

## AN EXTENSION OF THE FEJÉR-JACKSON INEQUALITY

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### Abstract

Best-possible results are established for positivity of the partial sums of  $\sum \sin k\theta(k + \alpha)^{-1}$ . In fact odd sums are positive for  $-1 \leq \alpha \leq \alpha_0 = 2.1\dots$ , while sums with  $2k$  terms are positive on the subinterval  $]0, \pi - 2\mu_0\pi(4k + 1)^{-1}[$ ,  $\mu_0 = 0.8128\dots$ . This is analogous to the Gasper extension of the Szegő-Rogosinski-Young inequality for cosine sums.

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### 1. Introduction

It is, of course, well-known that, for every positive integer  $n$ ,

$$(1) \quad \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\sin k\theta}{k} > 0, \quad 0 < \theta < \pi.$$

This inequality was first mentioned by Fejér in 1910 (see [3]), was proved by Jackson, and subsequently revisited by many mathematicians who have offered different proofs. In parallel, for cosine series, Young [6] proved the following inequality:

$$(2) \quad 1 + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\cos k\theta}{k} \geq 0, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi.$$

Rogosinski and Szegő [5] extended Young's inequality to

$$(3) \quad \frac{1}{1 + \alpha} + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\cos k\theta}{k + \alpha} \geq 0, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi, \quad -1 < \alpha \leq 1.$$

The case  $\alpha = 1$  is interesting but Gasper showed in [4] that the result admits considerable improvement. In fact he showed that (3) holds for  $-1 < \alpha \leq \tilde{\alpha} = 4.567\dots$ , and this  $\tilde{\alpha}$  is best possible.

In the present paper, we will extend the Fejér-Jackson inequality in a similar way. Thus we shall be concerned with the partial sums

$$(4) \quad T_n^\alpha(\theta) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\sin k\theta}{k + \alpha} \quad (\alpha > -1, n \in \mathbb{N}).$$

The odd partial sums are positive for  $-1 < \alpha \leq \alpha_0$ , where  $\alpha_0 = 2.1\dots$  is best possible. The result for even partial sums holds only on a subinterval  $]0, \pi - 2\mu_0\pi(4n + 1)^{-1}[$ , where  $\mu_0 = 0.8128252\dots$  is best possible.

To make matters precise we must define three constants  $\lambda_0, \mu_0, \alpha_0$ . The first of these is the solution of the equation

$$(1 + \lambda)\pi = \tan(\lambda\pi) \quad 0 < \lambda < 1/2,$$

and it is easy to see that  $\lambda_0 = 0.4302967\dots$  is the point at which the function  $(\sin \lambda\pi)/(1 + \lambda)$  attains its maximum for  $0 < \lambda < 1/2$ . We define  $\mu_0$  to be the solution of

$$\frac{\sin \mu\pi}{\mu\pi} = \frac{\sin \lambda_0\pi}{(1 + \lambda_0)\pi},$$

and  $\alpha_0$  to be the solution of the equation

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2k}{(2k - 1 + \alpha)(2k + \alpha)(2k + 1 + \alpha)} = \frac{\sin \lambda_0\pi}{2(1 + \lambda_0)\pi}.$$

The main results can now be stated.

**THEOREM 1.** *If  $-1 < \alpha \leq \alpha_0$  then*

$$T_{2n-1}^\alpha(\theta) > 0, \quad 0 < \theta < \pi, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

**THEOREM 2.** *If  $-1 < \alpha \leq \alpha_0$  then*

$$T_{2n}^\alpha(\theta) > 0, \quad 0 < \theta \leq \pi - \mu_0\pi/(2n + 0.5).$$

**THEOREM 3.** *If  $\alpha > \alpha_0$  then there exists an infinite subset  $N \subset \mathbb{N}$  such that*

$$T_{2n-1}^\alpha \left( \pi - \frac{(1 + \lambda_0)\pi}{2n - \frac{1}{2}} \right) < 0, \quad n \in N.$$

**THEOREM 4.** *If  $0 < \gamma < \mu_0$  then there exists an  $\alpha$  near to but strictly smaller than  $\alpha_0$  such that*

$$T_{2n}^\alpha(\pi - \gamma\pi/(2n + 0.5)) < 0$$

for an infinite number of  $n$ .

From Theorem 3 we see that  $\alpha_0$  is best possible in Theorem 1. Theorem 4 shows that  $\mu_0$  is best possible in Theorem 2.

The particular case  $\alpha = 1$  has been considered by Brown and Wilson [2]. They obtained the following conclusion:

$$T_{2n-1}^1(\theta) > 0, \quad 0 < \theta < \pi; \quad T_{2n}^1(\theta) > 0, \quad 0 < \theta < \pi - \pi/2n.$$

### 2. Basic lemmas

**LEMMA 1.** *For  $n \geq 3, \alpha > -1$ , double partial summation gives*

$$(5) \quad T_n^\alpha(\theta) = \sum_{k=1}^{n-2} a_k(\alpha)\sigma_k(\theta) + \frac{\sigma_{n-1}(\theta)}{(n-1+\alpha)(n+\alpha)} + \frac{S_n(\theta)}{n+\alpha}$$

where

$$a_k(\alpha) = \frac{2}{(k+\alpha)(k+1+\alpha)(k+2+\alpha)}, \quad S_k(\theta) = \sum_{j=1}^k \sin j\theta, \quad \sigma_k(\theta) = \sum_{j=1}^k S_j(\theta).$$

**LEMMA 2.** *For  $0 < \theta < \pi$ ,*

$$(6) \quad \sigma_k(\theta) > 0.$$

**LEMMA 3.** *Let  $0 < \delta < 2, t_n = \delta\pi/(n + \frac{1}{2})$  and  $\theta_n = \pi - t_n$ . Then*

$$(7) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sigma_k(\theta_n)}{\sin \theta_n} = \begin{cases} (k+1)/2 & \text{if } k \text{ is odd,} \\ 0 & \text{if } k \text{ is even,} \end{cases}$$

and

$$(8) \quad 0 < \frac{\sigma_k(\theta_n)}{\sin \theta_n} < k+1, \quad 1 \leq k \leq n, \quad n \geq 7.$$

All these lemmas admit simple direct proofs. We learned of (6) from [1, (1.9) p.8]. The inequality was found by Lukacs and published in Fejér’s paper [3].

### 3. Proof of Theorems 3 and 4

PROOF OF THEOREM 3. Here we write  $\theta_n = \pi - (1 + \lambda_0)\pi/(2n - \frac{1}{2})$ . Suppose  $T_{2n-1}^\alpha(\theta_n) > 0$  for all sufficiently large  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then by (5) we get

$$(9) \quad \sum_{k=1}^{2n-3} a_k(\alpha) \frac{\sigma_k(\theta_n)}{\sin \theta_n} + \frac{1}{(2n-2+\alpha)(2n-1+\alpha)} \frac{\sigma_{2n-2}(\theta_n)}{\sin \theta_n} > -\frac{1}{2n-1+\alpha} \frac{S_{2n-1}(\theta_n)}{\sin \theta_n},$$

and the right hand side of (9) tends to  $(\sin \lambda_0 \pi)/2(1 + \lambda_0)\pi$  as  $n$  tends to infinity.

By Lemma 3 and using the Dominated Convergence Theorem we deduce from (9) that

$$(10) \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k a_{2k-1}(\alpha) \geq \frac{\sin \lambda_0 \pi}{2(1 + \lambda_0)\pi}.$$

Noticing that  $k a_{2k-1}(\alpha)$  is decreasing when  $\alpha$  is increasing, we conclude that (10) is equivalent to  $\alpha \leq \alpha_0$ . This completes the proof.

PROOF OF THEOREM 4. Write  $u_n = \gamma\pi/(2n + \frac{1}{2})$ ,  $0 < \gamma < \mu_0$ . For  $n \geq 2$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\sin u_n} T_{2n}^\alpha(\pi - u_n) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{2n-2} a_k(\alpha) \frac{\sigma_k(\pi - u_n)}{\sin u_n} + \frac{1}{(2n-1+\alpha)} \frac{\sigma_{2n-1}(\pi - u_n)}{\sin u_n} + \frac{1}{2n+\alpha} \frac{S_{2n}(\pi - u_n)}{\sin u_n}. \end{aligned}$$

Let us write  $F(\alpha) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k a_{2k-1}(\alpha)$ . Then by Lemma 3 and the Dominated Convergence Theorem we get

$$(11) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sin u_n} T_{2n}^\alpha(\pi - u_n) = F(\alpha) - \frac{\sin \gamma \pi}{2\gamma \pi}.$$

As we chose  $F(\alpha_0) = (\sin \mu_0 \pi)/2\mu_0\pi$ , it follows that  $T_{2n}^\alpha(\pi - u_n)$  is negative for  $\alpha$  near to but strictly less than  $\alpha_0$  and  $n$  big enough.

### 4. Proof of Theorem 1

We achieve the proof by developing a sequence of lemmas.

LEMMA 4. *Let*

$$-\frac{d}{d\alpha} T_n^\alpha(\theta) = U_n^\alpha(\theta) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\sin k\theta}{(k + \alpha)^2}, \quad \alpha > -1, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

If  $-1 < \alpha \leq 2.5$  then

$$U_{2n-1}^\alpha(\theta) > 0, \quad 0 < \theta < \pi, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

PROOF. Simple direct estimates for the other cases allow us to assume  $n \geq 3$  and  $1 < \alpha \leq 2.5$ . By using partial summation twice we get

$$U_{2n-1}^\alpha(\theta) = \sum_{k=1}^{2n-3} b_k(\alpha)\sigma_k(\theta) + (c_{2n-2}(\alpha) - c_{2n-1}(\alpha))\sigma_{2n-2}(\theta) + c_{2n-1}(\alpha)S_{2n-1}(\theta),$$

where  $b_k(\alpha) = c_k(\alpha) - 2c_{k+1}(\alpha) + c_{k+2}(\alpha)$ ,  $c_k(\alpha) = (k + \alpha)^{-2}$ .

Noticing

$$S_{2n-1}(\theta) = \frac{\cos \theta/2 - \cos (2n - \frac{1}{2})\theta}{2 \sin \theta/2} \geq -\frac{1}{2} \tan \theta/4,$$

we get

$$2 \cot \frac{\theta}{4} \cdot U_{2n-1}^\alpha(\theta) > (b_1(\alpha) + b_3(\alpha))8 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{4} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} - \frac{1}{(2n - 1 + \alpha)^2} \quad (n \geq 3).$$

If  $0 < \theta \leq 0.85\pi$  and  $1 \leq \alpha \leq 2$  then

$$2 \cot \frac{\theta}{4} U_{2n-1}^\alpha(\theta) > (b_1(2) + b_3(2)) \times 1.15177 - \frac{1}{36} > 0 \quad (n \geq 3).$$

When  $2 < \alpha \leq 2.5$  and  $0 < \theta \leq 0.85\pi$ , since

$$b_1(\alpha) + b_3(\alpha) \geq b_1(2.5) + b_3(2.5) = 0.01942$$

we have

$$2 \cot \frac{\theta}{4} U_{2n-1}^\alpha(\theta) > 0.01942 \times 1.15177 - \frac{1}{49} > 0 \quad (n \geq 3).$$

On the other hand, for  $0.85\pi < \theta < \pi$ , we set  $t = \pi - \theta$ . Then

$$U_{2n-1}^\alpha(\theta) \geq (b_1(\alpha) + b_3(\alpha)) \sin t + \frac{1}{(2n - 1 + \alpha)^2} \frac{\sin t/2 + \sin (2n - \frac{1}{2})t}{2 \cos t/2}.$$

We see, if  $t \leq \pi / (2n - \frac{1}{2})$ , the above sum is strictly positive. Assume  $\pi / (2n - \frac{1}{2}) < t < 0.15\pi$ . This occurs only when  $n \geq 4$ . Then we have

$$\frac{1}{t} U_{2n-1}^\alpha(\pi - t) > (b_1(\alpha) + b_3(\alpha)) \frac{\sin 0.15\pi}{0.15\pi} - \frac{0.51421 (2n - \frac{1}{2})}{(2n - 1 + \alpha)^2 \pi}$$

and we estimate for  $1 \leq \alpha \leq 2$ ,  $2 \leq \alpha \leq 2.5$  as before.

LEMMA 5. *Let*

$$f(\theta) = a_1(2.11)\sigma_1(\theta) + a_2(2.11)\sigma_2(\theta) + a_3(2.11)\sigma_3(\theta)$$

$$g_n(\theta) = \frac{\sigma_{2n-2}(\theta)}{2n + 0.11} + S_{2n-1}(\theta) \quad (n \geq 3).$$

If  $0 < \theta \leq 0.75\pi$  and  $n \geq 3$  then

$$T_{2n-1}^{\alpha_0}(\theta) > f(\theta) + \frac{1}{2n + 1.11} g_n(\theta) > 0.$$

PROOF. By Lemma 4 we have  $T_{2n-1}^{\alpha_0}(\theta) > T_{2n-1}^{2.11}(\theta)$ . Then using Lemma 1 we get for  $n \geq 3$

$$T_{2n-1}^{\alpha_0}(\theta) > T_{2n-1}^{2.11}(\theta) \geq f(\theta) + \frac{1}{2n + 1.11} g_n(\theta).$$

It is easy to establish that  $0.0503 \sin \theta$  is a lower bound for  $f(\theta)$ , for  $0 < \theta \leq 0.75\pi$ . For  $0 < \theta < 0.5\pi$ , this can be combined with the lower bound  $-0.5 \tan \theta/4$  for  $g_n(\theta)$  to establish the result. For  $0.5\pi < \theta \leq 0.75\pi$ , we use the estimate

$$g_n(\theta) > \left[ \frac{2n - 1 - \operatorname{cosec} \theta}{(2n + 0.11)4 \sin^2 \theta/2} - \frac{\sin^2 \theta/4}{\sin \theta/2 - \sin \theta} \right] \sin \theta > -0.3006 \sin \theta.$$

The next two lemmas are straightforward estimates based on Lemma 1.

LEMMA 6. *Let  $t = (1 + \delta)\pi/5.5$ ,  $0 < \delta \leq 0.375$ . Then  $T_5^{\alpha_0}(\pi - t) > 0$ .*

LEMMA 7. *Let  $t = (2\ell - 1 + \delta)\pi/(2n - 0.5)$ ,  $\ell \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $0 < \delta < 1$ ,  $n \geq 4$ . Define*

$$U_n(t) = \frac{\cos^2 t/2 \cdot T_{2n-1}^{\alpha_0}(\pi - t)}{\sin t},$$

$$D_n(t) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k a_{2k-1}(\alpha_0) - \frac{\sin \delta \pi}{2(2\ell - 1 + \delta)\pi} u_n(t) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{n-2} a_{2k+1} \frac{\sin^2(k + \frac{3}{4})t}{\cos t/2} - v_n(t)$$

with

$$u_n(t) = \left( 1 - \frac{\alpha_0 - 0.5}{2n - 1 + \alpha_0} \right) \frac{t}{2 \sin t/2}, \quad v_n(t) = \frac{(\alpha_0 - 1) \sin t + \sin(2n - 1)t}{(2n - 2 + \alpha_0)(2n - 1 + \alpha_0)4 \sin t},$$

and

$$\Delta_n(t) = \frac{\alpha_0}{2} \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} a_{2k-1} + \frac{\sin^2 t/4}{2 \cos t/2} \sum_{k=1}^{n-2} a_{2k+1} - \sin^2 \frac{t}{2} a_1,$$

where  $a_k = a_k(\alpha_0)$ . Then

$$U_n(t) > \Delta_n(t) + D_n(t).$$

LEMMA 8. *If  $n \geq 4$ ,  $0 < \delta \leq 0.55$  and  $t = (1 + \delta)\pi/(2n - 0.5)$  then*

$$D_n(t) > 0.$$

PROOF. By definition of  $D_n$  and the fact that  $F(\alpha_0) \geq (\sin \delta\pi)/2(1 + \delta)\pi$  we get

$$D_n(t) \cos \frac{t}{2} > F(\alpha_0)(1 - u_n(t)) \cos \frac{t}{2} - v_n(t) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{n-2} a_{2k+1} \sin^2 \left( k + \frac{3}{4} \right) t.$$

Simple power series estimates yield

$$(12) \quad u_n(t) < 1 - \frac{1.6}{2n + 1.1} + \frac{0.9880}{(2n - 0.05)^2 - 0.9880},$$

$$(13) \quad v_n(t) < \frac{0.4053}{(2n + 0.1)(2n + 1.1)}, \quad 0 < \delta < 1,$$

$$(14) \quad \cos \frac{t}{2} \geq 1 - \frac{2.9640}{(2n - 0.5)^2}.$$

Combining these inequalities with (crude) direct estimates of the upper bound of  $0.5 \sum_{k=1}^{n-2} a_{2k+1} \sin^2(k + 3/4)t$  for each  $n$  from 4 to 12 allows us to verify that  $D_n(t) > 0$  for  $4 \leq n \leq 12$ .

Now we assume  $n \geq 13$  and observe that

$$\begin{aligned} & (2n - 0.5)^2 D_n(t) \cos \frac{t}{2} \\ & > F(\alpha_0) \left( 3.2n - 4.3640 - \frac{0.5950}{2n + 1.11} - \frac{0.9761}{(2n - 0.5)^2 - 0.9880} \right) \\ & \quad - \frac{(1.55\pi)^2}{8} \sum_{k=1}^{n-2} \frac{1}{k + 4.65} - 0.4053 \\ & > 0.3476n - 0.8821 - 2.9640 \log((n + 2.65)/4.65). \end{aligned}$$

If we write

$$\phi(n) = 0.3476n - 0.8821 - 2.9640 \log((n + 2.65)/4.65)$$

then we find

$$\phi(13) = 0.0396 > 0, \quad d\phi/dn > 0 \text{ for } n \geq 13.$$

Hence we conclude  $D_n(t) > 0$  for  $n \geq 13$  and complete the proof.

LEMMA 9. *If  $n \geq 4$ ,  $0.55 < \delta < 1$  and  $t = (1 + \delta)\pi/(2n - 0.5)$  then  $D_n(t) > 0$ .*

PROOF. It is easy to verify that

$$\sin\left(\delta\pi - \frac{0.5(1 + \delta)\pi}{2n - 0.5}\right) > (\alpha_0 - 1) \sin \frac{(1 + \delta)\pi}{2n - 0.5}$$

for  $0.55 < \delta \leq 0.8$  and  $n \geq 4$ . Hence by (13),  $-v_n(t) > 0$  ( $0.55 < \delta \leq 0.8, n \geq 4$ ).

On the other hand,

$$\frac{\sin \delta\pi}{2(1 + \delta)\pi} \leq \frac{\sin 0.55\pi}{2(1.55\pi)} = 0.10142 \quad (\delta > 0.55).$$

Therefore

$$(15) \quad D_n(t) \geq 0.10862 - 0.10142 u_n(t) - \frac{1}{2 \cos t/2} \sum_{k=1}^{n-2} a_{2k+1} \sin^2\left(k + \frac{3}{4}\right) t$$

when  $0.55 < \delta \leq 0.8$  and  $n \geq 4$ . In this case,

$$(16) \quad \begin{aligned} u_n(t) &< \left(1 - \frac{1.6}{2n + 1.11}\right) \left(1 + \frac{(1.8\pi)^2}{24(2n - 0.5)^2 - (1.8\pi)^2}\right) \\ &< 1 - \frac{1.6}{2n + 1.11} + \frac{1.3324}{(2n - 0.5)^2 - 1.3324}. \end{aligned}$$

According to (15) and (16), calculating directly we get

$$\begin{aligned} D_4(t) &\geq 0.00720 + \frac{0.16227}{(2n + 1.11)} - \frac{0.13513}{(2n - 0.5)^2 - 1.3324} \\ &\quad - 0.53776 \left(\alpha_3 \sin^2 \frac{7}{4} t + a_5\right) > 0.01592, \end{aligned}$$

$$D_5(t) \geq 0.02029 - 0.52999 \left(a_3 \sin^2 \frac{7}{4} t + a_5 + a_7\right) > 0.01374,$$

$$D_6(t) \geq 0.01854 - 0.51550 \left(a_3 \sin^2 \left(\frac{7}{4} \frac{1.8\pi}{11.5}\right) + a_5 + a_7 + a_9\right) > 0.01229.$$

For  $n \geq 7$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} (2n - 0.5)^2 D_n(t) &> 0.00720(2n - 0.5)^2 + 0.15099(2n - 2.11) - 4.08649 \log((n + 2.65)/4.65). \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to see this is positive by an argument similar to that in the proof of Lemma 8.

Assume now  $0.8 < \delta < 1$ . In this case

$$\frac{\sin \delta\pi}{2(1 + \delta)\pi} < 0.05197, \quad u_n < 1, \quad v_n < 0.00207.$$



Hence

$$D_n(t) > 0.05458 - 5.40181 \frac{1}{(2n - 0.5)^2} \log \frac{n + 2.65}{4.65} > 0.$$

LEMMA 10. *If  $t = (1 + \delta)\pi/(2n - 0.5)$ ,  $0 < \delta < 1$  and  $n \geq 4$ , then  $\Delta_n(t) > 0$ .*

PROOF. Since  $2.10 < \alpha_0 < 2.11$ , we have

$$\frac{1}{2} \alpha_0 \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} a_{2k-1} > 2.10 \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} (2k + 2.11)^{-3}.$$

It turns out that the ensuing estimate

$$\Delta_n(t) > 0.13125(n + 1.055)^{-3} + \sin^2 \frac{t}{4} \frac{a_3 + a_5}{2} - a_2 \sin^2 \frac{t}{2}$$

leads quickly to the required result.

Lemmas 8-10 treat the case  $\ell = 1$ . Now we assume  $\ell \geq 2$ ,  $t = (2\ell - 1 + \delta)\pi/(2n - 0.5)$ ,  $0 < \delta < 1$ . And we keep  $t < 0.25\pi$ . This restriction requires  $n \geq 7$ .

LEMMA 11. *If  $t = (2\ell - 1 + \delta)\pi/(2n - 0.5) < 0.25\pi$ ,  $0 < \delta < 1$ , and  $\ell \geq 2$  then  $T_{2n-1}^{\alpha_0}(\pi - t) > 0$ .*

PROOF. In this case  $u(t) < \pi (8 \sin \pi/8)^{-1}$ ,  $[\sin \delta\pi/2(2\ell - 1 + \delta)\pi] < (6\pi)^{-1}$ ,  $v_n(t) < 0.00197$  ( $n \geq 7$ ) and

$$\frac{1}{2} \sec \frac{t}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{n-2} a_{2k+1} \sin^2 \left( k + \frac{3}{4} \right) t < \frac{1}{2} \sec \frac{\pi}{8} \sum_2^{\infty} a_{2k-1}.$$

These estimates combined show that  $D_n(t) > a_1$ , and since  $\Delta_n(t) > -a_1$ , we achieve the proof.

Lemmas 5-11 now demonstrate that  $T_{2n-1}^{\alpha_0}(\theta) > 0$ ,  $0 < \theta < \pi$ , for  $n \geq 3$ . We complete the proof of Theorem 1 by checking the case  $n = 2$  directly.

### 5. Proof of Theorem 2

Because of the many parallels with the proof of Theorem 1 we merely sketch the salient steps. A fuller version of this (and the preceding proofs) is available from the authors on request.

LEMMA 12. For  $U_n^\alpha$  as in Lemma 4, if  $-1 < \alpha \leq 2.3$  then  $U_{2n}^\alpha(\theta) > 0$ ,  $0 < \theta \leq \pi - \mu_0\pi/(2n + 0.5)$  (recall  $\mu \approx 0.8128252$ ).

PROOF. We have, in a way similar to the proof of Lemma 4,

$$2 \cot \frac{\theta}{4} U_{2n}^\alpha(\theta) > (b_1(\alpha) + b_3(\alpha))8 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{4} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} - \frac{1}{(2n + \alpha)^2} \quad (n \geq 3).$$

So, we get  $U_{2n}^\alpha(\theta) > 0$  for  $0 < \theta \leq 0.85\pi$  and  $-1 < \alpha \leq 2.3$ ,  $n \geq 3$ . On the other hand, when  $0.85\pi < \theta \leq \pi - \mu_0\pi/(2n + 0.5)$  by writing  $t = \pi - \theta$  we have

$$U_{2n}^\alpha(\theta) > (b_1(\alpha) + b_3(\alpha)) \sin t + \frac{1}{(2n + \alpha)^2} \frac{\sin \frac{t}{2} - \sin(2n + 0.5)t}{2 \cos \frac{t}{2}},$$

and this leads quickly to a proof. The cases  $n = 1, 2$  are handled separately.

Now to establish Theorem 4 we need only prove

$$(17) \quad T_{2n}^{\alpha_0}(\theta) > 0, \quad 0 < \theta \leq \left(1 - \frac{\mu_0}{2n + 0.5}\right)\pi, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

By an argument similar to Lemma 5, we get

LEMMA 13. If  $0 < \theta \leq 0.75\pi$  and  $n \geq 3$  then  $T_{2n}^{\alpha_0}(\theta) > 0$ .

Now we assume  $\theta = \pi - t$ ,  $\mu_0\pi/(2n + 0.5) \leq t < 0.25\pi$  and write  $V_n(t) = \cos^2 \frac{t}{2} (\sin t)^{-1} T_{2n}^{\alpha_0}(\pi - t)$ . By a calculation similar to that in the proof of Lemma 6 we obtain

$$(18) \quad \begin{aligned} V_n(t) &> -a_1 \sin^2 \frac{t}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k a_{2k-1} - \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} k a_{2k-1} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2 \cos t/2} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} a_{2k+1} \left( \sin^2 \frac{t}{4} - \sin^2 \left( k + \frac{3}{4} \right) \right) \\ &+ \frac{n}{2(2n - 1 + \alpha_0)(2n + \alpha_0)} \left( 1 - \frac{2}{2n + 1 + \alpha_0} \right) \\ &+ \frac{\sin 2nt}{4(2n - 1 + \alpha_0)(2n + \alpha_0) \sin t} \left( 1 - \frac{2}{2n + 1 + \alpha_0} \right) \\ &+ \frac{1}{4(2n + \alpha_0)} - \frac{\sin(2n + 0.5)t}{2(2n + \alpha_0)2 \sin t/2}. \end{aligned}$$

We write

$$(19) \quad \begin{aligned} \delta_n &= \frac{n}{2(2n - 1 + \alpha_0)(2n + \alpha_0)} \left( 1 - \frac{2}{2n + 1 + \alpha_0} \right) \\ &- \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2n + 1 + \alpha_0} + \frac{1}{4(2n + \alpha_0)}, \end{aligned}$$

and note that

$$(20) \quad \delta_n > \frac{0.2225 - 0.7775(n + 0.555)^{-1}}{(2n + \alpha_0)(2n + 1 + \alpha_0)}.$$

We still use the notation  $\Delta_n$  defined in Lemma 7, and write also

$$G_n(t) = F(\alpha_0) - \frac{\sin(2n + 0.5)t}{2(2n + \alpha_0)2 \sin \frac{t}{2}} - \frac{1}{2 \cos \frac{t}{2}} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} a_{2k+1} \sin^2 \left( k + \frac{3}{4} \right) t \\ + \delta_n + \left( 1 - \frac{2}{2n + 1 + \alpha_0} \right) \frac{\sin 2nt}{4(2n - 1 + \alpha_0)(2n + \alpha_0) \sin t}.$$

Then we get

$$V_n(t) > G_n(t) + \Delta_{n+1}(t).$$

LEMMA 14. *If  $\mu_{0t}/(2n + 0.5) \leq t < \pi/(2n + 0.5)$ ,  $n \geq 3$  then  $G_n(t) > 0$  and  $\Delta_{n+1}(t) > 0$ .*

LEMMA 15. *If  $t = (2\ell\pi + \delta\pi)/(2n + 0.5) < 0.25\pi$ ,  $\ell \geq 1$  and  $0 < \delta < 1$ , then  $V_n(t) > 0$ . In this case,  $n \geq 4$  and we have  $G_n(t) > 0.02598$  and  $\Delta_{n+1}(t) > -0.00452$ .*

A combination of Lemmas 13-15 together with a direct check of low order cases completes the proof of Theorem 2.

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