



## Location of Zeros of Polynomials

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### Abstract

In this paper we consider the problem of finding the estimation of maximum number of zeros in a prescribed region and the results which we obtain generalize and improve upon some well known results.

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### 1. Introduction

According to the Eneström- Kakeya [2,5]: Let  $P(z) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i z^i$  be a polynomial of degree  $n$  such that  $0 < a_0 \leq a_1 \leq \dots \leq a_{n-1} \leq a_n$  then all the zeros of  $P(z)$  lie in  $|z| \leq 1$  and concerning the number of zeros of the polynomial in the region  $|z| \leq \frac{1}{2}$ , the following result is due to Mohammad [6].

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $P(z) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i z^i$  be a polynomial of degree  $n$  such that  $0 < a_0 \leq a_1 \leq \dots \leq a_{n-1} \leq a_n$ . Then the number of zeros of  $P(z)$  in  $|z| \leq \frac{1}{2}$ , does not exceed*

$$1 + \frac{1}{\log 2} \log \frac{a_n}{a_0}.$$

In this paper we want to prove the following results. In fact the following results generalize some of the results in [3,7-12].

### 2. Main results

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $P(z) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i z^i$  be a polynomial of degree  $n \geq m \geq 2$  with complex coefficients such that*

$$|\arg(a_i) - \beta| \leq \alpha \leq \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n, \quad \text{for some real } \beta, \quad a_0 \neq 0 \text{ and}$$

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$$|a_n| \geq |a_{n-1}| \leq |a_{n-2}| \geq |a_{n-3}| \leq \dots \geq |a_{n-m+1}| \leq |a_{n-m}| \geq |a_{n-m-1}| \geq \dots \geq |a_2| \geq |a_1| \geq |a_0|$$

if both  $n$  and  $(n-m)$  are even or odd, (OR)

$$|a_n| \geq |a_{n-1}| \leq |a_{n-2}| \geq |a_{n-3}| \leq \dots \leq |a_{n-m+1}| \geq |a_{n-m}| \geq |a_{n-m-1}| \geq \dots \geq |a_2| \geq |a_1| \geq |a_0|$$

if  $n$  is even and  $(n-m)$  is odd (or) if  $n$  is odd and  $(n-m)$  is even.

Then (i) the number of zeros of  $P(z)$  in  $|z| \leq r_1$ ,  $0 < r_1 < 1$ , does not exceed

$$\frac{1}{\log \frac{1}{r_1}} \log \frac{|a_n|(\cos \alpha + \sin \alpha + 1) + 2 \sin \alpha \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} |a_i| + 2Y_1 \cos \alpha}{|a_0|}$$

if both  $n$  and  $(n-m)$  are even or odd

$$\text{where } Y_1 = [(|a_{n-2}| + |a_{n-4}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+2}| + |a_{n-m}|) - (|a_{n-1}| + |a_{n-3}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+3}| + |a_{n-m+1}|)],$$

OR

(ii) the number of zeros of  $P(z)$  in  $|z| \leq r_1$ ,  $0 < r_1 < 1$ , does not exceed

$$\frac{1}{\log \frac{1}{r_1}} \log \frac{|a_n|(\cos \alpha + \sin \alpha + 1) + 2 \sin \alpha \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} |a_i| + 2Y_2 \cos \alpha}{|a_0|}$$

if  $n$  is even and  $(n-m)$  is odd (or) if  $n$  is odd and  $(n-m)$  is even

$$\text{where } Y_2 = [(|a_{n-2}| + |a_{n-4}| + \dots + |a_{n-m}| + |a_{n-m+1}|) - (|a_{n-1}| + |a_{n-3}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+4}| + |a_{n-m+2}|)].$$

**Corollary 2.2.** Let  $P(z) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i z^i$  be a polynomial of degree  $n \geq m \geq 2$  with complex coefficients such that  $|\arg(a_i)| \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ,  $a_0 \neq 0$  and

$$|a_n| \geq |a_{n-1}| \leq |a_{n-2}| \geq \dots \geq |a_{n-m+1}| \leq |a_{n-m}| \geq |a_{n-m-1}| \geq \dots \geq |a_2| \geq |a_1| \geq |a_0|$$

if both  $n$  and  $(n-m)$  are even or odd, (OR)

$$|a_n| \geq |a_{n-1}| \leq |a_{n-2}| \geq \dots \leq |a_{n-m+1}| \geq |a_{n-m}| \geq |a_{n-m-1}| \geq \dots \geq |a_2| \geq |a_1| \geq |a_0|$$

if  $n$  is even and  $(n-m)$  is odd (or) if  $n$  is odd and  $(n-m)$  is even.

Then (i) the number of zeros of  $P(z)$  in  $|z| \leq \frac{1}{2}$ , does not exceed

$$1 + \frac{1}{\log 2} \log \frac{|a_n| + Y_1}{|a_0|} \text{ if both } n \text{ and } (n-m) \text{ are even or odd,}$$

$$\text{where } Y_1 = [(|a_{n-2}| + |a_{n-4}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+2}| + |a_{n-m}|) - (|a_{n-1}| + |a_{n-3}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+3}| + |a_{n-m+1}|)],$$

OR

(ii) the number of zeros of  $P(z)$  in  $|z| \leq \frac{1}{2}$ , does not exceed

$$1 + \frac{1}{\log 2} \log \frac{|a_n| + Y_2}{|a_0|},$$

if  $n$  is even and  $(n-m)$  is odd (or) if  $n$  is odd and  $(n-m)$  is even,

$$\text{where } Y_2 = [(|a_{n-2}| + |a_{n-4}| + \dots + |a_{n-m}| + |a_{n-m+1}|) - (|a_{n-1}| + |a_{n-3}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+4}| + |a_{n-m+2}|)].$$

**Remark 2.3.** By taking  $\alpha = \beta = 0$  and  $r_1 = \frac{1}{2}$  in Theorem 2.1, it reduces to Corollary 2.2

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $P(z) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i z^i$  be a polynomial of degree  $n \geq m \geq 2$  with complex coefficients such that

$$|\arg(a_i) - \beta| \leq \alpha \leq \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n, \quad \text{for some real } \beta, \quad a_0 \neq 0 \text{ and}$$

$$|a_n| \leq |a_{n-1}| \geq |a_{n-2}| \leq \dots \leq |a_{n-m+1}| \geq |a_{n-m}| \geq |a_{n-m-1}| \geq \dots \geq |a_2| \geq |a_1| \geq |a_0|$$

if both  $n$  and  $(n-m)$  are even or odd,

OR

$$|a_n| \leq |a_{n-1}| \geq |a_{n-2}| \leq \dots \geq |a_{n-m+1}| \leq |a_{n-m}| \geq |a_{n-m-1}| \geq \dots \geq |a_2| \geq |a_1| \geq |a_0|$$

if  $n$  is even and  $(n-m)$  is odd (or) if  $n$  is odd and  $(n-m)$  is even.

Then (i) the number of zeros of  $P(z)$  in  $|z| \leq r_1, 0 < r_1 < 1$ , does not exceed

$$\frac{1}{\log \frac{1}{r_1}} \log \frac{|a_n|(\cos \alpha + \sin \alpha + 1) + 2 \sin \alpha \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} |a_i| + 2Y_3 \cos \alpha}{|a_0|}$$

if both  $n$  and  $(n-m)$  are even or odd,

$$\text{where } Y_3 = [(|a_{n-1}| + |a_{n-3}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+3}| + |a_{n-m+1}|) - (|a_n| + |a_{n-2}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+4}| + |a_{n-m+2}|)].$$

OR

(ii) the number of zeros of  $P(z)$  in  $|z| \leq r_1, 0 < r_1 < 1$ , does not exceed

$$\frac{1}{\log \frac{1}{r_1}} \log \frac{|a_n|(\cos \alpha + \sin \alpha + 1) + 2 \sin \alpha \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} |a_i| + 2Y_4 \cos \alpha}{|a_0|}$$

if  $n$  is even and  $(n-m)$  is odd (or) if  $n$  is odd and  $(n-m)$  is even,

$$\text{where } Y_4 = [(|a_{n-1}| + |a_{n-3}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+2}| + |a_{n-m}|) - (|a_n| + |a_{n-2}| + |a_{n-4}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+3}| + |a_{n-m+1}|)].$$

**Corollary 2.5.** Let  $P(z) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i z^i$  be a polynomial of degree  $n \geq m \geq 2$  with complex coefficients such that  $|\arg(a_i)| \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ , for  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$ ,  $a_0 \neq 0$  and

$$|a_n| \leq |a_{n-1}| \geq |a_{n-2}| \leq |a_{n-3}| \geq \dots \leq |a_{n-m+1}| \geq |a_{n-m}| \geq |a_{n-m-1}| \geq \dots \geq |a_2| \geq |a_1| \geq |a_0|$$

if both  $n$  and  $(n-m)$  are even or odd, (OR)

$$|a_n| \leq |a_{n-1}| \geq |a_{n-2}| \leq |a_{n-3}| \geq \dots \geq |a_{n-m+1}| \leq |a_{n-m}| \geq |a_{n-m-1}| \geq \dots \geq |a_2| \geq |a_1| \geq |a_0|$$

if  $n$  is even and  $(n-m)$  is odd (or) if  $n$  is odd and  $(n-m)$  is even.

Then (i) the number of zeros of  $P(z)$  in  $|z| \leq \frac{1}{2}$ , does not exceed

$$1 + \frac{1}{\log 2} \log \frac{|a_n| + Y_3}{|a_0|} \text{ if both } n \text{ and } (n-m) \text{ are even or odd,}$$

$$\text{where } Y_3 = [(|a_{n-1}| + |a_{n-3}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+3}| + |a_{n-m+1}|) - (|a_n| + |a_{n-2}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+4}| + |a_{n-m+2}|)],$$

OR

(ii) the number of zeros of  $P(z)$  in  $|z| \leq \frac{1}{2}$ , does not exceed

$$1 + \frac{1}{\log 2} \log \frac{|a_n| + Y_4}{|a_0|},$$

if  $n$  is even and  $(n-m)$  is odd (or) if  $n$  is odd and  $(n-m)$  is even.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{where } Y_4 = & [ (|a_{n-1}| + |a_{n-3}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+2}| + |a_{n-m}|) \\ & - (|a_n| + |a_{n-2}| + |a_{n-4}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+3}| + |a_{n-m+1}|) ]. \end{aligned}$$

**Remark 2.6.** By taking  $\alpha = \beta = 0$  and  $r_1 = \frac{1}{2}$  in Theorem 2.4, it reduces to Corollary 2.5.

**Theorem 2.7.** Let  $P(z) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i z^i$  be a polynomial of degree  $n \geq m \geq 2$  with complex coefficients such that

$$|\arg(a_i) - \beta| \leq \alpha \leq \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n, \quad \text{for some real } \beta, \quad a_0 \neq 0 \text{ and}$$

$$|a_n| \geq |a_{n-1}| \leq |a_{n-2}| \geq |a_{n-3}| \leq \dots \geq |a_{n-m+1}| \leq |a_{n-m}| \leq |a_{n-m-1}| \leq \dots \leq |a_2| \leq |a_1| \leq |a_0|$$

if both  $n$  and  $(n-m)$  are even or odd (OR)

$$|a_n| \geq |a_{n-1}| \leq |a_{n-2}| \geq |a_{n-3}| \leq \dots \leq |a_{n-m+1}| \geq |a_{n-m}| \leq |a_{n-m-1}| \leq \dots \leq |a_2| \leq |a_1| \leq |a_0|$$

if  $n$  is even and  $(n-m)$  is odd (or) if  $n$  is odd and  $(n-m)$  is even.

Then (i) the number of zeros of  $P(z)$  in  $|z| \leq r_1, 0 < r_1 < 1$ , does not exceed

$$\frac{1}{\log \frac{1}{r_1}} \log \frac{(|a_n| + |a_0|)(\cos \alpha + \sin \alpha + 1) + 2 \sin \alpha \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |a_i| + 2 \lambda_1 \cos \alpha}{|a_0|}$$

if both  $n$  and  $(n-m)$  are even or odd

$$\text{where } \lambda_1 = [ (|a_{n-2}| + |a_{n-4}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+2}| + |a_{n-m}|) - (|a_{n-1}| + |a_{n-3}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+3}| + |a_{n-m+1}|) ],$$

OR

(ii) the number of zeros of  $P(z)$  in  $|z| \leq r_1, 0 < r_1 < 1$ , does not exceed

$$\frac{1}{\log \frac{1}{r_1}} \log \frac{(|a_n| + |a_0|)(\cos \alpha + \sin \alpha + 1) + 2 \sin \alpha \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |a_i| + 2 \lambda_2 \cos \alpha}{|a_0|}$$

if  $n$  is even and  $(n-m)$  is odd (or) if  $n$  is odd and  $(n-m)$  is even

$$\text{where } \lambda_2 = [ (|a_{n-2}| + |a_{n-4}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+3}| + |a_{n-m+1}|) - (|a_{n-1}| + |a_{n-3}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+2}| + |a_{n-m}|) ].$$

**Corollary 2.8.** Let  $P(z) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i z^i$  be a polynomial of degree  $n \geq m \geq 2$  with complex coefficients such that  $|\arg(a_i)| \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ , for  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n, a_0 \neq 0$  and

$$|a_n| \geq |a_{n-1}| \leq |a_{n-2}| \geq \dots \geq |a_{n-m+1}| \leq |a_{n-m}| \leq |a_{n-m-1}| \leq \dots \leq |a_2| \leq |a_1| \leq |a_0|$$

if both  $n$  and  $(n-m)$  are even or odd,

OR

$$|a_n| \geq |a_{n-1}| \leq |a_{n-2}| \geq \dots \leq |a_{n-m+1}| \geq |a_{n-m}| \leq |a_{n-m-1}| \leq \dots \leq |a_2| \leq |a_1| \leq |a_0|$$

if  $n$  is even and  $(n-m)$  is odd (or) if  $n$  is odd and  $(n-m)$  is even.

Then (i) the number of zeros of  $P(z)$  in  $|z| \leq \frac{1}{2}$ , does not exceed

$$1 + \frac{1}{\log 2} \log \frac{|a_n| + |a_0| + \lambda_1}{|a_0|} \quad \text{if both } n \text{ and } (n-m) \text{ are even or odd,}$$

$$\text{where } \lambda_1 = [ (|a_{n-2}| + |a_{n-4}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+2}| + |a_{n-m}|) - (|a_{n-1}| + |a_{n-3}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+3}| + |a_{n-m+1}|) ],$$

OR

(ii) the number of zeros of  $P(z)$  in  $|z| \leq \frac{1}{2}$ , does not exceed

$$1 + \frac{1}{\log 2} \log \frac{|a_n| + |a_0| + \lambda_2}{|a_0|},$$

if  $n$  is even and  $(n-m)$  is odd (or) if  $n$  is odd and  $(n-m)$  is even,

$$\text{where } \lambda_2 = [(|a_{n-2}| + |a_{n-4}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+3}| + |a_{n-m+1}|) - (|a_{n-1}| + |a_{n-3}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+2}| + |a_{n-m}|)].$$

Remark 2.9. By taking  $\alpha = \beta = 0$  and  $r_1 = \frac{1}{2}$  in Theorem 2.7, it reduces to Corollary 2.8.

**Theorem 2.10.** Let  $P(z) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i z^i$  be a polynomial of degree  $n \geq m \geq 2$  with complex coefficients such that

$$|\arg(a_i) - \beta| \leq \alpha \leq \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n, \quad \text{for some real } \beta, \quad a_0 \neq 0 \text{ and}$$

$$|a_n| \leq |a_{n-1}| \geq |a_{n-2}| \leq |a_{n-3}| \geq \dots \leq |a_{n-m+1}| \geq |a_{n-m}| \leq |a_{n-m-1}| \leq \dots \leq |a_2| \leq |a_1| \leq |a_0|$$

if both  $n$  and  $(n-m)$  are even or odd,

OR

$$|a_n| \leq |a_{n-1}| \geq |a_{n-2}| \leq |a_{n-3}| \geq \dots \geq |a_{n-m+1}| \leq |a_{n-m}| \leq |a_{n-m-1}| \leq \dots \leq |a_2| \leq |a_1| \leq |a_0|$$

if  $n$  is even and  $(n-m)$  is odd (or) if  $n$  is odd and  $(n-m)$  is even.

Then (i) the number of zeros of  $P(z)$  in  $|z| \leq r_1, 0 < r_1 < 1$ , does not exceed

$$\frac{1}{\log \frac{1}{r_1}} \log \frac{|a_0|(\cos \alpha + \sin \alpha + 1) + 2 \sin \alpha \sum_{i=1}^n |a_i| + 2 \lambda_3 \cos \alpha}{|a_0|},$$

if both  $n$  and  $(n-m)$  are even or odd,

$$\text{where } \lambda_3 = [(|a_{n-1}| + |a_{n-3}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+3}| + |a_{n-m+1}|) - (|a_{n-2}| + |a_{n-4}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+2}| + |a_{n-m}|)],$$

OR

(ii) the number of zeros of  $P(z)$  in  $|z| \leq r_1, 0 < r_1 < 1$ , does not exceed

$$\frac{1}{\log \frac{1}{r_1}} \log \frac{|a_0|(\cos \alpha + \sin \alpha + 1) + 2 \sin \alpha \sum_{i=1}^n |a_i| + 2 \lambda_4 \cos \alpha}{|a_0|}$$

if  $n$  is even and  $(n-m)$  is odd (or) if  $n$  is odd and  $(n-m)$  is even,

$$\text{where } \lambda_4 = [(|a_{n-1}| + |a_{n-3}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+4}| + |a_{n-m+2}|) - (|a_{n-2}| + |a_{n-4}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+3}| + |a_{n-m+1}|)].$$

**Corollary 2.11.** Let  $P(z) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i z^i$  be a polynomial of degree  $n \geq m \geq 2$  with complex coefficients such that  $|\arg(a_i)| \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ , for  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n, a_0 \neq 0$  and

$$|a_n| \leq |a_{n-1}| \geq |a_{n-2}| \leq |a_{n-3}| \geq \dots \leq |a_{n-m+1}| \geq |a_{n-m}| \leq |a_{n-m-1}| \leq \dots \leq |a_2| \leq |a_1| \leq |a_0|$$

if both  $n$  and  $(n-m)$  are even or odd, (OR)

$$|a_n| \leq |a_{n-1}| \geq |a_{n-2}| \leq |a_{n-3}| \geq \dots \geq |a_{n-m+1}| \leq |a_{n-m}| \leq |a_{n-m-1}| \leq \dots \leq |a_2| \leq |a_1| \leq |a_0|$$

if  $n$  is even and  $(n-m)$  is odd (or) if  $n$  is odd and  $(n-m)$  is even.

Then (i) the number of zeros of  $P(z)$  in  $|z| \leq \frac{1}{2}$ , does not exceed

$$1 + \frac{1}{\log 2} \log \frac{|a_0| + \lambda_3}{|a_0|} \text{ if both } n \text{ and } (n-m) \text{ are even or odd,}$$

where  $\lambda_3 = [(|a_{n-1}| + |a_{n-3}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+3}| + |a_{n-m+1}|) - (|a_{n-2}| + |a_{n-4}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+2}| + |a_{n-m}|)]$ ,

(OR) (ii) the number of zeros of  $P(z)$  in  $|z| \leq \frac{1}{2}$ , does not exceed

$$1 + \frac{1}{\log 2} \log \frac{|a_0| + \lambda_4}{|a_0|},$$

if  $n$  is even and  $(n-m)$  is odd (or) if  $n$  is odd and  $(n-m)$  is even,

where  $\lambda_4 = [(|a_{n-1}| + |a_{n-3}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+4}| + |a_{n-m+2}|) - (|a_{n-2}| + |a_{n-4}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+3}| + |a_{n-m+1}|)]$ .

*Remark 2.12.* By taking  $\alpha = \beta = 0$  and  $r_1 = \frac{1}{2}$  in Theorem 2.10, it reduces to Corollary 2.11.

We need the following lemmas for proof of the Theorems.

### 3. Lemmas

**Lemma 3.1.** Let  $P(z) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i z^i$  be a polynomial of degree  $n$  with complex coefficients such that

$$|\arg(a_i) - \beta| \leq \alpha \leq \frac{\pi}{2}; \quad |a_{i-1}| \leq |a_i| \quad \text{for some } i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

$$\text{Then } |a_i - a_{i-1}| \leq (|a_i| - |a_{i-1}|)\cos\alpha + (|a_i| + |a_{i-1}|)\sin\alpha.$$

The above lemma is due to Govil [4].

**Lemma 3.2.** [1] : If  $f(z)$  is regular  $f(0) \neq 0$  and  $|f(z)| \leq M$  ( $M > 0$ ) in  $|z| \leq 1$  then the number of zeros of  $f(z)$  in  $|z| \leq r_1$ ,  $0 < r_1 < 1$  does not exceed

$$\frac{1}{\log \frac{1}{r_1}} \log \frac{M}{|f(0)|}.$$

#### 4. Proof of the Theorems

##### Proof of Theorem 2.1

Let  $P(z) = a_n z^n + a_{n-1} z^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 z + a_0$  be a polynomial of degree  $n \geq 2$ .

Then consider the polynomial  $Q(z) = (1 - z)P(z)$  so that

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

Then for  $|z| > 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |Q(z)| &\leq |a_n| + \sum_{i=1}^n |a_i - a_{i-1}| + |a_0| \\ &= |a_n| + |a_n - a_{n-1}| + |a_{n-1} - a_{n-2}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+1} - a_{n-m}| + \sum_{i=1}^{n-m} |a_i - a_{i-1}| \\ &\leq |a_n| + (|a_n| - |a_{n-1}|)\cos\alpha + (|a_n| + |a_{n-1}|)\sin\alpha + (|a_{n-2}| - |a_{n-1}|)\cos\alpha \\ &\quad + (|a_{n-2}| + |a_{n-1}|)\sin\alpha + (|a_{n-2}| - |a_{n-3}|)\cos\alpha + (|a_{n-2}| + |a_{n-3}|)\sin\alpha \\ &\quad + \dots + (|a_{n-m+2}| - |a_{n-m+1}|)\cos\alpha + (|a_{n-m+2}| + |a_{n-m+1}|)\sin\alpha \\ &\quad + (|a_{n-m}| - |a_{n-m+1}|)\cos\alpha + (|a_{n-m}| + |a_{n-m+1}|)\sin\alpha + \dots + \sum_{i=1}^{n-m} (|a_i| - |a_{i-1}|)\cos\alpha \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^{n-m} (|a_i| + |a_{i-1}|)\sin\alpha + |a_0| \text{ if both } n \text{ and } (n - m) \text{ are even or odd ( by Lemma 3.1 )} \\ &= |a_n|(\cos\alpha + \sin\alpha + 1) + 2\sin\alpha \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} |a_i| + 2Y_1\cos\alpha - |a_0|(\cos\alpha + \sin\alpha - 1) \\ &\leq |a_n|(\cos\alpha + \sin\alpha + 1) + 2\sin\alpha \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} |a_i| + 2Y_1\cos\alpha. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{where } Y_1 &= (|a_{n-2}| + |a_{n-4}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+2}| + |a_{n-m}|) \\ &\quad - (|a_{n-1}| + |a_{n-3}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+3}| + |a_{n-m+1}|). \end{aligned}$$

By applying Lemma 3.2 to  $Q(z)$ , we get that the number of zeros of  $Q(z)$  in  $|z| \leq r_1$ ,  $0 < r_1 < 1$  does not exceed

$$\frac{1}{\log \frac{1}{r_1}} \log \frac{|a_n|(\cos\alpha + \sin\alpha + 1) + 2\sin\alpha \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} |a_i| + 2Y_1\cos\alpha}{|a_0|}$$

if both  $n$  and  $(n-m)$  are even or odd

$$\text{where } Y_1 = [(|a_{n-2}| + |a_{n-4}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+2}| + |a_{n-m}|) - (|a_{n-1}| + |a_{n-3}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+3}| + |a_{n-m+1}|)].$$

Since the number of zeros of  $P(z)$  in  $|z| \leq r_1$ ,  $0 < r_1 < 1$  is equal to the number of zeros of  $Q(z)$  in  $|z| \leq r_1$ , if both  $n$  and  $(n-m)$  are even or odd, we get the required result.

Similarly we can prove that if  $n$  is even and  $(n-m)$  is odd (or) if  $n$  is odd and  $(n-m)$  is even, by re-arranging the terms in the above proof.

That is the number of zeros of  $Q(z)$  in  $|z| \leq r_1$ ,  $0 < r_1 < 1$  does not exceed

$$\frac{1}{\log \frac{1}{r_1}} \log \frac{|a_n|(\cos\alpha + \sin\alpha + 1) + 2\sin\alpha \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} |a_i| + 2Y_2\cos\alpha}{|a_0|}$$

if  $n$  is even and  $(n-m)$  is odd (or) if  $n$  is odd and  $(n-m)$  is even,

$$\text{where } Y_2 = [(|a_{n-2}| + |a_{n-4}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+3}| + |a_{n-m+1}|) - (|a_{n-1}| + |a_{n-3}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+4}| + |a_{n-m+2}|)].$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 2.1

**Proof of Theorem 2.4**

Let  $P(z) = a_n z^n + a_{n-1} z^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 z + a_0$  be a polynomial of degree  $n \geq 2$ .

Then consider the polynomial  $Q(z) = (1 - z)P(z)$  so that

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

Then for  $|z| > 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |Q(z)| &\leq |a_n| + \sum_{i=1}^n |a_i - a_{i-1}| + |a_0| \\ &= |a_n| + |a_n - a_{n-1}| + |a_{n-1} - a_{n-2}| + |a_{n-2} - a_{n-3}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+1} - a_{n-m}| \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^{n-m} |a_i - a_{i-1}| \\ &\leq |a_n| + (|a_{n-1}| - |a_n|)\cos\alpha + (|a_{n-1}| + |a_n|)\sin\alpha + (|a_{n-1}| - |a_{n-2}|)\cos\alpha \\ &\quad + (|a_{n-1}| + |a_{n-2}|)\sin\alpha + (|a_{n-3}| - |a_{n-2}|)\cos\alpha + (|a_{n-3}| + |a_{n-2}|)\sin\alpha \\ &\quad + \dots + (|a_{n-m+1}| - |a_{n-m+2}|)\cos\alpha + (|a_{n-m+1}| + |a_{n-m+2}|)\sin\alpha \\ &\quad + (|a_{n-m+1}| - |a_{n-m}|)\cos\alpha + (|a_{n-m+1}| + |a_{n-m}|)\sin\alpha + \dots + \sum_{i=1}^{n-m} (|a_i| - |a_{i-1}|)\cos\alpha \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^{n-m} (|a_i| + |a_{i-1}|)\sin\alpha + |a_0| \end{aligned}$$

if both  $n$  and  $(n - m)$  are even or odd ( by Lemma 3.1 )

$$\begin{aligned} &= |a_n|(\cos\alpha + \sin\alpha + 1) + 2\sin\alpha \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} |a_i| + 2Y_3\cos\alpha - |a_0|(\cos\alpha + \sin\alpha - 1) \\ &\leq |a_n|(\cos\alpha + \sin\alpha + 1) + 2\sin\alpha \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} |a_i| + 2Y_3\cos\alpha, \end{aligned}$$

where  $Y_3 = [(|a_{n-1}| + |a_{n-3}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+3}| + |a_{n-m+1}|) - (|a_n| + |a_{n-2}| + |a_{n-4}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+4}| + |a_{n-m+2}|)]$

By applying Lemma 3.2 to  $Q(z)$ , we get that the number of zeros of  $Q(z)$  in  $|z| \leq r_1, 0 < r_1 < 1$  does not exceed

$$\frac{1}{\log \frac{1}{r_1}} \log \frac{|a_n|(\cos\alpha + \sin\alpha + 1) + 2\sin\alpha \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} |a_i| + 2Y_3\cos\alpha}{|a_0|}.$$

if both  $n$  and  $(n-m)$  are even or odd, where

$$Y_3 = [(|a_{n-1}| + |a_{n-3}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+3}| + |a_{n-m+1}|) - (|a_n| + |a_{n-2}| + |a_{n-4}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+4}| + |a_{n-m+2}|)]$$

Since the number of zeros of  $P(z)$  in  $|z| \leq r_1, 0 < r_1 < 1$  is equal to the number of zeros of  $Q(z)$  in  $|z| \leq r_1$ , if both  $n$  and  $(n-m)$  are even or odd, we get the required result.

Similarly we can prove that if  $n$  is even and  $(n-m)$  is odd (or) if  $n$  is odd and  $(n-m)$  is even, by re-arranging the terms in the above proof.

That is the number of zeros of  $Q(z)$  in  $|z| \leq r_1, 0 < r_1 < 1$  does not exceed

$$\frac{1}{\log \frac{1}{r_1}} \log \frac{|a_n|(\cos\alpha + \sin\alpha + 1) + 2\sin\alpha \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} |a_i| + 2Y_4\cos\alpha}{|a_0|}.$$



if  $n$  is even and  $(n-m)$  is odd (or) if  $n$  is odd and  $(n-m)$  is even, where

$$Y_4 = [(|a_{n-1}| + |a_{n-3}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+2}| + |a_{n-m}|) - (|a_n| + |a_{n-2}| + |a_{n-4}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+3}| + |a_{n-m+1}|)]$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 2.4.

**Proof of Theorem 2.7**

Let  $P(z) = a_n z^n + a_{n-1} z^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 z + a_0$  be a polynomial of degree  $n \geq 2$ .

Then consider the polynomial  $Q(z) = (1 - z)P(z)$  so that

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

Then for  $|z| > 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |Q(z)| &\leq |a_n| + \sum_{i=1}^n |a_i - a_{i-1}| + |a_0| \\ &= |a_n| + |a_n - a_{n-1}| + |a_{n-1} - a_{n-2}| + |a_{n-2} - a_{n-3}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+1} - a_{n-m}| \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^{n-m} |a_i - a_{i-1}| \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq |a_n| + (|a_n| - |a_{n-1}|)\cos\alpha + (|a_n| + |a_{n-1}|)\sin\alpha + (|a_{n-2}| - |a_{n-1}|)\cos\alpha \\ &\quad + (|a_{n-2}| + |a_{n-1}|)\sin\alpha + (|a_{n-2}| - |a_{n-3}|)\cos\alpha + (|a_{n-2}| + |a_{n-3}|)\sin\alpha \\ &\quad + \dots + (|a_{n-m+2}| - |a_{n-m+1}|)\cos\alpha + (|a_{n-m+2}| + |a_{n-m+1}|)\sin\alpha \\ &\quad + (|a_{n-m}| - |a_{n-m+1}|)\cos\alpha + (|a_{n-m}| + |a_{n-m+1}|)\sin\alpha \\ &\quad + \dots + \sum_{i=1}^{n-m} (|a_{i-1}| - |a_i|)\cos\alpha + \sum_{i=1}^{n-m} (|a_{i-1}| + |a_i|)\sin\alpha + |a_0| \end{aligned}$$

if both  $n$  and  $(n - m)$  are even or odd (by Lemma 3.1)

$$= (|a_n| + |a_0|)(\cos\alpha + \sin\alpha + 1) + 2\sin\alpha \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |a_i| + 2\lambda_1 \cos\alpha$$

where  $\lambda_1 = [(|a_{n-2}| + |a_{n-4}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+2}| + |a_{n-m}|) - (|a_{n-1}| + |a_{n-3}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+3}| + |a_{n-m+1}|)]$

By applying Lemma 3.2 to  $Q(z)$ , we get that the number of zeros of  $Q(z)$  in  $|z| \leq r_1$ ,  $0 < r_1 < 1$  does not exceed

$$\frac{1}{\log \frac{1}{r_1}} \log \frac{(|a_n| + |a_0|)(\cos\alpha + \sin\alpha + 1) + 2\sin\alpha \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |a_i| + 2\lambda_1 \cos\alpha}{|a_0|}.$$

if both  $n$  and  $(n-m)$  are even or odd, where

$$\lambda_1 = [(|a_{n-2}| + |a_{n-4}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+2}| + |a_{n-m}|) - (|a_{n-1}| + |a_{n-3}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+3}| + |a_{n-m+1}|)].$$

Since the number of zeros of  $P(z)$  in  $|z| \leq r_1$ ,  $0 < r_1 < 1$  is equal to the number of zeros of  $Q(z)$  in  $|z| \leq r_1$ , if both  $n$  and  $(n-m)$  are even or odd, we get the required result.

Similarly we can prove that if  $n$  is even and  $(n-m)$  is odd (or) if  $n$  is odd and  $(n-m)$  is even, by re-arranging the terms in the above proof.

That is the number of zeros of  $Q(z)$  in  $|z| \leq r_1$ ,  $0 < r_1 < 1$  does not exceed

$$\frac{1}{\log \frac{1}{r_1}} \log \frac{(|a_n| + |a_0|)(\cos\alpha + \sin\alpha + 1) + 2\sin\alpha \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |a_i| + 2\lambda_2 \cos\alpha}{|a_0|}.$$

if  $n$  is even and  $(n-m)$  is odd (or) if  $n$  is odd and  $(n-m)$  is even, where

$$\lambda_2 = [(|a_{n-2}| + |a_{n-4}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+3}| + |a_{n-m+1}|) - (|a_{n-1}| + |a_{n-3}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+2}| + |a_{n-m}|)].$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 2.7.

**Proof of Theorem 2.10**

Let  $P(z) = a_n z^n + a_{n-1} z^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 z + a_0$  be a polynomial of degree  $n \geq 2$ .

Then consider the polynomial  $Q(z) = (1 - z)P(z)$  so that

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

Then for  $|z| > 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |Q(z)| &\leq |a_n| + \sum_{i=1}^n |a_i - a_{i-1}| + |a_0| \\ &= |a_n| + |a_n - a_{n-1}| + |a_{n-1} - a_{n-2}| + |a_{n-2} - a_{n-3}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+1} - a_{n-m}| \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^{n-m} |a_i - a_{i-1}| \\ &\leq |a_n| + (|a_{n-1}| - |a_n|)\cos\alpha + (|a_{n-1}| + |a_n|)\sin\alpha + (|a_{n-1}| - |a_{n-2}|)\cos\alpha \\ &\quad + (|a_{n-1}| + |a_{n-2}|)\sin\alpha + (|a_{n-3}| - |a_{n-2}|)\cos\alpha + (|a_{n-3}| + |a_{n-2}|)\sin\alpha \\ &\quad + \dots + (|a_{n-m+1}| - |a_{n-m+2}|)\cos\alpha + (|a_{n-m+1}| + |a_{n-m+2}|)\sin\alpha \\ &\quad + (|a_{n-m+1}| - |a_{n-m}|)\cos\alpha + (|a_{n-m+1}| + |a_{n-m}|)\sin\alpha \\ &\quad + \dots + \sum_{i=1}^{n-m} (|a_{i-1}| - |a_i|)\cos\alpha + \sum_{i=1}^{n-m} (|a_{i-1}| + |a_i|)\sin\alpha + |a_0| \end{aligned}$$

if both  $n$  and  $(n - m)$  are even or odd (by Lemma 3.1)

$$\begin{aligned} &= |a_0|(\cos\alpha + \sin\alpha + 1) + 2\sin\alpha \sum_{i=1}^n |a_i| + 2\lambda_3 \cos\alpha - |a_n|(\cos\alpha + \sin\alpha - 1) \\ &\leq |a_0|(\cos\alpha + \sin\alpha + 1) + 2\sin\alpha \sum_{i=1}^n |a_i| + 2\lambda_3 \cos\alpha \end{aligned}$$

where  $\lambda_3 = [(|a_{n-1}| + |a_{n-3}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+3}| + |a_{n-m+1}|) - (|a_{n-2}| + |a_{n-4}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+4}| + |a_{n-m+2}| + |a_{n-m}|)].$

By applying Lemma 3.2 to  $Q(z)$ , we get that the number of zeros of  $Q(z)$  in  $|z| \leq r_1$ ,  $0 < r_1 < 1$  does not exceed

$$\frac{1}{\log \frac{1}{r_1}} \log \frac{|a_0|(\cos\alpha + \sin\alpha + 1) + 2\sin\alpha \sum_{i=1}^n |a_i| + 2\lambda_3 \cos\alpha}{|a_0|}.$$

if both  $n$  and  $(n-m)$  are even or odd, where

$$\lambda_3 = [(|a_{n-1}| + |a_{n-3}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+3}| + |a_{n-m+1}|) - (|a_{n-2}| + |a_{n-4}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+4}| + |a_{n-m+2}| + |a_{n-m}|)].$$

Since the number of zeros of  $P(z)$  in  $|z| \leq r_1$ ,  $0 < r_1 < 1$  is equal to the number of zeros of  $Q(z)$  in  $|z| \leq r_1$ , if both  $n$  and  $(n-m)$  are even or odd, we get the required result.

Similarly we can prove that if  $n$  is even and  $(n-m)$  is odd (or) if  $n$  is odd and  $(n-m)$  is even, by re-arranging the terms in the above proof.

That is the number of zeros of  $Q(z)$  in  $|z| \leq r_1$ ,  $0 < r_1 < 1$  does not exceed

$$\frac{1}{\log \frac{1}{r_1}} \log \frac{|a_0|(\cos \alpha + \sin \alpha + 1) + 2 \sin \alpha \sum_{i=1}^n |a_i| + 2 \lambda_4 \cos \alpha}{|a_0|}.$$

if  $n$  is even and  $(n-m)$  is odd (or) if  $n$  is odd and  $(n-m)$  is even, where

$$\lambda_4 = [(|a_{n-1}| + |a_{n-3}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+4}| + |a_{n-m+2}|) - (|a_{n-2}| + |a_{n-4}| + \dots + |a_{n-m+3}| + |a_{n-m+1}|)].$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 2.10.

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