Non-self-adjoint Toeplitz matrices with purely real spectrum and related problems

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Remark:

If *a* is analytic in $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ (especially, if *a* is a Laurent polynomial), then the assumption \bigcirc can be omitted.

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Remark:

It is a very surprising feature of banded Toeplitz matrices that the asymptotic reality of the eigenvalues (claim 1) forces all eigenvalues of all $T_n(b)$ to be real (claim 3). Hence, if, for instance, the 2×2 matrix $T_2(b)$ has a non-real eigenvalue, there is no chance for the limiting set $\Lambda(b)$ to be real!

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exists, as $n \to \infty$, and is absolutely continuous measure μ supported on $\Lambda(b)$ whose density can be expressed in terms of zeros of $z \mapsto z^r(b(z) - \lambda)$ [Hirschman Jr., 1967].

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and

$$b_1 = 3a$$
, $b_k = \frac{3(36k^2 - 54k + 13)}{2(4k - 5)(4k - 1)}a$, for $k > 1$.

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• This relation and the known properties of the associated Jacobi polynomials allow to derive other formulas for p_n such as: an explicit representation, a generating function, ...

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