Orthogonal polynomials related to some Jacobi-type pencils.

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1 Introduction.

The theory of orthogonal polynomials on the real line is a classical subject which has a huge amount of contributions and applications in various disciplines [8], [7], [1]. Nowadays it attracts a lot of researchers who use various new techniques [4], [6]. In this paper we shall study a generalization of the class of orthogonal polynomials on the real line. For this aim we shall need the following basic definition.

Definition 1 A set $\Theta = (J_3, J_5, \alpha, \beta)$, where $\alpha > 0$, $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$, $J_3$ is a Jacobi matrix and $J_5$ is a semi-infinite real symmetric five-diagonal matrix with positive numbers on the second subdiagonal, is said to be a Jacobi-type pencil (of matrices).

As it follows from this definition the matrices $J_3$ and $J_5$ have the following form:

$$J_3 = \begin{pmatrix} b_0 & a_0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ a_0 & b_1 & a_1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & a_1 & b_2 & a_2 & 0 & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}, \quad a_k > 0, \ b_k \in \mathbb{R}, \ k \in \mathbb{Z}_+; \quad (1)$$

$$J_5 = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_0 & \beta_0 & \gamma_0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ \beta_0 & \alpha_1 & \beta_1 & \gamma_1 & 0 & \cdots \\ \gamma_0 & \beta_1 & \alpha_2 & \beta_2 & \gamma_2 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & \gamma_1 & \beta_2 & \alpha_3 & \beta_3 & \gamma_3 & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}, \quad \alpha_n, \beta_n \in \mathbb{R}, \ \gamma_n > 0, \ n \in \mathbb{Z}_+. \quad (2)$$

Jacobi matrices and the corresponding operators are closely related to orthogonal polynomials on the real line and are intensively studied [9]. Five-diagonal matrices may be viewed as $(2 \times 2)$ block Jacobi matrices. These matrices are related to $(2 \times 2)$ matrix orthogonal polynomials on the real line [3], as well as to orthogonal polynomials on radial rays in the complex plane (see, e.g. [10], [2] and references therein).
With a Jacobi-type pencil of matrices Θ we shall associate a system of polynomials \( \{ p_n(\lambda) \}_{n=0}^{\infty} \), such that
\[
p_0(\lambda) = 1, \quad p_1(\lambda) = \alpha \lambda + \beta, \tag{3}
\]
and
\[
(J_5 - \lambda J_3) \vec{p}(\lambda) = 0, \tag{4}
\]
where \( \vec{p}(\lambda) = (p_0(\lambda), p_1(\lambda), p_2(\lambda), \ldots)^T \). Here the superscript \( T \) means the transposition. Polynomials \( \{ p_n(\lambda) \}_{n=0}^{\infty} \) are said to be associated to the Jacobi-type pencil of matrices Θ.

By choosing all possible Jacobi-type pencils of matrices we obtain a class \( \mathcal{K} \) which consists of the associated systems of polynomials. The class \( \mathcal{K} \) contains the class \( \mathcal{R} \) of all systems of orthonormal polynomials on the real line with \( p_0 = 1 \) (and positive leading coefficients). In fact, for each system of orthonormal polynomials on the real line with \( p_0 = 1 \) one may choose \( J_3 \) to be the corresponding Jacobi matrix (which elements are the recurrence coefficients), \( J_5 = J_2^2 \), and \( \alpha, \beta \) being the coefficients of \( p_1 \) \( (p_1(\lambda) = \alpha \lambda + \beta) \).

In the case of all bounded coefficients of the matrices \( J_3, J_5 \), these matrices define, in the usual manner, bounded operators on the space \( l_2 \). These operators will be denoted by the same letters as matrices. For the theory of polynomial operator pencils we refer to the book [5].

In the general case, the matrices \( J_3, J_5 \) allow us to define operators \( J_{3,0}, J_{5,0} \) on the set of all finite vectors from \( l_2 \) (i.e. complex vectors with all but finite number coefficients zeros). These operators will be used later to define an operator of the pencil and to study its properties.

Relation (4) may be written in the following scalar form:
\[
\gamma_{n-2} p_{n-2}(\lambda) + (\beta_{n-1} - \lambda a_{n-1}) p_{n-1}(\lambda) + (\alpha_n - \lambda b_n) p_n(\lambda) + \\
+ (\beta_n - \lambda a_n) p_{n+1}(\lambda) + \gamma_n p_{n+2}(\lambda) = 0, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}_+, \tag{5}
\]
where \( p_{-2}(\lambda) = p_{-1}(\lambda) = 0 \), \( \gamma_{-2} = \gamma_{-1} = \alpha_{-1} = \beta_{-1} = 0 \). Recurrent relation (5) with the initial conditions (3) uniquely determine the associated polynomials of any Jacobi-type pencil of matrices. Moreover, the polynomial \( p_n \) has degree \( n \) and a positive leading coefficient \( (n \in \mathbb{Z}_+) \). On the other hand, it is clear that the associated polynomials do not determine the pencil. For example, multiplying \( J_3 \) and \( J_5 \) by a positive constant does not change the associated polynomials.

Our first aim is to show that the inclusion of \( \mathcal{R} \) into \( \mathcal{K} \) is strict, i.e. \( \mathcal{R} \neq \mathcal{K} \). For this purpose we construct our basic example of polynomials associated to a pencil. Moreover, the associated polynomials admit an explicit
representation. Our second aim is to obtain some orthonormality relations for the associated polynomials of an arbitrary Jacobi-type pencil. For that purpose we shall introduce an operator of the pencil.

**Notations.** As usual, we denote by \( \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}_+ \), the sets of real numbers, complex numbers, positive integers, integers and non-negative integers, respectively. By \( \mathcal{P} \) we denote the set of all polynomials with complex coefficients.

By \( l_2 \) we denote the usual Hilbert space of all complex sequences \( c = (c_n)_{n=0}^{\infty} = (c_0, c_1, c_2, \ldots)^T \) with the finite norm \( \| c \|_{l_2} = \sqrt{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |c_n|^2} \). Here \( T \) means the transposition. The scalar product of two sequences \( c = (c_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}, d = (d_n)_{n=0}^{\infty} \in l_2 \) is given by \( (c, d)_{l_2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \overline{d_n} \). We denote \( e_m = (\delta_{n,m})_{n=0}^{\infty} \in l_2, m \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \). By \( l_{2,fin} \) we denote the set of all finite vectors from \( l_2 \), i.e. vectors with all but finite number components zeros.

By \( \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}) \) we denote the set of all Borel subsets of \( \mathbb{R} \). If \( \sigma \) is a (non-negative) bounded measure on \( \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{R}) \) then by \( L^2_{\sigma} \) we denote a Hilbert space of all (classes of equivalences) of complex-valued functions \( f \) on \( \mathbb{R} \) with a finite norm \( \| f \|_{L^2_{\sigma}} = \sqrt{\int_{\mathbb{R}} |f(x)|^2 d\sigma} \). The scalar product of two functions \( f, g \in L^2_{\sigma} \) is given by \( (f, g)_{L^2_{\sigma}} = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) \overline{g(x)} d\sigma \). By \( [f] \) we denote the class of equivalence in \( L^2_{\sigma} \) which contains the representative \( f \).

If \( H \) is a Hilbert space then \( (\cdot, \cdot)_H \) and \( \| \cdot \|_H \) mean the scalar product and the norm in \( H \), respectively. Indices may be omitted in obvious cases. For a linear operator \( A \) in \( H \), we denote by \( D(A) \) its domain, by \( R(A) \) its range, by \( \text{Ker} \ A \) its null subspace (kernel), and \( A^* \) means the adjoint operator if it exists. If \( A \) is invertible then \( A^{-1} \) means its inverse, \( \overline{A} \) means the closure of the operator, if the operator is closable. If \( A \) is bounded then \( \| A \| \) denotes its norm. For a set \( M \subseteq H \) we denote by \( \overline{M} \) the closure of \( M \) in the norm of \( H \). By \( \text{Lin} \ M \) we mean the set of all linear combinations of elements of \( M \), and \( \text{span} \ M := \text{Lin} \ M \). By \( E_H \) we denote the identity operator in \( H \), i.e. \( E_H x = x, x \in H \). If \( H_1 \) is a subspace of \( H \), then \( P_{H_1} = P_{H_1}^H \) is an operator of the orthogonal projection on \( H_1 \) in \( H \).

### 2 The basic example.

Denote by \( \Theta_1 \) the Jacobi-type pencil with \( \alpha = \beta = \sqrt{2}; a_k = \sqrt{2}, b_k = 2, k \in \mathbb{Z}_+; \alpha_n = \beta_n = 0, \gamma_n = 1, n \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \). Recurrent relation \( [5] \) for the associated polynomials \( \{p_n(\lambda)\}_{n=0}^{\infty} \) takes the following form:

\[
p_{n-2}(\lambda) - \sqrt{2}\lambda p_{n-1}(\lambda) - 2\lambda p_n(\lambda) - \sqrt{2}\lambda p_{n+1}(\lambda) + p_{n+2}(\lambda) = 0, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}_+, \quad (6)
\]
with the initial conditions:

\[ p_0(\lambda) = 1, \quad p_1(\lambda) = \sqrt{2\lambda} + \sqrt{2}. \]  

(7)

**Theorem 1** The associated polynomials \( \{p_n(\lambda)\}_{n=0}^{\infty} \) of the pencil \( \Theta_1 \) have the following representation:

\[ p_n(\sqrt{2}t - 1) = T_n(t) + tU_{n-1}(t) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{U_{n-1}(t) - U_{n-1}\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)}{t + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}, \]

\[ n \in \mathbb{Z}_+, \quad t \in \left(-1, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \cup \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 1\right). \]  

(8)

Here \( T_n(t) = \cos(n \arccos t) \), \( U_n(t) = \frac{\sin((n+1) \arccos t)}{\sqrt{1-t^2}} \) are Chebyshev’s polynomials of the first and the second kind, respectively \((U_{-1} = 0)\).

**Proof.** As usual, we shall seek for the solution \( \{y_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty} \) of the difference equation (related to (6))

\[ y_{n-2} - \sqrt{2} \lambda y_{n-1} - 2 \lambda y_n - \sqrt{2} \lambda y_{n+1} + y_{n+2} = 0, \quad n = 2, 3, \ldots, \]  

(9)

in the following form: \( y_n = w^n, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}_+, \quad w = w(\lambda) \in \mathbb{C}. \) Here \( \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \) is a fixed parameter. We obtain the following characteristic equation:

\[ w^4 - \sqrt{2} \lambda w^3 - 2 \lambda w^2 - \sqrt{2} \lambda w + 1 = 0. \]  

(10)

We may factorize the expression on the left to obtain that

\[ (w^2 + \sqrt{2} w + 1)(w^2 - \sqrt{2} (\lambda + 1) w + 1) = 0. \]  

(11)

Thus, we have the following roots:

\[ w_{1,2} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(-1 \mp i), \quad w_{3,4} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \left(\lambda + 1 \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 2 \lambda - 1}\right). \]

Here and in what follows, for each complex \( \lambda \) we fix an arbitrary value of the square root \( \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 2 \lambda - 1}. \) We do not assume that these values form some branch or require other conditions. Set

\[ r_n(\lambda) = C_1(\lambda)w_1^n + C_2(\lambda)w_2^n + C_3(\lambda)w_3^n + C_4(\lambda)w_4^n, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}_+, \]

where \( C_j(\lambda) \) are arbitrary complex-valued functions of \( \lambda. \) The functions \( r_n(\lambda) \) satisfy relation (6) for \( n = 2, 3, \ldots. \) Moreover, \( r_n(\lambda) \) satisfy relation (6)
with \( n = 0, 1 \) and the initial conditions (17) if and only if the coefficients \( C_n(\lambda) \) satisfy the following linear system of equations:

\[
\begin{align*}
(-\lambda + (\lambda + 1)i)C_1 + (-\lambda - (\lambda + 1)i)C_2 + (-\lambda + \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 2\lambda - 1})C_3 + \\
+(-\lambda - \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 2\lambda - 1})C_4 &= 0, \\
(1 - i)C_1 + (1 + i)C_2 + (-\lambda - 1 + \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 2\lambda - 1})C_3 + \\
+(-\lambda - 1 - \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 2\lambda - 1})C_4 &= 0, \\
C_1 + C_2 + C_3 + C_4 &= 1, \\
(-1 - i)C_1 + (-1 + i)C_2 + (\lambda + 1 + \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 2\lambda - 1})C_3 + \\
+ (\lambda + 1 - \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 2\lambda - 1})C_4 &= 2\lambda + 2.
\end{align*}
\] (12)

The determinant \( \Delta \) of this system is equal to \(-8(\lambda + 2)^2\sqrt{\lambda^2 + 2\lambda - 1}i\).

Thus, this linear system has a solution if \( \lambda \neq -2, -1 \pm \sqrt{2} \). Then

\[
C_{1,2} = \pm \frac{1}{2(\lambda + 2)i}, \quad C_{3,4} = \frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{\lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 1}{2(\lambda + 2)\sqrt{\lambda^2 + 2\lambda - 1}}
\]

and we come to the following representation of the associated polynomials:

\[
p_n(\lambda) = \frac{1}{\lambda + 2} \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{4} n\right) + 2^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \left((\lambda + 1 + \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 2\lambda - 1})^n + \\
(\lambda + 1 - \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 2\lambda - 1})^n + \frac{\lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 1}{(\lambda + 2)\sqrt{\lambda^2 + 2\lambda - 1}}\right)^n \\
\star \left((\lambda + 1 + \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 2\lambda - 1})^n - (\lambda + 1 - \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 2\lambda - 1})^n\right),
\]

\[n \in \mathbb{Z}_+, \lambda \in \mathbb{C}\setminus\{-2, -1 \pm \sqrt{2}\}.\] (13)

In what follows we suppose that \( \lambda \in (-1 - \sqrt{2}, -2) \cup (-2, -1 + \sqrt{2}) \). Then \( t := \frac{\lambda + 1}{\sqrt{2}} \in \left(-1, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \cup \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 1\right) \). We may write

\[
\sqrt{\lambda^2 + 2\lambda - 1} = \sqrt{-2(1 - t^2)} = \sqrt{2}\sqrt{1 - t^2}i,
\]

where the last equality means that we fix the prescribed value of the square root (we could choose this value in our previous considerations, as well). Then

\[
\sqrt{\lambda^2 + 2\lambda - 1} = \sqrt{2}(\cos(\arccos t))^{2i} = \sqrt{2}\sin(\arccos t)i;
\]

\[
\lambda + 1 \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 2\lambda - 1} = \sqrt{2}(\cos(\arccos t)) \pm i\sin(\arccos t) = \sqrt{2}e^{\pm i \arccos t}.
\]
By (13) and the last equalities we get
\[
p_n(\sqrt{2}t - 1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2t} + 1} \sin \left( \frac{3\pi}{4} n \right) + T_n(t) +
\]
\[
+ \left( \frac{t}{\sqrt{1-t^2}} - \frac{1}{(\sqrt{2t} + 1)\sqrt{2\sqrt{1-t^2}}} \right) i\sin(n \arccos t),
\]
where \( n \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \), \( t \in (-1, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}) \cup (\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 1) \). Therefore, formula (8) holds. \( \square \)

By formula (8) or by the recurrent relation (6) one can calculate that
\[
p_2(\lambda) = 2\lambda(\lambda + 2), \quad p_3(\lambda) = \sqrt{2}\lambda(2\lambda^2 + 6\lambda + 3).
\]

We see that two subsequent polynomials have a common root 0. Thus, these polynomials are not orthogonal on the real line.

It is an interesting open problem to describe the distribution of zeros for polynomials \( p_n \) from (8). For example, we can conjecture that all zeros of \( p_n \) are real.

### 3 Orthogonality relations for the associated polynomials.

Let an arbitrary Jacobi-type pencil \( \Theta = (J_3, J_5, \alpha, \beta) \) be given. Set
\[
u_n := J_3 \vec{e}_n = a_{n-1} \vec{e}_{n-1} + b_n \vec{e}_n + a_n \vec{e}_{n+1}, \quad (14)
\]
\[
w_n := J_5 \vec{e}_n = \gamma_{n-2} \vec{e}_{n-2} + \beta_{n-1} \vec{e}_{n-1} + a_n \vec{e}_n + \beta_n \vec{e}_{n+1} + \gamma_n \vec{e}_{n+2}, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}_+.
\]

Here and in what follows by \( \vec{e}_k \) with negative \( k \) we mean (vector) zero. Since \( a_n > 0 \), then vectors \( \vec{e}_0, u_n, n \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \) are linearly independent. Moreover \( \text{Lin}\{\vec{e}_0, u_0, u_1, u_2, \ldots\} = l_{2,\text{fin}} \). The following operator:
\[
Af = \frac{\zeta}{\alpha} (\vec{e}_1 - \beta \vec{e}_0) + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \xi_n w_n,
\]
\[
f = \zeta \vec{e}_0 + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \xi_n u_n \in l_{2,\text{fin}}, \quad \zeta, \xi_n \in \mathbb{C}, \quad (16)
\]

with \( D(A) = l_{2,\text{fin}} \) is said to be the associated operator for the Jacobi-type pencil \( \Theta \). Notice that in the sums in (16) only finite number of \( \xi_n \)
are nonzero. We shall always assume this in the case of elements from the linear span.

Thus, the operator $A$ is linear and densely defined in $l_2$. In particular, we have:

$$Au_n = w_n, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}_+,$$

$$A\vec{e}_0 = \frac{1}{\alpha} (\vec{e}_1 - \beta\vec{e}_0).$$

By (17), (14), (15) we obtain that

$$\gamma_{n-2}\vec{e}_{n-2} + \beta_{n-1}\vec{e}_{n-1} - a_{n-1}A\vec{e}_{n-1} + \alpha_n\vec{e}_n - b_nA\vec{e}_n +$$

$$+ \beta_n\vec{e}_{n+1} - a_nA\vec{e}_{n+1} + \gamma_n\vec{e}_{n+2} = 0, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}_+. \quad (19)$$

Consider the following equation:

$$\gamma_{n-2}y_{n-2} + \beta_{n-1}y_{n-1} - a_{n-1}Ay_{n-1} + \alpha_ny_n - b_nAy_n +$$

$$+ \beta_ny_{n+1} - a_nAy_{n+1} + \gamma_ny_{n+2} = 0, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}_+, \quad (20)$$

with respect to unknown vectors $\{y_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$. $y_0 \in l_{2,fin}$, vectors $y_k$ with negative $k$ are zero. It is clear that the solution of (20) is uniquely determined by $y_0, y_1$. Vectors $\{\vec{e}_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$ form a solution of (20).

For an arbitrary non-zero polynomial $f(\lambda) \in \mathbb{P}$ of degree $d \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, $f(\lambda) = \sum_{k=0}^d d_k \lambda^k$, $d_k \in \mathbb{C}$, we set

$$f(A) = \sum_{k=0}^d d_k A^k. \quad (21)$$

Here $A^0 := E|_{l_{2,fin}}$. Since $Al_{2,fin} \subseteq l_{2,fin}$, then $D(f(A)) = l_{2,fin}$. For $f(\lambda) \equiv 0$, we set

$$f(A) = 0|_{l_{2,fin}}. \quad (22)$$

The correspondence $f \mapsto f(A)$ is additive and multiplicative: for arbitrary $f, g \in \mathbb{P}$

$$(f + g)(A) = f(A) + g(A), \quad (fg)(A) = f(A)g(A). \quad (23)$$

Rewrite (5) with the operator argument $A$ and apply to $\vec{e}_0$. We obtain that $\vec{y}_n = p_n(A)\vec{e}_0$ is a solution of (20). Notice that $\vec{y}_0 = \vec{e}_0$,

$$\vec{y}_1 = p_1(A)\vec{e}_0 = \vec{e}_1.$$

We conclude that solutions $\{\vec{e}_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$, $\{\vec{y}_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$ of (20) coincide and

$$\vec{e}_n = p_n(A)\vec{e}_0, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}_+. \quad (24)$$

Therefore

$$(p_n(A)\vec{e}_0, p_m(A)\vec{e}_0)_{l_2} = \delta_{n,m}, \quad n, m \in \mathbb{Z}_+. \quad (25)$$
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