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SOME GENERATING FUNCTIONS FOR POLYNOMIALS

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1. Introduction. Recently, J. W. BROWN [1] proved, that for the Laguerre polynomials

$$(1.1) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} L_n^{(a+mn)}(x) t^n = \frac{(1+v)^{1+a}}{1-mv} e^{-xv},$$

where $v = t(1+v)^{1+m}$, m being an integer. Also, assuming

$$(1.2) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} L_n^{(a+mn)}(x) t^n = A(t) e^{xB(t)},$$

he proved that

$$(1.3) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} L_n^{(-a-[1+m]n)}(x) t^n = \frac{A(-t)}{1-B(-t)} \exp \left\{ \frac{-xB(-t)}{1-B(-t)} \right\}.$$

L. CARLITZ [2], extended the results of Brown and proved that (1.1) and (1.3) hold for any m .

A natural question arises as to whether we can find results of the forms (1.1) and (1.3) for other known polynomials, m being a constant.

The present paper is an answer to this question. We have found results of the forms (1.1) and (1.3) for generalized Laguerre, generalized Gould-Hopper, generalized Bessel and Jacobi polynomials. These results hold for all values of m . The results of this paper also extend the results, which we found on another occasion [9]. There [9], we found explicit expressions of the form (1.1) for $m = -1, 0, 1, 2$, for generalized Laguerre, generalized Gould-Hopper, generalized Bessel and Jacobi polynomials. The treatment being formal, we shall obtain our results quite heuristically.

2. Operational formulae. Recently [8], we considered a class of polynomials $F_n(x, a, m, p_r(x))$, defined by the Rodrigues formula

$$(2.1) \quad F_n(x, a, m, p_r(x)) = x^{-a} e^{p_r(x)} D^n [x^{mn+a} e^{-p_r(x)}],$$

a, m , being constants, $p_r(x)$ being a polynomial in x of degree r . It is immediate that the above polynomial reduces to the generalized Laguerre polynomial [7] for $m = 1$ and to the generalized Gould-Hopper polynomial [8] for $m = 0$. If, however, $p_r(x) = b/x$, then (2.1) reduces to the Bessel polynomial of KRALL and FRINK [6]. If $p_r(x)$ be a polynomial in $1/x$ of degree r , then for $m = 2$, we get a generalization of the Bessel polynomials.

In [7], we dealt with an operator T_k , defined by $T_k = x(k + xD)$, and hence such that

$$(2.2) \quad T_k^n \{x^{b+r}\} = (b + r + k)_n x^{b+r+n},$$

k being a constant. It is easily seen that

$$(2.3) \quad T_k^n = x^n \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} (\delta + k + j), \quad \delta = xD.$$

Since,

$$\begin{aligned} D^n [x^{mn+a} e^{-p_r(x)}] &= x^{-n} \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} (\delta - j) \{x^{mn+a} e^{-p_r(x)}\} = \\ &= \prod_{j=1}^n (\delta + j) \{x^{mn+a-n} e^{-p_r(x)}\} = x^{k-1} \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} (\delta + j + k) \{x^{mn+a-n-k+1} e^{-p_r(x)}\} = \\ &= x^{k-n-1} T_k^n \{x^{mn+a-n-k+1} e^{-p_r(x)}\}, \end{aligned}$$

we have from (2.1), the class of operational formulae

$$(2.4) \quad F_n(x, a, m, p_r(x)) = x^{k-n-a-1} e^{p_r(x)} T_k^n \{x^{mn+a-n-k+1} e^{-p_r(x)}\}.$$

Giving different values to k in (2.4), we get different operational representations for the polynomial $F_n(x, a, m, p_r(x))$. If, however, we take $k = mn + a - n + 1$, we get the interesting result

$$(2.5) \quad T_{(m-1)n+a+1}^n \{e^{-p_r(x)}\} = x^{2n-mn} e^{-p_r(x)} F_n(x, a, m, p_r(x)),$$

from which, by giving different values to m , we get operational formulae for different polynomials.

3. The generating functions. By making use of the Lagranges expansion formula

$$(3.1) \quad (1 + v)^{a+1} = 1 + (a + 1) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{a + (b + 1)n}{n-1} \frac{t^n}{n},$$

where

$$(3.2) \quad v = t(1 + v)^{b+1}, \quad v(0) = 0,$$

L. CARLITZ [2], proved that

$$(3.3) \quad \frac{(1+v)^{a+1}}{1-bv} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{a+(b+1)n}{n} t^n,$$

where $v = t(1+v)^{b+1}$. Let

$$(3.4) \quad f(x) = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} a_r x^r.$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{n!} T_{(m-1)n+a+1}^n \{x^b f(x)\} &= \sum_{n,r=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{n!} a_r (b+r+(m-1)n+a+1)_n x^{b+r+n} = \\ &= \sum_{n,r=0}^{\infty} a_r \binom{b+r+mn+a}{n} t^n x^{b+r+n}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$(3.5) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{n!} T_{(m-1)n+a+1}^n \{x^b f(x)\} = \sum_{n,r=0}^{\infty} a_r \binom{b+r+mn+a}{n} t^n x^{b+r+n}.$$

Making use of (3.3), we get from (3.5)

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{n!} T_{(m-1)n+a+1}^n \{x^b f(x)\} = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} a_r x^{b+r} \frac{(1+v)^{b+r+a+1}}{1-(m-1)v},$$

where $v = xt(1+v)^m$. Hence, we have the general operational generating function

$$(3.6) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{n!} T_{(m-1)n+a+1}^n \{x^b f(x)\} = \frac{x^b(1+v)^{a+b+1}}{1-(m-1)v} f[x(1+v)],$$

where $v = xt(1+v)^m$.

Again, from (3.1), we have by putting $b = m - 1$,

$$(3.7) \quad (1+v)^{a+1} = 1 + (a+1) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{a+mn}{n-1} \frac{t^n}{n},$$

where $v = t(1+v)^m$. Putting $a = 0$ in (3.7), we get

$$(3.8) \quad v = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{mn}{n-1} \frac{t^n}{n}.$$

Similarly, for $a = -2$, we get from (3.7)

$$(3.9) \quad \frac{v}{1+v} = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \binom{mn-2}{n-1} \frac{t^n}{n}.$$

Again, following Carlitz [2], we define

$$(3.10) \quad B(t, c) = - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{(c+1)n}{n-1} \frac{t^n}{n}$$

and

$$(3.11) \quad A(t, a, c, d) = \frac{(1 - B(t, c))^{a+d+1}}{1 + c B(t, c)}.$$

In view of (3.8), (3.10) and (3.11), the generating function (3.6) becomes

$$(3.12) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{n!} T_{(m-1)n+a+1}^n \{x^b f(x)\} = \\ = x^b A(xt, a, m-1, b) f[x(1 - B(xt, m-1))].$$

Again, as is shown by Carlitz [2],

$$(3.13) \quad B(t, -c-1) = \frac{-B(-t, c)}{1 - B(-t, c)},$$

and

$$(3.14) \quad A(t, -a, -c-1, -d) = \frac{A(-t, a, c, d)}{1 - B(-t, c)}.$$

Therefore, by (3.12), (3.13) and (3.14), we have the operational generating function

$$(3.15) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{n!} T_{(m-1)n-a+1}^n \{x^{-b} f(x)\} = \\ = \frac{x^{-b} A(-xt, a, m-2, b)}{1 - B(-xt, m-2)} f \left[x \left\{ 1 + \frac{B(-xt, m-2)}{1 - B(-xt, m-2)} \right\} \right].$$

Now, let $b = 0$ and $f(x) = e^{-p_r(x)}$ in (3.6), then

$$(3.16) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{n!} T_{(m-1)n+a+1}^n \{e^{-p_r(x)}\} = \frac{(1+v)^{a+1}}{1 - (m-1)v} \exp \{-p_r[x(1+v)]\},$$

where $v = xt(1+v)^m$. Using (2.5) in (3.16), we get the general result

$$(3.17) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{n!} F_n(x, a, m, p_r(x)) = \frac{(1+v)^{a+1}}{1 - (m-1)v} e^{p_r(x)} e^{-p_r[x(1+v)]},$$

where $v = x^{m-1} t(1+v)^m$.

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4. Generalized Gould-Hopper Polynomial. Earlier [8], we considered a generalization of Gould-Hopper polynomial [5], defined by

$$(4.1) \quad H_n(x, a, p_r(x)) = (-1)^n x^{-a} e^{p_r(x)} D^n [x^a e^{-p_r(x)}],$$

$p_r(x)$ being a polynomial in x of degree r , a being arbitrary. $H_n(x, a, p_r(x))$ reduces to the Gould-Hopper polynomial for $p_r(x) = px^r$. In terms of the polynomial $F_n(x, a, m, p_r(x))$, we have

$$(4.2) \quad F_n(x, a, 0, p_r(x)) = (-1)^n H_n(x, a, p_r(x)).$$

The operational formula for the relevant polynomial is

$$(4.3) \quad T_{a+1-n}^n \{e^{-p_r(x)}\} = x^{2n} e^{-p_r(x)} F_n(x, a, 0, p_r(x)).$$

Putting $m = 0$ in (3.17) and using (4.2), we get immediately the generating function; for the Gould-Hopper polynomial, to be

$$(4.4) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{n!} H_n(x, a, p_r(x)) = x^{-a} (x - t)^a e^{p_r(x)} e^{-p_r(x-t)}.$$

Again, making use of (4.3), we have from (3.16), the general result

$$(4.5) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{n!} H_n(x, a + mn, p_r(x)) = \frac{(1 + v)^{a+1}}{1 - (m - 1)v} e^{p_r(x)} e^{-p_r[x(1+v)]},$$

where $v = -(t/x)(1 + v)^m$, m being a constant. For $m = 0$, (4.5) reduces to (4.4). From (4.5), we get generating functions for the generalized Gould-Hopper polynomials of different orders.

Again, putting $b = 0$ and $f(x) = e^{-p_r(x)}$ in (3.15) and using (4.3), we get the general result

$$(4.6) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{n!} H_n(x, -a - (m - 2)n, p_r(x)) = \frac{A(t/x, a, m - 2, 0)}{1 - B(t/x, m - 2)} e^{p_r(x)} \cdot \exp \left\{ -p_r \left[x \left\{ 1 + \frac{B(t/x, m - 2)}{1 - B(t/x, m - 2)} \right\} \right] \right\},$$

m being a constant.

Again, using (2.5) and (4.3), we get the relation

$$(4.7) \quad F_n(x, a, 0, p_r(x)) = x^{-mn} F_n(x, a - mn, m, p_r(x)),$$

where m is a constant. From (4.7), we get readily the relation between the generalized Gould-Hopper polynomial and other general polynomials.

5. Generalized Laguerre Polynomials. Elsewhere [7], we considered a generalization of the Laguerre polynomial, defined by

$$(5.1) \quad T_{rn}^{(a)}(x) = \frac{1}{n!} x^{-a} e^{p_r(x)} D^n [x^{n+a} e^{-p_r(x)}],$$

a being a constant, $p_r(x)$ being a polynomial in x of degree r . $T_{rn}^{(a)}(x)$ reduces to the generalized Laguerre polynomial of CHATTERJEA [3] for $p_r(x) = px^r$ and to the Laguerre polynomial for $p_r(x) = x$. In terms of the polynomial $F_n(x, a, m, p_r(x))$, we have

$$(5.2) \quad F_n(x, a, 1, p_r(x)) = n! T_{rn}^{(a)}(x).$$

The operational formula for the generalized Laguerre polynomial is

$$(5.3) \quad T_{a+1}^n \{e^{-p_r(x)}\} = n! x^n e^{-p_r(x)} T_{rn}^{(a)}(x),$$

$p_r(x)$ being a polynomial in x of degree r , a being a constant.

Putting $m = 1$ in (3.17), and using (5.2), we get immediately the generating function for the generalized Laguerre polynomial

$$(5.4) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t^n T_{rn}^{(a)}(x) = (1-t)^{-a-1} e^{p_r(x)} e^{-p_r[x(1-t)^{-1}]}$$

Again, making use of (5.3), we have from (3.16), the general generating function

$$(5.5) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t^n T_{rn}^{(a+(m-1)n)}(x) = \frac{(1+v)^{a+1}}{1-(m-1)v} e^{p_r(x)} e^{-p_r[x(1+v)]},$$

where $v = t(1+v)^m$, m being a constant. For $m = 1$, (5.5) reduces to (5.4). From (5.5) we get the generating functions for the generalized Laguerre polynomials of different orders.

Again, putting $b = 0$ and $f(x) = e^{-p_r(x)}$ in (3.15) and using (5.3), we get the result

$$(5.6) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t^n T_{rn}^{(-a-(m-1)n)}(x) = \frac{A(-t, a, m-2, 0)}{1-B(-t, m-2)} e^{p_r(x)} \exp \left[-p_r \left[x \left\{ 1 + \frac{B(-t, m-2)}{1-B(-t, m-2)} \right\} \right] \right],$$

m being a constant. The results in (5.5) and (5.6) are the generalizations of the results of BROWN [1] and CARLITZ [2].

Again, using (2.5) and (5.3), we get the relation

$$(5.7) \quad F_n(x, a, 1, p_r(x)) = x^{(1-m)n} F_n(x, a - (m-1)n, m, p_r(x)),$$

where m is a constant. From (5.7), we get readily the relation between the generalized Laguerre polynomial and other general polynomials.

6. The Bessel Polynomials. The operational representation for the generalized Bessel polynomials [6], is easily seen to be

$$(6.1) \quad T_{a+1+n}^n \{e^{-b/x}\} = b^n e^{-b/x} y_n(x, a+2, b).$$

Again, from (2.5), we have for $p_r(x) = -b/x$ and $m = 2$

$$(6.2) \quad T_{a+1+n}^n \{e^{-b/x}\} = e^{-b/x} F_n(x^{-1}, a, 2, -b/x),$$

and hence

$$(6.3) \quad F_n(x^{-1}, a, 2, -b/x) = b^n y_n(x, a+2, b).$$

Again, making use of (6.1), we get immediately from (3.16), the following generating function for the Bessel polynomials:

$$(6.4) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n b^n}{n!} y_n(x, a + (m-2)n + 1, b) = \frac{(1+v)^{a+1}}{1 - (m-1)v} \exp \left\{ \frac{bv}{x(1+v)} \right\},$$

where we have put $p_r(x) = -b/x$ in (3.16) and where $v = xt(1+v)^m$, m being a constant. The relation in (6.4) gives us immediately, generating functions for Bessel polynomials of different orders for different values of m .

Again, putting $b = 0$ and $f(x) = e^{-b/x}$ in (3.15), and using (6.1), we get the result

$$(6.5) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n b^n}{n!} y_n(x, -a - mn + 1, b) = \frac{A(-xt, a, m-2, b)}{1 - B(-xt, m-2)} \exp \left\{ \frac{b}{x} B(-xt, m-2) \right\},$$

m being a constant.

7. The Jacobi Polynomials. It is easily seen that the operational representation for the Jacobi polynomial is given by

$$(7.1) \quad T_{a+1}^n \{(1-x)^{n+b}\} = n! (1-x)^b x^n P_n^{(a,b)}(1-2x).$$

Putting $b = 0$, $f(x) = (1-x)^b$, $m = 1$ in (3.6), we get the result of FELDHEIM [4]

$$(7.2) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t^n P_n^{(a,b-n)}(x) = (1-t)^b \left[1 - \frac{t}{2}(1+x) \right]^{-a-b-1}.$$

Also, from (3.6), we have for $b = 0$, $f(x) = (1-x)^b$, the generating function for the Jacobi polynomials

$$(7.3) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t^n P_n^{(a+(m-1)n, b-n)}(x) = \frac{(1+v)^{a+1}}{1 - (m-1)v} \left[1 - \frac{(1-x)(1+v)}{2} \right]^b \left(\frac{1+x}{2} \right)^{-b},$$

where $2v = (1+x)(1+v)^m t$, m being a constant.

Again, if we put $b = 0$, $f(x) = (1 - x)^b$ in (3.15), we get the result

$$(7.4) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t^n P_n^{(-a-(m-1)n, b-n)}(x) = \left(\frac{1+x}{2}\right)^{-b} \frac{A\left(\frac{-t}{2}(1+x), a, m-2, 0\right)}{1 - B\left(-\frac{t}{2}(1+x), m-2\right)} \left[1 - x \left\{ \frac{1}{1 - B\left(-\frac{t}{2}(1+x), m-2\right)} \right\} \right]^b.$$

It is interesting to note that similar results for other polynomials can be found by the method outlined above.

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