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August 8-12, 2022

OPSF-S9: Radboud OPSFA Summer School Nijmegen, The Netherlands https://www.ru.nl/radboudsummerschool/courses/2022/opsfa-summer-school/

October 22-23 (Saturday-Sunday), 2022

2022 Fall Western Sectional Meeting, American Mathematical Society, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT. Associate Secretary for the AMS Scientific Program: Michelle A. Manes, <u>mmanes@math.hawaii.edu</u>.

AMS Special Session on Hypergeometric Functions and q-Series, Organized by Howard Cohl, Robert Maier and Roberto S. Costas-Santos, http://www.ams.org/meetings/sectional/2295_progfull.html

April 1-2 (Saturday-Sunday), 2023

2023 Spring Eastern Virtual Sectional Meeting, American Mathematical Society, Associate Secretary for the AMS Scientific Program: Steven H. Weintraub, shw2@lehigh.edu.

AMS Special Session on Hypergeometric functions, q-Series and Adjacent Topics, Organized by Howard Cohl, Robert Maier and Roberto S. Costas-Santos, http://www.ams.org/meetings/sectional/2305_progfull.html

Topic #1 _____ OP - SF Net 29.4 _____ July 15, 2022

From: Peter Clarkson (P.A.Clarkson@kent.ac.uk) Subject: Announcement: Expression of interest in hosting OPSFA17

The next International Symposium on Orthogonal Polynomials, Special Functions and Applications (OPSFA17) is due to be held in 2024. As chair of OPSFA Steering committee, I am seeking expressions of interest in hosting OPSFA17. These should be sent to P.A.Clarkson@kent.ac.uk by August 31, 2022.

Topic #2 _____ OP - SF Net 29.4 _____ July 15, 2022

From: Eric Mortenson (etmortenson@gmail.com) Subject: Announcement: Ramanujan and Euler: partitions, mock theta functions, *q*-series

This is to announce that there will be an online conference held on 18–22 July, 2022 entitled, "Ramanujan and Euler: partitions, mock theta functions, *q*-series." The invited speakers will be Bruce Berndt, George Andrews, Nikolay Vavilov, Jeremy Lovejoy, Amanda Folsom, Walter Bridges and Ali Uncu. The conference/school website is http://ramanujaneuler.tilda.ws. You can register for the conference/school on that website.

A description of the conference/school is now presented. Partitions is a branch of number theory initiated by Leonard Euler. After Euler the subject has been developed by many mathematicians such as Gauss, Jacobi, Schur, MacMahon, Hardy, Ramanujan, Andrews, Ono, etc. Mock theta functions,

an important variants of theta functions, were discovered by the Indian mathematician Ramanujan in the early 20^{th} century. The field of partitions is a proving ground where one tests the latest techniques from *q*-series and (mock) modularity. The topics of the conferences include but are not limited to the latest developments in *q*-series, partitions, modular forms, mock modular forms, and quantum modular forms.

Topic #3 _____ OP - SF Net 29.4 _____ July 15, 2022

From: Robert Maier (rsm@math.arizona.edu), Howard S. Cohl (howard.cohl@nist.gov) and Roberto S. Costas-Santos (rscosa@gmail.com) Subject: Announcement: AMS Special Session: Hypergeometric Functions, *q*-Series and Adjacent Topics

For those of you who didn't speak in our OPSFA-16 mini-symposium, we would like to invite you to speak in an AMS Special Session on the same topic that we are organizing. This special session will be held at the in-person 2022 Fall Western Sectional Meeting of the American Mathematical Society (October 22–23, 2022, Saturday–Sunday), University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA. It is titled *Hypergeometric Functions, q-Series and Adjacent Topics*. Regarding this AMS Fall Sectional Meeting, note that we have no travel funds.

In conjunction with our minisymposium at OPSFA-16, this sectional meeting, and a Special Session we are organizing at the AMS Spring Eastern Virtual Sectional Meeting (April 1–2, 2023), we are organizing a Contemporary Mathematics (CONM) Proceedings entitled "Hypergeometric functions, q-Series and Adjacent Topics". We invite you to join us at either of these special sessions and submit a paper for our CONM proceedings. Although we have already received some submissions, the deadline for submitting manuscripts for the Contemporary Mathematics Proceedings will be immediately after the April 1-2, 2023 meeting. For these submissions, CONM is interested in contributions that aren't directed only to a small audience, i.e., ones that might be useful to people newly interested in the field, graduate students, etc. So, it would be a good idea for everyone interested to include background information, citations to classical and modern monographs in addition to recent technical papers, etc. In mathematics journals long bibliographies are sometimes frowned on, but that wouldn't be the case here. In fact, including one or more manuscripts that have a certain expository element, even if it's only summarizing previous work by the author or collaborators, would be reasonable. The AMS Publications Committee would probably like that. Also, each contribution should be a full paper (no "extended abstracts"), but it could be more discursive than a cutting-edge technical paper usually is. For instance, it could spend a lot of time working out the technical details of one or more examples, in addition to including one or more related theorems. Traditionally, proceedings articles, even refereed ones in mathematics, have more leeway that way.

Topic #4 _____ OP - SF Net 29.4 _____ July 15, 2022

From: Tom Koornwinder (thkmath@xs4all.nl) Subject: Announcement: Liz Askey travel diaries now available

The travel diaries about Dick and Liz Askey's trip to U.S.S.R., Japan, Australia and India during September 1987 – January 1988, written by Liz Askey, are now available in edited form and with explanatory notes. See https://staff.fnwi.uva.nl/t.h.koornwinder/specfun/#DickAskey.

Topic #5 _____ OP - SF Net 29.4 _____ July 15, 2022

From: Andrei Martínez-Finkelshtein (A_Martinez-Finkelshtein@baylor.edu) Subject: Announcement: Postdoctoral Position at Baylor University, Waco, Texas

Baylor University seeks a postdoctoral fellow in Mathematics to start in August 2023. Applications received by November 1, 2022, will receive full consideration. Details for this position can be found at: https://www.mathjobs.org/jobs/list/20228

This position is on a renewable twelve-month contract potentially leading to a maximum appointment of three years. Special consideration will be given to applicants with interests aligned with areas of research in the department that include algebra, analysis, applied/computational mathematics, differential equations, mathematical physics, numerical analysis, representation theory, and topology, with potential interdisciplinary applications.

Located in Waco, Texas, Baylor University is the oldest college in Texas. With a population of around 21,000 students, Baylor is one of the top universities in the nation, having just been named an R1 institution by the Carnegie Classification in 2022. Baylor is also on the honor roll of the "Great Colleges to Work For" from The Chronicle of Higher Education. Baylor offers competitive salaries and benefits while giving faculty and staff the chance to live in one of the fastest-growing parts of the state. Our strategic plan, Illuminate, guides the University as we continue to live up to Baylor's mission of educating men and women for worldwide leadership and service by integrating academic excellence and Christian commitment within a caring community.

Baylor University is a private not-for-profit university affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas. As an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer, Baylor is committed to compliance with all applicable anti-discrimination laws, including those regarding age, race, color, sex, national origin, pregnancy status, military service, genetic information, and disability. As a religious educational institution, Baylor is lawfully permitted to consider an applicant's religion as a selection criterion. Baylor encourages women, minorities, veterans, and individuals with disabilities to apply.

Application Materials Required:

Submit the following items online at this website to complete your application:

- Cover letter
- Curriculum Vitae
- Research statement
- Teaching statement
- Publication list
- Support of Baylor's mission
- Copy of Official highest degree transcript (required for finalists)
- Latest doctoral transcripts
- Statement indicating Ignite supplemental information submitted
- Reference letter (to be submitted online by the reference writers at this site help popup)

And anything else requested in the position description.

Further Info: http://www.baylor.edu/math/

Postdoctoral Search Committee A_Martinez-Finkelshtein@baylor.edu.

Topic #6 _____ OP - SF Net 29.4 _____ July 15, 2022

From: Tom Koornwinder (thkmath@xs4all.nl) Subject: Congratulations to 2022 Fields Medalist Maryna Viazovska

The OPSF community congratulates Maryna Viazovska on her 2022 Fields Medal "for the proof that the E_8 lattice provides the densest packing of identical spheres in 8 dimensions, and further contributions to related extremal problems and interpolation problems in Fourier analysis". Her work uses techniques which touch to special functions. Actually, she gave a contributed talk "On optimal asymptotic bounds for spherical *t*-designs" at OPSFA-11, Madrid, Spain, 2011. Maryna Viazovska originates from Ukraine; she studied in Kiev. She is full professor and Chair of Number Theory at the Institute of Mathematics of the École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Topic #7 _____ OP - SF Net 29.4 _____ July 15, 2022

From: Andrei Martínez-Finkelshtein (A_Martinez-Finkelshtein@baylor.edu) and Fritz Gesztesy (Fritz_Gesztesy@baylor.edu) Subject: Report by Gesztesy, Martínez-Finkelshtein: Baylor Analysis Fest in Waco, Texas



Figure 1: Lance Littlejohn.

The Baylor Analysis Fest, "From Operator Theory to Orthogonal Polynomials, Combinatorics, and Number Theory," took place during the period May 23–27, 2022, having been delayed from its original date in May of 2020 due to the pandemic. The conference was organized around various topics of Analysis, such as Operator and Spectral Theory, Special Functions, and Orthogonal Polynomials, and their connections with Combinatorics, Probability Theory, and Number Theory. We also celebrated Lance Littlejohn's accomplishments in mathematics and in building the Mathematics Department at Baylor University for well over a decade.

The conference was organized in a hybrid format and brought together more than 130 researchers from all continents except Antarctica.

The plenary speakers were:

- George E. Andrews (Pennsylvania State University), *Chebyshev polynomials and compositions*;
- David Damanik (Rice University), Quantum states in random environments;
- Lance L. Littlejohn (Baylor University), A Survey of left-definite operator theory with applications to orthogonal polynomials;
- Ken Ono (University of Virginia), AGM and jellyfish swarms of elliptic curves;
- Barry Simon (California Institute of Technology), A tale of three coauthors: comparison of Ising models.



Figure 2: Photo of conference attendees.

We also had more than 30 contributed talks, some of them online, a considerable portion by young researchers, including graduate students. Fortunately, the technology worked well, and no serious glitches prevented the audience, both distant and in person, to enjoy the lectures and the discussions.

The social program included an excursion to the Waco Mammoth National Monument.

The conference was sponsored by several organizations, such as the NSF, the Simons Foundation, as well as Baylor University.

More details, pdfs of talks, and video recordings of the lectures can be found at the conference site: http://www.baylor.edu/math/conference.

Fritz Gesztesy and Andrei Martínez-Finkelshtein (organizers)

Topic #8 _____ OP – SF Net 29.4 _____ July 15, 2022

From: Sarah Post (spost@hawaii.edu) Subject: Report by **Post**: OPSFA-16 Plenary Talks Organized by the Centre de Recherches Mathématiques of Montréal (CRM), the 16th International Symposium on Orthogonal Polynomials, Special Functions and Applications took place virtually from June 13 to 17, 2022. Nearly 200 participants attended the Symposium at various times throughout the week. The scientific organizing committee brought in a group of plenary speakers who, as a group, summarized the current state of research in OPSF.

The Symposium is an event of the SIAM activity group on orthogonal polynomials and special functions, which also awards the Gábor Szegő Prize every two years to an early-career researcher for outstanding research contributions in the area of orthogonal polynomials and special functions. The Gábor Szegő Prize was awarded to Dr. Atul Dixit for his impressive scientific work solving problems related to number theory using special functions, and in particular, research related to the works of Ramanujan. He gave a plenary talk at OPSFA-16 in celebration of this prize he was awarded.

The list of plenary talks for OPSFA-16 are given below:

- Masahito Hayashi, Nagoya University, Nagoya, Aichi, Japan *Special functions in quantum statistical estimation*;
- Stefan Kolb, Newcastle University, Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom *Quantum symmetric pairs in bivariate continuous q*-Hermite polynomials;
- Beatrice Pelloni, Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, United Kingdom *Revivals and Special Functions*;
- Hjalmar Rosengren, Chalmers University of Technology and University of Gothenburg, Gothenburg, Sweden On the Kanade-Russell identities;
- Peter Paule, Johannes Kepler University, Linz, Austria Holonomic functions and modular forms: an algorithmic bridge;
- Rinat Kedem, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL, USA *Koornwinder operators and integrability of quantum Q-systems*;
- Nalani Joshi, University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia *Motion, monodromy and q-Riemann Hilbert problems*;
- Tamara Grava, University of Bristol, Bristol, UK The Stieltjes-Fekete problem and degenerate orthogonal polynomials;
- Alexei Zhedanov, Renmin University of China, Beijing, China From cyclotomic polynomials to polynomials orthogonal on the unit circle;
- Robert Milson, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada *Classical and exceptional orthogonal polynomials*;
- Anne Schilling, University of California Davis, Davis, CA, USA *Pllthysm and the algebra of uniform block permutations*;
- Luis Velázquez, Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, IL, USA Orthogonal polynomials and quantum walks: Schur connections;
- Atul Dixit, Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar, Palaj, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India *Generalized Lambert series*.

Topic #9 _____ OP - SF Net 29.4 _____ July 15, 2022

From: Luc Vinet (luc.vinet@umontreal.ca) Subject: Report by Vinet: OPSFA-16: Askey Day

The special day organized in memory of Richard Askey was certainly memorable. The nine speakers in this Memorial day were able by their presentation to make us travel in time and thus allow us to relive the life of Dick. (Paul Nevai had to cancel his presentation because of a local power outage due to a storm in Ohio, but you will be able to see the slides of his intended presentation on the upcoming website which will be announced). The originally scheduled Askey Day talks were:

- Jacob Stordal Christiansen How to compute;
- Kathy Driver Zeros of Jacobi Polynomials;
- Warren Johnson Notes on the Lagrange inversion formula;
- Tom H. Koornwinder Dick and Liz Askey's world trip in the fall of 1987;
- George Andrews Dick Askey in India;
- Dennis Stanton The Askey scheme and Askey-Wilson polynomials;
- Charles Dunkl 58 years of special functions and harmonic analysis : Askey as a nucleus of activity;
- Donald Richards Reminiscences of Richard Askey;
- Paul Nevai Those were the days;
- Shaun Cooper What I learned from being a student of Askey.

The testimonials of all the actors of this day—which included heartwarming remembrances by Dick's daughter Suzanne Askey and also by Mourad Ismail—demonstrated to what extent Dick was a very great mathematician but also a caring, warm and generous person of his time and knowledge. A web page will be set up in the coming weeks by the CRM which will include presentations and photos in order to remember this great researcher. Thank you to all those who made this day a great success, especially Howard Cohl (NIST) and Mourad E. H. Ismail (University of Central Florida).

Comment by H.S. Cohl (with input from Mourad E.H. Ismail): One point which I would like to mention about Dick is that the prevailing feeling, and almost everyone who met him knows this, is that it is widely acknowledged that Askey's knowledge and familiarity with the literature and the works and methods of the mathematical greats was encyclopedic. To be in contact with him was a humbling experience as he was a teacher and mathematician of great magnitude. This was something that you quickly learned and benefited from if you were ever lucky enough to speak with him.

Topic #10 _____ OP – SF Net 29.4 _____ July 15, 2022

From: OP-SF Net Editors Subject: OPSFA-16 Minisymposium Reports

In the following subsections we present a collection of reports on the minisymposia which were held at the 16th International Symposium on Orthogonal Polynomials, Special Functions and Applications. There were a total of seven minisymposia plus a general session and a Ph.D. student and postdoctoral fellow minisymposium. We will not present reports on the last two minisymposia, but we now present below reports on the other minisymposia.

From: Paco Marcellán (pacomarc@ing.uc3m.es) and Juan José Moreno-Balcázar (balcazar@ual.es) Subject: OPSFA-16 Minisymposium on Orthogonal Polynomials and Sobolev spaces

The aim of the minisymposium on *Orthogonal polynomials in Sobolev spaces and related topics* was to share some recent trends on this domain. Following the nice experience of the previous OPSFA in Hagenberg, Paco Marcellán (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid) and Juan José Moreno-Balcázar (Universidad de Almería) were in charge of its organization. Structured in three sessions, the contributions were focused on the following topics:

- Analytic properties of Sobolev Orthogonal polynomials on the unit circle (F. Bracciali) and the unit disk (M. Piñar);
- Coherent pairs of measures in the one dimensional case (A. Sri Ranga) and in the matrix case (L. E. Garza) in order to generate families of Sobolev orthogonal polynomials associated with such pairs of measures;
- Sobolev Orthogonal in several variables and their relation with spectral theory of second order partial differential equations (H. Dueñas and M. Marriaga) from a constructive point of view;
- Sobolev-type orthogonal polynomials associated with different ladder operators and the analysis of the corresponding second order differential /difference holonomic equations were studied in the communications by J. F. Mañas and M. N. Rebocho;
- L. L. Littlejohn introduced an interesting approach to one dimensional Krein Laplacian selfadjoint operators and Krein Sobolev sequences of orthogonal polynomials in the framework of discrete-continuous Sobolev inner products;
- The bispectrality of Jacobi type polynomials, which are eigenfunctions of higher-order differential operators, was discussed by (M. D. de la Iglesia);
- Specific Sobolev-type inner products of discrete-continuous case have been presented by M. Sultanakhmedov and their applications in Fourier series and initial value problems for ordinary differential and difference equations related to classical orthogonal polynomials are discussed;
- Pencils of difference and differential operators which appear in a natural way in Sobolev orthogonal polynomials were analyzed in the communication by S. Zagorodnyuk;
- Taking into account the role of semiclassical families of orthogonal polynomials in the Sobolev framework, some illustrative examples were analyzed in the presentation by G. Filipuk where the connection with Painlevé equations was emphasized. Other families of polynomials defined via the generating function are presented by Y. Quintana including a matrix-inversion formula.

The online presentations were done in a friendly atmosphere and some fruitful discussions were implemented.

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From: Dennis Stanton (stant001@umn.edu) Subject: OPSFA-16 Minisymposium on Combinatorics of Special Functions

The minisymposium in combinatorics featured 6 talks, 5 on symmetric functions and representation theory, and one on algebraic graph theory. Three were by Jennifer Morse, Marino Romero, and Donghyun Kim on Macdonald polynomials, the shuffle conjecture, and LLT polynomials. Anna Weigandt gave relations for the multiplication coefficients for Schubert polynomials, and Mike Zabrocki spoke about a new connection between characters and a basis for symmetric functions. Paul Terwilliger spoke about compatible pairs of Leonard pair parameters. From: Masahito Hayashi (hayashi@sustech.edu.cn)

Subject: OPSFA-16 Minisymposium on OPSF to Quantum Information

In OPSFA-16, I (Masahito Hayashi) have organized minisymposium, "Application of orthogonal polynomials and special functions to quantum information" on 16th and 17th of June 2022 via online. This minisymposium covers various topics across the group symmetry and quantum information. The following is list of the talks in this minisymposium,

- Programming quantum gates, Giulio Chiribella
- Nonexistence of *s*-distance 2*s*-designs on projective unitary groups, Ziqing Xiang
- A discrete probability distribution expressed by Racah polynomial from Schur-Weyl duality, Shintarou Yanagida
- Representation matching for remote quantum computing, Yuxiang Yang
- Clifford group and *t*-designs, Huangjun Zhu
- Tensors: rank, entropy and entanglement, Matthias Christandl
- Learning and testing quantum states, John Wright

t-design is useful tool in quantum information, and has a deep relation with group symmetry. Two speakers, Ziqing Xiang and Huangjun Zhu addressed this topic. Giulio Chiribella and Yuxiang Yang presented results to show how group representation theory works in quantum information processing. Shintarou Yanagida presented how Racah polynomial is generated from Schur-Weyl duality in the relation with quantum information. John Wright discussed learning and testing quantum states by using Schur-Weyl duality. Matthias Christandl discussed the relation of tensor rank with entropy and entanglement. These contents show the importance of use of group symmetry in quantum information. Speakers and participants could actively discussed each other during this minisymposium.

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From: Kerstin Jordaan (jordakh@unisa.ac.za) and Peter Clarkson (P.A.Clarkson@kent.ac.uk) Subject: OPSFA-16 Minisymposium on Integrable Systems and OPSF

The mini-symposium on "Integrable Systems, Orthogonal Polynomials and Special Functions", organised by Peter Clarkson and Kerstin Jordaan, comprised of 16 contributed talks over one morning and two afternoon sessions. The theme of the mini-symposium, nicely summarised in its title, was around a selection of areas highlighting the relationship between integrable systems, in particular the Painlevé equations and discrete Painlevé equations, special functions and orthogonal polynomials from both numerical and analytical perspectives. Presentations included contributions on important developments as well as recent results and open problems in the area. The speakers, in order of speaking, were:

- Thomas Bothner The complex elliptic Ginibre ensemble at weak non-Hermiticity;
- Peter Clarkson Classical solutions of the fifth Painlevé equation;
- Clare Dunning On rational solutions of Painlevé equations;
- Robert Buckingham A Riemann-Hilbert approach for algebraic solutions of the Painlevé-III (D7) equation;

- Pieter Roffelsen On *q*-Painlevé VI, singular Segre surfaces and orthogonal polynomials;
- Marco Bertola The Padé problem on Riemann surfaces and matrix orthogonal polynomials;
- Peter Miller The Maxwell-Blach system in the sharp-line limit;
- Nicholas Witte Gap probabilities for the Bures–Hall ensemble and deformed Cauchy–Laguerre bi–orthogonal polynomials;
- Anton Dzhamay Recurrence relations for the generalized Laguerre and Charlier orthogonal polynomials and discrete Painlevé equations on the D-6 Sakai surface;
- Sarah Post Superintegrability, Painlevé transcendents and exceptional orthogonal polynomials;
- Dan Dai Asymptotics of the deformed Fredholm determinant of the confluent hypergeometric kernel;
- Arno Kuijlaars Matrix valued orthogonal polynomials and randomn tiling models;
- Alfredo Deaño Special function solutions of Painlevé differential equations;
- David Gómez-Ullate Complete classification of rational solutions of A_{2n} Painlevé systems;
- Assil Fradi Ladder operators and differential equations for matrix orthogonal time-dependent Jacobi polynomials;
- Galina Filipuk Nonlinear differential equations and the geometric approach.

Since the scientific program was entirely online, there were limited opportunities for interaction but fortunately there were some participants not shy to leave their cameras on during the breaks and this allowed everyone to be a part of some interesting mathematical conversations. The image of Marco Bertola, enjoying his sundowner on a veranda with a beautiful view of mountains in the background while engaging in lively discussions with Nicholas Witte and also other participants, will be a lasting memory for many of us.

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From: Erik Koelink (e.koelink@math.ru.nl)

Subject: OPSFA-16 Minisymposium on Multivariable Special Functions and Representation theory

The minisymposium Multivariable Special Functions and Representation Theory at the OPSFA-16 meeting at CRM consisted initially of 13 lectures, but the lecture by Pablo Roman unfortunately was canceled. The talks in the minisymposium highlighted various interplay between representation theory and special functions. Applications in probability were discussed by Michael Voit (in relation to random walks and spherical functions and the Harish-Chandra integral representation), Leonid Petrov (symmetric functions in relation to stochastic integrable systems), and closely related topic in heat kernels by Piotr Graczyk and Patrice Sawyer, estimating the heat kernel in the Dunkl setting and the related hypergeometric functions. The Dunkl setting also occurred in the lecture of Domink Brennecken on multivariable Bessel functions in the Dunkl setting and the related Hankel transform and in the lecture of Maarten van Pruijssen, where a matrix-valued analogue was discussed using Steinberg's theorem. E.K. Naranyan discussed spherical averages for Gelfand pairs in suitable L_p -spaces. Stephen Griffeth discussed ongoing work and many conjectures on complex reflection groups and related quotient rings. Jasper Stokman discussed recent developments in extending Macdonald polynomials to have leading terms involving non-integral exponents. Macdonald polynomials and Pieri rules were discussed by Erdal Emsiz in the affine setting. Wolter Groenevelt discussed Askey-Wilson functions arising from tensor product representations of non-compact quantum groups. Plamen Iliev discussed two-variable analogues of Bernstein-Szegő polynomials.

The minisymposium gave a very nice and interesting overview of current development in the area of special functions and representation theory. The main organisational work was done expertly by Margit Rösler, and Jan Felipe van Diejen and I helped out a bit.

Erik Koelink

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From: Walter Van Assche (walter.vanassche@kuleuven.be) and Ana Loureiro (A.Loureiro@kent.ac.uk) Subject: OPSFA-16 Minisymposium on Multiple Orthogonal Polynomials & Hermite-Padé Approximation

The minisymposium on *Multiple Orthogonal Polynomials and Hermite-Padé Approximation* consisted of 23 talks delivered across four MS sessions whose scope can be briefly categorized by the following topics:

- Luis González, Guillermo López Lagomasino, Sergey Suetin and Maxim Yattselev Hermite-Padé approximation;
- Sergey Denisov, Vladimir Lysov, Grzegorz Świderski Jacobi Matrices on trees;
- Guilherme Silva and Andrei Martínez-Finkelshtein Equilibrium problems;
- Maurice Duits, Rostyslav Kozhan and Lun Zhang Random matrices;
- Vasily Prokhorov, Alexander Aptekarev, Alan Sokal and Hélder Lima Combinatorics;
- Teresa Mesquita, Mikhail Tyaglov, Ana Foulquié Moreno, Hamza Chaggara and Neila Ben Romdhane – Characterizations and special multiple orthogonal polynomials;
- Marija Stanić and Tatjana Tomović Mladenović Quadrature rules.

The speakers reported on either current or recently published or submitted investigations. Their talks showed that multiple orthogonal polynomials have a rich structure and these special functions have nice applications. In summary, the minisymposium evidenced that multiple orthogonal polynomials and Hermite-Padé approximation is a timely and attractive theme of interest to the OPSF community but also for those working on combinatorics, integrable systems, approximation, numerical analysis, and random matrix theory.

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From: Robert Maier (rsm@math.arizona.edu)

Subject: OPSFA-16 Minisymposium on All Things Hypergeometric, *q*-Series and Generalizations

The aim of the OPSFA-16 minisymposium on "All Things Hypergeometric (Classical, Basic and Elliptic), q-Series and Generalizations" was to bring together a good number of active researchers, from the broad community of people who are knowledgeable about hypergeometric and related special functions, orthogonal polynomials, and q-series and q-series identities (of hypergeometric type or not). It was our hope that most of the talks would be of interest to most of the attendees. This minisymposium was organized by myself, Howard Cohl and Roberto Costas-Santos.

The minisymposium was a well-attended success, with 20 talks in all. The talks in the minisymposium were presented by George E. Andrews, Howard S. Cohl, James Mc Laughlin, Robert S. Maier, S. Ole Warnaar, Elena Prilepkina, Gergő Nemes, Victor J. W. Guo, Gaurav Bhatnagar, Dieudonné Mbouna, Michael Schlosser, Roberto S. Costas-Santos, Nasser Saad, Luis Verde-Star, Hans Volkmer, Mourad Ismail (Ruiming Zhang originally planned to give the talk, but was feeling unwell), Heng-Huat Chan, Dmitry Karp, Zeinab Mansour and Javier Segura. Although most speakers attended via Zoom, there were valuable interactions among the speakers, with some long-published researchers meeting one another for the first time. The topics of the talks ranged over hypergeometric and related functions (extending as far as Heun functions); the application of hypergeometric functions in the theory of continued fractions, the solving of recurrences, and approximation theory; hypergeometric and Meijer G-function identities; q-special functions and orthogonal polynomials on lattices; q-series and theta-function identities; partition and congruence identities; results on asymptotics and bounds; and much more.

Topic #11 _____ OP - SF Net 29.4 _____ July 15, 2022

From: OP-SF Net Editors Subject: Preprints in arXiv.org

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 during May and June 2022. This list has been separated into two categories.

OP-SF Net Subscriber E-Prints

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Computation of Large-Genus Solutions of the Korteweg-de Vries Equation Deniz Bilman, Patrik Nabelek, Thomas Trogdon

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