

# On Rational Functions Related to Algorithms for a Computation of Roots. I

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## Abstract

We discuss a less known but surprising fact: a very old algorithm for computing square root known as the Bhaskara-Brouncker algorithm contains another and faster algorithms. A similar approach was obtained earlier by A.K. Yeyios [8] in 1992. By the way, we shall present a few useful facts as an essential completion of [8]. In particular, we present a direct proof that  $k$ -th Yeyios iterative algorithm is of order  $k$ . We also observe that Chebyshev polynomials  $T_n$  and  $U_n$  are a special case of a more general construction. The most valuable idea followed this paper is contained in applications of a simple rational function  $\Phi(w, z) = \frac{z-w}{z+w}$ .

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## 1. INTRODUCTION.

**Bhaskara-Brouncker algorithm.** Let  $x_a[n] = \frac{p_n(a)}{q_n(a)}$ , where

$$\begin{cases} p_{n+1}(a) = p_n(a) + q_n(a)a; \\ q_{n+1}(a) = p_n(a) + q_n(a); \\ p_1(a) = q_1(a) = 1. \end{cases} .$$

Thus  $x_a[n+1] = \frac{x_a[n]+a}{x_a[n]+1}$ . First nine elements of the sequel  $x_a[n]$  are the following

$$\begin{aligned} x_a[1] &= 1, \quad x_a[2] = \frac{a+1}{2}, \quad x_a[3] = \frac{3a+1}{a+3}, \quad x_a[4] = \frac{a^2+6a+1}{4a+4}, \\ x_a[5] &= \frac{5a^2+10a+1}{a^2+10a+5}, \quad x_a[6] = \frac{a^3+15a^2+15a+1}{6a^2+20a+6}, \quad x_a[7] = \frac{7a^3+35a^2+21a+1}{a^3+21a^2+35a+7}, \\ x_a[8] &= \frac{a^4+28a^3+70a^2+28a+1}{8a^3+56a^2+56a+8}, \quad x_a[9] = \frac{9a^4+84a^3+126a^2+36a+1}{a^4+36a^3+126a^2+84a+9}. \end{aligned}$$

There is known that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_a[n] = \sqrt{a}$  and

$$|x_a[n] - \sqrt{a}| = \left| \frac{p_n(a)}{q_n(a)} - \sqrt{a} \right| \leq \frac{1}{q_n(a)(p_n(a) + q_n(a)\sqrt{a})} < \frac{1}{2q_n(a)^2}.$$

**Heron's algorithm.**

$$y_a[n+1] = \frac{1}{2} \left( y_a[n] + \frac{a}{y_a[n]} \right), \quad y_a[0] = 1.$$

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$$y_a[0] = 1, y_a[1] = \frac{a+1}{2}, y_a[2] = \frac{a^2+6a+1}{4a+4}, y_a[3] = \frac{a^4+28a^3+70a^2+28a+1}{8a^3+56a^2+56a+8}.$$

If  $F_a[n] = \frac{y_a[n]-\sqrt{a}}{y_a[n]+\sqrt{a}}$  then, as it was observed by [6]  $F_a[n+1] = F_a[n]^2$ , which implies

$$F_a[n] = F_a[0]^{2^n} = \left( \frac{y_a[0] - \sqrt{a}}{y_a[0] + \sqrt{a}} \right)^{2^n}.$$

If we put  $\varepsilon_a[n] = y_a[n] - \sqrt{a}$  then

$$F_a[n] = \frac{\varepsilon_a[n]}{\varepsilon_a[n] + 2\sqrt{a}}, \quad \varepsilon_a[n] = 2\sqrt{a} \frac{F_a[n]}{1 - F_a[n]}$$

and therefore

$$|\varepsilon_a[n+1]| = \frac{\varepsilon_a[n]^2}{|2\varepsilon_a[n] + 2\sqrt{a}|}$$

with

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\varepsilon_a[n+1]|}{\varepsilon_a[n]^2} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{a}}.$$

### Halley's algorithm.

$$z_a[n+1] = \frac{z_a[n](3a + z_a[n]^2)}{3z_a[n]^2 + a}, \quad z_a[0] = 1.$$

$$z_a[1] = \frac{3a+1}{a+3}, \quad z_a[2] = \frac{9a^4+84a^3+126a^2+36a+1}{a^4+36a^3+126a^2+84a+9}.$$

Following [6] (who considered the case of Heron's algorithm) we also define in this case  $G_a[n] = \frac{z_a[n]-\sqrt{a}}{z_a[n]+\sqrt{a}}$  and we easily check that  $G_a[n+1] = G_a[n]^3$ . Hence if  $\varepsilon_a[n] = z_a[n] - \sqrt{a}$  we get

$$G_a[n] = \frac{\varepsilon_a[n]}{\varepsilon_a[n] + 2\sqrt{a}}, \quad \varepsilon_a[n] = 2\sqrt{a} \frac{G_a[n]}{1 - G_a[n]}$$

and thus

$$\begin{aligned} |\varepsilon_a[n+1]| &= |\varepsilon_a[n]|^3 \frac{1}{4a} \frac{(1 - G_a[n])^2}{1 + G_a[n] + G_a[n]^2} \\ &= |\varepsilon_a[n]|^3 \frac{1}{3\varepsilon_a[n]^2 + 6\sqrt{a}\varepsilon_a[n] + 4a} = |\varepsilon_a[n]|^3 \frac{1}{3(\varepsilon_a[n] + \sqrt{a})^2 + a} \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\varepsilon_a[n+1]|}{|\varepsilon_a[n]|^3} = \frac{1}{4a}.$$

Let us observe that

$$y_a[1] = x_a[2], \quad y_a[2] = x_a[4], \quad y_a[3] = x_a[8]$$

and

$$z_a[1] = x_2[3], \quad z_a[2] = x_a[9].$$

We can suppose that

$$y_a[n] = x_a[2^n], \quad z_a[n] = x_a[3^n], \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

We shall check in the next section that it is really true.

Let  $\Phi(w, z) = \frac{z-w}{z+w}$ ,  $R_2(w, z) = \frac{1}{2} \left( z + \frac{w^2}{z} \right)$ ,  $R_3(w, z) = \frac{z(3w^2+z^2)}{3z^2+w^2}$ . Then

$$\Phi(w, R_2(w, z)) = \Phi(w, z)^2, \quad \Phi(w, R_3(w, z)) = \Phi(w, z)^3.$$

The above observations for  $F_a[n]$  and  $G_a[n]$  are equivalent to  $y_a[n+1] = R_2(\sqrt{a}, y_a[n])$ ,  $z_a[n+1] = R_3(\sqrt{a}, z_a[n])$  and

$$\Phi(\sqrt{a}, R_2(\sqrt{a}, y_a[n])) = \Phi(\sqrt{a}, y_a[n])^2, \quad \Phi(\sqrt{a}, R_3(\sqrt{a}, z_a[n])) = \Phi(\sqrt{a}, z_a[n])^3.$$

Now we introduce a sequence of rational functions  $R_k(w, z)$  by

$$\Phi(w, R_k(w, z)) = \Phi(w, z)^k, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots$$

The basic properties of  $R_k$ , which play a crucial role, are contained in the following.

**Theorem 1.1.** *For all  $n, m \geq 1$  we have  $R_{mn}(w, z) = R_m(w, R_n(w, z))$ . If we put for a fixed  $w$   $\Phi_w(z) = \Phi(w, z)$  then  $\Phi_w^{-1}(z) = w \frac{1+z}{1-z}$  and*

$$R_k(w, z) = \Phi_w^{-1}(\Phi_w(z)^k) = w \frac{(z+w)^k + (z-w)^k}{(z+w)^k - (z-w)^k}, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots$$

Let a sequence  $\zeta_w[n]$  be defined by the recurrence formula  $\zeta_w[n+1] = R_k(w, \zeta_w[n])$ ,  $\zeta_w[0] = 1$ . Then, if we consider the error function  $E(w, z) = z - w$ , we get

$$\frac{|E(w, \zeta_w[n+1])|}{|E(w, \zeta_w[n])|^k} = \frac{|E(w, \zeta_w[n+1]) + 2w|}{|E(w, \zeta_w[n]) + 2w|^k}.$$

Hence, if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E(w, \zeta_w[n]) = 0$ , then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|E(w, \zeta_w[n+1])|}{|E(w, \zeta_w[n])|^k} = \left( \frac{1}{2|w|} \right)^{k-1}, \quad k \geq 2.$$

This means (cf. [7] and [8] for the definition) that the iterative method  $\zeta_w[n]$  is of order  $k$ .

*Proof.* We have

$$\Phi(w, R_m(w, R_n(w, z))) = \Phi(w, R_n(w, z))^m = \Phi(w, z)^{nm} = \Phi(w, R_{mn}(w, z)),$$

which gives  $R_{mn}(w, z) = R_m(w, R_n(w, z))$ . □

## 2. BHASKARA-BROUNCKER ALGORITHM GIVES HERON'S AND HALLEY'S ALGORITHMIC SEQUENCES.

$$\begin{cases} p_0(a) = q_0(a) = 1, p_1(a) = a + 1, q_1(a) = 2 \\ p_{n+1}(a) = p_n(a) + aq_n(a) \\ q_{n+1}(a) = p_n(a) + q_n(a) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} p_0(a) = q_0(a) = 1, p_1(a) = a + 1, q_1(a) = 2 \\ p_{n+2}(a) = 2p_{n+1}(a) + (a - 1)p_n(a) \\ q_{n+2}(a) = 2q_{n+1}(a) + (a - 1)q_n(a) \end{cases}$$

If  $P_n(a) = \frac{p_{n+1}(a)}{p_n(a)}$ ,  $Q_n(a) = \frac{q_{n+1}(a)}{q_n(a)}$ , then

$$P_{n+1}(a) = 1 + (a - 1)/P_n(a), \quad Q_{n+1}(a) = 1 + (a - 1)/Q_n(a).$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} p_{n+1}(a) & p_n(a) \\ p_n(a) & p_{n-1}(a) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a + 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ a - 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^n, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} q_{n+1}(a) & q_n(a) \\ q_n(a) & q_{n-1}(a) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ a - 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^n, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\frac{1}{a} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & a + 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_{n+1}(a) & p_n(a) \\ p_n(a) & p_{n-1}(a) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} q_{n+1}(a) & q_n(a) \\ q_n(a) & q_{n-1}(a) \end{bmatrix},$$

in particular

$$q_n(a) = \frac{p_{n+1}(a) - p_n(a)}{a}, \quad \frac{p_n(a)}{q_n(a)} = \frac{ap_n(a)}{p_{n+1}(a) - p_n(a)} = \frac{a}{\frac{p_{n+1}(a)}{p_n(a)} - 1}.$$

Since

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ a - 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{a+1}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{a-1}} \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \sqrt{a} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 + \sqrt{a} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1-a}{2\sqrt{a}} & \frac{1}{2}(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}}) \\ \frac{-1+a}{2\sqrt{a}} & \frac{1}{2}(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}}) \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ a - 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^n = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{a+1}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{a-1}} \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} (1 - \sqrt{a})^n & 0 \\ 0 & (1 + \sqrt{a})^n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1-a}{2\sqrt{a}} & \frac{1}{2}(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}}) \\ \frac{-1+a}{2\sqrt{a}} & \frac{1}{2}(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}}) \end{bmatrix},$$

we get

$$p_n(a) = \frac{1}{2} ((1 + \sqrt{a})^{n+1} + (1 - \sqrt{a})^{n+1}), \quad n = 0, 1, \dots$$

$$q_n(a) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{a}} ((1 + \sqrt{a})^{n+1} - (1 - \sqrt{a})^{n+1}), \quad n = 0, 1, \dots$$

Thus we have checked the following fact.

### Proposition 2.1.

$$x_a[n] = \sqrt{a} \frac{(1 + \sqrt{a})^n + (1 - \sqrt{a})^n}{(1 + \sqrt{a})^n - (1 - \sqrt{a})^n}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

The above Proposition is also a Corollary to the following nice fact.

**Theorem 2.2.** *If  $x_a[n + 1] = \frac{x_a[n] + a}{x_a[n] + 1}$  then*

$$(2.1) \quad \Phi(\sqrt{a}, x_a[n + 1]) = g(\sqrt{a})\Phi(\sqrt{a}, x_a[n]),$$

where  $g(u) = \frac{1-u}{1+u}$ ,  $u \neq 1$ .

*Proof.* Let  $h(w, z) = \frac{z+w^2}{z+1}$ . To check (2.1), we prove that  $\Phi(w, h(w, z)) = g(w)\Phi(w, z)$ . Really,

$$\Phi(w, h(w, z)) = \frac{\frac{z+w^2}{z+1} - w}{\frac{z+w^2}{z+1} + w} = \frac{z(1-w) - w(1-w)}{z(1+w) + w(1+w)} = g(w)\Phi(w, z).$$

□

**Corollary 2.3.** *For any positive integer  $n$  we have*

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \Phi(\sqrt{a}, x_a[n]) &= \frac{1 - \sqrt{a}}{1 + \sqrt{a}}\Phi(\sqrt{a}, x_a[n - 1]) \\ &= \left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{a}}{1 + \sqrt{a}}\right)^k \Phi(\sqrt{a}, x_a[n - k]) = \left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{a}}{1 + \sqrt{a}}\right)^n. \end{aligned}$$

$$(2.3) \quad x_a[n] = \Phi_{\sqrt{a}}^{-1} \left( \left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{a}}{1 + \sqrt{a}}\right)^n \right) = \sqrt{a} \frac{(1 + \sqrt{a})^n + (1 - \sqrt{a})^n}{(1 + \sqrt{a})^n - (1 - \sqrt{a})^n}.$$

**Proposition 2.4.**

$$x_a[2n] = \frac{1}{2}(x_a[n] + a/x_a[n]), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

*In particular,*

$$x_a[2^{n+1}] = \frac{1}{2}(x_a[2^n] + a/x_a[2^n]), \quad n = 0, 1, \dots$$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}(x_a[n] + a/x_a[n]) &= \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{a} \left( \frac{(1 + \sqrt{a})^n + (1 - \sqrt{a})^n}{(1 + \sqrt{a})^n - (1 - \sqrt{a})^n} + \frac{(1 + \sqrt{a})^n - (1 - \sqrt{a})^n}{(1 + \sqrt{a})^n + (1 - \sqrt{a})^n} \right) \\ &= \sqrt{a} \frac{(1 + \sqrt{a})^{2n} + (1 - \sqrt{a})^{2n}}{(1 + \sqrt{a})^{2n} - (1 - \sqrt{a})^{2n}} = x_a[2n]. \end{aligned}$$

□

One can check, in a similar way, next proposition.

**Proposition 2.5.**

$$x_a[3n] = \frac{x_a[n](3a + x_a[n]^2)}{3x_a[n]^2 + a}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

*In particular,*

$$x_a[3^{n+1}] = \frac{x_a[3^n](3a + x_a[3^n]^2)}{3x_a[3^n]^2 + a}, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots$$

Define

$$h_a(t) = \frac{a+t}{1+z}, h_a^2(t) = h_a(h_a(t)) = \frac{a + \frac{a+1}{2}t}{\frac{a+1}{2} + t}, h_a^3(t) = \frac{a + \frac{3a+1}{a+3}t}{\frac{3a+1}{a+3} + t}, \dots$$

We propose to the reader to check following facts.

**Proposition 2.6.**

$$h_a^n(t) = \frac{a + x_a[n]t}{x_a[n] + t}, n \geq 1, h_a^n(1) = x_a[n + 1].$$

**Corollary 2.7.**

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h_a^n(t) = \frac{a + \sqrt{at}}{\sqrt{a} + t} = \sqrt{a}$$

and

$$\Phi(\sqrt{a}, h_a^n[t]) = \Phi(\sqrt{a}, t)\Phi(\sqrt{a}, x_a[n]).$$

### 3. GENERALIZATIONS OF YEYIOS POLYNOMIALS.

Yeyios [8] introduced polynomials  $P_n$  and  $Q_n$  in the following way.

$$\begin{cases} P_{n+1}(x) = xP_n(x) + Q_n(x)a; \\ Q_{n+1}(x) = P_n(x) + xQ_n(x); \\ P_0(x) = x, Q_0(x) = 1. \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} P_0(x) = x, Q_0(x) = 1, P_1(x) = x^2 + a, Q_1(x) = 2x, P_{-1}(x) = 1, Q_{-1}(x) = 0; \\ P_{n+2}(x) = 2xP_{n+1}(x) + (a - x^2)P_n(x); \\ Q_{n+2}(x) = 2xQ_{n+1}(x) + (a - x^2)Q_n(x). \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} P_{n+1}(x) & P_n(x) \\ P_n(x) & P_{n-1}(x) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x^2 + a & x \\ x & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2x & 1 \\ a - x^2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^n, n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} Q_{n+1}(x) & Q_n(x) \\ Q_n(x) & Q_{n-1}(x) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2x & 1 \\ a - x^2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^n, n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\frac{1}{a} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -x \\ -x & a + x^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_{n+1}(x) & P_n(x) \\ P_n(x) & P_{n-1}(x) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -2x \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} Q_{n+1}(x) & Q_n(x) \\ Q_n(x) & Q_{n-1}(x) \end{bmatrix}.$$

In particular

$$Q_n(x) = \frac{P_{n+1}(x) - xP_n(x)}{a}, \frac{P_n(x)}{Q_n(x)} = \frac{aP_n(x)}{P_{n+1}(x) - xP_n(x)} = \frac{a}{\frac{P_{n+1}(x)}{P_n(x)} - x}.$$

Since

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2x & 1 \\ a - x^2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{a+x}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{a-x}} & \\ & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x - \sqrt{a} & 0 \\ 0 & x + \sqrt{a} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{x^2-a}{2\sqrt{a}} & \frac{1}{2}(1 + \frac{x}{\sqrt{a}}) \\ -\frac{x^2+a}{2\sqrt{a}} & \frac{1}{2}(1 - \frac{x}{\sqrt{a}}) \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2x & 1 \\ a - x^2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^n = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{a+x}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{a-x}} \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} (x - \sqrt{a})^n & 0 \\ 0 & (x + \sqrt{a})^n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{x^2-a}{2\sqrt{a}} & \frac{1}{2}(1 + \frac{x}{\sqrt{a}}) \\ -\frac{x^2+a}{2\sqrt{a}} & \frac{1}{2}(1 - \frac{x}{\sqrt{a}}) \end{bmatrix},$$

we get

$$P_n(a, z) = \frac{1}{2} ((z + \sqrt{a})^{n+1} + (z - \sqrt{a})^{n+1}), \quad n = 0, 1, \dots$$

$$Q_n(a, z) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{a}} ((z + \sqrt{a})^{n+1} - (z - \sqrt{a})^{n+1}), \quad n = 0, 1, \dots$$

$$S_n(a, z) = \frac{P_{n-1}(a, z)}{Q_{n-1}(a, z)} = \sqrt{a} \frac{(z + \sqrt{a})^n + (z - \sqrt{a})^n}{(z + \sqrt{a})^n - (z - \sqrt{a})^n}.$$

**Proposition 3.1.**

$$S_n(a, z) = zx_n[a/z^2].$$

**Theorem 3.2.** (A.K. Yeyios [8]) For all  $n, m \geq 1$

$$S_{nm}(a, z) = S_n(a, S_m(a, z)).$$

$$\hat{P}_n(w, z) = \frac{1}{2} ((z + w)^n + (z - w)^n), \quad \hat{Q}_n(z, w) = \frac{1}{2w} ((z + w)^{n+1} - (z - w)^{n+1}),$$

$$\hat{S}_n(w, z) = \frac{\hat{P}_n(w, z)}{\hat{Q}_{n-1}(w, z)} = R_n(w, z).$$

We left to the reader to check the following properties.

**Theorem 3.3.** For arbitrary  $n, m \geq 1$

- $\hat{Q}_n(w, z) = \frac{1}{w(n+2)} \frac{\partial \hat{P}_{n+2}(w, z)}{\partial w}$
- $\hat{S}_{nm}(w, z) = \hat{S}_n(w, \hat{S}_m(w, z)).$
- $\hat{P}_n(\sqrt{a}, z) = P_{n-1}(a, z), \hat{Q}_n(\sqrt{a}, z) = Q_n(a, z), \hat{S}_n(\sqrt{a}, z) = S_n(a, z).$
- $\hat{P}_n(\sqrt{z^2 - 1}, z) = P_{n-1}(z^2 - 1, z) = T_n(z),$   
 $\hat{Q}_n(\sqrt{z^2 - 1}, z) = Q_n(z^2 - 1, z) = U_n(z).$

Here  $T_n$  and  $U_n$  denote classical Chebyshev polynomials of the first and the second kind, respectively.

**Remark 3.4.** Let polynomials  $P_n, n \geq 0$ , satisfy recurrence  $P_{n+2}(x) = 2xP_{n+1}(x) - P_n(x), n \geq 0$  and take  $Q_n(x) = P_{n+1}(x)/P_n(x)$  which will give a relation  $Q_{n+1}(x) = 2x - 1/Q_n(x).$

Now calculate  $\Phi(w, Q_{n+1}(x) - x):$

$$\Phi(w, Q_{n+1}(x) - x) = \frac{(x - w)Q_n(x) - 1}{(x + w)Q_n(x) - 1} = \frac{x - w}{x + w} \frac{Q_n(x) - 1/(2x - w)}{Q_n(x) - 1/(2x + w)}$$

$$= \Phi(w, x) \frac{Q_n(x) - x + x - 1/(2x - w)}{Q_n(x) - x + x - 1/(2x + w)}.$$

If we choose  $w$  so that  $x - 1/(2x - w) = -w$ ,  $x - 1/(2x + w) = w$ , we shall get

$$\Phi(w, Q_{n+1}(x) - x) = \Phi(w, x)\Phi(w, Q_n(x) - x).$$

A proper choice is  $w = \sqrt{x^2 - 1}$  and then

$$\Phi(w, Q_{n+1}(x) - x) = \Phi(w, x)^k \Phi(w, Q_{n-k+1}(x) - x), \quad k = 1, \dots, n + 1.$$

Hence

$$\Phi(w, Q_n(x) - x) = \Phi(w, x)^n \Phi(w, Q_0(x) - x),$$

$$Q_n(x) - x = \Phi_w^{-1}(\Phi(w, x)^n \Phi(w, Q_0(x) - x)) = w \frac{1 + \Phi(w, x)^n \Phi(w, Q_0(x) - x)}{1 - \Phi(w, x)^n \Phi(w, Q_0(x) - x)},$$

$$Q_n(x) = x + w \frac{1 + \Phi(w, x)^n \Phi(w, Q_0(x) - x)}{1 - \Phi(w, x)^n \Phi(w, Q_0(x) - x)}$$

and we can obtain (in an alternative way) formulas for  $P_n(x)$ . Consider, as an example,  $P_0(x) = 1$ ,  $P_1(x) = x$ ,  $Q_0(x) = x$ . Then  $\Phi(w, Q_0(x) - x) = -1$ , whence

$$\begin{aligned} Q_n(x) &= x + w \frac{1 - \Phi(w, x)^n}{1 + \Phi(w, x)^n} = \frac{x(1 + \Phi(w, z)^n) + w(1 - \Phi(w, z)^n)}{1 + \Phi(w, z)^n} \\ &= \frac{x + w + (x - w)\Phi(w, x)^n}{1 + \Phi(w, x)^n} = (x + w) \frac{1 + \Phi(w, x)^{n+1}}{1 + \Phi(w, x)^n}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $P_n(x) = Q_{n-1}(x) \cdot Q_{n-2}(x) \cdots Q_0(x)$ , we get

$$P_n(x) = (x + w)^n \frac{1 + \Phi(w, x)^n}{1 + \Phi(w, x)^0} = \frac{1}{2} ((x + w)^n + (x - w)^n)$$

which is known as a formula for Chebyshev polynomials  $P_n(x) = T_n(x)$ .

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