

**THE OPERATOR  $T_{k,q}$  AND A GENERALIZATION OF  
 CERTAIN CLASSICAL POLYNOMIALS**

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**1. Introduction**

Employing the operator  $x^2D$  where  $D = \frac{d}{dx}$  Chak [4] defined the generalized Laguerre polynomials by means of

$$L_n^{(\alpha)}(x) = x^{-\alpha-n-1} e^x (x^2D)^n (x^{\alpha+1} e^{-x}). \quad (1.1)$$

Later, Al-Salam [1] characterized these polynomials in terms of the operator  $\theta = x(1+xD)$  and proved that

$$\theta^n x^\alpha e^{-x} = x^{\alpha+n} e^{-x} n! L_n^{(\alpha)}(x). \quad (1.2)$$

Recently, Mittal [7] observed that relations (1.1) and (1.2) can in fact be derived from a more general operational representation. To this end he considered the operator  $T_k = x(k+xD)$ ,  $k$  being a constant and showed that polynomial set  $\{T_{\nu n}^{(\alpha)}(x); n=0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ , [6],

$$T_{\nu n}^{(\alpha)}(x) = \frac{1}{n!} x^{-\alpha} e^{p_\nu(x)} D^n (x^{\alpha+n} e^{-p_\nu(x)}), \quad (1.3)$$

$p_\nu(x)$  being a polynomial in  $x$  of degree  $r$ , admit the relationship

$$T_{\nu n}^{(\alpha+k-1)}(x) = \frac{1}{n!} x^{-\alpha-n} e^{p_\nu(x)} T_k^n [x^\alpha e^{-p_\nu(x)}] \quad (1.4)$$

in terms of the operator  $T_k$ .

The question naturally arises, if these aforementioned characterizations can be unified. This led us to define the operator  $T_{k,q} \equiv x^q(k+xD)$  and the introduction of the polynomial set  $\{M_{\nu n}^{(\alpha)}(x, k, q); n=0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  in the form

$$M_{\nu n}^{(\alpha)}(x, k, q) = \frac{1}{n!} x^{-\alpha-nq} e^{p_\nu(x)} T_{k,q}^n [x^\alpha e^{-p_\nu(x)}] \quad (1.5)$$

where  $p_\nu(x)$  is a polynomial in  $x$  of degree  $r$ ,  $k$  and  $q$  are constants. In what follows, it shall be understood that

$$M_{-\nu n}^{(\alpha)}(x, k, q) = \frac{1}{n!} x^{-\alpha-nq} e^{-p_\nu(x)} T_{k, q}^n [x^\alpha e^{p_\nu(x)}] . \quad (1.6)$$

For the sake of simplicity, in the present paper, we shall, however, confine ourselves to the case when  $k=0$ , viz, the polynomials

$$M_{\nu n}^{(\alpha)}(x, q) = \frac{1}{n!} x^{-\alpha-nq} e^{p_\nu(x)} T_q^n [x^\alpha e^{-p_\nu(x)}] , T_q = x^{q+1} D \quad (1.7)$$

which are connected with the polynomials  $M_{\nu n}^{(\alpha)}(x, k, q)$  by the relation

$$M_{\nu n}^{(\alpha+k)}(x, q) = M_{\nu n}^{(\alpha)}(x, k, q). \quad (1.8)$$

The study of the polynomials  $M_{\nu n}^{(\alpha)}(x, k, q)$  where  $p_\nu(x)$  will be replaced by  $p x^r$ , for obtaining many nicer properties from the point of view of their utility, will form the subject matter of a subsequent communication.

## 2. The operator $T_{k, q}$ and its properties

We define the operator  $T_{k, q} \equiv x^q(k+xD)$  and as a first consequence, note that

$$T_{k, q}^n (x^{\alpha+m}) = q^n \left( \frac{\alpha+m+k}{q} \right)_n x^{\alpha+m+nq} \quad (2.1)$$

where  $m$  is an integer,  $n$  a non-negative integer and  $\alpha$  is arbitrary.

Further, by induction

$$T_{k, q}^n = x^{nq} \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} (\delta + k + jq), \quad \delta \equiv xD \quad (2.2)$$

so that when  $k=0$

$$T_q^n = x^{nq} \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} (\delta + jq) . \quad (2.3)$$

Next, assuming that a function  $f(x)$  has a Taylor's series expansion, it follows that the operator  $T_{k, q}$  satisfies the following formal rules:

$$F(T_{k, q}) \{x^\alpha f(x)\} = x^\alpha F \{T_{k, q} + x^q \alpha\} f(x) \quad (2.4)$$

$$F(T_{k, q}) \{e^{g(x)} f(x)\} = e^{g(x)} F [T_{k, q} + x^{q+1} g'(x)] f(x) \quad (2.5)$$

and the analogue of the Leibnitz formula

$$T_{k, q}^n (xuv) = x \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} (T_{k, q}^{n-m} v) (T_{1, q}^m u), \quad T_{1, q} = x^q(1+xD) . \quad (2.6)$$

For  $k=0$  and  $x=1$  the above formula reduces to

$$T_q^n(uv) = \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} (T_q^{n-m}v) (T_q^m u). \tag{2.7}$$

Further, note that (2.6) implies

$$e^{tT_{k,q}}(xuv) = x(e^{tT_{k,q}}v)(e^{tT_{k,q}}u) \tag{2.8}$$

and consequently with the help of (2.1), we have

$$e^{tT_{k,q}}(x^{\alpha+m}) = \frac{x^{\alpha+m}}{(1-x^q qt)^{(\alpha+m+k)/q}} \tag{2.9}$$

and the general operational formula

$$e^{tT_{k,q}}\{x^\alpha f(x)\} = \frac{x^\alpha}{(1-x^q qt)^{(\alpha+k)/q}} f\left[\frac{x}{(1-x^q qt)^{1/q}}\right]. \tag{2.10}$$

We, then, prove that the operator  $T_{k,q}$  satisfies the operational relation

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{n!} T_{k,q}^n \{x^{\alpha-nq} f(x)\} = x^\alpha (1+qt)^{\frac{(\alpha+k-q)}{q}} f\{x(1+qt)^{1/q}\}. \tag{2.11}$$

Therefore, in view of (2.1)

$${}_\lambda F_\mu \left[ \begin{matrix} (\alpha_\lambda); \\ (\beta_\mu); \end{matrix} ; tT_{k,q} \right] x^m = x^m {}_{\lambda+1} F_\mu \left[ \begin{matrix} (\alpha_\lambda), \left(\frac{m+k}{q}\right); \\ (\beta_\mu); \end{matrix} ; x^q qt \right] \tag{2.12}$$

and subsequently,

$${}_\lambda F_\mu \left[ \begin{matrix} (\alpha_\lambda); \\ (\beta_\mu); \end{matrix} ; tT_{k,q} \right] x^\alpha e^{px^r} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(p)^j}{j!} x^{\alpha+rj} {}_{\lambda+1} F_\mu \left[ \begin{matrix} (\alpha_\lambda), \frac{\alpha+rj+k}{q}; \\ (\beta_\mu); \end{matrix} ; x^q qt \right] \tag{2.13}$$

where  $(\alpha_\lambda)$  stands for the sequence of  $\lambda$  parameters  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_\lambda$ ; with similar interpretations for  $(\beta_\mu)$ .

In particular, if we take  $(\alpha_\lambda) = (\beta_\mu) - \alpha - k = 0$  and  $p+1=r-1=q-1=0$ , we have

$${}_0 F_1 \left[ -; \alpha+k; tT_k \right] x^\alpha e^{-x} = x^\alpha e^{-x+xt} {}_0 F_1 \left[ -; \alpha+k, -x^2 t \right]. \tag{2.14}$$

Defining now  $1/T_{k,q}$  as the inverse of the operator  $T_{k,q}$  we obtain

$$\frac{1}{T_{k,q}^m} (x^{-\alpha}) = \frac{(-1)^m x^{-\alpha-mq}}{q^m \left(\frac{\alpha-k}{q} + 1\right)_m} \tag{2.15}$$

and

$$\frac{1}{T_{k,q}} \{(k-q)\log x + 1\} = \frac{\log x}{x^q}. \tag{2.16}$$

Next, combining (2.1) and (2.15), we deduce

$$\left(\frac{S_{l,q}}{T_{k,q}}\right)^m \left(\frac{y^\beta}{x^\alpha}\right) = \frac{(-1)^m \left(\frac{\beta+l}{q}\right)_m}{\left(\frac{\alpha-k}{q}+1\right)_m} \frac{y^{\beta+mq}}{x^{\alpha+mq}} \quad (2.17)$$

where  $S_{l,q} = y^q(l+yD_y)$ ,

and hence

$${}_{\lambda}F_{\mu} \left[ \begin{matrix} (\alpha_{\lambda}); \\ (\beta_{\mu}); \end{matrix} ; t \frac{S_{l,q}}{T_{k,q}} \right] \left(\frac{y^\beta}{x^\alpha}\right) = \frac{y^\beta}{x^\alpha} {}_{\lambda+1}F_{\mu+1} \left[ \begin{matrix} (\alpha_{\lambda}), \frac{\beta+l}{q}; \\ (\beta_{\mu}), \frac{\alpha-k}{q}+1; \end{matrix} ; -t(y/x)^q \right] \quad (2.18)$$

In particular, we have

$$\left(1-t \frac{S_{l,q}}{T_{k,q}}\right)^{-c} \left(\frac{y^\beta}{x^\alpha}\right) = \frac{y^\beta}{x^\alpha} {}_2F_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} c, \frac{\beta+l}{q}; \\ \frac{\alpha-k}{q}+1; \end{matrix} ; -t(y/x)^q \right], \quad (2.19)$$

$$\left(1-t \frac{S_{l,q}}{T_{k,q}}\right)^n \left(\frac{y^\beta}{x^\alpha}\right) = \frac{y^\beta}{x^\alpha} {}_2F_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} -n, \frac{\beta+l}{q}; \\ \frac{\alpha-k}{q}+1; \end{matrix} ; -t(y/x)^q \right], \quad (2.20)$$

$$\left(1-t \frac{S_{l,q}}{T_{k,q}}\right)^{-\left(\frac{\alpha-k}{q}\right)-1} \frac{y^\beta}{x^\alpha} = \frac{y^\beta}{x^\alpha} \{1+t(y/x)^q\}^{-\frac{\beta+l}{q}}, \quad (2.21)$$

and

$$e^{-t/T_{k,q}}(x^{-\alpha}) = x^{-\alpha} {}_0F_1 \left[ -; \frac{\alpha-k}{q}+1; t/qx^q \right]. \quad (2.22)$$

### 3. Operational characterization of the polynomials $M_{\nu n}^{(\alpha)}(x, q)$

Note that the formula (2.2) admits the following equivalent forms

$$(T_{k,q} + x^q \alpha)^n f(x) = x^{nq} \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} (\delta + \alpha + k + jq) f(x), \quad (3.1)$$

and

$$[T_{k,q} + x^q \alpha - x^{q+1} p_{\nu}'(x)]^n = x^{nq} \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} (\delta + \alpha + k - x p_{\nu}'(x) + jq). \quad (3.2)$$

If  $y$  is a sufficiently differentiable function of  $x$ , then (3.2) can also be expressed as

$$x^{-\alpha-nq} e^{p_{\nu}(x)} T_{k,q}^n [x^{\alpha} e^{-p_{\nu}(x)} y] = \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} (\delta + \alpha + k - x p_{\nu}'(x) + jq) y. \quad (3.3)$$

On the other hand,

$$T_q^n [x^\alpha e^{-p_\nu(x)} y] = x^{\alpha+nq} e^{-p_\nu(x)} \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} (\delta + \alpha - x p_\nu'(x) + jq) y \tag{3.4}$$

which by an appeal to (2.7) gives

$$T_q^n [x^\alpha e^{-p_\nu(x)} y] = \sum_{s=0}^n \frac{n!}{s!} x^{\alpha+nq-sq} e^{-p_\nu(x)} M_{\nu(n-s)}^{(\alpha)}(x, q) T_q^s y . \tag{3.5}$$

Thus, comparison of (3.4) and (3.5) would yield,

$$\prod_{j=0}^{n-1} (\delta + \alpha - x p_\nu'(x) + jq) y = n! \sum_{s=0}^n \frac{x^{-sq}}{s!} M_{\nu(n-s)}^{(\alpha)}(x, q) T_q^s y \tag{3.6}$$

and that of (3.3) and (3.6)

$$\sum_{s=0}^n \frac{x^{-sq}}{s!} M_{\nu(n-s)}^{(\alpha+k)}(x, q) T_q^s y = \frac{1}{n!} x^{-\alpha-nq} e^{p_\nu(x)} T_{k,q}^n [x^\alpha e^{-p_\nu(x)} y] . \tag{3.7}$$

In particular, for  $y=1$

$$M_{\nu_n}^{(\alpha+k)}(x, q) = \frac{1}{n!} x^{-\alpha-nq} e^{p_\nu(x)} T_{k,q}^n [x^\alpha e^{-p_\nu(x)}] . \tag{3.8}$$

In what follows, in view of (2.4) and (2.5), (3.8) can be written as

$$[T_{k,q} + x^q \alpha - x^{q+1} p_\nu'(x)]^n \cdot 1 = n! x^{nq} M_{\nu n}^{(\alpha+k)}(x, q), \tag{3.9}$$

whereas, by a simple change of variable

$$T_{k,q}^n [x^\alpha e^{-p_\nu(\lambda x)}] = x^{\alpha+nq} e^{-p_\nu(\lambda x)} n! M_{\nu n}^{(\alpha+k)}(\lambda x, q) \tag{3.10}$$

implying that

$$[T_{k,q} + x^q \alpha - \lambda x^{q+1} p_\nu'(\lambda x)]^n \cdot 1 = n! x^{nq} M_{\nu n}^{(\alpha+k)}(\lambda x, q) . \tag{3.11}$$

Next, by operating on both sides of (3.8) with  $T_{k,q}^m$  we have

$$T_{k,q}^m [x^{\alpha+nq} e^{-p_\nu(x)} M_{\nu n}^{(\alpha+k)}(x, q)] = \frac{(m+n)!}{n!} x^{\alpha+(n+m)q} e^{-p_\nu(x)} M_{\nu n}^{(\alpha+k)}(x, q) . \tag{3.12}$$

Now, assuming  $u = x^\alpha e^{-p_\nu(\lambda x)}$  and  $v = x^\beta e^{-p_\nu(\mu x)}$  and applying (2.6), we obtain

$$T_{k,q}^n [x \{x^\alpha e^{-p_\nu(\lambda x)}\} \{x^\beta e^{-p_\nu(\mu x)}\}] = x \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} \{T_{k,q}^{n-m} x^\beta e^{-p_\nu(\mu x)}\} \{T_{1,q}^m x^\alpha e^{-p_\nu(\lambda x)}\}$$

or, alternatively, the operational formula

$$\begin{aligned} x^{-\alpha-\beta-1-nq} e^{p_\nu(\lambda x) + p_\nu(\mu x)} T_{k,q}^n x^{\alpha+\beta+1} e^{-p_\nu(\lambda x) - p_\nu(\mu x)} \\ = n! \sum_{m=0}^n M_{\nu(n-m)}^{(\beta+k)}(\mu x, q) M_{\nu m}^{(\alpha+1)}(\lambda x, q) . \end{aligned} \tag{3.13}$$

Evidently, for  $\lambda = \mu = 1$ , one obtains

$$M_{2\nu n}^{(\alpha+\beta+k+1)}(x, q) = \sum_{m=0}^n M_{\nu(n-m)}^{(\beta+k)}(x, q) M_{\nu m}^{(\alpha+1)}(x, q) . \tag{3.14}$$

#### 4. Generating functions and recursion formulas

We demonstrate below, how the operator  $T_{k,q}$  can be employed to yield, in a very simple manner, a number of generating relations and recursion formulas. For instance, operating by  $e^{tT_{k,q}}$  on  $x^{\alpha-k} e^{-p_\nu(x)}$ , we get

$$e^{tT_{k,q}} [x^{\alpha-k} e^{-p_\nu(x)}] = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^m}{m!} T_{k,q}^m [x^{\alpha-k} e^{-p_\nu(x)}].$$

Thus, by an appeal to formulas (2.10) and (3.8) and replacing  $t$  by  $\frac{t}{x^q}$ , we are led to the generating relation

$$(1-qt)^{-\alpha/q} e^{p_\nu(x)-p_\nu[x(1-qt)^{-1/q}]} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} t^m M_{\nu m}^{(\alpha)}(x, q). \quad (4.1)$$

Again, from (3.8),

$$T_{k,q}^n [x^{\alpha-k} e^{-p_\nu(x)}] = x^{\alpha-k+nq} e^{-p_\nu(x)} n! M_{\nu n}^{(\alpha)}(x, q).$$

Operating on both sides by  $e^{tT_{k,q}}$  and by a simple change of variables, we get the generating relation

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \binom{m+n}{n} t^m M_{\nu(m+n)}^{(\alpha)}(x, q) = (1-qt)^{-\alpha/q-n} e^{p_\nu(x)-p_\nu[x(1-qt)^{-1/q}]} \times M_{\nu n}^{(\alpha)} \left[ \frac{x}{(1-qt)^{1/q}}, q \right]. \quad (4.2)$$

This, in a way, generalizes (4.1). Indeed, it reduces to (4.1) when  $n=0$ .

Next, since

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t^n M_{\nu n}^{(\alpha-nq)}(x, q) = x^{-\alpha+k} e^{p_\nu(x)} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{n!} T_{k,q}^n [x^{\alpha-k-nq} e^{-p_\nu(x)}],$$

by virtue of (2.11), we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t^n M_{\nu n}^{(\alpha-nq)}(x, q) = (1+qt)^{\frac{\alpha-q}{q}} e^{p_\nu(x)-p_\nu[x(1+qt)^{1/q}]} \quad (4.3)$$

Multiplying (4.3) by  $x^{\alpha-k} e^{-p_\nu(x)}$  and operating on both sides with  $T_{k,q}^m$ , we obtain

$$T_{k,q}^m \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t^n x^{\alpha-k} e^{-p_\nu(x)} M_{\nu n}^{(\alpha-nq)}(x, q) = (1+qt)^{\frac{\alpha-q}{q}} T_{k,q}^m [x^{\alpha-k} e^{p_\nu[x(1+qt)^{1/q}]}]$$

so that with the help of (3.12),

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{m+n}{n} t^n M_{\nu(m+n)}^{(\alpha-nq)}(x, q) = (1+qt)^{\frac{\alpha-q}{q}} e^{p_\nu(x)-p_\nu[x(1+qt)^{1/q}]} M_{\nu m}^{(\alpha)} \left[ \frac{x}{(1+qt)^{-1/q}}, q \right]. \quad (4.4)$$

It is interesting to remark that whereas the formula (4.1) yields

$$M_{\nu n}^{(\alpha)}(x, q) = \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{\left(\frac{\alpha-\beta}{q}\right)_m}{m!} q^m M_{\nu(n-m)}^{(\beta)}(x, q), \tag{4.5}$$

a comparison of (4.1) and (4.3) would yield the recursion formula

$$M_{\nu n}^{(\alpha)}(x, -q) = M_{\nu n}^{(\alpha-nq)}(x, q) + q M_{\nu(n-1)}^{(\alpha+q-nq)}(x, q). \tag{4.6}$$

Note also that,  $T_{k,q}^n [x^{\alpha-k} e^{-p_\nu(x)}]$  can be expressed as

$$T_{k,q}^n [T_{k,q}^{n-1} \{x^{\alpha-k} e^{-p_\nu(x)}\}] = n! x^{\alpha-k+nq} e^{-p_\nu(x)} M_{\nu n}^{(\alpha)}(x, q), \text{ and hence}$$

$$n M_{\nu n}^{(\alpha)}(x, q) = (xD - xp_\nu'(x) + \alpha - q + nq) M_{\nu(n-1)}^{(\alpha)}(x, q) \tag{4.7}$$

a formula, which can be derived from (3.4) as well. On the other hand, writing  $T_{k,q}^n [x^\alpha e^{-p_\nu(x)}] = T_{k,q}^n [x \cdot x^m \cdot x^{\alpha-m-1} e^{-p_\nu(x)}]$  and assuming  $u = x^{\alpha-m-1} e^{-p_\nu(x)}$ ,  $v = x^m$  and making an appeal to (2.6), we get

$$n! x^{\alpha+nq} e^{-p_\nu(x)} M_{\nu n}^{(\alpha+k)}(x, q) = x \sum_{s=0}^n \binom{n}{s} (T_{k,q}^{n-s} x^m) (T_{1,q}^s x^{\alpha-m-1} \cdot e^{-p_\nu(x)}).$$

This, finally, simplifies to

$$M_{\nu n}^{(\alpha+k)}(x, q) = \sum_{s=0}^n \frac{q^s}{s!} \left(\frac{m+k}{q}\right)_s M_{\nu(n-s)}^{(\alpha-m)}(x, q). \tag{4.8}$$

In the particular case when  $k=0$ ,  $m=q=1$ , it will lead to

$$M_{\nu n}^{(\alpha)}(x, 1) = \sum_{s=0}^n M_{\nu s}^{(\alpha-1)}(x, 1), \tag{4.9}$$

which further reduces to a similar formula for Laguerre polynomials [5, p192] when  $\alpha = \alpha + 1$  and  $p_\nu(x) = x$ .

### 5. Polynomials related to the $M_{\nu n}^{(\alpha)}(x, q)$

In this section, following Carlitz [2, 3], we consider a set of polynomials

$A_{\nu n}^{(\alpha)}(x, q)$  such that

$$\sum_{m=0}^n A_{\nu n}^{(\alpha)}(x, q) M_{\nu(n-m)}^{(\alpha+mq)}(x, q) = 0, n \geq 1, \text{ and } A_0^{(\alpha)}(x, q) = 1. \tag{5.1}$$

Obviously, the polynomials  $A_{\nu n}^{(\alpha)}(x, q)$  are uniquely determined by (5.1). It follows as a consequence of our definition that

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t^n \sum_{m=0}^n A_{\nu m}^{(\alpha)}(x, q) M_{\nu(n-m)}^{(\alpha+mq)}(x, q) \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} t^m A_{\nu m}^{(\alpha)}(x, q) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t^n M_{\nu n}^{(\alpha+mq)}(x, q) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} t^m A_{\nu m}^{(\alpha)}(x, q) (1-qt)^{-\frac{(\alpha+mq)}{q}} z^{p_{\nu}(x)-p_{\nu}} [x(1-qt)^{-1/q}]$$

and hence

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} z^m A_{\nu m}^{(\alpha)}(x, q) = (1+qz)^{\frac{\alpha}{q}} z^{-p_{\nu}(x)+p_{\nu}} [x(1+qz)^{1/q}] \quad (5.2)$$

where  $t = z(1-qt)$ .

Thus comparison of (4.1) and (5.2) would lead to

$$A_{\nu m}^{(\alpha)}(x, q) = M_{-\nu m}^{(-\alpha)}(x, -q).$$

This indicates that the associated polynomials  $A_{\nu n}^{(\alpha)}(x, q)$  have properties similar to those of  $M_{\nu n}^{(\alpha)}(x, q)$ .

Of particular interest are the Rodrigue's formula

$$A_{\nu n}^{(\alpha)}(x, q) = \frac{1}{n!} x^{\alpha+k+nq} e^{-p_{\nu}(x)} T_{k, q}^n [x^{-\alpha-k} e^{p_{\nu}(x)}] \quad (5.4)$$

which follows from (3.8), and the summation formula

$$M_{\nu n}^{(\alpha)}(x, q) = \sum_{m=0}^n M_{2\nu(n-m)}^{(\alpha+\beta)}(x, q) A_{\nu m}^{(\beta)}(x, q) \quad (5.5)$$

or equivalently,

$$M_{\nu n}^{(\alpha)}(x, q) = \sum_{m=0}^n M_{2\nu(n-m)}^{(\alpha+\beta)}(x, q) M_{-\nu m}^{(-\beta)}(x, -q) \quad (5.6)$$

which follows from (4.1).

While concluding we remark that most of our results will correspond to those of Mittal [7] if we set  $q=1$  and to those of Al-Salam [1] if we set  $k=1$ ,  $q=1$ ,  $p_{\nu}(x)=x$ .

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