

The Operational Representations of $D_n(x)$ and $(D_{-(n+1)}^2(ix) - D_{-(n+1)}^2(-ix))$

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1. A given function $f(x)$ is said to be represented operationally by another function $\phi(p)$, if

$$\phi(p) = p \int_0^\infty e^{-px} f(x) dx, \tag{1}$$

provided that the integral converges.

The relation (1) between $f(x)$ and $\phi(p)$ may be denoted as

$$\phi(p) \doteq f(x).^1 \tag{2}$$

When $\phi(p)$ is known, the original $f(x)$ is recovered by means of the Bromwich-Wagner theorem

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} \frac{\phi(p)}{p} e^{px} dp, \tag{3}$$

which follows from the Mellin-Fourier theorem.²

If $f(x) = x$, then $\phi(p) = \frac{1}{p}$ and we have the relations

$$\frac{1}{p} \doteq x \text{ or } x \doteq \frac{1}{p}. \tag{4}$$

2. Let n be a positive integer.

The differential equation³ satisfied by $D_{2n+1}(x)$ is

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + (2n + \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{4}x^2)y = 0. \tag{5}$$

¹ B. V. d. Pol and K. F. Nissen, *Phil. Mag.*, 8 (1929), 13 (1932).

S. Goldstein, *Proc. London Math. Soc.*, 2, 34 (1932).

Carson, *Electric Circuit Theory and the Operational Calculus* (1926).

² Courant und Hilbert, "Methoden der Mathematischen Physik," I, 90.

³ Whittaker and Watson, *Modern Analysis (third edition)*, 347.

If we put $x^2 = 4u$, then (5) becomes

$$u \frac{d^2y}{du^2} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{dy}{du} + (2n + \frac{3}{2} - u) y = 0. \tag{6}$$

Let

$$X = \int_0^\infty e^{-pu} y(u) du. \tag{7}$$

Multiplying (6) by e^{-pu} and integrating and noticing that $D_{2n+1}(0)$ is zero, we obtain the differential equation satisfied by X , viz.

$$(p^2 - 1) \frac{dX}{dp} = \{(2n + \frac{3}{2}) - \frac{3}{2}p\} X, \tag{8}$$

of which the solution is

$$X = C \frac{(p - 1)^n}{(p + 1)^{n+\frac{1}{2}}}. \tag{9}$$

Adjusting C properly, we find that

$$(-1)^n \sqrt{\pi} \frac{\Gamma(2n + 2)}{\Gamma(n + 1) 2^n} \frac{p(p - 1)^n}{(p + 1)^{n+\frac{1}{2}}} \doteq D_{2n+1}(2\sqrt{x}). \tag{10}$$

By forming the differential equation,¹ we can prove in a similar manner, that

$$\frac{2\pi}{\Gamma(n + 1)} \sqrt{p} \frac{(p - 1)^n}{(p + 1)^{n+\frac{1}{2}}} \doteq i \{D_{-(n+1)}^2(i\sqrt{2x}) - D_{-(n+1)}^2(-i\sqrt{2x})\}. \tag{11}$$

Now consider the series

$$\sqrt{2} \frac{p(p - 1)^n}{(p + 1)^{n+\frac{1}{2}}} \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{1!} \left(\frac{p - 1}{p + 1} \right) + \frac{1}{2!} \left(\frac{p - 1}{p + 1} \right)^2 - \dots \right\} = \sqrt{p} \frac{(p - 1)^n}{(p + 1)^{n+\frac{1}{2}}}.$$

Term by term interpretation gives

$$\begin{aligned} & (-1)^n i \{D_{-(n+1)}^2(i\sqrt{2x}) - D_{-(n+1)}^2(-i\sqrt{2x})\} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2\pi} 2^{n+1}}{\Gamma(2n + 2)} \left\{ D_{2n+1}(2\sqrt{x}) + \frac{1}{2(2n + 3)} D_{2n+3}(2\sqrt{x}) \right. \\ &+ \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2 \cdot 4 (2n + 3)(2n + 5)} D_{2n+5}(2\sqrt{x}) \\ &+ \left. \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 (2n + 3)(2n + 5)(2n + 7)} D_{2n+7}(2\sqrt{x}) + \dots \right\}. \tag{12} \end{aligned}$$

¹ *Bull. Calcutta Math. Soc.*, 17, 34. The transformation is on the same lines as before.

The relation (11) holds for all positive values of n also.

Again consider the series

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{p} \frac{(p-1)^n}{(p+1)^{n+1}} \left\{ 1 + \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{1!} \left(\frac{p-1}{p+1} \right) + \frac{\frac{1}{2}(-\frac{1}{2})}{2!} \left(\frac{p-1}{p+1} \right)^2 + \dots \right\} \\ = \sqrt{2} \frac{p(p-1)^n}{(p+1)^{n+\frac{1}{2}}}. \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

Term by term interpretation gives

$$\begin{aligned} D_{2n+1}(2x) &= \frac{\Gamma(2n+2)}{\sqrt{2\pi} 2^{n+1}} [(e^{(n+\frac{1}{2})\pi i} D_{-(n+1)}^2(ix\sqrt{2}) + e^{-(n+\frac{1}{2})\pi i} D_{-(n+1)}^2(-ix\sqrt{2})) \\ &+ \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} \frac{-1 \cdot 1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \dots (2s-3)(n+1)(n+2) \dots (n+s)}{\Gamma(s+1) 2^s} \times \\ &(e^{(n+s+\frac{1}{2})\pi i} D_{-(n+s+1)}^2(ix\sqrt{2}) + e^{-(n+s+\frac{1}{2})\pi i} D_{-(n+s+1)}^2(-ix\sqrt{2}))]. \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

