Remarks on Extended Operator Calculus Ewa Krot-Sieniawska

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In mathematics, before the 1970s, the term umbral calculus (or Finite Operator Calculus) was understood to mean the surprising similarities between otherwise unrelated polynomial equations, and certain shadowy techniques that can be used to 'prove' them. These techniques were introduced in the 19th century and are sometimes called Blissard's symbolic method, and sometimes attributed to James Joseph Sylvester, or to Edouard Lucas. In the 1970s, Gian-Carlo Rota, and others [1-5] developed the umbral calculus as the Finite Operator Calculus by means of linear operators on spaces of polynomials. Currently, umbral calculus is understood primarily to mean the study of Sheffer sequences, including polynomial sequences of binomial type and Appell sequences. Already since thirties of XX-th century it had been realized that operator methods might be extend to the use of any polynomial sequences instead of these of binomial type only. The very foundations of such an extensions were laid in 1937 by M.Ward, [6]. The next major contributions we owe to Viskov [7, 8] and Markowsky [9]. The main statements of ψ - extended Rota's finite operator calculus were given by A.K.Kwaśniewski [10-12]. I'll present some topics related to this theory.

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