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Calendar of Events:

December 14-18, 2009
Brownian motion and random matrices - American Institute of Mathematics, Palo Alto, California
http://aimath.org/ARCC/workshops/brownianrmt.html

January 13-16, 2010
Joint Mathematics Meetings, San Francisco, California, USA
http://www.ams.org/amsmtgs/2124_intro.html

May 27-28, 2010
From A = B to Z = 60, a conference in honor of Doron Zeilberger's 60th birthday, Rutgers University, Piscataway, NJ, USA
http://math.rutgers.edu/events/Z60/
July 4-7, 2010
Seventh international conference on Lattice Path Combinatorics and Applications, Siena, Italy
http://www.unisi.it/eventi/lattice_path_2010

July 12-16, 2010
SIAM Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA
http://www.siam.org/meetings/an10/index.php

August 19-27, 2010
International Congress of Mathematicians, Hyderabad, India
http://www.icm2010.org.in/

September 17-19, 2010
Symmetry, Separation, Super-integrability and Special Functions (S4) Conference, in honor of Willard Miller on the occasion of his retirement, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, USA, 16.6 #1
http://math.umn.edu/conferences/s4/

Topic #1  ------------  OP-SF NET 16.6  ------------  November 15, 2009

From: Francisco Marcellán  pacomartc@ing.uc3m.es
Subject: Message from the Chair

During the 10th International Symposium on Orthogonal Polynomials, Special Functions and Applications held in Leuven, Belgium during July 20-24, 2009, we organized an informal meeting of the members of our SIAM Activity Group.

Francisco Marcellán, Peter Clarkson, and Diego Dominici, as Officers of the Activity Group, gave an overview of activities during the period January 2008-July 2009.

1. - We have around 140 members scattered about in more than 20 countries. A special emphasis on the attraction of people from developing countries would be welcome. In particular, there is an interesting and increasing activity in OPSFA in both Latin American and African countries, which can be strongly supported by us in order to share our expertise with them, both from a scientific and organizational approach. For example, the number of Tunisian mathematicians attending the Leuven Symposium was very impressive (18 people) and they offered the structure of some Tunisian universities for the organization of either a Summer School in 2011 or a version of the OPSFA Symposium in 2013. In Latin America, we should explore the opportunities offered by countries like Venezuela, where every year a Summer School in Mathematics is organized by the Venezuela Mathematical Association in Universidad de los Andes (Mérida) with a successful participation of postgraduate students (around 70 people).
2. - Concerning OP-SF NET, we asked people to send written reports about meetings related to our Activity Group. There is good and updated information in the Calendar of Events, but comments and remarks about how the meeting succeeded, both from a scientific and social point of view, are very important for our external visibility. Comments about books, monographs, and other contributions would also be welcome.

3. - SIAM does not offer serious financial support to our Activity Group despite our individual annual contributions. One of the reasons seems to be the small membership in comparison with other Activity Groups. In the SIAM Annual Meetings, neither Special Sessions nor Activity Group events are supported; everybody attending must pay registration fees and this discourages participation in such activities. When we asked the SIAM Officers about the possibility of receiving some financial support for our proposals, they told us that the normal way would be to apply to the US National Science Foundation.

4. - The role of an Activity Group can be enhanced by a SIAM Journal, but this is not our situation. SIAM Journal of Mathematical Analysis, our traditional connection with SIAM, changed its scope substantially several years ago to become a journal focused on Partial Differential Equations and Applied Mathematics with almost no contributions on OPSF. Hence, very few people working on our subject have been involved recently in the Editorial Board and thus we have not had real participation in Editorial activities inside SIAM. This is a very difficult situation whose solution seems to be unclear in the short term unless we decide to take another approach to the question. Some people suggested the possibility of promoting a SIAM journal with a closer relation to OPSFA.

5. - Most of the SIAM Activity Groups promote an Award/Prize to recognize excellent contributions to their thematic framework. Several years ago, we proposed a Gabor Szegö Award but the response from the SIAM Officers was not enthusiastic, based on the low financial contribution of our Group to the SIAM budget. So we cannot expect success on this front in the short term.

The participants were very disappointed with these assessments and many suggested starting a discussion about the future of our Group. OP-SF NET would be a natural place to receive inputs from our members and colleagues in order to make a decision during the coming year. In November 2010, a new Officer list must be elected. This will give all of us an opportunity to decide whether we have a future as a real SIAM Activity Group.

Francisco Marcellán, Chair
November 2009
From: OP-SF NET Editors  
Subject: Conference in honor or Willard Miller, Jr.

Symmetry, Separation, Super-integrability and Special Functions (S⁴) Conference  
School of Mathematics, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis MN, USA  
September 17-19, 2010  

Organizing committee:  
Ernie Kalnins, Niky Kamran, Pavel Winternitz, and Peter Olver  

This conference is in honor of Willard Miller, Jr., who will be retiring from the University of Minnesota. We will celebrate and honor Willard's career and his many wide-ranging research contributions.

Invited Speakers:  

- Dick Askey (University of Wisconsin)  
- Sergio Benenti (University of Torino, Italy)  
- Charles Boyer (University of New Mexico)  
- Peter Clarkson (University of Kent, UK)  
- Costas Daskoyannis (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece)  
- Roberto Floreanini (INFN, Trieste, Italy)  
- Mourad Ismail (University of Central Florida)  
- Tom Koornwinder (University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands)  
- Jonathan Kress (University of New South Wales, Australia)  
- Ray McLenaghan (University of Waterloo, Canada)  
- Anatoly Nikitin (Institute of Mathematics of National Academy of Sciences, Ukraine)  
- Frank Olver (University of Maryland)  
- Jiri Patera (Université de Montreal, Canada)  
- Stefan Rauch-Wojciechowski (Linköping University, Sweden)  
- George Pogosyan (Joint Institute for Nuclear Research, Russia)  
- Sarah Post (Université de Montreal, Canada)  
- Greg Reid (University of Western Ontario, Canada)  
- Dennis Stanton (University of Minnesota)  
- Alexander Turbiner (UNAM, Mexico)  
- Luc Vinet (Université de Montreal, Canada)  
- Bernardo Wolf (Cuernavaca, Mexico)  

Further details will be found at the web site  
http://math.umn.edu/conferences/s4/
Second Announcement

The seventh international conference on Lattice Path Combinatorics and Applications will take place at the Santa Chiara College of the University of Siena, Italy, from Sunday, July 4, 2010 to Wednesday, July 7, 2010.

Topics to be covered include (but are not limited to)

Lattice path enumeration
Plane Partitions
Young tableaux
$q$-calculus
Orthogonal polynomials
Random walks
Nonparametric statistical inference
Discrete distributions and urn models
Queueing theory
Analysis of algorithms
Graph Theory and Applications
Self-dual codes and unimodular lattices
Bijections between paths and other combinatoric structures

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Important Dates

March 31st, 2010: deadline for submission of extended abstracts
April 30th, 2010: communication of acceptance
May 15th, 2010: deadline for early registration and final version of extended abstract due
July 4th-7th, 2010: Lattice Path Combinatorics and Applications 2010

Further information

All important information concerning Lattice Path Combinatorics 2010 can be found on the conference web site at http://www.unisi.it/eventi/lattice_path_2010

Topic #4  ---------  OP-SF NET 16.6  ---------  November 15, 2009

From: OP-SF NET Editors
Subject: Proceedings of conference in honor of Walter Gautschi

Numerical Algorithms (vol 45, 2007, nos. 1-4) has published the proceedings of a conference in honor of Walter Gautschi. The editors are Stefano de Marchi, Michela Redivo-Zaglia and Marco Vianello. This was the first Dolomites Workshop on Constructive Approximation, held in Alba di Canazei, Italy in September 2006.


Topic #5  ---------  OP-SF NET 16.6  ---------  November 15, 2009

From: OP-SF NET Editors
Subject: Overview of Maratea conferences

At the site

www.dm.uniba.it/faat2009/abstracts/marateaconferences.pdf

you can find “The Maratea Conferences on Functional Analysis and Approximation Theory from 1989 to 2009 - an overview”. This gives very complete information, including programs, on this series of conferences.

If you are tired of coffee breaks in windowless corridors, check out the picture on page 39!
The following information is from the web site

**The H-Function**
Theory and Applications
Mathai, A.M., Saxena, Ram Kishore, Haubold, Hans J.
Springer-Verlag, 2010, XIV, 270 p., Hardcover, 99.95 Euro

**About this book**
The topics of special H-function and fractional calculus are currently undergoing rapid changes both in theory and application. Taking into account the latest research results, the authors delve into these topics as they relate to applications to problems in statistics, physics, and engineering, particularly in condensed matter physics, plasma physics, and astrophysics.

The book sets forth the definitions, contours, existence conditions, and particular cases for the H-function, then explores the properties and relationships among the Laplace, Fourier, Hankel, and other transforms. From here, the H-functions are utilized for applications in statistical distribution theory, structures of random variables, generalized distributions, Mathai’s pathway models, and versatile integrals. Functions of matrix argument are introduced with a focus on real-valued scalar functions when the matrices are real or Hermitian positive-definite. The text concludes with important recent applications to physical problems in reaction, diffusion, reaction-diffusion theory and statistics, and superstatistics. Generalized entropies as well as applications in astrophysics are dealt with.

Over the last few years, material in this book has been added to various courses and developed to meet the needs of scholars at the PhD level. All exercises in the book have been used to probe the knowledge and ability of mathematics, statistics, and physics to students and researchers.

Written for: Researchers and graduate students applying fractional calculus to problems in astrophysics, math, statistics, and engineering

**Keywords:**
- Disordered systems
- Dynamical systems theory
- Fractional calculus
- Mathai pathway models
- Reaction diffusion applied mathematics
- Stochastic theory
- applications H-functions
- applied mathematics
- statistical distribution applications
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**Topic #7**  ---------  **OP-SF NET 16.5**  ---------  **September 15, 2009**

From: OP-SF NET Editors
Subject: ICM speakers - addendum

In our most recent issue (OP-SF NET 16.5, Topic #7), Tom Koornwinder mentioned that Arno Kuijlaars, Alexander Its, Fedor Nazarov and Alexei Borodin will be invited sectional speakers at ICM (International Congress of Mathematicians), Hyderabad, India, August 19-27, 2010. He informs us that he forgot to mention that Eric Rains will speak in the combinatorics section.


**Topic #8**  ---------  **OP-SF NET 16.6**  ---------  **November 15, 2009**

From: Tom Koornwinder
Subject: Passings of Gel'fand and Gohberg


Gohberg was a very broad and productive analyst, in particular in operator theory. But his work touches on orthogonal polynomials. As a student of Krein, some of his work dealt with Krein's matrix-valued orthogonal polynomials. Gohberg concentrated on the case of the unit circle and with indefinite inner product. See some of the chapters in I. Gohberg, P. Lancaster and L. Rodman, "Indefinite linear algebra and applications", Birkhäuser, 2005. For more information on Gohberg, see [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israel_Gohberg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israel_Gohberg)
MathSciNet has a new feature with Citations. Apart from Author Citations and Journal Citations, three other choices are now possible. In particular, one may choose: Search by Subject. Then choose for Subject Classification 33 and click on Search. With Publication Type "All", the top ten turn out to be books, with Andrews-Askey-Roy first and Gasper & Rahman (1990) second. But Andrews-Askey-Roy is beaten by the sum of Gasper & Rahman (1990) and Gasper & Rahman (2004). Gasper & Rahman, in their turn, are beaten by the sum of Watson, Bessel functions (1944) and idem (1995).

With Publication Type "Journals", Charles Dunkl is the winner with the paper that introduced the Dunkl operators: "Differential-difference operators associated to reflection groups", Trans. Amer. Math. Soc. 311 (1989), 167-183. (By the way, this high score is not the merit of the review, since the late Waleed Al-Salam only provided an author's summary.) Eric Opdam is second with his paper "Harmonic analysis for certain representations of graded Hecke algebras", Acta Math. 175 (1995), 75-121. It is remarkable that 6 papers in the top ten deal with special functions associated with root systems.

It should be borne in mind that MathSci Net did not begin to systematically include full bibliographies with reviews until about 2000. To that extent some of the older items are under-valued in these comparisons.

The following preprints related to the fields of orthogonal polynomials and special functions were posted or cross-listed to one of the subcategories of arXiv.org mostly during September and October 2009.

http://arxiv.org/abs/0909.1286
New hypergeometric series solutions to the general Heun equation
Authors: R. Sokhoyan, D. Melikdzanian, A. Ishkhanyan

Special Functions: Integral properties of Jack polynomials, hypergeometric functions and invariant polynomials
Authors: Jose A. Diaz-Garcia
On the regulator of Fermat motives and generalized hypergeometric functions
Authors: Noriyuki Otsubo

An elliptic hypergeometric integral with $W(F_4)$ symmetry
Authors: Fokko J. van de Bult

An invariance group for a linear combination of two Saalschützian $\text{}_{4}F_{3}(1)$ hypergeometric series
Authors: Ilia D. Mishev

Dyson’s constant for the hypergeometric kernel
Authors: O. Lisovyy

General transformations between the Heun and Gauss hypergeometric functions
Authors: Galina Filipuk, Raimundas Vidunas

Higher order matching polynomials and d-orthogonality
Authors: Dan Drake

Polynomials with no zeros on the bidisk
Authors: Greg Knese

Uniform Asymptotics for Discrete Orthogonal Polynomials with Respect to Varying Exponential Weights on a Regular Infinite Lattice
Authors: Pavel Bleher, Karl Liechty

Large Degree Asymptotics of Generalized Bernoulli and Euler Polynomials
Authors: Jose Luis Lopez, Nico M. Temme

Infinitely many shape invariant discrete quantum mechanical systems and new exceptional orthogonal polynomials related to the Wilson and Askey-Wilson polynomials
Authors: Satoru Odake, Ryu Sasaki

Meixner polynomials of the second kind and quantum algebras representing $\text{su}(1,1)$
Authors: Gábor Hetyei
http://arxiv.org/abs/0909.5512
Shifted Jacobi polynomials and Delannoy numbers
Authors: Gábor Hetyei

http://arxiv.org/abs/0909.5581
Hankel determinants of generalized q-exponential polynomials
Authors: Johann Cigler

http://arxiv.org/abs/0909.5626
The global parametrix in the Riemann-Hilbert steepest descent analysis for orthogonal polynomials
Authors: Arno Kuijlaars, Man Yue Mo

http://arxiv.org/abs/0909.0617
Asymptotics for a generalization of Hermite polynomials
Authors: M. Alfaro, J.J. Moreno-Balcazar, A. Pena, M.L. Rezola

http://arxiv.org/abs/0909.0619
Orthogonal polynomials associated with an inverse quadratic spectral transform
Authors: M. Alfaro, F. Marcellan, A. Pena, M.L. Rezola

http://arxiv.org/abs/0909.0684
Iterated Bernstein polynomial approximations
Authors: Zhong Guan

http://arxiv.org/abs/0909.0979
Exponential Polynomials, Stirling Numbers, and Evaluation of Some Gamma Integrals
Authors: Khristo N. Boyadzhiev

http://arxiv.org/abs/0909.0995
Coefficients of cyclotomic polynomials
Authors: Pingzhi Yuan

Orthogonal Polynomials with Respect to Self-Similar Measures
Authors: Steven M. Heilman, Philip Owrutsky, Robert S. Strichartz

http://arxiv.org/abs/0910.0987
Symmetry properties of the generalized higher-order Euler polynomials
Authors: Taekyun Kim

http://arxiv.org/abs/0910.1746
An Operator Approach to the Al-Salam-Carlitz Polynomials
Authors: William Y. C. Chen, Husam L. Saad, Lisa H. Sun

http://arxiv.org/abs/0910.1788
Strong asymptotics for Bergman polynomials over domains with corners
Authors: Nikos Stylianopoulos
http://arxiv.org/abs/0910.1858
Tableaux combinatorics for the asymmetric exclusion process and Askey-Wilson polynomials
Authors: Sylvie Corteel, Lauren Williams

On the coefficients of the cyclotomic polynomials of order three
Authors: Jia Zhao, Xianke Zhang

http://arxiv.org/abs/0910.3809
Spreading lengths of Hermite polynomials
Authors: P. Sánchez- Moreno, J.S. Dehesa, D. Manzano, R. Yáñez

http://arxiv.org/abs/0910.4041
A high order $q$-difference equation for $q$-Hahn multiple orthogonal polynomials
Authors: Jorge Arvesú Carballo, Chiara Esposito

http://arxiv.org/abs/0910.4188
Entropic functionals of Laguerre polynomials and complexity properties of the half-line Coulomb potential
Authors: P. Sanchez- Moreno, JJ. Omiste, J.S. Dehesa

http://arxiv.org/abs/0910.4223
On the norms and roots of orthogonal polynomials in the plane and $L^p$-optimal polynomials with respect to varying weights
Authors: F. Balogh, M. Bertola

http://arxiv.org/abs/0910.4673
A remark about positive polynomials
Authors: Olga M. Katkova, Anna M. Vishnyakova

http://arxiv.org/abs/0910.4715
Some differentiation formulas for Legendre polynomials
Authors: Radoslaw Szmytkowski

A spectral method based on $(0,2)$ Jacobi polynomials. Application to Poisson problems in a sphere
Authors: Cornou Jean-Louis, Bonazzola Silvano

http://arxiv.org/abs/0910.1209
Exceptional orthogonal polynomials and exactly solvable potentials in position dependent mass Schroedinger Hamiltonians
Authors: Bikashkali Midya, Barnana Roy

http://arxiv.org/abs/0909.3682
An Inequality for Ratios of Gamma Functions
Authors: Yaming Yu
Some conjectures on the zeros of approximates to the Riemann $\Xi$-function and incomplete gamma functions
Authors: J. Haglund

Modified zeta functions as kernels of integral operators
Authors: Jan-Fredrik Olsen

Fermi-Dirac integrals in terms of Zeta Functions
Authors: Michael Morales

Fractions de Bernoulli-Carlitz et opérateurs q-Zeta
Authors: Frédéric Chapoton (ICJ)

On the correlation of shifted values of the Riemann zeta function
Authors: Vorrapan Chandee

A note on the gaps between consecutive zeros of the Riemann zeta-function
Authors: H. M. Bui, M. B. Milinovich, N. Ng

The monodromy conjecture for zeta functions associated to ideals in dimension two
Authors: Lise Van Proeyen, Willem Veys

An Euler-type formula for the Dirichlet beta function at even values and an exact closed-form expression for a class of rational zeta series
Authors: F. M. S. Lima

Functional determinants, generalized BTZ geometries and Selberg zeta function
Authors: R Aros, D E Diaz

Comment on the orthogonality of the Macdonald functions of imaginary order
Authors: Radoslaw Szmytkowski, Sebastian Bielski

An orthogonality relation for the Whittaker functions of the second kind of imaginary order
Authors: Radoslaw Szmytkowski, Sebastian Bielski
Vector interpretation of the matrix orthogonality on the real line
Authors: A. Branquinho, F. Marcellán, A. Mendes

On rational functions orthogonal to all powers of a given rational function on a curve
Authors: F. Pakovich

The Plane Wave Expansion, Infinite Integrals and Identities involving Spherical Bessel Functions
Authors: Rami Mehrem

On the Computation and Applications of Bessel Functions with Pure Imaginary Indices
Authors: A. A. Matyshev, E. Fohtung

A note on the generalized q-Euler numbers(2)
Authors: Kyoung-Ho Park, Young-Hee Kim, Taekyun Kim

Some congruences involving central q-binomial coefficients
Authors: Victor J. W. Guo, Jiang Zeng

Combinatorial Identities Involving the Mobius Function
Authors: Mohamed El bachraoui, Mohamed Salim

Failed attempt to disproof the Riemann Hypothesis
Authors: Marek Wolf

A nonlinear stationary phase method for oscillatory Riemann-Hilbert problems
Authors: Yen Do

New solutions of Heun general equation
Authors: Artur Ishkhanyan, Kalle-Antti Suominen

Incomplete beta-function expansions of the solutions to the confluent Heun equation
Authors: Artur Ishkhanyan
From: OP-SF NET Editors  
Subject: About the Activity Group

The SIAM Activity Group on Orthogonal Polynomials and Special Functions consists of a broad set of mathematicians, both pure and applied. The Group also includes engineers and scientists, students as well as experts. We have around 140 members scattered about in more than 20 countries. Whatever your specialty might be, we welcome your participation in this classical, and yet modern, topic. Our WWW home page is:


This is a convenient point of entry to all the services provided by the Group. Our Webmaster is Bonita Saunders (bonita.saunders@nist.gov).

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Finally, the Activity Group operates an email discussion group, called OP-SF Talk. To subscribe, send the email message

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http://math.nist.gov/opsftalk/archive

Topic #12 --------- OP-SF NET 16.6 --------- November 15, 2009

From: OP-SF NET Editors
Subject: Submitting contributions to OP-SF NET

To contribute a news item to OP-SF NET, send email to poly@siam.org with a copy to one of the OP-SF Editors dominicd@newpaltz.edu or muldoon@yorku.ca. Contributions to OP-SF NET 17.1 should be sent by January 1, 2010.

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