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## CONNECTION FORMULAS AND REPRESENTATIONS OF LAGUERRE POLYNOMIALS IN TERMS OF THE ACTION OF LINEAR DIFFERENTIAL OPERATORS

**Abstract.** In this paper, we introduce the notion of  $\mathfrak{D}_\varepsilon$ -classical orthogonal polynomials, where  $\mathfrak{D}_\varepsilon := \mathbb{I} + \varepsilon D$  ( $\varepsilon \neq 0$ ). It is shown that the scaled Laguerre polynomial sequence  $\{a^{-n}L_n^{(\alpha)}(ax)\}_{n \geq 0}$ , where  $a = -\varepsilon^{-1}$ , is actually the only  $\mathfrak{D}_\varepsilon$ -classical sequence. As an illustration, we deal with some representations of Laguerre polynomials  $L_n^{(0)}(x)$  in terms of the action of linear differential operators on the Laguerre polynomials  $L_n^{(m)}(x)$ . The inverse connection problem of expanding Laguerre polynomials  $L_n^{(m)}(x)$  in terms of  $L_n^{(0)}(x)$  is also considered. Furthermore, some connection formulas between the monomial basis  $\{x^n\}_{n \geq 0}$  and the shifted Laguerre basis  $\{L_n^{(m)}(x+1)\}_{n \geq 0}$  are deduced.

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**1. Introduction.** Let  $\mathcal{O}$  be a linear operator that acts on the space  $\mathcal{P}$  of polynomials in one variable and maps polynomials of degree  $n$  to polynomials of degree  $n + n_0$  ( $n_0$  is a fixed integer). We call a sequence  $\{p_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  of orthogonal polynomials  $\mathcal{O}$ -classical if there exist a sequence  $\{q_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  of orthogonal polynomials such that  $\mathcal{O}p_n = q_{n+n_0}$ , where  $n \geq 0$  if  $n_0 \geq 0$  and  $n \geq n_0$  if  $n_0 < 0$ . (This is Hahn's property [1–4], [6–8], [12], [13], [15], [18], [19], [23]).

It is known that the monic Laguerre polynomial sequence  $\{L_n^{(\alpha)}\}_{n \geq 0}$ , where  $\alpha \neq -n$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , is classical and satisfies the relation (see [10], [16])

$$DL_n^{(\alpha)} = nL_{n-1}^{(\alpha+1)}, \quad n \geq 1. \quad (1)$$

In [2], the first author introduced the notion of  $\mathcal{R}_\alpha$ -classical orthogonal polynomials and put in evidence, for  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0, -1, -2, \dots\}$ , the following relation

$$\mathcal{R}_\alpha L_n^{(\alpha)}(x) = L_{n+1}^{(\alpha-1)}(x), \quad n \geq 0. \quad (2)$$

Note that whereas the first expression involves the operator  $D$  that lowers the degree and raises the parameters, the second one involves  $\mathcal{R}_\alpha := (x - \alpha)\mathbb{I} - xD$ , which raises the degree and lowers the parameters. The two operators together are called shift operators. In [19], the authors proved that  $\{L_n^{(\alpha)}\}_{n \geq 0}$  is the only  $F_\alpha$ -Appell orthogonal sequence and satisfies

$$F_\alpha L_n^{(\alpha)}(x) = c_n L_{n-1}^{(\alpha)}(x), \quad n \geq 0, \quad (3)$$

where  $F_\alpha := Dx D + \alpha D$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{-1, -2, \dots\}$ , is called lowering operator (it lowers the degree and preserves the parameter) introduced by Dattoli and Ricci (see [11]). We also see, by the second order differential equation satisfied by the Laguerre polynomials, that [9]

$$\mathcal{L} L_n^{(\alpha)}(x) = \lambda_n L_n^{(\alpha)}(x), \quad n \geq 0, \quad (4)$$

where  $\mathcal{L} := xD^2 - (x - \alpha - 1)D$ , is called Jacobi's operator. Note that the classical orthogonal polynomials (Hermite, Laguerre, Bessel, and Jacobi) are essentially the only eigenfunctions of the Bochner's operator, i. e., satisfy the same relation (4) (see [9]).

Furthermore, the present contribution is a natural continuation of a previous works. More precisely, in view of Eqs (1)–(4), it is natural to study the same problem with respect to the operator which, for example, raises the parameters and preserves the degree of the polynomial  $L_n^{(\alpha)}(x)$ ,  $n \geq 0$ . The operator is  $\mathfrak{D}_\varepsilon := \mathbb{I} + \varepsilon D$  ( $\varepsilon \neq 0$ ). The basic idea has been deduced by starting from the so called second structure relation [20, 21]

$$L_n^{(\alpha)}(x) = (n+1)^{-1} L_{n+1}^{(\alpha)'}(x) + L_n^{(\alpha)'}(x), \quad n \geq 0,$$

which gives, by using (1), the following relation

$$\mathfrak{D} L_n^{(\alpha)}(x) = L_n^{(\alpha+1)}(x), \quad n \geq 0, \quad (5)$$

where  $\mathfrak{D} := \mathbb{I} - D$ , with  $\mathbb{I}$  as the identity operator. This means that the above family of standard orthogonal polynomials is an  $\mathfrak{D}$ -classical polynomial sequence with respect to the operator  $\mathfrak{D}$ , i. e., it is an orthogonal

polynomial sequence, whose sequence of  $\mathfrak{D}$  is also orthogonal. For a given  $\varepsilon \neq 0$ , let us consider  $\mathfrak{D}_\varepsilon : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}$  the linear operator defined in the linear space  $\mathcal{P}$  of polynomials with complex coefficients

$$\mathfrak{D}_\varepsilon := \mathbb{I} + \varepsilon D \quad (\mathfrak{D}_{-1} = \mathfrak{D}).$$

The aim of this paper is to put in evidence the relation (5) and characterize the  $\mathfrak{D}_\varepsilon$ -classical orthogonal polynomials.

The further contents of this paper is as follows. Section 2 gives some preliminaries, while the main result is proved in Section 3. In Sections 4 and 5, we give some new properties related to the above operator and the Laguerre polynomials.

**2. Preliminaries.** Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be the linear space of polynomials in one variable with complex coefficients. Let  $\mathcal{P}'$  be the algebraic linear dual of  $\mathcal{P}$ . We write  $\langle u, p \rangle := u(p)$  ( $u \in \mathcal{P}'$ ,  $p \in \mathcal{P}$ ). A linear functional  $u \in \mathcal{P}'$  is said to be regular or quasi-definite [10], [22] if  $\det \langle u, x^{i+j} \rangle_{i,j=1,\dots,n} \neq 0$  for  $n \geq 0$ . This is equivalent to the existence of a unique sequence of monic polynomials  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  of degree  $n$  such that  $\langle u, P_n P_m \rangle = r_n \delta_{n,m}$ ,  $n, m \geq 0$ , with  $r_n \neq 0$  ( $n \geq 0$ ). The sequence  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  is then called a monic orthogonal polynomial sequence (MOPS) with respect to  $u$ .

**Theorem 1.** (Favard's Theorem [10]). *Let  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  be a monic polynomial sequence. Then  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  is orthogonal if and only if there exist two sequences of complex numbers  $\{\beta_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  and  $\{\gamma_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ , such that  $\gamma_n \neq 0$ ,  $n \geq 1$  and satisfies the three-term recurrence relation*

$$(\text{TTRR}) \quad \begin{cases} P_0(x) = 1, & P_1(x) = x - \beta_0, \\ P_{n+2}(x) = (x - \beta_{n+1})P_{n+1}(x) - \gamma_{n+1}P_n(x), & n \geq 0. \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

When  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  is a MOPS, then  $\{\tilde{P}_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ , where  $\tilde{P}_n(x) = a^{-n}P_n(ax + b)$ ,  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{C}^* \times \mathbb{C}$ , is also a MOPS and satisfies [20], [21]

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{P}_0(x) = 1, & \tilde{P}_1(x) = x - \tilde{\beta}_0, \\ \tilde{P}_{n+2}(x) = (x - \tilde{\beta}_{n+1})\tilde{P}_{n+1}(x) - \tilde{\gamma}_{n+1}\tilde{P}_n(x), & n \geq 0, \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

where  $\tilde{\beta}_n = a^{-1}(\beta_n - b)$  and  $\tilde{\gamma}_{n+1} = a^{-2}\gamma_{n+1}$ .

An orthogonal polynomial sequence  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  is called classical, if  $\{P'_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  is also orthogonal (Hermite, Laguerre, Bessel, or Jacobi), [10]. This is essentially the Hahn-Sonine characterization (see [12], [24]) of the classical orthogonal polynomials.

It is well-known that any classical polynomial sequence  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  can be characterized taking into account its orthogonality as well as the First Structure Relation (FSR), or the Second Structure Relation (SSR) [5], [20], [21]:

$$\text{(FSR)} \quad \phi(x)P'_{n+1}(x) = r(x,n)P_{n+1}(x) + s_n P_n(x), \quad n \geq 0, \quad (8)$$

$$\text{(SSR)} \quad P_n(x) = (n+1)^{-1}P'_{n+1}(x) + a_n P'_n(x) + b_n P'_{n-1}(x), \quad n \geq 0. \quad (9)$$

Note that if  $P_n(x) = L_n^{(\alpha)}(x)$ , ( $\alpha \neq -n$ ,  $n \geq 1$ ) is the monic Laguerre polynomial, then we have a MOPS for which formulas (6), (8), and (9) were given for  $n \geq 0$  by [16], [20], [22]

$$\text{(TTRR)} \quad \begin{cases} L_0^{(\alpha)}(x) = 1, & L_1^{(\alpha)}(x) = x - \alpha - 1, \\ L_{n+2}^{(\alpha)}(x) = (x - (2n + \alpha + 1))L_{n+1}^{(\alpha)}(x) - \\ & -(n+1)(n + \alpha + 1)L_n^{(\alpha)}(x). \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

$$\text{(FSR)} \quad xL_{n+1}^{(\alpha)'}(x) = (n+1)L_{n+1}^{(\alpha)}(x) + (n+1)(n + \alpha + 1)L_n^{(\alpha)}(x), \quad n \geq 0, \quad (11)$$

$$\text{(SSR)} \quad L_n^{(\alpha)} = (n+1)^{-1}L_{n+1}^{(\alpha)'}(x) + L_n^{(\alpha)'}(x) \quad n \geq 0. \quad (12)$$

Note that the monic Laguerre polynomial can be expressed by the Rodrigues formula [17]

$$L_n^{(\alpha)}(x) = (-1)^n e^x x^{-\alpha} \frac{d^n}{dx^n} (e^{-x} x^{n+\alpha}), \quad n \geq 0.$$

It also satisfies the following explicit representation [25]:

$$L_n^{(\alpha)}(x) = \sum_{\nu=0}^n (-1)^{n-\nu} \binom{n}{\nu} \frac{\Gamma(n + \alpha + 1)}{\Gamma(\nu + \alpha + 1)} x^\nu, \quad n \geq 0. \quad (13)$$

Recall the two formulas [25], [26]: for all  $n \geq 0$ ,  $\alpha > -1$ ,

$$L_n^{(\alpha)}(tx) = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^{n-k} \binom{n}{k} \frac{\Gamma(n + \alpha + 1)}{\Gamma(k + \alpha + 1)} t^k (1-t)^{n-k} L_k^{(\alpha)}(x), \quad (14)$$

and for all  $n \geq 0$ ,  $\alpha > -\frac{1}{2}$ :

$$L_n^{(\alpha)}(x) = \frac{n! \Gamma(n + \alpha + 1)}{\sqrt{\pi} (2n)! \Gamma(\alpha + \frac{1}{2})} \int_{-1}^1 (1-t^2)^{\alpha-\frac{1}{2}} H_{2n}(t\sqrt{x}) dt, \quad (15)$$

where  $H_n(x)$  is the Hermite polynomial on degree  $n$ .

### 3. Hahn's property with respect to the operator $\mathfrak{D}_\varepsilon$ .

Recall that the operator  $\mathfrak{D}_\varepsilon$  is defined by

$$\begin{aligned}\mathfrak{D}_\varepsilon : \mathcal{P} &\longrightarrow \mathcal{P} \\ f &\longmapsto f + \varepsilon f', \quad (\varepsilon \neq 0).\end{aligned}$$

Our purpose here is to describe all the  $\mathfrak{D}_\varepsilon$ -classical orthogonal polynomials, i. e., the SMOP  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  such that the monic sequence  $\{Q_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ , where

$$Q_n(x) = P_n(x) + \varepsilon P'_n(x), \quad n \geq 0, \quad (16)$$

is also orthogonal. Suppose that  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  and  $\{Q_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  are SMOP satisfying

$$\begin{cases} P_0(x) = 1, \quad P_1(x) = x - \beta_0, \\ P_{n+2}(x) = (x - \beta_{n+1})P_{n+1}(x) - \gamma_{n+1}P_n(x), \quad \gamma_{n+1} \neq 0, \quad n \geq 0, \end{cases} \quad (17)$$

$$\begin{cases} Q_0(x) = 1, \quad Q_1(x) = x - \chi_0, \\ Q_{n+2}(x) = (x - \chi_{n+1})Q_{n+1}(x) - \theta_{n+1}Q_n(x), \quad \theta_{n+1} \neq 0, \quad n \geq 0. \end{cases} \quad (18)$$

We have the following result.

**Lemma 1.** *The sequences  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  and  $\{Q_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  are related as follows:*

$$P_{n+1}(x) = Q_{n+1}(x) - \varepsilon(n+1)Q_n(x), \quad n \geq 0, \quad (19)$$

$$P'_{n+1}(x) = (n+1)Q_n(x), \quad n \geq 0, \quad (20)$$

where  $\{\beta_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ ,  $\{\chi_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ ,  $\{\gamma_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  and  $\{\theta_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  satisfy

$$\chi_n = \beta_n - \varepsilon, \quad n \geq 0, \quad (21)$$

$$\theta_{n+1} = \gamma_{n+1} + \varepsilon^2(n+1), \quad n \geq 0. \quad (22)$$

**Proof.** By starting (16), with  $n$  replaced by  $n+2$ , and using (17) and (18), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}(x - \chi_{n+1})Q_{n+1}(x) - \theta_{n+1}Q_n(x) &= \\ &= (x - \beta_{n+1})Q_{n+1}(x) - \gamma_{n+1}Q_n(x) + \varepsilon P_{n+1}(x), \quad n \geq 0.\end{aligned}$$

Equivalently,

$$(\beta_{n+1} - \chi_{n+1})Q_{n+1}(x) + (\gamma_{n+1} - \theta_{n+1})Q_n(x) = \varepsilon P_{n+1}(x), \quad n \geq 0.$$

By comparing the degrees in the last equation, we obtain  $\chi_{n+1} = \beta_{n+1} - \varepsilon$ ,  $n \geq 0$  and then

$$\varepsilon Q_{n+1}(x) + (\gamma_{n+1} - \theta_{n+1})Q_n(x) = \varepsilon P_{n+1}(x), \quad n \geq 0. \quad (23)$$

Making  $n = 1$  in (16), we get  $\chi_0 = \beta_0 - \varepsilon$ ; then (21) is valid. Inserting (16), with  $n$  replaced by  $n + 1$ , in (23) we obtain

$$\varepsilon^2 P'_{n+1}(x) = (\theta_{n+1} - \gamma_{n+1})Q_n(x), \quad n \geq 0.$$

After analysis of the degree, we obtain (22). Hence, (19) and (20) are valid.  $\square$

Based on Lemma 1 and the SSR of Laguerre polynomials, we can state that the scaled Laguerre polynomial sequence  $\{a^{-n}L_n^{(\alpha)}(ax)\}_{n \geq 0}$  where  $a = -\varepsilon^{-1}$ , is the only  $\mathfrak{D}_\varepsilon$ -classical orthogonal sequence. More precisely, for all  $n \geq 0$ ,

$$P_n(x) = (-\varepsilon)^n L_n^{(\alpha)}(-\varepsilon^{-1}x) \quad \text{and} \quad Q_n(x) = (-\varepsilon)^n L_n^{(\alpha+1)}(-\varepsilon^{-1}x).$$

**Theorem 2.** For any nonzero complex number  $\varepsilon$  and any monic polynomial sequence  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ , the following statements are equivalent.

(i)  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  is an  $\mathfrak{D}_\varepsilon$ -classical orthogonal sequence.

(ii) There exists  $a \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $a \neq 0$  such that  $P_n(x) = a^{-n}L_n^{(\alpha)}(ax)$ ,  $n \geq 0$ .

**Proof.** (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii). Assume that  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  is a monic  $\mathfrak{D}_\varepsilon$ -classical orthogonal sequence. Then, there exists a monic orthogonal sequence  $\{Q_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  that satisfies (16) and gives, after inserting in (19),

$$P_n(x) = \frac{1}{n+1}P'_{n+1}(x) - \varepsilon P'_n(x), \quad n \geq 0. \quad (24)$$

Essentially, (24) corresponds to the scaled Laguerre polynomial sequence

$$\{(-\varepsilon)^n L_n^{(\alpha)}(-\varepsilon^{-1}x)\}_{n \geq 0},$$

(see (12)), i. e.,  $P_n(x) = (-\varepsilon)^n L_n^{(\alpha)}(-\varepsilon^{-1}x)$ ,  $n \geq 0$ , ( $\alpha \neq -n$ ,  $n \geq 1$ ), where, from (10) and (7), we have

$$\beta_n = -\varepsilon(2n + \alpha + 1), \quad n \geq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma_{n+1} = \varepsilon^2(n+1)(n + \alpha + 1), \quad n \geq 0.$$

In the same way, from (21) and (22), we obtain

$$\chi_n = -\varepsilon(2n + \alpha + 2), \quad n \geq 0, \quad \theta_{n+1} = \varepsilon^2(n+1)(n + \alpha + 2), \quad n \geq 0.$$

Then, we also conclude that  $Q_n(x) = (-\varepsilon)^n L_n^{(\alpha+1)}(-\varepsilon^{-1}x)$ ,  $n \geq 0$ .

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (i). Let  $a$  in  $\mathbb{C}$ , with  $a \neq 0$  and let  $P_n(x) = a^{-n} L_n^{(\alpha)}(ax)$ ,  $n \geq 0$ . It is clear that  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  is a MOPS. By using the the (SSR) (12) satisfied by  $L_n^{(\alpha)}(x)$ ,  $n \geq 0$  and the relation (1), we have

$$L_n^{(\alpha+1)}(x) = L_n^{(\alpha)}(x) - L_n^{(\alpha)'}(x), \quad n \geq 0. \quad (25)$$

Besides, from (25), where  $x$  is replaced by  $ax$ , it comes that

$$L_n^{(\alpha+1)}(ax) = L_n^{(\alpha)}(ax) - a^{-1}(L_n^{(\alpha)}(ax))', \quad n \geq 0,$$

or, equivalently,  $a^{-n} L_n^{(\alpha+1)}(ax) = (\mathbb{I} - a^{-1}D)a^{-n} L_n^{(\alpha)}(ax)$ ,  $n \geq 0$ , i. e.,

$$\mathfrak{D}_\varepsilon P_n(x) = a^{-n} L_n^{(\alpha+1)}(ax), \quad n \geq 0,$$

where  $\varepsilon = -a^{-1}$ . Hence, (i) holds, since  $\{a^{-n} L_n^{(\alpha+1)}(ax)\}_{n \geq 0}$  is a MOPS.  $\square$

**4. Higher-order differential relations.** As a consequence of Section 3, we have

$$\mathfrak{D}_\varepsilon L_n^{(\alpha)}(-\varepsilon^{-1}x) = L_n^{(\alpha+1)}(-\varepsilon^{-1}x), \quad n \geq 0.$$

If we take  $\varepsilon = -1$  and  $\mathfrak{D}_{-1} := \mathfrak{D}$ , we have the canonical situation

$$\mathfrak{D} L_n^{(\alpha)}(x) = L_n^{(\alpha+1)}(x), \quad n \geq 0,$$

which gives, by induction on  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\mathfrak{D}^m L_n^{(\alpha)}(x) = L_n^{(\alpha+m)}(x), \quad n \geq 0, \quad (\mathfrak{D}^0 = \mathbb{I}). \quad (26)$$

Note that by using (1), the polynomial  $L_n^{(\alpha+m)}(x)$  can be written as follows

$$\begin{aligned} L_n^{(\alpha+m)}(x) &= \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2) \cdots (n+m)} D^m L_{n+m}^{(\alpha)}(x), \quad n \geq 0, \quad m \geq 0, \\ &= \frac{n!}{(n+m)!} D^m L_{n+m}^{(\alpha)}(x), \quad n \geq 0, \quad m \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

and, then, we get the following relation between  $\mathfrak{D}^m$  and  $D^m$ :

$$\mathfrak{D}^m L_n^{(\alpha)}(x) = \frac{n!}{(n+m)!} D^m L_{n+m}^{(\alpha)}(x), \quad n \geq 0, \quad m \geq 0,$$

with the convention  $\mathfrak{D}^0 = D^0 = \mathbb{I}$ .

By (26), with  $\alpha = 0$ , and using the fact that  $\mathfrak{D}^m = (\mathbb{I} - D)^m$  and the binomial formula, we can state the following result.

**Lemma 2.** *The monic Laguerre polynomials  $L_n^{(m)}(x)$ ,  $m \geq 0$ , are represented in terms of the action of linear differential operators on the Laguerre polynomials  $L_n^{(0)}(x)$ , as follows:*

$$L_n^{(m)}(x) = \sum_{\nu=0}^m (-1)^\nu \binom{m}{\nu} D^\nu L_n^{(0)}(x), \quad n \geq 0.$$

Having Lemma 2, it is natural to study if the reciprocal is true. Firstly, we need the following relation, obtained from the explicit expression for the Laguerre polynomials

$$xL_n^{(1)'}(x) + L_n^{(1)}(x) = (n+1)L_n^{(0)}(x), \quad n \geq 1. \quad (27)$$

**Theorem 3.** *The representation of the Laguerre polynomials  $L_n^{(0)}(x)$  in terms of action of linear differential operators on the Laguerre polynomials  $L_n^{(m)}(x)$ , is given by*

$$L_n^{(0)}(x) = \frac{n!}{(n+m)!} \sum_{\nu=0}^m \left[ \binom{m}{\nu} \right]^2 \nu! x^{m-\nu} D^{m-\nu} L_n^{(m)}(x), \quad n \geq 0. \quad (28)$$

**Proof.** We prove this by induction on  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . For  $m = 0$  this is obvious. Now suppose (28) holds and prove the same for  $m+1$  instead of  $m$ . Indeed, by differentiating both sides of (28) and using (1), with  $\alpha = 0$ , we get, for all  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{n!}{(n+m)!} \sum_{\nu=0}^m \left[ \binom{m}{\nu} \right]^2 \nu! \left( x^{m-\nu} D^{m-\nu} + \right. \\ \left. + (m-\nu)x^{m-\nu-1} D^{m-\nu-1} \right) L_n^{(m+1)}(x) = L_{n-1}^{(1)}(x). \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying both sides of the previous equation by  $x$ , applying the operator  $D$ , and using the identity (27), we obtain for all  $n \geq 1$

$$\frac{(n-1)!}{(n+m)!} \left\{ \sum_{\nu=0}^m \frac{(m!)^2}{[(m-\nu)!]^2 \nu!} x^{m+1-\nu} D^{m+1-\nu} + \right.$$



$$\begin{aligned}
& + \sum_{\nu=0}^m \frac{(2m-2\nu+1)(m!)^2}{[(m-\nu)!]^2 \nu!} x^{m-\nu} D^{m-\nu} + \\
& + \sum_{\nu=0}^{m-1} \frac{(m!)^2}{[(m-1-\nu)!]^2 \nu!} x^{m-1-\nu} D^{m-1-\nu} \left. \vphantom{\sum_{\nu=0}^m} \right\} L_{n-1}^{(m+1)}(x) = L_{n-1}^{(0)}(x).
\end{aligned}$$

By replacing  $\nu$  by  $\nu - 1$  (resp.  $\nu - 2$ ) in the second (resp. third) sum, we obtain for all  $n \geq 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{(n-1)!}{(n+m)!} \sum_{\nu=2}^m \left\{ \frac{(m!)^2}{[(m-\nu)!]^2 \nu!} + \frac{(2m-2\nu+3)(m!)^2}{[(m+1-\nu)!]^2 (\nu-1)!} + \right. \\
& \left. + \frac{(m!)^2}{[(m+1-\nu)!]^2 (\nu-2)!} \right\} x^{m+1-\nu} D^{m+1-\nu} L_{n-1}^{(m+1)}(x) + \\
& + \frac{(n-1)!}{(n+m)!} \left( x^{m+1} D^{m+1} + (m+1)^2 x^m D^m + (m+1)! \mathbb{I} \right) L_{n-1}^{(m+1)}(x) = L_{n-1}^{(0)}(x).
\end{aligned}$$

After some calculations, with  $n$  replaced by  $n + 1$ , we finally obtain for all  $n \geq 0$

$$L_n^{(0)}(x) = \frac{n!}{(n+m+1)!} \sum_{\nu=0}^{m+1} \left[ \binom{m+1}{\nu} \right]^2 \nu! x^{m+1-\nu} D^{m+1-\nu} L_n^{(m+1)}(x).$$

Hence the desired result is proved.  $\square$

**4. Integral formulas.** Consider the integral operator [14]:

$$\mathfrak{S}_c(P)(x) = \int_0^{+\infty} t e^{-t} P(t(x-c) + c) dt, \quad c \in \mathbb{C}, P \in \mathcal{P}. \quad (29)$$

In particular, for  $P(x) = (x-c)^n$ , we have

$$\mathfrak{S}_c((x-c)^n) = (n+1)! (x-c)^n, \quad n \geq 0. \quad (30)$$

By (30) and (13), it is easily seen that for every integer  $m \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$

$$\mathfrak{S}_0(x^{m-1} L_n^{(m)}(x)) = (n+m)! x^{m-1} (x-1)^n, \quad n \geq 0.$$

Equivalently,

$$x^n = \frac{1}{(n+m)!} \int_0^{+\infty} t^m e^{-t} L_n^{(m)}(t(x+1)) dt, \quad n \geq 0. \quad (31)$$

Now, as an application of (31), some connection formulas between the monomial basis  $\{x^n\}_{n \geq 0}$  and the shifted Laguerre basis  $\{L_n^{(m)}(x+1)\}_{n \geq 0}$  are deduced.

**Theorem 4.**

(i) For every integer  $m \geq 1$ , the following formulas hold for all  $n \geq 0$

$$x^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \frac{(-1)^{n-k}}{(m+k)!} L_k^{(m)}(x+1) \int_0^{+\infty} t^{m+k} (1-t)^{n-k} e^{-t} dt, \quad (32)$$

$$x^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{i=0}^{n-k} \binom{n}{k} \binom{n-k}{i} \frac{(-1)^k (m+k+i)!}{(m+k)!} L_k^{(m)}(x+1). \quad (33)$$

(ii) For  $m = 0$ , we have for all  $n \geq 0$

$$x^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} \frac{(-1)^n}{n+1} \int_0^{+\infty} t e^{-t} L_k^{(0)}(t(x+1)) dt.$$

**Proof.** By inserting (14), with  $\alpha$  replaced by  $m$  and  $x$  by  $x+1$ , in (31), we obtain

$$x^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \frac{(-1)^{n-k}}{(m+k)!} L_k^{(m)}(x+1) \int_0^{+\infty} t^{m+k} (1-t)^{n-k} e^{-t} dt, \quad n \geq 0.$$

Then (32) follows.

Substitute the binomial formula for  $(1-t)^{n-k}$ , in this last equality, obtaining

$$\begin{aligned} x^n &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \frac{(-1)^{n-k}}{(m+k)!} L_k^{(m)}(x+1) \sum_{i=0}^{n-k} (-1)^i \binom{n-k}{i} (m+k+i)! = \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{i=0}^{n-k} \binom{n}{k} \binom{n-k}{i} \frac{(-1)^k (m+k+i)!}{(m+k)!} L_k^{(m)}(x+1). \end{aligned}$$

Hence we obtain (33).

For (ii), using (30) and (13) with  $\alpha = m = 0$ , the operator  $\mathfrak{S}_0$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathfrak{S}_0(L_n^{(0)}(x))(x) &= n! \sum_{\nu=0}^n (-1)^{n-\nu} \binom{n}{\nu} (\nu+1) x^\nu = \\
&= n! \left[ \sum_{\nu=1}^n (-1)^{n-\nu} \frac{n!}{(n-\nu)! (\nu-1)!} x^\nu + \sum_{\nu=0}^n (-1)^{n-\nu} \binom{n}{\nu} x^\nu \right] = \\
&= n! \left[ nx \sum_{\nu=0}^{n-1} (-1)^{n-\nu-1} \binom{n-1}{\nu} x^\nu + (x-1)^n \right] = \\
&= n!(x-1)^{n-1} [(n+1)x-1], \quad n \geq 1. \quad (34)
\end{aligned}$$

Using (34), with  $x$  replaced by  $x+1$ , we obtain the following integral relation

$$(n+1)x^n + nx^{n-1} = \frac{1}{n!} \int_0^{+\infty} t e^{-t} L_n^{(0)}(t(x+1)) dt, \quad n \geq 1.$$

This gives, by summation, the following result for all  $n \geq 1$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \left[ (k+1)(-x)^k - k(-x)^{k-1} \right] = \int_0^{+\infty} t e^{-t} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} L_k^{(0)}(t(x+1)) dt.$$

Taking a telescopic sum, we get

$$(n+1)(-x)^n - 1 = \int_0^{+\infty} t e^{-t} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} L_k^{(0)}(t(x+1)) dt, \quad n \geq 1.$$

Thus, the basic  $\{x^n\}_{n \geq 0}$  satisfies

$$x^n = \frac{(-1)^n}{n+1} \int_0^{+\infty} t e^{-t} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} L_k^{(0)}(t(x+1)) dt, \quad n \geq 0.$$

Hence, the desired result is proved.  $\square$

**Remark 1.** By substituting (15) into (31), with  $\alpha$  replaced by  $m$  and  $x$  by  $x+1$ , we obtain for all  $n \geq 0$

$$x^n = \frac{n!m!4^m}{(2n)!(2m)!\pi} \int_{-1}^1 \int_0^{+\infty} (1-y^2)^{m-\frac{1}{2}} t^m e^{-t} H_{2n}(y\sqrt{t(x+1)}) dt dy,$$

which gives, for  $n = 0$ ,

$$1 = \frac{m!4^m}{(2m)!\pi} \int_{-1}^1 (1-y^2)^{m-\frac{1}{2}} dy \int_0^{+\infty} t^m e^{-t} dt = \frac{(m!)^2 4^m}{(2m)!\pi} \int_{-1}^1 (1-y^2)^{m-\frac{1}{2}} dy. \quad (35)$$

Then, if we pose  $y = \sin \theta$  in (35), we recover the Wallis integral

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^{2m} \theta d\theta = \frac{(2m)!\pi}{2^{2m+1}(m!)^2}, \quad m \geq 0.$$

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