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### SYLVESTER EQUATIONS FOR LAGUERRE-HAHN ORTHOGONAL POLYNOMIALS ON THE REAL LINE

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ABSTRACT: Matrix Sylvester differential equations are introduced in the study of Laguerre-Hahn orthogonal polynomials. Matrix Sylvester differential systems are shown to yield representations for the Laguerre-Hahn orthogonal polynomials. Lax pairs are given, formed from the differential system and the recurrence relation, that yield discrete non-linear equations for the three term recurrence relation coefficients of the Laguerre-Hahn orthogonal polynomials.

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# 1. Introduction

Laguerre-Hahn orthogonal polynomials arise in several subjects of mathematics, such as probability theory [9], differential equations [8, 14, 17], measure perturbation theory [6], constructive theory of approximation [11].

From an analytical point of view, Laguerre-Hahn orthogonal polynomials can be regarded as a generalization of semi-classical orthogonal polynomials, since they are related to Stieltjes functions that are solutions of Riccati differential equations

$$AS' = BS^2 + CS + D, \qquad (1)$$

where A - D are polynomials (note that in the semi-classical case there holds  $B \equiv 0$ ) [1, 7, 15].

In this paper we present a study of the Laguerre-Hahn families of orthogonal polynomials in terms of matrix Sylvester differential equations. Such a connection is established by means of the equivalence between (1) and the matrix Sylvester differential equations

$$AY'_{n} = \mathcal{B}_{n}Y_{n} - Y_{n}\mathcal{C}, \quad n \ge 0, \qquad (2)$$

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where  $Y_n = \begin{bmatrix} P_{n+1} & P_n^{(1)} \\ P_n & P_{n-1}^{(1)} \end{bmatrix}$ , with  $\{P_n\}$  the sequence of monic orthogonal

polynomials related to S and  $\{P_n^{(1)}\}\$  the corresponding sequence of associated polynomials (also known as the numerator polynomials), and  $\mathcal{B}_n, \mathcal{C}$ matrices with polynomial entries. The theory of matrix Sylvester differential equations [16] provides a representation for the solutions of (2) in terms of the solutions of two first order linear systems, which we will relate to the semi-classical orthogonal polynomials.

Our first main result is contained in Theorem 1, where we show the equivalence between (1), (2),

$$AQ'_{n} = (\mathcal{B}_{n} + (BS + C/2)I)Q_{n}, \quad Q_{n} = \begin{bmatrix} q_{n+1} \\ q_{n} \end{bmatrix}, \quad n \ge 0, \quad (3)$$

and

$$A\mathcal{A}'_{n} = \mathcal{B}_{n}\mathcal{A}_{n} - \mathcal{A}_{n}\mathcal{B}_{n-1}, \quad \mathcal{A}_{n} = \begin{bmatrix} x - \beta_{n} & -\gamma_{n} \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad n \ge 1, \qquad (4)$$

with  $q_n$  the functions of the second kind, I the identity matrix, and where  $\beta_n, \gamma_n$  are the recurrence relation coefficients of  $\{P_n\}$ .

As a consequence of the previous equivalence, we obtain that a necessary and sufficient condition for a sequence of monic polynomials  $\{P_n\}$ , orthogonal with respect to a weight w, to be semi-classical is that the following differential system holds (cf. Theorem 2):

$$A\widetilde{Y}'_n = \left(\mathcal{B}_n - C/2I\right)\widetilde{Y}_n, \quad \widetilde{Y}_n = \begin{bmatrix} P_{n+1} & q_{n+1}/w \\ P_n & q_n/w \end{bmatrix}, \quad n \ge 1,$$

where C is a polynomial (similar differential systems had been studied, for example, in [13, Section 3]). Such a characterization for semi-classical orthogonal polynomials allows us to deduce a representation for the solutions of (2) as  $Y_n = \tilde{\mathcal{P}}_n \mathcal{L}^{-1}$ , where  $\mathcal{L}$  satisfies  $A\mathcal{L}' = \mathcal{CL}$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}_n$  is defined in terms of a semi-classical family, say  $\{\tilde{P}_n\}$  (cf. Lemma 3 and Theorem 4). Furthermore, it is shown that the Stieltjes functions related to  $\{P_n\}$  and  $\{\tilde{P}_n\}$  are a fractional linear transformation of each other (cf. Lemma 3).

The above referred results will be applied to the study of the Laguerre-Hahn family of class zero, i.e.,  $\max\{\deg(A), \deg(B)\} \leq 2$  and  $\deg(C) = 1$ in (1): in the Theorem 5 we show the solutions of the equation (4) in closed form expressions for the recurrence relation coefficients; in the Theorem 6 we show a representation of a given sequence of Laguerre-Hahn orthogonal polynomials.

Let us emphasize that the equations (4), enclosing nonlinear difference equations for the recurrence coefficients  $\beta_n$  and  $\gamma_n$ , are given by the Lax pair

$$Y_n = \mathcal{A}_n Y_{n-1}, \quad AY'_n = \mathcal{B}_n Y_n - Y_n \mathcal{C}.$$

The equations (4) can be viewed as comparable to the so-called Laguerre-Freud's equations that hold for semi-classical families [12]. There are studies on the recurrence coefficients of (semi-classical) orthogonal polynomials showing its relevance in the theory of integrable systems and Painlevé equations, and we refer the reader to [13] and the references therein (see also [4]).

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2 we give the definitions and state the basic results which will be used in the forthcoming sections. In Section 3 we establish the equivalence between (1), (2), (3), (4), and we deduce the characterization for semi-classical orthogonal polynomials in terms of first order differential systems. In Section 4 we study the representation of Laguerre-Hahn orthogonal polynomials. The Section 5 is devoted to the study of Laguerre-Hahn orthogonal polynomials of class zero.

# 2. Preliminary Results

Let  $\mathbb{P} = \text{span} \{ z^k : k \in \mathbb{N}_0 \}$  be the space of polynomials with complex coefficients, and let  $\mathbb{P}'$  be its algebraic dual space. We will denote by  $\langle u, f \rangle$  the action of  $u \in \mathbb{P}'$  on  $f \in \mathbb{P}$ .

Given the moments of u,  $u_n = \langle u, x^n \rangle$ ,  $n \ge 0$ , where we take  $u_0 = 1$ , the principal minors of the corresponding Hankel matrix are defined by  $H_n = \det((u_{i+j})_{i,j=0}^n), n \ge 0$ , where, by convention,  $H_{-1} = 1$ . u is said to be quasidefinite (respectively, positive-definite) if  $H_n \ne 0$  (respectively,  $H_n > 0$ ), for all  $n \ge 0$ .

**Definition 1.** (see [18]) Let  $u \in \mathbb{P}'$  and let  $\{P_n\}_{n\geq 0}$  be a sequence of polynomials such that  $\deg(P_n) = n$ ,  $n \geq 0$ .  $\{P_n\}$  is said to be a sequence of orthogonal polynomials with respect to u if

$$\langle u, P_n P_m \rangle = h_n \delta_{n,m}, \ h_n = \langle u, P_n^2 \rangle \neq 0, \quad n, m \ge 0.$$
 (5)

Throughout the paper we shall take each  $P_n$  monic, that is,  $P_n(z) = z^n +$ lower degree terms, and we will denote  $\{P_n\}$  by SMOP.

The equivalence between the quasi-definiteness of  $u \in \mathbb{P}'$  and the existence of a SMOP with respect to u is well-known in the literature of orthogonal polynomials (see [5, 18]). Furthermore, if u is positive-definite, then it has an integral representation in terms of a positive Borel measure,  $\mu$ , supported on an infinite set of points of the real line, I, such that

$$\langle u, x^n \rangle = \int_I x^n d\mu(x) \,, \quad n \ge 0 \,,$$
 (6)

and the orthogonality condition (5) becomes

$$\int_{I} P_{n}(x) P_{m}(x) d\mu(x) = h_{n} \delta_{n,m}, \quad h_{n} > 0, \quad n, m \ge 0$$

Further, if  $\mu$  is defined in terms of a weight w,  $d\mu(x) = w(x)dx$ , then we will also say that  $\{P_n\}$  is orthogonal with respect to w.

Monic orthogonal polynomials satisfy a three term recurrence relation [18]

$$P_{n+1}(x) = (x - \beta_n) P_n(x) - \gamma_n P_{n-1}(x), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$
(7)  
with  $P_0(x) = 1, P_1(x) = x - \beta_0$  and  $\gamma_n \neq 0, n \ge 1, \gamma_0 = 1.$ 

**Definition 2.** Let  $\{P_n\}$  be the SMOP with respect to a linear functional u. The sequence of *associated polynomials* is defined by

$$P_n^{(1)}(x) = \langle u_t, \frac{P_{n+1}(x) - P_{n+1}(t)}{x - t} \rangle, \quad n \ge 0,$$

where  $u_t$  denotes the action of u on the variable t.

**Definition 3.** The *Stieltjes function* of  $u \in \mathbb{P}'$  is defined in terms of the moments,  $(u_n)$ , of u by  $S(x) = -\sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{u_n}{x^{n+1}}$ .

S has an expansion in terms of a continued fraction, given by

$$S(x) = \frac{1}{x - \beta_0 - \frac{\gamma_1}{x - \beta_1 - \frac{\gamma_2}{\ddots}}}$$
(8)

where the  $\gamma$ 's and the  $\beta$ 's are the three term recurrence relation coefficients of the corresponding SMOP. Note that if u is positive-definite, defined by (6), then S is given by  $S(x) = \int_{I} \frac{d\mu(t)}{x-t}, \quad x \in \mathbb{C} \setminus I$ .

The sequence of functions of the second kind corresponding to  $\{P_n\}$  is defined as follows:

$$q_{n+1} = P_{n+1}S - P_n^{(1)}, \quad n \ge 0, \ q_0 = S.$$

**Definition 4.** (see [15]) A Stieltjes function, S, is said to be Laguerre-Hahn if there exist polynomials A, B, C, D, with  $A \neq 0$ , such that it satisfies a Riccati differential equation

$$AS' = BS^2 + CS + D. (9)$$

The corresponding sequence of orthogonal polynomials is called Laguerre-Hahn. If B = 0, then S is said to be Laguerre-Hahn affine or semi-classical.

If S is related to a positive-definite linear functional defined in terms of a weight, w, then the semi-classical character of S means w'/w = C/A, with A, C polynomials, and such a differential equation is equivalent to AS' = CS + D, where D is a polynomial given in terms of A, C (see [15]).

Note that (9) is equivalent to the distributional equation [7, 15]

$$\mathcal{D}(Au) = \psi u + B(x^{-1}u^2), \quad \psi = A' + C.$$

In the sequel we will use the following matrices:

$$Y_n = \begin{bmatrix} P_{n+1} & P_n^{(1)} \\ P_n & P_{n-1}^{(1)} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \widetilde{Y}_n = \begin{bmatrix} P_{n+1} & q_{n+1}/w \\ P_n & q_n/w \end{bmatrix}, \quad Q_n = \begin{bmatrix} q_{n+1} \\ q_n \end{bmatrix}, \quad n \ge 0. \quad (10)$$

**Lemma 1.** Let  $\{P_n\}$  be a SMOP and let  $\beta_n, \gamma_n$  be the coefficients of the three term recurrence relation (7). Let  $\{Y_n\}, \{\widetilde{Y}_n\}, \{Q_n\}$  be the sequences defined in (10). Then,

(a)  $Y_n$  and  $\widetilde{Y}_n$  satisfy the difference equation

$$X_n = \mathcal{A}_n X_{n-1}, \quad \mathcal{A}_n = \begin{bmatrix} x - \beta_n & -\gamma_n \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad n \ge 1, \quad (11)$$

with initial conditions  $Y_0 = \begin{bmatrix} x - \beta_0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\widetilde{Y}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} x - \beta_0 & q_1/w \\ 1 & q_0/w \end{bmatrix}$ ; (b)  $Q_n$  satisfies

$$Q_n = \mathcal{A}_n Q_{n-1} \,, \quad n \ge 1 \,, \tag{12}$$

with  $\mathcal{A}_n$  given in (11) and initial conditions  $Q_0 = \begin{bmatrix} (x - \beta_0)S - 1 \\ S \end{bmatrix}$ .

Throughout the paper I denotes the  $2 \times 2$  identity matrix. The (i, j) entry of a matrix X will be denoted by  $X^{(i,j)}$ .

# 3. Characterization in terms of matrix Sylvester differential equations

**Theorem 1.** Let S be a Stieltjes function, let  $\{Y_n\}$  and  $\{Q_n\}$  be the corresponding sequences defined in (10), and let  $\beta_n, \gamma_n$  be the corresponding recurrence relation coefficients. The following statements are equivalent: (a) S satisfies

 $AS' = BS^2 + CS + D \,, \ A, B, C, D \in \mathbb{P} \,;$ 

(b)  $Y_n$  satisfies the matrix Sylvester equation

$$AY'_{n} = \mathcal{B}_{n}Y_{n} - Y_{n}\mathcal{C}, \quad n \ge 0, \qquad (13)$$

where

$$\mathcal{B}_n = \begin{bmatrix} l_n & \Theta_n \\ -\Theta_{n-1}/\gamma_n & l_{n-1} + (x - \beta_n)\Theta_{n-1}/\gamma_n \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{C} = \begin{bmatrix} C/2 & -D \\ B & -C/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

with  $l_n, \Theta_n$  polynomials of uniformly bounded degrees, satisfying the initial conditions

$$A = (l_0 - C/2)(x - \beta_0) - B + \Theta_0, \ 0 = D(x - \beta_0) + l_0 + C/2,$$
$$\Theta_{-1} = D, \ l_{-1} = C/2; \ (14)$$

(c) the matrices defined in (11),  $\mathcal{A}_n = \begin{bmatrix} x - \beta_n & -\gamma_n \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , satisfy

$$A\mathcal{A}'_{n} = \mathcal{B}_{n}\mathcal{A}_{n} - \mathcal{A}_{n}\mathcal{B}_{n-1}, \quad n \ge 1;$$
(15)

(d)  $Q_n$  satisfies

$$AQ'_n = (\mathcal{B}_n + (BS + C/2)I)Q_n, \quad n \ge 0.$$

*Proof*: Taking into account [3, Theorem 2] we only need to prove  $(b) \Leftrightarrow (c)$ .  $(b) \Rightarrow (c)$ . To obtain (15) we take derivatives on  $Y_n = \mathcal{A}_n Y_{n-1}$  (cf. (11)), and substitute it in (13), thus obtaining

$$A\mathcal{A}'_nY_{n-1} + A\mathcal{A}_nY'_{n-1} = \mathcal{B}_nY_n - Y_n\mathcal{C}.$$

Using (13) for n-1 in the previous equation we get

$$A\mathcal{A}'_{n}Y_{n-1} + \mathcal{A}_{n}\left(\mathcal{B}_{n-1}Y_{n-1} - Y_{n-1}\mathcal{C}\right) = \mathcal{B}_{n}Y_{n} - Y_{n}\mathcal{C}.$$

Using the recurrence relation (11) for  $Y_n$  we obtain

$$A\mathcal{A}'_{n}Y_{n-1} + \mathcal{A}_{n}\left(\mathcal{B}_{n-1}Y_{n-1} - Y_{n-1}\mathcal{C}\right) = \mathcal{B}_{n}\mathcal{A}_{n}Y_{n-1} - \mathcal{A}_{n}Y_{n-1}\mathcal{C},$$

that is,

 $A\mathcal{A}'_{n}Y_{n-1} = \left(\mathcal{B}_{n}\mathcal{A}_{n} - \mathcal{A}_{n}\mathcal{B}_{n-1}\right)Y_{n-1}.$ 

Since  $Y_n$  is nonsingular, for all  $n \ge 0$ , there follows (15). (c)  $\Rightarrow$  (b). If we multiply (15) by  $Y_{n-1}$ , we obtain

$$A(\mathcal{A}_n Y_{n-1})' - A\mathcal{A}_n Y_{n-1}' = \mathcal{B}_n \mathcal{A}_n Y_{n-1} - \mathcal{A}_n \mathcal{B}_{n-1} Y_{n-1}.$$

Taking into account the recurrence relation (11) for  $Y_n$  we get

$$AY'_n - \mathcal{B}_n Y_n = \mathcal{A}_n (AY'_{n-1} - \mathcal{B}_{n-1}Y_{n-1}),$$

thus

$$AY'_n - \mathcal{B}_n Y_n = \mathcal{A}_n \cdots \mathcal{A}_2 (AY'_1 - \mathcal{B}_1 Y_1).$$

The use of  $\mathcal{A}_n \cdots \mathcal{A}_2 = Y_n Y_1^{-1}$  in the preceding equation yields an equation for  $Y_n$  of the Sylvester type (13),  $AY'_n = \mathcal{B}_n Y_n - Y_n \widetilde{C}$ , with  $\widetilde{C} = -Y_1^{-1} (AY'_1 - \mathcal{B}_1 Y_1)$ .

**Corollary 1.** The following relations hold:

$$\operatorname{tr}(\mathcal{B}_n) = 0, \quad n \ge 0, \tag{16}$$

$$\det(\mathcal{B}_n) = \det(\mathcal{B}_0) + A \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\Theta_{k-1}}{\gamma_k}, \ n \ge 1,$$
(17)

and  $\det(\mathcal{B}_0) = D(A+B) - (C/2)^2$ .

*Proof*: The formulas for the trace and determinant of the matrices  $\mathcal{B}_n$  involved in equations of the same type as (15) were deduced in [2, Lemma 2.5]. The use of the initial conditions (14) yields (16) and (17).

Remark 1. Since  $\operatorname{tr}(\mathcal{B}_n) = 0$ , henceforth we parameterize the matrix  $\mathcal{B}_n$  in terms of the two functions  $l_n$  and  $\Theta_n$  as  $\mathcal{B}_n = \begin{bmatrix} l_n & \Theta_n \\ -\Theta_{n-1}/\gamma_n & -l_n \end{bmatrix}$ .

Remark 2. Equation (15) reads as

$$\begin{cases} (x - \beta_n)(l_n - l_{n-1}) = A - \Theta_n + \frac{\gamma_n}{\gamma_{n-1}}\Theta_{n-2} \\ l_n - l_{n-2} = -\frac{(x - \beta_n)}{\gamma_n}\Theta_{n-1} + \frac{(x - \beta_{n-1})}{\gamma_{n-1}}\Theta_{n-2}, & n \ge 1 \end{cases}$$

which are comparable with the so-called Laguerre-Freud's equations [12, 13].

**3.1. Characterization of semi-classical orthogonal polynomials.** As a consequence of the previous theorem we deduce the characterization that follows.

**Theorem 2.** Let  $\{P_n\}$  be a SMOP with respect to a weight w, and let  $\{q_n\}$  be the corresponding sequence of functions of the second kind. The weight w is semi-classical and satisfies w'/w = C/A if, and only if,  $\widetilde{Y}_n = \begin{bmatrix} P_{n+1} & q_{n+1}/w \\ P_n & q_n/w \end{bmatrix}$  satisfies the matrix differential equation

$$A\widetilde{Y}'_{n} = \left(\mathcal{B}_{n} - \frac{C}{2}I\right)\widetilde{Y}_{n}, \quad n \ge 1, \qquad (18)$$

where  $\mathcal{B}_n$  is the matrix associated with the equation AS' = CS + D for the Stieltjes function of w.

*Proof*: Note that w'/w = C/A implies AS' = CS + D,  $D \in \mathbb{P}$ , for the corresponding Stieltjes function (see [15]). Taking into account the Theorem 1 we get

$$\begin{cases} AP'_{n+1} = (l_n - C/2)P_{n+1} + \Theta_n P_n \\ Aq'_{n+1} = (l_n + C/2)q_{n+1} + \Theta_n q_n \,, \quad n \ge 0 \,. \end{cases}$$
(19)

Therefore, using the three term recurrence relation (7) for  $\{P_n\}$  we obtain

$$AP'_{n} = \left(l_{n-1} - C/2 + \frac{(x - \beta_{n})}{\gamma_{n}}\Theta_{n-1}\right)P_{n} - \frac{\Theta_{n-1}}{\gamma_{n}}P_{n+1}, \quad n \ge 1.$$
(20)

From (19) there follows

$$A\left(\frac{q_{n+1}}{w}\right)' = \Theta_n \frac{q_n}{w} + (l_n - C/2)\frac{q_{n+1}}{w}, \qquad (21)$$

where we used w'/w = C/A. Furthermore, using the three term recurrence relation for  $\{q_n\}$  (cf. (12)) we obtain

$$A\left(\frac{q_n}{w}\right)' = \left(l_{n-1} - C/2 + \frac{(x - \beta_n)}{\gamma_n}\Theta_{n-1}\right)\frac{q_n}{w} - \frac{\Theta_{n-1}}{\gamma_n}\frac{q_{n+1}}{w}, \quad n \ge 1.$$
(22)

Equations. (19)-(22) yield

$$A\widetilde{Y}'_{n} = \widetilde{\mathcal{B}}_{n}\widetilde{Y}_{n}, \ \widetilde{\mathcal{B}}_{n} = \begin{bmatrix} l_{n} - C/2 & \Theta_{n} \\ -\Theta_{n-1}/\gamma_{n} & l_{n-1} + (x - \beta_{n})\Theta_{n-1}/\gamma_{n} - C/2 \end{bmatrix}, \ n \ge 1,$$

thus we get (18).

Conversely, if  $\widetilde{Y}_n$  satisfies (18), then

$$(\det(\widetilde{Y}_n))' = \frac{\operatorname{tr}(\mathcal{B}_n - C/2I)}{A} \det(\widetilde{Y}_n).$$

Since  $\det(\widetilde{Y}_n) = (\gamma_1 \dots \gamma_n)/w$  and  $\operatorname{tr}(\mathcal{B}_n - C/2I) = -C$ , there follows w'/w = C/A, thus w is semi-classical.

*Remark* 3. The analogue result for orthonormal polynomials was established in [13].

# 4. Matrix Sylvester equations and Radon's Lemma

The theorem that follows is a particular case of the result known, in the literature of matrix Riccati equations, as Radon's Lemma [10, 16].

**Theorem 3.** Let A be a polynomial, let  $\mathcal{B}_n/A$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , and  $\mathcal{C}/A$  be matrices whose entries are integrable functions in a domain G of the complex plane, and let  $x_0 \in G$ . If the matrices  $\mathcal{P}_n$  and  $\mathcal{L}$ ,  $\mathcal{L}$  nonsingular, satisfy

$$\begin{cases} A\mathcal{L}' = \mathcal{C}\mathcal{L} ,\\ \mathcal{L}(x_0) = I , \end{cases}$$
(23)

and

$$\begin{cases} A\mathcal{P}'_n = \mathcal{B}_n \mathcal{P}_n, \quad n \ge 1, \\ \mathcal{P}_n(x_0) = Y_n(x_0), \end{cases}$$
(24)

then the solution of  $AY'_n = \mathcal{B}_n Y_n - Y_n \mathcal{C}$ , in G, is given by:

$$Y_n = \mathcal{P}_n \mathcal{L}^{-1}, \quad n \ge 1.$$

Our aim is to find a representation for  $Y_n$  satisfying (13),  $AY'_n = \mathcal{B}_n Y_n - Y_n \mathcal{C}$ , related to  $AS' = BS^2 + CS + D$  (cf. Theorem 1). To that end we start with some remarks on the solution of the corresponding problem (24). Note that we are searching for matrices  $\mathcal{P}_n$  of order two satisfying

$$A\mathcal{P}_n' = \mathcal{B}_n \mathcal{P}_n \,. \tag{25}$$

Hereafter we will consider  $x_1 \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $\tilde{C}$  a polynomial such that  $\int_{x_1}^x \frac{\tilde{C}(t)}{2A(t)} dt$  is defined in suitable domains.

**Lemma 2.** Let  $\mathcal{B}_n$  be the matrices given in (13), and let  $\tilde{C}$  be a polynomial. A matrix  $\tilde{Y}_n$  satisfies

$$A\widetilde{Y}'_n = (\mathcal{B}_n - \tilde{C}/2I)\widetilde{Y}_n \tag{26}$$

if, and only if,  $\mathcal{P}_n = e^{\int_{x_1}^x \frac{\tilde{C}}{2A} dt} \widetilde{Y}_n$  satisfies (25).

Taking into account the previous Lemma, we will solve (25) by considering

$$\mathcal{P}_n = e^{\int_{x_1}^x \frac{\tilde{C}}{2A} dt} \, \widetilde{Y}_n \,,$$

where  $\widetilde{Y}_n$  satisfies (26). Furthermore, taking into account the Theorem 2, we will search for  $\widetilde{Y}_n$  defined by

$$\widetilde{Y}_n = \begin{bmatrix} \widetilde{P}_{n+1} & \widetilde{q}_{n+1}/\widetilde{w} \\ \widetilde{P}_n & \widetilde{q}_n/\widetilde{w} \end{bmatrix}, \qquad (27)$$

with  $\{\tilde{P}_n\}$  a SMOP with respect to a weight function  $\tilde{w}$  and  $\{\tilde{q}_n\}$  the corresponding sequence of functions of the second kind.

Remark 4. Note that (26) implies  $\det(\widetilde{Y}_n)' = \frac{\operatorname{tr}(\mathcal{B}_n - \tilde{C}/2I)}{A} \widetilde{Y}_n$ , which combined with (27) yields  $\widetilde{w}'/\widetilde{w} = \widetilde{C}/A$ , thus  $\widetilde{w} = e^{\int \widetilde{C}/A}$ .

**Lemma 3.** Let S be a Stieltjes function that satisfies the Riccati differential equation  $AS' = BS^2 + CS + D$ . Let  $\{P_n\}$  be the corresponding SMOP such that the equations (13),  $AY'_n = \mathcal{B}_n Y_n - Y_n \mathcal{C}$ , hold, and let (24) be the corresponding system  $A\mathcal{P}'_n = \mathcal{B}_n \mathcal{P}_n$ . Let the following assumption hold:

$$\exists \tilde{C} \in \mathbb{P}, \, \exists n_0 \ge 1 \, : \mathcal{P}_n = e^{\int_{x_1}^x \frac{\tilde{C}(t)}{2A(t)} dt} \, \widetilde{Y}_{n-n_0}, \quad n \ge n_0 + 1, \qquad (28)$$

with the  $\tilde{Y}_n$ 's given as in (27), related to a SMOP  $\{\tilde{P}_n\}$ . Denote by  $\tilde{S}$  the Stieltjes functions related to  $\{\tilde{P}_n\}$ . Then, the following statements hold: (a)  $\tilde{S}$  is a fractional linear transformation of S,

$$\tilde{S} = \frac{a+bS}{c+dS}, \quad a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{P};$$
(29)

(b)  $\tilde{S}$  satisfies

$$A\tilde{S}' = \tilde{C}\tilde{S} + \tilde{D} \,, \quad \tilde{D} \in \mathbb{P} \,, \tag{30}$$

the polynomials  $\tilde{C}, \tilde{D}$  being related to B, C, D by

$$(bc - ad)B = (bd' - b'd)A + bd\tilde{C} + d^2\tilde{D}, \qquad (31)$$

$$(bc - ad)C = (bc' + ad' - b'c - a'd)A + (ad + bc)\tilde{C} + 2cd\tilde{D},$$
 (32)

$$(bc - ad)D = (ac' - a'c)A + ac\tilde{C} + c^2\tilde{D}.$$

$$(33)$$

Proof: (a). Let us denote by  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_n$  the matrices of the recurrence relation of  $\{\tilde{Y}_n\}$ . From  $\mathcal{P}_n = e^{\int_{z_1}^{z} \frac{\tilde{C}}{2A} dt} \tilde{Y}_{n-n_0}$  and  $\tilde{Y}_{n-n_0} = \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{n-n_0} \tilde{Y}_{n-n_0-1}$  there follows  $\mathcal{P}_n = \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{n-n_0} \mathcal{P}_{n-1}, \quad n \ge n_0 + 1.$ (34)

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The substitution of (34) into  $A\mathcal{P}'_n = \mathcal{B}_n \mathcal{P}_n$  yields

$$A(\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{n-n_0}\mathcal{P}_{n-1})' = \mathcal{B}_n\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{n-n_0}\mathcal{P}_{n-1}, \quad n \ge n_0 + 1,$$

from which we obtain

$$A\tilde{\mathcal{A}}'_{n-n_0} = \mathcal{B}_n\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{n-n_0} - \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{n-n_0}\mathcal{B}_{n-1}, \quad n \ge n_0 + 1.$$
(35)

Using the equations enclosed in the positions (2,1) and (2,2) of (35) we obtain

$$\tilde{\gamma}_{n-n_0} = \gamma_n, \quad \tilde{\beta}_{n-n_0} = \beta_n, \quad n \ge n_0 + 1$$

Consequently, taking into account the representation of the Stieltjes function in terms of a continued fraction (8), (29) follows.

(b). From (28) we obtain that  $\{\tilde{P}_n\}$  is semi-classical, and the corresponding  $\tilde{w}$  satisfies  $\tilde{w}'/\tilde{w} = \tilde{C}/A$  (note the remark 4). Thus, the first order differential equation (30) for the corresponding Stieltjes function,  $\tilde{S}$ , follows.

By substituting  $\tilde{S}$  given by (29) in (30) we get

$$A(bc - ad)S' = B_1S^2 + C_1S + D_1$$
(36)

with

$$B_1 = (bd' - b'd)A + bd\tilde{C} + d^2\tilde{D},$$
  

$$C_1 = (bc' + ad' - b'c - a'd)A + (ad + bc)\tilde{C} + 2cd\tilde{D},$$
  

$$D_1 = (ac' - a'c)A + ac\tilde{C} + c^2\tilde{D}.$$

Since S satisfies  $AS' = BS^2 + CS + D$  as well as (36), there follows, if A - D and  $B_1 - D_1$  are non vanishing, that

$$\varrho = \frac{B}{B_1} = \frac{C}{C_1} = \frac{D}{D_1}, \quad \varrho = 1/(bc - ad).$$

Hence, we obtain (31)-(33).

**Theorem 4.** Let S be a Stieltjes function satisfying  $AS' = BS^2 + CS + D$ . To  $AS' = BS^2 + CS + D$  associate  $AY'_n = \mathcal{B}_n Y_n - Y_n \mathcal{C}$  and the corresponding systems (23) and (24),  $A\mathcal{L}' = \mathcal{CL}, A\mathcal{P}'_n = \mathcal{B}_n \mathcal{P}_n$ . Let G be a domain in the complex plane such that the entries of the matrices  $\mathcal{B}_n/A$  and  $\mathcal{C}/A$  are integrable in G. Assume that the assumption (28) holds. Then, there exists a polynomial  $\tilde{C}$  (defined by (31)-(33)) and a weight function  $\tilde{w} = e^{\int \frac{\tilde{C}}{A}}$  such the following representation holds in G:

$$Y_n = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{\tilde{w}} \tilde{P}_{n-n_0+1} & \tilde{q}_{n-n_0+1}/\sqrt{\tilde{w}} \\ \sqrt{\tilde{w}} \tilde{P}_{n-n_0} & \tilde{q}_{n-n_0}/\sqrt{\tilde{w}} \end{bmatrix} E_n \mathcal{L}^{-1}, \quad n \ge n_0 + 1,$$

with  $\{\tilde{P}_n\}$  the SMOP with respect to  $\tilde{w}$ ,  $\{\tilde{q}_n\}$  the corresponding sequence of functions of the second kind, and  $E_n = \mathcal{P}_n(x_0)^{-1}Y_n(x_0), x_0 \in G$ .

*Proof*: The result follows from the Theorem 3 combined with the Lemma 3 (note the remark 4). ■

# 5. Laguerre-Hahn orthogonal polynomials of class zero

Laguerre-Hahn orthogonal polynomials of class zero are related to Stieltjes functions, S, satisfying

$$AS' = BS^2 + CS + D$$
,  $\deg(C) = 1$ ,  $\max\{\deg(A), \deg(B)\} \le 2$ .

There are, up to a linear change of variable, three canonical cases for the triples of polynomials satisfying the above Riccati differential equation, according to the degree of A be zero, one or two [1].

In subsection 5.1 we will show the solutions of the corresponding difference equation (15) in the class zero: we give closed form expressions for the recurrence relation coefficients of the orthogonal polynomials. In subsection 5.2 we will use Radon's Lemma in order to obtain representations for a sequence of Laguerre-Hahn orthogonal polynomials.

#### 5.1. The recurrence relation coefficients.

**Theorem 5.** Let S be a Stieltjes function satisfying  $AS' = BS^2 + CS + D$  with  $\deg(C) = 1$ ,  $\max\{\deg(A), \deg(B)\} \le 2$ . Let  $A(x) = a_2x^2 + a_1x + a_0$ ,  $B(x) = b_2x^2 + b_1x + b_0$ ,  $C(x) = c_1x + c_0$ . The recurrence relation coefficients of the SMOP  $\{P_n\}$  related to S are given by

$$\beta_n = \frac{(r_1^2 - a_2^2)\beta_1 + 2a_1(n-1)(r_1 - (n-1)a_2)}{(r_1 - (2n-1)a_2)(r_1 - (2n-3)a_2)}, \quad n \ge 2,$$
(37)

$$\gamma_{n+1} = \frac{r_1(r_1 - 2a_2)\gamma_2 + \sum_{k=2}^n A(\beta_k)(r_1 - 2(k-1)a_2)}{(r_1 - 2na_2)(r_1 - 2(n-1)a_2)}, \quad n \ge 2, \quad (38)$$

where

$$\beta_{1} = \frac{a_{1} + 2\beta_{0}D - c_{0}}{r_{1} - a_{2}}, \quad r_{1} = \Theta_{0}/\gamma_{1}, \quad \Theta_{0} = A + B + (x - \beta_{0})^{2}D + (x - \beta_{0})C,$$
$$\gamma_{1} = \frac{\Theta_{0}}{2D + c_{1} - a_{2}}, \quad \gamma_{2} = \frac{A(\beta_{1}) + \gamma_{1}D}{r_{1} - 2a_{2}}. \quad (39)$$

*Proof*: The corresponding equations (15) read as

$$\begin{cases} (x - \beta_n)(l_n - l_{n-1}) = A - \Theta_n + \frac{\gamma_n}{\gamma_{n-1}}\Theta_{n-2} \\ l_n - l_{n-2} = -\frac{(x - \beta_n)}{\gamma_n}\Theta_{n-1} + \frac{(x - \beta_{n-1})}{\gamma_{n-1}}\Theta_{n-2}, \quad n \ge 1, \end{cases}$$
(40)

where the initial conditions hold (cf. (14)):

$$l_{-1}(x) = C(x)/2, \ l_0(x) = -(x - \beta_0)D - C(x)/2,$$
  
$$\Theta_{-1} = D, \ \Theta_0 = A(x) + B(x) + (x - \beta_0)^2D + (x - \beta_0)C(x).$$

Note that under the stated conditions on the degrees of A, B, C, one has

$$l_n(x) = \ell_{n,1}x + \ell_{n,0}, \quad \Theta_n, D \text{ constants.}$$
(41)

By substituting (41) into (40) and equating the coefficients of  $x^2, x, x^0$  we obtain, for all  $n \ge 1$ ,

$$\ell_{n,1} - \ell_{n-1,1} = a_2, \qquad (42)$$

$$\ell_{n,0} - \ell_{n-1,0} = \beta_n(\ell_{n,1} - \ell_{n-1,1}) + a_1, \qquad (43)$$

$$\beta_{n}(\ell_{n,0} - \ell_{n-1,0}) = a_{0} - \Theta_{n} + \frac{\gamma_{n}}{\gamma_{n-1}} \Theta_{n-2},$$
  
$$\ell_{n,1} - \ell_{n-2,1} = -\frac{\Theta_{n-1}}{\gamma_{n}} + \frac{\Theta_{n-2}}{\gamma_{n-1}},$$
 (44)

$$\ell_{n,0} - \ell_{n-2,0} = \beta_n \frac{\Theta_{n-1}}{\gamma_n} - \beta_{n-1} \frac{\Theta_{n-2}}{\gamma_{n-1}}.$$
 (45)

From (42) and (43) there follows

$$\ell_{n,1} = \ell_{0,1} + na_2, \quad n \ge 1, \tag{46}$$

$$\ell_{n,0} = \ell_{0,0} + a_2 \sum_{k=1}^{n} \beta_k + na_1, \quad n \ge 1.$$
(47)

Note that (46) and (47) are also valid for n = 0, using the convention  $\sum_{k=i}^{j} \cdot = 0$  whenever i > j.

The use of (46) for n and n-2 in (44) yields

$$\frac{\Theta_{n-1}}{\gamma_n} = \frac{\Theta_{n-2}}{\gamma_{n-1}} - 2a_2, \quad n \ge 2,$$

thus

$$\frac{\Theta_{n-1}}{\gamma_n} = \frac{\Theta_0}{\gamma_1} - 2(n-1)a_2, \ n \ge 2.$$

Note that the above equality also holds for n = 1, thus we get

$$\Theta_{n-1} = (r_1 - 2(n-1)a_2)\gamma_n, \quad r_1 = \frac{\Theta_0}{\gamma_1}, \quad n \ge 1.$$
(48)

The use of (47) for n and n-2 as well as (48) for n and n-1 in (45) yields  $a_2(\beta_{n-1}+\beta_n)+2a_1=\beta_n(r_1-2(n-1)a_2)-\beta_{n-1}(r_1-2(n-2)a_2), n \ge 2,$ that is,

$$\beta_n(r_1 - (2n-1)a_2) = \beta_{n-1}(r_1 - (2n-5)a_2) + 2a_1, \quad n \ge 2.$$

If we multiply the above equation by  $r_1 - (2n - 3)a_2$  we get

$$L_{n+1} = L_n + 2a_1(r_1 - (2n - 3)a_2),$$
  
$$L_n = \beta_{n-1}(r_1 - (2n - 3)a_2)(r_1 - (2n - 5)a_2).$$

Therefore, we obtain

$$L_{n+1} = L_2 + 2a_1 \sum_{k=2}^{n} (r_1 - (2k - 3)a_2), \quad n \ge 2,$$

thus for  $n \geq 2$ 

$$\beta_n(r_1 - (2n-1)a_2)(r_1 - (2n-3)a_2) = \beta_1(r_1^2 - a_2^2) + 2a_1(n-1)(r_1 - (n-1)a_2),$$
  
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To obtain an equation for the  $\gamma$ 's we start by evaluating the first equation of (40) at  $\beta_n$ , thus obtaining

$$\Theta_n - \frac{\gamma_n}{\gamma_{n-1}} \Theta_{n-2} = A(\beta_n), \quad n \ge 1.$$

Using (48) for n + 1 and n - 1 in the above equation we get

$$\gamma_{n+1}(r_1 - 2na_2) - \gamma_n(r_1 - 2(n-2)a_2) = A(\beta_n), \quad n \ge 2.$$

If we multiply the above equation by  $r_1 - 2(n-1)a_2$  we get for  $n \ge 2$  $T_{n+1} = T_n + A(\beta_n)(r_1 - 2(n-1)a_2), \ T_n = \gamma_n(r_1 - 2(n-2)a_2)(r_1 - 2(n-1)a_2).$ Therefore, we obtain

$$T_{n+1} = T_2 + \sum_{k=2}^{n} A(\beta_k)(r_1 - 2(k-1)a_2), \quad n \ge 2,$$

thus (38) follows.

(39) follows from the initial conditions.

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# 5.2. Representations of Laguerre-Hahn orthogonal polynomials of class zero via Radon's Lemma: an example.

**Lemma 4.** Let  $\{P_n\}$  be a SMOP related to  $AS' = BS^2 + CS + D$ ,  $A(x) = a_2x^2 + a_1x + a_0$ ,  $B(x) = b_2x^2 + b_1x + b_0$ ,  $C(x) = c_1x + c_0$ . Then, the matrices  $\mathcal{B}_n = \begin{bmatrix} l_n & \Theta_n \\ -\Theta_{n-1}/\gamma_n & -l_n \end{bmatrix}$  involved in the corresponding equations (13) are defined by  $l_n(x) = \ell_{n,1}x + \ell_{n,0}$  and  $\Theta_n$  constant, where, for all  $n \ge 1$ ,

$$\ell_{n,1} = c_1/2 + (n+1)a_2 + b_2, \qquad (49)$$

$$\ell_{n,0} = c_0/2 + (n+1)a_1 + b_1 + \beta_0(b_2 + a_2) + \alpha_n a_2, \qquad (50)$$

$$\Theta_n = (\ell_{n,0} + c_0/2 - (n-1)a_1)\alpha_n - (\ell_{n,1} + c_1/2 - (n-2)a_2)\nu_n - (\nu_n + \beta_0\alpha_n - \gamma_1)D + na_0,$$
(51)

and

$$\ell_{0,1} = -D - c_1/2, \quad \ell_{0,0} = \beta_0 D - c_0/2,$$
  
$$\Theta_0 = A + B + (x - \beta_0)^2 D + (x - \beta_0)C, \quad \Theta_{-1} = D, \quad (52)$$

with

$$D = -a_2 - c_1 - b_2, \quad \alpha_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \beta_k, \quad \nu_n = \sum_{1 \le i < j \le n}^n \beta_i \beta_j - \sum_{k=2}^n \gamma_k, \quad n \ge 1.$$

*Proof*: Write

$$P_n^{(1)}(x) = x^n - \alpha_n x^{n-1} + \nu_n x^{n-2} + \cdots$$
  

$$P_{n+1}(x) = x^{n+1} - (\alpha_n + \beta_0) x^n + (\nu_n + \beta_0 \alpha_n - \gamma_1) x^{n-1} + \cdots$$

and compare the coefficients of the corresponding monomials. To obtain  $l_0(x), \Theta_0$ , and  $\Theta_{-1}$ , use the initial conditions (14).

For later purposes we show some results concerning the Hermite polynomials.

**Lemma 5.** Let  $\{H_n\}$  denote the sequence of monic Hermite polynomials, and let  $\{\tilde{q_n}\}$  be the corresponding sequence of functions of the second kind. The following statements hold:

(a)  $\{H_n\}$  is related to the Stieltjes function  $\tilde{S}$  satisfying

$$A\tilde{S}' = \tilde{C}\tilde{S} + \tilde{D}, \quad A = 1, \ \tilde{C} = -2x, \ \tilde{D} = 2;$$
 (53)

(b) the recurrence relation coefficients of  $\{H_n\}$  are given by

$$\tilde{\beta}_n = 0, \; \tilde{\gamma}_{n+1} = (n+1)/2, \quad n \ge 0;$$
(54)

(c)  $\widetilde{H}_n = \begin{bmatrix} H_{n+1} & \widetilde{q}_{n+1}/\widetilde{w} \\ H_n & \widetilde{q}_n/\widetilde{w} \end{bmatrix}$ , with  $\widetilde{w} = e^{-x^2}$ , satisfies the differential system

$$\widetilde{H}'_{n} = \left(\widetilde{\mathcal{B}}_{n} - \frac{\widetilde{C}}{2}I\right)\widetilde{H}_{n}, \quad \widetilde{\mathcal{B}}_{n} = \begin{bmatrix} -x & n+1\\ -2 & x \end{bmatrix}, \quad n \ge 1.$$
 (55)

*Proof*: (53) is given in [15]. (54) follows from (37) and (38). To obtain (55) we use the Theorem 2 (cf. (18)), where the entries of  $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_n$  can be obtained using (49)-(51).

**Lemma 6.** Let  $\{P_n\}$  be the SMOP related to the Stieltjes function S satisfying  $AS' = BS^2 + CS + D$ , where

$$A = 1, B = -2x^{2} + 2\lambda x + \rho - 1, C = 2x, D = 0,$$

with  $\rho = 2\gamma_1, \lambda = \beta_0$ , and  $\rho \lambda \neq 0$ . Let  $\{Y_n = \begin{bmatrix} P_{n+1} & P_n^{(1)} \\ P_n & P_{n-1}^{(1)} \end{bmatrix}\}$  be the sequence associated with  $\{P_n\}$  defined in (10). The following statements hold:

(a) the recurrence relation coefficients of  $\{P_n\}$  are given by

$$\beta_n = 0, \ \gamma_{n+1} = n/2, \quad n \ge 1;$$
(56)

(b)  $Y_n$  satisfies the matrix Sylvester equations  $Y'_n = \mathcal{B}_n Y_n - \mathcal{C} Y_n$ ,  $n \ge 0$ , with

$$\mathcal{B}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} -x & \rho \\ 0 & x \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{B}_n = \begin{bmatrix} -x & n \\ -2 & x \end{bmatrix}, \quad n \ge 1, \quad \mathcal{C} = \begin{bmatrix} x & 0 \\ B & -x \end{bmatrix}.$$
(57)

(c) let  $x_0$  be an arbitrary point in the complex plane. The solution of the initial value problem

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{L}'(x) = \mathcal{C}(x)\mathcal{L}(x), \\ \mathcal{L}(x_0) = I, \end{cases}$$
(58)

with C given in (57), is

$$\mathcal{L}^{(1,1)}(x) = e^{-x_0^2/2} e^{x^2/2}, \qquad (59)$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{(1,2)}(x) \equiv 0, \qquad (60)$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{(2,1)}(x) = e^{-x_0^2/2} e^{-x^2/2} \int_{x_0}^x B(s) e^{s^2} ds \,, \tag{61}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{(2,2)}(x) = e^{x_0^2/2} e^{-x^2/2}, \qquad (62)$$

and the solution of the initial value problem

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{P}'_n(x) = \mathcal{B}_n(x)\mathcal{P}_n(x), & n \ge 1, \\ \mathcal{P}_n(x_0) = Y_n(x_0), \end{cases}$$
(63)

with  $\mathcal{B}_n$  given in (57), is for  $n \geq 2$ 

$$\mathcal{P}_{n}(x) = e^{-x^{2}/2} \widetilde{H}_{n-1}(x) \mathcal{K}_{n}, \quad \mathcal{K}_{n} = e^{x_{0}^{2}/2} \left( \widetilde{H}_{n-1}(x_{0}) \right)^{-1} Y_{n}(x_{0}).$$
(64)

*Proof*: (56) follows from (37) and (38). To obtain the entries of  $\mathcal{B}_n$  in (57) use (49)-(52).

Let us solve (63). Since 
$$\widetilde{H}_n = \begin{bmatrix} H_{n+1} & \widetilde{q}_{n+1}/\widetilde{w} \\ H_n & \widetilde{q}_n/\widetilde{w} \end{bmatrix}$$
 satisfies (55),  
 $\widetilde{H}'_n = \left(\widetilde{\mathcal{B}}_n - \frac{\widetilde{C}}{2}I\right)\widetilde{Y}_n, \quad \widetilde{\mathcal{B}}_n = \begin{bmatrix} -x & n+1 \\ -2 & x \end{bmatrix}, \quad \widetilde{C} = -2x, \quad n \ge 1,$ 

then, taking into account the Lemma 2,

$$\mathcal{P}_n = e^{-x^2/2} \widetilde{H}_{n-1} \tag{65}$$

satisfies  $\mathcal{P}'_n = \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{n-1}\mathcal{P}_n$ ,  $n \ge 2$ , that is,  $\mathcal{P}'_n = \begin{bmatrix} -x & n \\ -2 & x \end{bmatrix} \mathcal{P}_n$ ,  $n \ge 2$ . Hence,  $\mathcal{P}_n$  defined by (65) is a fundamental matrix of the differential system in (63). Thus, a solution of the initial value problem (63) is given by (64).

Remark 5. Taking into account (54) and (56), one has  $P_n^{(1)} = H_n$ ,  $n \ge 1$ . Consequently, the matrix  $\mathcal{K}_n$  given in (64) is such that

$$\mathcal{K}_n^{(1,2)} = e^{x_0^2/2}, \ \mathcal{K}_n^{(2,2)} = 0.$$
 (66)

Furthermore, using  $Y_{n+1}(x_0) = \mathcal{A}_{n+1}(x_0)Y_n(x_0)$  (cf. (11)), we obtain

$$\tilde{H}_{n-1}(x_0)\mathcal{K}_n = \mathcal{A}_{n+1}^{-1}(x_0)\tilde{H}_n(x_0)\mathcal{K}_{n+1}, \quad n \ge 2,$$

from which we get

$$\mathcal{K}_{n}^{(1,1)} = \mathcal{K}_{n+1}^{(1,1)}, \quad \mathcal{K}_{n}^{(2,1)} = \mathcal{K}_{n+1}^{(2,1)}, \quad n \ge 2.$$
 (67)

**Theorem 6.** Let the conditions and the notations of the two previous Lemmas hold. Then,

(a) the following representation holds, for all  $n \geq 2$ :

$$P_{n+1}(x) = e^{-x^2} \left( e^{x_0^2/2} \mathcal{K}_n^{(1,1)} - \int_{x_0}^x B(s) e^{s^2} ds \right) H_n(x) + e^{x_0^2/2} \mathcal{K}_n^{(2,1)} \tilde{q}_n(x) , \quad (68)$$

where  $x_0$  is an arbitrary complex number; (b) the Stieltjes functions S and  $\tilde{S}$  are related through

$$\tilde{S} = \frac{a+bS}{c+dS},\tag{69}$$

where

$$a = -1/d$$
,  $b(x) = 1/dx - \lambda/d$ ,  $c = 0$ ,  $d = \pm \sqrt{\rho/2}$ . (70)

Proof: (a). Taking into account the Theorem 3, one has  $Y_n = \mathcal{P}_n \mathcal{L}^{-1}$ , where  $\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{P}_n$ , the solutions of the corresponding initial value problems (58) and (63), are given by (59)-(62) and (64), respectively. Therefore,  $Y_n = \mathcal{P}_n \mathcal{L}^{-1}$  yields, in the position (1, 1), (68), where we used (66). The position (2, 1) gives us (68) for n - 1, where we used (67). The positions (1, 2) and (2, 2) of  $Y_n = \mathcal{P}_n \mathcal{L}^{-1}$  yield  $\mathcal{P}_n^{(1)} = H_n$  and  $\mathcal{P}_{n-1}^{(1)} = H_{n-1}$ , respectively. (b). Note that  $\tilde{S}$  satisfies (53),

$$A\tilde{S}' = \tilde{C}\tilde{S} + \tilde{D}, \quad A = 1, \quad \tilde{C} = -2x, \quad \tilde{D} = 2.$$

Taking into account the Lemma 3, there holds a relation of the type (69), where the polynomials a-d and the polynomials  $A, \tilde{C}, \tilde{D}$  are related through the equations (31)-(33). Thus, (70) follows.

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