

MEAN CESARO SUMMABILITY OF ORTHOGONAL POLYNOMIALS

Attila Máté, Paul Nevai and Vilmos Totik

Let $d\alpha$ be a positive measure on the real line with finite moments and infinite support, and let $\{p_n(d\alpha)\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$, $p_n(d\alpha, x) = \gamma_n(d\alpha)x^n + \dots$, $\gamma_n(d\alpha) > 0$, be the system of orthonormal polynomials associated with $d\alpha$. In [1], [3]-[8], [10]-[12] a number of important results were found concerning properties of orthogonal polynomials corresponding to such measures $d\alpha$ for which $\text{supp}(d\alpha) = [-1, 1]$ and $\alpha' > 0$ almost everywhere in $[-1, 1]$. The purpose of this paper is to show that some of these results remain valid if the condition $\text{supp}(d\alpha) = [-1, 1]$ is replaced by the assumption that for every $\varepsilon > 1$ $\text{supp}(d\alpha) \setminus [-\varepsilon, \varepsilon]$ is a finite set. According to Blumenthal's theorem (see e.g. [10, Theorem 3.3.7, p. 23]) if the orthogonal polynomials are generated by the recurrence formula

$$(1) \quad x p_n = a_{n+1} p_{n+1} + b_n p_n + a_n p_{n-1}, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots,$$

$a_0 = 0$, $a_n > 0$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$, $b_n \in \mathbb{R}$, $p_{-1} = 0$, $p_0 = \gamma_0$, then the support of the corresponding measure has the above described property provided that

$$(2) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 1/2 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0.$$

For given $d\alpha$ let the Christoffel function $\lambda_n^{-1}(d\alpha)$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$, be defined by

$$\lambda_n^{-1}(d\alpha) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} |p_k(d\alpha)|^2.$$

Another equivalent definition can be given by

$$(3) \quad \lambda_n(d\alpha, x) = \min |R(x)|^{-2} \int |R|^2 d\alpha$$

where the minimum is taken over all polynomials R of degree less than n [2, Theorem 1.4.1, p. 25]. It was proved in [7, Theorem 12.1] that if $\text{supp}(d\alpha) = [-1, 1]$ and $\alpha' > 0$ almost everywhere in $[-1, 1]$ then $\alpha' n^{-1} \lambda^{-1}(d\alpha)$ converges to $\pi^{-1} (1-x^2)^{-1/2}$ in $L^1[-1, 1]$ when $n \rightarrow \infty$. Our main result is the following generalization of this theorem.

THEOREM 1. Suppose that $d\alpha$ is such that α' is positive almost everywhere in $[-1, 1]$ and for every $\epsilon > 1$ $\text{supp}(d\alpha) \setminus [-\epsilon, \epsilon]$ is a finite set. Then

$$(4) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-1}^1 \left| \frac{\alpha'(x)}{n\lambda_n(d\alpha, x)} - \frac{1}{\pi\sqrt{1-x^2}} \right| dx = 0$$

holds.

Proof. Let $\Delta = [-1, 1]$ and let v be defined by $v(x) = \pi^{-1} (1-x^2)^{-1/2}$ for $-1 \leq x \leq 1$. Then by Schwarz's inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\int_{\Delta} \left| \frac{\alpha'}{n\lambda_n(d\alpha)} - v \right| \right)^2 &= \left(\int_{\Delta} \left| \sqrt{\frac{\alpha'}{n\lambda_n(d\alpha)}} - \sqrt{v} \right| \left| \sqrt{\frac{\alpha'}{n\lambda_n(d\alpha)}} + \sqrt{v} \right| \right)^2 \leq \\ &\leq \int_{\Delta} \left(\sqrt{\frac{\alpha'}{n\lambda_n(d\alpha)}} - \sqrt{v} \right)^2 \int_{\Delta} \left(\sqrt{\frac{\alpha'}{n\lambda_n(d\alpha)}} + \sqrt{v} \right)^2 \leq \\ &\leq 2 \int_{\Delta} \left(\sqrt{\frac{\alpha'}{n\lambda_n(d\alpha)}} - \sqrt{v} \right)^2 \left(\int_{\Delta} \frac{\alpha'}{n\lambda_n(d\alpha)} + \int_{\Delta} v \right) \leq \\ &\leq 2 \int_{\Delta} \left(\sqrt{\frac{\alpha'}{n\lambda_n(d\alpha)}} - \sqrt{v} \right)^2 \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{d\alpha}{n\lambda_n(d\alpha)} + \int_{\Delta} v \right) = \\ &= 4 \int_{\Delta} \left(\sqrt{\frac{\alpha'}{n\lambda_n(d\alpha)}} - \sqrt{v} \right)^2 = 4 \left(\int_{\Delta} \frac{\alpha'}{n\lambda_n(d\alpha)} - 2 \int_{\Delta} \sqrt{\frac{\alpha'v}{n\lambda_n(d\alpha)}} + \int_{\Delta} v \right) \leq \\ &\leq 4 \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\frac{d\alpha}{n\lambda_n(d\alpha)} - 2 \int_{\Delta} \sqrt{\frac{\alpha'v}{n\lambda_n(d\alpha)}} + \int_{\Delta} v \right) = 8 \left(1 - \int_{\Delta} \sqrt{\frac{\alpha'v}{n\lambda_n(d\alpha)}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

so that (4) will be proved if we show the validity of

$$(5) \quad 1 \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Delta} \sqrt{\frac{\alpha' v}{n \lambda_n(d\alpha)}} = \ell .$$

In order to prove (5) we pick an arbitrary nonnegative continuous function g in Δ and apply Holder's inequality to obtain

$$\left(\int_{\Delta} (v g \alpha')^{1/4} \right)^4 \leq \left(\int_{\Delta} \sqrt{\frac{\alpha' v}{n \lambda_n(d\alpha)}} \right)^2 \cdot \int_{\Delta} n \lambda_n(d\alpha) g v^{-1} .$$

The function $f = g v^{-1}$ satisfies the conditions of the Lemma which is formulated and proved at the end of this paper. Thus by (23) we have

$$(6) \quad \left(\int_{\Delta} (v g \alpha')^{1/4} \right)^4 \leq \ell^2 \int_{\Delta} g v^{-2} d\alpha .$$

By Lemma 1 in [5] there exists a sequence $\{h_m\}_{m=1}^{\infty}$ of continuous functions in Δ such that $0 < h_m(x) \leq 1$ for $x \in \Delta$, $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} h_m(x) = 1$ for almost every x in Δ

and $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Delta} h_m d\alpha_s = 0$ where $d\alpha_s$ is the singular (nonabsolutely continuous)

component of $d\alpha$. Moreover, for fixed $\delta > 0$ we can choose a sequence $\{H_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ of continuous functions in Δ such that $0 < H_k(x) \leq 1/\delta$ for $x \in \Delta$ and

$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} H_k(x) = (\delta + v^{-3}(x)\alpha'(x))^{-1}$ holds almost everywhere in Δ . For a fixed

$\delta > 0$ we can apply (6) with $g = h_m H_k$ and then we can let first $m \rightarrow \infty$, then $k \rightarrow \infty$, and finally $\delta \rightarrow 0$. We obtain

$$\left(\int_{\Delta} v \right)^4 \leq \ell^2 \int_{\Delta} v ,$$

and, since $\int_{\Delta} v = 1$, inequality (5) follows and so does Theorem 1.

Remark 1. It was proved in [1], [4] and [10] that if the orthogonal polynomials satisfy the recurrence formula (1), and (2) and

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (|a_n - a_{n-1}| + |b_n - b_{n-1}|) < \infty$$

hold, then $d\alpha$ does satisfy the conditions of Theorem 1, and, consequently, both Theorem 1 and Theorem 2 below are valid in this case.

In what follows we denote the zeros of $p_n(d\alpha)$ by $x_{kn}(d\alpha)$, $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$. All these zeros are real and simple, and they belong to the smallest interval containing the support of $d\alpha$ [2, Theorem 1.2.2, p. 17]. When using $x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1}$ we mean that branch of this function which is analytic in the complex plane cut along $[-1, 1]$ and which is positive for $x > 1$.

THEOREM 2. Let $d\alpha$ satisfy the conditions of Theorem 1. Then

$$(7) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int \frac{1}{n\lambda_n(d\alpha)} d\alpha_s = 0$$

where $d\alpha_s$ is the singular (nonabsolutely continuous) component of $d\alpha$,

$$(8) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int \frac{f}{n\lambda_n(d\alpha)} d\alpha = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{f(x)}{-1\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx$$

holds for every function $f \in L_{d\alpha}^{\infty}$,

$$(9) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{f(x)\alpha^n(x)}{n\lambda_n(d\alpha, x)} dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{f(x)}{-1\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx$$

holds for every function $f \in L^{\infty}$,

$$(10) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_{kn}(d\alpha)) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{f(x)}{-1\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx$$

holds for every bounded function f which is Riemann integrable in $[-1, 1]$.

Moreover,

$$(11) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_n(d\alpha)^{1/n} = 2,$$

$$(12) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max_{-1 \leq x \leq 1} |p_n(d\alpha, x)|^{1/n} = 1,$$

$$(13) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |p_n(d\alpha, x)|^{1/n} = |x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1}|$$

holds uniformly on every compact set K in the complex plane such that $K \cap \text{supp}(d\alpha) = \emptyset$, and

$$(14) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |p_n(d\alpha, x)|^{1/n} = |x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1}|^{-1}$$

uniformly on compact subsets of $\text{supp}(d\alpha) \setminus [-1, 1]$. If G is a simply connected region in the complex plane such that $G \cap \text{supp}(d\alpha) = \emptyset$ then

$$(15) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_n(d\alpha, x)^{1/n} = x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1}$$

holds uniformly on compact subsets of G . Here we take that branch of the n -th root of $p_n(d\alpha)$ which is positive for large positive values of x .

Proof. Since

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{n\lambda_n(d\alpha)} d\alpha = 1,$$

(7), (8) and (9) are immediate consequences of (4). By Lemma 5.1 in [10, p. 49] if $\text{supp}(d\alpha)$ is compact then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_{kn}(d\alpha)) - \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{f}{n\lambda_n(d\alpha)} d\alpha \right] = 0$$

for every continuous function f . Hence (10) follows from (8) if f is continuous, and then standard one-sided approximation arguments yield (10) in the general case as well. In order to prove (11) and (12) we introduce two measures $d\beta$ and $d\mu$ with supports $[-1, 1]$ as follows. The measure $d\beta$ is the Chebyshev measure, that is $d\beta(x) = (1-x^2)^{-1/2} dx$ for $-1 \leq x \leq 1$, whereas $d\mu(x) = \alpha'(x) dx$, $-1 \leq x \leq 1$, is the absolutely continuous component of $d\alpha$. Then $\gamma_n(d\alpha) \leq \gamma_n(d\mu)$ [14, p. 28] and since

$$(16) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_n(d\mu)^{1/n} = 2$$

[2, p. 128], the inequality

$$(17) \quad \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_n(d\alpha)^{1/n} \leq 2$$

follows. Now let $\varepsilon > 1$ be fixed and let $R(x) = \prod_{k=1}^m (x - t_k)$ where $\bigcup_{k=1}^m \{t_k\} = \text{supp}(d\alpha) \setminus [-\varepsilon, \varepsilon]$. Then by orthogonality

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\gamma_{n-m}(d\beta)}{\gamma_n(d\alpha)} &= \int_{-\varepsilon}^{\varepsilon} p_{n-m}(d\beta) R p_n(d\alpha) d\alpha \leq \\ &\leq \max_{-\varepsilon \leq x \leq \varepsilon} |R(x)| \max_{-\varepsilon \leq x \leq \varepsilon} |p_{n-m}(d\beta)| \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} d\alpha \right)^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

for $m > m$. However, $\gamma_n(d\beta) = 2^{n-1/2} \sqrt{\pi}$ and

$$p_n(d\beta, x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[(x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1})^n + (x - \sqrt{x^2 - 1})^n \right]$$

for $n = 1, 2, \dots$ so that

$$\frac{2^n}{\gamma_n(d\alpha)} \leq 2^{m+1} \max_{-\varepsilon \leq x \leq \varepsilon} |R(x)| \cdot (\varepsilon + \sqrt{\varepsilon^2 - 1})^{n-m} \left(\int d\alpha \right)^{1/2}$$

holds. Taking n -th roots, letting first $n \rightarrow \infty$ and then $\varepsilon \rightarrow 1$ we obtain

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_n(d\alpha)^{1/n} \geq 2,$$

and thus (11) holds by (17). To prove (12) we use (3) to obtain

$$p_n^2(d\alpha) \leq \lambda_{n+1}^{-1}(d\alpha) \leq \lambda_{n+1}^{-1}(d\mu),$$

x real, so that by Christoffel-Darboux's formula [14, p. 43] and Markov's inequality [9, p. 137]

$$\max_{-1 \leq x \leq 1} p_n^2(d\alpha, x) \leq 2(n+1)^2 \max_{-1 \leq x \leq 1} |p_n(d\mu, x)| \max_{-1 \leq x \leq 1} |p_{n+1}(d\mu, x)|.$$

Since

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max_{-1 \leq x \leq 1} |p_n(d\mu, x)|^{1/n} \leq 1$$

[2, p. 124] the inequality

$$(18) \quad \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max_{-1 \leq x \leq 1} |p_n(d\alpha, x)|^{1/n} \leq 1$$

follows. On the other hand,

$$\frac{\gamma_n(d\alpha)}{\gamma_n(d\mu)} = \int_{-1}^1 p_n(d\alpha) p_n(d\mu) d\mu \leq \max_{-1 \leq x \leq 1} |p_n(d\alpha, x)| \left(\int_{-1}^1 d\mu \right)^{1/2},$$

and thus by (11) and (16)

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max_{-1 \leq x \leq 1} |p_n(d\alpha, x)|^{1/n} \geq 1$$

which combined with (18) proves (12). Now we proceed with proving (13). First we will show that if $x \notin \text{supp}(d\alpha)$ then x is not a point of accumulation of the set of zeros of $p_n(d\alpha)$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$. Let ω be the smallest closed interval containing $\text{supp}(d\alpha)$. Since all the zeros of each $p_n(d\alpha)$ belong to ω [2, Theorem 1.2.2, p. 17], we may assume $x \in \omega \setminus \text{supp}(d\alpha)$. Then either $x < -1$ or $x > 1$ and x lies in between two isolated mass points of $d\alpha$. Suppose without loss of generality that $x > 1$. Let $t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_m$ denote those points of $\text{supp}(d\alpha)$ which belong to (x, ∞) . Let $\delta > 0$ be such that

$$x + \delta < t_1 - \delta < t_2 + \delta < \dots < t_{m-1} + \delta < t_m - \delta < t_m$$

and $[x - \delta, x] \cap \text{supp}(d\alpha) = \emptyset$. By Theorem 6.1.1 in [14, p. 111] there exists $N = N(\delta, \{t_i\})$ such that for every $n \geq N$, $p_n(d\alpha)$ has zeros in each interval $[t_i - \delta, t_i + \delta]$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$. Thus for $n \geq N$ $p_n(d\alpha)$ has not less than m zeros in $[t_1 - \delta, \infty)$. On the other hand α takes exactly $m + 1$ values in $(x - \delta, \infty)$ not counting the values $\alpha(t_i)$. Thus by Theorem 1.2.4 [2, p. 18] for

every $n \geq 1$, $p_n(d\alpha)$ has no more than m zeros in $(x-\delta, \infty)$. Hence for $n > N$ both $(x-\delta, \infty)$ and $(t_1 - \delta, \infty)$ contain exactly m zeros of $p_n(d\alpha)$, that is $[x-\delta, x+\delta]$ contains no zeros of $p_n(d\alpha)$ if $n \geq N$. Hence we have proved our claim concerning $x \notin \text{supp}(d\alpha)$ not being a point of accumulation of the zeros. If K is a compact set in the complex plane and $K \cap \text{supp}(d\alpha) = \emptyset$ then there exists $N = N(K)$ such that for each $x \in K$, $f_1(t) = \log|x-t|$ is a continuous function for $t \in \bigcup_{n \geq N} \bigcup_{1 \leq k \leq n} \{x_{kn}(d\alpha)\}$. Hence applying (10) with $f = f_1$ and using (11) the limit relation (13) follows. By (11) for $n \geq N$ the sequence $n^{-1} \log|p_n(d\alpha)|$ is uniformly bounded on K , and since the latter are all harmonic functions in K , the uniform convergence of (13) on K can easily be seen by using Poisson integrals and Lebesgue's Bounded Convergence Theorem. The next step is to prove (14). Let $x \in \text{supp}(d\alpha) \setminus [-1, 1]$, and let the measure $dv = dv_x$ be defined by $dv(E) = d\alpha(E \setminus \{x\})$ for every Borel set E . Notice that dv also satisfies the conditions of Theorem 1. By formula (7.9) in [10, p. 132]

$$(19) \quad p_n(d\alpha, x) = \frac{\gamma_n(dv)}{\gamma_n(d\alpha)} p_n(dv, x) [1 + \epsilon \lambda_{n+1}^{-1}(dv, x)]^{-1}$$

where $\epsilon = \alpha(x+0) - \alpha(x-0) = d\alpha(\{x\})$. By simple computation we obtain from (13) the limit relation

$$(20) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_{n+1}^{-1}(dv, x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\sum_{k=0}^n p_k^2(dv, x) \right]^{1/n} = |x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1}|^2,$$

and thus (14) follows from (11), (19) and (20). Now we turn to proving (15). Let K be a compact subset of G . Then there exists a simply connected domain G_1 such that $K \subset G_1$ and $\bar{G}_1 \subset G$. While proving (13) we showed that there exists $N = N(G_1)$ such that for $n \geq N$ $p_n(d\alpha) \neq 0$ in G_1 . Thus $x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1}$ and $p_n(d\alpha, x)^{1/n}$, $n \geq N$, are defined and analytic in G_1 , and by (13)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |p_n(d\alpha, x)^{1/n} / (x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1})| = 1.$$

We may assume without loss of generality that G_1 contains a real number x_0 greater than any number in support of $d\alpha$, and then by (13) we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_n(d\alpha, x_0)^{1/n} / (x_0 + \sqrt{x_0^2 - 1}) = 1.$$

Now (16) follows from Vitali's theorem about convergent subsequences of bounded sequences of analytic functions, or from Problem 11.18 in [13, p. 239] applied to $\log(p_n(d\alpha, x)^{1/n} / (x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1}))$. Theorem 2 has completely been proved.

Remark 2. Formulas (10)-(15) generalize Erdős-Turán's celebrated results on distribution of zeros of orthogonal polynomials (see e.g. [2, Ch. 3.7 and 3.9]), and they can be used to prove theorems on convergence of orthogonal Fourier series and Lagrange interpolating processes associated with analytic functions.

While proving (13) we showed that if $x \in \text{supp}(d\alpha) \setminus [-1, 1]$ then for every small enough $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $N = N(\varepsilon)$ such that every polynomial $p_n(d\alpha)$, $n \geq N$, has exactly one zero in $(x - \varepsilon, x + \varepsilon)$. Denoting this zero of $p_n(d\alpha)$ by $r_n(d\alpha, x)$, we have the following

Corollary. Let $d\alpha$ satisfy the conditions of Theorem 1 and let $x \in \text{supp}(d\alpha) \setminus [-1, 1]$ be fixed. Then

$$(21) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |x - r_n(d\alpha, x)|^{1/n} = |x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1}|^{-2}.$$

Proof. Let us define Q_n by

$$(22) \quad p_n(d\alpha, t) = (t - r_n(d\alpha, x))Q_n(t).$$

Then the proof of (13) applied to Q_n yields

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |Q_n(x)|^{1/n} = |x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1}|$$

and therefore (21) follows from (14) and (22).

The upcoming lemma was used in the proof of Theorem 1. In what follows we define $K_n(d\alpha, x, t)$ by

$$K_n(d\alpha, x, t) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} p_k(d\alpha, x) p_k(d\alpha, t) .$$

Lemma. Let $d\alpha$ be such that for every $\epsilon > 1$ the set $\text{supp}(d\alpha) \setminus [-\epsilon, \epsilon]$ is finite. Then for every nonnegative continuous function f vanishing at ± 1 the inequality

$$(23) \quad \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-1}^1 n \lambda_n(d\alpha, x) f(x) dx \leq \pi \int_{-1}^1 f(x) \sqrt{1-x^2} d\alpha(x)$$

holds.

Proof. Fix $\epsilon > 1$ and choose a polynomial R so that $R(x) = 0$ if and only if $x \in \text{supp}(d\alpha) \setminus [-\epsilon, \epsilon]$. Let m denote the degree of R and let $d\beta$ be the Chebyshev measure in $[-1, 1]$, that is $\text{supp}(d\beta) = [-1, 1]$ and $d\beta(x) = (1-x^2)^{-1/2} dx$ for $-1 \leq x \leq 1$. Then by the extremal property (3) we have

$$\lambda_n(d\alpha, x) \leq R^{-2}(x) \lambda_{n-m}^2(d\beta, x/\epsilon) \int_{-\epsilon}^{\epsilon} R^2(t) K_{n-m}^2(d\beta, x/\epsilon, t/\epsilon) d\alpha(t) .$$

First multiplying this inequality by $nf(x)$ and integrating the resulting inequality between -1 and 1 , and then interchanging the order of integration on the right side and replacing the variables x/ϵ and t/ϵ by x and t respectively, we obtain

$$(24) \quad \int_{-1}^1 n \lambda_n(d\alpha, x) f(x) dx \leq I_n$$

where

$$(25) \quad I_n = \epsilon \int_{-1}^1 R^2(\epsilon t) \int_{-1/\epsilon}^{1/\epsilon} n \lambda_{n-m}^2(d\beta, x) R^{-2}(\epsilon x) f(\epsilon x) K_{n-m}^2(d\beta, x, t) dx d\alpha(\epsilon t) .$$

All we have to do is to prove

$$(26) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} I_n = \pi \int_{-1}^1 f(t) \sqrt{\epsilon^2 - t^2} d\alpha(t)$$

and then (23) follows from (24) by letting ϵ tend to 1. It is well known [10, p. 79] that

$$(27) \quad \lambda_n(d\beta, x) = \frac{\pi}{n} + O(n^{-2}), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots,$$

holds uniformly on every closed subinterval in $(-1, 1)$ and

$$(28) \quad \int_{-1}^1 K_n^2(d\beta, x, t) (1 - x^2)^{-1/2} dx = K_n(d\beta, x, x) \leq \frac{2n-1}{\pi}$$

for $n = 1, 2, \dots$ and $-1 \leq x \leq 1$. Hence we can rewrite (25) as

$$(29) \quad I_n = \pi \epsilon \int_{-1}^1 R^2(\epsilon t) \frac{\pi}{n} \int_{-1/\epsilon}^{1/\epsilon} R^{-2}(\epsilon x) f(\epsilon x) K_{n-m}^2(d\beta, x, t) dx d\alpha(\epsilon t) + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right),$$

$n = 1, 2, \dots$. It follows from (27), (28) and Theorem 6.2.2 in [10, p. 62] that

$$(30) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi}{n} \int_{-1/\epsilon}^{1/\epsilon} R^{-2}(\epsilon x) f(\epsilon x) K_{n-m}^2(d\beta, x, t) dx = \begin{cases} 0 & , 1/\epsilon < |t| \leq 1 \\ R^{-2}(\epsilon t) f(\epsilon t) \sqrt{1-t^2} & , |t| \leq 1/\epsilon \end{cases}$$

and

$$0 \leq \frac{\pi}{n} \int_{-1/\epsilon}^{1/\epsilon} R^{-2}(\epsilon x) f(\epsilon x) K_{n-m}^2(d\beta, x, t) dx \leq C, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots,$$

where C does not depend on n . Thus (26) follows from (29) via Lebesgue's Bounded Convergence Theorem.

Let us point out that (30) remains valid even if $f(\pm 1) \neq 0$. However, in this case (30) does not hold for $|t| = 1/\epsilon$ and thus our proof does not yield (26) if α is not continuous at ± 1 . Fortunately, this problem may be overcome by showing that the limit superior of the expression in (30) for $|t| = 1/\epsilon$ is of order $\sqrt{1-\epsilon^{-2}}$ when $\epsilon \rightarrow 1$. Since we do not need this refinement of the Lemma in this paper we spare the reader from the details.

References

- [1] J. M. Dombrowski and P. Nevai, Orthogonal polynomials, measures and recurrence relations, manuscript.
- [2] G. Freud, Orthogonal Polynomials, Pergamon Press, New York, 1971.
- [3] A. Máté and P. Nevai, Remarks on E. A. Rahmanov's paper "On the asymptotics of the ratio of orthogonal polynomials", J. Approximation Theory 36(1982), 64-72.
- [4] A. Máté and P. Nevai, Orthogonal polynomials and absolutely continuous measures, in "Approximation Theory, IV", ed. C. K. Chui et al., Academic Press, New York, 1983, 611-617.
- [5] A. Máté, P. Nevai and V. Totik, Asymptotics for the ratio of leading coefficients of orthonormal polynomials on the unit circle, Constructive Approximation 1(1984).
- [6] A. Máté, P. Nevai and V. Totik, What is beyond Szegő's theory of orthogonal polynomials, in "Rational Approximation and Interpolation", ed., P. R. Graves-Morris et al., Springer-Verlag, New York, 1985.
- [7] A. Máté, P. Nevai and V. Totik, Strong and weak convergence of orthogonal polynomials, manuscript.
- [8] A. Máté, P. Nevai and V. Totik, Asymptotics for orthogonal polynomials defined by a recurrence relation, manuscript.
- [9] I. P. Natanson, Constructive Function Theory, Vol. 1, Frederick Ungar Publ. Co., New York, 1964.
- [10] P. Nevai, Orthogonal Polynomials, Memoirs of the Amer. Math. Soc. 213, 1979.
- [11] E. A. Rahmanov, On the asymptotics of the ratio of orthogonal polynomials, Math. USSR Sbornik 32(1977), 199-213.
- [12] E. A. Rahmanov, On the asymptotics of the ratio of orthogonal polynomials, II, Math. USSR Sbornik 46(1983), 105-117.
- [13] W. Rudin, Real and Complex Analysis, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1966.
- [14] G. Szegő, Orthogonal Polynomials, Amer. Math. Soc., Providence, Rhode Island, 1975.

Department of Mathematics
Brooklyn College of the City University of New York
Brooklyn, New York 11210

Department of Mathematics
Ohio State University
Columbus, Ohio 43210

Bolyai Institute
University of Szeged
6720 Szeged, Hungary