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On structure formulas for Wilson polynomials. (English summary)

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The Wilson polynomials

$$\frac{W_n(x^2; a, b, c, d)}{(a+b)_n(a+c)_n(a+d)_n} = {}_4F_3 \left(\begin{matrix} -n, a+b+c+d+n-1, a-ix, a+ix \\ a+b, a+c, a+d \end{matrix}; 1 \right)$$

are orthogonal with respect to the weight function

$$\omega(x) = \left| \frac{\Gamma(a+ix)\Gamma(b+ix)\Gamma(c+ix)\Gamma(d+ix)}{\Gamma(2if)} \right|^2$$

on \mathbb{R}^+ , with

$$\int_0^{\infty} W_n(x^2; a, b, c, d) W_m(x^2; a, b, c, d) \omega(x) dx = \delta_{nm} 2\pi (n+a+b+c+d-1)_n n! \Gamma(n+a+b) \Gamma(n+a+c) \times \frac{\Gamma(n+a+d) \Gamma(n+b+c) \Gamma(n+b+d) \Gamma(n+c+d)}{\Gamma(2n+a+b+c+d)}.$$

Here, $a, b, c, d > 0$, $(a)_n$ is the Pochhammer symbol defined by

$$(a)_n = a(a+1) \dots (a+n-1), \quad n \geq 1, \\ (a)_0 = 1,$$

and ${}_pF_q$ is the generalized hypergeometric function.

In this paper, first, the authors show that the Wilson polynomials are solutions of the second-order difference equation

$$\phi(x^2) \mathbf{D}^2 y(x) + \psi(x^2) \mathbf{S} \mathbf{D} y(x) + \lambda_n y(x) = 0,$$

where ϕ and ψ are polynomials of degree 2 and 1, respectively, λ_n is a constant and

$$\mathbf{D} f(x) = \frac{f(x+i/2) - f(x-i/2)}{2ix}, \quad \mathbf{S} f(x) = \frac{f(x+i/2) + f(x-i/2)}{2}.$$

Then, the three-term recurrence relation satisfied by the Wilson polynomials is obtained and some structural relations for these polynomials are given. Moreover, the inversion and connection problems are solved for the Wilson polynomials and also for the continuous dual Hahn polynomials. *Serhan Varma*

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