

## On Bivariate Orthogonal Polynomials for Freud Weight Functions

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Orthogonal polynomials with respect to the weight function in one variable  $w(x) = |x|^\rho \exp(-|x|^m)$ ,  $\rho > -1$ ,  $m > 0$ , was first studied by Géza Freud, [2]. A symmetric Freud weight function in one variable is usually given by

$$w_t(x) = e^{-x^4+tx^2}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (1)$$

where  $t$  is a real parameter. The corresponding moments exist, depend on  $t$  and are given by  $\mu_k(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x^k e^{-x^4+tx^2} dx$ , for  $k = 0, 1, \dots$ .

Therefore, the sequence of orthonormal polynomials with respect to  $w_t(x)$  are polynomials on the variable  $x$  whose coefficients depend on  $t$ , that we denote by  $\{p_n(x, t)\}_{n \geq 0}$ , they satisfy

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} p_n(x, t) p_m(x, t) w_t(x) dx = \delta_{n,m},$$

where  $\delta_{n,m}$  are the Kronecker's delta. These polynomials satisfy the three term recurrence relation of the form

$$x p_n(x, t) = a_n(t) p_{n+1}(x, t) + a_{n-1}(t) p_{n-1}(x, t), \quad n \geq 0,$$

with  $p_{-1}(x, t) = 0$  and  $p_0(x, t) = \mu_0(t)^{-1/2}$ .

The coefficients  $a_n(t)$  satisfy the nonlinear difference equation

$$4 a_n^2(t) [a_{n+1}^2(t) + a_n^2(t) + a_{n-1}^2(t)] - 2 t a_n^2(t) = n + 1, \quad n \geq 0, \quad (2)$$

where  $a_0^2(t) = \mu_2(t)/\mu_0(t)$  and  $a_{-1}(t) = 0$  (see [1, 3]). The difference equation (2) coincides with the discrete Painlevé equation dP<sub>I</sub>

$$x_n(x_{n+1} + x_n + x_{n-1}) - \delta x_n = \alpha n + \beta + (-1)^n \gamma,$$

with  $x_n = a_n^2(t)$ ,  $\alpha = \beta = 1/4$ ,  $\gamma = 0$ ,  $\delta = t/2$ .

The connection between the coefficients of the three term recurrence relation for orthogonal polynomials in one variable and Painlevé equations is very well known (see for example, [4]).

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In this work we deal with the system of orthonormal polynomials in two variables  $\{\mathbb{P}_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  given by

$$\mathbb{P}_n(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} p_{n,0}(x, y) \\ p_{n-1,1}(x, y) \\ \vdots \\ p_{1,n-1}(x, y) \\ p_{0,n}(x, y) \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $\{p_{m-k,k}(x, y)\}_{k=0}^n$  is a set of linear independent polynomials of degree  $n$ .

The relation of orthonormality for  $\{\mathbb{P}_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  is given by

$$\langle \mathbb{P}_n, \mathbb{P}_m^T \rangle = (h_{ij})_{(n+1) \times (m+1)} = \begin{cases} I_{n+1, n+1}, & \text{if } n = m, \\ [0]_{n+1 \times m+1}, & \text{if } n \neq m \end{cases}$$

where  $[0]$  is the null matrix, for  $i = 1, \dots, n + 1$  and  $j = 1, \dots, m + 1$

$$h_{ij} = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} p_{n+1-i, i-1}(x, y) p_{m+1-j, j-1}(x, y) W(x, y) dx dy$$

and  $W(x, y)$  is a weight function in two variables.

Here we consider the weight function

$$W(x, y) = e^{-q(x,y)}, \quad (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2,$$

with  $q(x, y) = a_{4,0} x^4 + a_{2,2} x^2 y^2 + a_{0,4} y^4 + a_{2,0} x^2 + a_{0,2} y^2$  and  $a_{i,j}$  are real parameters and the moments are defined by  $\mu_{m,n} = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} x^n y^m W(x, y) dx dy$ , for  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ .

The system of orthonormal polynomials  $\{\mathbb{P}_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  satisfies the three term relations

$$\begin{aligned} x\mathbb{P}_n &= A_{n,1}\mathbb{P}_{n+1} + A_{n-1,1}^T\mathbb{P}_{n-1}, \\ y\mathbb{P}_n &= A_{n,2}\mathbb{P}_{n+1} + A_{n-1,2}^T\mathbb{P}_{n-1}, \end{aligned}$$

for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , with  $\mathbb{P}_{-1} = 0, \mathbb{P}_0 = \mu_{0,0}^{-1/2}$  and the coefficients  $A_{n,i}, i = 1, 2$ , are full ranked  $(n+1) \times (n+2)$  matrices.

We analyse this system of bivariate orthonormal polynomials with respect to  $W(x, y)$  and extend the difference equation (2) for the matrix coefficients of the three term relations of these polynomials, when  $a_{2,0} = a_{0,2} = -t$ ,

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