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Adjoint Peters and Pidduk polynomials

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ABSTRACT. In recent papers, new sets of Sheffer and Brenke polynomials based on higher order Bell numbers have been studied, and several integer sequences related to them have been introduced. In this article other types of Sheffer polynomials are considered, by introducing the adjoint Peters and adjoint Pidduk polynomials.

1 Introduction

In recent articles [8, 30], we have studied new sets of Sheffer [33] and Brenke [7] polynomials related to higher order Bell numbers [16]. Furthermore, several integer sequences [34] associated with the considered polynomial sets, both of exponential [2, 3] and logarithmic type [8], have been introduced.

It is worth to note that exponential and logarithmic polynomials have been recently studied even in the multivariate case [21, 22, 23].

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Sheffer sets [33] are a wide class of polynomials generalizing the Appell polynomial sequences [1]. A list of known Sheffer polynomials can be found in [6]. In preceding articles we have extended the Sheffer sets by introducing the notion of adjointness.

Adjointness is a general method of associating a family of Sheffer polynomials with another family of Sheffer's [24]. This definition is based on an equivalent characterization of Sheffer sets proven in [32, p. 18]. It simply follows by interchanging two basic elements of the generating function.

By using the general and efficient method already applied in preceding articles [17]-[19], [25]-[29], it is possible to construct the fundamental properties of polynomials adjoint to the classical ones, such as the recurrence relation, the shift operators and the differential equation.

We have already applied this technique in several cases [9, 14, 15, 31]. In this article we apply the same technique to other types of Sheffer polynomials, by considering the adjoint Peters and adjoint Pidduk polynomials.

2 Sheffer polynomials

The Sheffer polynomials $\{s_n(x)\}$ are introduced [33] by means of the exponential generating function [35] of the type:

$$A(t)\exp(xH(t)) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} s_n(x) \frac{t^n}{n!},$$
(1)

where

$$A(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \frac{t^n}{n!}, \qquad (a_0 \neq 0),$$

$$H(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} h_n \frac{t^n}{n!}, \qquad (h_0 = 0).$$
(2)

According to a different characterization (see [32, p. 18]), the same polynomial sequence can be defined by means of the pair (g(t), f(t)), where g(t) is an invertible series and f(t) is a delta series:

$$g(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} g_n \frac{t^n}{n!}, \qquad (g_0 \neq 0),$$

$$f(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_n \frac{t^n}{n!}, \qquad (f_0 = 0, f_1 \neq 0).$$
(3)

Denoting by $f^{-1}(t)$ the compositional inverse of f(t) (i.e. such that $f(f^{-1}(t)) = f^{-1}(f(t)) = t$), the exponential generating function of the sequence $\{s_n(x)\}$ is given by

$$\frac{1}{g[f^{-1}(t)]} \exp\left(xf^{-1}(t)\right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} s_n(x) \frac{t^n}{n!} , \qquad (4)$$

so that

$$A(t) = \frac{1}{g[f^{-1}(t)]}, \qquad H(t) = f^{-1}(t).$$
(5)

When $g(t) \equiv 1$, the Sheffer sequence corresponding to the pair (1, f(t)) is called the associated Sheffer sequence $\{\sigma_n(x)\}$ for f(t), and its exponential generating function is given by

$$\exp\left(xf^{-1}(t)\right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sigma_n(x) \, \frac{t^n}{n!} \,. \tag{6}$$

A list of known Sheffer polynomial sequences and their associated ones can be found in [6].

3 Adjointness for Peters polynomials

According to the above considerations, Sheffer polynomials are characterized both by the ordered couples (A(t), H(t)), or by (g(t), f(t)).

Definition - Adjoint Sheffer polynomials are defined by interchanging the ordered couple (A(t), H(t)) with (g(t), f(t)), when writing the generating function.

Here and in the following the *tilde* "~", above the symbol of a polynomial set stands for the adjective "*adjoint*".

Here we consider the adjoint Peters polynomials, defined through their generating function, i.e. by putting

$$A(t) = (1 + e^{\lambda t})^{\mu}, \qquad H(t) = e^{t} - 1,$$

$$G(t, x) = (1 + e^{\lambda t})^{\mu} \exp\left[x(e^{t} - 1)\right] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \tilde{s}_{k}(x; \lambda, \mu) \frac{t^{k}}{k!}.$$
(7)

3.1. A differential identity

Theorem 3.1. - For any $k \ge 0$, the polynomials $\tilde{s}_k(x; \lambda, \mu)$ satisfy the differential identity:

$$\tilde{s}_k'(x;\lambda,\mu) = \sum_{h=0}^{k-1} \binom{k}{h} \tilde{s}_h(x;\lambda,\mu).$$
(8)

Proof. - By differentiating both sides of equation $(7)_2$ with respect to x, we find

$$\frac{\partial G}{\partial x} = (e^t - 1)G(t, x) = e^t G(t, x) - G(t, x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \tilde{s}'_k(x; \lambda, \mu) \frac{t^k}{k!} .$$
(9)

i.e.

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \tilde{s}'_k(x;\lambda,\mu) \, \frac{t^k}{k!} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{h=0}^k \binom{k}{h} \, \tilde{s}_h(x;\lambda,\mu) \, \frac{t^k}{k!} - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \tilde{s}_k(x;\lambda,\mu) \, \frac{t^k}{k!}$$

Then, putting $\tilde{s}'_0(x; \lambda, \mu) = 0$, equation (9) becomes

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \tilde{s}'_k(x;\lambda,\mu) \frac{t^k}{k!} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left[\sum_{h=0}^k \binom{k}{h} \tilde{s}_h(x;\lambda,\mu) - \tilde{s}_k(x;\lambda,\mu) \right] \frac{t^k}{k!} ,$$

so that the differential identity (8) follows.

3.2 Recurrence relation

First note that, putting

$$\frac{e^{\lambda t}}{1+e^{\lambda t}} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha_k \frac{t^k}{k!} , \qquad (10)$$

we find

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \lambda^k \frac{t^k}{k!} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha_k \frac{t^k}{k!} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \lambda^k \frac{t^k}{k!} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha_k \frac{t^k}{k!} ,$$

i.e.

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \lambda^k \frac{t^k}{k!} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha_k \frac{t^k}{k!} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{h=0}^k \binom{k}{h} \lambda^{k-h} \alpha_h \frac{t^k}{k!} ,$$

so that the coefficients α_k are defined by the recurrence relation

$$\begin{cases} \alpha_0 = \frac{1}{2}, \\ \alpha_k = \frac{1}{2} \left[\lambda^k - \sum_{h=0}^{k-1} {k \choose h} \lambda^{k-h} \alpha_h \right]. \end{cases}$$
(11)

Theorem 3.2. - For any $k \ge 0$, the polynomials $\tilde{s}_k(x; \lambda, \mu)$ satisfy the following recurrence relation:

$$\tilde{s}_{k+1}(x;\lambda,\mu) = \mu\lambda \sum_{h=0}^{k} \binom{k}{h} [\alpha_{k-h} + x] \tilde{s}_{h}(x;\lambda,\mu), \qquad (12)$$

where the coefficients α_k are defined by equation (11).

Proof. - Differentiating G(t, x) with respect to t, we have

$$\frac{\partial G(t,x)}{\partial t} = \frac{\mu \lambda e^{\lambda t}}{1 + e^{\lambda t}} G(t,x) + x e^t G(t,x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \tilde{s}_{k+1}(x;\lambda,\mu) \frac{t^k}{k!},$$
(13)

i.e.

$$\begin{split} \mu\lambda\sum_{k=0}^{\infty}\alpha_k \frac{t^k}{k!}\sum_{k=0}^{\infty}\tilde{s}_k(x;\lambda,\mu)\frac{t^k}{k!} + x\sum_{k=0}^{\infty}\frac{t^k}{k!}\sum_{k=0}^{\infty}\tilde{s}_k(x;\lambda,\mu)\frac{t^k}{k!} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty}\tilde{s}_{k+1}(x;\lambda,\mu)\frac{t^k}{k!},\\ \mu\lambda\sum_{k=0}^{\infty}\sum_{h=0}^k \binom{k}{h}\lambda^{k-h}\tilde{s}_h(x;\lambda,\mu)\frac{t^k}{k!} + x\sum_{k=0}^{\infty}\sum_{h=0}^k\binom{k}{h}\tilde{s}_h(x;\lambda,\mu)\frac{t^k}{k!} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty}\tilde{s}_{k+1}(x;\lambda,\mu)\frac{t^k}{k!},\end{split}$$

so that the recurrence relation (12) follows.

3.3. Shift operators

We recall that a polynomial set $\{p_n(x)\}$ is called quasi-monomial if and only if there exist two operators \hat{P} and \hat{M} such that

$$\hat{P}(p_n(x)) = np_{n-1}(x), \qquad \hat{M}(p_n(x)) = p_{n+1}(x), \qquad (n = 1, 2, ...).$$
(14)

 \hat{P} is called the *derivative* operator and \hat{M} the *multiplication* operator, as they act in the same way of classical operators on monomials.

This definition traces back to a paper by J.F. Steffensen [36], recently improved by G. Dattoli [11] and widely used in several applications (see e.g. [12, 13]).

Y. Ben Cheikh [4] proved that every polynomial set is quasi-monomial under the action of suitable derivative and multiplication operators. In particular, in the same article (Corollary 3.2), the following result is proved

Theorem 3.3. Let $(p_n(x))$ denote a Boas-Buck polynomial set, i.e. a set defined by the generating function

$$A(t)\psi(xH(t)) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_n(x) \,\frac{t^n}{n!} \,, \tag{15}$$

where

$$A(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \tilde{a}_n t^n , \qquad (\tilde{a}_0 \neq 0) ,$$

$$\psi(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \tilde{\gamma}_n t^n , \qquad (\tilde{\gamma}_n \neq 0 \quad \forall n) ,$$
(16)

with $\psi(t)$ not a polynomial, and lastly

$$H(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \tilde{h}_n t^{n+1} , \qquad (\tilde{h}_0 \neq 0) .$$
(17)

Let $\sigma \in \Lambda^{(-)}$ the lowering operator defined by

$$\sigma(1) = 0, \qquad \sigma(x^n) = \frac{\tilde{\gamma}_{n-1}}{\tilde{\gamma}_n} x^{n-1}, \qquad (n = 1, 2, ...).$$
 (18)

Put

$$\sigma^{-1}(x^n) = \frac{\tilde{\gamma}_{n+1}}{\tilde{\gamma}_n} x^{n+1} \quad (n = 0, 1, 2, \dots).$$
(19)

Denoting, as before, by f(t) the compositional inverse of H(t), the Boas-Buck polynomial set $\{p_n(x)\}$ is quasi-monomial under the action of the operators

$$\hat{P} = f(\sigma), \qquad \hat{M} = \frac{A'[f(\sigma)]}{A[f(\sigma)]} + xD_xH'[f(\sigma)]\sigma^{-1},$$
(20)

where prime denotes the ordinary derivatives with respect to t.

Note that in our case we are dealing with a Sheffer polynomial set, so that since we have $\psi(t) = e^t$, the operator σ defined by equation (18) simply reduces to the derivative operator D_x . Furthermore, we have:

$$\begin{split} A(t) &= (1 + e^{\lambda t})^{\mu}, \qquad H(t) = e^{t} - 1, \qquad H'(t) = e^{t} \\ G(t, x) &= (1 + e^{\lambda t})^{\mu} \exp\left[x(e^{t} - 1)\right] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \tilde{s}_{k}(x; \lambda, \mu) \frac{t^{k}}{k!}, \\ \frac{A'(t)}{A(t)} &= \mu \lambda \frac{e^{\lambda t}}{1 + e^{\lambda t}}, \\ f(t) &= H^{-1}(t) = \log(t+1) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{k} \frac{t^{k+1}}{k+1}, \end{split}$$

so that we have the theorem

Theorem 3.4. The adjoint Peters polynomial set $\{\tilde{s}_k(x; \lambda, \mu)\}$ is quasi-monomial under the action of the operators

$$\hat{P} = \log(D_x + 1) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{D_x^{k+1}}{k+1},$$

$$\hat{M} = \mu \lambda \frac{(D_x + 1)^\lambda}{1 + (D_x + 1)^\lambda} + x (D_x + 1),$$
(21)

where

$$(D_x+1)^{\lambda} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} {\lambda \choose k} D_x^k.$$

3.4. Differential equation

According to the results of monomiality principle [11], the quasi-monomial polynomials $\{p_n(x)\}$ satisfy the differential equation

$$\hat{M}\hat{P}\,p_n(x) = n\,p_n(x)\,. \tag{22}$$

Recalling the series expansion

$$\frac{t}{1+t} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} t^k$$
,

in the present case, we have the theorem

Theorem 3.5. The Sheffer-type adjoint Peters polynomials $\{\tilde{s}_k(x; \lambda, \mu)\}$ satisfy the differential equation

$$\left[\mu\lambda \frac{(D_x+1)^{\lambda}}{1+(D_x+1)^{\lambda}} + x\left(D_x+1\right)\right]\sum_{k=0}^{\infty}(-1)^k\frac{D_x^{k+1}}{k+1}\,\tilde{s}_n(x;\lambda,\mu) = n\,\tilde{s}_n(x;\lambda,\mu)\,,$$

i.e.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mu \lambda \sum_{k=1}^{n} (-1)^{k+1} \sum_{h=0}^{n} {\lambda k \choose h} D_x^h + x (D_x + 1) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (-1)^k \frac{D_x^{k+1}}{k+1} \tilde{s}_n(x; \lambda, \mu) = n \, \tilde{s}_n(x; \lambda, \mu) ,$$
(23)

because, for any fixed *n*, the series expansions in equation (23) reduces to a finite sum when it are applied to a polynomial of degree *n*.

3.5 First few values of $\tilde{s}_n(x; \lambda) := \tilde{s}_n(x; \lambda, 1)$

$$\begin{split} \tilde{s}_{0}(x;\lambda) &= 2, \\ \tilde{s}_{1}(x;\lambda) &= 2x + \lambda, \\ \tilde{s}_{2}(x;\lambda) &= 2x^{2} + 2(\lambda+1)x + \lambda^{2}, \\ \tilde{s}_{3}(x;\lambda) &= 2x^{3} + 3(\lambda+2)x + (3\lambda^{2} + 3\lambda + 2)x + \lambda^{3}, \\ \tilde{s}_{4}(x;\lambda) &= 2x^{4} + 4(\lambda+3)x^{3} + 2(3\lambda^{2} + 6\lambda + 7)x^{2} + 2(2\lambda^{3} + 3\lambda^{2} + 2\lambda + 1)x + \lambda^{4}, \\ \tilde{s}_{5}(x;\lambda) &= 2x^{5} + 5(\lambda+4)x^{4} + 10(\lambda^{2} + 3\lambda + 5)x^{3} + 5(2\lambda^{3} + 6\lambda^{2} + 7\lambda + 6)x^{2} + \\ &+ (5\lambda^{4} + 10\lambda^{3} + 10\lambda^{2} + 5\lambda + 2)x + \lambda^{5}, \\ \tilde{s}_{6}(x;\lambda) &= 2x^{6} + 6(\lambda+5)x^{5} + 5(3\lambda^{2} + 12\lambda + 26)x^{4} + 10(2\lambda^{3} + 9\lambda^{2} + 15\lambda + 18)x^{3} + \\ &+ (15\lambda^{4} + 60\lambda^{3} + 105\lambda^{2} + 90\lambda + 62)x^{2} + \\ &+ (6\lambda^{5} + 15\lambda^{4} + 20\lambda^{3} + 15\lambda^{2} + 6\lambda + 2)x + \lambda^{5} \end{split}$$

and, in particular,

3.6 First few values of $\tilde{s}_n(x) := \tilde{s}_n(x; 1, 1)$

$$\begin{split} \tilde{s}_0(x) &= 2, \\ \tilde{s}_1(x) &= 2x + 1, \\ \tilde{s}_2(x) &= 2x^2 + 4x + 1, \\ \tilde{s}_3(x) &= 2x^3 + 9x^2 + 8x + 1, \\ \tilde{s}_4(x) &= 2x^4 + 16x^3 + 32x^2 + 16x + 1, \\ \tilde{s}_5(x) &= 2x^5 + 25x^4 + 90x^3 + 105x^2 + 32x + 1, \\ \tilde{s}_6(x) &= 2x^6 + 36x^5 + 205x^4 + 440x^3 + 332x^2 + 64x + 1, \\ \tilde{s}_7(x) &= 2x^7 + 49x^6 + 406x^5 + 1400x^4 + 2002x^3 + 1029x^2 + 128x + 1, \\ \tilde{s}_8(x) &= 2x^8 + 64x^7 + 728x^6 + 3696x^5 + 8652x^4 + 8736x^3 + 3152x^2 + 256x + 1 \end{split}$$

Further values can be easily achieved by using Wolfram Alpha[©].

4 Adjoint Pidduk polynomials

Here we consider the adjoint Pidduk polynomials, defined through their generating function, i.e. by putting

$$A(t) = \frac{2}{e^{t} + 1}, \qquad H(t) = \frac{e^{t} - 1}{e^{t} + 1},$$

$$G(t, x) = \frac{2}{e^{t} + 1} \exp\left[x\left(\frac{e^{t} - 1}{e^{t} + 1}\right)\right] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \tilde{p}_{k}(x) \frac{t^{k}}{k!},$$
(24)

4.1. A differential identity

Theorem 4.1. - For any $k \ge 0$, the polynomials $\tilde{p}_k(x)$ satisfy the differential identity:

$$\tilde{p}'_{k}(x) = \sum_{h=0}^{k} \binom{k}{h} b_{k-h} \tilde{p}_{k}(x),$$
(25)

where the coefficients b_k are the solution of the triangular system

$$\begin{cases} b_0 = 0, \\ b_k = \frac{1}{2} \left[1 - \sum_{h=0}^{k-1} {k \choose h} b_h \right], \end{cases}$$
(26)

more precisely, because of the symmetry of the function involved, the preceding equation (9) becomes, $\forall k \ge 0$ *:*

$$\begin{cases}
b_{2k} = 0, \\
b_{2k+1} = \frac{1}{2} \left[1 - \sum_{\ell=0}^{\left[\frac{2k-1}{2}\right]} {\binom{2k+1}{2\ell+1}} b_{2\ell+1} \right],
\end{cases}$$
(27)

Proof. - By differentiating both sides of equation $(7)_2$ with respect to x, we find

$$\frac{\partial G}{\partial x} = \frac{e^t - 1}{e^t + 1} G(t, x) \,. \tag{28}$$

Putting

$$\frac{e^t - 1}{e^t + 1} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k \frac{t^k}{k!} , \qquad (29)$$

we find

$$e^{t} - 1 = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^{k}}{k!} - 1 = (e^{t} + 1) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_{k} \frac{t^{k}}{k!} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{h=0}^{k} \binom{k}{h} b_{h} \frac{t^{k}}{k!} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_{k} \frac{t^{k}}{k!} ,$$
$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (1 - b_{k}) \frac{t^{k}}{k!} - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{h=0}^{k} \binom{k}{h} b_{h} \frac{t^{k}}{k!} = 1 ,$$
$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left[1 - b_{k} - \sum_{h=0}^{k} \binom{k}{h} b_{h} \right] \frac{t^{k}}{k!} = 1 ,$$

and therefore the coefficients b_k satisfy equations (26)-(27).

Then, putting $\tilde{p}'_0(x) = 0$, equation (11) becomes

$$\frac{\partial G}{\partial x} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \tilde{p}'_k(x) \frac{t^k}{k!} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k \frac{t^k}{k!} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \tilde{p}'_k(x) \frac{t^k}{k!} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{h=0}^k \binom{k}{h} b_{k-h} \tilde{p}_h(x) \frac{t^k}{k!} ,$$

so that the differential identity (25) follows.

4.2 Recurrence relation

First note that, as a consequence of equation (12), we have

$$\frac{e^t}{(e^t+1)^2} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{e^t-1}{e^t+1}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_{k+1} \frac{t^k}{k!} , \qquad (30)$$

Theorem 4.2. - For any $k \ge 0$, the polynomials $\tilde{p}_k(x)$ satisfy the following recurrence relation:

$$\tilde{p}_{k+1}(x) = \sum_{h=0}^{k} \binom{k}{h} \left[\frac{x}{2} b_{k-h+1} - a_{k-h} \right] \tilde{p}_h(x) , \qquad (31)$$

where the coefficients a_k are the solution of the triangular system

$$\begin{cases} a_0 = 1/2, \\ \sum_{h=0}^{k-1} \binom{k}{h} a_h + 2a_k = 1, \quad \forall k \ge 1. \end{cases}$$
(32)

Proof. - Differentiating G(t, x) with respect to t, we have

$$\frac{\partial G(t,x)}{\partial t} = \frac{e^t}{(e^t+1)^2} \, x \, G(t,x) - \frac{e^t}{e^t+1} \, G(t,x) \,, \tag{33}$$

Putting

$$\frac{e^t}{e^t + 1} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k \frac{t^k}{k!} , \qquad (34)$$

it is easily seen that the coefficients a_k are the solution of the triangular system (32). Therefore we find

$$\frac{\partial G(t,x)}{\partial t} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \tilde{p}_{k+1}(x) \frac{t^k}{k!} = \frac{x}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_{k+1} \frac{t^k}{k!} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \tilde{p}_k(x) \frac{t^k}{k!} - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k \frac{t^k}{k!} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \tilde{p}_k(x) \frac{t^k}{k!} ,$$

i.e.

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \tilde{p}_{k+1}(x) \, \frac{t^k}{k!} = \frac{x}{2} \, \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{h=0}^k \binom{k}{h} b_{k-h+1} \, \tilde{p}_h(x) \, \frac{t^k}{k!} \, - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{h=0}^k \binom{k}{h} a_{k-h} \, \tilde{p}_h(x) \, \frac{t^k}{k!} \, ,$$

so that the recurrence relation (31) follows.

Note that, even in this case, we are dealing with a Sheffer polynomial set, so that since we have $\psi(t) = e^t$, the operator σ defined by equation (18) simply reduces to the derivative operator D_x . Furthermore, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} A(t) &= \frac{2}{e^t + 1}, \qquad H(t) = \frac{e^t - 1}{e^t + 1}, \qquad \frac{A'(t)}{A(t)} = -\frac{e^t}{e^t + 1}, \\ f(t) &= H^{-1}(t) = \log\left(\frac{1 + t}{1 - t}\right) = 2 \text{ settanh } t = 2 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^{2k+1}}{2k + 1}, \\ H'(t) &= \frac{2e^t}{(e^t + 1)^2}, \end{aligned}$$

so that we have the theorem

Theorem 4.3. The adjoint Pidduk polynomial set $\{\tilde{p}_n(x)\}$ is quasi-monomial under the action of the operators

$$\hat{P} = \log\left(\frac{1+D_x}{1-D_x}\right) = 2\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{D_x^{2k+1}}{2k+1},$$

$$\hat{M} = \frac{1}{2}\left[-(1+D_x) + x(1-D_x^2)\right].$$
(35)

4.3 Differential equation

According to the results of monomiality principle [11], the quasi-monomial polynomials $\{p_n(x)\}$ satisfy the differential equation

$$\hat{M}\hat{P}\,p_n(x) = n\,p_n(x)\,. \tag{36}$$

In the present case, we have

Theorem 4.4. The Sheffer-type adjoint Pidduk polynomials $\{\tilde{p}_n(x)\}$ satisfy the differential equation

$$\left[x\left(1-D_x^2\right)-(1+D_x)\right]\sum_{k=0}^{\infty}\frac{D_x^{2k+1}}{2k+1}\,\tilde{p}_n(x)=n\,\tilde{p}_n(x)$$

i.e.

$$\left[x\left(1-D_x^2\right)-(1+D_x)\right]\sum_{k=0}^{\left[\frac{n-1}{2}\right]}\frac{D_x^{2k+1}}{2k+1}\,\tilde{p}_n(x)=n\,\tilde{p}_n(x)\,,\tag{37}$$

because, for any fixed *n*, the last series expansion reduces to a finite sum, with upper limit $\left[\frac{n-1}{2}\right]$, when it is applied to a polynomial of degree *n*.

4.4. First few values of the adjoint Pidduk polynomials

$$\begin{split} \tilde{p}_0(x) &= 1\\ \tilde{p}_1(x) &= \frac{1}{2}(x-1)\\ \tilde{p}_2(x) &= \frac{1}{4}(x^2 - 2x)\\ \tilde{p}_3(x) &= \frac{1}{8}(x^3 - 3x^2 - 2x + 2)\\ \tilde{p}_4(x) &= \frac{1}{16}(x^4 - 4x^3 - 8x^2 + 16x)\\ \tilde{p}_5(x) &= \frac{1}{32}(x^5 - 5x^4 - 20x^3 + 60x^2 + 16x - 16)\\ \tilde{p}_6(x) &= \frac{1}{64}(x^6 - 6x^5 - 40x^4 + 160x^3 + 136x^2 - 272x)\\ \tilde{p}_7(x) &= \frac{1}{128}(x^7 - 7x^6 - 70x^5 + 350x^4 + 616x^3 - 1848x^2 - 272x + 272)\\ \tilde{p}_8(x) &= \frac{1}{256}(x^8 - 8x^7 - 112x^6 + 672x^5 + 2016x^4 - 8064x^3 - 3968x^2 + 7936x) \end{split}$$

Further values can be easily achieved by using Wolfram Alpha[©].

5 Conclusion

We have introduced two set of adjoint Sheffer polynomials, called adjoint Peters and adjoint Pidduk polynomials, in the framework of a general technique associating a new Sheffer polynomial set starting from a given one [24]. We have derived their main characteristics by using the monomiality principle, introduced by G. Dattoli [11], and the possibility to construct the shift operators by means of preceding results by Y. Ben Cheihk [4]. We have found, as a consequence, the differential equations satisfied by the considered polynomials.

In fact, it has been shown that, for the polynomials of the Sheffer class, the differential equation follows from the basic elements of their generating function, in a constructive way, by using a simple and efficient method based on the monomiality principle.

This technique has been already used in several cases [9, 14, 15, 31] and can be applied for every Sheffer set. Furthermore, more generally, it could be used even for the Boas-Buck polynomials, provided that the general shift operators defined in the Ben Cheikh article [4] can be explicitly derived.

It is worth noting that, using the technique applied in this article, it is possible to avoid the use of the linear algebraic approach described in [10, 37, 37, 38], which makes use of determinantal forms of the considered polynomials, a method that seems to be less natural than the one described above, as it requires elements foreign to the theory of polynomials.

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