

# The Supremum Norm of Reciprocals of Christoffel Functions for Erdős Weights

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Let  $W := e^{-Q}$ , where  $Q$  is even and of faster than polynomial growth at infinity. For sufficiently smooth  $Q$ , define the function  $T(x) := 1 + xQ'(x)/Q(x)$ , which has limit  $\infty$  at  $\infty$ . Let  $a_n$  denote the  $n$ th Mhaskar-Rahmanov-Saff number for  $W$ , and let  $\lambda_n(W^2, x)$  denote the  $n$ th Christoffel function. We show that as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\max_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \lambda_n^{-1}(W^2, x) W^2(x) \sim \frac{n}{a_n} T(a_n)^{1/2}$$

and

$$\max_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \lambda_n^{-1}(W^2, x) W^2(x) |1 - (x/a_n)^2|^{1/2} \sim \frac{n}{a_n}.$$

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## 1. INTRODUCTION AND STATEMENT OF RESULTS

Let  $W: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be even, positive, continuous, and such that all power moments

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^j W(x) dx, \quad j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

exist. Associated with  $W^2$  are the *orthonormal polynomials*  $p_j$  of degree  $j$ ,  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  satisfying

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p_j(x) p_k(x) W^2(x) dx = \delta_{jk}, \quad j, k = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (1.1)$$

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The  $n$ th Christoffel function is

$$\lambda_n(W^2, x) := 1 / \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} p_j^2(x), \tag{1.2}$$

$x \in \mathbb{R}, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

In many questions concerning the convergence and the approximation properties of orthonormal expansions associated with  $W^2$ , the Christoffel functions play a crucial role [4, 14]. In particular, the rate of growth as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  of

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_n^{\max} &:= \max_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \lambda_n^{-1}(W^2, x) W^2(x) \\ &= \max_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} p_j^2(x) W^2(x) \end{aligned} \tag{1.3}$$

was determined by Freud [4] for a class of weights containing  $\exp(-|x|^\alpha)$ ,  $\alpha \geq 2$  and applied to prove (C, 1) boundedness of the partial sums of orthonormal expansions associated with  $W^2$ . Other authors [5, 6, 7, 15] considered weights including  $\exp(-|x|^\alpha)$ ,  $0 < \alpha < 2$ .

For the weights  $\exp(-|x|^\alpha)$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ , results in [3–7, 15] imply that

$$\lambda_n^{\max} \sim \begin{cases} n^{1-1/\alpha}, & \alpha > 1, \\ \log n, & \alpha = 1, \\ 1, & \alpha < 1. \end{cases} \tag{1.4}$$

Here  $\sim$  means that the ratio of the quantities on either side is bounded above and below by positive constants independent of  $n$ . To further elucidate this type of result, we need the *Mhaskar–Rahmanov–Saff* number  $a_n$  [11, 12].

Let  $W := e^{-Q}$ , where  $Q$  is even and differentiable in  $(0, \infty)$ , while  $xQ'(x)$  is strictly increasing in  $(0, \infty)$ , with limits 0 and  $\infty$  at  $x = 0$  and  $\infty$ , respectively. Then  $a_u$  is the root of

$$u = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^1 a_u t Q'(a_u t) \frac{dt}{\sqrt{1-t^2}}, \quad u > 0. \tag{1.5}$$

In general  $a_u$  grows roughly like the inverse function of  $uQ'(u)$  as  $u \rightarrow \infty$ . If  $Q^{[-1]}$  denotes the inverse of  $Q$ , and if  $Q$  is of at least polynomial growth at infinity, then  $a_u$  grows roughly like  $Q^{[-1]}(u)$  as  $u \rightarrow \infty$ . For classes of weights  $W^2 = e^{-2Q}$ , where  $Q(x)$  grows faster than  $|x|^\alpha$ , some  $\alpha > 1$ , the results of [4, 6, 7] imply that

$$\lambda_n^{\max} \sim n/a_n, \quad n \rightarrow \infty. \tag{1.6}$$

Pointwise asymptotics for  $\lambda_n(W^2, x)$  appear in [1, 9, 13, 16].

The quoted results treat the  $Q$  that is of polynomial growth at infinity. What happens when  $Q$  is faster than polynomial growth at infinity? In contrast to (1.6), it turns out that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_n^{\max}/(n/a_n) = \infty. \tag{1.7}$$

To precisely state our result, which follows (in a non-trivial manner) from pointwise asymptotics for  $\lambda_n(W^2, x)$  in [9], we need:

DEFINITION 1.1. Let  $W := e^{-Q}$ , where  $Q$  is even and continuous in  $\mathbb{R}$ ;  $Q'''$  exists in  $(0, \infty)$ , and  $Q'$  is positive in  $(0, \infty)$ . Let

$$T(x) := 1 + xQ''(x)/Q'(x), \quad x \in (0, \infty), \tag{1.8}$$

be increasing in  $(0, \infty)$ , with

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0+} T(x) = T(0+) > 1, \tag{1.9}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} T(x) = \infty, \tag{1.10}$$

and for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$T(x) = O(Q'(x)^\varepsilon), \quad x \rightarrow \infty. \tag{1.11}$$

Assume further that

$$\frac{Q''(x)}{Q'(x)} \sim \frac{Q'(x)}{Q(x)}, \quad x \text{ large enough}, \tag{1.12}$$

and for some  $C > 0$ ,

$$\frac{|Q'''(x)|}{Q'(x)} \leq C \left\{ \frac{Q'(x)}{Q(x)} \right\}^2, \quad x \text{ large enough}. \tag{1.13}$$

Then we say that  $W$  is an *Erdős weight of class 3* and write  $W \in SE^*(3)$ .

*Remarks.* (a) The limit (1.10) implies that  $Q(x)$  grows faster than any polynomial, while (1.11) is a weak regularity condition: one typically has [8, 9]

$$T(x) = O([\log Q'(x)]^{1+\varepsilon}), \quad x \rightarrow \infty, \tag{1.14}$$

for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ . The restriction (1.9) simplifies analysis, but can be weakened.

(b) The class  $SE^*(3)$  is contained in the class  $SE(3)$  of [9], for in [9] we take only  $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{15}$  in (1.11).

(c) As examples of  $W \in SE^*(3)$ , we mention

$$W(x) := \exp(-\exp_k(|x|^x)), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \tag{1.15}$$

$\alpha > 1, k \geq 1$ , where  $\exp_k$  denotes the  $k$ th iterated exponential  $\exp(\exp \dots)$ . Another example is

$$W(x) := \exp(-\exp\{\log(A + x^2)\}^x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \tag{1.16}$$

$\alpha > 1, A$  large enough.

Our main result is:

**THEOREM 1.2.** *Let  $W := e^{-Q} \in SE^*(3)$ , and let  $a_n, n \geq 1$ , denote the  $n$ th Mhaskar–Rahmanov–Saff number for  $Q$ , defined by (1.5). Then for  $n \geq 1$ ,*

$$\max_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \lambda_n^{-1}(W^2, x) W^2(x) \sim \frac{n}{a_n} T(a_n)^{1/2} \tag{1.17}$$

and

$$\max_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \lambda_n^{-1}(W^2, x) W^2(x) \left| 1 - \left(\frac{x}{a_n}\right)^2 \right|^{1/2} \sim \frac{n}{a_n}. \tag{1.18}$$

*Remarks.* (a) We note that  $T(a_n)$  grows slowly and typically for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$T(a_n) = o(\log n)^{1+\varepsilon}, \quad n \rightarrow \infty.$$

For  $W$  of (1.15), one has even [8]

$$T(a_n) \sim \prod_{j=1}^k \log_j n, \quad n \rightarrow \infty, \tag{1.19}$$

where  $\log_j = \log(\log \dots)$  denotes the  $j$ th iterated logarithm.

(b) The proof of (1.17) shows that if  $0 < \alpha < \beta < 1$ ,

$$\lambda_n^{-1}(W^2, a_n) W^2(a_n) \sim \frac{n}{a_n} T(a_n)^{1/2}, \tag{1.20}$$

uniformly for  $t \in [\alpha, \beta], n \rightarrow \infty$ .

(c) Theorem 1.2 has applications in studying the orthonormal expansions associated with Erdős weights, which the second author hopes to present elsewhere.

(d) Because of the monotonicity properties of Christoffel functions, one can derive analogues of Theorem 1.2 for weights  $W_1 \sim W \in SE^*(3)$ .

The proofs are presented in Section 2.

2. PROOFS

Throughout,  $C, C_1, C_2, C_3, \dots$  denote positive constants independent of  $n$  and  $x$ ; the same symbol does not necessarily denote the same constant in different occurrences.

We first gather some results from [9]:

LEMMA 2.1. *Let  $W \in SE^*(3)$ . Let*

$$\mu_{n,a_n}(x) := \frac{2}{\Pi^2} \int_0^1 \left( \frac{1-x^2}{1-s^2} \right)^{1/2} \frac{a_n s Q'(a_n s) - a_n x Q'(a_n x)}{n(s^2 - x^2)} ds, \tag{2.1}$$

$x \in (-1, 1), n \geq 1$ . Then there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$\lambda_n^{-1}(W^2, a_n x) W^2(a_n x) \frac{a_n}{n} = \mu_{n,a_n}(x) + O(n^{-1.5}), \tag{2.2}$$

uniformly for

$$|x| \leq 1 - n^{-\delta}. \tag{2.3}$$

*Proof.* This is (2.23) of Theorem 2.3 in [9]. ■

For the reader unfamiliar with  $\mu_{n,a_n}$ , we note that it is the non-negative density function that solves an integral equation with logarithmic kernel [10, Lemma 5.3, p. 37].

LEMMA 2.2. *Let  $W \in SE^*(3)$ .*

(a) *Then for  $x \in [-1, 1], n \geq 1$ ,*

$$\mu_{n,a_n}(x) \leq C_1 T(a_n)^{1/2}. \tag{2.4}$$

(b) *Given  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ , there exists  $n_0$  such that*

$$\mu_{n,a_n}(x) \sim 1, \quad |x| \leq 1 - \varepsilon, \quad n \geq n_0. \tag{2.5}$$

(c) *We have for  $j = 0, 1, 2$ ,*

$$a_n^j Q^{(j)}(a_n) \sim n T(a_n)^{j-1/2}, \quad n \geq n_0. \tag{2.6}$$

(d) For any fixed  $0 < \alpha < \beta < \infty$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$T(a_{\alpha n}) \sim T(a_{\beta n}) \tag{2.7}$$

and

$$1 - a_{\alpha n}/a_{\beta n} \sim T(a_n)^{-1}. \tag{2.8}$$

*Proof.* (a) and (b) are respectively (e) and (c) of Lemma 4.3 in [9], with  $R = a_n$ .

(c) This is (3.15) of Lemma 3.2(c) in [9].

(d) Firstly, (2.7) is Lemma 3.4(c) in [9]. Also, by Lemma 3.4(b) in [9],

$$a'_t/a_t \sim (tT(a_t))^{-1}, \quad t \text{ large enough.}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \log \left( \frac{a_{\alpha n}}{a_{\beta n}} \right) &= \int_{\alpha n}^{\beta n} a'_t/a_t \, dt \\ &\sim \int_{\alpha n}^{\beta n} (tT(a_t))^{-1} \, dt \\ &\sim T(a_n)^{-1} \int_{\alpha n}^{\beta n} t^{-1} \, dt \sim T(a_n)^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Then (2.8) follows. ■

We can now prove a result that may be of independent interest:

**THEOREM 2.3.** *Let  $W \in SE^*(3)$ . Then given  $0 < \alpha < \beta < 1$ , for  $n$  large enough,*

$$\max_{[-1,1]} \mu_{n,a_n}(x) \sim T(a_n)^{1/2} \tag{2.9}$$

$$\sim \min_{t \in [\alpha, \beta]} \mu_{n,a_n}(a_m/a_n). \tag{2.10}$$

*Proof.* In view of (2.4), it suffices to show that

$$\mu_{n,a_n}(a_m/a_n) \geq CT(a_n)^{1/2}, \tag{2.11}$$

uniformly for  $t \in [\alpha, \beta]$ . First note that  $d/du(uQ'(u)) = Q'(u)T(u)$  is positive in  $(0, \infty)$ . It is also increasing for large  $u$ , since  $T(u)$  is increasing in  $(0, \infty)$  and  $Q'(u)$  is increasing for large  $u$  (for  $Q''(u) =$

$Q'(u)(T(u) - 1)/u > 0$ ,  $u$  large). It follows that  $uQ'(u)$  is convex for large  $u$ . Then for  $n \geq n_1$ ,  $x \geq \frac{1}{2}$  fixed,

$$\Delta_n(s) := \frac{a_n s Q'(a_n s) - a_n x Q'(a_n x)}{a_n s - a_n x} \tag{2.12}$$

is a positive function of  $s \in (0, \infty)$  and is also increasing if  $s \in (\frac{1}{2}, \infty)$ . From (2.1), for  $x \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{n,a_n}(x) &\geq C_1 \frac{a_n}{n} (1-x^2)^{1/2} \int_x^1 \Delta_n(s) (1-s^2)^{-1/2} ds \\ &\geq C_2 \frac{a_n}{n} (1-x) \Delta_n(x) \\ &= C_2 \frac{a_n}{n} (1-x) \frac{d}{du} (uQ'(u))|_{u=a_n x} \\ &= C_2 \frac{a_n}{n} (1-x) Q'(a_n x) T(a_n x). \end{aligned} \tag{2.13}$$

Now if  $x = a_m/a_n$ ,  $t \in [\alpha, \beta]$ , then by (2.8),

$$1-x \geq 1 - a_{\beta n}/a_n \sim T(a_n)^{-1},$$

while by (2.6) and (2.7),

$$a_n Q'(a_n x) T(a_n x) \geq a_{\alpha n} Q'(a_{\alpha n}) T(a_{\alpha n}) \sim n T(a_n)^{3/2}.$$

Then (2.11) follows. ■

We need one more estimate for  $\mu_{n,a_n}$ :

**THEOREM 2.4.** *Let  $W \in SE^*(3)$ . Then for  $n$  large enough,*

$$\max_{[-1, 1]} \mu_{n,a_n}(x) (1-x^2)^{1/2} \sim 1. \tag{2.14}$$

*Proof.* In view of (2.5), it suffices to show that

$$\mu_{n,a_n}(x) (1-x^2)^{1/2} \leq C, \quad \frac{3}{4} \leq x \leq 1. \tag{2.15}$$

Let  $\delta(x) := (1-x)/2$ . Note that  $x + \delta(x) < x + 2\delta(x) = 1$ , for  $x \in [\frac{3}{4}, 1]$ . Let  $\Delta_n(s)$  be defined by (2.12). Then from (2.1), for  $x \in [\frac{3}{4}, 1]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mu_{n,a_n}(x)(1-x^2)^{1/2} &\leq C_1 \delta(x) \frac{a_n}{n} \int_0^1 A_n(s)(1-s^2)^{-1/2} ds \\
 &= C_1 \delta(x) \frac{a_n}{n} \left\{ \int_0^{x-\delta(x)} + \int_{x-\delta(x)}^{x+\delta(x)} + \int_{x+\delta(x)}^1 \right\} \\
 &\quad \times A_n(s)(1-s^2)^{-1/2} ds \\
 &=: C_1 \delta(x) \frac{a_n}{n} \{I_1 + I_2 + I_3\}. \tag{2.16}
 \end{aligned}$$

Firstly, since  $tQ'(t)$  is positive and increasing in  $(0, \infty)$ , we see from the definition (2.12) of  $A_n(s)$  that

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_1 &\leq \int_0^{x-\delta(x)} \frac{a_n x Q'(a_n x)}{a_n x - a_n s} (1-s^2)^{-1/2} ds \\
 &\leq C_2 x Q'(a_n x) \delta(x)^{-1/2} \\
 &\quad (\text{for } a_n x - a_n s \geq a_n \delta(x)) \\
 &\leq C_3 x Q'(a_n x) \delta(x)^{-1} \int_x^1 (1-s^2)^{-1/2} ds \\
 &\quad (\text{by choice of } \delta(x)) \\
 &\leq C_4 a_n^{-1} \delta(x)^{-1} \int_x^1 a_n s Q'(a_n s) (1-s^2)^{-1/2} ds \\
 &\leq C_5 a_n^{-1} \delta(x)^{-1} n, \tag{2.17}
 \end{aligned}$$

by definition (1.5) of  $a_n$ . Next, if  $s \in [x - \delta(x), x + \delta(x)]$ , then for some  $\xi$  between  $x$  and  $s$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_n(s) &= \frac{d}{du} (uQ'(u))|_{u=a_n \xi} \\
 &= T(a_n \xi) Q'(a_n \xi) \\
 &\leq C_6 \delta(x)^{-1} \int_{x+\delta(x)}^{x+3\delta(x)/2} T(a_n t) Q'(a_n t) dt \\
 &\quad (\text{as } T(u) Q'(u) \text{ is increasing for large } u) \\
 &\leq C_6 \delta(x)^{-1} (x + 3\delta(x)/2) Q'(a_n(x + 3\delta(x)/2)) \\
 &\quad \left( \text{as } \int T(u) Q'(u) du = uQ'(u) \right) \\
 &\leq C_7 \delta(x)^{-3/2} a_n^{-1} \int_{x+3\delta(x)/2}^1 a_n s Q'(a_n s) (1-s^2)^{-1/2} ds \\
 &\leq C_8 \delta(x)^{-3/2} a_n^{-1} n.
 \end{aligned}$$



Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_2 &\leq C_8 \delta(x)^{-3.2} \frac{n}{a_n} \int_{x-\delta(x)}^{x+\delta(x)} (1-s^2)^{-1.2} ds \\
 &\leq C_9 \delta(x)^{-1} \frac{n}{a_n}.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{2.18}$$

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_3 &\leq \int_{x+\delta(x)}^1 \frac{a_n s Q'(a_n s)}{a_n s - a_n x} (1-s^2)^{-1.2} ds \\
 &\leq a_n^{-1} \delta(x)^{-1} \int_{x+\delta(x)}^1 a_n s Q'(a_n s) (1-s^2)^{-1.2} ds \\
 &\leq C_{10} a_n^{-1} \delta(x)^{-1} n.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{2.19}$$

Combining (2.16) to (2.19) yields (2.15). ■

We need one more lemma:

LEMMA 2.5. *Let  $W \in SE^*(3)$  and  $n \geq 1, k \geq 1$ . Then for all polynomials  $P$  of degree at most  $kn$ ,*

$$\|PW^k\|_{L_x(\mathbb{R})} = \|PW^k\|_{L_x[-a_n, a_n]}.
 \tag{2.20}$$

*Proof.* If  $Q$  is even and convex, this proof follows from Theorem 2.1 and 2.2 in [12, p. 73]—see [12, p. 77]. In the slightly different case,  $W \in SE^*(3)$ , the result follows from (5.1) of Theorem 5.1 in [9], with  $W$  replaced by  $W^k$ . ■

*Proof of (1.17) of Theorem 1.2.* From Lemma 2.1, for a suitable  $\delta$ , which remains fixed throughout this proof,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\max_{|x| \leq a_n(1-n^{-\delta})} \lambda_n^{-1}(W^2, x) W^2(x) a_n/n \\
 &= \max_{|x| \leq 1-n^{-\delta}} \mu_{n, a_n}(x) + o(1).
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{2.21}$$

Now from (1.11) and (2.6), for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$a_n Q'(a_n) \sim n T(a_n)^{1.2} = O(n Q'(a_n)^{0.2}).$$

We deduce that for each  $\eta > 0$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$Q'(a_n) = O(n/a_n)^{1+\eta} = o(n^{1+\eta}).$$

Hence from this last inequality and (1.11), for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$T(a_n) = O(n^\varepsilon). \tag{2.22}$$

Then (2.8) shows that if  $0 < \alpha < \beta < \infty$  and  $0 < \varepsilon < \delta$ , for  $n$  large enough,

$$a_{\alpha n}/\alpha_{\beta n} \leq 1 - n^{-\varepsilon} < 1 - n^{-\delta}. \tag{2.23}$$

Hence Theorem 2.3 shows that

$$\max_{|x| \leq 1 - n^{-\delta}} \mu_{n, a_n}(x) \sim T(a_n)^{1/2}. \tag{2.24}$$

So from (2.21),

$$\max_{|x| \leq a_n(1 - n^{-\delta})} \lambda_n^{-1}(W^2, x) W^2(x) a_n/n \sim T(a_n)^{1/2}. \tag{2.25}$$

Since  $\lambda_n^{-1}(W^2, x)$  is a polynomial of degree  $\leq 2n - 2$ , Lemma 2.5 yields

$$\begin{aligned} & \max_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \lambda_n^{-1}(W^2, x) W^2(x) \frac{a_n}{n} \\ &= \max_{x \in [-a_n, a_n]} \lambda_n^{-1}(W^2, x) W^2(x) \frac{a_n}{n} \\ &\leq \max_{x \in [-a_n, a_n]} \lambda_{2n}^{-1}(W^2, x) W^2(x) \frac{a_n}{n} \\ &= \max_{t \in [-a_n/a_{2n}, a_n/a_{2n}]} \lambda_{2n}^{-1}(W^2, a_{2n}t) W^2(a_{2n}t) \frac{a_n}{n} \\ &\leq 2 \max_{|t| \leq 1 - (2n)^{-\delta}} \lambda_{2n}^{-1}(W^2, a_{2n}t) W^2(a_{2n}t) \frac{a_{2n}}{2n} \quad (\text{by (2.23)}) \\ &\sim T(a_{2n})^{1/2} \sim T(a_n)^{1/2}, \end{aligned}$$

by (2.25) and (2.7). ■

The proof also shows that if  $0 < \alpha < \beta < 1$ ,

$$\lambda_n^{-1}(W^2, a_n x) W^2(a_n x) \sim \frac{n}{a_n} T(a_n)^{1/2}, \tag{2.26}$$

uniformly for  $x \in [a_{\alpha n}/a_n, a_{\beta n}/a_n]$ .

*Proof of (1.18) of Theorem 1.2.* Since  $\lambda_n^{-2}(W^2, x)(1 - (x/a_n)^2)$  is a polynomial of degree  $\leq 4n - 2$ , Lemma 2.5 shows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \max_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \lambda_n^{-2}(W^2, x) |1 - (x/a_n)^2| W^4(x) \\
 &= \max_{x \in [-a_n, a_n]} \lambda_n^{-2}(W^2, x) |1 - (x/a_n)^2| W^4(x) \\
 &\leq \max_{x \in [-a_n, a_n]} \lambda_{2n}^{-2}(W^2, x) |1 - (x/a_{2n})^2| W^4(x) \\
 &= \left\{ \max_{t \in [-a_n, a_{2n}, a_n, a_{2n}]} \lambda_{2n}^{-1}(W^2, a_{2n}t) W^2(a_{2n}t)(1-t^2)^{1/2} \right\}^2 \\
 &\leq \left\{ \max_{|t| \leq 1-(2n)^{-\delta}} \lambda_{2n}^{-1}(W^2, a_{2n}t) W^2(a_{2n}t)(1-t^2)^{1/2} \right\}^2 \\
 &\quad \text{(by (2.23), with } \delta \text{ as in Lemma 2.1)} \\
 &\leq \left\{ 2 \frac{n}{a_n} \max_{|t| \leq 1-(2n)^{-\delta}} \mu_{n, a_n}(t)(1-t^2)^{1/2} \right\}^2 \leq C_1 \left( \frac{n}{a_n} \right)^2,
 \end{aligned}$$

by Lemma 2.1 and Theorem 2.4, for  $n$  large enough. Finally, Lemma 2.1 and Lemma 2.2(b) show that given  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ ,

$$\lambda_n^{-1}(W^2, x) W^2(x) \sim \frac{n}{a_n},$$

uniformly for  $|x| \leq (1 - \varepsilon)a_n$ , for  $n$  large enough. Hence

$$\max_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \lambda_n^{-1}(W^2, x) |1 - (x/a_n)^2|^{1/2} W^2(x) \geq C_2 n/a_n. \quad \blacksquare$$

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