

# On The Connection Problem Between Two Classical Orthogonal Polynomial Sequences\*

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## Abstract

In this paper, we solve the following connection problem

$$\Phi(x)Q_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n+\deg \Phi} \lambda_{n,k}P_k(x) \text{ for } n \geq 0,$$

where  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  and  $\{Q_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  are two MOPS and  $\Phi$  is a monic polynomial. We establish a method for computing the coefficient  $\lambda_{n,k}$  step by step. As application, we apply this process for some continuous, discrete and quantum classical MOPS with the choice  $\deg \Phi \leq 2$  and some new relationships are obtained. In particular, some well known formulas such as duplication, addition are derived.

## 1 Introduction and Preliminaries

Given two MPS  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  and  $\{Q_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  and a monic polynomial  $\Phi$ , the so-called connection problem between them, i.e. the computation of coefficients  $\lambda_{n,k}$  in the following expression

$$\Phi(x)Q_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n+\deg \Phi} \lambda_{n,k}P_k(x) \text{ for } n \geq 0. \quad (1)$$

plays an important role in many problems in pure and applied mathematics (see for instance [6] for adequate references). The literature on this topic is extremely vast and a wide variety of methods, based on specific properties of the involved polynomials, have been developed using several techniques for  $\Phi(x) = 1$  [1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9]. In the context of the connection problem (1), we are dealing in this contribution with a numerical method to compute the coefficient  $\lambda_{n,k}$  step by step. Some illustrative examples from the classical continuous, discrete and  $q$ -discrete case (Hermite, Meixner and Little  $q$ -Laguerre) are highlighted for some monic polynomials  $\Phi$  with  $\deg \Phi \leq 2$ . As consequence, some new connections are obtained and some well known formulas such as duplication, addition are recovered.

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 effect of  $u \in \mathcal{P}'$  on  $f \in \mathcal{P}$ . In particular, we denote

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by  $(u)_n := \langle u, x^n \rangle$ ,  $n \geq 0$ , the moments of the form  $u$  (linear functional). Let us introduce some useful operations in  $\mathcal{P}'$ . For any form  $u$ , any polynomial  $g$ , and any  $(A, B) \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\} \times \mathbb{C}$ , let  $gu$ ,  $h_A u$ , and  $\tau_B u$  be the forms defined by duality

$$\langle gu, f \rangle := \langle u, gf \rangle, \quad \langle h_A u, f \rangle := \langle u, h_A f \rangle, \quad \langle \tau_B u, f \rangle = \langle u, \tau_{-B} f \rangle,$$

for all  $f \in \mathcal{P}$  where  $(h_A f)(x) = f(Ax)$  and  $(\tau_{-B} f)(x) := f(x + B)$  [3, 5].

Let  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  be a sequence of monic polynomials with  $\deg P_n = n$ ,  $n \geq 0$  (MPS) and let  $\{u_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  be its dual sequence,  $u_n \in \mathcal{P}'$  defined by  $\langle u_n, P_m \rangle := \delta_{n,m}$ ,  $n, m \geq 0$ . The sequence  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  is called orthogonal (MOPS) if we can associate with it a form  $u$  (with  $(u)_0 = 1$ ) and a sequence of numbers  $\{r_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  ( $r_n \neq 0$ ,  $n \geq 0$ ) such that [3, 5]

$$\langle u, P_m P_n \rangle = r_n \delta_{n,m} \text{ for } n, m \geq 0.$$

The form  $u$  is then said to be regular. The MOPS  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  fulfils the three-term recurrence relation [3, 5]

$$\begin{cases} P_0(x) = 1, P_1(x) = x - \xi_0, \\ P_{n+2}(x) = (x - \xi_{n+1})P_{n+1}(x) - \alpha_{n+1}P_n(x) \text{ for } n \geq 0, \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

where

$$\xi_n = \frac{\langle u, x P_n^2 \rangle}{r_n} \text{ and } \alpha_{n+1} = \frac{r_{n+1}}{r_n} \neq 0 \text{ for } n \geq 0.$$

The regular form  $u$  is positive definite if and only if  $\xi_n \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\alpha_{n+1} > 0$  for  $n \geq 0$ . cf. [3, 5].

If we consider the shifted monic polynomials  $\tilde{P}_n(x) = A^{-n} P_n(Ax + B)$  for  $n \geq 0$ , then  $\{\tilde{P}_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  is also a MOPS and its recurrence coefficients are [3, 5]

$$\tilde{\xi}_n = \frac{\xi_n - B}{A} \text{ and } \tilde{\alpha}_{n+1} = \frac{\alpha_{n+1}}{A^2} \text{ for } n \geq 0. \quad (3)$$

A form  $u$  is said to be symmetric if and only if  $(u)_{2n+1} = 0$  for  $n \geq 0$ . A MPS  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  is symmetric if and only if  $P_n(-x) = (-1)^n P_n(x)$  for  $n \geq 0$ . cf. [3, 5]. Let  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  be a MOPS with respect to  $u$ , then

$$u \text{ is symmetric} \iff \{P_n\}_{n \geq 0} \text{ is symmetric} \iff \xi_n = 0 \text{ for } n \geq 0.$$

cf. [3, 5].

In the sequel, let  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  be a MOPS with respect to  $u_0$  and satisfying (2) and  $\{Q_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  be a MOPS fulfilling

$$\begin{cases} Q_0(x) = 1, Q_1(x) = x - \beta_0, \\ Q_{n+2}(x) = (x - \beta_{n+1})Q_{n+1}(x) - \gamma_{n+1}Q_n(x) \text{ for } n \geq 0. \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

## 2 The Method

The scope of this section is to give recurrence relations in order to be able to calculate by induction the coefficients  $\lambda_{n,k}$  between  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  and  $\{Q_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  with respect to  $\Phi$  ( $t = \deg \Phi \geq 0$ ) given by the expansion of  $\Phi Q_n$  in terms of the  $P_n$  basis. We may write (1) in the following way

$$\Phi(x)Q_n(x) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \lambda_{n,k} P_k(x) \text{ for } n \geq 0. \quad (5)$$

By virtue of (5), (4) and (2), we get the following formula

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{n,n+t-j} &= \lambda_{0,t-j} + \sum_{k=\nu_j}^{n-1} \left\{ (\xi_{k+t+1-j} - \beta_k) \lambda_{k,k+t+1-j} + \alpha_{k+t+2-j} \lambda_{k,k+t+2-j} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \gamma_k \lambda_{k-1,k+t+1-j} \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

for  $n \geq \max(1, \nu_j + 1)$ , where  $\nu_j = \max(0, j - t - 1)$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq n + t$ , and the initial conditions are reached in the following values  $(\lambda_{0,k})_{0 \leq k \leq t}$ . Moreover,

$$\lambda_{n,k} = 0 \text{ for either } k \leq -1 \text{ or } k \geq n + t + 1, \quad n \geq 0. \quad (7)$$

We are going to detail the process (6)–(7). For  $j = 0$ , we have

$$\lambda_{n,n+t} = 1 \text{ for } n \geq 0. \quad (8)$$

For  $j = 1$ , we have  $\nu_1 = 0$ . Taking (6)–(7) into account, we get

$$\lambda_{n,n+t-1} = \lambda_{0,t-1} + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (\xi_{k+t} - \beta_k) \text{ for } n \geq 1. \quad (9)$$

For  $j = 2$  in (6)–(7), two cases arise:

(i) If  $t \geq 1$ , then  $\nu_2 = 0$ . Therefore, for  $n \geq 2$ ,

$$\lambda_{n,n+t-2} = \lambda_{0,t-2} + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (\xi_{k+t-1} - \beta_k) \lambda_{k,k+t-1} + \alpha_t + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (\alpha_{k+t} - \gamma_k) \quad (10)$$

and, for  $n = 1$ ,

$$\lambda_{1,t-1} = \lambda_{0,t-2} + (\xi_{t-1} - \beta_0) \lambda_{0,t-1} + \alpha_t. \quad (11)$$

(ii) If  $t = 0$ , then  $\nu_2 = 1$ . Therefore, for  $n \geq 2$ ,

$$\lambda_{n,n-2} = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \left\{ (\xi_{k-1} - \beta_k) \lambda_{k,k-1} + (\alpha_k - \gamma_k) \right\}. \quad (12)$$

If we suppose that for an integer  $j$  satisfying  $0 \leq j+1 \leq n+t$ , all the coefficients  $\lambda_{k,k+t-(j-1)}$  and  $\lambda_{k,k+t-j}$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq n-1$  have been calculated, then using (6)-(7) with the change  $j \leftarrow j+1$  yields

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{n,n+t-(j+1)} &= \lambda_{0,t-j-1} + \sum_{k=\nu_{j+1}}^{n-1} \left\{ (\xi_{k+t-j} - \beta_k) \lambda_{k,k+t-j} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \alpha_{k+t+1-j} \lambda_{k,k+t-(j-1)} - \gamma_k \lambda_{k-1,k-1+t-(j-1)} \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

Hence, it is possible to determine  $\lambda_{n,n+t-(j+1)}$  for  $n \geq \max(1, \nu_{j+1} + 1)$ .

REMARK 1. On account of (4), we obtain

$$(x+c)Q_n(x) = Q_{n+1}(x) + (c+\beta_n)Q_n(x) + \gamma_n Q_{n-1}(x) \text{ for } n \geq 0, c \in \mathbb{C}. \quad (14)$$

REMARK 2. When  $\Phi(x) = x^2 + cx + d$ ,  $c, d \in \mathbb{C}$  and using the previous relation, the coefficients  $\{\theta_{n,k}\}_{n,k \geq 0}$  between  $\{Q_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  and  $\{Q_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  by respect to  $\Phi$  are given by

$$\begin{cases} \theta_{n,n+2} = 1, \theta_{n,n+1} = c + \beta_n + \beta_{n+1} & \text{for } n \geq 0, \\ \theta_{n,n} = d + c\beta_n + \beta_n^2 + \gamma_n + \gamma_{n+1} & \text{for } n \geq 0, \\ \theta_{n,n-1} = \gamma_n(c + \beta_n + \beta_{n-1}), n \geq 1, \theta_{n,n-2} = \gamma_n \gamma_{n-1} & \text{for } n \geq 2, \\ \theta_{n,k} = 0, 0 \leq k \leq n-3 & \text{for } n \geq 3. \end{cases} \quad (15)$$

PROPOSITION 1. Let consider the following connection problems

$$Q_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \mu_{n,k} P_k(x) \text{ and } \Phi(x)Q_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n+t} \lambda_{n,k} P_k(x) \text{ for } n \geq 0.$$

Then the following two statements hold.

- (i) If  $\Phi(x) = x + c$ , then  $\lambda_{n,k} = \mu_{n+1,k} + (\beta_n + c)\mu_{n,k} + \gamma_n \mu_{n-1,k}$  for  $n, k \geq 0$ .
- (ii) If  $\Phi(x) = x^2 + cx + d$ , then

$$\lambda_{n,k} = \mu_{n+2,k} + \theta_{n,n+1} \mu_{n+1,k} + \theta_{n,n} \mu_{n,k} + \theta_{n,n-1} \mu_{n-1,k} + \theta_{n,n-2} \mu_{n-2,k}$$

for  $n, k \geq 0$  where  $\theta_{n,k}$  is given in (15).

PROOF. (i)(respectively (ii)) is an immediate consequence of (14)(respectively (15)).

### 3 Applications

#### 3.1 The Continuous Classical Hermite MOPS $\{H_n\}_{n \geq 0}$

Let  $\{H_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  be the Hermite MOPS satisfying (2) with  $\xi_n = 0$  and  $\alpha_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2}(n+1)$  for  $n \geq 0$  [3]. Let consider the two shifted MOPS  $\{\tilde{H}_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  and  $\{\hat{H}_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  defined by

$$\tilde{H}_n(x) = (\tau_{-y}H_n)(x) = H_n(x+y) \text{ for } y \in \mathbb{C}$$

and

$$\hat{H}_n(x) = a^{-n}H_n(ax) \text{ for } a \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}.$$

Accordingly to (3), we obtain

$$\tilde{\xi}_n = -y \text{ and } \tilde{\alpha}_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2}(n+1) \text{ for } n \geq 0, \quad (16)$$

and

$$\hat{\xi}_n = 0 \text{ and } \hat{\alpha}_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2a^2}(n+1) \text{ for } n \geq 0. \quad (17)$$

##### 3.1.1 The Connection Problem $\hat{H}_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \mu_{n,k}H_k(x)$

Choosing  $Q_n(x) = \hat{H}_n(x)$ ,  $P_n = H_n$  and  $\Phi(x) = 1$  ( $t = 0$ ) in (1), (6)-(7) and by virtue of (17), then (9) and (12) lead to

$$\lambda_{n,n-1} = 0 \text{ for } n \geq 1 \text{ and } \lambda_{n,n-2} = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{a^2}\right) \binom{n}{n-2} \text{ for } n \geq 2.$$

By induction and (13), we get  $\lambda_{n,n-(2j+1)} = 0$ . Suppose that

$$\lambda_{k,k-2j} = \frac{\prod_{\nu=1}^j (2\nu-1)}{2^j} \left(1 - \frac{1}{a^2}\right)^j \binom{k}{2j} \text{ for } 0 < 2j \leq n-2 \text{ and } 2j \leq k \leq n.$$

On account of (13) an other time, we obtain

$$\lambda_{n,n-(2j+2)} = \sum_{k=2j+1}^{n-1} \{\alpha_{k-2j}\lambda_{k,k-2j} - \gamma_k\lambda_{k-1,k-1-2j}\}.$$

It's easy to verify that

$$\alpha_{k-2j}\lambda_{k,k-2j} = \frac{\prod_{\nu=0}^j (2\nu+1)}{2^{j+1}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{a^2}\right)^j \binom{k}{2j+1}$$

and

$$\gamma_k\lambda_{k-1,k-1-2j} = \frac{\prod_{\nu=0}^j (2\nu+1)}{2^{j+1}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{a^2}\right)^j \left(\frac{1}{a^2}\right) \binom{k}{2j+1}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_{n,n-(2j+2)} &= \frac{\prod_{\nu=0}^j (2\nu+1)}{2^{j+1}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{a^2}\right)^{j+1} \sum_{k=2j+1}^{n-1} \binom{k}{2j+1} \\ &= \frac{\prod_{k=0}^j (2k+1)}{2^{j+1}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{a^2}\right)^{j+1} \binom{n}{2j+2}.\end{aligned}$$

Lastly, we obtain

$$\begin{cases} \lambda_{n,n-j} = 0 & \text{for } j = 2k+1 \text{ and } k \leq \lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor, \\ \lambda_{n,n-j} = \frac{\prod_{k=0}^j (2k+1)}{2^k} \left(1 - \frac{1}{a^2}\right)^k \binom{n}{2k} & \text{for } j = 2k \text{ and } 1 \leq k \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor, \\ \lambda_{n,n} = 1 & \text{for } n \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

Hence,

$$a^{-n} H_n(ax) = \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \frac{(2k)!}{2^{2k} k!} \left(1 - \frac{1}{a^2}\right)^k \binom{n}{2k} H_{n-2k}(x) \text{ for } n \geq 0.$$

Consequently, we recover again the so-called duplication formula for the Hermite polynomials [6].

### 3.1.2 The Connection Problem $\tilde{H}_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \mu_{n,k} H_k(x)$

On account of (9), (12) with (16), where  $P_n = H_n$ ,  $Q_n = \tilde{H}_n$  and  $t = 0$ , we get

$$\mu_{n,n-1} = \binom{n}{n-1} y, \quad n \geq 1 \text{ and } \mu_{n,n-2} = \binom{n}{n-2} y^2 \text{ for } n \geq 2.$$

Suppose that

$$\mu_{k,k-i} = \binom{k}{k-i} y^i \text{ for } i \leq j \leq n-1 \text{ and } j \leq k \leq n.$$

By virtue of (13), we obtain

$$\mu_{n,n-(j+1)} = \sum_{k=j}^{n-1} \left\{ y \mu_{k,k-j} + \alpha_{k+1-j} \mu_{k,k-(j-1)} - \alpha_k \mu_{k-1,k-1-(j-1)} \right\}.$$

But  $\alpha_{k+1-j} \mu_{k,k-(j-1)} = \alpha_k \mu_{k-1,k-1-(j-1)}$ . Hence,

$$\mu_{n,n-(j+1)} = y^{j+1} \sum_{k=j}^{n-1} \binom{k}{j} = y^{j+1} \binom{n}{j+1} = y^{j+1} \binom{n}{n-(j+1)}.$$

Consequently, we recover again the well known addition formula [6]

$$H_n(x+y) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} y^{n-k} H_k(x), \quad n \geq 0.$$

**3.1.3 The Connection Problem**  $(x^2 + cx + d)\tilde{H}_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n+2} \lambda_{n,k} H_k(x)$ ,  $c, d \in \mathbb{C}$

Using the connection problem in 3.1.2 and applying Proposition 1., we get that, for  $n \geq 0$  and  $k \leq n$ ,

$$\lambda_{n,n+1} = c + ny, \lambda_{n,n+2} = 1,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{n,k} = & y^{n-2-k} \binom{n}{k} \left\{ y^4 \frac{(n+2)(n+1)}{(n+2-k)(n+1-k)} + (c-2y)y^3 \frac{n+1}{n+1-k} \right. \\ & \left. + y^2 \left( n + \frac{1}{2} + d + y^2 - cy \right) + y \frac{(c-2y)(n-k)}{2} + \frac{(n-k)(n-k-1)}{4} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

**3.2 The Discrete Classical Meixner MOPS**  $\{M_n^{(\alpha,a)}\}_{n \geq 0}$

Let us consider the Meixner MOPS  $\{M_n^{(\alpha,a)}\}_{n \geq 0}$  of parameters  $\alpha, a$ . It satisfies (2) with [3]

$$\xi_n = \frac{a\alpha + n(1+a)}{1-a} \text{ for } n \geq 0 \text{ and } \alpha_n = \frac{an(\alpha + n - 1)}{(1-a)^2} \text{ for } n \geq 1. \quad (18)$$

**3.2.1 The Connection Problem**  $M_n^{(\beta,a)}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \mu_{n,k} M_k^{(\alpha,a)}(x)$

Choosing  $P_n = M_n^{(\alpha,a)}$  and  $Q_n = M_n^{(\beta,a)}$  in (1). On account of (18), (9) gives

$$\mu_{n,n-1} = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (\xi_k - \beta_k) = n \left( \frac{a}{1-a} \right) (\alpha - \beta) = \frac{a}{1-a} \binom{n}{n-1} (\alpha - \beta)_1,$$

where

$$(x)_n := \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} (x+k) = \frac{\Gamma(x+n)}{\Gamma(x)} \text{ for } n \geq 1,$$

being the well-known Pochhammer's symbol and  $\Gamma$  be the Gamma function [3]. Then

$$\mu_{n,n-1} = \binom{n}{n-1} \left( \frac{a}{a-1} \right)^{n-(n-1)} (\beta - \alpha)_{n-(n-1)}.$$

Likewise, taking (12) into account and by virtue of (18), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{n,n-2} &= \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (\xi_{k-1} - \beta_k) \lambda_{k,k-1} + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (\alpha_k - \gamma_k) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \left\{ \frac{a(\alpha - \beta) - (1+a)}{1-a} \frac{a}{1-a} (\alpha - \beta)k \right\} + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{ak(\alpha - \beta)}{(1-a)^2} \\ &= \left( \frac{a}{1-a} \right)^2 (\alpha - \beta)(\alpha - \beta - 1) \frac{(n-1)n}{2} \\ &= \binom{n}{n-2} \left( \frac{a}{a-1} \right)^{n-(n-2)} (\beta - \alpha)_{n-(n-2)}. \end{aligned}$$

Suppose that

$$\mu_{k,k-i} = \binom{n}{i} \left( \frac{a}{a-1} \right)^i (\beta - \alpha)_i \text{ for } i \leq j \text{ and } k \leq n.$$

Using (13) and by virtue of (18) an other time, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \mu_{n,n-(j+1)} \\ = & \sum_{k=j}^{n-1} \left\{ (\xi_{k-j} - \beta_k) \mu_{k,k-j} + \alpha_{k+1-j} \mu_{k,k-(j-1)} - \gamma_k \mu_{k-1,k-1-(j-1)} \right\} \\ = & \frac{a^j}{(a-1)^{j+1}} (\beta - \alpha)_j \left\{ [a(\beta - \alpha + j) + j] \sum_{k=j}^{n-1} \binom{k}{j} - \sum_{k=j}^{n-1} (k-j+1) \binom{k}{j-1} \right\} \\ = & \left( \frac{a}{a-1} \right)^{j+1} (\beta - \alpha)_{j+1} \sum_{k=j}^{n-1} \binom{k}{j} \\ = & \binom{n}{j+1} \left( \frac{a}{a-1} \right)^{j+1} (\beta - \alpha)_{j+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\mu_{n,n-j} = \binom{n}{j} \left( \frac{a}{a-1} \right)^j (\beta - \alpha)_j \text{ for } 0 \leq j \leq n \text{ and } n \geq 1.$$

### 3.2.2 The Connection Problem $(x+c)M_n^{(\beta,a)}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \lambda_{n,k} M_k^{(\alpha,a)}(x)$ , $c \in \mathbb{C}$

Taking into account Proposition 1. and the connection problem 3.2.1, the coefficients between  $\{M_n^{(\alpha,a)}\}_{n \geq 0}$  and  $\{M_n^{(\alpha,b)}\}_{n \geq 0}$  by respect to  $\Phi(x) = x+c$  are given by  $\lambda_{n,n+1} = 1$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{n,k} = & \binom{n}{k} \left( \frac{a}{a-1} \right)^{n+1-k} (\beta - \alpha)_{n-k} \times \left\{ \frac{(n+1)(\beta - \alpha + n - k)}{n+1-k} \right. \\ & \left. - \frac{(1-a)c + a\beta + n(1+a)}{a} + \frac{(\beta + n - 1)(n - k)}{a(\beta - \alpha + n - k - 1)} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

for  $n \geq 0$  and  $0 \leq k \leq n$ .

### 3.3 The Quantum Classical Little $q$ -Laguerre MOPS $\{L_n(\cdot; a|q)\}_{n \geq 0}$

Let us consider the Little  $q$ -Laguerre MOPS  $\{L_n(\cdot; a|q)\}_{n \geq 0}$  of parameters  $a \neq 0$ . It satisfies (2) with [4]

$$\begin{cases} \xi_n = \{1 + a - a(1+q)q^n\}q^n & \text{for } n \geq 0, \\ \alpha_n = a(1-q^n)(1-aq^n)q^{2n-1} & \text{for } n \geq 1. \end{cases} \quad (19)$$



On account of (3), its shifted MOPS  $\{q^{-n}h_q L_n(\cdot; a|q)\}_{n \geq 0}$  satisfies (4) with

$$\begin{cases} \beta_n = \{1 + a - a(1 + q)q^n\}q^{n-1} & \text{for } n \geq 0, \\ \gamma_n = a(1 - q^n)(1 - aq^n)q^{2n-3} & \text{for } n \geq 1. \end{cases} \quad (20)$$

**3.3.1 The Connection Problem**  $q^{-n}L_n(qx; a|q) = \sum_{k=0}^n \mu_{n,k}L_k(x; a|q)$

Choosing  $P_n(x) = L_n(x; a|q)$  and  $Q_n(x) = q^{-n}L_n(qx; a|q)$  in (1). On account of (19)-(20), (9) gives

$$\mu_{n,n-1} = -q^{-1}(1 - q^n)(1 - aq^n) \text{ for } n \geq 1.$$

Moreover, after some calculations taking into account (19)-(20) and (12)-(13) we get

$$\mu_{n,n-2} = 0 \text{ for } n \geq 2 \text{ and } \mu_{n,n-3} = 0 \text{ for } n \geq 3.$$

Consequently, formula (13) an other time yields  $\mu_{n,n-k} = 0$  for  $0 \leq k \leq n-2$ . Therefore,

$$q^{-n}L_n(qx; a|q) = L_n(x; a|q) - q^{-1}(1 - q^n)(1 - aq^n)L_{n-1}(x; a|q) \text{ for } n \geq 0 \quad (21)$$

with  $L_{-1}(x; a|q) := 0$ .

**3.3.2 The Connection Problem**  $(x+c)q^{-n}L_n(qx; a|q) = \sum_{k=0}^{n+1} \lambda_{n,k}L_k(x; a|q)$ ,  $c \in \mathbb{C}$

Taking into account Proposition 1. and the relationship (21) in the connection problem 3.3.1, the coefficients between  $\{q^{-n}h_q L_n(\cdot; a|q)\}_{n \geq 0}$  and  $\{L_n(\cdot; a|q)\}_{n \geq 0}$  by respect to  $\Phi(x) = x + c$ ,  $c \in \mathbb{C}$  and

$$(x + c)q^{-n}L_n(qx; a|q) = \sum_{k=n-2}^{n+1} \lambda_{n,k}L_k(x; a|q)$$

are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{n,n+1} &= 1, \lambda_{n,n} = c - q^{-1} + \{(1 + a)(1 + q) - aq^n(1 + q + q^2)\}q^{n-1}, \\ \lambda_{n,n-1} &= -q^{-1}(1 - q^n)(1 - aq^n)\{c + q^{n-1} - aq^{n-1}(1 - q^{n-1}(1 + q + q^2))\}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\lambda_{n,n-2} = -a(1 - q^{n-1})(1 - q^n)(1 - aq^{n-1})(1 - aq^n)q^{2n-4}.$$

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