

Some generalizations of harmonic numbers and their applications

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1 Introduction

Harmonic numbers

$$H_n := 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n}$$

have direct generalizations. One is the *higher-order* harmonic number,

$$\mathfrak{H}_n^{(r)} = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{j^r}.$$

When $r = 1$, $H_n = \mathfrak{H}_n^{(1)}$ is the original harmonic number. The third type is related to this generalized harmonic number. Another is the *hyperharmonic* number,

$$H_n^{(r)} := \sum_{j=1}^n H_j^{(r-1)} \quad (r \geq 1)$$

with $H_n^{(1)} = H_n$ and $H_n^{(0)} = 1/n$. The second type is related to this generalized harmonic number.

Harmonic numbers also have several different q -generalizations. Some keep good relations in extensive ways, and some do not. Any generalization has each advantages and disadvantages. We consider three different kinds of q -generalizations with their applications.

One type of q -harmonic numbers [9] are defined by

$$\mathcal{H}_n = \mathcal{H}_n(q) := \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{q^k}{1 - q^k}.$$

Another type of q -harmonic numbers [4] are defined by

$$H_n(q) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{q^{k-1}}{[k]_q},$$

where $[k]_q = \frac{1 - q^k}{1 - q}$. Still other q -harmonic numbers [2] are given by

$$h_n^{(s)}(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{[k-1+x]_{q^s}^s}.$$

2 First type of q -harmonic numbers

The first type of q -harmonic numbers are related to the generating function of the sum of the j th powers of the divisors of n . If $\sigma_j(n) = \sum_{d|n} d^j$, then for $q \in \mathbb{C}$ and $|q| < 1$,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_j(n) q^n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^j q^n}{1 - q^n}.$$

Van Hamme [7] gave the following identity.

$$\sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k-1} \binom{n}{k}_q \frac{q^{\binom{k+1}{2}}}{1 - q^k} = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{q^k}{1 - q^k} = \mathcal{H}_n, \quad (1)$$

where the q -binomial is defined as

$$\binom{n}{k}_q := \frac{(q; q)_n}{(q; q)_k (q; q)_{n-k}} \quad \text{with} \quad (a; q)_n := \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} (1 - aq^j).$$

There exist several generalizations of identity (1).

The generalized q -harmonic numbers $\mathcal{H}_n^{(m)}$ are defined by

$$\mathcal{H}_n^{(m)} := \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{q^k}{(1 - q^k)^m} \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots),$$

When $m = 1$, $\mathcal{H}_n^{(1)} = \mathcal{H}_n$ is the q -harmonic number.

We give a continued fraction expansion of the generating function of generalized q -harmonic numbers, given by

$$H_m(x) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{H}_n^{(m)} x^n. \quad (2)$$

Theorem 1.

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{H}_n^{(m)} x^n = \frac{qx}{(1-q)^m(1-x) - \frac{(1-q)^{2m}qx(1-x)}{(1-q^2)^m + (1-q)^m qx - \frac{(1-q^2)^{2m}qx}{(1-q^3)^m + (1-q^2)^m qx - \frac{(1-q^3)^{2m}qx}{(1-q^4)^m + (1-q^3)^m qx - \dots}}.$$

We study the summations

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n q^{pk} \mathcal{H}_k^{(m_1, \dots, m_\ell)}, & \quad \sum_{k=1}^n q^{p(n-k)} \mathcal{H}_k^{(m_1, \dots, m_\ell)}, \\ \sum_{k=1}^n q^{pk} \mathcal{H}_{s+k}^{(m_1, \dots, m_\ell)}, & \quad \sum_{k=1}^n q^{p(n-k)} \mathcal{H}_{s+k}^{(m_1, \dots, m_\ell)}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathcal{H}_k^{(m_1, \dots, m_\ell)}$ are the multiple generalized q -harmonic numbers defined by

$$\mathcal{H}_n^{(m_1, \dots, m_\ell)} := \sum_{1 \leq k_1 \leq \dots \leq k_\ell \leq n} \frac{q^{k_1} + \dots + q^{k_\ell}}{(1-q^{k_1})^{m_1} \dots (1-q^{k_\ell})^{m_\ell}}, \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots).$$

If $m_1 = m_2 = \dots = m_\ell = m$ and $\ell = 1$, the generalized q -harmonic numbers $\mathcal{H}_n^{(m)}$ are studied in [8]. Note that $\mathcal{H}_n^{(m_1, \dots, m_\ell)}$ can be considered as a q -analogue of the multiple generalized harmonic numbers of order m

$$H_n^{(m_1, \dots, m_\ell)} = \sum_{1 \leq k_1 \leq \dots \leq k_\ell \leq n} \frac{1}{k_1^{m_1} k_2^{m_2} \dots k_\ell^{m_\ell}} \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots).$$

We give some finite summation identities of generalized q -harmonic numbers.

Theorem 2. *If p and n are positive integers and m_1, m_2, \dots, m_ℓ are complex numbers, the*

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n q^{pk} \mathcal{H}_k^{(m_1, \dots, m_\ell)} &= \frac{1}{1-q^p} \left\{ \sum_{s=1}^{m_\ell} (-1)^{m_\ell-s} \binom{p}{m_\ell-s} \mathcal{H}_n^{(m_1, \dots, m_{\ell-1}, s)} + \right. \\ &\left. (-1)^{m_\ell} \sum_{t=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{p-m_\ell+1} \binom{p-j}{m_\ell-1} q^{jt} \mathcal{H}_t^{(m_1, \dots, m_{\ell-1})} - q^{p(n+1)} \mathcal{H}_n^{(m_1, \dots, m_\ell)} \right\}. \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$

Some particular cases of Theorem 2 can be seen in simple forms. For example,

- When $m_1 = \dots = m_\ell = 1$ and $p = 1$:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n q^k \mathcal{H}_k^{(1,\ell)} &= \frac{1 - q^{n+1}}{1 - q} \mathcal{H}_n^{(1,\ell)} - \frac{1}{1 - q} \sum_{t=1}^n q^t \mathcal{H}_t^{(1,\ell-1)} \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{\ell-1} (-1)^i \frac{1 - q^{n+1}}{(1 - q)^{i+1}} \mathcal{H}_n^{(1,\ell-i)} + (-1)^\ell \frac{q(1 - q^n)}{(1 - q)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Corollary 1. *If p, n and s are positive integers, then*

$$\sum_{k=1}^n q^{pk} \mathcal{H}_{k+s}^{(m_1, \dots, m_\ell)} = q^{-ps} (F(n + s, p, \vec{m}_\ell) - F(s, p, \vec{m}_\ell)),$$

where

$$F(n, p, \vec{m}_\ell) := \sum_{k=1}^n q^{pk} \mathcal{H}_k^{(m_1, \dots, m_\ell)}$$

with $\vec{m}_\ell = (m_1, \dots, m_\ell)$.

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- When $s = n$, $m_1 = \dots = m_\ell = 1$ and $p = 1$:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n q^k \mathcal{H}_{n+k}^{(1,\ell)} &= q^{-n} \left(\sum_{i=0}^{\ell-1} \frac{(-1)^i}{(1 - q)^{i+1}} \right. \\ &\times \left. \left((1 - q^{2n+1}) \mathcal{H}_{2n}^{(1,\ell-i)} - (1 - q^{n+1}) \mathcal{H}_n^{(1,\ell-i)} \right) + (-1)^\ell \frac{q^{n+1}(1 - q^n)}{(1 - q)^2} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 3. *If p and n are positive integers and m_1, m_2, \dots, m_ℓ are complex numbers, then*

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n q^{p(n-k)} \mathcal{H}_k^{(m_1, \dots, m_\ell)} &= \frac{1 - q^{p(n+1)}}{1 - q^p} \mathcal{H}_n^{(m_1, \dots, m_\ell)} - \frac{q^{p(n+1)}}{1 - q^p} \\ &\times \left\{ \sum_{s=1}^{m_\ell-1} \binom{p+s-1}{s} \mathcal{H}_n^{(m_1, \dots, m_{\ell-1}, m_\ell-s)} + \sum_{\ell=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^p \binom{m_\ell+j-2}{j-1} q^{\ell(j-p)} \mathcal{H}_\ell^{(m_1, \dots, m_{\ell-1})} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Corollary 2. *If p, n and s are positive integers then*

$$\sum_{k=1}^n q^{p(n-k)} \mathcal{H}_{k+s}^{(m_1, \dots, m_\ell)} = G(n+s, p, \vec{m}_\ell) - q^{pn} G(s, p, \vec{m}_\ell),$$

where

$$G(n, p, \vec{m}_\ell) := \sum_{k=1}^n q^{p(n-k)} \mathcal{H}_k^{(m_1, \dots, m_\ell)}$$

with $\vec{m}_\ell = (m_1, \dots, m_\ell)$.

3 Second type of q -harmonic numbers

In [4], a q -hyperharmonic number $H_n^{(r)}(q)$ is defined by

$$H_n^{(r)}(q) = \sum_{j=1}^n q^j H_j^{(r-1)}(q) \quad (r, n \geq 1) \quad (4)$$

with

$$H_n^{(0)}(q) = \frac{1}{q[n]_q}.$$

In this q -generalization,

$$H_n(q) = H_n^{(1)}(q) = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{q^{j-1}}{[j]_q} \quad (5)$$

is a q -harmonic number. When $q \rightarrow 1$, $H_n^{(r)} = \lim_{q \rightarrow 1} H_n^{(r)}(q)$ is the hyperharmonic number and $H_n = \lim_{q \rightarrow 1} H_n(q)$ is the original harmonic number.

Weighted sums of this kind of q -hyperharmonic numbers can be expressed in terms of several types of q -analogue of the sum of consecutive integers.

Theorem 4. *For positive integers n and r ,*

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{l=1}^n q^{l-1} [l]_q H_l^{(r)}(q) &= \frac{[n]_q [n+r]_q}{[r+1]_q} H_n^{(r)}(q) - \frac{q^r [n-1]_q [n]_q}{([r+1]_q)^2} \binom{n+r-1}{r-1}_q \\ &= \frac{[n]_q [r]_q}{[r+1]_q} H_n^{(r+1)}(q) + \frac{q^{r-1}}{[r+1]_q} \binom{n+r}{r+1}_q. \end{aligned}$$

Remark. When $q \rightarrow 1$, we have for $n, r \geq 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{l=1}^n l H_l^{(r)} &= \frac{n(n+r)}{r+1} H_n^{(r)} - \frac{(n-1)^{(r+1)}}{(r-1)!(r+1)^2} \\ &= \frac{nr}{r+1} H_n^{(r+1)} + \frac{1}{r+1} \binom{n+r}{r+1}, \end{aligned}$$

where $(x)^{(n)} = x(x+1)\cdots(x+n-1)$ ($n \geq 1$) denotes the rising factorial with $(x)^{(0)} = 1$.

Next, we show a square weighted summation formula, which is yielded from the following identity.

Theorem 5. For positive integers n and r ,

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{\ell=1}^n q^{\ell-1} [\ell]_q [\ell+1]_q H_\ell^{(r)}(q) \\ &= \frac{[n]_q [n+r]_q ([2]_q [n+2]_q + q^3 [r-1]_q [n+1]_q)}{[r+1]_q [r+2]_q} H_n^{(r)}(q) \\ &\quad - q^r [n-1]_q [n]_q \binom{n+r-1}{r-1}_q \frac{[2]_q [r+2]_q^2 + q^4 [r+1]_q^2 [n-2]_q}{[r+1]_q^2 [r+2]_q^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Remark. When $q \rightarrow 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\ell=1}^n \ell(\ell+1) H_\ell^{(r)} &= \frac{n(n+r)((r+1)n+(r+3))}{(r+1)(r+2)} H_n^{(r)} \\ &\quad - (n-1)n \binom{n+r-1}{r-1} \frac{(r+1)^2 n + 2(2r+3)}{(r+1)^2 (r+2)^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Combining Theorem 4 and Theorem 5, we can obtain the square weighted summation formula.

Corollary 3. For positive integers n and r ,

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{\ell=1}^n q^{\ell-1} ([\ell]_q)^2 H_\ell^{(r)}(q) \\ &= \frac{[n]_q [n+r]_q (1 + q[r+1]_q [n]_q)}{[r+1]_q [r+2]_q} H_n^{(r)}(q) \\ &\quad - q^r [n-1]_q [n]_q \binom{n+r-1}{r-1}_q \frac{q[r+1]_q^2 [n]_q - q^3 [r]_q^2 + [2]_q}{[r+1]_q^2 [r+2]_q^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Remark. When $q \rightarrow 1$, we have for $n, r \geq 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{l=1}^n l^2 H_l^{(r)} \\ &= \frac{n(n+r)((r+1)n+1)}{(r+1)(r+2)} H_n^{(r)} - \frac{(n-1)^{(r+1)}((r+1)^2 n - (r^2 - 2))}{(r-1)!(r+1)^2(r+2)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

We can obtain the following summation of the cubic powers, but no q -generalization has been found yet. For $n, r \geq 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{l=1}^n l^3 H_l^{(r)} \\ &= \frac{n(n+r)((r+1)(r+2)n^2 + 3(r+1)n - r + 1)}{(r+1)(r+2)(r+3)} H_n^{(r)} \\ & \quad - \frac{(n-1)^{(r+1)}((r+1)^2(r+2)^2 n^2 - (r+1)^2(2r^2 + 2r - 7)n + (r^4 - 2r^3 - 17r^2 - 12r + 6))}{(r-1)!(r+1)^2(r+2)^2(r+3)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Nevertheless, when $r = 1$, we can get more general summation formulas. For example,

Theorem 6. For $n, N \geq 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\ell=1}^n q^{\ell-1} [\ell]_q [\ell+1]_q \dots [\ell+N-1]_q H_\ell(q) \\ &= \frac{[n]_q [n+1]_q \dots [n+N]_q}{[N+1]_q} H_n(q) - \frac{[N-1]_q!}{[N+1]_q} \sum_{l=1}^N q^l [l]_q \binom{n+l-1}{l+1}_q. \end{aligned}$$

Remark. When $q \rightarrow 1$, we have the ordinary relation

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\ell=1}^n \ell(\ell+1) \dots (\ell+N-1) H_\ell \\ &= \frac{n(n+1) \dots (n+N)}{N+1} H_n - \frac{(N-1)!}{N+1} \sum_{l=1}^N l \binom{n+l-1}{l+1}. \end{aligned}$$

4 Third type of q -harmonic numbers

The results for the third type of q -harmonic numbers are yielded from Abel's Lemma on summation by parts [1], for two sequences $\{f_k\}$ and $\{g_k\}$:

$$\sum_{k=m}^n f_k \Delta g_k = f_n g_{n+1} - f_m g_m - \sum_{k=m}^{n-1} g_{k+1} \Delta f_k,$$

where $\Delta \tau_k = \tau_{k+1} - \tau_k$ is a forward difference of an arbitrary complex sequence $\{\tau_k\}$.

There are many definitions for q -zeta functions. For $0 < x \leq 1$, $s \in \mathbb{C}$, and $\Re(s) > 1$, define the Hurwitz q -zeta function ([5]) as

$$\zeta_q(s, x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{q^{(n+x)r}}{[n+x]_{q^r}^s}.$$

When $x = 1$, $\zeta_q(s) = \zeta_q(s, 1)$ is the q -zeta function. Following [2], define a generalized q -harmonic number $h_n^{(s)}(x)$ by

$$h_n^{(s)}(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{[k-1+x]_{q^r}^s}.$$

The main result can be stated as follows.

Theorem 7. For $r \in \mathbb{N}$, $0 < x \leq 1$ and $s \in \mathbb{C}$ with $\Re(s) > 1$, we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{q^{(n-1+x)r} h_n^{(s)}(x)}{[n+x]_{q^r} [n-1+x]_{q^r}} = \zeta_q(s+1, x).$$

When $x = 1$ in Theorem 7, we have the following corollary.

Corollary 4.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{q^{nr} h_n^{(s)}(1)}{[n]_{q^r} [n+1]_{q^r}} = \zeta_q(s+1).$$

Remark. When $q \rightarrow 1$, Corollary 4 is reduced to

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mathfrak{H}_n^{(s)}}{n(n+1)} = \zeta(s+1)$$

([6]).

In order to get more q -generalization results, we introduce different two q -binomial coefficients. We define the shifted q -binomial coefficients by

$$\binom{n+x}{k}_q = \frac{[n+x]_q [n+x-1]_q \cdots [n+x-k+1]_q}{[k]_q!}.$$

We define the (q_1, q_2) -binomial coefficients $\binom{n}{k}_{q_1, q_2}$ by

$$\binom{n}{k}_{(q_1, q_2)} = \frac{[n]_{q_2}!}{[k]_{q_1}! [n-k]_{q_2}!}.$$

We define more generalized Hurwitz q -zeta functions $\zeta_{t,q}(s, x)$ by

$$\zeta_{t,q}(s, x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{q^{rt(n+x)}}{[n+x]_{q^r}^s}, \quad (7)$$

where $r, t \in \mathbb{N}$, $0 < x \leq 1$ and $s \in \mathbb{C}$, $\Re(s) > 1$. We define the generalized q -harmonic numbers $h_{t,n}^{(s)}(x)$ by

$$h_{t,n}^{(s)}(x) = h_{t,n,q}^{(s)}(x) := \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{q^{rt(k-1+x)}}{[k-1+x]_{q^r}^s}.$$

It is clear that the right hand side of (7) is absolutely convergent as $0 < q \leq 1$. When $s = 1$ and $0 < q < 1$, the right hand side of (7) is also absolutely convergent. We have $h_{t,n}^{(s)}(x) \rightarrow \zeta_{t,q}(s, x)$ ($n \rightarrow \infty$).

With the help of Abel's Lemma on summation by parts, we show that infinite sums involving the generalized q -harmonic numbers $h_{t,n}^{(s)}(x)$ in terms of linear combinations of the generalized Hurwitz q -zeta values $\zeta_{t,q}(s, x)$.

Theorem 8. For $r, s, t, a \in \mathbb{N}$ with $t \geq s$, $a > 1$ and $0 < x \leq 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{h_{t,n}^{(s)}(x) q^{r(n+x)} [a-1]_{q^r}}{[n+a-1+x]_{q^r} [n+x]_{q^r}} \\ &= \sum_{b=1}^{a-1} \frac{(-1)^{s-1} q^{rb}}{[b]_{q^r}^s} (\zeta_{t-s+1,q}(1, x) - q^{-rb(t-s+1)} \zeta_{t-s+1,q}(1, x+b)) \\ &+ \sum_{m=2}^s (-1)^{s-m} \zeta_{t-s+m,q}(m, x) h_{1,a-1}^{(s-m+1)}(1). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{h_{t,n}^{(s)}(x)q^{r(n-1+x)}[a]_{q^r}}{[n+a-1+x]_{q^r}[n-1+x]_{q^r}} \\
&= \zeta_{t+1,q}(s+1, x) + \sum_{m=2}^s (-1)^{s-m} \zeta_{t-s+m,q}(m, x) h_{1,a-1}^{(s-m+1)}(1) \\
&\quad + \sum_{b=1}^{a-1} \frac{(-1)^{s-1} q^{rb}}{[b]_{q^r}^s} (\zeta_{t-s+1,q}(1, x) - q^{-rb(t-s+1)} \zeta_{t-s+1,q}(1, x+b)). \\
& \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{h_{t,n}^{(s)}(x)q^{r(n+x)}}{\binom{n-1+x+k}{k}_{q^r}} = \sum_{a=2}^k \frac{[-1]_{q^{-r}}^{a-2} [a]_{q^{-r}} [a-1]_{q^{-r}} \binom{k}{a}}{[a-1]_{q^r}} \binom{k}{a}_{(q^{-r}, q^r)} A_a,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{h_{t,n}^{(s)}(x)q^{r(n+x)}}{[n+x-1]_{q^r} \binom{n-1+x+k}{k}_{q^r}} \\
&= \sum_{a=2}^k \frac{[-1]_{q^{-r}}^{a-1} [a]_{q^{-r}} \binom{k}{a}}{[a]_{q^r}} \binom{k}{a}_{(q^{-r}, q^r)} (\zeta_{t+1,q}(s+1, x) + A_a),
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
A_a &= \sum_{m=2}^s (-1)^{s-m} \zeta_{t-s+m,q}(m, x) h_{1,a-1}^{(s-m+1)}(1) \\
&\quad + \sum_{b=1}^{a-1} \frac{(-1)^{s-1} q^{rb}}{[b]_{q^r}^s} (\zeta_{t-s+1,q}(1, x) - q^{-rb(t-s+1)} \zeta_{t-s+1,q}(1, x+b)).
\end{aligned}$$

When $q \rightarrow 1$, $\zeta_{t-s+1,1}(1, x) - \zeta_{t-s+1,1}(1, x+b)$ is interpreted as

$$h_b^{<1>}(1, b) = \sum_{k=1}^b \frac{1}{k-1+x}. \quad (8)$$

When $q \rightarrow 1$ and $x = 1$ in Theorem 8, we get the following formulas, which are given in [6].

Corollary 5.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(a-1)\mathfrak{H}_n^{(s)}}{(n+1)(n+a)} = \sum_{j=1}^{a-1} \frac{(-1)^{s+1} \mathfrak{H}_j}{j^s} + \sum_{i=2}^s (-1)^{s-i} \mathfrak{H}_{a-1}^{(s-i+1)} \zeta(i).$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a\mathfrak{H}_n^{(s)}}{n(n+a)} \\ &= \zeta(s+1) + \sum_{j=1}^{a-1} \frac{(-1)^{s+1}\mathfrak{H}_j}{j^s} + \sum_{i=2}^s (-1)^{s-i}\mathfrak{H}_{a-1}^{(s-i+1)}\zeta(i). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mathfrak{H}_n^{(s)}}{\binom{n+k}{k}} \\ &= \sum_{r=2}^k (-1)^r r \binom{k}{r} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{r-1} \frac{(-1)^{s+1}\mathfrak{H}_j}{j^s} + \sum_{i=2}^s (-1)^{s-i}\mathfrak{H}_{r-1}^{(s-i+1)}\zeta(i) \right). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mathfrak{H}_n^{(s)}}{n\binom{n+k}{k}} = \zeta(s+1) \\ & + \sum_{r=1}^k (-1)^{r+1} \binom{k}{r} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{r-1} \frac{(-1)^{s+1}\mathfrak{H}_j}{j^s} + \sum_{i=2}^s (-1)^{s-i}\mathfrak{H}_{r-1}^{(s-i+1)}\zeta(i) \right). \end{aligned}$$

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