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# Extension of Some Polynomial Inequalities to the Polar Derivative

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**Abstract:** Let p(z) be a polynomial of degree n and  $D_{\infty}p(z) = np(z) + (\infty - z)p'(z)$  denote the polar derivative of the polynomial p(z) with respect to the point  $\infty$ . In this paper we obtain an inequality for the polar derivative of a polynomial which is an improvement of the result recently proved by Mir, Baba and Pukhta (2011) [Thai Journal of Mathematics, 9(2), 291–298].

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### 1. INTRODUCTION AND STATEMENT OF RESULTS

Let p(z) be a polynomial of degree n, then

$$\max_{|z|=1} |p'(z)| \le n \max_{|z|=1} |p(z)| \tag{1}$$

Inequality (1) is a well known result of S-Bernstein [2]. Equality holds in (1) if and only if p(z) has all its zeros at the origin. If we restrict ourselves to the class of polynomial not vanishing in |z| < 1, then

$$\max_{|z|=1} |p'(z)| \le \frac{n}{2} \max_{|z|=1} |p(z)| \tag{2}$$

Equality holds in (2) for  $p(z) = \infty + \beta z^n$ , where  $| \propto | = |\beta|$ . Inequality (2) was conjectured by Erdös and later verified lax [6].

As an extension of (2) Malik [7] proved that if  $p(z) \neq 0$  in  $|z| < k, k \geq 1$ , then

$$\max_{|z|=1} |p'(z)| \le \frac{n}{1+k} \max_{|z|=1} |p(z)| \tag{3}$$

The result is sharp and equality holds for  $p(z) = (z + k)^n$ . Under the same hypothesis, Govil [5] proved that

$$\max_{|z|=1} |p'(z)| \le \frac{n}{1+k} \left\{ \max_{|z|=1} |p(z)| - \min_{|z|=k} |p(z)| \right\}$$
 (4)

As a generalization of inequality (3), Dewan and Bidkham [8] proved that if p(z) is a polynomial of degree n having no zeros in  $|z| < k, k \ge 1$ , then for  $0 \le r \le \rho \le k$ ,

$$\max_{|z|=\rho} |p'(z)| \le n \frac{(\rho+k)^{n-1}}{(k+r)^n} \max_{|z|=r} |p(z)|$$
 (5)

Dewan and Mir [4] generalized inequality (5) and proved the following result.

**Theorem A.** If  $p(z) = \sum_{v=0}^{n} a_v z^v$  is a polynomial of degree n having no zeros in  $|z| < k, k \ge 1$ , then for  $0 \le r \le \rho \le k$ ,

$$\max_{|z|=\rho} |p'(z)|$$

$$\leq n \frac{(\rho+k)^{n-1}}{(k+r)^n} \left[ 1 - \frac{k(k-\rho)(n|a_0|-k|a_1|)n}{n(k^2+\rho^2)|a_0|+2k^2\rho|a_1|} \times \left(\frac{\rho-r}{k+\rho}\right) \left(\frac{k+r}{k+\rho}\right)^{n-1} \right] \max_{|z|=r} |p(z)| \tag{6}$$

As an improvement of (6), Aziz and Zargar [3] have obtained the following result. **Theorem B.** If  $p(z) = \sum_{v=0}^{n} a_v z^v$  is a polynomial of degree n, having no zeros in |z| < k,  $k \ge 1$ , then for  $0 \le r \le \rho \le k$ ,

$$\max_{|z|=\rho}|p'(z)| \le$$

$$n\frac{(\rho+k)^{n-1}}{(k+r)^n} \left[ 1 - \frac{k(k-\rho)(n|a_0|-k|a_1|)n}{(k^2+\rho^2)|a_0|+2k^2\rho|a_1|} \times \left(\frac{\rho-r}{k+\rho}\right) \left(\frac{k+r}{k+\rho}\right)^{n-1} \right] \max_{|z|=r} |p(z)|$$

$$-n\left(\frac{r+k}{\rho+k}\right) \left[ \frac{(n|a_0|\rho+k^2|a_1|)}{(k^2+\rho^2)n|a_0|+2k^2\rho|a_1|} \left\{ \left(\frac{\rho+k}{r+k}\right)^n - 1 - n(\rho-r) \right\} \right] \min_{|z|=k} |p(z)|$$
(7)

The result is best possible and equality holds for the polynomial  $p(z) = (z+k)^n$ . As a generalization of inequality (4), Aziz and Shah [10] proved the following.

**Theorem C.** If  $p(z) = a_0 + \sum_{v=\mu}^n a_v z^v$ ,  $1 \le \mu \le n$  is a polynomial of degree n having no zeros in |z| < k, k > 0, then for  $0 \le r \le \rho \le k$ ,

$$\max_{|z|=\rho} |p'(z)| \le n\rho^{\mu-1} \frac{(\rho^{\mu} + k^{\mu})^{\frac{\mu}{\mu} - 1}}{(k^{\mu} + r^{\mu})^{\frac{n}{\mu}}} \left\{ \max_{|z|=r} |p(z)| - \min_{|z|=k} |p(z)| \right\}$$
(8)

Recently Abdullah, Baba and Pukhta ([9], Theorem 1.1, pp. 293) proved the following more general result.

**Theorem D.** If  $p(z) = a_0 + \sum_{v=\mu}^n a_v z^v$  in a polynomial of degree n having no zeros in  $|z| < k, k \ge 1$ , then for  $0 \le r \le \rho \le k$ ,

$$\max_{|z|=\rho} |p'(z)| \leq n\rho^{\mu-1} \frac{(\rho^{\mu} + k^{\mu})^{\frac{n}{\mu} - 1}}{(k^{\mu} + r^{\mu})^{\frac{n}{\mu}}} \\
\left[ \left\{ 1 - \frac{k^{\mu}(k - \rho)(n|a_{0}| - k^{\mu}\mu|a_{\mu}|)n}{\mu[n|a_{0}|(\rho^{\mu+1} + k^{\mu+1}) + \mu|a_{\mu}|(k^{2\mu}\rho + k^{\mu+1}\rho^{\mu})]} \right. \\
\left. \left. \left( \frac{\rho^{\mu} - r^{\mu}}{k^{\mu} + \rho^{\mu}} \right) \left( \frac{k^{\mu} + r^{\mu}}{k^{\mu} + \rho^{\mu}} \right)^{\frac{n}{\mu} - 1} \right\} \max_{|z|=r} |p(z)| \\
- \frac{(r^{\mu} + k^{\mu})^{\frac{n}{\mu} + 1}}{(\rho^{\mu} + k^{\mu})^{\frac{n}{\mu}}} \left\{ \frac{(n|a_{0}|\rho + \mu|a_{\mu}|k^{\mu+1})}{n|a_{0}|(\rho^{\mu+1} + k^{\mu+1}) + \mu|a_{\mu}|(k^{2\mu}\rho + k^{\mu+1}\rho^{\mu})} \right. \\
\left. \left\{ \left( \frac{\rho^{\mu} + k^{\mu}}{r^{\mu} + k^{\mu}} \right)^{\frac{n}{\mu}} - 1 \right) - \frac{n(\rho^{\mu} - r^{\mu})}{\mu(r^{\mu} + k^{\mu})} \right\} \min_{|z|=k} |p(z)| \right]$$

Equality in (9) holds for the polynomial  $p(z) = (z^{\mu} + k^{\mu})^{\frac{n}{\mu}}$ , where n is a multiple of  $\mu$ . Let  $D_{\infty}p(z)$  denotes the polar derivative of the polynomial p(z) of degree n with respect to the point  $\infty$ , then

$$D_{\infty}p(z) = np(z) + (\infty - z)p'(z)$$

The polynomial  $D_{\infty}p(z)$  is of degree at most (n-1) and it generalized the ordinary derivative in the sense that

$$\lim_{\alpha \to \infty} \left\lceil \frac{D_{\infty} p(z)}{\alpha} \right\rceil = p'(z)$$

As an extension of (3) to the polar derivation of a polynomial, we have the following result due to Dewan, Singh and Mir [1].

**Theorem E.** If  $p(z) = a_n z^n + \sum_{v=\mu}^n a_{n-v} z^{n-v}$ ,  $1 \le \mu \le n$ , is a polynomial of degree n having no zeros in |z| < k,  $k \ge 1$ , then for every real or complex number  $\alpha$  with  $|\alpha| \ge 1$ ,

$$\max_{|z|=1} |D_{\infty}p(z)| \le \frac{n}{1+k^{\mu}} \left\{ (| \times | + k^{\mu}) \max_{|z|=1} |p(z)| - (| \times | -1) \min_{|z|=k} |p(z)| \right\}$$
 (10)

In this paper we generalize (9) to the polar derivative of a polynomial and which is also an improvement of Theorem E .

**Theorem 1.1** If  $p(z) = a_n z^n + \sum_{v=\mu}^n a_{n-v} z^{n-v}$ ,  $1 \le \mu \le n$  is a polynomial of degree n having no zeros in |z| < k,  $k \ge 1$ , then for every real or complex number

with  $|\alpha| \ge \rho$ ,

$$\max_{|z|=\rho} |D_{\infty}p(z)| \leq \\
n(k^{\mu} + | \propto |\rho^{\mu-1}) \frac{(r^{\mu} + k^{\mu})^{\frac{n}{\mu} - 1}}{(\rho^{\mu} + k^{\mu})^{\frac{n}{\mu}}} \left[ 1 - \frac{n}{\mu} \frac{A}{B} \left( \frac{\rho^{\mu} - r^{\mu}}{\rho^{\mu} + k^{\mu}} \right) \left( \frac{k^{\mu} + r^{\mu}}{k^{\mu} + \rho^{\mu}} \right)^{\frac{n}{\mu} - 1} \right] \max_{|z|=r} |p(z)| \\
- \left[ n(k^{\mu} + | \propto |\rho^{\mu-1}) \frac{r^{\mu} + k^{\mu}}{\rho^{\mu} + k^{\mu}} \frac{C}{B} \left\{ \frac{\rho^{\mu} + k^{\mu}}{r^{\mu} + k^{\mu}} - \frac{n}{\mu} \frac{\rho^{\mu} - r^{\mu}}{k^{\mu} + r^{\mu}} - 1 \right\} \\
- \frac{n\rho^{\mu-1}}{\rho^{\mu} + k^{\mu}} (| \propto | - \rho) \right] \min_{|z|=k} |p(z)|$$

where 
$$A = (k - \rho)(n|a_0| - \mu|a_\mu|k^\mu)k^\mu$$
  
 $B = (\rho^{\mu+1} + k^{\mu+1})n|a_0| + \mu a_n k^\mu (k\rho^\mu + k^\mu \rho)$   
 $C = n|a_0|\rho + \mu|a_\mu|k^{\mu+1}$ 

**Remark 1**. For  $\rho = r = 1$ , inequality (11) reduces to (10)

**Remark 2**. Dividing the two sides of (11) by  $| \propto |$ , letting  $| \propto | \to \infty$ , we get

$$\begin{split} & \max_{|z|=\rho} |p'(z)| \\ & \leq n \rho^{\mu-1} \frac{(r^{\mu} + k^{\mu})^{\frac{n}{\mu}-1}}{(\rho^{\mu} + k^{\mu})^{\frac{n}{\mu}}} \left[ 1 - \frac{n}{\mu} \frac{A}{B} \left( \frac{\rho^{\mu} - r^{\mu}}{\rho^{\mu} + k^{\mu}} \right) \left( \frac{k^{\mu} + r^{\mu}}{k^{\mu} + \rho^{\mu}} \right)^{\frac{n}{\mu}-1} \right] \max_{|z|=r} |p(z)| \\ & - \left[ n \rho^{n-1} \frac{r^{\mu} + k^{\mu}}{\rho^{\mu} + k^{\mu}} \left\{ \frac{C}{B} \left\{ \frac{\rho^{\mu} + k^{\mu}}{r^{\mu} + k^{\mu}} - 1 \right\} - \frac{n}{\mu} \frac{\rho^{\mu} - r^{\mu}}{k^{\mu} + r^{\mu}} \right\} - \frac{n \rho^{\mu-1}}{\rho^{\mu} + k^{\mu}} \right] \min_{|z|=k} |p(z)| \end{split}$$

Equality holds for  $p(z) = (z^{\mu} + k^{\mu})^{\frac{n}{\mu}}$ , where n is a multiple of  $\mu$ .

If we take  $\mu=1$  we get the following result which is an improvement of Theorem B

**Corollary 1.** If p(z) is a polynomial of degree n and having no zeros in |z| < k,  $k \ge 1$ ,  $0 \le r \le \rho \le k$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & \max_{|z|=\rho} |p'(z)| \\ & \leq n \frac{(k+\rho)^{n-1}}{(k+r)^n} \left[ 1 - n \frac{A'}{B'} \left( \frac{\rho-r}{k+\rho} \right) \left( \frac{k+r}{k+\rho} \right)^{n-1} \right] \max_{|z|=r} |p(z)| \\ & - \left[ n \frac{r+k}{\rho+k} \left\{ \frac{C'}{B'} \left\{ \frac{\rho+k}{r+k} - 1 \right\} - n \frac{\rho-r}{r+k} \right\} - \frac{n}{\rho+k} \right] \min_{|z|=k} |p(z)| \end{aligned}$$

where 
$$A' = (k - \rho)(n|a_0| - |a_1|k)k$$
  
 $B' = n|a_0|(\rho^2 + k^2) + |a_1|(k^2\rho + k^2\rho)$   
 $C' = n|a_0|\rho + |a_1|k^2$ 

**Remark 3**. If we take k = 1 in Theorem 1.1 we get the following result.

**Corollary 2.** If  $p(z) = a_n z^n + \sum_{v=\mu}^n a_{n-v} z^{n-v}$ ,  $1 \le \mu \le n$  in a polynomial of degree n having no zeros in |z| < 1, then for every real or complex number  $\alpha$  with

$$|\alpha| \ge \rho$$
,

$$\max_{|z|=\rho} |D_{\infty}p(z)| \\
\leq n(|\alpha| + \rho^{\mu-1}) \frac{(1+r^{\mu})^{\frac{n}{\mu}-1}}{(1+r^{\mu})^{\frac{n}{\mu}}} \left[ 1 - \frac{n}{\mu} \frac{D}{F} \left( \frac{\rho^{\mu} - r^{\mu}}{1+r^{\mu}} \right) \left( \frac{1+r^{\mu}}{1+\rho^{\mu}} \right)^{\frac{n}{\mu}-1} \right] \max_{|z|=r} |p(z)| \\
- \left[ n \frac{1+|\alpha| \rho^{\mu-1}}{1+\rho^{\mu}} \left\{ \frac{E}{F} (r^{\mu} + 1) \left\{ \left( \frac{\rho^{\mu} + 1}{\rho^{\mu} + 1} \right)^{\frac{n}{\mu}} - 1 \right\} - \frac{n}{\mu} \frac{\rho^{\mu} - r^{\mu}}{r^{\mu} + 1} \right\} \\
- \frac{n\rho^{\mu-1}}{\rho^{\mu+1}} (|\alpha| - \rho) \min_{|z|=1} |p(z)|$$

where 
$$D = (n|a_0| - \mu|a_\mu|)(1 - \rho)$$
  
 $E = (n|a_0|\rho + \mu|a_\mu|)$   
 $F = (\rho^{\mu+1} + 1)n|a_0| + \mu|a_\mu|(\rho^{\mu} + \rho)$ 

#### 2. LEMMAS

For the proof of theorem we need the following lemmas.

**Lemma 2.1** Let  $p(z) = a_n z^n + \sum_{v=\mu}^n a_{n-v} z^{n-v}$ ,  $1 \le \mu \le n$  be a polynomial of degree n having no zeros in |z| < k,  $k \ge 1$ , then for every real or complex number  $\alpha$  with  $|\alpha| \ge 1$ 

$$\max_{|z|=1} |D_{\infty}p(z)| \le \frac{n}{1+k^{\mu}} \left\{ (|\infty| + k^{\mu}) \max_{|z|=1} |p(z)| - (|\infty| - 1) \min_{|z|=k} |p(z)| \right\}$$

The above lemma in due to Dewan, Singh and Mir [1].

**Lemma 2.2** If  $p(z) = a_0 + \sum_{v=\mu}^n a_v z^v$ ,  $1 \le \mu \le n$  is a polynomial of degree n having no zeros in |z| < k, k > 0, then for  $0 \le r \le \rho \le k$ ,

$$\begin{split} \max_{|z|=\rho} |p(z)| & \leq \left(\frac{k^{\mu} + \rho^{\mu}}{k^{\mu} + r^{\mu}}\right)^{\frac{n}{\mu}} \\ & \left[1 - \frac{k^{\mu}(k - \rho)(n|a_0| - k^{\mu}\mu|a_{\mu}|)n}{\mu \left(n|a_0|(\rho^{\mu+1} + k^{\mu+1}) + \mu|a_{\mu}| + \left(k^{2\mu}\rho + k^{\mu+1}\rho^{\mu}\right)\right)} \right. \\ & \times \left(\frac{\rho^{\mu} - r^{\mu}}{k^{\mu} + \rho^{\mu}}\right) \left(\frac{k^{\mu} + r^{\mu}}{k^{\mu} + \rho^{\mu}}\right)^{\frac{n}{\mu} - 1} \right] \max_{|z|=r} |p(z)| \\ & - \left[\frac{\left(n|a_0|\rho + \mu|a_{\mu}|k^{\mu+1}\right)\left(r^{\mu} + k^{\mu}\right)}{n|a_0|\left(k^{\mu+1} + \rho^{\mu+1}\right) + \mu a_{\mu}\left(k^{2\mu}\rho + k^{\mu+1}\rho^{\mu}\right)} \right. \\ & \left. \left. \left(\left(\frac{\rho^{\mu} + k^{\mu}}{r^{\mu} + k^{\mu}}\right)^{\frac{n}{\mu}} - 1\right) - \frac{n(\rho^{\mu} - r^{\mu})}{\mu(r^{\mu} + k^{\mu})}\right\} \right] \min_{|z|=k} |p(z)| \end{split}$$

The above lemma is due to Mir, Baba and Pukhta [9].

## 3. PROOF OF THE THEOREM

*Proof.* Let  $0 \le r \le \rho \le k$ , since p(z) has no zeros in |z| < k, k > 0, then the polynomial  $p(\rho z)$  has no zeros in  $|z| < \frac{k}{\rho}$ ,  $\frac{k}{\rho} \ge 1$ , therefore, by Lemma 2.1 to the polynomial  $p(\rho z)$  with  $\frac{|\alpha|}{\rho} \ge 1$  gives

$$\max_{|z|=1} |D_{\frac{\alpha}{\rho}} p(\rho z)| \leq \frac{n}{1+(\frac{k}{\rho})^{\mu}} \left[ \left\{ \left(\frac{k}{\rho}\right)^{\mu} + \frac{|\alpha|}{\rho} \right\} \max_{|z|=\rho} |p(z)| - \left(\frac{|\alpha|}{\rho} - 1\right) \min_{|z|=k} |p(z)| \right]$$

i.e.,

$$\begin{split} & \max_{|z|=a} |np(\rho z) + \left(\frac{\alpha}{\rho} - z\right) \rho p'(\rho z)| \leq \\ & \frac{n}{\rho^{\mu} + k^{\mu}} \left(k^{\mu} + |\alpha| \rho^{\mu-1}\right) \max_{|z|=\rho} |p(z)| - \frac{n\rho^{\mu-1}}{\rho^{\mu} + k^{\mu}} (|\alpha| - \rho) \min_{|z|=k} |p(z)| \end{split}$$

Which is equivalent to

$$\max_{|z|=\rho} |D_{\infty}p(z)| \le \frac{n}{\rho^{\mu} + k^{\mu}} \left(k^{\mu} + |\alpha|\rho^{\mu-1}\right) \max_{|z|=\rho} |p(z)| - \frac{n\rho^{\mu-1}}{\rho^{\mu} + k^{\mu}} (|\alpha| - \rho) \min_{|z|=k} |p(z)|$$

For  $0 \le r \le \rho \le k$ , we have by using Lemma 2.2,

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{|z|=\rho} |D_{\infty}p(z)| &\leq \frac{n}{\rho^{\mu} + k^{\mu}} \left(k^{\mu} + |\alpha|\rho^{\mu-1}\right) \left(\frac{k^{\mu} + r^{\mu}}{k^{\mu} + \rho^{\mu}}\right)^{\frac{n}{\mu}} \\ & \left[1 - \frac{n}{\mu} \frac{A}{B} \left(\frac{\rho^{\mu} - r^{\mu}}{k^{\mu} + \rho^{\mu}}\right) \left(\frac{k^{\mu} + r^{\mu}}{k^{\mu} + \rho^{\mu}}\right)^{\frac{n}{\mu} - 1}\right] \max_{|z|=r} |p(z)| \\ & - \frac{n}{\rho^{\mu} + k^{\mu}} \left(k^{\mu} + |\alpha|\rho^{\mu-1}\right) \\ & \left[\frac{C}{B} (r^{\mu} + k^{\mu}) \left\{ \left(\left(\frac{\rho^{\mu} + k^{\mu}}{r^{\mu} + k^{\mu}}\right)^{\frac{n}{\mu}} - 1\right) - \frac{n}{\mu} \left(\frac{\rho^{\mu} - r^{\mu}}{r^{\mu} + k^{\mu}}\right) \right\} \right] \min_{|z|=k} |p(z)| \\ & - \frac{n\rho^{\mu-1}}{\rho^{\mu} + k^{\mu}} (|\alpha| - \rho) \min_{|z|=k} |p(z)| \end{aligned}$$

Which is equivalent to

$$\max_{|z|=\rho} |D_{\infty}p(z)| \le$$

$$\begin{split} n\left(k^{\mu} + | \propto |\rho^{\mu-1}\right) \frac{\left(r^{\mu} + k^{\mu}\right)^{\frac{n}{\mu} - 1}}{\left(\rho^{\mu} + k^{\mu}\right)^{\frac{n}{\mu}}} \left[1 - \frac{n}{\mu} \frac{A}{B} \left(\frac{\rho^{\mu} - r^{\mu}}{k^{\mu} + \rho^{\mu}}\right) \left(\frac{k^{\mu} + r^{\mu}}{k^{\mu} + \rho^{\mu}}\right)^{\frac{n}{\mu} - 1}\right] \max_{|z| = r} |p(z)| \\ - \left[n\left(k^{\mu} + | \propto |\rho^{\mu-1}\right) \frac{\left(r^{\mu} + k^{\mu}\right) C}{\left(\rho^{\mu} + k^{\mu}\right) B} \left\{\frac{\rho^{\mu} + k^{\mu}}{r^{\mu} + k^{\mu}} - \frac{n}{\mu} \left(\frac{\rho^{\mu} - r^{\mu}}{r^{\mu} + k^{\mu}}\right) - 1\right\} \\ - \frac{n\rho^{\mu-1}}{\rho^{\mu} + k^{\mu}} (| \propto | - \rho)\right] \min_{|z| = k} |p(z)| \end{split}$$

This completes the proof of the Theorem.

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