

The simplest examples are [5]

$$m = 1 \quad F_n(a) = 2 a_n^2$$

$$m = 2 \quad F_n(a) = 4 a_n^2 (a_{n-1}^2 + a_n^2 + a_{n+1}^2) \quad [3], [28] \text{ eq. (42)}$$

$$m = 3 \quad F_n(a) = 6 a_n^2 (a_{n-2}^2 a_{n-1}^2 + a_{n-1}^4 + 2 a_{n-1}^2 a_n^2 + 2 a_n^2 a_{n+1}^2 + a_{n+1}^2 a_{n-1}^2 + a_{n+1}^4 + a_{n+1}^2 a_{n+2}^2 + a_n^4)$$

for $m = 4$ and $m = 5$, the expressions of $F_n(a)$ contain respectively 20 and 48 terms (problem : show that this number is $(m+1)2^{m-2}$).

The production of equations for the recurrence coefficients can obviously be extended to other weight functions, at least to exponentials of polynomials [16]. One can continue up to weight functions satisfying $w'(x)/w(x) =$ rational function. Linear 2^d order differential equations for the orthogonal polynomials can also be constructed in these cases [1] [7] [8] [9] [15] [22] [28].

Let us propose now an explicit form of (6) :

$$(7) \quad F_n(a) = 2m a_n^2 \prod_{i_1=-1}^{m-1} a_{n+i_1}^2 \prod_{i_2=i_1-1}^{m-2} a_{n+i_2}^2 \cdots \prod_{i_{m-1}=i_{m-2}-1}^1 a_{n+i_{m-1}}^2.$$

Indeed, by accumulating sums of products in the upper half of powers of the matrix A, one obtains

$$(A^r)_{n, n+r-2p} = a_n a_{n+1} \cdots a_{n+r-2p-1} \prod_{i_1=-1}^{r-p-1} a_{n+i_1}^2 \prod_{i_2=i_1-1}^{r-p-2} a_{n+i_2}^2 \cdots \prod_{i_p=i_{p-1}-1}^{r-2p} a_{n+i_p}^2$$

$$0 \leq 2p < r$$

readily checked by induction on p.

PROPERTIES OF THE POSITIVE SOLUTION.

First, we look for bounds : as we are investigating solution(s) with positive a_n^2 of (6), and as $F_n(a) > 2m a_n^{2m}$ (take $i_1 = \dots = i_{m-1} = 0$ in (7)), one has $a_n < [(n + p \text{ odd}(n))/2m]^{1/2 m}$. With this upper bound for $a_{n\pm 1}, a_{n\pm 2}, \dots$, one solves for a_n in (6). As $F_n(a)$ is a polynomial in a_n with positive coefficients, one obtains a lower bound for a_n , also behaving like $c^t n^{1/2 m}$ for large n, so that

$$(8) \quad (n/C_1)^{1/2 m} < a_n < (n/C_2)^{1/2 m}, \quad n \geq 1.$$