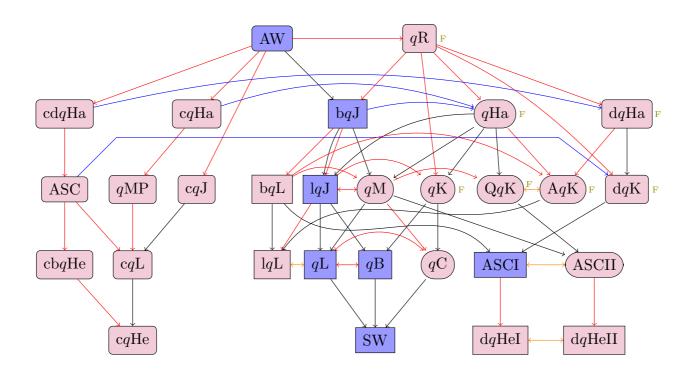
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#### ABSTRACT

It is well-known that the family of Hahn polynomials  $\{h_n^{\alpha,\beta}(x;N)\}_{n\geq 0}$  is orthogonal with respect to a certain weight function up to degree N. In this paper we prove, by using the three-term recurrence relation which this family satisfies, that the Hahn polynomials can be characterized by a  $\Delta$ -Sobolev orthogonality for every n and present a factorization for Hahn polynomials for a degree higher than N.

We also present analogous results for dual Hahn, Krawtchouk, and Racah polynomials and give the limit relations among them for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . Furthermore, in order to get

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# q-Classical Orthogonal Polynomials: A General Difference Calculus Approach

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**Abstract** It is well known that the classical families of orthogonal polynomials are characterized as the polynomial eigenfunctions of a second order homogeneous linear differential/difference hypergeometric operator with polynomial coefficients.

In this paper we present a study of the classical orthogonal polynomials sequences, in short classical OPS, in a more general framework by using the differential (or difference) calculus and Operator Theory. The Hahn's Theorem and a characterization theorem for the q-polynomials which belongs to the q-Askey and Hahn tableaux are proved. Finally, we illustrate our results applying them to some known families of orthogonal q-polynomials.

**Theorem 4.3** Let  $(p_n)$  be an OPS with respect to  $\rho(s)$  on the lattice x(s) defined in (14) and let  $\sigma(s)$  be such that (19) holds. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- 1.  $(p_n)$  is q-classical.
- 2. The sequence  $(\Delta^{(1)}p_n)$  is an OPS with respect to the weight function  $\rho_1(s) = \sigma(s+1)\rho(s+1)$  where  $\rho$  satisfies (15).
- 3. For every integer k, the sequence  $(\mathcal{R}_n(\rho_k(s), x_k(s))(1))$  is an OPS with respect to the weight function  $\rho_k(s)$  where  $\rho_0(s) = \rho(s)$ ,  $\rho_k(s) = \rho_{k-1}(s+1)\sigma(s+1)$ , and  $\rho$  satisfies (15).
- 4. (Second order linear difference equation):  $(p_n)$  satisfies the following second order linear difference equation of hypergeometric type

$$\sigma(s) \frac{\Delta}{\nabla x_1(s)} \frac{\nabla p_n(s)}{\nabla x(s)} + \tau(s) \frac{\Delta p_n(s)}{\Delta x(s)} + \lambda_n p_n(s) = 0, \tag{20}$$

where  $\widehat{\sigma}(s) = \sigma(s) + \frac{1}{2}\tau(s)\nabla x_1(s)$  and  $\tau(s)$  are polynomials on x(s) of degree at most 2 and 1, respectively, and  $\lambda_n$  is a constant.

5.  $(p_n)$  can be expressed in terms of the Rodrigues Operator as follows

$$p_n(s) = B_n \mathcal{R}_n(\rho(s), x(s))(1) = \frac{B_n}{\rho(s)} \frac{\nabla}{\nabla x_1(s)} \frac{\nabla}{\nabla x_2(s)} \cdots \frac{\nabla}{\nabla x_n(s)} (\rho_n(s)), \tag{21}$$

where  $B_n$  is a non zero constant.

6. (Second structure relation) There exist three sequences of complex numbers,  $(e_n)$ ,  $(f_n)$ , and  $(g_n)$ , such that the following relation holds for every  $n \ge 0$ , with the convention  $p_{-1} = 0$ ,

$$\mathcal{M}p_n(x(s)) = e_n \frac{\Delta p_{n+1}(s)}{\Delta x(s)} + f_n \frac{\Delta p_n(s)}{\Delta x(s)} + g_n \frac{\Delta p_{n-1}(s)}{\Delta x(s)},$$

where M is the forward arithmetic mean operator:

$$\mathcal{M}f(s) := \frac{f(s+1) + f(s)}{2},$$

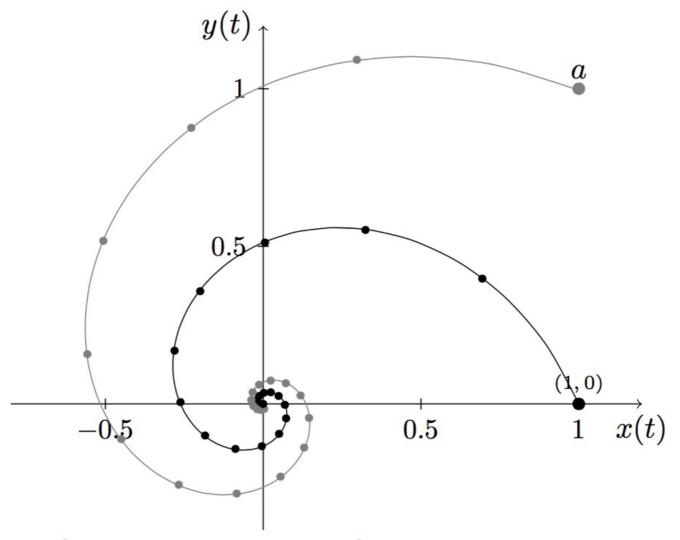
 $e_n \neq 0$ ,  $g_n \neq \gamma_n$  for all  $n \geq 0$ , and  $\gamma_n$  is the corresponding coefficient of the three-term recurrence relation [25]

$$x(s)p_n(s) = \alpha_n p_{n+1}(s) + \beta_n p_n(s) + \gamma_n p_{n-1}(s), \quad n \ge 0.$$

**Theorem 4.4** *Under the hypothesis of Theorem* **4.3** *the following statements are equivalent:* 

- (i)  $(p_n)$  is q-classical.
- (ii)  $(\Delta^{(1)} p_{n+1})$  is a *OPS*.

### AL-SALAM-CARLITZ POLYNOMIALS. A GENERAL STUDY



The lattice  $\{q^k : k \in \mathbb{N}_0\} \cup \{(1+i)q^k : k \in \mathbb{N}_0\}$  with  $q = 0.8 \exp(\pi i/6)$ .

The Al-Salam-Carlitz polynomials  $U_n^{(a)}(x;q)$  were introduced by W. A. Al-Salam and L. Carlitz in [1] as follows

(1.1) 
$$U_n^{(a)}(x;q) := (-a)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(q^{-n};q)_k (x^{-1};q)_k}{(q;q)_k} \frac{q^k x^k}{a^k}.$$

In fact, these polynomials have a Rodrigues-type formula [4, (3.24.10)]

$$(1.2) \qquad U_n^{(a)}(x;q) = \frac{a^n q^{\binom{n}{2}} (1-q)^n}{q^n \omega(x;a;q)} (\mathscr{D}_{q^{-1}})^n [\omega(x;a;q)], \qquad \omega(x;a;q) := (qx;q)_{\infty} (qx/a;q)_{\infty},$$

where the q-Pochhammer symbol is defined as follows

$$(z;q)_0 := 1, \quad (z;q)_n := \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} (1 - zq^k),$$

$$(z;q)_{\infty}:=\prod_{k=0}^{\infty}(1-zq^k),\quad |z|<1.$$

and the q-derivative operator is defined by

$$(\mathscr{D}_q f)(z) := \left\{ egin{array}{ll} \displaystyle rac{f(qz) - f(z)}{(q-1)z} & ext{if } q 
eq 1 \land z 
eq 0, \\ \displaystyle f'(z) & ext{if } q = 1 \lor z = 0. \end{array} 
ight.$$

$$\int_{a}^{1} U_{n}^{(a)}(x;q) U_{m}^{(a)}(x;q) (qx,qx/a;q)_{\infty} d_{q}x = (-a)^{n} (1-q)(q;q)_{n} (q;q)_{\infty} (a;q)_{\infty} (q/a;q)_{\infty} q^{\binom{n}{2}} \delta_{nm},$$

where the q-Jackson integral is defined as

$$\int_0^a f(x)d_qx := a(1-q)\sum_{n=0}^\infty f(aq^n), \quad \int_a^b f(x)d_qx = \int_0^b f(x)d_qx - \int_0^a f(x)d_qx.$$

*Proof.* Let 0 < |q| < 1, and  $a \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $a \neq 0, 1$ . We are going to express the q-Jackson integral (2.1) as the difference of the two infinite sums and apply the identity

$$(2.2) \qquad \sum_{k=0}^{M} f(q^k)(\mathscr{D}_{q^{-1}}g)(q^k)q^k = \frac{f(q^M)g(q^M) - f(q^{-1})g(q^{-1})}{q^{-1} - 1} - \sum_{k=0}^{M} g(q^{k-1})(\mathscr{D}_{q^{-1}}f)(q^k)q^k.$$

Let  $n \ge m$  then, for one side since  $\omega(q^{-1}; a; q) = 0$  and using the identity [4, (14.24.9))], we get

$$\begin{split} &\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \omega(q^k; a; q) U_m^{(a)}(q^k; q) U_n^{(a)}(q^k; q) q^k \\ &= \lim_{M \to \infty} \frac{a(1-q)}{q^{2-n}} \sum_{k=0}^{M} \mathcal{D}_{q^{-1}}[\omega(q^k; a; q) U_{n-1}^{(a)}(q^k; q)] U_m^{(a)}(q^k; q) q^k \\ &= \lim_{M \to \infty} a q^{n-1} U_m^{(a)}(q^M; q) U_{n-1}^{(a)}(q^M; q) \omega(q^M; a; q) \\ &+ a q^{n-1}(q^m-1) \sum_{k=0}^{M-1} \omega(q^k; a; q) U_{n-1}^{(a)}(q^k; q) U_{m-1}^{(a)}(q^k; q) q^k. \end{split}$$

Following an analogous process than before and since  $\omega(aq^{-1};a;q)=0$  we get

$$\begin{split} &\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \omega(aq^k;a;q) U_m^{(a)}(aq^k;q) U_n^{(a)}(aq^k;q) aq^k \\ &= \lim_{M \to \infty} \frac{U_m^{(a)}(aq^M;q) U_{n-1}^{(a)}(aq^M;q) \omega(aq^M;a;q)}{q^{-1}-1} \\ &+ \frac{a(q^m-1)}{q^{1-n}} \sum_{k=0}^{M-1} \omega(aq^k;a;q) U_{n-1}^{(a)}(aq^k;q) U_{m-1}^{(a)}(aq^k;q) aq^k. \end{split}$$

Therefore if m < n then

$$\int_{a}^{1} U_{n}^{(a)}(x;q) U_{m}^{(a)}(x;q) (qx,qx/a;q)_{\infty} d_{q}x = 0.$$

And for n = m following the same idea we have

$$\begin{split} &\int_{a}^{1} U_{n}^{(a)}(x;q) U_{n}^{(a)}(x;q) \omega(x;a;q) d_{q}x \\ &= \frac{a(q^{n}-1)}{q^{1-n}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( \omega(q^{k};a;q) \left( U_{n-1}^{(a)}(q^{k};q) \right)^{2} q^{k} - a \omega(aq^{k};a;q) \left( U_{n-1}^{(a)}(aq^{k};q) \right)^{2} q^{k} \right) \\ &= (-a)^{n} (q;q)_{n} q^{\binom{n}{2}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( \omega(q^{k};a;q) q^{k} - a \omega(aq^{k};a;q) q^{k} \right) \\ &= (-a)^{n} (q;q)_{n} (q;q)_{\infty} q^{\binom{n}{2}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( (q^{k+1}/a;q)_{\infty} - a(aq^{k+1};q)_{\infty} \right) \frac{q^{k}}{(q;q)_{k}} \\ &= (-a)^{n} (q;q)_{n} (q;q)_{\infty} q^{\binom{n}{2}} (a;q)_{\infty} (q/a;q)_{\infty}. \end{split}$$

Due the normality of this polynomial sequence, i.e.,  $\deg U_n^{(a)}(x;q)=n$  for all  $n\in\mathbb{N}_0$ , the uniqueness is straightforward hence the result holds.

From this result and taking into account we the squared norm for the Al-Salam-Carlitz polynomials is known we got the following consequence which we could not find any reference about it.

Corollary 2.3. Let  $a, q \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}, |q| < 1$ . Then

(2.3) 
$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( (q^{k+1}/a; q)_{\infty} - a(aq^{k+1}; q)_{\infty} \right) \frac{q^k}{(q; q)_k} = (a; q)_{\infty} (q/a; q)_{\infty}.$$

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $a, q \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $a \neq 0, 1$ , |q| > 1. Then the Al-Salam-Carlitz polynomials are the unique (up to a multiplicative constant) satisfying the property of orthogonality

$$\int_{\Gamma} U_n^{(a)}(x;q^{-1}) U_m^{(a)}(x;q^{-1}) (q^{-1}x;q^{-1})_{\infty} (q^{-1}x/a;q^{-1})_{\infty} d_{q^{-1}}x =$$

$$(2.4) \qquad (-a)^n (1-q^{-1}) (q^{-1};q^{-1})_n (q^{-1};q^{-1})_{\infty} q^{-\binom{n}{2}} (a;q^{-1})_{\infty} (q^{-1}/a;q^{-1})_{\infty} \delta_{m,n},$$

where  $\Gamma$  is the set of points  $(aq^{-k})_{k=0}^{\infty} \cup (q^{-k})_{k=\infty}^{0}$ .

