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## GENERATING FUNCTIONS FOR THE JACOBI POLYNOMIALS

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The paper deals with a theorem on triple series and certain general expansions of a different character which gives as special cases new results involving the functions of Kampé de Fériet and Appell and Jacobi polynomials. In fact, our theorem extends a result of M. Cohen [3] on double series and generalizes a number of generating functions for Jacobi polynomials. Also of interest are erroneous results (2.10) and (2.13) of M. Cohen [3] which are corrected here.

**Introduction:** In a paper which appeared in [3], M. Cohen presented two general theorems for double series using a generalization of operators given in [4]. His approach differs from usual procedures adopted by previous workers in that he does not apply the Lagrange Theorem [7; p. 115]. Of our concern here is one of his theorem [3; p. 272 (2.1)], which we recall as Theorem 1. For  $r, s, \alpha$  and  $\beta$  any arbitrary complex numbers,

$$(1.1) \quad \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-z)^k (-y)^p (\alpha+1)_{k+rp} (\beta+1)_{p+sk}}{k! p! (\alpha+1)_{rp} (\beta+1)_{sk} (1-z)^{k+rp} (1-y)^{p+sk}} = (1-z)^{\alpha+1} (1-y)^{\beta+1} / (1-rsy),$$

where  $(a)_n = \sqrt{(a+n)} / \sqrt{(a)}$   
 $= (a)(a+1)\dots(a+n-1)$  for  $n$  a positive integer  
 $= 1$  for  $n=0$ ,

and  $|y| < 1, |z| < 1$  and  $|rsyz| < 1$ .

Using the above theorem for  $r=-1$  in conjugation with Gauss transformation for the hypergeometric function [10; p. 33 (2.1)] and variable changes  $y' = -y(1-z)/(1-y)$ , he obtained a result for Gauss hypergeometric function  ${}_2F_1$  [10; p. 29 (4)]

$$(1.2) \quad \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha+1)_k}{k!} \left[ \frac{-z(1-z-y')^s}{[(1-z)(1-y')]^{s+1}} \right]^k {}_2F_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} -k, -\alpha-\beta-(s+1) \\ \alpha-k \end{matrix}; y' \right]$$

$$= (1-z)^{\alpha+\beta+2} (1-y')^{\beta+1} / (1-z-y')^{\beta} (1-z-y'-sy'z),$$

which is equivalent to H. Srivastava's equation 8 [9].

Further variable changes in (1.2) yields the following known generating functions of J. Brown [2] and E. Feldheim [6] (see also [9]).

$$(1.3) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n^{(\alpha-n, \beta-(b+1)n)}(x) t^n = (1+w)^{-\alpha-\beta} (1-bw)^{-1} \left[ 1 + \frac{2w}{(1-x)} \right]^{\alpha},$$

where  $w = \frac{t}{2} (1-x) (1+w)^{b+1}$ , and

$$(1.4) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n^{(\alpha+bn, \beta-(b+1)n)}(x) t^n = (1+v)^{\alpha+1} (1-bv)^{-1} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2} (x-1)v \right]^{-\alpha-\beta-1},$$

where  $v = t(1+v)^{b+1}$  and the classical Jacobi polynomial  $P_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x)$  [10; p. 35 (34)] defined by

$$(1.5) \quad P_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x) = \binom{\alpha+n}{n} {}_2F_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} -n, \alpha+\beta+n+1 \\ \alpha+1 \end{matrix}; \frac{1-x}{2} \right], \quad \forall n \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}.$$

Note that equation (1.3) is given erroneously in the paper of M. Cohen [3; p. 272 (1.5)].

The main aim of the present paper is to give an interesting extension of the above theorem 1 of Cohen involving triple series with essentially arbitrary complex numbers. Some special cases of our Theorem are discussed. As a result, we are led to a correct form of the corollary 2 of M. Cohen [3; p. 274 (2.10)]. Unfortunately the same technique is not helpful in proving an extension of Theorem 2 of M. Cohen [3]. However, we noticed that equation (2.13) of [3] used in the proof of theorem 2 is also not correct. Thus, a secondary aim of this paper is to correct these erroneous results of M. Cohen [3].

2. Theorem 1. For  $r, s, u, \alpha, \beta$  and  $\omega$  any arbitrary complex numbers

$$(1.21) \quad \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-z)^k (-y)^l (-t)^q (\alpha+1)_{k+r} (\beta+1)_{l+sq} (\omega+1)_{q+uk}}{k! l! q! (\alpha+1)_{r+l} (\beta+1)_{s+q} (\omega+1)_{uk} (1-z)^{k+r} (1-y)^{l+sq} (1-t)^{q+uk}} \\ = (1-z)^{\alpha+1} (1-y)^{\beta+1} (1-t)^{\omega+1} / (1+rsuyzt),$$

where  $(a)_n = \sqrt{(a+n)} / \sqrt{(a)}$   
 $= (a)(a+1) \dots (a+n-1)$  for  $n$  a positive integer  
 $= 1$  for  $n=0$ ,

and  $|y| < 1, |z| < 1, |t| < 1$  and  $|rsuyzt| < 1$ .

Proof. Consider the expression

$$(2.2) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n y^m t^p}{n! m! p!} D^n \{x^{n+\alpha} (1-x^r)^m\} D^m \{x^{m+\beta} (1-x^s)^p\} D^p \{x^{p+\omega} (1-x^u)^n\}.$$

Putting the operators in polynomial form, (2.2) reduces to

$$(2.3) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n y^m t^p}{n! m! p!} \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{l=0}^m \sum_{q=0}^p \frac{(-n)_k (-m)_l (-p)_q}{k! l! q!} \frac{\sqrt{(n+\alpha+r+1)}}{\sqrt{(\alpha+r+1)}} \\ \times \frac{\sqrt{(m+\beta+s+1)}}{\sqrt{(\beta+s+1)}} \frac{\sqrt{(p+\omega+uk+1)}}{\sqrt{(\omega+uk+1)}} x^{\alpha+\beta+\omega+r+l+uk+sq}.$$

Take (2.2) and (2.3) at  $x=1$ . In (2.2) only  $n=m=p$  contributes and we get

$$(2.4) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-rsuyzt)^n = (1+rsuyzt)^{-1}.$$

Applying the series transformation

$$(2.5) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{l=0}^m \sum_{q=0}^p f(n, m, p, k, l, q) \\ = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} f(n+k, m+l, p+q, k, l, q),$$

to (2.3), take at  $x=1$  and summing the series by using a result

$$(2.6) \quad (1-z)^{-a} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n}{n!} z^n,$$

we get

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-n-k)_k (-m-l)_l (-p-q)_q (\alpha+1)_{k+rl} (\beta+1)_{l+sq} (\omega+1)_{q+uk}}{k! l! q! (\alpha+1)_{rl} (\beta+1)_{sq} (\omega+1)_{uk} (n+k)! (m+l)! (p+q)!}$$

$$\frac{z^k y^l t^q}{(1-z)^{k+rl} (1-y)^{l+sq} (1-t)^{q+uk}} = (1-z)^{\alpha+1} (1-y)^{\beta+1} (1-t)^{\omega+1} / (1+rsuyzt).$$

Now using a result  $(n)_{-k} = (-1)^k / (1-n)_k$  we obtain the required result (2.1).  
 Corollary 1. Taking  $r=u=1$  in Theorem 1, we get

$$(2.7) \quad \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha+1)_k}{k!} \left[ \frac{-z}{(1-z)(1-t)} \right]^k \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\omega+k+1)_q}{q!} \left[ \frac{-t}{(1-y)^s(1-t)} \right]^q$$

$$\times {}_2F_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} \alpha+k+1, & \beta+sq+1; \\ \alpha+1 & \end{matrix}; \frac{-y}{(1-y)(1-z)} \right] = (1-z)^{\alpha+1} (1-y)^{\beta+1} (1-t)^{\omega+1} / (1+syzt),$$

which on using Gauss transformation for the hypergeometric function [10; p. 33 (21)]

$$(2.8) \quad {}_2F_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} a, b; \\ c \end{matrix}; x \right] = (1-x)^{c-a-b} {}_2F_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} c-a, c-b; \\ c \end{matrix}; x \right],$$

letting  $\frac{-y}{1-y} = \frac{(1-z)(1-x)}{2}$ ,  $\alpha = a$ ,  $\beta = -b-1$ ,  $\omega = c$  and using the Jacobi representation (1.5) gives

$$(2.9) \quad \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} \frac{(c+1)_q}{q!} \left[ \frac{-t[2-(1-z)(1-x)]^s}{(1-t)(1+x)^s} \right]^q \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(c+q+1)_k}{(c+1)_k} P_k^{(a, b-sq-k)}(x) T^k$$

$$= \frac{(1-z)^{\alpha+1} [2-(1-z)(1-x)]^{\beta+1} (1-t)^{c+1}}{[2-(1-z)(1-x)(1+sz)] (1+x)^{\beta}},$$

where  $T = -2z/(1-z)(1-t)(1+x)$ .

For  $t \rightarrow 0$ , (2.9) reduces to the following special case of a known result of M. Cohen [3; p. 271 (1.3)]

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{-2z}{(1-z)(1+x)} \right]^k P_k^{(a, b-k)}(x) = \frac{(1-z)^{\alpha+1} [2-(1-z)(1-x)]^{\beta}}{(1+x)^{\beta}}.$$

Using a result [10; p. 165 (10)] in (2.7), we obtain

$$(2.10) \quad \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\omega+1)_q}{q!} \left[ \frac{-t(1-z)^s}{(1-z+yz)^s(1-t)} \right]^q$$

$${}_2F_1^{2:0;1} \left[ \begin{matrix} \alpha+1, \omega+q+1 : \dots; \beta+sq+1; \\ \omega+1 \quad \dots; \alpha+1 \end{matrix}; \frac{-z}{(1-z)(1-t)}, \frac{yz}{(1-z)(1-t)(1-z+yz)} \right]$$

$$= (1-z)^{\alpha-\beta} (1-t)^{\omega+1} (1-z+yz)^{\beta+1} / (1+syzt),$$

where  $F_{m:n;p}^{p:q:r}$  is Kampé de Fériet's function [10; p. 63 (16)].

Setting  $s=1$  and  $\omega=a$ , it gives a reduction formula

$$(2.11) \quad F_E(\alpha, \alpha, \alpha, \delta, \beta, \beta; \delta, \beta, \alpha; \frac{-z}{(1-z)(1-t)}, \frac{yz}{(1-z)(1-t)(1-z+yz)}, \frac{-t(1-z)}{(1-z)(1-z+yz)})$$

$$= (1-z)^{\alpha-\beta} (1-t)^{\alpha} (1-z+yz)^{\beta} / (1+yzt),$$

where  $F_E$  is Saran's function [5; p. 66].

Setting  $\alpha = \beta$  and  $y = (z-1)/z$  in the above equation and using [5; p. 116 (4.1.16)] we get a known result [10; p. 34 (27)].

Result (2.7) for  $s=1$  is equivalent to a reduction formula

$$(2.12) \quad H_B(a, \omega, \beta; \omega, \beta, \alpha; \frac{-z}{(1-z)(1-t)}, \frac{-t}{(1-t)(1-y)}, \frac{-y}{(1-y)(1-z)}) \\ = (1-z)^a (1-y)^\beta (1-t)^\omega / (1+yzt),$$

where  $H_B$  is Srivastava's function [10; p. 68 (37)].

Putting  $\alpha = \beta$  in the above equation and using a result of H. Exton [5; p. 116 (4.1.15)], we obtain

$$(2.13) \quad F_4(\beta, \omega; \omega, \beta; \frac{-z(1-y)^2}{(1-z+yz)(1-y+yt)}, \frac{yt}{(1-z+yz)(1-y+yt)}) \\ = \frac{(1-z+yz)^\beta}{(1+yzt)} (1 + \frac{yt}{1-y})^\omega,$$

where  $F_4$  is Appell's function [5; p. 24 (4.1.4)].

In (2.13), substituting  $\theta = 1-z+yz$  and  $\Phi = 1 + \frac{yt}{1-y}$ , we get a result of W. Bailey [1; p. 102 Problem 20 (iii)].

In (2.9), using a result of H. Srivastava, H. Manocha [10; p. 108 (15)], we get

$$(2.14) \quad \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} \frac{(c+1)_q}{q!} \left[ \frac{-t(1-z) [2-(1-z)(1-x)]^s}{(1+x)^{s-1} A} \right]^q \\ F_{1:1;2}^{1:0;1} \left[ \begin{matrix} a+1:-q; c+q+1, a+b-sq+1; 2z, \frac{(1-x)z}{A} \\ c+1: \dots; a+1; \frac{2z}{A}, \frac{(1-x)z}{A} \end{matrix} \right] \\ = (1-z)^{a-c} [2-(1-z)(1-x)]^{b+1} A^{c+1} / [2-(1-z)(1-x)(1+sz)] (1+x)^{b+c+1},$$

where  $A = 2-(1-z) [2-(1+x)(1-t)]$ .

For  $a=c$ , it gives

$$(2.15) \quad \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{-t(1-z)(1+x) [2-(1-z)(1-x)]^s (1-t+zt)^s}{[2-(1-z) \{2-(1+x)(1-t)\}]^{s+1}} \right]^q \\ P_q^{(c, b-(s+1)q)} \left( 1 + \frac{2(1-x)z}{(1+x)(1-t+zt)} \right) \\ = \frac{[2-(1-z)(1-x)]^{b+1} (1-t+zt)^{b+c+1}}{[2-(1-z)(1-x)(1+sz)] [2-(1-z) \{2-(1+x)(1-t)\}]^b}.$$

Corollary 2. On taking  $r=u=-1$  in Theorem 1 and then using transformation (2.8) and variable changes  $y' = -y(1-z)/(1-y)$ , we obtain

$$(2.16) \quad \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a+1)_k}{k!} \left[ \frac{-z(1-t)}{(1-z)(1-y')} \right]^k \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\omega-k+1)_q}{q!} \left[ \frac{-t(1-z-y')^s}{(1-t)(1-z)^s(1-y')^s} \right]^q \\ \times {}_2F_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} -k, -a-\beta-sq-k-1; \\ -a-k \end{matrix}; y' \right] = (1-z)^{a+\beta+2} (1-t)^{\omega+1} (1-y')^{\beta+1} / (1-z-y')^\beta \\ (1-z-y'+sy'zt).$$

Going through the proof of Corollary 2, we see that the correct form of the result (2.10) of M. Cohen [3] should be

$$(2.17) \quad \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha+1)_k}{k!} \left[ \frac{-z(1-z-y')^s}{[(1-z)(1-y')]^{s+1}} \right]^k {}_2F_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} -k, -\alpha-\beta-(s+1)k-1; \\ -\alpha-k \end{matrix} ; y' \right] \\ = (1-z)^{\alpha+\beta+2} (1-y')^{\beta+1} / (1-z-y')^{\beta} (1-z-y'-sy'z).$$

The correctness of (2.17) can easily be checked from our result (2.16) which for  $t=s=0$  reduces to a special case of (2.17) and we obtain

$$(2.18) \quad \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha+1)_k}{k!} \left[ \frac{-z}{(1-z)(1-y')} \right]^k {}_2F_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} -k, -\alpha-\beta-k-1; \\ -\alpha-k \end{matrix} ; y' \right] \\ = (1-z)^{\alpha+\beta+2} (1-y')^{\beta+1} / (1-z-y')^{\beta+1}.$$

Using Jacobi representation (1.5) in (2.16), we get

$$(2.19) \quad \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{z(1-t)}{(1-z)(1-y')} \right]^k \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\omega-k+1)_q}{q!} \left[ \frac{-t(1-z-y')^s}{(1-t)(1-z)^s(1-y')^s} \right]^q \\ \times P_k^{(-\alpha-k-1, -\beta-sq-k-1)}(1-2y') \\ = (1-z)^{\alpha+\beta+2} (1-t)^{\omega+1} (1-y')^{\beta+1} / (1-z-y')^{\beta} (1-z-y'+sy'zt).$$

For  $t \rightarrow 0$ , it reduces to

$$(2.20) \quad \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} P_k^{(-\alpha-k-1, -\beta-k-1)}(1-2y') \xi^k = \frac{(1-z)^{\alpha+\beta+2} (1-y')^{\beta+1}}{(1-z-y')^{\beta+1}},$$

where  $\xi = z/(1-z)(1-y')$ .

**Corollary 3.** *On taking  $r = -1$ ,  $u = 1$  in Theorem 1, using Euler's transformation [10; p. 33 (19)] and a result [10; p. 166, problem 11], we get*

$$(2.21) \quad \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\omega+1)_q}{q!} \left[ \frac{-t}{(1-yz)^s(1-t)} \right]^q \\ F_1(\omega+q+1, \alpha+1, \beta+sq+1; \omega+1; \frac{-z}{(1-z)(1-t)}, \frac{-yz}{(1-yz)(1-t)}) \\ = (1-z)^{\alpha+1} (1-t)^{\omega+1} (1-yz)^{\beta+1} / (1-syzt),$$

where  $F_1$  is Appell's function [5; p. 23 (1.4.1)].

Setting  $s = 1$ , it gives

$$(2.22) \quad F_F(\alpha, \alpha, \alpha, \beta, \omega, \beta; \beta, \alpha, \alpha; \frac{-t}{(1-yz)(1-t)}, \frac{-z}{(1-z)(1-t)}, \frac{-yz}{(1-yz)(1-t)}) \\ = (1-t)^{\alpha} (1-yz)^{\beta} (1-z)^{\omega} / (1-yzt),$$

where  $F_F$  is Saran's function [5; p. 66].

Again, setting  $\beta = \alpha$  in the above equation and using [8; p. 71 (4.2.17)], we get

$$(2.23) \quad H_3(\alpha, \omega; \alpha; \frac{yzt}{(1+yzt)^2}, \frac{zt}{(1+yzt)(1-t+zt)}) = (1+yzt)^{\alpha} (1-t+zt)^{\omega} / (1-yzt)(1-t)^{\omega},$$

where  $H_3$  is Horn's function [5; p. 36].

Finally, it may be remarked that following the procedure as in Theorem 1, an extension of Theorem 2 of M. Cohen [3] is not possible. However, we noticed that a result (2.13) used in the proof of the Theorem 2 is erroneous. His result (2.13) in the corrected form is

$$(2.24) \quad \sum_{k=0}^m \sum_{p=0}^n \frac{(-n)_p (-m)_k \sqrt{(n+\alpha+sk+1)} \sqrt{(m+\beta+p+1)}}{k! p! \sqrt{(\alpha+sk+1)} \sqrt{(\beta+p+1)} (\alpha+sk+p)} = n! m! (\beta+1)_m / (\alpha) (\alpha/s+1)_m.$$

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