

## SOME GENERATING FUNCTIONS OF LAGUERRE POLYNOMIALS

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**ABSTRACT.** In this note a class of interesting generating relation, which is stated in the form of theorem, involving Laguerre polynomials is derived. Some applications of the theorem are also given here.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION.

The Laguerre polynomials  $L_n^{(\alpha)}(x)$  are defined by,

$$L_n^{(\alpha)}(x) = \frac{(1+\alpha)_n}{n!} {}_1F_1(-n; 1+\alpha; x) \quad (1.1)$$

where  $n$  is a non-negative integer.

From [1] we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+m}{n} L_{n+m}^{(\alpha)}(x) w^n \\ = (1-w)^{-1-\alpha-m} \exp\left(\frac{-xw}{1-w}\right) L_m^{(\alpha)}\left(\frac{x}{1-w}\right), \end{aligned} \quad (1.2)$$

Observing the existence of the above generating relation (1.2) the present author is interested to investigate the existence of more general generating relation by the group-theoretic method. In fact, the following theorem is obtained as the main result of our investigation.

**THEOREM 1.** If there exists a generating relation of the form

$$G(x, w) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n w^n L_{n+m}^{(\alpha)}(x) \quad (1.3)$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} (1-w)^{-1-\alpha-m} \exp\left(\frac{-wx}{1-w}\right) G\left(\frac{x}{1-w}, \frac{wz}{1-w}\right) \\ = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} w^n f_n(z) L_{n+m}^{(\alpha)}(x) \end{aligned} \quad (1.4)$$

where

$$f_n(z) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n+m}{k+m} a_k z^k.$$

The importance of the above theorem lies in the fact that one can get a good number of generating relations from (1.4) by attributing different suitable values to  $a_n$  in the relation (1.3).

## 2. DERIVATION OF THE THEOREM.

THEOREM 1. Using the differential recurrence relation [2]

$$x \frac{d}{dx} (L_{n+m}^{(\alpha)}(x)) = (n+m+1) L_{n+m+1}^{(\alpha)}(x) - (n+m+\alpha+1-x) L_{n+m}^{(\alpha)}(x). \quad (2.1)$$

We find the following partial differential operator,

$$R = xy \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + y^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + (-x+m+1)y$$

such that

$$R (y^{\alpha+n} L_{n+m}^{(\alpha)}(x)) = (n+m+1) y^{\alpha+n+1} L_{n+m+1}^{(\alpha)}(x). \quad (2.2)$$

The extended form of the group generated by  $R$  is given by,

$$e^{wR} f(x, y) = (1-wy)^{-m-1} \exp\left(\frac{-wxy}{1-wy}\right) f\left(\frac{x}{1-wy}, \frac{y}{1-wy}\right).$$

Let us consider the generating relation of the form:

$$G(x, w) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n L_{n+m}^{(\alpha)}(x) w^n. \quad (2.3)$$

Replacing  $w$  by  $wyz$  and then multiplying both sides by  $y^\alpha$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} y^\alpha G(x, wyz) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (wyz)^n y^\alpha L_{n+m}^{(\alpha)}(x) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (wz)^n y^{\alpha+n} L_{n+m}^{(\alpha)}(x). \end{aligned}$$

Operating both sides of the above expression by  $(\exp wR)$ , we get

$$(\exp wR) (y^\alpha G(x, wyz)) = (\exp wR) \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (wz)^n y^{\alpha+n} L_{n+m}^{(\alpha)}(x) \right) \quad (2.4)$$

The left member of (2.4) becomes

$$(1-wy)^{-1-m} \exp\left(\frac{-wxy}{1-wy}\right) \left(\frac{y}{1-wy}\right)^\alpha G\left(\frac{x}{1-wy}, \frac{wyz}{1-wy}\right). \quad (2.5)$$

The right member of (2.4) is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_n (wz)^n \frac{w^k}{k!} R^k (y^{\alpha+n} L_{n+m}^{(\alpha)}(x)) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_n \frac{w^{n+k}}{k!} z^n (n+m+1)_k y^{n+\alpha+k} L_{n+m+k}^{(\alpha)}(x) \\ &= y^\alpha \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n (wy)^{n+k} \frac{(n+m+k)!}{k!(n+m)!} L_{n+m+k}^{(\alpha)}(x) \\ &= y^\alpha \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^n a_n (wy)^n (a_{n-k} z^{n-k} \frac{(n+m)!}{k!(n-k+m)!}) L_{n+m}^{(\alpha)}(x) \\ &= y^\alpha \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (wy)^n f_n(z) L_{n+m}^{(\alpha)}(x) \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

where

$$f_n(z) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n+m}{k+m} a_k z^k.$$

Equating (2.5) and (2.6) and then putting  $y=1$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} (1-w)^{-1-\alpha-m} \exp\left(\frac{-wx}{1-w}\right) G\left(\frac{x}{1-w}, \frac{wz}{1-w}\right) \\ = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} w^n f_n(z) L_{n+m}^{(\alpha)}(x) \end{aligned} \quad (2.7)$$

where,

$$f_n(z) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n+m}{k+m} a_k z^k, \text{ this completes the proof of the theorem.}$$

On the other hand, if we consider the continuous transformations group defined by

the infinitesimal operator

$$R_1 = e^t \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \frac{1}{2} x \frac{\partial}{\partial z} - x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)$$

then the equations of finite transformations of the group are

$$x' = (\exp w R_1) x, \quad y' = (\exp w R_1) y, \quad z' = (\exp w R_1) z \quad (2.8)$$

where  $w$  is the parameter of the group under consideration.

Also we know that

$$\begin{aligned} (\exp w R_1) f(x, y, z) &= f((\exp w R_1) x, (\exp w R_1) y, (\exp w R_1) z) \\ &= f(x', y', z') \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$

From [3] we see that the effect of the operator  $(\exp w R_1)$  on the variables are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= x / (1 - we^t) \\ y' &= t - \log(1 - we^t) \\ z' &= z - x we^t / 2(1 - we^t). \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

and

$$R_1 F_{n+m}(x, t, z) = (n+m+1) F_{n+m+1}(x, t, z), \quad (2.11)$$

where

$$F_{n+m}(x, t, z) = \exp \left[ (n+m)t + \frac{\alpha+1}{2} t + z - \frac{x}{2} \right] x^{(\alpha+1)/2} L_{n+m}^{(\alpha)}(x).$$

Now replacing  $w$  by  $we^t$  in (2.3) and then multiplying both members by

$$\exp \left[ mt + \frac{\alpha+1}{2} t + z - \frac{x}{2} \right] x^{(\alpha+1)/2}$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned} G(x, we^t) &= \exp \left[ mt + \frac{\alpha+1}{2} t + z - \frac{x}{2} \right] x^{(\alpha+1)/2} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (wy)^n F_{n+m}(x, t, z). \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

Operating both members of the above expression by  $(\exp w R_1)$  and using (2.8), (2.9) and (2.11), we get

$$\begin{aligned} G(x', we^t) &= \exp \left[ mt' + \frac{\alpha+1}{2} t' + z' - \frac{x'}{2} \right] (x')^{(\alpha+1)/2} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} w^n f_n(y) F_{n+m}(x, t, z), \end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

where

$$f_n(y) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n+m}{k+m} a_k y^k.$$

Putting the values of  $x'$ ,  $y'$ ,  $z'$  from (2.10) and then substituting  $t = z = 0$  we finally obtain

if  $G(x, w) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n w^n L_{n+m}^{(\alpha)}(x)$

then

$$\begin{aligned} (1-w)^{-1-\alpha-m} \exp \left( \frac{-xy}{1-w} \right) G \left( \frac{x}{1-w}, \frac{wy}{1-w} \right) \\ = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} w^n f_n(y) L_{n+m}^{(\alpha)}(x) \end{aligned} \quad (2.14)$$

where

$$f_n(y) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n+m}{k+m} a_k y^k,$$

which is same as (2.7).

From above we see that if  $R_1$  be used the calculation becomes much harder than when  $R$  is used.

COROLLARY 1. If we put  $m=o$  in the above theorem, we get the following well-known theorem derived by W.A. Al-Salam [4], and the second author [5].

"If there exists a generating relation of the form

$$G(x, w) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n w^n L_n^{(\alpha)}(x)$$

then

$$(1-w)^{-\alpha-1} \exp\left(\frac{-wx}{1-w}\right) G\left(\frac{x}{1-w}, \frac{wz}{1-w}\right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} w^n f_n(z) L_n^{(\alpha)}(x)$$

where

$$f_n(z) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} a_k z^k.$$

APPLICATION. As a nice application of our theorem, we consider the generating relation given in (1.2), i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+m}{n} L_{n+m}^{(\alpha)}(x) w^n \\ = (1-w)^{-1-\alpha-m} \exp\left(\frac{-wx}{1-w}\right) L_m^{(\alpha)}\left(\frac{x}{1-w}\right). \end{aligned}$$

If we put  $a_n = \binom{m+n}{n}$  in our theorem, we get

$$\begin{aligned} (1-w-wz)^{-1-\alpha-m} \exp\left(\frac{-wx(1+z)}{1-w-wz}\right) L_m^{(\alpha)}\left(\frac{x}{1-w-wz}\right) \\ = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} w^n f_n(z) L_{n+m}^{(\alpha)}(x) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$f_n(z) = \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{n+m}{k+m} \binom{m+n}{n} z^k.$$

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