

On the Distribution of Zeros of Polynomials

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Abstract: In this paper we find the bounds for the zeros of a polynomial, when the coefficients of the polynomial or their real and imaginary parts are restricted to certain conditions.

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1.Introduction and Statement of Results

The following elegant result on the distribution of the zeros of polynomials is due to Enestrom and Kakeya [4]:

Theorem A: Let $P(z) = \sum_{j=0}^n a_j z^j$ be a polynomial of degree n whose coefficients satisfy

$$a_n \geq a_{n-1} \geq \dots \geq a_1 \geq a_0 > 0.$$

Then $P(z)$ has all its zeros in the closed unit disk $|z| \leq 1$.

In the literature there exist several generalizations and extensions of this result. Recently, M. H. Gulzar [3] proved the following results:

Theorem B: Let $P(z) = \sum_{j=0}^n a_j z^j$ be a polynomial of degree n with

$a_j = \alpha_j + i\beta_j, j = 0,1,2,\dots,n$, such that for some $k \geq 1$,

either

$$k\alpha_n \geq \alpha_{n-2} \geq \dots \geq \alpha_3 \geq \alpha_1 \geq 0$$

and $\alpha_{n-1} \geq \alpha_{n-3} \geq \dots \geq \alpha_2 \geq \alpha_0 \geq 0$, if n is odd

or

$$k\alpha_n \geq \alpha_{n-2} \geq \dots \geq \alpha_2 \geq \alpha_0 \geq 0$$

$\alpha_{n-1} \geq \alpha_{n-3} \geq \dots \geq \alpha_3 \geq \alpha_1 \geq 0$, if n is even.

Then all the zeros of $P(z)$ lie in the disk

$$\left| z + \frac{\alpha_{n-1}}{\alpha_n} \right| \leq \frac{(2k-1)\alpha_n + \alpha_{n-1} + |\beta_n| + |\beta_{n-1}| + 2\sum_{j=0}^{n-2} |\beta_j|}{|\alpha_n|}.$$

Theorem C: Let $P(z) = \sum_{j=0}^n a_j z^j$ be a polynomial of degree n with complex coefficients such that for some real β ,

$$|\arg a_j - \beta| \leq \alpha \leq \beta, j = 0,1,2,\dots,n,$$

and for some $k \geq 1$, either

$$k|a_n| \geq |a_{n-2}| \geq \dots \geq |a_3| \geq |a_1|$$

and $|a_{n-1}| \geq |a_{n-3}| \geq \dots \geq |a_2| \geq |a_0|$, if n is odd

or

$$k|a_n| \geq |a_{n-2}| \geq \dots \geq |a_2| \geq |a_0|$$

and $|a_{n-1}| \geq |a_{n-3}| \geq \dots \geq |a_3| \geq |a_1|$, if n is even.

Then all the zeros of $P(z)$ lie in the disk

$$\left| z + \frac{\alpha_{n-1}}{\alpha_n} \right| \leq \frac{[k|a_n|(\cos \alpha + \sin \alpha + 1) - |a_n| + |a_{n-1}|(\cos \alpha + \sin \alpha) + 2 \sin \alpha \sum_{j=2}^{n-2} |a_j|] - (|a_1| + |a_0|)(\cos \alpha - \sin \alpha - 1)}{|a_n|}.$$

Y. Choo [1] proved the following result:

Theorem D: Let $P(z) = \sum_{j=0}^n a_j z^j$ be a polynomial of degree n with complex coefficients such that for some real β ,

$$|\arg a_j - \beta| \leq \alpha \leq \beta, j = 0,1,2,\dots,n,$$

and for some $k_1 \geq 1, k_2 \geq 1$, either

$$k_1|a_n| \geq |a_{n-2}| \geq \dots \geq |a_3| \geq |a_1|$$

and $k_2|a_{n-1}| \geq |a_{n-3}| \geq \dots \geq |a_2| \geq |a_0|$, if n is odd

or

$$k_1|a_n| \geq |a_{n-2}| \geq \dots \geq |a_2| \geq |a_0|$$

and $k_2|a_{n-1}| \geq |a_{n-3}| \geq \dots \geq |a_3| \geq |a_1|$, if n is even.

Then all the zeros of $P(z)$ lie in the disk

$$\left| z + \frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} \right| \leq \frac{K}{|a_n|}$$

where

$$K = (k_1 - 1)|a_n| + (k_2 - 1)|a_{n-1}| + |a_1| + |a_0| + (k_1|a_n| + k_2|a_{n-1}|)(\cos \alpha + \sin \alpha) + (|a_1| + |a_0|)(\sin \alpha - \cos \alpha) + 2 \sin \alpha \sum_{j=2}^{n-2} |a_j|.$$

The aim of this paper is to generalize the above results with less restricted conditions on the coefficients. In fact, we prove the following results:

Theorem 1: Let $P(z) = \sum_{j=0}^n a_j z^j$ be a polynomial of degree n with $a_j = \alpha_j + i\beta_j, j = 0,1,2,\dots,n$, such that for some $k_1 \geq 1, k_2 \geq 1, 0 < \tau_1 \leq 1, 0 < \tau_2 \leq 1$, either

$$k_1 \alpha_n \geq \alpha_{n-2} \geq \dots \geq \alpha_3 \geq \tau_1 \alpha_1$$

and $k_2 \alpha_{n-1} \geq \alpha_{n-3} \geq \dots \geq \alpha_2 \geq \tau_2 \alpha_0$, if n is odd

or

$$k_1 \alpha_n \geq \alpha_{n-2} \geq \dots \geq \alpha_2 \geq \tau_1 \alpha_0$$

and $k_2 \alpha_{n-1} \geq \alpha_{n-3} \geq \dots \geq \alpha_3 \geq \tau_2 \alpha_1$, if n is even.

Then for odd n all the zeros of $P(z)$ lie in the disk

$$\left| z + \frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} \right| \leq \frac{K_1}{|a_n|}$$

where

$$K_1 = k_1(\alpha_n + |\alpha_n|) + k_2(\alpha_{n-1} + |\alpha_{n-1}|) + 2(|\alpha_1| + |\alpha_0|) - (|\alpha_n| + |\alpha_{n-1}|) - \tau_1(\alpha_1 + |\alpha_1|) - \tau_2(\alpha_0 + |\alpha_0|) + |\beta_n| + |\beta_{n-1}| + 2 \sum_{j=0}^{n-2} |\beta_j|,$$

and for even n all the zeros of $P(z)$ lie in the disk

$$\left| z + \frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} \right| \leq \frac{K_2}{|a_n|}$$

where

$$K_2 = k_1(\alpha_n + |\alpha_n|) + k_2(\alpha_{n-1} + |\alpha_{n-1}|) + 2(|\alpha_1| + |\alpha_0|) - (|\alpha_n| + |\alpha_{n-1}|) - \tau_2(\alpha_1 + |\alpha_1|) - \tau_1(\alpha_0 + |\alpha_0|) + |\beta_n| + |\beta_{n-1}| + 2 \sum_{j=0}^{n-2} |\beta_j|.$$

Remark 1: Taking $\tau_1 = 1, \tau_2 = 1, k_1 = k, k_2 = 1$ and the coefficients to be non-negative, we have $K_1 = K_2$ and Theorem 1 reduces to Theorem B.

Taking $k_1 = 1, k_2 = 1$, the following result is an immediate consequence of Theorem 1:

Corollary 1: Let $P(z) = \sum_{j=0}^n a_j z^j$ be a polynomial of degree n with

$a_j = \alpha_j + i\beta_j, j = 0,1,2,\dots,n$, such that for some $0 < \tau_1 \leq 1, 0 < \tau_2 \leq 1$, either

$$\alpha_n \geq \alpha_{n-2} \geq \dots \geq \alpha_3 \geq \tau_1 \alpha_1$$

and $\alpha_{n-1} \geq \alpha_{n-3} \geq \dots \geq \alpha_2 \geq \tau_2 \alpha_0$, if n is odd

or

$$\alpha_n \geq \alpha_{n-2} \geq \dots \geq \alpha_2 \geq \tau_1 \alpha_0$$

and $\alpha_{n-1} \geq \alpha_{n-3} \geq \dots \geq \alpha_3 \geq \tau_2 \alpha_1$, if n is even.

Then for odd n all the zeros of $P(z)$ lie in the disk

$$\left| z + \frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} \right| \leq \frac{K_1}{|a_n|}$$

where

$$K_1 = \alpha_n + \alpha_{n-1} + 2(|\alpha_1| + |\alpha_0|) - \tau_1(\alpha_1 + |\alpha_1|) - \tau_2(\alpha_0 + |\alpha_0|) + |\beta_n| + |\beta_{n-1}| + 2 \sum_{j=0}^{n-2} |\beta_j|,$$

and for even n all the zeros of P(z) lie in the disk

$$\left| z + \frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} \right| \leq \frac{K_2}{|a_n|}$$

where

$$K_2 = \alpha_n + \alpha_{n-1} + 2(|\alpha_1| + |\alpha_0|) - \tau_2(\alpha_1 + |\alpha_1|) - \tau_1(\alpha_0 + |\alpha_0|) + |\beta_n| + |\beta_{n-1}| + 2 \sum_{j=0}^{n-2} |\beta_j|.$$

If the coefficients a_j are real i.e. $\beta_j = 0$ for all j, Theorem 1 gives the following result:

Corollary 2: Let $P(z) = \sum_{j=0}^n a_j z^j$ be a polynomial of degree n such that for

some $0 < \tau_1 \leq 1, 0 < \tau_2 \leq 1$, either

$$a_n \geq a_{n-2} \geq \dots \geq a_3 \geq \tau_1 a_1$$

and $a_{n-1} \geq a_{n-3} \geq \dots \geq a_2 \geq \tau_2 a_0$, if n is odd

or

$$a_n \geq a_{n-2} \geq \dots \geq a_2 \geq \tau_1 a_0$$

and $a_{n-1} \geq a_{n-3} \geq \dots \geq a_3 \geq \tau_2 a_1$, if n is even.

Then for odd n all the zeros of P(z) lie in the disk

$$\left| z + \frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} \right| \leq \frac{K_1}{|a_n|}$$

where

$$K_1 = a_n + a_{n-1} + 2(|a_1| + |a_0|) - \tau_1(a_1 + |a_1|) - \tau_2(a_0 + |a_0|),$$

and for even n all the zeros of P(z) lie in the disk

$$\left| z + \frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} \right| \leq \frac{K_2}{|a_n|}$$

where

$$K_2 = a_n + a_{n-1} + 2(|a_1| + |a_0|) - \tau_2(a_1 + |a_1|) - \tau_1(a_0 + |a_0|).$$

Applying Theorem 1 to the polynomial $-iP(z)$, we get the following result:

Corollary 3: Let $P(z) = \sum_{j=0}^n a_j z^j$ be a polynomial of degree n with

$a_j = \alpha_j + i\beta_j, j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$, such that for some $0 < \tau_1 \leq 1, 0 < \tau_2 \leq 1$, either

$$k_1 \beta_n \geq \beta_{n-2} \geq \dots \geq \beta_3 \geq \tau_1 \beta_1$$

and $k_2 \beta_{n-1} \geq \beta_{n-3} \geq \dots \geq \beta_2 \geq \tau_2 \beta_0$, if n is odd

or

$$k_1 \beta_n \geq \alpha \beta_{n-2} \geq \dots \geq \beta_2 \geq \tau_1 \beta_0$$

and $k_2 \beta_{n-1} \geq \beta_{n-3} \geq \dots \geq \beta_3 \geq \tau_2 \beta_1$, if n is even.

Then for odd n all the zeros of P(z) lie in the disk

$$\left| z + \frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} \right| \leq \frac{K_1}{|a_n|}$$

where

$$K_1 = k_1(\beta_n + |\beta_n|) + k_2(\beta_{n-1} + |\beta_{n-1}|) + 2(|\beta_1| + |\beta_0|) - \tau_1(\beta_1 + |\beta_1|) - \tau_2(\beta_0 + |\beta_0|) + |\alpha_n| + |\alpha_{n-1}| + 2 \sum_{j=0}^{n-2} |\alpha_j|$$

and for even n all the zeros of P(z) lie in the disk

$$\left| z + \frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} \right| \leq \frac{K_2}{|a_n|}$$

where

$$K_2 = k_1(\beta_n + |\beta_n|) + k_2(\beta_{n-1} + |\beta_{n-1}|) + 2(|\beta_1| + |\beta_0|) - \tau_2(\beta_1 + |\beta_1|) - \tau_1(\beta_0 + |\beta_0|) + |\alpha_n| + |\alpha_{n-1}| + 2 \sum_{j=0}^{n-2} |\alpha_j|$$

Theorem 2: Let $P(z) = \sum_{j=0}^n a_j z^j$ be a polynomial of degree n with complex coefficients such that for some real β ,

$$|\arg a_j - \beta| \leq \alpha \leq \beta, j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

and for some $k_1 \geq 1, k_2 \geq 1, 0 < \tau_1 \leq 1, 0 < \tau_2 \leq 1$, either

$$k_1 |a_n| \geq |a_{n-2}| \geq \dots \geq |a_3| \geq \tau_1 |a_1|$$

and $k_2 |a_{n-1}| \geq |a_{n-3}| \geq \dots \geq |a_2| \geq \tau_2 |a_0|$, if n is odd

or

$$k_1 |a_n| \geq |a_{n-2}| \geq \dots \geq |a_2| \geq \tau_1 |a_0|$$

and $k_2 |a_{n-1}| \geq |a_{n-3}| \geq \dots \geq |a_3| \geq \tau_2 |a_1|$, if n is even.

Then for odd n all the zeros of P(z) lie in the disk

$$\left| z + \frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} \right| \leq \frac{K_1}{|a_n|}$$

where

$$K_1 = (k_1 |a_n| + k_2 |a_{n-1}|)(\cos \alpha + \sin \alpha + 1) - (|a_n| + |a_{n-1}|) - (\tau_1 |a_1| + \tau_2 |a_0|)(\cos \alpha - \sin \alpha + 1) + 2(|a_1| + |a_0|) + 2 \sin \alpha \sum_{j=2}^{n-2} |a_j|.$$

and for even n all the zeros of P(z) lie in the disk

$$\left| z + \frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} \right| \leq \frac{K_2}{|a_n|}$$

where

$$K_2 = (k_1 |a_n| + k_2 |a_{n-1}|)(\cos \alpha + \sin \alpha + 1) - (|a_n| + |a_{n-1}|)$$

$$-(\tau_1|a_0| + \tau_2|a_1|)(\cos \alpha - \sin \alpha + 1) + 2(|a_1| + |a_0|) + 2 \sin \alpha \sum_{j=2}^{n-2} |a_j|.$$

Remark 2: Taking $\tau_1 = 1, \tau_2 = 1$, Theorem 2 reduces to Theorem D.

Taking $k_1 = 1, k_2 = 1$, Theorem 2 gives the following result:

Corollary 4: Let $P(z) = \sum_{j=0}^n a_j z^j$ be a polynomial of degree n with complex coefficients such that for some real β ,

$$|\arg a_j - \beta| \leq \alpha \leq \beta, j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

and for some $k_1 \geq 1, k_2 \geq 1, 0 < \tau_1 \leq 1, 0 < \tau_2 \leq 1$, either

$$|a_n| \geq |a_{n-2}| \geq \dots \geq |a_3| \geq \tau_1 |a_1|$$

and $|a_{n-1}| \geq |a_{n-3}| \geq \dots \geq |a_2| \geq \tau_2 |a_0|$, if n is odd

or

$$|a_n| \geq |a_{n-2}| \geq \dots \geq |a_2| \geq \tau_1 |a_0|$$

and $|a_{n-1}| \geq |a_{n-3}| \geq \dots \geq |a_3| \geq \tau_2 |a_1|$, if n is even.

Then for odd n all the zeros of $P(z)$ lie in the disk

$$\left| z + \frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} \right| \leq \frac{K_1}{|a_n|}$$

where

$$K_1 = (|a_n| + |a_{n-1}|)(\cos \alpha + \sin \alpha) - (\tau_1 |a_1| + \tau_2 |a_0|)(\cos \alpha - \sin \alpha + 1) + 2(|a_1| + |a_0|) + 2 \sin \alpha \sum_{j=2}^{n-2} |a_j|$$

and for even n all the zeros of $P(z)$ lie in the disk

$$\left| z + \frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} \right| \leq \frac{K_2}{|a_n|}$$

where

$$K_2 = (|a_n| + |a_{n-1}|)(\cos \alpha + \sin \alpha) - (\tau_1 |a_0| + \tau_2 |a_1|)(\cos \alpha - \sin \alpha + 1) + 2(|a_1| + |a_0|) + 2 \sin \alpha \sum_{j=2}^{n-2} |a_j|$$

2.Lemmas

For the proofs of the above theorems, we need the following result:

Lemma 1: . Let $P(z) = \sum_{j=0}^n a_j z^j$ be a polynomial of degree n with complex

coefficients such that $|\arg a_j - \beta| \leq \alpha \leq \frac{\pi}{2}, j = 0, 1, \dots, n$, for some real β and

$$|a_j| \geq |a_{j-1}|, j = 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

then for some $t > 0$,

$$|ta_j - a_{j-1}| \leq [t|a_j| - |a_{j-1}|] \cos \alpha + [t|a_j| + |a_{j-1}|] \sin \alpha.$$

The proof of lemma 1 follows from a lemma due to Govil and Rahman [2].

3. Proofs of Theorems

Proof of Theorem 1: Let n be odd. Consider the polynomial

$$\begin{aligned} F(z) &= (1 - z^2)P(z) \\ &= -a_n z^{n+2} - a_{n-1} z^{n+1} + (a_n - a_{n-2})z^n + (a_{n-1} - a_{n-3})z^{n-1} + (a_{n-2} - a_{n-4})z^{n-2} \\ &\quad + \dots + (a_4 - a_2)z^4 + (a_3 - a_1)z^3 + (a_2 - a_0)z^2 + a_1 z + a_0 \\ &= -a_n z^{n+2} - a_{n-1} z^{n+1} + (1 - k_1)a_n z^n + (1 - k_2)a_{n-1} z^{n-1} + a_1 z + a_0 \\ &\quad + (k_1 a_n - a_{n-2})z^n + (k_2 a_{n-1} - a_{n-3})z^{n-1} + (a_{n-2} - a_{n-4})z^{n-2} \\ &\quad + \dots + (a_4 - a_2)z^4 + (a_3 - \tau_1 a_1)z^3 + (\tau_1 a_1 - a_1)z^3 + (a_2 - \tau_2 a_0)z^2 \\ &\quad + (\tau_2 a_0 - a_0)z^2. \\ &= -a_n z^{n+2} - a_{n-1} z^{n+1} + (1 - k_1)\alpha_n z^n + (1 - k_2)\alpha_{n-1} z^{n-1} + \alpha_1 z + \alpha_0 \\ &\quad + (k_1 \alpha_n - \alpha_{n-2})z^n + (k_2 \alpha_{n-1} - \alpha_{n-3})z^{n-1} + (\alpha_{n-2} - \alpha_{n-4})z^{n-2} \\ &\quad + \dots + (\alpha_4 - \alpha_2)z^4 + (\alpha_3 - \tau_1 \alpha_1)z^3 + (\tau_1 \alpha_1 - \alpha_1)z^3 + (\alpha_2 - \tau_2 \alpha_0)z^2 \\ &\quad + (\tau_2 \alpha_0 - \alpha_0)z^2 + i\{(\beta_n - \beta_{n-2})z^n + (\beta_{n-1} - \beta_{n-3})z^{n-1} + \dots + (\beta_2 - \beta_0)z^2 \\ &\quad + \beta_1 z + \beta_0\} \end{aligned}$$

For $|z| > 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} |F(z)| &\geq |z|^{n+1} \left[|a_n z + a_{n-1}| - \{(k_1 - 1)|\alpha_n| \frac{1}{|z|} + (k_2 - 1)|\alpha_{n-1}| \frac{1}{|z|^2} + \frac{|\alpha_1|}{|z|^n} + \frac{|\alpha_0|}{|z|^{n+1}} + |k_1 \alpha_n - \alpha_{n-2}| \frac{1}{|z|} \right. \\ &\quad + |k_2 \alpha_{n-1} - \alpha_{n-3}| \frac{1}{|z|^2} + |\alpha_{n-2} - \alpha_{n-4}| \frac{1}{|z|^3} + |\alpha_{n-3} - \alpha_{n-5}| \frac{1}{|z|^4} + \dots \\ &\quad + |\alpha_4 - \alpha_2| \frac{1}{|z|^{n-3}} + |\alpha_3 - \tau_1 \alpha_1| \frac{1}{|z|^{n-2}} + (1 - \tau_1)|\alpha_1| \frac{1}{|z|^{n-2}} + |\alpha_2 - \tau_2 \alpha_0| \frac{1}{|z|^{n-1}} \\ &\quad \left. + (1 - \tau_2)|\alpha_0| \frac{1}{|z|^{n-1}} + |\beta_n - \beta_{n-2}| \frac{1}{|z|} + \dots + |\beta_2 - \beta_0| \frac{1}{|z|^{n-1}} + \frac{|\beta_1|}{|z|^n} + \frac{|\beta_0|}{|z|^{n+1}} \} \right] \\ &> |z|^{n+1} [|a_n z + a_{n-1}| - \{(k_1 - 1)|\alpha_n| + (k_2 - 1)|\alpha_{n-1}| + |\alpha_1| + |\alpha_0| + k_1 \alpha_n - \alpha_{n-2} \\ &\quad + k_2 \alpha_{n-1} - \alpha_{n-3} + \alpha_{n-2} - \alpha_{n-4} + \dots + \alpha_4 - \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 - \tau_1 \alpha_1 \\ &\quad + (1 - \tau_1)|\alpha_1| + \alpha_2 - \tau_2 \alpha_0 + (1 - \tau_2)|\alpha_0| + |\beta_n| + |\beta_{n-2}| + \dots + |\beta_1| + |\beta_0|\}] \\ &= |z|^{n+1} [|a_n z + a_{n-1}| - \{(k_1 - 1)|\alpha_n| + (k_2 - 1)|\alpha_{n-1}| + k_1 \alpha_n + k_2 \alpha_{n-1} \\ &\quad - \tau_1(\alpha_1 + |\alpha_1|) - \tau_2(\alpha_0 + |\alpha_0|) + 2(|\alpha_0| + |\alpha_1|) + 2(|\beta_0| + |\beta_1|) + \sum_{j=2}^n |\beta_j| \}] \\ &= |z|^{n+1} [|\alpha_n z + \alpha_{n-1}| - \{k_1(\alpha_n + |\alpha_n|) + k_2(\alpha_{n-1} + |\alpha_{n-1}|) - (|\alpha_n| + |\alpha_{n-1}|) \\ &\quad - \tau_1(\alpha_1 + |\alpha_1|) - \tau_2(\alpha_0 + |\alpha_0|) + 2(|\alpha_0| + |\alpha_1|) + 2(|\beta_0| + |\beta_1|) + \sum_{j=2}^n |\beta_j| \}] \end{aligned}$$

> 0

if

$$\left| z + \frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} \right| > \frac{K_1}{|a_n|},$$

where

$$K_1 = .k_1(\alpha_n + |\alpha_n|) + k_2(\alpha_{n-1} + |\alpha_{n-1}|) - (|\alpha_n| + |\alpha_{n-1}| - \tau_1(\alpha_1 + |\alpha_1|) - \tau_2(\alpha_0 + |\alpha_0|) + 2(|\alpha_0| + |\alpha_1|) + 2(|\beta_0| + |\beta_1|) + \sum_{j=2}^n |\beta_j|$$

This shows that those zeros of F(z) whose modulus is greater than 1 lie in the disk

$$\left| z + \frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} \right| \leq \frac{K_1}{|a_n|}.$$

But the zeros of F(z) whose modulus is less than or equal to 1 already satisfy the above inequality. Hence it follows that all the zeros of F(z) and therefore P(z) lie in

$$\left| z + \frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} \right| \leq \frac{K_1}{|a_n|}.$$

A similar argument applies to the case when n is even and Theorem 1 follows.

Proof of Theorem 2. Let n be odd. Consider the polynomial

$$\begin{aligned} F(z) &= (1 - z^2)P(z) \\ &= -a_n z^{n+2} - a_{n-1} z^{n+1} + (a_n - a_{n-2})z^n + (a_{n-1} - a_{n-3})z^{n-1} + (a_{n-2} - a_{n-4})z^{n-2} \\ &\quad + \dots + (a_4 - a_2)z^4 + (a_3 - a_1)z^3 + (a_2 - a_0)z^2 + a_1 z + a_0 \\ &= -a_n z^{n+2} - a_{n-1} z^{n+1} + (1 - k_1)a_n z^n + (1 - k_2)a_{n-1} z^{n-1} + a_1 z + a_0 \\ &\quad + (k_1 a_n - a_{n-2})z^n + (k_2 a_{n-1} - a_{n-3})z^{n-1} + (a_{n-2} - a_{n-4})z^{n-2} \\ &\quad + \dots + (a_4 - a_2)z^4 + (a_3 - \tau_1 a_1)z^3 + (\tau_1 a_1 - a_1)z^3 + (a_2 - \tau_2 a_0)z^2 \\ &\quad + (\tau_2 a_0 - a_0)z^2. \end{aligned}$$

For $|z| > 1$, we have, by using the lemma,

$$\begin{aligned} |F(z)| &\geq |z|^n \left[|a_n z + a_{n-1}| - \left\{ (k_1 - 1)|a_n| + (k_2 - 1)|a_{n-1}| + |a_1| + |a_0| + |k_1 a_n - a_{n-2}| \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + |k_2 a_{n-1} - a_{n-3}| + |a_{n-2} - a_{n-4}| + |a_{n-3} - a_{n-5}| + \dots \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + |a_4 - a_2| + |a_3 - \tau_1 a_1| + |(1 - \tau_1)a_1| + |a_2 - \tau_2 a_0| + |(1 - \tau_2)a_0| \right\} \right] \\ &\geq |z|^n \left[|a_n z + a_{n-1}| - \left\{ (k_1 - 1)|a_n| + (k_2 - 1)|a_{n-1}| + |a_1| + |a_0| + (k_1|a_n| - |a_{n-2}|) \cos \alpha \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + (k_1|a_n| + |a_{n-1}|) \sin \alpha + (k_2|a_{n-1}| - |a_{n-3}|) \cos \alpha + (k_2|a_{n-1}| + |a_{n-3}|) \sin \alpha \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + (|a_{n-2}| - |a_{n-4}|) \cos \alpha + (|a_{n-2}| + |a_{n-4}|) \sin \alpha + \dots + (|a_4| - |a_2|) \cos \alpha \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + (|a_4| + |a_2|) \sin \alpha + (|a_3| - \tau_1|a_1|) \cos \alpha + (|a_3| + \tau_1|a_1|) \sin \alpha \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + (|a_2| - \tau_2|a_0|) \cos \alpha + (|a_2| + \tau_2|a_0|) \sin \alpha + (1 - \tau_1)|a_1| + (1 - \tau_2)|a_0| \right\} \right] \\ &= |z|^n \left[|a_n z + a_{n-1}| - \left\{ (k_1|a_n| + k_2|a_{n-1}|)(\cos \alpha + \sin \alpha + 1) - (|a_n| + |a_{n-1}|) \right\} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$-(\tau_1|a_1| + \tau_2|a_0|)(\cos \alpha - \sin \alpha + 1) + 2(|a_1| + |a_0|) + 2 \sin \alpha \sum_{j=2}^{n-2} |a_j| \}]$$

> 0

if

$$\left| z + \frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} \right| > \frac{K_1}{|a_n|},$$

where

$$K_1 = (k_1|a_n| + k_2|a_{n-1}|)(\cos \alpha + \sin \alpha + 1) - (|a_n| + |a_{n-1}|) - (\tau_1|a_1| + \tau_2|a_0|)(\cos \alpha - \sin \alpha + 1) + 2(|a_1| + |a_0|) + 2 \sin \alpha \sum_{j=2}^{n-2} |a_j|.$$

This shows that those zeros of $F(z)$ whose modulus is greater than 1 lie in the disk

$$\left| z + \frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} \right| \leq \frac{K_1}{|a_n|}.$$

But the zeros of $F(z)$ having modulus less than or equal to 1 already satisfy the above inequality. Hence it follows that all the zeros of $F(z)$ and therefore $P(z)$ lie in

$$\left| z + \frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} \right| \leq \frac{K_1}{|a_n|}.$$

The case when n is even can be proved similarly.

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