



Remark on Sheffer Polynomials

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Abstract. This paper deals with some theorems on Sheffer A-type zero polynomial sets.

1. Introduction

A polynomial set $p_n(x)$ is said to be of Sheffer A-type zero if and only if it has a generating function in the form [3, 12, 13] as

$$A(t) \exp(xG(t)) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_n(x)t^n,$$

where $A(t)$ and $G(t)$ are two formal power series

$$A(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n t^n, \quad a_0 \neq 0;$$

$$G(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} g_n t^{n+1}, \quad g_0 \neq 0;$$

and $J(D)p_0(x) = 0$ and $Jp_n(x) = p_{n-1}(x)$, $n \geq 1$; where $J(D)$ is defined as

$$J = J(D) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k D^{k+1}, \quad a_0 \neq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad D \equiv \frac{d}{dx}.$$

Al Salam and Verma [1] gave the generalized Sheffer polynomials by considering $\phi_n(x)$ as a Sheffer A-type zero

$$\sum_{i=1}^r A_i(t) \exp(xG(\varepsilon_i(t))) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \phi_n(x)t^n,$$

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where

$$J(D) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k D^{k+r}, \quad J(D)\phi_n(x) = \phi_{n-r}(x), \quad (n = r, r+1, \dots)$$

Thorne [21] obtained an interesting characterization of Appell polynomials by means of Stieltjes integral. Appell sets [17] are hold following equivalent condition:

(i) $p'_n(x) = p_{n-1}(x), n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

(ii) There exists a formal power series $A(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n t^n, (a_0 \neq 0)$ such that

$$A(t) \exp(xt) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_n(x) t^n.$$

Osegove [14] gave the generalization of Appell sets in a different direction. He studied polynomial sets and hold the following property

$$D^r p_n(x) = p_{n-r}(x), \quad n \geq r,$$

where r is a (fixed) positive integer.

Huff and Rainville [11] proved the necessary and sufficient condition for polynomial $p_n(x)$. If polynomial $p_n(x)$ is generated by $A(t)\psi(xt)$ then a necessary and sufficient condition for $p_n(x)$, be a Sheffer A-type $m, m > 0$, if $\psi(xt) = {}_0F_m[-; b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m; \alpha xt]$, where α is a nonzero constant.

Goldberg [10] generalized the above result and proved, if the polynomial set $p_n(x)$ is generated by $A(t)\psi(xB(t))$ then a necessary and sufficient condition for $p_n(x)$ to be a Sheffer A-type $m, m > 0$, is that there exist a positive number r which divides m and numbers b_1, b_2, \dots, b_r (none zero nor negative integers) such that $p_n(x)$ is σ -type zero for $\sigma = D \prod_{k=1}^r (xD + b_k - 1), D \equiv \frac{d}{dx}$.

Bretti et al.[5] gave Laguerre type Exponentials and generalized Appell polynomials and Dattoli [8] studied the Appell complementary forms. Khan and Raza [20] discussed the families of Legendre-Sheffer polynomials corresponding to two different forms of 2-variable Legendre polynomials. Youn and Yang [22] obtained a differential equation and recursive formulas of Sheffer polynomial sequences utilizing matrix algebra. Dattoli et al.[7] studied Sheffer polynomials, monomiality principle, algebraic methods and the theory of classical polynomials. Bor et al.[4] studied on new application of certain generalized power increasing sequences and some interesting results on Laguerre type polynomials were discussed by Djordjević [9].

Let $p_n^{(\alpha)}(x)$ be a simple polynomial set and has following generating function [6,19]

$$(1-t)^{-\alpha} F(x, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_n^{(\alpha)}(x) t^n, \quad (1)$$

where $F(x, t)$ is independent on parameter α .

If $F(x, t) = (1-t)^{-1} \exp(\frac{-xt}{1-t})$ then this gives the generalized Laguerre polynomials $p_n^{(\alpha)}(x) = L_n^{(\alpha)}(x)$. [16]

2. Main Results

First we prove the following Lemmas.

Lemma 1: The polynomial set $p_n^{(\alpha-\beta n)}(x)$ is generated by

$$\frac{(1+u(t))^\alpha}{1+\beta u(t)} F(x, u(t)[1+u(t)]^{2\beta-1}) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_n^{(\alpha-\beta n)}(x) t^n, \quad (2)$$

where $u(t)$ is the inverse of $v(t) = t(1 + t)^{\beta-1}$, that is, $v(u(t)) = u(v(t)) = t$.

Proof: Let

$$(1 - t)^{-\alpha} F(x, t) = \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{-\alpha}{n} (-1)^n t^n \right\} \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_n(x) t^n \right\}$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_n^{(\alpha)}(x) t^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{-\alpha}{n} (-1)^n t^{n+k} p_k(x),$$

On making the use of $\binom{-\alpha}{n} = (-1)^n \binom{\alpha+n-1}{n}$, for positive integers α and n .

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_n^{(\alpha)}(x) t^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{\alpha + n - 1}{n} p_k(x) t^{n+k}, \tag{3}$$

we get

$$p_n^{(\alpha)}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{\alpha + n - k - 1}{n - k} p_k(x),$$

On setting α by $\alpha - \beta n$, in equation (3), yields

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_n^{(\alpha-\beta n)}(x) t^n = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{\alpha + \beta k - 1 - (\beta - 1)n}{n} (t)^n \right\} p_k(x) t^k.$$

On making the use of following identity [15]

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{a + bn}{n} \left[\frac{z}{(1+z)^b} \right]^n = \frac{(1+z)^{1+a}}{1 + (1-b)z},$$

and afterwards setting $a = \alpha + \beta k - 1, b = -(\beta - 1)$ and $z = u(t)$, this yields

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{\alpha + \beta k - 1 - (\beta - 1)n}{n} t^n = \frac{(1 + u(t))^{\alpha + \beta k}}{1 + \beta u(t)}.$$

This can be easily written in following form as

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_n^{(\alpha-\beta n)}(x) t^n = \frac{(1 + u(t))^\alpha}{1 + \beta u(t)} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_k(x) [t(1 + u(t))^\beta]^k,$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_n^{(\alpha-\beta n)}(x) t^n = \frac{(1 + u(t))^\alpha}{1 + \beta u(t)} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_k(x) [u(t)(1 + u(t))^{2\beta-1}]^k.$$

Thus

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_n^{(\alpha-\beta n)}(x) t^n = \frac{(1 + u(t))^\alpha}{1 + \beta u(t)} F(x, u(t)(1 + u(t))^{2\beta-1}).$$

This leads the proof.

Lemma 2: The polynomial set $p_n^{(\alpha-\gamma n, \beta-\delta n)}(x, y)$ is generated by

$$\frac{(1 + u(t))^{\alpha+\beta}}{1 + (\gamma + \delta)u(t)} F(x, y, u(t)[1 + u(t)]^{2(\gamma+\delta)-1}) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_n^{(\alpha-\gamma n, \beta-\delta n)}(x, y) t^n, \tag{4}$$

where $u(t)$ is the inverse of $v(t) = t(1 + t)^{\gamma+\delta-1}$, that is, $v(u(t)) = u(v(t)) = t$.

Proof: Let

$$(1-t)^{-\alpha-\beta}F(x,y,t) = \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{-\alpha-\beta}{n} (-1)^n t^n \right\} \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_n(x,y)t^n \right\} \\ = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{-\alpha-\beta}{n} (-1)^n p_k(x,y)t^{n+k}.$$

Since

$$\binom{-\alpha-\beta}{n} = (-1)^n \binom{\alpha+\beta+n-1}{n},$$

where α, β and n are positive integers.

We get

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x,y)t^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{\alpha+\beta+n-1}{n} p_k(x,y)t^{n+k}, \\ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x,y)t^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{\alpha+\beta+n-k-1}{n-k} p_k(x,y)t^n.$$

On comparing the coefficient of t^n , gives

$$p_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x,y) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{\alpha+\beta+n-k-1}{n-k} p_k(x,y).$$

On replacing α by $\alpha - \gamma n$ and β by $\beta - \delta n$, we get

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_n^{(\alpha-\gamma n, \beta-\delta n)}(x,y)t^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{\alpha-\gamma n+\beta-\delta n+n-k-1}{n-k} p_k(x,y)t^n.$$

On further simplification, yields

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{a+bn}{n} \left[\frac{z}{(1+z)^b} \right]^n = \frac{(1+z)^{1+a}}{1+(1-b)z}.$$

Now, setting $a = \alpha + \beta + (\gamma + \delta)k - 1, b = -(\gamma + \delta - 1)$ and $z = u(t)$, this becomes

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{\alpha+\beta+(\gamma+\delta)k-1-(\gamma+\delta-1)n}{n} [u(t)(1+u(t))^{\gamma+\delta-1}]^n = \frac{(1+u(t))^{1+\alpha+\beta+(\gamma+\delta)k-1}}{1+(\gamma+\delta)u(t)}.$$

Or

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{\alpha+\beta+(\gamma+\delta)k-1-(\gamma+\delta-1)n}{n} t^n = \frac{(1+u(t))^{\alpha+\beta+(\gamma+\delta)k}}{1+(\gamma+\delta)u(t)};$$

this leads to

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_n^{(\alpha-\gamma n, \beta-\delta n)}(x,y)t^n = \frac{(1+u(t))^{\alpha+\beta}}{1+(\gamma+\delta)u(t)} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_k(x,y) [t(1+u(t))^{\gamma+\delta}]^k.$$

Finally we arrive at conclusion that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_n^{(\alpha-\gamma n, \beta-\delta n)}(x,y)t^n = \frac{(1+u(t))^{\alpha+\beta}}{1+(\gamma+\delta)u(t)} F(x,y,u(t)(1+u(t))^{2(\gamma+\delta)-1}).$$

This completes the proof.

To prove the theorems, we consider $p_n(x, y)$ is generated by

$$A(t)\phi(xH(t), yG(t)) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_n(x, y)t^n, \quad (5)$$

where

$$G(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} g_n t^{n+1}, \quad g_0 \neq 0,$$

$$H(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} h_n t^{n+1}, \quad h_0 \neq 0,$$

$$A(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n t^n, \quad a_0 \neq 0.$$

On taking $F(x, y, t) = A(t)\phi(xH(t), yG(t))$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(1+u(t))^{\alpha+\beta}}{1+(\gamma+\delta)u(t)} A(u(t)(1+u(t))^{2(\gamma+\delta)-1}) \phi(xH(u(t)(1+u(t))^{2(\gamma+\delta)-1}), yG(u(t)(1+u(t))^{2(\gamma+\delta)-1})) \\ = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_n^{(\alpha-\gamma n, \beta-\delta n)}(x, y)t^n. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we can say that if $p_n(x, y)$ is a generalized Appell set then $p_n^{(\alpha-\gamma n, \beta-\delta n)}(x, y)$ is also generalized Appell set.

Theorem 1: if $p_n(x, y)$ is Sheffer A-type zero polynomials in two variables then $p_n^{(\alpha-\gamma n, \beta-\delta n)}(x, y)$ is also Sheffer A-type zero polynomials in two variables.

Proof: Let $p_n(x, y)$ be of Sheffer A-type zero polynomials in two variables and there exists a differential operator $J = J(D) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k D^{k+1}$, $c_0 \neq 0$, $D = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$, where c_k are constants, such that $Jp_n(x, y) = p_{n-1}(x, y)$, for all $n \geq 1$.

Since $p_n(x, y)$ is of A-type zero iff $p_n(x, y)$ have the generating relation [2] as

$$A(t) \exp(xH(t)) \exp(yG(t)) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_n(x, y)t^n. \quad (6)$$

From lemma 2 and equation (6), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(1+u(t))^{\alpha+\beta}}{1+(\gamma+\delta)u(t)} A(u(t)) \exp(xH(u(t)(1+u(t))^{2(\gamma+\delta)-1}) \exp(yG(u(t)(1+u(t))^{2(\gamma+\delta)-1})) \\ = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_n^{(\alpha-\gamma n, \beta-\delta n)}(x, y)t^n. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 2: If $p_n(x, y)$ is a generalized Sheffer set of A-type zero then $p_n^{(\alpha-\gamma n, \beta-\delta n)}(x, y)$ is also generalized Sheffer set of A-type zero.

Proof: Since $p_n(x, y)$ is a generalized Sheffer set of A-type zero and the generating function is given by [18]

$$\sum_{i=1}^r A_i(t) \exp(xH(\varepsilon_i(t))) \exp(yG(\varepsilon_i(t))) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_n(x, y)t^n, \quad (7)$$

where

$$G(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} g_i t^i, \quad g_1 \neq 0,$$

$$H(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} h_i t^i, \quad h_1 \neq 0,$$

$$A_s(t) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \alpha_i^{(s)} t^i, \quad (\text{not all } \alpha_0^{(s)} \text{ are zeros})$$

On applying lemma 2, equation (7) takes following form

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_n^{(\alpha-\gamma n, \beta-\delta n)}(x, y) t^n = \frac{(1+u(t))^{\alpha+\beta}}{1+(\gamma+\delta)u(t)} \sum_{i=1}^r \left[A_i(u(t)(1+u(t))^{2(\gamma+\delta)-1}) \right. \\ \left. \exp(xH(\varepsilon_i u(t)(1+u(t))^{2(\gamma+\delta)-1})) \exp(yG(\varepsilon_i u(t)(1+u(t))^{2(\gamma+\delta)-1})) \right]$$

Thus, we can say that $p_n^{(\alpha-\gamma n, \beta-\delta n)}(x, y)$ is also generalized Sheffer set of A-type zero.

The operator $J = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k D^{k+1}$ is associated with $p_n(x, y)$, where $D = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$. This is generated by the function $J(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k t^{k+1}$ and $J(t)$ is the inverse of the function $(H+G)(t)$. The $p_n^{(\alpha-\gamma n, \beta-\delta n)}(x, y)$ corresponds to the operator which is generated by the inverse of function $(H+G)(u(t))$.

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