

SOME EXTENSION AND GENERALIZATION OF
THE BOUNDS FOR THE ZEROS OF A POLYNOMIAL
WITH RESTRICTED COEFFICIENTS

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Abstract: Let $P(z)$ be a polynomial of degree n with decreasing coefficients. Then all its zeros lie in $|z| \leq 1$. In this paper we present some generalizations of this result and a refinement of a classical bounds.

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1. Introduction

The location of the zeros of a polynomial with restricted coefficients have been invoked by Enestrom and Kakeya [1] and Abdul Aziz, Bashir Ahmad Zargar [3], also see M.H. Gulzar [5]. It has been shown in [1] that if

$$p(z) = a_n z^n + a_{n-1} z^{n-1} + a_{n-2} z^{n-2} + \dots + a_1 z + a_0$$

be a polynomial of degree n , such that $a_n \geq a_{n-1} \geq \dots \geq a_1 \geq a_0$, then $p(z)$ does not vanish in

$$|z| > 1. \tag{1}$$

Also, it has been shown in [6] that if

$$p(z) = a_n z^n + a_{n-1} z^{n-1} + a_{n-2} z^{n-2} + \dots + a_1 z + a_0$$

be a polynomial of degree n , then all the zeros of $p(z)$ lie in the closed disk

$$\left| z + \frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} - 1 \right| \leq \frac{1}{|a_n|} \{2a_\lambda - a_{n-1} + |a_0| (2 - \rho) - \rho a_0\}, \quad (2)$$

for some positive numbers ρ , with $0 < \rho \leq 1$, and $\lambda, 0 \leq \lambda \leq n-1, a_n \leq a_{n-1} \leq \dots \leq a_\lambda \geq a_{\lambda-1} \geq \dots \geq a_1 \geq \rho a_0$.

The aim of this paper is to present some generalizations of the result “all its zeros lie in” $|z| \leq 1$ and a refinement of a classical bounds.

2. Main Results

Theorem 2.1. *Let*

$$p(z) = a_n z^n + a_{n-1} z^{n-1} + a_{n-2} z^{n-2} + \dots + a_1 z + a_0$$

be a polynomial of degree n , then all the zeros of $p(z)$ lie in the closed disk

$$|z + k_1 - 1| \leq k_1 + k_2 \frac{a_\lambda}{a_n} + \frac{2a_0}{a_n} (1 - \rho), \quad (3)$$

for some positive numbers k_1, k_2, ρ , and λ , with $k_1, k_2 \geq 1, 0 < \rho \leq 1, 0 < \lambda \leq n-1$, and $k_1 a_n \geq a_{n-1} \geq \dots \geq k_2 a_\lambda \geq a_{\lambda-1} \geq \dots \geq \rho a_0 \geq 0$.

Proof. Consider

$$\begin{aligned} F(z) &= (1-z)p(z) = -a_n z^{n+1} + (a_n - a_{n-1})z^n + \dots + (a_1 - a_0)z + a_0 \\ &= -a_n z^{n+1} + a_n z^n - k_1 a_n z^n + (k_1 a_n - a_{n-1})z^n + \dots + a_\lambda z^\lambda \\ &\quad - k_2 a_\lambda z^\lambda + (k_2 a_\lambda - a_{\lambda-1})z^\lambda + \dots + (a_1 - \rho a_0)z + (\rho - 1)a_0 z + a_0. \end{aligned}$$

Then, if $|z| > 1$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |F(z)| &= \left| -a_n z^{n+1} + a_n z^n - k_1 a_n z^n + (k_1 a_n - a_{n-1})z^n + \dots + a_\lambda z^\lambda \right. \\ &\quad \left. - k_2 a_\lambda z^\lambda + (k_2 a_\lambda - a_{\lambda-1})z^\lambda + \dots + (a_1 - \rho a_0)z + (\rho - 1)a_0 z + a_0 \right| \\ &\geq |a_n| |z|^n \left[\left| z + k_1 - 1 \right| - \frac{1}{|a_n|} \left\{ (k_1 a_n - a_{n-1}) + (a_{n-1} - a_{n-2}) \frac{1}{z} + \dots \right\} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -k_2 a_\lambda z^\lambda + (k_2 a_\lambda - a_{\lambda-1})z^\lambda + \dots + (a_0 - \rho a_0)z + (\rho - 1) \frac{a_0}{z^n} + \frac{a_0}{z^n} \Big\} \Big] \\
 & \geq |a_n| |z|^n \left[|z + k_1 - 1| - \frac{1}{|a_n|} \{k_1 a_n + k_2 a_\lambda - \rho a_0 + (1 - \rho) |a_0| + |a_0|\} \right] \\
 & = |a_n| |z|^n \left[|z + k_1 - 1| - \frac{1}{a_n} \{k_1 a_n + k_2 a_\lambda - \rho a_0 + (1 - \rho) |a_0| + a_0\} \right] > 0,
 \end{aligned}$$

if

$$|z + k_1 - 1| > \frac{k_1 a_n + k_2 a_\lambda - \rho a_0 + (1 - \rho) |a_0| + a_0}{a_n},$$

then we shows that

$$|z| > 1 \rightarrow |F(z)| > 0.$$

Also, if

$$|z + k_1 - 1| > k_1 + k_2 \frac{a_\lambda}{a_n} + \frac{2a_0}{a_n} (1 - \rho),$$

then all the zeros of $p(z)$ lie in the closed disk

$$|z + k_1 - 1| \leq k_1 + k_2 \frac{a_\lambda}{a_n} + \frac{2a_0}{a_n} (1 - \rho).$$

If we take $k_1 = \frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} \geq 1$, $k_2 = \frac{a_n}{a} \geq 1$, in Theorem 2.1, then we obtain the following corollary.

Corollary 2.1. *Let*

$$p(z) = a_n z^n + a_{n-1} z^{n-1} + a_{n-2} z^{n-2} + \dots + a_1 z + a_0$$

be a polynomial of degree n . Then all the zeros of $p(z)$ lie in the closed disk

$$\left| z + \frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} - 1 \right| \leq \frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} + 1 + \frac{2a_0}{a_n} (1 - \rho), \tag{4}$$

, for some positive numbers ρ and λ , with $0 < \rho \leq 1$, $0 < \lambda \leq n - 1$, and $a_{n-1} \geq a_{n-2} \geq \dots \geq a_n \geq a_{\lambda-1} \geq \dots \geq \rho a_0 \geq 0$.

If we take $k_1 = k_2 = \rho = 1$, in Theorem 2.1, then we obtain the following corollary.

Corollary 2.2. *sl Let*

$$p(z) = a_n z^n + a_{n-1} z^{n-1} + a_{n-2} z^{n-2} + \dots + a_1 z + a_0$$

be a polynomial of degree n , then all the zeros of $p(z)$ lie in the closed disk

$$|z| \leq 1 + \frac{a_\lambda}{a_n} \tag{5}$$

and $a_n \geq a_{n-1} \geq \dots \geq a_\lambda \geq a_{\lambda-1} \geq \dots \geq a_0 \geq 0$.

If we take $k_2 = 1$, in Theorem 2.1, then we obtain the following corollary.

Corollary 2.3. *Let*

$$p(z) = a_n z^n + a_{n-1} z^{n-1} + a_{n-2} z^{n-2} + \dots + a_1 z + a_0$$

be a polynomial of degree n . Then all the zeros of $p(z)$ lie in the closed disk

$$|z + k_1 - 1| \leq k_1 + \frac{a_\lambda}{a_n} + \frac{2a_0}{a_n}(1 - \rho), \tag{6}$$

for some positive numbers k_1, ρ, λ with $k_1 \geq 1, 0 < \rho \leq 1, 0 < \lambda \leq n - 1$, and $k_1 a_n \geq a_{n-1} \geq \dots \geq a_\lambda \geq a_{\lambda-1} \geq \dots \geq \rho a_0 \geq 0$.

If we put $k_1 = k_2 = a_n$ and $\rho = 1$, in Theorem 2.1, then we obtain the following corollary.

Corollary 2.4. *Let*

$$p(z) = a_n z^n + a_{n-1} z^{n-1} + a_{n-2} z^{n-2} + \dots + a_1 z + a_0$$

be a polynomial of degree n . Then all the zeros of $p(z)$ lie in the closed disk

$$|z + a_n - 1| \leq a_n + a_\lambda. \tag{7}$$

Here $a_n^2 \geq a_{n-1} \geq \dots \geq a_n a_\lambda \geq a_{\lambda-1} \geq \dots \geq a_0 \geq 0$.

Theorem 2.2. *Let*

$$p(z) = a_n z^n + a_{n-1} z^{n-1} + a_{n-2} z^{n-2} + \dots + a_1 z + a_0$$

be a polynomial of degree n . Then all the zeros of $p(z)$ lie in the closed disk

$$|z + k - 1| \leq \frac{1}{a_n} \{2a_\lambda - k a_n + 2|a_0| - \rho(|a_0| - a_0)\}, \tag{8}$$

for some positive numbers k, ρ , and λ , with $0 < k \leq 1, 0 < \rho \leq 1$, and $0 < \lambda \leq n - 1$, and $k a_n \leq a_{n-1} \leq \dots \leq a_\lambda \geq a_{\lambda-1} \geq \dots > a_1 \geq \rho a_0 \geq 0$.

Proof. Consider

$$\begin{aligned} F(z) &= (1 - z) p(z) = -a_n z^{n+1} + (a_n - a_{n-1}) z^n + \dots \\ &\quad + (a_\lambda - a_{\lambda-1}) z^\lambda + \dots + (a_1 - a_0) z + a_0 \\ &= -a_n z^{n+1} + a_n z^n - k a_n z^n + (k a_n - a_{n-1}) z^n + \dots + (a_{\lambda+1} - a_\lambda) z^{\lambda+1} + (a_\lambda - a_{\lambda-1}) z^\lambda \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \dots + (a_1 - \rho a_0)z + (\rho - 1)a_0z + a_0 \\
 & \geq |a_n| |z|^n [|z + k \\
 & - 1| - \frac{1}{|a_n|} \left\{ \left| \begin{aligned} & (ka_n - a_{n-1}) + (a_{n-1} - a_{n-2})\frac{1}{z} + \dots - a_\lambda z^\lambda + \\ & (a_\lambda - a_{\lambda-1})z^\lambda + \dots + (a_0 - \rho a_0)z + (\rho - 1)\frac{a_0}{z^n} + \frac{a_0}{z^n} \end{aligned} \right| \right\} \\
 & = |a_n| |z|^n \left[|z + k - 1| - \frac{1}{a_n} \{-ka_n + 2a_\lambda + 2|a_0| - \rho(|a_0| - a_0)\} \right] > 0,
 \end{aligned}$$

if

$$|z + k - 1| \leq \frac{1}{a_n} \{2a_\lambda - ka_n + 2|a_0| - \rho(|a_0| - a_0)\}.$$

Corollary 2.5. *If we put $k = 1$, in Theorem 2.2, then we obtain the inequality (2).*

Corollary 2.6. *If we take $\rho = 1$, and $a_i > 0$ for all $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$ in Theorem 2.2, then:*

$$|z + k - 1| \leq \frac{1}{a_n} \{2a_\lambda - ka_n\}. \tag{9}$$

Corollary 2.7. *If we take $\rho = 1$, $k = 1$ and $a_i > 0$ for all $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$ in Theorem 2.2, then:*

$$|z| \leq \frac{1}{a_n} \{2a_\lambda - 1\}. \tag{10}$$

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