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**Rational approximation and Sobolev orthogonal polynomials**

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**Abstract:** Let  $\{S_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  be the sequence of orthogonal polynomials with respect to the Sobolev-type inner product

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 f(x)g(x) d\mu(x) + \sum_{j=1}^N \eta_j f^{(d_j)}(c_j)g^{(d_j)}(c_j),$$

where  $\mu$  is in the Nevai class  $\mathbf{M}(0, 1)$ ,  $\eta_j > 0$ ,  $N, d_j \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  and  $\{c_1, \dots, c_N\} \subset \mathbb{R} \setminus [-1, 1]$ . Under some restriction of order in the discrete part of  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ , we prove that for  $n$  sufficiently large the zeros of  $S_n$  are real, simple,  $n - N$  of them lie on  $(-1, 1)$  and each of the mass points  $c_j$  “attracts” one of the remaining  $N$  zeros. The sequences of associated polynomials  $\{S_n^{[k]}\}_{n=0}^\infty$  are defined for each  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ . We prove an analog of the Markov’s theorem on rational approximation of some class holomorphic functions and we give an estimate of the “speed” of convergence. This is a joint work with Abel Díaz-González.