

LaguerreL

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Notations

Traditional name

Laguerre polynomial

Traditional notation

$L_n(z)$

Mathematica StandardForm notation

LaguerreL[n, z]

Primary definition

05.02.02.0001.01

$$L_n(z) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(-n)_k z^k}{k!^2} \quad ; n \in \mathbb{N}$$

Specific values

Specialized values

For fixed n

05.02.03.0001.01

$$L_n(0) = 1$$

For fixed z

05.02.03.0002.01

$$L_0(z) = 1$$

05.02.03.0003.01

$$L_1(z) = 1 - z$$

05.02.03.0004.01

$$L_2(z) = \frac{1}{2}(2 - 4z + z^2)$$

05.02.03.0005.01

$$L_3(z) = \frac{1}{6}(6 - 18z + 9z^2 - z^3)$$

05.02.03.0006.01

$$L_4(z) = \frac{1}{24} (24 - 96z + 72z^2 - 16z^3 + z^4)$$

05.02.03.0007.01

$$L_5(z) = \frac{1}{120} (120 - 600z + 600z^2 - 200z^3 + 25z^4 - z^5)$$

05.02.03.0008.01

$$L_6(z) = \frac{1}{720} (720 - 4320z + 5400z^2 - 2400z^3 + 450z^4 - 36z^5 + z^6)$$

05.02.03.0009.01

$$L_7(z) = \frac{1}{5040} (5040 - 35280z + 52920z^2 - 29400z^3 + 7350z^4 - 882z^5 + 49z^6 - z^7)$$

05.02.03.0010.01

$$L_8(z) = \frac{1}{40320} (40320 - 322560z + 564480z^2 - 376320z^3 + 117600z^4 - 18816z^5 + 1568z^6 - 64z^7 + z^8)$$

05.02.03.0011.01

$$L_9(z) = \frac{1}{362880} (362880 - 3265920z + 6531840z^2 - 5080320z^3 + 1905120z^4 - 381024z^5 + 42336z^6 - 2592z^7 + 81z^8 - z^9)$$

05.02.03.0012.01

$$L_{10}(z) = \frac{1}{3628800} (3628800 - 36288000z + 81648000z^2 - 72576000z^3 + 31752000z^4 - 7620480z^5 + 1058400z^6 - 86400z^7 + 4050z^8 - 100z^9 + z^{10})$$

Values at infinities

05.02.03.0013.01

$$L_n(\infty) = (-1)^n \infty ; n > 0$$

05.02.03.0014.01

$$L_n(-\infty) = \infty ; n > 0$$

General characteristics

Domain and analyticity

The function $L_n(z)$ is defined over $\mathbb{N} \otimes \mathbb{C}$. For fixed n , the function $L_n(z)$ is a polynomial in z of degree n .

05.02.04.0001.01

$$(n * z) \rightarrow L_n(z) :: (\mathbb{N} \otimes \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

Symmetries and periodicities

Mirror symmetry

05.02.04.0002.01

$$L_n(\bar{z}) = \overline{L_n(z)}$$

Periodicity

No periodicity

Poles and essential singularities

With respect to z

The function $L_n(z)$ is polynomial and has pole of order n at $z = \infty$.

05.02.04.0003.01

$$\text{Sing}_z(L_n(z)) = \{\{\infty, n\}\}$$

Branch points

With respect to z

The function $L_n(z)$ does not have branch points.

05.02.04.0004.01

$$\mathcal{BP}_z(L_n(z)) = \{\}$$

Branch cuts

With respect to z

The function $L_n(z)$ does not have branch cuts.

05.02.04.0005.01

$$\mathcal{BC}_z(L_n(z)) = \{\}$$

Series representations

Generalized power series

Expansions at generic point $z = z_0$

For the function itself

05.02.06.0011.01

$$L_n(z) \propto L_n(z_0) - L_{n-1}^1(z_0)(z - z_0) + \frac{1}{2} L_{n-2}^2(z_0)(z - z_0)^2 + \dots /; (z \rightarrow z_0)$$

05.02.06.0012.01

$$L_n(z) \propto L_n(z_0) - L_{n-1}^1(z_0)(z - z_0) + \frac{1}{2} L_{n-2}^2(z_0)(z - z_0)^2 + \mathcal{O}((z - z_0)^3)$$

05.02.06.0013.01

$$L_n(z) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} L_{n-k}^k(z_0) (z - z_0)^k$$

05.02.06.0014.01

$$L_n(z) = n! \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(-1)^k}{k! \Gamma(n - k + 1)} {}_1\tilde{F}_1(k - n; k + 1; z_0) (z - z_0)^k$$

05.02.06.0015.01

$$L_n(z) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{z_0^{-k}}{k!} {}_1\tilde{F}_1(-n; 1-k; z_0) (z-z_0)^k$$

05.02.06.0016.01

$$L_n(z) = \tilde{F}_{1 \times 0 \times 0}^{1 \times 0 \times 0} \left(\begin{matrix} -n; \\ 1; \end{matrix} ; z_0, z-z_0 \right)$$

05.02.06.0017.01

$$L_n(z) \propto L_n(z_0) (1 + O(z-z_0))$$

Expansions at $z = 0$

For the function itself

05.02.06.0001.02

$$L_n(z) \propto 1 - n z - \frac{(1-n)n}{4} z^2 - \frac{(2-n)(1-n)n}{36} z^3 - \dots /; (z \rightarrow 0)$$

05.02.06.0018.01

$$L_n(z) \propto 1 - n z - \frac{(1-n)n}{4} z^2 - \frac{(2-n)(1-n)n}{36} z^3 + O(z^4)$$

05.02.06.0002.01

$$L_n(z) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(-n)_k z^k}{k!^2}$$

05.02.06.0005.01

$$L_n(z) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} \binom{n}{n-k} z^k$$

05.02.06.0006.01

$$L_n(z) = \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(-n)_k (k+1)_{n-k} z^k}{k!}$$

05.02.06.0003.01

$$L_n(z) = {}_1F_1(-n; 1; z)$$

05.02.06.0004.02

$$L_n(z) \propto 1 + O(z)$$

Expansions at $z = \infty$

For the function itself

05.02.06.0007.02

$$L_n(z) \propto \frac{(-z)^n}{n!} \left(1 - \frac{n^2}{z} + \frac{(1-n)^2 n^2}{2 z^2} - \dots \right) /; (|z| \rightarrow \infty)$$

05.02.06.0019.01

$$L_n(z) \propto \frac{(-z)^n}{n!} \left(1 - \frac{n^2}{z} + \frac{(1-n)^2 n^2}{2 z^2} - O\left(\frac{1}{z^3}\right) \right)$$

05.02.06.0008.01

$$L_n(z) = \frac{(-z)^n}{n!} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(-1)^k (-n)_k^2 z^{-k}}{k!}$$

05.02.06.0009.01

$$L_n(z) \propto \frac{(-z)^n}{n!} {}_2F_0\left(-n, -n; ; -\frac{1}{z}\right)$$

05.02.06.0010.02

$$L_n(z) \propto \frac{1}{n!} (-z)^n \left(1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{z}\right)\right)$$

Expansions at $n \rightarrow \infty$

05.02.06.0020.01

$$L_n(z) \propto \frac{e^{z/2}}{\sqrt{\pi} \sqrt[4]{z} \sqrt[4]{n}} \left(\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - 2\sqrt{\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)z}\right) - \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - 2\sqrt{\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)z}\right)}{16\sqrt{z}\sqrt{n}} - \frac{(64z^2 + 64z + 9)\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - 2\sqrt{\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)z}\right)}{512zn} - \frac{1024(2n+1)\cos\left(2\sqrt{\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)z} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)z^3 + 3(64z(5z-1) - 25)\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - 2\sqrt{\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)z}\right)}{8192z^{3/2}n^{3/2}} + \dots \right) /; (n \rightarrow \infty)$$

05.02.06.0021.01

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_n(z) \propto & \frac{e^{z/2} z^{-\frac{1}{4}} n^{-\frac{1}{4}}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\cos \left(\frac{\pi}{4} - 2 \sqrt{\left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right) z} \right) + \right. \\
 & \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} n^{-k} \left(\sum_{j=0}^k \sum_{r=0}^{k-j} \sum_{s=0}^{k-j-r} \frac{(-1)^{j+r+s} 2^{2j-2k+s} z^{k-j-2r-s}}{s! \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)_r} A_{2(k-j-r-s)} \cos \left(\pi \left(j-k+r+s - \frac{1}{4} \right) + 2 \sqrt{\left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right) z} \right) B_j \delta_j \right. \\
 & \quad \left. \left(k-j-s + \frac{1}{4} \right)_s \left(k-j-r-s + \frac{1}{4} \right)_r \left(k-j-r-s + \frac{3}{4} \right)_r \left(j-k+r+s + \frac{1}{4} \right)_r \left(j-k+r+s + \frac{3}{4} \right)_r - \right. \\
 & \quad \frac{2}{z} \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \sum_{r=0}^{k-j-1} \sum_{s=0}^{k-j-r-1} \frac{(-1)^{j+r+s} 2^{2j-2k+s} z^{k-j-2r-s}}{s! \left(\frac{3}{2} \right)_r} A_{2(k-j-r-s)-1} B_j \delta_j \left(k-j-s + \frac{1}{4} \right)_s \\
 & \quad \left. \left(k-j-r-s + \frac{1}{4} \right)_r \left(k-j-r-s + \frac{3}{4} \right)_r \left(j-k+r+s + \frac{1}{4} \right)_{r+1} \right. \\
 & \quad \left. \left. \left(j-k+r+s + \frac{3}{4} \right)_{r+1} \sin \left(\pi \left(j-k+r+s + \frac{1}{4} \right) + 2 \sqrt{\left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right) z} \right) \right) \right) + \\
 & \frac{\sqrt{z}}{2 \sqrt{n}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^k \sum_{r=0}^{k-j} \sum_{s=0}^{k-j-r} \frac{(-1)^{j+r+s} 2^{2j-2k+s} n^{-k} z^{k-j-2r-s}}{s! \left(\frac{3}{2} \right)_r} B_j \delta_j \left(k-j-s + \frac{3}{4} \right)_s \left(k-j-r-s + \frac{3}{4} \right)_r \\
 & \quad \left(k-j-r-s + \frac{5}{4} \right)_r \left(j-k+r+s - \frac{1}{4} \right)_r \left(j-k+r+s + \frac{1}{4} \right)_r \left((2r+1) A_{2(k-j-r-s)+1} \right. \\
 & \quad \left. \cos \left(\pi \left(j-k+r+s - \frac{3}{4} \right) + 2 \sqrt{\left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right) z} \right) - \frac{(4j-4k+8r+4s-1)(4j-4k+8r+4s+1)}{8z} \right. \\
 & \quad \left. \left. A_{2(k-j-r-s)} \sin \left(\pi \left(j-k+r+s - \frac{1}{4} \right) + 2 \sqrt{\left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right) z} \right) \right) \right) /;
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(n \rightarrow \infty) \bigwedge A_0 = 1 \bigwedge A_1 = 0 \bigwedge A_2 = \frac{1}{2} \bigwedge A_m = \frac{m-1}{m} A_{m-2} - (2n+1) A_{m-3} \bigwedge$$

$$m \in \mathbb{N}^+$$

05.02.06.0022.01

$$L_n(z) \propto e^{z/2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k 2^{-k} z^k {}_0\tilde{F}_1 \left(; k+1; -\frac{z(2n+1)}{2} \right) /;$$

$$(n \rightarrow \infty) \bigwedge A_0 = 1 \bigwedge A_1 = 0 \bigwedge A_2 = \frac{1}{2} \bigwedge A_m = \frac{m-1}{m} A_{m-2} - (2n+1) A_{m-3} \bigwedge m \in \mathbb{N}^+$$

05.02.06.0023.01

$$L_n(z) \propto e^{z/2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k \left(\frac{z}{2(2n+1)} \right)^{k/2} J_k(\sqrt{2(2n+1)z}) /;$$

$$(n \rightarrow \infty) \bigwedge A_0 = 1 \bigwedge A_1 = 0 \bigwedge A_2 = \frac{1}{2} \bigwedge A_m = \frac{m-1}{m} A_{m-2} - (2n+1) A_{m-3} \bigwedge m \in \mathbb{N}^+$$

05.02.06.0024.01

$$L_n(z) \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{z/2} z^{-\frac{1}{4}} n^{-\frac{1}{4}} \cos\left(2\sqrt{nz} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) (1 + \dots) /; (n \rightarrow \infty)$$

Integral representations

On the real axis

Of the direct function

05.02.07.0001.01

$$L_n(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-z e^{it}} (e^{-it} + 1)^n dt$$

05.02.07.0002.01

$$L_n(z) = \frac{1}{n!} e^z \int_0^\infty e^{-t} t^n J_0(2\sqrt{tz}) dt$$

Integral representations of negative integer order

Rodrigues-type formula.

05.02.07.0003.01

$$L_n(z) = \frac{e^z}{n!} \frac{\partial^n (z^n e^{-z})}{\partial z^n}$$

Limit representations

05.02.09.0001.01

$$L_n(z) = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} P_n^{(0,b)}\left(1 - \frac{2z}{b}\right)$$

Generating functions

Ordinary generating functions

05.02.11.0001.01

$$L_n(z) = \left([t^n] (1-t)^{-1} \exp\left(\frac{tz}{t-1}\right) \right)$$

Differential generating functions

05.02.11.0002.01

$$L_n(z) = \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \exp\left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial z} z \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right) z^n$$

05.02.11.0003.01

$$L_n(z) = \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} e^z \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z} z \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right) e^{-z}$$

Differential equations

Ordinary linear differential equations and wronskians

For the direct function itself

05.02.13.0001.02

$$z w''(z) + (1 - z) w'(z) + n w(z) = 0 ; w(z) = c_1 L_n(z) + c_2 G_{1,2}^{2,0} \left(-z \left| \begin{matrix} n+1 \\ 0, 0 \end{matrix} \right. \right)$$

05.02.13.0002.02

$$W_z \left(L_n(z), G_{1,2}^{2,0} \left(-z \left| \begin{matrix} n+1 \\ 0, 0 \end{matrix} \right. \right) \right) = -\frac{e^z}{z n!}$$

05.02.13.0003.01

$$w''(z) + \left(\frac{g'(z)}{g(z)} - g'(z) - \frac{g''(z)}{g'(z)} \right) w'(z) + \frac{n g'(z)^2}{g(z)} w(z) = 0 ; w(z) = c_1 L_n(g(z)) + c_2 G_{1,2}^{2,0} \left(-g(z) \left| \begin{matrix} n+1 \\ 0, 0 \end{matrix} \right. \right)$$

05.02.13.0004.01

$$W_z \left(L_n(g(z)), G_{1,2}^{2,0} \left(-g(z) \left| \begin{matrix} n+1 \\ 0, 0 \end{matrix} \right. \right) \right) = -\frac{g'(z) e^{g(z)}}{g(z) n!}$$

05.02.13.0005.01

$$h(z)^2 w''(z) + h(z)^2 \left(\frac{g'(z)}{g(z)} - g'(z) - \frac{2 h'(z)}{h(z)} - \frac{g''(z)}{g'(z)} \right) w'(z) + \left(2 h'(z)^2 + h(z) \left(g'(z) h'(z) + \frac{g''(z) h'(z)}{g'(z)} - h''(z) \right) - \frac{h(z) g'(z) (-n h(z) g'(z) + h'(z))}{g(z)} \right) w(z) = 0 ;$$

$$w(z) = c_1 h(z) L_n(z) + c_2 h(z) G_{1,2}^{2,0} \left(-g(z) \left| \begin{matrix} n+1 \\ 0, 0 \end{matrix} \right. \right)$$

05.02.13.0006.01

$$W_z \left(h(z) L_n(g(z)), h(z) G_{1,2}^{2,0} \left(-g(z) \left| \begin{matrix} n+1 \\ 0, 0 \end{matrix} \right. \right) \right) = -\frac{h(z)^2 g'(z) e^{g(z)}}{g(z) n!}$$

05.02.13.0007.01

$$z^2 w''(z) + z(1 - 2s - arz^r) w'(z) + (ar(s + rn)z^r + s^2) w(z) = 0 ; w(z) = c_1 z^s L_n(az^r) + c_2 z^s G_{1,2}^{2,0} \left(-az^r \left| \begin{matrix} n+1 \\ 0, 0 \end{matrix} \right. \right)$$

05.02.13.0008.01

$$W_z \left(z^s L_n(az^r), z^s G_{1,2}^{2,0} \left(-az^r \left| \begin{matrix} n+1 \\ 0, 0 \end{matrix} \right. \right) \right) = -\frac{r e^{az^r} z^{2s-1}}{n!}$$

05.02.13.0009.01

$$w''(z) - (ar^z \log(r) + 2 \log(s)) w'(z) + (an \log^2(r) r^z + \log^2(s) + ar^z \log(r) \log(s)) w(z) = 0 ;$$

$$w(z) = c_1 s^z L_n(ar^z) + c_2 s^z G_{1,2}^{2,0} \left(-ar^z \left| \begin{matrix} n+1 \\ 0, 0 \end{matrix} \right. \right)$$

05.02.13.0010.01

$$W_z \left(s^z L_n(ar^z), s^z G_{1,2}^{2,0} \left(-ar^z \left| \begin{matrix} n+1 \\ 0, 0 \end{matrix} \right. \right) \right) = -\frac{e^{ar^z} s^{2z} \log(r)}{n!}$$

Transformations

Transformations and argument simplifications

Argument involving basic arithmetic operations

05.02.16.0001.01

$$L_n(-z) = e^{-z} L_{-n-1}(z)$$

Addition formulas

05.02.16.0002.01

$$L_n(z_1 + z_2) = \sum_{k=0}^n L_k^\mu(z_1) L_{n-k}^{-\mu-1}(z_2)$$

05.02.16.0003.01

$$L_n(z_1 + z_2) = e^{z_1} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k z_1^k}{k!} L_n^k(z_2)$$

Multiple arguments

05.02.16.0004.01

$$L_n(z_1 z_2) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{n-k} z_1^k (1-z_1)^{n-k} L_k(z_2)$$

Identities

Recurrence identities

Consecutive neighbors

05.02.17.0001.01

$$L_n(z) = \frac{2n+3-z}{n+1} L_{n+1}(z) - \frac{n+2}{n+1} L_{n+2}(z)$$

05.02.17.0002.01

$$L_n(z) = \frac{2n-1-z}{n} L_{n-1}(z) - \frac{n-1}{n} L_{n-2}(z)$$

Distant neighbors

05.02.17.0007.01

$$L_n(z) = C_m(n, z) L_{m+n}(z) - \frac{m+n+1}{m+n} C_{m-1}(n, z) L_{m+n+1}(z) /;$$

$$C_0(n, z) = 1 \bigwedge C_1(n, z) = \frac{2n-z+3}{n+1} \bigwedge C_m(n, z) = \frac{2m+2n-z+1}{m+n} C_{m-1}(n, z) - \frac{m+n}{m+n-1} C_{m-2}(n, z) \bigwedge m \in \mathbb{N}^+$$

05.02.17.0008.01

$$L_n(z) = C_m(n, z) L_{n-m}(z) - \frac{n-m}{n-m+1} C_{m-1}(n, z) L_{n-m-1}(z) /;$$

$$C_0(n, z) = 1 \wedge C_1(n, z) = \frac{2n-z-1}{n} \wedge C_m(n, z) = \frac{2n-2m-z+1}{n-m+1} C_{m-1}(n, z) - \frac{n-m+1}{n-m+2} C_{m-2}(n, z) \wedge m \in \mathbb{N}^+$$

Functional identities

Relations between contiguous functions

Recurrence relations

05.02.17.0003.01

$$n L_{n-1}(z) + (n+1) L_{n+1}(z) = (2n-z+1) L_n(z)$$

05.02.17.0004.01

$$L_n(z) = \frac{n L_{n-1}(z) + (n+1) L_{n+1}(z)}{2n-z+1}$$

Normalized recurrence relation

05.02.17.0005.01

$$z p(n, z) = p(n+1, z) + n^2 p(n-1, z) + (2n+1) p(n, z) /; p(n, z) = (-1)^n n! L_n(z) \wedge n \in \mathbb{N}$$

Relations of special kind

05.02.17.0009.01

$$L_n(z) = L_{n-1}(z) + L_n^{-1}(z)$$

05.02.17.0006.01

$$L_n(z) = \frac{n L_n^{-1}(z) - (n+1) L_{n+1}^{-1}(z)}{z}$$

Complex characteristics

Real part

05.02.19.0001.01

$$\operatorname{Re}(L_n(x + i y)) = \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \frac{(-1)^j y^{2j}}{(2j)!} L_{n-2j}^{2j}(x) /; x \in \mathbb{R} \wedge y \in \mathbb{R}$$

Imaginary part

05.02.19.0002.01

$$\operatorname{Im}(L_n(x + i y)) = \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor} \frac{(-1)^{j-1} y^{2j+1}}{(2j+1)!} L_{n-2j-1}^{2j+1}(x) /; x \in \mathbb{R} \wedge y \in \mathbb{R}$$

Argument

05.02.19.0003.01

$$\arg(L_n(x + i y)) = \tan^{-1} \left(\sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \frac{(-1)^j}{(2j)!} L_{n-2j}^{2j}(x) y^{2j}, \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor} \frac{(-1)^{j-1}}{(2j+1)!} L_{n-2j-1}^{2j+1}(x) y^{2j+1} \right) /; x \in \mathbb{R} \wedge y \in \mathbb{R}$$

Conjugate value

05.02.19.0004.01

$$\overline{L_n(x + i y)} = \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \frac{(-1)^j}{(2j)!} L_{n-2j}^{2j}(x) y^{2j} - i \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor} \frac{(-1)^{j-1}}{(2j+1)!} L_{n-2j-1}^{2j+1}(x) y^{2j+1} /; x \in \mathbb{R} \wedge y \in \mathbb{R}$$

Differentiation

Low-order differentiation

With respect to z

Forward shift operator:

05.02.20.0001.01

$$\frac{\partial L_n(z)}{\partial z} = -L_{n-1}^1(z)$$

05.02.20.0002.01

$$\frac{\partial^2 L_n(z)}{\partial z^2} = L_{n-2}^2(z)$$

Backward shift operator:

05.02.20.0003.01

$$z \frac{\partial L_\nu(z)}{\partial z} - z L_\nu(z) = (\nu + 1) L_{\nu+1}^{-1}(z)$$

05.02.20.0004.01

$$\frac{\partial (e^{-z} L_\nu(z))}{\partial z} = (\nu + 1) e^{-z} z^{-1} L_{\nu+1}^{-1}(z)$$

Symbolic differentiation

With respect to z

05.02.20.0005.02

$$\frac{\partial^m L_n(z)}{\partial z^m} = (-1)^m L_{n-m}^m(z) /; m \in \mathbb{N}$$

05.02.20.0006.02

$$\frac{\partial^m L_n(z)}{\partial z^m} = z^{-m} {}_1\tilde{F}_1(-n; 1-m; z) /; m \in \mathbb{N}$$

Fractional integro-differentiation

With respect to z

05.02.20.0007.01

$$\frac{\partial^\alpha L_n(z)}{\partial z^\alpha} = z^{-\alpha} {}_1\tilde{F}_1(-n; 1 - \alpha; z)$$

Integration

Indefinite integration

Involving only one direct function

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$$\int L_n(z) dz = L_n(z) - L_{n+1}(z)$$

Involving one direct function and elementary functions

Involving power function

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$$\int z^{\alpha-1} L_n(cz) dz = z^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha) {}_2\tilde{F}_2(-n, \alpha; 1, \alpha + 1; cz)$$

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$$\int z^{\alpha-1} L_n(z) dz = \frac{z^\alpha}{\alpha} {}_2F_2(-n, \alpha; 1, \alpha + 1; z)$$

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$$\int z^{n-2} L_n(z) dz = z^{n-1} \Gamma(n-1) {}_2\tilde{F}_2(-n, n-1; 1, n; z)$$

Involving exponential function

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$$\int e^{-cz} L_n(cz) dz = z {}_1\tilde{F}_1(n+1; 2; -cz)$$

Involving exponential function and a power function

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$$\int z^{\alpha-1} e^{-pz} L_n(z) dz = -\frac{z^\alpha}{(pz)^\alpha} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(-n)_k \Gamma(k+\alpha, pz)}{k!^2 p^k}$$

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$$\int z^{\alpha-1} e^{-cz} L_n(cz) dz = z^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha) {}_2\tilde{F}_2(n+1, \alpha; 1, \alpha + 1; -cz)$$

Definite integration

Involving the direct function

Orthogonality:

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$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} L_m(t) L_n(t) dt = \delta_{n,m}$$

Summation

Finite summation

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$$\sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(\lambda)_{n-k} L_k(z)}{(n-k)!} = L_n^\lambda(z)$$

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$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{k+\lambda-1}{k} L_{n-k}(z) = L_n^\lambda(z)$$

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$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{n-k} L_k(z) w^k (1-w)^{n-k} = L_n(z w)$$

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$$\sum_{k=0}^n L_k(z_1) L_{n-k}(z_2) = L_n^1(z_1 + z_2)$$

Infinite summation

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$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} L_n(z) w^n = \frac{1}{1-w} e^{\frac{wz}{w-1}}; |w| < 1$$

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$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} L_n(x) L_n(y) = e^{\frac{x+y}{2}} \delta(x-y); x > 0 \wedge y > 0$$

Operations

Limit operation

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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L_n\left(\frac{z^2}{4n}\right) = J_0(z)$$

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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L_n\left(-\frac{z^2}{4n}\right) = I_0(z)$$

Orthogonality, completeness, and Fourier expansions

The set of functions $L_n(x)$, $n = 0, 1, \dots$, forms a complete, orthogonal (with weight e^{-x}) system on the interval $(0, \infty)$.

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$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(e^{-\frac{x}{2}} L_n(x) \right) \left(e^{-\frac{y}{2}} L_n(y) \right) = \delta(x-y) \quad ; \quad x > 0 \wedge y > 0$$

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$$\int_0^{\infty} \left(e^{-\frac{t}{2}} L_m(t) \right) \left(e^{-\frac{t}{2}} L_n(t) \right) dt = \delta_{n,m}$$

Any sufficiently smooth function $f(x)$ can be expanded in the system $\{L_n(x)\}_{n=0,1,\dots}$ as a generalized Fourier series, with its sum converging to $f(x)$ almost everywhere.

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$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \psi_n(x) \quad ; \quad c_n = \int_0^{\infty} \psi_n(t) f(t) dt \quad \wedge \quad \psi_n(x) = e^{-\frac{x}{2}} L_n(x) \quad \wedge \quad x > 0$$

Representations through more general functions

Through hypergeometric functions

Involving ${}_1F_1$

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$$L_n(z) = {}_1F_1(-n; 1; z)$$

Through Meijer G

Classical cases involving exp

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$$e^{-z} L_n(z) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n+1)} G_{1,2}^{1,1} \left(z \mid \begin{matrix} -n \\ 0, 0 \end{matrix} \right)$$

Through other functions

Involving some hypergeometric-type functions

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$$L_n(z) = L_n^0(z)$$

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$$L_n(z) = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} P_n^{(0,b)} \left(1 - \frac{2z}{b} \right)$$

Theorems

Expansions in generalized Fourier series

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k \psi_k(x) \quad ; \quad c_k = \int_0^{\infty} f(t) \psi_k(t) dt, \quad \psi_k(x) = e^{-x/2} L_k(x), \quad k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Excited coherent state

The (normalized) excited coherent state $|\alpha, m\rangle = \frac{(a^\dagger)^m |\alpha\rangle}{\langle \alpha | a^m (a^\dagger)^m | \alpha \rangle}$ can be expressed through the number states $|n\rangle$ as

$$|\alpha, m\rangle = \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-|\alpha|^2/2} \alpha^{n-m} \sqrt{n!}}{L_m(-|\alpha|^2 m!) (n-m)!} |n\rangle.$$

History

- J.-L. Lagrange
- R. Murphy (1833)
- E. N. Laguerre (1879)

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