

ON SOME SPECIAL POLYNOMIALS

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ABSTRACT. New special functions called G -functions are introduced. Connections of G -functions with the known Legendre, Chebyshev and Gegenbauer polynomials are given. For G -functions the Rodrigues formula is obtained.

1. INTRODUCTION

Let L_1, L_2 be linear partial differential operators acting on functions that belong to the vector space \mathcal{X} such that $L_k\mathcal{X} \subset \mathcal{X}$ ($k = 1, 2$) and defined in some domain $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$. Denote $\tilde{\mathbb{N}} = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$.

Definition ([2]). An infinite ordered system of functions $\{f_k(x) \mid k \in \tilde{\mathbb{N}}\}$ ($f_k \in \mathcal{X}$) is called f -normalized with respect to (L_1, L_2) in the domain Ω , having a base $f_0(x)$ if everywhere in that domain, $L_1 f_0(x) = f(x)$ and $L_1 f_k(x) = L_2 f_{k-1}(x)$ for $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

The main property of a system of functions f -normalized with respect to operators (L_1, L_2) in the domain Ω is the following: the series $u(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_k(x)$ satisfies formally the equation $L_1 u(x) - L_2 u(x) = f(x)$ in Ω and therefore $u(x)$ can be considered as a formal solution to that equation.

Example 1. Let $n = 2$, $L_1 = y \partial / \partial x$, $L_2 = \partial / \partial y$ and $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^2 / \{y = 0\}$. Then a system of functions 0-normalized with respect to these operators in Ω can be given in the form $f_k(x, y) = \frac{m}{1} \frac{m-2}{2} \dots \frac{m-2k+2}{k} y^{m-2k} x^k$ for $k = 0, 1, \dots$ and $m \in \mathbb{N}$.

Using the main property of f -normalized systems we can easily construct formal solutions to the equation $yu_x(x, y) - u_y(x, y) = 0$ in Ω . In this case formal solutions

$$u_m(x, y) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(m/2 - k + 1)_k}{(1)_k} (2x)^k y^{m-2k}, \quad m \in \mathbb{N}$$

for some x, y ($2x < y^2$) are real solutions because the corresponding series are convergent at these points. For even m we get polynomial solutions.

A very important particular case of the above notion is the case when $L_2 = I$, where I is the identity operator. Then the system of functions $\{f_k(x) \mid k \in \tilde{\mathbb{N}}\}$

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f -normalized with respect to (L_1, I) is called f -normalized with respect to L_1 . Elements of the system $\{f_k(x) \mid k \in \tilde{\mathbb{N}}\}$ in this case satisfy in Ω the conditions

$$(1) \quad L_1 f_0(x) = f(x); \quad L_1 f_k(x) = f_{k-1}(x), \quad k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Example 2. Let $L_1(D) = \Delta$. The system $\{h_k^s(x) \mid k \in \tilde{\mathbb{N}}\}$, where

$$h_k^s(x) = \frac{|x|^{2k}}{(2, 2)_k(n + 2s, 2)_k} H_s(x), \quad |x|^2 = x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2,$$

$(a, b)_k = a(a + b) \dots (a + kb - b)$, with the convention $(a, b)_0 = 1$ (here $(a, 1)_k = (a)_k$; see [5]), and $H_s(x)$ is a homogeneous harmonic polynomial of order s , is 0-normalized with respect to Δ in \mathbb{R}^n . It follows from the equality $\Delta(H_s(x)|x|^m) = m((m + n - 2)H_s(x) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i D_{x_i} H_s(x)) |x|^{m-2}$.

Indeed, using homogeneity of $H_s(x)$ we can rewrite the above equality in the form $\Delta(H_s(x)|x|^m) = m(m + 2s + n - 2)H_s(x)|x|^{m-2}$. If we take here $m = 2k$, we get

$$\Delta \left(\frac{|x|^{2k}}{2k(n + 2s + 2k - 2)} H_s(x) \right) = H_s(x)|x|^{2(k-1)}.$$

Dividing both sides by $(2, 2)_{k-1}(n + 2s, 2)_{k-1}$, we get (1) for $L_1 = \Delta$, $f(x) = 0$ and $f_k(x) = h_k^s(x)$, i.e., $\Delta h_k^s(x) = h_{k-1}^s(x)$ for $k > 0$ and $\Delta h_0^s(x) \equiv \Delta H_s(x) = 0$.

A very important detail here is that the base of the system $\{h_k^s(x) \mid k \in \tilde{\mathbb{N}}\}$ is an arbitrary homogeneous harmonic polynomial $H_s(x)$.

In a straightforward way from the definition we can establish that the system $\{L_2^k f_k(x) \mid k \in \tilde{\mathbb{N}}\}$ is f -normalized with respect to (L_1, L_2) in domain Ω if $\forall k, L_1 L_2 f_k(x) = L_2 L_1 f_k(x)$ in Ω . Therefore the series

$$(2) \quad u(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} L_2^k f_k(x)$$

is a formal solution to the equation $L(D)u \equiv L_1 u(x) - L_2 u(x) = f(x)$ in Ω .

Example 3. Let $L(D) = \Delta$. Using the above construction we are going to find a relation between harmonic polynomials of n variables and harmonic polynomials of $n - 1$ variables. There are two possibilities that use (2).

I. Let us choose $L_1(D) = \Delta - \partial^2 / \partial x_n^2 \equiv \tilde{\Delta}$ and $L_2(D) = -\partial^2 / \partial x_n^2$. To use (2) we have to find a system of polynomials 0-normalized with respect to $\tilde{\Delta}$. We can take it from Example 2. The system $\{h_k^s(x_{(n-1)})x_n^{m,!} \mid k \in \tilde{\mathbb{N}}\}$, where $x_{(n-1)} = (x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})$, $t^{m,!} = t^m / m!$ could be such a system. Therefore, using (2) we can get a harmonic polynomial of n variables in the form

$$u(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{[m/2]} (-1)^k \frac{|x_{(n-1)}|^{2k} x_n^{m-2k,!}}{(2, 2)_k(n - 1 + 2s, 2)_k} H_s(x_{(n-1)}).$$

If we denote

$$(3) \quad G_k^s(x_{(n)}) = \sum_{i=0}^{[k/2]} (-1)^i \frac{|x_{(n-1)}|^{2i} x_n^{k-2i,!}}{(2, 2)_i(n - 1 + 2s, 2)_i},$$

then we can assert that multiplication of a homogeneous harmonic polynomial $H_s(x_{(n-1)})$ of $n - 1$ variables on the polynomial $G_k^s(x_{(n)})$ gives a harmonic polynomial of n variables, $u(x) = G_k^s(x_{(n)})H_s(x_{(n-1)})$. It is proved [2] that any homogeneous harmonic polynomial of n variables can be represented in this way.

II. Let us now choose $L_1(D) = \partial^2/\partial x_n^2$ and $L_2(D) = -\tilde{\Delta}$. Then the system $\{(-1)^k(H_0(\tilde{x})x_n^{2k,!} + H_1(\tilde{x})x_n^{2k+1,!})\}$, where $H_0(\tilde{x})$ and $H_1(\tilde{x})$ are arbitrary polynomials in $\tilde{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})$ is 0-normalized with respect to the operator L_2 in \mathbb{R}^n . Using (2) we obtain harmonic polynomials in the known form [6]

$$u(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k x_n^{2k,!} \tilde{\Delta}^k H_0(\tilde{x}) + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k x_n^{2k+1,!} \tilde{\Delta}^k H_1(\tilde{x}).$$

2. G-POLYNOMIALS

According to Example 3 the following definition is useful.

Definition. A polynomial $G_k^s(x_{(n)})$ of the form (3) is called a G -polynomial of degree k , order s , and kind n .

If $n = 2$ there are only two linearly independent homogeneous harmonic polynomials of degree k ($k > 0$) and according to our construction (Example 3, case I) we can write them in the following form:

$$(4) \quad H_k^s(x_{(2)}) = G_{k-s}^s(x_{(2)})x_1^s = \sum_{j=0}^{[(k-s)/2]} (-1)^j x_1^{2j+s,!} x_2^{k-2j-s,!}, \quad s = 0, 1$$

for $k \in \mathbb{N}$, and with the convention $H_0^0 \equiv 1$. It is necessary to note that $H_k^0(x_{(2)}) = \text{Re}(x_2 + ix_1)^{k,!}$ and $H_k^1(x_{(2)}) = \text{Im}(x_2 + ix_1)^{k,!}$.

This approach allows us to construct harmonic polynomials as a product of G -polynomials in the form

$$(5) \quad G_{(\nu)}(x_{(n)}) = G_{\nu_1-\nu_2}^{\nu_2}(x_{(n)}) \cdots G_{\nu_{n-1}-\nu_n}^{\nu_n}(x_{(2)})x_1^{\nu_n},$$

where $\nu \in \tilde{\mathbb{N}}^n$, $\nu_1 \geq \dots \geq \nu_n$, and $\nu_n = 0, 1$.

In [3] it is proved that polynomials $G_{(\nu)}$ make up a basis among homogeneous harmonic polynomials of degree ν_1 and they are orthogonal in $L_2(\partial S_n)$, where S_n is the unit ball in \mathbb{R}^n . Moreover, if we denote by \mathcal{P} the set of all polynomials over \mathbb{C} , with the scalar product $\langle P(x), Q(x) \rangle = P(D)Q(x)|_{x=0}$ (see [1]), then polynomials (5) are orthogonal in \mathcal{P} too.

We need also two results from [3].

Lemma 1. G -polynomials of the same order s and kind n are orthogonal with weight $\rho_n^s(x) = (1 - x_n^2)^s$ on ∂S_n .

Lemma 2. Let $f \in C(\partial S_n)$ be taken in the form $f(x) = \varphi(|\tilde{x}|, x_n)P_k(\tilde{x})$, where $P_k(\tilde{x})$ is a homogeneous polynomial of degree k and $\varphi \in C(\partial S_n)$. Then

$$(6) \quad \int_{|x|=1} f(x) dx = \frac{1}{\omega_{n-1}} \int_{|x|=1} \varphi(|\tilde{x}|, x_n) (1 - x_n^2)^{k/2} dx \int_{|\tilde{x}|=1} P_k(\tilde{x}) d\tilde{x}.$$

3. CONNECTION OF G -FUNCTIONS
WITH LEGENDRE AND CHEBYSHEV POLYNOMIALS

Let us consider the trace of a G -polynomial on the unit sphere. In this case a new notion of G -function can be presented.

Definition. The function

$$(7) \quad G_k^{s,n}(t) = \sum_{i=0}^{[(k-s)/2]} (-1)^i \frac{t^{k-s-2i} (1-t^2)^{i+s/2}}{(2,2)_i (n-1+2s,2)_i}$$

is called the G -function of degree k , order s , and kind n .

It is not difficult to derive from (5) that

$$G_{(\nu)}(x) = |x|^{\nu_1} \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} G_{\nu_i}^{\nu_{i+1}, n-i+1}(\cos \varphi_{n-i+1}),$$

where $\varphi_i = \arccos(x_i/|x_{(i)}|)$, $\nu_1 \geq \dots \geq \nu_n$, and $\nu_n = 0, 1$.

Theorem 1. For a G -function of odd kind, the equality

$$G_k^{s,2m+3}(t) = \frac{2(s+m)!!}{(k+s+2m)!} (1-t^2)^{-m/2} P_{k+m}^{s+m}(t)$$

holds, where $m \geq 0$, $k \geq s \geq 0$, and $P_k^s(t)$ is the associated Legendre function [4].

Proof. First let us prove that

$$(8) \quad D_t^m = m! \sum_{k=0}^{[m/2]} (\sqrt{y})^{m-2k} \frac{(2D_y)^{m-k}}{(2,2)_k} \Big|_{y=t^2}.$$

For this purpose assume that for some $m \geq 1$ the equality

$$(9) \quad (\sqrt{y}D_y)^m = \sum_{k=0}^{[m/2]} a_k^m (\sqrt{y})^{m-2k} D_y^{m-k}$$

holds. Of course for $m = 1$ the above equality is true and $a_0^1 = 1$.

Applying the operator $\sqrt{y}D_y$ to the right-hand side of (9) for even m and assuming that $a_{-1}^m = 0$, we can obtain

$$\sum_{k=0}^{[m/2]} \left(\frac{1}{2} a_{k-1}^m + (m-2k+1) a_k^m \right) (\sqrt{y})^{m-2k+1} D_y^{m-k+1}.$$

Let us consider the case when m is odd. Then the right-hand side of (9) after applying the operator $\sqrt{y}D_y$ takes the form

$$\sum_{k=0}^{[m/2]+1} \left(\frac{1}{2} a_{k-1}^m + (m-2k+1) a_k^m \right) (\sqrt{y})^{m-2k+1} D_y^{m-k+1}.$$

Because the function

$$\gamma(m) = \begin{cases} [m/2], & m \text{ even} \\ [m/2] + 1, & m \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

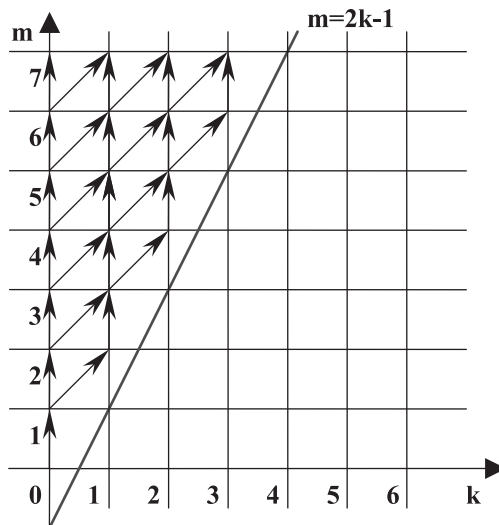


FIGURE 1.

can be written in the form $\gamma(m) = [(m + 1)/2]$, the results are the same for even and odd m . Therefore for any $m \geq 1$,

$$(\sqrt{y}D_y)^{m+1} = \sum_{k=0}^{[(m+1)/2]} \left(\frac{1}{2}a_{k-1}^m + (m - 2k + 1)a_k^m \right) (\sqrt{y})^{m-2k+1} D_y^{m-k+1}.$$

Therefore, for (9) to hold for $m = m + 1$, the coefficients a_k^m should satisfy the following recurrence relation: $a_k^{m+1} = \frac{1}{2}a_{k-1}^m + (m - 2k + 1)a_k^m$ for $k = 0, 1, \dots, [(m + 1)/2]$, where $a_{-1}^m = 0$ and $a_0^1 = 1$.

In Figure 1 the obtained recurrence relation is illustrated. The incoming arrows to the point (k, m) show the dependencies of the value a_k^m on the values of a_{k-1}^{m-1} and a_k^{m-1} if they are nonzero. We do not need to consider a_k^m on the line $m = 2k - 1$ because the coefficient for it on this line is $m - 2k + 1$, i.e., zero. It is clear that because of $a_{-1}^m = 0$ we have $a_0^{m+1} = (m + 1)a_0^m = (m + 1)!a_0^1 = (m + 1)!$. Therefore a_k^m is found on the m -axis. Now we can find a_k^m for $k = 1$ and $m \geq 2$. In general, the coefficients a_k^m on the line $k = const$ are fully determined by the a_k^m on the line $k = const - 1$. Therefore the solution of the above recurrence relation exists and is unique.

It is not so important here to show how to find this solution. We just take it in the form $a_k^m = m!/(4^k k!)$. Let us check it:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}a_{k-1}^m + (m - 2k + 1)a_k^m &= \frac{m!}{4^{k-1}(k-1)!} \left[\frac{1}{2} + \frac{(m - 2k + 1)}{4k} \right] \\ &= \frac{(m + 1)!}{4^k k!} = a_k^{m+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Substituting the obtained value of a_k^m into (9) and taking into account that $D_t = 2\sqrt{y}D_y$ we get (8).

Now we can apply the operator equality (8) for $m = m + s$ to the function $(1 - t^2)^m$. This yields

$$(10) \quad D_t^{m+s}(1 - t^2)^m = \frac{(-1)^m(m + s)!(2, 2)_m}{(2, 2)_s} \cdot \sum_{k=0}^{[(m-s)/2]} (-1)^k t^{m-s-2k,!} \frac{(1 - t^2)^k}{(2, 2)_k(2 + 2s, 2)_k}.$$

From here, using equalities $P_k^s(t) = (1 - t^2)^{s/2} D_t^s P_k(t)$, $P_k(t) = 2^{-k} D_t^k (t^2 - 1)^{k,!}$, which give us $P_k^s(t) = \frac{(-1)^k}{2^k k!} (1 - t^2)^{s/2} D_t^{k+s} (1 - t^2)^k$, we obtain

$$G_k^{s,3}(t) \equiv \sum_{i=0}^{[(k-s)/2]} (-1)^i t^{k-s-2i,!} \frac{(1 - t^2)^{i+s/2}}{(2, 2)_i(2 + 2s, 2)_i} = \frac{2s!!}{(k + s)!} P_k^s(t).$$

Taking into account that $G_k^{s,2m+3}(t) = (1 - t^2)^{-m/2} G_{k+m}^{s+m,3}(t)$ we complete the proof. □

Consider by analogy with the associated Legendre functions, the associated Chebyshev functions $T_k^s(t) \equiv (1 - t^2)^{s/2} D_t^s T_k(t)$, where $0 < s \leq k$, $T_k^0(t) = T_k(t)$ being the Chebyshev polynomials.

Theorem 2. *For G-functions of even kind the following equality holds:*

$$G_k^{s,2m+2}(t) = \frac{(2s + 2m - 1)!!}{(k + s + 2m - 1)!(k + m)} (1 - t^2)^{-m/2} T_{k+m}^{s+m}(t),$$

where $m \geq 0$, $k \geq s > 0$, and $G_k^{0,2}(t) = 1/k!T_k^0(t)$.

Proof. First we prove that for $s > 0$ the following equality holds:

$$(11) \quad (\sqrt{y}D_y)^s \sum_{i=0}^{[k/2]} (-1)^i (\sqrt{y})^{k-2i,!} \frac{(1 - y)^i}{(2, 2)_i(1, 2)_i} = \frac{2^{-s}(k + s - 1)!}{(k - 1)!(2s - 1)!!} \sum_{i=0}^{[(k-s)/2]} (-1)^i (\sqrt{y})^{k-s-2i,!} \frac{(1 - y)^i}{(2, 2)_i(1 + 2s, 2)_i}.$$

Using the property of $\gamma(k)$ functions again (see proof of (9)) for $s \geq 0$, we can get

$$\begin{aligned} & (\sqrt{y}D_y) \sum_{i=0}^{[(k-s)/2]} (-1)^i (\sqrt{y})^{k-s-2i,!} \frac{(1 - y)^i}{(2, 2)_i(1 + 2s, 2)_i} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{[(k-s-1)/2]} (-1)^i \left(1 + \frac{k - s - 2i - 1}{1 + 2s + 2i}\right) (\sqrt{y})^{k-s-1-2i,!} \frac{(1 - y)^i}{(2, 2)_i(1 + 2s, 2)_i} \\ &= \frac{k + s}{2(1 + 2s)} \sum_{i=0}^{[(k-s-1)/2]} (-1)^i (\sqrt{y})^{k-s-1-2i,!} \frac{(1 - y)^i}{(2, 2)_i(1 + 2(s + 1), 2)_i}. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that (11) is true for all $s \geq 1$. Taking $y = t^2$, which means $D_t = 2\sqrt{y}D_y$, we can write (11) in the form

$$D_t^s G_k^{0,2}(t) = \frac{(k + s - 1)!}{(k - 1)!(2s - 1)!!} (1 - t^2)^{-s/2} G_k^{s,2}(t).$$

It is not difficult to see that $G_k^{0,2}(t) = \frac{1}{k!} \cos(k \arccost) = \frac{1}{k!} T_k(t)$. Therefore $G_k^{s,2}(t)$ can be written in the form

$$(12) \quad G_k^{s,2}(t) = \frac{(k-1)!(2s-1)!!}{(k+s-1)!} \frac{1}{k!} (1-t^2)^{s/2} D_t^s T_k(t) = \frac{(2s-1)!!}{k(k+s-1)!} T_k^s(t).$$

To complete the proof we note $G_k^{s,2m+2}(t) = (1-t^2)^{-m/2} G_{k+m}^{s+m,2}(t)$. □

Remark. Using (8) we can obtain $T_k(t) = \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k-1)!!} (1-t^2)^{1/2} D_t^k (1-t^2)^{k-1/2}$.

Theorem 3. For G -functions the Rodrigues formula (see [4])

$$(13) \quad (-1)^k D_t^k (1-t^2)^{k+s+(n-3)/2} = k!(n-1+2s, 2)_k (1-t^2)^{(s+n-3)/2} G_{k+s}^{s,n}(t)$$

holds, and the following connection of G -functions with Gegenbauer polynomials is valid:

$$(14) \quad G_k^{0,n}(t) = \frac{(n-3)!}{(n-3+k)!} C_k^{n/2-1}[t], \quad n \geq 3.$$

Proof. By analogy with (10) and with the help of (8) we can write

$$\begin{aligned} D_t^k (1-t^2)^{k+s+(n-3)/2} &= k! \sum_{i=0}^{[k/2]} t^{k-2i,!} \frac{2^k D_t^{k-i} t^2}{(2, 2)_i} (1-t^2)^{k+s+(n-3)/2} \\ &= (-1)^k k!(n-1+2s, 2)_k (1-t^2)^{(s+n-3)/2} G_{k+s}^{s,n}(t), \end{aligned}$$

which proves (13). To prove (14) we use the following representation of Gegenbauer polynomials [5]

$$(15) \quad C_n^\nu(t) = \sum_{i=0}^{[n/2]} \frac{(2\nu)_n t^{n-2i} (t^2-1)^i}{2^{2i} i! (\nu+1/2)_i (n-2i)!},$$

which leads to

$$C_n^\nu(t) = (2\nu)_n \sum_{i=0}^{[n/2]} (-1)^i t^{n-2i,!} \frac{(1-t^2)^i}{(2, 2)_i (1+2\nu, 2)_i} = (2\nu)_n G_n^{0,2\nu+2}(t),$$

and then $G_k^{0,n}(t) = \frac{1}{(n-2)_k} C_k^{n/2-1}(t) = \frac{(n-3)!}{(n-3+k)!} C_k^{n/2-1}(t)$ for $n > 2$. Proof is completed. □

4. ORTHOGONALITY OF G -FUNCTIONS

Theorem 4. G -functions of kind n ($n \geq 2$) and the same order are orthogonal on $[-1, 1]$ with weight $\rho(t) = (1-t^2)^{(n-3)/2}$, and

$$\int_{-1}^1 (G_k^{s,n}(t))^2 (1-t^2)^{(n-3)/2} dt = \frac{2^{2s+n-3} \Gamma^2(s+(n-1)/2)}{(k+(n-2)/2)(k+s+n-3)!(k-s)!}.$$

Proof. Using Lemma 1 and because of equality $G_k^s(x) = G_k^s(|\tilde{x}|, x_n)$ we obtain

$$0 = \int_{|x|=1} G_k^s(x) G_m^s(x) (1-x_n^2)^s dx = \omega_{n-1} \int_{-1}^1 G_{k+s}^{s,n}(t) G_{m+s}^{s,n}(t) \rho(t) dt.$$

This implies orthogonality of G -functions $G_{k+s}^{s,n}(t)$ and $G_{m+s}^{s,n}(t)$ with weight $\rho(t)$. From Theorem 1 for odd $n \geq 3$ we get

$$G_k^{s,n}(t) = \frac{(2s+n-3)!!}{(k+s+n-3)!} (1-t^2)^{-(n-3)/4} P_{k+(n-3)/2}^{s+(n-3)/2}(t),$$

and from Theorem 2 for even $n \geq 3$, we have

$$(16) \quad G_k^{s,n}(t) = \frac{(2s+n-3)!!}{(k+(n-2)/2)(k+s+n-3)!} (1-t^2)^{-(n-2)/4} T_{k+(n-2)/2}^{s+(n-2)/2}(t).$$

It is known that $\int_{-1}^1 (P_k^s(t))^2 dt = \frac{2}{2k+1} \frac{(k+s)!}{(k-s)!}$ and therefore for odd $n \geq 3$, we have

$$(17) \quad \int_{-1}^1 (G_k^{s,n}(t))^2 \rho(t) dt = \frac{((2s+n-3)!!)^2}{(k+(n-2)/2)(k+s+n-3)!(k-s)!}.$$

Let $n \geq 2$ be even. Since in this case $G_k^{s,n}(t)$ are connected with Chebyshev polynomials, we need to investigate $T_k^s(t)$. According to the definitions of $T_k^s(t)$ and $G_k^{s,n}(t)$ and with the help of (12) we get

$$T_k^s(t) = \frac{k(k+s-1)!}{(2s-1)!!} (1-t^2)^{s/2} \sum_{i=0}^{[(k-s)/2]} (-1)^i \frac{t^{k-s-2i} (1-t^2)^i}{(2,2)_i (n-1+2s,2)_i}.$$

If we use representation (15) (see [5]) we obtain $T_k^s(t) = k(2s-2)!!(1-t^2)^{s/2} C_{k-s}^{s-1/2}[t]$.

It is known [5] that for Gegenbauer polynomials $\int_{-1}^1 (C_k^s[t])^2 (1-t^2)^{s-1/2} dt = (2s)_k \Gamma(\frac{1}{2}) \Gamma(s + \frac{1}{2}) / (k!(k+s)\Gamma(s))$. So, we can get

$$\int_{-1}^1 (T_k^s(t))^2 (1-t^2)^{-1/2} dt = k^2 ((2s-2)!!)^2 \frac{(s+k-1)!}{(k-s)! k ((2s-2)!!)^2} \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

Therefore,

$$(18) \quad \int_{-1}^1 (T_k^s(t))^2 (1-t^2)^{-1/2} dt = k \frac{(k+s-1)!}{(k-s)!} \frac{\pi}{2},$$

whence using (16) we can obtain

$$(19) \quad \int_{-1}^1 (G_k^{s,n}(t))^2 \rho(t) dt = \frac{((2s+n-3)!!)^2}{(k+(n-2)/2)(k+s+n-3)!(k-s)!} \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

Combining (17) and (19) and using properties of the Γ -function, we get the necessary equality. The proof is completed. \square

Remark. Associated Chebyshev functions of the same order are orthogonal on the segment $[-1, 1]$ with weight $\rho(t) = (1-t^2)^{-1/2}$, and the formula (18) holds.

Polynomials $G_{(\nu)}(x)$ for $n = 2, 3$ turn into well-known spherical functions [1].

Theorem 5. *The scalar product of $G_{(\nu)}(x)$ on $G_{(\mu)}(x)$ in $L_2(\partial S)$ is equal to the product of scalar products $G_{\nu_i}^{\nu_i+1, n-i+1}(t)$ on $G_{\mu_i}^{\mu_i+1, n-i+1}(t)$ in $L_2(-1, 1)$ with weights $\rho_i(t) = (1-t^2)^{(n-2-i)/2}$ for $1 \leq i \leq n-1$.*

Proof. The proof can be easily obtained by using definition (5) of $G_{(\nu)}(x)$, applying equality (6) and then using the property of $H_k^s(x_{(2)})$ from (4). \square

Theorem 6. *The G -function $\bar{G}_k^{s,n}(t)$ normalized in $L_2(-1, 1)$ with weight $\rho(t) = (1 - t^2)^{(n-3)/2}$ satisfies the estimation*

$$(20) \quad |\bar{G}_k^{s,n}(t)| \leq 2^k \sqrt{(k + (n-2)/2) 2^{n-3}}, \quad k \geq s.$$

Proof. To evaluate $G_k^{s,n}(t)$ we need to rewrite it in a different form.

Using the known connection of Γ - and B -functions, $B(p, s) = \Gamma(p)\Gamma(s)/\Gamma(p+s)$, and the equality $\Gamma(p+1) = p\Gamma(p)$ we can get

$$\frac{1}{(n-1+2s, 2)_k} = \frac{1}{(2k-1)!!} \frac{1}{B(1/2, s+(n-2)/2)} \int_0^1 \alpha^{k-1/2} (1-\alpha)^{s+(n-4)/2} d\alpha.$$

If $s \neq 0$ and $n \neq 2$, then from the definition of $G_k^{s,n}(t)$ (7) we obtain

$$G_k^{s,n}(t) = \frac{(1-t^2)^{s/2}}{B(1/2, s+(n-2)/2)} \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \left(\left(t + i\sqrt{\alpha(1-t^2)} \right)^{k-s,1} + \left(t - i\sqrt{\alpha(1-t^2)} \right)^{k-s,1} \right) (1-\alpha)^{s+(n-4)/2} \frac{d\alpha}{\sqrt{\alpha}},$$

and therefore $|G_k^{s,n}(t)| \leq 1/(k-s)!$. From Theorem 4 we derive

$$\|G_k^{s,n}(t)\|^{-2} \leq \left(k + \frac{n-2}{2} \right) \frac{(k+s+n-3)!(k-s)!}{((2s+n-3)!!)^2}.$$

Thus, taking into account that $(2s+n-3)! \leq ((2s+n-3)!!)^2$ we get

$$|\bar{G}_k^{s,n}(t)|^2 \leq \left(k + \frac{n-2}{2} \right) \binom{k+s+n-3}{k-3} \leq (k+(n-2)/2) 2^{2k+n-3}.$$

This implies that (20) is true. If $s = 0$ and $n = 2$, then $|G_k^{0,2}(t)| = \frac{1}{k!} |T_k(t)| \leq 1/k!$ and therefore, according to (18), $|\bar{G}_k^{0,2}(t)| \leq \sqrt{2/\pi} < 1$. Because $1 < \sqrt{k} 2^{k-1/2}$, the Theorem is true for this case too. \square

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