LINEARIZATION OF THE PRODUCT OF JACOBI POLYNOMIALS. III

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In a series of papers [1; 2; 3; 4] the operation of linearizing the product of two Jacobi polynomials $P_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x), \alpha, \beta > -1$, has been investigated and the existence of a natural Banach algebra associated with the linearization coefficients has been proven. This was proven for $\alpha + \beta + 1 \ge 0$ in [3] and for a slightly larger region in [4]. It was shown in [4] that such a Banach algebra does not exist for $-1 < \alpha, \beta < -\frac{1}{2}$. The method used in [1; 3; 4] was to prove the non-negativity of the expansion coefficients from which the existence of the Banach algebra easily follows. However, as shown in [4], the coefficients for a subset of $\alpha \ge -\frac{1}{2}$, $\alpha + \beta + 1 < 0$ can be negative infinitely often and so a different method must be used for these values of α and β . We now complete the study of the existence of these Banach algebras by considering the remaining cases. For $\alpha > -\frac{1}{2}$ we will show that methods related to those in [2] can be used, and for $\alpha = -\frac{1}{2}$ an explicit formula will be given for the coefficients, and estimates of this formula will be used to prove the existence of the Banach algebra. For $-1 < \alpha, \beta < -\frac{1}{2}$ there is a weaker Banach algebra which is easy to obtain (Theorem 2). However, this weaker Banach algebra suffers from the defect of having a maximal ideal space which is larger than the maximal ideal space of the Banach algebras associated with Iacobi polynomials for $\alpha \geq -\frac{1}{2}$.

We start with the standard type of Banach algebra. For $\alpha, \beta > -1$, the Jacobi polynomial $P_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x)$ may be defined by

$$(1-x)^{\alpha}(1+x)^{\beta}P_{n}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x) = \frac{(-1)^{n}}{2^{n}n!}\frac{d^{n}}{dx^{n}}\left[(1-x)^{n+\alpha}(1+x)^{n+\beta}\right]$$

[7, (4.3.1)]. These polynomials are orthogonal on [-1, 1] and

$$\int_{-1}^{1} P_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x) P_m^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x) (1-x)^{\alpha} (1+x)^{\beta} dx = \frac{\delta_{n,m}}{h_n},$$

where

$$h_n = h_n^{(\alpha,\beta)} = \frac{(2n+\alpha+\beta+1)\Gamma(n+\alpha+\beta+1)\Gamma(n+1)}{2^{\alpha+\beta+1}\Gamma(n+\alpha+1)\Gamma(n+\beta+1)}$$

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[7, (4.3.3)]. Then with $\xi(k, m, n)$ defined by

(1) $\xi(k, m, n) = \int_{-1}^{1} P_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x) P_m^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x) P_k^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x) (1 - x)^{\alpha} (1 + x)^{\beta} dx.$

we have

$$P_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x)P_m^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x) = \sum_{k=|n-m|}^{n+m} \xi(k,m,n)h_k P_k^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x).$$

As in [2; 4], in order to establish the existence of the Banach algebras for $\alpha \geq \beta$, it suffices to show, for $n \geq m \geq 1$, that

(2)
$$\sum_{k=n-m}^{n+m} |\xi(k,m,n)| h_k P_k^{(\alpha,\beta)}(1) \leq C P_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}(1) P_m^{(\alpha,\beta)}(1),$$

where $C = C^{(\alpha,\beta)}$ is independent of *n* and *m*.

For $\alpha \ge \beta \ge -\frac{1}{2}$, (2) was proven in [2] and for $\alpha \ge \beta$, $\alpha + \beta + 1 \ge 0$ in [3]. Also the results in [4] showed that (2) fails for $\alpha < -\frac{1}{2}$ and for $\alpha < \beta$. Thus, in proving (2) for the remaining (α, β) we may assume that $\alpha > \beta, 0 > \alpha \ge -\frac{1}{2}$, $-\frac{1}{2} > \beta > -1$, since this set contains $\alpha > \beta > -1$, $\alpha \ge -\frac{1}{2}$, $\alpha + \beta + 1 < 0$. From [7, (4.1.1)] and Stirling's formula, it follows that

(3)
$$P_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}(1) = \binom{n+\alpha}{n} \sim n^{\alpha}$$

and $h_k^{(\alpha,\beta)} \sim k$. Therefore to prove (2) it is sufficient to prove that

(4)
$$\sum_{k=n-m}^{n+m} k^{1+\alpha} m^{-\alpha} n^{-\alpha} \left| \int_{-1}^{1} P_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x) P_m^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x) P_k^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x) (1-x)^{\alpha} (1+x)^{\beta} dx \right| \le C,$$

$$n \ge m \ge 1.$$

where, as elsewhere, when k = 0 it is assumed that k^{α} is replaced by $(k+1)^{\alpha} = 1$. For $\alpha > -\frac{1}{2}$ the proof given in [2] works if we only consider \int_{0}^{1} . This is true since the behaviour of $P_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x)$ for $0 \leq x \leq 1$ and $\alpha \geq -\frac{1}{2}$ is almost completely controlled by the value of α . Thus for $\alpha > -\frac{1}{2}$ we may restrict ourselves to proving (4) with \int_{-1}^{1} replaced by \int_{-1}^{0} . The case $\alpha = -\frac{1}{2}$ will be handled later.

Using $P_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}(-x) = (-1)^n P_n^{(\beta,\alpha)}(x)$ and letting $x = \cos \theta$, we see that we must estimate

$$\sum_{k=n-m}^{n+m} k^{1+\alpha} m^{-\alpha} n^{-\alpha} \left| \int_0^{\pi/2} P_n^{(\beta,\alpha)}(\cos\theta) P_m^{(\beta,\alpha)}(\cos\theta) \cdot P_k^{(\beta,\alpha)}(\cos\theta)(\sin\frac{1}{2}\theta)^{2\beta+1}(\cos\frac{1}{2}\theta)^{2\alpha+1} d\theta \right|.$$

We will use the following properties of $P_n^{(\beta,\alpha)}(\cos\theta)$.

 $|P_n^{(\beta,\alpha)}(\cos\theta)| \leq An^{\beta}, \qquad 0 \leq \theta \leq n^{-1},$ (5)

(6)
$$|P_n^{(\beta,\alpha)}(\cos\theta)| \leq A n^{-\frac{1}{2}} \theta^{-\beta-\frac{1}{2}}, \qquad n^{-1} \leq \theta \leq \pi/2,$$

(7)
$$|P_n^{(\beta,\alpha)}(\cos\theta)| \leq An^{-\frac{1}{2}}, \qquad 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi/2.$$

These inequalities follow from [7, p. 169] since $\beta < -\frac{1}{2}$.

If m < n/2, then $k \sim n$ and using (5) and (7) we have the estimate

$$\sum_{k=n-m}^{n+m} k^{1+\alpha} m^{-\alpha} n^{-\alpha} \int_0^{1/n} n^\beta k^\beta m^{-\frac{1}{2}} \theta^{2\beta+1} d\theta = O(n^{-1} m^{\frac{1}{2}-\alpha}) = O(m^{-\frac{1}{2}-\alpha}) = O(1)$$

since $\alpha > -\frac{1}{2}$. If $n/2 \leq m \leq n$, then we use (5) and (7) again to obtain

$$\sum_{k=n-m}^{n+m} k^{1+\alpha} m^{-\alpha} n^{-\alpha} \int_0^{1/n} n^{\beta} k^{-\frac{1}{2}} m^{\beta} \theta^{2\beta+1} d\theta = O(n^{-\beta-\frac{3}{2}} m^{\beta-\alpha+1}) = O((m/n)^{\beta-\alpha+1} n^{-\frac{1}{2}-\alpha}).$$

This term is bounded since the restrictions $\alpha < 0$ and $\beta > -1$ imply that $\beta - \alpha + 1 > 0$. Next we integrate from 1/n to 1/m and use (5), (6), and (7) to obtain

$$\sum_{k=n-m}^{n+m} k^{1+\alpha} m^{-\alpha} n^{-\alpha} \int_{1/n}^{1/m} n^{-\frac{1}{2}} m^{\beta} k^{-\frac{1}{2}} \theta^{\beta+\frac{1}{2}} d\theta = O(m^{-\frac{1}{2}-\alpha}) = O(1).$$

We next integrate from 1/m to 1/k and use (5) and (6) to obtain

$$\sum_{k=n-m}^{n+m} k^{1+\alpha} m^{-\alpha} n^{-\alpha} \int_{1/m}^{1/k} n^{-\frac{1}{2}} m^{-\frac{1}{2}} k^{\beta} d\theta = O(m^{\frac{1}{2}-\alpha} n^{\beta-\frac{1}{2}}) = O((m/n)^{\frac{1}{2}-\alpha} n^{\beta-\alpha}) = O(1).$$

Observe that we only needed to estimate this integral if k < m. We are then left with

(8)
$$\sum_{k=n-m}^{n+m} k^{1+\alpha} m^{-\alpha} n^{-\alpha} \int_{\max(1/m,1/k)}^{\pi/2} P_n^{(\beta,\alpha)}(\cos\theta) \\ \cdot P_m^{(\beta,\alpha)}(\cos\theta) P_k^{(\beta,\alpha)}(\cos\theta) (\sin\frac{1}{2}\theta)^{2\beta+1} (\cos\frac{1}{2}\theta)^{2\alpha+1} d\theta.$$

Now we apply an asymptotic formula for $P_n^{(\beta,\alpha)}(\cos \theta)$. It suffices to use

(9)
$$(\sin \frac{1}{2}\theta)^{\beta+\frac{1}{2}} (\cos \frac{1}{2}\theta)^{\alpha+\frac{1}{2}} P_n^{(\beta,\alpha)} (\cos \theta)$$
$$= (\pi n)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cos(N\theta + \gamma) + O(n^{-\frac{3}{2}}\theta^{-1}), \qquad 1/n \leq \theta \leq \pi/2,$$

[7, Theorem 8.21.13] where $N = n + (\alpha + \beta + 1)/2$ and $\gamma = -(\beta + 1/2)\pi/2$. Using (9) in (8) leads to the estimation of

$$\sum_{k=n-m}^{n+m} k^{\alpha+\frac{1}{2}} m^{-\alpha-\frac{1}{2}} n^{-\alpha-\frac{1}{2}} \int_{\max(1/m,1/k)}^{\pi/2} \cos(N\theta + \gamma) \\ \cdot \cos(M\theta + \gamma) \cos(K\theta + \gamma) (\sin\frac{1}{2}\theta)^{-\beta-\frac{1}{2}} (\cos\frac{1}{2}\theta)^{-\alpha-\frac{1}{2}} d\theta \\ + \sum_{k=n-m}^{n+m} k^{\alpha+\frac{1}{2}} m^{-\alpha-\frac{1}{2}} n^{-\alpha-\frac{1}{2}} \int_{\max(1/m,1/k)}^{\pi/2} \theta^{-\beta-\frac{3}{2}} [m^{-1} + k^{-1}] d\theta.$$

The error terms are bounded by

$$\sum_{k=n-m}^{n+m} k^{\alpha+\frac{1}{2}} m^{-\alpha-\frac{1}{2}} n^{-\alpha-\frac{1}{2}} [m^{-1} + k^{-1}] = O(m^{-\alpha-\frac{1}{2}}) = O(1).$$

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Since $\beta < -\frac{1}{2}$, $(\sin \frac{1}{2}\theta)^{-\beta-\frac{1}{2}} (\cos \frac{1}{2}\theta)^{-\alpha-\frac{1}{2}} = g(\theta)$ is a bounded function of bounded variation for $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi/2$. The boundedness allows us to consider $\int_{0}^{\pi/2}$ (the same argument as for the error terms) and the bounded variation allows us to conclude that

$$\int_{0}^{\pi/2} \cos(N\theta + \gamma) \cos(M\theta + \gamma) \cos(K\theta + \gamma)g(\theta) \, d\theta = O\left(\frac{1}{|N \pm M \pm K|}\right)$$

This leads to the estimate

$$\sum_{k=n-m}^{n+m} k^{\alpha+\frac{1}{2}} m^{-\alpha-\frac{1}{2}} n^{-\alpha-\frac{1}{2}} |N \pm M \pm K|^{-1} = O\left(m^{-\alpha-\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{k=n-m}^{n+m} |N \pm M \pm K|^{-1}\right)$$
$$= O(m^{-\alpha-\frac{1}{2}} \log m) = O(1),$$

which completes the proof of (2) for $\alpha > -\frac{1}{2}, \alpha \ge \beta$.

For the remaining case $\alpha = -\frac{1}{2}$, $-1 < \beta < -\frac{1}{2}$, we use the following formula of Dougall which is given in [7, p. 390, Problem 84] for ultraspherical polynomials $P_n^{(\lambda)}(x)$.

(10)
$$\int_{-1}^{1} P_{k}^{(\lambda)}(x) P_{m}^{(\lambda)}(x) P_{n}^{(\lambda)}(x) (1-x^{2})^{\lambda-\frac{1}{2}} dx$$
$$= \frac{\alpha_{s-k}\alpha_{s-m}\alpha_{s-n}}{\alpha_{s}} \int_{-1}^{1} [P_{s}^{(\lambda)}(x)]^{2} (1-x^{2})^{\lambda-\frac{1}{2}} dx$$

for $\lambda > -\frac{1}{2}$, $\lambda \neq 0$, provided that k + m + n = 2s is even and a triangle with sides k, m, n exists, i.e., $|n - m| \leq k \leq n + m$. Here

$$\alpha_k = \binom{k+\lambda-1}{k} = \frac{(\lambda)_k}{k!} = \frac{\Gamma(k+\lambda)}{\Gamma(k+1)\Gamma(\lambda)}.$$

Using (1), (3), (10), $P_n^{(\lambda)}(1) = (2\lambda)_n/n!$, and $P_n^{(\lambda)}(x) = P_n^{(\alpha,\alpha)}(x) = P_n^{(\alpha,-\frac{1}{2})}(2x^2 - 1)$

$$\frac{P_{2n}^{(\lambda)}(x)}{P_{2n}^{(\lambda)}(1)} = \frac{P_{2n}^{(\alpha,\alpha)}(x)}{P_{2n}^{(\alpha,\alpha)}(1)} = \frac{P_n^{(\alpha,-\frac{1}{2})}(2x^2-1)}{P_n^{(\alpha,-\frac{1}{2})}(1)}$$
$$= (-1)^n \frac{P_n^{(-\frac{1}{2},\alpha)}(1-2x^2)}{P_n^{(\alpha,-\frac{1}{2})}(1)}, \ \lambda = \alpha + \frac{1}{2},$$

(see [7, pp. 59, 81]) we obtain, for $\alpha = -\frac{1}{2}$,

$$\xi(k,m,n) = \frac{A(\beta)(-1)^{n+m+k}(2n)!(2m)!(2k)!\Gamma(n+\beta+1)}{\Gamma(2n+2\beta+1)\Gamma(2m+2\beta+1)\Gamma(2k+2\beta+1)n!} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(m+\beta+1)\Gamma(k+\beta+1)\Gamma(k+m-n+\beta+\frac{1}{2})}{m!k!(k+m-n)!} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(k+n-m+\beta+\frac{1}{2})\Gamma(n+m-k+\beta+\frac{1}{2})\Gamma(n+m+k+2\beta+1)}{(k+n-m)!(n+m-k)!\Gamma(n+m+k+\beta+\frac{3}{2})},$$

where $A(\beta)$ is independent of k, m, n. Then using $\Gamma(n + a)/\Gamma(n + b) \sim n^{a-b}$ it is easy to see that

$$\sum_{k=n-m}^{n+m} |\xi(k,m,n)| h_k P_k^{(-\frac{1}{2},\beta)}(1) [P_n^{(-\frac{1}{2},\beta)}(1)P_m^{(-\frac{1}{2},\beta)}(1)]^{-1}$$

is bounded by

$$m^{\frac{1}{2}-\beta} \sum_{k=n-m}^{n+m} k^{\frac{1}{2}-\beta} [(k+m-n+1)(k+n-m+1)(n+m-k+1)]^{\beta-\frac{1}{2}} = O\left(m^{\frac{1}{2}-\beta} \sum_{k=n-m}^{n+m} [(k+m-n+1)(n+m-k+1)]^{\beta-\frac{1}{2}}\right) = O\left(\sum_{k=n-m}^{n} (k+m-n+1)^{\beta-\frac{1}{2}}\right) + O\left(\sum_{k=n}^{n+m} (n+m-k+1)^{\beta-\frac{1}{2}}\right) = O(1)$$

since $\beta < -\frac{1}{2}$. This concludes the proof of (2) for $\alpha \ge \beta$, $\alpha \ge -\frac{1}{2}$, and yields the following best possible result.

THEOREM 1. Let $R_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x) = P_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x)/P_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}(1)$ and

$$R_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x)R_m^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x) = \sum_{k=|n-m|}^{n+m} \mu(k,m,n)t(k)R_k^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x),$$

where

$$\mu(k, m, n) = \int_{-1}^{1} R_{n}^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x) R_{m}^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x) R_{k}^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x) (1 - x)^{\alpha} (1 + x)^{\beta} dx,$$
$$\frac{1}{t(k)} = \int_{-1}^{1} [R_{k}^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x)]^{2} (1 - x)^{\alpha} (1 + x)^{\beta} dx.$$

When $\alpha \geq \beta > -1$ and $\alpha \geq -\frac{1}{2}$, we have

$$\sum_{k=|n-m|}^{n+m} |\mu(k,m,n)|t(k) \leq C,$$

where C is independent of n and m, and if

$$\begin{aligned} ||a||_{1} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a(n)|t(n) < \infty, \qquad ||b||_{1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |b(n)|t(n) < \infty, \\ (a * b)(n) &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=|n-m|}^{n+m} a(k)b(m)\mu(k,m,n)t(k)t(m), \end{aligned}$$

then * is a commutative and associative operation and

$$||a * b||_1 \leq C||a||_1||b||_1.$$

If $\beta > \alpha > -1$ and $\beta \ge -\frac{1}{2}$, then we have similar results with $R_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x)$ replaced by $P_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x)/P_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}(-1)$.

Using the same argument given in [6] for $\alpha \ge \beta \ge -\frac{1}{2}$, we see that the maximal ideal space of this Banach algebra is isomorphic to the closed interval

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[-1, 1]. For the Fourier-Gelfand transform of a(n) see [4] and for results which are dual to those above see [5].

As was pointed out in [4], Theorem 1 fails for $-1 < \alpha, \beta < -\frac{1}{2}$. However, there is still a Banach algebra which can be defined for these values of α and β . Let c > 1 be a fixed real number and set

$$\gamma(k;m,n) = \frac{\xi(k,m,n)P_k^{(\alpha,\beta)}(c)}{P_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}(c)P_m^{(\alpha,\beta)}(c)}.$$

Then we will show that

$$\sum_{k=|n-m|}^{n+m} |\gamma(k;m,n)| h_k \leq A$$

for a constant A independent of n and m. Using

$$P_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}(c) \cong (c-1)^{-\alpha/2} (c+1)^{-\beta/2} \left[(c+1)^{\frac{1}{2}} + (c-1)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right]^{\alpha+\beta} \cdot (2\pi n)^{-\frac{1}{2}} (c^2-1)^{-\frac{1}{4}} \left[c + (c^2-1)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right]^{n+\frac{1}{2}}$$

[7, (8.21.9)], and $|P_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x)| = O(n^{-\frac{1}{2}})$, i.e. (7), we find from (1) that $\gamma(k; m, n) = O(k^{-1}d^{k-n-m}), \qquad d = c + (c^2 - 1)^{\frac{1}{2}} > 1;$

and thus

$$\sum_{k=|n-m|}^{n+m} |\gamma(k;m,n)| h_k = O\left(\sum_{k=|n-m|}^{n+m} d^{k-n-m}\right) = O(1).$$

In a standard fashion this leads to the following theorem.

THEOREM 2. Let $-1 < \alpha, \beta < -\frac{1}{2}$ and define $||a||_1 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a(n)|h_n$. If $||a||_1 < \infty$, $||b||_1 < \infty$, and

$$(a \# b)(n) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=|n-m|}^{n+m} a(k)b(m)\gamma(n;m,k)h_kh_m,$$

then # is a commutative and associative operation and

$$||a \# b||_1 \leq A ||a||_1 ||b||_1.$$

Also if

(11)
$$f(x) = \sum a(n) h_n P_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x) / P_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}(c),$$
$$g(x) = \sum b(n) h_n P_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x) / P_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}(c),$$

$$h(x) = \sum (a \# b)(n)h_n P_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x)/P_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}(c),$$

then

Following the argument in [6] we see that the Fourier-Gelfand transform of
$$a(n)$$
 is given by (11) and the maximal ideal space is isomorphic to the set of complex z for which

h(x) = f(x) g(x).

$$|z + (z^2 - 1)^{\frac{1}{2}}| \leq c + (c^2 - 1)^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

where $(z^2-1)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ is chosen so that $|z+(z^2-1)^{\frac{1}{2}}| \ge 1$. This is an ellipse with foci at ± 1 and the ends of its major axis at $z = \pm c$.

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