

## Explicit Solution, for $n = 6$ , to a Markov-type Extremal Problem Initiated by Schur

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We apply our recent result from [16] to the solution found by Erdős and Szegő [4, p. 452] respectively by Shadrin [20, p. 1193] to a A. A. Markov-type [7], respectively to a V. A. Markov-type [8] extremal problem which was initiated by Schur [18, p. 275] a hundred years ago. In particular, the said problem is to determine, for algebraic polynomials  $P_n$  of a given degree  $n$  ( $n \geq 4$ ), and for each  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n-2\}$ , the extremum

$$N_{n,k,x_0} = \sup_{x_0 \in \mathbf{I}} \sup_{P_n \in \mathbf{B}_n, P_n^{(k+1)}(x_0)=0} |P_n^{(k)}(x_0)|,$$

where  $\mathbf{I} = [-1, 1]$  and  $\mathbf{B}_n = \{P_n : |P_n(x)| \leq 1 \text{ for } x \in \mathbf{I}\}$ . The said solutions as given in [4], [20] are of a general character. Concrete solutions are known for  $n \in \{4, 5\}$ , see [14], [15]. We consider here the next higher degree  $n = 6$  and determine explicitly, for  $k \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , the sought-for extremum  $N_{6,k,x_0}$  as well as the sextic extremizer polynomials (which are, except for  $k = 4$ , normalized proper Zolotarev polynomials with certain optimal parameter values). To this end we deploy *Mathematica* software [21] and root objects of dedicated integer polynomials of degree  $\leq 18$ . Finally, we compare (with  $T_6$  denoting the 6-th Chebyshev polynomial from  $\mathbf{B}_6$ ) the concrete constants  $M_{6,k} = N_{6,k,1}/T_6^{(k)}(1)$  for  $k \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  to the corresponding upper bounds as provided in [20, p. 1198], and in particular we compare the constant  $M_{6,1}$  to the so-called (asymptotic) Zolotarev-Schur constant  $M_{\infty,1}$ , see [4], [5, Section 3.9], [10].

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### 1. Introduction and Historical Remarks

A. A. Markov's famous inequality [7] asserts a sharp estimate on the first derivative of a bounded algebraic polynomial on a given closed interval. We

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restate it in a normalized form as an equation (with the artificial factor 1 added deliberately) for the purpose of comparison with related results to follow below.

**Theorem 1 (A. A. Markov, 1889).**

$$\sup_{x \in I} \sup_{P_n \in \mathbf{B}_n} |P_n^{(1)}(x)| = T_n^{(1)}(1) \cdot 1 = n^2 \cdot 1, \tag{1}$$

where

- $P_n =$  real algebraic polynomial of degree  $n$  with  $P_n(x) = \sum_{j=0}^n b_j x^j$ ,
- $\mathbf{B}_n = \{P_n : |P_n(x)| \leq 1 \text{ for } x \in I\}$  (unit ball),
- $I = [-1, 1]$  (unit interval),
- $T_n = n$ -th Chebyshev polynomial from  $\mathbf{B}_n$  with known coefficients.

We confine ourselves, here and in what follows, to specify only one extremal polynomial and one point in  $I$  such that the double supremum in question will be attained.

As the title of [7] indicates, (1) has its origin in a question posed by the chemist D. I. Mendeleev, see [13] for historical details. Inspired by (1), Schur [18, Section 2] provided the following twofold theorem for polynomials belonging, for  $x_0 \in I$ , to the subset  $\mathbf{B}_{n,x_0,2} = \{P_n \in \mathbf{B}_n : P_n^{(2)}(x_0) = 0\}$  of  $\mathbf{B}_n$ :

**Theorem 2 (Schur, 1919).** *Let  $n \geq 3$ ,  $x_0 \in I$  and  $P_n \in \mathbf{B}_{n,x_0,2}$ , then*

$$|P_n^{(1)}(x_0)| < n^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}; \tag{2}$$

if  $M_{n,1}$  denotes the least positive constant such that for all  $P_n \in \mathbf{B}_{n,x_0,2}$  and all  $x_0 \in I$

$$|P_n^{(1)}(x_0)| \leq n^2 \cdot M_{n,1} = \sup_{x_0 \in I} \sup_{P_n \in \mathbf{B}_{n,x_0,2}} |P_n^{(1)}(x_0)|, \tag{3}$$

then

$$0.217 \dots \leq \mu = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_{n,1} \leq 0.465 \dots \tag{4}$$

Inspired by Theorem 2, Erdős and Szegő [4, p. 452] provided the following strengthening: They determined both the extremal polynomials and the optimal point  $x_0 \in I$ , for which equality is attained in (3), and they determined the constant  $\mu$ .

**Theorem 3 (Erdős & Szegő, 1942).** *Let  $n \geq 4$ , then the extremum  $n^2 \cdot M_{n,1}$  in (3) is attained for  $x_0 = 1$  and for the proper Zolotarev polynomial  $Z_{n,t} \in \mathbf{B}_n$  with  $Z_{n,t}(-1) = (-1)^{n-1}$ , where  $t$  denotes a real parameter the optimal value of which,  $t = t^*$ , unfolds from the condition  $Z_{n,t} \in \mathbf{B}_{n,1,2}$ , so that  $|Z_{n,t^*}^{(1)}(1)| = n^2 \cdot M_{n,1}$ . Furthermore,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_{n,1} = \mu$  exists (and can be explicitly expressed with the aid of elliptic integrals) with numerical value*

$$\mu = 0.31 \dots \tag{5}$$

The paper [4] is considered a masterpiece of classical analysis. It has been referenced to by several authors, e.g. [2], [5, Section 3.9], [11, Section 5 d], [20]. We focus here on the first part of Theorem 3, and in particular on the special degree  $n = 6$ . The reason is that for low-degree polynomials there is still room for refinement of Theorem 3 as far as the explicit representation of the extremizer polynomials  $Z_{n,t^*}$  and of the extrema  $n^2 \cdot M_{n,1}$  is concerned. Therefore, we address the following issues which remain open in Theorem 3. Their resolution (at least for small values of  $n$ ) would give a fuller and more concrete picture of the first part of Theorem 3.

**Open Issues:** *Try to determine explicitly*

- (i) *the parameterized coefficients of  $Z_{n,t}$  in the algebraic power form;*
- (ii) *the optimal parameter  $t = t^*$ ;*
- (iii) *the optimal coefficients of the extremizer  $Z_{n,t^*}$  in the power form;*
- (iv) *the extremum  $\sup_{x_0 \in \mathbf{I}} \sup_{P_n \in \mathbf{B}_{n,x_0,2}} |P_n^{(1)}(x_0)| = |Z_{n,t^*}^{(1)}(1)| = n^2 \cdot M_{n,1}$ ,*  
*and hence the “diminishing factor”  $M_{n,1}$ .*

The key issue one has to resolve first is (i). Let us consider this issue for the initial values of  $n$ .

An explicit representation, up to the sign, of  $Z_{n,t}$  ( $n = 4$ ) as an algebraic power form with parameterized coefficients has been provided by the first-named author [12, p. 357] and by Shadrin [19, p. 10]. However, Shadrin points out that  $Z_{4,t}$  has already been given, in a somewhat roundabout way, by V. A. Markov back in 1892 [8, p. 73] but it has been omitted in the abridged German translation of [8]. The above Open Issues (ii)–(iv) for  $n = 4$  have been resolved in [14]. There has been no progress for more than 100 years in finding an explicit representation of  $Z_{n,t}$  ( $n > 4$ ) as an algebraic power form with parameterized coefficients. As Shadrin put it in 2014 [20, p. 1185]: “There is no explicit expression for [proper] Zolotarev polynomials of degree  $n > 4$ .”

Eventually, in 2017 the open issue (i) has been resolved (up to the sign and reflection) for  $n = 5$  by Grasegger and Vo [6, p. 178]. Based on this information, the remaining Open Issues for  $n = 5$  have been resolved in [15]. In contrast to the case  $n = 4$ , where the parametrization of the coefficients of  $Z_{n,t}$  is a rational one, the parametrization is a radical one if  $n = 5$ . Therefore, the results for  $n = 5$  are not so smooth as for  $n = 4$ . For  $n = 6$  the Open Issue (i) has been resolved (up to the sign) by the present authors in 2019 [16, p. 45]. Regrettably, the solution for  $n = 6$  as given in [6, Section 4.5-4.6] is flawed, see also [16, Section 4.1]. The parametrization of the coefficients of  $Z_{6,t}$  is again a radical one. To resolve the remaining Open Issues (ii)–(iv) for  $n = 6$  is the goal which we address in Section 2 below.

For an alternative approach see Remark 5. To the best of our knowledge, an explicit representation of the proper  $Z_{n,t}$  as an algebraic power form with

parameterized coefficients is not known if  $n > 6$ . But we point to our paper [17] where explicit algebraic constructions are given for  $7 \leq n \leq 12$  to solve Zolotarev's so-called "First Problem" [22] which is referred to e.g. in [1], [3], [9]. This "First Problem", which asks for least deviating polynomials of degree  $n$  on  $\mathbf{I}$  whose first two leading coefficients are prescribed, had been posed to Zolotarev by Chebyshev himself [22, p. 2]. Zolotarev gave a transcendental solution for  $n \geq 2$  in terms of elliptic integrals. Trying to recover from that solution an explicit algebraic power form representation for  $Z_{n,t}$  turns out to be unexpectedly complicated, even for the first reasonable polynomial degree  $n = 2$ , see [3, Section 3] for details.

## 2. Resolving the Open Issues (i)–(iv) for $n = 6$

A proper sextic Zolotarev polynomial  $Z_{6,t} \in \mathbf{B}_6$  in the variable  $x$  with  $Z_{6,t}(-1) = -1$ , which appears in Theorem 3 when  $n = 6$ , can be readily adopted from [16, Theorem 3.1] by putting

$$Z_{6,t}(x) = \sum_{j=0}^6 -b_{j,6}(t)x^j. \quad (6)$$

The explicit form of the parameterized coefficients  $b_{j,6}(t)$  is provided in [16] as well as the range of the parameter  $t$ :

$$t \in I_6 = (\theta, 0), \quad \text{with } \theta = \frac{1}{2}(5 - 3\sqrt{3}) = -0.0980762113\dots$$

In the following we shall make use of root objects  $\text{Root}[f, \ell]$  which represent the  $\ell$ -th root of the polynomial equation  $f(x) = 0$ , where  $x$  is an appropriate variable, see *Mathematica* [21] for details. Root objects are a concise way of expressing algebraic numbers via the minimal integer polynomial they satisfy, along with an ordering of the finitely many (complex) roots of  $f$ , specified by the second argument,  $\ell$ . Operations can be used on root objects, and they can be determined numerically with arbitrary precision.

**Proposition 1.** *The optimal parameter  $t = t^* \in I_6$  of the extremizer  $Z_{6,t^*}$  in Theorem 3 (when  $n = 6$ ) is given by*

$$t^* = \text{Root}[P_{12}, 2] = -0.0584562201\dots, \quad (7)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} P_{12}(x) = & 100 + 807x - 10041x^2 + 66803x^3 - 347670x^4 + 1344726x^5 \\ & - 4143576x^6 + 10413324x^7 - 21339144x^8 + 33885896x^9 \\ & - 35284272x^{10} + 23462592x^{11} + 5236480x^{12}. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* The condition  $Z_{6,t} \in \mathbf{B}_{6,1,2}$ , that is  $Z_{6,t}^{(2)}(1) = 0$  leads to, see [16, Theorem 3.1],

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 = & 2880 + \frac{320\sqrt{3}(1-4t)t(1+6t+12t^2+116t^3)}{(-1+t)^2\sqrt{(-1+t)t^3(1+t+7t^2)}} \\
 & + \frac{288(7-25t+66t^2-146t^3-64t^4+2580t^5-6800t^6+26252t^7)}{(-1+t)^5(1+t+7t^2)} \\
 & - \frac{24\sqrt{3}t^4(1+2t)(-1+4t)}{(-1+t)^6((-1+t)t^3(1+t+7t^2))^{3/2}} \\
 & \times (5+3t-6t^2+564t^3-3408t^4+13296t^5-35136t^6+107976t^7 \\
 & \quad - 130416t^8+243952t^9) \\
 & + \frac{12}{(-1+t)^{10}(1+t+7t^2)} \\
 & \times (13-102t+390t^2-880t^3-288t^4+19296t^5-102792t^6+390816t^7 \\
 & \quad - 939024t^8+1167536t^9-258720t^{10}-339888t^{11}+2720848t^{12}). \tag{8}
 \end{aligned}$$

Solving equation (8) with the *Mathematica*-call `Solve` and imposing the condition  $t < 0$  gives (7).

An alternative proof would be to solve equation (2.17) in [4], see also the identical equation (5.20) in [11], which is equivalent to the condition  $Z_{6,t}^{(2)}(1) = 0$ . We restate that equation for  $n = 6$  using the notation defined in [16, Eqs. (18)–(20)]:

$$\frac{36(\gamma(t)-1)^2}{(\alpha(t)-1)(\beta(t)-1)} = 1 + 2\left(\frac{2}{\gamma(t)-1} - \frac{1}{\alpha(t)-1} - \frac{1}{\beta(t)-1}\right). \tag{9}$$

It turns out that the solution  $t \in I_6$  of (9) coincides, as can be checked with the aid of *Mathematica*, with  $t = t^*$  as given in (7).  $\square$

**Proposition 2.** *The optimal coefficients of the extremizer polynomial  $Z_{6,t^*}$  in Theorem 3 (when  $n = 6$ ) can be expressed with the aid of root objects in a closed form as follows, where the indicated polynomials  $Q_{12,j}$  ( $j = 0, \dots, 6$ ) are defined in Section 5:*

$$Z_{6,t^*}(x) = \sum_{j=0}^6 -b_{j,6}(t^*)x^j \tag{10}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}
 -b_{0,6}(t^*) &= 0.7554514270\dots = \text{Root}[Q_{12,0}, 1], \\
 -b_{1,6}(t^*) &= 3.5019958196\dots = \text{Root}[Q_{12,1}, 2], \\
 -b_{2,6}(t^*) &= -10.9528678404\dots = \text{Root}[Q_{12,2}, 1], \\
 -b_{3,6}(t^*) &= -15.1732709430\dots = \text{Root}[Q_{12,3}, 1], \\
 -b_{4,6}(t^*) &= 24.8001463072\dots = \text{Root}[Q_{12,4}, 2], \\
 -b_{5,6}(t^*) &= 12.6712751233\dots = \text{Root}[Q_{12,5}, 2], \\
 -b_{6,6}(t^*) &= -14.6027298938\dots = \text{Root}[Q_{12,6}, 1].
 \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

*Proof.* Insert  $t = t^*$  from (7) into the coefficients  $-b_{6,j}$  in (6). Simplifying by the *Mathematica*-call `RootReduce`, which reduces a term into a single root object, yields the optimal coefficients  $-b_{j,6}(t^*)$  as given in (11).  $\square$

Figure 1 displays the extremizer  $Z_{6,t^*}$  (see (10)) on the interval  $[-1, 1.35]$ .

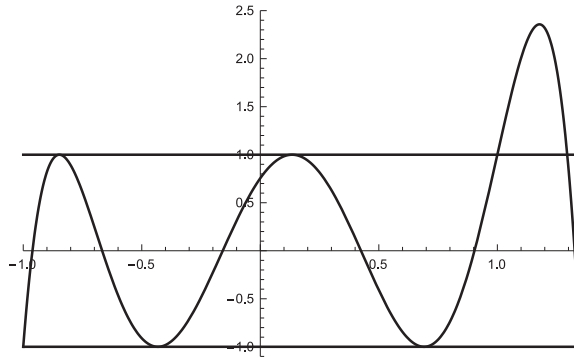


Figure 1.  $Z_{6,t^*}$

**Proposition 3.** For  $n = 6$ , a closed form for the extremum

$$\sup_{x_0 \in I} \sup_{P_6 \in \mathcal{B}_{6,x_0,2}} |P_6^{(1)}(x_0)| = |Z_{6,t^*}^{(1)}(1)| = 36 \cdot M_{6,1}$$

can be given with the aid of a root object as follows:

$$36 \cdot M_{6,1} = \text{Root}[Q_{12}, 2] = 11.0170287924 \dots, \tag{12}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{12}(x) = & -31701690482688000 - 41907873613086720x - 17030850570878976x^2 \\ & + 157312823721984x^3 + 1918287790661632x^4 + 452851936267520x^5 \\ & - 8322884811393x^6 - 18067969617221x^7 - 2600900581531x^8 \\ & - 63885008695x^9 + 16222621400x^{10} + 1493400000x^{11} + 40000000x^{12}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the “diminishing factor”  $M_{6,1}$  can be expressed in closed form as

$$M_{6,1} = \frac{\text{Root}[Q_{12}, 2]}{36} = 0.3060285775 \dots \tag{13}$$

*Proof.* Form the polynomial  $Z_{6,t^*}(x) = \sum_{j=0}^6 -b_{j,6}(t^*)x^j$  according to (10), differentiate it with respect to  $x$ , and evaluate the resulting term at  $x = 1$ . Simplifying (again using `RootReduce`) yields (12). Dividing in (12) both sides by 36 yields (13).  $\square$

We have thus obtained, based on our recent result [16], a refined version of the first part of Theorem 3 (when  $n = 6$ ). It supplements the results for  $n = 4$  and  $n = 5$  in [14], [15].

### 3. Extensions, for $n = 6$ , to $k$ -th Derivatives ( $k = 2, 3, 4$ )

We next turn to the question of extending the previous result concerning the extremal first derivative to higher derivatives. To this end, we start with a well-known generalization of A. A. Markov's inequality, from the first derivative to  $k$ -th derivatives,  $k \geq 2$ , which is due to his half-brother, V. A. Markov [8].

**Theorem 4 (V. A. Markov, 1892).**

$$\sup_{x \in I} \sup_{P_n \in \mathbf{B}_n} |P_n^{(k)}(x)| = T_n^{(k)}(1) \cdot 1 = \prod_{\tau=0}^{k-1} \frac{n^2 - \tau^2}{2\tau + 1} \cdot 1, \quad (2 \leq k \leq n).$$

This theorem suggests to extend the first part of Schur's Markov-type extremal problem, as amplified by Erdős and Szegő, to higher derivatives. Such an extension was proposed, and solved, by Shadrin [20, Proposition 4.4]. We put it in the following way:

**Theorem 5 (Shadrin, 2014).** *Let  $n \geq 4$  and  $k \in \{2, \dots, n - 2\}$  and set, for  $x_0 \in I$ ,  $\mathbf{B}_{n,x_0,k+1} = \{P_n \in \mathbf{B}_n : P_n^{(k+1)}(x_0) = 0\}$ . Then, the extremum*

$$\sup_{x_0 \in I} \sup_{P_n \in \mathbf{B}_{n,x_0,k+1}} |P_n^{(k)}(x_0)| = T_n^{(k)}(1) \cdot M_{n,k}, \quad (14)$$

with  $M_{n,k} \in (0, 1)$  unspecified, is attained either for

- (i)  $P_n = T_n$  and  $x_0 = \omega_{n,k} =$  the rightmost zero of  $T_n^{(k+1)}$ , or for
- (ii)  $P_n = Z_{n,t} \in \mathbf{B}_n$  (proper Zolotarev polynomial) and  $x_0 = 1$ , where the optimal parameter of  $Z_{n,t}$ ,  $t = t_k^*$ , unfolds from  $Z_{n,t}^{(k+1)}(1) = 0$ , or for
- (iii)  $P_n = Z_{n,\sigma} \in \mathbf{B}_n$  (improper Zolotarev polynomial with  $Z_{n,\sigma}(x) = -T_n(\frac{x-\sigma}{\sigma+1})$  and parameter  $\sigma \in (0, \tan^2(\frac{\pi}{2n}))$ ) and  $x_0 = 1$ , where the optimal parameter,  $\sigma = \sigma_k^*$ , unfolds from  $Z_{n,\sigma}^{(k+1)}(1) = 0$ , so that there holds

$$T_n^{(k)}(1) \cdot M_{n,k} = \max \{ |T_n^{(k)}(\omega_{n,k})|, |Z_{n,t_k^*}^{(k)}(1)|, |Z_{n,\sigma_k^*}^{(k)}(1)| \},$$

for  $k \in \{2, \dots, n - 2\}$ . (15)

In Theorem 5 we directly focus on the special degree  $n = 6$ . Our first observation is that then the polynomials in Theorem 5 (iii) cannot attain the extremum (14) and are therefore negligible, so for  $n = 6$  (15) reduces to

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{x_0 \in I} \sup_{P_6 \in \mathbf{B}_{6,x_0,k+1}} |P_6^{(k)}(x_0)| &= T_6^{(k)}(1) \cdot M_{6,k} \\ &= \max \{ |T_6^{(k)}(\omega_{6,k})|, |Z_{6,t_k^*}^{(k)}(1)| \}, \quad \text{for } k \in \{2, 3, 4\}. \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

**Lemma 1.** For  $n = 6$  the polynomials  $P_6$  in Theorem 5 (iii) are incompatible with the condition  $P_6^{(k+1)}(1) = 0$  for  $k \in \{2, 3, 4\}$ .

*Proof.* Consider  $P_6(x) = Z_{6,\sigma}(x) = -T_6\left(\frac{x-\sigma}{\sigma+1}\right)$  with  $0 < \sigma \leq \tan^2\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right) = 7 - 4\sqrt{3} = 0.0717967697\dots$ . The condition  $P_6^{(k+1)}(1) = 0$  yields

$$\frac{384(1-\sigma)(7-26\sigma+7\sigma^2)}{(1+\sigma)^6} = 0, \quad \frac{1152(9-22\sigma+9\sigma^2)}{(1+\sigma)^6} = 0, \quad \frac{23040(1-\sigma)}{(1+\sigma)^6} = 0,$$

for  $k = 2, 3, 4$ , respectively. Obviously, these equations are not solvable for  $\sigma$  from the specified range.  $\square$

**Remark 1.**  $T_{n-1}$  can also be considered as an (exceptional) Zolotarev polynomial. It is readily verified by comparison with (17) below that for  $n = 6$  and  $k \in \{2, 3, 4\}$ ,  $T_5$  cannot attain the extremum in (14).

As for possible open issues in Theorem 5 (when  $n = 6$ ) we notice that the coefficients of the potential extremizer polynomials are explicitly known. Rather, in view of (16), we have now to determine in closed form the extrema  $T_6^{(k)}(1) \cdot M_{6,k}$ , and hence the “diminishing factors”  $M_{6,k}$ , for  $k \in \{2, 3, 4\}$ , as well as the zeros  $\omega_{6,k}$ , respectively the optimal parameters  $t_k^*$  and the optimal coefficients of  $Z_{6,t_k^*}$ , as the case may be.

We compute first the potential extremum  $|T_6^{(k)}(\omega_{6,k})|$  in (16).

**Lemma 2.** For  $k \in \{2, 3, 4\}$  the numbers  $\omega_{6,k}$  turn into

$$\omega_{6,2} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{10}} = 0.5477225575\dots, \quad \omega_{6,3} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} = 0.3162277660\dots, \quad \omega_{6,4} = 0$$

(and the numbers  $T_6^{(k)}(1)$  turn into 420, 2688, 10368, respectively). Furthermore, the numbers  $\gamma_k = |T_6^{(k)}(\omega_{6,k})|$  read

$$\gamma_2 = \frac{252}{5} = 50.4, \quad \gamma_3 = 384\sqrt{\frac{2}{5}} = 242.8629243009\dots, \quad \gamma_4 = 1152. \quad (17)$$

*Proof.* The results follow from elementary calculations which are skipped.  $\square$

We compute next the potential extremum  $|Z_{6,t_k^*}^{(k)}(1)|$  in (16) and state the results separately for each  $k \in \{2, 3, 4\}$ .

**Proposition 4.** For  $k = 2$  the optimal parameter  $t = t_2^* \in I_6$  of the potential extremizer  $Z_{6,t_2^*}$  in (16) is given by

$$t_2^* = \text{Root}[P_{18}, 2] = -0.0287786947\dots, \quad (18)$$



where

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{18}(x) = & 1225 + 24888x - 474909x^2 + 3992802x^3 - 25274670x^4 + 130292688x^5 \\
 & - 556873092x^6 + 2039612664x^7 - 6489821256x^8 + 17961559552x^9 \\
 & - 43178756880x^{10} + 89513877984x^{11} - 157496244000x^{12} \\
 & + 228768698112x^{13} - 256699577280x^{14} + 188617173120x^{15} \\
 & - 42305434752x^{16} - 66456864768x^{17} + 84916137472x^{18},
 \end{aligned}$$

and the potential extremum  $|Z_{6,t_2^*}^{(2)}(1)|$  in (16) can be given in a closed form as

$$|Z_{6,t_2^*}^{(2)}(1)| = \text{Root}[Q_{18}, 2] = 77.9961703319 \dots, \quad (19)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_{18}(x) = & 2727916507560438022500000000 + 33077521213137508060800000000x \\
 & + 52642253745795012147466104375x^2 \\
 & + 27440964098845988248370485260x^3 \\
 & + 21007880611093677536765628318x^4 \\
 & + 4722067208953141496722372752x^5 \\
 & + 1680487791947054032495823677x^6 + 144919833802885045569899048x^7 \\
 & - 58506332344834609263362754x^8 - 2508995810093165482505468x^9 \\
 & + 670342831875862334542487x^{10} - 20218451917598193883816x^{11} \\
 & + 1223680944762670387728x^{12} - 188166471057566641920x^{13} \\
 & + 8964809376904673536x^{14} - 183902146449287168x^{15} \\
 & + 1787642963095552x^{16} - 7870663884800x^{17} + 12845056000x^{18}.
 \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* The condition  $Z_{6,t}^{(3)}(1) = 0$  can be reduced to (see (6))

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 = & -24(-1+t)^2 \sqrt{t^3(-1-6t^2+7t^3)} \\
 & \times (-13+55t-174t^2+554t^3-1364t^4+3900t^5-7480t^6+26392t^7) \\
 & + \sqrt{3}t(-1+4t) \\
 & \times (-35-67t-3648t^3+16320t^4-45360t^5+137136t^6-240096t^7 \\
 & + 377136t^8-171280t^9+520384t^{10}).
 \end{aligned}$$

Solving this equation with the *Mathematica*-call `Solve` and imposing the condition  $t < 0$  gives (18). Inserting then, coefficient-wise, into  $|Z_{6,t}^{(2)}(x)|$  the values  $t = t_2^*$  and  $x = 1$  yields, after simplification with `RootReduce`, (19).  $\square$

At this stage we are able to state a closed-form solution to Theorem 5 for  $n = 6$  and  $k = 2$  since we are now in a position to compare the two numbers which are competing for the extremum in (16).

**Proposition 5.** For  $k = 2$  the extremum in (16) is, see (19),

$$T_6^{(2)}(1) \cdot M_{6,2} = |Z_{6,t_2^*}^{(2)}(1)| = \text{Root}[Q_{18}, 2] > \gamma_2,$$

and hence the diminishing factor at  $T_6^{(2)}(1)$  is

$$M_{6,2} = \frac{\text{Root}[Q_{18}, 2]}{420} = 0.1857051674 \dots$$

*Proof.* In view of (16), the statements follow from Lemma 2 and Proposition 4.  $\square$

To give a full picture of the solution to Theorem 5, when  $n = 6$  and  $k = 2$ , we provide next the coefficients of  $Z_{6,t_2^*}$  in closed form.

**Proposition 6.** The optimal coefficients of the extremizer polynomial  $Z_{6,t_2^*}$  can be expressed with the aid of root objects as follows, where the indicated polynomials  $R_{18,j}$  ( $j = 0, \dots, 6$ ) are defined in Section 5:

$$\begin{aligned} -b_{0,6}(t_2^*) &= 0.5566741350 \dots = \text{Root}[R_{18,0}, 1], \\ -b_{1,6}(t_2^*) &= 4.2942729690 \dots = \text{Root}[R_{18,1}, 2], \\ -b_{2,6}(t_2^*) &= -7.6296272013 \dots = \text{Root}[R_{18,2}, 2], \\ -b_{3,6}(t_2^*) &= -17.8150103785 \dots = \text{Root}[R_{18,3}, 1], \\ -b_{4,6}(t_2^*) &= 16.8032140651 \dots = \text{Root}[R_{18,4}, 2], \\ -b_{5,6}(t_2^*) &= 14.5207374094 \dots = \text{Root}[R_{18,5}, 2], \\ -b_{6,6}(t_2^*) &= -9.7302609988 \dots = \text{Root}[R_{18,6}, 1]. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Insert  $t_2^*$  (see (18)) into the coefficients of  $Z_{6,t}$  (see (6)) and simplify the resulting terms by applying `RootReduce`.  $\square$

We next turn to the case  $k = 3$ .

**Proposition 7.** For  $k = 3$  the optimal parameter  $t = t_3^* \in I_6$  of the potential extremizer  $Z_{6,t_3^*}$  in (16) is given by

$$t_3^* = \text{Root}[P_{14}, 2] = -0.0108249663 \dots, \quad (20)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} P_{14}(x) &= 100 + 8227x - 87224x^2 + 539195x^3 - 2661322x^4 + 10438004x^5 \\ &\quad - 33840984x^6 + 91647672x^7 - 201405936x^8 + 359738960x^9 - 480448768x^{10} \\ &\quad + 332936624x^{11} + 224814304x^{12} - 815121728x^{13} + 991739776x^{14}, \end{aligned}$$

and the potential extremum  $|Z_{6,t_3^*}^{(3)}(1)|$  in (16) can be given in a closed form as

$$|Z_{6,t_3^*}^{(3)}(1)| = \text{Root}[Q_{14}, 2] = 356.6856256173 \dots, \quad (21)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_{14}(x) = & -184378771630981334016000000000000 \\
 & + 2520204655695791949519655680000000x \\
 & - 1029565479509495105094323046029160x^2 \\
 & + 109188861311618497620371654164413x^3 \\
 & - 172772448775234000594485249456x^4 \\
 & - 1393184501950484797661197409688x^5 \\
 & + 35586314867901134839302935136x^6 \\
 & + 734795178576939201776321880x^7 \\
 & - 181294717412367569624726592x^8 + 5083592495001102180799008x^9 \\
 & - 89669320649267019925760x^{10} - 168062686853157087408x^{11} \\
 & + 942821098666444800x^{12} + 358805811456000x^{13} + 33177600000x^{14}.
 \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* The condition  $Z_{6,t}^{(4)}(1) = 0$  can be reduced to (see (6))

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 = & 34560 + \frac{1920\sqrt{3}(1-4t)t(1+6t+12t^2+116t^3)}{(-1+t)^2\sqrt{(-1+t)t^3(1+t+7t^2)}} \\
 & + \frac{576(7-25t+66t^2-146t^3-64t^4+2580t^5-6800t^6+26252t^7)}{(-1+t)^5(1+t+7t^2)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Solving this equation with the *Mathematica*-call `Solve` and imposing the condition  $t < 0$  gives (20). Inserting then, coefficient-wise, into  $|Z_{6,t}^{(3)}(x)|$  the values  $t = t_3^*$  and  $x = 1$  yields, after simplification with `RootReduce`, (21).  $\square$

At this stage we are able to state a closed-form solution to Theorem 5 for  $n = 6$  and  $k = 3$  since we are now in a position to compare the two numbers which are competing for the extremum in (16).

**Proposition 8.** For  $k = 3$  the extremum in (16) is, see (21),

$$T_6^{(3)}(1) \cdot M_{6,3} = |Z_{6,t_3^*}^{(3)}(1)| = \text{Root}[Q_{14}, 2] > \gamma_3,$$

and hence the diminishing factor at  $T_6^{(3)}(1)$  is

$$M_{6,3} = \frac{\text{Root}[Q_{14}, 2]}{2688} = 0.1326955452 \dots$$

*Proof.* In view of (16), the statements follow from Lemma 2 and Proposition 7.  $\square$

To give a full picture of the solution to Theorem 5, when  $n = 6$  and  $k = 3$ , we provide next the coefficients of  $Z_{6,t_3^*}$  in closed form.

**Proposition 9.** *The optimal coefficients of the extremizer polynomial  $Z_{6,t_3^*}$  can be expressed with the aid of root objects as follows, where the indicated polynomials  $S_{14,j}$  ( $j = 0, \dots, 6$ ) are defined in Section 5:*

$$\begin{aligned} -b_{0,6}(t_3^*) &= 0.3528636055 \dots = \text{Root}[S_{14,0}, 1], \\ -b_{1,6}(t_3^*) &= 4.7385613504 \dots = \text{Root}[S_{14,1}, 2], \\ -b_{2,6}(t_3^*) &= -4.6794790628 \dots = \text{Root}[S_{14,2}, 1], \\ -b_{3,6}(t_3^*) &= -19.2068591849 \dots = \text{Root}[S_{14,3}, 1], \\ -b_{4,6}(t_3^*) &= 10.1600515023 \dots = \text{Root}[S_{14,4}, 2], \\ -b_{5,6}(t_3^*) &= 15.4682978344 \dots = \text{Root}[S_{14,5}, 1], \\ -b_{6,6}(t_3^*) &= -5.8334360449 \dots = \text{Root}[S_{14,6}, 1]. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Insert  $t_3^*$  (see (20)) into the coefficients of  $Z_{6,t}$  (see (6)) and simplify the resulting terms by applying RootReduce.  $\square$

Finally, we consider the case  $k = 4$ .

**Proposition 10.** *For  $k = 4$  the optimal parameter  $t = t_4^* \in I_6$  of the potential extremizer  $Z_{6,t_4^*}$  in (16) is given by*

$$t_4^* = \text{Root}[P_8, 2] = -0.0022727265 \dots,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} P_8(x) &= 1 + 436x - 1748x^2 + 5272x^3 - 15632x^4 + 24592x^5 - 12752x^6 \\ &\quad - 48416x^7 + 212272x^8, \end{aligned}$$

and the potential extremum  $|Z_{6,t_4^*}^{(4)}(1)|$  in (16) can be given in a closed form as

$$|Z_{6,t_4^*}^{(4)}(1)| = \text{Root}[Q_8, 1] = 1064.5483463044 \dots, \quad (22)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} Q_8(x) &= 32842041778564453125 + 7494688221328125000x \\ &\quad + 331530237824164398x^2 - 20489444419134816x^3 + 131526600431067x^4 \\ &\quad + 2002970341872x^5 + 3880894842x^6 - 5639400x^7 + 125x^8. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* The proof for  $k = 4$  is analogous to the proof for  $k = 3$  of Proposition 7.  $\square$

A comparison of (22) with (17) shows in view of (16) that now  $T_6$  with  $T_6(x) = -1 + 18x^2 - 48x^4 + 32x^6$  is the extremizer in Theorem 5 if  $n = 6$  and  $k = 4$ , so that we get

**Proposition 11.** For  $k = 4$  the extremum in (16) is

$$T_6^{(4)}(1) \cdot M_{6,4} = |T_6^{(4)}(0)| = 1152 = \gamma_4 > \text{Root}[Q_8, 1],$$

and hence the diminishing factor at  $T_6^{(4)}(1)$  is

$$M_{6,4} = \frac{1152}{10368} = \frac{1}{9} = 0.1111111111 \dots$$

The extremizer polynomial is  $T_6$ .

#### 4. Concluding Remarks

**Remark 2.** For the diminishing factors  $M_{n,k}$  which appear in Theorems 2, 3, and 5, Shadrin [20, Theorem 7.1] has provided the upper bounds

$$M_{n,k} \leq \lambda_{n,k} = \frac{1}{k+1} \cdot \frac{n-1}{n-1+k} \quad (n \geq 4, 1 \leq k \leq n-2).$$

Using results from [14], [15] and from the present paper we now compare, for  $n \in \{4, 5, 6\}$ ,  $M_{n,k}$  to  $\lambda_{n,k}$  and notice that even  $M_{n,n-2} = \lambda_{n,n-2}$  holds for those values of  $n$ :

$$\begin{aligned} M_{4,1} &= 0.2992279308 \dots < \lambda_{4,1} = \frac{3}{8} = 0.375, \\ M_{4,2} &= \lambda_{4,2} = \frac{1}{5} = 0.2, \\ M_{5,1} &= 0.3036993415 \dots < \lambda_{5,1} = \frac{2}{5} = 0.4, \\ M_{5,2} &= 0.1832314132 \dots < \lambda_{5,2} = \frac{2}{9} = 0.222222222 \dots, \\ M_{5,3} &= \lambda_{5,3} = \frac{1}{7} = 0.1428571428 \dots, \\ M_{6,1} &= 0.3060285775 \dots < \lambda_{6,1} = \frac{5}{12} = 0.416666666 \dots, \\ M_{6,2} &= 0.1857051674 \dots < \lambda_{6,2} = \frac{5}{21} = 0.2380952380 \dots, \\ M_{6,3} &= 0.1326955452 \dots < \lambda_{6,3} = \frac{5}{32} = 0.15625, \\ M_{6,4} &= \lambda_{6,4} = \frac{1}{9} = 0.1111111111 \dots \end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

**Remark 3.** The Markov-type extremal problem under consideration may thus be summarized, for  $n = 6$  and  $k = 1$ , as follows: Given an arbitrary  $P_n \in \mathbf{B}_n$  and an arbitrary  $x_0 \in \mathbf{I}$ , the value  $|P_n^{(1)}(x_0)|$  cannot exceed  $n^2 = 36$

(sharp upper bound (1)). Under the additional condition  $P_n^{(2)}(x_0) = 0$  there hold the estimates

$$|P_n^{(1)}(x_0)| \leq \begin{cases} n^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 18 & \text{(upper bound, see (2)),} \\ n^2 \cdot \frac{5}{12} = 15 & \text{(improved upper bound, see (23)),} \\ n^2 \cdot M_{6,1} = 11.0170287924 \dots \\ & = \text{Root}[Q_{12}, 2] \quad \text{(sharp upper bound, see (12)).} \end{cases}$$

**Remark 4.** Improving on Schur's limit result (4), Erdős and Szegő [4, p. 452] provided the exact formula for  $\mu = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_{n,1}$  in terms of elliptic integrals. For the numerical value of  $\mu$  we have given in (5) deliberately only two valid decimal digits, because Erdős and Szegő [4, p. 452] have given the value  $\mu = 0.3124 \dots$  which, however, is biased due to roundings and table look-ups. Chopped after the tenth decimal digit the correct numerical value is

$$\mu = 0.3110788667 \dots$$

More decimal figures as computed by means of the exact formula for  $\mu$  (adjusted to the *Mathematica*-notation) are to be found in [10]. The values  $M_{4,1}$ ,  $M_{5,1}$ ,  $M_{6,1}$  support the conjecture that the sequence  $\{M_{n,1}\}_{n=4}^{\infty}$  converges monotonically to  $\mu$ . The limit  $\mu$  is coined "Zolotarev-Schur constant" in [10]. We propose to use the term "Erdős-Szegő and Schur constant" instead, because Zolotarev did not contribute to  $\mu$  whereas Erdős and Szegő provided the exact formula for  $\mu$ .

**Remark 5.** It is possible to obtain our results alternatively with Groebner-basis computations (as provided e.g. in *Mathematica*) utilizing the Abel-Pell differential equation for proper sextic Zolotarev polynomials, and we have used that approach to cross-check our results. But the present approach, which relies on [16], is more obvious and inherent.

## 5. Auxiliary Polynomials

In this Section we provide the bulky minimal polynomials which have been utilized in Proposition 2 for  $k = 1$ , Proposition 6 for  $k = 2$ , and Proposition 9 for  $k = 3$  for the representation of the optimal coefficients of the respective extremizer polynomials  $Z_{6,t^*}$ ,  $Z_{6,t_2^*}$ ,  $Z_{6,t_3^*}$ .

The polynomials  $Q_{12,j}$  ( $j = 0, \dots, 6$ ) of degree 12, utilized in Proposition 2:

$$\begin{aligned}
Q_{12,0}(x) = & 3561062321529505751661802890625000000 \\
& - 2690189764921760465742219884508750000x \\
& - 9034788167490750226904846535331823940x^2 \\
& + 99214648383854057132580310883736131x^3 \\
& + 962861173020234228015496480799451392x^4 \\
& - 7115519395098319999517918924027944960x^5 \\
& + 6136572029959513031717661618083201024x^6 \\
& - 3325002337049007103565916286113284096x^7 \\
& + 1306085914401102805825198229553152000x^8 \\
& - 359168608031918012695209993830400000x^9 \\
& + 6365985440351448337901158400000000x^{10} \\
& - 64415788773475457433600000000000x^{11} \\
& + 28147497671065600000000000000000x^{12}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
Q_{12,1}(x) = & - 1347010710736634197727049020754405 \\
& - 19009823801952096377640501263717229x \\
& + 5549348966125817738477252504216025x^2 \\
& - 2535066944350848641557505227935303x^3 \\
& - 3225593215370087344836128681570944x^4 \\
& + 1785099696920264111892997822150656x^5 \\
& - 390950553141815332253927281885184x^6 \\
& - 81302343584894477672672176111616x^7 \\
& + 93863091137385244056782635008000x^8 \\
& - 28444163284519236879672934400000x^9 \\
& + 5142424413013863825408000000000x^{10} \\
& - 468451100500951040000000000000x^{11} \\
& + 1717986918400000000000000000x^{12}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
Q_{12,2}(x) = & 747583541635497661175206547109375000000 \\
& + 883069090816615023040710271728716250000x \\
& + 306351850798640089333504245148566770340x^2 \\
& - 22994577320659903394008648043248554873x^3 \\
& - 38861684182205635982283902246302798592x^4 \\
& - 7693688814242384216584571261351976960x^5 \\
& + 341598028525445919692822578014715904x^6 \\
& + 318571714344376464826804397584416768x^7 \\
& + 43384184437184804281854909281730560x^8 \\
& + 2247057035830221694284522638540800x^9 \\
& + 65963962941653345990868992000000x^{10} \\
& + 7887838539372937871360000000000x^{11} \\
& + 4503599627370496000000000000000x^{12}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
Q_{12,3}(x) = & - 24211890636850099765625000000 \\
& + 59082177527468934874901250000x \\
& - 67158099874149159176838088540x^2 \\
& + 48548817588375327340527071003x^3 \\
& - 21436769000422402528750518848x^4 \\
& + 5938410860959012064179431936x^5 \\
& - 1325904151065909980595187712x^6 \\
& + 164903627441729607645462528x^7 \\
& - 2428787386227023114403840x^8 \\
& + 5200810575436323487744000x^9 \\
& + 1040607844763445493760000x^{10} \\
& + 56207693420953600000000x^{11} \\
& + 1073741824000000000000x^{12}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
Q_{12,4}(x) = & - 447974516335739896448437500000000000 \\
& - 18686476945432037386579901062500000000x \\
& + 22519238237150151648284213374155247920x^2 \\
& - 17043767490799767818173337041633597971x^3 \\
& + 4493383011730129622604205245757099264x^4 \\
& + 1564773460460737161602436941787455488x^5 \\
& - 1517995236618472217536968434256707584x^6 \\
& + 361068170408213735261695996722151424x^7 \\
& + 71877247857257396857948146866585600x^8 \\
& - 35000797180048694641152275513344000x^9 \\
& + 607469395667690921949921280000000x^{10} \\
& - 28944391153333462630400000000000x^{11} \\
& + 22517998136852480000000000000000x^{12}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
Q_{12,5}(x) = & 92364312656250000000000000000 \\
& - 60538952136363082623000000000000x \\
& - 13795059477013123058478981420336x^2 \\
& - 24539650315259543906719811723625x^3 \\
& + 2380835138584800987256572463744x^4 \\
& + 58514135046323494340704476039168x^5 \\
& + 46550055112328160032032428228608x^6 \\
& - 30464113030555180121000581791744x^7 \\
& + 2326112497830965280587644928000x^8 \\
& - 44261529356740483786316185600000x^9 \\
& + 8805128905644962742272000000000x^{10} \\
& - 6370304244423065600000000000000x^{11} \\
& + 171798691840000000000000000000x^{12}
\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_{12,6}(x) = & 6250000000000000000000000 \\
 & + 15068760725475000000000000000x \\
 & + 210658611606803988992815775040x^2 \\
 & + 6778661280098907912456959537581x^3 \\
 & + 175521907641215976953779913997568x^4 \\
 & + 1466337950178823319312981539938304x^5 \\
 & + 3245533290393254915431214702395392x^6 \\
 & + 11685005329117544015453567315869696x^7 \\
 & + 168461958706606046734435957604352000x^8 \\
 & + 532001946593574154881192060518400000x^9 \\
 & + 5053174588969185669912985600000000x^{10} \\
 & + 51297286844061424025600000000000x^{11} \\
 & + 28147497671065600000000000000000x^{12}
 \end{aligned}$$

The polynomials  $R_{18,j}$  ( $j = 0, \dots, 6$ ) of degree 18, utilized in Proposition 6:

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_{18,0}(x) = & 374211279235130151990262636352101738147593550000000 \\
 & + 1208946687260198804130148065800391637398690160000000x \\
 & - 3843905194987986395010990510163849774054772621498635x^2 \\
 & - 9131651002536522123303717205220529619574395569614848x^3 \\
 & + 18791009049423619179436659835314001141503641665433600x^4 \\
 & + 17903622028006394943414563104990528298547499977146368x^5 \\
 & - 36523590000359368213642550784175739553755706798637056x^6 \\
 & - 18487702778044773017333057074138965275770270953504768x^7 \\
 & + 40667418474934238963268510798333316040816099577561088x^8 \\
 & + 9433898645843619013235118072563231267300727299506176x^9 \\
 & - 29724681229039964761255068025303512535853917961977856x^{10} \\
 & + 3703745782625700048395925591915536345801239205773312x^{11} \\
 & + 9594160503633012430242894637530656523308727516790784x^{12} \\
 & - 4596567955401396737749180757408504655713602763751424x^{13} \\
 & + 663309661581789490107409518099965621351912585560064x^{14} \\
 & - 42055254632025923543931530350272223242250988027904x^{15} \\
 & + 1302073108496664063871340363987274323057442816000x^{16} \\
 & - 19133014872249329354348879219043618049228800000x^{17} \\
 & + 106527018190179257754775453863772160000000000x^{18}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
R_{18,1}(x) = & -13877211313028291545108452548584242399604275045 \\
& -2114931517105784226152213281200173023003201206x \\
& +68615677530031585471239285907794616046164539291x^2 \\
& -142637455507171354906843466169461183961549088128x^3 \\
& -70002847090838257792679362158842851955810110464x^4 \\
& +364129186605362554833225972695346774959235170304x^5 \\
& -585261193006338216370710167928469995070873796608x^6 \\
& +250016193125507468012141048302312307008282296320x^7 \\
& -35358815160560823889445906600113829673709862912x^8 \\
& -12406698890405937338691511082026508690045009920x^9 \\
& +21374673536795225281522596088753851259485683712x^{10} \\
& +9858351440775228238449816532442125326985723904x^{11} \\
& -2289088924400356694878847002630202342340820992x^{12} \\
& -242467500783452684111259876193655176076197888x^{13} \\
& +49202324151903720081568946390596211355680768x^{14} \\
& +6257663527320062890164060849609033975332864x^{15} \\
& +142857449654771321267572655391701467136000x^{16} \\
& +1135291757913750810712043370106060800000x^{17} \\
& +40636832500526145078573400064000000000x^{18}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
R_{18,2}(x) = & 7278432385881378741085992157666315458287902370550000000 \\
& +29173154888187133405798339332346090304809346418000000000x \\
& +34911918696372217926542475318675991040197054989073476465x^2 \\
& -4006283224107402852419275133700260631176193948838907904x^3 \\
& -34864237606600983545355564430385275107227090424478519296x^4 \\
& -14839565138324006875961959518508792089276710545603952640x^5 \\
& +9153669331594822778306792982555612576556617178541981696x^6 \\
& +6176544324812026425128255090145243617148050732595806208x^7 \\
& -651774390953972290740514771906925041088191427273293824x^8 \\
& -631668577779859072125107514035164366518817010487394304x^9 \\
& +66306056064455261685665274786126371505520699986935808x^{10} \\
& +18805999219427251760297976254484110618899799529750528x^{11} \\
& -2028811035021755162393686387643059879579108283252736x^{12} \\
& -236931603037870946794042761855532259073584567156736x^{13} \\
& +17852845278096792821385161195285448722839999873024x^{14} \\
& +1439208967540208885346041663079224644021774188544x^{15} \\
& +32367866297734314274783027277998696509630054400x^{16} \\
& +282453731781792242313777687646909537189888000x^{17} \\
& +852216145521434062038203630910177280000000x^{18}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_{18,3}(x) = & - 1961461629687204646645760000000000000000 \\
 & + 835932436806084264208850080112000000000000x \\
 & - 1548411798571866064410058342484906703972855x^2 \\
 & + 1087886545626205239465477547986883175028416x^3 \\
 & + 438854583005256176112403153922616955594496x^4 \\
 & - 1470543781549689773040006809746045853118464x^5 \\
 & + 854708627752910380202189337605376590962688x^6 \\
 & + 65805684574440014413472149742948353048576x^7 \\
 & - 401281123174423891741821780600678798852096x^8 \\
 & + 148448690947691116599114132562594641215488x^9 \\
 & - 7314185131538465803700676795070731517952x^{10} \\
 & - 2433822749643538165698669835148597395456x^{11} \\
 & + 40782925046012472347509633016066473984x^{12} \\
 & + 20400456581040724263406078608252338176x^{13} \\
 & - 235590847182898726094962529253982208x^{14} \\
 & - 39089352211475381654103774583586816x^{15} \\
 & + 552488043143175245772231802880000x^{16} \\
 & - 8237160297812816179989839872000x^{17} \\
 & + 708650120335626134880256000000x^{18}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_{18,4}(x) = & - 854416871939511154904293048654080000000000000000 \\
 & - 1035387617970252420569467195146686732544000000000000x \\
 & - 6145604217207041025555348168645628542836162983768815x^2 \\
 & - 22920232803175547040227216857619956849432936341356544x^3 \\
 & - 64729267881448900740616011583648859956108159048372224x^4 \\
 & - 132746015106180165023239238251864940861592928519716864x^5 \\
 & - 248576653891658290778266501949094299240193876350205952x^6 \\
 & - 31033332034946497674315512260771173965679804760981504x^7 \\
 & - 210783587451026867668406121214029745778340162023981056x^8 \\
 & - 74825879728749860165364687114755023822485013556887552x^9 \\
 & - 13992050542708871721504172090803455940882652999974912x^{10} \\
 & - 1183272092761666795542449986562022754997227241865216x^{11} \\
 & + 55000551530970542651281058932205548198452646641664x^{12} \\
 & + 21713060413998751722021877387477412514993595744256x^{13} \\
 & - 29301394985891229366475530173374125368303157248x^{14} \\
 & - 197913900523626149864473316617238493598461198336x^{15} \\
 & + 10924143939692181106719946700216841401689702400x^{16} \\
 & - 167240409635460886642201825833659251294208000x^{17} \\
 & + 852216145521434062038203630910177280000000x^{18}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
R_{18,5}(x) = & 17395813858131648000000000000000000000 \\
& - 11888375979801910383631571515200000000000x \\
& + 223217984944388011548489940406839479651387x^2 \\
& - 1052623046348308735799517236307462472427904x^3 \\
& + 19680147193883415392813138556968402969637888x^4 \\
& + 1556294603907703596158418329298289978146816x^5 \\
& - 2661728114832387070254402219162536542474207232x^6 \\
& - 692931399865743819939426116508476007518306304x^7 \\
& + 124502403819845564121527687078660153758711808000x^8 \\
& - 270664557911312936733877314255640068259611410432x^9 \\
& + 175140368563567911169366704815172177352441462784x^{10} \\
& - 44135801663805724387904711613521596430417920000x^{11} \\
& + 3647758185245817032714251814732435995142127616x^{12} \\
& + 91787283078759700066330865022589847753195520x^{13} \\
& - 22574613727719174860321245222785959529021440x^{14} \\
& + 230224214567426506678268510065261392429056x^{15} \\
& - 782599585494520214989954653999857664000x^{16} \\
& - 3726404406830675614601881605426380800000x^{17} \\
& + 406368325005261450785734000640000000000x^{18}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
R_{18,6}(x) = & 35840000000000000000000000000000000000 \\
& + 644779254034265600000000000000000000x \\
& + 396577408438542057195977051279733845x^2 \\
& + 87823037116873401268328735533378043904x^3 \\
& + 6934666533671669711746505104918540939264x^4 \\
& + 618926538259016750718873156306093259358208x^5 \\
& + 88658619223012689117414929362438555227389952x^6 \\
& - 837810667318134286171629236107339434330947584x^7 \\
& + 341953356467185603832338310494231897306281541632x^8 \\
& + 11573999427467597005540357318768571383547516944384x^9 \\
& + 40194001774967651008836271832583045570527305400320x^{10} \\
& + 34179361127536543583278481113852075065249871429632x^{11} \\
& - 9402864127987684951202516080385959181887989612544x^{12} \\
& - 5405514481575195207432856452325048746563803807744x^{13} \\
& - 49437220607305455107274604161446567942262095872x^{14} \\
& + 526701353219183901415908884360440063841496203264x^{15} \\
& + 86131137494123700899308746314198069926690816000x^{16} \\
& + 4731349603957909895401896492387332312268800000x^{17} \\
& + 106527018190179257754775453863772160000000000x^{18}
\end{aligned}$$

The polynomials  $S_{14,j}$  ( $j = 0, \dots, 6$ ) of degree 14, utilized in Proposition 9:

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_{14,0}(x) = & 4645518131862241933150220520577833380000000 \\
 & - 52636183590440871268641329288252732270000000x \\
 & - 364279680092879018019963279823672994618276460x^2 \\
 & + 180124217722367806623897565345364210898457519x^3 \\
 & + 803638932245550163522767699560494285930856960x^4 \\
 & - 340701530116646627952874314875255825156849664x^5 \\
 & - 676653696610838920352018718270319750744637440x^6 \\
 & + 361380784923693853534790868073110015563530240x^7 \\
 & + 158288840617220522302730918027119836235038720x^8 \\
 & - 148913346429572284142065156240952882792235008x^9 \\
 & + 35699493083114384415333479038288313660211200x^{10} \\
 & - 2959552977670964814569803412436162019590144x^{11} \\
 & + 31532696811500381136587868646391414784000x^{12} \\
 & - 65838532741347063475105401353011200000x^{13} \\
 & + 3872930811763467780882432000000000x^{14}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_{14,1}(x) = & - 85786645684767491827353410686563892015005 \\
 & + 552152840336742727992707041686295198455891x \\
 & - 1518270980866333227624536689813401894294735x^2 \\
 & + 1200258292411540461126277283396776650202905x^3 \\
 & - 424252622375574685320674984171333100086016x^4 \\
 & - 212857371950966095063273683022019130347520x^5 \\
 & + 237177884556546994729220271897274414792704x^6 \\
 & - 82191409390753663180548008603832671010816x^7 \\
 & - 12743347026868343566703062077964655001600x^8 \\
 & + 8927932949280464320497518030762790617088x^9 \\
 & - 2757675724626733851872723717290071162880x^{10} \\
 & + 376850751065624164135425891340841385984x^{11} \\
 & + 2967436064619248556910840343691264000x^{12} \\
 & + 4948043405168629706745131827200000x^{13} \\
 & + 2363849372414225940480000000000x^{14}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
S_{14,2}(x) = & -2890020866700088058304675568974783179400000000 \\
& -8107072827850385785033884753989608346670000000x \\
& -5791926185578022678172805747725738191755978020x^2 \\
& +951531334157636461440110063301976252580455719x^3 \\
& +1504656580805854707587942122159077392012213760x^4 \\
& +50826758650011090320137625245984451367616512x^5 \\
& -141157899124174866565992845310983117828259840x^6 \\
& -8176344854363219632124305253069056534118400x^7 \\
& +5556078072579697934928886628792325415895040x^8 \\
& +281974607424509664037245706797087222398976x^9 \\
& -88970854620485359722634617948720185999360x^{10} \\
& -3540581248596039193443866781372408397824x^{11} \\
& +48159527964989255203284984090171801600x^{12} \\
& +773753106271474464522802405834752000x^{13} \\
& +309834464941077422470594560000000x^{14}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
S_{14,3}(x) = & -3322703692546277386097920000000000000 \\
& +12611184654738582524174217616960000000x \\
& -19410236150589047459190683043588385620x^2 \\
& +16810658907454698648773040924961883079x^3 \\
& -8953447176186337866249368863027350528x^4 \\
& +1837785449361619765301021831456326656x^5 \\
& +153797202987691072979075189451030528x^6 \\
& -45155150835715911587364958900715520x^7 \\
& +5573632670843516914603378788532224x^8 \\
& -1674850009294673310913953756348416x^9 \\
& -1089585173338286510417338056048640x^{10} \\
& -43428654749340623780178259083264x^{11} + 390133027946408209647088435200x^{12} \\
& -368470133172550533906432000x^{13} + 92337866109930700800000x^{14}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
S_{14,4}(x) = & -74162591550000000000000000000000000000000 \\
& -5564709971350473820853250000000000000000000x \\
& -14556758174784231129271196996256762468750000x^2 \\
& -10388403613456883747498644642483271687109375x^3 \\
& -11703450050993737928005331390824827960000000x^4 \\
& -7908715893090945948158634082250556672000000x^5 \\
& -151530919064584476995849455196533552000000x^6 \\
& +32494103294567062039225921248763576320000x^7 \\
& -118365732874658258347861749995453546496000x^8 \\
& -54016709532870503244269152601760595968000x^9 \\
& -1654870728246484059152361279098212843520x^{10} \\
& +856022827969570545145184258649055297536x^{11} \\
& -3171714399892970015140936072927641600x^{12} \\
& -56300556420215168339377548951552000x^{13} \\
& +309834464941077422470594560000000x^{14}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
S_{14,5}(x) = & 690381090210816000000000000000000000 \\
& - 16352528928556995322171153920000000000x \\
& + 1841120010425531216671161409137877592976x^2 \\
& - 3122059864708808192178626527336380173613x^3 \\
& + 19419272913930339929456819182722800281344x^4 \\
& - 31081372751700012119691858683542470586368x^5 \\
& - 12398066182553714521742532511884451774464x^6 \\
& + 16608327046356091843417682711118499282944x^7 \\
& + 25212718044369653941994700922760969846784x^8 \\
& - 13673304254663428889586445393598494015488x^9 \\
& + 2245251052299390396568110380758234824704x^{10} \\
& - 126606710842892154202206975008496943104x^{11} \\
& + 1967971339177920251836530954338304000x^{12} \\
& + 4451698112834864798092807372800000x^{13} \\
& + 236384937241422594048000000000x^{14}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
S_{14,6}(x) = & 327680000000000000000000000000000000 \\
& + 20243570949555200000000000000000000x \\
& + 78368555558113415318706786901200960x^2 \\
& + 2646453688844485315429827964540380809x^3 \\
& + 152659965155082101218099272818480053760x^4 \\
& + 3982140239506167613485666515147065049088x^5 \\
& + 31236434546629690920205352532225629880320x^6 \\
& + 19779379368189663746146082140250716504064x^7 \\
& + 153722275605319209732374545551582497341440x^8 \\
& + 277217401260646401496924991417964736544768x^9 \\
& + 179212005343633666208826173870123484446720x^{10} \\
& + 44761940737683842686686142335757880131584x^{11} \\
& + 3532403907920740209280107036083748864000x^{12} \\
& - 2384303599060348547822705757388800000x^{13} \\
& + 38729308117634677808824320000000000x^{14}
\end{aligned}$$

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