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SOME COMPACT GENERALIZATIONS OF ENESTROM-KAKEYA TYPE THEOREM FOR POLYNOMIALS

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Abstract. In this paper we present an interesting generalization of Enestrom-Kakeya Theorem which among other things yields a number of already known classical results by putting some restrictive conditions on the coefficients of the polynomials.

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1. INTRODUCTION AND STATEMENT OF RESULTS

The following result due to Enestrom-and Kakeya [7] is well-known in the theory of distribution of the zeros of polynomials

THEOREM A. If

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

is a polynomial of degree n such that

$$(1) \quad a_n \geq a_{n-1} \geq \dots \geq a_1 \geq a_0 \geq 0,$$

then $P(z)$ does not vanish in $|z| > 1$.

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Applying this result to $P(tz)$, the following more general result is immediate.

THEOREM B. If

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

is a polynomial of degree n such that

$$t^n a_n \geq t^{n-1} a_{n-1} \geq \dots \geq t a_1 \geq a_0 \geq 0$$

then all the zeros of $P(z)$ lie in $|z| \leq t$.

In the literature [1,2,4,5,8] these exist some extensions and generalizations of Enestrom-Kakeya Theorem, Joyal, Labelle and Rahman[6] extended this theorem to polynomials whose coefficients were monotonic but not necessarily non-negative. Recently Aziz and Zarger[3] relaxed the hypothesis in several ways and among other things proved the following interesting generalization of Theorem A:

THEOREM C. If

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

is a polynomial of degree n such that for some $k \geq 1$.

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

then $P(z)$ has all its zeros in

$$(2) \quad |z + k - 1| \leq k$$

In this paper we start by proving the following result which includes Theorems A,B and C as special cases.

THEOREM 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 , if for some real number $k \geq 1$,

$$(3) \quad \text{Max}_{|z|=1} |(k a_n - a_{n-1}) + (a_{n-1} - a_{n-2})z + \dots + (a_1 - a_0)z^{n-1} + a_0 z^n| \leq M$$

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

$$(4) \quad |z + k - 1| \leq \frac{M}{|a_n|}$$

REMARK 1. Suppose $P(z)$ satisfies the conditions of Theorem C, then clearly for $|z|=1$,

$$|(k a_n - a_{n-1}) + (a_{n-1} - a_{n-2})z + \dots + a_0 z^n|$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq |(ka_n - a_{n-1})| + |a_{n-1} - a_{n-2}| + \dots + |a_1 - a_0| + |a_0| \\
&= ka_n - a_{n-1} + a_{n-1} - a_{n-2} + \dots + a_1 - a_0 + a_0 \\
&= ka_n
\end{aligned}$$

We take $M = ka_n$ in Theorem 1, it follows that all the zeors of $P(z)$ satisfying the conditions of Theorem C lie in the circle

$$|z + k - 1| \leq k,$$

which is precisely the conclusion of Theorem C.

The following corollary follows by taking $k = \frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n}$ in Theorem 1.

COROLLARY 1. If $P(z) = \sum_{j=0}^n a_j z^j$, is a polynomial of degree n, such that

$$a_{n-1} \geq a_n \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Max}_{|z|=1} |(a_{n-1} - a_{n-2})z + \dots + a_0 z^n| \leq M_1$$

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

$$\left| z + \frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} - 1 \right| \leq \frac{M_1}{|a_n|}$$

REMARK 2. 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 satisfying the condition

$$(05) \quad 0 < a_n \leq a_{n-1} \geq \dots \geq a_1 \geq a_0 \geq 0$$

then $M_1 = \text{Max}_{|z|=1} |(a_{n-1} - a_{n-2}) + (a_{n-2} - a_{n-3})z + \dots + a_0 z^n|$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq (a_{n-1} - a_{n-2}) + (a_{n-2} - a_{n-3}) + \dots + a_0 \\
&= a_{n-1}.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence from Corollary 1 it follows that all the zeros of $P(z)$ satisfying (5) lie in the circle.

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

This result was earlier proved by the authors in [3] Cor. 2.

Theorem 1 follows by taking $t = 1$ in the following general result:

THEOREM 2. 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 . If for some positive real numbers t and $k \geq 1$

$$(6) \quad \text{Max}_{|z|=\frac{1}{t}} |H(z)| \leq M, \text{ where}$$

$$H(z) = \{(tk a_n - a_{n-1}) + (ta_{n-1} - a_{n-2})z + \dots + (ta_1 - a_0)z^{n-1} + ta_0 z^n\}$$

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

$$(7) \quad |z + t(k-1)| \leq \frac{M}{|a_n|}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} M &\geq \text{Max}_{|z|=\frac{1}{t}} |H(z)| \geq \left| H\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) \right| \\ &= \left| (tk a_n - a_{n-1}) + (ta_{n-1} - a_{n-2})\frac{1}{t} + (ta_{n-2} - a_{n-3})\frac{1}{t^2} + \dots + (ta_1 - a_0)\frac{1}{t^{n-1}} + ta_0 \cdot \frac{1}{t^n} \right| \\ &\geq kta_n \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 2 follows by taking $R = \frac{1}{t}$ in the following more general result which yields a number of other interesting results for various choices of parameters R and t :

THEOREM 3. 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 . If for some positive real numbers t and $k \geq 1$

$$(8) \quad \text{Max}_{|z|=R} |H(z)| \leq M, \text{ where}$$

$$H(z) = (kta_n - a_{n-1}) + (ta_{n-1} - a_{n-2})z + \dots + ta_0 z^n.$$

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

$$(9) \quad |z + t(k-1)| \leq \frac{M}{|a_n|} \quad \text{if} \quad M \geq \left[kt + \left(\frac{1}{R} - t \right) \right] |a_n|$$

and in

$$(10) \quad |z| \leq t(2k-1) + \left(\frac{1}{R} - t \right), \quad \text{if} \quad M < \left[kt + \left(\frac{1}{R} - t \right) \right] |a_n|.$$

PROOF OF THEOREM 3. Consider the polynomial

$$\begin{aligned} F(z) &= (t-z)P(z) \\ &= (t-z)(a_n z^n + a_{n-1} z^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 z + a_0) \end{aligned}$$

$$= -a_n z^{n+1} + (ta_n - a_{n-1})z^n + (ta_{n-1} - a_{n-2})z^{n-1} + \dots + (ta_1 - a_0)z + ta_0$$

then we have

$$\begin{aligned} G(z) &= z^{n+1} F\left(\frac{1}{z}\right) \\ &= -a_n + (ta_n - a_{n-1})z + (ta_{n-1} - a_{n-2})z^2 + \dots + (ta_1 - a_0)z^n + ta_0 z^{n+1} \\ &= -a_n + ta_n z - kta_n z + (tka_n - a_{n-1})z + (ta_{n-1} - a_{n-2})z^2 + \dots + ta_0 z^{n+1} \\ &= -a_n + ta_n z - kta_n z + zH(z) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$H(z) = \{(tka_n - a_{n-1}) + (ta_{n-1} - a_{n-2})z + \dots + ta_0 z^n\}$$

Now for $|z| \leq R$,

$$(11) \quad |G(z)| \geq |a_n| |t(k-1)z + 1| - |z| |H(z)|$$

Since

$|H(z)| \leq M$ for $|z| = R$, and $H(z)$ is analytical for $|z| \leq R$, therefore by Maximum Modulus

Theorem $|H(z)| \leq M$ for $|z| \leq R$.

Using this fact in (11), we get

$$\begin{aligned} |G(z)| &\geq |a_n| |t(k-1)z + 1| - |z| M. \\ &> 0, \text{ if} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{M}{a_n} |z| < |t(k-1)z + 1| \text{ for } |z| \leq R.$$

Thus in $|z| \leq R$,

$$|G(z)| > 0 \text{ for } z \in E,$$

where

$$E = \left\{ z; \frac{M}{|a_n|} |z| < |t(k-1)z + 1| \right\}$$

we show if $w \in E$, then $|w| \leq R$ if

$$M \geq \left(kt + \left(\frac{1}{R} - t \right) \right) |a_n|$$

Let $W \in E$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{M}{|a_n|} |w| &< |t(k-1)w + 1| \\ &< t(k-1)|w| + 1 \end{aligned}$$

This implies,

$$\left\{ \frac{M}{|a_n|} - t(k-1) \right\} |W| < 1$$

or

$$|W| < \frac{|a_n|}{M - t(k-1)|a_n|} \leq R$$

if

$$|a_n| \leq MR - t(k-1)|a_n|R$$

or if,

$$M \geq \frac{|a_n|}{R} \{Rt(k-1) + 1\} = |a_n| \left\{ kt + \frac{1}{R} - t \right\}$$

Thus if

$$M \geq \left(kt + \left(\frac{1}{R} - t \right) \right) |a_n|$$

then in $|z| \leq R$,

$$|G(z)| > 0, \text{ if}$$

$$\frac{M}{|a_n|} |z| < |t(k-1)z + 1|$$

This shows that all the zeros of $G(z)$ lie in the region defined by

$$\frac{M}{|a_n|} |z| \geq |t(k-1)z + 1|$$

Replacing z by $\frac{1}{z}$ and noting that $F(z) = z^{n+1}G(z)$, it follows that all the zeros of $F(z)$ lie in

$$|z + t(k-1)| \leq \frac{M}{|a_n|}.$$

Since all the zeros of $P(z)$ are also the zeros of $F(z)$, we conclude that all the zeros of $P(z)$ lie in

$$(12) \quad |z + t(k-1)| \leq \frac{M}{a_n} \quad \text{if} \quad M \geq \left\{ kt + \left(\frac{1}{R} - t \right) \right\} |a_n|.$$

We now assume that

$$M < \left(\frac{Rt(k-1) + 1}{R} \right) |a_n|$$

then for $|z| \leq R$,

$$\begin{aligned} |G(z)| &= |-a_n + (ta_n - kta_n)z + zH(z)| \\ &\geq |a_n| \left\{ 1 - |z| \left(t(k-1) + \frac{|H(z)|}{|a_n|} \right) \right\} \\ &\geq |a_n| - |z| \left\{ t(k-1) + \frac{M}{|a_n|} \right\} \\ &\geq |a_n| \left\{ 1 - |z| \left(t(k-1) + \left(\frac{1}{R} - t \right) + tk \right) \right\} \\ &> 0, \text{ if} \end{aligned}$$

$$|z| < \frac{1}{t(2k-1) + \left(\frac{1}{R} - t \right)} (\leq R).$$

This shows that all the zeros of $G(z)$ lie in the region

$$|z| \geq \frac{1}{t(2k-1) + \left(\frac{1}{R} - t \right)}$$

Replacing z by $\frac{1}{z}$ and as before noting that

$$F(z) = z^{n+1} G\left(\frac{1}{z}\right)$$

it follows that all the zeros of $F(z)$ and hence all the zeros of $P(z)$ lie in the circle

$$(13) \quad |z| \leq t(2k-1) + \left(\frac{1}{R} - t \right)$$

if

$$M < \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{R} - t \right) + kt \right\} |a_n|$$

From (12) and (13), the desired result follows.

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