

## Average Number of Points of Inflection of a random sum of orthogonal polynomials

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### Abstract

Let  $y = \sum_{k=0}^n Y_k(t) \psi_k(t)$  be a random polynomial such that  $(Y_0(w), Y_1(w), \dots, Y_N(w))$  is a sequence of mutually independent normally distributed random variables with mean zero and variance one;  $(\psi_0(t), \psi_1(t), \dots, \psi_n(t))$  be a sequence of normalized Jacobi polynomials, orthogonal with respect to the interval  $(-1, 1)$ . It is proved that the average number of points of inflection of the random equation  $y=0$  is asymptotic to  $\sqrt{\frac{5}{7}}n$ .

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $(Y_0(w), Y_1(w), \dots, Y_N(w))$  be a sequence of normally distributed independent random variables with mean zero and variance one. Let  $(P_0^{(\alpha, \beta)}(t), P_1^{(\alpha, \beta)}(t), \dots)$  be a sequence of Jacobi polynomials. There exists a weight function  $w(t) = (1-t)^\alpha (1+t)^\beta$ ,  $\alpha, \beta > -1$ ,

Such that  $(b_0 P_0^{(\alpha, \beta)}(t), b_1 P_1^{(\alpha, \beta)}(t), \dots)$  forms an orthogonal set over the interval  $(-1, 1)$ ,

where  $b_k^{-2} = h_k = \int_{-1}^1 w(t) P_k^{(\alpha, \beta)}(t) dt$ . Let  $\psi_k(t) = b_k P_k^{(\alpha, \beta)}(t)$ .

A polynomial of the form  $\sum_{k=0}^n Y_k(t) \psi_k(t)$  is termed as random orthogonal polynomial. Das<sup>2</sup> was first to consider such a polynomial. He

considered  $(\psi_0(t), \psi_0(t), \dots, \psi_n(t))$  to be a sequence of orthogonal Legendre polynomial and showed that in the interval  $(-1, 1)$ , all save a certain exceptional set, the expected number of real zeros of the polynomial considered by

him had  $\frac{n}{\sqrt{3}} + O(n)^{1/3}$  number of real zeros.

Das and Bhatt<sup>3</sup> have calculated expected number of real zeros of random sum of Hermite polynomial. Farahmand<sup>7</sup> has calculated the number of level crossings of the random sum of Legendre polynomial. Wilkins<sup>11</sup> has calculated expected number of real zeros of a polynomial of the form  $\sum_{k=0}^n k^p Y_k(t) \psi_k(t)$ . Sahoo and Mahanti<sup>12</sup> have calculated average number of maxima of a random sum of orthogonal polynomials.

In this work we have calculated the average number of points of inflection of a polynomial of the form  $f(t) = \sum_{k=0}^n Y_k(w) b_k P_k^{(\alpha, \beta)}(t) = \sum_{k=0}^n Y_k(t) \psi_k(t)$

$$(1.1)$$

We prove the following theorem

*Theorem:* If  $(\psi_0(t), \psi_1(t), \dots, \psi_n(t))$  be a sequence of normalized Jacobi polynomials, orthogonal with respect to the interval  $(-1, 1)$  and  $Y_0(w), Y_1(w), \dots, Y_n(w)$  be a sequence of normally distributed independent random variables with mean zero and variance one then the average number of points of

inflection of the function  $f(t)=0$  is  $\sqrt{\frac{5}{7}}n + O(n^{\frac{1+\delta}{2+\delta}})$ ,

where  $\delta = \max(0, \alpha, \beta)$ .

These observation, together with the fact that the totality of maxima and minima of

the curve  $f(t)=0$ ; and totality of points of inflection by equation  $f''(t)=0$ , lead us to conclude that

$$EP_n(f; a, b) = EN_n(f''; a, b) \quad (1.2)$$

where  $EP_n(f; a, b)$  and  $EN_n(f; a, b)$ , respectively represent the average number of points of inflection and number of zeros of the curve  $f(t)=0$ .

It is remarkable that most of the oscillations of algebraic curve, with independent random variables as coefficients (Das<sup>1</sup>), occur near the neighborhood of both 1 and -1.

we know that the same phenomenon holds good for the points of inflection of random algebraic curve. However, the scenario is distinctly different for the polynomials of the type  $(1, 1)$ . In fact just the reverse of the above observations happens as far as  $EP_n(f; -1, 1)$  and  $EN_n(f; -1, 1)$  are concerned. This will be evident from subsequent discussions.

Since the interior of the interval  $(-1, 1)$  and the neighborhoods of the points -1 and 1 contribute ununiformly to the required estimation, we split the interval  $(-1, 1)$  and subintervals  $(-1, -1+\epsilon)$ ,  $(-1+\epsilon, 1-\epsilon)$  and  $(1-\epsilon, 1)$  where,  $\epsilon = n^{-\frac{1}{2}+\delta}$ . We assess the maxima in the intervals,  $(-1+\epsilon, 1-\epsilon)$  and  $(-1+\epsilon, 1-\epsilon) \cup (1-\epsilon, 1)$  in section-3 and section-4. First we mention the formula to be used for calculation of  $EM_n(f; a, b)$

## 2. Formula for $EM_n(f; a, b)$ :

Since evaluation  $EP_n(f; a, b)$  involves

estimation of zeros of  $f''(t) = \sum_{k=0}^n y_k(w) \psi_k''(t)$ ,

procedure applied by Kac<sup>5</sup> may be used to derive that

$$EP_n(f; a, b) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_a^b \frac{[A_n(t)C_n(t) - B_n^2(t)]}{A_n(t)} dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_a^b \sqrt{\frac{C_n(t)}{A_n(t)} - \frac{B_n^2(t)}{A_n^2(t)}} dt, \quad (2.1)$$

Where

$$A_n(t) = \sum_{k=0}^n [\psi_k''(t)]^2,$$

$$B_n(t) = \sum_{k=0}^n [\psi_k''(w) \psi_k'''(t)],$$

$$C_n(t) = \sum_{k=0}^n [\psi_k'''(t)]^2,$$

Provided that  $A_n(t)C_n(t) - B_n^2(t) > 0$  in (a,b) which holds good by virtue of Cauchy's inequality.

3. Expected Number of Maxima In  $(-1+\epsilon, 1-\epsilon)$  :

For convenience, we let  $T_n(t) = P_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(t)$ .

Let us put  $\mu_n = r_n h_n^{-1} r_{n+1}^{-1}$  where  $r_n$  is the coefficient of  $t^n$  in  $P_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(t)$ . The famous Christoffel-Darboux formula<sup>9</sup> for Jacobi polynomials is as follows

$$\sum_{k=0}^{k=n} h_k^{-1} P_k^{(\alpha, \beta)}(\mu) P_k^{(\alpha, \beta)}(t) = \mu_n \frac{P_{n+1}^{(\alpha, \beta)}(\mu) P_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(t) - P_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(\mu) P_{n+1}^{(\alpha, \beta)}(t)}{\mu - t}$$

Using the above relation and putting  $\mu = \gamma + t$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^n h_k^{-1} T_k^2(t) + \gamma \sum_{k=0}^n T_k(t) h_k^{-1} T_k'(t) + \frac{\gamma^2}{2} \sum_{k=0}^n h_k^{-1} T_k(t) T_k''(t) + \frac{\gamma^3}{3!} \sum_{k=0}^n h_k^{-1} T_k(t) T_k'''(t) \\ & + \frac{\gamma^4}{4!} \sum_{k=0}^n h_k^{-1} T_k(t) T_k^{iv}(t) + \frac{\gamma^5}{5!} \sum_{k=0}^n h_k^{-1} T_k(t) T_k^v(t) + \dots \\ & = \mu_n [T_n(t) \{T_{n+1}(t) + \gamma T_{n+1}'(t) + \frac{\gamma^2}{2!} T_{n+1}''(t) + \frac{\gamma^3}{3!} T_{n+1}'''(t) \dots\} \\ & - T_{n+1}(t) \{T_n(t) + \gamma T_n'(t) + \frac{\gamma^2}{2!} T_n''(t) + \frac{\gamma^3}{3!} T_n'''(t) + \dots\}] / \gamma \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

Comparing the coefficients of powers of  $\gamma$  on both the sides of (3.1) we have

$$\sum_{k=0}^n h_k^{-1} T_k(t) T_k^i(t) = \frac{\mu_n}{(i+1)} [T_{n+1}^{i+1}(t) T_n(t) - T_n^{i+1}(t) T_{n+1}(t)], \quad (3.2)$$

Where  $T_k^i(t)$  denotes i-th differential of  $T_k(t)$  with respect to t.

Differentiating both sides of (3.1) with respect to  $t$  and comparing the coefficients of  $\gamma$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^n h_k^{-1} T_k'^2(t) + \sum_{k=0}^n h_k^{-1} T_k(t) T_k''(t) = \frac{\mu_n}{2} [(T_{n+1}'''(t) T_n(t) - T_{n+1}(t) T_n'''(t)) \\ & + (T_{n+1}''(t) T_n'(t) - T_{n+1}'(t) T_n''(t))] . \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

Using (3.2) in (3.4) we have

$$\sum_{k=0}^n h_k^{-1} T_k'^2(t) = \frac{\mu_n}{6} [(T_{n+1}'''(t)T_n(t) - T_{n+1}(t)T_n''') + \frac{\mu_n}{2} [(T_{n+1}''(t)T_n'(t) - T_n''(t)T_{n+1}'(t))] ] \quad (3.5)$$

Differentiating (3.1) twice with respect to  $t$  and comparing the coefficients of  $\gamma$  on both the sides we have

$$3 \sum_{k=0}^n h_k^{-1} T_k'(t)T_k''(t) + \sum_{k=0}^n h_k^{-1} T_k(t)T_k''(t) = \frac{\mu_n}{2} [(T_{n+1}^{iv}(t)T_n(t) - T_n^{iv}(t)T_{n+1}(t)) + [(T_{n+1}'''(t)T_n'(t) - T_{n+1}'(t)T_n''')]]$$

Using (3.2) in the above relation we have

$$\sum_{k=0}^n h_k^{-1} [T_k'(t)T_k''(t)] = \frac{\mu_n}{3} [(T_{n+1}'''(t)T_n'(t) - T_{n+1}'(t)T_n''') + \frac{\mu_n}{12} [(T_{n+1}^{iv}(t)T_n(t) - T_n^{iv}(t)T_{n+1}(t))] ] \quad (3.6)$$

Differentiating (3.1) twice with respect to  $t$  and comparing coefficient of  $\gamma^2$  of both the sides we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^n h_k^{-1} T_k''^2(t) + 2 \sum_{k=0}^n h_k^{-1} T_k'(t)T_k'''(t) + \sum_{k=0}^n h_k^{-1} T_k(t)T_k^{iv}(t) \\ = \frac{1}{3} [2(T_{n+1}^{iv}(t)T_n'(t) - T_n^{iv}(t)T_{n+1}'(t)) \\ + (T_{n+1}'''(t)T_n''(t) - T_n'''(t)T_{n+1}''(t)) + (T_{n+1}^v(t)T_n(t) - T_n^v(t)T_{n+1}(t))] \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

Differentiating (3.1) with respect to  $t$  and comparing coefficients of  $\gamma^3$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^n h_k^{-1} T_k'(t)T_k'''(t) + \sum_{k=0}^n h_k^{-1} T_k(t)T_k^{iv}(t) \\ = \frac{\mu_n}{4} [(T_{n+1}^{iv}(t)T_n'(t) - T_n^{iv}(t)T_{n+1}'(t)) + (T_{n+1}^v(t)T_n(t) - T_n^v(t)T_{n+1}(t))] \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

Using (3.2) we obtain from (3.8) that

$$\sum_{k=0}^n h_k^{-1} T_k'(t)T_k'''(t) = \frac{\mu_n}{4} (T_{n+1}^{iv}(t)T_n'(t) - T_n^{iv}(t)T_{n+1}'(t)) + \frac{\mu_n}{20} (T_{n+1}^v(t)T_n(t) - T_n^v(t)T_{n+1}(t)) \quad (3.9)$$

Using (3.2) and (3.7) we obtain from (3.9) that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^n h_k^{-1} T_k''^2(t) = \frac{\mu_n}{3} [T_{n+1}'''(t)T_n''(t) - T_n'''(t)T_{n+1}''(t)] + \frac{\mu_n}{6} [T_{n+1}^{iv}(t)T_n'(t) - T_n^{iv}(t)T_{n+1}'(t)] \\ + \frac{\mu_n}{30} [(T_{n+1}^v(t)T_n(t) - T_n^v(t)T_{n+1}(t))] \end{aligned} \quad (3.10)$$

Differentiating (3.1) twice with respect to  $t$  and comparing coefficient of  $\gamma^3$  of both the sides we obtain

$$\sum_{k=0}^n h_k^{-1} T_k''(t)T_k'''(t) + 2 \sum_{k=0}^n h_k^{-1} T_k'(t)T_k^{iv}(t) + \sum_{k=0}^n h_k^{-1} T_k(t)T_k^v(t)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{\mu_n}{4} [2 (T_{n+1}^v(t) T_n'(t) - T_n^v(t) T_{n+1}'(t)) + (T_{n+1}^{iv}(t) T_n''(t) - T_n^{iv}(t) T_{n+1}''(t)) \\
&\quad + (T_{n+1}^{vi}(t) T_n(t) - T_n^{vi}(t) T_{n+1}(t))] \quad (3.11)
\end{aligned}$$

Differentiating both sides of (3.1) with respect to  $t$  and comparing the coefficients of  $\gamma^4$  and using (3.2) we have

$$\sum_{k=0}^n h_k^{-1} T_k'(t) T_k^{iv}(t) = \frac{\mu_n}{5} [T_{n+1}^v(t) T_n'(t) - T_n^v(t) T_{n+1}'(t)] + \frac{\mu_n}{30} [(T_{n+1}^{vi}(t) T_n(t) - T_n^{vi}(t) T_{n+1}(t))]. \quad (3.12)$$

Using (3.2), (3.11) and (3.12), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{k=0}^n h_k^{-1} T_k''(t) T_k'''(t) &= \frac{\mu_n}{4} [T_{n+1}^{iv}(t) T_n''(t) - T_{n+1}''(t) T_n^{iv}(t)] + \frac{\mu_n}{10} [T_{n+1}^v(t) T_n'(t) - T_n^v(t) T_{n+1}'(t)] \\
&\quad + \frac{\mu_n}{60} [(T_{n+1}^{vi}(t) T_n(t) - T_n^{vi}(t) T_{n+1}(t))]. \quad (3.13)
\end{aligned}$$

Differentiating (3.1) thrice with respect to  $t$  and comparing coefficient of  $\gamma^3$  of both the sides we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{k=0}^n h_k^{-1} T_k'''^2(t) &+ 3 \sum_{k=0}^n h_k^{-1} T_k''(t) T_k^{iv}(t) + 3 \sum_{k=0}^n h_k^{-1} T_k'(t) T_k^v(t) + \sum_{k=0}^n h_k^{-1} T_k(t) T_k^{vi}(t) \\
&= \frac{\mu_n}{4} [3 (T_{n+1}^v(t) T_n''(t) - T_n^v(t) T_{n+1}''(t)) + 3 (T_{n+1}^{vi}(t) T_n'(t) - T_{n+1}'(t) T_n^{vi}(t)) \\
&\quad + (T_{n+1}^{iv}(t) T_n'''(t) - T_n^{iv}(t) T_{n+1}'''(t)) + (T_{n+1}^{vii}(t) T_n(t) - T_n^{vii}(t) T_{n+1}(t))]. \quad (3.14)
\end{aligned}$$

Differentiating (3.1) twice with respect to  $t$  and comparing coefficient of  $\gamma^4$  of both the sides, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{k=0}^n h_k^{-1} T_k''(t) T_k^{iv}(t) &+ 2 \sum_{k=0}^n h_k^{-1} T_k'(t) T_k^v(t) + \sum_{k=0}^n h_k^{-1} T_k(t) T_k^{vi}(t) \\
&= \frac{\mu_n}{5} [2 (T_{n+1}^{vi}(t) T_n'(t) - T_n^{vi}(t) T_{n+1}'(t)) + (T_{n+1}^v(t) T_n''(t) - T_n^v(t) T_{n+1}''(t)) \\
&\quad + (T_{n+1}^{vii}(t) T_n(t) - T_n^{vii}(t) T_{n+1}(t))], \quad (3.15)
\end{aligned}$$

Differentiating (3.1) with respect to  $t$  comparing coefficients of  $\gamma^5$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{k=0}^n h_k^{-1} T_k'(t) T_k^v(t) &+ \sum_{k=0}^n h_k^{-1} T_k(t) T_k^{vi}(t) \\
&= \frac{\mu_n}{6} [(T_{n+1}^{vi}(t) T_n'(t) - T_n^{vi}(t) T_{n+1}'(t)) + (T_{n+1}^{vii}(t) T_n(t) - T_n^{vii}(t) T_{n+1}(t))]. \quad (3.16)
\end{aligned}$$

Using (3.2), (3.14), (3.15) and (3.16), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{k=0}^n h_k^{-1} T_k'''^2(t) &= \frac{\mu_n}{4} [T_{n+1}^{iv}(t) T_n'''(t) - T_{n+1}'''(t) T_n^{iv}(t)] \\
&\quad + \frac{3\mu_n}{20} [T_{n+1}^v(t) T_n''(t) - T_{n+1}''(t) T_n^v(t)] + \frac{\mu_n}{20} [T_{n+1}^{vi}(t) T_n'(t) - T_{n+1}'(t) T_n^{vi}(t)] \\
&\quad + \frac{\mu_n}{140} [T_{n+1}^{vii}(t) T_n(t) - T_n^{vii}(t) T_{n+1}(t)]. \quad (3.17)
\end{aligned}$$

From the definition of  $\psi_k(t)$ , we observe that

$$\sum_{k=0}^n h_k^{-1} [T_k''(t)]^2 = \sum_{k=0}^n [h_k^{-1/2} T_k''(t)]^2 = \sum_{k=0}^n [\psi_k''(t)]^2 = A_n$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n h_k^{-1} [T_k''(t) T_k'''(t)] = \sum_{k=0}^n [h_k^{-1/2} T_k''(t)] [h_k^{-1/2} T_k'''(t)] = \sum_{k=0}^n \psi_k''(t) \psi_k'''(t) = B_n$$

And

$$\sum_{k=0}^n h_k^{-1} [T_k'''(t)]^2 = \sum_{k=0}^n [h_k^{-1/2} T_k'''(t)] [h_k^{-1/2} T_k'''(t)] = \sum_{k=0}^n \psi_k'''(t) \psi_k'''(t) = C_n$$

By the relation [17, p . 169 ], we have

$$(1-t^2)T_n''(t) = [(\alpha - \beta) + (\alpha + \beta + 2)t]T_n'(t) - n(n+\alpha + \beta + 1)T_n(t) \quad (3.18)$$

And

$$(1-t^2)T_{n+1}''(t) = [(\alpha - \beta) + (\alpha + \beta + 2)t]T_{n+1}'(t) - (n+1)(n+\alpha + \beta + 2)T_{n+1}(t) \quad (3.19)$$

Subtracting (3.18) multiplied with  $T_{n+1}'(t)$  from (3.19) multiplied with  $T_n'(t)$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} (1-t^2)(T_{n+1}''(t) T_n'(t) - T_n''(t) T_{n+1}'(t)) &= n(n+1+\alpha + \beta)(T_{n+1}'(t) T_n(t) - T_n'(t) T_{n+1}(t)) \\ &\quad - (2n+2 + \alpha + \beta)T_{n+1}(t)T_n'(t). \end{aligned} \quad (3.20)$$

Subtracting (3.18) multiplied with  $T_{n+1}(t)$  from (3.20) multiplied with  $T_n(t)$ , we get

$$(1-t^2)(T_{n+1}''(t) T_n(t) - T_n''(t) T_{n+1}(t)) = [(\alpha - \beta) + (\alpha + \beta + 2)t](T_{n+1}'(t) T_n(t) - T_n'(t) T_{n+1}(t)) - (2n+2 + \alpha + \beta)T_n(t)T_{n+1}(t). \quad (3.21)$$

Subtracting the derivative of (3 . 18) multiplied with  $T_{n+1}(t)$ ,  $T_{n+1}'(t)$ ,  $T_{n+1}''(t)$ , respectively from derivative of (3.19) multiplied with  $T_n(t)$ ,  $T_n'(t)$ ,  $T_n''(t)$ , respectively, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (1-t^2)(T_{n+1}'''(t) T_n(t) - T_n'''(t) T_{n+1}(t)) &= P_n(t)(T_{n+1}'(t) T_n(t) - T_n'(t) T_{n+1}(t)) + Q_n(t) T_n(t) T_{n+1}(t) - \\ &\quad R_n(t) T_n^2(t). \end{aligned} \quad (3.22)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} (1-t^2)P_n(t) &= (\alpha - \beta) + (\alpha + \beta + 4)t [(\alpha - \beta) + (\alpha + \beta + 2)t] + [(\alpha + \beta + 2) - n(n+1+\alpha + \beta)] \\ (1-t^2)Q_n(t) &= (2n + \alpha + \beta + 2)[(\alpha - \beta) + (\alpha + \beta + 4)t] + (n+1)[(\alpha - \beta) - (2n + \alpha + \beta + 2)t] \\ (1-t^2)R_n(t) &= 2(n + \alpha + 1)(n + \beta + 1) \\ (1-t^2)(T_{n+1}'''(t) T_n'(t) - T_n'''(t) T_{n+1}'(t)) &= -(2n+\alpha+\beta+2)(T_{n+1}'(t) T_n'(t)) \\ &\quad + [(\alpha - \beta) + (\alpha + \beta + 4)t](T_{n+1}''(t) T_n'(t) - T_n''(t) T_{n+1}'(t)), \end{aligned} \quad (3.23)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (1-t^2)(T_{n+1}'''(t) T_n''(t) - T_n'''(t) T_{n+1}''(t)) &= [n(n+1+\alpha+\beta) - (\alpha+\beta+2)](T_{n+1}''(t) T_n'(t) - T_n''(t) T_{n+1}'(t)) \\ &\quad - (2n+2+\alpha+\beta)(T_{n+1}'(t) T_n''(t)), \end{aligned} \quad (3.24)$$

Multiplying the second derivative of (3.18) with  $T_{n+1}(t)$ ,  $T'_{n+1}(t)$  respectively and subtracting the resulting equations from second derivative of (3.19) multiplied with  $T_n(t)$ ,  $T'_n(t)$  respectively, we have

$$(1-t^2)(T_{n+1}^{iv}(t) T_n(t) - T_n^{iv}(t) T_{n+1}(t)) = -[n(n+1+\alpha+\beta) - (2\alpha+2\beta+6)](T_{n+1}''(t) T_n(t) - T_n''(t) T_{n+1}(t)) + [(\alpha - \beta) + (\alpha + \beta + 6)t] [(T_{n+1}'''(t) T_n(t) - T_n'''(t) T_{n+1}(t))] - (2n+2+\alpha+\beta) (T_n'''(t) T_n(t)). \quad (3.25)$$

$$(1-t^2)(T_{n+1}^{iv}(t) T'_n(t) - T_n^{iv}(t) T'_{n+1}(t)) = -[n(n+1+\alpha+\beta) - (2\alpha+2\beta+6)](T_{n+1}''(t) T'_n(t) - T_n''(t) T'_{n+1}(t)) + [(\alpha - \beta) + (\alpha + \beta + 6)t] [(T_{n+1}'''(t) T'_n(t) - T_n'''(t) T'_{n+1}(t))] - (2n+2+\alpha+\beta) (T_{n+1}''(t) T'_n(t)). \quad (3.26)$$

Multiplying the third derivative of (3.18) with  $T_{n+1}(t)$  and subtracting the resulting equations from third derivative of (3.12) multiplied with  $T_n(t)$  we have

$$(1-t^2)(T_{n+1}^v(t) T_n(t) - T_n^v(t) T_{n+1}(t)) = -[n(n+1+\alpha+\beta) - (3\alpha+3\beta+12)] (T_{n+1}'''(t) T_n(t) - T_n'''(t) T_{n+1}(t)) + [(\alpha - \beta) + (\alpha + \beta + 8)t] [(T_{n+1}^{iv}(t) T_n(t) - T_n^{iv}(t) T_{n+1}(t))] - (2n+2+\alpha+\beta) (T_{n+1}'''(t) T_n(t)). \quad (3.27)$$

Similarly, we can get the following:

$$(1-t^2)(T_{n+1}'''(t) T_n''(t) - T_n'''(t) T_{n+1}''(t)) = [n(n+1+\alpha+\beta) - (\alpha+\beta+2)](T_{n+1}''(t) T'_n(t) - T_n''(t) T'_{n+1}(t)) - (2n+\alpha+\beta+2) (T_{n+1}'(t) T_n''(t)). \quad (3.28)$$

$$(1-t^2)(T_{n+1}^{iv}(t) T_n''(t) - T_n^{iv}(t) T_{n+1}''(t)) = -(2n+\alpha+\beta+2) T_{n+1}''(t) T_n''(t) + [(\alpha - \beta) + (\alpha + \beta + 6)t] [(T_{n+1}'''(t) T_n''(t) - T_n'''(t) T_{n+1}''(t))]. \quad (3.29)$$

$$(1-t^2)(T_{n+1}^{iv}(t) T_n'''(t) - T_n^{iv}(t) T_{n+1}'''(t)) = n(n+1+\alpha+\beta)(T_{n+1}'''(t) T_n''(t) - T_n'''(t) T_{n+1}''(t)) - (2n+2+\alpha+\beta) (T_{n+1}''(t) T_n'''(t)). \quad (3.30)$$

$$(1-t^2)(T_{n+1}^v(t) T'_n(t) - T_n^v(t) T'_{n+1}(t)) = -[n(n+1+\alpha+\beta) - (3\alpha+3\beta+12)](T_{n+1}'''(t) T'_n(t) - T_n'''(t) T'_{n+1}(t)) + [(\alpha - \beta) + (\alpha + \beta + 8)t] [(T_{n+1}^{iv}(t) T'_n(t) - T_n^{iv}(t) T'_{n+1}(t))] - (2n+2+\alpha+\beta) T_{n+1}'''(t) T'_n(t). \quad (3.31)$$

$$(1-t^2)(T_{n+1}^v(t) T_n''(t) - T_n^v(t) T_{n+1}''(t)) = -[n(n+1+\alpha+\beta) - (3\alpha+3\beta+12)](T_{n+1}'''(t) T_n''(t) - T_n'''(t) T_{n+1}''(t)) + [(\alpha - \beta) + (\alpha + \beta + 8)t] [(T_{n+1}^{iv}(t) T_n''(t) - T_n^{iv}(t) T_{n+1}''(t))] - (2n+2+\alpha+\beta) T_{n+1}'''(t) T_n''(t). \quad (3.32)$$

$$(1-t^2)(T_{n+1}^{vi}(t) T_n(t) - T_n^{vi}(t) T_{n+1}(t)) = -[n(n+1+\alpha+\beta) - (4\alpha+4\beta+20)](T_{n+1}^{iv}(t) T_n(t) - T_n^{iv}(t) T_{n+1}(t)) + [(\alpha - \beta) + (\alpha + \beta + 10)t] [(T_{n+1}^v(t) T_n(t) - T_n^v(t) T_{n+1}(t))] - (2n+2+\alpha+\beta) T_{n+1}^{iv}(t) T_n(t). \quad (3.33)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& (1-t^2)(T_{n+1}^{vi}(t) T_n'(t) - T_n^{vi}(t) T_{n+1}'(t)) \\
& = -[n(n+1+\alpha+\beta) - (4\alpha+4\beta+20)](T_{n+1}^{iv}(t) T_n'(t) - T_n^{iv}(t) T_{n+1}'(t)) \\
& \quad + [(\alpha - \beta) + (\alpha + \beta + 10)t] [(T_{n+1}^v(t) T_n'(t) - T_n^v(t) T_{n+1}'(t))] \\
& \quad - (2n+2+\alpha+\beta) T_{n+1}^{iv}(t) T_n'(t). \quad (3.34)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& (1-t^2)(T_{n+1}^{vii}(t) T_n(t) - T_n^{vii}(t) T_{n+1}(t)) \\
& = -[n(n+1+\alpha+\beta) - (5\alpha+5\beta+30)](T_{n+1}^v(t) T_n(t) \\
& \quad - T_n^v(t) T_{n+1}(t)) \\
& \quad + [(\alpha - \beta) + (\alpha + \beta + 12)t] [(T_{n+1}^{vi}(t) T_n(t) \\
& \quad - T_n^{vi}(t) T_{n+1}(t))] \\
& \quad - (2n+2+\alpha+\beta) T_{n+1}^v(t) T_n(t) \quad (3.35)
\end{aligned}$$

For large  $n$ , we shall use the asymptotic formula for  $T_n(t)$  [2, p 33]; i.e

$$T_n(t) \sim \left(\frac{2^{\alpha+\beta+1}}{\pi n}\right)^{1/2} (1-t)^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}-\frac{1}{4}}(1+t)^{-\frac{\beta}{2}-\frac{1}{4}} \left[\cos\chi + o\left(\frac{1}{n\sin\theta}\right)\right]. \quad (3.36)$$

Here  $t = \cos\theta$ ;  $-1 \leq t \leq 1 + \epsilon$ ,  $\epsilon = n^{-\frac{1}{2}+\delta}$ ;  $X = n\theta + Q\theta + R$ ;  $\delta = \max(0, \alpha, \beta)$ ,  $2Q = \alpha + \beta + 1$ ,  $2r = \pi(2\alpha + 1)$ .

We first establish an asymptotic estimate for  $T_{n+1}'(t)T_n(t) - T_n'(t)T_{n+1}(t)$ . In view of this, we use the differentiation formula [4, p 170];

$$(1-t^2)T_n'(t) = n[(\alpha - \beta)(2n + \alpha + \beta)^{-1} - t]T_n(t) + 2(n+\alpha)(n+\beta)(2n+\alpha+\beta)^{-1}T_{n-1}(t), \quad (3.37)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
& (1-t^2)(T_{n+1}'(t)T_n(t) - T_n'(t)T_{n+1}(t)) = \\
& [-t + (\alpha^2 - \beta^2)(2n + \alpha + \beta)^{-1}(2n + 2 + \alpha + \beta)^{-1}] \\
& T_n(t)T_{n+1}(t) + 2(n+1+\alpha)(n+1+\beta)(2n + 2 + \alpha + \beta)^{-1} \\
& T_n^2(t) - 2(n+\alpha)(n+\beta)(2n + \alpha + \beta)^{-1}T_{n-1}(t)T_{n+1}(t). \quad (3.38)
\end{aligned}$$

Using asymptotic estimate (3.37), we obtain, for  $t \in (-1+\epsilon, 1+\epsilon)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
& (1-t^2)(T_{n+1}'(t)T_n(t) - T_n'(t)T_{n+1}(t)) \sim 2^{\alpha+\beta-1}\pi^{-1} \\
& (1-t)^{-\alpha-1/2}(1+t)^{-\beta-1/2} \left\{1 - t^2 + o\left(\frac{1}{n\sin\theta}\right)\right\}. \quad (3.39)
\end{aligned}$$

Also in this range, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& |T_n(t)T_{n+1}(t)| = 2^{\alpha+\beta+1}(\pi n)^{-1}(1-t)^{-\alpha-1/2}(1+t)^{-\beta-1/2} \\
& X \left\{ \cos\chi + o\left(\frac{1}{n\sin\theta}\right) \right\} \left\{ \cos(\chi + \theta) + o\left(\frac{1}{(n+1)\sin\theta}\right) \right\} \\
& = 2^{\alpha+\beta+1}(\pi n)^{-1}(1-t)^{-\alpha-1/2}(1+t)^{-\beta-1/2} \\
& \left| \cos(\chi + \theta) + o\left(\frac{1}{n\sin\theta}\right) \right| \\
& = o\left(\frac{(1-t)^{-\alpha-1/2}(1+t)^{-\beta-1/2}}{n}\right). \quad (3.40)
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we get

$$T_n^2(t) = O\left(\frac{(1-t)^{-\alpha-1/2}(1+t)^{-\beta-1/2}}{n}\right). \quad (3.41)$$

$$T_n'(t)T_{n+1}(t) = O((1-t)^{-\alpha}(1+t)^{-\beta}(1-t^2)^{-1}). \quad (3.42)$$

$$T_{n+1}'(t)T_n'(t) = O(n(1-t)^{-\alpha}(1+t)^{-\beta}(1-t^2)^{-2}). \quad (3.43)$$

It follows from (3.20) and (3.42) that

$$\begin{aligned}
& T_{n+1}''(t)T_n'(t) - T_n''(t)T_{n+1}'(t) = \frac{n^2}{(1-t^2)}(T_{n+1}'(t)T_n(t) - T_n'(t)T_{n+1}(t)) \\
& + o(n(1-t)^{-\alpha}(1+t)^{-\beta}(1-t^2)^{-2}). \quad (3.44)
\end{aligned}$$

From (3.21), (3.40) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& T_{n+1}''(t)T_n(t) - T_n''(t)T_{n+1}(t) = (T_{n+1}'(t)T_n(t) - \\
& T_n'(t)T_{n+1}(t)) o((1-t)^{-1}). \quad (3.45)
\end{aligned}$$

From (3.22), (3.40) and (3.41), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& T_{n+1}'''(t)T_n(t) - T_n'''(t)T_{n+1}(t) = \\
& -\frac{n^2}{(1-t^2)}(T_{n+1}'(t)T_n(t) - T_n'(t)T_{n+1}(t)) \\
& + o(n(1-t)^{-\alpha-\frac{1}{2}}(1+t)^{-\beta-\frac{1}{2}}(1-t^2)^{-1}). \quad (3.46)
\end{aligned}$$

From (3.23), (3.21) and (3.43), we have



$$T_{n+1}'''(t)T_n'(t) - T_n'''(t)T_{n+1}'(t) = o(n^2(1-t)^{-\alpha} (1+t)^{-\beta}(1-t^2)^{-3}). \quad (3.47)$$

From (3.24), (3.20) and (3.43), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & T_{n+1}'''(t)T_n''(t) - T_n'''(t)T_{n+1}''(t) \\ &= \frac{n^4}{(1-t^2)^2}(T_{n+1}'(t)T_n(t) - T_n'(t)T_{n+1}(t)) \\ &+ o(n^3(1-t)^{-\alpha}(1+t)^{-\beta}(1-t^2)^{-3}). \end{aligned} \quad (3.48)$$

From (3.25), (3.21) and (3.22), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & T_{n+1}^{iv}(t)T_n(t) - T_n^{iv}(t)T_{n+1}(t) = \\ & (T_{n+1}'(t)T_n(t) - T_n'(t)T_{n+1}(t))o\left(\frac{n^2}{(1-t^2)^2}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (3.49)$$

From (3.26), (3.20), (3.23) and (3.43) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & T_{n+1}^{iv}(t)T_n'(t) - T_n^{iv}(t)T_{n+1}'(t) \\ &= \frac{n^4}{(1-t^2)^2}(T_{n+1}'(t)T_n(t) - T_n'(t)T_{n+1}(t)) \\ &+ o(n^3(1-t)^{-\alpha}(1+t)^{-\beta}(1-t^2)^{-3}). \end{aligned} \quad (3.50)$$

From (3.27), (3.22) and (3.26) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & T_{n+1}^v(t)T_n(t) - T_n^v(t)T_{n+1}(t) \\ &= \frac{n^4}{(1-t^2)^2}(T_{n+1}'(t)T_n(t) - T_n'(t)T_{n+1}(t)) \\ &+ o(n^3(1-t)^{-\alpha}(1+t)^{-\beta}(1-t^2)^{-3}). \end{aligned} \quad (3.51)$$

Similarly, we can get the following:

$$\begin{aligned} & T_{n+1}^{iv}(t)T_n''(t) - T_n^{iv}(t)T_{n+1}''(t) \\ &= (T_{n+1}'(t)T_n(t) - T_n'(t)T_{n+1}(t))o(n^4(1-t^2)^{-3}). \end{aligned} \quad (3.52)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & T_{n+1}^{iv}(t)T_n'''(t) - T_n^{iv}(t)T_{n+1}'''(t) \\ &= \frac{n^4}{(1-t^2)^3}(T_{n+1}'(t)T_n(t) - T_n'(t)T_{n+1}(t)) \\ &+ o(n^5(1-t)^{-\alpha}(1+t)^{-\beta}(1-t^2)^{-4}). \end{aligned} \quad (3.53)$$

$$T_{n+1}^v(t)T_n'(t) - T_n^v(t)T_{n+1}'(t) = o(n^4(1-t)^{-\alpha}(1+t)^{-\beta}(1-t^2)^{-4}). \quad (3.54)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & T_{n+1}^v(t)T_n''(t) - T_n^v(t)T_{n+1}''(t) = \frac{n^6((T_{n+1}'(t)T_n(t) - T_n'(t)T_{n+1}(t))}{(1-t^2)^3} \\ &+ o(n^5(1-t)^{-\alpha}(1+t)^{-\beta}(1-t^2)^{-4}). \end{aligned} \quad (3.55)$$

$$(T_{n+1}^{vi}(t)T_n(t) - T_n^{vi}(t)T_{n+1}(t))$$

$$= o(n^4(1-t^2)^{-7/2}(1-t)^{-\alpha}(1+t)^{-\beta}) \quad (3.56)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & T_{n+1}^{vi}(t)T_n'(t) - T_n^{vi}(t)T_{n+1}'(t) = \frac{n^6((T_{n+1}'(t)T_n(t) - T_n'(t)T_{n+1}(t))}{(1-t^2)^3} \\ &+ o(n^5(1-t)^{-\alpha}(1+t)^{-\beta}(1-t^2)^{-4}). \end{aligned} \quad (3.57)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & T_{n+1}^{vii}(t)T_n(t) - T_n^{vii}(t)T_{n+1}(t) = \frac{n^6((T_{n+1}'(t)T_n(t) - T_n'(t)T_{n+1}(t))}{(1-t^2)^3} \\ &+ o(n^5(1-t)^{-\alpha}(1+t)^{-\beta}(1-t^2)^{-4}). \end{aligned} \quad (3.58)$$

From (3.10), (3.48), (3.50) and (3.51) we have

$$\begin{aligned} A_n &= \sum_{k=0}^n h_k^{-1} [T_k''(t)]^2 = \sum_{k=0}^n [h_k^{-1/2} T_k''(t)]^2 = \sum_{k=0}^n [\psi_k''(t)]^2 \\ &= \frac{\mu_n n^4}{5(1-t^2)^2} (T_{n+1}'(t)T_n(t) - T_n'(t)T_{n+1}(t)) \left[ 1 + o\left(\frac{1}{n(1-t^2)^{1/2}}\right) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (3.59)$$

From (3.13), (3.52), (3.54) and (3.56), we have

$$\begin{aligned} B_n(t) &= \sum_{k=0}^n \psi_k''(t) \psi_k'''(t) \\ &= \mu_n o(n^4(1-t)^{-\alpha}(1+t)^{-\beta}(1-t^2)^{-4}). \end{aligned} \quad (3.60)$$

From (3.17), (3.53), (3.55), (3.57) and (3.58), we have

$$\begin{aligned} C_n(t) &= \sum_{k=0}^n [\psi_k'''(t)]^2 \\ &= \mu_n \left[ \frac{n^6}{4(1-t^2)^2} (T_{n+1}'(t)T_n(t) - T_n'(t)T_{n+1}(t)) \right. \\ &\quad - \frac{3n^6}{20(1-t^2)^3} (T_{n+1}'(t)T_n(t) - T_n'(t)T_{n+1}(t)) \\ &\quad + \frac{n^6}{20(1-t^2)^3} (T_{n+1}'(t)T_n(t) - T_n'(t)T_{n+1}(t)) \\ &\quad - \frac{n^6}{140(1-t^2)^2} (T_{n+1}'(t)T_n(t) - T_n'(t)T_{n+1}(t)) \\ &\quad \left. + o(n^5(1-t)^{-\alpha}(1+t)^{-\beta}(1-t^2)^{-4}) \right] \\ &= \frac{\mu_n n^6 (T_{n+1}'(t)T_n(t) - T_n'(t)T_{n+1}(t))}{7(1-t^2)^2} \left[ 1 + o\left(\frac{1}{n(1-t^2)^{1/2}}\right) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (3.61)$$

From (3.59) and (3.61), we have

$$\frac{C_n(t)}{A_n(t)} \sim \sqrt{\frac{5}{7}} \frac{n^2}{(1-t^2)}.$$

From (3.59) and (3.60), we have

$$\frac{B_n(t)}{A_n(t)} = o\left((1-t^2)^{-\frac{5}{2}}\right),$$

So that

$$\sqrt{\frac{C_n(t)}{A_n(t)} - \left(\frac{B_n(t)}{A_n(t)}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{5}{7} \frac{n^2}{(1-t^2)^{1/2}}} \left[1 + O\left(n^{-\frac{2\delta}{2+\delta}}\right)\right].$$

From (2.1), we obtain

$$EP_n(f; -1+\epsilon, 1+\epsilon) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-1+\epsilon}^{1-\epsilon} \sqrt{\frac{5}{7} \frac{n^2}{(1-t^2)^{1/2}}} \left[1 + O\left(n^{-\frac{2\delta}{2+\delta}}\right)\right] dt \quad (3.62)$$

$$\sim \sqrt{\frac{5}{7}} n$$

4. Number of Point of Inflection in the Ranges  $(1-\epsilon, 1)$  and  $(-1, -1+\epsilon)$  :

In this section we obtain that, in comparison to the interval  $(-1+\epsilon, 1-\epsilon)$ , equation (1.1) has negligible number of points of inflection in the intervals  $(1-\epsilon, 1)$  and  $(-1, -1+\epsilon)$ . In fact, it is sufficient to prove that the number of zeros of  $\sum_{k=0}^n y_k(w) \psi_k''(t) = 0$  is very less in these two intervals.

We put

$$\phi(z) = \phi(y(w), z) = \sum_{k=0}^n y_k(w) \psi_k''(t), \quad (4.1)$$

where  $y(w)$  denotes the random vector  $(Y_0(w), Y_1(w), \dots, Y_n(w))$ .

Now  $\phi(y(w), 1) = \sum_{k=0}^n y_k(w) \psi_k''(1)$ , is a

random variable with distribution function

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\Lambda^2}} \int_{-\infty}^t \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \frac{u^2}{\Lambda^2}\right) du, \text{ here } \Lambda^2 = \sum_{k=0}^n \psi_k''^2(1) > 0.$$

Hence

$$P(|\phi(1)| < e^{-2ne}) = \left(\frac{2}{\pi\Lambda^2}\right)^{1/2} \int_0^{-2ne} \exp\left(-1/2 \frac{u^2}{\Lambda^2}\right) du \leq e^{-ne}. \quad (4.2)$$

$$\text{If } I_n = \max_{0 \leq k \leq n} |y_k(w)|, \text{ then } |\phi(1+\epsilon e^{i\theta})| \leq I_n \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^n |\psi_k''(1+\epsilon e^{i\theta})| \right\}.$$

It is easy to see that  $P(I_n \leq n) > 1 - e^{-n^2/2}$ .

$$\text{Let } M_n = \max_{0 \leq k \leq n} |\psi_k''(1+\epsilon e^{i\theta})|.$$

$$\text{Then } P(\phi(1+\epsilon e^{i\theta}) \leq n^2 M_n) \geq 1 - e^{-n^2/2}. \quad (4.3)$$

By the Schalfi representation of Jacobi polynomials [17, p 172], we have

$$P_k^{(\alpha, \beta)}(\xi) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\xi+} \left(\frac{t^2-1}{2}\right)^k \left(\frac{1-t}{1-\xi}\right)^\alpha \left(\frac{1-t}{1+\xi}\right)^\beta \frac{dt}{(t-\xi)^{k+1}}, \quad (4.4)$$

For simple closed contour  $(\xi+)$  around the point  $(\xi)$  as center in the positive sense, with radius  $|\xi^2 - 1|^{1/2}$ , so taken that it has the points -1 or 1, neither in the interior nor on the boundary.

Putting  $t = \xi + (\xi^2 - 1)^{1/2} e^{i\theta}$ , after differentiating (4.4) with respect to  $\xi$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} T_n'(\xi) = & \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ \alpha \int_0^{2\pi} \left\{ \left( (\xi + i\sqrt{1-\xi^2} \cos\phi) \right)^{n+1} \left( 1 - i\sqrt{\frac{1-\xi}{1+\xi}} e^{i\phi} \right)^\alpha \left( 1 + i\sqrt{\frac{1-\xi}{1+\xi}} e^{i\phi} \right)^\beta \left( \frac{1}{1-\xi} \right) \right\} d\phi - \right. \\ & \beta \int_0^{2\pi} \left\{ \left( \xi + i\sqrt{1-\xi^2} \cos\phi \right)^{n+1} \left( 1 - i\sqrt{\frac{1-\xi}{1+\xi}} e^{i\phi} \right)^\alpha \left( 1 + i\sqrt{\frac{1-\xi}{1+\xi}} e^{i\phi} \right)^\beta \left( \frac{1}{1+\xi} \right) \right\} d\phi + (n+1) \int_0^{2\pi} \left\{ \left( \xi + \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. i\sqrt{1-\xi^2} \cos\phi \right)^{n+1} \left( 1 - i\sqrt{\frac{1-\xi}{1+\xi}} e^{i\phi} \right)^\alpha \left( 1 + \sqrt{\frac{1-\xi}{1+\xi}} e^{i\phi} \right)^\beta \frac{1}{(\xi^2 - 1)^{1/2} e^{i\theta}} \right\} d\theta \left. \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$|T'_n(1+\epsilon e^{i\theta})| < \frac{c_1(n+1)}{\epsilon} (1+2\epsilon)^n (1+2/\epsilon)^\alpha (1+2\epsilon)^\beta, \quad (4.5)$$

where  $c_1$  is constant. For Jacobi Polynomials,  $h_n$  is determined by

$$n! (1+\alpha+\beta+2n) \Gamma(1+\alpha+\beta+n) = 2^{1+\alpha+\beta} \Gamma(1+\alpha+n) \Gamma(1+\beta+n)$$

$$\text{hence } M_n = \max_n |\psi''_n(1+\epsilon e^{i\theta})| = \max_n \left| h_n^{-\frac{1}{2}} T'_n(t) \right| < C_2 n^A \exp[4n\epsilon] = C_2 n^A \exp \left[ 4n^{\frac{1+\delta}{2+\delta}} \right], \quad (4.6)$$

where  $c_2$  and  $A$  are constants.

From (4.2), (4.3) and (4.6), we conclude that,

$$\left| \frac{\phi(1+\epsilon e^{i\theta})}{\phi(1)} \right| \leq C_2 n^{2+A} \exp \left[ 6n^{\frac{1+\delta}{2+\delta}} \right]. \quad (4.7)$$

with probability at least  $1 - \exp(-\frac{n^2}{2}) - \exp(-n\epsilon) > 1 - \frac{1}{n}$ .

If  $n(\epsilon)$  denote the number of zeros of  $\phi(z)$  in  $|z-1| < \epsilon$ , then by application of Jensen's theorem we find that

$$n(\epsilon) < \frac{1}{2\pi \log 2} \int_0^{2\pi} \log \left| \frac{\phi(1+\epsilon e^{i\theta})}{\phi(1)} \right| d\theta = O(n^{\frac{1+\delta}{2+\delta}}), \quad (4.8)$$

with probability at least  $1 - 1/n$ .

Thus the number of zeros of  $\phi(z)=0$ ;  $i.e$  the number of points of inflection of (4.1) in the region of  $|z-1| < \epsilon$  and hence that of (1.1) in the interval  $(1-\epsilon, 1)$ , is  $O(n^{\frac{1+\delta}{2+\delta}})$ . Similarly

we can prove that the equation (1.1) has

$O(n^{\frac{1+\delta}{2+\delta}})$  points of inflection in  $(-1, -1+\epsilon)$ .

Bringing together the conclusions drawn<sup>3,4</sup>, we prove that

$$EP_n(f; -1, 1) = \sqrt{\frac{5}{7}} n + o\left(n^{\frac{1+\delta}{2+\delta}}\right) \sim \sqrt{\frac{5}{7}} n$$

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