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**LOCATION OF ZEROS OF POLAR DERIVATIVE OF POLYNOMIAL WITH REAL COEFFICIENTS**

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**ABSTRACT**

In this paper we obtain the size of the disc in which the zeros of polar derivatives of polynomial of degree n with real coefficients with respect to a real  $\alpha$  lie.

**Key words:**

Zeros, Polar derivatives,  
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**INTRODUCTION**

To estimate the zeros of a polynomial is a long standing problem. It is an interesting area of research for many engineers as well as mathematicians and many results on the topic are available in the literature.

If  $P(z) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i z^i$ , be a polynomial of degree n then Polar Derivative of the polynomial P(z) with respect to  $\alpha$ , where  $\alpha$  can be real or complex number, is defined as

$$D_\alpha P(z) = n P(z) + (\alpha - z) P'(z).$$

It is a polynomial of degree up to n-1. The polynomial  $D_\alpha P(z)$  generalizes

the ordinary derivative, in the sense that  $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} D_\alpha P(z) / \alpha = P'(z)$ .

The well-known results on Eneström-Keakeya theorem (see [1,2]) in theory of distribution of zeros of polynomials are the following.

**Theorem (A<sub>1</sub>):** Let  $P(z) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i z^i$  be a polynomial of degree n such that

$$0 < a_0 \leq a_1 \leq \dots \leq a_n.$$

Then all the zeros of P(z) lie in  $|z| \leq 1$ .

A. Joyal, G. Labelle and Q.I. Rahman [3] obtained the following generalization, by considering the coefficients to be real instead of being only positive.

**Theorem (A<sub>2</sub>):** Let  $P(z) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i z^i$  be a polynomial of degree n such that

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$$a_0 \leq a_1 \leq \dots \leq a_n.$$

Then all the zeros of  $P(z)$  lie in  $|z| \leq |a_n|^{-1} \{a_n - a_0 + |a_0|\}$ .

This paper we prove the following results.

**Theorem (1):** Let  $P(z) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i z^i$  be a polynomial of degree  $n$  with real coefficients such that for some  $\delta \geq 0$

$$0 < a_0 - \delta \leq a_1 \leq \dots \leq a_n$$

$$\text{and } (n-i)a_i \leq a_{i+1} \text{ for } i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1.$$

Then the polar derivative of  $P(z)$  with respect to a positive  $\alpha$  has  $(n-1)$  roots and they lie in

$$|z| \leq (a_{n-1} + \alpha a_n)^{-1} \{a_{n-1} + \alpha a_n + 2n\delta\}.$$

**Corollary (1):** Let  $P(z) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i z^i$  be a polynomial of degree  $n$  with real coefficients such that for

$$0 < a_0 \leq a_1 \leq \dots \leq a_n$$

and

$$(n-i)a_i \leq a_{i+1} \text{ for } i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1.$$

Then the polar derivative of  $P(z)$  with respect to a positive  $\alpha$  has up to  $(n-1)$  roots and they lie in  $|z| \leq 1$ .

**Remark (1):** By taking  $\delta=0$  in Theorem (1) we obtain Corollary(1).

**Theorem (2):** Let  $P(z) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i z^i$  be a polynomial of degree  $n$  with real coefficients such that for  $\delta \geq 0$

$$a_0 - \delta \leq a_1 \leq \dots \leq a_n$$

and

$$(n-i)a_i \leq a_{i+1} \text{ for } i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1.$$

Then the polar derivative of  $P(z)$  with respect to any  $\alpha \neq -a_{n-1}/na_n$  has  $(n-1)$  roots and they lie in

$$|z| \leq |a_{n-1} + \alpha a_n|^{-1} \{a_{n-1} + \alpha a_n + 2n\delta - na_0 - \alpha a_1 + |na_0 + \alpha a_1|\}.$$

**Corollary (2):** Let  $P(z) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i z^i$  be a polynomial of degree  $n$  with real coefficients such that for

$$a_0 \leq a_1 \leq \dots \leq a_n$$

and

$$(n-i)a_i \leq a_{i+1} \text{ for } i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1.$$

Then the polar derivative of  $P(z)$  with respect to any  $\alpha \neq -a_{n-1}/na_n$  has  $(n-1)$  roots and they lie in

$$|z| \leq |a_{n-1} + \alpha a_n|^{-1} \{a_{n-1} + \alpha a_n - na_0 - \alpha a_1 + |na_0 + \alpha a_1|\}.$$

**Remark (2):** By taking  $\delta=0$  in Theorem (2) we obtain Corollary(2).

**Theorem (3):** Let  $P(z) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i z^i$  be a polynomial of degree  $n$  with real coefficients such that for

$$a_0 - \delta \leq a_1 \leq \dots \leq a_{m+1} \text{ where } m = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$$

and

$$(n-i)a_i \leq a_{i+1} \quad i=0, 1, 2, \dots, m-1.$$

Then the polar derivative of  $P(z)$  with respect to  $\alpha$  such that

$$\alpha = -a_{n-1}/na_n = -2a_{n-2}/(n-1)a_{n-1} = \dots$$

$$= -(n-m-1)a_{m+1}/(m+2)a_{m+2} \neq -(n-m)a_m/(m+1)a_{m+1}$$

has exactly  $m$  roots and they lie in

$$|z| \leq |(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1}|^{-1} \{ (n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} - na_0 - \alpha na_1 + 2n\delta + |na_0 + \alpha na_1| \}.$$

**Corollary (3):** Let  $P(z) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i z^i$  be a polynomial of degree  $n$  with real coefficients such that for

$$a_0 \leq a_1 \leq \dots \leq a_{m+1} \quad \text{where } m=0, 1, 2, \dots, n$$

and

$$(n-i)a_i \leq a_{i+1} \quad i=0, 1, 2, \dots, m-1.$$

Then the polar derivative of  $P(z)$  with respect to  $\alpha$  such that

$$\alpha = -a_{n-1}/na_n = -2a_{n-2}/(n-1)a_{n-1} = \dots$$

$$= -(n-m-1)a_{m+1}/(m+2)a_{m+2} \neq -(n-m)a_m/(m+1)a_{m+1}$$

has exactly  $m$  roots and they lie in

$$|z| \leq |(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1}|^{-1} \{ (n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} - na_0 - \alpha na_1 + |na_0 + \alpha na_1| \}.$$

**Remark (3):** By taking  $\delta=0$  in Theorem (3) we obtain Corollary(3).

#### Proof of Theorem 1:

Let  $P(z) = a_0 + a_1 z + a_2 z^2 + \dots + a_n z^n$  be a polynomial of degree  $n$ .

Then the polar derivative of  $P(z)$  is given by  $D_\alpha P(z) = n P(z) + (\alpha - z) P'(z)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} D_\alpha P(z) &= [na_0 + \alpha a_1] + [(n-1)a_1 + 2\alpha a_2]z + [(n-2)a_2 + 3\alpha a_3]z^2 + \dots \\ &+ [(n-m+1)a_{m-1} + \alpha a_m]z^{m-1} + [(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1}]z^m + [(n-m-1)a_{m+1} + \alpha(m+2)a_{m+2}]z^{m+1} + \dots \\ &+ [2a_{n-2} + \alpha(n-1)a_{n-1}]z^{n-2} + [a_{n-1} + \alpha na_n]z^{n-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Now consider the polynomial  $Q(z) = (1-z) D_\alpha P(z)$  so that

$$\begin{aligned} Q(z) &= -[a_{n-1} + \alpha na_n]z^n + [a_{n-1} + \alpha na_n - 2a_{n-2} - \alpha(n-1)a_{n-1}]z^{n-1} + \dots \\ &+ [(n-m-1)a_{m+1} + \alpha(m+2)a_{m+2} - (n-m)a_m - \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1}]z^{m+1} \\ &+ [(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} - (n-m+1)a_{m-1} - \alpha a_m]z^m \\ &+ [(n-m+1)a_{m-1} + \alpha a_m - (n-m+2)a_{m-2} - \alpha(m-1)a_{m-1}]z^{m-1} + \dots \\ &+ [(n-2)a_2 + 3\alpha a_3 - (n-1)a_1 - 2\alpha a_2]z^2 + [(n-1)a_1 + 2\alpha a_2 - na_0 - \alpha a_1]z + [na_0 + \alpha a_1]. \end{aligned}$$

Now if  $|z| > 1$  then  $|z|^{i-n} < 1$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n-1$

Further

$$|Q(z)| \geq |a_{n-1} + \alpha na_n| |z|^{n-1} - \{ |a_{n-1} + \alpha na_n - 2a_{n-2} - \alpha(n-1)a_{n-1}| |z|^{n-1} + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + |(n-m-1)a_{m+1} + \alpha(m+2)a_{m+2} - (n-m)a_m - \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1}| |z|^{m+1} \\
 & + |(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} - (n-m+1)a_{m-1} - \alpha a_m| |z|^m \\
 & + |(n-m+1)a_{m-1} + \alpha a_m - (n-m+2)a_{m-2} - \alpha(m-1)a_{m-1}| |z|^{m-1} \\
 & + |(n-2)a_2 + 3\alpha a_3 - (n-1)a_1 - 2\alpha a_2| |z|^2 + |(n-1)a_1 + 2\alpha a_2 - na_0 - \alpha a_1| |z| \\
 & + |na_0 + \alpha a_1| \}. \\
 \geq & |a_{n-1} + \alpha a_n| |z|^{n-1} [|z| - |a_{n-1} + \alpha a_n|^{-1} \{ |a_{n-1} + \alpha a_n| - 2a_{n-2} - \alpha(n-1)a_{n-1} \\
 & + |2a_{n-2} + \alpha(n-1)a_{n-1} - 3a_{n-3} - \alpha(n-2)a_{n-2}| |z|^{-1} + \dots \\
 & + |(n-m-1)a_{m+1} + \alpha(m+2)a_{m+2} - (n-m)a_m - \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1}| |z|^{-(n-m-2)} \\
 & + |(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} - (n-m+1)a_{m-1} - \alpha a_m| |z|^{-(n-m-1)} \\
 & + |(n-m+1)a_{m-1} + \alpha a_m - (n-m+2)a_{m-2} - \alpha(m-1)a_{m-1}| |z|^{-(n-m)} + \dots \\
 & + |(n-2)a_2 + 3\alpha a_3 - (n-1)a_1 - 2\alpha a_2| |z|^{-(n-3)} + |(n-1)a_1 + 2\alpha a_2 - na_0 - \alpha a_1| |z|^{-(n-2)} + |na_0 + \alpha a_1| |z|^{-(n-1)} \}]. \\
 \geq & |a_{n-1} + \alpha a_n| |z|^{n-1} [|z| - |a_{n-1} + \alpha a_n|^{-1} \{ |a_{n-1} + \alpha a_n| - 2a_{n-2} - \alpha(n-1)a_{n-1} \\
 & + |2a_{n-2} + \alpha(n-1)a_{n-1} - 3a_{n-3} - \alpha(n-2)a_{n-2}| + \dots \\
 & + |(n-m-1)a_{m+1} + \alpha(m+2)a_{m+2} - (n-m)a_m - \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1}| \\
 & + |(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} - (n-m+1)a_{m-1} - \alpha a_m| \\
 & + |(n-m+1)a_{m-1} + \alpha a_m - (n-m+2)a_{m-2} - \alpha(m-1)a_{m-1}| + \dots \\
 & + |(n-2)a_2 + 3\alpha a_3 - (n-1)a_1 - 2\alpha a_2| + |(n-1)a_1 + 2\alpha a_2 - na_0 + n\delta - \alpha a_1 - n\delta| + |na_0 + \alpha a_1| \}]. \\
 \geq & |a_{n-1} + \alpha a_n| |z|^{n-1} [|z| - |a_{n-1} + \alpha a_n|^{-1} \{ |a_{n-1} + \alpha a_n| - 2a_{n-2} \\
 & - \alpha(n-1)a_{n-1} + 2a_{n-2} + \alpha(n-1)a_{n-1} - 3a_{n-3} - \alpha(n-2)a_{n-2} + \dots \\
 & + (n-m-1)a_{m+1} + \alpha(m+2)a_{m+2} - (n-m)a_m - \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} \\
 & + (n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} - (n-m+1)a_{m-1} - \alpha a_m \\
 & + (n-m+1)a_{m-1} + \alpha a_m - (n-m+2)a_{m-2} - \alpha(m-1)a_{m-1} + \dots \\
 & + (n-2)a_2 + 3\alpha a_3 - (n-1)a_1 - 2\alpha a_2 + (n-1)a_1 + 2\alpha a_2 - na_0 + 2n\delta - \alpha a_1 + na_0 + \alpha a_1 \}]. \\
 \geq & |a_{n-1} + \alpha a_n| |z|^{n-1} [|z| - |a_{n-1} + \alpha a_n|^{-1} \{ |a_{n-1} + \alpha a_n| + 2n\delta \}]. \\
 > 0 & \text{ if } |z| > |a_{n-1} + \alpha a_n|^{-1} \{ |a_{n-1} + \alpha a_n| + 2n\delta \}
 \end{aligned}$$

This shows that if  $|z| > 1$  then  $Q(z) > 0$  if  $|z| > |a_{n-1} + \alpha a_n|^{-1} \{ |a_{n-1} + \alpha a_n| + 2n\delta \}$ .

Hence all the zeros of  $Q(z)$  with  $|z| > 1$  lie in

$$|z| \leq |a_{n-1} + \alpha a_n|^{-1} \{ |a_{n-1} + \alpha a_n| + 2n\delta \}$$

But those zeros of  $Q(z)$  whose modulus is less than or equal to 1, already satisfy the above inequality since all the zeros of  $D_\alpha P(z)$  are also the zeros of  $Q(z)$  as they lie in the circle defined by the above inequality and this completes the proof.

**Proof of theorem2:**

Let  $P(z) = a_0 + a_1z + a_2z^2 + \dots + a_nz^n$  be a polynomial of degree  $n$ .

Then the polar derivative of P(z) is given by  $D_\alpha P(z) = n P(z) + (\alpha - z) P'(z)$ . Then

$$D_\alpha P(z) = [na_0 + \alpha a_1] + [(n-1)a_1 + 2\alpha a_2] z + [(n-2)a_2 + 3\alpha a_3] z^2 + \dots$$

$$+ [(n-m+1)a_{m-1} + \alpha m a_m] z^{m-1} + [(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1}] z^m + [(n-m-1)a_{m+1} + \alpha(m+2)a_{m+2}] z^{m+1} + \dots$$

$$+ [2a_{n-2} + \alpha(n-1)a_{n-1}] z^{n-2} + [a_{n-1} + \alpha n a_n] z^{n-1}.$$

Now consider the polynomial  $Q(z) = (1-z) D_\alpha P(z)$  so that

$$Q(z) = -[a_{n-1} + \alpha n a_n] z^n + [a_{n-1} + \alpha n a_n - 2a_{n-2} - \alpha(n-1)a_{n-1}] z^{n-1} + \dots$$

$$+ [(n-m-1)a_{m+1} + \alpha(m+2)a_{m+2} - (n-m)a_m - \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1}] z^{m+1}$$

$$+ [(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} - (n-m+1)a_{m-1} - \alpha m a_m] z^m$$

$$+ [(n-m+1)a_{m-1} + \alpha m a_m - (n-m+2)a_{m-2} - \alpha(m-1)a_{m-1}] z^{m-1} + \dots$$

$$+ [(n-2)a_2 + 3\alpha a_3 - (n-1)a_1 - 2\alpha a_2] z^2 + [(n-1)a_1 + 2\alpha a_2 - na_0 - \alpha a_1] z + [na_0 + \alpha a_1].$$

$$Q(z) = -[a_{n-1} + \alpha n a_n] [z] z^{n-1} + [a_{n-1} + \alpha n a_n - 2a_{n-2} - \alpha(n-1)a_{n-1}] z^{n-1} + \dots$$

$$+ [(n-m-1)a_{m+1} + \alpha(m+2)a_{m+2} - (n-m)a_m - \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1}] z^{m+1}$$

$$+ [(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} - (n-m+1)a_{m-1} - \alpha m a_m] z^m$$

$$+ [(n-m+1)a_{m-1} + \alpha m a_m - (n-m+2)a_{m-2} - \alpha(m-1)a_{m-1}] z^{m-1} + \dots$$

$$+ [(n-2)a_2 + 3\alpha a_3 - (n-1)a_1 - 2\alpha a_2] z^2 + [(n-1)a_1 + 2\alpha a_2 - na_0 - \alpha a_1] z + [na_0 + \alpha a_1].$$

Now if  $|z| > 1$  then  $|z|^{i-n} < 1$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n-1$

Further

$$|Q(z)| \geq |a_{n-1} + \alpha n a_n| |z| |z|^{n-1} - \{ |a_{n-1} + \alpha n a_n - 2a_{n-2} - \alpha(n-1)a_{n-1}| |z|^{n-1}$$

$$+ \dots + |(n-m-1)a_{m+1} + \alpha(m+2)a_{m+2} - (n-m)a_m - \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1}| |z|^{m+1}$$

$$+ |(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} - (n-m+1)a_{m-1} - \alpha m a_m| |z|^m$$

$$+ |(n-m+1)a_{m-1} + \alpha m a_m - (n-m+2)a_{m-2} - \alpha(m-1)a_{m-1}| |z|^{m-1}$$

$$+ |(n-2)a_2 + 3\alpha a_3 - (n-1)a_1 - 2\alpha a_2| |z|^2 + |(n-1)a_1 + 2\alpha a_2 - na_0 - \alpha a_1| |z| + |na_0 + \alpha a_1| \}.$$

$$\geq |a_{n-1} + \alpha n a_n| |z|^{n-1} [|z| - |a_{n-1} + \alpha n a_n|^{-1} \{ |a_{n-1} + \alpha n a_n - 2a_{n-2} - \alpha(n-1)a_{n-1}|$$

$$+ |2a_{n-2} + \alpha(n-1)a_{n-1} - 3a_{n-3} - \alpha(n-2)a_{n-2}| |z|^{-1} + \dots$$

$$+ |(n-m-1)a_{m+1} + \alpha(m+2)a_{m+2} - (n-m)a_m - \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1}| |z|^{-(n-m-2)}$$

$$+ |(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} - (n-m+1)a_{m-1} - \alpha m a_m| |z|^{-(n-m-1)}$$

$$+ |(n-m+1)a_{m-1} + \alpha m a_m - (n-m+2)a_{m-2} - \alpha(m-1)a_{m-1}| |z|^{-(n-m)} + \dots$$

$$+ |(n-2)a_2 + 3\alpha a_3 - (n-1)a_1 - 2\alpha a_2| |z|^{-(n-3)} + |(n-1)a_1 + 2\alpha a_2 - na_0 - \alpha a_1| |z|^{-(n-2)} + |na_0 + \alpha a_1| |z|^{-(n-1)} \}].$$

$$\geq |a_{n-1} + \alpha n a_n| |z|^{n-1} [|z| - |a_{n-1} + \alpha n a_n|^{-1} \{ |a_{n-1} + \alpha n a_n - 2a_{n-2} - \alpha(n-1)a_{n-1}|$$

$$+ |2a_{n-2} + \alpha(n-1)a_{n-1} - 3a_{n-3} - \alpha(n-2)a_{n-2}| + \dots$$

$$+ |(n-m-1)a_{m+1} + \alpha(m+2)a_{m+2} - (n-m)a_m - \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1}|$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &+|(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} - (n-m+1)a_{m-1} - \alpha a_m| \\
 &+|(n-m+1)a_{m-1} + \alpha a_m - (n-m+2)a_{m-2} - \alpha(m-1)a_{m-1}| + \dots \\
 &+|(n-2)a_2 + 3\alpha a_3 - (n-1)a_1 - 2\alpha a_2| + |(n-1)a_1 + 2\alpha a_2 - na_0 + n\delta - \alpha a_1 - n\delta| + |na_0 + \alpha a_1| \}. \\
 \geq &|a_{n-1} + \alpha na_n| |z|^{n-1} [|z| - |a_{n-1} + \alpha na_n|^{-1} \{a_{n-1} + \alpha na_n - 2a_{n-2} - \alpha(n-1)a_{n-1} + 2a_{n-2} + \alpha(n-1)a_{n-1} - 3a_{n-3} - \alpha(n-2)a_{n-2} \\
 &+ \dots + (n-m-1)a_{m+1} + \alpha(m+2)a_{m+2} - (n-m)a_m - \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} \\
 &+ (n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} - (n-m+1)a_{m-1} - \alpha a_m \\
 &+ (n-m+1)a_{m-1} + \alpha a_m - (n-m+2)a_{m-2} - \alpha(m-1)a_{m-1} + \dots \\
 &+ (n-2)a_2 + 3\alpha a_3 - (n-1)a_1 - 2\alpha a_2 + (n-1)a_1 + 2\alpha a_2 - na_0 - \alpha a_1 + 2n\delta + |na_0 + \alpha a_1| \}. \\
 \geq &|a_{n-1} + \alpha na_n| |z|^{n-1} [|z| - |a_{n-1} + \alpha na_n|^{-1} \{a_{n-1} + \alpha na_n - na_0 - \alpha a_1 + 2n\delta + |na_0 + \alpha a_1| \}]. \\
 > 0 & \text{ if } |z| > |a_{n-1} + \alpha na_n|^{-1} \{a_{n-1} + \alpha na_n - na_0 - \alpha a_1 + 2n\delta + |na_0 + \alpha a_1| \}
 \end{aligned}$$

This shows that if

$$|z| > |a_{n-1} + \alpha na_n|^{-1} \{a_{n-1} + \alpha na_n - na_0 - \alpha a_1 + 2n\delta + |na_0 + \alpha a_1| \} \text{ then } Q(z) > 0.$$

Hence all the zeros of Q(z) with |z| > 1 lie in

$$|z| \leq |a_{n-1} + \alpha na_n|^{-1} \{a_{n-1} + \alpha na_n - na_0 - \alpha a_1 + 2n\delta + |na_0 + \alpha a_1| \} .$$

But those zeros of Q(z) whose modulus is less than or equal to 1, already satisfy the above inequality since all the zeros of  $D_\alpha P(z)$  are also the zeros of Q(z) as they lie in the circle defined by the above inequality and this completes the proof.

**Proof of theorem3:**

Let  $P(z) = a_0 + a_1z + a_2z^2 + \dots + a_nz^n$  be a polynomial of degree n.

Then the polar derivative of P(z) is given by  $D_\alpha P(z) = n P(z) + (\alpha - z) P'(z)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_\alpha P(z) = & [na_0 + \alpha a_1] + [(n-1)a_1 + 2\alpha a_2] z + [(n-2)a_2 + 3\alpha a_3] z^2 + \dots \\
 & + [(n-m+1)a_{m-1} + \alpha a_m] z^{m-1} + [(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1}] z^m + [(n-m-1)a_{m+1} + \alpha(m+2)a_{m+2}] z^{m+1} + \dots \\
 & + [2a_{n-2} + \alpha(n-1)a_{n-1}] z^{n-2} + [a_{n-1} + \alpha na_n] z^{n-1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

As  $\alpha = -a_{n-1}/na_n = -2a_{n-2}/(n-1)a_{n-1} = \dots = -(n-m-1)a_{m+1}/(m+2)a_{m+2} \neq -(n-m)a_m/(m+1)a_{m+1}$

$$D_\alpha P(z) = [(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1}] z^m + [(n-m+1)a_{m-1} + \alpha a_m] z^{m-1} + \dots + [(n-1)a_1 + 2\alpha a_2] z + [na_0 + \alpha a_1].$$

Now consider the polynomial  $Q(z) = (1-z) D_\alpha P(z)$  so that

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q(z) = & -[(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1}] z^{m+1} + [(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} - (n-m+1)a_{m-1} \\
 & - \alpha a_m] z^m + [(n-m+1)a_{m-1} + \alpha a_m - (n-m+2)a_{m-2} - \alpha(m-1)a_{m-1}] z^{m-1} + \dots \\
 & + [(n-2)a_2 + 3\alpha a_3 - (n-1)a_1 - 2\alpha a_2] z^2 + [(n-1)a_1 + 2\alpha a_2 - na_0 - \alpha a_1] z + [na_0 + \alpha a_1].
 \end{aligned}$$

Now if  $|z| > 1$  then  $|z|^{i-m} < 1$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m-1$

Further,

$$\begin{aligned}
 |Q(z)| \geq & [(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1}] |z|^{m+1} - \{ [(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} - (n-m+1)a_{m-1} - \alpha a_m] |z|^m \\
 & + [(n-m+1)a_{m-1} + \alpha a_m - (n-m+2)a_{m-2} - \alpha(m-1)a_{m-1}] |z|^{m-1} + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &+|(n-2)a_2 + 3\alpha a_3 - (n-1)a_1 - 2\alpha a_2| |z|^2 + |(n-1)a_1 + 2\alpha a_2 - na_0 - \alpha a_1| |z| + |na_0 + \alpha a_1|. \\
 &\geq |(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1}| |z|^m [|z| - |(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1}|]^{-1} \\
 &\quad \{ |(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} - (n-m+1)a_{m-1} - \alpha m a_m | + \dots \\
 &+|(n-2)a_2 + 3\alpha a_3 - (n-1)a_1 - 2\alpha a_2| |z|^{-(m-2)} \\
 &+|(n-1)a_1 + 2\alpha a_2 - na_0 - \alpha a_1| |z|^{-(m-1)} + |na_0 + \alpha a_1| |z|^{-m} \}. \\
 &\geq |(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1}| |z|^m [|z| - |(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1}|]^{-1} \\
 &\quad \{ |(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} - (n-m+1)a_{m-1} - \alpha m a_m | + \dots \\
 &+|(n-2)a_2 + 3\alpha a_3 - (n-1)a_1 - 2\alpha a_2| \\
 &+|(n-1)a_1 + 2\alpha a_2 - na_0 - \alpha a_1 - n\delta - \alpha a_1 - n\delta| + |na_0 + \alpha a_1| \}. \\
 &\geq |(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1}| |z|^m [|z| \\
 &\quad -|(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1}|]^{-1} \{ (n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} \\
 &- (n-m+1)a_{m-1} - \alpha m a_m + \dots + (n-2)a_2 + 3\alpha a_3 - (n-1)a_1 - 2\alpha a_2 \\
 &+ (n-1)a_1 + 2\alpha a_2 - na_0 - \alpha a_1 + 2n\delta + |na_0 + \alpha a_1| \}. \\
 &\geq |(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1}| |z|^m [|z| \\
 &\quad -|(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1}|]^{-1} \{ (n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} - na_0 - \alpha a_1 + 2n\delta + |na_0 + \alpha a_1| \}. \\
 &> 0 \text{ if } |z| > |(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1}|^{-1} \{ (n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} - na_0 - \alpha a_1 + 2n\delta + |na_0 + \alpha a_1| \}.
 \end{aligned}$$

This shows that if

$$|z| > |(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1}|^{-1} \{ (n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} - na_0 - \alpha a_1 + 2n\delta + |na_0 + \alpha a_1| \}.$$

then  $Q(z) > 0$ .

Hence all the zeros of  $Q(z)$  with  $|z| > 1$  lie in

$$|z| > |(n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1}|^{-1} \{ (n-m)a_m + \alpha(m+1)a_{m+1} - na_0 - \alpha a_1 + 2n\delta + |na_0 + \alpha a_1| \}.$$

But those zeros of  $Q(z)$  whose modulus is less than or equal to 1, already satisfy the above inequality since all the zeros of  $D_\alpha P(z)$  are also the zeros of  $Q(z)$  as they lie in the circle defined by the above inequality and this completes the proof.

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