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MARKOFF-TYPE INEQUALITIES IN WEIGHTED L²-NORMS

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Abstract

We give exact estimations of certain weighted L^2 -norms of the *k*-th derivative of polynomials which have a curved majorant. They are all obtained as applications of special quadrature formulae.

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1. Introduction

The following problem was raised by P.Turán:

Let $\varphi(x) \ge 0$ for $-1 \le x \le 1$ and consider the class $P_{n,\varphi}$ of all polynomials of degree n such that $|p_n(x)| \le \varphi(x)$ for $-1 \le x \le 1$. How large can $\max_{[-1,1]} |p_n^{(k)}(x)|$ be if p_n is an arbitrary polynomial in $P_{n,\varphi}$?

The aim of this paper is to consider the solution in the weighted L^2 -norm for the majorant $\varphi(x) = \frac{\alpha + \beta - 2\alpha x^2}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}}, 0 \le \alpha \le \beta$. Let us denote by

(1.1)
$$x_i = \cos \frac{(2i-1)\pi}{2n}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

the zeros of $T_n(x) = \cos n\theta, x = \cos \theta,$

the Chebyshev polynomial of the first kind,

(1.2)
$$y_i^{(k)}$$
 the zeros of $U_{n-1}^{(k)}(x)$, $U_{n-1}(x) = \frac{\sin n\theta}{\sin \theta}$, $x = \cos \theta$,

the Chebyshev polynomial of the second kind and

(1.3)
$$G_{n-1}(x) = \beta U_{n-1}(x) - \alpha U_{n-3}(x), \quad 0 \le \alpha \le \beta.$$

Let $H_{\alpha,\beta}$ be the class of all real polynomials p_{n-1} , of degree $\leq n-1$ such that

(1.4)
$$|p_{n-1}(x_i)| \le \frac{\alpha + \beta - 2\alpha x_i^2}{\sqrt{1 - x_i^2}}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

where the x_i 's are given by (1.1) and $0 \le \alpha \le \beta$.



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2. Results

Theorem 2.1. If $p_{n-1} \in H_{\alpha,\beta}$ then we have

$$(2.1) \quad \int_{-1}^{1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \left[p'_{n-1}(x) \right]^2 dx \\ \leq \frac{2\pi (n-1)}{15} \left[(\alpha - \beta)^2 n (n+1) (n-2) (n-3) + 5 (n-1) \left(\beta^2 n (n+1) - \alpha^2 (n-2) (n-3) \right) \right]$$

with equality for $p_{n-1} = G_{n-1}$.

Two cases are of special interest:

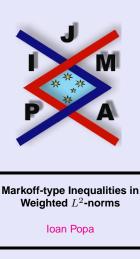
I. Case $\alpha = \beta = \frac{1}{2}$, $\varphi(x) = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$ (circular majorant), $G_{n-1} = T_{n-1}$. Note that $P_{n-1,\varphi} \subset H_{\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}}$, $T_{n-1} \notin P_{n-1,\varphi}$, $T_{n-1} \in H_{\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}}$.

Corollary 2.2. If $p_{n-1} \in H_{\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}}$ then we have

(2.2)
$$\int_{-1}^{1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \left[p'_{n-1}(x) \right]^2 dx \le \pi \left(n-1 \right)^3,$$

with equality for $p_{n-1} = T_{n-1}$.

II. Case
$$\alpha = 0$$
, $\beta = 1$, $\varphi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$, $G_{n-1} = U_{n-1}$.
Note that $P_{n-1,\varphi} \subset H_{0,1}, U_{n-1} \in P_{n-1,\varphi}, U_{n-1} \in H_{0,1}$.





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Corollary 2.3. If $p_{n-1} \in H_{0,1}$ then we have

(2.3)
$$\int_{-1}^{1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \left[p'_{n-1}(x) \right]^2 dx \le \frac{2\pi n \left(n^4 - 1 \right)}{15},$$

with equality for $p_{n-1} = U_{n-1}$.

In this second case we have a more general result:

Theorem 2.4. *If* $p_{n-1} \in H_{0,1}$ *and*

$$r(x) = b(b - 2a) x^{2} + 2c(b - a) x + a^{2} + c^{2}$$

with $0 < a < b, |c| < b - a, b \neq 2a$ then we have

$$(2.4) \quad \int_{-1}^{1} r(x) \left(1 - x^{2}\right)^{k-1/2} \left[p_{n-1}^{(k+1)}(x)\right]^{2} dx \leq \frac{\pi \left(n+k+1\right)!}{(n-k-2)!} \\ \times \left[\frac{\left[2\left(n^{2}-k^{2}\right)-3\left(2k+1\right)\right]\left[\left(a-b\right)^{2}+c^{2}\right]}{(2k+1)\left(2k+3\right)\left(2k+5\right)} + \frac{a^{2}+c^{2}}{2k+3}\right],$$

where $k = 0, \ldots, n-2$, with equality for $p_{n-1} = U_{n-1}$.

Setting a = 1, b = c = 0 one obtains the following

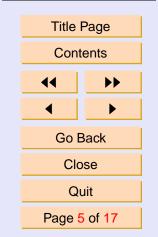
Corollary 2.5. If $p_{n-1} \in H_{0,1}$ then we have

$$(2.5) \quad \int_{-1}^{1} \left(1 - x^2\right)^{k-1/2} \left[p_{n-1}^{(k+1)}\left(x\right)\right]^2 dx \\ \leq \frac{2\pi \left(n+k+1\right)!}{(n-k-2)!} \cdot \frac{n^2 + k^2 + 3k + 1}{(2k+1)\left(2k+3\right)\left(2k+5\right)},$$

 $k = 0, \ldots, n-2$, with equality for $p_{n-1} = U_{n-1}$.



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3. Lemmas

Here we state and prove some lemmas which help us in proving the above theorems.

Lemma 3.1. Let p_{n-1} be such that $|p_{n-1}(x_i)| \leq \frac{\alpha+\beta-2\alpha x_i^2}{\sqrt{1-x_i^2}}, i = 1, 2, ..., n$, where the x_i 's are given by (1.1). Then we have

(3.1)
$$|p'_{n-1}(y_j)| \le |G'_{n-1}(y_j)|, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1,$$

and

(3.2)
$$|p'_{n-1}(1)| \le |G'_{n-1}(1)|, |p'_{n-1}(-1)| \le |G'_{n-1}(-1)|.$$

Proof. By the Lagrange interpolation formula based on the zeros of T_n and using $T'_n(x_i) = \frac{(-1)^{i+1}n}{(1-x_i^2)^{1/2}}$, we can represent any algebraic polynomial p_{n-1} by

$$p_{n-1}(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{T_n(x)}{x - x_i} \left(-1\right)^{i+1} \left(1 - x_i^2\right)^{1/2} p_{n-1}(x_i).$$

From

$$G_{n-1}(x_i) = (-1)^{i+1} \frac{\alpha + \beta - 2\alpha x_i^2}{\sqrt{1 - x_i^2}}$$

we have

$$G_{n-1}(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{T_n(x)}{x - x_i} \left(\alpha + \beta - 2\alpha x_i^2 \right).$$



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Differentiating with respect to x we obtain

$$p_{n-1}'(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{T_n'(x) (x - x_i) - T_n(x)}{(x - x_i)^2} (-1)^{i+1} (1 - x_i^2)^{1/2} p_{n-1}(x_i).$$

On the roots of $T'_{n}(x) = nU_{n-1}(x)$ and using (1.4) we find

$$p_{n-1}'(y_j) \leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{|T_n(y_j)|}{(y_j - x_i)^2} \left(\alpha + \beta - 2\alpha x_i^2\right) \\ = \frac{|T_n(y_j)|}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\alpha + \beta - 2\alpha x_i^2}{(y_j - x_i)^2} = |G_{n-1}'(y_j)|$$

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For $l_i(x) = \frac{T_n(x)}{x-x_i}$ taking into account that $l'_i(1) > 0$ (see [6]) it follows that

$$|p'_{n-1}(1)| \le \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} l'_i(1) \left(\alpha + \beta - 2\alpha x_i^2 \right) = |G'_{n-1}(1)|.$$

 $\text{Similarly}\left|p_{n-1}^{\prime}\left(-1\right)\right|\leq\left|G_{n-1}^{\prime}\left(-1\right)\right|.$

We shall need the result of Duffin and Schaeffer [2]:

Lemma 3.2 (Duffin – Schaeffer). If $q(x) = c \prod_{i=1}^{n} (x - x_i)$ is a polynomial of degree n with n distinct real zeros and if $p \in P_n$ is such that

$$|p'(x_i)| \le |q'(x_i)| \quad (i = 1, 2, ..., n),$$



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then for k = 1, 2, ..., n - 1*,*

$$|p^{(k+1)}(x)| \le |q^{(k+1)}(x)|$$

whenever $q^{(k)}(x) = 0$.

Lemma 3.3. Let p_{n-1} be such that $|p_{n-1}(x_i)| \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x_i^2}}$, i = 1, 2, ..., n, where the x_i 's are given by (1.1). Then we have

(3.3)
$$\left| p_{n-1}^{(k+1)}(y_j^{(k)}) \right| \le \left| U_{n-1}^{(k+1)}(y_j^{(k)}) \right|, \text{ whenever } U_{n-1}^{(k)}(y_j^{(k)}) = 0,$$

for k = 0, 1, ..., n - 1, and

(3.4)
$$\left| p_{n-1}^{(k+1)}(1) \right| \le \left| U_{n-1}^{(k+1)}(1) \right|, \quad \left| p_{n-1}^{(k+1)}(-1) \right| \le \left| U_{n-1}^{(k+1)}(-1) \right|.$$

Proof. For $\alpha = 0, \beta = 1, G_{n-1} = U_{n-1}$ and (3.1) give $|p'_{n-1}(y_j)| \le |U'_{n-1}(y_j)|$ and (3.2)

$$|p'_{n-1}(1)| \le |U'_{n-1}(1)|, \quad |p'_{n-1}(-1)| \le |U'_{n-1}(-1)|.$$

Now the proof is concluded by applying the Duffin-Schaeffer lemma.

The following proposition was proved in [3].

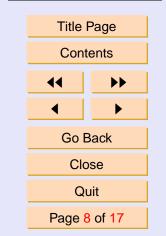
Lemma 3.4. A real polynomial r of exact degree 2 satisfies r(x) > 0 for $-1 \le x \le 1$ if and only if

$$r(x) = b(b - 2a)x^{2} + 2c(b - a)x + a^{2} + c^{2}$$

with 0 < a < b, |c| < b - a, $b \neq 2a$.



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We need the following quadrature formulae:

Lemma 3.5. For any given n and k, $0 \le k \le n-1$, let $y_i^{(k)}$, i = 1, ..., n-k-1, be the zeros of $U_{n-1}^{(k)}$. Then the quadrature formulae

(3.5)
$$\int_{-1}^{1} (1-x^2)^{k-1/2} f(x) \, dx = A_0 \left[f(-1) + f(1) \right] + \sum_{i=1}^{n-k-1} s_i f\left(y_i^{(k)} \right),$$

where

$$A_0 = \frac{2^{2k-1} (2k+1) \Gamma (k+1/2)^2 (n-k-1)!}{(n+k)!}, \qquad s_i > 0$$

and

(3.6)
$$\int_{-1}^{1} (1 - x^2)^{k - 1/2} f(x) dx$$
$$= B_0 [f(-1) + f(1)] + C_0 [f'(-1) - f'(1)] + \sum_{i=1}^{n-k-2} v_i f\left(y_i^{(k+1)}\right),$$

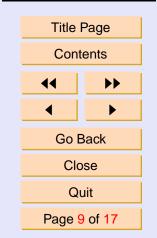
where

$$C_{0} = \frac{2^{2k} (2k+3) \Gamma (k+3/2)^{2} (n-k-2)!}{(n+k+1)!},$$

$$B_{0} = C_{0} \frac{2 (n^{2} - (k+2)^{2}) (2k+3) + 4 (k+1) (2k+5)}{(2k+1) (2k+5)}$$



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have algebraic degree of precision 2n - 2k - 1. The quadrature formulae

(3.7)
$$\int_{-1}^{1} r(x) (1 - x^{2})^{k-1/2} f(x) dx$$
$$= A_{1} f(-1) + B_{1} f(1) + \sum_{i=1}^{n-k-1} s_{i} r\left(y_{i}^{(k)}\right) f\left(y_{i}^{(k)}\right)$$

where

$$A_{1} = \frac{2^{2k-1} (2k+1) \Gamma (k+1/2)^{2} (n-k-1)! (a-b+c)^{2}}{(n+k)!},$$
$$B_{1} = \frac{2^{2k-1} (2k+1) \Gamma (k+1/2)^{2} (n-k-1)! (a-b-c)^{2}}{(n+k)!}$$

and

$$(3.8) \quad \int_{-1}^{1} r(x) (1-x^{2})^{k-1/2} f(x) dx = C_{1}f(-1) + D_{1}f(1) \\ + C_{2}f'(-1) - D_{2}f'(1) + \sum_{i=1}^{n-k-2} v_{i}r\left(y_{i}^{(k+1)}\right) f\left(y_{i}^{(k+1)}\right), \\ C_{1} = B_{0}(a-b+c)^{2} + 2C_{0}d, D_{1} = B_{0}(a-b-c)^{2} - 2C_{0}e, \\ C_{2} = C_{0}(a-b+c)^{2}, D_{2} = C_{0}(a-b-c)^{2}, \\ d = 2ab + bc - ac - b^{2}, e = b^{2} - 2ab + bc - ac. \end{cases}$$

have algebraic degree of precision 2n - 2k - 3.



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Proof. In order to compute the coefficients we need the following formulae

$$(3.9) \quad \begin{aligned} & \int_{-1}^{1} \left(1-x\right)^{\alpha} \left(1+x\right)^{\lambda} P_{m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}\left(x\right) dx \\ & = \frac{\left(-1\right)^{m} 2^{\alpha+\lambda+1} \Gamma\left(\lambda+1\right) \Gamma\left(m+\alpha+1\right) \Gamma\left(\beta-\lambda+m\right)}{\Gamma\left(m+1\right) \Gamma\left(\beta-\lambda\right) \Gamma\left(m+\alpha+\lambda+2\right)}, \quad \lambda < \beta \\ & \int_{-1}^{1} \left(1-x\right)^{\lambda} \left(1+x\right)^{\beta} P_{m}^{(\alpha,\beta)}\left(x\right) dx \\ & = \frac{2^{\beta+\lambda+1} \Gamma\left(\lambda+1\right) \Gamma\left(m+\beta+1\right) \Gamma\left(\alpha-\lambda+m\right)}{\Gamma\left(m+1\right) \Gamma\left(\alpha-\lambda\right) \Gamma\left(m+\beta+\lambda+2\right)}, \quad \lambda < \alpha \end{aligned}$$

The first quadrature formula (3.5) is the Bouzitat formula of the second kind [4, formula (4.8.1)], for the zeros of $U_{n-1}^{(k)} = cP_{n-k-1}^{\left(k+\frac{1}{2},k+\frac{1}{2}\right)}$. Setting $\alpha = \beta = \frac{1}{2}$, m = n - k - 1 in [4, formula (4.8.5)] we find A_0 and $s_i > 0$ (cf. [4, formula (4.8.4)]).

If in the above quadrature formula (3.6), taking into account (3.9), we put

$$f(x) = (1-x) (1+x)^2 P_{n-k-2}^{\left(k+\frac{3}{2},k+\frac{3}{2}\right)}(x),$$
$$U_{n-1}^{\left(k+1\right)}(x) = c P_{n-k-2}^{\left(k+\frac{3}{2},k+\frac{3}{2}\right)}(x),$$

we obtain C_0 , and for

$$f(x) = (1+x)^2 P_{n-k-2}^{\left(k+\frac{3}{2},k+\frac{3}{2}\right)}(x)$$



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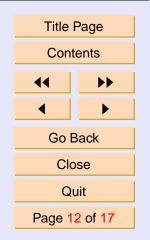
we find B_0 .

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If in formula (3.5) we replace f(x) with r(x) f(x) we get (3.7) and if in formula (3.6) we replace f(x) with r(x) f(x) we get (3.8).



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4. Proof of the Theorems

Proof of Theorem 2.1. Setting k = 0 in (3.5) we find the formula

$$\int_{-1}^{1} \frac{f(x)}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = \frac{\pi}{2n} \left[f(-1) + f(1) \right] + \frac{\pi}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} f(y_i) \,.$$

According to this quadrature formula and using (3.1) and (3.2) we have

$$\int_{-1}^{1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \left[p'_{n-1}(x) \right]^2 dx$$

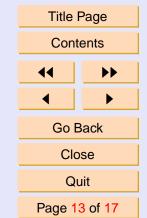
= $\frac{\pi}{2n} \left(p'_{n-1}(-1) \right)^2 + \frac{\pi}{2n} \left(p'_{n-1}(1) \right)^2 + \frac{\pi}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \left(p'_{n-1}(y_i) \right)^2$
 $\leq \frac{\pi}{2n} \left(G'_{n-1}(-1) \right)^2 + \frac{\pi}{2n} \left(G'_{n-1}(1) \right)^2 + \frac{\pi}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \left(G'_{n-1}(y_i) \right)^2$
= $\int_{-1}^{1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \left[G'_{n-1}(x) \right]^2 dx.$

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$$\begin{split} \int_{-1}^{1} \frac{\left[G'_{n-1}\left(x\right)\right]^{2}}{\sqrt{1-x^{2}}} dx &= \beta^{2} \int_{-1}^{1} \frac{\left[U'_{n-1}\left(x\right)\right]^{2}}{\sqrt{1-x^{2}}} dx \\ &- 2\alpha\beta \int_{-1}^{1} \frac{U'_{n-1}\left(x\right)U'_{n-3}\left(x\right)}{\sqrt{1-x^{2}}} dx + \alpha^{2} \int_{-1}^{1} \frac{\left[U'_{n-3}\left(x\right)\right]^{2}}{\sqrt{1-x^{2}}} dx. \end{split}$$





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Using the following formula (k = 0 in (3.6))

$$\int_{-1}^{1} \frac{f(x)}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = \frac{3\pi (3n^2 - 2)}{10n (n^2 - 1)} [f(-1) + f(1)] + \frac{3\pi}{4n (n^2 - 1)} [f'(-1) - f'(1)] + \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} c_i f(y'_i)$$

we find

$$\int_{-1}^{1} \frac{\left[U_{n-1}'(x)\right]^2}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = \frac{2\pi n \left(n^4 - 1\right)}{15},$$
$$\int_{-1}^{1} \frac{U_{n-1}'(x) U_{n-3}'(x)}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = \frac{2\pi n \left(n^2 - 1\right) \left(n - 2\right) \left(n - 3\right)}{15},$$
$$\int_{-1}^{1} \frac{\left[U_{n-3}'(x)\right]^2}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = \frac{2\pi \left(n - 1\right) \left(n^2 - 4n + 5\right) \left(n - 2\right) \left(n - 3\right)}{15}$$

and

$$\int_{-1}^{1} \frac{\left[G_{n-1}'(x)\right]^2}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = \frac{2\pi (n-1)}{15} \left[(\alpha - \beta)^2 n (n+1) (n-2) (n-3) + 5 (n-1) \left(\beta^2 n (n+1) - \alpha^2 (n-2) (n-3) \right) \right].$$



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Proof of Theorem 2.4. According to the quadrature formula (3.7), positivity of s_i 's, and using (3.3) and (3.4) we have

$$\begin{split} \int_{-1}^{1} r\left(x\right) \left(1-x^{2}\right)^{k-1/2} \left[p_{n-1}^{(k+1)}\left(x\right)\right]^{2} dx \\ &= A_{1} \left[p_{n-1}^{(k+1)}\left(-1\right)\right]^{2} + B_{1} \left[p_{n-1}^{(k+1)}\left(1\right)\right]^{2} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-k-1} s_{i} r\left(y_{i}^{(k)}\right) \left[p_{n-1}^{(k+1)}\left(y_{i}^{(k)}\right)\right]^{2} \\ &\leq A_{1} \left[U_{n-1}^{(k+1)}\left(-1\right)\right]^{2} + B_{1} \left[U_{n-1}^{(k+1)}\left(1\right)\right]^{2} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-k-1} s_{i} r\left(y_{i}^{(k)}\right) \left[U_{n-1}^{(k+1)}\left(y_{i}^{(k)}\right)\right]^{2} \\ &= \int_{-1}^{1} r\left(x\right) \left(1-x^{2}\right)^{k-1/2} \left[U_{n-1}^{(k+1)}\left(x\right)\right]^{2} dx. \end{split}$$

In order to complete the proof we apply formula (3.8) to $f = \left[U_{n-1}^{(k+1)}(x) \right]^2$.

Having in mind $U_{n-1}^{(k+1)}\left(y_i^{(k+1)}\right) = 0$ and the following relations deduced from [1]

$$U_{n-1}^{(k+1)}(1) = \frac{n(n^2 - 1^2) \cdots (n^2 - (k+1)^2)}{1 \cdot 3 \cdots (2k+3)},$$
$$U_{n-1}^{(k+2)}(1) = \frac{n^2 - (k+2)^2}{2k+5} U_{n-1}^{(k+1)}(1),$$
$$U_{n-1}^{(k+1)}(-1) U_{n-1}^{(k+2)}(-1) = -U_{n-1}^{(k+1)}(1) U_{n-1}^{(k+2)}(1),$$



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we find

$$\begin{split} \int_{-1}^{1} r\left(x\right) \left(1-x^{2}\right)^{k-1/2} \left[p_{n-1}^{(k+1)}\left(x\right)\right]^{2} dx \\ &= C_{1} \left[U_{n-1}^{(k+1)}\left(-1\right)\right]^{2} + D_{1} \left[U_{n-1}^{(k+1)}\left(1\right)\right]^{2} \\ &\quad + 2C_{2}U_{n-1}^{(k+1)}\left(-1\right)U_{n-1}^{(k+2)}\left(-1\right) - 2D_{2}U_{n-1}^{(k+1)}\left(1\right)U_{n-1}^{(k+2)}\left(1\right) \\ &= \frac{\pi\left(n+k+1\right)!}{(n-k-2)!} \left[\frac{\left[2\left(n^{2}-k^{2}\right)-3\left(2k+1\right)\right]\left[\left(a-b\right)^{2}+c^{2}\right]}{(2k+1)\left(2k+3\right)\left(2k+5\right)} + \frac{a^{2}+c^{2}}{2k+3}\right] \\ & \Box \end{split}$$



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