

## POWERS $x^N$ IN TERMS OF MODIFIED CHEBYSHEV POLYNOMIALS

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### ABSTRACT

We exhibit two procedures to express  $x^n$  in terms of the shifted Chebyshev polynomials, which is useful to reduce the degree of a polynomial in the interval  $[0, 1]$ .

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### INTRODUCTION

In numerical analysis may be necessary to reduce, with small error, the degree of a polynomial in the interval  $[0, 1]$ , which is possible employing the Modified Chebyshev polynomials  $\bar{T}_r(x)$  defined by [1]:

$$\bar{T}_0(x) = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \bar{T}_k(x) = T_k(2x-1), \quad k = 1, 2, \dots \quad (1)$$

where the first-kind Chebyshev polynomials  $\bar{T}_r(x)$  are given by the recurrence relation [2-6]:

$$T_0(x) = 1, \quad T_1(x) = x, \quad T_{k+1}(x) = 2xT_k(x) - T_{k-1}(x), \quad k = 1, 2, \dots \quad (2)$$

therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{T}_0(x) &= \frac{1}{2}, & \bar{T}_1(x) &= 2x-1, & \bar{T}_2(x) &= 8x^2-8x+1, \\ \bar{T}_3(x) &= 32x^3-48x^2+18x-1, & \bar{T}_4(x) &= 128x^4-256x^3-32x+1, & \text{etc.} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

In the mentioned reduction process we need the powers  $x^n$  in terms of  $\bar{T}_r$ , then from (3):

$$\begin{aligned} x^0 &= 2\bar{T}_0, & x &= \frac{1}{2}(2\bar{T}_0 + \bar{T}_1), & x^2 &= \frac{1}{8}(6\bar{T}_0 + 4\bar{T}_1 + \bar{T}_2), \\ x^3 &= \frac{1}{32}(20\bar{T}_0 + 15\bar{T}_1 + 6\bar{T}_2 + \bar{T}_3), & x^4 &= \frac{1}{128}(70\bar{T}_0 + 56\bar{T}_1 + 28\bar{T}_2 + 8\bar{T}_3 + \bar{T}_4), \quad \text{etc.} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

that is [1]:

$$\frac{1}{2}(4x)^n = \sum_{r=0}^n \binom{2n}{n-r} \bar{T}_r, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots \quad (5)$$

The next section exhibits an algorithm to obtain  $x^j$  in function of  $\bar{T}_r$  if we know the corresponding expansion of  $x^{j-1}$ , and also another procedure which employs to (5) as a Newton's binomial expression.

**$x^n$  in terms of  $\bar{T}_r$**

We may write (5) in the form:

	$\bar{T}_0$	$\bar{T}_1$	$\bar{T}_2$	$\bar{T}_3$	$\bar{T}_4$	$\dots$
$\frac{1}{2}(4x)^0$	1	0	0	0	0	$\dots$
$\frac{1}{2}(4x)^1$	2	1	0	0	0	$\dots$
$\frac{1}{2}(4x)^2$	6	4	1	0	0	$\dots$
$\frac{1}{2}(4x)^3$	20	15	6	1	0	$\dots$
$\frac{1}{2}(4x)^4$	70	56	28	8	1	$\dots$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\ddots$

(6)

or in function of the columns vectors  $(\frac{1}{2}(4x)^j)$  and  $(\bar{T}_r)$  for a given  $n$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}(4x)^0 \\ \frac{1}{2}(4x)^1 \\ \vdots \\ \frac{1}{2}(4x)^n \end{pmatrix} = A \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \bar{T}_0 \\ \bar{T}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \bar{T}_n \end{pmatrix} \quad (7)$$

where  $\tilde{A}$  is the  $(n + 1) \times (n + 1)$  triangular matrix of coefficients appearing in (6):

$$\tilde{A} = (a_{jr}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 6 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 20 & 15 & 6 & 1 & 0 & \dots \\ 70 & 56 & 28 & 8 & 1 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}, \quad j, r = 0, 1, \dots, n \quad (8)$$

then  $(\bar{T}_r) = \tilde{A}^{-1} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}(4x)^r\right)$  reproduces (3).

The relations (5) and (7) imply that:

$$a_{jr} = \binom{2n}{n-r}, \quad j, r = 0, 1, \dots \quad (9)$$

thus

$$a_{jj} = 1, \quad a_{jr} = 0, \quad r > j \quad (10)$$

and we can prove the following properties not found explicitly in the literature:

$$\begin{aligned} a_{j+1,0} &= 2(a_{j0} + a_{j1}), & j &= 0, 1, 2, \dots \\ a_{jr} &= a_{j-1,r-1} + 2a_{j-1,r} + a_{j-1,r+1}, & r, j &= 1, 2, 3, \dots \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

The formulae (11) permit to construct the row  $j$  of  $\tilde{A}$  if we know its row  $j-1$ , and they represent an algorithm to express  $x^n$  in terms of  $(\bar{T}_r)$  whose systematic use minimize the amount of arithmetical computations involved in (5).

On the other hand, the expansion (5) can be written as:

$$\frac{1}{2}(4x)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{2n}{k} \bar{T}_{n-k} = \sum_{k=0}^{2n} \binom{2n}{k} \bar{T}^{n-k} \quad (12)$$

where we use the notation:

$$\bar{T}^{-j} = 0, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, \quad \bar{T}^r \equiv \bar{T}_r, \quad r = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (13)$$

very employed in Gregory-Newton and Stirling interpolations [7].

Thus (12) adopts the form of a Newton's binomial expression:

$$\frac{1}{2}(4x)^n = \frac{1}{\bar{T}^n} \sum_{k=0}^{2n} \binom{2n}{k} \bar{T}^{2n-k} = \frac{1}{\bar{T}^n} (1 + \bar{T})^{2n} \quad (14)$$

which is a procedure alternative to (11) to obtain  $x^n$  in function of  $\bar{T}_r$ . For example:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}(4x)^2 &= \frac{1}{\bar{T}^2} (1 + \bar{T})^4 = \frac{1}{\bar{T}^2} (1 + 4\bar{T} + 6\bar{T}^2 + 4\bar{T}^3 + \bar{T}^4), \\ &= \bar{T}^{-2} + 4\bar{T}^{-1} + 6\bar{T}^0 + 4\bar{T} + \bar{T}^2 = 6\bar{T}_0 + 4\bar{T}_1 + \bar{T}_2, \quad \text{etc.} \end{aligned}$$

in according with (6). The relation (14) may be easily manipulated by a computer via some symbolic language as MAPLE.

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