

AN ASYMPTOTIC FORMULA FOR THE DERIVATIVES OF ORTHOGONAL POLYNOMIALS ON THE UNIT CIRCLE

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1.

Let f be a non-negative function and assume that f and $\log f$ both belong to $L(-\pi, \pi)$. By k we denote the regular analytic function in $|z| < 1$, which satisfies the conditions

- 1) $\lim_{r \rightarrow 1-0} \operatorname{Re} \{k(re^{i\theta})\} = \log f(\theta)$ a.e.,
- 2) $k(0)$ real.

Let

$$D(f; z) = \exp \left\{ \frac{1}{2} k(z) \right\}.$$

The orthogonal polynomials Φ_n associated with f are uniquely defined by

- a) $(2\pi)^{-1} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |\Phi_n(f; e^{i\theta})|^2 f(\theta) d\theta = 1$,
- b) $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \Phi_n(f; e^{i\theta}) \overline{\pi(e^{i\theta})} f(\theta) d\theta = 0$ for every polynomial π of degree at most $n-1$,
- c) $\kappa_n(f) > 0$, where $\kappa_n(f)$ is the coefficient of z^n in $\Phi_n(f; z)$.

In this notation G. Szegő [3, p. 296] deduced the asymptotic formula

$$(1) \quad \Phi_n(f; e^{i\nu}) = e^{in\nu} \{D(f; e^{i\nu})\}^{-1} + o(1)$$

for certain functions f . Later G. Freud [1] proved the same formula under simplified conditions on f .

The aim of this note is to derive similar formulas for the derivatives of Φ_n under Freud's conditions. Our method is an extension of Freud's. In the sequel we use the notations

$$s_n(f; a, z) = \sum_{\nu=0}^n \overline{\Phi_{\nu}(f; a)} \Phi_{\nu}(f; z),$$

$$t_{n,q}(f; a) = \sum_{\nu=0}^n |\Phi_{\nu}^{(q)}(f; a)|^2$$

and

$$r_{n,q}(f; a, z) = \sum_{\nu=0}^n \overline{\Phi_{\nu}(f; a)} \Phi_{\nu}^{(q)}(f; z) .$$

2.

THEOREM. *Let f of period 2π be of bounded variation, and suppose that there are constants M and m so that $0 < m \leq f(\theta) \leq M$ for all θ . Let p be a non-negative integer.*

If γ is a number such that

$$(2) \quad \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \log f(\theta) \cot \frac{1}{2}(\gamma - \theta) d\theta$$

exists as a principal Cauchy value, then, for $z = e^{i\gamma}$, it follows that

$$(3) \quad \Phi_n^{(p)}(f; z) = n^p z^{n-p} \{ \overline{D(f; z)} \}^{-1} + o(n^p) .$$

REMARK. That $\Phi_n^{(p)}(f; e^{i\theta}) = O(n^p)$ uniformly in θ and n follows immediately by Bernstein's inequality and the fact [1, p. 286] that $\Phi_n(f; e^{i\theta}) = O(1)$ uniformly in θ and n .

The proof of the theorem is given in sections 3-7.

3.

First we derive a suitable estimate of the difference between $\Phi_n^{(p)}(f; z)$ and $\Phi_n^{(p)}(g; z)$, when f and g satisfy the conditions of the theorem. In order to do this we use the well-known formula [3, p. 288]

$$(4) \quad \kappa_n(f) \overline{\Phi}_n(f; z) = z^n s_n(f; 0, z^{-1}) .$$

Differentiating both sides with respect to z we get

$$\kappa_n(f) \overline{\Phi}_n'(f; z) = n z^{n-1} s_n(f; 0, z^{-1}) - z^{n-2} r_{n,1}(f; 0, z^{-1}) ,$$

which implies the following inequality for $|z| = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} & |\kappa_n(f) \Phi_n'(f; z) - \kappa_n(g) \Phi_n'(g; z)| \\ & \leq n |r_{n,0}(f; 0, z) - r_{n,0}(g; 0, z)| + |r_{n,1}(f; 0, z) - r_{n,1}(g; 0, z)| . \end{aligned}$$

Differentiating (4) p times we get for $|z| = 1$ that

$$(5) \quad \begin{aligned} & |\kappa_n(f) \Phi_n^{(p)}(f; z) - \kappa_n(g) \Phi_n^{(p)}(g; z)| \\ & \leq \sum_{\nu=0}^n C_{p,\nu} |r_{n,\nu}(f; 0, z) - r_{n,\nu}(g; 0, z)| , \end{aligned}$$

where

$$C_{p,\nu} = \begin{cases} \binom{p}{\nu} (n-\nu)(n-\nu-1)\dots(n-p+1) & \text{if } \nu \leq p-1, \\ 1 & \text{if } \nu = p. \end{cases}$$

Later on g^{-1} will be replaced by suitably selected trigonometrical polynomials.

4.

We now consider the following problem. Let λ , μ and a be complex numbers, and let f be positive and integrable on the unit circle. Determine the supremum of

$$|\lambda \varrho(0) + \mu \varrho^{(q)}(a)|^2, \quad q \text{ integer } \geq 1,$$

when ϱ ranges over the set of all polynomials of degree n which satisfy the condition

$$(2\pi)^{-1} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(\theta) |\varrho(e^{i\theta})|^2 d\theta = 1.$$

We shall apply a method of G. Szegö [3, p. 303]. Let

$$\varrho(z) = u_0 \Phi_0(f; z) + u_1 \Phi_1(f; z) + \dots + u_n \Phi_n(f; z).$$

Then $\sum_{\nu=0}^n |u_\nu|^2 = 1$, and according to Cauchy's inequality we get

$$\begin{aligned} |\lambda \varrho(0) + \mu \varrho^{(q)}(a)|^2 &= \left| \sum_{\nu=0}^n u_\nu \{ \lambda \Phi_\nu(f; 0) + \mu \Phi_\nu^{(q)}(f; a) \} \right|^2 \\ &\leq \sum_{\nu=0}^n |\lambda \Phi_\nu(f; 0) + \mu \Phi_\nu^{(q)}(f; a)|^2 \\ &= |\lambda|^2 s_n(f; 0, 0) + 2 \operatorname{Re} \{ \bar{\lambda} \mu r_{n,q}(f; 0, a) \} + |\mu|^2 t_{n,q}(f; a). \end{aligned}$$

This expression is the desired maximum, since it is attained for

$$\varrho(z) = \varepsilon \left(\sum_{\nu=0}^n |\lambda \Phi_\nu(f; 0) + \mu \Phi_\nu^{(q)}(f; a)|^2 \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{\nu=0}^n \overline{\{ \lambda \Phi_\nu(f; 0) + \mu \Phi_\nu^{(q)}(f; a) \}} \Phi_\nu(f; z),$$

where $|\varepsilon| = 1$. If

$$0 < m \leq f_1(\theta) \leq f(\theta) \leq f_2(\theta), \quad |\theta| \leq \pi,$$

then the preceding result shows that

$$\begin{aligned} (6) \quad &|\lambda|^2 s_n(f_1; 0, 0) + 2 \operatorname{Re} \{ \bar{\lambda} \mu r_{n,q}(f_1; 0, a) \} + |\mu|^2 t_{n,q}(f_1; a) \\ &\geq |\lambda|^2 s_n(f; 0, 0) + 2 \operatorname{Re} \{ \bar{\lambda} \mu r_{n,q}(f; 0, a) \} + |\mu|^2 t_{n,q}(f; a) \\ &\geq |\lambda|^2 s_n(f_2; 0, 0) + 2 \operatorname{Re} \{ \bar{\lambda} \mu r_{n,q}(f_2; 0, a) \} + |\mu|^2 t_{n,q}(f_2; a). \end{aligned}$$

For $\lambda = 0$ and $\mu = 1$ this reduces to

$$(7) \quad t_{n,q}(f_1; a) \geq t_{n,q}(f; a) \geq t_{n,q}(f_2; a).$$

From (6) we get the inequality

$$|\lambda|^2 [s_n(f; 0, 0) - s_n(f_2; 0, 0)] + 2 \operatorname{Re} \{ \bar{\lambda} \mu (r_{n,q}(f; 0, a) - r_{n,q}(f_2; 0, a)) \} + |\mu|^2 [t_{n,q}(f; a) - t_{n,q}(f_2; a)] \geq 0.$$

From a consideration of the discriminant of the left-hand side and an application of (7) it follows that

$$|r_{n,q}(f; 0, a) - r_{n,q}(f_2; 0, a)|^2 \leq \{s_n(f; 0, 0) - s_n(f_2; 0, 0)\} \{t_{n,q}(f_1; a) - t_{n,q}(f_2; a)\}.$$

Since $s_n(f; 0, 0) = (\kappa_n(f))^2$ (cf. e.g. [3, p. 288]) we get

$$(8) \quad |r_{n,q}(f; 0, a) - r_{n,q}(f_2; 0, a)|^2 \leq \{(\kappa_n(f))^2 - (\kappa_n(f_2))^2\} \{t_{n,q}(f_1; a) - t_{n,q}(f_2; a)\}.$$

5.

We next want an estimate of the right side in (8) where f_1 and f_2 are replaced by reciprocals of suitable trigonometrical polynomials. If f satisfies the conditions of the theorem, $F(\theta) = f^{-1}(\theta)$ is clearly of bounded variation. Thus it follows from theorem 1 in [2] that there exists a sequence of trigonometrical polynomials (W_n) (where W_n is of degree at most n) such that

$$2m^{-1} \geq W_n(\theta) \geq F(\theta) = f^{-1}(\theta)$$

and

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |W_n(\theta) - F(\theta)| d\theta = O(n^{-1}).$$

Condition (2) in our theorem implies that F is continuous at γ . Hence the remark on theorem 1 in [2, p. 281] shows that to every positive number ε there exist numbers δ_1 and N_1 such that

$$(9) \quad |W_n(\theta) - F(\gamma)| < \varepsilon$$

for all θ and n satisfying $|\theta - \gamma| < \delta_1$ and $n > N_1$.

Similarly another sequence of trigonometrical polynomials (w_n) exists satisfying

$$F(\theta) \geq w_n(\theta) \geq \frac{1}{2}M^{-1} > 0$$

and

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |w_n(\theta) - F(\theta)| d\theta = O(n^{-1}).$$

To every positive number ε there exist numbers δ_2 and N_2 such that

$$(10) \quad |w_n(\theta) - F(\gamma)| < \varepsilon$$

for all θ and n satisfying $|\theta - \gamma| < \delta_2$ and $n > N_2$. Furthermore we know according to [1, p. 287] that

$$(11) \quad [\kappa_n(f)]^2 - [\kappa_n(w_n^{-1})]^2 = O(n^{-1}).$$

In order to get an estimate of

$$t_{n,q}(W_n^{-1}; e^{i\gamma}) - t_{n,q}(w_n^{-1}; e^{i\gamma}),$$

which is the second factor of the right side of (8) with f_1 and f_2 replaced by W_n^{-1} and w_n^{-1} respectively, we proceed as follows.

With the chosen ε and with $\delta = \min(\delta_1, \delta_2)$ and $N = \max(N_1, N_2)$, we consider two trigonometrical polynomials χ and ψ satisfying the conditions (12) and (13):

$$(12a) \quad F(\gamma) + 2\varepsilon \geq \chi(\theta), \quad \theta \in (\gamma - \frac{1}{2}\delta, \gamma + \frac{1}{2}\delta),$$

$$(12b) \quad F(\gamma) + \varepsilon \leq \chi(\theta), \quad \theta \in (\gamma - \delta, \gamma + \delta),$$

$$(12c) \quad 3m^{-1} \geq \chi(\theta) \geq 2m^{-1}, \quad \theta \notin (\gamma - \delta, \gamma + \delta),$$

$$(13a) \quad F(\gamma) - 2\varepsilon \leq \psi(\theta), \quad \theta \in (\gamma - \frac{1}{2}\delta, \gamma + \frac{1}{2}\delta),$$

$$(13b) \quad F(\gamma) - \varepsilon \geq \psi(\theta), \quad \theta \in (\gamma - \delta, \gamma + \delta),$$

$$(13c) \quad \frac{1}{2}M^{-1} \leq \psi(\theta) \leq \frac{1}{2}M^{-1}, \quad \theta \notin (\gamma - \delta, \gamma + \delta).$$

Because of (9) and (10)

$$\chi(\theta) \geq W_n(\theta) \geq w_n(\theta) \geq \psi(\theta), \quad n > N.$$

By (7) it then follows that

$$(14) \quad t_{n,q}(\chi^{-1}; e^{i\gamma}) \geq t_{n,q}(W_n^{-1}; e^{i\gamma}) \geq t_{n,q}(w_n^{-1}; e^{i\gamma}) \geq t_{n,q}(\psi^{-1}; e^{i\gamma}).$$

Since ψ is a positive trigonometrical polynomial, $D(\psi^{-1}; z)$ is a polynomial of the same type [3, p. 287]. We denote this polynomial by $h(\psi^{-1}; z)$ and by [3, p. 287] we have

$$(15) \quad \Phi_n(\psi^{-1}; z) = z^n \bar{h}(\psi^{-1}; z^{-1})$$

for all $n \geq$ degree of ψ . Differentiating both sides q times with respect to $z = e^{i\theta}$ we get

$$\Phi_n^{(q)}(\psi^{-1}; z) = n^q z^{n-q} \bar{h}(\psi^{-1}; z^{-1}) + O(n^{q-1}).$$

Since $\psi(\theta) = |h(\psi^{-1}; e^{i\theta})|^2$, we get $(\theta = \gamma)$

$$|\Phi_n^{(q)}(\psi^{-1}; e^{i\gamma})|^2 = n^{2q} \psi(\gamma) + O(n^{2q-1})$$

and hence

$$t_{n,q}(\psi^{-1}; e^{i\nu}) = \psi(\gamma) \sum_0^n \nu^{2q} + O(n^{2q}) = \psi(\gamma) \{n^{2q+1}/(2q+1) + O(n^{2q})\}.$$

Similarly we get

$$t_{n,q}(\chi^{-1}; e^{i\nu}) = \chi(\gamma) \{n^{2q+1}/(2q+1) + O(n^{2q})\}.$$

Introducing the last two estimates in (14) we get by aid of (12a) and (13a) that

$$\begin{aligned} (f^{-1}(\gamma) + 3\varepsilon)n^{2q+1}/(2q+1) &\geq t_{n,q}(W_n^{-1}; e^{i\nu}) \\ &\geq t_{n,q}(w_n^{-1}; e^{i\nu}) \geq (f^{-1}(\gamma) - 3\varepsilon)n^{2q+1}/(2q+1) \end{aligned}$$

if n is sufficiently large. This yields

$$t_{n,q}(W_n^{-1}; e^{i\nu}) - t_{n,q}(w_n^{-1}; e^{i\nu}) = o(n^{2q+1}).$$

By (8) and (11) we find that

$$r_{n,q}(f; 0, e^{i\nu}) - r_{n,q}(w_n^{-1}; 0, e^{i\nu}) = o(n^q).$$

In (5) we replace g^{-1} by w_n and z by $e^{i\nu}$. Since according to [1]

$$s_n(f; 0, e^{i\nu}) - s_n(w_n^{-1}; 0, e^{i\nu}) = o(1),$$

we see that every term in the sum (5) is $o(n^p)$. It follows that

$$(16) \quad \kappa_n(f) \Phi_n^{(p)}(f; e^{i\nu}) - \kappa_n(w_n^{-1}) \Phi_n^{(p)}(w_n^{-1}; e^{i\nu}) = o(n^p).$$

6.

Next we want to prove that

$$(17) \quad \Phi_n^{(p)}(w_n^{-1}; e^{i\nu}) = n^p e^{i(n-p)\nu} \overline{\{D(w_n^{-1}; e^{i\nu})\}^{-1}} + o(n^p).$$

The formula

$$\Phi_n(w_n^{-1}; e^{i\theta}) = e^{in\theta} \overline{\{D(w_n^{-1}; e^{i\theta})\}^{-1}}$$

follows in the same way as (15) from [3, p. 287]. Differentiation of this equation with respect to θ gives

$$(18) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{d^p}{d\theta^p} \Phi_n(w_n^{-1}; e^{i\theta}) &= (in)^p e^{in\theta} \overline{\{D(w_n^{-1}; e^{i\theta})\}^{-1}} + \\ &+ \sum_{\nu=1}^p \binom{p}{\nu} (in)^{p-\nu} e^{in\theta} \frac{d^\nu}{d\theta^\nu} \{D(w_n^{-1}; e^{i\theta}) w_n(\theta)\}, \end{aligned}$$

since $\overline{\{D(w_n^{-1}; e^{i\theta})\}^{-1}} = D(w_n^{-1}; e^{i\theta}) w_n(\theta)$.

In the sequel we shall use the following lemma.

LEMMA. Let (T_n) be a sequence of trigonometric polynomials of degree n . If there are constant ε, δ and M such that

$$\begin{aligned} |T_n(\theta)| &\leq M \quad \text{for all } \theta, \\ |T_n(\theta)| &\leq \varepsilon \quad \text{for } |\theta| \leq \delta, \end{aligned}$$

then

$$|T_n'(\theta)| \leq 8n\varepsilon \quad \text{for } |\theta| \leq \frac{1}{2}\delta \text{ and } n > N,$$

where N depends on ε , δ and M .

PROOF. For $|\theta| \leq \frac{1}{2}\delta$ our assumptions imply

$$\frac{T_n(\theta+h) - T_n(\theta-h)}{\sin h} \leq \begin{cases} 4|h|^{-1}\varepsilon & \text{for } |h| \leq \frac{1}{2}\delta, \\ 8M\delta^{-1} & \text{for } |h| > \frac{1}{2}\delta. \end{cases}$$

The expression

$$u_n(h) = [T_n(\theta+h) - T_n(\theta-h)][\sin h]^{-1}$$

is a trigonometrical polynomial in h of degree at most n . By Bernstein's inequality, $|u_n'| \leq n \max |u_n|$, it follows that in an interval of length n^{-1} with center at a maximum point of $|u_n|$, the absolute value $|u_n|$ is not less than half the maximum. By aid of this observation we get that

$$\left| \frac{T_n(\theta+h) - T_n(\theta-h)}{\sin h} \right| \leq \max(16n\varepsilon, 8M\delta^{-1}) \quad \text{for } |\theta| \leq \frac{1}{2}\delta,$$

which for n sufficiently large is $\leq 16n\varepsilon$. This implies that

$$|T_n'(\theta)| \leq 8 \cdot n \cdot \varepsilon \quad \text{for } |\theta| \leq \frac{1}{2}\delta \text{ and } n > N,$$

where N only depends on ε , δ and M . The proof of the lemma is finished.

The definition of $\{w_n\}$ shows that $\{|w_n(\theta)|\}$ is bounded and furthermore we know according to (9) that to every positive ε there exist numbers δ and N_0 such that

$$|w_n(\theta) - F(\gamma)| < \varepsilon$$

when $|\theta - \gamma| \leq \delta$ and $n > N_0$. Thus by our lemma

$$|w_n'(\theta)| \leq 8n\varepsilon$$

when $|\theta - \gamma| \leq \frac{1}{2}\delta$ and n is sufficiently large. We find by a q -fold iteration that

$$(19) \quad |w_n^{(q)}(\theta)| < (8n)^q \varepsilon \quad \text{for } |\theta - \gamma| \leq 2^{-q}\delta.$$

From the definition of D we obtain

$$(20) \quad \frac{d}{d\theta} D(w_n^{-1}; e^{i\theta}) = -\frac{1}{2} D(w_n^{-1}; e^{i\theta}).$$

$$\cdot \left\{ \frac{w_n'(\theta)}{w_n(\theta)} + \frac{i}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{d}{dt} [\log w_n(t)] \cot \frac{1}{2}(\theta - t) dt \right\}.$$

We know that there exists a constant $c > 0$ such that $c^{-1} < w_n(\theta) < c$ for all sufficiently large n . Thus, it follows from

$$|D(w_n; e^{i\theta})|^2 = w_n(\theta)$$

that $D(w_n; e^{i\theta})$ satisfies a similar inequality.

To obtain an estimate of the integral in the last term in (20) for $|\theta - \gamma| \leq \frac{1}{4}\delta$ and sufficiently large n we proceed as follows. Putting $n^{-1}\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}} = \eta$ and combining the estimates of the proof of the lemma with (19), we find for one part of the integral in (20) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_{\theta-\eta}^{\theta+\eta} \frac{w_n'(t)}{w_n(t)} \cot \frac{1}{2}(\theta-t) dt \right| = \left| \int_{\theta-\eta}^{\theta+\eta} \left(\frac{w_n'(t)}{w_n(t)} - \frac{w_n'(\theta)}{w_n(\theta)} \right) \cot \frac{1}{2}(\theta-t) dt \right| \\ & \leq \int_{\theta-\eta}^{\theta+\eta} \left| \frac{w_n'(t) - w_n'(\theta)}{w_n(t)} \cot \frac{1}{2}(\theta-t) \right| dt + \int_{\theta-\eta}^{\theta+\eta} \left| \frac{w_n'(\theta) w_n(\theta) - w_n(t)}{w_n(\theta) w_n(t)} \cot \frac{1}{2}(\theta-t) \right| dt \\ & \leq 2M 16n 8n\varepsilon 2n^{-1}\varepsilon^{-\frac{1}{2}} + 4M^2 8n 16n\varepsilon^2 2n^{-1}\varepsilon^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}O(n). \end{aligned}$$

For the integral on the rest of the circle we have the estimate

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\theta+\eta}^{2\pi+\theta-\eta} \frac{d}{dt} [\log w_n(t)] \cot \frac{1}{2}(\theta-t) dt \\ & = [\log w_n(t) \cot \frac{1}{2}(\theta-t)]_{\theta+\eta}^{2\pi+\theta-\eta} + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\theta+\eta}^{2\pi+\theta-\eta} \log w_n(t) [\sin \frac{1}{2}(\theta-t)]^{-2} dt \\ & = \varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}O(n). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\left| \frac{d}{d\theta} D(w_n^{-1}; e^{i\theta}) \right| \leq \varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}O(n) \quad \text{for } |\theta - \gamma| \leq \frac{1}{4}\delta.$$

If we differentiate (20) $q - 1$ times and make repeated use of our lemma as above, we find that

$$\left| \frac{d^q}{d\theta^q} D(w_n^{-1}; e^{i\theta}) \right| \leq \varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}O(n^q) \quad \text{for } |\theta - \gamma| \leq 2^{-q-1}\delta$$

and hence

$$(21) \quad \frac{d^q}{d\theta^q} D(w_n^{-1}; e^{i\gamma}) = o(n^q).$$

Then (17) follows by applying (19) and (21) to (18).

7.

Finally using the following two results [1, p. 287, 289]:

$$(22) \quad 0 < \mu \leq \kappa_n(w_n^{-1}) \leq \lambda ,$$

where μ and λ are constants not depending on n , and

$$(23) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D(w_n^{-1}; e^{i\nu}) = D(f; e^{i\nu}) ,$$

we obtain the desired result in the following way. Applying (11) and (22) to (16), we get

$$\Phi_n^{(p)}(f; e^{i\nu}) = \Phi_n^{(p)}(w_n^{-1}; e^{i\nu}) + o(n^p) ,$$

and we find from (17) that this can be written in the form

$$\Phi_n^{(p)}(f; e^{i\nu}) = n^p e^{i(n-p)\nu} \overline{D(w_n^{-1}; e^{i\nu})}^{-1} + o(n^p) .$$

Now the statement (3) follows by applying (23). The theorem is proved.

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