

INEQUALITIES CONCERNING THE INTEGRAL MEAN ESTIMATES
FOR POLYNOMIALS

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ABSTRACT

Let $P(z)$ be a polynomial of degree n and $P'(z)$ its derivative. In this paper we shall obtain an interesting generalization of De-Brujn's Theorem and obtain as a special case the inequality due to Malik that if $P(z) \neq 0$ for

$|z| < k, k \geq 1$, then $\text{Max}_{|z|=1} |P'(z)| \leq \frac{n}{1+k} \text{Max}_{|z|=1} |P(z)|$ and its generalization due to Govil.

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INTRODUCTION AND STATEMENT OF RESULTS:

Let $P(z)$ be a polynomial of degree n and $P'(z)$ its derivative, then

$$\text{Max}_{|z|=1} |P'(z)| \leq n \text{Max}_{|z|=1} |P(z)| \quad \text{and for } q \geq 1, \quad (1)$$

$$\left\{ \int_0^{2\pi} |P'(e^{i\theta})|^q d\theta \right\}^{1/q} \leq n \left\{ \int_0^{2\pi} |P(e^{i\theta})|^q d\theta \right\}^{1/q}. \quad (2)$$

Inequality (1) is an immediate consequence of S. Bernstein's Theorem on the derivative of a trigonometric polynomial (for reference see [9], [10] and [11]). Inequality (2) is due to Zygmund [12] who proved it for all trigonometric polynomials of degree n and not only for those which are of the form $P(e^{i\theta})$. Inequality (1) can be obtained by letting $q \rightarrow \infty$ in the inequality (2). Both the inequalities (1) and (2) can be sharpened if we restrict ourselves to the class of polynomials having no zero in $|z| < 1$. In this connection it was conjectured by P. Erdos and later verified by Lax [7] (for other proof see [2]) that if $P(z)$ does not vanish in $|z| < 1$, then inequality (1) can be replaced by¹

Theorem 1.1: If $P(z) = \sum_{j=0}^n a_j z^j$ is a polynomial of degree n having no zero in $|z| < 1$, then

$$\text{Max}_{|z|=1} |P'(z)| \leq \frac{n}{2} \text{Max}_{|z|=1} |P(z)| \quad (3)$$

Equality in (3) holds if all zeros of $P(z)$ lie in $|z| = 1$. This result was extended by Malik [8] who proved.

Theorem 1.2: If $P(z) = \sum_{j=0}^n a_j z^j$ is a polynomial of degree n which has no zero in the disk $|z| < k, k \geq 1$,

$$\text{Max}_{|z|=1} |P'(z)| \leq \frac{n}{1+k} \text{Max}_{|z|=1} |P(z)|. \quad (4)$$

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

As a refinement of Theorem 1.1 Aziz and Dawood [1] have shown that

Theorem 1.3: If $P(z) = \sum_{j=0}^n a_j z^j$ is a polynomial of degree n which does not vanish in the disk $|z| < 1$, then

$$\text{Max}_{|z|=1} |P'(z)| \leq \frac{n}{2} \left\{ \text{Max}_{|z|=1} |P(z)| - \text{Min}_{|z|=1} |P(z)| \right\} \quad (5)$$

The result is best possible and equality in (5) holds for the polynomial $P(z) = \alpha z^n + \beta$, where $|\beta| \geq |\alpha|$.

Theorem 1.3 was generalized by Govil [6] who proved the following result:

Theorem 1.4: If $P(z) = \sum_{j=0}^n a_j z^j$ is a polynomial of degree n having no zeros in $|z| = 1$, $k \geq 1$, then

$$\text{Max}_{|z|=k} |P'(z)| \leq \frac{n}{1+k} \text{Max}_{|z|=1} |P(z)| - \frac{n}{1+k} \text{Min}_{|z|=k} |P(z)| \quad (6)$$

De-Bruijn [5] found out the following refinement of inequality (2).

Theorem 1.5: If $P(z)$ is a polynomial of degree n which has no zeros in the disk $|z| < 1$, then for $p \geq 1$,

$$\left\{ \int_0^{2\pi} |P'(e^{i\theta})|^p d\theta \right\}^{1/p} \leq n C_p \left\{ \int_0^{2\pi} |P(e^{i\theta})|^p d\theta \right\}^{1/p}, \quad (7)$$

where

$$C_p = \left\{ \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |1 + e^{i\alpha}|^p d\alpha \right\}^{-1/p}$$

The result is best possible and equality in (7) holds for $P(z) = \alpha z^n + \beta$, where $|\beta| \geq |\alpha|$.

The case $p = 2$ was obtained by Lax [7], where as, if we let $p \rightarrow \infty$ in (7) we get Erdos – Lax Theorem (Theorem 1.1).

In this paper we shall present the following result which is an interesting generalization of Theorem 1.5 and includes as a special case Theorem 1.2 due to Malik [8] and its generalization due to Govil [6].

Theorem 1.6: If $P(z) = \sum_{j=0}^n a_j z^j$ is a polynomial of degree n which does not vanish in $|z| < k$, where $k \geq 1$ and

$m = \text{Min}_{|z|=k} |p(z)|$, then for every real or complex number β with $|\beta| \leq 1$, and for every $p > 0$, we have

$$\left\{ \int_0^{2\pi} \left| p'(e^{i\theta}) + \frac{mn\beta}{1+k} \right|^p d\theta \right\}^{1/p} \leq n C_p \left\{ \int_0^{2\pi} |p(e^{i\theta})|^p d\theta \right\}^{1/p} \quad (8)$$

where

$$C_p = \left\{ \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |k + e^{i\alpha}|^p d\alpha \right\}^{-1/p}$$

Remark: Letting $p \rightarrow \infty$ in (8) and choosing argument of β with $|\beta| = 1$ suitably, it follows that

$$\text{Max}_{|z|=1} |p'(z)| + \frac{mn}{1+k} \leq \frac{n}{1+k} \text{Max}_{|z|=1} |p(z)|.$$

If we take $k = 1$ in Theorem 1.6, we get the following interesting refinement of De Bruijn's Theorem (Theorem 1.5) for $p > 0$

Corollary: If $P(z)$ is a polynomial of degree n which does not vanish in $|z| < 1$ and $m = \text{Min}_{|z|=1} |P(z)|$, then for every real or complex β with $|\beta| \leq 1$ and for every $p > 0$, we have

$$\left\{ \int_0^{2\pi} \left| P'(e^{i\theta}) + \frac{mn\beta}{2} \right|^p d\theta \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq n C_p \left\{ \int_0^{2\pi} |P(e^{i\theta})|^p d\theta \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}}, \quad (9)$$

where.

$$C_p = \left\{ \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |1 + e^{i\alpha}|^p d\alpha \right\}^{\frac{-1}{p}}$$

LEMMAS:

For the proof of Theorem 1.6, we need the following Lemmas.

Lemma: 2.1. If $P(z) = a_0 + \sum_{j=m}^n a_j z^j$ has no zeros in $|z| \leq k$, $k \geq 1$, then

$$k^m |P'(z)| \leq |Q'(z)| \quad \text{for } |z| = 1$$

and

$$\text{Max}_{|z|=1} |P'(z)| \leq \frac{n}{1+k^m} \text{Max}_{|z|=1} |P(z)| \quad (10)$$

where

$$Q(z) = z^n \overline{P\left(\frac{1}{\bar{z}}\right)} \quad (11)$$

which is due to Chan and Malik [4].

Lemma: 2.2. If $P(z)$ is a polynomial of degree n , then for every real α and for every $p > 0$,

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \left| nP(e^{i\theta}) - (1 - e^{i\theta}) e^{i\alpha} P'(e^{i\theta}) \right|^p d\theta \leq n^p \int_0^{2\pi} |P(e^{i\theta})|^p d\theta \quad (12)$$

Lemma 2.2 is due to Melas ([9] Inequality 5).

The following Lemma which is of independent interest is also needed for the proof of Theorem 1.6.

Lemma: 2.3. If A , B and C are non-negative real numbers such that $B + C \leq A$ then for every real α , $0 \leq \alpha < 2\pi$, we have

$$\left| (A - C) + (B + C) e^{i\alpha} \right| \leq \left| A + B e^{i\alpha} \right| \quad (13)$$

Proof of Lemma 2.3: If $C = 0$, then Lemma 2.3 is obvious. So we suppose $C > 0$. Since $\cos \alpha \leq 1$ for all real α and by hypothesis $A - B - C \geq 0$, it follows that

$$(A - B - C) \cos \alpha \leq (A - B - C).$$

Multiplying both sides of this inequality by $2C$ and noting that $C > 0$, we get

$$\{2C(A - B) - 2C^2\} \cos \alpha \leq 2C(A - B - C).$$

or equivalently,

$$2\{C(A - B) - C^2\} \cos \alpha + 2C^2 - 2C(A - B) \leq 0.$$

Adding $A^2 + B^2 + 2AB \cos \alpha$ both sides and rearranging the terms, we get

$$(A^2 - 2AC + C^2) + (B^2 - 2BC + C^2) + 2(A - C)(B + C) \cos \alpha \leq A^2 + B^2 + 2AB \cos \alpha.$$

which implies,

$$\left| (A - C) + e^{i\alpha} (B + C) \right|^2 \leq \left| A + e^{i\alpha} B \right|^2$$

and hence

$\left| (A - C) + e^{i\alpha} (B + C) \right| \leq \left| A + e^{i\alpha} B \right|$, for every α , which is (13). This completes the proof of the Lemma 2.3.

Proof of Theorem: 1.6. By hypothesis, the polynomial $p(z)$ has all its zeros in $|z| \geq k, k \geq 1$, and $m = \text{Min}_{|z|=k} |p(z)|$, therefore $m \leq |p(z)|$ for $|z| \leq k$. We show for any given complex number α with $|\alpha| \leq 1$, the polynomial $F(z) = P(z) + \alpha m$ has all its zeros in $|z| \geq k$. This is obvious if $m = 0$ that is if $p(z)$ has a zero on $|z| = k$. We now suppose all the zeros of $p(z)$ lie in $|z| > k$ so that $m = \text{Min}_{|z|=k} |p(z)| > 0$.

Hence $P(z)$ is analytic for $|z| = k$ and $\left| \frac{m}{P(z)} \right| \leq 1$ for $|z| \leq k$. Moreover $\frac{m}{P(z)}$ is not a constant therefore, it follows by Minimum Modulus Principle that

$$m < |P(z)| \quad \text{for} \quad |z| = k. \quad (14)$$

We assume that $F(z) = P(z) + \alpha m$ has a zero in $|z| < k$, say $z = z_0$ with $|z_0| < k$, then

$$P(z_0) + \alpha m = F(z_0) = 0.$$

This implies,

$$|P(z_0)| = |\alpha m| \leq m,$$

which is a contradiction to (14). Hence we conclude that in any case $F(z) = P(z) + \alpha m$ has all its zeros in $|z| \geq k$. Applying Lemma 2.1 with $m = 1$ to the polynomial $F(z)$, we get

$$K|F'(z)| \leq |G'(z)| \quad (15)$$

where,

$$\begin{aligned} G(z) &= z^n \overline{F\left(\frac{1}{z}\right)} = Z^n \overline{P\left(\frac{1}{z}\right)} - \overline{\alpha} z^n m \\ &= Q(z) - \overline{\alpha} z^n m \end{aligned}$$

Using $F'(z) = P'(z)$ and $G'(z) = Q'(z) - n\overline{\alpha}z^{n-1}m$ in (15), we have

$$K|P'(z)| \leq |Q'(z) - n\overline{\alpha}mZ^{n-1}| \quad \text{for} \quad |z| = 1. \quad (16)$$

Since all the zeros of $G(z) = Q(z) - \overline{\alpha} m Z^n$ lie in $|z| \leq \frac{1}{k} \leq 1$, by Gauss – Lucas Theorem, it follows that all the zeros of $G'(z) = Q'(z) - \overline{\alpha} nZ^{n-1}m$ also lie in $|z| \leq \frac{1}{k} \leq 1$ for every α with $|\alpha| \leq 1$. This implies

$$Q'(z) \geq mn|Z|^{n-1} \quad \text{for} \quad |z| \geq \frac{1}{k}.$$

In particular,

$$|Q'(z)| \geq mn \quad \text{for} \quad |z| = 1 \quad (17)$$

Choosing argument of α with $|\alpha| = 1$ in the R.H.S of (16) such that

$$|Q'(z) - n\overline{\alpha}mZ^{n-1}| = |Q'(z) - nm| \quad \text{for} \quad |z| = 1$$

which is possible by (17), therefore

$$k|p'(z)| \leq |Q'(z)| + mn \quad \text{for } |z| = 1.$$

$$k \left\{ |p'(z)| + \frac{mn}{1+k} \right\} \leq |Q'(z)| - \frac{mn}{1+k} \quad \text{for } |z| = 1. \quad (18)$$

Since it can be easily verified that

$$|np(z) - zp'(z)| = |Q'(z)| \quad \text{for } |z| = 1,$$

it follows from (18) that for each $\theta, 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$, we have

$$k \left\{ |p'(e^{i\theta})| + \frac{mn}{1+k} \right\} \leq |np(e^{i\theta}) - e^{i\theta} p'(e^{i\theta})| - \frac{mn}{1+k}. \quad (19)$$

Applying Lemma 2.3, with

$$A = |np(e^{i\theta}) - e^{i\theta} p'(e^{i\theta})|; B = |p'(e^{i\theta})| \text{ and } C = \frac{mn}{1+k} \text{ and noting that by (19),}$$

$B + C \leq A$, we get

$$\left\{ \left| np(e^{i\theta}) - e^{i\theta} p'(e^{i\theta}) - \frac{mn}{1+k} \right| + \left| p'(e^{i\theta}) + \frac{mn}{1+k} e^{i\alpha} \right| \right\} \leq \left| np(e^{i\theta}) - e^{i\theta} p'(e^{i\theta}) + e^{i\alpha} p'(e^{i\theta}) \right|.$$

Hence for every $p > 0$, we have

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \left\{ \left| nP(e^{i\theta}) - e^{i\theta} P'(e^{i\theta}) - \frac{mn}{1+k} \right| + \left| P'(e^{i\theta}) + \frac{mn}{1+k} e^{i\alpha} \right|^p d\alpha \right\} \leq \int_0^{2\pi} \left\| nP(e^{i\theta}) - e^{i\theta} P'(e^{i\theta}) + e^{i\alpha} P'(e^{i\theta}) \right\|^p d\alpha$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \left\| nP(e^{i\theta}) - e^{i\theta} P'(e^{i\theta}) + e^{i\alpha} e^{i\theta} P'(e^{i\theta}) \right\|^p d\alpha$$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \left| nP(e^{i\theta}) - e^{i\theta} P'(e^{i\theta}) + e^{i\alpha} e^{i\theta} P'(e^{i\theta}) \right|^p d\alpha. \quad (20)$$

Integrating both sides of (20) w. r. t θ from 0 to 2π and using Lemma 2.2, we get

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \left\{ \left| nP(e^{i\theta}) - e^{i\theta} P'(e^{i\theta}) - \frac{mn}{1+k} \right| + \left| P'(e^{i\theta}) + \frac{mn}{1+k} e^{i\alpha} \right|^p d\alpha d\theta \right\}$$

$$\leq \int_0^{2\pi} \left\{ \int_0^{2\pi} \left| nP(e^{i\theta}) - e^{i\theta} P'(e^{i\theta}) + e^{i\alpha} e^{i\theta} P'(e^{i\theta}) \right|^p d\theta \right\} d\alpha$$

$$\leq \int_0^{2\pi} n^p \int_0^{2\pi} |P(e^{i\theta})|^p d\theta d\alpha = 2\pi n^p \int_0^{2\pi} |P(e^{i\theta})|^p d\theta.. \quad (21)$$

But

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^{2\pi} \left\{ \left| nP(e^{i\theta}) - e^{i\theta} P'(e^{i\theta}) \right| - \frac{mn}{1+k} \right\} + \left\{ \left| P'(e^{i\theta}) \right| + \frac{mn}{1+k} \right\} e^{i\alpha} \Big| d\alpha \\ &= \left| P'(e^{i\theta}) \right| + \frac{mn}{1+k} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{i\alpha} + \frac{\left| nP(e^{i\theta}) - e^{i\theta} P'(e^{i\theta}) \right| - \frac{mn}{1+k}}{\left| P'(e^{i\theta}) \right| + \frac{mn}{1+k}} \Big|^p d\alpha \\ &\geq \left\{ \left| P'(e^{i\theta}) \right| + \frac{mn}{1+k} \right\}^p \int_0^{2\pi} \left| e^{i\alpha} + k \right|^p d\alpha. \quad (\text{Using (19)}) \end{aligned}$$

Using this in (21), we get for each $p > 0$,

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \left| \left| P'(e^{i\theta}) \right| + \frac{mn}{1+k} \right|^p d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} \left| e^{i\alpha} + k \right|^p d\alpha \leq 2\pi n^p \int_0^{2\pi} \left| P(e^{i\theta}) \right|^p d\theta.$$

From which the desired result follows immediately and this completes the proof of the Theorem 1.6.

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