

AN  $L^p$  INEQUALITY FOR  
POLYNOMIALS NOT VANISHING IN A DISK

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**Abstract:** For the class of polynomials  $P(z) = a_0 + \sum_{\nu=\mu}^n a_\nu z^\nu$ ,  $1 \leq \mu \leq n$ , of degree  $n$  not vanishing in the disk  $|z| < k$  where  $k \geq 1$ , we investigate the dependence of  $\|P(Rz) - P(rz)\|_p$  on  $\|P(z)\|_p$  for  $R > r \geq 1$ ,  $p > 0$  and present compact generalizations of certain well-known polynomial inequalities.

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1. Introduction and Statement of Results

Let  $\mathcal{P}_n$  denote the space of all complex polynomials  $P(z) = \sum_{\nu=0}^n a_\nu z^\nu$  of degree  $n$ . For  $P \in \mathcal{P}_n$ , define

$$\|P(z)\|_p := \left\{ \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |P(e^{i\theta})|^p \right\}^{1/p}, \quad 0 < p < \infty,$$

$$\|P(z)\|_\infty := \max_{|z|=1} |P(z)| \quad \text{and} \quad m(P, k) = \min_{|z|=k} |P(z)|.$$

If  $P \in \mathcal{P}_n$ , then

$$\|P'(z)\|_p \leq n \|P(z)\|_p, \quad p \geq 1 \quad (1.1)$$

and

$$\|P(Rz)\|_p \leq R^n \|P(z)\|_p, \quad R > 1, \quad p > 0. \quad (1.2)$$

The inequality (1.1) was found by Zygmund [18] whereas inequality (1.2) is a simple consequence of a result of Hardy [10]. Arestov [2] proved that (1.1) remains true for  $0 < p < 1$  as well. For  $p = \infty$ , the inequality (1.1) is due to Bernstein (for reference, see [13, 16, 17]) whereas the case  $p = \infty$  of inequality (1.2) is a simple consequence of the maximum modulus principle (see [13, 14, 16]). Both inequalities (1.1) and (1.2) can be sharpened if we restrict ourselves to the class of polynomials having no zero in  $|z| < 1$ . In fact, if  $P \in \mathcal{P}_n$  and  $P(z) \neq 0$  in  $|z| < 1$ , then inequalities (1.1) and (1.2) can be respectively replaced by

$$\|P'(z)\|_p \leq n \frac{\|P(z)\|_p}{\|1+z\|_p}, \quad p > 0 \quad (1.3)$$

and

$$\|P(Rz)\|_p \leq \frac{\|R^n z + 1\|_p}{\|1+z\|_p} \|P(z)\|_p, \quad R > 1, \quad p > 0. \quad (1.4)$$

Inequality (1.3) is due to De-Bruijn [9] (see also [3]) for  $p \geq 1$ . Rahman and Schmeisser [15] extended it for  $0 < p < 1$  whereas the inequality (1.4) was proved by Boas and Rahman [8] for  $p \geq 1$  and later it was extended for  $0 < p < 1$  by Rahman and Schmeisser [15]. For  $p = \infty$ , the inequality (1.3) was conjectured by Erdős and later verified by Lax [11] whereas inequality (1.4) was proved by Ankeny and Rivlin [1].

As a compact generalization of inequalities (1.1) and (1.2), Aziz and Rather [6] proved that if  $P \in \mathcal{P}_n$ , then for every real or complex number  $\alpha$  with  $|\alpha| \leq 1$ ,  $R \geq 1$ , and  $p > 0$ ,

$$\|P(Rz) - \alpha P(z)\|_p \leq |R^n - \alpha| \|P(z)\|_p, \quad (1.5)$$

and if  $P \in \mathcal{P}_n$  and  $P(z) \neq 0$  in  $|z| < 1$ , then for every real or complex number  $\alpha$  with  $|\alpha| \leq 1$ ,  $R \geq 1$ , and  $p > 0$ ,

$$\|P(Rz) - \alpha P(z)\|_p \leq \frac{\|(R^n - \alpha)z + (1 - \alpha)\|_p}{\|1+z\|_p} \|P(z)\|_p. \quad (1.6)$$

The inequality (1.6) is the corresponding compact generalization of inequalities (1.3) and (1.4).

Recently, A. Aziz and Q. Aliya [4] considered, for a fixed  $\mu$ , the class of polynomials

$$\mathcal{P}_{n,\mu} := \left( P(z) = a_0 + \sum_{\nu=\mu}^n a_\nu z^\nu, \quad 1 \leq \mu \leq n \right)$$

of degree at most  $n$  not vanishing in the disk  $|z| < k$  where  $k \geq 1$  and investigated the dependence of

$$\|P(Rz) - P(rz)\|_\infty \quad \text{on} \quad \|P(z)\|_\infty, \quad m(P, k),$$

and proved that if  $P \in \mathcal{P}_{n,\mu}$  and  $P(z)$  does not vanish for  $|z| < k$  where  $k \geq 1$  then for every  $R > r \geq 1$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 1$  and  $|z| = 1$ ,

$$|P(Rz) - P(rz)| \leq \frac{R^n - r^n}{1 + k^\mu \phi(R, r, \mu, k)} \left( \|P(z)\|_\infty - tm(P, k) \right), \quad (1.7)$$

where

$$\phi(R, r, \mu, k) := \frac{k + \lambda(R, r, \mu, k)}{1 + k\lambda(R, r, \mu, k)} \geq 1 \quad (1.8)$$

and

$$\lambda(R, r, \mu, k) := \left( \frac{R^\mu - r^\mu}{R^n - r^n} \right) \left( \frac{|a_\mu| k^n}{|a_0| - tm(P, k)} \right) \leq 1.$$

In this paper, we establish  $L^p$ -mean extensions of inequality (1.7) for  $0 < p < \infty$ . More precisely, we prove:

**Theorem 1.** *If  $P \in \mathcal{P}_{n,\mu}$  and  $P(z)$  does not vanish for  $|z| < k$  where  $k \geq 1$ , then for  $\delta \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $|\delta| \leq 1$ ,  $0 < p < \infty$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 1$  and  $R > r \geq 1$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| P(Rz) - P(rz) + \delta t \left\{ \frac{R^n - r^n}{1 + k^\mu \phi(R, r, \mu, k)} \right\} m(P, k) \right\|_p \\ \leq \frac{R^n - r^n}{\|k^\mu \phi(R, r, \mu, k) + z\|_p} \|P(z)\|_p, \end{aligned} \quad (1.9)$$

where  $\phi(R, r, \mu, k)$  is defined by (1.8).

**Remark 1.** If we let  $p \rightarrow \infty$  in inequality (1.9) and choose argument of  $\delta$  suitably with  $|\delta| \rightarrow 1$ , we get inequality (1.7).

Taking  $t = 0$  in (1.9), we obtain the following result.

**Corollary 1.** If  $P \in \mathcal{P}_{n,\mu}$  and  $P(z)$  does not vanish for  $|z| < k$  where  $k \geq 1$ , then for  $\delta \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $|\delta| \leq 1$ ,  $0 < p < \infty$  and  $R > r \geq 1$ ,

$$\|P(Rz) - P(rz)\|_p \leq \frac{R^n - r^n}{\|k^\mu \phi(R, r, \mu, k) + z\|_p} \|P(z)\|_p, \quad (1.10)$$

where  $\phi(R, r, \mu, k)$  is defined by (1.8).

If we divide the two sides of inequality (1.9) by  $R - r$  and letting  $R \rightarrow r$ , we get the following result.

**Corollary 2.** If  $P \in \mathcal{P}_{n,\mu}$  and  $P(z)$  does not vanish for  $|z| < k$  where  $k \geq 1$ , then for  $\delta \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $|\delta| \leq 1$ ,  $0 < p < \infty$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 1$  and  $R > r \geq 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| zP'(rz) + \delta t \left\{ \frac{nr^{n-1}}{1 + k^\mu \psi(r, \mu, k)} \right\} m(P, k) \right\|_p \\ \leq \frac{nr^{n-1}}{\|k^\mu \psi(r, \mu, k) + z\|_p} \|P(z)\|_p, \end{aligned} \quad (1.11)$$

where

$$\psi(r, \mu, k) := \frac{k + \frac{\mu}{nr^{n-\mu}} \left( \frac{|a_\mu| k^n}{|a_0| - t m(P, k)} \right)}{1 + k \frac{\mu}{nr^{n-\mu}} \left( \frac{|a_\mu| k^n}{|a_0| - t m(P, k)} \right)}. \quad (1.12)$$

For  $k = 1$  and  $t = 0$  inequality (1.11) reduces to inequality (1.3) for  $p > 0$ .

By using Minkowski's inequality, we obtain from (1.9), for  $p \geq 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left\| P(Rz) + \delta t \left\{ \frac{R^n - r^n}{1 + k^\mu \phi(R, r, \mu, k)} \right\} m(P, k) \right\|_p \\
 &= \left\| P(Rz) - P(rz) + \delta t \left\{ \frac{R^n - r^n}{1 + k^\mu \phi(R, r, \mu, k)} \right\} m(P, k) - P(rz) \right\|_p \\
 &\leq \left\| P(Rz) - P(rz) + \delta t \left\{ \frac{R^n - r^n}{1 + k^\mu \phi(R, r, \mu, k)} \right\} m(P, k) \right\|_p + \|P(rz)\|_p \\
 &\leq \frac{R^n - r^n}{\|k^\mu \phi(R, r, \mu, k) + z\|_p} \|P(z)\|_p + \|P(rz)\|_p. \tag{1.13}
 \end{aligned}$$

Inequality (1.13) in conjunction with inequality (1.4) gives the following result.

**Corollary 3.** *If  $P \in \mathcal{P}_{n,\mu}$  and  $P(z)$  does not vanish for  $|z| < k$  where  $k \geq 1$ , then for  $\delta \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $|\delta| \leq 1$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 1$  and  $R > r \geq 1$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left\| P(Rz) + \delta t \left\{ \frac{R^n - r^n}{1 + k^\mu \phi(R, r, \mu, k)} \right\} m(P, k) \right\|_p \\
 &\leq \left\{ \frac{R^n - r^n}{\|k^\mu \phi(R, r, \mu, k) + z\|_p} + \frac{\|r^n z + 1\|_p}{\|1 + z\|_p} \right\} \|P(z)\|_p, \tag{1.14}
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\phi(R, r, \mu, k)$  is defined by (1.8).

Letting  $R \rightarrow r$  in (1.14), we obtain the following result.

**Corollary 4.** *If  $P \in \mathcal{P}_{n,\mu}$  and  $P(z)$  does not vanish for  $|z| < k$  where  $k \geq 1$ , then for  $\delta \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $|\delta| \leq 1$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 1$  and  $r \geq 1$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left\| P(rz) + \delta t \left\{ \frac{nr^{n-1}}{1 + k^\mu \psi(r, \mu, k)} \right\} m(P, k) \right\|_p \\
 &\leq \left\{ \frac{nr^{n-1}}{\|k^\mu \psi(r, \mu, k) + z\|_p} + \frac{\|r^n z + 1\|_p}{\|1 + z\|_p} \right\} \|P(z)\|_p, \tag{1.15}
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\psi(r, \mu, k)$  is defined by (1.12).

## 2. Lemmas

To prove the above theorem, we need the following lemmas. The first lemma is due to Aziz and Aliya [4].

**Lemma 1.** *If  $P \in \mathcal{P}_{n,\mu}$  and  $P(z)$  does not vanish in the disk  $|z| < k$ , where  $k \geq 1$  and  $Q(z) = z^n \overline{P(1/\bar{z})}$ , then for  $R \geq r \geq 1$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 1$  and  $|z| = 1$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} k^\mu \phi(R, r, \mu, k) |P(Rz) - P(rz)| \\ \leq |Q(Rz) - Q(rz)| - t(R^n - r^n)m(P, k), \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

where  $\phi(R, r, \mu, k)$  is given by (1.8).

The following lemma is a special case of result due to Aziz and Rather [7, Lemma 4].

**Lemma 2.** *If  $P \in \mathcal{P}_n$  and  $P(z)$  does not vanish in  $|z| < 1$ , then for every  $p > 0$ ,  $R > r \geq 1$  and for  $\gamma$  real,  $0 \leq \gamma < 2\pi$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{2\pi} \left| (P(Re^{i\theta}) - P(re^{i\theta})) + e^{i\gamma} (R^n P(e^{i\theta}/R) - r^n P(e^{i\theta}/r)) \right|^p d\theta \\ \leq (R^n - r^n)^p \int_0^{2\pi} |P(e^{i\theta})|^p d\theta. \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

We also need the following lemma [5].

**Lemma 3.** *If  $A, B, C$  are non-negative real numbers such that  $B + C \leq A$ , then for each real number  $\gamma$ ,*

$$|(A - C)e^{i\gamma} + (B + C)| \leq |Ae^{i\gamma} + B|.$$

## 3. Proof of Theorem

*Proof of Theorem 1.* By hypothesis,  $P(z)$  does not vanish in  $|z| < k$  where  $k \geq 1$ , therefore by Lemma 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} k^\mu \phi(R, r, \mu, k) |P(Rz) - P(rz)| \\ \leq |Q(Rz) - Q(rz)| - t(R^n - r^n)m(P, k) \end{aligned}$$

for  $|z| = 1$ , and  $R > r \geq 1$  where  $Q(z) = z^n \overline{P(1/\bar{z})}$ . Equivalently,

$$\begin{aligned} k^\mu \phi(R, r, \mu, k) |P(Rz) - P(rz)| \\ \leq |R^n P(z/R) - r^n P(z/r)| - t(R^n - r^n) m(P, k) \end{aligned}$$

for  $|z| = 1$ , and  $R > r \geq 1$ . This inequality can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} k^\mu \phi(R, r, \mu, k) \left[ |P(Rz) - P(rz)| + \frac{t(R^n - r^n)}{1 + k^\mu \phi(R, r, \mu, k)} m(P, k) \right] \\ \leq |R^n P(z/R) - r^n P(z/r)| - \frac{t(R^n - r^n)}{1 + k^\mu \phi(R, r, \mu, k)} m(P, k) \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

for  $|z| = 1$ . Taking

$$A = |R^n P(z/R) - r^n P(z/r)|, \quad B = |P(Rz) - P(rz)|$$

and

$$C = \frac{t(R^n - r^n)}{1 + k^\mu \phi(R, r, \mu, k)} m(P, k)$$

in Lemma 3 and noting by (1.8) and (3.1) that

$$B + C \leq A - C \leq A,$$

we get for every real  $\gamma$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \left\{ |R^n P(e^{i\theta}/R) - r^n P(e^{i\theta}/r)| - \frac{t(R^n - r^n)}{1 + k^\mu \phi(R, r, \mu, k)} m(P, k) \right\} e^{i\gamma} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \left\{ |P(Re^{i\theta}) - P(re^{i\theta})| + \frac{t(R^n - r^n)}{1 + k^\mu \phi(R, r, \mu, k)} m(P, k) \right\} \right| \\ & \leq \left| |R^n P(e^{i\theta}/R) - r^n P(e^{i\theta}/r)| e^{i\gamma} + |P(Re^{i\theta}) - P(re^{i\theta})| \right|. \end{aligned}$$

This implies for each  $p > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^{2\pi} |F(\theta) + e^{i\gamma} G(\theta)|^p d\theta \\ & \leq \int_0^{2\pi} \left| |R^n P(e^{i\theta}/R) - r^n P(e^{i\theta}/r)| e^{i\gamma} + |P(Re^{i\theta}) - P(re^{i\theta})| \right|^p d\theta, \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

where

$$F(\theta) = |P(Re^{i\theta}) - P(re^{i\theta})| + \frac{t(R^n - r^n)}{1 + k^\mu \phi(R, r, \mu, k)} m(P, k) \quad \text{and}$$

$$G(\theta) = |R^n P(e^{i\theta}/R) - r^n P(e^{i\theta}/r)| - \frac{t(R^n - r^n)}{1 + k^\mu \phi(R, r, \mu, k)} m(P, k).$$

Integrating both sides of (3.2) with respect to  $\gamma$  from 0 to  $2\pi$ , we get with the help of Lemma 2 for each  $p > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |F(\theta) + e^{i\gamma} G(\theta)|^p d\theta d\gamma \\ & \leq \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \left| |R^n P(e^{i\theta}/R) - r^n P(e^{i\theta}/r)| e^{i\gamma} + |P(Re^{i\theta}) - P(re^{i\theta})| \right|^p d\theta d\gamma \\ & = \int_0^{2\pi} \left\{ \int_0^{2\pi} \left| |R^n P(e^{i\theta}/R) - r^n P(e^{i\theta}/r)| e^{i\gamma} + |P(Re^{i\theta}) - P(re^{i\theta})| \right|^p d\gamma \right\} d\theta \\ & = \int_0^{2\pi} \left\{ \int_0^{2\pi} \left| (R^n P(e^{i\theta}/R) - r^n P(e^{i\theta}/r)) e^{i\gamma} + (P(Re^{i\theta}) - P(re^{i\theta})) \right|^p d\gamma \right\} d\theta \\ & = \int_0^{2\pi} \left\{ \int_0^{2\pi} \left| (R^n P(e^{i\theta}/R) - r^n P(e^{i\theta}/r)) e^{i\gamma} + (P(Re^{i\theta}) - P(re^{i\theta})) \right|^p d\theta \right\} d\gamma \\ & \geq 2\pi (R^n - r^n)^p \int_0^{2\pi} |P(e^{i\theta})|^p d\theta. \end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

Now it can be easily verified that for every real number  $\gamma$  and  $s \geq q \geq 1$ ,

$$|s + e^{i\alpha}| \geq |q + e^{i\alpha}|.$$



If  $F(\theta) \neq 0$ , we take  $s = |G(\theta)/F(\theta)|$  and  $q = k^\mu \phi(R, r, \mu, k)$ , then by (1.8) and (3.1),  $s \geq q \geq 1$ , we get using (3.2), This implies for each  $p > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^{2\pi} |F(\theta) + e^{i\gamma} G(\theta)|^p d\gamma &= |F(\theta)|^p \int_0^{2\pi} \left| 1 + e^{i\gamma} \frac{G(\theta)}{F(\theta)} \right|^p d\gamma \\
 &= |F(\theta)|^p \int_0^{2\pi} \left| e^{i\gamma} + \frac{G(\theta)}{F(\theta)} \right|^p d\gamma \\
 &= |F(\theta)|^p \int_0^{2\pi} \left| e^{i\gamma} + \left| \frac{G(\theta)}{F(\theta)} \right| \right|^p d\gamma \\
 &\geq |F(\theta)|^p \int_0^{2\pi} |k^\mu \phi(R, r, \mu, k) + e^{i\gamma}|^p d\gamma \\
 &= \left| P(Re^{i\theta}) - P(re^{i\theta}) + \frac{t(R^n - r^n)}{1 + k^\mu \phi(R, r, \mu, k)} m(P, k) \right|^p \\
 &\quad \times \int_0^{2\pi} |k^\mu \phi(R, r, \mu, k) + e^{i\gamma}|^p d\gamma. \tag{3.4}
 \end{aligned}$$

If  $F(\theta) = 0$ , then (3.4) is trivially true. Using this in (3.3), we conclude for each  $R > r \geq 1$  and  $p > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^{2\pi} \left| P(Re^{i\theta}) - P(re^{i\theta}) + \frac{t(R^n - r^n)}{1 + k^\mu \phi(R, r, \mu, k)} m(P, k) \right|^p d\theta \\
 \times \int_0^{2\pi} |k^\mu \phi(R, r, \mu, k) + e^{i\gamma}|^p d\gamma \leq 2\pi (R^n - r^n)^p \int_0^{2\pi} |P(e^{i\theta})|^p d\theta.
 \end{aligned}$$

This gives for every real or complex number  $\delta$  with  $|\delta| \leq 1$ ,  $R > r \geq 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left\{ \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \left| (P(Re^{i\theta}) - P(re^{i\theta})) + \delta \frac{t(R^n - r^n)}{1 + k^\mu \phi(R, r, \mu, k)} m(P, k) \right|^p d\theta \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\
 &\leq \frac{R^n - r^n}{\left\{ \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |k^\mu \phi(R, r, \mu, k) + e^{i\gamma}|^p d\gamma \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}}} \left\{ \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |P(e^{i\theta})|^p d\theta \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 1. □

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