

# NEW INTEGRAL IDENTITIES FOR ORTHOGONAL POLYNOMIALS ON THE REAL LINE

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ABSTRACT. Let  $\mu$  be a positive measure on the real line, with associated orthogonal polynomials  $\{p_n\}$  and leading coefficients  $\{\gamma_n\}$ . Let  $h \in L_1(\mathbb{R})$ . We prove that for  $n \geq 1$  and all polynomials  $P$  of degree  $\leq 2n - 2$ ,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{P(t)}{p_n^2(t)} h\left(\frac{p_{n-1}}{p_n}(t)\right) dt = \frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{\gamma_n} \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t) dt \right) \left( \int P(t) d\mu(t) \right).$$

As a consequence, we establish weak convergence of the measures in the left-hand side.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION<sup>1</sup>

Let  $\mu$  be a positive measure on the real line with infinitely many points in its support, and  $\int x^j d\mu(x)$  finite for  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Then we may define orthonormal polynomials

$$p_n(x) = \gamma_n x^n + \dots, \quad \gamma_n > 0,$$

satisfying

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p_n p_m d\mu = \delta_{mn}.$$

Let

$$(1.1) \quad L_n(x, y) = \frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{\gamma_n} (p_n(x) p_{n-1}(y) - p_{n-1}(x) p_n(y))$$

and for non-real  $a$ ,

$$(1.2) \quad E_{n,a}(z) = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{|L_n(a, \bar{a})|}} L_n(\bar{a}, z).$$

In a recent paper [6], we used the theory of de Branges spaces [1] to show that for  $\text{Im } a > 0$ , and all polynomials  $P$  of degree  $\leq 2n - 2$ , we have

$$(1.3) \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{P(t)}{|E_{n,a}(t)|^2} dt = \int P(t) d\mu(t).$$

This may be regarded as an analogue of Geronimus' formula for the unit circle, where instead of  $E_{n,a}$ , we have a multiple of the orthonormal polynomial on the

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unit circle in the denominator [3, Thm. V.2.2, p. 198], [8, p. 95, 955]. There is an earlier real line analogue, due to Barry Simon [9, Theorem 2.1, p. 5], namely

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{P(t)}{\left(\frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{\gamma_n}\right)^2 p_n^2(t) + p_{n-1}^2(t)} dt = \int P(t) d\mu(t).$$

Simon calls this a real line orthogonal polynomial analogue of *Carmona's formula* and refers also to earlier work of Krutikov and Remling [5] and Carmona [2]. The latter is the special case of (1.3) with  $(p_{n-1}/p_n)(\bar{a}) = \pm i\gamma_{n-1}/\gamma_n$ . In a subsequent paper, we gave a self contained proof of (1.3), and deduced results on weak convergence, discrepancy, and Gauss quadrature.

In this paper, we first establish the following alternative form of (1.3):

**Proposition 1.1**

Let  $\mu$  be a positive measure on the real line with infinitely many points in its support, and with  $\int x^j d\mu(x)$  finite for  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Let  $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}$ . Then for all polynomials  $P$  of degree  $\leq 2n - 2$ ,

$$(1.4) \quad \frac{1}{\pi} |\operatorname{Im} z| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{P(t)}{|zp_n(t) - p_{n-1}(t)|^2} dt = \frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{\gamma_n} \int P(t) d\mu(t).$$

and

$$(1.5) \quad \frac{1}{\pi} |\operatorname{Im} z| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{P(t)}{|p_n(t) - zp_{n-1}(t)|^2} dt = \frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{\gamma_n} \int P(t) d\mu(t).$$

The factor involving  $z$  inside the integral above is essentially the Poisson kernel for the upper-half plane. By using limiting properties of Poisson integrals, we deduce our main result, a new integral identity for orthogonal polynomials:

**Theorem 1.2**

Let  $\mu$  be a positive measure on the real line with infinitely many points in its support, and with  $\int x^j d\mu(x)$  finite for  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Let  $\{p_n\}$  and  $\{\gamma_n\}$  denote respectively, the orthogonal polynomials, and leading coefficients corresponding to  $\mu$ . Let  $h \in L_1(\mathbb{R})$ . Then for all polynomials  $P$  of degree  $\leq 2n - 2$ ,

$$(1.6) \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{P(t)}{p_n(t)^2} h\left(\frac{p_{n-1}(t)}{p_n(t)}\right) dt = \frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{\gamma_n} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t) dt\right) \left(\int P(t) d\mu(t)\right).$$

and

$$(1.7) \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{P(t)}{p_{n-1}(t)^2} h\left(\frac{p_n(t)}{p_{n-1}(t)}\right) dt = \frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{\gamma_n} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t) dt\right) \left(\int P(t) d\mu(t)\right).$$

Note that if we choose  $P = p_{n-1}^2$  in (1.7), we obtain, if the denominator integral is not 0,

$$\frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{\gamma_n} = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h\left(\frac{p_n(t)}{p_{n-1}(t)}\right) dt}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t) dt}.$$

It might be possible to derive this special case in an alternative way - from the partial fraction expansion of  $\frac{p_{n-1}}{p_n}(x)$  and known formulae for the distribution function,  $\operatorname{meas} \left\{ x : \frac{p_{n-1}}{p_n}(x) > t \right\}$ . We may replace  $h(t) dt$  in (1.6) and (1.7) by a signed measure  $d\nu(t)$  of finite total mass, provided one appropriately defines  $d\nu\left(\frac{p_n(t)}{p_{n-1}(t)}\right)$  over

each interval in which  $\frac{p_n(t)}{p_{n-1}(t)}$  is monotone. If we choose  $h(x) = \frac{\log x^{-2}}{1-x^2}$ , in Theorem 1.2, we obtain an entropy type integral:

**Corollary 1.3**

With the notation of Theorem 1.2,

$$(1.8) \quad \frac{2}{\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(t) \frac{\ln |p_{n-1}(t)| - \ln |p_n(t)|}{p_{n-1}(t)^2 - p_n(t)^2} dt = \frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{\gamma_n} \int P(t) d\mu(t).$$

We also obtain a weak convergence type result: recall that  $\mu$  is said to be *determinate* if the moment problem

$$\int x^j d\nu(x) = \int x^j d\mu(x), \quad j = 0, 1, 2, \dots,$$

has the unique solution  $\nu = \mu$  from the class of positive measures. We also say a function  $f$  has *polynomial growth at  $\infty$*  if for some  $L > 0$  and for large enough  $|x|$ ,

$$|f(x)| \leq |x|^L.$$

**Theorem 1.4**

Assume the hypotheses of Theorem 1.2, and in addition that  $\mu$  is determinate. Then for all functions  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  having polynomial growth at  $\infty$ , and that are Riemann-Stieltjes integrable with respect to  $\mu$ , we have

$$(1.9) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{\gamma_n} \right)^{-1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{f(t)}{p_n(t)^2} h \left( \frac{p_{n-1}(t)}{p_n(t)} \right) dt = \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t) dt \right) \left( \int f(t) d\mu(t) \right),$$

and

$$(1.10) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{\gamma_n} \right)^{-1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{f(t)}{p_{n-1}(t)^2} h \left( \frac{p_n(t)}{p_{n-1}(t)} \right) dt = \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t) dt \right) \left( \int f(t) d\mu(t) \right).$$

Of course, if  $f$  is continuous on the real line, it will be locally Riemann-Stieltjes integrable with respect to  $\mu$ . Simon [9] proved weak convergence involving his Carmona type formula.

## 2. PROOF OF THE RESULTS

**Proof of Proposition 1.1**

Fix  $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}$ . Choose  $a \in \mathbb{C}$  such that

$$p_{n-1}(\bar{a}) = zp_n(\bar{a}).$$

There are  $n$  choices for  $a$ , counting multiplicity. Then from (1.1), we see that

$$L_n(\bar{a}, t) = -\frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{\gamma_n} p_n(\bar{a}) (zp_n(t) - p_{n-1}(t))$$

and

$$L_n(a, \bar{a}) = 2i \frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{\gamma_n} \operatorname{Im}(z) |p_n(a)|^2.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} |E_{n,a}(t)|^2 &= \frac{2\pi}{|L_n(a, \bar{a})|} |L_n(\bar{a}, t)|^2 \\ &= \frac{\pi}{|\operatorname{Im} z|} \frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{\gamma_n} |z p_n(t) - p_{n-1}(t)|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Substituting into (1.3) gives (1.4), while replacing  $z$  by  $\frac{1}{z}$  in (1.4), gives (1.5). ■

**Proof of (1.6) of Theorem 1.2**

**Step 1: A Poisson integral identity**

Let  $z = x + iy$ , where  $y > 0$ . We can recast (1.4) as

$$(2.1) \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(t) \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{y}{(p_n(t)x - p_{n-1}(t))^2 + y^2 p_n^2(t)} dt = \frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{\gamma_n} \int P(t) d\mu(t).$$

Let  $h \in L_1(\mathbb{R})$ . We multiply (2.1) by  $h(x)$ , integrate over the real line, and interchange integrals, obtaining

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{aligned} & \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(t) \left[ \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{y h(x)}{(p_n(t)x - p_{n-1}(t))^2 + y^2 p_n^2(t)} dx \right] dt \\ &= \frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{\gamma_n} \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t) dt \right) \left( \int P(t) d\mu(t) \right). \end{aligned}$$

This is justified, if the integral on the left converges absolutely, namely,

$$(2.3) \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{|P(t)| |h(x)|}{(p_n(t)x - p_{n-1}(t))^2 + y^2 p_n^2(t)} dx \right] dt < \infty.$$

To prove this, choose  $A$  such that all zeros of  $p_n$  lie in  $(-A, A)$ . Let

$$c = \inf_{t, x \in \mathbb{R}} \left[ (p_n(t)x - p_{n-1}(t))^2 + y^2 p_n^2(t) \right].$$

This is positive as  $p_{n-1}$  and  $p_n$  don't have common zeros. Then we can bound the left-hand side in (2.3) above by

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{|t| \geq A} \frac{|P(t)|}{y^2 p_n^2(t)} \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |h(x)| dx \right) dt \\ &+ \int_{|t| \leq A} |P(t)| \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |h(x)| dx \right) dt / c \\ &< \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Thus (2.3) is valid. Recall that if  $h \in L_1(\mathbb{R})$ , its Poisson integral for the upper-half plane is

$$\mathcal{P}[h](\alpha + i\beta) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\beta}{(x - \alpha)^2 + \beta^2} h(x) dx.$$

We can recast (2.2) as

$$(2.4) \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{P(t)}{p_n^2(t)} \mathcal{P}\left[h\left(\frac{p_{n-1}(t)}{p_n(t)} + iy\right)\right] dt = \frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{\gamma_n} \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t) dt \right) \left( \int P(t) d\mu(t) \right).$$

**Step 2: The case where  $h$  is bounded and has compact support**

Firstly, as  $h$  is bounded, we have the elementary bound

$$\left| \mathcal{P}[h] \left( \frac{p_{n-1}(t)}{p_n(t)} + iy \right) \right| \leq \|h\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R})},$$

valid for all  $y$  and  $t$ . Next, if  $\frac{p_{n-1}(t)}{p_n(t)}$  is a Lebesgue point of  $h$ , we have the classic result

$$(2.5) \quad \lim_{y \rightarrow 0^+} \mathcal{P}[h] \left( \frac{p_{n-1}(t)}{p_n(t)} + iy \right) = h \left( \frac{p_{n-1}(t)}{p_n(t)} \right).$$

Now, if  $u$  is not a Lebesgue point of  $h$ , (and such points have measure 0), the equation  $\frac{p_{n-1}(t)}{p_n(t)} = u$  has at most  $n$  solutions for  $t$ , and locally these vary differentiably with  $u$ . It follows that (2.5) holds for a.e.  $t$ .

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\mathcal{E}_\varepsilon$  denote the union of  $n$  closed intervals of radius  $\varepsilon$ , centered on the zeros of  $p_n$ . Since  $P(t)/p_n^2(t) = O(t^{-2})$  at  $\infty$ , we may use Lebesgue's Dominated Convergence Theorem to deduce that

$$(2.6) \quad \begin{aligned} & \lim_{y \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathcal{E}_\varepsilon} \frac{P(t)}{p_n^2(t)} \mathcal{P}[h] \left( \frac{p_{n-1}(t)}{p_n(t)} + iy \right) dt \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathcal{E}_\varepsilon} \frac{P(t)}{p_n^2(t)} h \left( \frac{p_{n-1}(t)}{p_n(t)} \right) dt. \end{aligned}$$

It remains to estimate

$$I_{\varepsilon, y} = \int_{\mathcal{E}_\varepsilon} \frac{P(t)}{p_n^2(t)} \mathcal{P}[h] \left( \frac{p_{n-1}(t)}{p_n(t)} + iy \right) dt$$

and

$$I_{\varepsilon, 0} = \int_{\mathcal{E}_\varepsilon} \frac{P(t)}{p_n^2(t)} h \left( \frac{p_{n-1}(t)}{p_n(t)} \right) dt.$$

As  $p_{n-1}$  and  $p_n$  have no common zeros, if  $\varepsilon > 0$  is small enough,

$$\inf_{\mathcal{E}_\varepsilon} |p_{n-1}| > 0.$$

Moreover, as  $h$  has compact support, we may choose  $\varepsilon > 0$  so small that for  $x$  in the support of  $h$  and  $t \in \mathcal{E}_\varepsilon$ , we have

$$|p_n(t)x - p_{n-1}(t)| \geq \frac{1}{2} |p_{n-1}(t)|.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} |I_{\varepsilon, y}| &= \left| \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\mathcal{E}_\varepsilon} \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{P(t)h(x)}{(p_n(t)x - p_{n-1}(t))^2 + y^2 p_n^2(t)} dx \right] dt \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\mathcal{E}_\varepsilon} \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{|P(t)||h(x)|}{\left(\frac{1}{2}|p_{n-1}(t)|\right)^2} dx \right] dt \\ &\leq \frac{4}{\pi} \sup_{t \in \mathcal{E}_\varepsilon} \left| \frac{P(t)}{p_n^2(t)} \right| \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |h(x)| dx \right) \int_{\mathcal{E}_\varepsilon} 1 dt. \end{aligned}$$

This is a bound independent of  $y$ , and decreases to 0, as  $\varepsilon$  decreases to 0. Finally, if  $\varepsilon > 0$  is small enough  $h \left( \frac{p_{n-1}(t)}{p_n(t)} \right) = 0$  for  $t \in \mathcal{E}_\varepsilon$ , (recall  $h$  has compact support),

so for such  $\varepsilon$ ,

$$I_{\varepsilon,0} = 0.$$

Combining the above, we obtain

$$(2.7) \quad \begin{aligned} & \lim_{y \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{P(t)}{p_n^2(t)} \mathcal{P}[h] \left( \frac{p_{n-1}(t)}{p_n(t)} + iy \right) dt \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{P(t)}{p_n^2(t)} h \left( \frac{p_{n-1}(t)}{p_n(t)} \right) dt, \end{aligned}$$

and hence, from (2.4),

$$(2.8) \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{P(t)}{p_n^2(t)} h \left( \frac{p_{n-1}(t)}{p_n(t)} \right) dt = \frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{\gamma_n} \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t) dt \right) \left( \int P(t) d\mu(t) \right).$$

Thus we have (1.6), for the case where  $h$  is bounded and has compact support.

**Step 3 The case where  $h$  is bounded but has non-compact support**

Let

$$h_m = h\chi_{[-m,m]}, \quad m \geq 1.$$

We have (1.6) for  $h_m$ , that is,

$$(2.9) \quad \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{P(t)}{p_n(t)^2} h_m \left( \frac{p_{n-1}(t)}{p_n(t)} \right) dt = \frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{\gamma_n} \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h_m \right) \int P d\mu.$$

Now for each  $t$  with  $p_n(t) \neq 0$ , and all large enough  $m$ ,

$$h_m \left( \frac{p_{n-1}(t)}{p_n(t)} \right) = h \left( \frac{p_{n-1}(t)}{p_n(t)} \right).$$

Next,

$$\left| \frac{P(t)}{p_n(t)^2} h_m \left( \frac{p_{n-1}(t)}{p_n(t)} \right) \right| \leq \left| \frac{P(t)}{p_n(t)^2} h \left( \frac{p_{n-1}(t)}{p_n(t)} \right) \right|.$$

This upper bound is independent of  $m$ , and moreover is integrable over  $(-\infty, \infty)$ , since it is  $O(t^{-2})$  at  $\infty$ , and has an integrable singularity at each zero of  $p_n$ . To see the latter, we proceed as follows. Let  $x_{jn}$  be a zero of  $p_n$ . We can write, in  $(x_{jn}, x_{jn} + \varepsilon]$ , with small enough  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\frac{p_{n-1}(t)}{p_n(t)} = \frac{g(t)}{t - x_{jn}},$$

where  $g$  is non-vanishing and continuously differentiable. If  $\varepsilon > 0$  is small enough, we have for some appropriate constant  $C$ , and  $t \in (x_{jn}, x_{jn} + \varepsilon]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{P(t)}{p_n(t)^2} h \left( \frac{p_{n-1}(t)}{p_n(t)} \right) \right| \\ & \leq C \frac{1}{(t - x_{jn})^2} \left| h \left( \frac{g(t)}{t - x_{jn}} \right) \right| \\ & \leq C \left| \frac{g'(t)(t - x_{jn}) - g(t)}{(t - x_{jn})^2} \right| \left| h \left( \frac{g(t)}{t - x_{jn}} \right) \right| \\ & = C \left| \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{g(t)}{t - x_{jn}} \right) \right| \left| h \left( \frac{g(t)}{t - x_{jn}} \right) \right|. \end{aligned}$$

In the second last line, we use the fact that if  $\varepsilon$  is small enough,  $|g(t)| \gg |g'(t)(t - x_{j_n})|$ , while  $|g|$  is bounded below. Then, if  $g(x_{j_n}) > 0$ , the substitution  $s = \frac{g(t)}{t - x_{j_n}}$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{x_{j_n}}^{x_{j_n} + \varepsilon} \left| \frac{P(t)}{p_n(t)^2} h\left(\frac{p_{n-1}(t)}{p_n(t)}\right) \right| dt \\ & \leq C \int_{x_{j_n}}^{x_{j_n} + \varepsilon} \left| h\left(\frac{g(t)}{t - x_{j_n}}\right) \right| \left| \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{g(t)}{t - x_{j_n}}\right) \right| dt \\ & = C \int_{\frac{g(x_{j_n} + \varepsilon)}{\varepsilon}}^{\infty} |h(s)| ds \leq C \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |h(s)| ds. \end{aligned}$$

If  $g(x_{j_n}) < 0$ , we proceed similarly. Thus, indeed, the function  $\left| \frac{P(t)}{p_n(t)^2} h\left(\frac{p_{n-1}(t)}{p_n(t)}\right) \right|$  provides an integrable bound independent of  $m$ . Then Lebesgue's Dominated Convergence Theorem allows us to let  $m \rightarrow \infty$  in (2.9) to obtain (1.6) for the case where  $h$  is bounded, but has non-compact support.

**Step 4 The case where  $h$  is unbounded**

Let us define

$$H_m(t) = \begin{cases} h(t), & \text{if } |h(t)| \leq m, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

We have that (1.6) holds for  $h = H_m$ . Next, for each  $t$  with  $p_n(t) \neq 0$ , and  $h\left(\frac{p_{n-1}(t)}{p_n(t)}\right)$  finite, and all large enough  $m$ ,

$$H_m\left(\frac{p_{n-1}(t)}{p_n(t)}\right) = h\left(\frac{p_{n-1}(t)}{p_n(t)}\right).$$

Moreover,  $\left| \frac{P(t)}{p_n(t)^2} H_m\left(\frac{p_{n-1}(t)}{p_n(t)}\right) \right|$  admits the same integrable bound as in Step 3. Then Lebesgue's Dominated Convergence Theorem gives the result. ■

**Proof of (1.7) of Theorem 1.2**

For the given  $h$ , define a new function  $\tilde{h}$  by

$$\tilde{h}(x) = x^{-2} h(x^{-1}).$$

A substitution shows that also  $\tilde{h} \in L_1(\mathbb{R})$ , and

$$\frac{1}{p_n^2(t)} \tilde{h}\left(\frac{p_{n-1}(t)}{p_n(t)}\right) = \frac{1}{p_{n-1}^2(t)} h\left(\frac{p_n(t)}{p_{n-1}(t)}\right).$$

So applying (1.6) to  $\tilde{h}$ , gives (1.7) for  $h$ . ■

**Proof of Corollary 1.3**

Choose in (1.6) of Theorem 1.2,

$$h(x) = \frac{\log x^{-2}}{1 - x^2}$$

which has  $h \in L_1(\mathbb{R})$ . Moreover, the fact that  $h$  is even and a substitution show that [4, p. 533, 4.231.13]

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h = 8 \int_0^1 \frac{\log x^{-1}}{1 - x^2} dx = \pi^2.$$

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#### Proof of Theorem 1.4

We may prove the result for non-negative  $h$ , because every  $h$  satisfying the hypotheses of Theorem 1.2 is the difference of two non-negative functions satisfying the same hypotheses. Let  $f$  be Riemann-Stieltjes integrable with respect to  $\mu$  and of polynomial growth at  $\infty$ , and let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Since  $\mu$  is determinate, there exist upper and lower polynomials  $P_u$  and  $P_\ell$  such that

$$P_\ell \leq f \leq P_u \text{ in } (-\infty, \infty)$$

and

$$\int (P_u - P_\ell) d\mu < \varepsilon.$$

See, for example, [3, Theorem 3.3, p. 73]. Then for  $n$  so large that  $2n - 2$  exceeds the degree of  $P_u$  and  $P_\ell$ , (1.3) gives

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{\gamma_n} \right)^{-1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{f}{p_{n-1}^2} h \left( \frac{p_n}{p_{n-1}} \right) - \int f d\mu \\ &= \left( \frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{\gamma_n} \right)^{-1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{f - P_\ell}{p_{n-1}^2} h \left( \frac{p_n}{p_{n-1}} \right) - \int (f - P_\ell) d\mu \\ &\leq \left( \frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{\gamma_n} \right)^{-1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{P_u - P_\ell}{p_{n-1}^2} h \left( \frac{p_n}{p_{n-1}} \right) - 0 \\ &= \int (P_u - P_\ell) d\mu < \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, for large enough  $n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{\gamma_n} \right)^{-1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{f}{p_{n-1}^2} h \left( \frac{p_n}{p_{n-1}} \right) - \int f d\mu \\ &= \left( \frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{\gamma_n} \right)^{-1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{f - P_u}{p_{n-1}^2} h \left( \frac{p_n}{p_{n-1}} \right) - \int (f - P_u) d\mu \\ &\geq \left( \frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{\gamma_n} \right)^{-1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{P_\ell - P_u}{p_{n-1}^2} h \left( \frac{p_n}{p_{n-1}} \right) - 0 \\ &= \int (P_\ell - P_u) d\mu > -\varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

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