# 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 $\left\{p_{n}\right\}$ and leading coefficients $\left\{\gamma_{n}\right\}$. Let $h \in L_{1}(\mathbb{R})$. We prove that for $n \geq 1$ and all polynomials $P$ of degree $\leq 2 n-2$, $$
\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{P(t)}{p_{n}^{2}(t)} h\left(\frac{p_{n-1}}{p_{n}}(t)\right) d t=\frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{\gamma_{n}}\left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t) d t\right)\left(\int P(t) d \mu(t)\right)
$$


As a consequence, we establish weak convergence of the measures on the lefthand side.

## 1. Introduction

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

$$
p_{n}(x)=\gamma_{n} x^{n}+\cdots, \quad \gamma_{n}>0
$$

satisfying

$$
\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p_{n} p_{m} d \mu=\delta_{m n}
$$

Let

$$
\begin{equation*}
L_{n}(x, y)=\frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{\gamma_{n}}\left(p_{n}(x) p_{n-1}(y)-p_{n-1}(x) p_{n}(y)\right) \tag{1.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

and for non-real $a$,

$$
\begin{equation*}
E_{n, a}(z)=\sqrt{\frac{2 \pi}{\left|L_{n}(a, \bar{a})\right|}} L_{n}(\bar{a}, z) \tag{1.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

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

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{P(t)}{\left|E_{n, a}(t)\right|^{2}} d t=\int P(t) d \mu(t) \tag{1.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

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

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

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 $\left(p_{n-1} / p_{n}\right)(\bar{a})= \pm i \gamma_{n-1} / \gamma_{n}$. 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 $j=0,1,2, \ldots$ Let $z \in \mathbb{C} \backslash \mathbb{R}$. Then for all polynomials $P$ of degree $\leq 2 n-2$,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{1}{\pi}|\operatorname{Im} z| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{P(t)}{\left|z p_{n}(t)-p_{n-1}(t)\right|^{2}} d t=\frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{\gamma_{n}} \int P(t) d \mu(t) \tag{1.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{1}{\pi}|\operatorname{Im} z| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{P(t)}{\left|p_{n}(t)-z p_{n-1}(t)\right|^{2}} d t=\frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{\gamma_{n}} \int P(t) d \mu(t) \tag{1.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

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 $j=0,1,2, \ldots$ Let $\left\{p_{n}\right\}$ and $\left\{\gamma_{n}\right\}$ 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 $\leq 2 n-2$,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{P(t)}{p_{n}(t)^{2}} h\left(\frac{p_{n-1}(t)}{p_{n}(t)}\right) d t=\frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{\gamma_{n}}\left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t) d t\right)\left(\int P(t) d \mu(t)\right) \tag{1.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{P(t)}{p_{n-1}(t)^{2}} h\left(\frac{p_{n}(t)}{p_{n-1}(t)}\right) d t=\frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{\gamma_{n}}\left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t) d t\right)\left(\int P(t) d \mu(t)\right) \tag{1.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

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

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

It might be possible to derive this special case in an alternative way, i.e., from the partial fraction expansion of $\frac{p_{n-1}}{p_{n}}(x)$ and known formulae for the distribution function, meas $\left\{x: \frac{p_{n-1}}{p_{n}}(x)>t\right\}$. We may replace $h(t) d t$ 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,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{2}{\pi^{2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(t) \frac{\ln \left|p_{n-1}(t)\right|-\ln \left|p_{n}(t)\right|}{p_{n-1}(t)^{2}-p_{n}(t)^{2}} d t=\frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{\gamma_{n}} \int P(t) d \mu(t) \tag{1.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

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

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

has the unique solution $\nu=\mu$ from the class of positive measures. We also say that 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 assume that $\mu$ is determinate. Then for all functions $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ having polynomial growth at $\infty$, and such that they are Riemann-Stieltjes integrable with respect to $\mu$, we have

$$
\begin{gather*}
\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty}\left(\frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{\gamma_{n}}\right)^{-1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{f(t)}{p_{n}(t)^{2}} h\left(\frac{p_{n-1}(t)}{p_{n}(t)}\right) d t \\
=\left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t) d t\right)\left(\int f(t) d \mu(t)\right) \tag{1.9}
\end{gather*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{gather*}
\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty}\left(\frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{\gamma_{n}}\right)^{-1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{f(t)}{p_{n-1}(t)^{2}} h\left(\frac{p_{n}(t)}{p_{n-1}(t)}\right) d t \\
=\left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t) d t\right)\left(\int f(t) d \mu(t)\right) \tag{1.10}
\end{gather*}
$$

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

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

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

$$
L_{n}(\bar{a}, t)=-\frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{\gamma_{n}} p_{n}(\bar{a})\left(z p_{n}(t)-p_{n-1}(t)\right)
$$

and

$$
L_{n}(a, \bar{a})=2 i \frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{\gamma_{n}} \operatorname{Im}(z)\left|p_{n}(a)\right|^{2}
$$

Hence

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

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

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(t) \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{y}{\left(p_{n}(t) x-p_{n-1}(t)\right)^{2}+y^{2} p_{n}^{2}(t)} d t=\frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{\gamma_{n}} \int P(t) d \mu(t) \tag{2.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Let $h \in L_{1}(\mathbb{R})$. We multiply $(2.1)$ by $h(x)$, integrate over the real line, and interchange integrals, obtaining

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

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

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{|P(t)||h(x)|}{\left(p_{n}(t) x-p_{n-1}(t)\right)^{2}+y^{2} p_{n}^{2}(t)} d x\right] d t<\infty \tag{2.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

To prove this, choose $A$ such that all zeros of $p_{n}$ lie in $(-A, A)$. Let

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

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

$$
\int_{|t| \geq A} \frac{|P(t)|}{y^{2} p_{n}^{2}(t)}\left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}|h(x)| d x\right) d t+\int_{|t| \leq A}|P(t)|\left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}|h(x)| d x\right) d t / c<\infty
$$

Thus (2.3) is valid. Recall that if $h \in L_{1}(\mathbb{R})$, its Poisson integral for the upper-half plane is

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

We can recast (2.2) as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{P(t)}{p_{n}^{2}(t)} \mathcal{P}[h]\left(\frac{p_{n-1}(t)}{p_{n}(t)}+i y\right) d t=\frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{\gamma_{n}}\left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t) d t\right)\left(\int P(t) d \mu(t)\right) \tag{2.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Step 2: The case where $h$ is bounded and has compact support. Firstly, as $h$ is bounded, we have the elementary bound

$$
\left|\mathcal{P}[h]\left(\frac{p_{n-1}(t)}{p_{n}(t)}+i y\right)\right| \leq\|h\|_{L_{\infty}(\mathbb{R})}
$$

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

$$
\begin{equation*}
\lim _{y \rightarrow 0+} \mathcal{P}[h]\left(\frac{p_{n-1}(t)}{p_{n}(t)}+i y\right)=h\left(\frac{p_{n-1}(t)}{p_{n}(t)}\right) \tag{2.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

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 $P(t) / p_{n}^{2}(t)=O\left(t^{-2}\right)$ at $\infty$, we may use Lebesgue's Dominated Convergence Theorem to deduce that

$$
\begin{gather*}
\lim _{y \rightarrow 0+} \int_{\mathbb{R} \backslash \mathcal{E}_{\varepsilon}} \frac{P(t)}{p_{n}^{2}(t)} \mathcal{P}[h]\left(\frac{p_{n-1}(t)}{p_{n}(t)}+i y\right) d t \\
=\int_{\mathbb{R} \backslash \mathcal{E}_{\varepsilon}} \frac{P(t)}{p_{n}^{2}(t)} h\left(\frac{p_{n-1}(t)}{p_{n}(t)}\right) d t . \tag{2.6}
\end{gather*}
$$

It remains to estimate

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

and

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

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

$$
\inf _{\mathcal{E}_{\varepsilon}}\left|p_{n-1}\right|>0
$$

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

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

Then for $0<y \leq 1$

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

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 that $h$ has compact support), so for such an $\varepsilon$,

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

Combining the above, we obtain

$$
\begin{equation*}
\lim _{y \rightarrow 0+} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{P(t)}{p_{n}^{2}(t)} \mathcal{P}[h]\left(\frac{p_{n-1}(t)}{p_{n}(t)}+i y\right) d t=\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{P(t)}{p_{n}^{2}(t)} h\left(\frac{p_{n-1}(t)}{p_{n}(t)}\right) d t \tag{2.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

and hence, from (2.4),

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{P(t)}{p_{n}^{2}(t)} h\left(\frac{p_{n-1}(t)}{p_{n}(t)}\right) d t=\frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{\gamma_{n}}\left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t) d t\right)\left(\int P(t) d \mu(t)\right) \tag{2.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

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,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{P(t)}{p_{n}(t)^{2}} h_{m}\left(\frac{p_{n-1}(t)}{p_{n}(t)}\right) d t=\frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{\gamma_{n}}\left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h_{m}\right) \int P d \mu \tag{2.9}
\end{equation*}
$$

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 $O\left(t^{-2}\right)$ at $\infty$ and has an integrable singularity at each zero of $p_{n}$. To see the latter, we proceed as follows. Let $x_{j n}$ be a zero of $p_{n}$. We can write, in $\left(x_{j n}, x_{j n}+\varepsilon\right]$, with small enough $\varepsilon>0$,

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

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

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left|\frac{P(t)}{p_{n}(t)^{2}} h\left(\frac{p_{n-1}(t)}{p_{n}(t)}\right)\right| & \leq C \frac{1}{\left(t-x_{j n}\right)^{2}}\left|h\left(\frac{g(t)}{t-x_{j n}}\right)\right| \\
& \leq C\left|\frac{g^{\prime}(t)\left(t-x_{j n}\right)-g(t)}{\left(t-x_{j n}\right)^{2}}\right|\left|h\left(\frac{g(t)}{t-x_{j n}}\right)\right| \\
& =C\left|\frac{d}{d t}\left(\frac{g(t)}{t-x_{j n}}\right)\right|\left|h\left(\frac{g(t)}{t-x_{j n}}\right)\right| .
\end{aligned}
$$

In the second to last line, we use the fact that if $\varepsilon$ is small enough, $|g(t)| \gg$ $\left|g^{\prime}(t)\left(t-x_{j n}\right)\right|$, while $|g|$ is bounded below. Then, if $g\left(x_{j n}\right)>0$, the substitution $s=\frac{g(t)}{t-x_{j n}}$ gives

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

If $g\left(x_{j n}\right)<0$, 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

$$
H_{m}(t)=\left\{\begin{array}{cc}
h(t), & \text { if }|h(t)| \leq m \\
0, & \text { otherwise }
\end{array}\right.
$$

We have that (1.6) holds for $h=H_{m}$. Next, for each $t$ with $p_{n}(t) \neq 0, h\left(\frac{p_{n-1}(t)}{p_{n}(t)}\right)$ 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

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

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]

$$
\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h=8 \int_{0}^{1} \frac{\log x^{-1}}{1-x^{2}} d x=\pi^{2}
$$

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

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

and

$$
\int\left(P_{u}-P_{\ell}\right) d \mu<\varepsilon
$$

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

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

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 \\
& \quad=\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\left(f-P_{u}\right) d \mu \\
& \quad \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 \\
& \quad=\int\left(P_{\ell}-P_{u}\right) d \mu>-\varepsilon
\end{aligned}
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