# MONOTONICITY OF THE ERROR TERM IN GAUSS-TURÁN QUADRATURES FOR ANALYTIC FUNCTIONS

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#### Abstract

For Gauss-Turán quadrature formulae with an even weight function on the interval [-1, 1] and functions analytic in regions of the complex plane which contain in their interiors a circle of radius greater than 1, the error term is investigated. In some particular cases we prove that the error decreases monotonically to zero. Also, for certain more general cases, we illustrate how to check numerically if this property holds. Some  $\ell^2$ -error estimates are considered.

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## 1. Introduction

Let w be an integrable weight function on the interval (-1, 1). It is well known that the Gauss-Turán quadrature formula with multiple nodes,

$$\int_{-1}^{1} w(t)f(t) dt = \sum_{\nu=1}^{n} \sum_{i=0}^{2s} A_{i,\nu} f^{(i)}(\tau_{\nu}) + R_{n,s}(f), \qquad (1.1)$$

is exact for all algebraic polynomials of degree at most 2(s + 1)n - 1 and that its nodes are the zeros of the corresponding *s*-orthogonal polynomial  $\pi_{n,s}(t)$  of degree *n*. For more details on Gauss-Turán quadratures and *s*-orthogonal polynomials see the book [5] and the survey paper [9]. Numerically stable procedures for calculating the Gauss-Turán quadrature formula have been proposed in [3, 10, 16].

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Let  $\Gamma$  be a simple closed curve in the complex plane surrounding the interval [-1, 1]and D be its interior. If the integrand f is an analytic function in D and continuous on  $\overline{D}$ , then we take as our starting point the well-known expression of the remainder term  $R_{n,s}(f)$  in the form of the contour integral

$$R_{n,s}(f) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma} K_{n,s}(z) f(z) dz.$$
(1.2)

The kernel is given by

$$K_{n,s}(z) = \frac{\varrho_{n,s}(z)}{\left[\pi_{n,s}(z)\right]^{2s+1}}, \quad z \notin [-1, 1],$$

where

$$\varrho_{n,s}(z) = \int_{-1}^{1} \frac{\left[\pi_{n,s}(z)\right]^{2s+1}}{z-t} w(t) dt, \quad n \in \mathbb{N},$$

and  $\pi_{n,s}(t)$  is an s-orthogonal polynomial with respect to the measure w(t) dt on (-1, 1).

Let w be one of the four generalized Chebyshev weight functions:

(a)  $w_1(t) = (1 - t^2)^{-1/2}$ , (b)  $w_2(t) = (1 - t^2)^{1/2+s}$ ,

(c) 
$$w_3(t) = (1-t)^{-1/2}(1+t)^{1/2+s}$$
, (d)  $w_4(t) = (1-t)^{1/2+s}(1+t)^{-1/2}$ .

It is well known that the Chebyshev polynomials of the first kind  $T_n$  are s-orthogonal subject to  $w_1(t)$  on [-1, 1] for each  $s \ge 0$  (see [1]), and that for three other weights  $w_i(t)$ , i = 2, 3, 4, the s-orthogonal polynomials can be identified as Chebyshev polynomials of the second, third and fourth kinds:  $U_n$ ,  $V_n$  and  $W_n$ , which are defined by (see, for example, [18])

$$U_n(t) = \frac{\sin(n+1)\theta}{\sin\theta}, \quad V_n(t) = \frac{\cos(n+1/2)\theta}{\cos\theta/2} \quad \text{and} \quad W_n(t) = \frac{\sin(n+1/2)\theta}{\sin\theta/2},$$

respectively, where  $t = \cos \theta$ . However, such weights depend on s. The weight function in (d) can be omitted from investigation because  $W_n(-t) = (-1)^n V_n(t)$ .

Gori and Micchelli [6] have introduced for each n a class of weight functions defined on [-1, 1] for which the explicit Gauss-Turán quadrature formulae can be found for all s. In other words, these classes of weight functions have the peculiarity that the corresponding s-orthogonal polynomials, of the same degree, are independent of s. This class includes certain generalized Jacobi weight functions

$$w_{n,\mu}(t) = \left|\frac{U_{n-1}(t)}{n}\right|^{2\mu+1} (1-t^2)^{\mu},$$

where  $U_{n-1}(\cos \theta) = \sin n\theta / \sin \theta$  (a Chebyshev polynomial of the second kind) and  $\mu > -1$ . In this case, the Chebyshev polynomials  $T_n(t)$  appear to be *s*-orthogonal polynomials.

Using the representation (1.2) of the remainder term  $R_{n,s}(f)$ , the results from [4, 8, 19] for Gauss quadrature formulae, and taking  $\Gamma$  to be a confocal ellipse or circle, some very precise error bounds of  $|R_{n,s}(f)|$  are derived in [11–14]. The case with strong singularities has been considered in [15].

The monotonicity of quadrature approximations for some quadrature rules has been considered by several authors. For example, Newman [17] showed that, for a certain class of functions, the convergence of the general Newton-Cotes quadrature is monotone. Also, under the condition  $f^{(2n)} \ge 0$ , Brass [2] considered the quadrature rule  $Q_n(f)$ , with *n* nodes, and proved certain monotonicity results in the case of Gaussian and Newton-Cotes rules.

In this paper we consider the error term  $R_{n,s}(f)$  in the Gauss-Turán quadrature formula, with an even weight function on the interval [-1, 1], for functions analytic in regions of the complex plane which contain in their interiors a circle of radius greater than 1. For some important particular cases we prove that  $R_{n,s}(f)$  decreases monotonically to zero. Also, we investigate numerically some more general cases and analyze some  $\ell^2$ -error estimates. The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2 we give some preliminary results. The monotonicity of the error term is given in Section 3, including a numerical analysis. Finally, the  $\ell^2$ -error estimates are considered in Section 4.

## 2. Preliminaries

Let f be an analytic function in  $\{z : |z| < 1 + 2\varepsilon\}$ , where  $\varepsilon > 0$ , that is,

$$f(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} a_k z^k, \quad |z| < 1 + 2\varepsilon.$$
 (2.1)

Let  $\pi_{n,s}(t)$  be the s-orthogonal polynomial of the *n*th degree subject to the given weight function w(t):  $\pi_{n,s}(t) = \kappa_n t^n + \kappa_{n-1} t^{n-1} + \cdots$ , where we take  $\kappa_n = \kappa_n^{(s)} > 0$ .

In the following, we suppose that w(t) is even, that is, w(-t) = w(t) on [-1, 1], and that the contour  $\Gamma$  is the circle of radius  $1 + \varepsilon$ .

The results which will be presented in this paper are a continuation of the results from [13]. Because of that we need some facts from [13], and we give them in this section again (without proofs).

LEMMA 2.1. In the expansion

$$\frac{1}{\pi_{n,s}(z)} = \sum_{j=0}^{+\infty} b_{n,j}^{(s)} z^{-n-j}, \quad |z| \ge 1,$$

for n > 1 it holds that  $b_{n,2j+1}^{(s)} = 0$ ,  $b_{n,2j}^{(s)} > 0$  (j = 0, 1, 2, ...), and for n = 1 it holds that  $1/\pi_{1,s}(z) = b_{1,0}^{(s)} z^{-1}$ , where  $b_{1,0}^{(s)} = 1/\kappa_1 > 0$ .

Therefore, in the case with even weight function, we have

$$\frac{1}{\pi_{n,s}(z)} = \sum_{j=0}^{+\infty} b_{n,2j}^{(s)} z^{-n-2j}, \quad |z| \ge 1, \text{ and}$$
$$\frac{1}{\left[\pi_{n,s}(z)\right]^{2s+1}} = z^{-n(2s+1)} \left(\sum_{j=0}^{+\infty} b_{n,2j}^{(s)} z^{-2j}\right)^{2s+1} = \sum_{j=0}^{+\infty} \overline{b}_{n,2j}^{(s)} z^{-n(2s+1)}$$

It is clear that  $\overline{b}_{n,2j+1}^{(s)} = 0$  and  $\overline{b}_{n,2j}^{(s)} > 0$ .

If  $b_{n,2k}^{(s)}$  are known, by using [7, Equation 0.314], it is possible to determine  $\overline{b}_{n,2j}^{(s)}$  in the following way:

$$\overline{b}_{n,0}^{(s)} = b_{n,0}^{2s+1}, \quad \overline{b}_{n,2j}^{(s)} = \frac{1}{j \,\overline{b}_{n,0}^{(s)}} \sum_{k=1}^{j} (2k(s+1)-j) \, b_{n,2k}^{(s)} \,\overline{b}_{n,2j-2k}^{(s)}.$$

LEMMA 2.2. For  $\varrho_{n,s}(z)$  it holds that

$$\varrho_{n,s}(z) = \sum_{j=0}^{+\infty} c_{n,2j}^{(s)} z^{-n-2j-1}, \quad |z| > 1,$$

where  $c_{n,2j}^{(s)} > 0, n = 0, 1, 2, ... (s \in \mathbb{N}_0); j = 0, 1, 2, ...$ 

THEOREM 2.3. Let  $R_{n,s}(f)$  be the remainder term in the Gauss-Turán quadrature formula (1.1) and  $e_{n,k}^{(s)} = \sum_{j=0}^{k} \overline{b}_{n,2j}^{(s)} c_{n,2k-2j}^{(s)}$ . Then, for  $n \ge 1$ ,

$$R_{n,s}(f) = \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} a_{2n(s+1)+2k} e_{n,k}^{(s)}.$$
 (2.2)

Let  $\mu_j$ s be the moments of the weight function w(t), that is,  $\mu_j = \int_{-1}^1 w(t)t^j dt$ (j = 0, 1, 2, ...). At the same time we introduce the quantities

$$\overline{\mu}_{j} = \sum_{\nu=1}^{n} \sum_{i=0}^{2i} A_{i,\nu} \frac{j!}{(j-i)!} \tau_{\nu}^{j-i}, \quad j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

which are obtained by applying the Gauss-Turán quadrature sum on  $t^{j}$ , and which can be numerically calculated by using the above mentioned procedures.

Because  $e_{n,k}^{(s)} > 0$ , we also obtained the following consequences of Theorem 2.3.

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COROLLARY 2.4. We have

$$e_{n,k}^{(s)} = \mu_{2n(s+1)+2k} - \overline{\mu}_{2n(s+1)+2k}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \text{ and}$$
$$e_{n,k}^{(s)} = \mu_{2n(s+1)+2k} [1 + o(1)].$$

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Therefore, there exists  $k_0$  such that for all  $k \ge k_0$  it holds that  $\overline{\mu}_{2n(s+1)+2k} > 0$ . Also,  $\lim_{k \to +\infty} e_{n,k}^{(s)} = 0$ , and the sequence  $(e_{n,k}^{(s)})_{k=0,1,2,\dots}$  is bounded.

#### 3. Monotonicity of the error term

In this section we prove that the remainder  $R_{n,s}(f)$  decreases monotonically to zero in some particular cases, when all  $a_{2k}$  in the expansion (2.1) are nonnegative. We use an analogous way of concluding as in Stenger [19, Lemma 4, Theorem 2] for the Gaussian quadrature formula (s = 0).

## 1. The case when *n* is fixed. We have

$$R_{n,s}(f) - R_{n,s+1}(f)$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} a_{2n(s+1)+2k} e_{n,k}^{(s)} - \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} a_{2n(s+2)+2k} e_{n,k}^{(s+1)}$$

$$= a_{2n(s+1)} e_{n,0}^{(s)} + \dots + a_{2n(s+1)+2n-2} e_{n,n-1}^{(s)} + \sum_{k=n}^{+\infty} a_{2n(s+1)+2k} e_{n,k}^{(s)} - \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} a_{2n(s+2)+2k} e_{n,k}^{(s+1)}$$

$$= a_{2n(s+1)} e_{n,0}^{(s)} + \dots + a_{2n(s+1)+2n-2} e_{n,n-1}^{(s)} + \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} a_{2n(s+1)+2n+2k} \left( e_{n,k+n}(s) - e_{n,k}^{(s+1)} \right).$$

It will hold that  $R_{n,s}(f) \ge R_{n,s+1}(f)$ ,  $s = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , if it holds that

$$e_{n,k+n}^{(s)} - e_{n,k}^{(s+1)} \ge 0, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$
 (3.1)

Let us show that (3.1) holds if n = 1, 2, 3, and w(t) belongs to the class of Gori-Micchelli weight functions.

We have

$$e_{n,k+n}^{(s)} - e_{n,k}^{(s+1)} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma} \int_{-1}^{1} \frac{w(t) z^{2n(s+1)+2n+2k}}{z-t} \frac{\left[\pi_{n,s}(t)\right]^{2s+1}}{\left[\pi_{n,s}(z)\right]^{2s+1}} dt dz - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma} \int_{-1}^{1} \frac{w(t) z^{2n(s+2)+2k}}{z-t} \frac{\left[\pi_{n,s+1}(t)\right]^{2s+3}}{\left[\pi_{n,s+1}(z)\right]^{2s+3}} dt dz.$$

After a little reordering we obtain

$$e_{n,k+n}^{(s)} - e_{n,k}^{(s+1)} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma} \frac{z^{2n(s+2)+2k}}{\left[T_n(z)\right]^{2s+3}} \int_{-1}^{1} w(t) \left[T_n(t)\right]^{2s+1} \left[S_{n-1}(z,t)(T_n(z)+T_n(t))\right] dt dz,$$

where we put  $S_{n-1}(z, t) = (T_n(z) - T_n(t))/(z-t)$ .

Finally, because of orthogonality,

$$e_{n,k+n}^{(s)} - e_{n,k}^{(s+1)} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma} \frac{z^{2n(s+2)+2k}}{\left[T_n(z)\right]^{2s+3}} \int_{-1}^1 w(t) \left[T_n(t)\right]^{2s+2} S_{n-1}(z,t) \, dt \, dz$$

The value of the last expression will be equal to the coefficient of  $z^{-1}$  when the expression under the integral over  $\Gamma$  is expanded in the series of z'. It is clear that all the coefficients of the series, which have been obtained by expanding  $z^{2n(s+2)+2k}/[T_n(z)]^{2s+3}$ , are positive.

Since the weight function is even, the corresponding (s-) orthogonal polynomial of degree n has the form (here this is the Chebyshev polynomial of the first kind)

$$T_n(t) = \alpha_n t^n - \alpha_{n-2} t^{n-2} + \alpha_{n-4} t^{n-4} - \cdots,$$

where  $\kappa_n = \alpha_n > 0$ ,  $\alpha_{n-2} > 0$ ,  $\alpha_{n-4} > 0$ , ....

• Let n = 1. Then  $T_1(t) = \alpha_1 t$  and  $S_0(z, t) = \alpha_1 > 0$ . Therefore

$$\int_{-1}^{1} w(t) [T_1(t)]^{2s+2} S_0(z,t) dt = \alpha_1 \int_{-1}^{1} w(t) [T_1(t)]^{2s+2} dt > 0.$$

• Let n = 2. Then  $T_2(t) = \alpha_2 t^2 - \alpha_0$  and  $S_1(z, t) = \alpha_2(z + t)$ . Therefore

$$\int_{-1}^{1} w(t) [T_2(t)]^{2s+2} S_1(z,t) dt = \alpha_2 z \int_{-1}^{1} w(t) [T_2(t)]^{2s+2} dt,$$

which gives that the coefficient of  $z^{-1}$  is positive.

• Let n = 3. Then  $T_3(t) = \alpha_3 t^3 - \alpha_1 t$  and  $S_2(z, t) = T_3(z)/z + \alpha_3 t^2 + \alpha_3 t z$ . Therefore

$$\int_{-1}^{1} w(t) [T_3(t)]^{2s+2} S_2(z, t) dt$$
  
=  $\frac{T_3(z)}{z} \int_{-1}^{1} w(t) [T_3(t)]^{2s+2} dt + \alpha_3 \int_{-1}^{1} w(t) t^2 [T_3(t)]^{2s+2} dt$ 

Now, because of

$$\int_{-1}^{1} w(t) [T_3(t)]^{2s+2} dt > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha_3 \int_{-1}^{1} w(t) t^2 [T_3(t)]^{2s+2} dt > 0,$$

[6]

we conclude that the coefficient of  $z^{-1}$  is positive.

It is not possible, in this way, to prove positivity of the coefficient of  $z^{-1}$  for  $n \ge 4$ .

2. The case when s is fixed. Consider the generalized Chebyshev weight functions which are even, that is,  $w_1(t)$  and  $w_2(t)$ .

We have

$$R_{n,s}(f) - R_{n+1,s}(f) = \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} a_{2n(s+1)+2k} e_{n,k}^{(s)} - \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} a_{2(n+1)(s+1)+2k} e_{n+1,k}^{(s)}$$
  
=  $a_{2n(s+1)} e_{n,0}^{(s)} + \dots + a_{2n(s+1)+2s} e_{n,s}^{(s)}$   
+  $\sum_{k=s+1}^{+\infty} a_{2n(s+1)+2k} e_{n,k}^{(s)} - \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} a_{2(n+1)(s+1)+2k} e_{n+1,k}^{(s)}$   
=  $a_{2n(s+1)} e_{n,0}^{(s)} + \dots + a_{2n(s+1)+2s} e_{n,s}^{(s)}$   
+  $\sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} a_{2n(s+1)+2(s+1)+2k} \left( e_{n,k+s+1}^{(s)} - e_{n+1,k}^{(s)} \right).$ 

It will hold that  $R_{n,s}(f) \ge R_{n+1,s}(f)$ ,  $n = 0, 1, 2, \ldots$ , if it holds that

$$e_{n,k+s+1}^{(s)} - e_{n+1,k}^{(s)} \ge 0, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$
 (3.2)

We have

$$e_{n,k+s+1}^{(s)} - e_{n+1,k}^{(s)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma} \int_{-1}^{1} \frac{w(t) z^{2n(s+1)+2(k+s+1)}}{z-t} \left[ \left( \frac{\pi_{n,s}(t)}{\pi_{n,s}(z)} \right)^{2s+1} - \left( \frac{\pi_{n+1,s}(t)}{\pi_{n+1,s}(z)} \right)^{2s+1} \right] dt dz$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma} \int_{-1}^{1} \frac{w(t) z^{2n(s+1)+2(k+s+1)}}{[\pi_{n,s}(z)]^{2s+1} [\pi_{n+1,s}(z)]^{2s+1}} \frac{\pi_{n,s}(t)\pi_{n+1,s}(z) - \pi_{n+1,s}(t)\pi_{n,s}(z)}{z-t}$$

$$\times \left( \sum_{i=0}^{2s} [\pi_{n,s}(t)\pi_{n+1,s}(z)]^{2s-i} [\pi_{n+1,s}(t)\pi_{n,s}(z)]^{i} \right) dt dz .$$

Finally, by using the Christoffel-Darboux identity,

$$e_{n,k+s+1}^{(s)} - e_{n+1,k}^{(s)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \frac{\kappa_{n+1}}{\kappa_n} \oint_{\Gamma} \frac{z^{2n(s+1)+2(k+s+1)}}{[\pi_n(z)]^{2s+1} [\pi_{n+1}(z)]^{2s+1}} \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{i=0}^{2s} \pi_k(z) [\pi_{n+1}(z)]^{2s-i} [\pi_n(z)]^i$$

$$\times \int_{-1}^1 w(t) \pi_k(t) [\pi_n(t)]^{2s-i} [\pi_{n+1}(t)]^i dt dz ,$$

where  $\pi_k$  is the corresponding ordinary orthogonal polynomial.

Consider now the case  $w(t) \equiv w_1(t), t \in (-1, 1)$ . By substituting  $t = \cos \theta$  in the last integral we obtain

$$e_{n,k+s+1}^{(s)} - e_{n+1,k}^{(s)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \frac{\kappa_{n+1}}{\kappa_n} \oint_{\Gamma} \frac{z^{2n(s+1)+2(k+s+1)}}{[\pi_n(z)]^{2s+1} [\pi_{n+1}(z)]^{2s+1}} \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{i=0}^{2s} \pi_k(z) [\pi_{n+1}(z)]^{2s-i} [\pi_n(z)]^i$$

$$\times \int_0^{\pi} \cos k\theta [\cos n\theta]^{2s-i} [\cos(n+1)\theta]^i d\theta dz.$$

We see that  $\kappa_{n+1}/\kappa_n > 0$ , and that the expansions of

$$\frac{z^{2n(s+1)+2(k+s+1)}}{[\pi_n(z)]^{2s+1-i}[\pi_{n+1}(z)]^{i+1}}, \quad i=0,\,1,\ldots,\,2s,$$

in the series of  $z^{j}$  are such that all their coefficients are positive.

Further, we use the following known formulae  $[\cos n\theta]^{2s-i} = \sum_{j=0}^{2s-i} a_j^{(i)} \cos jn\theta$ and  $[\cos(n+1)\theta]^i = \sum_{r=0}^i b_r^{(i)} \cos r(n+1)\theta$ , and put

$$a_j^{(i)} = \frac{\overline{a}_j^{(i)}}{\int_0^\pi \cos^2 jn\theta \, d\theta} \quad \text{and} \quad b_r^{(i)} \frac{\overline{b}_r^{(i)}}{\int_0^\pi \cos^2 r \, (n+1)\theta \, d\theta}$$

where

$$\overline{a}_{j}^{(i)} = \int_{0}^{\pi} [\cos n\theta]^{2s-i} \cos jn\theta \, d\theta \quad \text{and} \quad \overline{b}_{r}^{(i)} = \int_{0}^{\pi} [\cos(n+1)\theta]^{i} \cos r(n+1)\theta \, d\theta.$$

Both  $a_j^{(i)}$  and  $b_r^{(i)}$  can be found by using [7, Equation 3.631-17]. Now,

$$\int_{0}^{\pi} \cos k\theta [\cos n\theta]^{2s-i} [\cos(n+1)\theta]^{i} d\theta$$

$$= \sum_{j=0}^{2s-i} \sum_{r=0}^{i} a_{j}^{(i)} b_{r}^{(i)} \int_{0}^{\pi} \cos k\theta \cos jn\theta \cos r(n+1)\theta d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=0}^{2s-i} \sum_{r=0}^{i} a_{j}^{(i)} b_{r}^{(i)} \int_{0}^{\pi} [\cos(k+jn)\theta + \cos(k-jn)\theta] \cos r(n+1)\theta d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \sum_{j=0}^{2s-i} \sum_{r=0}^{i} a_{j}^{(i)} b_{r}^{(i)} \int_{0}^{\pi} [\cos(k+jn+r+rn)\theta + \cos(k+jn-r-rn)\theta] + \cos(k-jn+r+rn)\theta + \cos(k-jn-r-rn)\theta] d\theta.$$
(3.3)

Since  $w(t) \equiv w_1(t)$  is an even weight function, the previous integrals are different from zero in those cases when k, i are both of even parity. Further,  $\overline{a}_j^{(i)} = 0$  if i + j is

odd and  $\overline{b}_r^{(i)} = 0$  if i + r is odd. Therefore, we consider the cases in which k, i, j, r are all of even parity. The last integrals are of the form  $\int_0^{\pi} \cos l\theta \, d\theta$ ,  $l \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and are equal to zero, except when l = 0.

Consider the case s = 1. It is not difficult to conclude that the integral in (3.3) is not zero only in the cases when (k, i, j, r) take the following values: (0, 0, 0, 0), (0, 2, 0, 0) and (1, 1, 1, 1). In these cases we have:

(i) If (k, i, j, r) = (0, 0, 0, 0), then

$$\overline{a}_0^{(0)} = \int_0^\pi \cos^2 n\theta \, d\theta > 0, \quad \overline{b}_0^{(0)} = \int_0^\pi \, d\theta > 0.$$

(ii) If (k, i, j, r) = (0, 2, 0, 0), then

$$\overline{a}_0^{(2)} = \int_0^\pi d\theta > 0, \quad \overline{b}_0^{(0)} = \int_0^\pi \cos^2(n+1)\theta \, d\theta > 0.$$

(iii) If (k, i, j, r) = (1, 1, 1, 1), then

$$\overline{a}_{1}^{(1)} = \int_{0}^{\pi} \cos^{2} n\theta \, d\theta > 0, \quad \overline{b}_{1}^{(1)} = \int_{0}^{\pi} \cos^{2}(n+1)\theta \, d\theta > 0.$$

Therefore, we conclude that the requested coefficient of  $z^{-1}$  will be positive.

We derived the same conclusion in the case when  $w(t) \equiv w_2(t)$ .

Concluding in an analogous way we cannot see what happens if s = 2. All that we can conclude is that  $R_{1,2}(f) \ge R_{2,2}(f)$ .

**3.1. Numerical analysis** The formulae (3.1) and (3.2) give us a way to check numerically if monotonicity holds, for the error in the Gauss–Turán quadrature formulae in the cases under consideration in this paper.

Let us consider the Legendre weight function  $w(t) = w_L(t) \equiv 1$  on [-1, 1]. It is possible to display the graphs of  $e_{n,k+n}^{(s)}$  and  $e_{n,k}^{(s+1)}$  for  $0 \le k \le M$ , for M sufficiently large, by using programme packages such as MATLAB or MATHEMATICA, and so checking the conditions (3.1). The same can be said for the conditions (3.2).

Let *n* be fixed, for instance, n = 4. In Figure 1 we see the graphs of  $e_{4,k+4}^{(s)}$  (connected by dashed lines) and  $e_{4,k}^{(s+1)}$  (connected by solid lines), for s = 1 (left) and s = 2 (right), where k = 0, 1, 2, ..., 70.

Finally let s be fixed, for instance, s = 1. In Figure 2 we see the graphs of  $e_{n,k+2}^{(1)}$  (connected by dashed lines) and  $e_{n+1,k}^{(1)}$  (connected by solid lines), for n = 3 (left) and n = 4 (right), where k = 0, 1, 2, ..., 60.



FIGURE 1. The graphs show:  $R_{4,1} \ge R_{4,2}$  (left) and  $R_{4,2} \ge R_{4,3}$  (right).



FIGURE 2. The graphs show:  $R_{3,1} \ge R_{4,1}$  (left) and  $R_{4,1} \ge R_{5,1}$  (right).

## 4. Some $\ell^2$ -error estimates

For the remainder term in the Gauss–Turán quadrature formula (1.1) we can derive the following estimate:

$$\left| R_{n,s}(f) \right| \le \| R_{n,s} \| \| f \| \,. \tag{4.1}$$

If a given sequence  $(e_{n,k}^{(s)})_{k=0,1,\dots}$  (n, s fixed) belongs to the space  $\ell^p$   $(p \ge 1)$ , we apply Hölder's inequality to (2.2) to obtain

$$\left|R_{n,s}(f)\right| \leq \left(\sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \left(e_{n,k}^{(s)}\right)^{p}\right)^{1/p} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \left|a_{2n(s+1)+2k}\right|^{q}\right)^{1/q}, \quad (4.2)$$

where 1/p + 1/q = 1.

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The quantities  $\sigma_{n,p}^{(s)} = \left(\sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \left(e_{n,k}^{(s)}\right)^p\right)^{1/p}$  are independent of f and can be computed. The case when  $p \to +\infty$  was considered in [13].

TABLE 1. Error constants  $W_{n,s}^{1/2}(w_i)$  (i = L, 2) for some *n*, *s* and for the weight functions  $w_L(t) = 1$ ,  $w_2(t) = \sqrt{1-t^2}$ ,  $t \in [-1, 1]$ .

n	$W_{n,1}^{1/2}(w_L)$	$W_{n,2}^{1/2}(w_L)$	$W_{n,1}^{1/2}(w_2)$	$W_{n,2}^{1/2}(w_2)$
5	1.58(-1)	1.24(-1)	1.86(-2)	1.11(-2)
6	1.33(-1)	1.04(-1)	1.33(-2)	7.88(-3)
7	1.14(-1)	8.93(-2)	9.99(-3)	5.88(-3)
8	1.01(-1)	7.84(-2)	7.77(-3)	4.55(-3)
9	8.97(-2)	6.98(-2)	6.22(-3)	3.63(-3)
10	8.09(-2)	6.30(-2)	5.09(-3)	2.96(-3)

Here we consider the case p = q = 2. The estimate (4.2) of type (4.1) gives

$$\|R_{n,s}\| = \left(\sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \left(e_{n,k}^{(s)}\right)^2\right)^{1/2} = W_{n,s}^{1/2}.$$
(4.3)

On the basis of the results from Section 2, there exists a  $k_0$  such that

$$0 < \overline{\mu}_{2n(s+1)+2k} \le \mu_{2n(s+1)+2k}, \quad k = k_0, k_0 + 1, \dots,$$

that is,

$$\overline{\mu}_{2n(s+1)+2k}^2 \leq \mu_{2n(s+1)+2k}^2, \quad k \geq k_0$$

Therefore, the series  $\sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \overline{\mu}_{2n(s+1)+2k}^2$  converges if the series  $\sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \mu_{2k}^2$  converges. But the last series converges if and only if the integral

$$I = \int_{-1}^{1} \int_{-1}^{1} \frac{w(t)w(y)}{1 - ty} \, dt \, dy$$

converges, since

$$\sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \mu_{2k}^2 = \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \int_{-1}^1 w(t) t^{2k} dt \int_{-1}^1 w(y) y^{2k} dy = I.$$

Therefore, if the integral *I* converges, then the quantities  $W_{n,s}^{1/2} = W_{n,s}^{1/2}(w)$  exist and can be calculated. The error constants  $W_{n,s}^{1/2}(w_i)$  (i = L, 2) for some values of *n*, *s* and for weight functions  $w_L(t) = 1$ ,  $w_2(t) = \sqrt{1-t^2}$ ,  $t \in [-1, 1]$ , are displayed in Table 1. Numbers in parentheses indicate decimal exponents. These do not exist for the weight function  $w_1(t) = 1/\sqrt{1-t^2}$  (see, for example [19]). A calculation of  $W_{n,0}^{1/2}$  in (4.3) for the Gaussian rule was given by Wilf [20] and Stenger [19, table on page 157].

We finish, by deriving another expression for  $W_{n,s}$ . Formula (4.2), for p = q = 2,

has been derived as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \left| R_{n,s}(f) \right| &= \left| \int_{-1}^{1} w(t) f(t) dt - \sum_{\nu=1}^{n} \sum_{i=0}^{2s} A_{i,\nu} f^{(i)}(\tau_{\nu}) \right| \\ &= \left| \int_{-1}^{1} w(t) \left( \sum_{j=0}^{+\infty} a_{j} t^{j} \right) dt - \sum_{\nu=1}^{n} \sum_{i=0}^{2s} A_{i,\nu} \left( \sum_{j=0}^{+\infty} a_{j} t^{j} \right)_{\tau_{\nu}}^{(i)} \right| \\ &= \left| \sum_{j=0}^{+\infty} a_{j} \left[ \mu_{j} - \sum_{\nu=1}^{n} \sum_{i=0}^{2s} A_{i,\nu} (t^{j})_{\tau_{\nu}}^{(i)} \right] \right| \\ &= \left| \sum_{j=2n(s+1)}^{+\infty} a_{j} (\mu_{j} - \overline{\mu}_{j}) \right| \\ &\leq \left( \sum_{j=2n(s+1)}^{+\infty} |a_{j}|^{2} \right)^{1/2} \left( \sum_{j=2n(s+1)}^{+\infty} (\mu_{j} - \overline{\mu}_{j})^{2} \right)^{1/2}. \end{aligned}$$
(4.4)

Equality can be obtained in (4.4) by putting

$$a_{j} = \begin{cases} 0, & j = 0, 1, \dots, 2n(s+1) - 1, \\ \mu_{j} - \overline{\mu}_{j}, & j = 2n(s+1), 2n(s+1) + 1, \dots, \end{cases}$$
(4.5)

that is, for the function

$$f(t) = \sum_{j=2n(s+1)}^{+\infty} (\mu_j - \overline{\mu}_j) t^j.$$
 (4.6)

We have that (subject to (4.5),  $a_j = 0$  always when j is odd, since  $\mu_j = \overline{\mu}_j = 0$ ) for the function f in (4.6) it holds that

$$a_j = a_{2n(s+1)+2k} = e_{n,k}^{(s)} > 0, \quad j = 2n(s+1), 2n(s+1)+2, \dots$$

On the basis of these facts and (4.5) we conclude that

$$a_j \ge 0, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots$$
 (4.7)

By using (4.4), where  $a_j$  are given by (4.5), we have

$$W_{n,s} = \left| \int_{-1}^{1} w(t) \sum_{j=2n(s+1)}^{+\infty} \left[ \mu_{j} - \sum_{\nu=1}^{n} \sum_{i=0}^{2s} A_{i,\nu} \frac{j!}{(j-i)!} \tau_{\nu}^{j-i} \right] t^{j} dt - \sum_{\nu=1}^{n} \sum_{i=0}^{2s} A_{i,\nu} \left( \sum_{j=2n(s+1)}^{+\infty} \left[ \mu_{j} - \sum_{\nu_{1}=1}^{n} \sum_{i_{1}=0}^{2s} A_{i_{1},\nu_{1}} \frac{j!}{(j-i_{1})!} \tau_{\nu_{1}}^{j-i_{1}} \right] t^{j} \right)_{\tau_{\nu}}^{(i)} \right|.$$

In fact, on the basis of (4.4) and (4.7),  $W_{n,s}$  is equal to the last expression inside the absolute value, that is,

$$W_{n,s} = \int_{-1}^{1} w(t) \sum_{j=2n(s+1)}^{+\infty} \left[ \mu_{j} - \sum_{\nu=1}^{n} \sum_{i=0}^{2s} A_{i,\nu} \frac{j!}{(j-i)!} \tau_{\nu}^{j-i} \right] t^{j} dt \\ - \sum_{\nu=1}^{n} \sum_{i=0}^{2s} A_{i,\nu} \left( \sum_{j=2n(s+1)}^{+\infty} \left[ \mu_{j} - \sum_{\nu_{1}=1}^{n} \sum_{i_{1}=0}^{2s} A_{i_{1},\nu_{1}} \frac{j!}{(j-i_{1})!} \tau_{\nu_{1}}^{j-i_{1}} \right] t^{j} \right)_{\tau_{\nu}}^{(i)}.$$

Let us put the last formula in order. First, we have

$$\begin{split} \int_{-1}^{1} w(t) \sum_{j=2n(s+1)}^{+\infty} \mu_{j} t^{j} dt \\ &= \int_{-1}^{1} w(t) \left[ \int_{-1}^{1} w(y) (t^{2n(s+1)} y^{2n(s+1)} + t^{2n(s+1)+1} y^{2n(s+1)+1} + \cdots) dy \right] dt \\ &= \int_{-1}^{1} w(t) t^{2n(s+1)} dt \int_{-1}^{1} w(y) y^{2n(s+1)} (1 + ty + \cdots) dy \\ &= \int_{-1}^{1} \int_{-1}^{1} \frac{w(t) w(y) (ty)^{2n(s+1)}}{1 - ty} dt dy \,. \end{split}$$

Second, we have

$$\int_{-1}^{1} w(t) \sum_{j=2n(s+1)}^{+\infty} \left[ -\sum_{\nu=1}^{n} \sum_{i=0}^{2s} A_{i,\nu} \frac{j!}{(j-i)!} \tau_{\nu}^{j-i} \right] t^{j} dt$$
$$-\sum_{\nu=1}^{n} \sum_{i=0}^{2s} A_{i,\nu} \sum_{j=2n(s+1)}^{+\infty} \mu_{j} \frac{j!}{(j-i)!} \tau_{\nu}^{j-i}$$
$$= -2 \sum_{\nu=1}^{n} \sum_{i=0}^{2s} A_{i,\nu} \sum_{j=2n(s+1)}^{+\infty} \mu_{j} \frac{j!}{(j-i)!} \tau_{\nu}^{j-i} .$$

We now determine the last sum in this expression. Since  $(1 - \xi)^{-(l+1)} = \sum_{j=l}^{+\infty} {j \choose l} \xi^{j-l}$ ,  $|\xi| < 1$ , we have

$$\sum_{j=2n(s+1)}^{+\infty} \frac{j!}{(j-i)!} \tau_{\nu}^{j-i} \mu_{j}$$
$$= i! \sum_{m=2n(s+1)}^{+\infty} \frac{j!}{i!(j-i)!} \tau_{\nu}^{j-i} \int_{-1}^{1} w(y) y^{m} dy$$

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$$= i! \int_{-1}^{1} w(y) y^{i} \left[ \sum_{j=i}^{+\infty} {j \choose i} (\tau_{v} y)^{j-i} - \sum_{j=i}^{2n(s+1)-1} {m \choose i} (\tau_{v} y)^{m-i} \right] dy$$
  
$$= i! \left[ \int_{-1}^{1} \frac{w(y) y^{i} dy}{(1 - \tau_{v} y)^{i+1}} - \sum_{j=i}^{2n(s+1)-1} {j \choose i} \tau_{v}^{j-i} \mu_{j} \right].$$

Therefore

$$-2\sum_{\nu=1}^{n}\sum_{i=0}^{2s}A_{i,\nu}\sum_{j=2n(s+1)}^{+\infty}\mu_{j}\frac{j!}{(j-i)!}\tau_{\nu}^{j-i}$$
  
=  $-2\sum_{\nu=1}^{n}\sum_{i=0}^{2s}i!A_{i,\nu}\left[\int_{-1}^{1}\frac{w(y)y^{i}\,dy}{(1-\tau_{\nu}y)^{i+1}}-\sum_{j=i}^{2n(s+1)-1}\binom{j}{i}\tau_{\nu}^{j-i}\mu_{j}\right].$ 

Finally, we have

$$\sum_{\nu=1}^{n} \sum_{i=0}^{2s} \sum_{\nu_{1}=1}^{n} \sum_{i_{1}=0}^{2s} A_{i,\nu} A_{i_{1},\nu_{1}} \left( \sum_{j=2n(s+1)}^{+\infty} \frac{(j!)^{2}}{(j-i)! (j-i_{1})!} \tau_{\nu}^{j-i} \tau_{\nu_{1}}^{j-i_{1}} \right)$$
$$= \sum_{j=2n(s+1)}^{+\infty} \left[ \sum_{\nu=1}^{n} \sum_{i=0}^{2s} A_{i,\nu} \frac{j!}{(j-i)!} \tau_{\nu}^{j-i} \right]^{2}$$
$$= \sum_{j=2n(s+1)}^{+\infty} \overline{\mu}_{j}^{2}.$$

On the basis of the previous analysis, the quantity  $W_{n,s}$  can be given in the form

$$W_{n,s} = \widetilde{W}_{n,s} + \sum_{j=2n(s+1)}^{+\infty} \overline{\mu}_j^2,$$

where

$$\widetilde{W}_{n,s} = \int_{-1}^{1} \int_{-1}^{1} \frac{w(t)w(y)(ty)^{2n(s+1)}}{1-ty} dt dy - 2 \sum_{\nu=1}^{n} \sum_{i=0}^{2s} i! A_{i,\nu} \left[ \int_{-1}^{1} \frac{w(y)y^{i} dy}{(1-\tau_{\nu}y)^{i+1}} - \sum_{j=i}^{2n(s+1)-1} {j \choose i} \tau_{\nu}^{j-i} \mu_{j} \right].$$

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