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## SOME COMPACT GENERALIZATION OF INEQUALITIES FOR POLYNOMIALS WITH PRESCRIBED ZEROS

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**ABSTRACT.** Let  $p(z) = z^s h(z)$  where  $h(z)$  is a polynomial of degree at most  $n - s$  having all its zeros in  $|z| \geq k$  or in  $|z| \leq k$ . In this paper we obtain some new results about the dependence of  $|p(Rz)|$  on  $|p(rz)|$  for  $r^2 \leq rR \leq k^2$ ,  $k^2 \leq rR \leq R^2$  and for  $R \leq r \leq k$ . Our results refine and generalize certain well-known polynomial inequalities.

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $P(z)$  be a polynomial of degree  $n$ . It was shown by Govil [4, Theorem 1], that if  $P(z)$  has no zeros in  $|z| < 1$ , then for  $0 \leq r \leq \rho \leq 1$ ,

$$(1.1) \quad \max_{|z|=r} |P(z)| \geq \left( \frac{r+1}{\rho+1} \right)^n \max_{|z=\rho} |P(z)|.$$

Inequality (1.1) is best possible and equality holds for the polynomial  $P(z) = \left( \frac{1+z}{1+\rho} \right)^n$ .

As an extension of (1.1), Aziz [1] proved that if  $P(z) \neq 0$  in  $|z| < k$ , where  $k \geq 1$ ,

$$(1.2) \quad \max_{|z|=r < 1} |P(z)| \geq \left( \frac{r+k}{1+k} \right)^n \max_{|z|=1} |P(z)|.$$

and in the case  $k \leq 1$ ,

$$(1.3) \quad \max_{|z|=r} |P(z)| \geq \left( \frac{r+k}{1+k} \right)^n \max_{|z|=1} |P(z)|, \quad \text{for } 0 \leq r \leq k^2.$$

Aziz and Mohammad [2] obtained the upper bound for the  $\max_{|z|=R \geq 1} |P(z)|$  by proving the following result:

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**Theorem 1.1.** *If  $P(z)$  is a polynomial of degree  $n$  such that  $P(z) \neq 0$  in  $|z| < k$ , where  $k \geq 1$ , then*

$$(1.4) \quad \max_{|z|=R} |P(z)| \leq \left( \frac{R+k}{1+k} \right)^n \max_{|z|=1} |P(z)|, \quad \text{for } 1 \leq R \leq k^2.$$

Here equality holds if  $P(z) = (z+k)^n$ .

As an extension of (1.2) Bidkham and Dewan [3] proved that:

**Theorem 1.2.** *If  $P(z)$  is a polynomial of degree  $n$  such that  $P'(0) = 0$  and  $P(z) \neq 0$  in  $|z| < k$ , where  $k \geq 1$ , then for  $0 \leq r \leq \lambda \leq 1$ ,*

$$(1.5) \quad \max_{|z|=r} |P(z)| \geq \left( \frac{r+k}{\lambda+k} \right)^n \times \left[ 1 - \frac{(k-\lambda)(\lambda-r)n}{4k^3} \left( \frac{k+r}{k+\lambda} \right)^{n-1} \right]^{-1} \max_{|z|=\lambda} |P(z)|.$$

For the case of polynomials having all their zeros in  $|z| \leq k, k > 0$ , we have the following results due to Aziz [1].

**Theorem 1.3.** *If  $P(z)$  is a polynomial of degree  $n$  which has all its zeros in the disk  $|z| \leq k$ , where  $k \leq 1$ , then*

$$(1.6) \quad \max_{|z|=R>1} |P(z)| \geq \left( \frac{R+k}{1+k} \right)^n \max_{|z|=1} |P(z)|.$$

The result is sharp and equality holds for  $P(z) = (z+k)^n$ .

**Theorem 1.4.** *If  $P(z)$  is a polynomial of degree  $n$  having all its zeros in  $|z| \leq k$ , where  $k \geq 1$ , then for every  $R \geq k^2$ ,*

$$(1.7) \quad \max_{|z|=R} |P(z)| \geq \left( \frac{R+k}{1+k} \right)^n \max_{|z|=1} |P(z)|.$$

The result is sharp with equality for  $P(z) = (z+k)^n$ .

Also Mir [5] proved the following theorem for polynomials with  $s$ -fold zeros at the origin.

**Theorem 1.5.** *If  $P(z)$  is a polynomial of degree  $n$  having all its zeros in  $|z| \leq k \leq 1$  with  $s$ -fold zeros at the origin, then for  $R \leq k \leq 1$ ,*

$$(1.8) \quad \max_{|z|=R} |P(z)| \leq R^s \left( \frac{R+k}{1+k} \right) \max_{|z|=1} |P(z)|.$$

The result is best possible for  $s = n-1$  and equality holds for  $P(z) = z^{n-1}(z+k)$ .

## 2. Main results

In this paper, we first extend inequalities (1.2), (1.3) and (1.4) to the class of polynomials of degree  $n$  with  $s$ -fold zeros at origin. In fact we prove:

**Theorem 2.1.** *If  $P(z)$  is a polynomial of degree  $n$ , with  $s$ -fold zeros at origin,  $0 \leq s \leq n$  where the remaining  $n - s$  zeros in  $|z| \geq k$ , then for every  $r^2 \leq Rr \leq k^2$ ,*

$$(2.1) \quad |P(rz)| \geq \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^s \left(\frac{r+k}{R+k}\right)^{n-s} |P(Rz)|, \quad \text{for } |z| = 1.$$

*If we use the Maximum Modulus Principle, the result is best possible and equality holds for  $P(z) = z^s(z+k)^{n-s}$ .*

*Remark 2.2.* If we take  $s = 0$ ,  $R = 1$ , then Theorem 2.1 reduces to inequality (1.2). Also for  $s = 0$ ,  $r = 1$ , inequality (2.1) reduces to (1.4). Finally, for  $s = 0$ ,  $R = 1$ ,  $k \leq 1$ , Theorem 2.1 reduces to inequality (1.3).

Next, we prove the following result which among other things includes Theorems 1.3 and 1.4 as special case.

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $P(z) = z^s h(z)$  where  $h(z)$  is a polynomial of degree  $n - s$  having all its zeros in  $|z| \leq k$  and  $(0 \leq s \leq n)$ . Then for  $k^2 \leq rR \leq R^2$ ,*

$$(2.2) \quad |P(rz)| \leq \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^s \left(\frac{r+k}{R+k}\right)^{n-s} |P(Rz)|, \quad \text{for } |z| = 1.$$

*If we use the Maximum Modulus Principle, the result is best possible and equality holds for  $P(z) = z^s(z+k)^{n-s}$ .*

If we take  $R = 1$  in Theorem 2.3, then we get the following result:

**Corollary 2.4.** *Let  $P(z) = z^s h(z)$  where  $h(z)$  is a polynomial of degree  $n - s$  having all its zeros in  $|z| \leq k$ ,  $k \leq 1$  and  $(0 \leq s \leq n)$ . Then for  $k^2 \leq r \leq 1$ ,*

$$(2.3) \quad \max_{|z|=r} |P(z)| \leq r^s \left(\frac{r+k}{1+k}\right)^{n-s} \max_{|z|=1} |P(z)|.$$

*Remark 2.5.* In general for  $k \leq 1$ , we can not compare Corollary 2.4 with Theorem 1.5 but, one can easily see that for  $k^2 \leq r \leq k$ , the bound indicated in Corollary 2.4 is better than the bound obtained in Theorem 1.5.

If we take  $r = 1$  in Theorem 2.3, then we get the following interesting result:

**Corollary 2.6.** *Let  $P(z) = z^s h(z)$  where  $h(z)$  is a polynomial of degree  $n - s$  having all its zeros in  $|z| \leq k$  and  $(0 \leq s \leq n)$ . Then for  $R \geq \max\{1, k^2\}$ ,*

$$(2.4) \quad \max_{|z|=R} |P(z)| \geq R^s \left(\frac{R+k}{1+k}\right)^{n-s} \max_{|z|=1} |P(z)|.$$

*Remark 2.7.* Corollary 2.6 not only includes Theorems 1.3 and 1.4 as special cases but also improves them. In fact:

- (1) For  $s = 0$ ,  $k \leq 1$ , Corollary 2.6 reduces to Theorem 1.3, so for  $s \neq 0$ , this result improves it.
- (2) For  $s = 0$ ,  $k \geq 1$ , Corollary 2.6 reduces to Theorem 1.4, so for  $s \neq 0$ , this result improves it also.

Finally, we give the following result which can be thought of as a generalization as well as an improvement of Theorem 1.2.

**Theorem 2.8.** *Let  $P(z) = a_0 + \sum_{\nu=\mu}^n a_\nu z^\nu$  be a polynomial of degree  $n$  having all its zeros in  $|z| \geq k$ . Then for every  $r \leq R \leq k$ ,*

$$(2.5) \quad \begin{aligned} \max_{|z|=r} |P(z)| &\geq \left( \frac{k+r}{k+R} \right)^n \\ &\times \left[ 1 - \frac{n(k^{\mu-1} - R^{\mu-1})(R-r)}{4k^\mu} \left( \frac{k+r}{k+R} \right)^{n-1} \right]^{-1} \\ &\times \left[ \max_{|z|=R} |P(z)| + \frac{n}{\mu} \left( \frac{R^\mu - r^\mu}{R^\mu + k^\mu} \right) \min_{|z|=k} |P(z)| \right]. \end{aligned}$$

By taking  $\mu = 1$ , we get the following improvement of result due to Bidkham and Dewan [3].

**Corollary 2.9.** *Let  $P(z)$  be a polynomial of degree  $n$  having all its zeros in  $|z| \geq k$ . Then for every  $r \leq R \leq k$ ,*

$$(2.6) \quad \max_{|z|=r} |P(z)| \geq \left( \frac{k+r}{k+R} \right)^n \left[ \max_{|z|=R} |P(z)| + n \left( \frac{R-r}{R+k} \right) \min_{|z|=k} |P(z)| \right].$$

*The result is best possible and equality holds for  $P(z) = (z+k)^n$ .*

By taking  $\mu = 2$ , we get the following improvement of Theorem 1.2.

**Corollary 2.10.** *Let  $P(z) = a_0 + \sum_{\nu=2}^n a_\nu z^\nu$  is a polynomial of degree  $n$  having all its zeros in  $|z| \geq k$ . Then for every  $r \leq R \leq k$ ,*

$$(2.7) \quad \begin{aligned} \max_{|z|=r} |P(z)| &\geq \left( \frac{k+r}{k+R} \right)^n \left[ 1 - \frac{n(k-R)(R-r)}{4k^2} \left( \frac{k+r}{k+R} \right)^{n-1} \right]^{-1} \\ &\times \left[ \max_{|z|=R} |P(z)| + \frac{n}{2} \left( \frac{R^2 - r^2}{R^2 + k^2} \right) \min_{|z|=k} |P(z)| \right]. \end{aligned}$$

If  $P(z) = z^s h(z)$  where  $h(z) = a_0 + \sum_{\nu=\mu}^{n-s} a_\nu z^\nu$  be a polynomial of degree  $n-s$  having all its zeros in  $|z| \geq k$ , by using Theorem 2.8 for  $h(z)$ , we get the following interesting result.

**Corollary 2.11.** Let  $P(z) = z^s h(z)$  where  $h(z) = a_0 + \sum_{\nu=\mu}^{n-s} a_\nu z^\nu$  is a polynomial of degree  $n - s$  having all its zeros in  $|z| \geq k$ . Then for every  $r \leq R \leq k$ ,

$$(2.8) \quad \begin{aligned} \max_{|z|=r} |P(z)| &\geq \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^s \left(\frac{k+r}{k+R}\right)^{n-s} \\ &\times \left[ 1 - \frac{(n-s)(k^{\mu-1} - R^{\mu-1})(R-r)}{4k^\mu} \left(\frac{k+r}{k+R}\right)^{n-s-1} \right]^{-1} \\ &\times \left[ \max_{|z|=R} |P(z)| + \left(\frac{R}{k}\right)^s \frac{n-s}{\mu} \left(\frac{R^\mu - r^\mu}{R^\mu + k^\mu}\right) \min_{|z|=k} |P(z)| \right]. \end{aligned}$$

For  $\mu = 1$  in Corollary 2.11, we get the following result:

**Corollary 2.12.** Let  $P(z) = z^s h(z)$  where  $h(z)$  is a polynomial of degree  $n - s$  having all its zeros in  $|z| \geq k$ . Then for every  $r \leq R \leq k$ ,

$$(2.9) \quad \begin{aligned} \max_{|z|=r} |P(z)| &\geq \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^s \left(\frac{k+r}{k+R}\right)^{n-s} \\ &\times \left[ \max_{|z|=R} |P(z)| + (n-s) \left(\frac{R}{k}\right)^s \left(\frac{R-r}{R+k}\right) \min_{|z|=k} |P(z)| \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Here equality holds for  $P(z) = z^s(z+k)^{n-s}$ .

### 3. Lemma

For the proof of Theorem 2.8, we need the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.1.** If  $P(z) = a_0 + \sum_{\nu=\mu}^n a_\nu z^\nu$  is a polynomial of degree  $n$ , having no zeros in  $|z| < k$ ,  $k \geq 1$ , then

$$(3.1) \quad \max_{|z|=1} |P'(z)| \leq \frac{n}{1+k^\mu} \left\{ \max_{|z|=1} |P(z)| - \min_{|z|=k} |P(z)| \right\},$$

with equality for  $P(z) = ((z^\mu + k^\mu)/(1+k^\mu))^{\frac{n}{\mu}}$  where  $n$  is a multiple of  $\mu$ .

This lemma is due to Pukhta [6].

### 4. Proofs of the theorems

**Proof of Theorem 2.1.** Since  $P(z)$  has  $s$ -fold zeros at the origin and remaining  $n - s$  zeros lie in  $|z| \geq k$ , we can write

$$P(z) = Cz^s \prod_{j=1}^{n-s} (z - R_j e^{i\theta_j}),$$

where  $R_j \geq k$ ,  $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n - s$ . Therefore, for  $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$ , we have

$$(4.1) \quad \begin{aligned} \left| \frac{P(Re^{i\theta})}{P(re^{i\theta})} \right| &= \left( \frac{R}{r} \right)^s \prod_{j=1}^{n-s} \left| \frac{Re^{i\theta} - R_j e^{i\theta_j}}{re^{i\theta} - R_j e^{i\theta_j}} \right| \\ &= \left( \frac{R}{r} \right)^s \prod_{j=1}^{n-s} \left| \frac{Re^{i(\theta-\theta_j)} - R_j}{re^{i(\theta-\theta_j)} - R_j} \right|. \end{aligned}$$

Now for  $r \geq R$ ,  $Rr \geq R_j^2$  ( $r \leq R$ ,  $rR \leq R_j^2$ ) and for each  $\theta$ ,  $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$ , it can be easily seen that

$$(4.2) \quad \left| \frac{Re^{i(\theta-\theta_j)} - R_j}{re^{i(\theta-\theta_j)} - R_j} \right|^2 = \frac{R^2 + R_j^2 - 2RR_j \cos(\theta - \theta_j)}{r^2 + R_j^2 - 2rR_j \cos(\theta - \theta_j)} \leq \left( \frac{R + R_j}{r + R_j} \right)^2.$$

Since  $R_j \geq k$ , for all  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n - s$ , it follows from (4.1) and (4.2) that if  $r^2 \leq rR \leq k^2$ , then

$$(4.3) \quad \left| \frac{P(Re^{i\theta})}{P(re^{i\theta})} \right| \leq \left( \frac{R}{r} \right)^s \prod_{j=1}^{n-s} \left( \frac{R + R_j}{r + R_j} \right) \leq \left( \frac{R}{r} \right)^s \left( \frac{R + k}{r + k} \right)^{n-s}.$$

Hence for  $r^2 \leq rR \leq k^2$  and for each  $\theta$ ,  $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$ , we have

$$|P(Re^{i\theta})| \leq \left( \frac{R}{r} \right)^s \left( \frac{R + k}{r + k} \right)^{n-s} |P(re^{i\theta})|.$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 2.1.

**Proof of Theorem 2.3.** Similar to previous one for ( $r \leq R$ ,  $Rr \geq R_j^2$ ) or ( $r \geq R$ ,  $rR \leq R_j^2$ ) and for each  $\theta$ ,  $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$ , it can be easily seen that

$$(4.4) \quad \left| \frac{Re^{i(\theta-\theta_j)} - R_j}{re^{i(\theta-\theta_j)} - R_j} \right|^2 = \frac{R^2 + R_j^2 - 2RR_j \cos(\theta - \theta_j)}{r^2 + R_j^2 - 2rR_j \cos(\theta - \theta_j)} \geq \left( \frac{R + R_j}{r + R_j} \right)^2.$$

Since  $R_j \leq k$ , for all  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n - s$ , it follows from (4.1) that if  $k^2 \leq rR \leq R^2$ , then

$$(4.5) \quad \left| \frac{P(Re^{i\theta})}{P(re^{i\theta})} \right| \geq \left( \frac{R}{r} \right)^s \prod_{j=1}^{n-s} \left( \frac{R + R_j}{r + R_j} \right) \geq \left( \frac{R}{r} \right)^s \left( \frac{R + k}{r + k} \right)^{n-s}.$$

Hence for  $k^2 \leq rR \leq R^2$  and for each  $\theta$ ,  $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$ , we have

$$|P(Re^{i\theta})| \geq \left( \frac{R}{r} \right)^s \left( \frac{R + k}{r + k} \right)^{n-s} |P(re^{i\theta})|.$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 2.3.

**Proof of Theorem 2.8.** If  $P(z) = a_0 + \sum_{\nu=\mu}^n a_\nu z^\nu$  has no zeros in  $|z| < k$ , and  $r \leq t \leq R \leq k$ , then  $H(z) = P(tz)$  has no zeros in  $|z| < k/t$ , where  $k/t \geq 1$ . Hence by Lemma 3.1,

$$(4.6) \quad \max_{|z|=1} |tP'(tz)| \leq \frac{n}{1 + (k/t)^\mu} \left\{ \max_{|z|=1} |P(tz)| - \min_{|z|=\frac{k}{t}} |P(tz)| \right\},$$

which gives

$$(4.7) \quad \max_{|z|=t} |P'(z)| \leq \frac{nt^{\mu-1}}{k^\mu + t^\mu} \left\{ \max_{|z|=t} |P(z)| - \min_{|z|=k} |P(z)| \right\}.$$

We have for  $r \leq t \leq R \leq k$ ,  $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |P(Re^{i\theta}) - P(re^{i\theta})| &= \left| \int_r^R e^{i\theta} P'(te^{i\theta}) dt \right| \leq \int_r^R |P'(te^{i\theta})| dt \\ &\leq \int_r^R \frac{nt^{\mu-1}}{k^\mu + t^\mu} \left\{ \max_{|z|=t} |P(z)| - \min_{|z|=k} |P(z)| \right\} dt \quad (\text{by (4.7)}) \\ &\leq \int_r^R \frac{nt^{\mu-1}}{k^\mu + t^\mu} \left\{ \left( \frac{k+t}{k+r} \right)^n \max_{|z|=r} |P(z)| - \min_{|z|=k} |P(z)| \right\} dt \\ &= \frac{n}{(k+r)^n} \max_{|z|=r} |P(z)| \int_r^R \frac{t^{\mu-1}(k+t)^n}{k^\mu + t^\mu} dt \\ &\quad - \min_{|z|=k} |P(z)| \int_r^R \frac{nt^{\mu-1}}{k^\mu + t^\mu} dt, \end{aligned}$$

which gives for  $r \leq R \leq k$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{|z|=R} |P(z)| &\leq \left\{ 1 + \frac{n}{(k+r)^n} \int_r^R \frac{t^{\mu-1}(k+t)^n}{k^\mu + t^\mu} dt \right\} \max_{|z|=r} |P(z)| \\ &\quad - \min_{|z|=k} |P(z)| \int_r^R \frac{nt^{\mu-1}}{k^\mu + t^\mu} dt \\ &\leq \left\{ 1 + \frac{n}{(k+r)^n} \frac{R^{\mu-1}(k+R)}{k^\mu + R^\mu} \int_r^R (k+t)^{n-1} dt \right\} \max_{|z|=r} |P(z)| \\ &\quad - \frac{n}{k^\mu + R^\mu} \min_{|z|=k} |P(z)| \int_r^R t^{\mu-1} dt \\ &= \left[ 1 + \frac{R^{\mu-1}(k+R)(k+R)^n}{(k+r)^n(k^\mu + R^\mu)} \left\{ 1 - \left( \frac{k+r}{k+R} \right)^n \right\} \right] \max_{|z|=r} |P(z)| \\ &\quad - \frac{n}{\mu} \left( \frac{R^\mu - r^\mu}{R^\mu + k^\mu} \right) \min_{|z|=k} |P(z)| \\ &= \left[ \frac{k^\mu - R^{\mu-1}k}{k^\mu + R^\mu} + \frac{R^{\mu-1}(k+R)}{k^\mu + R^\mu} \left( \frac{k+R}{k+r} \right)^n \right] \max_{|z|=r} |P(z)| \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
& - \frac{n}{\mu} \left( \frac{R^\mu - r^\mu}{R^\mu + k^\mu} \right) \min_{|z|=k} |P(z)| \\
& = \left( \frac{k+R}{k+r} \right)^n \left[ 1 - \frac{k^\mu - R^{\mu-1}k}{k^\mu + R^\mu} \left\{ 1 - \left( \frac{k+r}{k+R} \right)^n \right\} \right] \max_{|z|=r} |P(z)| \\
& - \frac{n}{\mu} \left( \frac{R^\mu - r^\mu}{R^\mu + k^\mu} \right) \min_{|z|=k} |P(z)| \\
& = \left( \frac{k+R}{k+r} \right)^n \left[ 1 - \frac{(k^\mu - R^{\mu-1}k)(R-r)}{(k^\mu + R^\mu)(k+R) \left( 1 - \frac{k+r}{k+R} \right)} \left\{ 1 - \left( \frac{k+r}{k+R} \right)^n \right\} \right] \max_{|z|=r} |P(z)| \\
& - \frac{n}{\mu} \left( \frac{R^\mu - r^\mu}{R^\mu + k^\mu} \right) \min_{|z|=k} |P(z)| \\
& \leq \left( \frac{k+R}{k+r} \right)^n \left[ 1 - \frac{n(k^\mu - R^{\mu-1}k)(R-r)}{(k^\mu + R^\mu)(k+R)} \left( \frac{k+r}{k+R} \right)^{n-1} \right] \max_{|z|=r} |P(z)| \\
& - \frac{n}{\mu} \left( \frac{R^\mu - r^\mu}{R^\mu + k^\mu} \right) \min_{|z|=k} |P(z)| \\
& \leq \left( \frac{k+R}{k+r} \right)^n \left[ 1 - \frac{n(k^\mu - R^{\mu-1}k)(R-r)}{4k^{\mu+1}} \left( \frac{k+r}{k+R} \right)^{n-1} \right] \max_{|z|=r} |P(z)| \\
& - \frac{n}{\mu} \left( \frac{R^\mu - r^\mu}{R^\mu + k^\mu} \right) \min_{|z|=k} |P(z)|.
\end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 2.8.

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