

I. For $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$, determin $\min_{x \in [a,b]} \max |a_0 x^n + a_1 x^{n-1} + \dots + a_n|$.

Since $\forall \{a_n\}$,

$$\max_{x \in [-1,1]} |x^n + a_1 x^{n-1} + \dots + a_n| \geq \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}.$$

And the equality can be reached if $x^n + a_1 x^{n-1} + \dots + a_n = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} T_n(x)$. Thus we can have a conversion of the fomular $a_0 x^n + a_1 x^{n-1} + \dots + a_n$ that

$$\max_{x \in [a,b]} |a_0 x^n + a_1 x^{n-1} + \dots + a_n| = \max_{x \in [-1,1]} |a_0 \left(\frac{b-a}{2} x + \frac{b+a}{2} \right)^n + \dots + a_n| = \max_{x \in [-1,1]} |a'_0 x^n + a'_1 x^{n-1} + \dots + a'_n|.$$

The $\{a'_n\}$ can be randomly taken because $\{a_n\}$ is random. Because a'_0 is independent with $\{a'_n\}$, we suppose $a'_i = \frac{a'_i}{a'_0}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{x \in [a,b]} \max |a_0 x^n + a_1 x^{n-1} + \dots + a_n| &= \min |a_0| \max_{x \in [-1,1]} |x^n + a''_1 x^{n-1} + \dots + a''_n| \\ &\geq \min |a_0| \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}. \end{aligned}$$

Since the equality can be reached and a_0 is randomly taken from $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$, we have

$$\min |a_0| \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} = 0.$$

Thus,

$$\min_{x \in [a,b]} \max |a_0 x^n + a_1 x^{n-1} + \dots + a_n| = 0.$$

II. Prove $\forall p \in \mathbb{P}_n^\alpha, \|\hat{p}_n(x)\|_\infty \leq \|p\|_\infty$.

Suppose that

$$\exists p \in \tilde{\mathbb{P}}_n \quad s.t. \quad \max_{x \in [-1,1]} |p(x)| < \|\hat{p}_n(x)\|.$$

$T_n(x)$ assumes its extreme $n+1$ times at the points $x'_k = \cos \frac{k}{n} \pi$ $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$. Consider the polynomial $Q(x) = \frac{T_n(x)}{T_n(\alpha)} - p(x)$. We have

$$Q(x'_k) = \frac{(-1)^k}{T_n(\alpha)} - p(x'_k) \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, n.$$

Since $|p(x'_k)| < \|\hat{p}_n(x)\| = \frac{1}{T_n(\alpha)}$. $Q(x)$ has alternating signs at these $n+1$ points, which means $Q(x)$ must have n zeros in $[-1, 1]$. But we know $Q(\alpha) = 0, \alpha > 1$ and $Q(x)$ is a polynomial with degree n . So $Q(x)$ has at most $n-1$ zeros within $[-1, 1]$. Therefore, $Q(x) \equiv 0$ and $p(x) = \frac{T_n(x)}{T_n(\alpha)}$, which means $\|\hat{p}_n(x)\|_\infty = \|p\|_\infty$. It is a contradiction to our assumption. Therefore, we have

$$\forall p \in \mathbb{P}_n^\alpha, \|\hat{p}_n(x)\|_\infty \leq \|p\|_\infty.$$