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# On Linear Combinations of Two Orthogonal Polynomial Sequences on the Unit Circle

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Let  $\{\Phi_n\}$  be a monic orthogonal polynomial sequence on the unit circle. We define recursively a new sequence  $\{\Psi_n\}$  of polynomials by the following linear combination:  $\Psi_n(z) + p_n\Psi_{n-1}(z) = \Phi_n(z) + q_n\Phi_{n-1}(z)$ ,  $p_n, q_n \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $p_nq_n \neq 0$ . In this paper, we give necessary and sufficient conditions in order to make  $\{\Psi_n\}$  be an orthogonal polynomial sequence too. Moreover, we obtain an explicit representation for the Verblunsky coefficients  $\{\Phi_n(0)\}$  and  $\{\Psi_n(0)\}$  in terms of  $p_n$  and  $q_n$ . Finally, we show the relation between their corresponding Carathéodory functions and their associated linear functionals.

## 1. Notation and Preliminary Results

We recall some definitions and general results about orthogonal polynomials on the unit circle (OPUC). They can be seen in [1–3].

Along this paper, we will use the following notations. We denote by  $\Lambda = \text{span}\{z^k, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  the linear space of Laurent polynomials with complex coefficients and by  $\Lambda'$  the dual algebraic space of  $\Lambda$ . Let  $\mathbb{P} = \text{span}\{z^k, k \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be the space of complex polynomials.

*Definition 1.1.* Let  $u \in \Lambda'$ . Denoting by  $u_n = u(z^n)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we say that

- (i)  $u$  is Hermitian if for all  $n \geq 0$ ,  $u_{-n} = \overline{u_n}$ ;
- (ii)  $u$  is regular or quasidefinite (positive definite) if the principal minors of the moment matrix are nonsingular (positive), that is,

$$\forall n \geq 0, \quad \Delta_n = \det \left( u \left( z^{i-j} \right) \right)_{i=0 \dots n; j=0 \dots n} \neq 0 \quad (> 0). \quad (1.1)$$

In any case we denote for all  $n \geq 0$ ,  $e_n = \Delta_n / \Delta_{n-1}$  with  $\Delta_{-1} = 1$ .

The sequence  $\{u_n\}$  is said to be the sequence of the moments associated with  $u$ .

Furthermore, if  $u$  is a positive definite linear functional then a finite nontrivial positive Borel measure  $\mu$  supported on the unit circle exists such that

$$u(P(z)) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} P(e^{i\theta}) d\mu, \quad P \in \Lambda. \quad (1.2)$$

*Definition 1.2.* Let  $\{\Phi_n(z)\}_0^{+\infty}$  be a complex polynomial sequence with  $\deg \Phi_n(z) = n$ . We say that  $\{\Phi_n(z)\}_0^{+\infty}$  is a sequence of orthogonal polynomials (OPSs) with respect to the linear and Hermitian functional  $u$  if

$$\forall n, m \geq 0, \quad u\left(\Phi_n(z) \overline{\Phi_m\left(\frac{1}{z}\right)}\right) = e_n \delta_{nm} \quad \text{with } e_n \neq 0. \quad (1.3)$$

In the sequel, we denote by  $\{\Phi_n\}$  the monic orthogonal polynomial sequence (MOPS) associated with  $u$ .

For simplicity, along this paper we also assume that  $u$  is normalized (i.e.,  $u_0 = 1$ ). It is well known that the regularity of  $u$  is a necessary and sufficient condition for the existence of a sequence of orthogonal polynomials on the unit circle. On the other hand, the polynomials  $\Phi_n$  satisfy the so-called Szegő recurrence relations

$$\forall n \geq 1, \quad \Phi_n(z) = z\Phi_{n-1}(z) + \Phi_n(0)\Phi_{n-1}^*(z), \quad (1.4)$$

$$\forall n \geq 1, \quad \Phi_n^*(z) = \Phi_{n-1}^*(z) + \overline{\Phi_n(0)}z\Phi_{n-1}(z), \quad (1.5)$$

$$\forall n \geq 1, \quad \Phi_n(z) = \left(1 - |\Phi_n(0)|^2\right)z\Phi_{n-1}(z) + \Phi_n(0)\Phi_n^*(z), \quad (1.6)$$

$$\forall n \geq 1, \quad \Phi_n^*(z) = \left(1 - |\Phi_n(0)|^2\right)\Phi_{n-1}^*(z) + \overline{\Phi_n(0)}\Phi_n(z), \quad (1.7)$$

where  $\Phi_n^*(z) = z^n \overline{\Phi_n(1/z)}$  is the reversed polynomial of  $\Phi_n(z)$ ,  $n \geq 0$ .

*Definition 1.3.* Given an MOPS  $\{\Phi_n\}$ , the sequence of kernels of parameter  $y \in \mathbb{C}$  associated with the linear functional  $u$  is defined by

$$\forall n \geq 0, \quad K_n(z, y) = \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{\overline{\Phi_j(y)}}{e_j} \Phi_j(z). \quad (1.8)$$

This sequence verifies the following properties:

$$\forall n \geq 0, \quad K_n(z, y) = \frac{1}{e_n} \left( \frac{\Phi_n^*(z)\overline{\Phi_n^*(y)} - z\bar{y}\Phi_n(z)\overline{\Phi_n(y)}}{1 - z\bar{y}} \right), \tag{1.9}$$

$$\forall n \geq 0, \quad K_n(z, y) = \frac{1}{e_{n+1}} \left( \frac{\Phi_{n+1}^*(z)\overline{\Phi_{n+1}^*(y)} - \Phi_{n+1}(z)\overline{\Phi_{n+1}(y)}}{1 - z\bar{y}} \right), \tag{1.10}$$

$$\forall n \geq 0, \quad K_n(z, y) = \overline{K_n(y, z)} \quad \Phi_n^*(z) = e_n K_n(z, 0), \tag{1.11}$$

$$\forall n \geq 1, \quad K_n(z, y) = z\bar{y}K_{n-1}(z, y) + \frac{\overline{\Phi_n^*(y)}}{e_n} \Phi_n^*(z). \tag{1.12}$$

To the linear functional  $u$  we can associate a formal series  $F_u$  as follows:

$$F_u(z) = 1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \overline{u_n} z^n. \tag{1.13}$$

In the positive definite case,  $F_u$  is called the Carathéodory function associated with  $u$ . In this case,  $F_u$  can be written as

$$F_u(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{e^{i\theta} + z}{e^{i\theta} - z} d\mu(\theta), \quad |z| < 1. \tag{1.14}$$

The measure  $d\mu$  can be reconstructed from  $F_u$  by means of the inversion formula. The aim of this paper is the analysis of the following problem. Given an MOPS on the unit circle  $\{\Phi_n\}$ , orthogonal with respect to a linear functional  $u$ , to find necessary and sufficient conditions in order to make a sequence of monic polynomials  $\{\Psi_n\}$  defined by

$$\forall n \geq 1, \quad \Phi_n(z) + q_n \Phi_{n-1}(z) = \Psi_n(z) + p_n \Psi_{n-1}(z) \quad \text{with } p_n q_n \neq 0 \tag{1.15}$$

an MOPS with respect to a linear functional  $\mathcal{L}$ . Further more, to find the relation between the linear functionals  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $u$  and their corresponding Carathéodory functions.

Many authors have dealt with this kind of problems. In the constructive theory of orthogonal polynomials they have been called *inverse problems*. Concretely, an inverse problem for linear functionals can be stated as follows. Given two sequences of monic polynomials  $\{\Phi_n\}$  and  $\{\Psi_n\}$ , to find necessary and sufficient conditions in order to make  $\{\Psi_n\}$  an MOPS when  $\{\Phi_n\}$  is a MOPS and they are related by

$$F(\Phi_n, \dots, \Phi_{n-l}) = G(\Psi_n, \dots, \Psi_{n-k}), \tag{1.16}$$

where  $F$  and  $G$  are fixed functions. As a next step, to find the relation between the functionals.

For instance, this subject has been treated in [4–6] in the context of the theory of orthogonal polynomials on the real line. For orthogonal polynomials with respect to measures supported on the unit circle, in [7] there have been relevant results.

The structure of this paper is the following. In Section 2 we give the necessary conditions in order to be sure that the problem (1.15) admits a nontrivial solution. In Section 3, we prove a sufficient condition and we obtain the explicit solution in terms of  $p_n$  and  $q_n$ . Section 4 is devoted to find the functional relation between  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $u$ . Finally, Section 5 contains the rational relation between the corresponding Carathéodory functions.

## 2. Necessary Conditions

Let  $\{\Phi_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  be a monic orthogonal polynomial sequence and let  $\{\Psi_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  be a monic polynomial sequence. We assume that there exist sequences of complex numbers  $\{q_n\}_{n \geq 2}$  and  $\{p_n\}_{n \geq 2}$  such that the following relation holds:

$$\forall n \geq 2, \quad \Phi_n(z) + q_n \Phi_{n-1}(z) = \Psi_n(z) + p_n \Psi_{n-1}(z). \quad (2.1)$$

Also, we assume  $\Phi_0(z) = \Psi_0(z) = 1$  and  $\Phi_1(z) = z - q_1$  and  $\Psi_1(z) = z - p_1$ , with  $|q_1| \neq 1$  and  $|p_1| \neq 1$ .

In this section, we find some necessary conditions in order to make the sequence  $\{\Psi_n\}$  defined recursively from  $\{\Phi_n\}$  by relation (2.1) an MOPS.

With this aim, we define the complex numbers  $N_{n+1}$  and  $D_{n+1}$  as follows:

$$\forall n \geq 1, \quad N_{n+1} = \Phi_{n+1}(0) + q_{n+1} \Phi_n(0), \quad (2.2)$$

$$\forall n \geq 1, \quad D_{n+1} = q_{n+1} - q_n + \overline{\Phi_n(0)} \Phi_{n+1}(0). \quad (2.3)$$

The following proposition justifies this choice.

**Proposition 2.1.** *Let  $\{\Psi_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  be the monic sequence given as in (2.1). If  $\{\Psi_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  is an MOPS, then the following relations hold:*

$$\forall n \geq 1, \quad N_{n+1} = \Psi_{n+1}(0) + p_{n+1} \Psi_n(0), \quad (2.4)$$

$$\forall n \geq 1, \quad D_{n+1} = p_{n+1} - p_n + \overline{\Psi_n(0)} \Psi_{n+1}(0). \quad (2.5)$$

Moreover,

$$\forall n \geq 1, \quad z D_{n+1} (\Phi_{n-1}(z) - \Psi_{n-1}(z)) = N_{n+1} (\Psi_{n-1}^*(z) - \Phi_{n-1}^*(z)), \quad (2.6)$$

$$\forall n \geq 1, \quad D_{n+2} (q_n \Phi_{n-1}(z) - p_n \Psi_{n-1}(z)) = N_{n+2} (\overline{p_n} \Psi_{n-1}^*(z) - \overline{q_n} \Phi_{n-1}^*(z)). \quad (2.7)$$

*Proof.* From (1.4) together with the definition of  $\Psi_n$  (2.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \forall n \geq 1, \quad \Psi_{n+1}(z) &= \Phi_{n+1}(z) + q_{n+1}\Phi_n(z) - p_{n+1}\Psi_n(z) \\ &= (z + q_{n+1})\Phi_n(z) + \Phi_{n+1}(0)\Phi_n^*(z) - p_{n+1}\Psi_n(z) \\ &= z\Psi_n(z) - zq_n\Phi_{n-1}(z) + zp_n\Psi_{n-1}(z) + q_{n+1}\Phi_n(z) + \Phi_{n+1}(0)\Phi_n^*(z) - p_{n+1}\Psi_n(z). \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

Since  $\{\Psi_n\}$  is a MOPS, using (1.4) we have

$$\Psi_{n+1}(0)\Psi_n^*(z) = -zq_n\Phi_{n-1}(z) + zp_n\Psi_{n-1}(z) + q_{n+1}\Phi_n(z) + \Phi_{n+1}(0)\Phi_n^*(z) - p_{n+1}\Psi_n(z). \quad (2.9)$$

That is,

$$p_{n+1}\Psi_n(z) + \Psi_{n+1}(0)\Psi_n^*(z) - zp_n\Psi_{n-1}(z) = q_{n+1}\Phi_n(z) + \Phi_{n+1}(0)\Phi_n^*(z) - zq_n\Phi_{n-1}(z). \quad (2.10)$$

Using (1.4) and (1.5) in both sequences, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \forall n \geq 1, \quad & \left( p_{n+1} - p_n + \Psi_{n+1}(0)\overline{\Psi_n(0)} \right) z\Psi_{n-1}(z) + (\Psi_{n+1}(0) + p_{n+1}\Psi_n(0))\Psi_{n-1}^*(z) \\ &= \left( q_{n+1} - q_n + \Phi_{n+1}(0)\overline{\Phi_n(0)} \right) z\Phi_{n-1}(z) + (\Phi_{n+1}(0) + q_{n+1}\Phi_n(0))\Phi_{n-1}^*(z). \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

Taking  $z = 0$  we have (2.4). Observe that, this is as same as (2.1) for  $z = 0$ .

Identifying the coefficients of degree  $n$ , then (2.5) holds. Therefore, we can rewrite (2.11) as (2.6).

On the other hand, applying the  $*$ -operator in (2.1) we have  $\Psi_n^*(z) + \overline{p_n}z\Psi_{n-1}^*(z) = \Phi_n^*(z) + \overline{q_n}z\Phi_{n-1}^*(z)$ . Substituting in (2.6) and using (2.1), we obtain (2.7).  $\square$

In the sequel, we denote by  $u$  the linear regular functional associated with  $\{\Phi_n\}$  and by  $\mathfrak{L}$  the linear regular functional associated with  $\{\Psi_n\}$ . Besides, we denote by  $E_n$  the real number such that  $E_n = \mathfrak{L}(\Psi_n(z)z^{-n})$  with  $E_0 = 1$ . Therefore,  $E_n/E_{n-1} = 1 - |\Psi_n(0)|^2$ .

**Corollary 2.2.** *Under the same conditions as in Proposition 2.1, the following assertions hold:*

- (i) *If  $p_1 = q_1$ , then  $p_n = q_n$  and  $\Phi_n(z) = \Psi_n(z)$ , for all  $n \geq 1$ ,*
- (ii) *If  $p_1 \neq q_1$  and  $p_n q_n \neq 0$ , for all  $n \geq 2$ , then  $\Phi_n(z) \neq \Psi_n(z)$ , for all  $n \geq 1$ ,*
- (iii) *Assume  $p_1 \neq q_1$  and  $p_n q_n \neq 0$ , for all  $n \geq 2$ , then  $N_{n+1} \neq 0$  if and only if  $D_{n+1} \neq 0$ , for all  $n \geq 2$ . Moreover,  $|N_{n+1}| = |D_{n+1}|$  for all  $n \geq 2$ .*

*Proof.* (i) We eliminate  $\Psi_{n+1}(0)$  using equalities (2.2)–(2.4) and (2.3)–(2.5). By doing this, we get

$$\forall n \geq 1, \quad q_{n+1} - q_n - \left( p_{n+1} \frac{E_n}{E_{n-1}} - p_n \right) = \Phi_{n+1}(0) \left( \overline{\Psi_n(0)} - \overline{\Phi_n(0)} \right) + q_{n+1} \Phi_n(0) \overline{\Psi_n(0)}. \quad (2.12)$$

Taking  $n = 1$ , we obtain  $q_2 - q_1 - (p_2 E_1 - p_1) = \Phi_2(0) (\overline{q_1} - \overline{p_1}) + q_2 q_1 \overline{p_1}$ .

If  $p_1 = q_1$ , then  $q_2 - p_2 = |q_1|^2 (q_2 - p_2)$  and thus  $(q_2 - p_2) e_1 = 0$ . Wherefrom  $q_2 = p_2$ . Now, using (2.1) we have  $\Psi_2(z) = \Phi_2(z)$ .

Proceeding in the same way for  $n = 2$  we obtain  $(q_3 - p_3) e_2 / e_1 = 0$ , hence  $q_3 = p_3$  and  $\Psi_3(z) = \Phi_3(z)$ , and thus successively.

(ii) Assume that there exists  $n_0 \geq 2$  such that  $\Phi_{n_0} = \Psi_{n_0}$ . From (2.1), written for  $n = n_0$ , it holds that  $q_{n_0} = p_{n_0}$  and then  $\Phi_{n_0-1} = \Psi_{n_0-1}$ , and thus successively.

Hence,  $\Psi_1 = \Phi_1$ , in contradiction with the hypothesis.

(iii) The result follows from (2.6) and the above item.

On the other hand, applying the  $*$ n-operator in (2.6), we obtain  $|N_{n+1}| = |D_{n+1}|$  for  $n \geq 2$ .  $\square$

*Remark 2.3.* The situation  $p_1 = q_1$  is the trivial case, that is,  $\Psi_n = \Phi_n$ , for all  $n \geq 1$ . For this reason, in the sequel, it will be excluded.

The next result will be used later.

**Lemma 2.4.** *Under the same conditions as in Proposition 2.1 together with  $p_1 \neq q_1$ , the following assertions hold:*

$$\forall n \geq 2, \quad u(\Psi_n(z)) = (-1)^{n+1} p_n \cdots p_2 (q_1 - p_1), \quad (2.13)$$

$$\forall n \geq 2, \quad \mathcal{L}(\Phi_n(z)) = (-1)^{n+1} q_n \cdots q_2 (p_1 - q_1). \quad (2.14)$$

*Proof.* Using (2.1) we obtain

$$\forall n \geq 2, \quad u(\Psi_n) = -p_n u(\Psi_{n-1}). \quad (2.15)$$

Since that  $u(\Psi_1(z)) = u(z - p_1) = q_1 - p_1$ , then (2.13) follows.

We obtain (2.14) changing  $u$  by  $\mathcal{L}$ .  $\square$

For all  $n \geq 1$  such that  $D_{n+1} \neq 0$ , we define the following complex number:

$$T_{n+1} = \frac{N_{n+1}}{D_{n+1}} = \frac{\Phi_{n+1}(0) + q_{n+1} \Phi_n(0)}{q_{n+1} - q_n + \Phi_{n+1}(0) \overline{\Phi_n(0)}}. \quad (2.16)$$

This number plays a very important role in the solution of our problem.

**Proposition 2.5.** *Assume that  $\{\Phi_n\}$  and  $\{\Psi_n\}$  are two MOPSs that verify (2.1) with  $p_1 \neq q_1$  and  $p_n q_n \neq 0$ , for all  $n \geq 2$ . If moreover  $D_{n+2} \neq 0$  for all  $n \geq 1$ , then the following relation linking  $\Psi_n(z)$  and  $\Phi_n(z)$  holds:*

$$\forall n \geq 1, \quad \left( z - \frac{p_{n+1}T_{n+2}}{\overline{p_{n+1}}T_{n+3}} \right) \Psi_n(z) = \left( z - \frac{q_{n+1}T_{n+2}}{\overline{p_{n+1}}T_{n+3}} \right) \Phi_n(z) + \frac{T_{n+2}}{p_{n+1}} (\overline{p_{n+1}} - \overline{q_{n+1}}) \Phi_n^*(z). \quad (2.17)$$

*Proof.* From (2.6) and (2.7), for all  $n \geq 1$ , we have the system

$$\begin{aligned} p_{n+1}D_{n+3}\Psi_n(z) + \overline{p_{n+1}}N_{n+3}\Psi_n^*(z) &= q_{n+1}D_{n+3}\Phi_n(z) + \overline{q_{n+1}}N_{n+3}\Phi_n^*(z), \\ zD_{n+2}\Psi_n(z) + N_{n+2}\Psi_n^*(z) &= zD_{n+2}\Phi_n(z) + N_{n+2}\Phi_n^*(z). \end{aligned} \quad (2.18)$$

The corresponding determinant

$$\forall n \geq 1, \quad \begin{vmatrix} p_{n+1}D_{n+3} & \overline{p_{n+1}}N_{n+3} \\ zD_{n+2} & N_{n+2} \end{vmatrix} \quad (2.19)$$

is not null, since  $D_{n+2} \neq 0$  together with Corollary 2.2(iii). Wherefrom, it has a unique solution for  $\Psi_n$ .

By solving this, we get (2.17). □

In the sequel, we denote by  $\widetilde{K}_n(z, y)$  the sequence of the kernels corresponding to  $\{\Psi_n\}$ . For the sequence  $\{\Phi_n\}$  we keep the same notations as in Section 1.

**Proposition 2.6.** *Assume that  $\{\Psi_n\}$  and  $\{\Phi_n\}$  are two MOPS that verify (2.1) with  $p_1 \neq q_1$  and  $p_n q_n \neq 0$ , for all  $n \geq 2$ . Also assume  $D_{n+2} \neq 0$ , for all  $n \geq 1$ . Under these conditions, then the following assertions hold*

(i)  $p_n \neq q_n$ , for all  $n \geq 2$ ,

(ii) *There exist two complex numbers  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  with  $|\alpha| = |\beta| = 1$  such that*

$$\forall n \geq 2, \quad \alpha = \frac{p_n T_{n+1}}{\overline{p_n} T_{n+2}}, \quad (2.20)$$

$$\forall n \geq 2, \quad \beta = \frac{q_n T_{n+1}}{\overline{q_n} T_{n+2}}. \quad (2.21)$$

Here, the initial parameters  $T_3$  and  $T_4$  are given by  $T_3 = -(q_1 - p_1)/(\overline{q_1} - \overline{p_1})$  and  $T_4 = (q_2 - p_2)/(\overline{q_2} - \overline{p_2})$ ,

(iii) The sequences  $\{\Phi_n\}$  and  $\{\Psi_n\}$  are connected by the following formulas:

$$\forall n \geq 1, \quad \Psi_n(z) = \Phi_n(z) + \frac{e_n}{\Phi_n(\alpha)} \frac{(p_{n+1} - q_{n+1})}{p_{n+1}} K_{n-1}(z, \alpha), \quad (2.22)$$

$$\forall n \geq 1, \quad \Phi_n(z) = \Psi_n(z) + \frac{E_n}{\Psi_n(\beta)} \frac{(q_{n+1} - p_{n+1})}{q_{n+1}} \widetilde{K}_{n-1}(z, \beta). \quad (2.23)$$

*Proof.* Item (i) follows immediately from (2.17). Indeed, if we take  $p_{n+1} = q_{n+1}$ , we obtain  $\Phi_n = \Psi_n$ .

Let us proceed with the proof of (ii). Inserting

$$\Psi_n(z) = \frac{(\Phi_{n+1}(z) + q_{n+1}\Phi_n(z) - \Psi_{n+1}(z))}{p_{n+1}}, \quad (2.24)$$

in (2.17), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \forall n \geq 1, \quad & \left( z - \frac{p_{n+1}T_{n+2}}{\overline{p_{n+1}T_{n+3}}} \right) \Psi_{n+1}(z) \\ & = \left( z - \frac{p_{n+1}T_{n+2}}{\overline{p_{n+1}T_{n+3}}} \right) \Phi_{n+1}(z) + z(q_{n+1} - p_{n+1})\Phi_n(z) - \frac{p_{n+1}}{\overline{p_{n+1}}} T_{n+2} (\overline{p_{n+1}} - \overline{q_{n+1}}) \Phi_n^*(z). \end{aligned} \quad (2.25)$$

Using the recurrences (1.6) and (1.7) in the right-hand side we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} \forall n \geq 1, \quad & \left( z - \frac{p_{n+1}T_{n+2}}{\overline{p_{n+1}T_{n+3}}} \right) \Psi_{n+1}(z) \\ & = \left( z - \frac{p_{n+1}T_{n+2}}{\overline{p_{n+1}T_{n+3}}} + \left( q_{n+1} - p_{n+1} + \frac{p_{n+1}(\overline{p_{n+1}} - \overline{q_{n+1}})}{\overline{p_{n+1}}} T_{n+2} \overline{\Phi_{n+1}(0)} \right) \frac{e_n}{e_{n+1}} \right) \Phi_{n+1}(z) \\ & \quad - \left( (q_{n+1} - p_{n+1})\Phi_{n+1}(0) + \frac{p_{n+1}(\overline{p_{n+1}} - \overline{q_{n+1}})}{\overline{p_{n+1}}} T_{n+2} \right) \frac{e_n}{e_{n+1}} \Phi_{n+1}^*(z). \end{aligned} \quad (2.26)$$

In order to eliminate the polynomial  $\Psi_n$ , we write (2.26) for  $\Psi_n$  and we combine it with (2.17). Concretely, we multiply (2.17) by  $(z - p_n T_{n+1} / \overline{p_n T_{n+2}})$  and (2.26) by  $(z - p_{n+1} T_{n+2} / \overline{p_{n+1} T_{n+3}})$ . By doing this, we obtain

$$\forall n \geq 2, \quad (d_n z + f_n) \Phi_n(z) = (g_n z + h_n) \Phi_n^*(z), \quad (2.27)$$



where

$$\begin{aligned}
 d_n &= (p_{n+1} - q_{n+1}) \frac{T_{n+2}}{p_{n+1} T_{n+3}} - \left( (q_n - p_n) + \frac{p_n}{p_n} T_{n+1} (\overline{p_n} - \overline{q_n}) \overline{\Phi_n(0)} \right) \frac{e_{n-1}}{e_n}, \\
 f_n &= -(p_{n+1} - q_{n+1}) \frac{p_n T_{n+1}}{p_n p_{n+1} T_{n+3}} + \frac{p_{n+1} T_{n+2}}{p_{n+1} T_{n+3}} \left( (q_n - p_n) + \frac{p_n}{p_n} T_{n+1} (\overline{p_n} - \overline{q_n}) \overline{\Phi_n(0)} \right) \frac{e_{n-1}}{e_n}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.28}$$

Given that  $\Phi_n$  and  $\Phi_n^*$  have not common roots, then  $d_n = f_n = g_n = h_n = 0$ , for all  $n \geq 2$ .

Using (2.28) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 (p_{n+1} - q_{n+1}) \frac{T_{n+2}}{p_{n+1} T_{n+3}} &= \left( (q_n - p_n) + \frac{p_n}{p_n} T_{n+1} (\overline{p_n} - \overline{q_n}) \overline{\Phi_n(0)} \right) \frac{e_{n-1}}{e_n}, \\
 (p_{n+1} - q_{n+1}) \frac{p_n T_{n+1}}{p_n p_{n+1} T_{n+3}} &= \frac{p_{n+1} T_{n+2}}{p_{n+1} T_{n+3}} \left( (q_n - p_n) + \frac{p_n}{p_n} T_{n+1} (\overline{p_n} - \overline{q_n}) \overline{\Phi_n(0)} \right) \frac{e_{n-1}}{e_n}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.29}$$

Combining these relations, we deduce

$$\forall n \geq 2, \quad \frac{p_n T_{n+1}}{p_n T_{n+2}} = \frac{p_{n+1} T_{n+2}}{p_{n+1} T_{n+3}}, \tag{2.30}$$

since  $p_{n+1} \neq q_{n+1}$ .

This complex constant is denoted in the statement by  $\alpha$ . The property  $|\alpha| = 1$  is a consequence of Corollary 2.2(iii). On the other hand, the explicit expressions of  $T_3$  and  $T_4$  follow from (2.7) for  $n = 1$  and  $n = 2$ , respectively.

This completes the proof of (ii) because the complex number  $\beta$  exists by the symmetry of the problem.

Finally, we show (iii). Using again (2.17), we have

$$\forall n \geq 1, \quad (z - \alpha) \Psi_n(z) = \left( z - \frac{q_{n+1}}{p_{n+1}} \alpha \right) \Phi_n(z) + \frac{T_{n+2}}{p_{n+1}} (\overline{p_{n+1}} - \overline{q_{n+1}}) \Phi_n^*(z). \tag{2.31}$$

Putting  $z = \alpha$ , we get

$$\alpha \frac{(p_{n+1} - q_{n+1})}{p_{n+1}} \Phi_n(\alpha) = \frac{(\overline{q_{n+1}} - \overline{p_{n+1}})}{p_{n+1}} \Phi_n^*(\alpha) T_{n+2}. \tag{2.32}$$

Substituting this relation in (2.31) and using the recurrences of the kernels (1.9) and (1.10), (2.22) holds.  $\square$

In order to state the converse we need the following assertions.

**Proposition 2.7.** *Under the hypothesis of Proposition 2.6,*

$$\forall n \geq 2, \quad \Phi_n(0) = T_{n+1} + T_{n+2}\overline{q_n}, \tag{2.33}$$

$$\forall n \geq 2, \quad \Psi_n(0) = T_{n+1} + T_{n+2}\overline{p_n} \tag{2.34}$$

$$\forall n \geq 2, \quad \frac{p_n}{q_n} \frac{e_n}{e_{n-1}} = \frac{p_{n+1}}{q_{n+1}} \frac{E_n}{E_{n-1}}. \tag{2.35}$$

*Proof.* From (1.4),

$$\forall n \geq 1, \quad (z - \alpha)\Psi_n = z(z - \alpha)\Psi_{n-1}(z) + \Psi_n(0)(z - \alpha)\Psi_{n-1}^*(z). \tag{2.36}$$

Here, we use (2.31) to substitute the terms  $(z - \alpha)\Psi_{n-1}(z)$  and  $(z - \alpha)\Psi_{n-1}^*(z)$  as function of  $\{\Phi_n\}$ . By doing this, we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} \forall n \geq 2, \quad (z - \alpha)\Psi_n(z) &= \left( z - \frac{q_n}{p_n}\alpha - \Psi_n(0)\frac{\overline{T_{n+1}}}{p_n}(p_n - q_n)\alpha \right) z\Phi_{n-1} \\ &+ \left( z\frac{\overline{T_{n+1}}}{p_n}(\overline{p_n} - \overline{q_n}) + \Psi_n(0)\frac{\overline{q_n}}{p_n}\left(z - \frac{\overline{p_n}}{q_n}\alpha\right) \right) \Phi_{n-1}^*(z). \end{aligned} \tag{2.37}$$

Equating this formula with (2.25), previously written for  $\Psi_n$ , and applying (1.4) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \forall n \geq 2, \quad &\left( -\alpha + q_n - p_n + \frac{q_n}{p_n}\alpha + \Psi_n(0)\frac{\overline{T_{n+1}}}{p_n}(p_n - q_n)\alpha \right) z\Phi_{n-1}(z) \\ &= \left( -(z - \alpha)\Phi_n(0) + (z + p_n)\frac{\overline{T_{n+1}}}{p_n}(\overline{p_n} - \overline{q_n}) + \Psi_n(0)\frac{\overline{q_n}}{p_n}\left(z - \frac{\overline{p_n}}{q_n}\alpha\right) \right) \Phi_{n-1}^*(z). \end{aligned} \tag{2.38}$$

Putting  $z = 0$ , then the independent term vanishes and the previous relation becomes

$$\frac{(q_n - p_n)}{p_n} \left( \alpha + p_n - \frac{\Psi_n(0)}{T_{n+1}}\alpha \right) \Phi_{n-1}(z) = \left( -\Phi_n(0) + \frac{\overline{T_{n+1}}}{p_n}(\overline{p_n} - \overline{q_n}) + \Psi_n(0)\frac{\overline{q_n}}{p_n} \right) \Phi_{n-1}^*(z). \tag{2.39}$$

Using again the fact that  $\Phi_{n-1}$  and  $\Phi_{n-1}^*$  have no common roots and  $q_n \neq p_n$ , it follows that the coefficients in the last relation are zero and this implies (2.33) and (2.34).

Let us proceed with (2.35). From (2.33) and (2.34), for all  $n \geq 2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \forall n \geq 2, \quad \frac{e_n}{e_{n-1}} &= 1 - |\Phi_n(0)|^2 = -\frac{\overline{T_{n+2}}}{T_{n+1}}\overline{q_n} - \frac{T_{n+1}}{T_{n+2}}q_n - |q_n|^2, \\ \forall n \geq 2, \quad \frac{E_n}{E_{n-1}} &= -\frac{\overline{T_{n+2}}}{T_{n+1}}\overline{p_n} - \frac{T_{n+1}}{T_{n+2}}p_n - |p_n|^2. \end{aligned} \tag{2.40}$$

On the other hand, substituting in  $N_{n+1} = \Psi_{n+1}(0) + p_{n+1}\Psi_n(0) = \Phi_{n+1}(0) + q_{n+1}\Phi_n(0)$  the relations (2.33) and (2.34), we obtain

$$\forall n \geq 2, \quad (p_{n+1}\overline{p_n} - q_{n+1}\overline{q_n}) = (q_{n+1} - p_{n+1})\frac{T_{n+1}}{T_{n+2}} + (\overline{q_{n+1}} - \overline{p_{n+1}})\frac{T_{n+3}}{T_{n+2}}. \quad (2.41)$$

We can eliminate  $T_{n+3}/T_{n+2}$  using  $(\overline{p_{n+1}}/p_{n+1})(T_{n+3}/T_{n+2}) = (\overline{p_n}/p_n)(T_{n+2}/T_{n+1}) = \alpha$ . Moreover, multiplying by  $p_n/q_{n+1}$  we find

$$(p_{n+1}\overline{p_n} - q_{n+1}\overline{q_n})\frac{p_n}{q_{n+1}} = (q_{n+1} - p_{n+1})\frac{p_n}{q_{n+1}}\frac{T_{n+1}}{T_{n+2}} + (\overline{q_{n+1}} - \overline{p_{n+1}})\frac{p_{n+1}\overline{p_n}}{\overline{p_{n+1}}q_{n+1}}\frac{T_{n+2}}{T_{n+1}}. \quad (2.42)$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \forall n \geq 2, \quad & -\frac{p_n}{q_n}\frac{e_n}{e_{n-1}} + \frac{p_{n+1}}{q_{n+1}}\frac{E_n}{E_{n-1}} \\ & = \left(\frac{p_n\overline{q_n}}{q_n} - \frac{\overline{p_n}p_{n+1}}{q_{n+1}}\right)\frac{T_{n+2}}{T_{n+1}} + (q_{n+1} - p_{n+1})\frac{p_n}{q_{n+1}}\frac{T_{n+1}}{T_{n+2}} - \left(\frac{\overline{p_n}p_{n+1}}{q_{n+1}} - \overline{q_n}\right)p_n. \end{aligned} \quad (2.43)$$

Finally, we use (2.42) in order to calculate the right-hand side

$$\forall n \geq 2, \quad -\frac{p_n}{q_n}\frac{e_n}{e_{n-1}} + \frac{p_{n+1}}{q_{n+1}}\frac{E_n}{E_{n-1}} = \overline{p_n}\left(\frac{p_n\overline{q_n}}{p_nq_n} - \frac{p_{n+1}\overline{q_{n+1}}}{\overline{p_{n+1}}q_{n+1}}\right)\frac{T_{n+2}}{T_{n+1}} = 0, \quad (2.44)$$

since  $\alpha/\beta = p_n\overline{q_n}/\overline{p_n}q_n$  is a constant.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.8.** *Under the hypothesis of Proposition 2.6,*

$$\forall n \geq 1, \quad \frac{(\overline{p_{n+2}} - \overline{q_{n+2}})}{\overline{p_{n+2}}}\frac{e_{n+1}}{e_n} = (\overline{q_{n+1}} - \overline{p_{n+1}})\frac{\Phi_{n+1}(\alpha)}{\Phi_n(\alpha)}. \quad (2.45)$$

*Proof.* From (1.6) it follows that the formula in the statement is equivalent to

$$\left(\frac{(\overline{p_{n+2}} - \overline{q_{n+2}})}{\overline{p_{n+2}}} - \alpha(\overline{q_{n+1}} - \overline{p_{n+1}})\right)\Phi_{n+1}(\alpha) = \left(\frac{(\overline{p_{n+2}} - \overline{q_{n+2}})}{\overline{p_{n+2}}}\right)\Phi_{n+1}(0)\Phi_{n+1}^*(\alpha). \quad (2.46)$$

We prove this last relation. Substituting (2.32) and (2.33), it suffices to show that

$$(\overline{q_{n+2}} - \overline{p_{n+2}})\overline{\alpha}\frac{p_{n+2}}{\overline{p_{n+2}}} + p_{n+2}(\overline{q_{n+1}} - \overline{p_{n+1}}) = \left(\frac{T_{n+2}}{T_{n+3}} + \overline{q_{n+1}}\right)(p_{n+2} - q_{n+2}). \quad (2.47)$$

Now, written  $T_{n+2}/T_{n+3}$  in terms of  $\alpha$  as in (2.20), the previous relation becomes

$$(\overline{q_{n+2}} - \overline{p_{n+2}})\overline{\alpha} \frac{p_{n+2}}{p_{n+2}} + p_{n+2}(\overline{q_{n+1}} - \overline{p_{n+1}}) = \left( \frac{\overline{p_{n+1}}}{p_{n+1}} \alpha + \overline{q_{n+1}} \right) (p_{n+2} - q_{n+2}), \quad (2.48)$$

and it is true according to (2.42).  $\square$

### 3. Some Solutions

We state a necessary and sufficient condition in terms of the data  $\{\Phi_n\}$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $\{\Phi_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  be a MOPS such that  $\Phi_1(z) = z - q_1$ ,  $q_1 \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $|q_1| \neq 1$ . Also assume  $D_{n+2} \neq 0$ , for all  $n \geq 1$ . We define recursively a sequence  $\{\Psi_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  of monic polynomials by the relations*

$$\forall n \geq 2, \quad \Phi_n(z) + q_n \Phi_{n-1}(z) = \Psi_n(z) + p_n \Psi_{n-1}(z), \quad p_n, q_n \in \mathbb{C}, \quad p_n q_n \neq 0, \quad (3.1)$$

and  $\Psi_1(z) = z - p_1$  with  $p_1 \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $|p_1| \neq 1$ ,  $p_1 \neq q_1$ . Then,  $\{\Psi_n(z)\}$  is a MOPS different from  $\{\Phi_n(z)\}$  if and only if the following formulas hold:

- (i) For all  $n \geq 2$ ,  $p_n \neq q_n$ ,
- (ii) For all  $n \geq 2$ ,  $|T_{n+1}| = 1$ , where  $T_n$  is defined by (2.16),
- (iii) there exist two complex numbers  $\alpha, \beta$  such that

$$\forall n \geq 2, \quad \alpha = \frac{p_n T_{n+1}}{p_n T_{n+2}}, \quad \beta = \frac{q_n T_{n+1}}{q_n T_{n+2}}, \quad (3.2)$$

(iv)

$$\forall n \geq 1, \quad \alpha \frac{(p_{n+1} - q_{n+1})}{p_{n+1}} \Phi_n(\alpha) = \frac{(\overline{q_{n+1}} - \overline{p_{n+1}})}{p_{n+1}} \Phi_n^*(\alpha) T_{n+2}, \quad (3.3)$$

(v)

$$\forall n \geq 2, \quad \Phi_n(0) = T_{n+1} + T_{n+2} \overline{q_n}, \quad (3.4)$$

(vi)

$$\forall n \geq 1, \quad \frac{(p_{n+2} - q_{n+2})}{p_{n+2}} \frac{e_{n+1}}{e_n} = (q_{n+1} - p_{n+1}) \frac{\overline{\Phi_{n+1}(\alpha)}}{\Phi_n(\alpha)}. \quad (3.5)$$

Moreover, the sequences  $\{\Phi_n\}$  and  $\{\Psi_n\}$  are connected by

$$\forall n \geq 1, \quad \Psi_n(z) = \Phi_n(z) + \frac{e_n}{\Phi_n(\alpha)} \frac{(p_{n+1} - q_{n+1})}{p_{n+1}} K_{n-1}(z, \alpha). \quad (3.6)$$

*Proof.* It only remains to establish the sufficient condition.  
 We first show that (3.6) implies (3.1)

$$\begin{aligned} \forall n \geq 1, \quad & \Psi_{n+1}(z) + p_{n+1}\Psi_n(z) \\ &= \Phi_{n+1}(z) + q_{n+1}\Phi_n(z) \\ &+ \left( (p_{n+1} - q_{n+1})\Phi_n(z) + \frac{e_{n+1}}{\Phi_{n+1}(\alpha)} \frac{(p_{n+2} - q_{n+2})}{p_{n+2}} K_n(z, \alpha) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{e_n}{\Phi_n(\alpha)} (p_{n+1} - q_{n+1}) K_{n-1}(z, \alpha) \right). \end{aligned} \tag{3.7}$$

The task is now to obtain that the expression in the brackets is null. Using (1.8), this expression becomes

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( (p_{n+1} - q_{n+1}) + \frac{e_{n+1}}{e_n} \frac{\overline{\Phi_n(\alpha)}}{\Phi_{n+1}(\alpha)} \frac{(p_{n+2} - q_{n+2})}{p_{n+2}} \right) \Phi_n(z) \\ &+ \left( \frac{e_{n+1}}{\Phi_{n+1}(\alpha)} \frac{(p_{n+2} - q_{n+2})}{p_{n+2}} + \frac{e_n}{\Phi_n(\alpha)} (p_{n+1} - q_{n+1}) \right) K_{n-1}(z, \alpha). \end{aligned} \tag{3.8}$$

Therefore, the result follows immediately from (3.5).

In order to obtain  $\Psi_{n+1}(0)$ , we take  $z = 0$  in (3.6)

$$\forall n \geq 1, \quad \Psi_{n+1}(0) = \Phi_{n+1}(0) + \frac{(p_{n+2} - q_{n+2})}{p_{n+2}} \frac{e_{n+1}}{e_n} \frac{\overline{\Phi_n(\alpha)}}{\Phi_{n+1}(\alpha)} \bar{\alpha}^n. \tag{3.9}$$

Substituting (3.5) and (3.3), we get

$$\forall n \geq 1, \quad \Psi_{n+1}(0) - \Phi_{n+1}(0) = (q_{n+1} - p_{n+1}) \frac{\overline{\Phi_n(\alpha)}}{\Phi_n^*(\alpha)} = (\overline{p_{n+1}} - \overline{q_{n+1}}) \bar{\alpha} \frac{p_{n+1}}{p_{n+1}} T_{n+2}. \tag{3.10}$$

Using (3.2) and (3.4), it is easy to check that

$$\forall n \geq 1, \quad \Psi_{n+1}(0) = T_{n+2} + T_{n+3} \overline{p_{n+1}}. \tag{3.11}$$

Now, we show that the sequence given by (3.6) satisfies (1.4) with  $|\Psi_n(0)| \neq 1$ , then it is a MOPS.

We will apply (1.12) as well as  $K_n^*(z, \alpha) = \alpha^n K_n(z, \alpha)$ , since  $|\alpha| = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
\forall n \geq 1, \quad z\Psi_n(z) + \Psi_{n+1}(0)\Psi_n^*(z) & \\
&= \Phi_{n+1}(z) - (\Phi_{n+1}(0) - \Psi_{n+1}(0))\Phi_n^*(z) \\
&\quad + \left( \frac{(p_{n+1} - q_{n+1})}{\Phi_n(\alpha)p_{n+1}} + \Psi_{n+1}(0) \frac{(\overline{p_{n+1}} - \overline{q_{n+1}})}{\Phi_n(\alpha)\overline{p_{n+1}}} \alpha^{n-1} \right) zK_{n-1}(z, \alpha)e_n \\
&= \Phi_{n+1}(z) - (\Phi_{n+1}(0) - \Psi_{n+1}(0))\Phi_n^*(z) \\
&\quad + \left( \frac{\alpha(p_{n+1} - q_{n+1})}{\Phi_n(\alpha)p_{n+1}} + \frac{\Psi_{n+1}(0)(\overline{p_{n+1}} - \overline{q_{n+1}})}{\Phi_n(\alpha)\overline{p_{n+1}}} \alpha^n \right) \left( K_n(z, \alpha) - \frac{\overline{\Phi_n^*(\alpha)}}{e_n} \Phi_n^*(z) \right) e_n.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.12}$$

If we show that the coefficient of  $\Phi_n^*(z)$  is null and the coefficient of  $K_n(z, \alpha)$  is  $(e_{n+1}/\overline{\Phi_{n+1}(\alpha)})(p_{n+2} - q_{n+2})/p_{n+2}$ , then (1.4) is true.

At first, we compute the coefficient of  $\Phi_n^*(z)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\Psi_{n+1}(0) - \Phi_{n+1}(0) - \overline{\Phi_n^*(\alpha)} \left( \frac{\alpha(p_{n+1} - q_{n+1})}{\Phi_n(\alpha)p_{n+1}} + \frac{\Psi_{n+1}(0)(\overline{p_{n+1}} - \overline{q_{n+1}})}{\Phi_n(\alpha)\overline{p_{n+1}}} \alpha^n \right) & \\
= \frac{\overline{q_{n+1}}}{p_{n+1}} \Psi_{n+1}(0) - \Phi_{n+1}(0) - \frac{\Phi_n(\alpha)}{\overline{\Phi_n(\alpha)}} \alpha^{-n-1} \frac{(p_{n+1} - q_{n+1})}{p_{n+1}} & \tag{3.13} \\
= \frac{(\overline{q_{n+1}} - \overline{p_{n+1}})}{p_{n+1}} T_{n+2} - \frac{\Phi_n(\alpha)}{\overline{\Phi_n(\alpha)}} \alpha^{-n-1} \frac{(p_{n+1} - q_{n+1})}{p_{n+1}}, &
\end{aligned}$$

and this is equal to zero from (3.3).

We can obtain the coefficient of  $K_n(z, \alpha)$  by observation of (3.13). It is easy to see that this coefficient is  $((\Psi_{n+1}(0) - \Phi_{n+1}(0))/\overline{\Phi_n^*(\alpha)})e_n$ . By virtue of (3.9) it is equal to  $e_{n+1}(p_{n+2} - q_{n+2})/\overline{\Phi_{n+1}(\alpha)}p_{n+2}$ , and then the required result follows.

Finally, the condition  $1 - |\Psi_n(0)|^2 \neq 0$  follows from (3.11) by using the same method as in the proof of (2.35).

Observe that condition (i) together with (3.6) gives  $\Psi_n \neq \Phi_n$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.2.** *Under the same conditions as in the previous theorem, the following relations hold*

(i)

$$\alpha = q_1 + \frac{e_1}{p_2} \left( \frac{\overline{p_2} - \overline{q_2}}{\overline{q_1} - \overline{p_1}} \right), \tag{3.14}$$

where  $e_1 = 1 - |q_1|^2$ .

(ii)

$$\beta = p_1 + \frac{E_1}{q_2} \left( \frac{\overline{p_2} - \overline{q_2}}{\overline{q_1} - \overline{p_1}} \right), \tag{3.15}$$

where  $E_1 = 1 - |p_1|^2$ .

(iii)

$$\forall n \geq 2, \quad T_{n+2} = \frac{p_n \cdots p_2}{\overline{p_n} \cdots \overline{p_2}} \left( \overline{q_1} + \frac{e_1 (p_2 - q_2)}{p_2 (q_1 - p_1)} \right)^{n-1} T_3, \tag{3.16}$$

(iv)

$$\forall n \geq 2, \quad T_{n+2} = \frac{q_n \cdots q_2}{\overline{q_n} \cdots \overline{q_2}} \left( \overline{p_1} + \frac{E_1 (p_2 - q_2)}{q_2 (q_1 - p_1)} \right)^{n-1} T_3. \tag{3.17}$$

*Proof.* We obtain  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  from (2.22) and (2.23) for  $n = 1$ , respectively. The items (iii) and (iv) are straightforward from (2.20) and (2.21).  $\square$

Now, we are going to express the Verblunsky coefficients for the solutions in terms of  $\{p_n\}$  and  $\{q_n\}$ . We remember that to give a MOPS  $\{\Phi_n\}$  on the unit circle is equivalent to know the sequence of complex numbers  $\{\Phi_n(0)\}$  with  $|\Phi_n(0)| \neq 1$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $\{p_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  and  $\{q_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  be two sequences of complex numbers such that*

- (i)  $p_n q_n \neq 0$  and  $p_n \neq q_n$ , for all  $n \geq 1$ ,
- (ii)  $|q_1| \neq 1$  and  $|\beta + q_n| \neq 1$ , for all  $n \geq 2$ , where  $\beta$  is given by (3.15) and  $|\beta| = 1$ ,
- (iii)  $|p_1| \neq 1$  and  $|\alpha + p_n| \neq 1$ , for all  $n \geq 2$ , where  $\alpha$  is given by (3.14),
- (iv)  $\alpha/\beta = p_n \overline{q_n} / \overline{p_n} q_n$ , for all  $n \geq 2$ .

Then, the only MOPS solutions of (3.1), such that  $D_{n+2} \neq 0$  for all  $n \geq 1$ , verify

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_n(0) &= \begin{cases} -q_1, & \text{if } n = 1, \\ \frac{p_n \cdots p_2 \overline{q_n}}{\overline{p_n} \cdots \overline{p_2} q_n} \overline{\alpha}^{n-1} (\beta + q_n) T_3, & \text{if } n \geq 2, \end{cases} \quad T_3 = \frac{p_1 - q_1}{q_1 - p_1} \\ \Psi_n(0) &= \begin{cases} -p_1, & \text{if } n = 1, \\ \frac{q_n \cdots q_2 \overline{p_n}}{\overline{q_n} \cdots \overline{q_2} p_n} \overline{\beta}^{n-1} (\alpha + p_n) T_3, & \text{if } n \geq 2. \end{cases} \quad T_3 = \frac{p_1 - q_1}{q_1 - p_1} \end{aligned} \tag{3.18}$$

Moreover, the sequences  $\{\Phi_n(z)\}$  and  $\{\Psi_n(z)\}$  are connected by

$$\begin{aligned} \forall n \geq 2, \quad \Psi_n(z) &= \Phi_n(z) + (-1)^{n-1} p_2 \cdots p_n (q_1 - p_1) K_{n-1}(z, \alpha), \\ \forall n \geq 2, \quad \Phi_n(z) &= \Psi_n(z) + (-1)^{n-1} q_2 \cdots q_n (p_1 - q_1) \widetilde{K}_{n-1}(z, \beta). \end{aligned} \tag{3.19}$$

*Proof.* In order to obtain  $\Phi_n(0)$  and  $\Psi_n(0)$  we use the hypothesis (iv) as well as (2.33)–(3.16) and (2.34)–(3.17), respectively. The conditions  $|\Phi_n(0)|, |\Psi_n(0)| \neq 1$ , follow from (ii) and (iii), respectively.

Applying  $u$  in (3.6), it holds that

$$\forall n \geq 1, \quad u(\Psi_n(z)) = \frac{e_n}{\Phi_n(\alpha)} \frac{(p_{n+1} - q_{n+1})}{p_{n+1}}. \quad (3.20)$$

Combining with (2.13), we get

$$e_n = (-1)^{n+1} p_n \cdots p_2 (q_1 - p_1) \frac{p_{n+1}}{(p_{n+1} - q_{n+1})} \overline{\Phi_n(\alpha)}. \quad (3.21)$$

Again from (2.22) we get

$$\forall n \geq 2, \quad \Psi_n(z) = \Phi_n(z) + (-1)^{n-1} p_2 \cdots p_n (q_1 - p_1) K_{n-1}(z, \alpha). \quad (3.22)$$

This completes the proof because of the symmetry of the problem.  $\square$

*Remark 3.4.* Notice that the restrictions given for  $p_n$  and  $q_n$  in the previous theorem ensure that the sequences generated by  $\Phi_n(0)$  and  $\Psi_n(0)$  are MPOS, but they do not ensure that  $\Phi_n(z)$  and  $\Psi_n(z)$  fulfill (3.1). In fact, other similar conditions to (2.42) seem to be necessary in order to obtain a characterization of the Verblunsky coefficients in terms of  $p_n$  and  $q_n$ .

## 4. Linear Functionals

In this section we establish the relation between the regular functionals associated with the sequences  $\{\Phi_n\}$  and  $\{\Psi_n\}$ .

**Proposition 4.1.** *Let  $u$  and  $\mathcal{L}$  be the regular functionals normalized by  $u(1) = u_0 = 1$  and  $\mathcal{L}(1) = v_0 = 1$  associated with  $\{\Phi_n\}$  and  $\{\Psi_n\}$ , respectively. Then, the following relation holds*

$$\lambda(z - \beta)\mathcal{L} = (z - \alpha)u, \quad \text{where } \lambda = \frac{\Phi_1(\alpha)}{\Psi_1(\beta)}. \quad (4.1)$$

*Proof.* We will show that

$$\forall n \geq 0, \quad (\lambda(z - \beta)\mathcal{L})(\Psi_n) = ((z - \alpha)u)(\Psi_n), \quad (4.2)$$

wherefrom the result follows because  $\{\Psi_n\}$  is a basis in  $\mathbb{P}$ .

If  $n = 0$  the equality is trivial by definition of  $\lambda$ .

If  $n \geq 1$ , the left-hand side in (4.1) is

$$\lambda\mathcal{L}((z - \beta)\Psi_n(z)) = -\lambda\Psi_{n+1}(0)E_n = -\lambda(T_{n+2} + \overline{p_{n+1}}T_{n+3})E_n, \quad (4.3)$$

where the last equality follows from (2.34).



We compute the right-hand side using (2.31)

$$\forall n \geq 2, \quad u((z - \alpha)\Psi_n(z)) = -\Phi_{n+1}(0)e_n + \frac{T_{n+2}}{p_{n+1}}(\overline{p_{n+1}} - \overline{q_{n+1}})e_n. \tag{4.4}$$

In the same way, by virtue of (2.33), the right-hand side is equal to  $-(\overline{q_{n+1}}/\overline{p_{n+1}})(T_{n+2} + \overline{p_{n+1}}T_{n+3})e_n$ . Therefore, it only remains to check the equality  $\lambda E_n = \overline{q_{n+1}}/\overline{p_{n+1}}e_n$ . In order to do this we take the conjugate in (2.35), obtaining

$$\forall n \geq 2, \quad \frac{E_n}{e_n} = \frac{\overline{q_{n+1}} \overline{p_2}}{\overline{p_{n+1}} \overline{q_2}} \frac{E_1}{e_1}. \tag{4.5}$$

Finally, we see that the equality  $\lambda = (\alpha - q_1)/(\beta - p_1) = (\overline{q_2}/\overline{p_2})(e_1/E_1)$  is true due to (3.14) and (3.15). □

*Remark 4.2.* The opposite question has been proved in [8]. That is, if  $u$  and  $\mathfrak{L}$  are regular functionals related by (4.1) with  $|\alpha| = |\beta| = 1$ , then the corresponding orthogonal polynomials satisfy (2.1).

### 5. Carathéodory's Functions

In this section we obtain the relation between the Carathéodory functions associated with the sequences  $\{\Phi_n\}$  and  $\{\Psi_n\}$ . We denote by  $\{v_n\}$  the sequence of the moments corresponding to  $\mathfrak{L}$ , that is,  $\mathfrak{L}(z^n) = v_n$ , for all  $n \geq 0$ .

**Proposition 5.1.** *Let  $F_u$  and  $F_{\mathfrak{L}}$  be the Carathéodory functions associated with  $\{\Phi_n\}$  and  $\{\Psi_n\}$ , respectively. Then,  $F_{\mathfrak{L}}$  is the following rational transformation of  $F_u$ :*

$$F_{\mathfrak{L}}(z) = \frac{(1/\lambda)((z - \alpha)F_u(z) + (z + \alpha)) - (z + \beta)}{(z - \beta)}. \tag{5.1}$$

*Proof.* Indeed, from (1.13)  $F_{\mathfrak{L}}(z) = v_0 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \overline{v_n} z^n$ , thus

$$(1 - z\overline{\beta})F_{\mathfrak{L}}(z) = (1 - z\overline{\beta})v_0 + 2\overline{v_1}z + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} (\overline{v_{n+1}} - \overline{\beta}\overline{v_n})z^{n+1}. \tag{5.2}$$

Using (4.1), it holds that  $\lambda(v_{n+1} - \beta v_n) = u_{n+1} - \alpha u_n$ . Therefore,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} (\overline{v_{n+1}} - \overline{\beta}\overline{v_n})z^{n+1} = \frac{1}{\lambda} \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} (\overline{u_{n+1}} - \overline{\alpha}\overline{u_n})z^{n+1}, \tag{5.3}$$

where from

$$F_{\mathcal{L}}(z) = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{\bar{\lambda}}\right)\left((1 - z\bar{\alpha})F_u - (1 + z\bar{\alpha})\right) + \left(1 + z\bar{\beta}\right)v_0}{\left(1 - z\bar{\beta}\right)}. \quad (5.4)$$

Putting  $\bar{\alpha}\bar{\beta} = \bar{\lambda}/\lambda$  and  $v_0 = 1$ , we find (5.1).  $\square$

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