

**ON THE AL-SALAM AND VERMA ORTHOGONAL  $q$ -POLYNOMIALS**

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ABSTRACT. The aim of this paper is to highlight a new integral representation of the Al-Salam and Verma regular form through a true function by investigating the quadratic operator  $\sigma$ , duality and the  $H_q$ -classical character of the Wall form where  $H_q$  is the  $q$ -difference operator. Some other characterizations are given in the general case and in the symmetric one corresponding to the Al-Salam and Verma polynomials.

1. INTRODUCTION PRELIMINARIES AND FIRST RESULTS

1.1. **Introduction.** Let  $\{B_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  be a sequence of monic polynomials with  $\deg B_n = n$ ,  $n \geq 0$  MPS. When the MPS  $\{B_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  is orthogonal MOPS, it satisfy the second order recurrence relation [6]

$$\begin{cases} B_0(x) = 1, B_1(x) = x - \beta_0, \\ B_{n+2}(x) = (x - \beta_{n+1})B_{n+1}(x) - \gamma_{n+1}B_n(x), n \geq 0. \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

In [8] Geronimus considered polynomial sets PS of the form

$$B_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n a_{n-k} b_k w_k(x), \quad n \geq 0 \quad (2)$$

where  $w_0(x) = 1$ ,  $w_k(x) = \prod_{l=1}^k (x - x_l)$ ,  $k \geq 1$ ,  $a_0 = b_0 = 1$  and  $b_n \neq 0$ ,  $n \geq 0$ . He raised the following problem: For what sequences of real or complex numbers  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$ ,  $(a_n)_{n \geq 0}$  and  $(b_n)_{n \geq 0}$  is the PS in (2) orthogonal? He did not solve this problem. However he gave some necessary and sufficient conditions on the coefficients,  $(a_n)$ ,  $(b_n)$ , and the sequence  $(x_n)$ . This problem has remained unsolved in its full generality. Some special choices of the sequence  $(x_k)$  lead to complete solutions. Chihara [4,5] showed that when  $x_k = 0$ ,  $k \geq 1$  then (2) forms Brenke type set and in this case he obtained all such OPS. Al-Salam and Verma [2] showed that the Al-Salam and Verma MOPS  $\{B_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  satisfying the second order recurrence relation (1) with

$$\begin{cases} \beta_n = (-1)^{n+1} \alpha \\ \gamma_{2n+1} = E q^{n+1} (1 - \gamma q^n) \\ \gamma_{2n+2} = E \gamma q^{n+1} (1 - q^{n+1}) \end{cases}, \quad n \geq 0 \quad (3)$$

where  $E > 0$ ,  $0 < \gamma < 1$ ,  $0 < q < 1$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , appears as the only solution of the Geronimus problem when  $x_{2k+1} = x_1$ ,  $k \geq 0$ ,  $x_{2k} = x_2$ ,  $k \geq 1$  and  $a_1 = 0$ . For other partial resolution of the Geronimus problem see [1,3].

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In [2], it is proved that the Al-Salam and Verma polynomials are orthogonal with respect to the discrete distribution  $\phi(x)$  which has the spectral points at

$$x_k = \pm(\alpha^2 + Eq^{k+1})^{\frac{1}{2}}, k \geq 0 \tag{4}$$

and jumps

$$d\phi(\pm x_k) = (\gamma; q)_\infty \frac{\gamma^k}{(q; q)_k}, k \geq 0 \tag{5}$$

since this OPS turn out to be related to the Wall polynomials  $\{W_n(\cdot; b, q)\}_{n \geq 0}$  given by

$$W_n(x; b, q) = (-1)^n (b; q)_n q^{\frac{1}{2}n(n+1)} {}_2\phi_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} q^{-n}, & 0; & x \\ & b & \end{matrix} \right], n \geq 0$$

and orthogonal with respect to the discrete distribution  $\psi(x)$  which has the spectral points at  $q^{k+1}, k \geq 0$  and jumps  $d\psi(q^{k+1}) = (b; q)_\infty \frac{b^k}{(q; q)_k}, k \geq 0$  [6] with the notations [10]

$$(a; q)_0 := 1; (a; q)_n := \prod_{k=1}^n (1 - aq^{k-1}), n \geq 1; (a; q)_\infty := \prod_{k=0}^{+\infty} (1 - aq^k); |q| < 1.$$

The Wall polynomials satisfies the second order recurrence relation (1) with

$$\begin{cases} \beta_n = \{b + q - b(1 + q)q^n\}q^n, & n \geq 0, \\ \gamma_{n+1} = b(1 - q^{n+1})(1 - bq^n)q^{2n+2}, & n \geq 0, \end{cases} \tag{6}$$

In [10], the second author and P. Maroni have exhaustively described the  $H_q$ -classical orthogonal  $q$ -polynomials where  $H_q$  is the  $q$ -difference operator [9]. Particularly, they meet again the Wall polynomials orthogonal with respect to the Wall form  $\mathcal{W}(b, q)$  ( $b \neq 0, b \neq q^{-n}, n \geq 0$ ) and a new integral representation and some discrete measure are given. The Wall form satisfies the  $q$ -distributional equation

$$H_q(x\mathcal{W}(b, q)) - b^{-1}(q - 1)^{-1}(q^{-1}x + b - 1)\mathcal{W}(b, q) = 0, \tag{7}$$

From which they derive:  
the moments

$$(\mathcal{W}(b, q))_n = q^n (b; q)_n, n \geq 0 \tag{8}$$

and the following representations

$$\mathcal{W}(b, q) = (b; q)_\infty \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \frac{b^k}{(q; q)_k} \delta_{q^{1+k}}, 0 < q < 1, 0 < b < 1, \tag{9}$$

$$\mathcal{W}(b, q) = \frac{1}{(bq^{-1}; q^{-1})_\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \frac{q^{-\frac{1}{2}k(k+1)}}{(q^{-1}; q^{-1})_k} (-b)^k \delta_{q^{1+k}}, q > 1, b \neq q^{\pm l}, l \geq 0, \tag{10}$$

$$\langle \mathcal{W}(b, q), f \rangle = K \int_0^1 x^{\frac{\ln b}{\ln q} - 1} (x; q)_\infty f(x) dx, f \in \mathcal{P}, 0 < q < 1, 0 < b < 1, \tag{11}$$

where  $K^{-1} = \int_0^1 x^{\frac{\ln b}{\ln q} - 1} (x; q)_\infty dx$ .

From the characterizations of  $H_q$ -classical orthogonal polynomials in [10,11], one may write the structure relation and the second order linear  $q$ -difference equation satisfied by the Wall polynomials. For all  $n \geq 0$

$$x(H_q W_{n+1})(x; b, q) = [n + 1]_q \left\{ W_{n+1}(x; b, q) + (1 - bq^n)q^{n+1}W_n(x; b, q) \right\}, \tag{12}$$

$$x \left( H_q \circ H_{q^{-1}} W_{n+1} \right) (x; b, q) + b^{-1} (q-1)^{-1} (q^{-1}x + b - 1) \left( H_{q^{-1}} W_{n+1} \right) (x; b, q) + (bq(1-q))^{-1} [n+1]_q W_{n+1}(x; b, q) = 0, \tag{13}$$

where

$$[n]_q = \frac{q^n - 1}{q - 1}, \quad n \geq 0, \quad q \neq 1. \tag{14}$$

Our goal is to bring out a new integral representation of the Al-Salam and Verma form and also a discrete measure for  $q > 1$  in a simpler manner by investigating the new results for the Wall form and the quadratic decomposition. Particularly, we recover again the discrete measure (4)-(5), the moments and the connections with the Wall polynomials [2]. The symmetric case of the Al-Salam and Verma polynomials ( $\alpha = 0$  in (3)) is studied into details; this case turn out to be related to the OPS of Brenke type  $\{Y_n(\cdot; b, q)\}_{n \geq 0}$  having the recurrence formula [6]

$$\begin{cases} Y_0(x; b, q) = 1, \quad Y_1(x; b, q) = x, \\ Y_{n+2}(x; b, q) = xY_{n+1}(x; b, q) - \tilde{\gamma}_{n+1}Y_n(x; b, q), \quad n \geq 0, \\ \tilde{\gamma}_{2n+2} = b(1 - q^{n+1})q^{n+1}; \quad \tilde{\gamma}_{2n+1} = (1 - bq^n)q^{n+1}, \quad n \geq 0, \\ b \neq 0, \quad b \neq q^{-n}, \quad n \geq 0 \end{cases} \tag{15}$$

and respecting the  $H_q$ -semiclassical character [7]. As a consequence, the structure relation satisfied by any symmetric Al-Salam and Verma polynomial is established.

**1.2. Preliminaries and First Results.** Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be the vector space of polynomials with coefficients in  $\mathbb{C}$  and let  $\mathcal{P}'$  be its dual. We denote by  $\langle u, f \rangle$  the action of the form  $u \in \mathcal{P}'$  on the polynomial  $f \in \mathcal{P}$ . Particularly, we denote by  $(u)_n := \langle u, x^n \rangle$ ,  $n \geq 0$  the moments of  $u$ . Let us introduce some useful operations in  $\mathcal{P}'$ . For any form  $u$ , any polynomial  $g$  and any  $(a, b, c) \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\} \times \mathbb{C}^2$ , we let  $H_q u$ ,  $\sigma u$ ,  $g u$ ,  $h_a u$ ,  $\tau_b u$  and  $\delta_c$ , be the forms defined by duality [10,12]

$$\begin{aligned} \langle H_q u, f \rangle &= -\langle u, H_q f \rangle, \quad \langle \sigma u, f \rangle = \langle u, \sigma f \rangle, \quad \langle g u, f \rangle = \langle u, g f \rangle, \\ \langle h_a u, f \rangle &= \langle u, h_a f \rangle, \quad \langle \tau_b u, f \rangle = \langle u, \tau_{-b} f \rangle, \quad \langle \delta_c, f \rangle = f(c) \end{aligned}$$

where  $(H_q f)(x) = \frac{f(qx) - f(x)}{(q-1)x}$ ,  $q \in \tilde{\mathbb{C}} := \{z \in \mathbb{C}, z \neq 0, z^n \neq 1, n \geq 1\}$ ,  $(\sigma f)(x) = f(x^2)$ ,  $(h_a f)(x) = f(ax)$  and  $(\tau_{-b} f)(x) = f(x + b)$  for any  $f \in \mathcal{P}$ . We have the well known formulas [7,12]

$$f(x)\sigma u = \sigma(f(x^2)u), \quad f \in \mathcal{P}, \quad u \in \mathcal{P}', \tag{16}$$

$$\sigma(H_q u) = (q+1)H_{q^2}(\sigma(xu)), \quad u \in \mathcal{P}'. \tag{17}$$

The form  $u$  is called regular if we can associate with it a sequence of monic polynomials  $\{B_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ ,  $\deg B_n = n$ ,  $n \geq 0$  MPS such that

$$\langle u, B_m B_n \rangle = r_n \delta_{n,m}, \quad n, m \geq 0; \quad r_n \neq 0, \quad n \geq 0.$$

The sequence  $\{B_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  is then said orthogonal with respect to  $u$ ; it is a monic orthogonal polynomials sequence MOPS. In this case,  $\{B_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  fulfils (1) where  $\beta_n = \frac{\langle u, x B_n^2 \rangle}{r_n}$  and  $\gamma_{n+1} = \frac{r_{n+1}}{r_n} \neq 0$  for all  $n \geq 0$ .

The shifted MOPS  $\{\hat{B}_n := A^{-n}(h_A \circ \tau_{-b} B_n)\}_{n \geq 0}$  is then orthogonal with respect to  $\hat{u} = h_{A^{-1}} \circ \tau_{-b} u$  and satisfies (1) with

$$\hat{\beta}_n = \frac{\beta_n - b}{A}, \quad \hat{\gamma}_{n+1} = \frac{\gamma_{n+1}}{A^2}, \quad n \geq 0. \tag{18}$$

Moreover, the form  $u$  is said to be normalized if  $(u)_0 = 1$ . In this paper, we suppose that any form will be normalized. Also, the form  $u$  is said to be positive definite if and only if  $\beta_n \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $n \geq 0$  and  $\gamma_{n+1} > 0$ ,  $n \geq 0$ . Lastly, when  $u$  is regular,  $u$  is symmetric if and only if  $(u)_{2n+1} = 0$ ,  $n \geq 0$  or equivalently  $\beta_n = 0$ ,  $n \geq 0$ .

Denoting  $\mathcal{SV}(\alpha) := \mathcal{SV}(\alpha, \gamma, E, q)$  the regular form associated with the Al-Salam and Verma polynomials. From (3), the form  $\mathcal{SV}(\alpha)$  is regular if and only if

$$E\gamma \neq 0, \gamma \neq q^{-n}, n \geq 0.$$

Also, the form  $\mathcal{SV}(\alpha)$  is positive definite if and only if

$$E > 0, 0 < \gamma < 1, 0 < q < 1; E < 0, \gamma > 1, q > 1; E > 0, \gamma < 0, q > 1.$$

Let  $\{B_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  be an MPS. It is possible to associate with it two MPSs  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ ,  $\{R_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  and two polynomial sequences  $\{a_n(x)\}_{n \geq 0}$ ,  $\{b_n(x)\}_{n \geq 0}$  such that

$$B_{2n}(x) = P_n(x^2) + xa_{n-1}(x^2), \quad B_{2n+1}(x) = xR_n(x^2) + b_n(x^2), \quad n \geq 0, \quad (19)$$

where  $\deg a_n \leq n$ ,  $\deg b_n \leq n$  and  $a_{-1}(x) = 0$ . In [12], P. Maroni gave necessary and sufficient conditions for the sequences  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  and  $\{R_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  to be orthogonal. The result is written as follows in [13] by the third author and P. Maroni.

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $\{B_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  orthogonal with respect to the form  $w$  and satisfy the recurrence relation (1), where*

$$\beta_n = (-1)^n \beta_0, \quad n \geq 0. \quad (20)$$

*Then there exist two MOPs  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ , with respect to  $u$ , and  $\{R_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ , with respect to  $v$ , fulfilling the following relations:*

$$\begin{cases} P_0(x) = 1, P_1(x) = x - \gamma_1 - \beta_0^2, \\ P_{n+2}(x) = (x - \gamma_{2n+2} - \gamma_{2n+3} - \beta_0^2)P_{n+1}(x) - \gamma_{2n+1}\gamma_{2n+2}P_n(x), \quad n \geq 0, \end{cases} \quad (21)$$

$$\begin{cases} R_0(x) = 1, R_1(x) = x - \gamma_1 - \gamma_2 - \beta_0^2, \\ R_{n+2}(x) = (x - \gamma_{2n+3} - \gamma_{2n+4} - \beta_0^2)R_{n+1}(x) - \gamma_{2n+2}\gamma_{2n+3}R_n(x), \quad n \geq 0, \end{cases} \quad (22)$$

$$P_{n+1}(x) = R_{n+1}(x) + \gamma_{2n+2}R_n(x), \quad n \geq 0, \quad (23)$$

$$(x - \beta_0^2)R_n(x) = P_{n+1}(x) + \gamma_{2n+1}P_n(x), \quad n \geq 0, \quad (24)$$

since, in (19),  $a_n(x) = 0$  and  $b_n(x) = -\beta_0 R_n(x)$ ,  $n \geq 0$ .

Moreover, the forms  $u$ ,  $v$ , and  $w$  satisfy

$$u = \sigma w, \quad (25)$$

$$\sigma(xw) = \beta_0(\sigma w), \quad (26)$$

$$v = \frac{1}{\gamma_1}(x - \beta_0^2)(\sigma w). \quad (27)$$

Now, this result will be applied to the Al-Salam and Verma polynomials. Consequently, it is possible to associate with the Al-Salam and Verma  $\{B_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  two MOPs  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  with respect to  $u$  and  $\{R_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  with respect to  $v$ , fulfilling the following relations

$$B_{2n}(x) = P_n(x^2), \quad B_{2n+1}(x) = (x + \alpha)R_n(x^2), \quad n \geq 0, \quad (28)$$

$$\begin{cases} P_0(x) = 1, P_1(x) = x - \alpha^2 - Eq(1 - q), \\ P_{n+2}(x) = \left( x - \alpha^2 - Eq^{n+1} \left( \gamma + q - \gamma(1 + q)q^{n+1} \right) \right) P_{n+1}(x) - \\ \quad - \gamma E^2(1 - q^{n+1})(1 - \gamma q^n)q^{2n+2}P_n(x), \quad n \geq 0, \end{cases} \quad (29)$$

$$\begin{cases} R_0(x) = 1, R_1(x) = x - \alpha^2 - Eq(1 - \gamma q), \\ R_{n+2}(x) = \left( x - \alpha^2 - Eq^{n+2} \left( 1 + \gamma - \gamma(1 + q)q^{n+1} \right) \right) R_{n+1}(x) - \\ \quad - \gamma E^2(1 - q^{n+1})(1 - \gamma q^{n+1})q^{2n+3} R_n(x), n \geq 0. \end{cases} \quad (30)$$

Moreover, the forms  $u$ ,  $v$  and  $\mathcal{SV}(\alpha)$  satisfy

$$u = \sigma \mathcal{SV}(\alpha), \quad (31)$$

$$-\alpha u = \sigma \left( x \mathcal{SV}(\alpha) \right), \quad (32)$$

$$v = (Eq(1 - \gamma))^{-1} (x - \alpha^2) \sigma \mathcal{SV}(\alpha). \quad (33)$$

**Remark 1.** From assumption of regularity, it is necessary that  $P_{n+1}(\alpha^2) \neq 0$ ,  $n \geq 0$  according to (28).

**Proposition 2.** We have the following connections

$$h_{E^{-1} \circ \tau_{-\alpha^2}} u = \mathcal{W}(\gamma, q), \quad \gamma \neq 0, \gamma \neq q^{-n}, n \geq 0, \quad (34)$$

$$h_{E^{-1} \circ \tau_{-\alpha^2}} v = \mathcal{W}(\gamma q, q), \quad \gamma \neq 0, \gamma \neq q^{-n-1}, n \geq 0, \quad (35)$$

where  $\mathcal{W}(b, q)$  ( $b = \gamma$ ;  $b = \gamma q$  respectively) is the Wall form.

*Proof.* From (29)-(30) denoting the recurrence coefficients of  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  and  $\{R_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  by

$$\begin{cases} \beta_0^P = \alpha^2 + Eq(1 - q), \\ \beta_{n+1}^P = \alpha^2 + Eq^{n+1}(\gamma + q - \gamma(1 + q)q^{n+1}), n \geq 0, \\ \gamma_{n+1}^P = \gamma E^2(1 - q^{n+1})(1 - \gamma q^n)q^{2n+2}, n \geq 0, \end{cases} \quad (36)$$

$$\begin{cases} \beta_0^R = \alpha^2 + Eq(1 - \gamma q), \\ \beta_{n+1}^R = \alpha^2 + Eq^{n+2}(1 + \gamma - \gamma(1 + q)q^{n+1}), n \geq 0, \\ \gamma_{n+1}^R = \gamma E^2(1 - q^{n+1})(1 - \gamma q^{n+1})q^{2n+3}, n \geq 0. \end{cases} \quad (37)$$

According to (18) and with the choice  $A = E, B = \alpha^2$  for (36)-(37), we get respectively

$$\begin{cases} \hat{\beta}_n^P = q^n(\gamma + q - \gamma(1 + q)q^n), n \geq 0, \\ \hat{\gamma}_{n+1}^P = \gamma(1 - q^{n+1})(1 - \gamma q^n)q^{2n+2}, n \geq 0, \\ \hat{\beta}_n^R = (\gamma q + q - \gamma q(1 + q)q^n)q^n, n \geq 0, \\ \hat{\gamma}_{n+1}^R = \gamma q(1 - q^{n+1})(1 - \gamma q^n)q^{2n+2}, n \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

Comparing with (6), we recognize the recurrence coefficients of Wall for  $b = \gamma$  and for  $b = \gamma q$  respectively. Thus the desired results (34)-(35).  $\square$

**Corollary 1.** The following system holds

$$\begin{cases} B_{2n}(x) = W_n \left( \frac{x^2 - \alpha^2}{E}; \gamma, q \right), n \geq 0, \\ B_{2n+1}(x) = (x + \alpha) W_n \left( \frac{x^2 - \alpha^2}{E}; \gamma q, q \right), n \geq 0. \end{cases} \quad (38)$$

*Proof.* The formulas in the system (38) are consequence from the connections in (34)-(35), the results in (19) and the notation of the Wall polynomials.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.** *The moments of  $\mathcal{SV}(\alpha)$  are*

$$(\mathcal{SV}(\alpha))_n = (-1)^n \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \binom{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor}{k} (\gamma; q)_k \alpha^{n-2k} (Eq)^k, \quad n \geq 0. \quad (39)$$

*Proof.* From definitions, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{SV}(\alpha))_{2n+1} = \langle \sigma(x\mathcal{SV}(\alpha)), x^n \rangle &= -\alpha(u)_n && \text{(by (32))} \\ &= -\alpha \langle \tau_{\alpha^2} \circ h_E \mathcal{W}(\gamma, q), x^n \rangle && \text{(by (34))} \\ &= -\alpha \langle \mathcal{W}(\gamma, q), (Ex + \alpha^2)^n \rangle \\ &= -\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} E^k \alpha^{2n+1-2k} (\mathcal{W}(\gamma, q))_k \end{aligned}$$

and by virtue of (31) we get  $(\mathcal{SV}(\alpha))_{2n} = \langle \mathcal{SV}(\alpha), x^n \rangle = (u)_n$ .

Particularly,  $(\mathcal{SV}(\alpha))_{2n+1} = -\alpha(\mathcal{SV}(\alpha))_{2n}$ ,  $n \geq 0$ . Taking into account (8) we deduce (39).  $\square$

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

**2.1. Integral representation and discrete measure of  $\mathcal{SV}(\alpha)$ .** In what follows we are going to use the logarithmic function denoted by  $\text{Log} : \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  defined by

$$\text{Log } z = \ln |z| + i \text{Arg } z, \quad z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}, \quad -\pi < \text{Arg } z \leq \pi,$$

$\text{Log}$  is the principal branch of  $\log$  and includes  $\ln : \mathbb{R}^+ \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as a special case. Consequently, the principal branch of the square root is

$$\sqrt{z} = \sqrt{|z|} e^{i \frac{\text{Arg } z}{2}}, \quad z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}, \quad -\pi < \text{Arg } z \leq \pi.$$

Now, consider a polynomial  $f$  and let us split up this polynomial according to its even and odd parts

$$f(z) = f^e(z^2) + z f^o(z^2), \quad z \in \mathbb{C}. \quad (40)$$

Consequently, for any branch of the square root, we get

$$\begin{cases} f^e(z) = \frac{f(\sqrt{z}) + f(-\sqrt{z})}{2} \\ f^o(z) = \frac{f(\sqrt{z}) - f(-\sqrt{z})}{2\sqrt{z}} \end{cases}, \quad z \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}. \quad (41)$$

According to all the above results, we are able to give an integral representation and a discrete measure for  $\mathcal{SV}$  for any positive definite case.

**Proposition 4.** *For  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $E > 0$ ,  $0 < \gamma < 1$ ,  $0 < q < 1$  and  $f \in \mathcal{P}$  the form  $\mathcal{SV}(\alpha)$  has the following integral representation*

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathcal{SV}(\alpha), f \rangle &= \frac{K}{E^{\frac{\ln \gamma}{\ln q}}} \int_{|\alpha|}^{\sqrt{\alpha^2 + E}} \left(x^2 - \alpha\right)^{\frac{\ln \gamma}{\ln q} - 1} (x - \alpha) \left(\frac{x^2 - \alpha^2}{E}; q\right)_{\infty} f(x) dx - \\ &\quad - \frac{K}{E^{\frac{\ln \gamma}{\ln q}}} \int_{-\sqrt{\alpha^2 + E}}^{-|\alpha|} \left(x^2 - \alpha\right)^{\frac{\ln \gamma}{\ln q} - 1} (x - \alpha) \left(\frac{x^2 - \alpha^2}{E}; q\right)_{\infty} f(x) dx, \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

where  $K$  is the normalization constant in (11).

*Proof.* Let  $f \in \mathcal{P}$  satisfying (40) and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $E > 0$ ,  $0 < \gamma < 1$ ,  $0 < q < 1$ . We may write

$$\langle \mathcal{SV}(\alpha), f \rangle = \langle \mathcal{SV}(\alpha), f^e(x^2) \rangle + \langle x\mathcal{SV}(\alpha), f^o(x^2) \rangle.$$

According to the definitions, (31)-(32) and (34), the last expression becomes

$$\langle \mathcal{SV}(\alpha), f \rangle = \langle \tau_{\alpha^2} \circ h_E \mathcal{W}(\gamma, q), f^e \rangle - \alpha \langle \tau_{\alpha^2} \circ h_E \mathcal{W}(\gamma, q), f^o \rangle.$$

Thus,

$$\langle \mathcal{SV}(\alpha), f \rangle = \left\langle \mathcal{W}(\gamma, q), f^e(Ex + \alpha^2) - \alpha f^o(Ex + \alpha^2) \right\rangle. \quad (43)$$

Applying (11) then (43) yields to

$$\langle \mathcal{SV}(\alpha), f \rangle = K \int_0^1 x^{\frac{\ln \gamma}{\ln q} - 1}(x; q)_\infty \left( f^e(Ex + \alpha^2) - \alpha f^o(Ex + \alpha^2) \right) dx.$$

By the change of variable  $t = Ex + \alpha^2$ , we get

$$\langle \mathcal{SV}(\alpha), f \rangle = \frac{K}{E^{\frac{\ln \gamma}{\ln q}}} \int_{\alpha^2}^{\alpha^2 + E} \left( t - \alpha^2 \right)^{\frac{\ln \gamma}{\ln q} - 1} \left( \frac{t - \alpha^2}{E}; q \right)_\infty (f^e(t) - \alpha f^o(t)) dt. \quad (44)$$

But from (41) we have

$$f^e(t) - \alpha f^o(t) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{t}} \left\{ (\sqrt{t} - \alpha)f(\sqrt{t}) + (\sqrt{t} + \alpha)f(-\sqrt{t}) \right\}, \quad t > 0. \quad (45)$$

Replacing (45) in (44), the formula in (44) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} & 2 E^{\frac{\ln \gamma}{\ln q}} K^{-1} \langle \mathcal{SV}(\alpha), f \rangle \\ &= \int_{\alpha^2}^{\alpha^2 + E} \left( t - \alpha^2 \right)^{\frac{\ln \gamma}{\ln q} - 1} \left( \frac{t - \alpha^2}{E}; q \right)_\infty \left\{ \left( 1 - \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{t}} \right) f(\sqrt{t}) + \left( 1 + \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{t}} \right) f(-\sqrt{t}) \right\} dt \\ &= \int_{\alpha^2}^{\alpha^2 + E} \left( t - \alpha^2 \right)^{\frac{\ln \gamma}{\ln q} - 1} \left( \frac{t - \alpha^2}{E}; q \right)_\infty \left( 1 - \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{t}} \right) f(\sqrt{t}) dt + \\ & \quad + \int_{\alpha^2}^{\alpha^2 + E} \left( t - \alpha^2 \right)^{\frac{\ln \gamma}{\ln q} - 1} \left( \frac{t - \alpha^2}{E}; q \right)_\infty \left( 1 + \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{t}} \right) f(-\sqrt{t}) dt \end{aligned}$$

since the two integrals in the last sum exist. Using the change of variable  $x = \sqrt{t}$  in the first integral and  $x = -\sqrt{t}$  in the second one, it gives to the desired representation (42).  $\square$

**Proposition 5.** *The form  $\mathcal{SV}(\alpha)$  has the following discrete representations: for  $E > 0$ ,  $0 < \gamma < 1$ ,  $0 < q < 1$*

$$\mathcal{SV}(\alpha) = (\gamma; q)_\infty \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \frac{\gamma^k}{(q; q)_k} \Delta_k, \quad (46)$$

for  $E > 0$ ,  $\gamma < 0$ ,  $q > 1$  or  $E < 0$ ,  $\gamma > 1$ ,  $q > 1$

$$\mathcal{SV}(\alpha) = \frac{1}{(\gamma q^{-1}; q^{-1})_\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^k q^{-\frac{1}{2}k(k+1)} \gamma^k}{(q^{-1}; q^{-1})_k} \Delta_k, \quad (47)$$

where for all  $k \geq 0$

$$\Delta_k = \frac{\left( 1 - \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{Eq^{1+k} + \alpha^2}} \right) \delta_{\sqrt{Eq^{1+k} + \alpha^2}} + \left( 1 + \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{Eq^{1+k} + \alpha^2}} \right) \delta_{-\sqrt{Eq^{1+k} + \alpha^2}}}{2}. \quad (48)$$

*Proof.* Let  $f \in \mathcal{P}$ . Taking into account (40), according to (43) and by virtue of (41) we have

$$\langle \mathcal{SV}(\alpha), f \rangle = \langle \mathcal{W}(\gamma, q), f^e(Ex + \alpha^2) - \alpha f^o(Ex + \alpha^2) \rangle$$

and

$$f^e(z) - \alpha f^o(z) = \frac{\left( 1 - \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{z}} \right) f(\sqrt{z}) + \left( 1 + \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{z}} \right) f(-\sqrt{z})}{2}, \quad z \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}.$$

Finally, by virtue of (9)-(10) we obtain the discrete measure in (46)-(47) with (48).  $\square$

**2.2. Some characterizations concerning the symmetric case of the Al-Salam and Verma polynomials.** This section is devoted to the study of the symmetric case of the Al-Salam and Verma polynomials  $\{B_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  ( $\alpha = 0$ ) orthogonal with respect to the regular form  $\mathcal{SV}(0)$ . The system (3) becomes

$$\begin{cases} \beta_n = 0 \\ \gamma_{2n+1} = Eq^{n+1}(1 - \gamma q^n) \\ \gamma_{2n+2} = E\gamma q^{n+1}(1 - q^{n+1}) \end{cases}, \quad n \geq 0. \tag{49}$$

The choice  $A^2 = E$ ,  $B = 0$  in (18) yields to

$$\begin{cases} \widehat{\beta}_n = 0 \\ \widehat{\gamma}_{2n+1} = q^{n+1}(1 - \gamma q^n) \\ \widehat{\gamma}_{2n+2} = \gamma q^{n+1}(1 - q^{n+1}) \end{cases}, \quad n \geq 0. \tag{50}$$

By comparison with (15) we obtain

$$\widehat{B}_n = Y_n(\cdot; \gamma, q), \quad n \geq 0. \tag{51}$$

Consequently, according to [7], its corresponding regular form  $\widehat{\mathcal{SV}}(0)$ ,  $\gamma \neq 0$ ,  $\gamma \neq q^{-n}$ ,  $n \geq 0$  is  $H_{\sqrt{q}}$ -semiclassical of class one for  $\gamma \neq 0$ ,  $\gamma \neq \sqrt{q}$ ,  $\gamma \neq q^{-n}$ ,  $n \geq 0$  satisfying the  $q$ -distributional equation

$$H_{\sqrt{q}}(x\widehat{\mathcal{SV}}(0)) - \gamma^{-1}(\sqrt{q} - 1)^{-1}\{q^{-1}x^2 + \gamma - 1\}\widehat{\mathcal{SV}}(0) = 0.$$

For more details about the  $H_q$ -semiclassical character see [11]. Particularly, the moments, integral representations and discrete measure of  $\widehat{\mathcal{SV}}(0)$  are given in [11] and are recovered in the above study for  $\alpha = 0$ .

On the other hand, by virtue of (51) and Proposition 1 we meet the well known result [2]

$$\widehat{B}_{2n}(x) = W_n(x^2; \gamma, q); \quad \widehat{B}_{2n+1}(x) = xW_n(x^2; \gamma q, q), \quad n \geq 0. \tag{52}$$

Finally, from its  $H_q$ -semiclassical character another time, it is straightforward to bring out the structure relation satisfied by any shifted symmetric Al-Salam and Verma polynomial  $\widehat{B}_{n+1}$  according to (52), (12) and (17). We obtain

$$x(H_{\sqrt{q}}\widehat{B}_{2n+2})(x) = (1 + \sqrt{q})[n + 1]_q x \widehat{B}_{2n+1}(x), \quad n \geq 0, \tag{53}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x(H_{\sqrt{q}}\widehat{B}_{2n+3})(x) &= \left\{ 1 + \frac{\sqrt{q}}{1 - \sqrt{q}}(1 - \gamma^{-1} + q^n(1 - q)) \right\} \widehat{B}_{2n+3}(x) + \\ &+ \frac{\sqrt{q}}{1 - \sqrt{q}}(\gamma^{-1} - q^n)\widehat{B}_{2n+2}(x), \quad n \geq 0. \end{aligned} \tag{54}$$

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