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POLYNOMIALS LEAST DEVIATING FROM ZERO ON A SQUARE OF THE COMPLEX PLANE

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The Chebyshev problem is studied on the square $\Pi = \{z = x + iy \in \mathbb{C} : \max\{|x|, |y|\} \leq 1\}$ of the complex plane \mathbb{C} . Let \mathfrak{P}_n be the set of algebraic polynomials of a given degree n with the unit leading coefficient. The problem is to find the smallest value $\tau_n(\Pi)$ of the uniform norm $\|p_n\|_{C(\Pi)}$ of polynomials $p_n \in \mathfrak{P}_n$ on the square Π and a polynomial with the smallest norm, which is called the Chebyshev polynomial (for the square). The Chebyshev constant $\tau(Q) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\tau_n(Q)}$ for the square is found. Thus, the logarithmic asymptotics of the least deviation $\tau_n(\Pi)$ with respect to the degree of a polynomial is found. The problem is solved exactly for polynomials of degrees from 1 to 7. The class of polynomials in the problem is restricted; more exactly, it is proved that, for $n = 4m + s$, $0 \leq s \leq 3$, it is sufficient to solve the problem on the set of polynomials $z^s q_m(z)$, $q_m \in \mathfrak{P}_m$. Effective two-sided estimates for the value of the least deviation $\tau_n(\Pi)$ with respect to n are obtained.

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