

On Some Inequalities Concerning Rate of Growth of Polynomials

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Abstract. In this paper we consider a class of polynomials $P(z) = a_0 + \sum_{v=1}^n a_v z^v$, $t \geq 1$, not vanishing in $|z| < k$, $k \geq 1$ and investigate the dependence of $\max_{|z|=1} |P(Rz) - P(rz)|$ on $\max_{|z|=1} |P(z)|$, where $1 \leq r < R$. Our result generalizes and refines some known polynomial inequalities.

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1 Introduction

For an arbitrary entire function $f(z)$, let $M(f, r) = \max_{|z|=r} |f(z)|$ and $m(f, r) = \min_{|z|=r} |f(z)|$. For a polynomial $P(z)$ of degree n , it is known that

$$M(P, R) \leq R^n M(P, 1), \quad R \geq 1. \quad (1.1)$$

The inequality (1.1) is a simple deduction from the Maximum Modulus Principle (see [7, pp. 442]). It was shown by Ankeny and Rivlin [1] that if $P(z)$ does not vanish in $|z| < 1$, then (1.1) can be replaced by

$$M(P, R) \leq \left(\frac{R^n + 1}{2}\right) M(P, 1), \quad R \geq 1. \quad (1.2)$$

The bound in (1.2) was further improved by Aziz and Dawood [4], who under the same hypothesis proved

$$M(P, R) \leq \left(\frac{R^n + 1}{2}\right) M(P, 1) - \left(\frac{R^n - 1}{2}\right) m(P, 1), \quad R \geq 1. \quad (1.3)$$

Recently Mir, Dewan and Singh [2] investigated the dependence of $\max_{|z|=1} |P(Rz) - P(z)|$ on $M(P, 1)$ and $m(P, K)$, where $R > 1$ and proved the following result.

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Theorem 1.1. Let $P(z) = a_0 + \sum_{v=t}^n a_v z^v$, $t \geq 1$, be a polynomial of degree n not vanishing in $|z| < k$, where $k \geq 1$ then for every $R > 1$ and $|z| = 1$,

$$|P(Rz) - P(z)| \leq \left(\frac{R^n - 1}{1 + \psi_0(R)} \right) \{M(P, 1) - m(P, k)\}, \tag{1.4}$$

where

$$\psi_0(R) = k^{t+1} \left\{ \frac{\left(\frac{R^t - 1}{R^n - 1} \right) \frac{|a_t| k^{t-1}}{|a_0| - m(P, k)} + 1}{\left(\frac{R^t - 1}{R^n - 1} \right) \frac{|a_t| k^{t+1}}{|a_0| - m(P, k)} + 1} \right\}. \tag{1.5}$$

From the inequality (1.4), it follows that

$$M(P, R) \leq \left(\frac{R^n + \psi_0(R)}{1 + \psi_0(R)} \right) M(P, 1) - \left(\frac{R^n - 1}{1 + \psi_0(R)} \right) m(P, k). \tag{1.6}$$

It is easy to verify (for example by the derivative test) that for every n and $R > 1$, the function

$$\left(\frac{R^n + x}{1 + x} \right) M(P, 1) - \left(\frac{R^n - 1}{1 + x} \right) m(P, k),$$

a non-increasing in x . If we combine this fact with $\psi_0(R) \geq k^t$, for $t \geq 1$, we can easily obtain from (1.6) that

$$M(P, R) \leq \left(\frac{R^n + k^t}{1 + k^t} \right) M(P, 1) - \left(\frac{R^n - 1}{1 + k^t} \right) m(P, k), \tag{1.7}$$

which is clearly a generalization of (1.3).

It is worth to mention that Theorem 1.1 was also independently proved by Aziz and Aliya [3]. In the same paper Aziz and Aliya [3] proved the following more general result containing Theorem 1.1 as a special case.

Theorem 1.2. If $P(z) = a_0 + \sum_{v=t}^n a_v z^v$, $t \geq 1$, is a polynomial of degree n having no zeros in $|z| < k$, $k \geq 1$, then for every $R > r \geq 1$, $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$ and $|z| = 1$,

$$|P(Rz) - P(rz)| \leq \left(\frac{R^n - r^n}{1 + \psi_1(R)} \right) \{M(P, 1) - \lambda m(P, k)\}, \tag{1.8}$$

where

$$\psi_1(R) = k^{t+1} \left\{ \frac{\left(\frac{R^t - r^t}{R^n - r^n} \right) \frac{|a_t| k^{t-1}}{|a_0| - \lambda m(P, k)} + 1}{\left(\frac{R^t - r^t}{R^n - r^n} \right) \frac{|a_t| k^{t+1}}{|a_0| - \lambda m(P, k)} + 1} \right\}. \tag{1.9}$$

For $r = \lambda = 1$, the inequality (1.8) reduces to (1.4).