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# Classical Orthogonal polynomials

- Let  $\mathbf{u}$  be a linear functional.
- If  $\mathbf{u}$  fulfills the distributional equation

$$\mathcal{D}(\phi \mathbf{u}) = \psi \mathbf{u}, \quad \deg \psi \leq 1, \quad \deg \phi \leq 2$$

- Property of orthogonality:  $\langle \mathbf{u}, P_n P_m \rangle = d_n^2 \delta_{n,m}$
- Three-term recurrence relation:

$$x P_n(x) = P_{n+1}(x) + \beta_n P_n(x) + \gamma_n P_{n-1}(x)$$

- Integral representation with a weight function

$$\langle \mathbf{u}, P \rangle = \int_{\Gamma} P(z) d\mu(z), \quad \Gamma \subset \mathbb{C}. \quad d\mu(z) = \omega(z) dz$$

# The weight function and the Favard's result

- The function  $\omega(s)$  fulfills a Pearson-type difference eq.:

$$\phi(s+1)\omega(s+1) - \phi(s)\omega(s) = (x(s+1/2) - x(s-1/2))\psi(s)$$

- The  $q$ -polynomials satisfy, in general, a property of orthogonality

$$\langle \mathbf{u}, P \rangle = \int_a^b P(z)\omega(z) d_q z$$

- Degenerate Favard's result: some gamma-coefficients of the TTRR are zero.

Orthogonality of  $q$ -polynomials for nonstandard parameters (with J. F. Sanchez-Lara) J. Approx. Theory 163 (2011), no. 9, 1246–1268.

# The support of the measure and the Jacobi Matrix

Taking into account the TTTRR

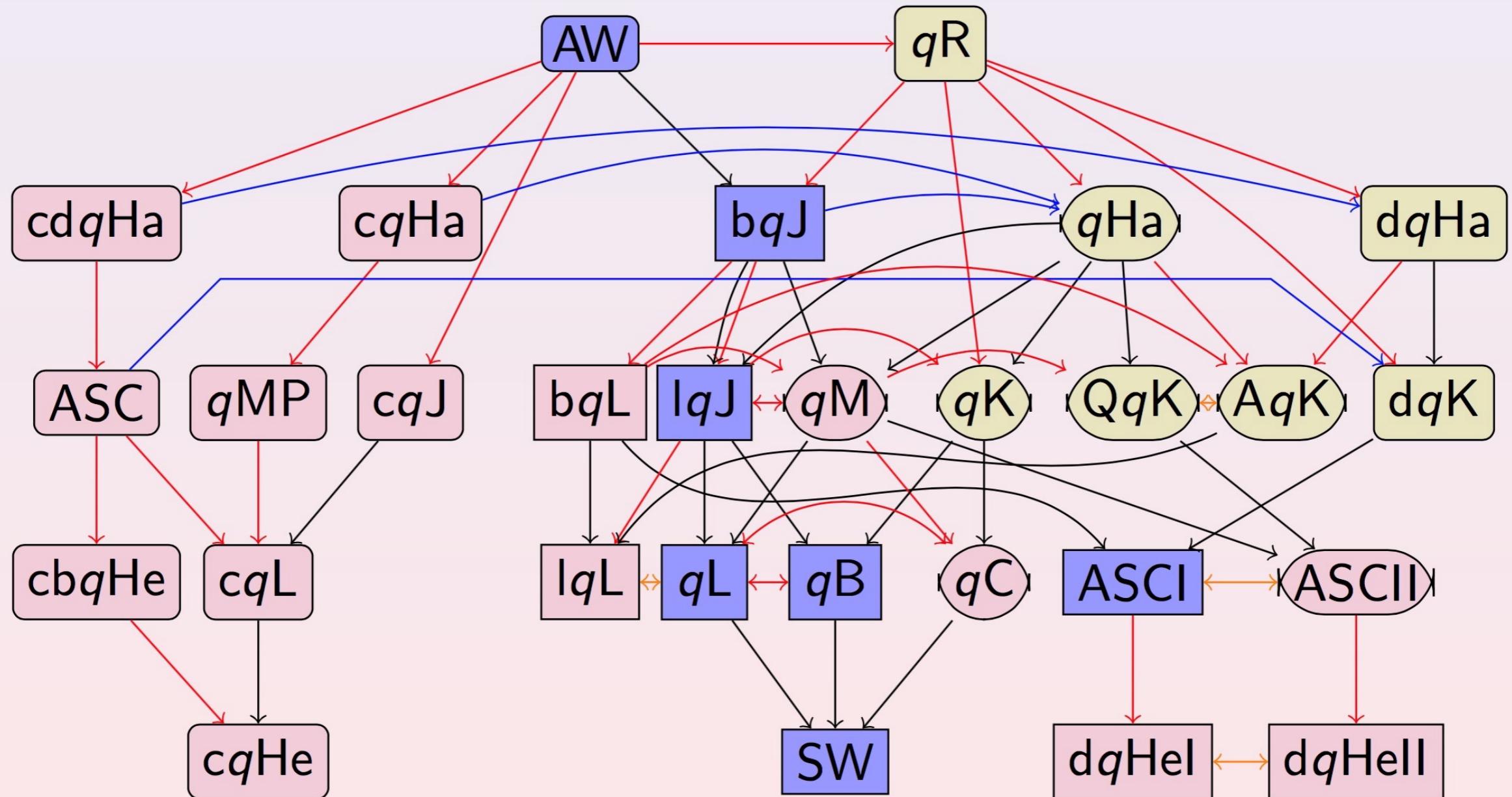
$$xP_n(x) = P_{n+1}(x) + \beta_n P_n(x) + \gamma_n P_{n-1}(x)$$

one constructs the Jacobi matrix

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ \gamma_1 & \beta_1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & \gamma_2 & \beta_2 & 1 & 0 & \cdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

The spectrum of the N-by-N truncated Jacobi matrix  
are the zeros of  $P_N(x)$  for all N.

# Scheme of The Basic Hypergeometric OP



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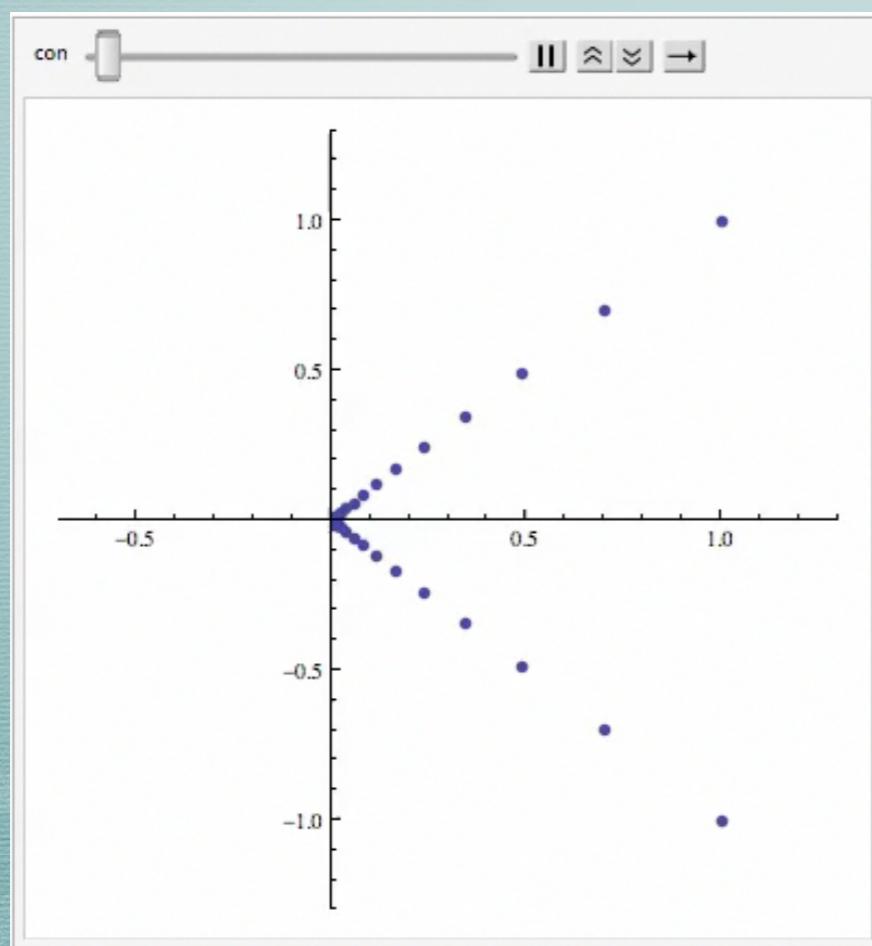
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# The big $q$ -Jacobi polynomials

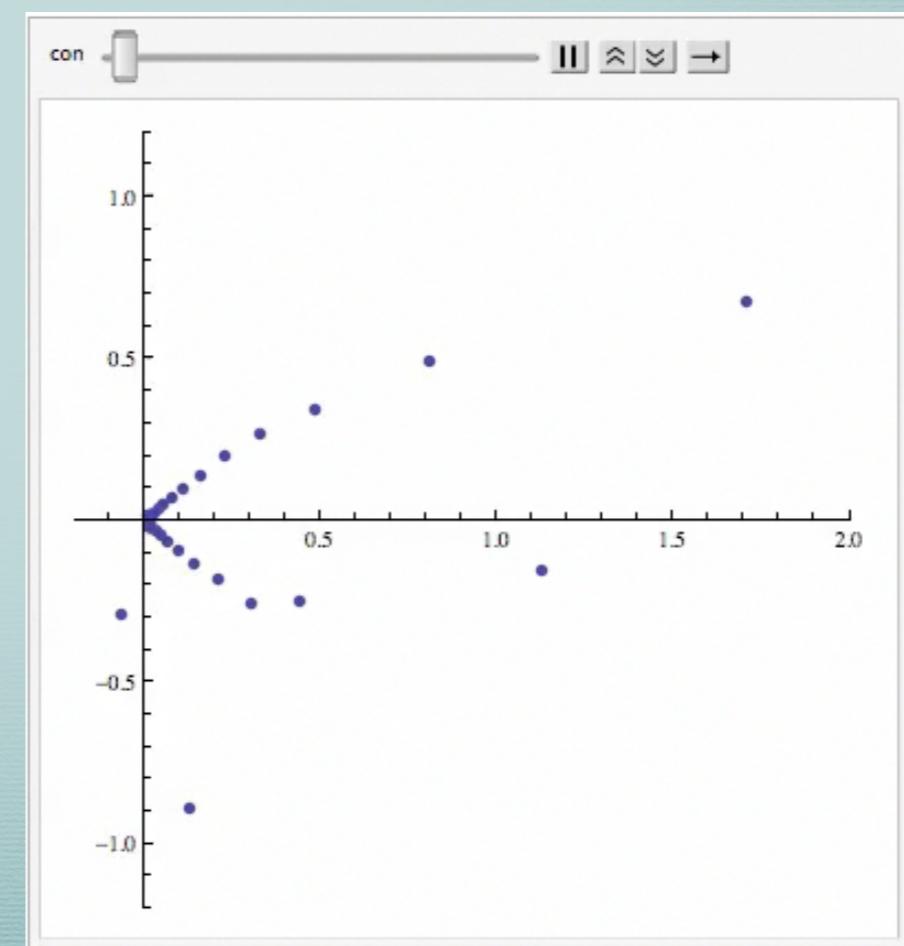
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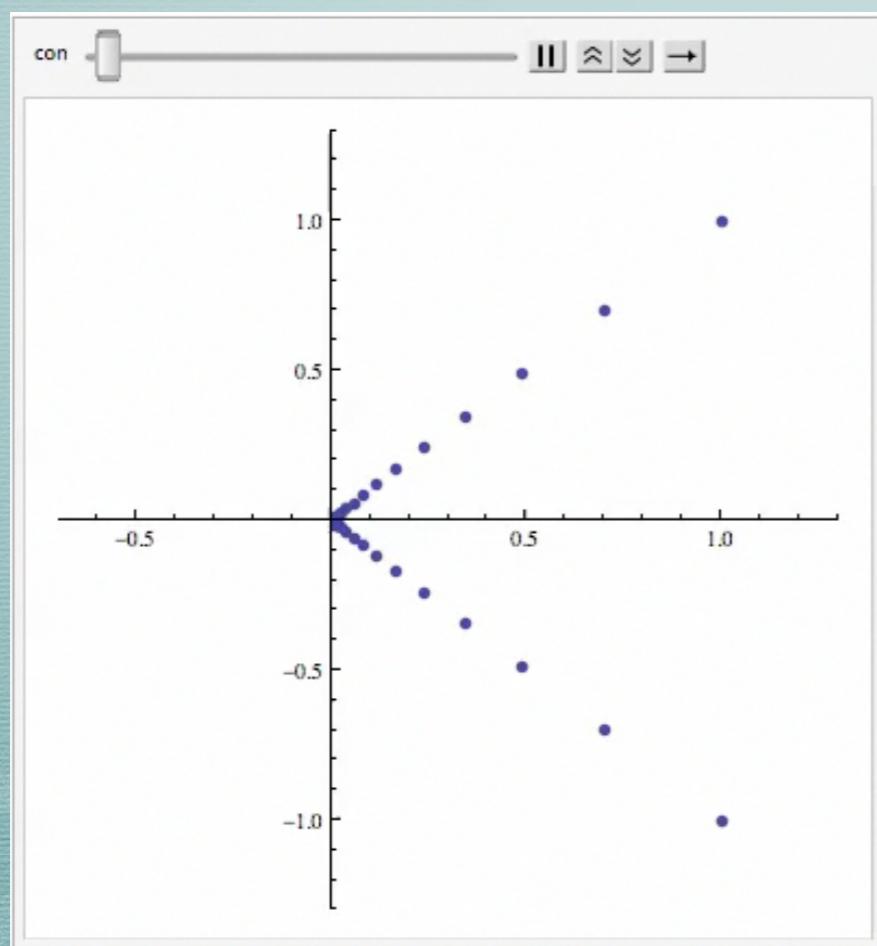
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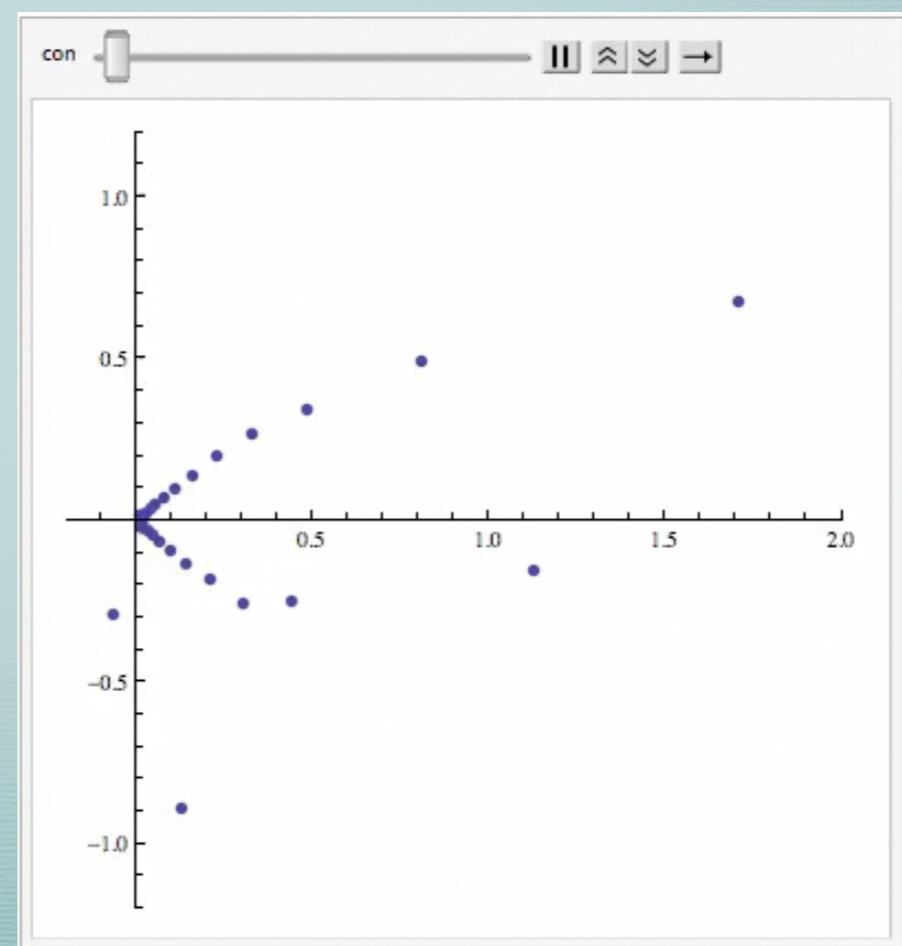
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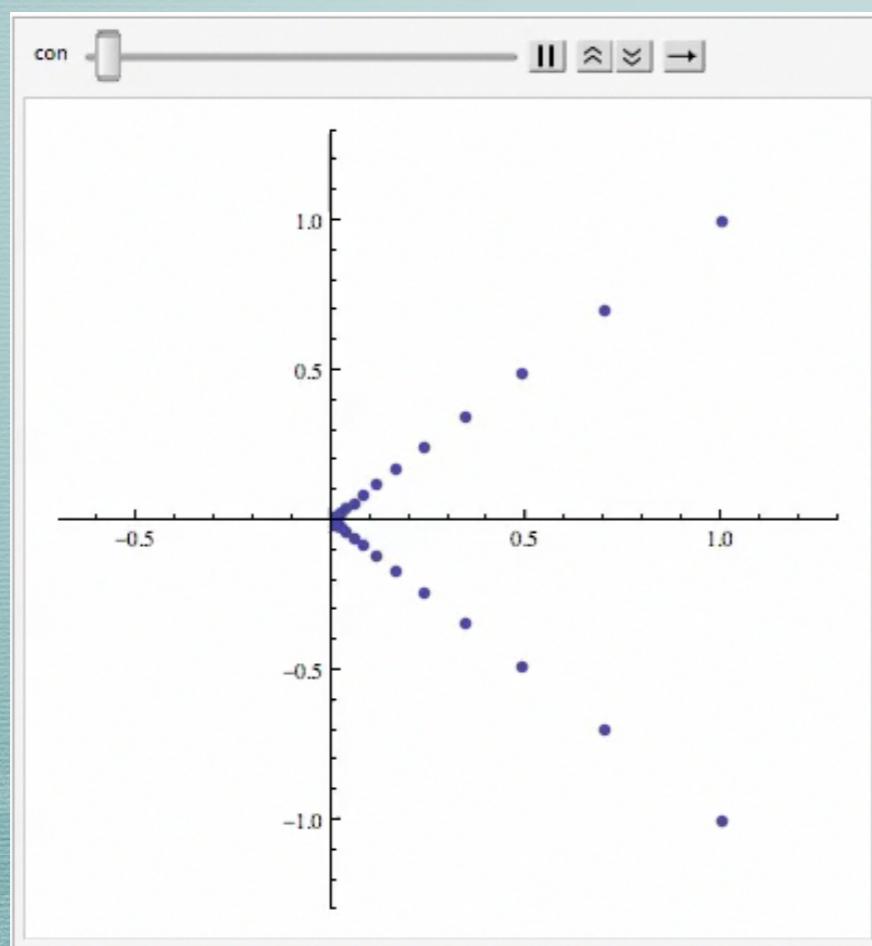
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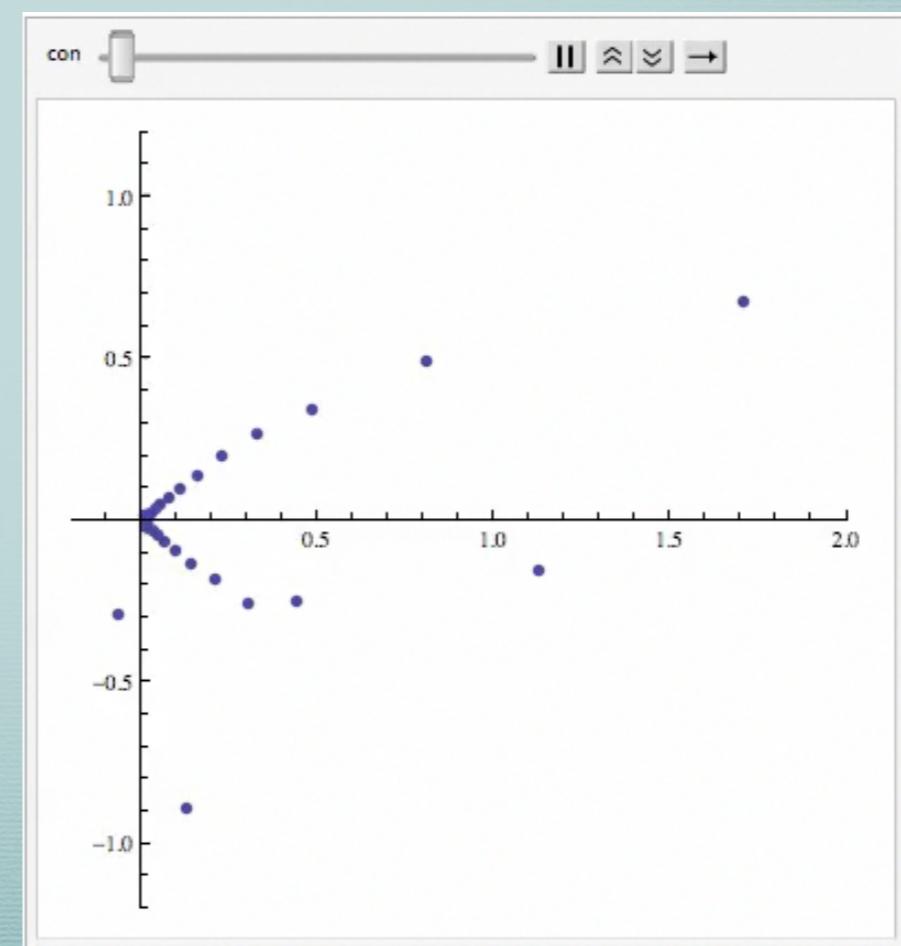
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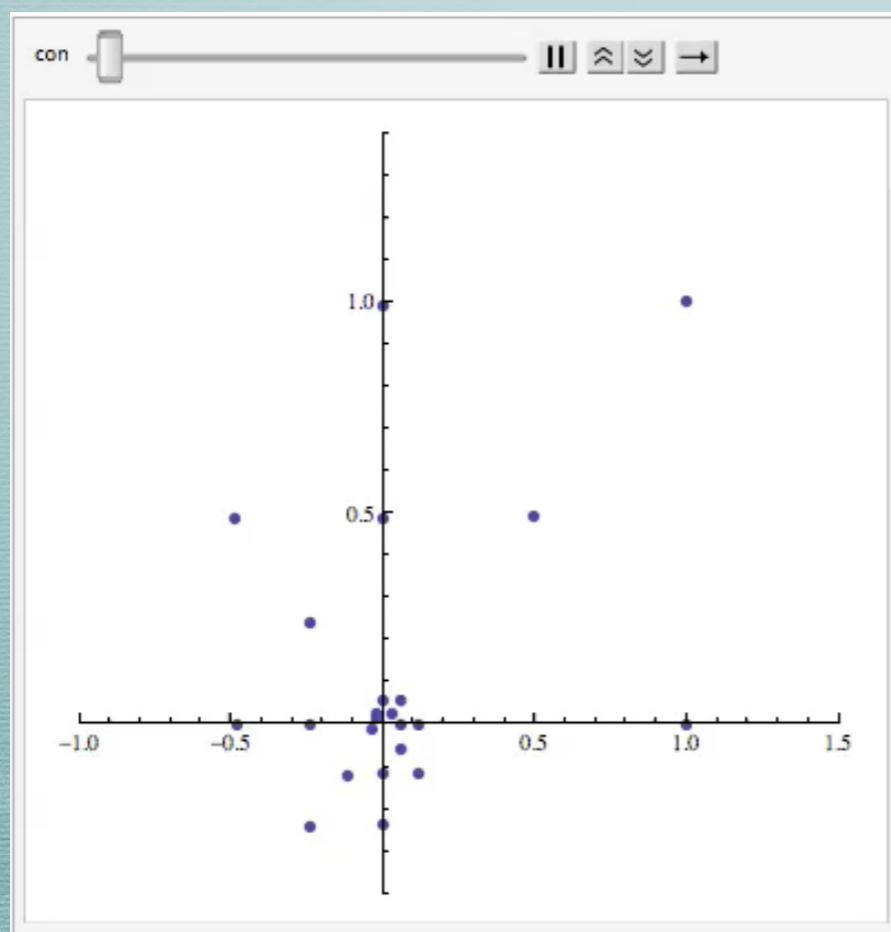
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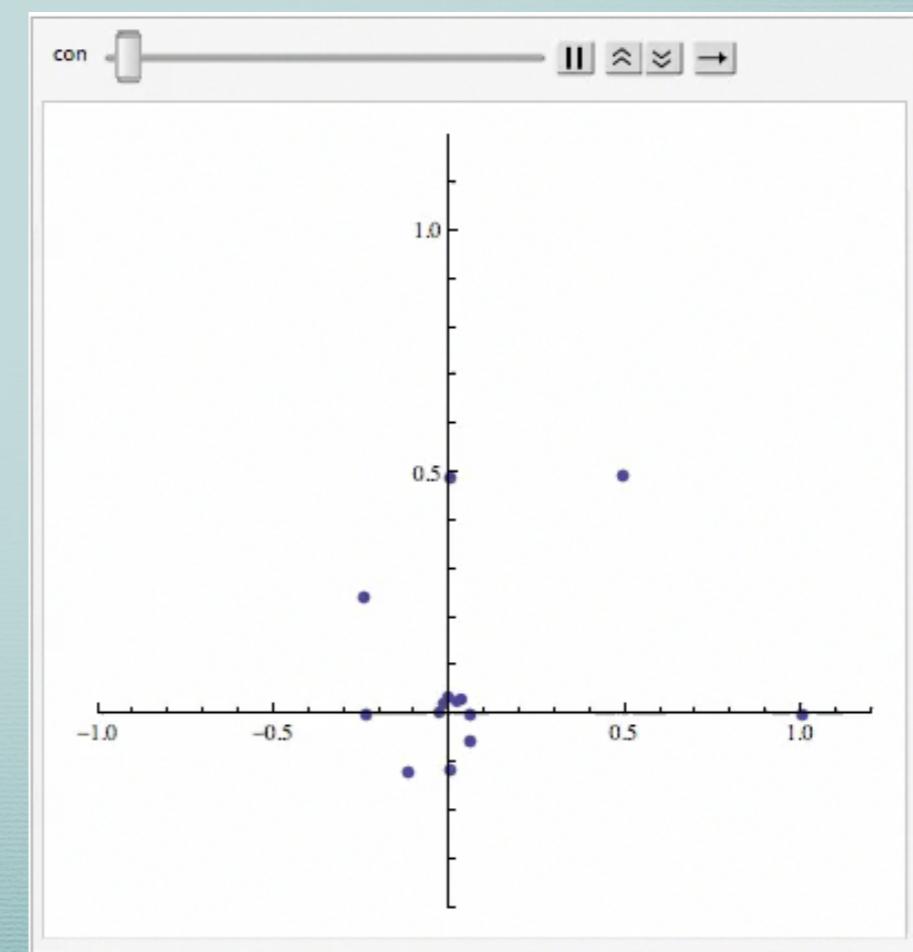
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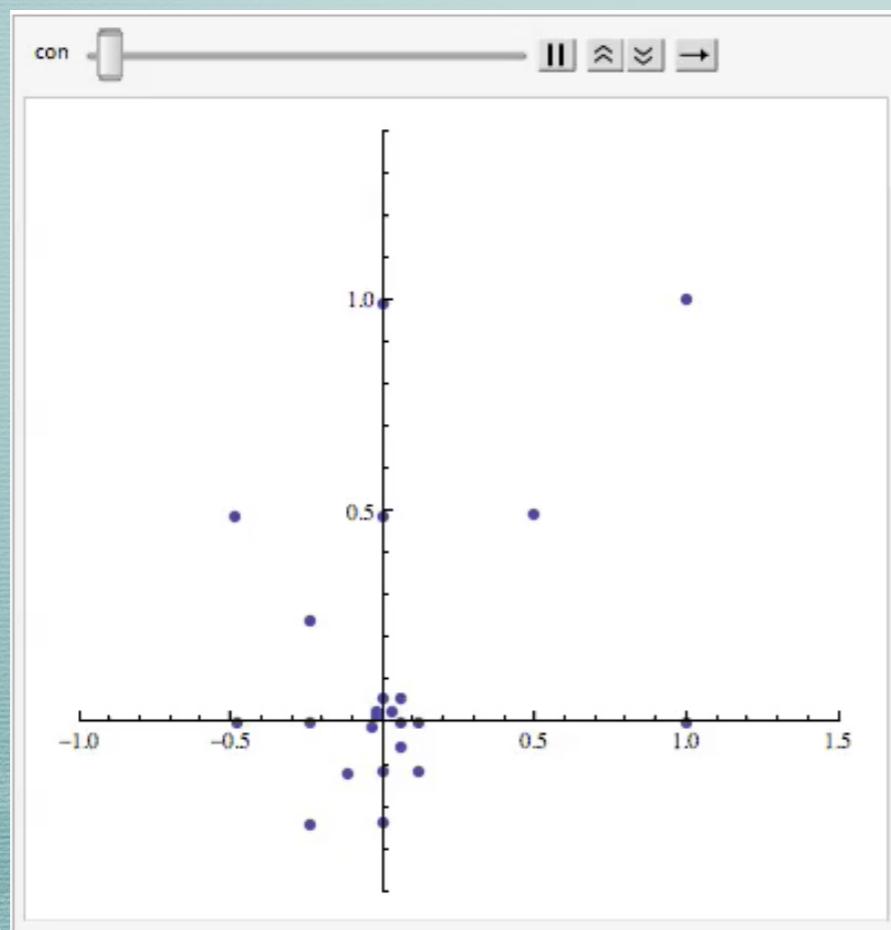


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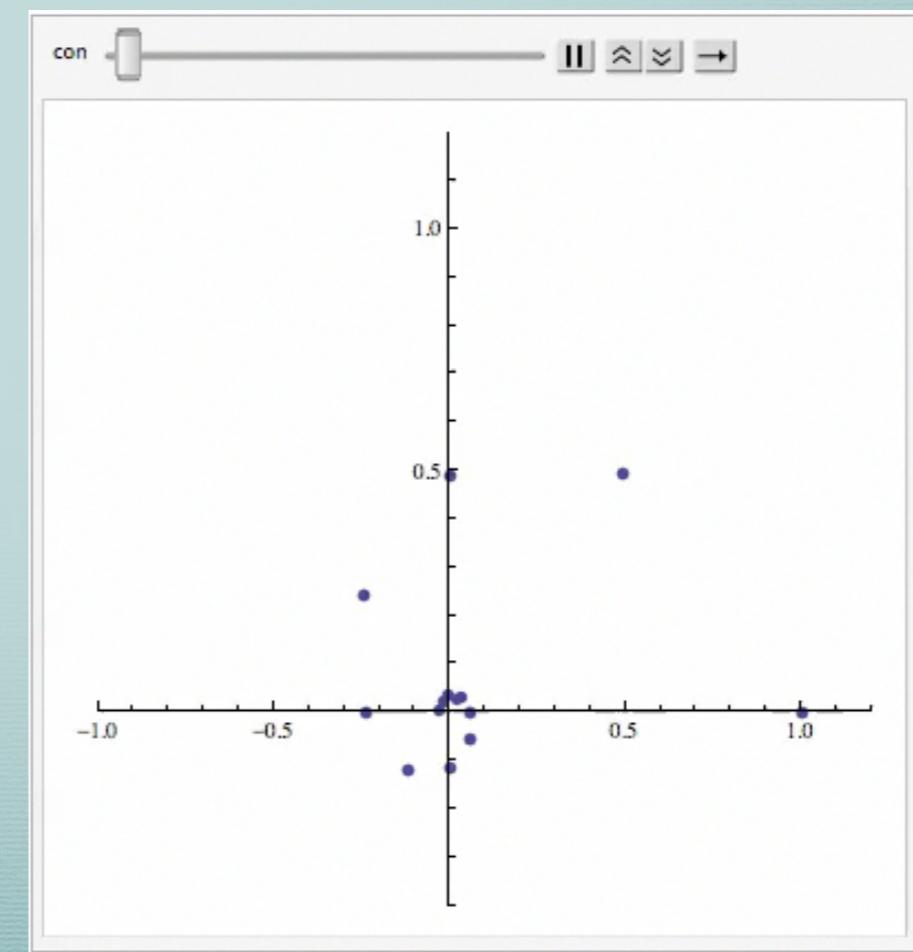
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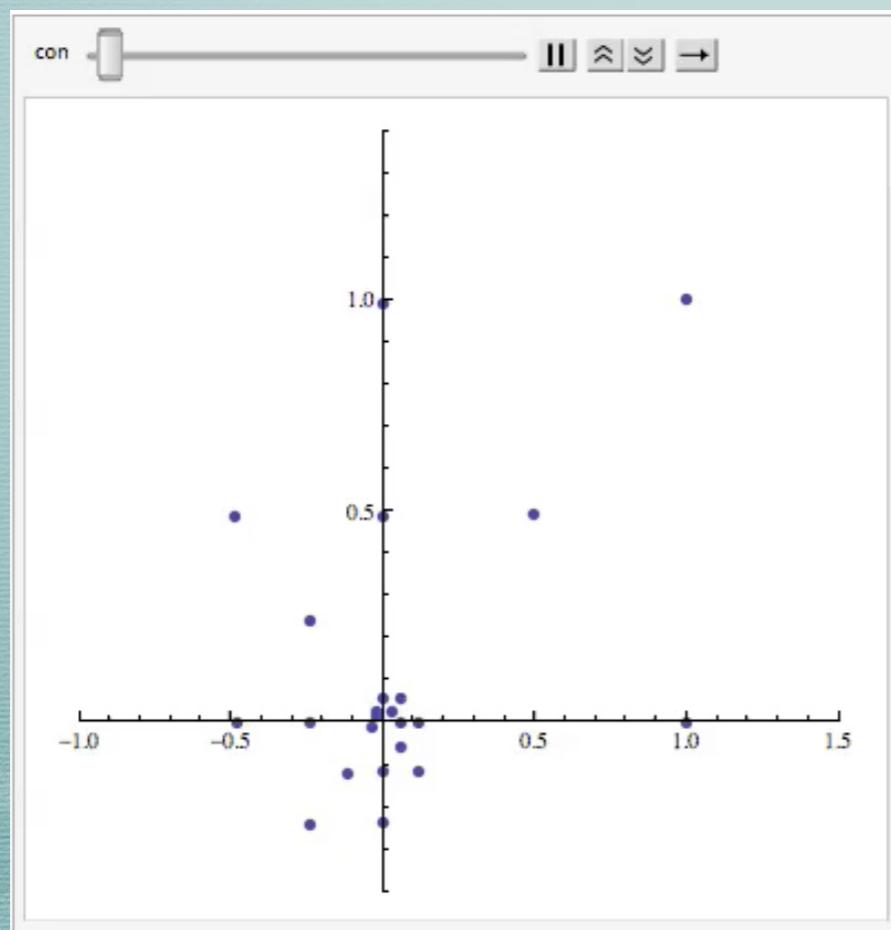


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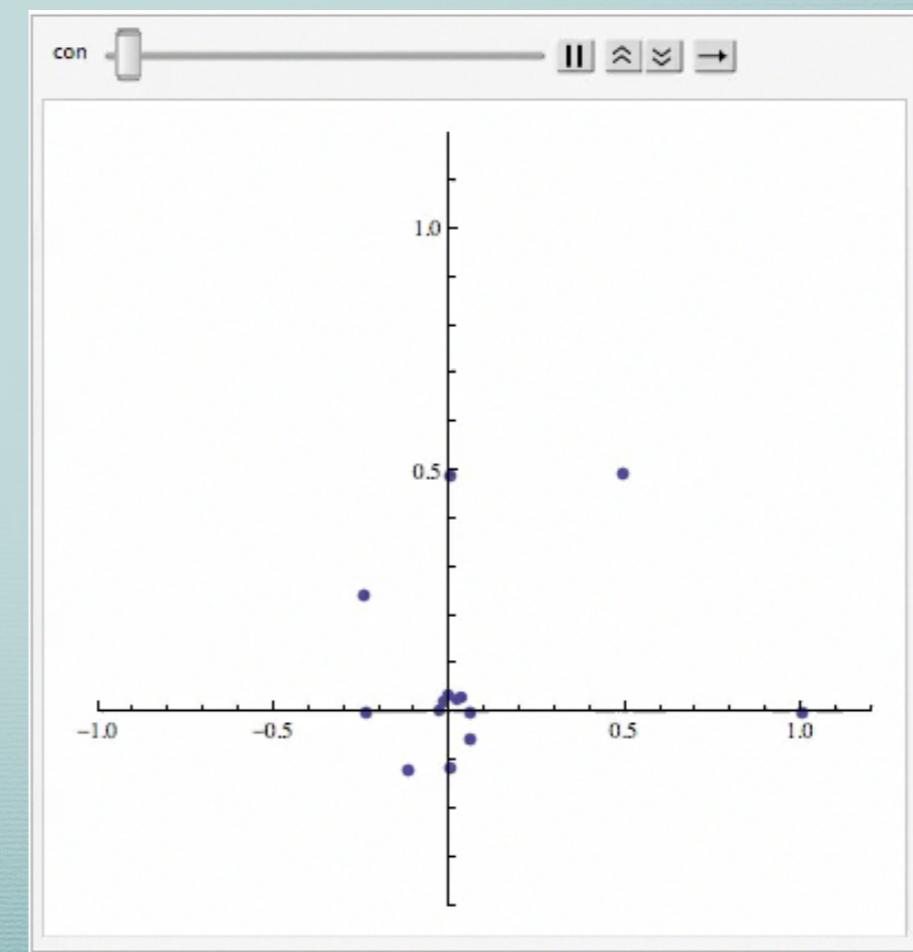
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# Open problems

- Obtain ‘the minimal’ weight function for all the relevant families of  $q$ -polynomials.
- Obtain the behavior of the zeros of the Krall-type OP, as well the analytic properties when the mass we add is located in the complex plane.
- Give the orthogonality of the relevant families for the ‘bad cases’.

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