

Thm (Favard's thm).

$\{P_n(x)\}$ : seq of monic poly.

$\exists L$  s.t.  $\{P_n(x)\}$  is OPS for  $L$

$$\Leftrightarrow P_{n+1}(x) = (x - b_n) P_n(x) - \lambda_n P_{n-1}(x)$$

for some  $b_n, \lambda_n$  with  $\lambda_n \neq 0$ .

pf) ( $\Rightarrow$ ): We have already done.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) If there is such  $L$ ,

we must have  $L(P_n(x)) = 0, n \geq 1$ .

Therefore  $L$  is uniquely determined by

$$\textcircled{*} \quad L(P_n(x)) = \delta_{n,0}, \quad n \geq 0$$

So we define a lin fnl  $L$  by  $\textcircled{*}$ .

Enough to show for  $0 \leq k \leq n$

$$\text{claim: } L(x^k P_n(x)) = \delta_{k,n} \lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_n.$$

We will prove this by induction on  $k$ .

$$\text{If } k=0, \quad L(P_n(x)) = \delta_{n,0} \text{ true!}$$

let  $k \geq 1$ . suppose claim is true for  $k-1$ .

consider  $n \geq k$ .

Multiply  $x^{k-1}$  both sides of 3-term rec.

$$\Rightarrow x^k P_n(x) = x^{k-1} P_{n+1}(x) + b_n x^{k-1} P_n(x) + \lambda_n x^{k-1} P_{n-1}(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} L(x^k P_n(x)) &= 0 + 0 + \lambda_n L(x^{k-1} P_{n-1}(x)) \\ &= \lambda_n \cdot \delta_{n,k} \lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  True for  $k$ .

Claim is proved by Induction.  $\square$

Note  $L$  is pos-def iff  $\lambda_n > 0$ .

## §2.5. Christoffel-Darboux Identities and zeros of orthogonal polynomials

Thm. (Christoffel-Darboux Identities)

{ $P_n(x)$ } : poly satisfying

$$\textcircled{A}: P_{n+1}(x) = (x - b_n) P_n(x) - \lambda_n P_{n-1}(x), \quad (\lambda_n \neq 0).$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{P_k(x) P_k(y)}{\lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_k} = \frac{P_{n+1}(x) P_n(y) - P_{n+1}(y) P_n(x)}{\lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_n (x-y)}.$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{P_k(x)^2}{\lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_k} = \frac{P_{n+1}'(x) P_n(x) - P_{n+1}(x) P_n'(x)}{\lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_n}.$$

Pf) Multiply  $P_n(y)$  to  $\textcircled{A}$ .

$$P_{n+1}(x) P_n(y) = (x - b_n) P_n(x) P_n(y) - \lambda_n P_n(y) P_{n-1}(x)$$

Interchange  $x, y$ :

$$P_{n+1}(y) P_n(x) = (y - b_n) P_n(x) P_n(y) - \lambda_n P_n(x) P_{n-1}(y).$$

Subtract:

$$P_{n+1}(x) P_n(y) - P_{n+1}(y) P_n(x)$$

$$= (x-y) P_n(x) P_n(y) + \lambda_n (P_n(x) P_{n-1}(y) - P_n(y) P_{n-1}(x))$$

$$\text{let } f_n = P_{n+1}(x) P_n(y) - P_{n+1}(y) P_n(x).$$

$$(x-y) P_k(x) P_k(y) = f_k - \lambda_k f_{k-1}. \quad (f_{-1} = 0)$$

Divide by  $\lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_k (x-y)$

$$\frac{P_k(x) P_k(y)}{\lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_k} = \frac{f_k}{\lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_k (x-y)} - \frac{f_{k-1}}{\lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_{k-1} (x-y)}$$

Summing over  $k=0, \dots, n$ , we get  $\textcircled{1}$ .

Write  $\textcircled{1}$  as

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{P_k(x) P_k(y)}{\lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_k} \\ &= \frac{P_{n+1}(x) P_n(y) - P_{n+1}(y) P_n(y) + P_{n+1}(y) P_n(y) - P_{n+1}(y)^2}{\lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_n (x-y)} \end{aligned}$$

Taking  $\lim_{y \rightarrow x}$  we get  $\textcircled{2}$ .

lem  $L$ : positive-definite lin ftal  
with monic OPS  $\{P_n(x)\}$ .

$\Rightarrow P_n(x)$  has  $n$  distinct real roots  $\forall n \geq 1$

Pf) Since  $L(P_n(x)) = 0$ ,

$P_n(x)$  must have a root of odd multiplicity.

( $\because$  otherwise  $P_n(x) \geq 0$   $\forall x$ )

$\Rightarrow L(P_n(x)) \geq 0$ , contradiction.)

let  $x_1, \dots, x_k$  be the distinct <sup>real</sup> zeros.

of  $P_n(x)$  with odd multi.

Then

$$L\left(\underbrace{(x-x_1) \dots (x-x_k)}_{\text{deg } k} P_n(x)\right) > 0$$

By orthogonality  $k=n$ .

$\Rightarrow P_n(x)$  has  $n$  dist<sub>real</sub> roots. T.J.

Thm.  $\mathcal{L}$ : positive-definite lin. op.  
with monic OPS  $\{P_n(x)\}$ .

$\Rightarrow P_n(x)$  has  $n$  distinct real roots

$$x_{n,n} < x_{n,n-1} < \dots < x_{n,1}$$

With Interlacing property

$$x_{n+1,n+1} < x_{n,n} < x_{n+1,n} < x_{n,n-1} < \dots$$

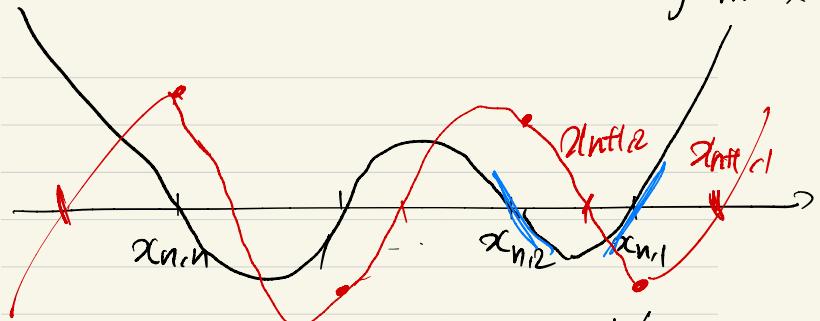
$$\dots x_{n+1,2} < x_{n,1} < x_{n+1,1}$$

pf) By C-D id ② with  $x = x_{n,j}$

$$0 < \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{P_k(x_{n,j})^2}{\lambda_1 \dots \lambda_k} = \frac{P'_{n+1}(x_{n,j}) P_n(x_{n,j}) - P_{n+1}(x_{n,j}) P'_n(x_{n,j})}{\lambda_1 \dots \lambda_n}$$

$\Rightarrow P_{n+1}(x_{n,j})$  has the opposite

sign of  $P'_n(x_{n,j})$ .



$$P'_n(x_{n,1}) > 0$$

$$\text{sign of } P'_{n+1}(x_{n,j}) = (-1)^{j+1}$$

$$\text{or } P'_{n+1}(x_{n,j}) = (-1)^j$$

$\Rightarrow$  one root in  $(x_{n,j+1}, x_{n,j})$  ( $j=1..n+1$ )

Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} P_{n+1}(x) = \infty$ ,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} P_{n+1}(x) = (-1)^{n+1} \infty$$

$\Rightarrow$  interlacing!

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We will focus on  
combinatorics of OP.

There are 2 ways to study OP.

- ① general theory.
- ② special OP.

### Plan

We review  
basics of combinatorics

generating functions

formal power series

Dyck paths, Motzkin paths

matchings, set partitions

permutations,

	moments	comb obj.
Hermite	$M_{2n} = (2n-1)!!$	perfect matchings
Charlier	$M_n =$	set partitions
Laguerre	$M_n = n!$	permutations