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### BOUNDS FOR THE ZEROS OF A POLYNOMIAL

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#### ABSTRACT

In this paper we find a bound for all the zeros of a polynomial in terms of its coefficients similar to the bound given by Cauchy's classical theorem.

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#### INTRODUCTION

Regarding a bound for all the zeros of a polynomial, Cauchy[1] (see also [5],[6],[8]) proved the following famous result known as Cauchy's Theorem:

**Theorem A.** All the zeros of the polynomial  $P(z) = \sum_{j=0}^n a_j z^j$  of degree  $n$  lie in the circle  $|z| < 1 + M$ ,

where  $M = \max_{0 \leq j \leq n-1} \left| \frac{a_j}{a_n} \right|$ .

Various generalizations, extensions and improvements of the above result are available in the literature.

An important class of polynomials is that of the lacunary type i.e. of the type

$P(z) = a_0 + a_1 z + \dots + a_p z^p + a_{n_1} z^{n_1} + a_{n_2} z^{n_2} + \dots + a_{n_k} z^{n_k}$ , where

$0 < p = n_0 < n_1 < n_2 < \dots < n_k$ ;  $a_0 a_p a_{n_1} a_{n_2} \dots a_{n_k} \neq 0$ , the coefficients  $a_j, 0 \leq j \leq p$ , are fixed,  $a_{n_j}, j = 1, 2, \dots, k$  are arbitrary and the remaining coefficients are zero. Landau[3,4] initiated the study of such

polynomials in 1906-7 in connection with his study of the Picard's theorem and proved that every trinomial

$$a_0 + a_1 z + a_n z^n, a_1 a_n \neq 0, n \geq 2$$

has at least one zero in  $|z| \leq 2 \left| \frac{a_0}{a_1} \right|$  and every quadrinomial

$$a_0 + a_1 z + a_m z^m + a_n z^n, a_1 a_m a_n \neq 0, 2 \leq m < n$$

has at least one zero in  $|z| \leq \frac{17}{3} \left| \frac{a_0}{a_1} \right|$ .

Q.G.Mohammad [7] in 1967 proved the following theorem:

**Theorem B.** All the zeros of the polynomial

$P(z) = \sum_{j=0}^n a_j z^j$  of degree  $n$  lie in the circle

$$|z| \leq \max(L_p, L_p^{\frac{1}{n}})$$

where

$$L_p = n^{\frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \sum_{j=0}^n \left| \frac{a_j}{a_n} \right|^p \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

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$$p > 1, q > 1 \text{ with } \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1.$$

Gulzar [2] recently proved the following result:

**Theorem D.** All the zeros of the polynomial

$$P(z) = \sum_{j=0}^n a_j z^j, a_n a_{n-1} \neq 0 \text{ of degree } n \text{ lie in the circle}$$

$$|z| \leq \max(L, L^{\frac{1}{n+1}})$$

where

$$L = (n+1)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n \left| \frac{a_{n-1} a_{n-j} - a_n a_{n-j-1}}{a_n^2} \right|^p \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}},$$

$$p > 1, q > 1 \text{ and } \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1.$$

**Main Results**

In this paper we prove the following generalization of Theorem D:

**Theorem 1.** All the zeros of the polynomial

$$P(z) = \sum_{j=0}^{\lambda} a_j z^j + a_n z^n, a_{\lambda} a_n \neq 0, 0 \leq \lambda \leq n-1, \text{ of}$$

degree  $n$  lie in the circle

$$|z| \leq \max(L, L^{\frac{1}{n+1}})$$

where

$$L = (n+1)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left\{ \sum_{j=0}^{\lambda} \left| \frac{a_{\lambda} a_{\lambda-j} - a_n a_{\lambda-j-1}}{a_n^2} \right|^p \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}},$$

$$p > 1, q > 1 \text{ and } \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1.$$

Remark. Choosing  $\lambda = n-1$  in Theorem 1, we get the following result which is equivalent to Theorem B:

**Corollary 1.** All the zeros of the polynomial

$$P(z) = \sum_{j=0}^n a_j z^j, a_n a_{n-1} \neq 0 \text{ of degree } n \text{ lie in the circle}$$

$$|z| \leq \max(L, L^{\frac{1}{n+1}})$$

where

$$L = (n+1)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left\{ \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \left| \frac{a_{n-1} a_{n-j-1} - a_n a_{n-j-2}}{a_n^2} \right|^p \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} (a_{-1} = 0),$$

$$p > 1, q > 1 \text{ and } \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1.$$

**Proof of Theorem 1**

Consider the polynomial

$$F(z) = (a_{\lambda} - a_n z) P(z)$$

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

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

$$+ \dots + (a_{\lambda} a_1 - a_n a_0) z + a_{\lambda} a_0$$

$$= -a_n^2 z^{n+1} + \sum_{j=0}^{\lambda+1} (a_{\lambda} a_{\lambda+1-j} - a_n a_{\lambda-j}) z^{\lambda+1-j}.$$

Hence

$$|F(z)| \geq |a_n^2| |z|^{n+1} - \sum_{j=0}^{\lambda+1} |a_{\lambda} a_{\lambda+1-j} - a_n a_{\lambda-j}| |z|^{\lambda+1-j}$$

$$= |a_n^2| |z|^{n+1} \left[ 1 - \sum_{j=0}^{\lambda+1} \left| \frac{a_{\lambda} a_{\lambda+1-j} - a_n a_{\lambda-j}}{a_n^2} \right| \cdot \frac{1}{|z|^{n-\lambda+j}} \right]$$

Applying Holder's inequality, we get

$$|F(z)| \geq |a_n^2| |z|^{n+1} \left[ 1 - \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\lambda+1} \left| \frac{a_{\lambda} a_{\lambda+1-j} - a_n a_{\lambda-j}}{a_n^2} \right|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \cdot \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\lambda+1} \frac{1}{|z|^{(n-\lambda+j)q}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right]$$

Now if  $L \geq 1$ , then  $\max(L, L^{\frac{1}{n+1}}) = L$ . Hence for  $|z| \geq 1$  so

$$\text{that } |z|^{(n-\lambda+j)q} \geq |z|^{(1+j)q} \geq |z|^q$$

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{1}{|z|^{(n-\lambda+j)q}} \geq \frac{1}{|z|^q},$$

$$|F(z)| \geq |a_n^2| |z|^{n+1} \left[ 1 - (\lambda+2)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\lambda+1} \left| \frac{a_{\lambda} a_{\lambda+1-j} - a_n a_{\lambda-j}}{a_n^2} \right|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \cdot \frac{1}{|z|} \right]$$

$$\geq |a_n^2| |z|^{n+1} \left[ 1 - (n+1)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\lambda+1} \left| \frac{a_{\lambda} a_{\lambda+1-j} - a_n a_{\lambda-j}}{a_n^2} \right|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \cdot \frac{1}{|z|} \right]$$

$$= |a_n^2| |z|^{n+1} \left[ 1 - \frac{L}{|z|} \right] > 0$$

if

$$|z| > L.$$

Thus all the zeros of  $F(z)$  lie in  $|z| \leq L$  in this case.

If  $L \leq 1$ , then  $\max(L, L^{\frac{1}{n+1}}) = L^{\frac{1}{n+1}}$ . Hence, for  $|z| \leq 1$  so

$$\text{that } |z|^{(n-\lambda+j)q} \geq |z|^{(n+1)q}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{1}{|z|^{(n-\lambda+j)q}} \geq \frac{1}{|z|^{(n+1)q}},$$

$$|F(z)| \geq |a_n^2| |z|^{n+1} \left[ 1 - (\lambda+2)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\lambda+1} \left| \frac{a_{\lambda} a_{\lambda+1-j} - a_n a_{\lambda-j}}{a_n^2} \right|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \cdot \frac{1}{|z|^{(n+1)q}} \right]$$

$$\geq |a_n|^2 |z|^{n+1} \left[ 1 - (n+1)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\lambda+1} \left| \frac{a_{\lambda} a_{\lambda+1-j} - a_n a_{\lambda-j}}{a_n^2} \right|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \cdot \frac{1}{|z|^{n+1}} \right]$$

$$= |a_n|^2 |z|^{n+1} \left[ 1 - \frac{L}{|z|^{n+1}} \right]$$

> 0

if

$$|z| > L^{\frac{1}{n+1}}.$$

Thus all the zeros of F(z) lie in  $|z| \leq L^{\frac{1}{n+1}}$  in this case.

Since the zeros of P(z) are also the zeros of F(z), the theorem follows.

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