

Chebyshev polynomials on circular arcs

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Abstract: In this talk, we give an explicit representation of the Chebyshev polynomial on a given circular arc

$$A_\alpha := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| = 1, -\alpha \leq \arg(z) \leq \alpha\}, \quad 0 < \alpha \leq \pi,$$

(a problem which was first considered in [1]), which is done in two steps: In the first step, following [2], we give an explicit representation of the Chebyshev polynomial (of degree N) on A_α in terms of the Chebyshev polynomial with respect to the weight function $w(x) := 1$ (for N even) and $w(x) := \sqrt{1-x^2}$ (for N odd) on the two real intervals $[-1, -a] \cup [a, 1]$, where $a := \cos(\frac{\alpha}{2})$. For this representation, we will need the mapping $z \mapsto \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{z} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{z}})$ which maps $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| = 1, \operatorname{Im}\{z\} \geq 0\}$ bijectively onto the interval $[0, 1]$. In the second step, these Chebyshev polynomials (with respect to $w(x) := 1$ and $w(x) := \sqrt{1-x^2}$) are represented with the help of Jacobian elliptic and theta functions. These representations go back to [3] and [4]. The talk is based on the paper [5].

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