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**Abstract**

**Full Text**

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**ON SOME EXTREMAL PROPERTIES OF GENERALIZED APPELL POLYNOMIALS**

*(Presented by Academician S. N. Bernstein, 12 VI 1964)*

1°. A sequence of polynomials  $\{P_n(x)\}_0^\infty$  of degree exactly  $n$  will be called a sequence of generalized Appell polynomials of class  $A^{(k)}$  if

$$P_n^{(k)}(x) = P_{n-k}(x) \quad (n = k, k + 1, k + 2, \dots). \quad (1)$$

It follows from (1) that if  $\{P_n(x)\}_0^\infty \in A^{(k)}$ , then the sequences  $\{P_{n,j}(x)\}_{n=0}^\infty$  ( $j = 0, \dots, k - 1$ ), where

$$P_{n,0}(x) \equiv P_n(x), \quad P_{n,j}(x) \equiv P_{n+j}^{(j)}(x) \quad (2)$$

$$(j = 1, \dots, k - 1; n = 0, 1, 2, \dots),$$

also belong to the class  $A^{(k)}$ .

We shall also say (which is equivalent to definition (1)) that  $\{P_n(x)\}_0^\infty \in A^{(k)}$  if there exist (formally)  $k$  power series (in what follows—generating functions)

$$A_m(t) = \sum_{l=0}^\infty a_{l,m} t^l \quad (m = 0, \dots, k - 1)$$

such that (also formally)

$$\sum_{m=0}^{k-1} A_m(t) e^{\varepsilon_m t x} = \sum_{n=0}^\infty P_n(x) t^n,$$

where  $\varepsilon_m$  are the primitive  $k$ -th roots of unity.

**Theorem 1.** *In order that  $\{P_n(x)\}_0^\infty \in A^{(k)}$ , it is necessary and sufficient that the conditions*

$$\int_0^\infty P_n^{(m)}(x) d\gamma(x) = \alpha_{n,m},$$

hold, where  $\gamma(x)$  is a function of bounded variation on  $(0, \infty)$ , all moments  $\gamma_n$  of which exist and  $\gamma_0 \neq 0$ ;  $\alpha_{n,m}$  ( $m = 0, \dots, n$ ;  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ) are the elements of an infinite triangular table satisfying the condition

$$\alpha_{n+k,m+k} = \alpha_{n,m} \quad (m = 0, \dots, n; n = 0, 1, 2, \dots).$$

This theorem generalizes results of C. J. Thorne <sup>(1)</sup> for sequences of Appell polynomials (class  $A^{(1)}$ ).

**Corollary 1.** *The generating functions of a sequence  $\{P_n(x)\}_0^\infty \in A^{(k)}$  have the form*

$$A_m(t) = \frac{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{l=0}^{k-1} \Delta_{l+1,m+1}^{(k)} \alpha_{n+l,l} \right] t^n}{\Delta^{(k)} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \varepsilon_m^n \frac{\gamma_n}{n!} t^n},$$

where  $\Delta^{(k)}$  is the Vandermonde determinant  $W(\varepsilon_0, \varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_{k-1})$ ;  $\Delta_{i,j}^{(k)}$  are the algebraic complements of its elements.

For example, for the sequence  $\{S_n(x)\}_0^\infty \in A^{(2)}$  of Euler-Bernstein polynomials (<sup>(2)</sup>, p. 497), the generating functions have the form

$$A_0(t) = \frac{1 + e^{-t}}{e^t + e^{-t}}, \quad A_1(t) = \frac{e^t - 1}{e^t + e^{-t}},$$

i.e.,

$$\frac{\operatorname{sh} tx + \operatorname{ch} t(1-x)}{\operatorname{ch} t} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} S_n(x) t^n.$$

**Corollary 2.** Any polynomial  $P_n(x)$  from the sequence  $\{P_n(x)\}_0^\infty \in A^{(k)}$  can be represented in the form

$$P_{mk+l}(x) = \sum_{s=0}^{k-1} \sum_{i=r}^m \frac{p_{ik+l-s,s}^{(0)}}{(mk - ki + s)!} x^{mk-ki+s}, \quad (3)$$

where  $l = 0, \dots, k-1$ ;  $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ;  $r = 0$  when  $l-s \geq 0$ ;  $r = 1$  when  $l-s < 0$ ;  $p_{m,j}^{(0)}$  ( $j = 0, \dots, k-1$ ) are the constant terms of the polynomials (2).

In what follows we shall assume that, for all  $n$ ,

$$P_n^{(n)}(x) = 1. \quad (4)$$

2°. Following S. N. Bernstein ((<sup>2</sup>, p. 515), consider the class  $\binom{j}{\lambda, 1}$  of regularly monotone polynomials on  $[0, 1]$  with type numbers  $\lambda_1 = \lambda - j$ ,  $\lambda_{2k} = 1$ ,  $\lambda_{2k+1} = \lambda$ . From the generalized theorem of S. N. Bernstein ((<sup>2</sup>, p. 515) it follows that, among all polynomials of the class under consideration satisfying (4), the one that deviates least from zero on  $[0, 1]$  is the one satisfying the conditions

$$P_n^{(i)}(0) = 0, \quad i \not\equiv \lambda \pmod{\lambda + 1};$$

$$P_n^{(i)}(1) = 0, \quad i \equiv \lambda \pmod{\lambda + 1}. \quad (5)$$

Consider the sequence  $\{P_n(x)\}_0^\infty$  of extremal polynomials of the class  $\binom{0}{\lambda, 1}$ . By condition (5), each polynomial can be represented in the form of an Abel-Goncharov integral

$$P_n(x) = \int_{\alpha_0}^x dx_1 \int_{\alpha_1}^{x_1} dx_2 \int_{\alpha_2}^{x_2} dx_3 \cdots \int_{\alpha_{n-1}}^{x_{n-1}} dx_n,$$

where  $\alpha_i = 0$  when  $i \not\equiv \lambda \pmod{\lambda + 1}$  and  $\alpha_i = 1$  when  $i \equiv \lambda \pmod{\lambda + 1}$ .

It follows from this representation that the polynomials under consideration satisfy (1) for  $k = \lambda + 1$ , i.e.,  $\{P_n(x)\}_0^\infty \in A^{(\lambda+1)}$ , and for  $P_n(x)$  the representation (3) is valid with  $k = \lambda + 1$ . Moreover, the polynomials of the sequences  $\{P_{n,j}(x)\}_{n=0}^\infty$ , defined by condition (2), also deviate least from zero among polynomials of the class  $\binom{j}{\lambda, 1}$ , and for them one can write a representation analogous to (3). However, representation (3) contains the constant terms of the polynomials of all the sequences  $\{P_{n,j}(x)\}_{n=0}^\infty$  ( $j = 0, \dots, k - 1$ ). From the conditions (5), however, it follows that, for the extremal sequences, the only constant terms different from zero will be those of the sequence  $\{P_{n,\lambda}(x)\}_{n=0}^\infty$ .

Thus, the following is true.

**Theorem 2.** Among all polynomials of degree  $n$  from the class  $\binom{j}{\lambda, 1}$  of the form

$$P_n(x) = \pm \frac{x^n}{n!} + p_1 x^{n-1} + p_2 x^{n-2} + \dots + p_n$$

deviates least from zero on  $[0, 1]$  is the polynomial  $\pm P_{n,j}(x)$ , where

$$P_{n,j}(x) = \frac{x^n}{n!} + \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{p_{(\lambda+1)i+l+j-\lambda,\lambda}^{(0)}}{[(\lambda+1)(m-i) + \lambda - l]!} x^{(\lambda+1)(m-i)+\lambda-j}$$

$$(j = 0, \lambda, \dots; \quad l = -j, \dots, -j + \lambda; \quad n = m + (\lambda + 1) + l; \quad m = 1, 2, 3, \dots),$$

whose coefficients are determined from the conditions

$$\frac{1}{n!} + \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{p_{(\lambda+1)i+l,\lambda}^{(0)}}{[(\lambda+1)(m-i)]!} = 0$$

$$(n = m(\lambda+1) + l; \quad l = -\lambda, \dots, 0; \quad m = 1, 2, 3, \dots),$$

and this least deviation is equal to

$$L_n^{(\lambda)} = |p_{n,\lambda}^{(0)}|, \quad L_n^{(j)} = \left| \frac{1}{n!} + \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{p_{(\lambda+1)i+l+j-\lambda,\lambda}^{(0)}}{[(\lambda+1)(m-i) + \lambda - j]!} \right|$$

$$(j = 0, \dots, \lambda - 1).$$

**Corollary.** The generating functions of the sequence  $\{P_n(x)\}_0^\infty$  of extremal polynomials of the class  $\lambda, 1^{(0)}$  have the form:

$$A_0(t) = 1 + \frac{1 - e^t}{\sum_{j=0}^{\lambda} \varepsilon_j t^j}, \quad A_m(t) = \varepsilon_m \frac{1 - e^t}{\sum_{j=0}^{\lambda} \varepsilon_j t^j} \quad (m = 1, \dots, \lambda).$$

For example, for the extremal sequence  $\{P_n(x)\}_0^\infty \in {}_{2,1}^{(0)}((^2), p.515)$ , the generating functions have the form

$$A_0(t) = 1 + \psi(t), \quad A_1(t) = \varepsilon_1 \psi(t), \quad A_2(t) = \varepsilon_2 \psi(t),$$

where

$$\psi(t) = \frac{1 - e^t}{e^t + 2e^{-1/2t} \cos \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t}.$$

Consequently,

$$e^{tx} + (e^{tx} + \varepsilon_1 e^{\varepsilon_1 tx} + \varepsilon_2 e^{\varepsilon_2 tx})\psi(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n(x)t^n,$$

whence

$$1 + 3\psi(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_{n,2}^{(0)} t^n.$$

Thus, the coefficients in the expansion of the function  $1 + 3\psi(t)$  in powers of  $t$ , up to sign, coincide with the quantities  $L_n^{(2)}$  of the deviations of polynomials of degree  $n$  of the class  ${}_{2,1}^{(2)}$ . Hence, in particular, there follows S. N. Bernstein's formula ((<sup>2</sup>), p.516)

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_{3n,2}^{(0)} t^{3n} = \frac{3}{e^t + 2e^{-1/2t} \cos \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t}.$$

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