

**L_p -deviations from zero of polynomials
with integral coefficients**

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Dedicated to the memory of my father

1. Introduction. Let $p(x)$ and $u(x)$ be two non-negative summable functions defined on the interval $[a, b]$, which assume the value zero only on a set of measure zero. Let $\phi_1(x), \phi_2(x), \dots$ be a finite or denumerably infinite system of linearly independent functions defined on $[a, b]$ which belong to $L_{p(x)}^2([a, b]) \cap L_{u(x)}^p([a, b])$, $p \geq 1$ ($L_{v(x)}^q([a, b])$ is the class of those functions $f(x)$ for which the product $v(x)|f(x)|^q$ is summable).

Let $\{\omega_k(x)\}$ be the orthonormal system with weight $p(x)$ that is obtained by the orthogonalization of the original system $\{\phi_k(x)\}$ according to the Schmidt procedure. Then

$$(1) \quad \omega_k(x) = \beta_{1k}\phi_1(x) + \dots + \beta_{kk}\phi_k(x), \quad \beta_{kk} = (\Delta_{k-1}/\Delta_k)^{1/2},$$

and

$$(2) \quad \phi_m(x) = \sum_{s=1}^m b_{ms}\omega_s(x), \quad b_{mm} = (\Delta_m/\Delta_{m-1})^{1/2},$$

where Δ_k is the Gram determinant of the system of functions $\{\phi_i(x)\}_{i=1}^k$, $\Delta_0 = 1$.

We consider integrals of the type

$$(3) \quad \int_a^b u(x)|Q_n(x)|^p dx, \quad p \geq 1,$$

where $Q_n(x)$ is a *non-trivial generalized polynomial*, i.e. a function of the

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form

$$Q_n(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k \phi_k(x)$$

with coefficients $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$ not simultaneously zero.

We prove the following general theorem:

THEOREM 1. *There exists a non-trivial generalized polynomial $Q_n(x)$ with rational integral coefficients such that*

$$(4) \quad I_n = \int_a^b u(x) |Q_n(x)|^p dx \leq n^{p-1} \Delta_n^{p/(2n)} \sum_{s=1}^n A_s,$$

where Δ_n is the Gram determinant of the system $\{\phi_k(x)\}_{k=1}^n$ with respect to the weight function $p(x)$, $A_s = \int_a^b u(x) |\omega_s(x)|^p dx$ and $\{\omega_k(x)\}$ is the orthonormal system with weight $p(x)$ that is obtained by the orthogonalization of the system $\{\phi_k(x)\}$.

As applications of Theorem 1 we obtain bounds of the values of the integral (3) for integral polynomials $Q_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \alpha_k x^k$ on certain intervals and for several weight functions $p(x)$ and $u(x)$.

(i) In [12], Theorem 1 was proved for $\{\phi_k(x)\} \subset C([a, b])$ and $p(x) = u(x) = 1$. The case $p = 2$ was proved by E. Aparicio [2, 3].

(ii) Concerning the existence of polynomials with rational integral coefficients on intervals of length less than 4 and with arbitrarily small norms (see [9, 6, 2, 8, 14, 4, 5]), D. Hilbert [9] proved the following theorem: If $b - a < 4$, then for all $0 < \delta < 1$, there exists a polynomial $P_n(x)$ with rational integral coefficients, not simultaneously zero, such that $\int_a^b P_n^2(x) dx < \delta < 1$.

In the case of uniform norm a similar theorem was proved by Fekete [6], see also [4]. The importance of these polynomials may be seen in [7].

2. Proof of Theorem 1. We consider an integral of type (3). Substituting in (3) the expressions (2) for the functions $\phi_m(x)$, we obtain

$$I_n = \int_a^b u(x) \left| \sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k \sum_{s=1}^k b_{ks} \omega_s(x) \right|^p dx$$

and by changing the order of summation we get

$$(5) \quad I_n = \int_a^b u(x) \left| \sum_{s=1}^n \left[\sum_{k=s}^n b_{ks} \alpha_k \right] \omega_s(x) \right|^p dx$$

and hence

$$(6) \quad I_n \leq \int_a^b u(x) \left[\sum_{s=1}^n |L_s| |\omega_s(x)| \right]^p dx,$$

where

$$(7) \quad L_s = \sum_{k=s}^n b_{ks} \alpha_k \quad (s = 1, \dots, n).$$

By Minkowski's Linear Forms Theorem [13], there exists a system of rational integers $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$, not simultaneously zero, such that

$$(8) \quad |L_s| \leq \Delta^{1/n} \quad (s = 1, \dots, n),$$

where Δ is the determinant of the system (7).

By (2), $b_{kk} = \int_a^b \phi_k(x) \omega_k(x) p(x) dx$ and the determinant $\Delta = b_{11} \dots b_{nn}$ becomes $\Delta = \Delta_n^{1/2}$, and therefore,

$$(9) \quad |L_s| \leq \Delta_n^{1/(2n)} \quad (s = 1, \dots, n).$$

From (6) and (9) and taking into account the inequality

$$\left(\sum_{s=1}^n |a_s| \right)^p \leq n^{p-1} \sum_{s=1}^n |a_s|^p,$$

(4) follows. ■

Remark 1. If $p = 2$ and $p(x) = u(x)$, since the system $\{\omega_k(x)\}$ is orthonormal, from (5) and (9) we can obtain (see [2, 3])

$$(10) \quad I_n = \sum_{s=1}^n \left(\sum_{k=s}^n b_{ks} \alpha_k \right)^2 \leq n \Delta_n^{1/n}.$$

Remark 2. If the functions $u(x)$ and $\{\phi_k(x)\}$ belong to $C([a, b])$, then

$$(11) \quad J_n = \max_{a \leq x \leq b} \left| u(x) \sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k \phi_k(x) \right| \\ \leq \Delta_n^{1/(2n)} \max_{a \leq x \leq b} \left(\sum_{s=1}^n |u(x) \omega_s(x)| \right) \leq n M_n \Delta_n^{1/(2n)},$$

where

$$M_n = \max_{\substack{a \leq x \leq b \\ 1 \leq s \leq n}} |u(x) \omega_s(x)|.$$

On the other hand, for a fixed natural number n , we may consider σ_n defined by

$$(12) \quad \sigma_n^{-np} = \inf_{Q_n} \int_a^b u(x) |Q_n(x)|^p dx,$$

where the infimum is over all non-trivial generalized polynomials with rational integral coefficients.

We then have the following result:

COROLLARY 1. *The inequality*

$$(13) \quad \sigma = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sigma_n \geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Delta_n^{-1/(2n^2)} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{s=1}^n A_s \right)^{-1/(pn)}$$

holds if the limits exist.

Remark 3. If $p(x) = u(x) = (1 - x^2)^{-1/2}$, estimate (13) is optimal. Consider the system $\{\phi_k(x)\} = \{\widehat{T}_{k-1}(x)\}, k = 1, \dots, n$, of normalized orthogonal Chebyshev polynomials with positive leading coefficient (as usual, we shall denote by $\widehat{R}_n(x)$ a polynomial of degree n normalized so that its leading coefficient is 1). Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_n^{-np} &= \inf_{\alpha_k \in \mathbb{Z}} \int_{-1}^1 (1 - x^2)^{-1/2} \left| \sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k \widehat{T}_{k-1}(x) \right|^p dx \\ &\geq \|\widetilde{T}_{n-1}(x)\|_{2,p(x)}^{-p} \inf_{0 \neq \alpha_n \in \mathbb{Z}} |\alpha_n|^p \\ &\quad \times \inf_{c_k \in \mathbb{R}} \int_{-1}^1 (1 - x^2)^{-1/2} |\widetilde{T}_{n-1}(x) + c_{n-2} \widehat{T}_{n-2}(x) + \dots|^p dx \\ &\geq \|\widetilde{T}_{n-1}(x)\|_{2,p(x)}^{-p} \int_{-1}^1 (1 - x^2)^{-1/2} |\widetilde{T}_{n-1}(x)|^p dx. \end{aligned}$$

This last inequality follows by Rivlin [11, p. 81]. Here $\|\cdot\|_{p,v(x)}$ is the L_p -norm with weight $v(x)$. In view of Achieser [1, p. 251],

$$\sigma_n^{-np} \geq \left(\frac{2}{\pi}\right)^{p/2} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})\Gamma(\frac{p+1}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{p}{2} + 1)} \quad (n \geq 2)$$

and hence

$$\sigma = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sigma_n \leq 1.$$

But for this case $\Delta_n = 1$, and

$$\begin{aligned} A_s &= \int_{-1}^1 (1 - x^2)^{-1/2} |\widehat{T}_{s-1}(x)|^p dx = \left(\frac{2}{\pi}\right)^{p/2} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})\Gamma(\frac{p+1}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{p}{2} + 1)}, \\ A_1 &= \pi^{1-p/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$ of the right-hand side of (13) is also 1.

3. Theorems of Hilbert's type. Let $u(x) = p(x) = [(x-a)(b-x)]^{-1/2}$ and consider the system $\{\phi_k(x) = x^k\}, k = 0, 1, \dots$, on the interval $[a, b]$.

Then the polynomials $\{\omega_k(x)\}$ which form an orthonormal system are the Chebyshev polynomials $\{\widehat{T}_k(x)\}$, $k = 0, 1, \dots$ (see [10, 11]). Since

$$b_{kk} = \int_a^b [(x-a)(b-x)]^{-1/2} x^k \widehat{T}_k(x) dx = \left(\frac{b-a}{4}\right)^k (2\pi)^{1/2},$$

$$b_{00} = \pi^{1/2},$$

it is clear that

$$\Delta_{n+1} = \prod_{k=0}^n b_{kk}^2 = \pi^{n+1} 2^n \left(\frac{b-a}{4}\right)^{n(n+1)}.$$

Moreover,

$$A_s = \left(\frac{2}{\pi}\right)^{p/2} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})\Gamma(\frac{p+1}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{p}{2} + 1)}, \quad A_0 = \pi^{1-p/2}.$$

Applying the inequality (4), we then have the following result:

THEOREM 2. *For every natural number n , there exists a non-trivial polynomial $Q_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \alpha_k x^k$ with rational integral coefficients such that*

$$\int_a^b [(x-a)(b-x)]^{-1/2} |Q_n(x)|^p dx$$

$$\leq \left(\pi + 2^{p/2} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})\Gamma(\frac{p+1}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{p}{2} + 1)} n\right) 2^{pn/(2n+2)} (n+1)^{p-1} \left(\frac{b-a}{4}\right)^{pn/2}$$

$(p = 1, 2, \dots).$

We note that the limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$ of the right-hand side is zero if $b-a < 4$. Thus we can reword Theorem 2 in the following way (see (ii)):

THEOREM 3. *If $b-a < 4$, then for all $0 < \delta < 1$, there exists a polynomial $Q_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \alpha_k x^k$ with rational integral coefficients, not simultaneously zero, such that*

$$\int_a^b [(x-a)(b-x)]^{-1/2} |Q_n(x)|^p dx \leq \delta < 1 \quad (p = 1, 2, \dots).$$

It is clear that in the case $p = 2$ by (10) we can get

$$\int_a^b [(x-a)(b-x)]^{-1/2} Q_n^2(x) dx \leq \pi(n+1) 2^{n/(n+1)} \left(\frac{b-a}{4}\right)^n.$$

THEOREM 4. *For every natural number n , there exists a non-trivial polynomial $Q_n(x)$ with rational integral coefficients, of degree $\leq n$, such that*

$$I_{n+1} = \int_a^b |Q_n(x)| dx \leq 2 \left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right) (n+1) \left(\frac{b-a}{4}\right)^{n/2}.$$

PROOF. Consider the Chebyshev polynomials $\{\widehat{U}_k(x)\}$ of the second kind which form an orthonormal system with weight $p(x) = [(x-a)(b-x)]^{1/2}$ on the interval $[a, b]$ (see [10, 11]).

From Theorem 1 it follows that

$$(14) \quad I_{n+1} \leq \Delta_{n+1}^{1/(2n+2)} \sum_{s=0}^n A_s.$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} b_{kk} &= \int_a^b [(x-a)(b-x)]^{1/2} x^k \widehat{U}_k(x) dx \\ &= (\pi/2)^{1/2} \left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right) \left(\frac{b-a}{4}\right)^k, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, \end{aligned}$$

it follows that

$$(15) \quad \Delta_{n+1} = (\pi/2)^{n+1} \left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right)^{2(n+1)} \left(\frac{b-a}{4}\right)^{n(n+1)}.$$

Moreover,

$$A_s = \int_a^b |\widehat{U}_s(x)| dx = 2(2/\pi)^{1/2}, \quad s = 0, 1, \dots,$$

and therefore

$$(16) \quad \sum_{s=0}^n A_s = 2(2/\pi)^{1/2}(n+1).$$

From (14)–(16) the theorem follows. ■

We next turn to the least-squares approximation problem on an interval:

THEOREM 5. *For every natural number n , there exists a non-trivial polynomial $Q_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \alpha_k x^k$ with rational integral coefficients such that*

$$I_{n+1} = \int_a^b [(x-a)(b-x)]^{1/2} Q_n^2(x) dx \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right)^2 (n+1) \left(\frac{b-a}{4}\right)^n.$$

PROOF. By Remark 1 we have

$$(17) \quad I_{n+1} \leq (n+1) \Delta_{n+1}^{1/(n+1)}.$$

Let $\{\widehat{U}_k(x)\}$ be the orthonormal system obtained by the orthogonalization of $\{x^k\}$ with weight $[(x-a)(b-x)]^{1/2}$. Since

$$b_{kk} = (\pi/2)^{1/2} \left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right) \left(\frac{b-a}{4}\right)^k, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots,$$

it follows that

$$(18) \quad \Delta_{n+1} = (\pi/2)^{n+1} \left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right)^{2(n+1)} \left(\frac{b-a}{4}\right)^{n(n+1)}.$$

From (17) and (18) the theorem follows. ■

THEOREM 6. *For every natural number n , there exists a non-trivial polynomial $Q_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \alpha_k x^k$ with rational integral coefficients such that*

$$I_{n+1} = \int_a^b \left(\frac{b-x}{x-a}\right)^{1/2} Q_n^2(x) dx \leq \pi \left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right) (n+1) \left(\frac{b-a}{4}\right)^n.$$

Proof. In this case we consider the polynomials $\{\widehat{W}_k(x)\}$ which form an orthonormal system on $[a, b]$ with weight $[(b-x)/(x-a)]^{1/2}$ (see [10, 11]). But now

$$b_{kk} = \int_a^b \left(\frac{b-x}{x-a}\right)^{1/2} x^k \widehat{W}_k(x) dx = \pi^{1/2} \left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{b-a}{4}\right)^k,$$

and therefore

$$\Delta_{n+1} = \pi^{n+1} \left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right)^{n+1} \left(\frac{b-a}{4}\right)^{n(n+1)},$$

so that (10) becomes

$$I_{n+1} \leq \pi \left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right) (n+1) \left(\frac{b-a}{4}\right)^n. \quad \blacksquare$$

Following the notation used by Achieser [1, pp. 249–254], let

$$\omega(x) = \left(1 - \frac{x}{a_1}\right) \left(1 - \frac{x}{a_2}\right) \dots \left(1 - \frac{x}{a_{2q}}\right)$$

be a polynomial which is positive in $(-1, 1)$, and can have simple roots at one or both ends of $(-1, 1)$. The polynomial $\omega(x)$ is of degree $2q - 1$ if $a_{2q} = \infty$ and $|a_k| < \infty, k = 1, \dots, 2q - 1$. Set

$$(19) \quad \begin{aligned} x &= \frac{1}{2} \left(v + \frac{1}{v}\right) \quad (|v| \leq 1), \\ a_k &= \frac{1}{2} \left(c_k + \frac{1}{c_k}\right) \quad (|c_k| \leq 1, k = 1, \dots, 2q), \\ \Omega(v) &= \prod_{k=1}^{2q} \sqrt{v - c_k}, \end{aligned}$$

$$(19) \quad L_m = \begin{cases} 2^{-m+1} \prod_{k=1}^{2q} (1 + c_k^2)^{1/2} & (m > q), \\ 2^{-q+1} \prod_{k=1}^{2q} (1 + c_k^2)^{1/2} (1 + c_1 c_2 \dots c_{2q})^{-1} & (m = q). \end{cases}$$

[cont.]

We consider the weight functions

$$u(x) = \frac{(1 - x^2)^{(p-1)/2}}{[\omega(x)]^{p/2}} \quad \text{and} \quad p(x) = \frac{(1 - x^2)^{1/2}}{\omega(x)}.$$

Let $\{\omega_k(x)\}_{k=0}^n$ be the orthonormal system with weight $p(x)$ that is obtained by the orthogonalization of $\{x^k\}_{k=0}^n$. By Achieser [1, p. 251], the system of monic polynomials $\{\tilde{U}_m(x; \omega)\}_{m \geq q}$ of degree m in x ,

$$\tilde{U}_m(x; \omega) = L_{m+1} \left\{ v^{2q-m-1} \frac{\Omega(1/v)}{\Omega(v)} - v^{m+1-2q} \frac{\Omega(v)}{\Omega(1/v)} \right\} \frac{\sqrt{\omega(x)}}{1/v - v},$$

is orthogonal on $[-1, 1]$ with weight function $p(x)$. Hence

$$\{\omega_0(x), \omega_1(x), \dots, \omega_{q-1}(x), \hat{U}_q(x; \omega), \dots, \hat{U}_n(x; \omega)\}$$

is an orthonormal system with weight $p(x)$ on $[-1, 1]$.

Since

$$b_{kk} = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{(1 - x^2)^{1/2}}{\omega(x)} x^k \omega_k(x) dx = \|\tilde{\omega}_k\|_{2,p(x)}, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, q - 1,$$

and

$$b_{kk} = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{(1 - x^2)^{1/2}}{\omega(x)} x^k \hat{U}_k(x; \omega) dx = \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^{1/2} L_{k+1}, \quad k = q, \dots, n,$$

it follows that

$$(20) \quad \Delta_{n+1} = \left(\prod_{k=0}^{q-1} \|\tilde{\omega}_k\|_{2,p(x)}^2 \right) \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^{n-q+1} 2^{-(n+q)(n-q+1)} \prod_{k=1}^{2q} (1 + c_k^2)^{n-q+1}.$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} A_s &= \int_{-1}^1 \frac{(1 - x^2)^{(p-1)/2}}{[\omega(x)]^{p/2}} |\hat{U}_s(x; \omega)|^p dx \\ &= \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^{-p/2} L_{s+1}^{-p} \int_{-1}^1 \left| \frac{(1 - x^2)^{1/2}}{[\omega(x)]^{1/2}} \tilde{U}_s(x; \omega) \right|^p \frac{dx}{(1 - x^2)^{1/2}} \\ &= \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^{-p/2} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})\Gamma(\frac{p+1}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{p}{2} + 1)} \quad (s \geq q). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$(21) \quad \sum_{s=0}^n A_s = \left[\sum_{s=0}^{q-1} A_s + \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^{-p/2} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})\Gamma(\frac{p+1}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{p}{2}+1)}(n-q+1) \right].$$

From (4), (20) and (21), we deduce the following result:

THEOREM 7. *Suppose that*

$$\omega(x) = \left(1 - \frac{x}{a_1}\right) \left(1 - \frac{x}{a_2}\right) \dots \left(1 - \frac{x}{a_{2q}}\right) > 0$$

in $(-1, 1)$, and $\omega(x)$ can have simple roots at one or both ends of the interval $(-1, 1)$. For every natural number $n \geq q$, there exists a non-trivial polynomial $Q_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \alpha_k x^k$ with rational integral coefficients such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{-1}^1 \left| \frac{(1-x^2)^{1/2}}{[\omega(x)]^{1/2}} Q_n(x) \right|^p \frac{dx}{(1-x^2)^{1/2}} \\ & \leq (n+1)^{p-1} \left\{ \left(\prod_{k=0}^{q-1} \|\tilde{\omega}_k\|_{2,p(x)}^2 \right) \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^{n-q+1} 2^{-(n+q)(n-q+1)} \right. \\ & \quad \left. \times \prod_{k=1}^{2q} (1+c_k^2)^{n-q+1} \right\}^{p/(2n+2)} \\ & \times \left[\sum_{s=0}^{q-1} \|\omega_s\|_{p,u(x)}^p + \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^{-p/2} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})\Gamma(\frac{p+1}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{p}{2}+1)}(n-q+1) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

4. Theorem of Fekete's type. As before we follow the notation used by Achieser [1, p. 249]. Given a polynomial

$$\omega(x) = \left(1 - \frac{x}{a_1}\right) \left(1 - \frac{x}{a_2}\right) \dots \left(1 - \frac{x}{a_{2q}}\right)$$

which is positive in $[-1, 1]$. The degree of $\omega(x)$ is $2q - 1$ if $a_{2q} = \infty$ and $|a_k| < \infty$ ($k = 1, \dots, 2q - 1$). We use the notation (19).

Let $\{\omega_k(x)\}$ be the orthonormal system with weight

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{\omega(x)(1-x^2)^{1/2}}$$

obtained by the orthogonalization of the system $\{x^k\}$. By Achieser [1, p. 250] it is known that the system of monic polynomials $\{\tilde{T}_m(x; \omega)\}$, $m \geq q$,

$$\tilde{T}_m(x; \omega) = \frac{L_m}{2} \left\{ v^{2q-m} \frac{\Omega(1/v)}{\Omega(v)} + v^{m-2q} \frac{\Omega(v)}{\Omega(1/v)} \right\} \sqrt{\omega(x)}$$

is orthogonal on $[-1, 1]$ with weight $p(x)$.

Consider the orthonormal system

$$\{\omega_0(x), \omega_1(x), \dots, \omega_{q-1}(x), \widehat{T}_q(x; \omega), \dots, \widehat{T}_n(x; \omega)\}$$

with weight $p(x)$.

By Remark 2,

$$(22) \quad \max_{-1 \leq x \leq 1} \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{\omega(x)}} \sum_{k=0}^n \alpha_k x^k \right| \leq (n+1)M_{n+1} \Delta_{n+1}^{1/(2n+2)},$$

where

$$(23) \quad \begin{aligned} &M_{n+1} \\ &= \max \left\{ \max_{\substack{-1 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0 \leq s \leq q-1}} \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{\omega(x)}} \omega_s(x) \right|, \max_{\substack{-1 \leq x \leq 1 \\ q \leq s \leq n}} \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{\omega(x)}} \widehat{T}_s(x; \omega) \right| \right\} \\ &= \max \left\{ \max_{\substack{-1 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0 \leq s \leq q-1}} \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{\omega(x)}} \omega_s(x) \right|, \left(\frac{2}{\pi}\right)^{1/2} (1 + c_1 \dots c_{2q})^{-1/2}, \left(\frac{2}{\pi}\right)^{1/2} \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

and Δ_{n+1} is the Gram determinant of the system $\{x^k\}_{k=0}^n$ with weight $p(x)$. Since

$$b_{kk} = \int_{-1}^1 \omega_k(x) x^k p(x) dx = \|\tilde{\omega}_k\|_{2,p(x)}, \quad k = 0, \dots, q-1,$$

and

$$b_{kk} = \int_{-1}^1 \widehat{T}_k(x; \omega) \frac{x^k}{\omega(x)(1-x^2)^{1/2}} dx = (\pi L_k L_{k+1})^{1/2}, \quad k \geq q,$$

we have

$$(24) \quad \begin{aligned} &\Delta_{n+1} \\ &= \left(\prod_{k=0}^{q-1} \|\tilde{\omega}_k\|_{2,p(x)}^2 \right) \pi^{n-q+1} 2^{-n^2+(q-1)^2} \frac{1}{1 + c_1 \dots c_{2q}} \prod_{k=1}^{2q} (1 + c_k^2)^{n-q+1}. \end{aligned}$$

From (22)–(24), we have thus proved the following:

THEOREM 8. *Suppose that*

$$\omega(x) = \left(1 - \frac{x}{a_1}\right) \left(1 - \frac{x}{a_2}\right) \dots \left(1 - \frac{x}{a_{2q}}\right)$$

is positive in $[-1, 1]$. For every natural number $n \geq q$, there exists a non-trivial polynomial $Q_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \alpha_k x^k$ with rational integral coefficients such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \max_{-1 \leq x \leq 1} \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{\omega(x)}} \sum_{k=0}^n \alpha_k x^k \right| \\ & \leq (n+1) \max \left\{ \max_{\substack{-1 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0 \leq s \leq q-1}} \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{\omega(x)}} \omega_s(x) \right|, \right. \\ & \qquad \left. \left(\frac{2}{\pi} \right)^{1/2} (1 + c_1 \dots c_{2q})^{-1/2}, \left(\frac{2}{\pi} \right)^{1/2} \right\} \\ & \quad \times \left\{ \left(\prod_{k=0}^{q-1} \|\tilde{\omega}_k\|_{2,p(x)}^2 \right) \pi^{n-q+1} 2^{-n^2+(q-1)^2} \right. \\ & \quad \left. \times \frac{1}{1 + c_1 \dots c_{2q}} \prod_{k=1}^{2q} (1 + c_k^2)^{n-q+1} \right\}^{1/(2n+2)}. \end{aligned}$$

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