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Spectral Theory of Orthogonal Polynomials

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- Right Limits and Essential Spectrum, [SzThm], §7.3
- Reflectionless Jacobi Matrices and Remling's Theorem, [SzThm], §7.4–7.6
- The Magic Formula, [SzThm], Chap. 8
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Right limits were introduced and studied by Last–Simon in two papers [Inv. Math. **135** (1999), 329–367; J. Anal. Math. **98** (2006), 183–220].

Given a set of bounded (one-sided) Jacobi parameters $\{a_n, b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$, we say a two-sided sequence $\{\tilde{a}_n, \tilde{b}_n\}_{n=-\infty}^{\infty}$ is a right limit if there exists $m_j \rightarrow \infty$ so that for all ℓ , as $j \rightarrow \infty$,

$$a_{m_j+\ell} \rightarrow \tilde{a}_\ell; \quad b_{m_j+l} \rightarrow \tilde{b}_\ell$$

The set of all right limits is denoted $\mathcal{R}(J)$. By compactness, it is non-empty and a closed subset of $[-R, R]^{\infty}$ in the product topology ($R = \sup_n |a_n| + |b_n|$).



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We say $\lambda \in \sigma_{\infty,pp}(\tilde{J})$ if and only if $\exists u \in L^\infty$, $u \neq 0$, with $\tilde{J}u = \lambda u$. By a Weyl sequence argument, $\sigma_{\infty,pp}(\tilde{J}) \subset \sigma(\tilde{J})$.

Last–Simon proved ($\sigma_{\infty,pp}(J)$ is from [SzThm] book)

Theorem. $\sigma_{\text{ess}}(J) = \cup_{J_r \in \mathcal{R}(J)} \sigma(J_r) = \cup_{J_r \in \mathcal{R}(J)} \sigma_{\infty,pp}(J_r)$

That $\sigma(J_r) \subset \sigma_{\text{ess}}(J)$ is easy. If u_n has finite support with $\|(J_r - \lambda)u\| < \varepsilon$, then with $u_n^{(j)} = u_{m_j+n}$, we have $\overline{\lim}_{j \rightarrow \infty} \|(J - \lambda)u^{(j)}\| \leq \varepsilon$ and $u^{(j)} \rightarrow 0$ weakly.

The other parts are not hard but somewhat involved.

Last–Simon also proved $\Sigma_{\text{ac}}(J) \subset \cap_{J_r} \Sigma_{\text{ac}}(J_r)$.



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A reflectionless Jacobi matrix on $\epsilon \subset \mathbb{R}$ is a whole line matrix obeying

$$\forall n, G_{nn}(x + i0) \in i\mathbb{R} \text{ for a.e. } x \in \epsilon.$$

It is sufficient that this holds for three successive n 's.

By the reflection principle (different reflection!), we have that if $(a, b) \subset \epsilon$, then G_{nn} is continuous on (a, b) , so J has purely a.c. spectrum on (a, b) .



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Given J , a whole line Jacobi matrix, J_+ and J_- are the Jacobi matrices with parameters $\{a_n, b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ and $\{a_{-n}, b_{-n+1}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ and \tilde{J} with parameters $\{a_{-n-1}, b_{-n}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$.

$J_{+/-}$ are the two pieces we get by setting $a_0 = 0$ and J_+ and \tilde{J} by setting $a_0 = a_{-1} = 0 = b_0$. m^{\pm}, \tilde{m} are their m -functions. The u_{\pm} formulae for G and m yield

$$G_{00}(z) = -(a_0^2 m^+(z) - m^-(z)^{-1})^{-1}$$

$$G_{00}(z) = -(z - b_0 + a_{-1}^2 \tilde{m} + a_0^2 m^+)^{-1}$$



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A basic fact is

Theorem. J is reflectionless if and only if for a.e. $x \in \mathfrak{e}$

$$\overline{m^+(x + i0)} = (a_0^2 m^-(x + i0))^{-1}$$

$$\iff \overline{a_0^2 m^+(x + i0)} = b_0 - x - a_1^2 \tilde{m}(x + i0)$$

These conditions imply $G_{00}(x + i0)$ is pure imaginary since $\operatorname{Re}(a_0^2 m^+(x + i0) - (m^-(x + i0))^{-1}) = 0$.



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To get full result, one shows that Weyl solutions for J^+ and \tilde{J} , call them u_n^+ and u_n^- , have a.e. boundary values (since m does). $\operatorname{Re} G_{nn}(x + i0)$ for $n = 0, \pm 1$ is equivalent to (all at $x + i0$) $\operatorname{Im}(u_n^+ u_n^-) = 0$ for $n = \pm 1$ and W ($=$ Wronskian) has $\operatorname{Re} W = 0$ and that this is equivalent to $u_n^- = \overline{u_n^+}$.



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Suppose now $\epsilon = \cup_{j=1}^{\ell+1} [\alpha_j, \beta_j]$ is a finite gap set. Let J be reflectionless on ϵ with $\sigma(J) = \epsilon$. Let $m^+(z)$ be the m -function for the half-line operator J^+ .

Since m^+ is real in the gaps and on $(-\infty, \alpha_1)$ and $(\beta_{\ell+1}, \infty)$, we have that

$$m^+(x + i0) = \overline{m^+(x - i0)} = [a_0^2 m^-(x - i0)]^{-1}$$

This implies that m^+ defined on \mathcal{S}_+ can be analytically continued to \mathcal{S}_- by defining it to be $(a_0^2 m^-(z))^{-1}$ on \mathcal{S}_- .

Since m^- has a zero at ∞ , $(m^-)^{-1}$ has a pole there.



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The only other possible poles are in the gaps.

$(a_0 m^-(z))^{-1} = b_0 - z - a_1^2 \tilde{m}(z)$, so $(a_0^2 m^-)^{-1}$ has a pole
 $\Leftrightarrow \tilde{m}$ does.

$G_{00} = -(z - b_0 + a_{-1}^2 \tilde{m} + a_0^2 m^+)^{-1}$ shows that if \tilde{m} or m^+
have poles at $x_0 \in (\beta_j, \alpha_{j+1})$, then G_{00} has a zero there.

Since G_{00} is monotone (and bounded) on (β_j, α_{j+1}) , it has
at most one zero there. If it has a zero at x , either m^+ or
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If m^+ and \tilde{m} both have poles there, one can show the Weyl solutions agree and vanish at $n = 0$ which implies the whole line problem has an eigenvalue at x , contrary to our hypothesis that $\sigma(J) = \epsilon$.

Thus, at a zero of G_{00} in a gap m^+ has a pole at precisely one of the points z_{\pm} with $\pi(z_{\pm}) = x_0$. A further analysis shows that if G_{00} has no zeros in a given gap, it vanishes at one end or the other where m^+ has a simple pole in the local coordinates.



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We thus see if J is reflectionless on ϵ and $\sigma(J) = \epsilon$, m^+ is a minimal Herglotz function. Conversely, if m^+ is a minimal Herglotz function, $(a_0^2 m^+(\tau(z)))^{-1}$ defines a J^- (where a_0^2 is picked so $(a_0^2 m^+(\tau(z)))^{-1} \sim -z^{-1}$ near ∞_+) and J^+ , a_0 , J^- fit together into a reflectionless J . We have thus proven:

Theorem. *There is a 1-1 correspondence between the isospectral torus on ϵ (defined as minimal Herglotz functions) and reflectionless J 's.*



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Remling proved the following remarkable theorem:

Remlings Theorem. *If J is a half-line Jacobi matrix and $\epsilon \equiv \Sigma_{ac}(J) \neq \emptyset$, then any right limit, J_r , is reflectionless on ϵ .*

There is an attractive intuition: J_r repeats infinitely often far from each other. If there were any reflection, a wave would get trapped by the infinitely many reflections but by Riemann–Lebesgue, a.c. wave packets get “out” to ∞ .



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Alas, no one has a proof using this intuition. The only proof we have is Remling's original proof which takes 20 dense pages in [SzThm] and which I can follow but don't understand!



Denisov–Rakhmanov–Remling Theorem

Theorem (Rakhmanov [Math. Sb. **32** (1977), 199–213; **46** (1983), 105–117]). Let $d\mu = f \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} + d\mu_s$ on $\partial\mathbb{D}$ with $f(\theta) > 0$ for Lebesgue a.e. θ . Then $\alpha_n(d\mu) \rightarrow 0$.

Theorem (Denisov [Proc. A.M.S. **130** (2004), 847–852]). Let $d\mu = f dx + d\mu_s$; $\text{ess sup}(d\mu) = [-2, 2]$; $f(x) > 0$ for a.e. $x \in [-2, 2]$.

Then $a_n(d\mu) \rightarrow 1$, $b_n(d\mu) \rightarrow 0$.

Theorem (Damanik–Killip–Simon, [Ann. Math. **171** (2010), 1931–2010]). Let ϵ be a finite gap set with each band having rational harmonic measure. Let $d\mu = f dx + d\mu_s$; $\text{ess}(d\mu) = \epsilon$; $f(x) > 0$ for a.e. $x \in \epsilon$. Then, as $\ell \rightarrow \infty$, $\{a_{n-\ell}, b_{n-\ell}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ approaches the two-sided (periodic) isospectral torus for ϵ .

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Theorem (Remling [Ann. Math **174** (2011), 125–171]).
The last theorem holds for any finite gap set, ϵ .

Remarks. 1. This was conjectured by
Damanik–Killip–Simon.

2. This implies the Denisov result and also Rakhmanov
once one has an extension of Remling to OPUC which was
accomplished by Breuer, Ryckman, Zinchenko [Comm.
Math. Phys. **292** (2009), 1–28].

The DRR Theorem is an immediate consequence of
Remling's Theorem and the analysis of J 's reflectionless on
 ϵ with $\sigma(J) = \epsilon$.



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Theorem (Damanik–Killip–Simon [Ann. Math. **171** (2010), 1931–2010]). *Let Δ be the discriminant associated to a finite gap set $\epsilon \subset \mathbb{R}$ with rational harmonic measures (Δ is degree p , measures are q_j/p with no common factor for $p \cup \{q_j\}_{j=1}^{\ell+1}$). Let J be a whole line Jacobi matrix and $S : \ell_2 \rightarrow \ell_2$ by $(Su)_n = u_{n-1}$. Then*

$$\Delta(J) = S^p + S^{-p} \Leftrightarrow J \in \text{isospectral torus for } \epsilon$$

DKS called this the magic formula.



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Recall for $J \in$ isospectral torus, $\Delta(E(\theta)) = 2 \cos \theta$ where $E(\theta)$ are eigenvalues of Floquet solutions with $u_{n+p} = e^{i\theta} u_n$. In a suitable spectral representation S^p is multiplication by $e^{i\theta}$ and J by $E(\theta)$ so that the above shows that $\Delta(J) = S^p + S^{-p}$.



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For the converse, if $\Delta_\epsilon(J) = S^p + S^{-p}$, then $[J, \Delta_\epsilon(J)]$ so $[J, S^p + S^{-p}]$. Using that J has finite width, this implies (an argument of Naiman [Soviet Math. Dokl. **3** (1962), 383–385]) $[J, S^p] = 0$, i.e., J has periodic p .

Thus, $\Delta_J(J) - \Delta_\epsilon(J) = 0$. Again, using finite width of J , $p(J) = 0$ for a polynomial $\Rightarrow p = 0$. Thus $\Delta_J = \Delta_\epsilon \Rightarrow J \in$ isospectral torus.



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To use this idea, note that in general, if J is a Jacobi matrix, $\Delta(J)$ is not tri-diagonal but $2p + 1$ diagonal (since $(J^\ell)_{k_j} \neq 0 \Rightarrow |k - j| \leq \ell$) which can be thought of as $p \times p$ block tridiagonal.

The DKS strategy is to extend results on approach to $[-2, 2]$ to the matrix-valued case.



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For example, to get the extension of Denisov, if J has $\Sigma_{ac}(J) = \epsilon$, then $\Delta(J)$ has multiplicity p a.c. spectrum on $[-2, 2]$. By a matrix extension of Denisov, this implies all right limits of $\Delta(J)$ are $S^p + S^{-p}$. By the Magic Formula, this proves any right limit J_r obeys $\Delta(J_r) = S^p + S^{-p}$, so $J_r \in$ isospectral torus.



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DKS are thus able to prove

- DRR for periodic (also follows from Remling)
- Shohat-Nevai for perturbations of isospectral torus (also follows from CSZ)
- Lieb–Thirring and so Nevai conjecture for perturbations of periodic (also follows from Frank–Simon)
- Killip–Simon for perturbations of periodic with all gaps open (only known proof!)



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In 2003, Cantero, Moral, and Velázquez [Linear Alg. Appl. **362** (2003), 29–51] found the “right” matrix representation for OPUC 82 years after Szegő invented OPUC! Its usefulness for spectral theory of OPUC was found by Golinskii–Simon and presented in Section 4.3 of [OPUC].

Just as Jacobi matrices come from general self-adjoint operators with cyclic vector, CMV matrices come from unitary matrices with cyclic vector and in this form (without the OPUC connection) they were found in the numerical linear algebra community in 1991 by Bunse-Gerstner–Elsner [Linear Alg. Appl. **154** (1991), 741–678].



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For OPUC, orthonormalized z^n may not give a basis for $L^2(\partial\mathbb{D}, d\mu)$. CMV had the idea of orthonormalizing, $1, z, z^{-1}, z^2, z^{-2}, \dots$ which always gives a basis!

Remarkably, the resulting basis, $\{\chi_j\}_{j=0}^\infty$ can be expressed in terms of the φ_n 's and φ_n^* 's. If

$$\sigma_n = \chi_{2n}, \quad \tau_n = \chi_{2n-1}; \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (n \geq 1 \text{ for } =)$$

$$\text{then } \sigma_n = z^{-n} \varphi_{2n}^*, \quad \tau_n = z^{-n+1} \varphi_{2n-1}$$



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If instead, one orthonormalizes, $1, z^{-1}, z, z^{-2}, \dots$, one gets an ON basis, $\{x_j\}_{j=0}^{\infty}$ and if $s_n = x_{2n}$, $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, $t_n = x_{2n-1}$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$, then

$$s_n = z^{-n} \varphi_{2n}, \quad t_n = z^{-n} \varphi_{2n-1}^*$$

One defines the CMV and alternate CMV matrices by

$$C_{ij}(d\mu) = \langle \chi_i, z\chi_j \rangle; \quad \tilde{C}_{ij}(d\mu) = \langle x_i, zx_j \rangle$$



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One defines $\mathcal{L}_{ij}(d\mu) = \langle x_i, \chi_j \rangle$, $\mathcal{M}_{ij}(d\mu) = \langle \chi_i, z x_j \rangle$ so one has the LM factorization

$$\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{L}\mathcal{M}, \quad \tilde{\mathcal{C}} = \mathcal{M}\mathcal{L}$$

$$\text{If } \Theta_j = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\alpha}_j & \rho_j \\ \rho_i & -\alpha_j \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{then } \mathcal{L} = \Theta_0 \oplus \Theta_2 \oplus \Theta_4 \oplus \dots$$

$$\text{and } \mathcal{M} = \mathbb{1}_{1 \times 1} \oplus \Theta_1 \oplus \Theta_3 \oplus \dots$$



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Thus, \mathcal{C} is 5-diagonal with structures of 4×2 blocks.

Matrix elements are quadratic in α 's and ρ 's, explicitly

$$\mathcal{C} = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\alpha}_0 & \bar{\alpha}_1 \rho_0 & \rho_1 \rho_0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ \rho_0 & -\bar{\alpha}_1 \alpha_0 & -\rho_1 \alpha_0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & \bar{\alpha}_2 \rho_1 & -\bar{\alpha}_2 \alpha_1 & \bar{\alpha}_3 \rho_2 & \rho_3 \rho_2 & \dots \\ 0 & \rho_2 \rho_1 & -\rho_2 \alpha_1 & -\bar{\alpha}_3 \alpha_2 & -\rho_3 \alpha_2 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \bar{\alpha}_4 \rho_3 & -\bar{\alpha}_4 \alpha_3 & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \end{pmatrix}$$



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Consequences of CMV

- New proof of Verblunsky's Theorem
- Trace class theory:

$$\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\alpha_j - \tilde{\alpha}_j| < \infty \Rightarrow \mathcal{C}(\alpha) - \mathcal{C}(\tilde{\alpha}) \in \ell_1 \Rightarrow \Sigma_{ac}(\alpha) = \Sigma_{ac}(\tilde{\alpha})$$

- Weyl Theorem:

$$\alpha_j - \beta_j \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \sigma_{ess}(\alpha) = \sigma_{ess}(\beta)$$

- New proof of Geronimus Relatins [Killip–Nenciu, IMRN **50** (2004), 2665-2701]
- Haar on CUE induced measures on Verblunsky coefficients [Killip–Nenciu, IMRN **50** (2004), 2665-2701]

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We've discussed the DOS but that only tells part of the story of the distribution of zeros for OPs.

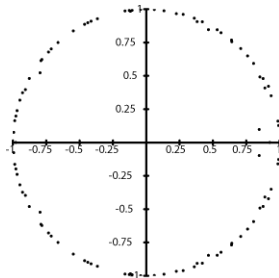
In the next two slides, I'll show you the zeros for two different sets of Verblunsky coefficients. One has the α 's iidrv—unfortunately uniform in a real interval (hence the complex conjugate symmetry) rather than uniform on some circle. I'm not sure of the DOS.

The other is $\alpha_n = (\frac{3}{4})^{n+1}$ where the DOS is known (a result of Mhaskar-Saff) to be uniform on the circle of radius $3/4$.



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Here is the random case—which looks irregular:



In the rotation symmetric case, it is known to be Poisson [Stoiciu, JAT **139** (2006) 29–64; Davies–Simon, JAT **141** (2006), 189–213]

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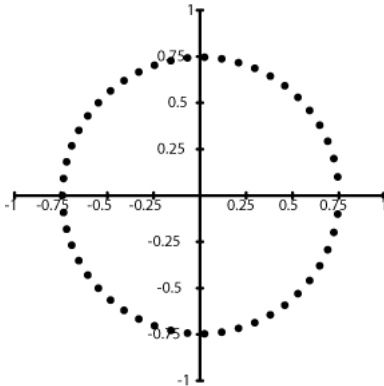
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And here is the exponential decay case—which looks regular:



In this case, the zeros are asymptotically equally spaced—which I called clock spacing.

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I want to focus on the clock-spacing case, but for OPRL, not OPUC.

When $a_n \rightarrow 1$, $b_n \rightarrow 0$, the DOS will be the equilibrium measure, $\rho_\epsilon(x)dx$ for $\epsilon = [-2, 2]$, i.e.,

$$\rho_\epsilon(x) = \pi^{-1}(4 - x^2)^{-1/2}$$

so clock only means locally equally spaced.

If $x_n^{(j)}(E_0)$ is the zeros of $p_n(x)$ with $x_n^{(-2)} < x_n^{(-1)} < x_n^{(0)} < E_0 < x_n^{(1)} \dots$ then clock spacing is

$$n[x_n^{(j+1)} - x_n^{(j)}] \rightarrow 1/\rho(E_0)$$



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The earliest general clock-spacing results are due to Erdős–Turan [Ann. Math. **44** (1940), 510–553] and very general results are in Last–Simon [Comm. Pure Appl. Math. **61** (2008), 486–538].

But I want to focus on a wonderful approach of Lubinsky—actually two approaches, both based on the CD kernel [Lubinsky, Ann. Math. **170** (2009), 915–939; J. Anal. Math. **106** (2008), 373–394]



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With his first method, Simon [J. Math. Anal. **105** (2008), 345–362] and Totik [Ark. Mat. **47** (2009), 361–391] obtained clock space for fairly general a.c. $d\mu$ on sets ϵ with $\overline{\epsilon^{\text{int}}} = \epsilon$ and Avila–Last–Simon [Anal. PDE **3** (2010), 81–108], using Lubinsky's second method, even have some results for a.c. spectrum on positive measure Cantor sets.

Here, we'll focus on the underlying method.



The CD Kernel and Universality

A critical tool is the CD (for Christoffel Darboux) kernel

$$K_n(x, y) = \sum_{j=0}^n p_j(x)p_j(y)$$

which is the integral kernel in $L^2(\mathbb{R}, d\mu)$ of the projection into polynomials of degree n or smaller.

Theorem (CD Formula). *For $x \neq y$*

$$K_n(x, y) = \frac{a_{n+1}(p_{n+1}(x)p_n(y) - p_{n+1}(y)p_n(x))}{x - y}$$

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Proof. If $L_n(x, y) = a_{n+1}(p_{n+1}(x)p_n(y) - p_{n+1}(y)p_n(x))$ recursion relation for $xp_n(x)$ times $p_n(y)$ minus recursion relation for $yp_n(y)$ times $p_n(x)$ says

$$(x - y)p_n(x)p_n(y) = L_n(x, y) - L_{n-1}(x, y)$$

This plus induction says that CP formula holds.



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Universality on $[-2, 2] = \epsilon$ says, for any compact interval $I \subset [-2, 2]$,

$$\frac{1}{n+1} K_n(x_n, x_n) \rightarrow \frac{\rho_\epsilon(x_\infty)}{w(x_\infty)} \text{ if say } n|x - x_\infty| \leq A$$

uniformly in $x_\infty \in I$ and x_n 's with A fixed.

$$\frac{K_n(x_\infty + \frac{a}{n}, x_\infty + \frac{b}{n})}{K_n(x_\infty, x_\infty)} \rightarrow \frac{\sin(\pi \rho_\epsilon(x_\infty)(b-a))}{\pi \rho_\epsilon(x_\infty)(b-a)}$$

uniformly in $x_\infty \in I$, $|a| \leq A$, $|b| = A$.



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Theorem (Freud–Levin Theorem). *Universality* \Rightarrow *clock spacing*.

Proof. By CD formula, if $p_n(x) = 0$, $y \neq x$, then
 $p_n(y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow K_n(x, y) = 0$ (since $p_n(x) = 0 \Rightarrow$
 $p_{n+1}(x) \neq 0$).

Universality controls zeros of K_n for n large. Explicitly
 $K_n(x, y) \neq 0$ if $|x - y| \leq \frac{\alpha}{\rho_\epsilon(x)}$ with $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ and n large.

Zeros of \sin says at least one zero near zero $+\frac{k}{\rho_\epsilon(x_\infty)}$ and
above says no more than 1.



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Lubinsky provided two methods of proving universality.

See his papers or Sections 3.11 and 3.12 of [SzThm].