

## QUASI-ORTHOGONALITY ON THE UNIT CIRCLE AND SEMI-CLASSICAL FORMS (\*)

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**Abstract.** In this paper we study a new concept of quasi-orthogonality on the unit circle, depending of the structure of the orthogonal polynomials on the unit circle, and we consider its relation with the semi-classical linear forms.

### 1 – Introduction

In several topics concerning orthogonal polynomials (O.P.) it is more convenient to use a weaker substitute of the concept of the orthogonality. One of the possible substitutes is the notion of quasi-orthogonality:

Let  $u$  be a linear form on the linear space of all real polynomials and let  $(P_n)$  be a sequence of polynomials with  $\deg P_n = n$ ,  $(P_n)$  is quasi-orthogonal of order  $k$  with respect to  $u$  if

$$\begin{aligned}u(P_n(x) x^m) &= 0 , \\u(P_n(x) x^{n-k}) &\neq 0 ,\end{aligned}$$

whenever  $0 \leq m \leq n - k - 1$  and  $n \geq k + 1$ .

This concept was introduced by M. Riesz for  $k = 1$  in relation to the moment problem ([20]). Subsequently, in papers concerning the formulas of mechanical quadrature, it was considered by Fejér ([8]) for  $k = 2$  and by Shohat ([22]) for any  $k \in \mathbf{N}$ . Several questions on quasi-orthogonal polynomials have been studied, for instance, in [4], [7], [1], [21], [3], [13], [2], [18] and [19].

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The above definition can be formally generalized to the case of the orthogonality on the unit circle  $\mathbf{T}$ , as follows

**Definition.** Let  $u$  be an Hermitian and regular linear functional on the linear space of Laurent polynomials and let  $(P_n)$  be a sequence of complex polynomials with  $\deg P_n = n$ . The sequence  $(P_n)$  is called quasi-orthogonal of order  $k$  with respect to  $u$  if

$$\begin{aligned} u(P_n(z) z^{-m}) &= 0, \\ u(P_n(z) z^{-(n-k)}) &\neq 0, \end{aligned}$$

whenever  $0 \leq m \leq n - k - 1$  and  $n \geq k + 1$ .

However, this concept is not so appropriate as in the real case and only the Bernstein–Szegő polynomials satisfy the above definition ([17] and [10]).

In [14], sequences of polynomials, called para-orthogonal because their orthogonality properties, have been considered. These polynomials turn out to be adequate for some applications in quadrature formulas on  $\mathbf{T}$  as well as in the trigonometric moment problem, but they are not adequate in order to develop other topics concerning the O.P. on  $\mathbf{T}$ .

Then, it seems convenient to introduce a new concept of quasi-orthogonality more depending of the structure of the O.P. on  $\mathbf{T}$ . How to do this can be derived by pointing out the relation between the orthogonal polynomials on  $\mathbf{T}$  and the orthogonal polynomials on  $[-1, 1]$  ([23], §11.4) or how the trigonometric moments on  $\mathbf{T}$  may be transformed in moments on  $[-1, 1]$  ([1], p. 30 and ff.).

The aim of this paper is to study this kind of quasi-orthogonality and its relation with the semi-classical forms in a parallel way to the one developed by Maroni in the real case, as a first step to establish a classification of the O.P. on  $\mathbf{T}$  in terms of ordinary differential equations.

This paper is organized as follows. In section 2, we define this new notion and we prove that a sequence of monic orthogonal polynomials on  $\mathbf{T}$  associated with a regular linear form  $u$  is quasi-orthogonal on  $\mathbf{T}$  of order  $s$  with respect to a regular linear form  $v$ ,  $v \neq 0$ , if and only if there exists only one polynomial  $A$  with  $\deg A = s$ , such that  $v = [A(z) + \overline{A}(z^{-1})] u$ . In section 3, we consider semi-classical forms on the unit circle and we show a characterization of these forms by using the derivation operator. In section 4, we study the relation between sequences of quasi-orthogonal polynomials on  $\mathbf{T}$  and semi-classical forms and we find a necessary and sufficient condition for a sequence of polynomials to be quasi-orthogonal with respect to a semi-classical form.

## 2 – Quasi-orthogonal polynomials on $\mathbf{T}$

Let  $\Lambda$  be the linear space of Laurent polynomials

$$L(z) = \sum_{n=p}^q c_n z^n ,$$

with  $c_n \in \mathbf{C}$  and  $p, q$  integers, where  $p \leq q$ ,  $\mathcal{P}$  is the space of all complex polynomials and we denote by  $\Lambda'$  the dual algebraic space of  $\Lambda$  and by  $\mathcal{H}$  the subspace of  $\Lambda'$  of all Hermitian linear forms.

Let  $u \in \mathcal{H}$ . Then, the Toeplitz Hermitian matrix associated with  $u$  is

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} c_0 & c_1 & c_2 & \cdot \\ c_{-1} & c_0 & c_1 & \cdot \\ c_{-2} & c_{-1} & c_0 & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \end{pmatrix} = (c_{i-j})_{i,j \in \mathbf{N}} ,$$

where  $c_n = u(z^n)$  for every  $n \in \mathbf{Z}$  and  $c_{-n} = \overline{c_n}$ . (Here,  $\mathbf{N}$  denotes the set of non-negative integer numbers  $\{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  and  $\mathbf{Z}$  denotes the set of integers  $\{0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots\}$ ).

**Definition 2.1.** A linear form  $u$  is called regular or quasi-definite if and only if  $\Delta_n \neq 0$  for every  $n \geq 0$ , where  $\Delta_n$  denotes the  $(n+1) \times (n+1)$  principal minor of  $M$  (see [5] or [19]).

It is well known (see [11] or [5]) that the regularity of  $u$  is a necessary and sufficient condition for the existence of a sequence of orthogonal polynomials on  $\mathbf{T}$ . In this case, if we suppose that  $(\phi_n(z))$  is the sequence of monic orthogonal polynomials on  $\mathbf{T}$  (SMOP), then

$$u[\phi_n(z) \cdot z^{-k}] = 0 ,$$

for every  $k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$  and

$$u[\phi_n(z) \cdot z^{-n}] = e_n = \frac{\Delta_n}{\Delta_{n-1}} \neq 0 .$$

In the other hand, the polynomials  $\phi_n$  satisfy the so-called Szegő recurrence relations

$$(2.1) \quad \phi_{n+1}(z) = z \phi_n(z) + a_{n+1} \phi_n^*(z) ,$$

$$(2.2) \quad \phi_{n+1}(z) = (1 - |a_{n+1}|^2) z \phi_n(z) + a_{n+1} \phi_{n+1}^*(z) ,$$

with  $a_n = \phi_n(0)$ ,  $|a_n| \neq 1$  for every  $n \geq 1$  and  $\phi_n^*(z) = z^n \overline{\phi_n(z^{-1})}$ . Conversely, given a sequence of monic polynomials  $(\phi_n)$ , with  $\deg \phi_n = n$ , satisfying (2.1) or (2.2) there exists only one  $u \in \mathcal{H}$  (up to constant real factors) such that

$$u[\phi_n(z) \cdot z^{-k}] = e_n \delta_{nk}$$

with  $e_n \neq 0$ , for every  $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$ .

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $v \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $s \in \mathbf{N}$  and let  $(\phi_n)$  be a sequence of monic polynomials,  $\phi_n(z) = z^n + \dots$ . We say  $(\phi_n)$  is  $\mathbf{T}$ -quasi-orthogonal of order  $s$  with respect to  $v$  provided

- i)  $v[\phi_n(z) \cdot z^{-k}] = 0$ , for every  $k$  with  $s \leq k \leq n - s - 1$  and for every  $n \geq 2s + 1$ ;
- ii) There exists  $n_0 \geq 2s$  such that  $v[\phi_{n_0}(z) \cdot z^{-n_0+s}] \neq 0$ .

With the above conditions,

**Definition 2.3.** The sequence  $(\phi_n)$  is strictly  $\mathbf{T}$ -quasi-orthogonal of order  $s$  with respect to  $v$  if  $(\phi_n)$  is  $\mathbf{T}$ -quasi-orthogonal of order  $s$  and besides

- iii) For every  $n \geq 2s$ ,  $v[\phi_n(z) \cdot z^{-n+s}] \neq 0$ .

**Remark.** When  $s = 0$ , the usual definition of orthogonality on  $\mathbf{T}$  appears.

The above concepts are related by

**Proposition 2.4.** Let  $u, v \in \mathcal{H}$  be with  $u$  regular and let  $(\phi_n)$  be the SMOP associated with  $u$ . Then,  $(\phi_n)$  is  $\mathbf{T}$ -quasi-orthogonal of order  $s$  with respect to  $v$  if and only if it is strictly  $\mathbf{T}$ -quasi-orthogonal of order  $s$  with respect to  $v$ .

**Proof:** Because of the  $\mathbf{T}$ -quasi-orthogonality of  $(\phi_n)$ , from (2.1) and taking into account

$$v[\phi_n^*(z) \cdot z^{-n+s}] = v[\overline{\phi_n(z^{-1})} \cdot z^s] = \overline{v[\phi_n(z) \cdot z^{-s}]} = 0$$

we get

$$v[\phi_n(z) \cdot z^{-n+s}] = \left( \prod_{j=2s+1}^n (1 - |a_j|^2) \right) v[\phi_{2s}(z) \cdot z^{-s}]$$

for every  $n \geq 2s + 1$ . From the last relation the result follows directly. ■

An easy consequence is the following

**Corollary 2.5.** Let  $u, v$  and  $(\phi_n)$  be as in the above proposition, then  $(\phi_n)$  is strictly  $\mathbf{T}$ -quasi-orthogonal of order  $s$  with respect to  $v$  if and only if there exists  $n_0 \geq 2s$  such that

- a)  $v[\phi_{n_0+1}(z) \cdot z^{-k}] = 0$ , for every  $k$  with  $s \leq k \leq n_0 - s$ ,
- b)  $v[\phi_{n_0}(z) \cdot z^{-n_0+s}] \neq 0$ ,
- c)  $v[\phi_n(z) \cdot z^{-s}] = 0$ , for every  $n \geq n_0 + 1$ ,

holds.

If  $u \in \mathcal{H}$ , by using a standard argument, it is easy to show that there exists a sequence  $(\phi_n)$  of  $\mathbf{T}$ -quasi-orthogonal polynomials of order  $s$  with respect to  $u$  if and only if  $\Delta_n \neq 0$  for every  $n \geq 2s + 1$ . In this case, there exist infinitely many sequences of monic polynomials  $\mathbf{T}$ -quasi-orthogonal with respect to  $u$ .

**Proposition 2.6.** *Let  $w \in \mathcal{H}$ , then  $w = 0$  if and only if there exists a SMOP  $(\phi_n)$  and  $n_0 \in \mathbf{N}$  such that  $w[\phi_n(z) \cdot z^{-k}] = 0$  for every  $n \geq n_0$  and  $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$ .*

**Proof:** If  $w = 0$ , the result is trivial. Conversely, from (2.1) it follows that  $w[\phi_n(z) \cdot z^{-k}] = 0$  for every  $n \geq 0$  and  $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$ . As  $\Lambda$  is generated by the family

$$\left\{ \phi_n(z) \cdot z^{-k}; n \in \mathbf{N} \text{ and } k = 0, 1, \dots, n \right\},$$

we have  $w(P) = 0$  for every  $P \in \Lambda$ . ■

Let  $u \in \Lambda'$  and  $f \in \Lambda$ . We define the form  $fu \in \Lambda'$  as

$$(fu)[g(z)] = u[f(z)g(z)]$$

for every  $g \in \Lambda$ .

Now we are going to characterize the forms  $u$  such that a given SMOP  $(\phi_n)$  is  $\mathbf{T}$ -quasi-orthogonal with respect to  $u$ .

**Theorem 2.7.** *Let  $u \in \mathcal{H}$  be regular and let  $(\phi_n)$  be the SMOP associated with  $u$ . Then,  $(\phi_n)$  is  $\mathbf{T}$ -quasi-orthogonal of order  $s$  with respect to  $v \in \mathcal{H} - \{0\}$  if and only if there exists only one polynomial  $A$  ( $A \neq 0$ ), with  $\deg A = s$ , such that*

$$(2.3) \quad v = \left[ A(z) + \overline{A}(z^{-1}) \right] u.$$

**Proof: Uniqueness.** Let  $A$  be a polynomial solution of (2.3) with  $\deg A = s$  and let us suppose that the polynomial  $A_1$ , with  $\deg A_1 = s_1$ , is a solution too. If we define  $A_2 = A - A_1$ , we can write  $A_2 = \frac{\mu_0}{2} + \sum_{j=1}^r \mu_j z^j$ , where  $r = \max\{s, s_1\}$ . Then the formula

$$\left[ A_2(z) + \overline{A_2}(z^{-1}) \right] u = \sum_{j=-r}^r \mu_j z^j u = 0$$

holds. So, for  $n \geq 2r + 1$  and  $k \geq 0$ , we have

$$\sum_{j=-r}^r \mu_j u[\phi_n(z) \cdot z^{-k+j}] = 0 .$$

Taking  $k = n - r, \dots, n$ , we obtain a system of equations in the unknowns  $\mu_j$  whose unique solution is  $\mu_0 = \dots = \mu_r = 0$ . Hence,  $A_2 = A - A_1 = 0$ .

*Existence.* If there exists a polynomial  $A$  satisfying (2.3) it is easy to verify that  $(\phi_n)$  is  $\mathbf{T}$ -quasi-orthogonal of order  $\deg A$  with respect to  $v$ . Conversely, let  $(\phi_n)$  be as in the hypothesis. We define  $w = v - \sum_{j=-s}^s \alpha_j z^j u$  with  $\alpha_j \in \mathbf{C}$ . By the orthogonality and the  $\mathbf{T}$ -quasi-orthogonality of the SMOP  $(\phi_n)$  with respect to  $u$  and  $v$ , respectively, the relation

$$w[\phi_n(z) \cdot z^{-k}] = 0$$

holds for every  $\alpha_j \in \mathbf{C}$  whenever  $n \geq 2s + 1$  and  $k = s, \dots, n - s - 1$ .

If  $k = n - s, \dots, n$ , then  $w[\phi_n(z) \cdot z^{-k}] = 0$ , whenever the coefficients  $(\alpha_j^{(n)})_{j=-s}^0$  are the solutions of the system

$$(2.4)_n \quad \begin{cases} v[\phi_n(z) \cdot z^{-n+s}] = \alpha_{-s}^{(n)} u[\phi_n(z) \cdot z^{-n}], \\ \dots\dots\dots \\ v[\phi_n(z) \cdot z^{-n}] = \alpha_{-s}^{(n)} u[\phi_n(z) \cdot z^{-n-s}] + \dots + \alpha_0^{(n)} u[\phi_n(z) \cdot z^{-n}] , \end{cases}$$

which has a unique solution with  $\alpha_s^{(n)} \neq 0$ .

Now, let us suppose  $a_{n+1} \neq 0$ . Then, if  $k = 0, \dots, s - 1$ ,  $w[\phi_n(z) \cdot z^{-k}] = 0$  whenever the coefficients  $(\alpha_j^{(n)})_{j=1}^s$  are the solutions of the system

$$(2.5)_n \quad \begin{cases} v[\phi_n(z) \cdot z^{-s+1}] = \alpha_s^{(n)} u[\phi_n(z) \cdot z], \\ \dots\dots\dots \\ v[\phi_n(z)] = \alpha_s^{(n)} u[\phi_n(z) \cdot z^s] + \dots + \alpha_1^{(n)} u[\phi_n(z) \cdot z] . \end{cases}$$

As  $u[\phi_n(z) \cdot z] = -e_n a_{n+1} \neq 0$ , the system (2.5)<sub>n</sub> has a unique solution.

Let us write  $(\alpha_j^{(n)})_{j=-s}^s, (\alpha_j^{(n+1)})_{j=-s}^s$  the solutions of the systems (2.4)<sub>n</sub>, (2.5)<sub>n</sub> and (2.4)<sub>n+1</sub>, (2.5)<sub>n+1</sub>, respectively. Using the recurrence relations (2.1), (2.2) and an induction on  $j$ , after straightforward computations, we obtain

$$\alpha_j^{(n)} = \alpha_j^{(n+1)} = \alpha_j ,$$

whenever  $-s \leq j \leq s$ ; and

$$\alpha_{-j} = \overline{\alpha_j} ,$$

for  $1 \leq j \leq s$ .

So, if  $a_{n+1} \neq 0$ , we have  $w[\phi_m(z) \cdot z^{-k}] = 0$  for every  $m \geq n \geq 2s + 1$  and  $k = 0, \dots, m$ . Hence, from Proposition 2.6 it follows that  $w = 0$ .

Otherwise,  $w[1] = 0$  and thus  $v[1] = \sum_{j=-s}^s \alpha_j u[z^j] \in \mathbb{R}$ ; and consequently  $\alpha_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Therefore, there exists one and only one  $A(z) = \frac{\alpha_0}{2} + \sum_{j=1}^s \alpha_j z^j$ , with  $\deg A = s$ , such that  $v = [A(z) + \overline{A}(z^{-1})] u$ .

Finally, if  $a_{n+1} = \dots = a_{n+l-1} = 0$  and  $a_{n+l} \neq 0$  for some  $l \geq 2$ , then  $\phi_{n+l}(z) = z^l \phi_n(z) + a_{n+l} \phi_n^*(z)$  and using the systems  $(2.4)_{n+l-1}$  and  $(2.5)_{n+l-1}$  the above situation becomes. If  $a_{n+l} = 0$  for every  $l \geq 1$ , the coefficients in  $(2.5)_n$  vanish and this system is verified by  $\alpha_{-j} = \overline{\alpha_j}$ , when  $1 \leq j \leq s$ . Because of the uniqueness of the polynomial  $A$  the result follows. ■

### 3 – Semi-classical forms

**Definition 3.1.** For  $v \in \Lambda'$ , we define the form  $\mathcal{D}v \in \Lambda'$  as

$$(\mathcal{D}v)[f] = -i(zv)[f'] = -iv[z f'(z)]$$

for every  $f \in \Lambda$ .

Then, if  $v \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $\mathcal{D}v \in \mathcal{H}$ . Besides, if  $v \in \Lambda'$  and  $f, g \in \Lambda$ , then

$$[\mathcal{D}(gv)][f] = -i[zg(z)v][f'] = -iv[zg(z)f'(z)] ,$$

that is,  $\mathcal{D}$  is the derivation operator with respect to  $\theta$ , where  $z = r e^{i\theta}$ . (See [24]).

**Definition 3.2.** If  $u \in \mathcal{H}$  is a regular form, we say that  $u$  is semi-classical if and only if there are polynomials  $A \neq 0$  and  $B$  such that  $\mathcal{D}(Au) = Bu$ .

**Proposition 3.3.** Let  $u \in \mathcal{H}$  be a regular form. Then,  $u$  is semi-classical if and only if there are polynomials  $A \neq 0$  and  $B$  such that

$$\mathcal{D}[\overline{A}(z^{-1})u] = \overline{B}(z^{-1})u .$$

**Proof:** For every  $k \in \mathbf{Z}$ , we have

$$\overline{[\mathcal{D}(A(z)u)][z^k]} = [\mathcal{D}(\overline{A}(z^{-1})u)][z^{-k}] ,$$

because  $u \in \mathcal{H}$ . Similarly,

$$\overline{[B(z)u][z^k]} = [\overline{B}(z^{-1})u][z^{-k}] .$$

Thus, the characteristic condition for a semi-classical form

$$[\mathcal{D}(Au)][z^k] = (Bu)[z^k]$$

is verified if and only if

$$[\mathcal{D}(\overline{A}(z^{-1})u)][z^j] = [\overline{B}(z^{-1})u][z^j] ,$$

holds for every  $j \in \mathbf{Z}$ . ■

If  $v \in \Lambda'$  and  $P \in \mathcal{P}$  let us write  $v^P = [P(z) + \overline{P}(z^{-1})]v$ . Note that, if  $v \in \mathcal{H}$ , then  $v^P \in \mathcal{H}$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $u \in \mathcal{H}$  be a regular form. Then,  $u$  is semi-classical if and only if there exist polynomials  $A \neq 0$  and  $B$  such that*

$$(3.1) \quad \mathcal{D}[u^A] = u^B .$$

**Proof:** ( $\Rightarrow$ ) It is straightforward from Proposition 3.3.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) From (3.1), the  $k$ -th moments corresponding to the forms  $\mathcal{D}[u^A]$  and  $u^B$  are:

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{D}[u^A])[z^k] &= -iku \left[ (A(z) + \overline{A}(z^{-1})) z^k \right] = -iku \left[ z^s (A(z) + \overline{A}(z^{-1})) z^{k-s} \right] , \\ u^B[z^k] &= u \left[ (B(z) + \overline{B}(z^{-1})) z^k \right] = u \left[ z^s (B(z) + \overline{B}(z^{-1})) z^{k-s} \right] , \end{aligned}$$

where  $s = \max\{\deg A, \deg B\}$  (if  $B = 0$ , then  $s = \deg A$ ). As

$$A_1(z) = z^s (A(z) + \overline{A}(z^{-1})) \quad \text{and} \quad B_1(z) = z^s (B(z) + \overline{B}(z^{-1}))$$

belong to  $\mathcal{P}$ , and

$$[\mathcal{D}(A_1(z))u][z^j] = [(B_1(z) + isA_1(z))u][z^j]$$

holds for every  $j \in \mathbf{Z}$ , with  $A_1 \neq 0$  and  $B_1 + isA_1 \in \mathcal{P}$ , the result holds. ■

#### 4 – Semi-classical forms and $\mathbf{T}$ -quasi-orthogonality

The main aim of this paragraph is to prove the following:

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $u \in \mathcal{H}$  be regular and let  $(\phi_n)$  be the SMOP associated to  $u$ . Let us write*

$$\begin{cases} \psi_n(z) = \frac{1}{n} z \phi_n'(z) & (n \geq 1), \\ \psi_0(z) = 1 . \end{cases}$$



The following assertions are equivalent:

- i)  $u$  is a semi-classical form;
- ii) There exists  $\hat{u} \in \mathcal{H} - \{0\}$  such that the sequences  $(\phi_n)$  and  $(\psi_n)$  are  $\mathbf{T}$ -quasi-orthogonal with respect to  $\hat{u}$ ;
- iii) There exists  $\hat{u} \in \mathcal{H} - \{0\}$  such that the sequence  $(\psi_n)$  is  $\mathbf{T}$ -quasi-orthogonal with respect to  $\hat{u}$ .

First of all, let us remember that to give a regular form  $u \in \mathcal{H}$  is equivalent to known any of the following data:

- 1) A sequence of monic polynomials  $(\phi_n)$ , orthogonal with respect to  $u$ ;
- 2) A sequence of complex numbers  $(\phi_n(0))$  with  $|\phi_n(0)| \neq 1$  for every  $n \geq 1$  (Schur parameters);
- 3) A quasi-definite sequence of moments  $(c_n)_{n \in \mathbf{Z}}$ , with  $c_n = u(z^n)$  and  $c_{-n} = \bar{c}_n$ ;
- 4) A formal series  $F(z) = c_0 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} c_{-n} z^n$ , with  $c_n = u(z^n)$ . (If  $u$  is positive definite,  $F(z)$  is a Carathéodory function);
- 5) A formal Laurent series  $G(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} c_{-n} z^n$ , with  $c_n = u(z^n)$ .

(For the positive definite case see [25], [12]; for the regular case see [12], [15] and [24]).

Before to prove the above theorem we need to establish some previous lemmas.

**Lemma 4.2.** *A regular form  $u \in \mathcal{H}$  is semi-classical if and only if there exist two polynomials  $C$  and  $D$  ( $C \neq 0$ ) such that*

$$i z C(z) G'(z) = D(z) G(z) ,$$

where  $G(z)$  is the formal Laurent series associated to  $u$ .

**Proof:** See [24]. ■

As an immediate consequence we obtain

**Corollary 4.3.** *If  $F(z)$  or  $G(z)$  are rational functions, the form  $u$  is semi-classical. ■*

**Lemma 4.4.** *The SMOP  $(\varphi_n)$  and  $(\chi_n)$  such that*

$$\varphi_n(0) = \frac{e^{in\alpha}}{n+1}, \quad \chi_n(0) = -\frac{e^{in\alpha}}{n+1},$$

with  $n \geq 1$  and  $\alpha \in [0, 2\pi)$ , are semi-classical.

**Proof:** From induction arguments the following relations:

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi_n(z) &= z^n + \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (k+1) e^{i(n-k)\alpha} z^k, \\ \chi_n(z) &= z^n - \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} e^{i(n-k)\alpha} z^k\end{aligned}$$

hold and hence,

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi_n^*(z) &= 1 + \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (k+1) (e^{-i\alpha} z)^k, \\ \chi_n^*(z) &= 1 - \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (e^{-i\alpha} z)^k.\end{aligned}$$

Since  $(\chi_n)$  is the SMOP of the second kind with respect to  $(\varphi_n)$ , the Carathéodory functions  $F_1(z)$  and  $F_2(z)$ , associated to  $(\varphi_n)$  and  $(\chi_n)$  respectively, satisfy

$$(4.1) \quad F_1(z) = \frac{\chi_n^*(z)}{\varphi_n^*(z)} + O(z^{n+1}), \quad F_2(z) = \frac{\varphi_n^*(z)}{\chi_n^*(z)} + O(z^{n+1})$$

(see [12], p. 11).

Thus, we get  $F_1(z) = 1 - e^{-i\alpha} z$  and  $F_2(z) = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-i\alpha} z}$ .

By Corollary 4.3, the SMOP  $(\varphi_n)$  and  $(\chi_n)$  are semi-classical. ■

**Remark.** We want point out that  $\varphi_n(z) = e^{in\alpha} \Phi_n(e^{-i\alpha} z)$  where  $(\Phi_n)$  is the SMOP satisfying  $\Phi_n(0) = \frac{1}{n+1}$ , for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Lemma 4.5.** Let  $\{a_j; j = 1, \dots, n_0\} \subset \mathbf{C}$  be with  $|a_j| \neq 1$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 2\pi)$ . Let us consider the SMOP  $(\Phi_n)$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi_j(0) &= a_j, \quad \text{if } j = 1, \dots, n_0, \\ \Phi_{n+n_0}(0) &= \frac{e^{i(n\alpha+\beta)}}{n+n_1}, \quad \text{if } n \geq 1,\end{aligned}$$

where  $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  is fixed. Then,  $(\Phi_n)$  is associated to a semi-classical form.

**Proof:** The difference equation of second order

$$\frac{1}{n+1} y_{n+1} = \left[ \frac{e^{i\alpha}}{n+n_1+1} + \frac{z}{n+n_1} \right] y_n - \frac{e^{i\alpha}}{n+n_1+1} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{(n+n_1)^2} \right] y_{n-1}$$

has the polynomial solutions  $(\varphi_n)_{n>n_1}$ ,  $(\chi_n)_{n>n_1}$ ,  $(\Phi_n)_{n\geq n_0}$  and  $(\Psi_n)_{n\geq n_0}$ , where  $(\varphi_n)$ ,  $(\chi_n)$  are as in the above lemma and  $(\Psi_n)$  is the SMOP of the second kind associated to  $(\Phi_n)$ . Since the two first solutions are linearly independent, there exist unique polynomials  $P_1$ ,  $P_2$ ,  $Q_1$ ,  $Q_2$  such that

$$(4.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \Phi_{n+n_0}(z) &= P_1(z) \varphi_{n+n_1-1}(z) + P_2(z) \chi_{n+n_1-1}(z) , \\ \Psi_{n+n_0}(z) &= Q_1(z) \varphi_{n+n_1-1}(z) + Q_2(z) \chi_{n+n_1-1}(z) , \end{aligned}$$

for every  $n \geq 1$ . So, the generating function  $F(z)$  associated to  $(\Phi_n)$  satisfy

$$F(z) = \frac{\Psi_{n+n_0}^*(z)}{\Phi_{n+n_0}^*(z)} + O(z^{n+n_0+1}) .$$

By substituting the values of  $\Psi_{n+n_0}^*(z)$  and  $\Phi_{n+n_0}^*(z)$  derived from (4.2) and taking into account (4.1) we have

$$F(z) = \frac{Q_1^{*k}(z) + Q_2^{*k}(z) F_1(z)}{P_1^{*k}(z) + P_2^{*k}(z) F_1(z)} ,$$

where  $k = \max\{\deg P_1, \deg P_2, \deg Q_1, \deg Q_2\}$  and  $P^{*k}(z) = z^k \bar{P}(z^{-1})$  with  $k \geq \deg P$ . Since,  $F_1(z) = 1 - e^{-i\alpha} z$ , it follows that  $F(z)$  is a rational function. ■

**Remark.** Let us note that the SMOP  $(\Phi_n)$  is a modified of the SMOP  $(\varphi_n)$  in the sense used in ([6]). So Lemma 4.5 gives an improvement of Proposition 3.1 in [9].

**Proof of the theorem:** The implication ii) $\Rightarrow$ iii) is obvious. We will prove iii) $\Rightarrow$ ii) $\Leftrightarrow$ i).

**i) $\Rightarrow$ ii)** Let  $u$  be a semi-classical form in  $\mathcal{H}$ . Then there exist  $A, B \in \mathcal{P}$  with  $A \neq 0$  such that  $\mathcal{D}[u^A] = u^B$ .

If  $B \neq 0$ , from Theorem 2.7,  $(\phi_n)$  is (strictly)  $\mathbf{T}$ -quasi-orthogonal of order  $p = \deg A$  with respect to  $u^A$  and (strictly)  $\mathbf{T}$ -quasi-orthogonal of order  $p' = \deg B$  with respect to  $u^B$ . Thus, we can deduce

$$u^A[\psi_n(z) \cdot z^{-k}] = \frac{i}{n} u^B[\phi_n(z) \cdot z^{-k}] + \frac{k}{n} u^A[\phi_n(z) \cdot z^{-k}]$$

for every  $n \geq 1$ . From the  $\mathbf{T}$ -quasi-orthogonality for the SMOP  $(\phi_n)$ ,  $u^A[\psi_n(z) \cdot z^{-k}] = 0$  if  $r \leq k \leq n - r - 1$ , ( $n \geq 2r + 1$ ), where  $r = \max\{p, p'\}$ .

If  $B = 0$ , the above expression remains as  $u^A[\psi_n(z) \cdot z^{-k}] = \frac{k}{n} u^A[\phi_n(z) \cdot z^{-k}]$ , which vanishes for  $p \leq k \leq n - p - 1$  ( $n \geq 2p + 1$ ). Now, we are going to show that  $u^A[\psi_n(z) \cdot z^{-n+r}] \neq 0$  for some  $n \geq 2r$ . If  $p \neq p'$  or  $p' = 0$  or  $B = 0$  the proof is trivial. Let  $p = p' = r$  and let us suppose that  $u^A[\psi_n(z) \cdot z^{-n+r}] = 0$  for

some  $n \geq 2r$ . By using the recurrence relation (2.1) and by the strict  $\mathbf{T}$ -quasi-orthogonality of  $(\phi_n)$  with respect to  $u^A$  we get

$$u^A[\psi_{n+1}(z) \cdot z^{-n-1+r}] = \frac{1 - |a_{n+1}|^2}{n+1} u^A[\phi_n(z) \cdot z^{-n+r}] \neq 0 .$$

**ii)** $\Rightarrow$ **i)** Let  $(\phi_n)$  and  $(\psi_n)$  be  $\mathbf{T}$ -quasi-orthogonal of orders  $p$  and  $r$ , respectively, with respect to  $\hat{u} \in \mathcal{H} - \{0\}$ . By Theorem 2.7, there exists  $A \in \mathcal{P} - \{0\}$  such that  $\hat{u} = u^A$ . Let  $\tilde{u} \in \mathcal{H}$  be the form defined by  $\tilde{u} = \mathcal{D}(u^A)$ . For every  $n \geq 1$  and  $k \in \mathbf{Z}$  we get

$$(4.3) \quad \begin{aligned} \hat{u}[\phi_n(z) \cdot z^{-k}] &= -i u^A[z \phi'_n(z) \cdot z^{-k}] + i k u^A[\phi_n(z) \cdot z^{-k}] \\ &= -i n u^A[\psi_n(z) \cdot z^{-k}] + i k u^A[\phi_n(z) \cdot z^{-k}] , \end{aligned}$$

which vanishes if  $s \leq k \leq n - s - 1$ , ( $n \geq 2s + 1$ ), with  $s = \max\{p, r\}$ .

We distinguish two possible situations:

**a)** If  $p \neq r$ , writing the relation (4.3) for  $k = n - s$  and  $n \geq 2s$  we have

$$\hat{u}[\phi_n(z) \cdot z^{-n+s}] = -i n u^A[\psi_n(z) \cdot z^{-n+s}] + i(n-s) u^A[\phi_n(z) \cdot z^{-n+s}] .$$

Since in the above relation, at least for some  $n \geq 2s$ , the right member has a term equal zero and the other term different zero, the SMOP  $(\phi_n)$  is  $\mathbf{T}$ -quasi-orthogonal of order  $s$  with respect to  $\hat{u}$  and there exists a polynomial  $B$  of degree  $s$  such that  $\hat{u} = u^B$ . Therefore,  $u$  is a semi-classical form.

**b)** If  $p = r = s$ , let us suppose there exists  $t \in \mathbf{N}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{u}[\phi_n(z) \cdot z^{-n+t}] &= 0, \quad n \geq 2t, \\ \hat{u}[\phi_n(z) \cdot z^{-k}] &= 0, \quad t \leq k \leq n - t - 1, \quad n \geq 2t + 1 . \end{aligned}$$

From (4.3) it follows that, if there exists a non-negative integer  $t$  verifying the above conditions, then  $t \leq s$  is true. Now, using (2.2), an induction on  $t$  implies that either there exists  $q$  with  $0 \leq q \leq s$  such that

$$\hat{u}[\phi_n(z) \cdot z^{-n+q}] \neq 0$$

holds for every  $n \geq 2q$ , and

$$\hat{u}[\phi_n(z) \cdot z^{-k}] = 0$$

holds for every  $n \geq 2q + 1$  with  $q \leq k \leq n - q - 1$ , or either

$$\hat{u}[\phi_n(z) \cdot z^{-n+t}] = 0$$

holds for every  $n \geq 2t$  and for every  $t \in \mathbf{N}$ . In the first case, the SMOP  $(\phi_n)$  is  $\mathbf{T}$ -quasi-orthogonal of order  $q$  with respect to  $\widehat{u}$  and, from Theorem 2.7, there exists a polynomial  $B$  of degree  $s$  such that  $\widehat{u} = u^B$ ; in the second one,  $\widehat{u} = 0$  and  $B = 0$ . In both cases,  $\mathcal{D}[u^A] = u^B$  with  $B$  different zero or not.

iii)  $\Rightarrow$  ii) In [16], it has been proved that

$$(4.4) \quad (\phi_n^*(z))' = \frac{n}{z} [\phi_n^*(z) - \psi_n^*(z)] .$$

Derivating the recurrence relations (2.1) and (2.2) and taking into account (4.4) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (n+1) \psi_{n+1}(z) &= z[\phi_n(z) + n \psi_n(z)] + n a_{n+1}[\phi_n^*(z) - \psi_n^*(z)] , \\ (n+1) \psi_{n+1}(z) &= (1 - |a_{n+1}|^2) z[\phi_n(z) + n \psi_n(z)] \\ &\quad + (n+1) a_{n+1}[\phi_{n+1}^*(z) - \psi_{n+1}^*(z)] . \end{aligned}$$

Let us suppose the SMOP  $(\psi_n)$  is  $\mathbf{T}$ -quasi-orthogonal of order  $r$  with respect to  $\widehat{u}$ . If  $r = 0$ , the only SMOP such that  $(\psi_n)$  is orthogonal with respect to any  $\tilde{u} \in \mathcal{H}$  is  $\phi_n(z) = z^n$  (see [16]). Thus, we suppose  $r \geq 1$  and we do not consider the trivial case  $r = 0$ . Then,  $\tilde{u}[\psi_n(z) \cdot z^{-k}] = 0$  is true for every  $r \leq k \leq n - r - 1$  and  $n \geq 2r + 1$ , and besides the following

$$(4.5) \quad \begin{aligned} \tilde{u}[\phi_n(z) \cdot z^{-k}] + n a_{n+1} \tilde{u}[\phi_n^*(z) \cdot z^{-k-1}] &= 0 , \\ (1 - |a_{n+1}|^2) \tilde{u}[\phi_n(z) \cdot z^{-k}] + (n+1) a_{n+1} \tilde{u}[\phi_{n+1}^*(z) \cdot z^{-k-1}] &= 0 , \end{aligned}$$

holds when  $r \leq k \leq n - r - 1$  and  $n \geq 2r + 1$ . By substituting in (4.5) the values of  $\phi_n^*(z)$  and  $\phi_{n+1}^*(z)$  derived from the relations (2.1) and (2.2), we have the system

$$(4.6) \quad \begin{aligned} \tilde{u}[\phi_n(z) \cdot z^{-k}] - \frac{n}{n-1} \tilde{u}[\phi_{n+1}(z) \cdot z^{-k-1}] &= 0 , \\ (1 - |a_{n+1}|^2) \tilde{u}[\phi_n(z) \cdot z^{-k}] - \frac{n+1}{n} \tilde{u}[\phi_{n+1}(z) \cdot z^{-k-1}] &= 0 , \end{aligned}$$

with  $r \leq k \leq n - r - 1$  and  $n \geq 2r + 1$ , whose determinant is

$$M_n = \frac{1}{n(n-1)} [1 - (n|a_{n+1}|)^2] .$$

If  $M_n \neq 0$  for some  $n \geq 2r + 1$ , it follows directly that  $\tilde{u}[\phi_m(z) \cdot z^{-k}] = 0$  whenever  $2r + 1 \leq m \leq n$  and  $r \leq k \leq m - r - 1$ .

Let us suppose that every  $n_0 \geq 2r + 1$  there exists  $n \geq n_0$  such that  $|a_{n+1}| \neq \frac{1}{n}$ . Then, by the above argument, the relation

$$\tilde{u}[\phi_n(z) \cdot z^{-k}] = 0$$

holds for every  $n \geq 2r + 1$  with  $r \leq k \leq n - r - 1$ . Now, by using the same argument as in the first part of this proof, we can conclude that the SMOP  $(\phi_n)$  is  $\mathbf{T}$ -quasi-orthogonal of order  $s$  (with  $s \leq r$ ) with respect to  $\tilde{u}$ .

Finally, let us suppose  $|a_{n+1}| = \frac{1}{n}$  is true for every  $n \geq n_0 \geq 2r + 1$ . Then the determinant  $M_n$  vanishes and the system (4.5) reduces to

$$(4.7) \quad \tilde{u}[\phi_n(z) \cdot z^{-k}] + e^{i\theta_n} \overline{\tilde{u}[\phi_n(z) \cdot z^{-n+k-1}]} = 0 ,$$

and the system (4.6) becomes

$$(4.8) \quad \tilde{u}[\phi_{n+1}(z) \cdot z^{-k}] - \frac{n}{n-1} \tilde{u}[\phi_n(z) \cdot z^{-k}] = 0 ,$$

where  $\theta_n = \arg a_{n+1}$ ,  $n \geq n_0$  and  $r \leq k \leq n - r - 1$ .

Let us denote  $m_{nk} = |\tilde{u}[\phi_n(z) \cdot z^{-k}]|$  and  $\omega_{nk} = \arg(\tilde{u}[\phi_n(z) \cdot z^{-k}])$ . From (4.7) and (4.8), we get

$$\begin{aligned} m_{nk} e^{i\omega_{nk}} &= m_{n,n-k-1} e^{i(\theta_n - \omega_{n,n-k-1} + \pi)} , \\ m_{n+1,k+1} e^{i\omega_{n+1,k+1}} &= \frac{n}{n-1} m_{nk} e^{i\omega_{nk}} . \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $m_{nk} = m_{nj} = m_n$  whenever  $k, j \in \{r, \dots, n - r - 1\}$ , and  $m_{n+1} = \frac{n-1}{n} m_n$ . Moreover,  $\omega_{nk} = \omega_{n+1,k+1}$  and  $\omega_{nk} + \omega_{n,n-k-1} = \theta_n + \pi$  for every  $n \geq n_0$ , which implies the relation  $\theta_{n+2} = 2\theta_{n+1} - \theta_n$  is true for every  $n \geq n_0$ . It follows easily that  $\theta_{n_0+l} = l\alpha + \beta$  is true with  $\alpha = \theta_{n_0+1} - \theta_{n_0}$  and  $\beta = \theta_{n_0}$ , and thus

$$\phi_{n_0+l}(0) = \frac{e^{i(l\alpha+\beta)}}{n_0+l-1}$$

for every  $l \geq 0$ . From Lemma 4.5, the SMOP  $(\phi_n)$  is associated to a semi-classical form. ■

**Corollary 4.6.** *Let  $u \in \mathcal{H}$  be semi-classical and let  $A, B \in \mathcal{P}$  (with  $A \neq 0$ ) such that  $\mathcal{D}[u^A] = u^B$ . Then,  $(\psi_n)$  is  $\mathbf{T}$ -quasi-orthogonal of order  $r$  with respect to  $u^A$ , where  $r = \max\{\deg A, \deg B\}$ . ■*

**Corollary 4.7.** *Let  $u \in \mathcal{H}$  be semi-classical and let us suppose that  $|a_{n+1}| = \frac{1}{n}$  for some  $n \geq r + 1$ . Then*

$$a_{n+l} = \frac{e^{i(l\alpha+\beta)}}{n+l-1}$$

for every  $l \geq 1$ . ■

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