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Introduction

Let $\chi(x)$ be a real valued non-decreasing function with infinitely many points of increase in the finite or infinite interval (a, b) , and let the moments

$$\int_a^b x^\nu d\chi(x), \quad (\nu = 0, 1, 2, \dots),$$

exist. Then there exists a set of polynomials $\{\phi_\nu(x)\}_0^\infty$ uniquely determined by the following conditions:

(a) $\phi_\nu(x)$ is a polynomial of precise degree ν in which the coefficient of x^ν is positive.

(b) The system $\{\phi_\nu(x)\}$ is orthonormal, i.e.,

$$\int_a^b \phi_\mu(x)\phi_\nu(x)d\chi(x) = \delta_{\mu\nu}, \quad (\mu, \nu = 0, 1, \dots)^1)$$

The natural number n being given, we denote by Π_n the class of real polynomials $f(x)$ of degree at most n satisfying the following two conditions:

$$(1) \quad f(x) \geq 0, \quad a < x < b,$$

$$(2) \quad \int_a^b f(x)d\chi(x) = 1.$$

This class has received much attention in connection with the problem of determining

$$(3) \quad M_n(z) = \max_{f \in \Pi_n} f(z),$$

where z is a real number usually, but not always, assumed to be in (a, b) .

F. Lukács determined in 1918 the value of $M_n(+1)$ for all n for the special case $(a, b) = (-1, +1)$ and $\chi(x) = x^2$.²⁾ For this pur-

¹⁾ G. Szegő, *Orthogonal Polynomials*, pp. 24—25.

²⁾ F. Lukács, „Verschärfung des ersten Mittelwertsatzes der Integralrechnung für rationale Polynome“, *Mathematische Zeitschrift*, 2: 295—305, 1918. See also G. Polya and G. Szegő, *Aufgaben und Lehrsätze aus der Analysis*, Problem 108, p. 96.

pose Lukács rediscovers the quadrature formulae of Radau [5], apparently unaware of Radau's memoir of 1880. Slight variations of the Radau formulae appear in this paper in (1:1.10), (1:1.12), and (1:2.7) and play an important part in the discussion.

M. Riesz, in 1922, without the use of mechanical quadratures, determined $M_n(z)$ for all n and all z for the case $(a, b) = (-\infty, +\infty)$, $d\chi(x)$ arbitrary.³⁾ See also O. Bottema [1] for an approach with quadrature formulae.

In 1925 G. Polya and G. Szegő extended Lukács result to a variety of intervals and distributions in a series of problems.⁴⁾

Using a method based on a parametric representation of polynomials belonging to Π_n , G. Szegő in 1939, computed $\max |f(z)|$, $f(x) \in \Pi_n$, where (a, b) is finite and z is any real number.⁵⁾

Finally, in a paper [7] of 1959, I. Schoenberg and G. Szegő completely determine the set

$$(8) \quad R_z = \{f(z) | f \in \Pi_n\}$$

for any real z and for arbitrary (a, b) and $d\chi(x)$. Their method involves the parametric representation mentioned above.

The situation for real z thus being completely described, it is the purpose of this paper to determine the set (8) when z is imaginary. Two properties of R_z can be established immediately. Firstly, since Π_n is evidently a convex class, R_z is a convex set of complex numbers. Secondly, R_z is compact. To see this we first show that Π_n , regarded as a subset of $n+1$ dimensional Euclidean space, is compact. We need the Gauss-Jacobi quadrature formula:

$$(9) \quad \sum_{\nu=0}^n \lambda_\nu f(x_\nu) = \int_a^b f(x) d\chi(x),$$

where the x_ν are the zeros of $\phi_{n+1}(x)$, $\lambda_\nu > 0$ ($\nu = 0, \dots, n$), and $f(x) \in \pi_{2n+1}$.⁶⁾ (Following Szegő, [8], we write $f(x) \in \pi_m$ to indicate that $f(x)$ is a polynomial of degree not exceeding m .) To indicate that (9) is valid if $f(x) \in \pi_{2n+1}$ we shall say that (9) is of degree $2n+1$. Applying (9) to an arbitrary member of Π_n , we obtain

$$(10) \quad \sum_{\nu=0}^n \lambda_\nu f(x_\nu) = 1,$$

³⁾ M. Riesz, „Sur le problème des moments,” 3me Note, *Arkiv for Matematik, Astronomi och Fysik*, 17: 19—20, 1922.

⁴⁾ G. Polya and G. Szegő, op. cit., Problems 103—13, pp. 95—97.

⁵⁾ Szegő, op. cit., pp. 173—78.

⁶⁾ Ibid., p. 46.

a condition equivalent to (2). Since all x_ν are in (a, b) , it follows that

$$0 \leq f(x_\nu) \leq \frac{1}{\min \lambda_\nu} \quad (\nu = 0, 1, \dots, n).$$

Now, a variable polynomial $f(x) \in \pi_n$ which is bounded at $n+1$ points must have bounded coefficients.⁷⁾ Hence Π_n is bounded in E_{n+1} . Properties (1) and (10) are evidently preserved in passing to the limit of a sequence in E_{n+1} , and so Π_n is compact. Finally, since the mapping

$$(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n) \rightarrow \sum_{\nu=0}^n a_\nu z^\nu$$

from Π_n to R_z is continuous, R_z is also compact.

As a consequence of the possession of these two properties, R_z can be completely described by its function of support. This will be obtained with the aid of quadrature formulae especially constructed in terms of z . We shall prove that for $n > 2$, R_z is the set bounded by a certain ellipse with a focus at zero if $(a, b) = (-\infty, \infty)$, and is the convex hull of the union of two such sets otherwise.

We shall make use of four orthonormal systems, depending on z , with properties analogous to (a) and (b). Viz.

$$\{p_\nu(x)\}, \{q_\nu(x)\}, \{r_\nu(x)\}, \{s_\nu(x)\}$$

defined by

$$(11) \quad \int_a^b p_\mu(x) p_\nu(x) (x-z)(x-\bar{z}) d\chi(x) = \delta_{\mu\nu},$$

$$(12) \quad \int_a^b q_\mu(x) q_\nu(x) (x-a)(b-x)(x-z)(x-\bar{z}) d\chi(x) = \delta_{\mu\nu},$$

$$(13) \quad \int_a^b r_\mu(x) r_\nu(x) (x-a)(x-z)(x-\bar{z}) d\chi(x) = \delta_{\mu\nu},$$

$$(14) \quad \int_a^b s_\mu(x) s_\nu(x) (b-x)(x-z)(x-\bar{z}) d\chi(x) = \delta_{\mu\nu},$$

respectively. These systems exist (provided that the quantities a and b which appear in the integrands are finite) because the weight function in each case is a polynomial which is positive in (a, b) .

The paper contains four sections. In § 1 we assemble all the necessary quadrature formulae; several classes of formulae are needed depending upon whether (a, b) is a finite interval, a half-line, or the whole real axis, and upon whether n is odd or even.

⁷⁾ C. de la Vallée Poussin, *Leçons sur l'approximation des fonctions d'une variable réelle*, p. 74.

In § 2 these formulae are applied to obtain a description of R_z . In particular, the value of

$$\max |f(z)|, \quad f(x) \in \Pi_n$$

(which appears in [6] for the special case $(a, b) = (-\infty, +\infty)$ ⁸) is obtained in terms of the system $\{\phi_\nu(x)\}$. The third section contains a discussion of the exceptional cases $n = 1, 2$, and the concluding section is devoted to a proof that R_z varies continuously with z , for all complex z .

§ 1. Some Special Classes of Quadrature Formulae

1:1 *A class of formulae of open type of degree $2k$.*

THEOREM I. Let $-\infty \leq a < b \leq +\infty$, let $\{p_\nu(x)\}$ be the orthonormal system defined by (11). Then for any real number c , the zeros ξ_ν of

$$(1:1.1) \quad \omega(x) = p_k(x) - cp_{k-1}(x), \quad k \geq 1,$$

are real and distinct. To these knots there corresponds a formula

$$(1:1.2) \quad \sum_{\nu=1}^k P_\nu f(\xi_\nu) + Pf(z) + \bar{P}f(\bar{z}) = \int_a^b f(x) d\chi(x) \text{ of deg } 2k.$$

The coefficients P_ν satisfy

$$(1:1.3) \quad P_\nu > 0 \quad (\nu = 1, 2, \dots, k).$$

P is a linear fractional function of c which maps the real axis onto a circle of the complex plane containing the origin as an interior point. For increasing c , P moves clockwise if $\Im m z > 0$, counter-clockwise if $\Im m z < 0$.

PROOF. The zeros of (1:1.1) are readily studied:⁹ $p_k(x)$ and $p_{k-1}(x)$ have only real and simple zeros, all lying in (a, b) , the zeros of $p_{k-1}(x)$ separating those of $p_k(x)$. Hence if

$$p_{k-1}(x) = C_{k-1}(x - \gamma'_1) \dots (x - \gamma'_{k-1}), \quad (C_{k-1} > 0),$$

we have the partial fraction decomposition

$$p_k(x)/p_{k-1}(x) = Kx + L - \sum_{\nu=1}^{k-1} a_\nu/(x - \gamma'_\nu),$$

where K and all a_ν are positive. Moreover

$$\frac{d}{dx} \{p_k(x)/p_{k-1}(x)\} = K + \sum_{\nu=1}^{k-1} a_\nu/(x - \gamma'_\nu)^2 > 0$$

⁸) Riesz, op. cit., pp. 20—21.

⁹) Ibid., pp. 14—18. See also Szegő, op. cit., p. 45, Theorem 3.3.4.

for all real x where the derivative exists. A graph now reveals the following facts which we state as a lemma for repeated future use.

LEMMA 1. The zeros ξ_ν of (1:1.1) are real and simple for all real c . Letting $\xi_1 < \xi_2 < \dots < \xi_k$, we have the further inequalities

$$-\infty < \xi_1 < \gamma'_1 < \xi_2 < \gamma'_2 < \dots < \xi_{k-1} < \gamma'_{k-1} < \xi_k < +\infty.$$

As c increases from $-\infty$ to $+\infty$, each ξ_ν increases continuously taking on all values in the open interval to which it is restricted.

For any real c and $f(x) \in \pi_{k+1}$, let us write the Lagrange interpolation formula based on the $k+2$ points

$$\xi_1 < \xi_2 < \dots < \xi_k, z, \bar{z}$$

as

$$f(x) = \sum_{\nu=1}^k L_\nu(x)f(\xi_\nu) + \frac{\omega(x)(x-\bar{z})}{\omega(z)(z-\bar{z})}f(z) + \frac{\omega(x)(x-z)}{\omega(\bar{z})(\bar{z}-z)}f(\bar{z}),$$

where $L_\nu(x)$ is a polynomial independent of $f(x)$ of degree $k+1$. Integrating this identity we obtain formula (1:1.2) of degree $k+1$, where

$$P_\nu = \int_a^b L_\nu(x)d\chi(x), \quad P = \int_a^b \frac{\omega(x)(x-\bar{z})}{\omega(z)(z-\bar{z})}d\chi(x).$$

To show that (1:1.2) is actually of degree $2k$, we use Jacobi's classical argument. Let $f(x) \in \pi_{2k}$ and let

$$(1:1.4) \quad f(x) = \omega(x)(x-z)(x-\bar{z})g_{k-2}(x) + h_{k+1}(x)$$

be the result of dividing $f(x)$ by $\omega(x)(x-z)(x-\bar{z})$, subscripts indicating maximum degree. By (11), (1:1.2), and (1:1.4),

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b f(x)d\chi(x) &= \int_a^b h(x)d\chi(x) = \sum_{\nu=1}^k P_\nu h(\xi_\nu) + Ph(z) + \bar{P}h(\bar{z}) \\ &= \sum_{\nu=1}^k P_\nu f(\xi_\nu) + Pf(z) + \bar{P}f(\bar{z}). \end{aligned}$$

The decisive point in Jacobi's proof is that $\omega(x)$ is orthogonal to an arbitrary $g_{k-2}(x)$ with respect to the "distribution" $(x-z)(x-\bar{z})d\chi(x)$. Hence we may note that the zeros ξ_ν of (1:1.1) are the only knots for which (1:1.2) is of degree $2k$.

To prove (1:1.3), apply (1:1.2) to

$$f(x) = \left(\frac{\omega(x)}{x-\xi_\nu} \right)^2 (x-z)(x-\bar{z}) \in \pi_{2k}, \quad (\nu = 1, 2, \dots, k).$$

There results

$$P_\nu f(\xi_\nu) = \int_a^b f(x) d\chi(x) > 0,$$

and (1:1.3) follows.

Next we study the mapping

$$(1:1.5) \quad P(c) = \frac{\int_a^b p_k(x)(x-\bar{z}) d\chi(x) - c \int_a^b p_{k-1}(x)(x-\bar{z}) d\chi(x)}{(p_k(z) - cp_{k-1}(z))(z-\bar{z})}.$$

To this end, let c' and c'' be unequal real numbers, and let

$$\sum_{\nu=1}^k P'_\nu f(\xi'_\nu) + P'f(z) + \bar{P}'f(\bar{z}) = \int_a^b f(x) d\chi(x) \text{ of degree } 2k$$

and

$$\sum_{\nu=1}^k P''_\nu f(\xi''_\nu) + P''f(z) + \bar{P}''f(\bar{z}) = \int_a^b f(x) d\chi(x) \text{ of degree } 2k$$

be the corresponding quadrature formulas. Applying both of these to

$$f(x) = \prod_{\nu=1}^k (x - \xi'_\nu)^2 \in \pi_{2k}$$

we obtain

$$(1:1.6) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 < \int_a^b f(x) d\chi(x) &= P'f(z) + \bar{P}'f(\bar{z}) \\ &= \sum_{\nu=1}^k P''_\nu f(\xi''_\nu) + P''f(z) + \bar{P}''f(\bar{z}). \end{aligned}$$

From (1:1.3) and Lemma 1 it follows that

$$(1:1.7) \quad P''f(z) + \bar{P}''f(\bar{z}) < P'f(z) + \bar{P}'f(\bar{z}).$$

Hence the transformation (1:1.5) is non-constant. Another application of the lemma shows that the pole of (1:1.5) is imaginary. Therefore, (1:1.5) maps the real axis onto a bounded circle. The origin is not outside this circle, for then we could choose c' and c'' so that $DP' = P''$ with $D > 1$, and this would contradict (1:1.7). To prove that the origin is not on the circle, we first observe by means of (1:1.6) that $P' \neq 0$ i.e. P does not vanish for finite c . Hence we need only show that

$$P(\infty) = \frac{\int_a^b p_{k-1}(x)(x-\bar{z}) d\chi(x)}{p_{k-1}(z)(z-\bar{z})} \neq 0.$$

However, this is precisely the expression for $P(0)$ if k is replaced

by $k-1$. (If $k = 1$, there is no "lower" formula but then the inequality is obvious.)

The orientation of the circle depends only on the location of the pole $p_k(z)/p_{k-1}(z)$ of (1:1.5). Namely, if $\Im p_k(z)/p_{k-1}(z) > 0$, P moves clockwise with increasing c , and if $\Im p_k(z)/p_{k-1}(z) < 0$, P moves counterclockwise. The partial fraction decomposition of $p_k(x)/p_{k-1}(x)$ shows that

$$\operatorname{sgn} \Im p_k(z)/p_{k-1}(z) = \operatorname{sgn} \Im z$$

and this completes the proof.

REMARK 1. For $c = 0$ and $f(x) \in \pi_{2k+1}$, (1:1.4) becomes

$$f(x) = p_k(x)(x-z)(x-\bar{z})g_{k-1}(x) + h_{k+1}(x).$$

It follows that (1:1.2) is of degree $2k+1$ for this value of c . This formula is especially important and is here recorded as

$$(1:1.8) \quad \sum_{\nu=1}^k G_\nu f(\gamma_\nu) + Gf(z) + \bar{G}f(\bar{z}) = \int_a^b f(x) d\chi(x) \text{ of degree } 2k+1,$$

γ_ν being the zeros of $p_k(x)$. We shall refer to (1:1.8) as *Gauss's formula* because of the similarity with (9).

REMARK 2. There are two other formulae in the class (1:1.2) which are especially noteworthy. If $-\infty < a$, Lemma 1 shows that there exists $c_1 < 0$ for which $\xi_1 = a$. (In fact $c_1 = p_k(a)/p_{k-1}(a)$.) Denoting the remaining zeros of (1:1.1) by

$$(1:1.9) \quad \xi_2 = \alpha_1, \xi_3 = \alpha_2, \dots, \xi_k = \alpha_{k-1},$$

we write the special formula so obtained as

$$(1:1.10) \quad A_0 f(a) + \sum_{\nu=1}^{k-1} A_\nu f(\alpha_\nu) + Af(z) + \bar{A}f(\bar{z}) = \int_a^b f(x) d\chi(x) \\ \text{of degree } 2k.$$

The α_ν are evidently the zeros of

$$f_{k-1}(x) = \frac{p_{k-1}(a)p_k(x) - p_k(a)p_{k-1}(x)}{(x-a)} \in \pi_{k-1}.$$

But $f_{k-1}(x)(x-a)$ is clearly orthogonal to any polynomial of degree $k-2$ with respect to $(x-z)(x-\bar{z})d\chi(x)$. Therefore $f_{k-1}(x) = r_{k-1}(x)$ up to a numerical factor, and the α_ν are the zeros of $r_{k-1}(x)$. Similarly, if $b < +\infty$, there exists $c_2 > 0$ for which $\xi_k = b$. Writing

$$(1:1.11) \quad \xi_1 = \beta_1, \xi_2 = \beta_2, \dots, \xi_{k-1} = \beta_{k-1},$$

the corresponding formula will be written

$$(1:1.12) \quad \sum_{\nu=1}^{k-1} B_{\nu} f(\beta_{\nu}) + B_k f(b) + B f(z) + \bar{B} f(\bar{z}) = \int_a^b f(x) d\chi(x)$$

of degree $2k$.

By an argument similar to the one just used we see that the knots β_{ν} are the roots of $s_{k-1}(x)$. We shall call (1:1.10) and (1:1.12) the *left-sided and right-sided formulae of Radau* because quite similar formulas were first discovered by Radau.¹⁰⁾ Finally, let us record here the following inequalities which are evident in view of Lemma 1.

$$(1:1.13) \quad \alpha < \beta_1 < \gamma'_1 < \alpha_1 < \beta_2 < \gamma'_2 < \alpha_2 < \dots < \beta_{k-1} < \gamma'_{k-1} < \alpha_{k-1} < b.$$

1:2 A class of formulae of closed type of degree $2k$.

THEOREM II. Let $-\infty < a < b < +\infty$, let $\{q_{\nu}(x)\}$ be the orthonormal system defined by (12). There are two real numbers d_1 and d_2 , $d_1 < 0 < d_2$, such that the zeros δ_{ν} of

$$(1:2.1) \quad \psi(x) = q_{k-1}(x) - d q_{k-2}(x), \quad k \geq 2,$$

agree with the knots β_{ν} and α_{ν} of the Radau formulae (1:1.12) and (1:1.10) for $d = d_1$ and $d = d_2$ respectively. For every d in the range

$$(1:2.2) \quad d_1 < d < d_2$$

the δ_{ν} satisfy

$$(1:2.3) \quad \beta_{\nu} < \delta_{\nu} < \alpha_{\nu} \quad (\nu = 1, 2, \dots, k-1).$$

To these knots there corresponds a formula

$$(1:2.4) \quad Q_0 f(a) + \sum_{\nu=1}^{k-1} Q_{\nu} f(\delta_{\nu}) + Q_k f(b) + Q f(z) + \bar{Q} f(\bar{z}) = \int_a^b f(x) d\chi(x)$$

of degree $2k$.

The coefficients Q_{ν} satisfy

$$(1:2.5) \quad Q_{\nu} > 0 \quad (\nu = 0, 1, \dots, k).$$

Q is a linear fractional function of d which maps the real axis onto a circle of the complex plane containing the origin as an interior point. For increasing d , Q moves clockwise if $\Im m z > 0$, counter-clockwise if $\Im m z < 0$.

¹⁰⁾ R. Radau, „Étude sur les formules d'approximation qui servent à calculer la valeur numérique d'une intégrale définie,” *Journal des Mathématiques pures et appliquées*, 3me série, 6: 296, 1880.

The circles described by P and Q intersect at $A = P(c_1) = Q(d_2)$ and $B = P(c_2) = Q(d_1)$ forming a lens containing the origin. The sides of the lens correspond to the ranges $c_1 < c < c_2$ and (1:2.2) respectively.

PROOF. To demonstrate the existence of numbers d_1 and d_2 having the stated properties, we use an argument found in [7]. Expanding $r_{k-1}(x)$ in terms of the system $\{q_\nu(x)\}$ yields

$$r_{k-1}(x) = \sum_{\nu=0}^{k-1} \left\{ \int_a^b r_{k-1}(x)q_\nu(x)(x-a)(b-x)(x-z)(x-\bar{z})d\chi(x) \right\} q_\nu(x).$$

By the orthogonality properties of $r_{k-1}(x)$, only the last two terms survive. Thus

$$r_{k-1}(x) = Eq_{k-1}(x) + Fq_{k-2}(x),$$

where $E > 0$ and

$$F = \int_a^b r_{k-1}(x)q_{k-2}(x)(x-a)(b-x)(x-z)(x-\bar{z})d\chi(x).$$

But on expanding $q_{k-2}(x)(b-x)$ in terms of the system $\{r_\nu(x)\}$ we find

$$q_{k-2}(x)(b-x) = Fr_{k-1}(x) + \dots$$

Thus $F < 0$ and $d_2 = -F/E > 0$. A similar argument deals with d_1 . Now the polynomial (1:2.1) has properties analogous to (1:1.1). Hence, by Lemma 1, (1:2.3) holds for d in the range (1:2.2). For any such d , integration of Lagrange's formula based on the $k+3$ points

$$a < \delta_1 < \delta_2 < \dots < \delta_{k-1} < b, z, \bar{z}$$

leads to (1:2.4) of degree $k+2$. For $f(x) \in \pi_{2k}$ we have

$$(1:2.6) \quad f(x) = \psi(x)(x-a)(b-x)(x-z)(x-\bar{z})g_{k-3}(x) + h_{k+2}(x).$$

By (12), (1:2.4), and (1:2.6) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b f(x)d\chi(x) &= \int_a^b h(x)d\chi(x) \\ &= Q_0h(a) + \sum_{\nu=1}^{k-1} Q_\nu h(\delta_\nu) + Q_k h(b) + Qh(z) + \bar{Q}h(\bar{z}) \\ &= Q_0f(a) + \sum_{\nu=1}^{k-1} Q_\nu f(\delta_\nu) + Q_k f(b) + Qf(z) + \bar{Q}f(\bar{z}). \end{aligned}$$

Thus (1:2.4) is of degree $2k$.

Applying (1:2.4) to

$$f(x) = \left(\frac{\psi(x)}{x - \delta_\nu} \right)^2 (x-a)(b-x)(x-z)(x-\bar{z}) \in \pi_{2k}, \quad (\nu=1, 2, \dots, k-1),$$

yields

$$Q_\nu f(\delta_\nu) = \int_a^b f(x) d\chi(x) > 0.$$

Since $a < \delta_\nu < b$, $f(\delta_\nu) > 0$. Therefore

$$Q_\nu > 0 \quad (\nu = 1, 2, \dots, k-1).$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} Q_0(d) &= \int_a^b \frac{\psi(x)(b-x)(x-z)(x-\bar{z})}{\psi(a)(b-a)(a-z)(a-\bar{z})} d\chi(x) \\ &= \frac{\int_a^b q_{k-1}(x)(b-x)(x-z)(x-\bar{z})d\chi(x) - d \int_a^b q_{k-2}(x)(b-x)(x-z)(x-\bar{z})d\chi(x)}{(q_{k-1}(a) - dq_{k-2}(a))(b-a)(a-z)(a-\bar{z})} \end{aligned}$$

Notice that the denominator vanishes only for a value of d less than d_1 . Recalling that the zeros of (1:2.1) are the β_ν for $d = d_1$, we obtain

$$Q_0(d_1) = \int_a^b \frac{s_{k-1}(x)(b-x)(x-z)(x-\bar{z})}{s_{k-1}(a)(b-a)(a-z)(a-\bar{z})} d\chi(x) = 0,$$

and by applying (1:1.10) we obtain

$$Q_0(d_2) = \int_a^b \frac{r_{k-1}(x)(b-x)(x-z)(x-\bar{z})}{r_{k-1}(a)(b-a)(a-z)(a-\bar{z})} d\chi(x) = A_0 > 0.$$

(Observe that the degree of the integrand does not exceed $2k$.) But a real linear fractional function is monotone in any range not including the pole. Hence (1:2.2) implies

$$Q_0 > 0.$$

A similar argument shows that Q_k decreases from B_k to 0 in the range (1:2.2).

$$\begin{aligned} Q(d) &= \int_a^b \frac{\psi(x)(x-\bar{z})(x-a)(b-x)}{\psi(z)(z-\bar{z})(z-a)(b-z)} d\chi(x) \\ &= \frac{\int_a^b q_{k-1}(x)(x-\bar{z})(x-a)(b-x)d\chi(x) - d \int_a^b q_{k-2}(x)(x-\bar{z})(x-a)(b-x)d\chi(x)}{(q_{k-1}(z) - dq_{k-2}(z))(z-\bar{z})(z-a)(b-z)}. \end{aligned}$$

This is the same type of transformation as (1:1.5) with $d\chi(x)$

replaced by $(x-a)(b-x)d\chi(x)$ and k replaced by $k-1$. Hence the stated properties of Q are consequences of Theorem I. Now

$$Q(d_1) = B = P(c_2),$$

the integral being evaluated by (1:1.12), and

$$Q(d_2) = A = P(c_1)$$

by (1:1.10).

To prove the existence of a lens with the described properties, choose d in the range (1:2.2) so that $\arg Q(d) \neq \arg P(\infty)$. Next choose a real c so that

$$\arg P(c) = \arg Q(d).$$

Applying the corresponding formulae (1:2.4) and (1:1.2) to

$$f(x) = \prod_{\nu=1}^k (x-\xi_\nu)^2 \in \pi_{2k}$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < \int_a^b f(x)d\chi(x) &= Q_0f(a) + \sum_{\nu=1}^{k-1} Q_\nu f(\delta_\nu) + Q_kf(b) + Qf(z) + \bar{Q}f(\bar{z}) \\ &= Pf(z) + \bar{P}f(\bar{z}). \end{aligned}$$

By (1:2.3) and (1:2.5) we conclude

$$Qf(z) + \bar{Q}f(\bar{z}) < Pf(z) + \bar{P}f(\bar{z})$$

or

$$Q/P \cdot \{Pf(z) + \bar{P}f(\bar{z})\} < Pf(z) + \bar{P}f(\bar{z}).$$

Therefore

$$|Q| < |P|.$$

Stated geometrically, Q describes one side of the lens formed by the intersecting circles, going from B to A as d increases from d_1 to d_2 .

It is possible to prove in a similar way that

$$|P| < |Q|$$

if P corresponds to c satisfying $c_1 < c < c_2$ and $\arg Q = \arg P$. However, the rest of the theorem now follows easily from the fact that both circles have the same orientation. Namely, as c increases from c_1 to c_2 , P describes a circular arc from A to B . Since the orientation is the same as that of the arc described by Q , this arc must be the other side of the lens.

REMARK 3. For $d = 0$ and $f(x) \in \pi_{2k+1}$ (1:2.6) becomes

$$f(x) = q_{k-1}(x)(x-a)(b-x)(x-z)(x-\bar{z})q_{k-2}(x) + h_{k+2}(x).$$

It follows that (1:2.4) is of degree $2k+1$ for $d = 0$. The knots are then the zeros of $q_{k-1}(x)$ which we denote by τ_ν . Also writing $Q_\nu = T_\nu$, $Q = T$ if $d = 0$, (1:2.4) reduces to

$$(1:2.7) \quad T_0 f(a) + \sum_{\nu=1}^{k-1} T_\nu f(\tau_\nu) + T_k f(b) + T f(z) + \bar{T} f(\bar{z}) = \int_a^b f(x) d\chi(x)$$

of degree $2k+1$.

We shall refer to (1:2.7) as *Radau's two-sided formula*, for a similar one was first derived by Radau for $(a, b) = (-1, +1)$.¹¹⁾

1:3 Two classes of formulae of half-closed type of degree $2k+1$.

THEOREM III. Let $-\infty < a < b \leq +\infty$, let $\{r_\nu(x)\}$ be the orthonormal system defined by (13). There exists $e_1 < 0$ such that the zeros η_ν of

$$(1:3.1) \quad \phi(x) = r_k(x) - e r_{k-1}(x), \quad k \geq 1,$$

are identical with the zeros γ_ν of $p_k(x)$ for $e = e_1$. For every e in the range

$$(1:3.2) \quad e_1 < e$$

the η_ν satisfy

$$(1:3.3) \quad \gamma_\nu < \eta_\nu \quad (\nu = 1, 2, \dots, k).$$

To these knots there corresponds a formula

$$(1:3.4) \quad R_0 f(a) + \sum_{\nu=1}^k R_\nu f(\eta_\nu) + R f(z) + \bar{R} f(\bar{z}) = \int_a^b f(x) d\chi(x)$$

of degree $2k+1$.

The coefficients R_ν satisfy

$$(1:3.5) \quad R_\nu > 0 \quad (\nu = 0, 1, \dots, k).$$

R is a linear fractional function of e which maps the real axis onto a circle of the complex plane containing the origin as an interior point. For increasing e , R moves clockwise if $\Im m z > 0$, counter-clockwise if $\Im m z < 0$.

The circles described by P and R intersect at $A = P(c_1) = R(\infty)$ and $G = P(0) = R(e_1)$ forming a lens containing the origin.

¹¹⁾ Idem.

The sides of the lens correspond to the ranges $c_1 < c < 0$ and (1:3.2) respectively.

If $b < +\infty$, there exists $e_2 > 0$ for which

$$\eta_\nu = \tau_\nu \quad (\nu = 1, 2, \dots, k-1), \quad \eta_k = b,$$

and (1:3.4) is then identical with Radau's two-sided formula (1:2.7). In particular

$$(1:3.6) \quad R(e_2) = T = Q(0).$$

PROOF. The existence of a negative e_1 , for which the zeros of (1:3.1) are the γ_ν is proved by expanding $p_k(x)$ in terms of the system $\{r_\nu(x)\}$. (See [7]). Hence, by Lemma 1, (1:3.2) implies (1:3.3). For any e in the range (1:3.2), integration of Lagrange's formula based on the $k+3$ points

$$a < \eta_1 < \eta_2 < \dots < \eta_k, z, \bar{z}$$

leads to (1:3.4) of degree $k+2$. For $f(x) \in \pi_{2k+1}$ we have

$$(1:3.7) \quad f(x) = \phi(x)(x-a)(x-z)(x-\bar{z})g_{k-2}(x) + h_{k+2}(x).$$

By (13), (1:3.4), and (1:3.7) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b f(x) d\chi(x) &= \int_a^b h(x) d\chi(x) = R_0 h(a) + \sum_{\nu=1}^k R_\nu h(\eta_\nu) + Rh(z) + \bar{R}h(\bar{z}) \\ &= R_0 f(a) + \sum_{\nu=1}^k R_\nu f(\eta_\nu) + Rf(z) + \bar{R}f(\bar{z}). \end{aligned}$$

Thus (1:3.4) is of degree $2k+1$.

Applying (1:3.4) to

$$f(x) = (\phi(x)/(x-\eta_\nu))^2(x-a)(x-z)(x-\bar{z}) \in \pi_{2k+1}, \quad (\nu = 1, 2, \dots, k),$$

yields

$$R_\nu f(\eta_\nu) = \int_a^b f(x) d\chi(x) > 0.$$

Since $\eta_\nu > a$, we obtain

$$f(\eta_\nu) > 0.$$

Therefore

$$R_\nu > 0 \quad (\nu = 1, 2, \dots, k).$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} R_0(e) &= \int_a^b \frac{\phi(x)(x-z)(x-\bar{z})}{\phi(a)(a-z)(a-\bar{z})} d\chi(x) \\ &= \frac{\int_a^b r_k(x)(x-z)(x-\bar{z}) d\chi(x) - e \int_a^b r_{k-1}(x)(x-z)(x-\bar{z}) d\chi(x)}{(r_k(a) - er_{k-1}(a))(a-z)(a-\bar{z})}. \end{aligned}$$

Observe that the denominator vanishes only for a value of e less than e_1 . To prove that (1:3.2) implies $R_0(e) > 0$, we examine two special values. First

$$R_0(e_1) = \int_a^b \frac{p_k(x)(x-z)(x-\bar{z})}{p_k(a)(a-z)(a-\bar{z})} d\chi(x) = 0.$$

Next we see from (1:3.7) that (1:3.4) is of degree $2k+2$ for $e = 0$. Applying this formula to

$$f(x) = (r_k(x))^2(x-z)(x-\bar{z}) \in \pi_{2k+2},$$

we obtain

$$R_0(0) \cdot f(a) = \int_a^b f(x) d\chi(x) > 0,$$

and the rest of (1:3.5) follows

$$\begin{aligned} R(e) &= \int_a^b \frac{\phi(x)(x-\bar{z})(x-a)}{\phi(z)(z-\bar{z})(z-a)} d\chi(x) \\ &= \frac{\int_a^b r_k(x)(x-\bar{z})(x-a) d\chi(x) - e \int_a^b r_{k-1}(x)(x-\bar{z})(x-a) d\chi(x)}{(r_k(z) - e r_{k-1}(z))(z-\bar{z})(z-a)}. \end{aligned}$$

This is the analog of (1:1.5) with $d\chi(x)$ replaced by $(x-a)d\chi(x)$. Hence the stated properties of R are consequences of Theorem I. Now

$$R(e_1) = \int_a^b \frac{p_k(x)(x-\bar{z})(x-a)}{p_k(z)(z-\bar{z})(z-a)} d\chi(x) = G = P(0),$$

the integral being evaluated by Gauss's formula (1:1.8). (Observe that the degree of the integrand does not exceed $2k+1$.)

$$R(\infty) = \int_a^b \frac{r_{k-1}(x)(x-\bar{z})(x-a)}{r_{k-1}(z)(z-\bar{z})(z-a)} d\chi(x) = A = P(c_1),$$

this integral evaluated by Radau's left-sided formula (1:1.10). Next, choose e in the range (1:3.2) so that $\arg R(e) \neq \arg P(\infty)$. Then choose a real c so that

$$\arg P(c) = \arg R(e).$$

Applying the corresponding formulae (1:3.4) and (1:1.2) to

$$f(x) = \prod_{\nu=1}^k (x-\xi_\nu)^2 \in \pi_{2k},$$

we obtain

$$0 < \int_a^b f(x) d\chi(x) = R_0 f(a) + \sum_{\nu=1}^k R_\nu f(\eta_\nu) + Rf(z) + \bar{R}f(\bar{z}) = Pf(z) + \bar{P}f(\bar{z}).$$

By (1:3.3) and (1:3.5)

$$Rf(z) + \bar{R}f(\bar{z}) < Pf(z) + \bar{P}f(\bar{z})$$

or

$$R/P \cdot (Pf(z) + \bar{P}f(\bar{z})) < Pf(z) + \bar{P}f(\bar{z}).$$

Therefore

$$|R| < |P|.$$

Thus, as e increases from e_1 to $+\infty$, R describes one side of the lens formed by the circles of P and R . Since both circles have the same orientation, P describes the other side of this lens as c increases from c_1 to 0.

Finally, suppose $b < +\infty$. Then Lemma 1 implies the existence of $e_2 > 0$ for which $\eta_k = b$. But then (1:3.4) has the same form and degree as Radau's two-sided formula (1:2.7) and hence must be identical with it. Also directly it can be shown that

$$Eq_{k-1}(x)(x-b) = r_k(x) - Fr_{k-1}(x)$$

for suitable positive numbers E and F (See [7]).

THEOREM IV. Let $-\infty \leq a < b < +\infty$, let $\{s_\nu(x)\}$ be the orthonormal system defined by (14). There exists $m_2 > 0$ such that the zeros μ_ν of

$$(1:3.8) \quad s_k(x) - ms_{k-1}(x), \quad k \geq 1,$$

are identical with the zeros γ_ν of $p_k(x)$ for $m = m_2$. For every m in the range

$$(1:3.9) \quad m < m_2$$

the μ_ν satisfy

$$(1:3.10) \quad \mu_\nu < \gamma_\nu \quad (\nu = 1, 2, \dots, k).$$

To these knots there corresponds a formula

$$(1:3.11) \quad \sum_{\nu=1}^k S_\nu f(\mu_\nu) + S_{k+1} f(b) + Sf(z) + \bar{S}f(\bar{z}) = \int_a^b f(x) d\chi(x)$$

of deg $2k+1$.

The coefficients S_ν satisfy

$$(1:3.12) \quad S_\nu > 0, \quad (\nu = 1, 2, \dots, k+1).$$

S is a linear fractional function of m which maps the real axis onto

a circle of the complex plane containing the origin as an interior point. For increasing m , s moves clockwise if $\mathcal{I}m z > 0$, counter-clockwise if $\mathcal{I}m z < 0$.

The circles described by P and S intersect at $B = P(c_2) = S(\infty)$ and $G = P(0) = S(m_2)$ forming a lens containing the origin. The sides of the lens correspond to the ranges $0 < c < c_2$ and (1:3.9) respectively.

If $-\infty < a$, there exists $m_1 < 0$ for which

$$\mu_1 = a, \quad \mu_\nu = \tau_{\nu-1} \quad (\nu = 2, 3, \dots, k),$$

and (1:3.11) is then identical with Radau's two-sided formula (1:2.7). In particular

$$(1:3.13) \quad S(m_1) = T = Q(0).$$

The circles described by R and S intersect at $G = R(e_1) = S(m_2)$ and $T = R(e_2) = S(m_1)$ forming a lens containing the origin. The sides of the lens correspond to the ranges $e_1 < e < e_2$ and $m_1 < m < m_2$ respectively. The formulae (1:3.4) and (1:3.11) corresponding to these ranges have positive coefficients and knots contained in (a, b) .

PROOF. The only new feature is the statement concerning the sides of the lens formed by R and S . To prove this it is necessary first to observe that the class of formulae (1:3.4), which corresponds to the range (1:3.2), can be extended (at the sacrifice of (1:3.5)). Indeed, the proof of Theorem III shows that (1:3.4) holds for any real e except $e_a = r_k(a)/r_{k-1}(a)$, for which $\eta_1 = a$. Now choose m in the range $m_1 < m < m_2$ so that $\arg S(m) \neq \arg R(\infty)$, $\arg S(m) \neq \arg R(e_a)$. Next choose a real e so that

$$\arg R(e) = \arg S(m).$$

Applying the corresponding formulae from (1:3.11) and the extended class (1:3.4) to

$$f(x) = (x-a) \prod_{\nu=1}^k (x-\eta_\nu)^2 \in \pi_{2k+1},$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < \int_a^b f(x) d\chi(x) &= \sum_{\nu=1}^k S_\nu f(\mu_\nu) + S_{k+1} f(b) + S f(z) + \bar{S} f(\bar{z}) \\ &= R f(z) + \bar{R} f(\bar{z}). \end{aligned}$$

Since the μ_ν are all strictly between a and b , we conclude by means

of (1:3.12) that

$$Sf(z) + \bar{S}f(\bar{z}) < Rf(z) + \bar{R}f(\bar{z})$$

or

$$S/R \cdot (Rf(z) + \bar{R}f(\bar{z})) < Rf(z) + \bar{R}f(\bar{z}).$$

Therefore

$$|S| < |R|.$$

Also

$$|R| < |S|$$

if $e_1 < e < e_2$ and $\arg R = \arg S$. This follows either from a similar argument or from our usual considerations of orientation. The proof is now complete.

1:4 *Two classes of formulae involving the leading coefficient of the integrand.*

THEOREM V. Let $-\infty \leq a < b \leq +\infty$, $k \geq 1$. Then for any real c there is a formula

$$(1:4.1) \quad \sum_{\nu=1}^k P_\nu f(\xi_\nu) + P_{k+1} C_f + P f(z) + \bar{P} f(\bar{z}) = \int_a^b f(x) dx(x) \quad \text{of deg } 2k+1,$$

where

$$(1:4.2) \quad f(x) = C_f x^{2k+1} + \dots,$$

and c, P, ξ_ν, P_ν ($\nu = 1, 2, \dots, k$) are the quantities defined in Theorem I. P_{k+1} satisfies

$$(1:4.3) \quad \text{sgn } P_{k+1} = -\text{sgn } c.$$

PROOF: Let $f(x) = C_f x^{2k+1} + \dots \in \pi_{2k+1}$. Apply (1:1.2) to

$$f(x) - C_f x^{2k+1} \in \pi_{2k},$$

and (1:4.1) follows with

$$P_{k+1} = \int_a^b x^{2k+1} d\chi(x) - \sum_{\nu=1}^k P_\nu \xi_\nu^{2k+1} - P z^{2k+1} - \bar{P} \bar{z}^{2k+1}.$$

But applying (1:4.1) to

$$f(x) = p_{k-1}(x)(p_k(x) - c p_{k-1}(x))(x-z)(x-\bar{z}) \in \pi_{2k+1}$$

yields

$$P_{k+1} \cdot C_{k-1} \cdot C_k = -c,$$

where C_{k-1}, C_k are the leading coefficients of $p_{k-1}(x)$ and $p_k(x)$

respectively. Since these coefficients are positive, (1:4.3) is proved.

THEOREM VI. Let $-\infty < a < b \leq +\infty$, let $\{r_\nu(x)\}$ be the orthonormal system defined by (13). There exists $e'_1 < 0$ such that the zeros η'_ν of

$$(1:4.4) \quad r_{k-1}(x) - e' r_{k-2}(x), \quad k \geq 2,$$

are identical with the zeros γ'_ν of $p_{k-1}(x)$ for $e' = e'_1$. For every e' in the range

$$(1:4.5) \quad e'_1 < e' < 0$$

the η'_ν satisfy

$$(1:4.6) \quad \gamma'_\nu < \eta'_\nu < \alpha_\nu \quad (\nu = 1, 2, \dots, k-1).$$

To these knots there corresponds a formula

$$(1:4.7) \quad R'_0 f(a) + \sum_{\nu=1}^{k-1} R'_\nu f(\eta'_\nu) + R'_k C_f + R' f(z) + \bar{R}' f(\bar{z}) = \int_a^b f(x) d\chi(x) \\ \text{of deg } 2k,$$

where

$$(1:4.8) \quad f(x) = C_f x^{2k} + \dots$$

The coefficients R'_ν satisfy

$$(1:4.9) \quad R'_\nu > 0 \quad (\nu = 0, 1, \dots, k).$$

R' is a linear fractional function of e' which maps the real axis onto a circle of the complex plane containing the origin as an interior point. For increasing e' , R' moves clockwise if $\Im m z > 0$, counterclockwise if $\Im m z < 0$.

The circles described by P and R' intersect at $A = P(c_1) = R'(0)$ and $G = P(\infty) = R'(e'_1)$ forming a lens containing the origin. The sides of the lens correspond to the ranges $c_1 < c$ and (1:4.5) respectively.

PROOF. By Theorem III, with k replaced by $k-1$, there exists $e'_1 < 0$ such that the zeros η'_ν of (1:4.4) are identical with the zeros γ'_ν of $p_{k-1}(x)$ for $e' = e'_1$. For $e' = 0$ the η'_ν are the zeros α_ν of $r_{k-1}(x)$. Thus (1:4.5) implies (1:4.6). For any e' in the range

$$e'_1 < e'$$

there is a class of formulae

$$(1:4.10) \quad R'_0 f(a) + \sum_{\nu=1}^{k-1} R'_\nu f(\eta'_\nu) + R' f(z) + \bar{R}' f(\bar{z}) = \int_a^b f(x) d\chi(x) \\ \text{of deg } 2k-1$$

completely described in Theorem III.

Now let $f(x) = C_r x^{2k} + \dots \in \pi_{2k}$. Apply (1:4.10) to

$$f(x) - C_r x^{2k} \in \pi_{2k-1}$$

and (1:4.7) follows with

$$R'_k = \int_a^b x^{2k} d\chi(x) - R'_0 a^{2k} - \sum_{\nu=1}^{k-1} R'_\nu \eta_\nu'^{2k} - R' z^{2k} - \bar{R}' \bar{z}^{2k}.$$

Applying (1:4.7) to

$$f(x) = r_{k-2}(x) \cdot (r_{k-1}(x) - e' r_{k-2}(x)) (x-a)(x-z)(x-\bar{z}) \in \pi_{2k}$$

yields

$$R'_k \cdot E_{k-2} \cdot E_{k-1} = -e',$$

where E_{k-2} and E_{k-1} are the leading coefficients of $r_{k-2}(x)$ and $r_{k-1}(x)$ respectively. Hence (1:4.5) implies (1:4.9). All that remains is to discuss the relations between P and R' .

By Theorem III

$$A = P(c_1) = R(\infty) = \int_a^b \frac{r_{k-1}(x)(x-\bar{z})(x-a)}{r_{k-1}(z)(z-\bar{z})(z-a)} d\chi(x).$$

But this is precisely the expression for $R'(0)$. Also by Theorem III

$$G = P(0) = R(e_1).$$

Replacing k by $k-1$ we obtain

$$G' = P(\infty) = R'(e'_1).$$

Finally, choose e' in the range (1:4.5) and a real c so that

$$\arg P(c) = \arg R'(e').$$

Applying the corresponding formulae from (1:4.7) and (1:1.2) to

$$f(x) = \prod_{\nu=1}^k (x - \xi_\nu)^2 \in \pi_{2k},$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < \int_a^b f(x) d\chi(x) &= R'_0 f(a) + \sum_{\nu=1}^{k-1} R'_\nu f(\eta'_\nu) + R'_k + R' f(z) + \bar{R}' f(\bar{z}) \\ &= P f(z) + \bar{P} f(\bar{z}). \end{aligned}$$

By (1:4.9)

$$R' f(z) + \bar{R}' f(\bar{z}) < P f(z) + \bar{P} f(\bar{z})$$

or

$$R'/P \cdot (P f(z) + \bar{P} f(\bar{z})) < P f(z) + \bar{P} f(\bar{z}).$$

Therefore

$$|R'| < |P|.$$

The rest follows from the fact that P and R' describe identically oriented circles.

§ 2. Applications of § 1 to the Determination of R_z

2:1 $(a, b) = (-\infty, +\infty)$, n even

THEOREM VII. Let $(a, b) = (-\infty, +\infty)$, $n = 2k$, $k \geq 1$. Then R_z is the solid ellipse with principal circle described by $1/2P$, and a focus at the origin.

PROOF. We use only Theorem I. If $f(x) \in \Pi_n$ and c is any real number, we have by (2) and (1:1.2)

$$(2:1.1) \quad \sum_{\nu=1}^k P_\nu f(\xi_\nu) + Pf(z) + \overline{P\overline{f(z)}} = 1.$$

By (1) and (1:1.3) we obtain

$$(2:1.2) \quad 2 \Re e Pf(z) \leq 1,$$

with equality if and only if

$$(2:1.3) \quad f(x) = D \cdot \prod_{\nu=1}^k (x - \xi_\nu)^2$$

for an appropriate positive constant D .

Since P describes a circle about the origin, the same is true of $1/2P$, and if we let

$$(2:1.4) \quad \frac{1}{2P} = p(\theta)e^{i\theta},$$

(2:1.2) becomes

$$(2:1.5) \quad \Re e e^{-i\theta} f(z) \leq p(\theta)$$

for all θ corresponding to finite values of c . But the function of support, $h(\theta)$, of R_z is given by

$$h(\theta) = \max_{f \in \Pi_n} \{ \Re e f(z) \cos \theta + \Im m f(z) \sin \theta \} = \max_{f \in \Pi_n} \{ \Re e e^{-i\theta} f(z) \}.$$

Since equality is possible in (2:1.5) we obtain

$$(2:1.6) \quad h(\theta) = p(\theta),$$

and this holds for all θ by the continuity of a function of support. It follows that R_z is as described. We shall denote such an elliptical set by E_p . It is constructed from the circle described by P , which in turn depends upon (a, b) , $d\chi(x)$, n , and z .

REMARK 4. R_z reduce to a circular disk if and only if the circle described by P is centered at the origin. Since ∞ corresponds to $p_k(z)/p_{k-1}(z)$ under the mapping (1:1.5), the center of this circle corresponds to $\overline{p_k(z)/p_{k-1}(z)}$. Therefore a necessary and sufficient condition for a circular disk is

$$\int_a^b \overline{(p_{k-1}(z)p_k(x) - p_k(z)p_{k-1}(x))} (x - \bar{z}) d\chi(x) = 0$$

or

$$\int_a^b (p_{k-1}(z)p_k(x) - p_k(z)p_{k-1}(x)) (x - z) d\chi(x) = 0.$$

This is a polynomial equation in z of degree $k+1$ (with roots situated symmetrically about the real axis). Hence R_z is a circular disk if and only if z is one of the imaginary roots of this equation.

THEOREM VIII. The circle described by $1/2P$ is given by

$$\frac{1}{2}\{K_k(z, z) + e^{i\theta}K_k(z, \bar{z})\}, \quad \theta \text{ real,}$$

where

$$K_k(x, w) = \sum_{\nu=0}^k \phi_\nu(x)\phi_\nu(w).$$

PROOF. The "kernel polynomial" $K_k(x, w)$ is characterized by the reproducing property

$$\int_a^b K_k(x, w)f(x)d\chi(x) = f(w), \quad f(x) \in \pi_k.$$

Therefore

$$\int_a^b K_k(x, z)f(x)(x-z)(x-\bar{z})d\chi(x) = 0, \quad f(x) \in \pi_{k-2}.$$

Hence $K_k(x, z)$ is a quasi-orthogonal polynomial of the form

$$(2:1.7) \quad Cp_k(x) + Dp_{k-1}(x)$$

where C and D are complex constants. Similarly $K(x, \bar{z})$ and hence all linear combinations

$$(2:1.8) \quad EK_k(x, z) + FK_k(x, \bar{z})$$

are quasi-orthogonal. Moreover any polynomial of the form (2:1.7) can be written in the form (2:1.8), for $K_k(x, z)$ and $K_k(x, \bar{z})$ are linearly independent in the two dimensional vector space defined by (2:1.7). To see this multiply the equation

$$EK_k(x, z) + FK_k(x, \bar{z}) \equiv 0$$

by $(x-z)$ and $(x-\bar{z})$ and integrate. In (1:1.5), however, we are concerned with real polynomials. If in (2:1.8) E and F are complex conjugates, then (2:1.8) is real. Conversely if C and D are

real in (2:1.7) and if

$$Cp_k(x) + Dp_{k-1}(x) = EK_k(x, z) + FK_k(x, \bar{z}),$$

then

$$\int_a^b (Cp_k(x) + Dp_{k-1}(x)) (x - \bar{z}) d\chi(x) = E(z - \bar{z})$$

and

$$\int_a^b (Cp_k(x) + Dp_{k-1}(x)) (x - z) d\chi(x) = F(\bar{z} - z).$$

Thus $\bar{E} = F$ Therefore (1:1.5) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} P &= \frac{\int_a^b (EK_k(x, z) + \bar{E}K_k(x, \bar{z})) (x - \bar{z}) d\chi(x)}{(EK_k(z, z) + \bar{E}K_k(z, \bar{z})) (z - \bar{z})} \\ &= \frac{E}{EK_k(z, z) + \bar{E}K_k(z, \bar{z})} = \frac{1}{K_k(z, z) + e^{i\theta} K_k(z, \bar{z})}, \end{aligned}$$

and the theorem follows.

COROLLARY 1.

$$\max_{f \in \Pi_n} |f(z)| = \frac{|K_k(z, z)| + |K_k(z, \bar{z})|}{2}.$$

PROOF. By Theorem VII we have

$$\max_{f \in \Pi_n} |f(z)| = \max \left| \frac{1}{2P} \right|,$$

and by Theorem VIII we obtain

$$\max \left| \frac{1}{2P} \right| = \frac{|K_k(z, z)| + |K_k(z, \bar{z})|}{2}.$$

This result agrees with the remark

$$\max_{f \in \Pi_{2k}} |f(z)| = \frac{\left| \begin{vmatrix} 0 & z^j \\ z^i & c_{i+j} \end{vmatrix}^k - \left| \begin{vmatrix} 0 & z^j \\ \bar{z}^i & c_{i+j} \end{vmatrix}^k \right|}{2|c_{i+j}|_0^k}, \quad c_\nu = \int_a^b x^\nu d\chi(x),$$

of M. Riesz,¹²⁾ for

$$K_k(x, w) = \frac{\left| \begin{vmatrix} 0 & x^j \\ w^i & c_{i+j} \end{vmatrix}^k \right|}{|c_{i+j}|_0^k}.$$

¹²⁾ Riesz, op. cit., pp. 20—21.

2:2 (a, b) finite, n even, $n \geq 4$

THEOREM IX. Let $-\infty < a < b < +\infty$, $n = 2k$, $k \geq 2$. Then R_z is the convex hull of the union $E_P \cup E_Q$. (See Fig. 1).

PROOF. We use Theorems I and II. The analog of (2:1.1) is again valid for $f(x) \in \Pi_n$. If $c_1 < c < c_2$, then by Lemma 1 all ξ_ν are in (a, b) . Hence (2:1.2) and (2:1.3) follow as before but only for these values of c . Therefore

$$(2:2.1) \quad h(\theta) = p(\theta), \quad c_1 < c < c_2.$$

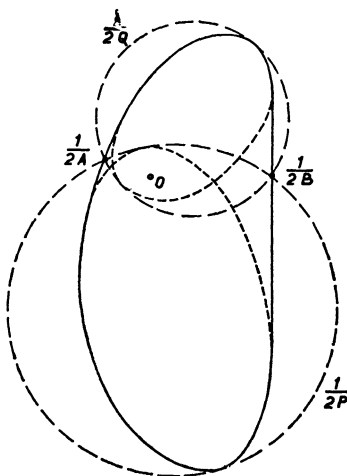


Fig. 1. R_z in the case (a, b) finite, n even, $n \geq 4$.

If d is the range (1:2.2), we have by (1:2.4)

$$(2:2.2) \quad Q_0 f(a) + \sum_{\nu=1}^{k-1} Q_\nu f(\delta_\nu) + Q_k f(b) + Qf(z) + \overline{Qf(z)} = 1.$$

By (1:2.3) and (1:1.13) the knots δ_ν are in (a, b) , and by (1:2.5) the coefficients Q_ν ($\nu = 0, 1, \dots, k$) are positive. Therefore

$$(2:2.3) \quad 2 \operatorname{Re} Qf(z) \leq 1$$

with equality if and only if

$$(2:2.4) \quad f(x) = D(x-a)(b-x) \prod_{\nu=1}^{k-1} (x-\delta_\nu)^2$$

for an appropriate D . Setting

$$(2:2.5) \quad \frac{1}{2Q} = q(\theta)e^{i\theta}$$

we obtain

$$(2:2.6) \quad h(\theta) = q(\theta), \quad d_1 < d < d_2.$$

From the relationship between P and Q described in Theorem II it follows that $h(\theta)$ is now described for all values of θ except $\arg 1/2A$ and $\arg 1/2B$. Furthermore, since $p(\theta)$ and $q(\theta)$ are related inversely as $|P|$ and $|Q|$, (2:2.1) and (2:2.6) can be combined as

$$(2:2.7) \quad h(\theta) = \max \{p(\theta), q(\theta)\},$$

and this holds for all θ by continuity of $h(\theta)$. But the function (2:2.7) is the function of support of the smallest convex set containing both E_P and E_Q , the sets associated with $p(\theta)$ and $q(\theta)$.¹³⁾

REMARK 5. It could have been proved directly that (2:2.1) holds for $c_1 \leq c \leq c_2$. For example, let $c = c_1$. Then (2:1.2) follows as before but (2:1.3) is now replaced by a whole set of extremal polynomials. This follows from the fact that $\xi_1 = a$ so that a double zero here is no longer necessary. (The plurality of extremal functions indicates that the boundary of R_z is straight in the direction $\theta = \arg 1/2A$.) In the future, however, it will sometimes be necessary to rely on the continuity of $h(\theta)$ in similar situations.

COROLLARY 2.

$$\max_{f \in \Pi_n} |f(z)| = \frac{1}{2} \max \{ |K_k(z, z)| + K_k(z, \bar{z}), \\ |z-a| \cdot |b-z| (|\tilde{K}_{k-1}(z, z)| + \tilde{K}_{k-1}(z, \bar{z})) \},$$

where \tilde{K}_{k-1} is the kernel of degree $k-1$ of the distribution

$$(x-a)(b-x)d\chi(x).$$

PROOF. From Corollary 1 and the formula for Q , we obtain

$$\max \left| \frac{1}{2Q} \right| = \frac{|z-a| \cdot |b-z| (|\tilde{K}_{k-1}(z, z)| + \tilde{K}_{k-1}(z, \bar{z}))}{2}.$$

Since

$$\max_{f \in \Pi_n} |f(z)| = \max \left\{ \max \left| \frac{1}{2P} \right|, \max \left| \frac{1}{2Q} \right| \right\},$$

the assertion is proved. The results of corollaries 1 and 2 are gene-

¹³⁾ G. Polya, „Untersuchungen über Lücken und Singularitäten von Potenzreihen.“ *Mathematische Zeitschrift*, 29: 577, 1928—9.

realizations of formulae for real z .¹⁴⁾ Similar corollaries hold for the remaining theorems of § 2.

2:3 (a, b) half infinite, n odd, $n \geq 3$

THEOREM X. Let $-\infty < a < b = +\infty$, $n = 2k+1$, $k \geq 1$. Then R_z is the convex hull of the union $E_P \cup E_R$.

PROOF. We use Theorems III and V. For $f \in \Pi_n$ and e in the range (1:3.2) we have by (2) and (1:3.4)

$$(2:3.1) \quad R_0 f(a) + \sum_{\nu=1}^k R_\nu f(\eta_\nu) + Rf(z) + \overline{Rf(z)} = 1$$

By (1:3.3) and (1:3.5) we obtain

$$(2:3.2) \quad 2 \Re e Rf(z) \leq 1,$$

with equality if and only if

$$(2:3.3) \quad f(x) = D(x-a) \prod_{\nu=1}^k (x-\eta_\nu)^2.$$

Setting

$$(2:3.4) \quad \frac{1}{2R} = r(\theta) e^{i\theta}$$

there follows

$$(2:3.5) \quad h(\theta) = r(\theta), \quad e_1 < e.$$

For any real c we obtain by (1:4.1)

$$(2:3.6) \quad \sum_{\nu=1}^k P_\nu f(\xi_\nu) + P_{k+1} C_f + Pf(z) + \overline{Pf(z)} = 1.$$

Since $f(x) \geq 0$ for $x \geq a$, we observe that

$$(2:3.7) \quad C_f \geq 0.$$

For c in the range

$$(2:3.8) \quad c_1 < c < 0,$$

the knots ξ_ν are in (a, b) and the coefficients P_ν ($\nu = 1, 2, \dots, k+1$) are positive by (1:1.3) and (1:4.3). Therefore

$$(2:3.9) \quad 2 \Re e Pf(z) \leq 1,$$

with equality if and only if

$$C_f = 0$$

¹⁴⁾ Riesz, op. cit., p. 20. See also Szegő, op. cit., p. 178.

and hence

$$(2:3.10) \quad f(x) = D \prod_{\nu=1}^k (x - \xi_{\nu})^2 \in \Pi_{n-1}.$$

Therefore

$$(2:3.11) \quad h(\theta) = p(\theta), \quad c_1 < c < 0.$$

By Theorem III and the continuity of $h(\theta)$ we now can combine (2:3.5) and (2:3.11) into

$$(2:3.12) \quad h(\theta) = \max \{p(\theta), r(\theta)\}, \quad \text{all } \theta,$$

and the theorem follows.

THEOREM XI. Let $-\infty = a < b < +\infty$, $n = 2k+1$, $k \geq 1$. Then R_z is the convex hull of the union $E_P \cup E_S$.

PROOF. We use Theorems IV and V. The analog of (2:3.6) is again valid, but (2:3.7) becomes

$$(2:3.13) \quad C_f \leq 0.$$

For c in the range

$$(2:3.14) \quad 0 < c < c_2$$

the knots ξ_{ν} are in (a, b) , and the coefficients are positive with the exception of P_{k+1} , which is negative. Therefore the appropriate version of (2:3.9) again follows. The remainder of the proof has no new feature.

2:4 (a, b) finite, n odd, $n \geq 3$

THEOREM XII. $-\infty < a < b < +\infty$, $n = 2k+1$, $k \geq 1$. Then R_z is the convex hull of the union $E_R \cup E_S$.

PROOF. We use Theorems III and IV. For $f(x) \in \Pi_n$ and e in the range (1:3.2), the analog of (2:3.1) again holds. If e also satisfies

$$(2:4.1) \quad e_1 < e < e_2$$

then all the knots η_{ν} are in (a, b) . Therefore we obtain

$$(2:4.2) \quad h(\theta) = r(\theta), \quad e_1 < e < e_2.$$

Similarly, from (1:3.11) and (1:3.12) there follows

$$(2:4.3) \quad h(\theta) = s(\theta), \quad m_1 < m < m_2,$$

where

$$(2:4.4) \quad \frac{1}{2S} = s(\theta)e^{i\theta}.$$

By the concluding statements of Theorem IV, (2:4.2) and (2:4.3) can be combined into

$$(2:4.5) \quad h(\theta) = \max \{r(\theta), s(\theta)\}, \quad \text{all } \theta,$$

and the theorem follows.

2:5 (a, b) half infinite, n even, n ≥ 4

THEOREM XIII. Let $-\infty < a < b = +\infty$, $n = 2k$, $k \geq 2$. Then R_z is the convex hull of the union $E_P \cup E_{R'}$.

PROOF. We use Theorems I and VI. Proceeding as in Theorem VII we obtain

$$(2:5.1) \quad h(\theta) = p(\theta), \quad c_1 < c,$$

the restriction on c making all knots lie in (a, b) . For e' in the range (1:4.5) and $f(x) \in \Pi_n$, we have by (1:4.7)

$$(2:5.2) \quad R'_0 f(a) + \sum_{\nu=1}^{k-1} R'_\nu f(\eta'_\nu) + R'_k C_r + R' f(z) + \overline{R' f(z)} = 1,$$

where the coefficients R'_ν ($\nu = 0, 1, \dots, k$) are positive according to (1:4.9). Since $C_r \geq 0$ and all knots are in (a, b) by (1:4.6), there follows

$$(2:5.3) \quad 2 \Re R' f(z) \leq 1,$$

with equality if and only if

$$C_r = 0$$

and

$$(2:5.4) \quad f(x) = D(x-a) \prod_{\nu=1}^{k-1} (x-\eta'_\nu)^2 \in \Pi_{n-1}.$$

It follows that

$$(2:5.5) \quad h(\theta) = r'(\theta), \quad e'_1 < e' < 0,$$

where

$$\frac{1}{2R'} = r'(\theta) e^{i\theta}.$$

By the concluding statements of Theorem VI, we have

$$(2:5.6) \quad h(\theta) = \max \{p(\theta), r'(\theta)\},$$

and the theorem follows.

REMARK 6. A similar theorem holds in the case $-\infty = a < b < +\infty$, $n = 2k$, $k \geq 2$.

§ 3. The Special Cases $n = 1, 2$

3:1 $n = 1$

THEOREM XIV. For $n = 1$, R_z is the line segment joining $(z-a)/\int_a^b(x-a)d\chi(x)$ and $(b-z)/\int_a^b(b-x)d\chi(x)$, where either fraction is to be interpreted as its limit $1/\int_a^b d\chi(x)$ if the appropriate number a or b is infinite.

PROOF. We use a direct method not involving quadrature formulae: Let $f(x) = cx + d \in \Pi_n$. Using the abbreviations

$$\mu_0 = \int_a^b d\chi(x), \quad \mu_1 = \int_a^b x d\chi(x)$$

we have

$$1 = c\mu_1 + d\mu_0.$$

Elimination of d yields

$$(3:1.1) \quad f(x) = c(x - \mu_1/\mu_0) + 1/\mu_0,$$

a condition equivalent to (2). Assuming first that (a, b) is finite, we observe that property (1) of the class Π_n is equivalent to the pair of inequalities

$$(3:1.2) \quad 0 \leq f(a), \quad 0 \leq f(b).$$

This in turn is equivalent to

$$0 \leq c \int_a^b (a-x)d\chi(x) + 1, \quad 0 \leq c \int_a^b (b-x)d\chi(x) + 1$$

or

$$(3:1.3) \quad -1 / \int_a^b (b-x)d\chi(x) \leq c \leq 1 / \int_a^b (x-a)d\chi(x).$$

By (3:1.1) we conclude that R_z is the line segment

$$(3:1.4) \quad c(z - \mu_1/\mu_0) + 1/\mu_0,$$

where c assumes all values in the range (3:1.3), and this is equivalent to the statement of the theorem.

If $-\infty < a < b = +\infty$, then (1) is equivalent to

$$(3:1.5) \quad 0 \leq f(a), \quad 0 \leq c$$

from which we obtain

$$(3:1.6) \quad 0 \leq c \leq 1 / \int_a^b (x-a)d\chi(x).$$

By the above convention, (3:1.1) and (3:1.6) together are equivalent to the statement of the theorem. In a similar way the theorem is seen to hold if $-\infty = a < b < +\infty$.

If both a and b are infinite, Π_1 reduces to the trivial class Π_0 , and the line segment defined above reduces to the single point $1/\int_a^b d\chi(x)$ as it should.

3:2 $n = 2$

THEOREM XV. Let $-\infty < a < b < +\infty$, $n = 2$. Then R_z is the convex hull of the union

$$E_P \cup \left\{ (z-a)(b-z) \int_a^b (x-a)(b-x) d\chi(x) \right\}.$$

(See Fig. 2)

PROOF. Proceeding as in Theorem IX, we employ the formula

$$(3:2.1) \quad P_1 f(\xi_1) + P f(z) + \overline{P f(\bar{z})} = \int_a^b f(x) d\chi(x) \text{ of degree } 2$$

to conclude

$$(3:2.2) \quad h(\theta) = p(\theta), \quad c_1 \leq c \leq c_2.$$

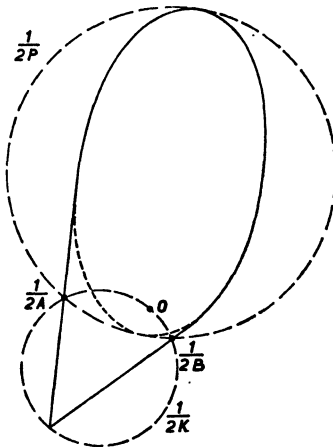


Fig. 2. R_z in the case $n = 2$, (a, b) finite.

However, since Theorem II holds only for $k \geq 2$, a new class of formulae is needed to obtain $h(\theta)$ for other values of θ . We construct a “convex” one-parameter family of formulae which “joins continuously” with the Radau formulae

$$(3:2.3) \quad A_0 f(a) + A f(z) + \overline{A f(\bar{z})} = \int_a^b f(x) d\chi(x) \text{ of degree } 2$$

and

$$(3:2.4) \quad B_1 f(b) + B f(z) + \overline{B f(\bar{z})} = \int_a^b f(x) d\chi(x) \text{ of degree } 2$$

associated with $c = c_1$ and $c = c_2$ respectively. For d in the range

$$(3:2.5) \quad 0 < d < 1$$

we apply (3:2.3) to $df(x)$, and (3:2.4) to $(1-d)f(x)$, and add. There results

$$(3:2.6) \quad K_0f(a) + K_1f(b) + Kf(z) + \bar{K}f(\bar{z}) = \int_a^b f(x)d\chi(x) \text{ of deg } 2,$$

where

$$(3:2.7) \quad K_0 = dA_0, \quad K_1 = (1-d)B_1, \quad K = dA + (1-d)B.$$

Thus the coefficients K_0 and K_1 of (3:2.6) are positive, while K describes the line segment between A and B . This line does not pass through the origin as is evident on applying (3:2.6) to

$$f(x) = (x-a)(b-x).$$

Applying (3:2.6) to the members of Π_2 and setting

$$(3:2.8) \quad \frac{1}{2K} = k(\theta)e^{i\theta},$$

we obtain

$$(3:2.9) \quad h(\theta) = k(\theta), \quad 0 < d < 1.$$

These values of θ must be disjoint from those in (3:2.2). Therefore $h(\theta)$ is now described for all θ . Finally, since the extremal polynomial associated with (3:2.9) is

$$(3:2.10) \quad f(x) = (x-a)(b-x) / \int_a^b (x-a)(b-x)d\chi(x)$$

independent of θ , (3:2.2) and (3:2.9) combine to give the stated result.

THEOREM XVI. Let $-\infty < a < b = +\infty$, $n = 2$. Then R_z is the convex hull of the union

$$E_P \cup \left\{ (z-a) / \int_a^b (x-a)d\chi(x) \right\}.$$

PROOF. Beginning as before we use formula (3:2.1) to obtain

$$(3:2.11) \quad h(\theta) = p(\theta), \quad c_1 \leq c < \infty.$$

Next, we observe that there is a formula

$$(3:2.12) \quad L_1C_r + Lf(z) + \bar{L}f(\bar{z}) = \int_a^b f(x)d\chi(x) \text{ of degree } 2,$$

where

$$(3:2.13) \quad f(x) = C_r x^2 + \dots, \quad L = \int_a^b \frac{x - \bar{z}}{z - \bar{z}} d\chi(x),$$

$$L_1 = \int_a^b x^2 d\chi(x) - Lz^2 - L\bar{z}^2$$

derived as in Theorem V. Applying this formula to

$$f(x) = (x - z)(x - \bar{z})$$

we obtain

$$(3:2.14) \quad L_1 = \int_a^b (x - z)(x - \bar{z}) d\chi(x) > 0.$$

For any e in the range

$$(3:2.15) \quad 0 < e < 1$$

we apply (3:2.3) to $ef(x)$, and (3:2.12) to $(1 - e)f(x)$, obtaining

$$(3:2.16) \quad M_0 f(a) + M_1 C_r + M f(z) + \bar{M} f(\bar{z}) = \int_a^b f(x) d\chi(x) \text{ of degree } 2,$$

where

$$(3:2.17) \quad M_0 = eA_0, \quad M_1 = (1 - e)L_1, \quad M = eA + (1 - e)L.$$

Thus the coefficients M_0 and M_1 of (3:2.16) are positive, while M describes the line segment between $A = P(c_1)$ and $L = P(\infty)$. Applying (3:2.16) to

$$f(x) = (x - a),$$

we see that this line does not pass through the origin. The rest follows as in Theorem XV.

REMARK 7. For the case $-\infty = a < b < +\infty, n = 2$ a similar argument shows that R_z is the convex hull of the union

$$E_P \cup \left\{ (b - z) \int_a^b (b - x) d\chi(x) \right\}.$$

The case $(a, b) = (-\infty, +\infty), n = 2$ is of course included in Theorem VII.

§ 4. The Variation of R_z with z

4:1 A lemma on continuity

LEMMA 2. Let z_0 be any complex number, let $\varepsilon > 0$. Then there exists $\delta = \delta(\varepsilon, z_0) > 0$ such that $|z - z_0| < \delta$ implies $|f(z) - f(z_0)| < \varepsilon$ for any $f \in \Pi_n$ and any complex number z .

PROOF. Suppose the lemma is false. Then for some complex number z_0 there exist $\varepsilon > 0$, a sequence $\{z_v\}$, and a sequence

$\{f_\nu\} \subset \Pi_n$ such that $\{z_\nu\} \rightarrow z_0$, and $|f_\nu(z_\nu) - f_\nu(z_0)| \geq \varepsilon$ for all ν . Since Π_n is compact in E_{n+1} , we can assume $\{f_\nu\} \rightarrow f \in \Pi_n$. The inequality

$$|f(z) - f_\nu(z)| = \left| \sum_{\mu=0}^n a_\mu z^\mu - \sum_{\mu=0}^n a_\mu^{(\nu)} z^\mu \right| \leq \sum_{\mu=0}^n |a_\mu - a_\mu^{(\nu)}| \cdot |z|^\mu$$

now shows that $\{f_\nu(z)\} \rightarrow f(z)$ uniformly in any bounded set.

It follows that $f(z)$ is discontinuous at $z = z_0$. Indeed, let $N(z_0)$ be an arbitrary neighborhood of z_0 . Choose ν so that $z_\nu \in N(z_0)$ and so that $|f(z) - f_\nu(z)| \leq \varepsilon/3$ for all z in some compact set containing $\{z_\nu\}$. Then

$$|f(z_\nu) - f(z_0)| \geq |f_\nu(z_\nu) - f_\nu(z_0)| - |f(z_\nu) - f_\nu(z_\nu)| - |f(z_0) - f_\nu(z_0)| \geq \varepsilon/3.$$

This absurdity being reached, the lemma is established.

4:2 A continuity theorem

THEOREM XVII. If $h(\theta)$ and $h_0(\theta)$ are the functions of support of R_z and R_{z_0} respectively, then

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} h(\theta) = h_0(\theta) \quad \text{uniformly in } \theta.$$

PROOF. Let ε be an arbitrary positive number. For any θ there exist appropriate polynomials $f(x)$ and $f_0(x)$ in the class Π_n such that

$$h(\theta) = \Re e^{-i\theta} f(z)$$

and

$$h_0(\theta) = \Re e^{-i\theta} f_0(z_0).$$

If $|z - z_0| < \delta(\varepsilon, z_0)$, then by Lemma 2 and the definition of a function of support we obtain

$$h_0(\theta) \geq \Re e^{-i\theta} f(z_0) > \Re e^{-i\theta} f(z) - \varepsilon$$

or

$$h_0(\theta) > h(\theta) - \varepsilon.$$

Similarly

$$h(\theta) > h_0(\theta) - \varepsilon.$$

Thus

$$|z - z_0| < \delta(\varepsilon, z_0)$$

implies

$$|h(\theta) - h_0(\theta)| < \varepsilon \quad \text{for all } \theta.$$

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