

Generalization of Enestrom Kakeya Theorem

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Abstract. In this paper we will give generalizations of polynomials with complex coefficients when we have only real or imaginary parts of the coefficients.

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I. Introduction

Suppose $F(t) = \sum_{v=0}^n b_v t^v$ is a polynomial of degree m whose coefficients satisfy $0 \leq b_0 \leq b_1 \leq \dots \leq b_m$. Then

$F(t)$ has all its zeros in the closed unit disk $|t| \leq 1$

An equivalent but perhaps more useful statement of the above theorem due to in fact to Enestrom[3] is the following.

Theorem 1. Suppose $F(t) = \sum_{v=0}^n b_v t^v$, $n \geq 1$ be a polynomial of degree m with $b_v > 0 \quad \forall \quad 0 \leq v \leq n$. If

$$\beta = \beta[f] := \min_{0 \leq v \leq n} \left\{ \frac{b_v}{b_v + 1} \right\}, \gamma = \gamma[f] := \max_{0 \leq v \leq n} \left\{ \frac{b_v}{b_v + 1} \right\}$$

then all the zeros of $f(t)$ are contained in $\beta \leq |t| \leq \gamma$

Theorem 2. Let $F(t) = \sum_{v=0}^n b_v t^v$, $\text{Re } b_{j^*} = \beta_{j^*}$ and $\text{Im } b_{j^*} = \gamma_{j^*}$ for $j^* = 0, 1, \dots, n$, $b_n \neq 0$ and for some k ,

$$\beta_0 \leq j^* \beta_1 \leq j^{*2} \beta_2 \leq \dots \leq j^{*k} \beta_k \geq j^{*k+1} \beta_{k+1} \geq j^{*k+2} \beta_{k+2} \geq \dots \geq j^{*n} \beta_n$$

for some positive j^* .

Then $f(t)$ has all its zeros in $R_1 \leq |t| \leq R_2$ where

$$R_1 = \frac{j^* |b_0|}{2j^{*k} \beta_k - \beta_0 - j^{*n} \beta_n + j^{*n} |b_n| + |\gamma_0| + |\gamma_n| j^{*n} + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |\beta_i| j^{*i}}$$

and

$$R_2 = \max \frac{|\beta_0| j^{*n+1} + (j^{*2} + 1) j^{*n-k-1} \beta_k - j^{*n-1} \beta_0 - j^* \beta_n + (j^{*2} - 1) \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} j^{*n-i-1} \beta_i + (1 - j^{*2}) \sum_{i=k+1}^{n-1} j^{n-i-1} \beta_i + \sum_{i=1}^n (|\gamma_i| + j^* |\gamma_i|) j^{*n-i}}{|b_n|, \frac{1}{j^*}}$$

We do not know if the result is best possible, however if we take $k = n$, $j^* = 1$, $\gamma_v = 0$ for $0 \leq v \leq n$

and $b_0 \geq 0$, we get that all the zeros of the polynomial $f(t)$ lie in the annulus $\frac{b_0}{2b_n - b_0} \leq |t| \leq 1$ which is best

possible in the sense that the inner and outer radii of the annulus here cannot be improved

($f(t) = t^m + t^{m-1} + \dots + t + 1$). If we take in the theorem 2 $k = n$ we get

Corollary 1.1 Let $f(t) = \sum_{v=0}^n b_v t^v$, $\text{Re } b_{j^*} = \beta_{j^*}$ and $\text{Im } b_{j^*} = \gamma_{j^*}$ for $j^* = 0, 1, \dots, n, b_n \neq 0$

and

$$\beta_0 \leq j^* \beta_1 \leq j^{*2} \beta_2 \leq \dots \leq j^{*n} \beta_n$$

for some positive j^* . Then $f(t)$ has all its zeros in $R_1 \leq |t| \leq R_2$ where

$$R_1 = \frac{j^* |b_0|}{\left(j^{*n} \beta_n - \beta_0 + j^{*n} |b_n| + |\gamma_0| + |\gamma_n| j^{*n} + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |\gamma_i| j^{*i} \right)}$$

and $R_2 = \max \left[\frac{|b_0| j^{*n+1} + j^{*n-1} \beta_n - j^{*n-1} \beta_0 + (j^{*2} - 1) \sum_{i=1}^n j^{*n-i-1} \beta_i + \sum_{i=1}^n (|\gamma_i - 1| + j^* |\gamma_i| j^{*n-i})}{|\beta_n|}, \frac{1}{j^*} \right]$

In particular, taking $j^* = 1$ and $\gamma_v = 0$ for $0 \leq v \leq n$ in Corollary 1.1, if $f(t) = \sum_{v=0}^n b_v t^v$ is a

polynomial with real coefficients satisfying $b_0 \leq b_1 \leq \dots \leq b_n$ then $f(t)$ has all its zeros in

$$\frac{|b_0|}{b_n - b_0 + |b_n|} \leq |t| \leq \frac{|b_0| + b_n - b_0}{|b_n|} \tag{1}$$

This result sharpens a result due to Joyal, Labelle and Rahman [1]. The Enestrom-Kakeya Theorem is implied by (1) when $b_0 \geq 0$

Corollary 1.2. Let $f(t) = \sum_{v=0}^n b_v t^v$, $\text{Re } b_{j^*} = \beta_{j^*}$ and $\text{Im } b_{j^*} = \gamma_{j^*}$ for $j^* = 0, 1, \dots, n, b_n \neq 0$ and

$\beta_0 \geq j^* \beta_1 \geq j^{*2} \beta_2 \geq \dots \geq j^{*n} \beta_n$ for some positive j^* . Then $f(t)$ has all its zeros in $R_1 \leq |t| \leq R_2$ where

$$R_1 = \frac{j^* |b_0|}{\left(\beta_0 - j^{*n} \beta_n + j^{*n} |b_n| + |\gamma_0| + |\gamma_n| j^{*n} + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |\gamma_i| j^{*i} \right)}$$

and

$$R_2 = \max \left[\frac{|b_0| j^{*n+1} + j^{*n+1} \beta_0 - j^* \beta_n + (1 - j^{*2}) \sum_{i=1}^n j^{*n-i-1} \beta_i + \sum_{i=1}^n (|\gamma_i - 1| + j^* |\gamma_i| j^{*n-i})}{|\beta_n|}, \frac{1}{j^*} \right]$$

In particular, if $f(t) = \sum_{v=0}^n b_v t^v$ is with real coefficients satisfying $b_0 \geq b_1 \geq \dots \geq b_n$ then it has all its zeros in

$$\frac{|b_0|}{b_0 - b_n + |b_n|} \leq |t| \leq \frac{|b_0| + b_0 - b_n}{|b_n|} \tag{2}$$

Theorem 3 Let $f(t) = \sum_{v=0}^n b_v t^v$ $\text{Re } b_{j^*} = \beta_{j^*}$ and $\text{Im } b_{j^*} = \gamma_{j^*}$ for $j^* = 0, 1, \dots, n, b_n \neq 0$ and for

some $k, j^{*n} \beta_0 \leq j^{*n-1} \beta_1 \leq j^{*n-2} \beta_2 \leq \dots \leq j^{*k} \beta_{n-k} \geq j^{*k-1} \beta_{n-k+1} \geq \dots \geq j^* \beta_{n-1} \geq \beta_n$ for some positive j^* .

Then $f(t)$ has all its zeros in $R_1 \leq |t| \leq R_2$ where

$$R_1 \min = \frac{|b_0|}{\left(|b_n|j^{*n+1} + (j^{*2} + 1)j^{*n-k-1}\beta_{n-k} - j^{*n-1}\beta_n - j^*\beta_0 + (j^{*2} - 1)\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} j^{*n-j-1}\beta_{n-j^*}\beta_{n-j^*} \right.}$$

$$\left. + (1 - j^{*2})\sum_{i=k+1}^{n-1} j^{*n-i-1}\beta_{n-j} + \sum_{i=1}^n (|\gamma_{n-j^*+1}| + j^*|\gamma_{n-i}|j^{*n-j}) \right) j^*$$

and

$$R_2 = \frac{2j^{*k}\beta_{n-k} - \beta_n - j^{*n}\beta_0 + j^{*n}|\beta_0| + |\gamma_0|j^{*n} + |\gamma_n| + 2\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |\gamma_{n-i}|j^{*i}}{(j^*|\beta_n|)}$$

In particular, if we take $k = 0$ and $\gamma_v = 0$ for $0 \leq v \leq n$, we get that if $f(t) = \sum_{v=0}^n b_v t^v$ is a polynomial of

degree n with real coefficients satisfying $j^{*n}b_0 \leq j^{*n-1}b_1 \leq \dots \leq j^*b_{n-1} \leq b_n$ for some positive j^* , then all the zeros of $f(t)$ lie in

$$\min \left[\frac{|b_0|}{|b_n|j^{*n+1} + j^{*n+1}b_n - j^*b_0 + (1 - j^{*2})\sum_{i=1}^n j^{*n-i-1}b_{n-i}}, j^* \right] \leq |t| \leq \frac{b_n - j^{*n}b_0 + |b_0|j^{*n}}{j^*|b_n|}$$

This result hold good due to Kovacevic and Milovanovic [6] for $j^* = 1$, this further reduces to (1) when $b_0 \geq 0$, reduces to the Enestrom-Kakeya Theorem.

If we have information only about the imaginary parts of the coefficients we have the following theorem which is of interest and follows by applying theorem 1 to $-if(t)$.

Theorem 4 Let $f(t) = \sum_{v=0}^n b_v t^v$, $\text{Re } b_{j^*} = \beta_{j^*}$ and $b_{j^*} = \gamma_{j^*}$ for $j^* = 0, 1, \dots, n$, $b_n \neq 0$ and for some k ,

$\gamma_0 \leq j^*\gamma_1 \leq j^{*2}\gamma_2 \leq \dots \leq j^{*k}\gamma_k \geq j^{*k+1}\gamma_{k+1} \geq j^{*k+2}\gamma_{k+2} \geq \dots \geq j^{*n}\gamma_n$ for some positive j^* . Then $f(t)$ has all its zeros in $R_1 \leq |t| \leq R_2$ where

$$R_1 = \frac{j^*|b_0|}{\left(2j^*\gamma_k - \gamma_0 - j^{*n}\gamma_n + j^{*n}|b_n| + |\beta_0| + |\beta_n|j^{*n} + 2\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |\beta_i|j^{*i} \right)}$$

and

$$R_2 = \max \frac{\left[\begin{aligned} & (|b_0|j^{*n+1} + (j^{*2} + 1)j^{*n-k-1}\gamma_k - j^{*n-1}\gamma_0 - j^*\gamma_n + \\ & (j^{*2} - 1)\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} j^{*n-i-1}\gamma_j + (1 - j^{*2})\sum_{i=k+1}^{n-1} j^{*n-i-1}\gamma_i + \sum_{i=1}^n (|\beta_i - 1| + j^*|\beta_i|j^{*n-i}) \end{aligned} \right]}{|b_n| \cdot \frac{1}{j^*}}$$

By making suitable choice of j^* and k in the above theorems, one can also obtain the following corollaries which appear to be interesting and useful. In each of these

$$f(t) = \sum_{v=0}^n b_v t^v, \operatorname{Re} b_{j^*} = \gamma_{j^*} \text{ and } \operatorname{Im} b_{j^*} = \gamma_{j^*} \text{ for } j^* = 0, 1, \dots, n \text{ and } b_n \neq 0.$$

Corollary 1.3 Let $\beta_0 \leq \beta_1 \leq \dots \leq \beta_n$ then all the zeros of $f(t)$ lie in $R_1 \leq |t| \leq R_2$ where

$$R_1 = \frac{|b_0|}{\left\{ \beta_n - \beta_0 + |\beta_n| + |\gamma_0| + \gamma_n + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |\gamma_i| \right\}}$$

$$R_2 = \frac{\left[|b_0| - \beta_0 + \beta_n + |\gamma_0| + |\gamma_n| + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |\gamma_i| \right]}{|b_n|}$$

and

Corollary 1.4 Let $\beta_0 \geq \beta_1 \geq \dots \geq \beta_n$ then all the zeros of $f(t)$ lie in $R_1 \leq |t| \leq R_2$ where

$$R_1 = \frac{|b_0|}{\left[\beta_0 - \beta_n + |b_n| + |\gamma_0| + |\gamma_n| + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |\gamma_i| \right]}$$

$$R_2 = \frac{\left(|b_0| + \beta_0 - \beta_n + |\gamma_n| + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |\gamma_i| \right)}{|b_n|}$$

and

Corollary 1.5 Let $\gamma_0 \leq \gamma_1 \leq \dots \leq \gamma_n$ then all its zeros of $f(t)$ lie in $R_1 \leq |t| \leq R_2$ where

$$R_1 = \frac{|b_0|}{\left[\gamma_n - \gamma_0 + |b_n| + |\beta_0| + |\beta_n| + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |\beta_i| \right]}$$

$$R_2 = \frac{\left[\gamma_n - \gamma_0 + |b_0| + |\beta_0| + |\beta_n| + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |\beta_i| \right]}{|b_n|}$$

And

Corollary 1.6 Let $\gamma_0 \geq \gamma_1 \geq \dots \geq \gamma_n$ then all the zeros of $f(t)$ lie in $R_1 \leq |t| \leq R_2$

$$R_1 = \frac{|b_0|}{\left[\gamma_0 - \gamma_n + |b_n| + |\beta_0| + |\beta_n| + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \beta_i \right]}$$

$$R_2 = \frac{\left[\gamma_0 - \gamma_n + |b_0| + |\beta_0| + |\beta_n| + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \beta_i \right]}{|b_n|}$$

and

Proof of Theorem 2

Let the polynomial $F(t) = (j^* - t)f(t) = j^*b_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n (j^*b_i - b_i - 1)t^{j^*} - b_n j^{*n+1} = -b_n j^{*n+1} + G_2^*(t)$

We first note that

$$|b_{i-1} - j^*b_i| = |b_{i-1} - j^*\beta_i + i(\gamma_{i-1} - j^*\gamma_i)| \tag{3}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \left| t^n G_2^* \left(\frac{1}{t} \right) \right| &= \left| j^*b_0 t^n + \sum_{i=1}^n (j^*b_i - b_i - 1)t^{n-j^*} \right| \text{ and on } |t| = j^* \text{ by (3)} \\ \left| t^n G_2^* \left(\frac{1}{t} \right) \right| &\leq |j^*b_0| j^{*n} + \sum_{i=1}^n |j^*a_i - a_{i-1}| j^{*n-i} \\ &\leq |b_0| j^{*n+1} + \sum_{j=1}^n |j^*\beta_j - \beta_{j-1}| j^{*n-j} + \sum_{j=1}^n (|\gamma_{j-1}| + j^*|\gamma_j|) j^{*n-j} \\ &= |b_0| j^{*n+1} + \sum_{i=1}^k (j^*\beta_i - \beta_{i-1}) j^{*n-i} + \sum_{i=k+1}^n (\beta_{i-1} - j^*\beta_i) j^{*n-i} + \sum_{i=1}^n (|\gamma_{i-1}| + j^*|\gamma_i|) j^{*n-i} \\ &= |b_0| j^{*n+1} + (j^{*2} + 1) j^{*n-k-1} \beta_k - j^{*n-1} \beta_0 - j^*\beta_n + (j^{*2} - 1) \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} j^{*n-i-1} \beta_i \\ &\quad + (1 - j^{*2}) \sum_{i=k+1}^{n-1} j^{*n-i-1} \beta_i + \sum_{i=1}^n (|\beta_{i-1}| + j^*|\gamma_i|) j^{*n-i} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by the Maximum Modulus Principal

$$\left| t^n G_2^* \left(\frac{1}{t} \right) \right| \leq M_2 \text{ for } |t| \leq i$$

Which implies

$$\left| G_2^* \left(\frac{1}{t} \right) \right| \leq M_2 |t|^n \text{ for } |t| \geq \frac{1}{j^*}$$

This follows

$$\begin{aligned} |F(t)| &= |-b_n t^{n+1} + G_2^*(t)| \\ &\geq |b_n| |t|^{n+1} - M_2 |t|^n = |t|^n (|b_n| |t| - M_2) \text{ for } |t| \geq \frac{1}{j^*}. \end{aligned}$$

So if $|t| > \max \left[\frac{M_2}{|b_n|}, \frac{1}{j^*} \right] = R_2$, then $F(t) \neq 0$ and in turn $f(t) \neq 0$, thus establishing the outer radii for the theorem.

For the inner bound, Let us consider

$$F(t) = (j^* - t)f(t) = j^*b_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n (j^*b_i - b_{i-1})t^{i^*} - b_n t^{n+1} = j^*b_0 + G_1(t)$$

Then for $|t| = j^*$ by (2)

$$\begin{aligned} |G_1(t)| &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n |b_{i-1} - j^*b_i| j^{*i} + |b_n| j^{*n+1} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n |\beta_{i-1} - j^*\beta_i| j^{*i} + \sum_{i=1}^n (|\gamma_{i-1}| + j^*|\gamma_i|) j^{*i} + |b_n| j^{*n+1} \end{aligned}$$

$$= -j^* \beta_0 + 2j^{*k+1} \beta_k - j^{*n+1} \beta_n + |b_n| j^{*n+1} + |\gamma_0| j^* + |\gamma_n| j^{*n+1} + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |\gamma_i| j^{*i+1} = M_1$$

Applying Schwartz's

Leema [2] to $G_1(t)$, we get

$$G_1(t) \leq \frac{M_1(t)}{j^*} \text{ for } |t| \leq j^*$$

So

$$|F(t)| = |j^* b_0 + G_1(t)| \geq j^* |b_0| - |G_1(t)| \geq j^* |b_0| - \frac{M_1(t)}{j^*}$$

$$\frac{j^* |b_0|}{M_1} \leq j^* . \text{ So if } |t| < \frac{j^{*2} |b_0|}{M_1} = R_1 \text{ then } F(t) \neq 0 \text{ and in turn } f(t) \neq 0 .$$

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