

A CLASS OF DIFFERENTIAL OPERATORS BASED ON $(\theta + zD)D + \omega zD$

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Abstract. Differential operators $\varphi(\Delta_{\theta,\omega})$ of infinite order, where φ is an exponential type entire function of a single complex variable and $\Delta_{\theta,\omega} = (\theta + \omega z)D + zD^2$, $D = \partial/\partial z$, $z \in \mathbb{C}$, $\theta \geq 0$, $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$, acting in the spaces of exponential type entire function are studied. For $\omega \geq 0$, such operators preserve the set of Laguerre entire functions provided the function φ also belongs to this set. The latter consists of the polynomials possessing real nonpositive zeros only and of their uniform limits on compact subsets of the complex plane \mathbb{C} . The operator $\exp(a\Delta_{\theta,\omega})$, $a \geq 0$ is studied in more details. In particular, it is shown that it preserves the Laguerre entire functions for all $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$. An integral representation of $\exp(a\Delta_{\theta,\omega})$, $a > 0$ is obtained. These results are used to obtain the solutions to certain Cauchy problems employing $\Delta_{\theta,\omega}$.

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1 Introduction

In this article we consider differential operators (including of infinite order) on the following differential expression

$$\Delta_{\theta,\omega} = \Delta_{\theta} + \omega zD \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\theta + zD)D + \omega zD, \quad (1.1)$$

where $D = \partial/\partial z$ stands for differentiation with respect to a single complex variable $z \in \mathbb{C}$ and $\theta \geq 0$, $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$ are its parameters.

Given entire functions $\varphi, f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, we set

$$(\varphi(\Delta_{\theta,\omega})f)(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \varphi^{(k)}(0) (\Delta_{\theta,\omega}^k f)(z). \quad (1.2)$$

In order for the above series to converge to an entire function we impose growth restrictions on the functions φ and f by placing them into certain