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On symmetric differential operators associated with Sobolev orthogonal polynomials: A characterization. (English) [Zbl 0980.42018](#)
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Authors' abstract: "Given the Sobolev bilinear form

$$(f, g)_S = \langle u_0, fg \rangle + \langle u_1, f'g' \rangle,$$

with u_0 and u_1 linear functionals, a characterization of the linear second-order differential operators with polynomial coefficients, symmetric with respect to $(\cdot, \cdot)_S$ in terms of u_0 and u_1 is obtained. In particular, several interesting functionals u_0 and u_1 are considered, recovering as particular cases of our study, results already known in the literature".

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MSC:

- [42C05](#) Orthogonal functions and polynomials, general theory of nontrigonometric harmonic analysis
- [33C45](#) Orthogonal polynomials and functions of hypergeometric type (Jacobi, Laguerre, Hermite, Askey scheme, etc.)

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