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## Exercice 1

Soit  $(p_n)$  une famille de polynômes orthogonaux non moniques. On pose  $p_n(x) = k_n x^n + \dots$ . La famille  $(p_n)$  vérifie la relation de récurrence à trois termes

$$p_{n+1}(x) = (a_n x + b_n) p_n(x) - c_n p_n(x), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

Déterminer  $a_n$  et  $c_n$  en fonction de  $k_n$  uniquement. Que vaut  $b_n$  ?

## Exercice 2

We consider the orthogonal polynomial sequence  $(P_n)_{n \geq 0}$  defined for all integer  $n$  by the following Rodrigues formula :

$$P_n(x) = \frac{1}{2^n n!} \frac{d^n}{dx^n} [(x^2 - 1)^n].$$

- Find the weight function  $\rho(x)$  associated to the family  $(P_n)_{n \geq 0}$ .
- Find the second-order differential equation satisfied by  $P_n$ .
- Let  $S$  be a polynomial. We assume that for all integer  $n$ ,

$$\int_{-1}^1 S(x) P_n(x) dx = \frac{(-1)^n}{2^n n!} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{d^n S(x)}{dx^n} \times (x^2 - 1)^n dx.$$

Prove that

$$\int_{-1}^1 P_m(x) P_n(x) dx = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \neq m \\ \frac{(2n)!}{2^{2n} (n!)^2} \int_{-1}^1 (1 - x^2)^n dx & \text{if } n = m. \end{cases}$$

- We assume that

$$\int_{-1}^1 (1 - x^2)^n dx = \frac{(n!)^2}{(2n + 1)!}.$$

Show that

$$\int_{-1}^1 P_n^2(x) dx = \frac{2}{2n + 1}.$$

### Exercise 3

We consider the sequence  $(U_n)$  defined by

$$U_n(x) = \frac{\sin(n+1)\theta}{\sin\theta}, \quad x = \cos\theta.$$

- Compute  $U_0(x), U_1(x), U_2(x)$ .
- Prove that for all integer  $n$ , we have

$$U_{n+1}(x) + U_{n-1}(x) = 2xU_n(x).$$

- Deduce that  $U_n$  is a polynomial of degree exactly  $n$ .
- Evaluate

$$\int_0^\pi \sin(n\theta) \sin(m\theta) d\theta, \quad m, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

- Prove that  $(U_n)_{n \geq 0}$  is an orthogonal polynomial sequence on  $(-1, 1)$  with respect to a weight function  $\rho$  which is to be determined.
- Give the Rodrigues representation of  $(U_n)_{n \geq 0}$ .
- Give a second-order differential equation satisfied by  $U_n$ .
- Give the Pearson type differential equation satisfied by  $\rho(x)$ .

### Exercise 4

We consider the two variable function  $\phi(x, y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - 2xy + x^2}}$ . We assume that on the set  $\mathcal{E} = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2, 2|x||y| + |x|^2 < 1\}$   $\phi$  can be developed as

$$\phi(x, y) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n(y)x^n, \quad (1)$$

where the  $A_n$ s are of class  $C^\infty$  and that the partial derivative of  $\phi$  of any order, with respect to both variables  $x$  and  $y$  can be computed by taking the derivative term by term of the right-hand side of (1).

- Compute  $A_n(0)$  and  $A'_n(0)$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- Compute  $x \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}(x, y) + (x - y) \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}(x, y)$ .  
Deduce that  $yA'_0(y) = 0$  and  $\forall n \geq 1, yA'_n(y) - A'_{n-1}(y) = nA_n(y)$ .

- Compute  $(1 - 2xy + x^2) \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}(x, y) + (x - y)\phi(x, y)$ .  
Deduce that  $A_1(y) - yA_0(y) = 0$  and for each  $n \geq 2$

$$nA_n(y) - (2n - 1)yA_{n-1}(y) + (n - 1)A_{n-2}(y) = 0.$$

- ■ Prove that  $A'_n(y) - yA'_{n-1}(y) = nA_{n-1}(y)$ .
- Prove that  $(1 - y^2)A''_n(y) - 2yA'_n(y) + n(n + 1)A_n(y) = 0$ .
- To which family belong the polynomials  $(A_n)$ ?

## Exercise 5

The Laguerre polynomials  $L_n^{(\alpha)}(x)$  is defined by the Rodrigues formula

$$L_n^{(\alpha)}(x) = \frac{x^{-\alpha} e^x}{n!} \frac{d^n}{dx^n} (e^{-x} x^{n+\alpha}). \quad (2)$$

■ Prove the orthogonality relation

$$\int_0^\infty L_m^{(\alpha)}(x) L_n^{(\alpha)}(x) x^\alpha e^{-x} dx = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + n + 1)}{n!} \delta_{mn}, \quad \alpha > -1. \quad (3)$$

■ Prove that the generating function for  $L_n^{(\alpha)}(x)$  is given by

$$F(x, r) := \frac{1}{(1-r)^{\alpha+1}} \exp\left(\frac{-xr}{1-r}\right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} L_n^{(\alpha)}(x) r^n. \quad (4)$$

■ Using the generating function, prove for  $n = 1, 2, 4, \dots$  that

$$(n+1)L_{n+1}^{(\alpha)}(x) + (x - \alpha - 2n - 1)L_n^{(\alpha)}(x) + (n + \alpha)L_{n-1}^{(\alpha)}(x) = 0. \quad (5)$$

■ Prove for  $n \geq 1$  that

$$x \frac{dL_n^{(\alpha)}}{dx} = nL_n^{(\alpha)}(x) - (n + \alpha)L_{n-1}^{(\alpha)}(x). \quad (6)$$

■ Use the previous (and only the previous results) to prove that

$$x(L_n^{(\alpha)})''(x) + (\alpha + 1 - x)(L_n^{(\alpha)})'(x) + n(L_n^{(\alpha)})(x) = 0, \quad n \geq 0. \quad (7)$$

■ Prove that the Hermite polynomials and the Laguerre polynomials are linked by

$$H_{2m}(x) = (-1)^m 2^{2m} m! L_m^{-1/2}(x^2) \quad (8)$$

$$H_{2m+1}(x) = (-1)^m 2^{2m+1} m! x L_m^{1/2}(x^2). \quad (9)$$

■ Prove the following elementary formulas :

$$\frac{d}{dx} L_n^{(\alpha)}(x) = -L_{n-1}^{(\alpha+1)}(x), \quad (10)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [x^\alpha L_n^{(\alpha)}(x)] = (n + \alpha)x^{\alpha-1} L_n^{(\alpha-1)}(x), \quad (11)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [e^{-x} L_n^{(\alpha)}(x)] = -e^{-x} L_{n+1}^{(\alpha)}(x), \quad (12)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [x^\alpha e^{-x} L_n^{(\alpha)}(x)] = (n + 1)x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x} L_{n-1}^{(\alpha-1)}(x). \quad (13)$$

■ Find the coefficients  $I_m(n)$  in the expansion

$$x^n = \sum_{m=1}^n I_m(n) L_m^{(\alpha)}(x). \quad (14)$$

### Exercice 6

On définit le  $n$ -ième polynôme de Hermite par

$$H_n(x) = (-1)^n e^{\frac{x^2}{2}} \frac{d^n}{dx^n} \left( e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \right).$$

On va définir pour deux polynômes  $P$  et  $Q$ ,

$$\langle P|Q \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(t)Q(t)e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}} dt.$$

- Montrer que  $\langle .|. \rangle$  est bien un produit scalaire sur  $\mathbb{R}[X]$ .
- Soient  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Montrer que  $n \neq m \implies \langle H_n, H_m \rangle = 0$ .
- Soit  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , calculer  $\langle H_n | H_m \rangle$ .
- Montrer qu'on a la relation de récurrence d'ordre 2 suivante :

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, H_{n+1} = xH_n(x) - nH_{n-1}(x).$$

- Montrer que  $L_n$  vérifie l'équation différentielle suivante :

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, H_n''(x) - xH_n'(x) + nH_n(x) = 0.$$

### Exercice 7

Soit  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

- Montrer qu'il existe un unique polynôme  $P \in \mathbb{C}[X]$  tel que  $P(\cos \theta) = \cos n\theta$  pour tout  $\theta$  réel. On le note  $T_n$ .
- Trouver une relation entre  $T_{n-1}$ ,  $T_n$  et  $T_{n+1}$ .
- Donner une équation différentielle vérifiée par  $T_n$ .
- Déterminer les racines de  $T_n$ .
- Calculer  $\int_0^\pi \cos(n\theta) \cos(m\theta) d\theta$  pour tout  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- Montrer que la famille  $(T_n)$  est orthogonale sur  $(-1, 1)$  par rapport à une fonction poids  $\rho$  que l'on précisera.
- Donner l'équation différentielle de Pearson satisfaite par  $\rho$ .
- Quelle est la formule de Rodrigues pour les  $T_n$ ?

### Exercice 8

Let  $f(x)$  be a function. One defines the operator  $\Delta$  (forward difference by

$$\Delta f(x) = f(x+1) - f(x). \tag{15}$$

and the operator  $\nabla$  (backward difference) by

$$\nabla f(x) = f(x) - f(x-1). \tag{16}$$

The Pochhammer symbol or shifted factorial is defined by

$$(\alpha)_0 := 1 \text{ and } (\alpha)_n = \alpha(\alpha + 1) \dots (\alpha + n - 1), \quad a \neq 0, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (17)$$

The falling factorial is denoted by

$$a^{\underline{0}} := 1 \text{ and } a^{\underline{n}} = a(a - 1)(a - 2) \dots (a - n + 1), \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

The Gauss hypergeometric function is defined by

$${}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a, b \\ c \end{matrix} \middle| x\right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n (b)_n}{n! (c)_n} x^n. \quad (18)$$

The Charlier polynomials  $C_n(x; a)$  are defined by the generating function

$$G(x, t) = e^t \left(1 - \frac{t}{a}\right)^x := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n(x; a) \frac{t^n}{n!}. \quad (19)$$

■ Find a link between  $(a)_n$  and  $a^{\underline{n}}$ .

■ Prove that

$$C_n(a; a) = {}_2F_0\left(\begin{matrix} -n, -x \\ - \end{matrix} \middle| -\frac{1}{a}\right). \quad (20)$$

■ Prove the orthogonality relation

$$\sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{a^x}{x!} C_m(x; a) C_n(x; a) = a^{-n} e^a n! \delta_{mn}, \quad a > 0. \quad (21)$$

■ Prove the three-terms recurrence relation

$$a C_{n+1}(x; a) = (n + a - x) C_n(x; a) - n C_{n-1}(x; a). \quad (22)$$

■ Prove that

$$\Delta C_n(x; a) = -\frac{n}{a} C_{n-1}(x; a). \quad (23)$$

■ Prove that

$$\nabla \left[ \frac{a^x}{x!} C_n(x; a) \right] = \frac{a^x}{x!} C_{n+1}(x; a). \quad (24)$$

■ Prove that

$$x^n = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \binom{n}{k} a^k C_k(x; a). \quad (25)$$

■ Find the coefficients  $D_k(n)$  in the expansion

$$C_n(x; b) = \sum_{k=0}^n D_k(n) C_k(x; a). \quad (26)$$