

APPLICATIONS OF SOME THEOREMS OF CARLITZ  
AND SRIVASTAVA

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Recently Khanna and Pandey (1982) introduced the polynomials  $P_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x, y; a, k)$  defined by (1.1) below and obtained various results for these polynomials. In the present paper we prove a theorem on generating functions and give a multivariable extension of this theorem by applying a result of Srivastava (1980). In the last section, following Carlitz (1977), we obtain a class of generating functions for these polynomials.

1. INTRODUCTION

Khanna and Pandey (1982) defined a sequence of polynomials by means of the generating relation

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x, y; a, k) \frac{t^n}{n!} = \frac{2(t/2)^k (1 - xt)^{-\alpha}}{(1 - yt)^{-\beta} - a} \quad \dots(1.1)$$

where  $a, \alpha$  and  $\beta$  are real numbers,  $k$  is a non-negative integer, and (for convergence)  $|t| < \min \{ |x|^{-1}, |y|^{-1} \}$ . They also give the following series representation of the polynomials  $P_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x, y; a, k)$  :

$$P_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x, y; a, k) = - \frac{(\alpha)_{n-k} x^{n-k} n! 2^{1-k}}{(n-k)!} \times \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a^{-m-1} {}_2F_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} -n+k, \beta m; \\ 1-\alpha-n+k; \end{matrix} \frac{y}{x} \right],$$

$k \leq n. \dots(1.2)$

Replacing  $n$  by  $n + k$  in (1.2), we get

$$\frac{P_{n+k}^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x, y; a, k)}{(n+k)!} = \frac{-(\alpha)_n x^n 2^{1-k}}{n!}$$

(equation continued on p. 1125)

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a^{-m-1} {}_2F_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} -n, \beta m; \\ 1-\alpha-n; \end{matrix} \frac{y}{x} \right], \quad n \geq 0. \tag{1.3}$$

Equation (1.3) leads us to the following generating function

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{P_{n+k}^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x, y; a, k) t^n}{(n+k)!} = \frac{2^{1-k} (1-xt)^{-\alpha}}{(1-yt)^{-\beta-a}}. \tag{1.4}$$

Making use of (1.4), we in this paper prove a theorem on generating functions, and then apply a result of Srivastava (1980) to give a multivariable extension of the main theorem. In the last section we obtain a class of generating functions making use of Carlitz's theorem (1977).

### 2. A THEOREM ON GENERATING FUNCTIONS

Applying a well-known technique to (1.4) (i.e., replacing  $t$  by  $t + u$  in (1.4) and then equating the coefficients of  $u^m$ ), we readily obtain :

*Theorem 2.1—*

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\binom{n+m}{m} P_{n+k+m}^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x, y; a, k) t^n}{(n+m+k)!} \\ &= \frac{(1-xt)^{-\alpha}}{(1-yt)^{-\beta}} \frac{P_{m+k}^{(\alpha, \beta)}\left(\frac{x}{1-xt}, \frac{y}{1-yt}; a(1-yt)^\beta, k\right)}{(m+k)!}, \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

$m, k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Making use of (2.1) and Theorem 2 of Srivastava (1980), we give a multivariable generating function in the following form :

*Theorem 2.2—If*

$$\begin{aligned} & S_{p,q}^k [x, y; a, k; u_1, \dots, u_s, t] \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n,p} P_{nq+k}^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x, y; a, k) G_{p+nq}(u_1, \dots, u_s) \frac{t^n}{(nq+k)!}, \end{aligned} \tag{2.2}$$

$a_{n,p} \neq 0$

then

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_{n+k}^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x, y; a, k) M_{n+q}^{p, \mu}(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_s; v) \frac{t^n}{(n+k)!}$$

$$= \frac{(1-xt)^{-\alpha}}{(1-yt)^{-\beta}} S_{p, q}^{\mu} \left[ \frac{x}{1-xt}, \frac{y}{1-yt}; a(1-yt)^{\beta}, k; u_1, \dots, u_s; vt^q \right] \dots(2.3)$$

where

$$M_{n, q}^{p, \mu}(u_1, \dots, u_s; v) = \sum_{m=0}^{\lfloor n/q \rfloor} a_{m, \mu} \binom{n}{mq} g_{\mu+pm}(u_1, \dots, u_s) v^m. \dots(2.4)$$

*Remark :* An obvious two-variable case of (2.3) would follow if we apply (2.1) and Theorem 2 of Agarwal and Manocha (1980). The details are naturally omitted.

### 3. A CLASS OF GENERATING FUNCTIONS

By applying Carlitz's theorem (1977), below we deduce a new result for the polynomials  $P_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x, y; a, k)$ :

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n^{(\alpha+bm, \beta)}(x, y; a, k) \frac{t^n}{n!}$$

$$= \frac{2 \left(\frac{v}{2}\right)^k (1-xv)^{-\alpha}}{\{(1-yv)^{-\beta} - a\} \{1-xbv(1-xv)^{-1}\}} \dots(3.1)$$

where  $b$  is an arbitrary constant, and  $v$  is given by

$$v = t(1-xb)^{-b}. \dots(3.2)$$

*Note :* It is worthwhile to remark here that (3.1) can be regarded as a class of generating functions for the polynomials  $P_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x, y; a, k)$  in view of the fact that by assigning special values to the arbitrary constant  $b$ , it is easy to obtain from it a large variety of generating functions. For instance, for  $b = 0$ , it reduces to (1.1).

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