# The Polynomial Growth of an Operator Ideal

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Jacobi polynomials: ►  $P_0^{(1,-1)}(x) = 1$ ►  $P_1^{(1,-1)}(x) = 1 + x$ ►  $P_2^{(1,-1)}(x) = \frac{3}{2}(x+x^2)$ •  $P_3^{(1,-1)}(x) = \frac{1}{2}(-1 - x + 5x^2 + 5x^3)$ •  $P_4^{(1,-1)}(x) = \frac{5}{8}(-3x - 3x^2 + 7x^3 + 7x^4)$  $\blacktriangleright P_5^{(1,-1)}(x) = \frac{3}{8}(1+x-14x^2-14x^3+21x^4+21x^5)$ . . .

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Therefore the identity holds for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ if and only if it holds for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 6$ . *Definition:* A sequence  $f_n$  is *D-finite* if it satisfies a linear recurrence equation with polynomial coefficients:

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