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## **Classical families of polynomials in Riordan arrays.\***

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## Introduction: some history

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} kx^{k-1} = \frac{1}{(1-x)^2}$$

$$t = \frac{1}{(1-x)^2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad t = 1 + (2x - x^2)t$$

$$f(t) = 1 + (2x - x^2)t$$

$$f(0) = 1$$

$$f^2(0) = 1 + 2x - x^2$$

$$f^3(0) = 1 + 2x + 3x^2 - 4x^3 + x^4$$

$$f^4(0) = 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + 4x^3 - 11x^4 + 6x^5 - x^6$$

$$f^5(0) = 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + 4x^3 + 5x^4 -$$

$$-26x^5 + 23x^6 - 8x^7 + x^8$$

$$f^6(0) = 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + 4x^3 + 5x^4 + 6x^5 -$$

$$-57x^6 + 72x^7 - 39x^8 + 10x^9 - x^{10}$$

$$p_0(x) = -1$$

$$p_1(x) = -4 + x$$

$$p_2(x) = -11 + 6x - x^2$$

$$p_3(x) = -26 + 23x - 8x^2 + x^3$$

$$p_4(x) = -57 + 72x - 39x^2 + 10x^3 - x^4$$

$$p_5(x) = -120 + 210x - 150x^2 + 59x^3 - 12x^4 + x^5$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & & & & & & & \\ -4 & 1 & & & & & & \\ -11 & 6 & -1 & & & & & \\ -26 & 23 & -8 & 1 & & & & \\ -57 & 72 & -39 & 10 & -1 & & & \\ -120 & 201 & -150 & 59 & -12 & 1 & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \end{pmatrix}$$

$$d_{n,k} = 2d_{n-1,k} - d_{n-1,k-1}$$

$$p_n(x) = (2 - x)p_{n-1}(x) - (n + 1) \quad n \geq 1$$

## Construction of $T(f | g)$

$$f = \sum_{n \geq 0} f_n x^n, \quad g = \sum_{n \geq 0} g_n x^n, \quad \text{with } g_0 \neq 0$$

$$T(f | g) = (d_{n,k})_{n,k \in \mathbb{N}}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{c|cccccc} f_0 & & & & & & \\ f_1 & d_{0,0} & d_{0,1} & d_{0,2} & d_{0,3} & d_{0,4} & \cdots \\ f_2 & d_{1,0} & d_{1,1} & d_{1,2} & d_{1,3} & d_{1,4} & \cdots \\ f_3 & d_{2,0} & d_{2,1} & d_{2,2} & d_{2,3} & d_{2,4} & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \cdots \\ f_{n+1} & d_{n,0} & d_{n,1} & d_{n,2} & d_{n,3} & d_{n,4} & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \cdots \end{array} \right)$$

If  $j > n$ ,  $d_{n,j} = 0$

If  $j = 0$ ,  $d_{n,0} = d_n$   $\frac{f}{g} = \sum_{n \geq 0} d_n x^n$

$$d_{n,0} = -\frac{g_1}{g_0} d_{n-1,0} - \frac{g_2}{g_0} d_{n-2,0} \cdots - \frac{g_n}{g_0} d_{0,0} + \frac{f_n}{g_0}$$

If  $j > 0$

$$d_{n,j} = -\frac{g_1}{g_0} d_{n-1,j} - \frac{g_2}{g_0} d_{n-2,j} \cdots - \frac{g_n}{g_0} d_{0,j} + \frac{d_{n-1,j-1}}{g_0}$$

## Two formulas

$$T(f | g) = T(f | 1)T(1 | g)$$

$$T^{-1}(1 | g) = T(1 | A)$$

## Conversion formula

$$T(f | g) = \left( \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}, \frac{x}{g} \right)$$

$$(d(x), h(x)) = T \left( \frac{xd}{h} \middle| \frac{x}{h} \right)$$

**The main recurrence relation is**

$$T(f | g) = (d_{n,k})_{n,k \in \mathbb{N}}, \quad p_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n d_{n,k} x^k$$

$$p_n(x) = \left( \frac{x - g_1}{g_0} \right) p_{n-1}(x) - \frac{g_2}{g_0} p_{n-2}(x) \cdots - \frac{g_n}{g_0} p_0(x) + \frac{f_n}{g_0}$$

**Pascal's triangle.**

$$\text{Pascal} \equiv T(1 | 1 - x)$$

$$f = 1 \quad g = 1 - x$$

$$p_n(x) = \left( \frac{x + 1}{1} \right) p_{n-1}(x) \quad n \geq 1$$

$$p_n(x) = (x + 1)p_{n-1}(x) = (x + 1)^n$$

## The Fibonacci polynomials

$$F_0(x) = 1, F_1(x) = x$$

$$F_n(x) = xF_{n-1}(x) + F_{n-2}(x) \quad \text{for } n \geq 2$$

$$F_n(x) = \left( \frac{x - g_1}{g_0} \right) F_{n-1}(x) - \frac{g_2}{g_0} F_{n-2}(x) + \frac{f_n}{g_0}$$

$$(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}, (g_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$$

$$g_0 = 1, g_1 = 0, g_2 = -1, g_n = 0, \forall n \geq 3 \text{ and} \\ f_0 = 1, f_n = 0 \quad \forall n \geq 1,$$

$$T(1|1 - x^2) = (d_{n,k})$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{c|cccccccc} 1 & & & & & & & & \\ 0 & 1 & & & & & & & \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & & & & & & \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & & & & & \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & & & & \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 1 & & & \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 4 & 0 & 1 & & \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 6 & 0 & 5 & 0 & 1 & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{array} \right)$$

$$d_{n,k} = d_{n-2,k} + d_{n-1,k-1}, \text{ for } k > 0, d_{n,0} = d_{n-2,0} \\ \text{for } n \geq 2, d_{0,0} = 1 \text{ and } d_{1,0} = 0.$$

$$T(1|1-x^2) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & & & & & & \\ 0 & 1 & & & & & & & \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & & & & & & \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & & & & & \\ 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 1 & & & & \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 4 & 0 & 1 & & & \\ 1 & 0 & 6 & 0 & 5 & 0 & 1 & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \end{pmatrix}$$

$$F_0(x) = 1$$

$$F_1(x) = x$$

$$F_2(x) = 1 + x^2$$

$$F_3(x) = 2x + x^3$$

$$F_4(x) = 1 + 3x^2 + x^4$$

$$F_5(x) = 3x + 4x^3 + x^5$$

$$F_6(x) = 1 + 6x^2 + 5x^4 + x^6$$

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} F_n(t)x^n = T(1|1-x^2) \left( \frac{1}{1-xt} \right) = \frac{1}{1-x^2-xt}$$



## The Pell polynomials.

$$P_0(x) = 1 \quad P_1(x) = 2x$$

$$P_n(x) = 2xP_{n-1}(x) + P_{n-2}(x)$$

$$\frac{x - g_1}{g_0} = 2x, \quad \frac{-g_2}{g_0} = 1 \text{ then } g(x) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}x^2 \text{ and}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2}.$$

$$T\left(\frac{1}{2} \mid \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}x^2\right)$$

$$d_{n,k} = d_{n-2,k} + 2d_{n-1,k-1}, \quad k > 0$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{c|cccccccc} \frac{1}{2} & & & & & & & & \\ 0 & 1 & & & & & & & \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & & & & & & \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 4 & & & & & \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 & 8 & & & & \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 12 & 0 & 16 & & & \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & 0 & 32 & 0 & 32 & & \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 24 & 0 & 80 & 0 & 64 & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots \end{array} \right)$$

$$T\left(\frac{1}{2}\middle|\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}x^2\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & & & & & & \\ 0 & 2 & & & & & & & \\ 1 & 0 & 4 & & & & & & \\ 0 & 4 & 0 & 8 & & & & & \\ 1 & 0 & 12 & 0 & 16 & & & & \\ 0 & 6 & 0 & 32 & 0 & 32 & & & \\ 1 & 0 & 24 & 0 & 80 & 0 & 64 & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P_0(x) = 1 = F_0(2x)$$

$$P_1(x) = 2x = F_1(2x)$$

$$P_2(x) = 1 + 4x^2 = F_2(2x)$$

$$P_3(x) = 4x + 8x^3 = F_3(2x)$$

$$P_4(x) = 1 + 12x^2 + 16x^4 = F_4(2x)$$

$$P_5(x) = 6x + 32x^3 + 32x^5 = F_5(2x)$$

$$P_6(x) = 1 + 24x^2 + 80x^4 + 64x^6 = F_6(2x)$$

$$P_n(x) = F_n(2x)$$

$$T\left(\frac{1}{2}\middle|\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}x^2\right) = T\left(\frac{1}{2}\middle|1\right) T(1|1 - x^2) T\left(1\middle|\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

## The Morgan-Voyce polynomials.

$$\left( \begin{array}{c|cccccc} 1 & & & & & & \\ 0 & 1 & & & & & \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & & & & \\ 0 & 3 & 4 & 1 & & & \\ 0 & 4 & 10 & 6 & 1 & & \\ 0 & 5 & 20 & 21 & 8 & 1 & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{array} \right) \quad \left( \begin{array}{c|cccccc} 1 & & & & & & \\ -1 & 1 & & & & & \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & & & & \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 & & & \\ 0 & 1 & 6 & 5 & 1 & & \\ 0 & 1 & 10 & 15 & 7 & 1 & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{array} \right)$$

$$\begin{array}{l} B_0(x) = 1 \\ B_1(x) = 2 + x \\ B_2(x) = 3 + 4x + x^2 \\ B_3(x) = 4 + 10x + 6x^2 + x^3 \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{l} b_0(x) = 1 \\ b_1(x) = 1 + x \\ b_2(x) = 1 + 3x + x^2 \\ b_3(x) = 1 + 6x + 5x^2 + x^3 \end{array}$$

In general

$$B_n(x) = (x + 2)B_{n-1}(x) - B_{n-2}(x) \quad b_n(x) = (x + 2)b_{n-1}(x) - b_{n-2}(x)$$

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} B_n(t)x^n = T(1|(1-x)^2) \left( \frac{1}{1-xt} \right) = \frac{1}{1-(2+t)x+x^2}$$

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} b_n(t)x^n = T(1-x|(1-x)^2) \left( \frac{1}{1-xt} \right) = \frac{1-x}{1-(2+t)x+x^2}$$

$$B_n(x) = (x + 1)B_{n-1}(x) + b_{n-1}(x)$$

$$b_n(x) = xB_{n-1}(x) + b_{n-1}(x)$$

$$B_n(x) - B_{n-1}(x) = b_n(x)$$

$$b_n(x) - b_{n-1}(x) = xB_{n-1}(x)$$

$$T(1-x|1)T(1|(1-x)^2) = T(1-x|(1-x)^2)$$

$$T(1-x|1)T(1-x|(1-x)^2) = T((1-x)^2|(1-x)^2)$$

## Definitions and Results

**Definition.** *The family of polynomials associated to  $A = (a_{n,j})_{n,j \in \mathbb{N}}$  (i.l.t.m.) is  $(p_n(x))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ ,*

$$p_n(x) = \sum_{j=0}^n a_{n,j} x^j, \quad \text{with } n \in \mathbb{N}$$

**Main theorem** Let  $D = (d_{n,j})_{n,j \in \mathbb{N}}$  be an i.l.t.m.  $D$  is a Riordan matrix iff  $\exists (f_n)$  and  $(g_n)$ ,  $g_0 \neq 0$

$$p_n(x) = \left( \frac{x - g_1}{g_0} \right) p_{n-1}(x) - \frac{g_2}{g_0} p_{n-2}(x) \cdots - \frac{g_n}{g_0} p_0(x) + \frac{f_n}{g_0} \quad \forall n \geq 0$$

Moreover  $D = T(f \mid g)$  where  $f = \sum_{n \geq 0} f_n x^n$  and  $g = \sum_{n \geq 0} g_n x^n$ .

## Umbral Composition

$$f = \sum_{n \geq 0} f_n x^n, \quad g = \sum_{n \geq 0} g_n x^n, \quad l = \sum_{n \geq 0} l_n x^n, \quad m = \sum_{n \geq 0} m_n x^n$$

$$T(f|g) = (p_{n,k})_{n,k \in \mathbb{N}} \quad T(l|m) = (q_{n,k})_{n,k \in \mathbb{N}}$$

$$(p_n(x))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}, \quad (q_n(x))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$$

$$(p_n(x))_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \# (q_n(x))_{n \in \mathbb{N}} = (r_n(x))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$$

$$T(f|g)T(l|m) = T \left( fl \left( \frac{x}{g} \right) \middle| gm \left( \frac{x}{g} \right) \right) = (r_{n,k})_{n,k \in \mathbb{N}}$$

$$r_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n p_{n,k} q_k(x)$$

$$T(f|g) \left( \frac{1}{1-xt} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} p_{0,0} & & & & & & \\ p_{1,0} & p_{1,1} & & & & & \\ p_{2,0} & p_{2,1} & p_{2,2} & & & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & & & \\ p_{n,0} & p_{n,1} & p_{n,2} & \cdots & p_{n,n} & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots & \cdots & \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ t \\ t^2 \\ \vdots \\ t^n \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{k=0}^n p_n(t) x^k$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n p_n(t) x^k = T(f|g) \left( \frac{1}{1-xt} \right) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x) - xt}$$

**Definition.**  $(p_n(x))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a *polynomial sequence of Riordan type* if  $(p_{n,k})_{n,k \in \mathbb{N}}$  is an element of the Riordan group.

$$p_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n p_{n,k} x^k, \quad \text{with } n \in \mathbb{N}$$

## Proposition.

Consider  $T(f | g)$  and  $(p_n(x))$

Consider  $T(h | 1)T(f | g)$  and  $(q_n(x))$

Let  $h(x) = h_0 + h_1x + h_2x^2 + \cdots + h_mx^m$  be a  $m$  degree polynomial,  $h_m \neq 0$ .

$$T(h | 1)T(f | g)$$

$$q_0(x) = h_0p_0(x)$$

$$q_1(x) = h_1p_0(x) + h_0p_1(x)$$

⋮

$$q_m(x) = h_mp_{n-m}(x) + \cdots + h_0p_m(x)$$

If  $n \geq m$

$$q_n(x) = h_mp_{n-m}(x) + \cdots + h_0p_n(x)$$

**Example: The Chebyshev polynomials of the first and the second kind.**

The Chebyshev polynomials of the second kind:

$$U_0(x) = 1$$

$$U_1(x) = 2x$$

$$U_2(x) = 4x^2 - 1$$

$$U_3(x) = 8x^3 - 4x$$

$$U_4(x) = 16x^4 - 12x^2 + 1$$

In general, if  $n \geq 2$

$$U_n(x) = 2xU_{n-1}(x) - U_{n-2}(x)$$

If  $U = (u_{n,k})_{n,k \in \mathbb{N}}$

$$U = T \left( \frac{1}{2} \middle| \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}x^2 \right)$$

is a Riordan matrix:

$$\left( \begin{array}{c|cccccc} \frac{1}{2} & & & & & & \\ \hline 0 & 1 & & & & & \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & & & & \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 4 & & & \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & 0 & 8 & & \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -12 & 0 & 16 & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{array} \right)$$

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} U_n(t)x^n = T \left( \frac{1}{2} \middle| \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}x^2 \right) \left( \frac{1}{1 - xt} \right) = \frac{1}{1 + x^2 - 2xt}$$



The Chebyshev polynomials of the first kind:

$$T_0(x) = 1$$

$$T_1(x) = x$$

$$T_2(x) = 2x^2 - 1$$

$$T_3(x) = 4x^3 - 3x$$

$$T_4(x) = 8x^4 - 8x^2 + 1$$

In general, for  $n \geq 2$

$$T_n(x) = 2xT_{n-1}(x) - T_{n-2}(x)$$

We first produce a small perturbation and consider:  $(\tilde{T}(x))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  where  $\tilde{T}_0(x) = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\tilde{T}_n(x) = T_n(x)$  for every  $n \geq 1$ .

$$\tilde{T}_0(x) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\tilde{T}_1(x) = 2x\tilde{T}_0(x)$$

$$\tilde{T}_2(x) = 2x\tilde{T}_1(x) - \tilde{T}_0(x) - \frac{1}{2}$$

and for  $n \geq 3$

$$\tilde{T}_n(x) = 2x\tilde{T}_{n-1}(x) - \tilde{T}_{n-2}(x)$$

$$\tilde{T} = T \left( \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4}x^2 \middle| \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}x^2 \right)$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{c|cccccc} \frac{1}{4} & & & & & & \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & & & & & \\ \frac{1}{4} & 0 & 1 & & & & \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 2 & & & \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 0 & 4 & & \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -8 & 0 & 8 & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{array} \right)$$

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \tilde{T}_n(t)x^n = T \left( \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4}x^2 \middle| \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}x^2 \right) \left( \frac{1}{1-tx} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1-x^2}{1+x^2-2tx}$$

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} T_n(t)x^n = \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{n \geq 0} \tilde{T}_n(t)x^n$$

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} T_n(t)x^n = \frac{1-tx}{1+x^2-2tx}$$

$$T\left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4}x^2 \middle| \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}x^2\right) = T\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}x^2 \middle| 1\right) T\left(\frac{1}{2} \middle| \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}x^2\right)$$

So, symbolically

$$\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{T}_0(x) \\ \tilde{T}_1(x) \\ \tilde{T}_2(x) \\ \tilde{T}_3(x) \\ \tilde{T}_4(x) \\ \tilde{T}_5(x) \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & & & & & & \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & & & & & \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & & & & \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & & & \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} U_0(x) \\ U_1(x) \\ U_2(x) \\ U_3(x) \\ U_4(x) \\ U_5(x) \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

and consequently

$$\tilde{T}_n(x) = -\frac{1}{2}U_{n-2}(x) + \frac{1}{2}U_n(x)$$

or

$$2\tilde{T}_n(x) = U_n(x) - U_{n-2}(x)$$

and then

$$2T_n(x) = U_n(x) - U_{n-2}(x), \quad n \geq 3$$

**Proposition.** Let  $f = \sum_{n \geq 0} f_n x^n$ ,  $g = \sum_{n \geq 0} g_n x^n$  be two power series such that  $f_0 \neq 0$ ,  $g_0 \neq 0$ . Suppose that  $(p_n(x))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is the associated polynomial sequence of the Riordan array  $T(f | g)$ , then

(a) If  $(q_n(x))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is the associated sequence to  $T(fg | g)$  we obtain

$$q_n(x) = xp_{n-1}(x) + f_n \quad \text{if } n \geq 1$$

and  $q_0(x) = f_0$ .

(b) If  $(r_n(x))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is the associated polynomial sequence to  $T\left(\frac{f}{g} \middle| g\right)$  then

$$r_{n-1}(x) = \frac{p_n(x) - p_n(0)}{x} \quad \text{for } n \geq 1$$

**Corollary** Suppose  $g = \sum_{n \geq 0} g_n x^n$  with  $g_0 \neq 0$ .

Let  $(p_n(x))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be the pol. seq. ass. to  $T(1 | g)$

$(q_n(x))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  that associated to  $T(g | g)$ .

$$q_n(x) = xp_{n-1}(x) \quad \text{for } n \geq 1 \quad \text{and} \quad q_0(x) = 1$$

## Example: the Morgan-Voyce polynomials

$$T(1 \mid (1 - x)^2) \quad (B_n(x))$$

$$T(1 - x \mid (1 - x)^2) \quad (b_n(x))$$

$$B_n(x) - B_{n-1}(x) = b_n(x)$$

$$b_n(x) - b_{n-1}(x) = xB_{n-1}(x)$$

$$T(1 - x \mid 1)T(1 \mid (1 - x)^2) = T(1 - x \mid (1 - x)^2)$$

$$T(1 - x \mid 1)T(1 - x \mid (1 - x)^2) = T((1 - x)^2 \mid (1 - x)^2)$$

$(p_n(x))$  as the family of polynomials associated to  $T(f | g)$ ,

$(q_n(x))$  the family of polynomials associated to each of the matrix products.

Moreover  $a, b$  are constant series with  $b \neq 0$ :

$$T(a | 1)T(f | g) = T(af | g), \text{ then } q_n(x) = ap_n(x)$$

$$T(1 | b)T(f | g) = T\left(f\left(\frac{x}{b}\right) | bg\left(\frac{x}{b}\right)\right), \text{ then}$$

$$q_n(x) = \frac{1}{b^{n+1}}p_n(x)$$

$$T(f | g)T(a | 1) = T(af | g), \text{ then } q_n(x) = ap_n(x)$$

$$T(f | g)T(1 | b) = T(f | bg), \text{ then } q_n(x) = \frac{1}{b}p_n\left(\frac{x}{b}\right)$$

**Proposition.** Let  $T(f | g)$  and  $T(l | m)$  be two element of the Riordan group. Suppose that  $(p_n(x))$  and  $(q_n(x))$  are the corresponding associated families of polynomials.

$$T(l | m) = T(\gamma | \alpha + \beta x)T(f | g)T(c | a + bx)$$

where  $\alpha, \gamma, a, c \neq 0$ . Then

$$q_n(x) = \frac{\gamma c}{\alpha a} \left( \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \left(-\frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right)^{n-k} \frac{1}{\alpha^k} p_k \left(\frac{x-b}{a}\right) \right)$$

**Example: Fibonacci and Pell polynomials**

$$T(1 | 1 - x^2) \text{ Fibonacci} \quad T\left(\frac{1}{2} \middle| \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}x^2\right) \text{ Pell}$$

$$T\left(\frac{1}{2} \middle| \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}x^2\right) = T\left(\frac{1}{2} \middle| 1\right) T(1 | 1 - x^2) T\left(1 \middle| \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$P_n(x) = F_n(2x)$$

**Example: Fibonacci and Chebychev of second kind polynomials**

$$T\left(\frac{1}{2} \middle| \frac{1}{2}(1 + x^2)\right) = T\left(\frac{1}{2} \middle| -i\right) T(1 | 1 - x^2) T\left(1 \middle| \frac{i}{2}\right)$$

$$U_n(x) = i^n F_n(-2ix)$$

## Example: Fermat and Chebychev of second kind polynomials

The Fermat polynomials are  $\mathcal{F}_0(x) = 1$ ,  $\mathcal{F}_1(x) = 3x$  and for  $n \geq 2$

$$\mathcal{F}_n(x) = 3x\mathcal{F}_{n-1}(x) - 2\mathcal{F}_{n-2}(x)$$

$$T\left(\frac{1}{3}\middle|\frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3}x^2\right)$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{c|cccccc} \frac{1}{3} & & & & & & \\ 0 & 1 & & & & & \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & & & & \\ 0 & -2 & 0 & 9 & & & \\ 0 & 0 & -12 & 0 & 27 & & \\ 0 & 4 & 0 & -54 & 0 & 81 & \\ 0 & 0 & 36 & 0 & -216 & 0 & 243 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{array}\right)$$

$$\mathcal{F}_0(x) = 1$$

$$\mathcal{F}_1(x) = 3x$$

$$\mathcal{F}_2(x) = -2 + 9x^2$$

$$\mathcal{F}_3(x) = -12x + 27x^3$$

$$\mathcal{F}_4(x) = 4 - 54x^2 + 81x^4$$

$$\mathcal{F}_5(x) = 36x - 216x^3 + 243x^5$$

$$T\left(\frac{1}{3}\middle|\frac{1}{3}(1 + 2x^2)\right) = T\left(1\middle|\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) T\left(\frac{1}{2}\middle|\frac{1}{2}(1 + x^2)\right) T\left(\frac{2}{3}\middle|\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}\right)$$

$$\mathcal{F}_n(x) = (\sqrt{2})^n U_n\left(\frac{3x}{2\sqrt{2}}\right)$$



## Generalized Appell polynomials (Boas-Buck, 1964)

**Proposition:**  $(s_n(x))$  is a family of generalized Appell polynomials iff  $\exists f, g, h \in \mathbb{K}[[x]]$ ,

$$f = \sum_{n \geq 0} f_n x^n, \quad g = \sum_{n \geq 0} g_n x^n \text{ and}$$

$h(x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} h_n x^n$  with  $f_0, g_0 \neq 0$ , and  $h_n \neq 0$  for all  $n$  such that

$$T(f | g)h(tx) = \sum_{n \geq 0} s_n(t)x^n$$

Moreover,

$$s_n(x) = (p_n \star h)(x)$$

where  $(p_n(x))$  is a.p.s  $T(f | g)$

So

$$s_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n p_{n,k} h_k x^k$$

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} s_n(t)x^n = \sum_{n \geq 0} (p_n \star h)(t)x^n = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} h\left(t \frac{x}{g(x)}\right)$$

## Example: The Sheffer polynomials.

$$T(f | g)(e^{tx}) = \sum_{n \geq 0} S_n(t)x^n$$

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} S_n(t)x^n = A(x)e^{tH(x)}$$

where  $A = \sum_{n \geq 0} A_n x^n$ ,  $H = \sum_{n \geq 1} H_n x^n$  with  $A_0 \neq 0$ ,  $H_1 \neq 0$ .

$$T\left(\frac{x A}{H} \middle| \frac{x}{H}\right)$$

$$S_n(x) = p_n(x) \star e^x$$

$$S_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{p_{n,k}}{k!} x^k$$

if  $p_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n p_{n,k} x^k$ .

**WARNING:** Often called a Sheffer sequence to the sequence  $(n!S_n(x))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  where  $(S_n(x))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is our Sheffer sequence.

**Example: The Brenke polynomials** Following Boas-Buck,  $(B_n(x))$  is in the class of Brenke polynomials if

$$T(f | 1)(h(tx)) = \sum_{n \geq 0} B_n(t)x^n$$

Some particular cases are:

$$T(f | 1)(e^{tx}) = \sum_{n \geq 0} A_n(t)x^n$$

where  $(A_n(x))$  are the Appell polynomials of  $f$ .

$$T(f | 1) \left( \frac{1}{1 - tx} \right) = \sum_{n \geq 0} T_n^*(t)x^n$$

where  $(T_n^*)$  are the reversed Taylor polynomial of  $f$ .

**Example: Pidduck and Mittag-Leffler polynomials.** Consider  $(\mathcal{P}_n(x))$

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \mathcal{P}_n(t) x^n = T \left( \frac{x}{(1-x) \log \left( \frac{1+x}{1-x} \right)} \middle| \frac{x}{\log \left( \frac{1+x}{1-x} \right)} \right) (e^{tx})$$

$$\tilde{P}_n(x) = n! \mathcal{P}_n(x)$$

If  $(M_n(x))$  is given by the formula:

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} M_n(t) x^n = T \left( \frac{x}{\log \left( \frac{1+x}{1-x} \right)} \middle| \frac{x}{\log \left( \frac{1+x}{1-x} \right)} \right) (e^{tx})$$

$$\tilde{M}_n(x) = n! M_n(x)$$

Note that:

$$T \left( \frac{x}{(1-x) \log \left( \frac{1+x}{1-x} \right)} \middle| \frac{x}{\log \left( \frac{1+x}{1-x} \right)} \right) = T \left( \frac{1}{1-x} \middle| 1 \right) T \left( \frac{x}{\log \left( \frac{1+x}{1-x} \right)} \middle| \frac{x}{\log \left( \frac{1+x}{1-x} \right)} \right)$$

$$\mathcal{P}_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n M_k(x)$$

or equivalently

$$\tilde{P}_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (n-k)! \tilde{M}_k(x)$$

## Example: The Laguerre polynomials.

$$\begin{aligned} T(-1 \mid x-1)(e^{tx}) &= T(1 \mid 1-x)T(-1 \mid -1)(e^{tx}) = \\ &= T(1 \mid 1-x)(e^{-tx}) = \sum_{k=0}^n L_n(t)x^k \end{aligned}$$

General term:

$$L_n(x) = p_n(x) \star e^{-x} = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k \star \sum_{k \geq 0} \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} x^k = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \frac{1}{k!} \binom{n}{k} x^k$$

Recurrence relation:

$$L_n(x) = xL_{n-1}(x) \star (-\log(1-x)) + L_{n-1}(x)$$

If  $k \geq 1$ ,

$$L_{n,k} = L_{n-1,k} - \frac{1}{k} L_{n-1,k-1}$$

$$L'_n(x) = L'_{n-1}(x) - L_{n-1}(x)$$

$$L'_n(x) = - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} L_k(x)$$

## Example: The Hermite polynomials.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \geq 0} H_n(t)x^n &= T \left( \frac{1}{2e^{x^2}} \middle| \frac{1}{2} \right) (e^{tx}) = \\ &= T \left( \frac{1}{e^{x^2}} \middle| 1 \right) T \left( \frac{1}{2} \middle| \frac{1}{2} \right) (e^{tx}) = T \left( \frac{1}{e^{x^2}} \middle| 1 \right) (e^{2tx}) = e^{2tx-x^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$H_n(x) = xH_{n-1}(x) \star \hat{h}(x) + f_n$$

$$\hat{h}(x) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{2}{n} x^n = -2 \log(1-x)$$

$$f_n = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd;} \\ \frac{(-1)^{\frac{n}{2}}}{(\frac{n}{2})!}, & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

$$H_{n,k} = \frac{2}{k} H_{n-1,k-1}$$

$$H'_n(x) = 2H_{n-1}(x) \text{ or } \widetilde{H}'_n(x) = 2n\widetilde{H}_{n-1}(x).$$

$$H_{2m}(x) = \sum_{j=0}^m \frac{(-1)^{m-j} 2^{2j}}{(m-j)!(2j)!} x^{2j}$$

$$H_{2m+1}(x) = \sum_{j=0}^m \frac{(-1)^{m-j} 2^{2j+1}}{(m-j)!(2j+1)!} x^{2j+1}$$

$$\widetilde{H}_n(-x) = (-1)^n \widetilde{H}_n(x)$$

## Conclusions:

We can use the structure of Riordan group to obtain information about families of sequences of polynomials. We can study each subgroup of Riordan group and its families of polynomials associated, for example:

$T(f | 1)h(xt)$  and the Brenke polynomials.

$T(g | g)(e^{xt})$  and convolution polynomials or polynomials of binomial type.

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