



**THE GEGENBAUER-LIKE AND JACOBI-LIKE POLYNOMIALS:  
AN OVERVIEW IN THE LIGHT OF SOLTIS CONSIDERATIONS,  
SOME APPLICATIONS**

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**Abstract:** The exposition is based on the excellent article by Soltis [1]. Some applications that these polynomials find in synthesis of antennas and approximation of "U and V- shaped transfer functions" are indicated. Dynamics of the Lienard differential system using Gegenbauer-like and Jacobi-like polynomials is also considered. Numerical examples, illustrating our results using *CAS MATHEMATICA* are given.

**Key Words:** Lienard differential system, Gegenbauer-like and Jacobi-like polynomials, antenna factor

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### 1. The Gegenbauer-like polynomials

For many applications, orthogonality of a polynomial family is not necessary.

By extending the parameter range of Gegenbauer polynomials useful new functions, with applications, are shown in [1].

Gegenbauer polynomials, for  $N$  odd can be described by

$$C_N^{(\alpha)}(x) = C_{2n+1}^{(\alpha)}(x) = S_N x a_0(x)$$

where  $a_0(x)$  is recursively found from

$$a_{m-1}(x) = 1 - b_m x^2 a_m(x)$$

and

$$b_m = \frac{2(n - m + 1)(\alpha + n + m)}{m(2m + 1)!}; N = 2n + 1; (m = n, n - 1, \dots, 2, 1; a_n(x) = 1)$$

and  $S_n$  is a scaling constant.

The standard scaling is

$$S_{NS} = \frac{2(-1)^n (\alpha)_{n+1}}{n!}$$

where  $(\alpha)_{n+1} = \alpha(\alpha + 1) \cdots (\alpha + n)$ .

Traditionally the parameter  $\alpha$  satisfies  $(-\frac{1}{2} \leq \alpha \leq \infty)$ .

Note that  $\alpha$  need not be an integer and  $\alpha = 0$  provides the ubiquitous Chebyshev polynomial.

In [1] the author present a new class for  $N$  odd and select  $\alpha = -\frac{N}{2}$ .

For example, for  $N = 9$ , we have

$$a_0(x) = 1 - b_1 x^2 + b_1 b_2 x^4 - b_1 b_2 b_3 x^6 + b_1 b_2 b_3 b_4 x^8.$$

In explicit form, using  $S_N = -S_{NS}$ , i.e.  $S_9 = S_{9S}$  we have (see Fig. 1)

$$C_9^{(-4.5)}(x) = 0.273437x^9 - 1.40625x^7 + 2.95312x^5 - 3.28125x^3 + 2.46094x.$$

Consider the factor

$$R(\alpha, \theta) = \sum_{k=1}^5 A_k \cos((2k - 1)\theta) = \sum_{k=1}^5 C_{2k-1}^{(0)}\left(\frac{x}{x_0}\right) = C_9^{(-4.5)}(x)$$

where  $u = \frac{\pi d}{\lambda}, \theta$  is polar angle and  $x_0$  is a design parameter for

a)  $\alpha = -4.5, x_0 = 1.3;$

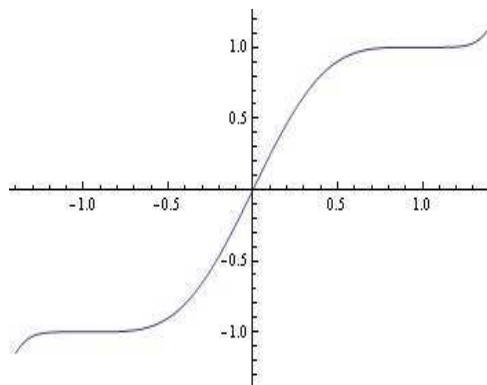


Figure 1: The polynomial  $C_9^{(-4.5)}(x)$

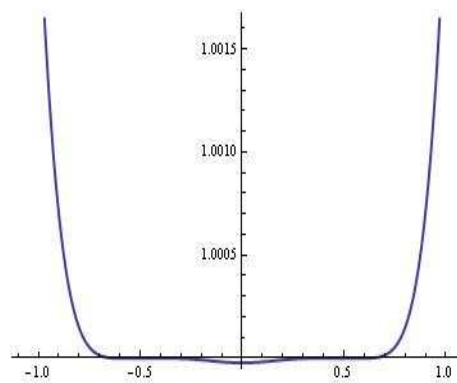


Figure 2: The case a.)

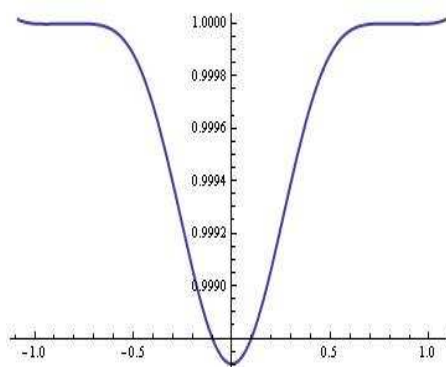


Figure 3: The case b.)

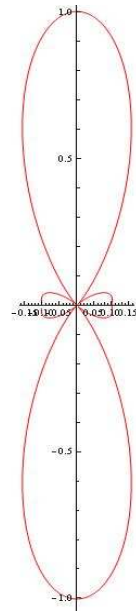


Figure 4: Dolph-Chebyshev array

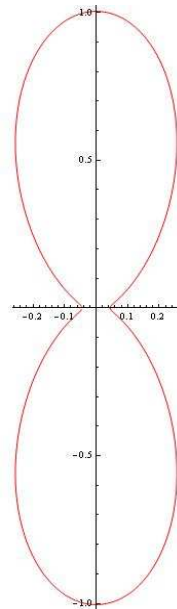


Figure 5: Binomial array

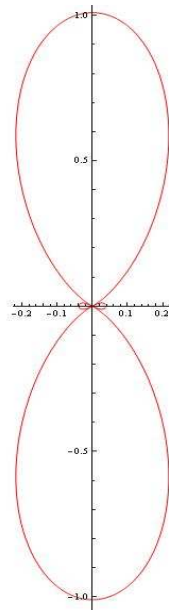


Figure 6: Soltis array

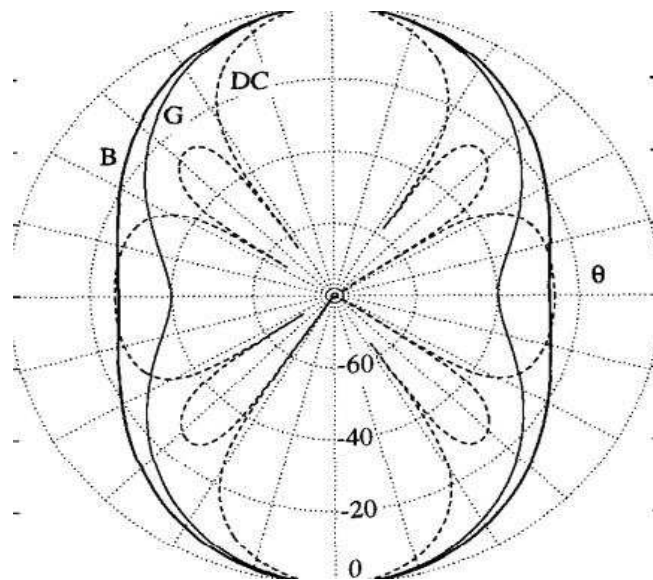


Figure 7: Comparisons between B-binomial, G- present theory by Soltis [1] and DC-Dolph-Chebyshev.

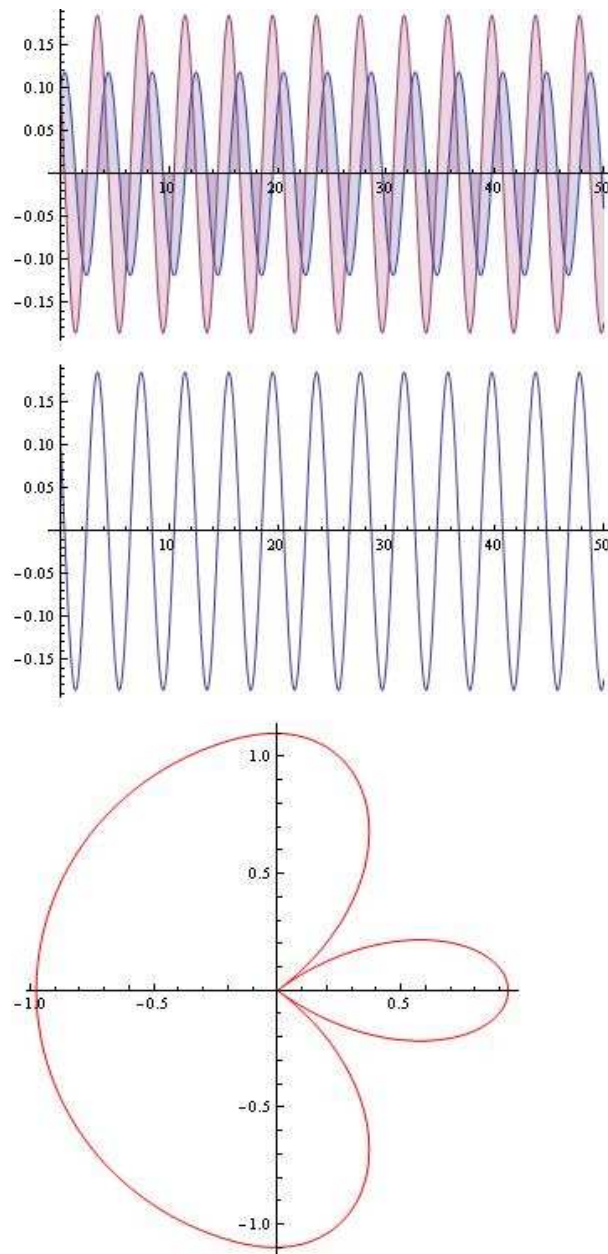


Figure 8: The simulations for  $x_0 = 0.1$ ,  $y_0 = 0.1$ ,  $b = -0.05$ ,  $c = -0.01$ : a) solutions of the system b)  $y$ -component of the solution; b) the normalized factor.

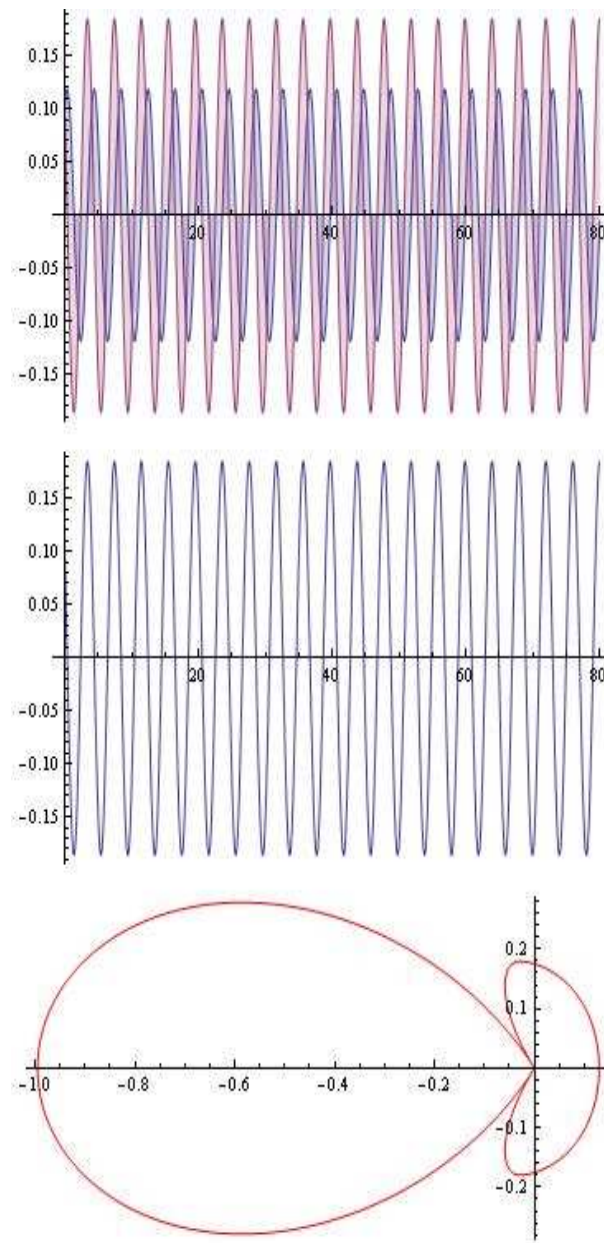


Figure 9: The simulations for  $x_0 = 0.1$ ,  $y_0 = 0.1$ ,  $b = 0.1$ ,  $c = 0.01$ : a) solutions of the system b)  $y$ -component of the solution; c) the normalized factor.

$A_4$	$A_3$	$A_2$	$A_1$
1.357	1.374	2.496	2.798

Table 1: Normalized array coefficients (Dolph-Chebyshev)

$A_4$	$A_3$	$A_2$	$A_1$
9	36	84	126

Table 2: Normalized array coefficients (Binomial)

b)  $\alpha = -4.5, x_0 = 1.15$ .

We note that the model can be used successfully in modeling and approximating of "U and V- shaped transfer functions" (see Fig. 2–Fig. 3).

Array factor power pattern (in dB) of 10–element array,  $d = \frac{\lambda}{4}$  is depicted in Fig. 7.

Consider the system

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = y \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = -C_9^{(-4.5)}(x) + 0.1(x - \frac{1}{3}x^3)y \end{cases}$$

Define the normalized factor

$$\frac{y(b \cos \theta + c)}{m}$$

where  $\theta$  is the azimuthal angle and  $c$  is the phase difference.

The simulations on the system for

a)  $x_0 = 0.1, y_0 = 0.1, b = -0.05, c = -0.01$ ,

b)  $x_0 = 0.1, y_0 = 0.1, b = 0.1, c = 0.011$

are depicted in Fig. 8–Fig. 9.

## 2. A look at the Jacobi-like polynomials

Proceeding in a similar fashion, interesting results for Jacobi–like polynomials are also found in [1]

$$P_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x) = \frac{1}{n} a_0(x)$$

$A_4$	$A_3$	$A_2$	$A_1$
5.4497	15.1585	27.9146	32.2551

Table 3: Normalized array coefficients (Soltis [1])

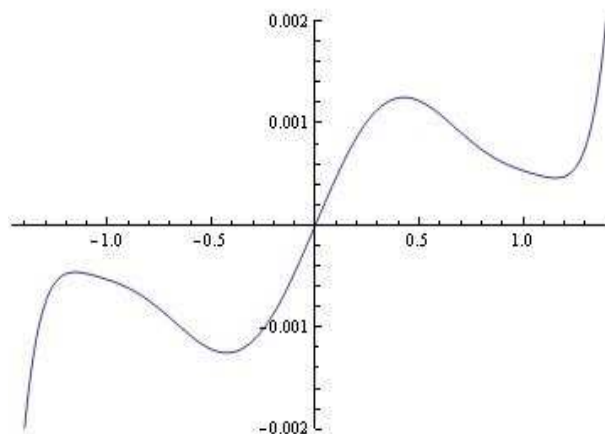


Figure 10: The polynomial  $P_9^{(-4.5, -4.5)}(x)$

for  $\alpha = \beta = -\frac{n}{2}$  and  $a_0(x)$  is recursively found from

$$a_{m-1}(x) = 1 - b_m a_m(x)(1 - x)$$

and

$$b_m = \frac{(n - m + 1)(\alpha + \beta + n + m)}{2m(\alpha + m)}.$$

For example we have [1] (see Fig. 10)

$$P_9^{(-4.5, -4.5)}(x) = 0.00195312x^9 - 0.00878906x^7 + 0.0153809x^5 - 0.0128174x^3 + 0.00480652x.$$

The model can be used successfully in modeling and approximating of "U and V-shaped transfer functions'.

Example 1. Let  $\alpha = -4.5, \beta = -4.5, x_0 = 1.81$ .

The simulation is depicted in Fig. 11.

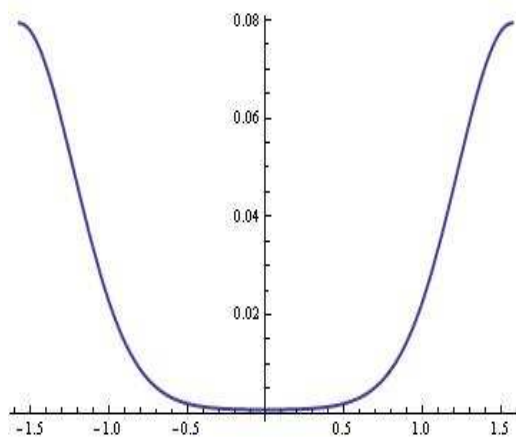


Figure 11: Example 1.)

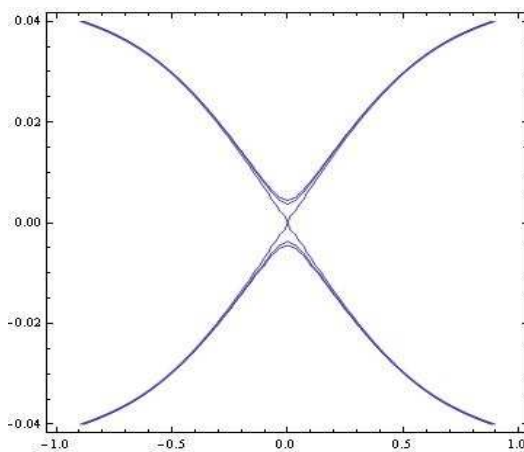


Figure 12: The level curves

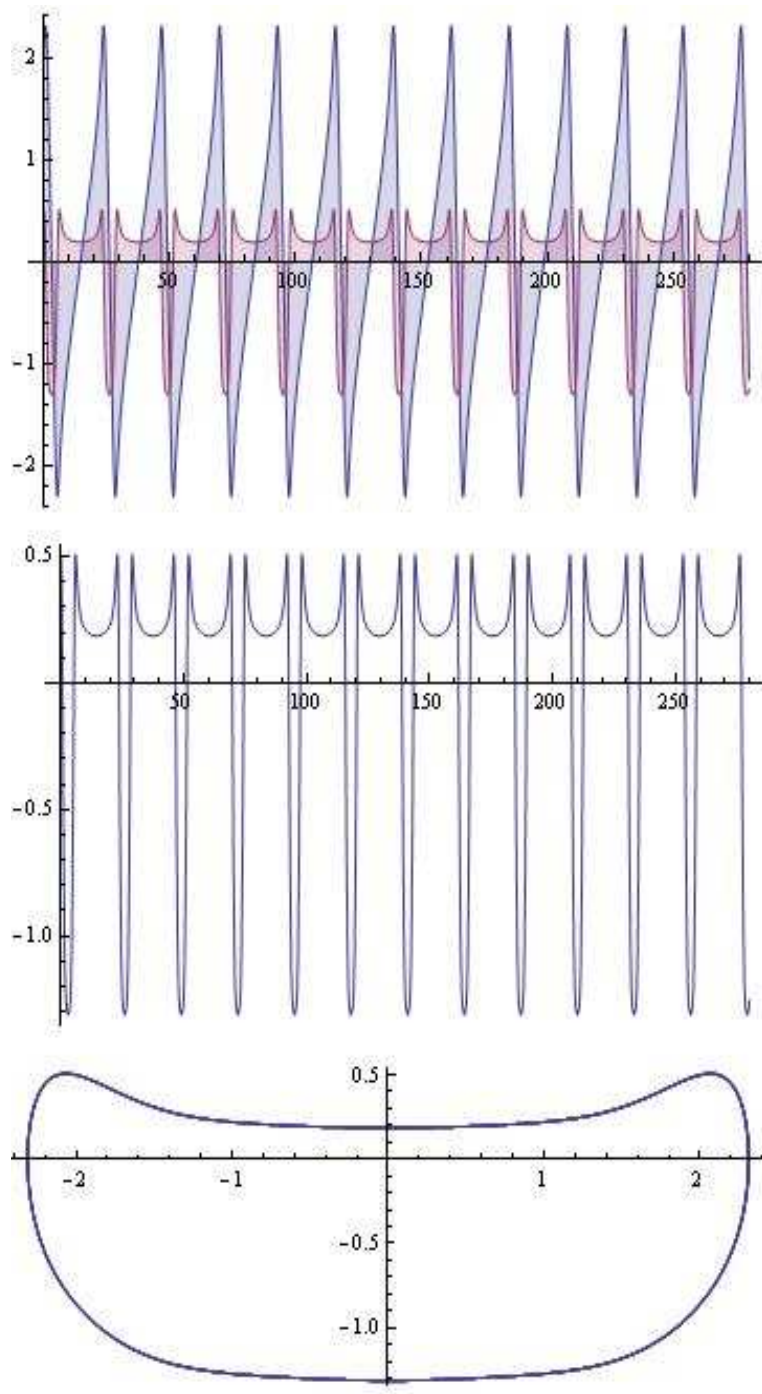


Figure 13: The simulations for  $x_0 = 2, y_0 = 0.5$ : a) solutions of the system b)  $y$ -component of the solution; c) the portrait.

Consider the system

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = y \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = -P_9^{(-4.5, -4.5)}(x) + 0.1(x - x^3 + x^5 - \frac{1}{7}x^7)y \end{cases}$$

The level curves  $L_{h_i} = \{H(x, y) = h_i\}$  where  $H(x, y)$  is the Hamiltonian of the system are depicted on Fig. 12.

The simulations on the system for  $x_0 = 2$ ,  $y_0 = 0.5$  are depicted in Fig. 13.

A new method to design a cosecant squared radiation pattern in a shaped reflector antenna is proposed in [2].

Surface of the proposed antenna is expanded by a set of modified Jacobi polynomials.

#### *Concluding remarks*

As far as the Dolph-Chebyshev technique for synthesis of filters is well known, we note that by analogy we can define the following hypothetical transmitting functions based on "Gegenbauer-like filter prototype":

$$|A|_1(\omega) = \frac{1}{1 + a^2 \left( C_n^{(-\alpha)} \left( \frac{2\omega}{2 - a_1 a} \right) \right)^2},$$

$$|A|_2(\omega) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{1 + a^2 \left( C_n^{(-\alpha)} \left( \frac{2 - a_1 a}{2\omega} \right) \right)^2}},$$

Example 1. The simulations for

a)  $n = 9$ ,  $\alpha = 4.5$ ,  $a = 0.18$ ,  $a_1 = 2.6469$

b)  $n = 9$ ,  $\alpha = 4.5$ ,  $a = 0.24$ ,  $a_1 = 2$

are depicted in Fig. 14–Fig. 15.

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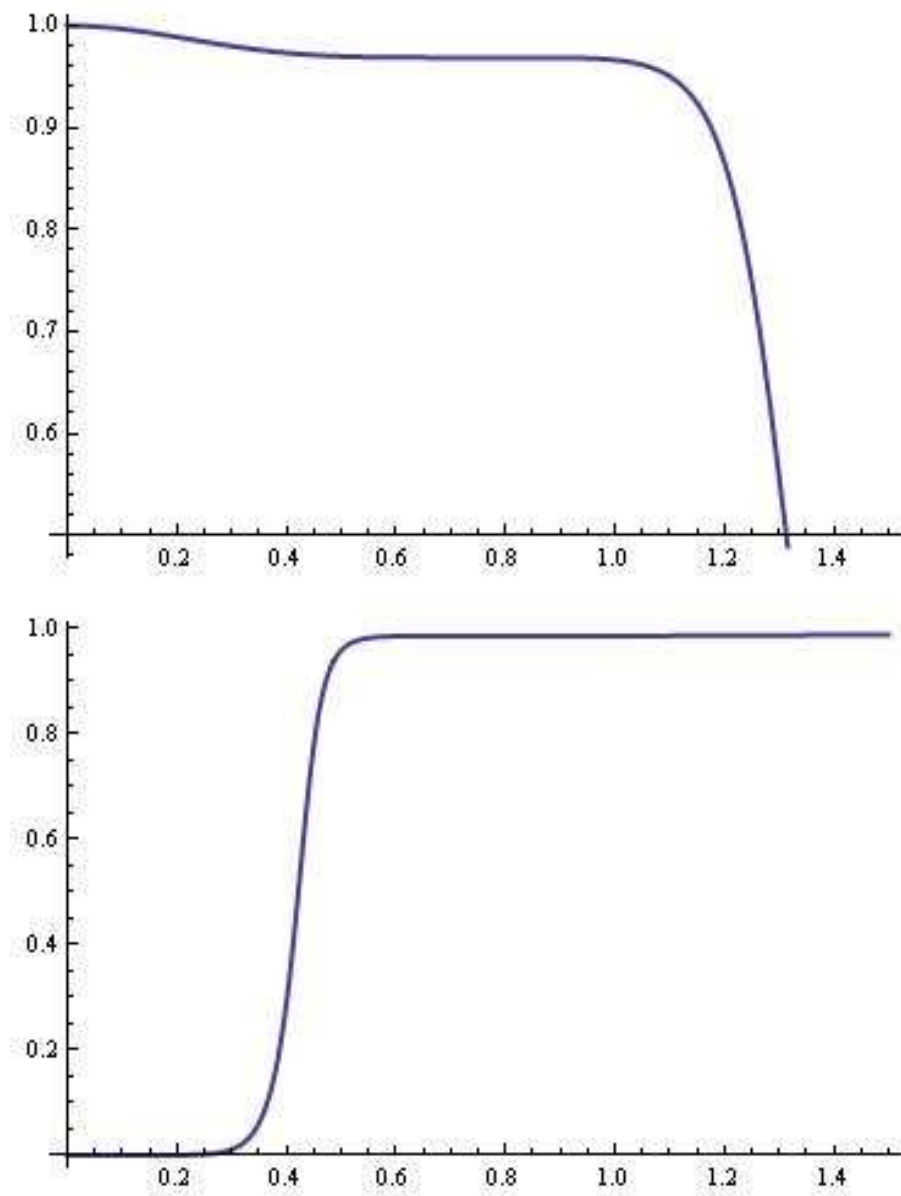


Figure 14: Example 1 a).

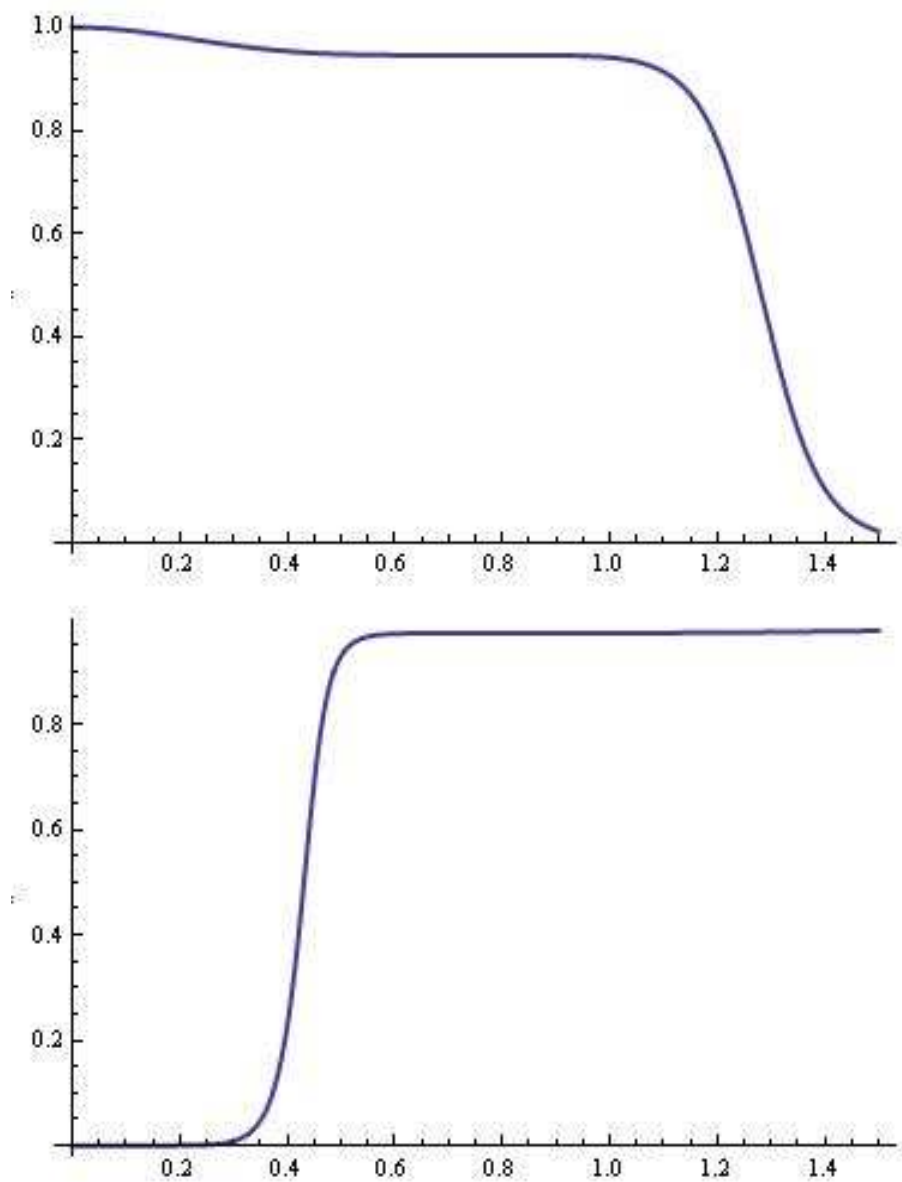


Figure 15: Example 1 b).

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