

## ON DISCRETE HAHN’S THEOREM

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We give a discrete analogue of Hahn’s theorem and a discrete extension for it; we show that an orthogonal polynomial sequence, whose  $m$ – $th$  associated sequence of  $k$ – $th$  “discrete derivative” sequence is orthogonal, is necessarily a  $D_{-\omega}$ -classical one, where  $D_{\omega}$  is the divided-difference operator.

### 1. Introduction, preliminaries and first results

The Hahn’s theorem is a main characterization of  $D$ -classical orthogonal polynomials, where  $D$  is the derivative operator. In [10], the authors give a new proof of Hahn’s theorem [3, 4, 7, 11]. Also, they give an extension to Hahn’s theorem.

In [5], the authors give a  $q$ -analogue of Hahn’s theorem and an extension to it which characterizes the  $H_q$ -classical orthogonal polynomials, with  $H_q$  is the  $q$ -derivative operator [6].

In this paper, we present the discrete analogue of Hahn’s theorem and a discrete extension for it that is by respecting the divided difference operator  $D_{\omega}$  [1]. Our main results are Theorem 2.4 in section 2 and Theorem 3.2 in section 3. The proofs of these two theorems use new techniques based on duality.

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Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be the vector space of polynomials with coefficients in  $\mathbb{C}$  and let  $\mathcal{P}'$  be its dual. We denote by  $\langle u, f \rangle$  the action of  $u \in \mathcal{P}'$  on  $f \in \mathcal{P}$ . In particular, we denote by  $(u)_n := \langle u, x^n \rangle$ ,  $n \geq 0$  the moments of  $u$ . For any form  $u$ , any polynomial  $g$  and any  $a, \omega \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $(b, c) \in \mathbb{C}^2$ , let  $\tau_b u$ ,  $h_a u$ , and  $D_\omega u$  be the forms defined by duality

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \tau_b u, f \rangle &= \langle u, \tau_{-b} f \rangle, \quad \langle h_a u, f \rangle = \langle u, h_a f \rangle, \\ \langle g u, f \rangle &= \langle u, g f \rangle, \quad \langle \delta_c, f \rangle = f(c), \quad f \in \mathcal{P}, \end{aligned}$$

where for all  $f$  in  $\mathcal{P}$ , [9]

$$(\tau_b f)(x) = f(x - b), \quad (h_a f)(x) = f(ax).$$

Let  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  be a sequence of monic polynomials with  $\deg P_n = n$ ,  $n \geq 0$  (polynomial sequence: PS) and let  $\{u_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  be its dual sequence,  $u_n \in \mathcal{P}'$  defined by  $\langle u_n, P_m \rangle := \delta_{n,m}$ ,  $n, m \geq 0$  [2, 9].

We call associated sequence of  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ , the sequence  $\{P_n^{(1)}\}_{n \geq 0}$  defined by [2, 9]

$$P_n^{(1)}(x) := \left\langle u_0, \frac{P_{n+1}(x) - P_{n+1}(\xi)}{x - \xi} \right\rangle, \quad n \geq 0.$$

Any polynomial  $P_n^{(1)}$  is monic and  $\deg P_n^{(1)} = n$ .

Let us introduce the divided difference operator in  $\mathcal{P}$  by [1]

$$(D_\omega f)(x) = \frac{f(x + \omega) - f(x)}{\omega}, \quad \omega \neq 0, \quad f \in \mathcal{P}. \tag{1}$$

By duality, we can define  $D_\omega$  from  $\mathcal{P}'$  to  $\mathcal{P}'$  such that [1]

$$\langle D_\omega u, f \rangle = -\langle u, D_{-\omega} f \rangle, \quad u \in \mathcal{P}', \quad f \in \mathcal{P}, \quad \omega \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}. \tag{2}$$

In particular, this yields

$$(D_{-\omega} u)_n = \begin{cases} 0 & , \quad n = 0 \\ -\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \binom{n}{k} \omega^{n-1-k} (u)_k & , \quad n \geq 1. \end{cases} \tag{3}$$

The dual sequence  $\{u_n^{[1]}(\omega)\}_{n \geq 0}$  of  $\{P_n^{[1]}(\cdot; \omega)\}_{n \geq 0}$  where

$$P_n^{[1]}(x; \omega) := \frac{(D_{-\omega} P_{n+1})(x)}{n+1}, \quad n \geq 0,$$

is given by [1]

$$D_\omega (u_n^{[1]}(\omega)) = -(n+1)u_{n+1}, \quad n \geq 0. \tag{4}$$

More generally, we can define for  $k \geq 1$  the sequence  $\{P_n^{[k]}(\cdot; \omega)\}_{n \geq 0}$  by

$$P_n^{[k]}(x; \omega) = \frac{(D_{-\omega} P_{n+1}^{[k-1]})(x; \omega)}{n+1}, \quad n \geq 0,$$

and we have

$$D_{\omega}(u_n^{[k]})(\omega) = -(n+1)u_{n+1}^{[k-1]}(\omega), \quad n \geq 0, \quad k \geq 1.$$

Likewise, the dual sequence  $\{\tilde{u}_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  of  $\{\tilde{P}_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  with

$$\tilde{P}_n(x) = a^{-n}(h_a \circ \tau_{-b})P_n(x), \quad n \geq 0, \quad (a, b) \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\} \times \mathbb{C},$$

is given by

$$\tilde{u}_n = a^n(h_{a^{-1}} \circ \tau_{-b})u_n, \quad n \geq 0. \tag{5}$$

In the sequel, we shall need the following formulas [1, 8]:

**Lemma 1.1.** *For any  $f \in \mathcal{P}$ ,  $g \in \mathcal{P}$  and  $u \in \mathcal{P}'$ , we have*

$$D_{\omega}(fu) = (\tau_{-\omega}f)(D_{\omega}u) + (D_{\omega}f)u, \tag{6}$$

$$\tau_b \circ D_{\omega}f = D_{\omega} \circ \tau_b f, \quad \tau_b \circ D_{\omega}u = D_{\omega} \circ \tau_b u, \tag{7}$$

$$D_{\omega} \circ D_{-\omega} = D_{-\omega} \circ D_{\omega} \text{ in } \mathcal{P} \text{ and in } \mathcal{P}', \tag{8}$$

The form  $u$  is called regular if we can associate with it a sequence  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  such that [2, 9]

$$\langle u, P_n P_m \rangle = r_n \delta_{n,m}, \quad n, m \geq 0; \quad r_n \neq 0, \quad n \geq 0.$$

The sequence  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  is then said orthogonal with respect to  $u$ . We call it an orthogonal sequence (OPS for short) whose any polynomial can be supposed monic (MOPS for short). Necessarily,  $u = \lambda u_0$ ,  $\lambda \neq 0$ . In this case, we have  $u_n = r_n^{-1} P_n u_0$ ,  $n \geq 0$ . Also, the MOPS  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  fulfils the standard three-term recurrence relation (TTRR for short) [2, 9]

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

where

$$\beta_n = \frac{\langle u, x P_n^2 \rangle}{r_n}, \quad \gamma_{n+1} = \frac{r_{n+1}}{r_n} \neq 0, \quad n \geq 0.$$

In the sequel, a regular form  $u$  will be supposed normalized that is to say  $(u)_0 = 1$ . Thus,  $u = u_0$ .

Let  $\Phi$  monic and  $\Psi$  be two polynomials,  $\deg \Phi = t \geq 0$ ,  $\deg \Psi = p \geq 1$ . We suppose that the pair  $(\Phi, \Psi)$  is admissible, ie, when  $p = t - 1$ , writing  $\Psi(x) = a_p x^p + \dots$ , then  $a_p \neq n + 1$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Definition 1.2.** [1, 8] A form  $u$  is called  $D_\omega$ -semiclassical when it is regular and satisfies the equation

$$D_\omega(\Phi u) + \Psi u = 0, \tag{9}$$

where the pair  $(\Phi, \Psi)$  is admissible. The corresponding MOPS  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  is called  $D_{-\omega}$ -semiclassical.

**Remark 1.3.** if  $u$  is  $D_\omega$ -semiclassical, the class of  $u$ , denoted  $s$  is defined by [1, 8]

$$s := \min\left(\max(\deg(\Phi) - 2, \deg(\Psi) - 1)\right) \geq 0,$$

where the minimum is taken over all pairs  $(\Phi, \Psi)$  satisfying (9). When  $s = 0$  that is to say the  $D_\omega$ -classical case, this one is well described in [1].

## 2. Discrete Hahn's theorem

First some lemmas.

**Lemma 2.1.** [1] For any  $g \in \mathcal{P}$  and  $u \in \mathcal{P}'$ , we have

$$D_\omega^n((\tau_{n\omega} g)u) = \sum_{v=0}^n \binom{n}{v} (D_{-\omega}^v g)(D_\omega^{n-v} u), \quad n \geq 0. \tag{10}$$

**Lemma 2.2.** Let  $u$  be a  $D_\omega$ - semiclassical form satisfying

$$D_\omega(\Phi_1 u) + \Psi_1 u = 0, \tag{11}$$

and

$$D_\omega(\Phi_2 u) + \Psi_2 u = 0, \tag{12}$$

where  $\Phi_1, \Psi_1, \Phi_2, \Psi_2$  are polynomials,  $\Phi_1, \Phi_2$  monic,  $\deg \Psi_1 \geq 1, \deg \Psi_2 \geq 1$ . Denoting  $s_1 = \max(\deg \Phi_1 - 2, \deg \Psi_1 - 1), s_2 = \max(\deg \Phi_2 - 2, \deg \Psi_2 - 1)$ . Let us denote by  $\Phi$  the highest common factor of  $\Phi_1$  and  $\Phi_2$ . Then, there exists a polynomial  $\Psi$ ,  $\deg \Psi \geq 1$  such that

$$D_\omega(\Phi u) + \Psi u = 0, \tag{13}$$

with

$$\max(\deg \Phi - 2, \deg \Psi - 1) = s_1 - \deg \Phi_1 + \deg \Phi = s_2 - \deg \Phi_2 + \deg \Phi. \tag{14}$$

*Proof.* Let  $\Phi$  be the highest common factor of  $\Phi_1$  and  $\Phi_2$ . Then, there exist two coprime polynomials  $\check{\Phi}_1$  and  $\check{\Phi}_2$  such that

$$\Phi_1 = \Phi\check{\Phi}_1 \text{ and } \Phi_2 = \Phi\check{\Phi}_2. \quad (15)$$

Taking into account (6), equations (11), (12) become

$$(\tau_{-\omega}\check{\Phi}_1)D_\omega(\Phi u) + \{\Psi_1 + \Phi(D_\omega\check{\Phi}_1)\}u = 0, \quad (16)$$

$$(\tau_{-\omega}\check{\Phi}_2)D_\omega(\Phi u) + \{\Psi_2 + \Phi D_\omega\check{\Phi}_2\}u = 0. \quad (17)$$

The operation  $(\tau_{-\omega}\check{\Phi}_2) \times (16) - (\tau_{-\omega}\check{\Phi}_1) \times (17)$  gives  $\{(\tau_{-\omega}\check{\Phi}_2)(\Psi_1 + \Phi(D_\omega\check{\Phi}_1)) - (\tau_{-\omega}\check{\Phi}_1)(\Psi_2 + \Phi(D_\omega\check{\Phi}_2))\}u = 0$ . From regularity of  $u$ , we get

$$(\tau_{-\omega}\check{\Phi}_2)(\Psi_1 + \Phi D_\omega\check{\Phi}_1) = (\tau_{-\omega}\check{\Phi}_1)(\Psi_2 + \Phi D_\omega\check{\Phi}_2). \quad (18)$$

Thus, there exists a polynomial  $\Psi$  such that

$$\begin{cases} \Psi_1 + \Phi D_\omega\check{\Phi}_1 = \Psi(\tau_{-\omega}\check{\Phi}_1), \\ \Psi_2 + \Phi D_\omega\check{\Phi}_2 = \Psi(\tau_{-\omega}\check{\Phi}_2). \end{cases} \quad (19)$$

Then, formulas (11), (12) become

$$(\tau_{-\omega}\check{\Phi}_i)\{D_\omega(\Phi u) + \Psi u\} = 0, \quad i \in \{1, 2\}.$$

Writing  $\check{\Phi}_i(x) = \prod_{k=1}^{l_i} (x - c_{i,k})^{\alpha_{i,k}}$ ,  $i \in \{1, 2\}$ , which yields

$$D_\omega(\Phi u) + \Psi u = \sum_{k=1}^{l_1} \beta_{1,k} \delta_{c_{1,k}}^{(\alpha_{1,k})} = \sum_{k=1}^{l_2} \beta_{2,k} \delta_{c_{2,k}}^{(\alpha_{2,k})}.$$

But the polynomials  $\check{\Phi}_1$  and  $\check{\Phi}_2$  have no common zero, which allows (13). From (15) and (19), it is easy to prove (14).  $\square$

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  be a  $D_{-\omega}$ - semiclassical sequence, orthogonal with respect to  $u_0$ . Suppose that  $u_0$  fulfils the two equations*

$$\begin{cases} D_\omega(\Phi_1 u_0) + \Psi_1 u_0 = 0 \\ D_\omega(\Phi_2 u_0) + \Psi_2 u_0 = 0. \end{cases} \quad (20)$$

and there exist an integer  $m \geq 0$  and four polynomials  $E, F, G, H$  such that

$$\begin{cases} \Phi_1(x) = E(x)P_{m+1}(x) + F(x)P_m(x) \\ \Phi_2(x) = G(x)P_{m+1}(x) + H(x)P_m(x). \end{cases} \quad (21)$$

Let  $\Delta$  the determinant of the system (21)

$$\Delta(x) = \begin{vmatrix} E(x) & F(x) \\ G(x) & H(x) \end{vmatrix}. \quad (22)$$

Then if one of the following conditions is fulfilled, the form  $u_0$  is  $D_\omega$ -classique:

- a)  $\exists i = 1, 2$  such that  $\deg \Psi_i \leq \deg \Phi_i - 1$  and  $\deg \Delta = 2$ .
- b)  $\exists i = 1, 2$  such that  $\deg \Psi_i \leq \deg \Phi_i$  and  $\deg \Delta = 1$ .
- c)  $\exists i = 1, 2$  such that  $\deg \Psi_i \leq \deg \Phi_i + 1$  and  $\deg \Delta = 0$ .

*Proof.* From (21), we have

$$\Delta(x)P_{m+1}(x) = \begin{vmatrix} \Phi_1(x) & F(x) \\ \Psi_1(x) & H(x) \end{vmatrix},$$

$$\Delta(x)P_m(x) = \begin{vmatrix} E(x) & \Phi_2(x) \\ G(x) & \Psi_2(x) \end{vmatrix}.$$

This implies that any common factor of  $\Phi_1$  and  $\Phi_2$  is a factor of  $\Delta$ ; in particular, the highest common factor of  $\Phi_1$  and  $\Phi_2$ , say  $\Phi$ , is a factor of  $\Delta$ . But from Lemma 3., there exists a polynomial  $\Psi$  such that  $D_\omega(\Phi u_0) + \Psi u_0 = 0$ , where  $\Psi$  is given by  $\Psi_i + \Phi D_\omega \check{\Phi}_i = \Psi(\tau_{-\omega} \check{\Phi}_i)$ ,  $\Phi_i = \Phi \check{\Phi}_i$ .

We have  $\max(\deg \Phi + \deg \check{\Phi}_i - 1, \deg \Psi_i) = \deg \Psi + \deg \check{\Phi}_i$ , with  $\deg \Phi_i = \deg \Phi + \deg \check{\Phi}_i$ ,  $\max(\deg \Phi_i - 1, \deg \Psi_i) = \deg \Psi + \deg \Phi_i - \deg \Phi$ .

In the case a), we have  $\deg \Phi_i - 1 = \deg \Psi + \deg \Phi_i - \deg \Phi$ . Therefore,  $\deg \Psi = \deg \Phi - 1 \geq 1$ , since  $u_0$  is regular, thus  $\deg \Phi \geq 2$ . But  $\deg \Phi \leq 2$ . Consequently,  $\deg \Phi = 2$  and  $\deg \Psi = 1$ . Then, the form  $u_0$  is  $D_\omega$ -classical.

In the case b), we have  $\deg \Phi_i = \deg \Psi + \deg \Phi_i - \deg \Phi$ . Therefore,  $\deg \Psi = \deg \Phi \geq 1$ , but  $\deg \Phi \leq 1$ , thus,  $\deg \Phi = 1$  and  $\deg \Psi = 1$ . Then, the form  $u_0$  is  $D_\omega$ -classical.

In the case c), we have  $\deg \Phi_i + 1 = \deg \Psi + \deg \Phi_i - \deg \Phi$ . This implies  $\deg \Psi = \deg \Phi + 1$ , with  $\deg \Phi = 0$ . Thus  $\deg \Phi = 0$  and  $\deg \Psi = 1$ . Then, the form  $u_0$  is  $D_\omega$ -classical. □

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  be an orthogonal sequence; there exists an integer  $k \geq 1$  such that  $\{P_n^{[k]}\}_{n \geq 0}$  is also orthogonal. Then  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  is a  $D_{-\omega}$ -classical sequence.*

*Proof.* For the sake of simplicity, let us denote  $Q_n(x) := P_n^{[k]}(x)$  and  $\{v_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  the dual sequence of  $\{Q_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  ( $v_n = u_n^{[k]}$ ).

On account of assumptions, we can write the following recurrence relations

$$\begin{cases} P_0(x) = 1, P_1(x) = x - \beta_0, \\ P_{n+2}(x) = (x - \beta_{n+1})P_{n+1}(x) - \gamma_{n+1}P_n(x), n \geq 0, \end{cases} \tag{23}$$

$$\begin{cases} Q_0(x) = 1, Q_1(x) = x - \zeta_0, \\ Q_{n+2}(x) = (x - \zeta_{n+1})Q_{n+1}(x) - \rho_{n+1}Q_n(x), n \geq 0. \end{cases} \tag{24}$$

Equivalently, we also have [9]

$$u_n = (\langle u_0, P_n^2 \rangle)^{-1} P_n u_0, \quad n \geq 0, \quad (25)$$

$$(x - \zeta_n)v_n = v_{n-1} + \rho_{n+1}v_{n+1}, \quad n \geq 0, \quad v_{-1} = 0. \quad (26)$$

By applying  $D_\omega$   $k$  times to two sides of (26) and with (5), we get

$$kD_\omega^{k-1}v_n = D_\omega^k v_{n-1} + \rho_{n+1}D_\omega^k v_{n+1} - (x - \zeta_n + k\omega)D_\omega^k v_n, \quad n \geq 0.$$

But, since  $v_n = u_n^{[k]}$ , we easily see that

$$D_\omega^k v_n = (-1)^k \prod_{\mu=1}^k (n + \mu) u_{n+k}, \quad n \geq 0. \quad (27)$$

Therefore

$$(-1)^k k D_\omega^{k-1} v_n = \prod_{\mu=1}^k (n + \mu) \left\{ \frac{n}{n+k} u_{n-1+k} + \frac{n+k+1}{n+1} \rho_{n+1} u_{n+1+k} - (x - \zeta_n + k\omega) u_{n+k} \right\}.$$

Taking account of (25) et (23), we obtain

$$D_\omega^{k-1} v_n = N_n^k \phi_{n+k+1} u_0, \quad n \geq 0, \quad (28)$$

where  $\phi_{n+k+1}$  is monic and

$$N_n^k \phi_{n+k+1}(x) = L_n^k \left\{ \left( \frac{n+k+1}{n+1} \rho_{n+1} \gamma_{n+k+1}^{-1} - \frac{n}{n+k} \right) P_{n+k+1}(x) - \left( \frac{k}{n+k} x + \beta_{n+k} - \zeta_n + k\omega \right) P_{n+k}(x) \right\},$$

$$L_n^k = (-1)^k k^{-1} \prod_{\mu=1}^k (n + \mu) (\langle u_0, P_{n+k}^2 \rangle)^{-1}.$$

From (28) and (27), we get

$$N_n^k D_\omega(\phi_{n+k+1} u_0) = D_\omega^k(v_n) = (-1)^k \prod_{\mu=1}^k (n + \mu) (\langle u_0, P_{n+k}^2 \rangle)^{-1} P_{n+k} u_0.$$

Hence

$$D_\omega(\phi_{n+k+1} u_0) + \lambda_n^k P_{n+k} u_0 = 0, \quad n \geq 0, \quad (29)$$

with

$$\lambda_n^k = (-1)^{k-1} \prod_{\mu=1}^k (n + \mu) \left( \langle u_0, P_{n+k}^2 \rangle \right)^{-1} (N_n^k)^{-1}.$$

Without going into details, we can read

$$\phi_{n+k+1}(x) = A_n^k P_{n+k+1}(x) - (B_n^k x + C_n^k) P_{n+k}(x), \quad n \geq 0. \tag{30}$$

In particular, for  $n = 0$  and  $n = 1$

$$\phi_{k+1}(x) = A_0^k P_{k+1}(x) - (B_0^k x + C_0^k) P_k(x), \quad n \geq 0. \tag{31}$$

$$\phi_{k+2}(x) = A_1^k P_{k+2}(x) - (B_1^k x + C_1^k) P_{k+1}(x), \quad n \geq 0. \tag{32}$$

Taking into account (23), (32) becomes

$$\phi_{k+2}(x) = \{ (A_1^k - B_1^k)x - (A_1^k \beta_{k+1} + C_1^k) \} P_{k+1}(x) - A_1^k \gamma_{k+1} P_k(x), \quad n \geq 0. \tag{33}$$

Let us introduce the determinant  $\Delta$  of (31), (33) (see (22)). Since  $\deg \Delta \leq 2$ , the form  $u_0$  is  $D_\omega$ -classical by virtue of Lemma 4. □

### 3. An extension of discrete Hahn’s theorem

First a lemma.

**Lemma 3.1.** [10] *Let  $\{Q_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  be any sequence with its dual sequence  $\{v_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ . Then, for any integer  $m \geq 1$ , the dual sequence  $\{v_n^{(m)}\}_{n \geq 0}$  of the associated sequence  $\{Q_n^{(m)}\}_{n \geq 0}$  fulfils*

$$v_n^{(m)} v_{m-1} = x v_{n+m}, \quad n \geq 0. \tag{34}$$

When  $\{Q_n^{(m)}\}_{n \geq 0}$  is orthogonal, the sequence  $\{v_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  fulfils

$$S_n^{(m)} v_{n+m} = Q_n^{(m)} v_m - Q_{n-1}^{(m+1)} v_{m-1}, \quad n \geq 0, \tag{35}$$

where

$$S_n^{(m)} = \langle v_0^{(m)}, (Q_n^{(m)})^2 \rangle, \quad n \geq 0, \quad m \geq 1. \tag{36}$$

Now, our aim is to determine all orthogonal sequence  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  for which there exist two integer  $k, m \geq 1$  such that, putting  $P_n^{[k]} = Q_n, n \geq 0$ , the associated sequence  $\{Q_n^{(m)}\}_{n \geq 0}$  is also orthogonal. When  $m = 0$ , it is discrete Hahn’s problem. When  $m \geq 1$ , the answer is giving by the following theorem.



**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  be an orthogonal sequence; for any integer  $k \geq 1$  fixed, let us put  $P_n^{[k]} := Q_n$ . Suppose that there exists an integer  $m \geq 1$  such that the associated sequence  $\{Q_n^{(m)}\}_{n \geq 0}$  is orthogonal. Then,  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  is a  $D_{-\omega}$ -classical sequence.*

*Proof.* For simplifying, we put  $Q_n^{(m)} = R_n$  et  $Q_n^{(m+1)} = S_n$ . By applying  $D_{-\omega}$   $k$  times both sides of (35) where  $n \rightarrow n + 1$  and taking into account (10), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{v=1}^k \binom{k}{v} \left( D_{-\omega}^v \circ \tau_{-k\omega} R_{n+1} \right) \left( D_{\omega}^{k-v} v_m \right) \\ & \quad - \sum_{v=1}^k \binom{k}{v} \left( D_{-\omega}^v \circ \tau_{-k\omega} S_n \right) \left( D_{\omega}^{k-v} v_{m-1} \right) \\ & = S_{n+1}^{(m)} D_{\omega}^k v_{n+1+m} - \left( \tau_{-k\omega} R_{n+1} \right) \left( D_{\omega}^k v_m \right) + \left( \tau_{-k\omega} S_n \right) \left( D_{\omega}^k v_{m-1} \right). \end{aligned}$$

With (27), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{v=1}^k \binom{k}{v} \left( D_{-\omega}^v \circ \tau_{-k\omega} R_{n+1} \right) \left( D_{\omega}^{k-v} v_m \right) \\ & \quad - \sum_{v=1}^k \binom{k}{v} \left( D_{-\omega}^v \circ \tau_{-k\omega} S_n \right) \left( D_{\omega}^{k-v} v_{m-1} \right) \\ & = A_{n+1+m+k} u_0, \quad n \geq 0, \end{aligned} \tag{37}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} A_{n+1+m+k} & = (-1)^k \left( \langle u_0, P_{m-1+k}^2 \rangle \right)^{-1} \times \\ & \left\{ L_n^{(m)}(k) P_{n+1+m+k} - \frac{(m+k)!}{m!} \gamma_{m+k}^{-1} \left( \tau_{-k\omega} R_{n+1} \right) P_{m+k} + (m)_k \left( \tau_{-k\omega} S_n \right) P_{m-1+k} \right\}, \quad n \geq 0, \end{aligned} \tag{38}$$

$$L_n^{(m)}(k) = \prod_{\mu=1}^k (n+1+m+\mu) \frac{\langle u_0, P_{m-1+k}^2 \rangle}{\langle u_0, P_{n+1+m+k}^2 \rangle} \langle v_0^{(m)}, R_{n+1}^2 \rangle, \quad n \geq 0, \tag{39}$$

For  $n = 0$  in (37)

$$k D_{\omega}^{k-1} v_m = A_{m+1+k} u_0. \tag{40}$$

By virtue of (40), the equality (37) becomes

$$\sum_{v=2}^k \binom{k}{v} \left( D_{-\omega}^v \circ \tau_{-k\omega} R_{n+1} \right) \left( D_{\omega}^{k-v} v_m \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & - \sum_{v=1}^k \binom{k}{v} \left( D_{-\omega}^v \circ \tau_{-k\omega} S_n \right) \left( D_{\omega}^{k-v} v_{m-1} \right) \\
 & = \left\{ A_{n+1+m+k} - \left( D_{-\omega} \circ \tau_{-k\omega} R_{n+1} \right) A_{m+1+k} \right\} u_0. \tag{41}
 \end{aligned}$$

Taking  $n = 1$  in (41), we get

$$k(k-1)D_{\omega}^{k-2}v_m - kD_{\omega}^{k-1}v_{m-1} = \left\{ A_{m+2+k} - \left( D_{-\omega} \circ \tau_{-k\omega} R_2 \right) A_{m+1+k} \right\} u_0. \tag{42}$$

Applying the operator  $D_{\omega}$  to (40) and taking into account (25) and (27), we get

$$D_{\omega}(\phi_1 u_0) + \lambda_1 P_{m+k} u_0 = 0, \tag{43}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 N_1 \phi_1 &= A_{m+1+k}, \\
 \lambda_1 &= (-1)^{k+1} k \prod_{\mu=0}^k (m + \mu) \langle u_0, P_{m+k}^2 \rangle^{-1} N_1^{-1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, after applying  $D_{\omega}$  both sides of (42), we have

$$k(k-1)D_{\omega}^{k-1}v_m - kD_{\omega}^k v_{m-1} = D_{\omega} \left( \left\{ A_{m+2+k} - \left( D_{-\omega} \circ \tau_{-k\omega} R_2 \right) A_{m+1+k} \right\} u_0 \right).$$

Putting  $N_2 \phi_2 = A_{m+2+k} - \left( D_{-\omega} \circ \tau_{-k\omega} R_2 \right) A_{m+1+k}$  and on account of (40) and (27), we get

$$D_{\omega}(\phi_2 u_0) + \left\{ \lambda_2 P_{m-1+k} - (k-1)N_2^{-1} A_{m+1+k} \right\} u_0 = 0, \tag{44}$$

where

$$\lambda_2 = (-1)^k k \frac{(m-1+k)!}{(m-1)!} \langle u_0, P_{m-1+k}^2 \rangle^{-1} N_2^{-1}.$$

Finally, with (23), we can express  $\phi_1, \phi_2$  as

$$\phi_1(x) = E(x)P_{m+k}(x) + F(x)P_{m-1+k}(x), \quad \phi_2(x) = G(x)P_{m+k}(x) + H(x)P_{m-1+k}(x), \tag{45}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(x) &= (-1)^k \langle u_0, P_{m-1+k}^2 \rangle^{-1} N_1^{-1} \times \\
 & \quad \left\{ (x - \beta_{m+k}) L_0^{(m)}(k) - \frac{(m+k)!}{m!} \gamma_{m+k}^{-1} (\tau_{-k\omega} R_1)(x) \right\}, \\
 F(x) &= (-1)^k \langle u_0, P_{m-1+k}^2 \rangle^{-1} N_1^{-1} \times
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left\{ \frac{(m-1+k)!}{(m-1)!} - \gamma_{m+k} L_0^{(m)}(k) \right\},$$

$$G(x) = (-1)^k (\langle u_0, P_{m-1+k}^2 \rangle)^{-1} N_2^{-1} \times$$

$$\left\{ (x - \beta_{m+k}) \left( (x - \beta_{m+k+1}) L_1^{(m)}(k) - (D_{-\omega} \circ \tau_{-k\omega} R_2)(x) L_0^{(m)}(k) \right) - \gamma_{m+k+1} L_1^{(m)}(k) \right.$$

$$\left. - \frac{(m+k)!}{m!} \gamma_{m+k}^{-1} \left( (D_{-\omega} \circ \tau_{-k\omega} R_2)(x) (\tau_{-k\omega} R_1)(x) - (\tau_{-k\omega} R_1)(x) \right) \right\},$$

$$H(x) = (-1)^k (\langle u_0, P_{m-1+k}^2 \rangle)^{-1} N_2^{-1} \times$$

$$\left\{ \frac{(m-1+k)!}{(m-1)!} \left( (\tau_{-k\omega} S_1)(x) - (D_{-\omega} \circ \tau_{-k\omega} R_2)(x) \right) - \gamma_{m+k} \left( (x - \beta_{m+k+1}) L_1^{(m)}(k) \right. \right.$$

$$\left. \left. - (D_{-\omega} \circ \tau_{-k\omega} R_2)(x) L_0^{(m)}(k) \right) \right\}.$$

Since  $\text{deg} \Delta \leq 2$  with  $\Delta$  given by (22), the form  $u$  is  $D_\omega$ -classical. □

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