

**BOUNDS FOR CLASSICAL POLYNOMIALS DERIVABLE
 BY MATRIX METHODS**

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ABSTRACT. For a matrix with dominant diagonal, convenient upper and lower bounds for the determinant are available. Such bounds occur in the work of Price, Ostrowski, Hoffman, Hayns-worth, and Brenner. In this article, the inequalities are used to bound the classical polynomials over a range of values of the argument.

1. Introduction. Let A be a square matrix of complex numbers. Bounds on $\det A$ are known (see below) when the elements a_{ij} satisfy the hypotheses in Definitions 1.01, 1.03.

1.01. **DEFINITION.** $A = [a_{ij}]$ is said to have (strictly) dominant diagonal if

(1.02) $\forall_k \{ |a_{kk}| > \sum_{i \neq k} |a_{ki}| = R_k \}$, i.e. the diagonal element dominates in each row.

1.03. **DEFINITION.** If a matrix has dominant diagonal, $\forall_k \{ a_{kk} \neq 0 \}$, the numbers σ_k are defined by

$$(1.04) \sigma_k |a_{kk}| = R_k.$$

Thus $0 \leq \sigma_k < 1$.

1.05. **THEOREM [4].** Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix of complex numbers and let (1.02) hold. Then

$$(1.06) \prod L_k \leq |\det A| \leq \prod U_k,$$

where $L_k = |a_{kk}| - \sum_{j>k} |a_{kj}|$, $U_k = |a_{kk}| + \sum_{j>k} |a_{kj}|$, $k = 1(1)n$,
 $L_n = U_n = |a_{nn}|$.

1.07. **THEOREM [1].** Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix of complex numbers and let (1.04) hold. Then

$$(1.08) \prod L'_k \leq |\det A| \leq \prod U'_k,$$

where $L'_k = |a_{kk}| - \sum_{j>k} \sigma_j |a_{kj}|$, $U'_k = |a_{kk}| + \sum_{j>k} \sigma_j |a_{kj}|$.

2. Special inequalities.

2.01. First consider the $n \times n$ matrix $A_n = [-1 - 2\lambda]I - \lambda(K + K^*)$, where K is the matrix with 1's on the superdiagonal and zeros elsewhere. A_n was used by Crank and Nicolson [2] to solve the heat

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equation numerically. Let $D_n = \det A_n$. The three-term recursion relation

(2.02) $D_n = (-1 - 2\lambda)D_{n-1} - \lambda^2 D_{n-2}$ is verified for $n = 1, 2, \dots$, with the conventions $D_0 = 1, D_{-1} = 0$.

Using (2.02), D_n is easily evaluated as

(2.03) $D_n = (\alpha_1^{n+1} - \alpha_2^{n+1}) / (\alpha_1 - \alpha_2)$,

where α_1, α_2 are the roots of the indicial equation for (2.02): $\alpha_{1,2} = \frac{1}{2} \{-1 - 2\lambda \pm (1 + 4\lambda)^{1/2}\}$.

On the other hand, the matrix A_n has dominant diagonal (satisfies (1.02)) if $\text{Re } \lambda > -\frac{1}{4}$. Thus for all values of λ such that $\text{Re } \lambda > -\frac{1}{4}$, application of Theorem 1.5 leads to the following corollary inequalities.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.04) \quad & |1 + 2\lambda| \left\{ |1 + 2\lambda| - |\lambda| \right\}^{n-1} \\
 & \leq |2^{-n-1}[-1 - 2\lambda + (1 + 4\lambda)^{1/2}]^{n+1} / (1 + 4\lambda)^{1/2} \\
 & \quad - 2^{-n-1}[-1 - 2\lambda - (1 + 4\lambda)^{1/2}]^{n+1} / (1 + 4\lambda)^{1/2}| \\
 & \leq |1 + 2\lambda| \left\{ |1 + 2\lambda| + |\lambda| \right\}^{n-1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

In particular if λ is real and positive, (2.04) simplifies to

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.05) \quad & 2^{n+1}(1 + 2\lambda)(1 + \lambda)^{n-1}(1 + 4\lambda)^{1/2} \\
 & < (1 + 2\lambda + (1 + 4\lambda)^{1/2})^{n+1} - (1 + 2\lambda - (1 + 4\lambda)^{1/2})^{n+1} \\
 & < 2^{n+1}(1 + 2\lambda)(1 + 3\lambda)^{n-1}(1 + 4\lambda)^{1/2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

For λ in the interval $(-\frac{1}{4}, 0)$, the inequality signs in (2.05) are reversed.

2.06. *A matrix similar to A_n .* Although the $n \times n$ matrix $B_n = [\alpha_1 + \alpha_2]I + \alpha_2 K + \alpha_1 K^*$ does not have dominant diagonal, nevertheless if $\arg \alpha_1 = \arg \alpha_2$, the conclusions of Theorems 1.05, 1.07 do apply to this matrix, as a continuity argument shows. Actually, B_n is similar to A_n : $S B_n S^{-1} = A_n$, where $S = \text{diag}[d_{11}, d_{22}, \dots, d_{nn}]$, with $d_{jj} = (\alpha_2 / \alpha_1^j)^{1/2}$.

The bounds obtainable from this matrix are less interesting; they amount to the following:

2.07. THEOREM. *If $\alpha_1 > \alpha_2 > 0$, then (see (2.03))*

$$\alpha_1^{n-1}(\alpha_1^2 - \alpha_2^2) < \alpha_1^{n+1} - \alpha_2^{n+1} < (\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2)^{n-1}(\alpha_1^2 - \alpha_2^2).$$

2.08. *Another matrix similar to A_n .* If more conditions are imposed on α_1, α_2 , a more interesting inequality will arise. Consider the $n \times n$ matrix $C_n = (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)I + \alpha_1 \alpha_2 K + K^*$. This matrix has $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2$ on the diagonal, $\alpha_1 \alpha_2$ on the superdiagonal, and 1 on the subdiagonal. The

relation $TC_nT^{-1} = B_n$, where $T = \text{diag}[\alpha_1, \alpha_1^2, \dots, \alpha_1^n]$ shows that C_n is similar to B_n (and hence to A_n). Application of Theorem 1.05 yields

2.09. THEOREM. *Let α_1, α_2 be complex numbers such that $|\alpha_1 + \alpha_2| > 1 + |\alpha_1\alpha_2|$. Then*

$$(2.10) \quad \begin{aligned} & \{ |\alpha_1 + \alpha_2| - |\alpha_1\alpha_2| \}^{n-1} |\alpha_1^2 - \alpha_2^2| \\ & \leq |\alpha_1^{n+1} - \alpha_2^{n+1}| \leq \{ |\alpha_1 + \alpha_2| + |\alpha_1\alpha_2| \}^{n-1} |\alpha_1^2 - \alpha_2^2|. \end{aligned}$$

This result might be tedious to verify otherwise, especially when α_1, α_2 are not real.

2.11. *A generalization.* The matrix $E_n = T_1 B_n T_1^{-1}$, where $T_1 = \text{diag}[1, k_2, k_2 k_3, \dots, k_2 k_3 \dots k_n]$, leads to the following result.

2.12. THEOREM. *Let $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, k_2, k_3, \dots, k_n$ be complex numbers such that the n inequalities $|\alpha_1 + \alpha_2| > |\alpha_1/k_j| + |k_{j+1}\alpha_2|$ hold for $j = 1(1)n$ ($k_1 = \infty, k_{n+1} = 0$). Then*

$$\begin{aligned} & |\alpha_1^2 - \alpha_2^2| \prod_{j=2}^n \{ |\alpha_1 + \alpha_2| - |k_j\alpha_2| \} \\ & \leq |\alpha_1^{n+1} - \alpha_2^{n+1}| \leq |\alpha_1^2 - \alpha_2^2| \prod_{j=2}^n \{ |\alpha_1 + \alpha_2| + |k_j\alpha_2| \}. \end{aligned}$$

Again these relations appear unpleasant to establish directly, especially so in case some of the variables are not real.

2.13. *Arbitrary diagonal elements.* To obtain the bounds of this section directly would not be difficult. But with absolutely no effort, Theorem 2.14 falls out as a corollary of Theorems 1.05 and 1.07.

2.14. THEOREM. *Let $a(n)$ be a complex-valued function of n , and let λ be a complex parameter such that*

$$|a(1)| > |\lambda|, \quad |a(j)| > |2\lambda| \quad (j = 2(1)n - 1), \quad |a(n)| > |\lambda|.$$

Let the numbers E_n be defined by the recursion

$$E_{-1} = 0, \quad E_0 = 1, \quad E_j = a(j)E_{j-1} - \lambda^2 E_{j-2}, \quad j = 1(1)n.$$

Then the inequalities

$$|a(1)| \prod_{j=2}^n (|a(j)| - |\lambda|) \leq |E_n| \leq |a(1)| \prod_{j=2}^n (|a(j)| + |\lambda|)$$

are valid bounds on $|E_n|$.

Application of Theorem 1.07 would yield more precise bounds for

$|E_n|$. Indeed, $E_n = \det \{ \text{diag} [a(n), \dots, a(1)] + \lambda [K + K^*] \}$. Note that $E_1 = a(1)$; $E_2 = a(2)a(1) - \lambda^2$.

3. A special polynomial. The formula

$$(3.01) \quad \sin(n + 1)\theta / \sin \theta = \det \{ 2 \cos \theta I + K + K^* \}$$

is derivable (by induction) from a simple trigonometric identity. Furthermore it is possible to establish the relation

$$(3.02) \quad \begin{aligned} & \sin(n + 1)\theta / \sin \theta \\ &= (2 \cos \theta)^n - \binom{n-1}{1} (2 \cos \theta)^{n-2} + \binom{n-2}{2} (2 \cos \theta)^{n-4} - \dots \\ & \quad + (-1)^p \binom{n-p}{p} (2 \cos \theta)^{n-2p} + \dots ; \end{aligned}$$

see [3, Problems 52,53]. The algebraic identity

$$(3.03) \quad \det \{ xI + K + K^* \} = \sum_{p=0}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} (-1)^p \binom{n-p}{p} x^{n-2p}$$

follows. If $|x| \geq 2$, the matrix $xI + K + K^*$ has dominant diagonal. From this fact, Theorem 3.04 is a corollary.

3.04. THEOREM. *Let x be a complex number, $|x| \geq 2$. Then the inequalities*

$$\begin{aligned} |x| \cdot (|x| - 1)^{n-1} &\leq \left| \sum_{p=0}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} (-1)^p \binom{n-p}{p} x^{n-2p} \right| \\ &\leq |x| \cdot (|x| + 1)^{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

hold if $n \geq 2$.

Further, from Theorem 1.07, one obtains:

3.05. THEOREM. *If $x \geq 2$, $n \geq 2$ then the inequalities*

$$(3.06) \quad \begin{aligned} & (|x|^2 - 1)(|x|^2 - 2)^{n-2} / |x|^{n-2} \\ &\leq \left| \sum_{p=0}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} (-1)^p \binom{n-p}{p} x^{n-2p} \right| \\ &\leq (|x|^2 + 1)(|x|^2 + 2)^{n-2} / |x|^{n-2} \end{aligned}$$

hold.

The polynomial being estimated in (3.06) is the polynomial $\sin[(n+1)\arccos(x/2)]/\sin \arccos(x/2)$.

4. Čebyšev polynomials.

4.01. LEMMA. *The Čebyšev polynomial $T_n(x) = \cos(n \arccos x)$ satisfies the three-term recursion relation $T_n(x) = 2xT_{n-1}(x) - T_{n-2}(x)$, $n \geq 1$, with $T_0(x) \equiv 1$, $T_{-1}(x) \equiv 0$.*

4.02. LEMMA. *$T_n(x)$ is given by the formula*

$$T_n(x) = \det\{K + K^* + \text{diag}[2x, \dots, 2x, x]\}.$$

PROOF. The determinant has the correct starting values and satisfies the correct three-term recursion.

From Theorems 1.05, 1.07 the estimates below are obtained.

4.03. THEOREM. *Let $|x| \geq 1$, $n \geq 1$. Then*

$$(4.04) \quad [2|x| - 1]^{n-1}|x| \leq |T_n(x)| \leq [2|x| + 1]^{n-1}|x|.$$

4.05. THEOREM. *Let $|x| \geq 1$, $n \geq 2$. Then*

$$(4.06) \quad (2|x|^2 - 1)^{n-1}/|x|^{n-2} \leq |T_n(x)| \\ \leq (2|x|^2 + 1)^{n-1}/|x|^{n-2}.$$

Estimates for $|T_n(x)|$ are well known when x is real, $|x| \leq 1$. The estimates given by Theorems 4.04, 4.06 are reasonable; they grow about as fast as a polynomial of degree n , which $T_n(x)$ certainly is: $T_n(x) = 2^{n-1}x^n + \dots$.

5. Hermite polynomials. Let $H_n = (-1)^n e^{x^2/2} D^n e^{-x^2/2}$ be the n th Hermite polynomial, so that $H_0 = 1$, $H_1 = x$, $H_2 = x^2 - 1$, $H_3 = x^3 - 3x$, $H_4 = x^4 - 6x^2 + 3$, $H_5 = x^5 - 10x^3 + 15x$. Then

$$(5.01) \quad H_{n+1}(x) = xH_n(x) - nH_{n-1}(x).$$

Therefore

(5.02) $H_n(x) = \det[xI + K^* + W_4]$, where W_4 has superdiagonal $n-1, n-2, \dots, 1$ and 0's elsewhere. This gives the following bounds.

5.03. THEOREM. *For $|x| > n > 0$, the Hermite polynomial $H_n(x) = (-1)^n e^{x^2/2} D^n e^{-x^2/2}$ satisfies the following inequalities:*

$$(5.04) \quad \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} (|x| - j) \leq |H_n(x)| \leq \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} (|x| + j),$$

$$(5.05) \quad (|x|^2 - n + 1) \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} (|x|^2 - j) \leq |x|^n |H_n(x)| \leq (|x|^2 + n - 1) \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} (|x|^2 + j).$$

Bounds for a larger range of values of x are obtained by using the matrix $M = xI + W_\delta + W_\delta^*$, where each element of W_δ is the square root of the corresponding element of W_4 ; this matrix is similar to the preceding one.

5.06. THEOREM. Let $|x| > (n-1)^{1/2} + (n-2)^{1/2}$, $n > 1$. Then $H_n(x) = (-1)^n e^{x^2/2} D^n e^{-x^2/2}$ is bounded as follows.

$$(5.07) \quad \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} (|x| - \sqrt{j}) \leq |H_n(x)| \leq \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} (|x| + \sqrt{j})$$

$$(5.08) \quad (|x|^2 - 1) \prod_{j=2}^{n-1} (|x|^2 - 2j) / |x|^{n-2} \leq |H_n(x)| \leq (|x|^2 + 1) \prod_{j=2}^{n-1} (|x|^2 + 2j) / |x|^{n-2}.$$

5.09. REMARK. Note that these bounds are in general better than the bounds of the preceding theorem, but they are invalid for $n = 1$.

5.10. The recursion formula for

$$K_n(x) = nH_n(x) = (-1)^n n e^{x^2/2} D^n e^{-x^2/2}$$

is

$$(5.11) \quad K_{n+1}(x) = x \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} \right) K_n(x) - \left(n + 2 + \frac{2}{n-1} \right) K_{n-1}(x),$$

which is asymptotically like the recursion formula (5.01) for $H_n(x)$. This gives bounds for $K_n(x)$, and hence for $H_n(x)$, that are better than the preceding bounds, for some moderately large values of x . Since the bounds are, for very large x , inferior to the preceding, the details are suppressed.

6. Legendre polynomials. The polynomials

$$M_n(x) = 2^{-n} (n!)^{-1} D^n (x^2 - 1)^n$$

satisfy the recursion ($n > 0$)

$$(6.01) \quad nM_n(x) = (2n - 1)xM_{n-1}(x) - (n - 1)M_{n-2}(x),$$

$$M_0 = 1, M_{-1} = 0$$

Therefore $M_0=1, M_1=x, M_2=\frac{1}{2}(3x^2-1), M_3=\frac{1}{2}(5x^3-3x), M_4=\frac{1}{8}(35x^4-30x^2+3); M_n(x)=\det\{xW_6+W_7+W_7^*\}$, where

$$W_6 = \text{diag}[2 - n^{-1}, 2 - (n - 1)^{-1}, \dots, 2 - 1],$$

$$W_7 = \text{super diag}[1 - n^{-1}, \dots, 1 - 2^{-1}].$$

6.02. THEOREM. Let $n \geq 2$. Then $M_n(x) = 2^{-n}(n!)^{-1}D^n(x^2-1)^n$ is bounded as follows for $|x| \geq 4/3$.

$$(6.03) \quad |x| \prod_{j=2}^n \{(2 - j^{-1}) |x| - (1 - j^{-1})^{1/2}\} \leq |M_n(x)| \leq |x| \prod_{j=2}^n \{(2 - j^{-1}) |x| + (1 - j^{-1})^{1/2}\}.$$

The range of validity of these inequalities shrinks down towards $|x| > 1$ for sufficiently large n .

7. Laguerre polynomials. The Laguerre polynomials are defined by

$$(7.01) \quad L_n(x) = (-1)^n e^x \frac{d^n}{dx^n} x^n e^{-x} = x^n - n^2 x^{n-1} + \frac{n^2(n-1)^2}{2!} x^{n-2} \dots \pm n!$$

They satisfy the recursion relation $L_{n+1} = (x - 2n - 1)L_n - n^2 L_{n-1}$ ($n \geq 0$); $L_0 = 1$.

Therefore $L_n(n > 1)$ is given by $L_n(x) = \det\{W_8 + W_9 + W_9^*\}$, where

$$W_8 = \text{diag}[x - 2n + 1, x - 2n + 3, \dots, x - 3, x - 1],$$

$$W_9 = \text{super diag}[n - 1, n - 2, \dots, 2, 1].$$

This leads to the following estimates.

7.02. THEOREM. For $n > 3$, if $|x - 2n + 3| \geq 2n - 3$, then $L_n(x) = (-1)^n e^x D^n(x^n e^{-x})$ satisfies

$$(7.03) \quad |x - 1| \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} \{|x - 2j - 1| - j\} \leq |L_n(x)| \leq |x - 1| \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} \{|x - 2j - 1| + j\}.$$

7.04. THEOREM. For $n > 3$, if $|x - 2n + 3| \geq 2n - 3$, then $L_n(x) = (-1)^n e^x D^n(x^n e^{-x})$ satisfies

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |x^2 - 4x + 2| \prod_{j=2}^n |x^2 - 4jx + 2j^2 + j - 1| \\
 (7.05) \quad & \leq |L_n(x)| \cdot \prod_{j=2}^{n-1} |x - 2j + 1| \\
 & \leq |x^2 - 4x + 4| \prod_{j=2}^n |x^2 - 4jx + 6j^2 - j - 1|.
 \end{aligned}$$

In particular, these inequalities are valid for all nonpositive x ($x \leq 0$). The lower bound for $|L_n(0)|$ is exact.

8. Generalized Laguerre polynomials. The modified Laguerre polynomial is

$$(8.01) \quad L_n^a(x) = n!^{-1} e^x x^{-a} D^n(e^{-x} x^{n+a});$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (8.02) \quad & L_{-1}^a = 0, \quad L_0^a = 1, \quad L_1^a = -x + 1 + a, \\
 & L_2^a = x^2 - 2(2+a)x + (2+a)(1+a), \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

These polynomials satisfy the recursion

$$(8.03) \quad (n+1)L_{n+1}^a = (2n+a+1-x)L_n^a - (n+a)L_{n-1}^a, \quad n \geq 0.$$

In (8.02), (8.03), a can be any complex number. In Theorem 8.05, a is real. Thus $L_n^a(x) = \det \{W_{10} + W_{11} + W_{11}^*\}$, where

$$\begin{aligned}
 (8.04) \quad & W_{10} = \text{diag}[n^{-1}(2n+a-1-x), (n-1)^{-1}(2n+a-3-x), \\
 & \dots, 2^{-1}(a+3-x), a+1-x], \\
 & W_{11} = \text{super diag}[n^{-1/2}(n+a-1)^{1/2}, (n-1)^{-1/2}(n+a-2)^{1/2}, \\
 & \dots, 2^{-1/2}(a+1)^{1/2}].
 \end{aligned}$$

If $a \geq 4/3, n \geq 4$, the diagonal of this matrix dominates for all x such that $|2n+a-3-x| \geq 2((n-1)(n+a-2))^{1/2}$.

8.05. THEOREM. *Let $a \geq 4/3, n \geq 4$. For all x such that $|2n+a-3-x| \geq 2((n-1)(n+a-2))^{1/2}$, the modified Laguerre polynomial $L_n^a(x) = n!^{-1}e^x x^{-a} D^n(e^{-x} x^{n+a})$ satisfies*

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |a+1-x| \prod_{j=2}^n \{ |a-1-x+2j| - ((j+a-1)/j)^{1/2} \} \leq |L_n^a(x)| \\
 & \leq |a+1-x| \prod_{j=2}^n \{ |a-1-x+2j| + ((j+a-1)/j)^{1/2} \}.
 \end{aligned}$$

9. **Arctangent polynomials.** The polynomials $S_n(x)$ defined by

$$(9.01) \quad n! S_n(x) = (-1)^n (1+x^2)^{n+1} D^n (1+x^2)^{-1}$$

satisfy the recursion ($n > 0$) [3]

$$(9.02) \quad S_n = 2xS_{n-1} - (x^2 + 1)S_{n-2}, \quad S_{-1} = 0, S_0 = 1.$$

For a small range of values of $\operatorname{Re} x$, $\operatorname{Im} x$, bounds for these polynomials can be obtained. The $n \times n$ matrix ($n > 0$) $W_{12} = 2 \times I + (x^2 + 1)^{1/2} K$ has dominant diagonal if $|x| \geq |(x^2 + 1)^{1/2}|$, i.e. if $2[\operatorname{Im} x]^2 \geq (1 + 2[\operatorname{Re} x]^2)/(1 - [\operatorname{Re} x]^2)$.

9.03. **THEOREM.** For $n > 0$, $|x^2| \geq |x^2 + 1|$, the polynomial $S_n(x) = (-1)^n (n!)^{-1} (1+x^2)^{n+1} D^n (1+x^2)^{-1}$ satisfies the relations:

$$\begin{aligned} |2x| (|2x| - |(x^2 + 1)^{1/2}|)^{n-1} \\ \leq |S_n(x)| \leq |2x| (|2x| + (x^2 + 1)^{1/2})^{n-1}; \\ 2\{|2x^2| - |x^2 + 1|\}^{n-2} \{|4x^2| - |x^2 + 1|\} \\ \leq |x^{n-2} S_n(x)| \leq 2\{|2x^2| + |x^2 + 1|\}^{n-2} \{|4x^2| + |x^2 + 1|\}. \end{aligned}$$

9.04. **Arcsinh polynomials.** The polynomials

$$(9.05) \quad U_n(x) = (-1)^n (1+x^2)^{n+1/2} D^n (1+x^2)^{-1/2}$$

satisfy the recursion ($n > 0$)

$$(9.06) \quad U_n = (2n-1)xU_{n-1} - (n-1)^2(1+x)^2U_{n-2}, \\ U_0 = 1, U_{-1} = 0.$$

Therefore $U_n(x) = \det \{W_{14} + W_{13} + W_{13}^*\}$, where

$$(9.07) \quad W_{14} = x \operatorname{diag}[2n-1, 2n-3, \dots, 3, 1]; \\ W_{13} = (1+x^2)^{1/2} W_9.$$

9.08. **THEOREM.** For $n > 0$, $|x^2| \geq |x^2 + 1|$, the polynomial $U_n(x) = (-1)^n (1+x^2)^{n+1/2} D^n (1+x^2)^{1/2}$ satisfies the inequalities

$$(9.09) \quad |x| \{(2n-1)|x| - (n-1)|(1+x^2)^{1/2}\} \{|x| - |(1+x^2)^{1/2}|\}^{n-2} \\ \leq |U_n(x)| / \prod_{j=1}^{n-2} (2j+1) \\ \leq |x| \{(2n-1)|x| + (n-1)|(1+x^2)^{1/2}\} \\ \cdot \{|x| + |(1+x^2)^{1/2}|\}^{n-2}.$$

9.10. **Polynomials derived from $\exp(1/x)$.** The polynomials V_n defined by (see [5])

$$(9.11) \quad V_n(x) = (-1)^{n+1} x^{2n+2} \exp(-1/x) D^{n+1} \exp(1/x)$$

satisfy the recursion ($n > 0$)

$$(9.12) \quad V_n = (2nx + 1)V_{n-1} - n(n-1)x^2V_{n-2}.$$

Therefore $V_n(x) = \det \{ I + 2xW_{16} + xW_{15} + xW_{15}^* \}$, where $W_{16} = \text{diag}[n, n-1, \dots, 1]$, $W_{15} = \text{super diag}[n, n-1, \dots, 2]$. For $n > 1$, this matrix has dominant diagonal if $\text{Re } x \geq -1/(4n-4)$, in particular if $\text{Re } x \geq 0$. Bounds are easily derived; details are suppressed.

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