

# Exploring the $q$ -Riemann Zeta function and $q$ -Bernoulli polynomials

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**Abstract** In this paper we study that the  $q$ -Bernoulli polynomial, which were constructed by T.Kim, are analytic continued to  $\beta_s(z)$ . A new formula for the  $q$ -Riemann Zeta function  $\zeta_q(s)$  due to T.Kim (see [1,2,8]) in terms of nested series of  $\zeta_q(n)$  is derived. The new concept of dynamics of the zeros of analytic continued polynomials is introduced, and an investing phenomenon of ‘scattering’ of the zeros of  $\beta_s(z)$  is observed. Following the idea of  $q$ -zeta function due to T.Kim, we are going to use “Mathematica” to explore a formula for  $\zeta_q(n)$

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## 1. Introduction

Throughout this paper,  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbb{C}$  will denote the ring of integers, the field of real numbers and the complex numbers, respectively.

When one talks of  $q$ -extension,  $q$  is variously considered as an indeterminate, a complex numbers or  $p$ -adic numbers. In complex number field, we will assume that  $|q| < 1$  or  $|q| > 1$ . The  $q$ -symbol  $[x]_q$  denotes  $[x]_q = \frac{1-q^x}{1-q}$ .

In this paper we study that the  $q$ -Bernoulli polynomials due to T.Kim (see [1,8]) are analytic continued to  $\beta_s(z)$ . By those results, we give a new formula for the  $q$ -Riemann zeta function due to T.Kim, cf. [1,5,7], and investigate the new concept of dynamics of the zeros of analytic continued polynomials. Also, we observe an interesting phenomenon of ‘scattering’ of the zeros of  $\beta_s(z)$ . Finally, we are going to use a software package called “Mathematica” to explore dynamics of the zeros from analytic continuation for  $q$ -zeta function due to T.Kim.

## 2. Generating $q$ -Bernoulli polynomials and Numbers

For  $h \in \mathbb{Z}$ , the  $q$ -Bernoulli polynomials due to T.Kim were defined as

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\beta_n(x, h|q)}{n!} t^n = -t \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} q^{l(h+1)+x} e^{[l+x]_q t} + (1-q)h \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} q^{lh} e^{[l+x]_q t}, \quad (1)$$

for  $x, q \in \mathbb{C}$ , cf. [1,7].

In the special case  $x = 0$ ,  $\beta_n(0, h|q) = \beta_n(h|q)$  are called  $q$ -Bernoulli numbers, cf. [1,2,3,4].

By (1), we easily see that

$$\beta_n(x, h|q) = \frac{1}{(1-q)^n} \sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n}{j} (-1)^j \frac{j+h}{[j+h]_q} q^{jx}, \quad \text{cf. [7, 8]}, \quad (2)$$

where  $\binom{n}{j}$  is binomial coefficient.

In Eq. (1), it is easy to see that

$$q^h(q\beta(h|q) + 1)^n - \beta_n(h|q) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n = 1, \\ 0, & \text{if } n > 1, \end{cases}$$

with the usual convention of replacing  $\beta^n(h|q)$  by  $\beta_n(h|q)$ .

By differentiating both sides with respect to  $t$  in Eq. (1), we have

$$\beta_m(h|q) = -m \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^{hn} [n]_q^{m-1} - (q-1)(m+h) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^{hn} [n]_q^m.$$

Expanding the Eq.(1) as a series and matching the coefficients on the both sides gives

$$\begin{aligned}
\beta_0(2|q) &= \frac{2}{[2]_q}, & \beta_1(2|q) &= \frac{2q+1}{[2]_q[3]_q}, & \beta_2(2|q) &= \frac{2q^2}{[3]_q[4]_q}, \\
\beta_3(2|q) &= -\frac{q^2(q-1)(2[3]_q+q)}{[3]_q[4]_q[5]_q}, \dots, & \beta_0(h|q) &= \frac{h}{[h]_q}, \\
\beta_1(h|q) &= -\frac{(1+q+\dots+q^{h-1})+q(1+q+\dots+q^{h-2})+\dots+q^{h-1}}{[h]_q[h+1]_q}, \dots.
\end{aligned}$$

By Eq. (1), the  $q$ -Bernoulli polynomials can be written as

$$\beta_m(x, h|q) = \sum_{j=0}^m \binom{m}{j} [x]_q^{n-j} q^{jx} \beta_j(h|q). \quad (3)$$

In the case  $h = 0$ ,  $\beta_m(x, 0|q)$  will be symbolically written as  $\beta_{m,q}(x)$ . Let  $G_q(x, t)$  be generating function of  $q$ -Bernoulli polynomials as follows:

$$G_q(x, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \beta_{n,q}(x) \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$

Then we easily see that

$$G_q(x, t) = \frac{q-1}{\log q} e^{\frac{t}{1-q}} - t \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^{h+x} e^{[n+x]_q t}, \quad |t| < 1, \text{ cf. [5, 6, 7, 8]}. \quad (4)$$

For  $x = 0$ ,  $\beta_{n,q} = \beta_{n,q}(0)$  will be called  $q$ -Bernoulli numbers.

By (4), we easily see that

$$\beta_{m,q}(n) - \beta_{m,q} = m \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} q^l [l]_q^{m-1}.$$

Thus, we have

$$\sum_{l=0}^{n-1} q^l [l]_q^{m-1} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{l=0}^{m-1} \binom{m}{l} q^{nl} \beta_{l,q} [n]_q^{m-l} + \frac{1}{m} (1 - q^{mn}) \beta_{m,q}. \quad (5)$$

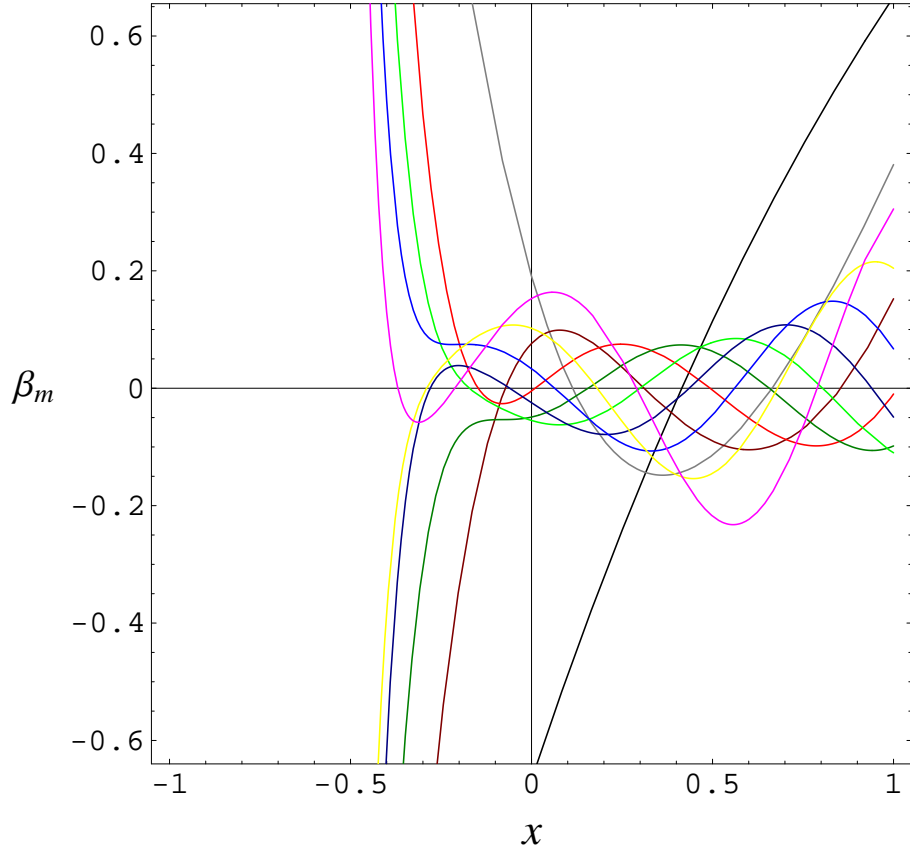


Figure 1: The curve of  $\beta_m(x, 1|\frac{1}{2})$ ,  $1 \leq m \leq 10$ ,  $-1 \leq x \leq 1$ .

Zeros of  $q$ -Bernoulli polynomials are solutions of  $\beta_m(x, 1|q), x \in \mathbb{C}$ .

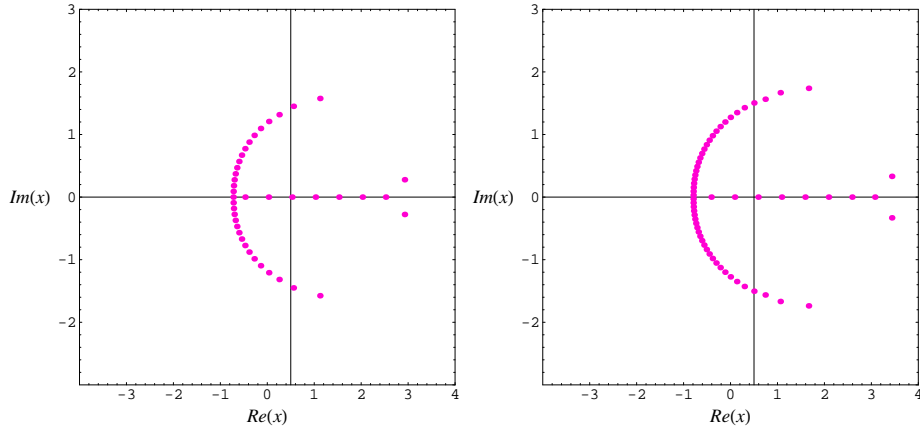


Figure 2: Zeros of  $q$ -Bernoulli polynomials  $\beta_m(x, 1|\frac{1}{2}), m = 40, 60$

Zeros of  $q$ -Bernoulli polynomials are solutions of  $\beta_m(x, 1|-q), x \in \mathbb{C}$ .

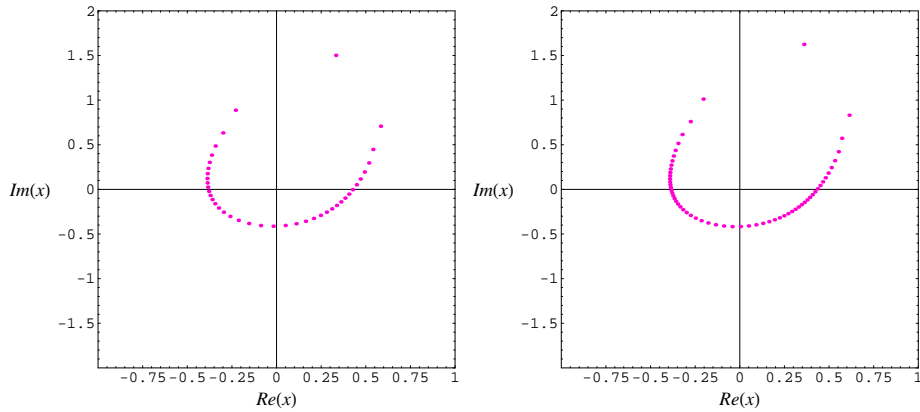


Figure 3: Zeros of  $q$ -Bernoulli polynomials  $\beta_m(x, 1|-\frac{1}{2}), m = 40, 60$

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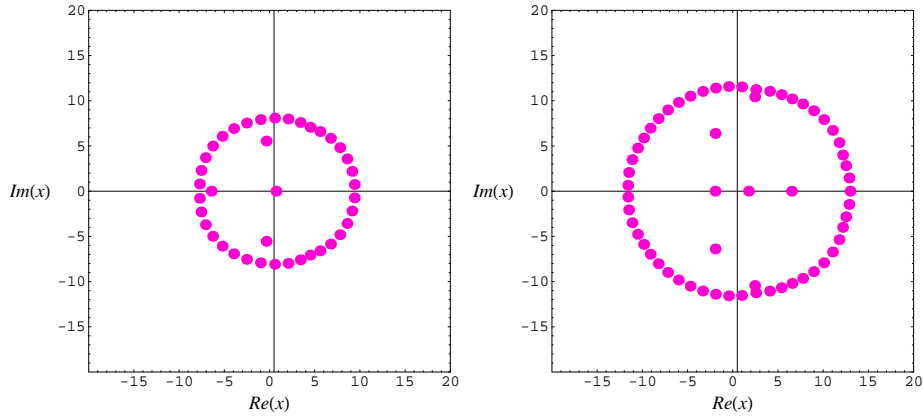


Figure 4: Zeros of  $q$ -Bernoulli polynomials  $\beta_m(x, 1|\frac{11}{10}), m = 40, 60$

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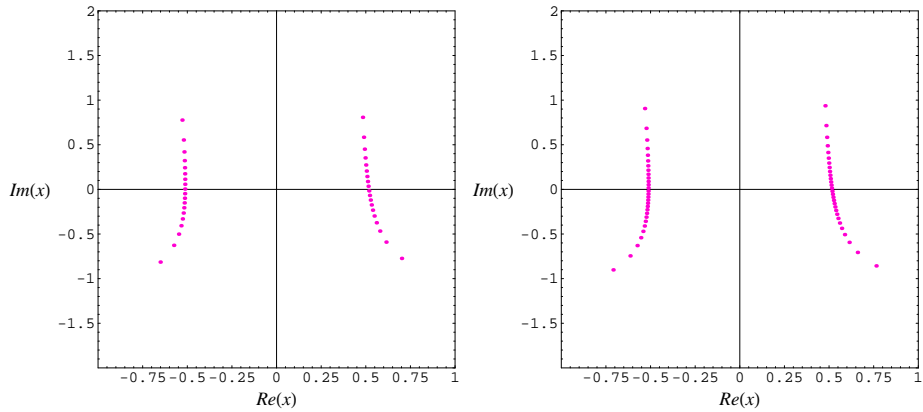


Figure 5: Zeros of  $q$ -Bernoulli polynomials  $\beta_m(x, 1|-\frac{11}{10}), m = 40, 60$

Stacks of zeros of  $q$ -Bernoulli polynomials  $\beta_n(x, 1|q)$ ,  $1 \leq n \leq 60$  from a 3-D structure.

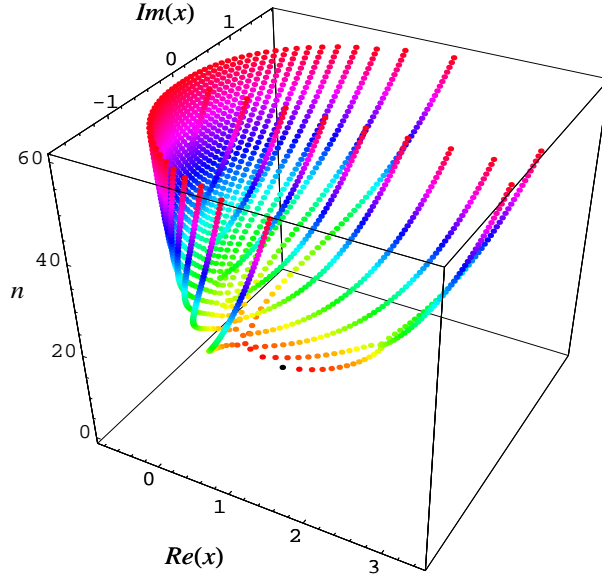


Figure 6: Stacks of zeros of  $q$ -Bernoulli polynomials  $\beta_n(x, 1|\frac{1}{2})$

### 3. $q$ -Riemann zeta function

The  $q$ -Riemann zeta function due to T.Kim was defined as

$$\zeta_q^{(h)}(s) = \frac{1-s+h}{1-s}(q-1) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{q^{nh}}{[n]_q^{s-1}} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{q^{nh}}{[n]_q^s}, \text{ for } s, h \in \mathbb{C}, \text{ cf. [1, 7].} \quad (6)$$

For  $k \in \mathbb{N}, h \in \mathbb{Z}$ , it was known that

$$\zeta_q^{(h)}(1-k) = -\frac{\beta_k(h|q)}{k}, \text{ cf. [1, 7].} \quad (7)$$

In the special case  $h = s - 1$ ,  $\zeta_q^{(s-1)}(s)$  will be written as  $\zeta_q(s)$ . For  $s \in \mathbb{C}$ , we note that

$$\zeta_q(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{q^{n(s-1)}}{[n]_q^s}, \text{ cf. [1, 7].} \quad (8)$$

By (6), (7), and (8), we easily see that

$$\zeta_q(1-k) = -\frac{\beta_k(-k|q)}{k}, \text{ for } k \in \mathbb{N}, \text{ cf. [5, 6, 7].} \quad (9)$$

From the above analytic continuation of  $q$ -Bernoulli numbers, we consider

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_n &= \beta_n(-n|q) \mapsto \beta(s), \\ \zeta_q(-n) &= -\frac{\beta_{n+1}(-n+1|q)}{n+1} \mapsto \zeta_q(-s) = -\frac{\beta(s+1)}{s+1} \\ &\Rightarrow \zeta_q(1-s) = -\frac{\zeta(s)}{s}. \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

From the relation (10), we can define the other analytic continued half of  $q$ -Bernoulli numbers

$$\begin{aligned} \beta(s) &= -s\zeta_q(1-s), \quad \beta(-s) = s\zeta_q(1+s) \\ &\Rightarrow \beta_{-n} = \beta_{-n}(n|q) = \beta(-n) = n\zeta_q(n+1), n \in \mathbb{N}. \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

The curve  $\beta(s)$  runs through the points  $\beta_{-n}$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta_{-n} = n\zeta_q(n+1) = 0$ .

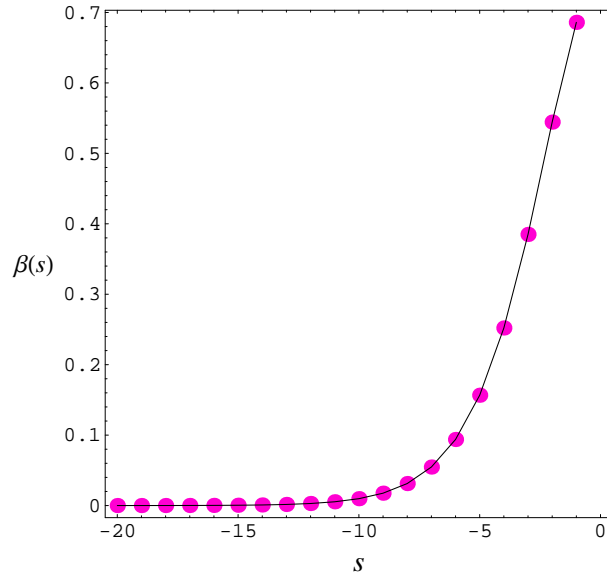


Figure 7: The curve  $\beta(s)$  runs through the points  $\beta_{-n}(n|\frac{1}{2})$



The curve of  $\beta_{-n}(n|q)$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta_{-n} = n\zeta_q(n+1) = 0, q = 3/10, 5/10$ .

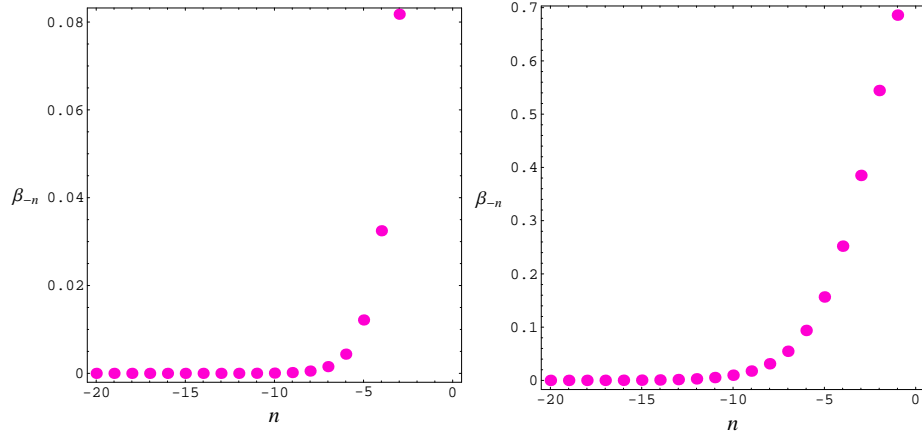


Figure 8: The curve of  $\beta_{-n}(n|q)$

The curve of  $\beta_{-n}(n|q)$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta_{-n} = n\zeta_q(n+1) = 0, q = 7/10, 9/10$ .

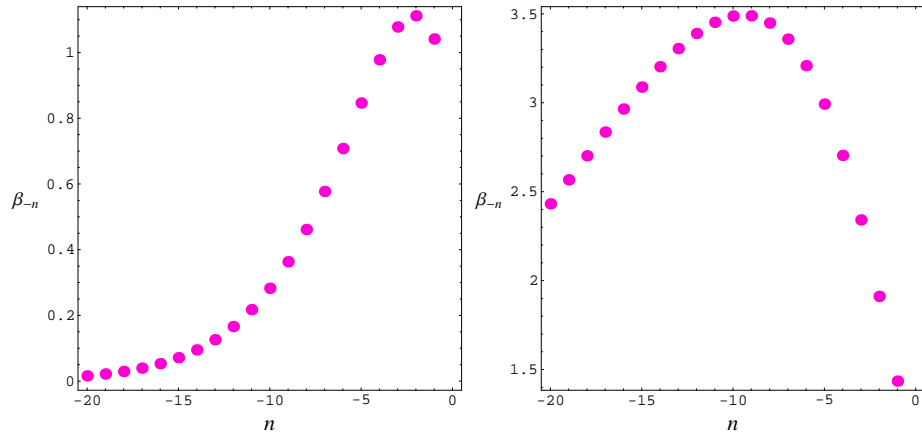


Figure 9: The curve of  $\beta_{-n}(n|q)$

However, the curve  $\beta_{-n}(n|q)$  grows  $\sim n$  asymptotically as  $q \rightarrow 1, (-n) \rightarrow -\infty$ .

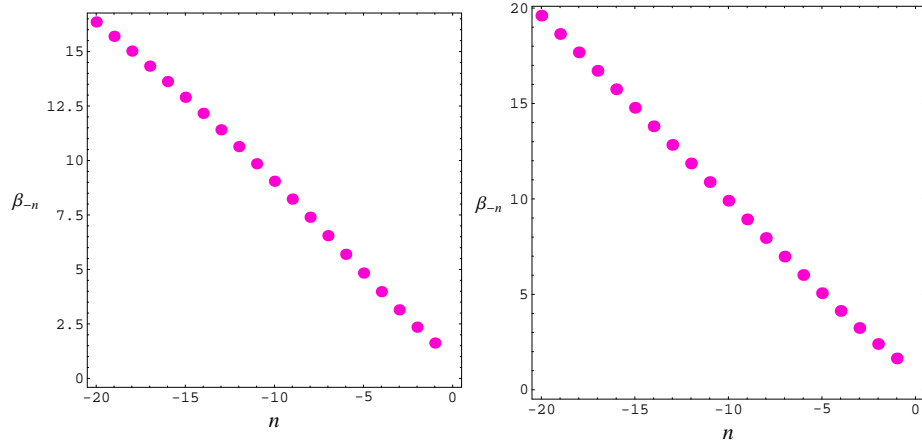


Figure 10: The curve of  $\beta_{-n}(n|q), q = \frac{99}{100}, \frac{999}{1000}$

$$\zeta_q(m) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{q^{n(m-1)}}{[n]_q^m}, \Rightarrow \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \zeta_q(m) = 0.$$

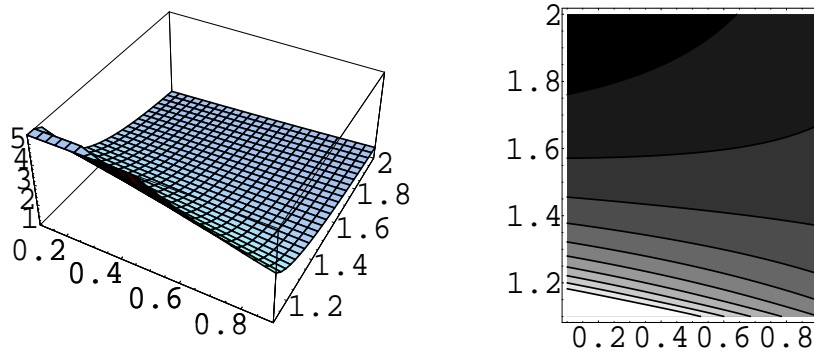


Figure 11: The plot of  $\beta_q(s), 0.1 \leq s \leq 0.9, 1.1 \leq q \leq 2$

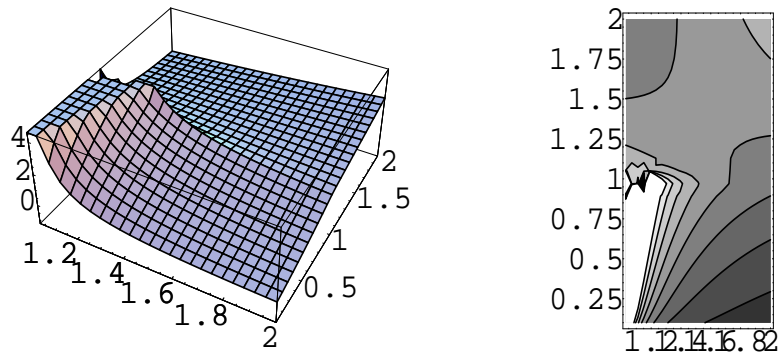


Figure 12: The plot of  $\beta_q(s)$ ,  $1.03 \leq s \leq 2$ ,  $0.1 \leq q \leq 2$

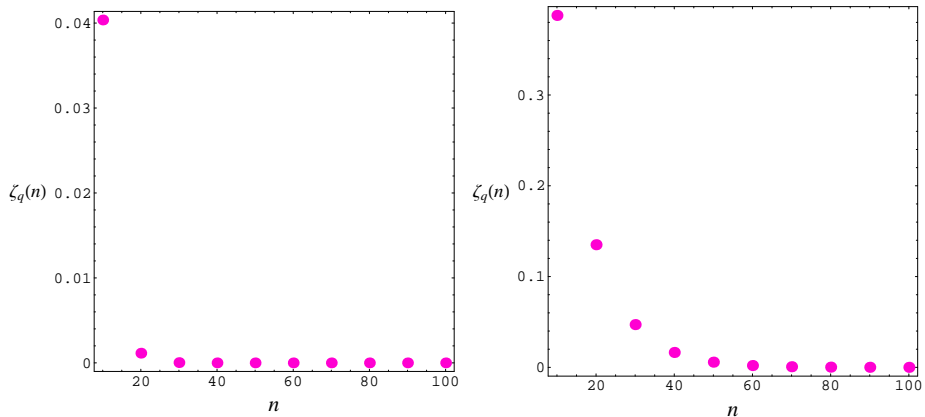


Figure 13: The curve of  $\zeta_q(m)$ ,  $q = \frac{7}{10}, \frac{9}{10}$

#### 4. Analytic continuation of $q$ -Bernoulli polynomials

For consistency with the redefinition of  $\beta_n = \beta(n)$  in (10) and (11),

$$\beta_n(x) = \beta_n(x, -n|q) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \beta_k q^{kx} [x]_q^{n-k}. \quad (12)$$

The analytic continuation can be then obtained as

$$\begin{aligned} n &\mapsto s \in \mathbb{R}, x \mapsto w \in \mathbb{C}, \\ \beta_k &\mapsto \beta(k + s - [s]|q) = -(k + (s - [s]))\zeta_q(1 - (k + (s - [s]))) , \\ \binom{n}{k} &\mapsto \frac{\Gamma(1 + s)}{\Gamma(1 + k + (s - [s]))\Gamma(1 + [s] - k)} \\ \Rightarrow \beta_n(s) &\mapsto \beta(s, w|q) = \sum_{k=-1}^{[s]} \frac{\Gamma(1 + s)\beta(k + s - [s])q^{(k+s-[s])w}[w]_q^{[s]-k}}{\Gamma(1 + k + (s - [s]))\Gamma(1 + [s] - k)} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{[s]+1} \frac{\Gamma(1 + s)\beta((k - 1) + s - [s])q^{((k-1)+s-[s])w}[w]_q^{[s]+1-k}}{\Gamma(k + (s - [s]))\Gamma(2 + [s] - k)}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $[s]$  gives the integer part of  $s$ , and so  $s - [s]$  gives the fractional part.

Deformation of the curve  $\beta(2, w)$  into the curve of  $\beta(3, w)$  via the real analytic continuation  $\beta(s, w)$ ,  $2 \leq s \leq 3$ ,  $-0.5 \leq w \leq 0.5$ .

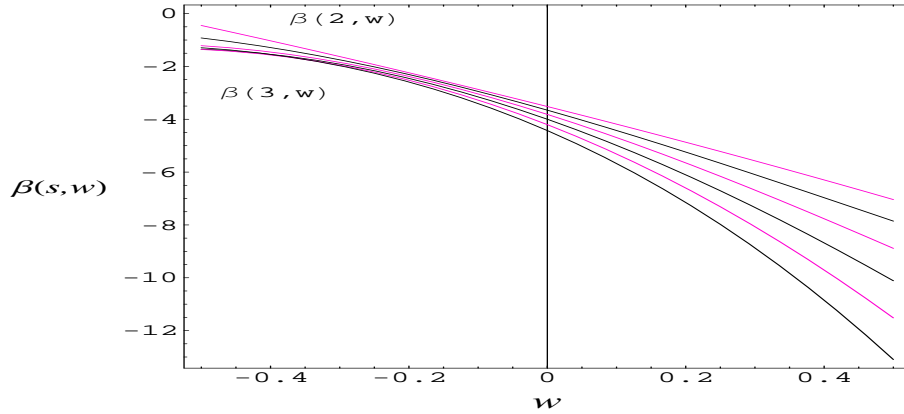


Figure 14: The curve of  $\beta(s, w)$ ,  $2 \leq s \leq 3$ ,  $-0.5 \leq w \leq 0.5$ ,  $q = \frac{11}{10}$ .

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