



## Special Functions and Polynomials

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Special functions are used in many applications of physics, engineering, and applied mathematics, such as electrodynamics, classical and modern physics, quantum mechanics, classical mechanics, and statistics, and, more recently, in the biological sciences and many other fields.

Furthermore, special polynomials are not only used in mathematical physics; they are also connected to deep problems of number theory.

You could say that every mathematical problem could be solved efficiently if the special functions that fit the solution were known. However, the broad range of special functions includes many other extensions and techniques, such as the multivariate generalizations of hypergeometric functions such as the Meijer G-function, the Lie and operational methods, and, in particular, G. Dattoli's monomiality principle.





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