

# Variation in the Zeros of a Complex Polynomial

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## Abstract

In this paper we prove some extensions of the classical results concerning Enestrom-Kakeya theorem and related analytic functions. Besides several consequences, our results considerably improve the bounds by relaxing the hypothesis in some cases.

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## 1.INTRODUCTION

The following result due to Enestrom and Kakeya [6], page 136 is well known in the theory of distribution of zeros of polynomials.

**Theorem A:** If  $P(z) = \sum_{j=0}^n a_j z^j$  be a polynomial of degree  $n$  such that  

$$a_n \geq a_{n-1} \geq a_{n-2} \geq \dots \geq a_1 \geq a_0 > 0, \quad a_j \in \mathbb{R} \quad (1)$$
Then  $P(z)$  has all its zeros in  $|z| \leq 1$

Joyal et al [5] extended theorem to the polynomials whose coefficient are monotonic but not necessarily non negative and proved the following:

**Theorem B:** If  $P(z) = \sum_{j=0}^n a_j z^j$  be a polynomial of degree  $n$  such that for some  $\lambda \geq 1$ ,  

$$\lambda a_n \geq a_{n-1} \geq a_{n-2} \geq \dots \geq a_1 \geq a_0, \quad \lambda, a_j \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (2)$$
then all the zeros of  $P(z)$  lie in  

$$|z + \lambda - 1| \leq (\lambda a_n - a_0 + |a_0|) \div |a_n|. \quad (3)$$

Among other authors besides Joyal et al [5], Dewan & Govil [3] and Aziz & Zargar [1] also extended Theorem A to the polynomials whose coefficients are monotonic but not necessarily non negative.

## 2.The polynomials with complex coefficients:

Govil and Mc Tune [4] extended the results of Aziz and Zargar [1] to the polynomials with complex coefficients given by:

**Theorem C:** Let  $P(z) = \sum_{j=0}^n a_j z^j$  be a polynomial of degree  $n$  with  $\operatorname{Re}(a_j) = \alpha_j$  and  $\operatorname{Im}(a_j) = \beta_j$ ,  
for  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$ . If for some  $\lambda \geq 1$ ,  

$$\lambda \alpha_n \geq \alpha_{n-1} \geq \alpha_{n-2} \geq \dots \geq \alpha_1 \geq \alpha_0, \quad \lambda, \alpha_j \in \mathbb{R},$$
then all the zeros of  $P(z)$  lie in  

$$|z + \lambda - 1| \leq (\lambda \alpha_n - \alpha_0 + |\alpha_0| + 2 \sum_{j=0}^n |\beta_j|) \div |a_n| \quad (4)$$

Also Rather and Shakeel [7] on the lines of Govil & Mc Tune [4] obtained the following result:

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**Theorem D:** Let  $P(z) = \sum_{j=0}^n a_j z^j$  be a polynomial of degree  $n$  with  $\operatorname{Re}(a_j) = \alpha_j$  and  $\operatorname{Im}(a_j) = \beta_j$ , for  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$ . If for some  $\lambda \geq 1$ ,

$$\lambda \alpha_n \geq \alpha_{n-1} \geq \alpha_{n-2} \geq \dots \geq \alpha_1 \geq \alpha_0, \quad \lambda, a_j \in \mathbb{R},$$

then all the zeros of  $P(z)$  lie in

$$\left| z + (\lambda - 1) \frac{\alpha_n}{|a_n|} \right| \leq (\lambda \alpha_n - \alpha_0 + |\alpha_0| + 2 \sum_{j=0}^n |\beta_j|) \div |a_n| \quad (5)$$

Generalizing the above result, Rather & Shakeel[7] also proved the following result:

**Theorem E:** Let  $P(z) = \sum_{j=0}^n a_j z^j$  be a polynomial of degree  $n$  with  $\operatorname{Re}(a_j) = \alpha_j$  and  $\operatorname{Im}(a_j) = \beta_j$ , for  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$ . If for some  $\lambda \geq 1$ ,

$$\lambda \alpha_n \geq \alpha_{n-1} \geq \alpha_{n-2} \geq \dots \geq \alpha_1 \geq \alpha_0,$$

$$\lambda \beta_n \geq \beta_{n-1} \geq \beta_{n-2} \geq \dots \geq \beta_1 \geq \beta_0$$

Then all the zeroes of  $P(z)$  lie in

$$\left| z + \lambda - 1 \right| \leq [\lambda(\alpha_n + \beta_n) - (\alpha_0 + \beta_0) + |\alpha_0|] \div |a_n| \quad (6)$$

In this paper we consider the generalization of the above theorems and discuss certain properties given by the following:

**Theorem 1:** Let  $P(z) = \sum_{j=0}^n a_j z^j$  be a polynomial of degree  $n$  with complex co-efficients such that  $\operatorname{Re}(a_j) = \alpha_j$  and  $\operatorname{Im}(a_j) = \beta_j$ , for  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$ . and If for some  $\lambda, \mu \geq 1, 0 < \gamma, \delta \leq 1$

$$\lambda \alpha_n \geq \alpha_{n-1} \geq \alpha_{n-2} \geq \dots \geq \alpha_1 \geq \alpha_0$$

$$\beta_n \geq \beta_{n-1} \geq \beta_{n-2} \geq \dots \geq \beta_1 \geq \delta \beta_0 \quad (7)$$

then all the zeros of  $P(z)$  lie in the disc:

$$\left| z + \frac{(\lambda-1)\alpha_n}{a_n} \right| \leq \frac{1}{|a_n|} [\{(\lambda \alpha_n - \alpha_{n-1})^2 + (\beta_{n-1})^2\}^{1/2} + (\alpha_{n-1} + \beta_{n-1}) + |\alpha_0| + \delta |\beta_0| (1 + \cos \alpha + \sin \alpha) + (\sin \alpha - \cos \alpha) |\beta_0|] \quad (8)$$

**Proof:** Consider the polynomial

$$F(z) = (1-z)P(z) = (1-z)(a_0 + a_1 z + a_2 z^2 + a_3 z^3 + \dots + a_{n-1} z^{n-1} + a_n z^n)$$

$$= (a_0 + a_1 z + a_2 z^2 + a_3 z^3 + \dots + a_{n-1} z^{n-1} + a_n z^n - a_0 z - a_1 z^2 - \dots - a_{n-1} z^n - a_n z^{n+1})$$

$$= -a_n z^{n+1} + (a_n - a_{n-1}) z^n + (a_{n-1} - a_{n-2}) z^{n-1} + \dots + (a_2 - a_1) z + a_0$$

$$= -a_n z^{n+1} + (\alpha_n - \alpha_{n-1}) z^n + i(\beta_n - \beta_{n-1}) z^n + \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} (\alpha_j - \alpha_{j-1}) z^j + i \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} (\beta_j - \beta_{j-1}) z^j + (\alpha_1 - \alpha_0) z + i(\beta_1 - \beta_0) z + a_0$$

$$= -a_n z^{n+1} - (\lambda \alpha_n - \alpha_n) z^n + (\lambda \alpha_n - \alpha_{n-1}) z^n + i(\beta_n - \beta_{n-1}) z^n + \sum_{j=1}^{j=n-1} (\alpha_j - \alpha_{j-1}) z^j + i \sum_{j=1}^{j=n-1} (\beta_j - \beta_{j-1}) z^j + (\alpha_1 - \alpha_0) z + i(\beta_1 - \delta \beta_0) z + i(\delta \beta_0 - \beta_0) z + a_0$$

Let  $|z| > 1$ . Then

$$|F(z)| \geq |-a_n z^{n+1} - (\lambda \alpha_n - \alpha_n) z^n + (\lambda \alpha_n - \alpha_{n-1}) z^n + i(\beta_n - \beta_{n-1}) z^n + \sum_{j=1}^{j=n-1} (\alpha_j - \alpha_{j-1}) z^j + i \sum_{j=1}^{j=n-1} (\beta_j - \beta_{j-1}) z^j + (\alpha_1 - \alpha_0) z + i(\beta_1 - \delta \beta_0) z + i(\delta \beta_0 - \beta_0) z + a_0|$$

$$\geq -z^n [ \{ a_n z + (\lambda - 1) \alpha_n \} - \{ (\lambda \alpha_n - \alpha_{n-1}) + i(\beta_n - \beta_{n-1}) \} - \sum_{j=1}^{j=n-1} (\alpha_j - \alpha_{j-1}) z^{j-n} - i \sum_{j=1}^{j=n-1} (\beta_j - \beta_{j-1}) z^{j-n} - (\alpha_1 - \alpha_0) z^{1-n} - i(\beta_1 - \delta \beta_0) z^{1-n} - i(1 - \delta) \beta_0 z^{1-n} - a_0 z^{-n} ]$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= |z|^n | [F_1(\lambda, \alpha, \beta, z) - \{ F_2(\lambda, \alpha, \beta) + F_3(\alpha, z) + F_4(\beta, z) \} ] |, \\ &\geq |z|^n | [F_1(\lambda, \alpha, \beta, z) - \{ F_2(\lambda, \alpha, \beta) + F_3(\alpha, z) + F_4(\beta, z) \} ] | \\ &\geq | [F_1(\lambda, \alpha, \beta, z) - \{ F_2(\lambda, \alpha, \beta) + F_3(\alpha, z) + F_4(\beta, z) \} ] | \\ &\leq | [F_1(\lambda, \alpha, \beta, z) - \{ F_2(\lambda, \alpha, \beta) + F_3(\alpha, z) + F_4(\beta, z) \} ] | \text{ (by Triangle Inequality)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } |F(z)| \leq | [F_1(\lambda, \alpha, \beta, z) - \{ F_2(\lambda, \alpha, \beta) + F_3(\alpha, z) + F_4(\beta, z) \} ] | \quad (9)$$

where ,

$$\begin{aligned} F_1(\lambda, \alpha, \beta, z) &= [a_n z + (\lambda - 1) \alpha_n] , \\ F_2(\lambda, \alpha, \beta) &= (\lambda \alpha_n - \alpha_{n-1}) + i(\beta_n - \beta_{n-1}) , \\ F_3(\alpha, z) &= \sum_{j=1}^{j=n-1} (\alpha_j - \alpha_{j-1}) z^{j-n} + \alpha_0 z^{-n} \text{ and} \\ F_4(\beta, z) &= \sum_{j=1}^{j=n-1} (\beta_j - \beta_{j-1}) z^{j-n} + \beta_0 z^{-n} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } |F_1(\lambda, \alpha, \beta, z)| = |a_n z + (\lambda - 1) \alpha_n| \quad (10)$$

Now, the lemma due to Govil & Rehman[5] is given as:

Lemma: If  $|\arg \alpha_j - \beta| \leq \alpha \leq \pi/2$  for some  $t > 0$ ,  $|t \alpha_j| \geq |a_{j-1}|$ , then

$$|t \alpha_j - a_{j-1}| \leq \{ (|t \alpha_j| - |a_{j-1}|) \cos \alpha + (|t \alpha_j| + |a_{j-1}|) \sin \alpha \} \quad (11)$$

Now,  $F_2(\lambda, \alpha, \beta) = (\lambda \alpha_n - \alpha_{n-1}) + i(\beta_n - \beta_{n-1})$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } |F_2(\lambda, \alpha, \beta)| &= |(\lambda \alpha_n - \alpha_{n-1}) + i(\beta_n - \beta_{n-1})| \\ &= \{ (\lambda \alpha_n - \alpha_{n-1})^2 + (\beta_n - \beta_{n-1})^2 \}^{1/2} \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{And } F_3(\alpha, z) &= \sum_{j=1}^{j=n-1} (\alpha_j - \alpha_{j-1}) z^{j-n} + \alpha_0 z^{-n} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{j=n-1} (\alpha_j - \alpha_{j-1}) z^{j-n} + (\alpha_0) z^{-n} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } |F_3(\alpha, z)| &\leq |\alpha_{n-1}| + |(\alpha_0) z^{-n}| \\ &\leq \alpha_{n-1} + |\alpha_0| \left[ \text{since } |z^{-n}| = \frac{1}{|z|^n} < 1 \right] \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

$$\text{Similarly } |F_4(\alpha, z)| \leq |\beta_{n-1}| + \delta |\beta_0| + [(\delta \beta_0) - |\beta_0|] \cos \alpha + [(\delta \beta_0) + |\beta_0|] \sin \alpha \quad (14)$$

Therefore, from eq.(9), taking into the account of the result of the equations (10),(12),(13) and (14), we have

$$|F(z)| \leq |a_n z^{(\lambda-1)\alpha_n}| + \{(\lambda\alpha_n - \alpha_{n-1})^2 + (\beta_n - \beta_{n-1})^2\}^{1/2} + \alpha_{n-1} + |\alpha_0| + |\beta_{n-1}| + \delta|\beta_0| + [(\delta\beta_0) - |\beta_0|]\cos\alpha + ((\delta\beta_0) + |\beta_0|)\sin\alpha \quad (15)$$

Thus for  $|z| > 1$ ,  $|F(z)| > 0$  only if

$$|a_n z^{(\lambda-1)\alpha_n}| > \{(\lambda\alpha_n - \alpha_{n-1})^2 + (\beta_n - \beta_{n-1})^2\}^{1/2} + \alpha_{n-1} + |\alpha_0| + |\beta_{n-1}| + \delta|\beta_0| + [(\delta\beta_0) - |\beta_0|]\cos\alpha + ((\delta\beta_0) + |\beta_0|)\sin\alpha \quad (16)$$

which gives

$$|z + \frac{(\lambda-1)\alpha_n}{a_n}| > \frac{1}{|a_n|} [ \{(\lambda\alpha_n - \alpha_{n-1}) + i(\beta_n - \beta_{n-1})\} + \alpha_{n-1} + |\alpha_0| + \beta_{n-1} + \delta(1 + \cos\alpha + \sin\alpha)|\beta_0| + (\sin\alpha - \cos\alpha)|\beta_0| ] \quad (17)$$

Above equation shows that the zeros of  $F(z)$  having moduli greater than 1 lie in the circle

$$|z + \frac{(\lambda-1)\alpha_n}{a_n}| \leq \frac{1}{|a_n|} [ \{(\lambda\alpha_n - \alpha_{n-1})^2 + (\beta_n - \beta_{n-1})^2\}^{1/2} + (\alpha_{n-1} + \beta_{n-1}) + |\alpha_0| + \delta|\beta_0|(1 + \cos\alpha + \sin\alpha) + (\sin\alpha - \cos\alpha)|\beta_0| ] \quad (18)$$

It can also be verified that the zeros of  $F(z)$  whose modulus is less than or equal to one also lie in the circle defined by equation(8) and therefore all the zeros of  $P(z)$  lying in the disc given by equation(8). Now, when  $\alpha = 0$ , then L.H.S. becomes

$$|z + \frac{(\lambda-1)\alpha_n}{a_n}| \leq \frac{1}{|a_n|} [ \{(\lambda\alpha_n - \alpha_{n-1})^2 + (\beta_{n-1})^2\}^{1/2} + (\alpha_{n-1} + \beta_{n-1}) + |\alpha_0| + \delta|\beta_0|(1 + \cos\alpha + \sin\alpha) + (\sin\alpha - \cos\alpha)|\beta_0| ]$$

which proves Th. 1.

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