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Poly-Dedekind sums associated with poly-Bernoulli functions

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Abstract

Apostol considered generalized Dedekind sums by replacing the first Bernoulli function appearing in Dedekind sums by any Bernoulli functions and derived a reciprocity relation for them. Recently, poly-Dedekind sums were introduced by replacing the first Bernoulli function appearing in Dedekind sums by any type 2 poly-Bernoulli functions of arbitrary indices and were shown to satisfy a reciprocity relation. In this paper, we consider other poly-Dedekind sums that are obtained by replacing the first Bernoulli function appearing in Dedekind sums by any poly-Bernoulli functions of arbitrary indices. We derive a reciprocity relation for these poly-Dedekind sums.

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1 Introduction

The sawtooth function, denoted by $((x))$, is defined by

$$((x)) = \begin{cases} x - [x] - \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } x \notin \mathbb{Z}, \\ 0, & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Z}, \end{cases} \quad (\text{see [1–5]}), \quad (1)$$

where $[x]$ denotes the greatest integer function not exceeding x .

The Dedekind sums are defined by

$$\begin{aligned} S(h, m) &= \sum_{\mu=1}^{m-1} \left(\left(\frac{\mu}{m} \right) \right) \left(\left(\frac{h\mu}{m} \right) \right) \\ &= \sum_{\mu=1}^{m-1} \left(\frac{\mu}{m} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left(\left(\frac{h\mu}{m} \right) \right) \\ &= \sum_{\mu=1}^{m-1} \frac{\mu}{m} \left(\left(\frac{h\mu}{m} \right) \right), \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where h is any integer and m is a positive integer (see [9–11, 17, 19, 20]).

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It is well known that the Bernoulli polynomials are defined by

$$\frac{t}{e^t - 1} e^{xt} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n(x) \frac{t^n}{n!} \quad (|t| < 2\pi), \text{ (see [1–13, 17, 19, 20])}. \tag{3}$$

When $x = 0$, $B_n = B_n(0)$, ($n \geq 0$) are called the Bernoulli numbers.

From (3), we note that

$$B_n(x) = \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} B_{n-l} x^l \quad (n \geq 0), \text{ (see [7–13])}. \tag{4}$$

By (3), we easily get

$$\sum_{l=0}^{n-1} l^m = \frac{1}{m+1} (B_{m+1}(n) - B_{m+1}), \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}, m \geq 0), \text{ (see [13])}, \tag{5}$$

and

$$d^{n-1} \sum_{l=0}^{d-1} B_n\left(\frac{x+l}{d}\right) = B_n(x), \quad (n \geq 0, d \in \mathbb{N}), \text{ (see [10, 13])}. \tag{6}$$

The modified Hardy’s polyexponential function of index k is defined by

$$Ei_k(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n^k(n-1)!} \quad (k \in \mathbb{Z}), \text{ (see [7])}. \tag{7}$$

Note that $Ei_1(x) = e^x - 1$.

Recently, the type 2 poly-Bernoulli polynomials of index k are defined by

$$\frac{Ei_k(\log(1+t))}{e^t - 1} e^{xt} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n^{(k)}(x) \frac{t^n}{n!} \quad (k \in \mathbb{Z}). \tag{8}$$

When $x = 0$, $B_n^{(k)} = B_n^{(k)}(0)$, ($n \geq 0$) are called the type 2 poly-Bernoulli numbers of index k .

Note that $B_n^{(1)}(x) = B_n(x)$, ($n \geq 0$).

It is well known that the polylogarithmic function of index k is defined by

$$Li_k(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n^k}, \quad (k \in \mathbb{Z}), |x| < 1, \text{ (see [6, 9, 12])}. \tag{9}$$

Note that $Li_1(x) = -\log(1-x)$.

In [6, 7, 12], the poly-Bernoulli polynomials of index k are defined by the generating function

$$\frac{Li_k(1 - e^{-t})}{e^t - 1} e^{xt} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \beta_n^{(k)}(x) \frac{t^n}{n!}. \tag{10}$$

When $x = 0$, $\beta_n^{(k)} = \beta_n^{(k)}(0)$ are called the poly-Bernoulli numbers of index k .

From (10), we note that

$$\sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} \beta_{n-l}^{(k)} x^l = \beta_n^{(k)}(x), \quad (n \geq 0), \text{ (see [6, 7, 12]).} \tag{11}$$

The fractional part of x is defined by

$$\langle x \rangle = x - [x].$$

The Bernoulli functions are defined by

$$\bar{B}_n(x) = B_n(\langle x \rangle), \quad (n \geq 0), \text{ (see [1, 2]).}$$

From (2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} S(h, m) &= \sum_{\mu=1}^{m-1} \frac{\mu}{m} \left(\frac{h\mu}{m} - \left[\frac{h\mu}{m} \right] - \frac{1}{2} \right) \\ &= \sum_{\mu=1}^{m-1} \left(\frac{\mu}{m} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left(\frac{h\mu}{m} - \left[\frac{h\mu}{m} \right] - \frac{1}{2} \right) \\ &= \sum_{\mu=1}^{m-1} \bar{B}_1 \left(\frac{\mu}{m} \right) \bar{B}_1 \left(\frac{h\mu}{m} \right), \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

where h, m are relatively prime positive integers.

Apostol considered the generalized Dedekind sums, which are given by

$$S_p(h, m) = \sum_{\mu=1}^{m-1} \frac{\mu}{m} \bar{B}_p \left(\frac{h\mu}{m} \right), \tag{13}$$

and showed in [1, 2] that they satisfy the reciprocity relation

$$(p + 1)(hm^p S_p(h, m) + mh^p S_p(m, h)) = pB_{p+1} + \sum_{s=0}^{p+1} \binom{p+1}{s} (-1)^s B_s B_{p+1-s} h^s m^{p+1-s}.$$

As one generalization of Apostol’s generalized Dedekind sums, the poly-Dedekind sums associated with the type 2 poly-Bernoulli functions of index k

$$S_p^{(k)}(h, m) = \sum_{\mu=1}^{m-1} \frac{\mu}{m} \bar{B}_p^{(k)} \left(\frac{h\mu}{m} \right) \tag{14}$$

were recently introduced (see [13]) and, among other things, a reciprocity relation for them was derived.

In this paper, as another generalization of Apostol’s generalized Dedekind sums, we consider the poly-Dedekind sums defined by

$$T_p^{(k)}(h, m) = \sum_{\mu=1}^{m-1} \frac{\mu}{m} \bar{\beta}_p^{(k)} \left(\frac{h\mu}{m} \right),$$

where $\bar{\beta}_p^{(k)}(x) = \beta_p^{(k)}(x)$ are the poly-Bernoulli functions of index k (see (10)). Note here that $T_p^{(1)}(h, m) = S_p(h, m)$. We show the following reciprocity relation for the poly-Dedekind sums given by (see Theorem 7)

$$\begin{aligned}
 &hm^p T_p^{(k)}(h, m) + mh^p T_p^{(k)}(m, h) \\
 &= \sum_{\mu=0}^{m-1} \sum_{j=0}^p \sum_{v=0}^{h-1} \sum_{l=1}^{p-j+1} \frac{(mh)^{j-1} l! S_2(p-j+1, l)}{(p-j+1)l^k} \\
 &\quad \times \binom{p}{j} (-1)^{p-j+1-l} ((\mu h)m^{p-j} + (mv)h^{p-j}) \bar{B}_j\left(\frac{v}{h} + \frac{\mu}{m}\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

For $k = 1$, this reciprocity relation for the poly-Dedekind sums reduces to that for Apostol's generalized Dedekind sums given by (see Corollary 8)

$$\begin{aligned}
 &hm^p S_p(h, m) + mh^p S_p(m, h) \\
 &= \sum_{\mu=0}^{m-1} \sum_{v=0}^{h-1} (mh)^{p-1} (\mu h + mv) \bar{B}_p\left(\frac{v}{h} + \frac{\mu}{m}\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

We recommend the readers to look at the articles [15, 16, 18, 21] and the more recent one [14], which are related to the present paper. In Sect. 2, we derive various facts about the poly-Bernoulli polynomials that will be needed in the next section. In Sect. 3, we define the poly-Dedekind sums associated with the poly-Bernoulli functions and demonstrate a reciprocity relation for them.

2 Poly-Dedekind sums associated with poly-Bernoulli functions

Let n be a nonnegative integer. Then the Stirling numbers of the second kind are defined by

$$x^n = \sum_{k=0}^n S_2(n, k)(x)_k, \quad (n \geq 0), \text{ (see [1-14, 17, 19])},$$

where $(x)_0 = 1, (x)_n = x(x-1) \cdots (x-n+1), (n \geq 1)$.

From (9) and (10), we note that

$$\frac{\text{Li}_k(1 - e^{-t})}{e^t - 1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \beta_n^{(k)} \frac{t^n}{n!}. \tag{15}$$

Thus, by (15), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Li}_k(1 - e^{-t}) &= \left(\sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \beta_l^{(k)} \frac{t^l}{l!} \right) (e^t - 1) \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\beta_n^{(k)}(1) - \beta_n^{(k)}) \frac{t^n}{n!}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Li}_k(1 - e^{-t}) &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m^k} (1 - e^{-t})^m = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m m!}{m^k} \frac{1}{m!} (e^{-t} - 1)^m \\
 &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m m!}{m^k} \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} S_2(n, m) (-1)^n \frac{t^n}{n!} \\
 &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{n=m}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-m} m!}{m^k} S_2(n, m) \right) \frac{t^n}{n!}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

Therefore, by (16) and (17), we obtain the following theorem.

Theorem 1 For $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we have

$$\beta_n^{(k)}(1) - \beta_n^{(k)} = \sum_{m=1}^n \frac{(-1)^{n-m} m!}{m^k} S_2(n, m).$$

From Theorem 1, we note that

$$\beta_0^{(k)} = 1, \quad \beta_1^{(k)} = -1 + \frac{1}{2^k}, \quad \beta_2^{(k)} = 1 - \frac{3}{2^k} + \frac{2}{3^k}, \dots$$

Taking $k = 1$ in Theorem 1 gives us the following corollary.

Corollary 2 For $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we have

$$\sum_{m=1}^n (-1)^{n-m} (m-1)! S_2(n, m) = \delta_{n,1},$$

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

The three identities in the following lemma can be shown just as in Theorem 3, Corollary 4, and Theorem 5 of [13], and hence their proofs are left to the reader as exercises.

Lemma 3 For $s, p \in \mathbb{N}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{v=0}^p \binom{p}{v} \frac{\beta_v^{(k)}}{p-v+2} &= \binom{p+1}{s} \frac{\beta_{p-s+1}^{(k)}(1)}{p+1} + \frac{s-1}{p+1} \binom{p+2}{s} \frac{\beta_{p-s+2}^{(k)}(1)}{p+2}, \\
 \sum_{v=0}^{p-s+1} \binom{p}{v} \binom{p-v+2}{s} \frac{\beta_v^{(k)}}{p-v+2} \\
 &= \binom{p+1}{s} \frac{\beta_{p-s+1}^{(k)}(1)}{p+1} + \frac{s-1}{p+1} \binom{p+2}{s} \frac{\beta_{p-s+2}^{(k)}(1)}{p+2} - \frac{1}{s} \binom{p}{s-2} \beta_{p-s+2}^{(k)},
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\sum_{s=0}^p \binom{p}{s} \beta_s^{(k)} \frac{1}{p+2-s} = \frac{\beta_{p+1}^{(k)}(1)}{p+1} - \frac{\beta_{p+2}^{(k)}(1)}{(p+1)(p+2)} + \frac{\beta_{p+2}^{(k)}}{(p+1)(p+2)}.$$

As a further generalization of Apostol’s Dedekind sums, we study poly-Dedekind sums associated with poly-Bernoulli functions of index k , which are given by

$$T_p^{(k)}(h, m) = \sum_{\mu=1}^{m-1} \frac{\mu}{m} \bar{\beta}_p^{(k)}\left(\frac{h\mu}{m}\right), \tag{18}$$

where $h, m, p \in \mathbb{N}, k \in \mathbb{Z}$, and $\bar{\beta}_p^{(k)}(x) = \beta_p^{(k)}(\langle x \rangle)$ are the poly-Bernoulli functions of index k . Note that

$$T_p^{(1)}(h, m) = \sum_{\mu=1}^{m-1} \frac{\mu}{m} \bar{B}_p\left(\frac{h\mu}{m}\right) = S_p(h, m).$$

The two identities in Lemma 4 can be proved in the same way as in Proposition 6 and Theorem 7 in [13], while the identity in Lemma 5 can be shown just as in Theorem 8 in [13]. Therefore their proofs are left to the reader.

Lemma 4 *Let p be an odd positive integer ≥ 3 , and $m \in \mathbb{N}$. Then we have*

$$\begin{aligned} m^p T_p^{(k)}(1, m) &= \sum_{\nu=0}^p \binom{p}{\nu} \frac{\beta_\nu^{(k)}}{p+2-\nu} m^{p+1} + \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \sum_{\nu=0}^{p+1-i} \binom{p}{\nu} \binom{p+2-\nu}{i} \frac{\beta_\nu^{(k)}}{p+2-\nu} B_i m^{p+1-i} + B_{p+1} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (p+1)m^p T_p^{(k)}(1, m) &= \sum_{i=0}^{p+1} \binom{p+1}{i} B_i m^{p+1-i} \beta_{p+1-i}^{(k)}(1) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{p+2} \sum_{i=0}^{p+1} \binom{p+2}{i} (i-1) B_i m^{p+1-i} (\beta_{p+2-i}^{(k)}(1) - \beta_{p+2-i}^{(k)}). \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 5 *For $m, n, h \in \mathbb{N}$ with $(h, m) = 1$, and p any positive odd integer ≥ 3 , we have*

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{s=0}^{p+1} \binom{p+1}{s} B_s \beta_{p+1-s}^{(k)}(1) (mh)^{p+1-s} \\ &= m^p \sum_{\mu=0}^{m-1} \sum_{s=0}^{p+1} \binom{p+1}{s} h^s \beta_s^{(k)}\left(\frac{\mu}{m}\right) B_{p+1-s} \left(h - \left[\frac{h\mu}{m}\right]\right). \end{aligned}$$

For $d \in \mathbb{N}$, we observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \beta_n^{(k)}(x) \frac{t^n}{n!} &= \frac{\text{Li}_k(1 - e^{-t})}{e^t - 1} e^{xt} = \frac{\text{Li}_k(1 - e^{-t})}{e^{dt} - 1} \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} e^{(i+x)t} \\ &= \frac{1}{dt} \text{Li}_k(1 - e^{-t}) \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} \frac{dt}{e^{dt} - 1} e^{(i+x/d)t} \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} d^{j-1} \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} B_j \left(\frac{x+i}{d} \right) \frac{t^j}{j!} \frac{1}{t} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \frac{l!}{l^k} \frac{1}{l!} (1 - e^{-t})^l \\
 &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} d^{j-1} \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} B_j \left(\frac{x+i}{d} \right) \frac{t^j}{j!} \frac{1}{t} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^l l!}{l^k} \sum_{m=l}^{\infty} S_2(m, l) \frac{(-t)^m}{m!} \\
 &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} d^{j-1} \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} B_j \left(\frac{x+i}{d} \right) \frac{t^j}{j!} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m+1} \sum_{l=1}^{m+1} \frac{l!(-1)^{l+m-1}}{l^k} S_2(m+1, l) \frac{t^m}{m!} \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{j=0}^n \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} \sum_{l=1}^{n-j+1} \binom{n}{j} d^{j-1} B_j \left(\frac{x+i}{d} \right) \frac{l!(-1)^{n-j+1-l}}{(n-j+1)l^k} S_2(n-j+1, l) \right) \frac{t^n}{n!}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by (19), we obtain the following theorem.

Theorem 6 For $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, $d \in \mathbb{N}$, and $n \geq 0$, we have

$$\beta_n^{(k)}(x) = \sum_{j=0}^n \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} \sum_{l=1}^{n-j+1} \binom{n}{j} d^{j-1} B_j \left(\frac{x+i}{d} \right) \frac{l!(-1)^{n-j+1-l}}{(n-j+1)l^k} S_2(n-j+1, l).$$

By (18), Lemmas 3–5, and Theorem 6, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 &hm^p T_p^{(k)}(h, m) + mh^p T_p^{(k)}(m, h) \tag{20} \\
 &= hm^p \sum_{\mu=0}^{m-1} \frac{\mu}{m} \bar{\beta}_p^{(k)} \left(\frac{h\mu}{m} \right) + mh^p \sum_{\nu=0}^{h-1} \left(\frac{\mu}{h} \right) \bar{\beta}_p^{(k)} \left(\frac{m\nu}{h} \right) \\
 &= hm^p \sum_{\mu=0}^{m-1} \frac{\mu}{m} \sum_{j=0}^p h^{j-1} \binom{p}{j} \sum_{\nu=0}^{h-1} \sum_{l=1}^{p-j+1} \frac{l!(-1)^{p-j+1-l}}{(p-j+1)l^k} S_2(p-j+1, l) \bar{B}_j \left(\frac{\mu}{m} + \frac{\nu}{h} \right) \\
 &\quad + mh^p \sum_{\nu=0}^{h-1} \frac{\nu}{h} \sum_{j=0}^p m^{j-1} \binom{p}{j} \sum_{\mu=0}^{m-1} \sum_{l=1}^{p-j+1} \frac{l!(-1)^{p-j+1-l}}{(p-j+1)l^k} S_2(p-j+1, l) \bar{B}_j \left(\frac{\nu}{h} + \frac{\mu}{m} \right) \\
 &= \sum_{\mu=0}^{m-1} \frac{\mu}{m} \sum_{j=0}^p m^{p-j} (mh)^j \binom{p}{j} \sum_{\nu=0}^{h-1} \sum_{l=1}^{p-j+1} \bar{B}_j \left(\frac{\mu}{m} + \frac{\nu}{h} \right) \frac{l! S_2(p-j+1, l)}{(p-j+1)l^k} (-1)^{p-j+1-l} \\
 &\quad + \sum_{\nu=0}^{h-1} \frac{\nu}{h} \sum_{j=0}^p h^{p-j} (mh)^j \binom{p}{j} \sum_{\mu=0}^{m-1} \sum_{l=1}^{p-j+1} \bar{B}_j \left(\frac{\nu}{h} + \frac{\mu}{m} \right) \frac{l! S_2(p-j+1, l)}{(p-j+1)l^k} (-1)^{p-j+1-l} \\
 &= \sum_{\mu=0}^{m-1} \sum_{j=0}^p \sum_{\nu=0}^{h-1} \sum_{l=1}^{p-j+1} (\mu h)(mh)^{-1} m^{p-j} (mh)^j \binom{p}{j} \\
 &\quad \times \bar{B}_j \left(\frac{\mu}{m} + \frac{\nu}{h} \right) \frac{l! S_2(p-j+1, l)}{(p-j+1)l^k} (-1)^{p-j+1-l} \\
 &\quad + \sum_{\mu=0}^{m-1} \sum_{j=0}^p \sum_{\nu=0}^{h-1} \sum_{l=1}^{p-j+1} (m\nu)(mh)^{-1} h^{p-j} (mh)^j \binom{p}{j} \\
 &\quad \times \bar{B}_j \left(\frac{\nu}{h} + \frac{\mu}{m} \right) \frac{l! S_2(p-j+1, l)}{(p-j+1)l^k} (-1)^{p-j+1-l}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{\mu=0}^{m-1} \sum_{j=0}^p \sum_{v=0}^{h-1} \sum_{l=1}^{p-j+1} \frac{(mh)^{j-1} l! S_2(p-j+1, l)}{(p-j+1)l^k} \\
 &\quad \times \binom{p}{j} (-1)^{p-j+1-l} ((\mu h)m^{p-j} + (mv)h^{p-j}) \bar{B}_j\left(\frac{v}{h} + \frac{\mu}{m}\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by (20), we obtain the following reciprocity theorem for the poly-Dedekind sums associated with poly-Bernoulli functions with index k .

Theorem 7 For $m, h, p \in \mathbb{N}$ and $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &hm^p T_p^{(k)}(h, m) + mh^p T_p^{(k)}(m, h) \\
 &= \sum_{\mu=0}^{m-1} \sum_{j=0}^p \sum_{v=0}^{h-1} \sum_{l=1}^{p-j+1} \frac{(mh)^{j-1} l! S_2(p-j+1, l)}{(p-j+1)l^k} \\
 &\quad \times \binom{p}{j} (-1)^{p-j+1-l} ((\mu h)m^{p-j} + (mv)h^{p-j}) \bar{B}_j\left(\frac{v}{h} + \frac{\mu}{m}\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

In case of $k = 1$, by making use of Corollary 2, we obtain the following reciprocity relation for the generalized Dedekind sums defined by Apostol.

Corollary 8 For $m, h, p \in \mathbb{N}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 hm^p T_p^{(1)}(h, m) + mh^p T_p^{(1)}(m, h) &= mh^p S_p(h, m) + mh^p S_p(m, h) \\
 &= \sum_{\mu=0}^{m-1} \sum_{v=0}^{h-1} (mh)^{p-1} (\mu h + mv) \bar{B}_p\left(\frac{v}{h} + \frac{\mu}{m}\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

3 Conclusion

The quantity called the Dedekind sum,

$$S(h, m) = \sum_{\mu=1}^{m-1} \frac{\mu}{m} \bar{B}_1\left(\frac{h\mu}{m}\right),$$

occurs in the transformation behavior of the logarithm of the Dedekind eta-function under substitutions from the modular group. It was shown by Dedekind that they satisfy the following reciprocity relation:

$$S(h, m) + S(m, h) = \frac{1}{12} \left(\frac{h}{m} + \frac{1}{hm} + \frac{m}{h} \right) - \frac{1}{4}$$

if h and m are relatively prime positive integers.

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and derived a reciprocity relation for them. Recently, as one generalization of the generalized Dedekind sums, the poly-Dedekind sums

$$S_p^{(k)}(h, m) = \sum_{\mu=1}^{m-1} \frac{\mu}{m} \overline{B}_p^{(k)}\left(\frac{h\mu}{m}\right),$$

associated with the type 2 poly-Bernoulli functions of arbitrary indices, were introduced and were shown to satisfy a reciprocity relation. In this paper, as another generalization of the generalized Dedekind sums, we considered the poly-Dedekind sums

$$T_p^{(k)}(h, m) = \sum_{\mu=1}^{m-1} \frac{\mu}{m} \overline{\beta}_p^{(k)}\left(\frac{h\mu}{m}\right),$$

associated with the poly-Bernoulli functions of arbitrary indices, and derived a reciprocity relation for these poly-Dedekind sums.

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