

# Uvarov's formula — a thorough discussion

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## Notation

Except when otherwise stated, I consider *formal* orthogonal polynomials, that is, polynomials  $p_n(x)$  that satisfy a three-term recurrence of the form

$$p_n(x) = (x - s_{n-1})p_{n-1}(x) - t_{n-2}p_{n-2}(x),$$

with initial values  $p_{-1}(x) = 0$  and  $p_0(x) = 1$ .

They are orthogonal with respect to the linear functional  $L$  defined by  $L(p_n(x)) = \delta_{n,0}$ , that is,

$$L(p_n(x)p_m(x)) = \omega_n \delta_{n,m}$$

for some (non-zero)  $\omega_n$ ,  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

The moments  $m_n$  of the linear functional  $L$  are  $m_n = L(x^n)$ ,  $n = 0, 1, \dots$

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## The problem

Given a sequence  $(p_n(x))_{n \geq 0}$  with functional of orthogonality given by

$$L : p(x) \mapsto \int p(u) d\mu(u),$$

find the sequence of orthogonal polynomials for the **modified** linear functional

$$p(x) \mapsto \int p(u) \prod_{\ell=1}^{d-1} (u - \alpha_\ell) d\mu(u).$$

Ideally, express these orthogonal polynomials as linear combinations in the basis  $(p_n(x))_{n \geq 0}$ .

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## Umbral notation

*Umbral notation* is an elegant short notation that is convenient in certain situations. Given a sequence  $(c_n)_{n \geq 0}$ , one identifies  $c^n$  with  $c_n$  in polynomial expressions in  $c$ .

For example,

$$c^2(\alpha + c)(\beta + c) = c^2\alpha\beta + c^3(\alpha + \beta) + c^4 = c_2\alpha\beta + c_3(\alpha + \beta) + c_4.$$

If  $m_n = \int u^n d\mu(u)$  are the moments of the original linear functional  $L$ , then the moments of the modified functional are

$$\int u^n \prod_{\ell=1}^{d-1} (u - \alpha_\ell) d\mu(u) = m^n \prod_{\ell=1}^{d-1} (m - \alpha_\ell), \quad n = 0, 1, \dots$$

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## Lemma

Let  $M$  be a linear functional on polynomials in  $x$  with moments  $\nu_n$ ,  $n = 0, 1, \dots$ . Then the determinants

$$\det_{0 \leq i, j \leq n-1} (\nu_{i+j+1} - \nu_{i+j}x)$$

are a sequence of orthogonal polynomials with respect to  $M$ .

We use the lemma with  $\nu_n = m^n \prod_{\ell=1}^{d-1} (m - \alpha_\ell)$ , the moments of our modified functional.

We compute

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_{i+j+1} - \nu_{i+j}\alpha_d &= m^{i+j+1} \prod_{\ell=1}^{d-1} (m - \alpha_\ell) - \alpha_d m^{i+j} \prod_{\ell=1}^{d-1} (m - \alpha_\ell) \\ &= m^{i+j} \prod_{\ell=1}^d (m - \alpha_\ell). \end{aligned}$$

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According to the lemma, these are orthogonal polynomials (in the variable  $x = \alpha_d$ ) for the modified linear functional

$$p(x) \mapsto \int p(u) \prod_{\ell=1}^{d-1} (u - \alpha_\ell) d\mu(u).$$

On the other hand, “Christoffel’s formula” provides us with a formula for these orthogonal polynomials, namely

$$\frac{\det_{1 \leq i, j \leq d} (p_{n+i-1}(\alpha_j))}{\prod_{i=1}^{d-1} (\alpha_i - \alpha_d)}.$$

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## Conjecture

We have

$$\frac{\det \left( m^{i+j} \prod_{\ell=1}^d (m - \alpha_{\ell}) \right)_{i,j=0}^{n-1}}{\det (m_{i+j})_{i,j=0}^{n-1}} = (-1)^{nd} \frac{\det (p_{n+i-1}(\alpha_j))_{1 \leq i,j \leq d}}{\prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq d} (\alpha_j - \alpha_i)}.$$

I did not find this identity in the orthogonal polynomials literature. So, what about a proof?

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Experimentally, we found

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We prove this identity by the condensation method.<sup>†</sup>

## Proposition (JACOBI)

Let  $A$  be an  $N \times N$  matrix. Denote the submatrix of  $A$  in which rows  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k$  and columns  $j_1, j_2, \dots, j_k$  are omitted by  $A_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k}^{j_1, j_2, \dots, j_k}$ . Then we have

$$\det A \cdot \det A_{1, N}^{1, N} = \det A_1^1 \cdot \det A_N^N - \det A_1^N \cdot \det A_N^1.$$

Jacobi's *condensation formula* allows for inductive proofs.

<sup>†</sup>This method was a favourite of Charles Lutwidge Dodgson (Lewis Carroll).

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If one works it out, then one sees that we need to prove

$$\begin{aligned} & (\alpha_1 - \alpha_d) \det_{0 \leq i, j \leq n-1} \left( m^{i+j} \prod_{\ell=1}^d (m - \alpha_\ell) \right) - \det_{0 \leq i, j \leq n} \left( m^{i+j} \prod_{\ell=2}^{d-1} (m - \alpha_\ell) \right) \\ &= \det_{0 \leq i, j \leq n-1} \left( m^{i+j} \prod_{\ell=1}^{d-1} (m - \alpha_\ell) \right) - \det_{0 \leq i, j \leq n} \left( m^{i+j} \prod_{\ell=2}^d (m - \alpha_\ell) \right) \\ &- \det_{0 \leq i, j \leq n-1} \left( m^{i+j} \prod_{\ell=2}^d (m - \alpha_\ell) \right) - \det_{0 \leq i, j \leq n} \left( m^{i+j} \prod_{\ell=1}^{d-1} (m - \alpha_\ell) \right). \end{aligned}$$

If one looks at this properly, then it turns out that this is another instance of Jacobi's condensation formula.



Great! We found a proof, and we have a theorem.

## Theorem

We have

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But still, is this really new? Hard to believe ...

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If you don't find the identity in the classical orthogonal polynomial literature, then what about “non-classical” sources?

- A. LASCoux, *Symmetric Functions and Combinatorial Operators on Polynomials*, CBMS Series, vol. 99, Amer. Math. Soc., 2003.

Proof by the use of classical facts from the theory of orthogonal polynomials (result not quite right).

- M. ELouafi, *A unified approach for the Hankel determinants of classical combinatorial numbers*, J. Math. Anal. Appl. **431** (2015), 1253–1274.

Proof by a vanishing argument (has a serious gap).

- E. Brézin and S. Hikami, *Characteristic polynomials of random matrices*, Comm. Math. Phys. **214** (2000), 111–135.

Proof by random matrix theory.



Ismail's original message:

Dear Christian

I did not do the details but it seems to me that the right side is what you get from a formula due to Christoffel. It is in Szego and also in my book, see Theorem 2.7.1. It is the coefficient of a polynomial in the expansion of  $\prod_{1 \leq j \leq d} (x - x_j)$  times another set of orthogonal polynomials. The reason I mention this is because there is a more general formula due to Ouvarou, also in my book, which replaces  $\prod_{1 \leq j \leq d} (x - x_j)$  by a rational function. This is harder and more recent (1960's). It will be really nice if it can be done combinatorially because it involves the function of the second kind.

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Here,  $q_n(y) = \int \frac{p_n(u)}{y - u} d\mu(u)$ .

The “function of the second kind”  $q_n(y)$

$$\begin{aligned}q_n(y) &= \int \frac{p_n(u)}{y-u} d\mu(u) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \int p_n(u) u^i y^{-i-1} d\mu(u) \\&= \sum_{i=n}^{\infty} \int p_n(u) u^i y^{-i-1} d\mu(u) \\&= y^{-n-1} \int p_n(u) u^n d\mu(u) + O(y^{-n-2}) \\&= \frac{H(n+1)}{H(n)} y^{-n-1} + O(y^{-n-2}),\end{aligned}$$

where  $H(n) := \det_{0 \leq i, j \leq n-1} (m_{i+j})$ .

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## Some more smallprint:

We have the expression

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Is there again an *identity* hidden behind this formula?

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$$\frac{\det_{0 \leq i, j \leq n-1} \left( \int u^{i+j} \frac{\prod_{\ell=1}^h (u - \alpha_\ell)}{\prod_{\ell=1}^k (u - \beta_\ell)} d\mu(u) \right)}{\det_{0 \leq i, j \leq n-k-1} (m_{i+j})} = (-1)^{n(h-k)+kh} \frac{\det_{1 \leq i, j \leq k+h} \begin{pmatrix} p_{n+i-1}(\alpha_j) & 1 \leq i \leq h \\ q_{n+i-h-1}(\beta_j) & h+1 \leq i \leq k+h \end{pmatrix}}{\left( \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq h} (\alpha_j - \alpha_i) \right) \left( \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq k} (\beta_i - \beta_j) \right)}.$$

If  $n < k$  the previous conventions for negatively indexed  $p_a(\alpha)$  and  $q_a(\beta)$  apply, and in that case the Hankel determinant in the denominator on the left-hand side has to be interpreted as 1.



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# The proof

We do an induction on  $h + k$ . The previous “condensation lemma” is again needed, as well as the similarly looking one.

## Lemma

Let  $(c_n)_{n \geq 0}$  be a given sequence, and  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be variables. Then, for all positive integers  $n$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \det_{0 \leq i, j \leq n-1} (\alpha c_{i+j} + c_{i+j+1}) \det_{0 \leq i, j \leq n-1} (\beta c_{i+j} + c_{i+j+1}) \\ &= - \det_{0 \leq i, j \leq n} (c_{i+j}) \det_{0 \leq i, j \leq n-2} (\alpha \beta c_{i+j} + (\alpha + \beta) c_{i+j+1} + c_{i+j+2}) \\ &+ \det_{0 \leq i, j \leq n-1} (c_{i+j}) \det_{0 \leq i, j \leq n-1} (\alpha \beta c_{i+j} + (\alpha + \beta) c_{i+j+1} + c_{i+j+2}). \end{aligned}$$

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When I placed the preprint on the arXiv, Arno Kuijlaars pointed out:

“Your identity is contained in:

J. BAIK, P. DEIFT and E. STRAHOV, *Products and ratios of characteristic polynomials of random Hermitian matrices*, J. Math. Phys. **44** (2003), 3657–3670.”

## Products and ratios of characteristic polynomials of random Hermitian matrices

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### I. INTRODUCTION

In random matrix theory, unitary ensembles of  $N \times N$  matrices  $\{H\}$  play a central role.<sup>15</sup> Such

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$$\left\langle \prod_{j=1}^M D_N^{-1}[\epsilon_j, H] \right\rangle_{\alpha} = (-1)^{M(M-1)/2} \frac{\prod_{j=N-M}^{N-1} \gamma_j}{\Delta(\epsilon)} \begin{vmatrix} h_{N-M}(\epsilon_1) & \cdots & h_{N-1}(\epsilon_1) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ h_{N-M}(\epsilon_M) & \cdots & h_{N-1}(\epsilon_M) \end{vmatrix}. \quad (2.24)$$

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Inserting this relation in (2.27) we find

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*Lemma 2.11:* Suppose  $0 \leq m \leq n$ . Then the monic orthogonal polynomials  $\pi_n^{[\ell,m]}(t)$ 's with respect to the measure  $d\alpha^{[\ell,m]}(t)$  have the following representation:



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$$\pi_n^{[\ell, m]}(t) = \frac{1}{(t - \mu_\ell) \cdots (t - \mu_1)} \frac{\begin{vmatrix} h_{n-m}(\epsilon_1) & \cdots & h_{n+\ell}(\epsilon_1) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ h_{n-m}(\epsilon_m) & \cdots & h_{n+\ell}(\epsilon_m) \\ \pi_{n-m}(\mu_1) & \cdots & \pi_{n+\ell}(\mu_1) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \pi_{n-m}(\mu_\ell) & \cdots & \pi_{n+\ell}(\mu_\ell) \\ \pi_{n-m}(t) & \cdots & \pi_{n+\ell}(t) \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} h_{n-m}(\epsilon_1) & \cdots & h_{n+\ell}(\epsilon_1) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ h_{n-m}(\epsilon_m) & \cdots & h_{n+\ell}(\epsilon_m) \\ \pi_{n-m}(\mu_1) & \cdots & \pi_{n+\ell}(\mu_1) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \pi_{n-m}(\mu_\ell) & \cdots & \pi_{n+\ell}(\mu_\ell) \end{vmatrix}}. \quad (2.32)$$

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**Введение**

При вычислении определенных интегралов вида

Так как

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то из (4) получим  $C_{n,n}Q_n(\beta_1) + C_{n,n-1}Q_{n-1}(\beta_1) = 0$ , т. е.  $C_{n,n} = -B_nQ_n(\beta_1)$ ,  $C_{n,n-1} = B_nQ_n(\beta_1)$ , где  $B_n$  — некоторая постоянная. Подставляя эти выражения в (4), получим (3). Лемма доказана.

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В результате исключения  $C_s$  из (5) — (7), считая  $C_{n+l}$  известным, приходим к формуле

$$P_n^{(k, l)}(x) = A_n^{(k, l)} \left[ \prod_{j=1}^l (x - \alpha_j) \right]^{-1} \begin{vmatrix} P_{n-k}(\alpha_1) \dots P_{n+l}(\alpha_1) \\ \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \\ P_{n-k}(\alpha_l) \dots P_{n+l}(\alpha_l) \\ Q_{n-k}(\beta_1) \dots Q_{n+l}(\beta_1) \\ \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \\ Q_{n-k}(\beta_k) \dots Q_{n+l}(\beta_k) \\ P_{n-k}(x) \dots P_{n+l}(x) \end{vmatrix}, \quad (8)$$

где  $A_n^{(k, l)} = C_{n+l} / \Delta$  — нормировочный коэффициент,

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} P_{n-k}(\alpha_1) \dots P_{n+l-1}(\alpha_1) \\ \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \\ P_{n-k}(\alpha_l) \dots P_{n+l-1}(\alpha_l) \\ Q_{n-k}(\beta_1) \dots Q_{n+l-1}(\beta_1) \\ \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \\ Q_{n-k}(\beta_k) \dots Q_{n+l-1}(\beta_k) \end{vmatrix}. \quad (9)$$

Нам остается найти связь полиномов  $P_n^{(k, l)}(x)$  и  $P_n(x)$  для случая, когда  $n < k$ .

Будем искать  $P_n^{(k, l)}(x)$  при  $n < k$  в виде, похожем на (8), а именно

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**Theorem 2.7.3 (Uvarov)** *Let  $\nu$  be as in (2.7.4) and assume that  $\{P_n(x; m, k)\}$  are orthogonal with respect to  $\nu$ . Set*

$$\tilde{Q}_n(x) := \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{P_n(y)}{x-y} d\mu(y). \quad (2.7.7)$$

Then for  $n \geq k$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \prod_{i=1}^m (x - x_i) \right] P_n(x; m, k) \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} P_{n-k}(x_1) & P_{n-k+1}(x_1) & \cdots & P_{n+m}(x_1) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ P_{n-k}(x_m) & P_{n-k+1}(x_m) & \cdots & P_{n+m}(x_m) \\ \tilde{Q}_{n-k}(y_1) & \tilde{Q}_{n-k+1}(y_1) & \cdots & \tilde{Q}_{n+m}(y_1) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \tilde{Q}_{n-k}(y_k) & \tilde{Q}_{n-k+1}(y_k) & \cdots & \tilde{Q}_{n+m}(y_k) \\ P_{n-k}(x) & P_{n+1}(x) & \cdots & P_{n+m}(x) \end{vmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.7.8)$$

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If  $n < k$  then

$$= \begin{array}{c} \left[ \prod_{i=1}^m (x - x_i) \right] P_n(x; m, k) \\ \left| \begin{array}{cccccc} a_{1,1} & \dots & a_{1,k-n} & P_0(x_1) & \dots & P_{n+m}(x_1) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{m,1} & \dots & a_{m,k-n} & P_0(x_m) & \dots & P_{n+m}(x_m) \\ b_{1,1} & \dots & b_{1,k-n} & \tilde{Q}_0(y_1) & \dots & \tilde{Q}_{n+m}(y_1) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ b_{k,1} & \dots & b_{k,k-n} & \tilde{Q}_0(y_k) & \dots & \tilde{Q}_{n+m}(y_k) \\ c_1 & \dots & c_{k-n} & P_0(x) & \dots & P_{n+m}(x) \end{array} \right|, \end{array} \quad (2.7.9)$$

where

$$b_{ij} = y_i^{j-1}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq k, \quad 1 < j \leq k - n,$$

$$a_{ij} = 0; \quad 1 \leq i \leq m, \quad 1 \leq j \leq k - n, \quad c_j = 0.$$

If an  $x_j$  (or  $y_l$  is repeated  $r$  times, then the corresponding  $r$  rows will contain  $P_s(x_j), \dots, P_s^{(r-1)}(x_j)$  ( $\tilde{Q}_s(x_j), \dots, \tilde{Q}_s^{(r-1)}(x_j)$ ), respectively.

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Uvarov proved this result in a brief announcement (Uvarov, 1959) and later gave the details in (Uvarov, 1969). The proof given below is a slight modification of Uvarov's original proof.

*Proof of Theorem 2.7.3* Let  $\pi_j(x)$  denote a generic polynomials in  $x$  of degree at most  $j$  and denote the determinant on the right-hand side of (2.7.8) by  $\Delta_{k,m,n}(x)$ . Clearly  $\Delta_{k,m,n}(x)$  vanishes at the points  $x = x_j$ , with  $1 \leq j \leq m$  so let  $\Delta_{k,m,n}(x)$

be  $S_n(x) \prod_{i=1}^m (x - x_i)$  with  $S_n$  of degree at most  $n$ . Moreover,  $S_n(x) \not\equiv 0$ , so we let

$$S_n(x) = \pi_{n-k}(x) \prod_{i=1}^k (x - y_i) + \pi_{k-1}(x),$$

and note the partial fraction decomposition

$$\frac{\pi_{k-1}(x)}{\prod_{i=1}^k (x - y_i)} = \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\alpha_j}{x - y_j}.$$

With  $\nu$  as in (2.7.4) we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} S_n^2(x) d\nu(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} S_n(x) \prod_{j=1}^m (x - x_j) \left\{ \pi_{n-k}(x) + \frac{\pi_{k-1}(x)}{\prod_{i=1}^k (x - y_i)} \right\} d\mu(x)$$

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# Uvarov's formula in Ismail's book

From my correspondence with Mourad:

Date: Sun, 28 Feb 2021 18:03:36 +0100 (CET)

From: Christian Krattenthaler

To: Mourad Ismail <mourad.eh.ismail@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: Uvarov

> Dear Christian, In my book I said  $S_n$  is not  
> identically zero.

Right.

> I do not see why right now but I will check it  
> and get back to you.  
> Sorry but glad you are interested.

Yes, I am very interested to see why.

With best wishes,

Christian

# Proof of Uvarov's formula

Let  $d\mu(u)$  be the density of a positive measure with infinite support all of whose moments exist. We let  $d\nu(u)$  be the modified density

$$d\nu(u) = \frac{\prod_{\ell=2}^h (u - \alpha_\ell)}{\prod_{\ell=1}^k (u - \beta_\ell)} d\mu(u),$$

where  $\alpha_2, \alpha_3, \dots, \alpha_h$  and  $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_k$  are real numbers chosen so that the modification factor

$$\frac{\prod_{\ell=2}^h (u - \alpha_\ell)}{\prod_{\ell=1}^k (u - \beta_\ell)}$$

is positive for all  $u$  in the support of the measure  $\mu$ .

# Proof of Uvarov's formula

## Theorem

We have

$$\frac{\det_{0 \leq i, j \leq n-1} \left( \int u^{i+j} \frac{\prod_{\ell=1}^h (u - \alpha_{\ell})}{\prod_{\ell=1}^k (u - \beta_{\ell})} d\mu(u) \right)}{\det_{0 \leq i, j \leq n-k-1} (m_{i+j})} = (-1)^{n(h-k)+kh} \frac{\det_{1 \leq i, j \leq k+h} \begin{pmatrix} p_{n+i-1}(\alpha_j) & 1 \leq i \leq h \\ q_{n+i-h-1}(\beta_j) & h+1 \leq i \leq k+h \end{pmatrix}}{\left( \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq h} (\alpha_j - \alpha_i) \right) \left( \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq k} (\beta_i - \beta_j) \right)}.$$

If  $n < k$  the previous conventions for negatively indexed  $p_a(\alpha)$  and  $q_a(\beta)$  apply, and in that case the Hankel determinant in the denominator on the left-hand side has to be interpreted as 1.

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## Lemma

*Let  $M$  be a linear functional on polynomials in  $x$  with moments  $\nu_n$ ,  $n = 0, 1, \dots$ . Then the determinants*

$$\det_{0 \leq i, j \leq n-1} (\nu_{i+j+1} - \nu_{i+j}x)$$

*are a sequence of orthogonal polynomials with respect to  $M$ .*



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then we see that (as polynomials in  $x = \alpha_1$ ) the polynomials

$$\det_{0 \leq i, j \leq n-1} \left( \int u^{i+j} \frac{\prod_{\ell=1}^h (u - \alpha_\ell)}{\prod_{\ell=1}^k (u - \beta_\ell)} d\mu(u) \right)$$

are orthogonal with respect to the modified density  $d\nu(u)$ .

These are exactly the determinants on the left-hand side of our identity of the theorem!

By the identity, these determinants are proportional to the right-hand sides. Hence, the right-hand sides are orthogonal polynomials with respect to the modified density  $d\nu(u)$ , and these are the determinants that appear in Uvarov's formula.



# The determinant identity behind Uvarov's formula

## Theorem

We have

$$\frac{\det_{0 \leq i, j \leq n-1} \left( \int u^{i+j} \frac{\prod_{\ell=1}^h (u - \alpha_\ell)}{\prod_{\ell=1}^k (u - \beta_\ell)} d\mu(u) \right)}{\det_{0 \leq i, j \leq n-k-1} (m_{i+j})} = (-1)^{n(h-k)+kh} \frac{\det_{1 \leq i, j \leq k+h} \begin{pmatrix} p_{n+i-1}(\alpha_j) & 1 \leq i \leq h \\ q_{n+i-h-1}(\beta_j) & h+1 \leq i \leq k+h \end{pmatrix}}{\left( \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq h} (\alpha_j - \alpha_i) \right) \left( \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq k} (\beta_i - \beta_j) \right)}.$$

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