

# Rational algorithm for quadratic Christoffel modification and applications to the constrained $L^2$ -approximation

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In this paper, we consider a rational algorithm for modification of a positive measure by quadratic factor,  $d\hat{\sigma}(t) = (t-z)^2 d\sigma(t)$ , where it is allowed z to be in supp $(d\sigma)$ . Also, we present an application of modified algorithm to the measures  $d\hat{\sigma}(t) = T_2^2(t) d\sigma(t)$  and  $d\sigma'(t) = t^2 T_2^2(t) d\sigma(t)$ , where  $T_2(t) = t^2 - \frac{1}{2}$  is the second degree monic Chebyshev polynomial of the first kind and  $d\sigma(t) = \sqrt{1-t^2} dt$ ,  $t \in [-1, 1]$ , is the Chebyshev measure of the second kind. Also, we present an application to the constrained  $L^2$ -polynomial approximation.

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $d\sigma$  be a positive measure on  $\mathbb{R}$  with an infinite support such that polynomials are integrable and let  $\{p_n\}, n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , be a sequence of the corresponding monic orthogonal polynomials,

$$p_n(t) = p_n(\mathrm{d}\sigma; t), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}_0.$$

It is known that they satisfy a three-term recurrence relation of the form

$$p_{n+1}(t) = (t - \alpha_n) p_n(t) - \beta_n p_{n-1}(t), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}_0,$$
  
$$p_0(t) = 1, \quad p_{-1}(t) = 0,$$

where  $\alpha_n = \alpha_n(d\sigma) \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\beta_n = \beta_n(d\sigma) > 0$ , and by convention,  $\beta_0 = \beta_0(d\sigma) = \sigma(\mathbb{R})$ .

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We define

$$d\hat{\sigma}(t) := (t-z)^2 d\sigma(t), \quad z \in \mathbb{C}.$$

The set of orthogonal polynomials we wish to study is

$$\hat{p}_n(t) = \hat{p}_n(\mathrm{d}\hat{\sigma}; t), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}_0.$$

The modification by a quadratic factor can be achieved by two successively modifications by linear factors (see [4] and [5, pp. 121–124]). A problem with this approach appears when z is inside of the supp( $d\sigma$ ). Actually, when z is a zero of the polynomial  $p_n$ , orthogonal with respect to the measure  $d\sigma$ , an application of the modification by linear factor crashes, due to the fact that we have a division by zero. An alternative approach is to apply one step of the QR algorithm to the Jacobi matrix  $J = J(d\sigma)$  for the measure  $d\sigma$ , i.e. the infinite symmetric tridiagonal matrix

$$J = J(\mathrm{d}\sigma) = \mathrm{tri}(\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \sqrt{\beta_1}, \sqrt{\beta_2}, \dots)$$

with the recursion coefficients  $\alpha_k = \alpha_k(d\sigma)$  on the main diagonal, and the  $\sqrt{\beta_k} = \sqrt{\beta_k(d\sigma)}$  on two-side diagonals (see [5, pp. 127–128]). This algorithm needs the computation of the square roots, hence it is not rational. Here, we present an algorithm which can be applied regardless of the fact where the point *z* lies. In particular, the presented algorithm is rational, as the one presented in [2] which is dealing with a linear modification. For some other modifications see [6].

Our modification by the quadratic factor can be successfully applied in the constrained  $L^2$ polynomial approximation, for constructing the so-called *s*- (or  $\sigma$ -) orthogonal polynomials and the corresponding quadratures of Turán type (see [7,11]), etc. For example, a typical application in the constrained  $L^2$ -approximation requires orthogonal polynomials with respect to the measure  $q_m(t)^2 d\sigma(t)$ , where  $q_m$  is a monic polynomial of degree *m* with the zeros  $\tau_1, \ldots, \tau_m$ , which belong to the support of the measure  $d\sigma(t)$  (see [9, p. 388] and [10]). It can be done easily by repeating our modification *m* times by the quadratic factors  $(t - \tau_k)^2$ ,  $k = 1, \ldots, m$ .

The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2 we present the modification of the measure by a quadratic factor and in Section 3 we give the corresponding algorithm and some of its interesting applications with analytic solutions. Finally, an application to the constrained  $L^2$ -approximation is given in Section 4.

#### 2. The modification by a quadratic factor

DEFINITION 2.1 Let  $d\sigma$  be a positive measure and  $p_n(\cdot) = p_n(d\sigma; \cdot)$  be the sequence of monic orthogonal polynomials with respect to  $d\sigma$ . Let  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  and assume that  $p_n(z) \neq 0$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then

$$\tilde{p}_n(t;z) = \frac{1}{t-z} \left[ p_{n+1}(t) - \frac{p_{n+1}(z)}{p_n(z)} p_n(t) \right],\tag{1}$$

is called the kernel polynomial for the measure  $d\sigma$ .

Evidently,  $\tilde{p}_n(t, z) \in \mathcal{P}_n$  as a function of t.

DEFINITION 2.2 We call the measure  $d\sigma$  quasi-definite if and only if there exists a sequence of polynomials orthogonal with respect to  $d\sigma$  (cf. [3]).

THEOREM 2.3 Let  $d\sigma$  be a positive measure and  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  be such that  $p_n(z) \neq 0$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $d\tilde{\sigma}(t) = (t - z) d\sigma(t)$ . Then  $d\tilde{\sigma}$  is quasi-definite and the kernel polynomials  $\tilde{p}_k$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , are (monic) formal orthogonal polynomials with respect to  $d\tilde{\sigma}$ .

*Proof* For the proof see, for example, [5, p. 38].

LEMMA 2.4 The three-term recurrence coefficients  $\hat{\alpha}_k$  and  $\hat{\beta}_k$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , for the sequence of polynomials orthogonal with respect to the measure  $d\hat{\sigma}$ , are continuous functions of  $z \in \mathbb{R}$ .

*Proof* Consider a sequence of moments  $\hat{\mu}_n = \int x^n d\hat{\sigma}(x)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . We obtain easily that every  $\hat{\mu}_n$  is a polynomial of the second degree in *z*. Since  $\hat{p}_n$  can be expressed as

$$\hat{p}_n(x) = \frac{1}{\hat{H}_n} \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mu}_0 & \hat{\mu}_1 & \cdots & \hat{\mu}_n \\ \hat{\mu}_1 & \hat{\mu}_2 & \cdots & \hat{\mu}_{n+1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & x & \cdots & x^n \end{vmatrix}$$

(see [3, p. 17]), where  $\hat{H}_n$  is the main minor of rank *n*, which is also known as the Hankel determinant and which is not zero according to positivity of the measure  $d\hat{\sigma}$ . Hence, the coefficients of  $\hat{p}_n$  are continuous functions in  $z \in \mathbb{R}$  and the three-term recurrence coefficients are too.

LEMMA 2.5 If  $\Delta_n \equiv \Delta_n(z) = p_{n+1}(z)p'_n(z) - p_n(z)p'_{n+1}(z), n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , we have

$$\Delta_{n+1} = \beta_{n+1}\Delta_n - p_{n+1}^2(z), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}_0.$$
<sup>(2)</sup>

*Proof* According to Christoffel–Darboux formulae (cf. [3, pp. 23–24] and [5, pp. 15–16]) we have

$$-\frac{\Delta_n}{\|p_n\|^2} = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{p_k^2(z)}{\|p_k\|^2}, \quad -\frac{\Delta_{n+1}}{\|p_{n+1}\|^2} = \sum_{k=0}^{n+1} \frac{p_k^2(z)}{\|p_k\|^2},$$

wherefrom, by subtracting, we get

$$\frac{p_{n+1}^2(z)}{\|p_{n+1}\|^2} = -\frac{\Delta_{n+1}}{\|p_{n+1}\|^2} + \frac{\Delta_n}{\|p_n\|^2}.$$

Using the identity  $\beta_{n+1} = ||p_{n+1}||^2 / ||p_n||^2$ , we get what is stated.

THEOREM 2.6 Let  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  be such that the measure  $d\hat{\sigma}$  is quasi-definite. The coefficients of the three-term recurrence relation for the polynomial sequence orthogonal with respect to the measure

$$d\hat{\sigma}(t) = (t-z)^2 d\sigma(t), \quad z \in \mathbb{C},$$

are given by

$$\hat{\alpha}_n = \frac{-p_{n+1}^2(p_n p_{n+1} + z\Delta_n) + \beta_{n+1}(2p_n p_{n+1}\Delta_n + \alpha_{n+1}\Delta_n^2)}{\Delta_n \Delta_{n+1}},$$
(3)

$$\hat{\beta}_0 = \beta_0 [\beta_1 + (z - \alpha_0)^2], \quad \hat{\beta}_n = \beta_n \frac{\Delta_{n-1} \Delta_{n+1}}{\Delta_n^2},$$
(4)

where we denote  $p_n := p_n(d\sigma; z)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , and  $\{p_n\}$  is a set of polynomials orthogonal with respect to the measure  $d\sigma$ .

*Proof* First, we prove that  $\Delta_n(z) < 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and  $z \in \mathbb{R}$ . Using the Christoffel–Darboux formulae (cf. [3, pp. 23–24] and [5, pp. 15–16]), it follows

$$-\frac{\Delta_n}{\|p_n\|^2} = \frac{p'_{n+1}p_n - p'_n p_{n+1}}{\|p_n\|^2} = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{p_k^2}{\|p_k\|^2} > 0,$$

wherefrom we get the previous statement.

Denote by  $Z_n$  the set of all zeros of the polynomial  $p_n$ . Obviously  $Z_n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , consists of *n* real numbers, hence,  $Z = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} Z_n$  is a set of zeros of polynomials  $p_n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and it is a countable set. Therefore,  $\mathbb{R} \setminus Z$  is not an empty set and has a continuum many elements.

Choose  $z \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathcal{Z}$ . For such z we have  $p_n(z) \neq 0$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and also  $\Delta_n(z) < 0$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . The condition  $p_n(z) \neq 0$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , according to Theorem 2.3, assures that the measure  $d\tilde{\sigma}(t) = (t - z) d\sigma(t)$  is quasi-definite and that the orthogonal polynomials with respect to it are given by Equation (1). Thus, we can express the polynomials  $\tilde{p}_n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , orthogonal with respect to the measure  $d\tilde{\sigma}$ , as

$$\tilde{p}_n(t,z) = \frac{1}{t-z} \left[ p_{n+1}(t) - \frac{p_{n+1}}{p_n} p_n(t) \right], \quad n \in \mathbb{N}_0.$$

Our target measure is  $d\hat{\sigma}(t) = (t - z) d\tilde{\sigma}(t) = (t - z)^2 d\sigma(t)$ , hence, we want to apply once more Theorem 2.3, and we get

$$\hat{p}_n(t,z) = \frac{1}{t-z} \left[ \tilde{p}_{n+1}(t,z) - \frac{\tilde{p}_{n+1}(z,z)}{\tilde{p}_n(z,z)} \tilde{p}_n(t,z) \right], \quad n \in \mathbb{N}_0.$$

As we can inspect we have

$$\tilde{p}_n(z,z) = -\frac{\Delta_n(z)}{p_n(z)}.$$

According to the condition  $\Delta_n \neq 0, n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , an application of Theorem 2.3 is justified.

Now, we have

$$\begin{split} \hat{p}_{n}(t,z) &= \frac{1}{t-z} \left[ \tilde{p}_{n+1}(t) - \frac{\tilde{p}_{n+1}(z)}{\tilde{p}_{n}(z)} \tilde{p}_{n}(t) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{t-z} \left\{ \frac{p_{n+2}(t) - (p_{n+2}/p_{n+1})p_{n+1}(t)}{t-z} \\ &- \frac{-(\Delta_{n+1}/p_{n+1})}{-(\Delta_{n}/p_{n})} \left( \frac{p_{n+1}(t) - (p_{n+1}/p_{n})p_{n}(t)}{t-z} \right) \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{(t-z)^{2}} \left\{ \frac{p_{n+1}p_{n+2}(t) - p_{n+2}p_{n+1}(t)}{p_{n+1}} - \frac{\Delta_{n+1}p_{n}}{\Delta_{n}p_{n+1}} \frac{p_{n+1}(t)p_{n} - p_{n+1}p_{n}(t)}{p_{n}} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{(t-z)^{2}} \left\{ p_{n+2}(t) - \frac{p_{n+2}}{p_{n+1}}p_{n+1}(t) - \frac{\Delta_{n+1}}{\Delta_{n}} \left( \frac{p_{n}}{p_{n+1}}p_{n+1}(t) - p_{n}(t) \right) \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{(t-z)^{2}\Delta_{n}} \left\{ p_{n+2}(t)\Delta_{n} - p_{n+1}(t) \left( \Delta_{n} \frac{p_{n+2}}{p_{n+1}} + \Delta_{n+1} \frac{p_{n}}{p_{n+1}} \right) + p_{n}(t)\Delta_{n+1} \right\}. \end{split}$$

This gives

$$\hat{p}_n(t,z) = \frac{p_{n+2}(t)\Delta_n - p_{n+1}(t)(p_{n+2}p'_n - p_n p'_{n+2}) + p_n(t)\Delta_{n+1}}{(t-z)^2\Delta_n}.$$
(5)

Putting Equation (5) in the three-term recurrence relation for polynomials  $\{\hat{p}_n\}$ ,

$$\hat{p}_{n+1}(t) = (t - \hat{\alpha}_n)\hat{p}_n(t) - \hat{\beta}_n\hat{p}_{n-1}(t), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}_0,$$

it follows

$$\frac{p_{n+3}(t)\Delta_{n+1} - p_{n+2}(t)(p_{n+3}p'_{n+1} - p_{n+1}p'_{n+3}) + p_{n+1}(t)\Delta_{n+2}}{(t-z)^2\Delta_{n+1}}$$

$$= (t - \hat{\alpha}_n)\frac{p_{n+2}(t)\Delta_n - p_{n+1}(t)(p_{n+2}p'_n - p_np'_{n+2}) + p_n(t)\Delta_{n+1}}{(t-z)^2\Delta_n}$$

$$- \hat{\beta}_n \frac{p_{n+1}(t)\Delta_{n-1} - p_n(t)(p_{n+1}p'_{n-1} - p_{n-1}p'_{n+1}) + p_{n-1}(t)\Delta_n}{(t-z)^2\Delta_{n-1}}.$$

Adjusting the previous term and using the three-term recurrence relation for polynomials  $\{p_n\}$  it follows

$$p_{n+3}(t) - \frac{p_{n+2}(t)}{\Delta_{n+1}} [(z - \alpha_{n+2})\Delta_{n+1} - p_{n+1}p_{n+2}] + p_{n+1}(t)\frac{\Delta_{n+2}}{\Delta_{n+1}}$$
  
=  $(t - \hat{\alpha}_n) \left( p_{n+2}(t) - \frac{p_{n+1}(t)}{\Delta_n} [(z - \alpha_{n+1})\Delta_n - p_n p_{n+1}] + p_n(t)\frac{\Delta_{n+1}}{\Delta_n} \right)$   
 $- \hat{\beta}_n \left( p_{n+1}(t) - \frac{p_n(t)}{\Delta_{n-1}} [(z - \alpha_n)\Delta_{n-1} - p_{n-1}p_n] + p_{n-1}(t)\frac{\Delta_n}{\Delta_{n-1}} \right).$ 

Putting  $p_{n+3}(t) = (t - \alpha_{n+2})p_{n+2}(t) - \beta_{n+2}p_{n+1}(t)$  in the previous equality, we get

$$-\beta_{n+2}p_{n+1}(t) + \frac{\Delta_{n+2}p_{n+1}(t)}{\Delta_{n+1}} + \hat{\beta}_n$$

$$\times \left(\frac{\Delta_n p_{n-1}(t)}{\Delta_{n-1}} - \frac{p_n(t)((z-\alpha_n)\Delta_{n-1} - p_{n-1}p_n)}{\Delta_{n-1}} + p_{n+1}(t)\right)$$

$$+ (t - \alpha_{n+2})p_{n+2}(t) - (t - \hat{\alpha}_n)$$

$$\times \left(\frac{\Delta_{n+1}p_n(t)}{\Delta_n} - \frac{p_{n+1}(t)((z-\alpha_{n+1})\Delta_n - p_np_{n+1})}{\Delta_n} + p_{n+2}(t)\right)$$

$$- \frac{p_{n+2}(t)((z-\alpha_{n+2})\Delta_{n+1} - p_{n+1}p_{n+2})}{\Delta_{n+1}} = 0.$$

Since  $\Delta_{n+2} = \beta_{n+2}\Delta_{n+1} - p_{n+2}^2$ ,  $p_{n+2}(t) = (t - \alpha_{n+1})p_{n+1}(t) - \beta_{n+1}p_n(t)$ , and  $p_{n+1}(t) = (t - \alpha_n)p_n(t) - \beta_n p_{n-1}(t)$ , solving the system of two equations, we obtain

$$\hat{\alpha}_{n} = \frac{\alpha_{n+1}\Delta_{n}\Delta_{n+1} + \Delta_{n+1}p_{n}p_{n+1} - \Delta_{n}p_{n+1}p_{n+2}}{\Delta_{n}\Delta_{n+1}},$$

$$\hat{\beta}_{n} = \frac{(\alpha_{n+1} - z)\beta_{n}\Delta_{n-1}\Delta_{n}\Delta_{n+1}p_{n}p_{n+1} + \beta_{n}\Delta_{n-1}\Delta_{n+1}p_{n}^{2}p_{n+1}^{2}}{\Delta_{n}^{2}\Delta_{n+1}(\Delta_{n} - \beta_{n}\Delta_{n-1})} - \frac{(\alpha_{n+1} - z)\beta_{n}\Delta_{n-1}\Delta_{n}^{2}p_{n+1}p_{n+2} + \beta_{n}\Delta_{n-1}\Delta_{n}p_{n+2}(\Delta_{n}p_{n+2} + p_{n}p_{n+1}^{2})}{\Delta_{n}^{2}\Delta_{n+1}(\Delta_{n} - \beta_{n}\Delta_{n-1})}.$$
(6)

Now, putting  $\Delta_{n+1} = \beta_{n+1}\Delta_n - p_{n+1}^2$  and  $p_{n+2} = (z - \alpha_{n+1})p_{n+1} - \beta_{n+1}p_n$  in Equation (6) we get the expressions (3) and (4).

The obtained expressions for the three-term recurrence coefficients  $\hat{\alpha}_n$  and  $\hat{\beta}_n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , are valid for  $z \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathcal{Z}$ . Since the measure  $d\hat{\sigma}$  is positive for  $z \in \mathbb{R}$ , the orthogonal polynomials with respect to  $d\hat{\sigma}$  exist. Now, we prove that the same relations are valid for any  $z \in \mathbb{R}$ .

First, note that we have proved that  $\Delta_n(z) < 0, z \in \mathbb{R}$ , such that the right-hand side expressions in Equations (3) and (4) are defined for any  $z \in \mathbb{R}$ . Consider now a sequence of open sets  $O_n = \mathbb{R} \setminus Z_n, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Every  $O_n, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , is dense in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Since  $\mathbb{R}$  is a complete metric space, it is a Baire space (see [1, p. 31]). According to the Baire category theorem every residual set, i.e. a countable intersection of open sets which are dense in  $\mathbb{R}$ , is dense in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Thus,  $\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} O_n = \mathbb{R} \setminus Z$  is dense in  $\mathbb{R}$ . This means that Equations (3) and (4) are valid on the set dense in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Now,  $\hat{\alpha}_n$  and  $\hat{\beta}_n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , are continuous functions of  $z \in \mathbb{R}$ , according to Lemma 2.4, and also the right-hand sides in Equations (3) and (4) are continuous in  $z \in \mathbb{R}$ , since  $\Delta_n(z) < 0, n \in \mathbb{N}, z \in \mathbb{R}$ . For any  $z \in Z$ , we can construct a sequence of points  $z_n \in \mathbb{R} \setminus Z$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that  $\lim z_n = z$ , due to the fact that  $\mathbb{R} \setminus Z$  is dense in  $\mathbb{R}$ . According to the continuity, the equalities (3) and (4) are valid in z as well. Since  $z \in Z$  was arbitrary, the equalities are valid for every  $z \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Now, let us consider  $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}$ . Denote

$$\tilde{\mathcal{Z}}_n = \{ z_\ell^n \in \mathbb{C} \mid \hat{H}_n(z_\ell^n) = 0, \ \ell = 1, \dots, N(n) \},\$$

where N(n) is the number of zeros of the polynomial  $\hat{H}_n$ . So,  $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \tilde{Z}_n$  is a countable set of all complex points where the measure  $d\hat{\sigma}$  is not quasi-definite. Let  $z_0 \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}$  be such that the measure  $d\hat{\sigma}$  is quasi-definite. Suppose that we have for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\Delta_n(z_0) = 0$ . Define

$$n_0 = \min\{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid \Delta_n(z_0) = 0\}.$$

As  $\hat{H}_n$  is a continuous function in z and since  $\hat{\beta}_n = \hat{H}_{n-2}\hat{H}_n/\hat{H}_{n-1}^2$ , it follows that  $\hat{\beta}_n, n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , is also a continuous function in z on  $\mathbb{C}\setminus \tilde{Z}_n$ . Therefore, there is an open neighbourhood of  $z_0, \mathcal{O}_1(z_0)$ , such that for each  $z \in \mathcal{O}_1(z_0)$  we have  $\hat{H}_n \neq 0$ ,  $\hat{\beta}_n \neq 0$ , for  $n = 0, 1, \ldots, 4n_0$ .

As  $\Delta_{n_0}(z_0) = 0$ , there is an open neighbourhood of  $z_0$ ,  $\mathcal{O}_2(z_0)$ , such that for each  $z \in \mathcal{O}_2(z_0) \setminus \{z_0\}$  we have  $\Delta_{n_0}(z) \neq 0$ . If not, there exist a point z in every open neighbourhood of  $z_0$ , different from  $z_0$ , such that  $\Delta_{n_0}(z) = 0$ . Since,  $\Delta_{n_0}$  is a entire function of z it would imply that  $\Delta_{n_0}(z) = 0$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  (see [8, p. 168]), which is impossible according to the fact that  $\Delta_{n_0}(z) < 0, z \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Define  $\mathcal{O}(z_0) = \mathcal{O}_1(z_0) \cap \mathcal{O}_2(z_0)$ , then  $\mathcal{O}(z_0)$  is an open neighbourhood of  $z_0$  on which  $\Delta_{n_0}(z) \neq 0, z \neq z_0$ , and on which  $\hat{\beta}_{n_0}$  is continuous. Now, we have

$$\{0, +\infty\} \not\supseteq \lim_{z \to z_0} \hat{\beta}_{n_0} = \lim_{z \to z_0} \beta_{n_0} \frac{\Delta_{n_0 - 1} \Delta_{n_0 + 1}}{\Delta_{n_0}^2}$$

from which  $\Delta_{n_0+1}(z_0) = 0$ .

Since

$$\Delta_{n_0} = -\|p_{n_0+1}\|^2 \sum_{k=0}^{n_0} \frac{p_k^2(z_0)}{\|p_k\|^2} = 0, \quad \Delta_{n_0+1} = -\|p_{n_0+2}\|^2 \sum_{k=0}^{n_0+1} \frac{p_k^2(z_0)}{\|p_k\|^2} = 0,$$

we get  $p_{n_0+1}^2(z_0) = 0$ , which is a contradiction, since  $p_{n_0+1}$  cannot have a complex zero, as a member of the sequence of polynomials orthogonal with respect to positive measure  $d\sigma$  supported on the real line.

Accordingly, Equations (3) and (4) are valid for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ , such that  $d\hat{\sigma}$  is quasi-definite at z.

Finally, for some  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ , for which  $d\hat{\sigma}$  is quasi-definite, we compute  $\hat{\beta}_0$ ,

$$\hat{\beta}_0 = \int (t-z)^2 \, \mathrm{d}\sigma = \int (t-\alpha_0 + \alpha_0 - z)^2 \, \mathrm{d}\sigma$$
  
=  $\int (t-\alpha_0)^2 \, \mathrm{d}\sigma + 2 \int (t-\alpha_0)(\alpha_0 - z) \, \mathrm{d}\sigma + \int (\alpha_0 - z)^2 \, \mathrm{d}\sigma$   
=  $\beta_0 \beta_1 + (\alpha_0 - z)^2 \beta_0 = \beta_0 [\beta_1 + (z-\alpha_0)^2].$ 

### 3. Algorithm and its application

In this section, we present a rational algorithm for a modification by quadratic factor,  $d\hat{\sigma}(t) = (t - z)^2 d\sigma(t)$ , where  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  is such that  $d\hat{\sigma}$  is quasi-definite, as well as its application to some modified Chebyshev measure of the second kind.

THEOREM 3.1 The coefficients  $\hat{\alpha}_n$  and  $\hat{\beta}_n$  in the three-term recurrence relation for the polynomial sequence orthogonal with respect to the quasi-definite measure

$$\mathrm{d}\hat{\sigma}(t) = (t-z)^2 \,\mathrm{d}\sigma(t),$$

*can be computed in the following way: Initialization:* 

$$f_0 = 0, \quad e_0 = 1.$$

*Continuation: for* i = 0, 1, 2, ..., n

$$a = \alpha_i - z - f_i,$$
  

$$b = \begin{cases} \frac{a^2}{e_i}, & \text{if } e_i \neq 0, \\ e_{i-1}\beta_i, & \text{if } e_i = 0, \end{cases}$$
  

$$\hat{\beta}_i = (1 - e_i)(b + \beta_{i+1}),$$
  

$$e_{i+1} = \frac{b}{b + \beta_{i+1}},$$
  

$$f_{i+1} = (1 - e_{i+1})(a + \alpha_{i+1} - z),$$
  

$$\hat{\alpha}_i = a + f_{i+1} + z.$$

*Proof* First, we suppose that  $p_i(z) \neq 0$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . The proof goes using an inductive argument. We prove that for, all  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,

$$e_n = -\frac{p_n^2}{\Delta_n}, \quad f_n = \alpha_n - z - \frac{p_n p_{n+1}}{\Delta_n}.$$

For i = 0 we have:

$$a = \alpha_0 - z - f_0 = \alpha_0 - z = \frac{p_0 p_1}{\Delta_0},$$
  
$$b = \frac{a^2}{e_0} = (\alpha_0 - z)^2,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\beta}_0 &= 0, \\ e_1 &= \frac{b}{b+\beta_1} = \frac{(\alpha_0 - z)^2}{(\alpha_0 - z)^2 + \beta_1} = -\frac{p_1^2}{\Delta_1}, \\ f_1 &= (1 - e_1)(a + \alpha_1 - z) = \frac{\beta_1(\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 - 2z)}{(\alpha_0 - z)^2 + \beta_1} = \alpha_1 - z - \frac{p_1 p_2}{\Delta_1}, \\ \hat{\alpha}_0 &= a + f_1 + z = \frac{-p_1^2(p_0 p_1 + z\Delta_0) + \beta_1(2p_0 p_1\Delta_0 + \alpha_1\Delta_0^2)}{\Delta_0\Delta_1}. \end{aligned}$$

Let the statement be true for *n*. According to Algorithm for i = n + 1 it follows:

$$\begin{aligned} a &= \alpha_{n+1} - z - f_{n+1} = \alpha_{n+1} - z - (\hat{\alpha}_n - a - z) \\ &= \alpha_{n+1} - z - \hat{\alpha}_n + a + z = \alpha_{n+1} + \frac{p_n p_{n+1}}{\Delta_n} - \hat{\alpha}_n = \frac{p_{n+1} p_{n+2}}{\Delta_{n+1}}, \\ b &= \frac{a^2}{e_{n+1}} = -\frac{p_{n+2}^2}{\Delta_{n+1}}, \quad \hat{\beta}_{n+1} = (1 - e_{n+1})(b + \beta_{n+2}) = \beta_{n+1} \frac{\Delta_n \Delta_{n+2}}{\Delta_{n+1}^2}, \\ e_{n+2} &= \frac{p_{n+2}^2}{p_{n+2}^2 - \beta_{n+2} \Delta_{n+1}} = -\frac{p_{n+2}^2}{\Delta_{n+2}}, \\ f_{n+2} &= (1 - e_{n+2})(a + \alpha_{n+2} - z) = \left(1 + \frac{p_{n+2}^2}{\Delta_{n+2}}\right) \left(\frac{p_{n+1} p_{n+2}}{\Delta_{n+1}} + \alpha_{n+2} - z\right) \\ &= \frac{\beta_{n+2}(p_{n+1} p_{n+2} + \alpha_{n+2} \Delta_{n+1} - z \Delta_{n+1})}{\Delta_{n+2}}, \\ \hat{\alpha}_{n+1} &= a + f_{n+2} + z = \frac{p_{n+1} p_{n+2}}{\Delta_{n+1}} + \frac{\beta_{n+2}(p_{n+1} p_{n+2} + \alpha_{n+2} \Delta_{n+1} - z \Delta_{n+1})}{\Delta_{n+2}} + z \\ &= \frac{p_{n+1} p_{n+2} \Delta_{n+2} + \Delta_{n+1} \beta_{n+2} p_{n+1} p_{n+2} + \Delta_{n+1}^2 \beta_{n+2} \alpha_{n+2} - z \Delta_{n+1}^2 \beta_{n+2} \alpha_{n+2} - z \Delta_{n+1} \Delta_{n+2}}{\Delta_{n+1} \Delta_{n+2}} \\ &= \frac{p_{n+1} p_{n+2} (\beta_{n+2} \Delta_{n+1} - p_{n+2}^2) + \Delta_{n+1} \beta_{n+2} p_{n+1} p_{n+2} + \Delta_{n+1}^2 \beta_{n+2} \alpha_{n+2} - z \Delta_{n+1} p_{n+2}^2}{\Delta_{n+1} \Delta_{n+2}} \\ &= \frac{-p_{n+2}^2(p_{n+1} p_{n+2} + z \Delta_{n+1}) + \beta_{n+2}(2p_{n+1} p_{n+2} \Delta_{n+1} + \alpha_{n+2} \Delta_{n+1}^2)}{\Delta_{n+1} \Delta_{n+2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, let  $p_i(z) = 0$  for some *i*. Then from the three-term recurrence relation we have  $p_{i+1} = (z - \alpha_i)p_i - \beta_i p_{i-1} = -\beta_i p_{i-1}$ . The previous part of the proof implies

$$a = \frac{p_i p_{i+1}}{\Delta_i}, \quad e_i = -\frac{p_i^2}{\Delta_i},$$

which gives

$$\frac{a^2}{e_i} = -\frac{p_i^2 p_{i+1}^2}{p_i^2 \Delta_i} = -\frac{p_{i+1}^2}{p_{i+1} p_i' - p_i p_{i+1}'}.$$

Since  $p_{i+1}p'_i - p_i p'_{i+1} = -\beta_i p_{i-1}p'_i = \beta_i (p_i p'_{i-1} - p_{i-1}p'_i)$ , we get

$$\frac{a^2}{e_i} = -\frac{\beta_i p_{i-1}^2}{p_i p_{i-1}' - p_{i-1} p_i'} = \beta_i e_{i-1}$$

This completes the proof.

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In the sequel we apply Theorem 3.1 twice to compute the coefficients of three-term recurrence relation for polynomials orthogonal with respect to the modified Chebyshev measure of the second kind,

$$d\hat{\sigma}(t) = \left(t^2 - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \sqrt{1 - t^2} dt, \quad t \in [-1, 1],$$

and

$$d\sigma'(t) = t^2 \left(t^2 - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \sqrt{1 - t^2} \, dt, \quad t \in [-1, 1].$$

In the first step, we compute the coefficients  $\tilde{\alpha}_k$ ,  $\tilde{\beta}_k$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , for polynomials orthogonal with respect to the measure  $d\tilde{\sigma}(t) = (t - 1/\sqrt{2})^2 \sqrt{1 - t^2} dt$ , where  $t \in [-1, 1]$ . Finally, using already computed coefficients  $\tilde{\alpha}_k$  and  $\tilde{\beta}_k$  (Theorem 3.1) we get desired coefficients  $\hat{\alpha}_k$  and  $\hat{\beta}_k$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , by using  $d\hat{\sigma}(t) = (t - (-1/\sqrt{2}))^2 d\tilde{\sigma}(t)$ .

THEOREM 3.2 The coefficients of the three-term recurrence relation for the sequence of polynomials orthogonal with respect to the measure

$$d\tilde{\sigma}(t) = \left(t - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 \sqrt{1 - t^2} dt, \quad t \in [-1, 1],$$

are

$$(\tilde{\alpha}_k, \tilde{\beta}_k) = \begin{cases} \left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{(k+1)(k+3)}, \frac{k(k+3)}{4(k+1)^2}\right), & k \equiv 0 \mod 4, \\ \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}(k+2)}, \frac{k(k+3)}{4(k+2)^2}\right), & k \equiv 1 \mod 4, \\ \left(0, \frac{k+1}{4(k+2)}\right), & k \equiv 2 \mod 4, \\ \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}(k+2)}, \frac{k+2}{4(k+1)}\right), & k \equiv 3 \mod 4, \end{cases}$$

where  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .

*Proof* As this is a modification of the Chebyshev measure of the second kind, the coefficients  $\alpha_k$  and  $\beta_k$  from Theorem 3.1 are  $\alpha_k = 0$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,  $\beta_0 = \pi/2$  and  $\beta_k = 1/4$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $z = 1/\sqrt{2}$ . In order to prove the statement of this theorem we show that for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,  $f_k$  and  $e_k$  from Theorem 3.1 are given by

$$(f_k, e_k) = \begin{cases} \left(-\frac{k\sqrt{2}}{2(k+1)}, \frac{1}{k+1}\right), & k \equiv 0 \mod 4, \\ \left(-\frac{(k+1)}{\sqrt{2}(k+2)}, \frac{2}{k+2}\right), & k \equiv 1 \mod 4, \\ \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{k+2}\right), & k \equiv 2 \mod 4, \\ \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0\right), & k \equiv 3 \mod 4. \end{cases}$$

For the proof we apply the principle of mathematical induction. To start, we prove that the statement is valid for k = 0, 1, 2, 3.

By direct computation, we have

$$\begin{aligned} k &= 0, \quad \tilde{\beta}_0 = 0, \quad e_1 = \frac{2}{3}, \quad f_1 = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}, \quad \tilde{\alpha}_0 = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}; \\ k &= 1, \quad \tilde{\beta}_1 = \frac{1}{9}, \quad e_2 = \frac{1}{4}, \quad f_2 = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad \tilde{\alpha}_1 = -\frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}}; \\ k &= 2, \quad \tilde{\beta}_2 = \frac{3}{16}, \quad e_3 = 0, \quad f_3 = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad \tilde{\alpha}_2 = 0; \\ k &= 3, \quad \tilde{\beta}_3 = \frac{5}{16}, \quad e_4 = \frac{1}{5}, \quad f_4 = -\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{5}, \quad \tilde{\alpha}_3 = \frac{1}{5\sqrt{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Let the statement be true for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Applying Theorem 3.1 it follows:

$$\begin{aligned} a &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{k\sqrt{2}}{2(k+1)} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}(k+1)}, \quad b = \frac{1}{2(k+1)}, \quad \hat{\beta}_k = \frac{k(k+3)}{4(k+1)^2}, \\ e_{k+1} &= \frac{2}{k+3}, \quad f_{k+1} = -\frac{k+2}{\sqrt{2}(k+3)}, \quad \hat{\alpha}_{k+1} = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{(k+1)(k+3)}, \\ a &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}(k+3)}, \quad b = \frac{1}{4(k+3)}, \quad \hat{\beta}_{k+1} = \frac{(k+1)(k+4)}{4(k+3)^2}, \\ e_{k+2} &= \frac{1}{k+4}, \quad f_{k+2} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad \hat{\alpha}_{k+2} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}(k+3)}, \\ a &= 0, \quad b = 0, \quad \hat{\beta}_{k+2} = \frac{k+3}{4(k+4)}, \\ e_{k+3} &= 0, \quad f_{k+3} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad \hat{\alpha}_{k+3} = 0, \\ a &= 0, \quad b = \frac{1}{4(k+4)}, \quad \hat{\beta}_{k+3} = \frac{k+5}{4(k+4)}, \\ e_{k+4} &= \frac{1}{k+5}, \quad f_{k+4} = -\frac{k+4}{\sqrt{2}(k+5)}, \quad \hat{\alpha}_{k+4} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}(k+5)}. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.

**THEOREM 3.3** The coefficients of the three-term recurrence relation for polynomials orthogonal with respect to for the measure

$$d\hat{\sigma}(t) = \left(t^2 - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \sqrt{1 - t^2} \, dt, \quad t \in [-1, 1], \tag{7}$$

are

$$\hat{\alpha}_k = 0, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}_0, \quad \hat{\beta}_0 = \frac{\pi}{16},$$

$$\hat{\beta}_{k} = \begin{cases} \frac{k}{4(k+2)}, & k \equiv 0 \mod 4, \\ \frac{1+k}{4(k+3)}, & k \equiv 1 \mod 4, \\ \frac{k+4}{4(k+2)}, & k \equiv 2 \mod 4, \\ \frac{5+k}{4(k+3)}, & k \equiv 3 \mod 4, \end{cases}$$

for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .

*Proof* To prove this theorem we show that for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,  $f_k$  and  $e_k$  from Theorem 3.1 are given by

$$(\hat{f}_k, \hat{e}_k) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{k}{\sqrt{2}(k+1)}, \frac{1}{k+2}\right), & k \equiv 0 \mod 4, \\ \left(\frac{(k+1)}{\sqrt{2}(k+2)}, \frac{2(k+1)}{k(k+3)}\right), & k \equiv 1 \mod 4, \\ \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{k+1}\right), & k \equiv 2 \mod 4, \\ \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0\right), & k \equiv 3 \mod 4. \end{cases}$$

The rest of the proof is the same as in Theorem 3.2.

*Example 3.4* A few first polynomials  $p_k$ , orthogonal with respect to the measure (7), are:

$$p_{0}(x) = 1, \quad p_{1}(x) = x, \quad p_{2}(x) = x^{2} - \frac{1}{8},$$

$$p_{3}(x) = x^{3} - \frac{1}{2}x, \quad p_{4}(x) = x^{4} - \frac{5}{6}x^{2} + \frac{1}{24},$$

$$p_{5}(x) = x^{5} - x^{3} + \frac{1}{8}x, \quad p_{6}(x) = x^{6} - \frac{19}{16}x^{4} + \frac{9}{32}x^{2} - \frac{1}{128},$$

$$p_{7}(x) = x^{7} - \frac{3}{2}x^{5} + \frac{19}{32}x^{3} - \frac{3}{64}x,$$

$$p_{8}(x) = x^{8} - \frac{9}{5}x^{6} + \frac{19}{20}x^{4} - \frac{21}{160}x^{2} + \frac{3}{1280},$$

$$p_{9}(x) = x^{9} - 2x^{7} + \frac{5}{4}x^{5} - \frac{1}{4}x^{3} + \frac{3}{256}x,$$

$$p_{10}(x) = x^{10} - \frac{53}{24}x^{8} + \frac{13}{8}x^{6} - \frac{43}{96}x^{4} + \frac{5}{128}x^{2} - \frac{1}{2048}, \dots$$

Similarly, we get the following theorem.

**THEOREM 3.5** The coefficients of the three-term recurrence relation for polynomials orthogonal with respect to for the measure

$$d\sigma'(t) = t^2 \left(t^2 - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \sqrt{1 - t^2} \, dt, \quad t \in [-1, 1],$$
(8)

are

$$\hat{\alpha}_{k} = 0, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}_{0}, \quad \hat{\beta}_{0} = \frac{\pi}{128},$$

$$\hat{\beta}_{k} = \begin{cases} \frac{k}{4(k+4)}, & k \equiv 0 \mod 4, \\ \frac{k+7}{4(k+3)}, & k \equiv 1 \mod 4, \\ \frac{1}{4}, & k \equiv 2 \mod 4, \\ \frac{1}{4}, & k \equiv 3 \mod 4, \end{cases}$$

for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .

*Example 3.6* A few first polynomials  $r_k$ , orthogonal with respect to the measure (8), are:

$$r_{0}(x) = 1, \quad r_{1}(x) = x, \quad r_{2}(x) = x^{2} - \frac{1}{2},$$

$$r_{3}(x) = x^{3} - \frac{3}{4}x, \quad r_{4}(x) = x^{4} - x^{2} + \frac{1}{8},$$

$$r_{5}(x) = x^{5} - \frac{9}{8}x^{3} + \frac{7}{32}x, \quad r_{6}(x) = x^{6} - \frac{3}{2}x^{4} + \frac{19}{32}x^{2} - \frac{3}{64},$$

$$r_{7}(x) = x^{7} - \frac{7}{4}x^{5} + \frac{7}{8}x^{3} - \frac{13}{128}x,$$

$$r_{8}(x) = x^{8} - 2x^{6} + \frac{5}{4}x^{4} - \frac{1}{4}x^{2} + \frac{3}{256},$$

$$r_{9}(x) = x^{9} - \frac{13}{6}x^{7} + \frac{37}{24}x^{5} - \frac{19}{48}x^{3} + \frac{11}{384}x,$$

$$r_{10}(x) = x^{10} - \frac{5}{2}x^{8} + \frac{53}{24}x^{6} - \frac{13}{16}x^{4} + \frac{43}{384}x^{2} - \frac{1}{256}, \dots$$

# 4. Application to the constrained $L^2$ -approximation

The previous results can be applied to a problem of least square approximation. The problem of a constrained  $L^2$ -approximation can be stated in the following form. Given set of points  $t_i \in \text{supp}(d\mu)$ , i = 1, ..., m, and the function f defined on  $\text{supp}(d\mu)$ , we want to find a polynomial  $p \in \mathcal{P}_{n+m}^{C}$ , where

$$\mathcal{P}_{n+m}^{C} = \{ p \in \mathcal{P}_{n+m} | p(t_i) = f(t_i), \ i = 1, \dots, m \},\$$

which is the solution of the following constrained extremal problem

$$\min_{p\in\mathcal{P}_{n+m}^{C}}\left|\int_{\mathbb{R}}(f(x)-p(x))^{2}\,\mathrm{d}\mu\right|^{1/2}.$$

A solution of this problem of a constrained  $L^2$ -approximation (see [9, p. 388]) can be given in a rather elegant form. The solution is a polynomial

$$p(x) = L_m(x) + \omega_m(x)S_n(x), \quad p \in \mathcal{P}_{n+m}^C,$$
(9)

where  $L_m$  is an interpolation polynomial for the set of data  $(t_i, f(t_i)), i = 1, ..., m$ , and  $\omega_m(x) = \prod_{i=1}^m (x - t_i)$ , and  $S_n \in \mathcal{P}_n$  is the solution of the following unconstrained  $L^2$ -approximation problem

$$\min_{s\in\mathcal{P}_n}\left|\int_{\mathbb{R}}\left(\frac{f(x)-L_m(x)}{\omega_m(x)}-s(x)\right)^2\omega_m(x)^2\,\mathrm{d}\mu\right|^{1/2}$$

We recognize that the polynomial  $S_n$  is actually  $L^2$ -approximation of the function  $(f - L_m)/\omega_m$ with respect to the transformed measure  $\omega_m^2 d\mu$ .

*Example 4.1* We consider the problem of the constrained  $L^2$ -approximation with respect to the Chebyshev measure of the second kind with constraints given at the points  $\pm 1/\sqrt{2}$  for the function  $f(x) = \cos(\pi x/2)$ . Here, m = 2 and the polynomial  $L_2$  is an interpolation polynomial for the set of points  $(-1/\sqrt{2}, a)$ ,  $(1/\sqrt{2}, a)$ , where  $a = \cos(\pi/(2\sqrt{2})) = 0.4440158403262133$ , i.e.

$$L_2(x) = a\left(\frac{x+1/\sqrt{2}}{2/\sqrt{2}} + \frac{x-1/\sqrt{2}}{-2/\sqrt{2}}\right) = a,$$

and  $w_2(x) = x^2 - 1/2$ . In order to solve the constrained  $L^2$ -approximation problem we need to solve the following unconstrained  $L^2$ -approximation problem

$$\min_{s\in\mathcal{P}_n}\left|\int_{-1}^1 \left(\frac{f(x)-a}{x^2-1/2}-s(x)\right)^2 \left(x^2-\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \sqrt{1-x^2} \,\mathrm{d}x\right|^{1/2}.$$

We recognize the measure  $d\tilde{\sigma}$  from Theorem 3.3. In turn we can use standard techniques for the construction of the polynomial  $S_n$ . The best approach is to get  $S_n$  as a linear combination of the polynomials  $p_n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , orthogonal with respect to  $d\tilde{\sigma}$  (see Example 3.4). Then, the solution can be given in the following form

$$S_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n q_k p_k(x), \quad q_k = \frac{1}{\|p_k\|^2} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{f(x) - a}{x^2 - 1/2} p_k(x) \, \mathrm{d}\tilde{\sigma}(x).$$

Evidently, in this case  $q_{2k+1} = 0$ ,  $k \ge 0$ . The coefficients  $q_{2k}$  for  $0 \le k \le 8$  are given in Table 1. All calculations are performed in double precision arithmetic (with machine precision m.p.  $\approx 2.22 \times 10^{-16}$ ). Numbers in parentheses indicate decimal exponents.

The corresponding absolute error of the constrained  $L^2$ -approximation p (see (9)), given by

$$e_{n+m} = \max_{-1 \le x \le 1} \left| \cos \frac{\pi x}{2} - p(x) \right|, \quad p \in \mathcal{P}_{n+m}^C$$

is presented in the same table. For example, the absolute error of the corresponding approximation for n = 6 and m = 2,

$$p(x) = a + \left(x^2 - \frac{1}{2}\right)(q_0 p_0(x) + q_2 p_2(x) + q_4 p_4(x) + q_6 p_6(x)),$$

is  $3.68 \times 10^{-5}$ .

k	$q_{2k}$	$e_{2k+2}$	$q_{2k+1}^{\prime}$	$e'_{2k+4}$
0	-1.082769347042405	4.44(-1)	2.287103863997141(-1)	2.39(-3)
1	2.270832557191690(-1)	9.74(-2)	-1.941680177208599(-2)	4.02(-5)
2	-1.936241857485842(-2)	1.98(-3)	8.641187093109698(-4)	2.79(-7)
3	8.629162200449605(-4)	3.68(-5)	-2.397440322975305(-5)	1.75(-9)
4	-2.395555770714487(-5)	2.51(-7)	4.507523722168420(-7)	5.99(-12)
5	4.505323478769008(-7)	1.64(-8)	-6.148761353874306(-9)	1.95(-14)
6	-6.146774659794560(-10)	5.56(-12)	6.344566432377592(-11)	m.p.
7	6.343138140954393(-11)	1.84(-14)	-5.135154904236841(-13)	m.p.
8	-5.134318126826883(-13)	m.p.	3.342631175921556(-15)	m.p.

Table 1. Numerical results for Examples 4.1 and 4.2.

*Example 4.2* Let again  $f(x) = \cos(\pi x/2), -1 \le x \le 1$ . Similarly as in the previous example for a set of interpolation constraints at the points  $0, \pm 1/\sqrt{2}$  and the constrained  $L^2$ -approximation with respect to the Chebyshev measure of the second kind, we can use the exposed technique and Theorem 3.5. In this case we have  $L_3(x) = 1 - 4x^2 \sin^2(\pi/(4\sqrt{2}))$  and  $\omega_3(x) = x(x^2 - 1/2)$ . If we denote the sequence of polynomials orthogonal with respect to  $d\sigma'$  with  $r_k, k \in \mathbb{N}_0$  (see Example 3.6), we get

$$R_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n q'_k r_k(x), \quad q'_k = \frac{1}{\|r_k\|^2} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{f(x) - L_3(x)}{x(x^2 - 1/2)} r_k(x) \, \mathrm{d}\sigma'(x).$$

Here,  $q'_{2k} = 0$ ,  $k \ge 0$ . The coefficients  $q'_{2k+1} = 0$ ,  $0 \le k \le 8$ , and the corresponding errors  $e'_{2k+4}$  are presented also in Table 1.

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