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# ANOTHER REFINEMENT OF BERNSTEIN'S INEQUALITY 

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AbSTRACT. Given a polynomial $p(z)=\sum_{j=0}^{n} a_{j} z^{j}$, we denote by $\|\|$ the maximum norm on the unit circle $\{z:|z|=1\}$. We obtain a characterization of the best possible constant $x_{n} \geq \frac{1}{2}$ such that the inequality $\left\|z p^{\prime}(z)-x a_{n} z^{n}\right\| \leq(n-x)\|p\|$ holds for $0 \leq x \leq x_{n}$.

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## 1. Introduction and Statements of the Results

We denote by $\mathcal{P}_{n}$ the class of all polynomials with complex coefficients, of degree $\leq n$ :

$$
\begin{equation*}
p(z)=\sum_{j=0}^{n} a_{j} z^{j} . \tag{1.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Let $\|p\|:=\max _{|z|=1}|p(z)|$. The classical inequality

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|p^{\prime}\right\| \leq n\|p\| \tag{1.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

is known as Bernstein's inequality. A great number of refinements and generalizations of (1.2) have been obtained. See [4, Part III] for an extensive study of that subject. An example of refinement is [2, p. 84]

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|z p^{\prime}(z)-\frac{1}{2} a_{n} z^{n}+\frac{1}{4} a_{0}\right\|+\gamma_{n}\left|a_{0}\right| \leq\left(n-\frac{1}{2}\right)\|p\|, \tag{1.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

[^0]where
\[

\gamma_{n}= $$
\begin{cases}\frac{1}{4}, & n \equiv 1(\bmod 2), n \geq 1 \\ \frac{5}{12}, & n=2 \\ \frac{11}{20}, & n=4 \\ \frac{(n+3)}{4(n-1)}, & n \equiv 0(\bmod 2), n \geq 6\end{cases}
$$
\]

For each $n$, the constant $\gamma_{n}$ is best possible in the following sense: given $\varepsilon>0$, there exists a polynomial $p_{\varepsilon} \in \mathcal{P}_{n}, p_{\varepsilon}(z)=\sum_{j=0}^{n} a_{j}(\varepsilon) z^{j}$, such that

$$
\left\|z p_{\varepsilon}^{\prime}(z)-\frac{1}{2} a_{n}(\varepsilon) z^{n}+\frac{1}{4} a_{0}(\varepsilon)\right\|+\left(\gamma_{n}+\varepsilon\right)\left|a_{0}(\varepsilon)\right|>\left(n-\frac{1}{2}\right)\left\|p_{\varepsilon}\right\| .
$$

The inequality (1.3) implies that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|z p^{\prime}(z)-\frac{1}{2} a_{n} z^{n}\right\| \leq\left(n-\frac{1}{2}\right)\|p\| . \tag{1.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

In view of the inequality [4] p. 637] $\left|a_{k}\right| \leq\|p\|, 0 \leq k \leq n$, and the triangle inequality, it follows from (1.4) that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|z p^{\prime}(z)-x a_{n} z^{n}\right\| \leq(n-x)\|p\| \tag{1.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

for $0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2}$ (here $x$ is a parameter independent of $\operatorname{Re}(z)$ ). If $x>\frac{1}{2}$ then the same reasoning gives $(n+x-1)$ in the right-hand side of (1.5). But $(n+x-1)>(n-x)$ for $x>\frac{1}{2}$, so that the following natural question arises: what is the greatest constant $x_{n} \geq \frac{1}{2}$ such that the inequality (1.5) holds for $0 \leq x \leq x_{n}$ ?

The Chebyshev polynomials of the first and second kind are respectively

$$
T_{n}(x)=\cos (n \theta)
$$

and

$$
U_{n}(x)=\frac{\sin ((n+1) \theta)}{\sin (\theta)}
$$

where $x=\cos (\theta)$. We prove the following result.
Theorem 1.1. Let $x_{n}$ be the smallest root of the equation

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sqrt{1-\frac{1}{2 x}}=\frac{n}{2 x} U_{2 n+1}\left(\sqrt{1-\frac{1}{2 x}}\right)-T_{2 n+1}\left(\sqrt{1-\frac{1}{2 x}}\right) \tag{1.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

in the interval $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \infty\right)$. The inequality (1.5) then holds for $0 \leq x \leq x_{n}$. The constant $x_{n}$ is best possible.

It will be clear that all the roots of the equation (1.6) are $>\frac{1}{2}$. Consider the polynomial, of degree $(n+1)$, defined by

$$
\begin{equation*}
D(n, x):=\frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{2} x^{n+1}+\frac{(-1)^{n}}{2} x^{n}\left(\frac{\frac{n}{2} U_{2 n+1}\left(\sqrt{1-\frac{1}{2 x}}\right)-x T_{2 n+1}\left(\sqrt{1-\frac{1}{2 x}}\right)}{\sqrt{1-\frac{1}{2 x}}}\right) \tag{1.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

The solutions of the equation (1.6) are the roots of the polynomial $D(n, x)$. We also have the following asymptotic result.

Theorem 1.2. For any complex number $c$, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^{n+1}}{n^{2}} D\left(n, \frac{1}{2}+\frac{c^{2}}{8 n^{2}}\right)=\frac{\sin (c)}{c} \tag{1.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $D(n, x)$ is defined by (1.7). In particular, if $x_{n}$ is the constant of Theorem 1.1 then

$$
\begin{equation*}
x_{n} \sim \frac{1}{2}+\frac{\pi^{2}}{8 n^{2}}, \quad n \rightarrow \infty \tag{1.9}
\end{equation*}
$$

## 2. Proofs of the Theorems

Given two analytic functions

$$
f(z)=\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_{j} z^{j}, \quad g(z)=\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} b_{j} z^{j} \quad(|z| \leq K),
$$

the function

$$
(f \star g)(z):=\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_{j} b_{j} z^{j} \quad(|z| \leq K)
$$

is said to be their Hadamard product.
Let $\mathcal{B}_{n}$ be the class of polynomials $Q$ in $\mathcal{P}_{n}$ such that

$$
\|Q \star p\| \leq\|p\| \quad \text { for every } \quad p \in \mathcal{P}_{n} .
$$

To $p \in \mathcal{P}_{n}$ we associate the polynomial $\tilde{p}(z):=z^{n} \overline{p\left(\frac{1}{\bar{z}}\right)}$. Observe that

$$
Q \in \mathcal{B}_{n} \Longleftrightarrow \tilde{Q} \in \mathcal{B}_{n}
$$

Let us denote by $\mathcal{B}_{n}^{0}$ the subclass of $\mathcal{B}_{n}$ consisting of polynomials $R$ in $\mathcal{B}_{n}$ for which $R(0)=1$.
Lemma 2.1. [4], p. 414] The polynomial $R(z)=\sum_{j=0}^{n} b_{j} z^{j}$, where $b_{0}=1$, belongs to $\mathcal{B}_{n}^{0}$ if and only if the matrix

$$
M\left(b_{0}, b_{1}, \ldots, b_{n}\right):=\left(\begin{array}{ccccc}
b_{0} & b_{1} & \cdots & b_{n-1} & b_{n} \\
\bar{b}_{1} & b_{0} & \cdots & b_{n-2} & b_{n-1} \\
\vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\
\bar{b}_{n-1} & \bar{b}_{n-2} & \cdots & b_{0} & b_{1} \\
\bar{b}_{n} & \bar{b}_{n-1} & \cdots & \bar{b}_{1} & b_{0}
\end{array}\right)
$$

is positive semi-definite.
The following well-known result enables us to study the definiteness of the matrix $M\left(1, b_{1}, \ldots, b_{n}\right)$ associated with the polynomial

$$
R(z)=\tilde{Q}(z)=1+\sum_{j=1}^{n} b_{j} z^{j} .
$$

Lemma 2.2. [3, p. 274] The hermitian matrix

$$
\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1 n} \\
a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2 n} \\
\vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\
a_{n 1} & a_{n 2} & \cdots & a_{n n}
\end{array}\right), \quad a_{i j}=\bar{a}_{j i},
$$

is positive semi-definite if and only if all its eigenvalues are non-negative.

Proof of Theorem 1.1. The preceding lemmas are applied to a polynomial of the form

$$
\begin{equation*}
R(z)=\tilde{Q}(z)=1+\sum_{j=1}^{n}\left(\frac{n-j}{n-x}\right) z^{j} \tag{2.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

We study the definiteness of the matrix $M(n-x, n-1, \ldots 2,1,0)$. Let

$$
F(n, x):=\left|\begin{array}{ccccccc}
n-x & n-1 & n-2 & \cdots & 2 & 1 & 0  \tag{2.2}\\
n-1 & n-x & n-1 & \cdots & 3 & 2 & 1 \\
n-2 & n-1 & n-x & \cdots & 4 & 3 & 2 \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
1 & 2 & 3 & \cdots & n-1 & n-x & n-1 \\
0 & 1 & 2 & \cdots & n-2 & n-1 & n-x
\end{array}\right| .
$$

We will prove that $F(n, x) \equiv D(n, x)$, where $D(n, x)$ is defined by (1.7). Let $x_{n}$ be the smallest positive root of the equation $F(n, x)=0$. The smallest eigenvalue $\lambda$ of $M(n-x, n-$ $1, \ldots, 2,1,0)$ is the one for which $\lambda+x=x_{n}$; we thus have $\lambda \geq 0$ whenever $0 \leq x \leq x_{n}$. For $n>1$, it will be clear that $F\left(n, x^{*}\right)<0$ for some $x^{*}>x_{n}$; the constant $x_{n}$ is thus the greatest one for which an inequality of the form (1.5) holds.

In order to evaluate explicitly the determinant (2.2) we perform on it a sequence of operations. We denote by $L_{i}$ the $i$-th row of the determinant in consideration. After each operation we continue to denote by $L_{i}$ the new $i$-th row.
(1) $L_{i}-L_{i+1}, 1 \leq i \leq n$, i.e., we subtract its $(i+1)$-st row from its $i$-th row for $i=$ $1,2, \ldots, n$.
(2) $L_{i+1}-L_{i}, 1 \leq i<n$, i.e., we subtract the new $i$-th row from its new $(i+1)$-st row for $i=1,2, \ldots,(n-1)$.
After these two steps, we obtain

$$
\begin{align*}
& F(n, x)  \tag{2.3}\\
&=\left|\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
1-x & x-1 & -1 & -1 & \cdots & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\
x & 2-2 x & x & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & x & 2-2 x & x & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & x & 2-2 x & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & x & 2-2 x & x & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & x & 2-2 x & x \\
0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & \cdots & n-3 & n-2 & n-1 & n-x
\end{array}\right| .
\end{align*}
$$

Consider now the recurrence relations

$$
\begin{equation*}
y_{k}=z_{k-1}-\frac{(2-2 x)}{x} y_{k-1} \tag{2.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

for $1 \leq k<n$, and

$$
\begin{equation*}
z_{k}=(k+1)-y_{k-1} \tag{2.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

for $1 \leq k<n-1$, with the initial values $y_{0}=0, z_{0}=1$. On the determinant (2.3), we perform the operations
(3) $L_{n+1}-\frac{y_{i-2}}{x} L_{i}, i=3,4, \ldots, n$.
(4) $L_{1}+L_{2}$.
(5) $L_{2}-x L_{1}$.

We obtain

$$
F(n, x)=\left|\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
1 & 1-x & x-1 & -1 & \cdots & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1  \tag{2.6}\\
0 & \alpha_{1} & \beta_{1} & x & \cdots & x & x & x & x \\
0 & x & 2-2 x & x & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & x & 2-2 x & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & x & 2-2 x & x \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & y_{n-1} & z_{n-1}^{*}
\end{array}\right|
$$

where $\alpha_{1}=(x-1)(x-2), \beta_{1}=x(2-x)$ and

$$
\begin{equation*}
z_{n-1}^{*}=(n-x)-y_{n-2} \tag{2.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

for $n=2,3, \ldots$.
We continue with the following operations on the determinant (2.6).
(6) $L_{i+2}-\frac{x}{\alpha_{i}} L_{i+1}, i=1,2, \ldots,(n-2)$, and $L_{n+1}-\frac{y_{n-1}}{\alpha_{n-1}} L_{n}$, where

$$
\begin{equation*}
\alpha_{k}=(2-2 x)-x \frac{\beta_{k-1}}{\alpha_{k-1}} \tag{2.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

for $1<k<n$,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\beta_{k}=x+A_{k-1} \tag{2.9}
\end{equation*}
$$

for $1<k<n$, and

$$
\begin{equation*}
A_{k}:=\frac{(-1)^{k} x^{k+1}}{\alpha_{1} \cdots \alpha_{k}} \tag{2.10}
\end{equation*}
$$

We obtain

$$
F(n, x)=\left|\begin{array}{cccccccccc}
1 & 1-x & x-1 & -1 & -1 & \cdots & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1  \tag{2.11}\\
0 & \alpha_{1} & \beta_{1} & x & x & \cdots & x & x & x & x \\
0 & 0 & \alpha_{2} & \beta_{2} & A_{1} & \cdots & A_{1} & A_{1} & A_{1} & A_{1} \\
0 & 0 & 0 & \alpha_{3} & \beta_{3} & \cdots & A_{2} & A_{2} & A_{2} & A_{2} \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \alpha_{4} & \cdots & A_{3} & A_{3} & A_{3} & A_{3} \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & \alpha_{n-3} & \beta_{n-3} & A_{n-4} & A_{n-4} \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & \alpha_{n-2} & \beta_{n-2} & A_{n-3} \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & \alpha_{n-1} & \beta_{n-1} \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & z_{n-1}^{* *}
\end{array}\right|
$$

where

$$
\begin{equation*}
z_{n-1}^{* *}=z_{n-1}^{*}-\frac{\beta_{n-1}}{\alpha_{n-1}} y_{n-1} . \tag{2.12}
\end{equation*}
$$

It follows from (2.11) that

$$
\begin{equation*}
F(n, x)=\alpha_{1} \alpha_{2} \cdots \alpha_{n-1} z_{n-1}^{* *} \tag{2.13}
\end{equation*}
$$

for $n=2,3, \ldots$ Let

$$
\begin{equation*}
\gamma_{k}:=\alpha_{1} \alpha_{2} \cdots \alpha_{k} . \tag{2.14}
\end{equation*}
$$

It is readily seen that

$$
\begin{equation*}
F(n, x)=\left(n-x-y_{n-2}\right) \gamma_{n-1}-x y_{n-1} \gamma_{n-2}+(-1)^{n-1} x^{n-1} y_{n-1} . \tag{2.15}
\end{equation*}
$$

The sequences $y_{k}$ and $\gamma_{k}$ satisfy the recurrence relations

$$
\begin{equation*}
x y_{k}+(2-2 x) y_{k-1}+x y_{k-2}=k x \tag{2.16}
\end{equation*}
$$

for $k \geq 2$, with $y_{0}=0, y_{1}=1$, and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\gamma_{k}-(2-2 x) \gamma_{k-1}+x^{2} \gamma_{k-2}=(-1)^{k+1} x^{k} \tag{2.17}
\end{equation*}
$$

for $k \geq 2$, with $\gamma_{0}:=1-x, \gamma_{1}=(x-1)(x-2)$. These recurrence relations can be solved by elementary means (a mathematical software may help). We find that

$$
\begin{equation*}
y_{k}=y_{k}(x)=\frac{((x-1)-\sqrt{1-2 x})^{k+1}-((x-1)+\sqrt{1-2 x})^{k+1}}{4 x^{k-1} \sqrt{1-2 x}}+\frac{(k+1) x}{2} \tag{2.18}
\end{equation*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{align*}
\gamma_{k}=\gamma_{k}(x)=\frac{(-x)^{k+1}}{2} & +\frac{((2-3 x)+(2-x) \sqrt{1-2 x})((1-x)+\sqrt{1-2 x})^{k}}{4 \sqrt{1-2 x}}  \tag{2.19}\\
& +\frac{((3 x-2)+(2-x) \sqrt{1-2 x})((1-x)-\sqrt{1-2 x})^{k}}{4 \sqrt{1-2 x}}
\end{align*}
$$

Substituting in the right-hand member of (2.15), we finally obtain an explicit representation for $F(n, x)$ :

$$
\begin{align*}
& \text { 0) } F(n, x)=\frac{1}{4 \sqrt{1-2 x}}\left(((1-x)-\sqrt{1-2 x})^{n}((n-x) \sqrt{1-2 x}+(n+1) x-n)\right.  \tag{2.20}\\
& \left.+((1-x)+\sqrt{1-2 x})^{n}((n-x) \sqrt{1-2 x}-(n+1) x+n)+2(-1)^{n+1} x^{n+1} \sqrt{1-2 x}\right) .
\end{align*}
$$

It follows from (2.20) that

$$
\begin{align*}
F(n, x) & =\frac{(n-x)}{2} \sum_{j=0}^{\left[\frac{n}{2}\right]}\binom{n}{2 j}(1-2 x)^{j}(1-x)^{n-2 j}  \tag{2.21}\\
& -\frac{1}{2}((n+1) x-n) \sum_{j=0}^{\left[\frac{n-1}{2}\right]}\binom{n}{2 j+1}(1-2 x)^{j}(1-x)^{n-2 j-1}+\frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{2} x^{n+1} .
\end{align*}
$$

The identity

$$
\begin{equation*}
F(n, x)=D(n, x), \tag{2.22}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $D(n, x)$ is defined by (1.7), also follows from (2.20). It is a direct verification noticing that the well-known representation

$$
T_{m}(x)=\frac{\left(x+\sqrt{x^{2}-1}\right)^{m}+\left(x-\sqrt{x^{2}-1}\right)^{m}}{2}
$$

and

$$
U_{m}(x)=\frac{\left(x+\sqrt{x^{2}-1}\right)^{m+1}-\left(x-\sqrt{x^{2}-1}\right)^{m+1}}{2 \sqrt{x^{2}-1}}
$$

readily give

$$
\begin{array}{r}
T_{2 n+1}\left(\sqrt{1-\frac{1}{2 x}}\right)=\frac{i(-1)^{n}}{2 \sqrt{2 x} x^{n}}\left(((1-x)+\sqrt{1-2 x})^{n}(1+\sqrt{1-2 x})\right. \\
\left.\quad-((1-x)-\sqrt{1-2 x})^{n}(1-\sqrt{1-2 x})\right)
\end{array}
$$

and

$$
U_{2 n+1}\left(\sqrt{1-\frac{1}{2 x}}\right)=\frac{i(-1)^{n}}{\sqrt{2 x} x^{n}}\left(((1-x)+\sqrt{1-2 x})^{n+1}-((1-x)-\sqrt{1-2 x})^{n+1}\right)
$$

Since $M(n-x, n-1, \ldots, 2,1,0)$ is a symmetric matrix we know from the general theory that all its eigenvalues are real. It is evident from (2.21) that $F(n, x)>0$ for $x \leq 0$. The proof of Theorem 1.1 will be complete if we can show that $F(n, x) \neq 0$ for $0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2}$. In fact, the polynomials $F(n, x)$ are decreasing in $\left[0, \frac{1}{2}\right]$, with

$$
F(n, 0)=n 2^{n-1} \quad \text { and } \quad F\left(n, \frac{1}{2}\right)=\frac{1}{2^{n+1}}\left(n^{2}+\frac{\left((-1)^{n}+1\right)}{2}\right)
$$

If $n$ is even then the foregoing affirmation is evident since all the fundamental terms are decreasing in (2.21). If $n$ is odd then all the fundamental terms are decreasing except $(-1)^{n+1} x^{n+1}=$ $x^{n+1}$. In that case we note that $(n-x)(1-x)^{n}=(n-1)(1-x)^{n}+(1-x)^{n+1}$; it is then sufficient to observe that the function $(1-x)^{n+1}+x^{n+1}=: \varphi(x)$ is decreasing (we have $\varphi^{\prime}(x)=(n+1)\left(x^{n}-(1-x)^{n}\right) \leq 0$ for $\left.0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2}\right)$.
Proof of Theorem 1.2 The representation (2.21) gives

$$
\begin{align*}
& \frac{2^{n+1}}{n^{2}} F\left(n, \frac{1}{2}+\frac{c^{2}}{8 n^{2}}\right)  \tag{2.23}\\
& \quad=\left(1-\frac{1}{2 n}+\frac{c^{2}}{8 n^{3}}\right) \sum_{j=0}^{\left[\frac{n}{2}\right]} \frac{n!}{n^{2 j+1}(n-2 j)!}\left(1-\frac{c^{2}}{4 n^{2}}\right)^{n-2 j} \frac{\left(-c^{2}\right)^{j}}{(2 j)!} \\
& \quad+\left(\frac{(n-1)}{n}-\frac{(n+1) c^{2}}{4 n^{3}}\right) \sum_{j=0}^{\left[\frac{n-1}{2}\right]} \frac{n!}{n^{2 j+1}(n-2 j-1)!}\left(1-\frac{c^{2}}{4 n^{2}}\right)^{n-2 j-1} \frac{\left(-c^{2}\right)^{j}}{(2 j+1)!} \\
& \quad+\frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{2 n^{2}}\left(1+\frac{c^{2}}{4 n^{2}}\right)^{n+1} .
\end{align*}
$$

For any fixed integer $m$ we have $\frac{n!}{(n-m)!} \sim n^{m}$, as $n \rightarrow \infty$. It follows from (2.23) and the dominated convergence theorem that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^{n+1}}{n^{2}} F\left(n, \frac{1}{2}+\frac{c^{2}}{8 n^{2}}\right)=\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{j} c^{2 j}}{(2 j+1)!}=\frac{\sin (c)}{c} \tag{2.24}
\end{equation*}
$$

which is the relation (1.8).
For large $n$, we deduce from (2.24) that $F\left(n, \frac{1}{2}+\frac{c^{2}}{8 n^{2}}\right)>0$ if $0<c<\pi$ and that $F\left(n, \frac{1}{2}+\right.$ $\left.\frac{c^{2}}{8 n^{2}}\right)<0$ if $\pi<c<2 \pi$. We obtain (1.9) by continuity.

## 3. Concluding Remarks and Open Problems

There exists inequalities similar to $\sqrt{1.4}$ that cannot be proved with the method of convolution. An example is

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|z p^{\prime}(z)-2 a_{n} z^{n}\right\| \leq(n-1)\|p\| \tag{3.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

for $n>1$. The inequality (3.1) is a consequence of the particular case $\gamma=\pi, m=1$ of [1], Lemma 2]. If we wish to apply the method described at the beginning of Section 2 then the relevant polynomial should be $R(z)=\frac{(n-2)}{(n-1)}+\sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{(n-j)}{(n-1)} z^{j}$. But $R(0)=\frac{(n-2)}{(n-1)} \neq 1$, so that Lemma 2.1 is not applicable.

The constant $x_{n}$ of Theorem 1.1 can be computed explicitly for some values of $n$. We have $x_{1}=1, x_{2}=2-\sqrt{2}, x_{3}=2-\sqrt{2}, x_{5}=2(2-\sqrt{3}), x_{7}=4+2 \sqrt{2}-\sqrt{2(10+7 \sqrt{2})}$, $x_{9}=6+2 \sqrt{5}-\sqrt{2(25+11 \sqrt{5})}$ and $x_{11}=8-3 \sqrt{6}-\sqrt{2(49-20 \sqrt{6})}$. The values $x_{4}$ and $x_{6}$ are more complicated. For other values of $n$, it seems difficult to express the roots of $D(n, x)$ by means of radicals. It is numerically evident that $x_{n+1}<x_{n}$.
The substitution $\sqrt{1-\frac{1}{2 x}} \mapsto x$ permits us to write the equation (1.6) as

$$
\begin{equation*}
n\left(1-x^{2}\right) U_{2 n+1}(x)-T_{2 n+1}(x)=x \tag{3.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

We thus have

$$
\begin{equation*}
x_{n}=\frac{1}{2\left(1-y_{n}^{2}\right)}, \tag{3.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $y_{n}$ is the smallest positive root of the equation (3.2). The identities $\left(1-x^{2}\right) U_{m}(x)=$ $x T_{m+1}(x)-T_{m+2}(x)$ and $T_{\ell+m}(x)+T_{\ell-m}(x)=2 T_{\ell}(x) T_{m}(x)$ lead us to the factorization

$$
\begin{equation*}
n\left(1-x^{2}\right) U_{2 n+1}(x)-T_{2 n+1}(x)-x=T_{n+1}(x)\left((n-2) T_{n}(x)-n T_{n+2}(x)\right) . \tag{3.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

It follows that the value $y_{n}$ defined by (3.3) is the least positive root of the polynomial $T_{n+1}(x)$ or the least positive root of the equation $(n-2) T_{n}(x)=n T_{n+2}(x)$.
Conjecture 3.1. If $n$ is odd then $y_{n}=\sin \left(\frac{\pi}{2(n+1)}\right)$ (so that $x_{n}=\frac{1}{2 \cos ^{2}\left(\frac{\pi}{2(n+1)}\right)}$. If $n$ is even then $y_{n}$ is the smallest positive root of the equation $(n-2) T_{n}(x)=n T_{n+2}(x)$.

We finally mention the following (not proved) representation of $D(n, x)$ :

$$
\begin{equation*}
D(n, x)=\sum_{k=0}^{n}(-1)^{k} \frac{(2 n-k+1)!\left(n^{2}-(k-1) n+k\right)}{(2 n-2 k+2)!k!} 2^{n-k} x^{k}+(-1)^{n+1} x^{n+1} \tag{3.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

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