

The Zeros of Polar Derivative of Polynomials with Respect to Real Number

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Abstract: In this paper we obtain the size of the disc in which the zeros of polar derivatives of polynomial of degree n with real coefficients with respect to a real α lie.

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1. Introduction

To estimate the zeros of a polynomial is a long standing problem. It is an interesting area of research for many engineers as well as mathematicians and many results on the topic are available in the literature.

If $P(z) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i z^i$, be a polynomial of degree n then Polar Derivative of the polynomial $P(z)$ with respect to α , where α can be real or complex number, is defined as

$$D_\alpha P(z) = n P(z) + (\alpha - z) P'(z).$$

It is a polynomial of degree up to $n-1$. The polynomial $D_\alpha P(z)$ generalizes the ordinary derivative, in the sense that $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} D_\alpha P(z) / \alpha = P'(z)$.

The well-known results on Eneström-Keakeya theorem (see [1,2]) in theory of distribution of zeros of polynomials are the following.

Theorem (1): Let $P(z) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i z^i$ be a polynomial of degree n such that

$$0 < a_0 \leq a_1 \leq \dots \leq a_n.$$

Then all the zeros of $P(z)$ lie in $|z| \leq 1$.

A. Joyal, G. Labelle and Q.I.Rahman [3] obtained the following generalization, by considering the coefficients to be real instead of being only positive.

Theorem (2): Let $P(z) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i z^i$ be a polynomial of degree n such that

$$a_0 \leq a_1 \leq \dots \leq a_n.$$

Then all the zeros of $P(z)$ lie in $|z| \leq |a_n|^{-1} \{a_n - a_0 + |a_0|\}$.

This paper we prove the following results.

Aziz and Zargar [1] relaxed the hypothesis of Eneström-Keakeya theorem in a different way and proved the following results.

Theorem (3): Let $P(z) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i z^i$ be a polynomial of degree n such that $k \geq 1$,

$$0 < a_0 \leq a_1 \leq \dots \leq a_{n-1} \leq k a_n.$$

Then all the zeros of $P(z)$ lie in $|z+k-1| \leq k$.

Theorem (4): Let $P(z) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i z^i$ be a polynomial of degree n such that $k \geq 1$,

$$a_0 \leq a_1 \leq \dots \leq a_{n-1} \leq k a_n.$$

Then all the zeros of $P(z)$ lie in $|z+k-1| \leq |a_n|^{-1} \{k a_n - a_0 + |a_0|\}$.

2. Zeros of Polar Derivative of Polynomial $P(z)$

This section is concerned with the location of the zeros of the polar derivative of a polynomial with real coefficients with respect to a real number.

Theorem (5): Let $P(z) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i z^i$ be a polynomial of degree n such that $k \geq 1$,

$$a_0 \leq a_1 \leq \dots \leq a_{n-1} \leq k a_n \geq a_{m+1} \geq \dots \geq a_{n-1} \geq a_n$$

$$(n-i)a_i \leq a_{i+1}, i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m-1$$

$$j a_j \leq (j-1)a_{j-1}, j = m+1, \dots, n.$$

Then for a real α the polar derivatives of $P(z)$ with respect to α has at most $n-1$ zeros and they lie in

$$|z| \leq |a_{n-1} + \alpha n a_n|^{-1} \{ -a_{n-1} - \alpha n a_n + k(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} + (n-2m)(k-1)|a_m| + |(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} - (n-m+1)a_{m-1} - \alpha m a_m| + (n-m+1)a_{m-1} + k m a_m - n a_0 - \alpha a_1 + |n a_0 + \alpha a_1| \}.$$

Proof: Let $P(z) = a_0 + a_1 z + a_2 z^2 + \dots + a_n z^n$ be a polynomial of degree n .

Then the polar derivative of $P(z)$ is given by $D_\alpha P(z) = n P(z) + (\alpha - z) P'(z)$.

Then

$$D_\alpha P(z) = [n a_0 + \alpha a_1] + [(n-1)a_1 + 2\alpha a_2] z + [(n-2)a_2 + 3\alpha a_3] z^2 + \dots + [(n-m+1)a_{m-1} + \alpha m a_m] z^{m-1} + [(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1}] z^m + [(n-m-1)a_{m+1} + \alpha(m+2)a_{m+2}] z^{m+1} + \dots + [2a_{n-2} + \alpha(n-1)a_{n-1}] z^{n-2} + [a_{n-1} + \alpha n a_n] z^{n-1}.$$

Now consider the polynomial $Q(z) = (1-z) D_\alpha P(z)$ so that $Q(z) = -[a_{n-1} + \alpha n a_n] z^n + [a_{n-1} + \alpha n a_n - 2a_{n-2} - \alpha(n-1)a_{n-1}] z^{n-1} + \dots$

$$+ [(n-m-1)a_{m+1} + \alpha(m+2)a_{m+2} - (n-m)a_m - \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1}] z^{m+1} + [(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} - (n-m+1)a_{m-1} - \alpha m a_m] z^m + [(n-m+1)a_{m-1} + \alpha m a_m - (n-m+2)a_{m-2} - \alpha(m-1)a_{m-1}] z^{m-1} + \dots + [(n-2)a_2 + 3\alpha a_3 - (n-1)a_1 - 2\alpha a_2] z^2 + [(n-1)a_1 + 2\alpha a_2 - n a_0 - \alpha a_1] z + [n a_0 + \alpha a_1].$$

Now if $|z| > 1$ then $|z|^{-(n-i)} < 1$ for $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n-1$

Further

$$|Q(z)| \geq |a_{n-1} + \alpha n a_n| |z|^n - \{ |a_{n-1} + \alpha n a_n - 2a_{n-2} - \alpha(n-1)a_{n-1}| |z|^{n-1} + \dots + |(n-m-1)a_{m+1} + \alpha(m+2)a_{m+2} - (n-m)a_m - \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1}| |z|^{m+1} \}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &+|(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} - (n-m+1)a_{m-1} - \alpha a_m ||z|^m \\
 &+|(n-m+1)a_{m-1} + \alpha a_m - (n-m+2)a_{m-2} - \alpha(m-1)a_{m-1} ||z|^{m-1} \\
 &+|(n-2)a_2 + 3\alpha a_3 - (n-1)a_1 - 2\alpha a_2| |z|^2 + |(n-1)a_1 + 2\alpha a_2 - na_0 - \alpha a_1| |z| \\
 &+|na_0 + \alpha a_1| \}. \\
 &\geq |a_{n-1} + \alpha a_n| |z|^{n-1} [|z| - |a_{n-1} + \alpha a_n|^{-1} \{ |a_{n-1} + \alpha a_n - 2a_{n-2} - \alpha(n-1)a_{n-1}| + |2a_{n-2} + \alpha(n-1)a_{n-1} - 3a_{n-3} - \alpha(n-2)a_{n-2}| + \dots \\
 &+|(n-m-1)a_{m+1} + \alpha(m+2)a_{m+2} - (n-m)a_m - \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} ||z|^{-(n-m-2)} \\
 &+|(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} - (n-m+1)a_{m-1} - \alpha a_m ||z|^{-(n-m-1)} \\
 &+|(n-m+1)a_{m-1} + \alpha a_m - (n-m+2)a_{m-2} - \alpha(m-1)a_{m-1} ||z|^{-(n-m)} + \dots \\
 &+|(n-2)a_2 + 3\alpha a_3 - (n-1)a_1 - 2\alpha a_2| |z|^{-(n-3)} + |(n-1)a_1 + 2\alpha a_2 - na_0 - \alpha a_1| |z|^{-(n-2)} + |na_0 + \alpha a_1| |z|^{-(n-1)} \}.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\geq |a_{n-1} + \alpha a_n| |z|^{n-1} [|z| - |a_{n-1} + \alpha a_n|^{-1} \{ |a_{n-1} + \alpha a_n - 2a_{n-2} - \alpha(n-1)a_{n-1}| + |2a_{n-2} + \alpha(n-1)a_{n-1} - 3a_{n-3} - \alpha(n-2)a_{n-2}| + \dots \\
 &+|(n-m-1)a_{m+1} + \alpha(m+2)a_{m+2} - (n-m)a_m - \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1}| \\
 &+|(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} - (n-m+1)a_{m-1} - \alpha a_m | \\
 &+|(n-m+1)a_{m-1} + \alpha a_m - (n-m+2)a_{m-2} - \alpha(m-1)a_{m-1}| + \dots \\
 &+|(n-2)a_2 + 3\alpha a_3 - (n-1)a_1 - 2\alpha a_2| + |(n-1)a_1 + 2\alpha a_2 - na_0 - \alpha a_1| + |na_0 + \alpha a_1| \}.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\geq |a_{n-1} + \alpha a_n| |z|^{n-1} [|z| - |a_{n-1} + \alpha a_n|^{-1} \{ |a_{n-1} + \alpha a_n - 2a_{n-2} - \alpha(n-1)a_{n-1}| + |2a_{n-2} + \alpha(n-1)a_{n-1} - 3a_{n-3} - \alpha(n-2)a_{n-2}| + \dots \\
 &+|(n-m-1)a_{m+1} + \alpha(m+2)a_{m+2} - k(n-m)a_m - \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} \\
 &+k(n-m)a_m - (n-m)a_m| + |(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} - (n-m+1)a_{m-1} - \alpha a_m | \\
 &+|(n-m+1)a_{m-1} + \alpha k a_m - \alpha k a_m + \alpha a_m - (n-m+2)a_{m-2} - \alpha(m-1)a_{m-1}| + \dots \\
 &+|(n-2)a_2 + 3\alpha a_3 - (n-1)a_1 - 2\alpha a_2| + |(n-1)a_1 + 2\alpha a_2 - na_0 - \alpha a_1| \\
 &+|na_0 + \alpha a_1| \}.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\geq |a_{n-1} + \alpha a_n| |z|^{n-1} (|z| - |a_{n-1} + \alpha a_n|^{-1} \{ [2a_{n-2} + \alpha(n-1)a_{n-1} - a_{n-1} - \alpha a_n] + [3a_{n-3} + \alpha(n-2)a_{n-2} - 2a_{n-2} - \alpha(n-1)a_{n-1}] + \dots \\
 &+ [k(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} - (n-m-1)a_{m+1} \\
 &- \alpha(m+2)a_{m+2}] + (k-1)(n-m)|a_m| + |(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} \\
 &- (n-m+1)a_{m-1} - \alpha a_m| + [(n-m+1)a_{m-1} + \alpha k a_m - (n-m+2)a_{m-2} \\
 &- \alpha(m-1)a_{m-1} + (1-k)|a_m|] + \dots + [(n-2)a_2 + 3\alpha a_3 - (n-1)a_1 - 2\alpha a_2] \\
 &+ [(n-1)a_1 + 2\alpha a_2 - na_0 - \alpha a_1] + |na_0 + \alpha a_1| \}.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\geq |a_{n-1} + \alpha a_n| |z|^{n-1} (|z| - |a_{n-1} + \alpha a_n|^{-1} \{ -a_{n-1} - \alpha a_n + k(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} + (n-2m)(k-1)|a_m| \\
 &+ |(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} - (n-m+1)a_{m-1} - \alpha a_m| \\
 &+ (n-m+1)a_{m-1} + \alpha k a_m - na_0 - \alpha a_1 + |na_0 + \alpha a_1| \} \\
 &> 0 \text{ if } |z| > |a_{n-1} + \alpha a_n|^{-1} \{ -a_{n-1} - \alpha a_n + k(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} + (n-2m)(k-1)|a_m| \\
 &+ |(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} - (n-m+1)a_{m-1} - \alpha a_m| \\
 &+ (n-m+1)a_{m-1} + \alpha k a_m - na_0 - \alpha a_1 + |na_0 + \alpha a_1| \} \\
 &\text{This shows that if } |z| > |a_{n-1} + \alpha a_n|^{-1} \{ -a_{n-1} - \alpha a_n + k(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} + (n-2m)(k-1)|a_m| + |(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} \\
 &- (n-m+1)a_{m-1} - \alpha a_m| + (n-m+1)a_{m-1} + \alpha k a_m - na_0 - \alpha a_1 + |na_0 + \alpha a_1| \}, \text{ then } Q(z) > 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence all the zeros of Q(z) with $|z| > 1$ lie in $|z| \leq |a_{n-1} + \alpha a_n|^{-1} \{ -a_{n-1} - \alpha a_n + k(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} + (n-2m)(k-1)|a_m| + |(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} - (n-m+1)a_{m-1} - \alpha a_m| + (n-m+1)a_{m-1} + \alpha k a_m - na_0 - \alpha a_1 + |na_0 + \alpha a_1| \}$.
 But those zeros of Q(z) whose modulus is less than or equal to 1, already satisfy the above inequality, since all the zeros

of $D_\alpha P(z)$ are also the zeros of Q(z) as they lie in the circle defined by the above inequality. This completes the proof of the theorem.

Corollary 6 : Let $P(z) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i z^i$ be a polynomial of degree n such that $k \geq 1$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &a_0 \leq a_1 \leq \dots \leq k a_m \geq a_{m+1} \geq \dots a_{n-1} \geq a_n \\
 &(n-i)a_i \leq a_{i+1}, i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m-1 \\
 &j a_j \leq (j-1)a_{j-1}, j = m+1, \dots, n.
 \end{aligned}$$

then for a real $\alpha \neq -a_{n-1}/na_n$ the polar derivative of P(z) with respect to α has exactly n-1 zeros and they lie in $|z| \leq |a_{n-1} + \alpha a_n|^{-1} \{ -a_{n-1} - \alpha a_n + k(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} + (n-2m)(k-1)|a_m| + |(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} - (n-m+1)a_{m-1} - \alpha a_m| + (n-m+1)a_{m-1} + \alpha k a_m - na_0 - \alpha a_1 + |na_0 + \alpha a_1| \}$.

Indeed, if real $\alpha \neq -a_{n-1}/na_n$ then $D_\alpha P(z)$ is of n-1 degree so it has n-1.

Corollary 7 : Let $P(z) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i z^i$ be a polynomial of degree n such that $k \geq 1$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &a_0 \leq a_1 \leq \dots \leq k a_m \geq a_{m+1} \geq \dots a_{n-1} \geq a_n \\
 &(n-i)a_i \leq a_{i+1}, i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m-1 \\
 &j a_j \geq (j-1)a_{j-1}, j = m+1, \dots, n.
 \end{aligned}$$

then for a real α the polar derivatives of P(z) with respect to α has at most n-1 zeros and they lie in $|z| \leq |a_{n-1} + \alpha a_n|^{-1} \{ -a_{n-1} - \alpha a_n + (n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} + |(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} - (n-m+1)a_{m-1} - \alpha a_m| + (n-m+1)a_{m-1} + \alpha a_m - na_0 - \alpha a_1 + |na_0 + \alpha a_1| \}$.

The above corollary is obtained by taking $k=1$.

Theorem 8: Let $P(z) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i z^i$ be a polynomial of degree n such that $k \geq 1$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &a_0 \leq a_1 \leq \dots \leq k a_m \geq a_{m+1} \geq \dots a_{p-1} \geq a_p \\
 &(n-i)a_i \leq a_{i+1}, i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m-1 \\
 &j a_j \leq (j-1)a_{j-1}, j = m+1, \dots, p
 \end{aligned}$$

then for a real $\alpha = -a_{n-1}/na_n = \dots = -(n-m-1)a_{p+1}/(p+2)a_{p+2}$, where $p = m+1, \dots, n$ the polar derivative of P(z) with respect to α has p zeros and they lie in $|z| \leq |(n-p)a_p + \alpha(p+1)a_{p+1}|^{-1} \{ -(n-p)a_p - \alpha(p+1)a_{p+1} + k(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} + (n-2m)(k-1)|a_m| + |(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} - (n-m+1)a_{m-1} - \alpha a_m| + (n-m+1)a_{m-1} + \alpha k a_m - na_0 - \alpha a_1 + |na_0 + \alpha a_1| \}$.

Proof: Let $P(z) = a_0 + a_1 z + a_2 z^2 + \dots + a_n z^n$ be a polynomial of degree n.

Then the polar derivative of P(z) is given by $D_\alpha P(z) = n P(z) + (\alpha - z) P'(z)$. Then $D_\alpha P(z) = [na_0 + \alpha a_1] + [(n-1)a_1 + 2\alpha a_2] z + [(n-2)a_2 + 3\alpha a_3] z^2 + \dots + [(n-m+1)a_{m-1} + \alpha a_m] z^{m-1} + [(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1}] z^m + [(n-m-1)a_{m+1} + \alpha(m+2)a_{m+2}] z^{m+1} + \dots + [2a_{n-2} + \alpha(n-1)a_{n-1}] z^{n-2} + [a_{n-1} + \alpha a_n] z^{n-1}$.
 As $\alpha = -a_{n-1}/na_n = \dots = -(n-m-1)a_{p+1}/(p+2)a_{p+2}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &D_\alpha P(z) = [(n-p)a_p + \alpha(p+1)a_{p+1}] z^p + [(n-p+1)a_{p-1} + \alpha p a_p] z^{p-1} \\
 &+ [(n-p+2)a_{p-2} + \alpha(p-1)a_{p-1}] + \dots \\
 &+ [(n-2)a_2 + 3\alpha a_3] z^2 + [(n-1)a_1 + 2\alpha a_2] z + [na_0 + \alpha a_1] \\
 &\text{Now consider the polynomial } Q(z) = (1-z) D_\alpha P(z) \text{ so that} \\
 &Q(z) = -[(n-p)a_p + \alpha(p+1)a_{p+1}] z^{p+1} + [(n-p)a_p + \alpha(p+1)a_{p+1} - (n-p+1)a_{p-1} \\
 &- \alpha p a_p] z^p + \dots + [(n-m-1)a_{m+1} + \alpha(m+2)a_{m+2} - (n-m)a_m - \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1}] z^{m+1} \\
 &+ [(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} - (n-m+1)a_{m-1} - \alpha a_m] z^m + [(n-m+1)a_{m-1} \\
 &- \alpha a_m] z^{m-1} + \dots + [2a_{n-2} + \alpha(n-1)a_{n-1}] z^{n-2} + [a_{n-1} + \alpha a_n] z^{n-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$+ \alpha a_m - (n-m+2)a_{m-2} - \alpha(m-1)a_{m-1} z^{m-1} + \dots$$

$$+ [(n-2)a_2 + 3\alpha a_3 - (n-1)a_1 - 2\alpha a_2] z^2 + [(n-1)a_1 + 2\alpha a_2 - na_0 - \alpha a_1] z$$

$$+ [na_0 + \alpha a_1].$$

Now if $|z| > 1$ then $|z|^{-(n-i)} < 1$ for $i = n-1, \dots, n-p$

Further,

$$|Q(z)| \geq |(n-p)a_p + \alpha(p+1)a_{p+1}| |z|^{p+1} - \{ |(n-p)a_p + \alpha(p+1)a_{p+1} - (n-p+1)a_{p-1} - \alpha p a_p | |z|^p + |(n-p+1)a_{p-1} - \alpha p a_p - (n-p+2)a_{p-2} - \alpha(p-1)a_{p-1} | |z|^{p-1} + \dots + |(n-m-1)a_{m+1} + \alpha(m+2)a_{m+2} - (n-m)a_m - \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} | |z|^{m+1}$$

$$+ |(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} - (n-m+1)a_{m-1} - \alpha m a_m | |z|^m$$

$$+ |(n-m+1)a_{m-1} + \alpha m a_m - (n-m+2)a_{m-2} - \alpha(m-1)a_{m-1} | |z|^{m-1} + \dots$$

$$+ |(n-2)a_2 + 3\alpha a_3 - (n-1)a_1 - 2\alpha a_2 | |z|^2 + |(n-1)a_1 + 2\alpha a_2 - na_0 - \alpha a_1 | |z|$$

$$+ |na_0 + \alpha a_1 \}$$

$$\geq |(n-p)a_p + \alpha(p+1)a_{p+1}| |z|^p [|z| - |(n-p)a_p + \alpha(p+1)a_{p+1}|^{-1} \{ |(n-p)a_p + \alpha(p+1)a_{p+1} - (n-p+1)a_{p-1} - \alpha p a_p | + |(n-p+1)a_{p-1} - \alpha p a_p - (n-p+2)a_{p-2} - \alpha(p-1)a_{p-1} | + \dots$$

$$+ |(n-m-1)a_{m+1} + \alpha(m+2)a_{m+2} - (n-m)a_m - \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} | |z|^{-(p-m-1)}$$

$$+ |(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} - (n-m+1)a_{m-1} - \alpha m a_m | |z|^{-(p-m)}$$

$$+ |(n-m+1)a_{m-1} + \alpha m a_m - (n-m+2)a_{m-2} - \alpha(m-1)a_{m-1} | |z|^{-(p-m+1)} + \dots$$

$$+ |(n-2)a_2 + 3\alpha a_3 - (n-1)a_1 - 2\alpha a_2 | |z|^{-(p-2)}$$

$$+ |(n-1)a_1 + 2\alpha a_2 - na_0 - \alpha a_1 | |z|^{-(p-1)} + |na_0 + \alpha a_1 | |z|^{-p} \}$$

$$\geq |(n-p)a_p + \alpha(p+1)a_{p+1}| |z|^p [|z| - |(n-p)a_p + \alpha(p+1)a_{p+1}|^{-1} \{ |(n-p)a_p + \alpha(p+1)a_{p+1} - (n-p+1)a_{p-1} - \alpha p a_p | + |(n-p+1)a_{p-1} - \alpha p a_p - (n-p+2)a_{p-2} - \alpha(p-1)a_{p-1} | + \dots$$

$$+ |(n-m-1)a_{m+1} + \alpha(m+2)a_{m+2} - k(n-m)a_m - \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} + k(n-m)a_m - (n-m)a_m |$$

$$+ |(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} - (n-m+1)a_{m-1} - \alpha m a_m |$$

$$+ |(n-m+1)a_{m-1} + \alpha k m a_m - (n-m+2)a_{m-2} - \alpha(m-1)a_{m-1} - \alpha k m a_m + \alpha m a_m | + \dots$$

$$+ |(n-2)a_2 + 3\alpha a_3 - (n-1)a_1 - 2\alpha a_2 | + |(n-1)a_1 + 2\alpha a_2 - na_0 - \alpha a_1 | + |na_0 + \alpha a_1 |$$

$$\geq |(n-p)a_p + \alpha(p+1)a_{p+1}| |z|^p [|z| - |(n-p)a_p + \alpha(p+1)a_{p+1}|^{-1} \{ |(n-p)a_p + \alpha(p+1)a_{p+1} - (n-p+1)a_{p-1} - \alpha p a_p | + |(n-p+1)a_{p-1} - \alpha p a_p - (n-p+2)a_{p-2} - \alpha(p-1)a_{p-1} | + \dots$$

$$+ |(n-m-1)a_{m+1} + \alpha(m+2)a_{m+2} - k(n-m)a_m - \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} + k(n-m)a_m - (n-m)a_m |$$

$$+ |(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} - (n-m+1)a_{m-1} - \alpha m a_m |$$

$$+ |(n-m+1)a_{m-1} + \alpha k m a_m - (n-m+2)a_{m-2} - \alpha(m-1)a_{m-1} - \alpha k m a_m + \alpha m a_m | + \dots$$

$$+ |(n-2)a_2 + 3\alpha a_3 - (n-1)a_1 - 2\alpha a_2 | + |(n-1)a_1 + 2\alpha a_2 - na_0 - \alpha a_1 | + |na_0 + \alpha a_1 |$$

$$\geq |(n-p)a_p + \alpha(p+1)a_{p+1}| |z|^p [|z| - |(n-p)a_p + \alpha(p+1)a_{p+1}|^{-1} \{ -(n-p)a_p - \alpha(p+1)a_{p+1}$$

$$+ (n-p+1)a_{p-1} + \alpha p a_p - (n-p+1)a_{p-1} - \alpha p a_p + (n-p+2)a_{p-2} + \alpha(p-1)a_{p-1} | + \dots$$

$$- (n-m-1)a_{m+1} - \alpha(m+2)a_{m+2} + k(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} + (k-1)(n-m)a_m |$$

$$+ |(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} - (n-m+1)a_{m-1} - \alpha m a_m | - (n-m+2)a_{m-2} - \alpha(m-1)a_{m-1}$$

$$+ (n-m+1)a_{m-1} + \alpha k m a_m + (1-k)m |a_m| + \dots - (n-1)a_1 - 2\alpha a_2 + (n-2)a_2 + 3\alpha a_3$$

$$- na_0 - \alpha a_1 + (n-1)a_1 + 2\alpha a_2 + |na_0 + \alpha a_1 \}$$

$$\geq |(n-p)a_p + \alpha(p+1)a_{p+1}| |z|^p [|z| - |(n-p)a_p + \alpha(p+1)a_{p+1}|^{-1} \{ -(n-p)a_p - \alpha(p+1)a_{p+1}$$

$$+ k(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} + (k-1)(n-m)|a_m| + (n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} - (n-m+1)a_{m-1} - \alpha m a_m |$$

$$+ (n-m+1)a_{m-1} + \alpha k m a_m + (1-k)m |a_m| - na_0 - \alpha a_1 + |na_0 + \alpha a_1 \}$$

$$\geq |(n-p)a_p + \alpha(p+1)a_{p+1}| |z|^p [|z| - |(n-p)a_p + \alpha(p+1)a_{p+1}|^{-1} \{ -(n-p)a_p - \alpha(p+1)a_{p+1}$$

$$+ [k(n-m) + \alpha m] a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} + (k-1)(n-2m) |a_m|$$

$$+ |(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} - (n-m+1)a_{m-1} - \alpha m a_m |$$

$$+ (n-m+1)a_{m-1} - na_0 - \alpha a_1 + |na_0 + \alpha a_1 \}$$

$$> 0 \text{ if } |z| > |(n-p)a_p + \alpha(p+1)a_{p+1}|^{-1} \{ -(n-p)a_p - \alpha(p+1)a_{p+1}$$

$$+ [k(n-m) + \alpha m] a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} + (k-1)(n-2m) |a_m|$$

$$+ |(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} - (n-m+1)a_{m-1} - \alpha m a_m |$$

$$+ (n-m+1)a_{m-1} - na_0 - \alpha a_1 + |na_0 + \alpha a_1 \}$$

This shows that if $|z| > |(n-p)a_p + \alpha(p+1)a_{p+1}|^{-1} \{ -(n-p)a_p - \alpha(p+1)a_{p+1} + [k(n-m) + \alpha m] a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} + (k-1)(n-2m) |a_m| + |(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} - (n-m+1)a_{m-1} - \alpha m a_m | + (n-m+1)a_{m-1} - na_0 - \alpha a_1 + |na_0 + \alpha a_1 | \}$, then $Q(z) > 0$.

Hence all the zeros of $Q(z)$ with $|z| > 1$ lie in $|z| \leq |(n-p)a_p + \alpha(p+1)a_{p+1}|^{-1} \{ -(n-p)a_p - \alpha(p+1)a_{p+1} + [k(n-m) + \alpha m] a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} + (k-1)(n-2m) |a_m| + |(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} - (n-m+1)a_{m-1} - \alpha m a_m | + (n-m+1)a_{m-1} - na_0 - \alpha a_1 + |na_0 + \alpha a_1 | \}$.

But those zeros of $Q(z)$ whose modulus is less than or equal to 1, already satisfy the above inequality, since all the zeros of $D_\alpha P(z)$ are also the zeros of $Q(z)$ as they lie in the circle defined by the above inequality. Hence proof of the theorem is complete.

Corollary : 9 Let $P(z) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i z^i$ be a polynomial of degree n such that

$$a_0 \leq a_1 \leq \dots \leq a_m \geq a_{m+1} \geq \dots \geq a_p \geq a_{p+1}$$

$$(n-i)a_i \leq a_{i+1}, i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m-1$$

$$j a_j \leq (j-1)a_{j-1}, j = m+1, \dots, p$$

then for a real $\alpha = -a_n / na_n = \dots = -(n-m-1)a_{p+1} / (p+2)a_{p+2}$, where $p = m+1, \dots, n$ the polar derivative of $P(z)$ with respect to α has p zeros and they lie in

$$|z| \leq |(n-p)a_p + \alpha(p+1)a_{p+1}|^{-1} \{ -(n-p)a_p - \alpha(p+1)a_{p+1} + (n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1}$$

$$+ |(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} - (n-m+1)a_{m-1} - \alpha m a_m |$$

$$+ (n-m+1)a_{m-1} + \alpha m a_m - na_0 - \alpha a_1 + |na_0 + \alpha a_1 | \}$$

The above corollary is obtained by taking $k=1$ in theorem 8.

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