binom{n}{d} \binom{2x}{m} \binom{2x-m+i}{j} \binom{m}{i} \binom{d}{l} (-1)^{j+d-l} \right. \\
&\quad \left. \times 2^{2x-m+i-n} \binom{2x-m+i-j}{l} \binom{j}{d-l} \binom{2r}{n-d} \right) \frac{t^n}{n!}.
\end{aligned}$$

By comparing the coefficients of both sides of (2.11), we attain the desired result. \square

3. Conclusions

In this paper, we introduced the r -central Lah numbers and the r -central Lah numbers ($r \in \mathbb{N}$), respectively. We derived the generating functions and combinatorial identities of the r -central Lah-Bell numbers and polynomials. Furthermore, by showing that each of these two numbers is expressed as Riemann integral in Theorems 6 and 7, respectively, we can infer approximate values for each of them. We also expressed the relation of the r -central Lah-numbers and the central factorial numbers in Corollary 8.

As one of our next projects, we would like to find some interesting applications of the r -central Lah numbers and polynomials, and the r -central Lah-Bell numbers and polynomials introduced in this paper.

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