

## $L^r$ INEQUALITIES FOR POLYNOMIALS

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**Abstract.** If  $p(z) = a_0 + \sum_{\nu=\mu}^n a_\nu z^\nu$ ,  $1 \leq \mu \leq n$ , is a polynomial of degree  $n$  having no zero in  $|z| < k$ ,  $k \geq 1$  and  $p'(z)$  its derivative, then Qazi [19] proved

$$\max_{|z|=1} |p'(z)| \leq n \frac{1 + \frac{\mu}{n} \left| \frac{a_\mu}{a_0} \right| k^{\mu+1}}{1 + k^{\mu+1} + \frac{\mu}{n} \left| \frac{a_\mu}{a_0} \right| (k^{\mu+1} + k^{2\mu})} \max_{|z|=1} |p(z)|.$$

In this paper, we not only obtain the  $L^r$  version of the polar derivative of the above inequality for  $r > 0$ , but also obtain an improved  $L^r$  extension in polar derivative.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

Let  $p(z)$  be a polynomial of degree  $n$ . Then, according to a well-known classical result due to Bernstein [4],

$$\max_{|z|=1} |p'(z)| \leq n \max_{|z|=1} |p(z)|. \quad (1.1)$$

Inequality (1.1) is sharp and equality holds if  $p(z)$  has all its zeros at the origin.

Now, for a polynomial  $p(z)$  of degree  $n$ , we define for  $r > 0$

$$\|p\|_r = \left\{ \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |p(e^{i\theta})|^r d\theta \right\}^{\frac{1}{r}}. \quad (1.2)$$

We let  $r \rightarrow \infty$  in (1.2) and make use of the well-known fact from analysis [22] that

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |p(e^{i\theta})|^r d\theta \right\}^{\frac{1}{r}} = \max_{|z|=1} |p(z)|, \quad (1.3)$$

we can suitably denote

$$\|p\|_\infty = \max_{|z|=1} |p(z)|. \quad (1.4)$$

Similarly, one can define

$$\|p\|_0 = \exp \left\{ \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \log |p(e^{i\theta})| d\theta \right\}$$

and show that  $\lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \|p\|_r = \|p\|_0$ . It would be of further interest that by taking limit as  $r \rightarrow 0^+$ , the stated results concerning  $L^r$  inequalities holding for  $r > 0$ , hold for  $r = 0$  as well. Inequality (1.1) can be obtained by letting  $r \rightarrow \infty$  in the inequality

$$\|p'\|_r \leq n \|p\|_r, \quad r > 0. \quad (1.5)$$

Inequality (1.5) for  $r \geq 1$  is due to Zygmund [24]. Arestov [1] proved that (1.5) remains valid for  $0 < r < 1$  as well.

If we restrict ourselves to the class of polynomials having no zeros in  $|z| < 1$ , then inequalities (1.1) and (1.5) can be respectively improved by

$$\|p'\|_\infty \leq \frac{n}{2} \|p\|_\infty \quad (1.6)$$

and

$$\|p'\|_r \leq \frac{n}{\|1+z\|_r} \|p\|_\infty, \quad r > 0. \quad (1.7)$$

Inequality (1.6) was conjectured by Erdős and later verified by Lax [13], whereas inequality (1.7) was proved by de-Brujin [8] for  $r \geq 1$ , Rahman and Schmeisser [20] showed that (1.7) remains true for  $0 < r < 1$ .

Let  $P_{n,\mu}$  be the class of polynomials  $p(z) = a_0 + \sum_{\nu=\mu}^n a_\nu z^\nu$ ,  $1 \leq \mu \leq n$ , of degree  $n$ . As a generalization of (1.6), Malik [14] proved that if  $p \in P_{n,1}$  and  $p(z) \neq 0$  in  $|z| < k$ ,  $k \geq 1$ , then

$$\|p'\|_\infty \leq \frac{n}{1+k} \|p\|_\infty. \tag{1.8}$$

For a polynomial  $p(z)$  of degree  $n$ , we now define the polar derivative of  $p(z)$  with respect to a real or complex number  $\alpha$  as

$$D_\alpha p(z) = np(z) + (\alpha - z)p'(z).$$

This polynomial  $D_\alpha p(z)$  is of degree at most  $n - 1$  and it generalizes the ordinary derivative  $p'(z)$  in the sense that

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} \frac{D_\alpha p(z)}{\alpha} = p'(z),$$

uniformly with respect to  $z$  for  $|z| \leq R$ ,  $R > 0$ .

Aziz [2] was among the first who extended some of the above inequalities to polar versions. He, in fact, extended inequality (1.8) to polar derivative of a polynomial by proving that if  $p(z)$  is a polynomial of degree  $n$  having no zero in  $|z| < k$ ,  $k \geq 1$ , then for any complex number  $\alpha$  with  $|\alpha| \geq 1$ ,

$$\max_{|z|=1} |D_\alpha p(z)| \leq n \left( \frac{|\alpha| + k}{1 + k} \right) \max_{|z|=1} |p(z)|. \tag{1.9}$$

As an  $L^r$  analogue of polar derivative of (1.8), Rather [21] proved that for any complex number  $\alpha$  with  $|\alpha| \geq 1$  and for every  $r > 0$ ,

$$\|D_\alpha p(z)\|_r \leq n \left( \frac{|\alpha| + k}{\|z + k\|_r} \right) \|p\|_r. \tag{1.10}$$

Over the last four decades, many different authors produced a large number of different versions and generalizations of the above inequalities. Many of these generalizations involve the comparison of polar derivative  $D_\alpha p(z)$  with various choices of  $p(z)$ ,  $\alpha$  and other parameters. More information on this topic can be found in the books of Milovanović et al. [17] and Marden [15], and in the literatures [6, 7, 10, 12, 16, 23].

Using the class of Lacunary-type polynomial, Mir [18] recently extended (1.9) by proving that if  $p(z) = a_0 + \sum_{\nu=\mu}^n a_\nu z^\nu$ ,  $1 \leq \mu \leq n$ , is a polynomial of degree  $n$  having no zero in  $|z| < k$ ,  $k \geq 1$ , then for every  $r > 0$  and for every

complex number  $\alpha$  with  $|\alpha| \geq 1$ ,

$$\|D_\alpha p(z)\|_r \leq n \frac{(|\alpha| + k^\mu)}{\|z + k^\mu\|_r} \|p\|_r. \quad (1.11)$$

Further, Qazi [19] improved (1.8) by proving:

**Theorem 1.1.** *If  $p \in P_{n,\mu}$ ,  $1 \leq \mu \leq n$  and  $p(z) \neq 0$  in  $|z| < k$ ,  $k \geq 1$ , then*

$$\|p'\|_\infty \leq \frac{n}{\|A_0 + z\|_\infty} \|p\|_\infty, \quad (1.12)$$

where

$$A_0 = \frac{n|a_0|k^{\mu+1} + \mu|a_\mu|k^{2\mu}}{n|a_0| + \mu|a_\mu|k^{\mu+1}}. \quad (1.13)$$

Dewan et al. [9] also improved Theorem 1.1 by involving  $\min_{|z|=k} |p(z)|$ .

**Theorem 1.2.** *If  $p \in P_{n,\mu}$ ,  $1 \leq \mu \leq n$  and  $p(z) \neq 0$  in  $|z| < k$ ,  $k \geq 1$ , then*

$$\|p'\|_\infty \leq \frac{n}{\|A_0 + z\|_\infty} \|p\|_\infty - \frac{n}{k^n} \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{\|A_0 + z\|_\infty} \right\} \min_{|z|=k} |p(z)|, \quad (1.14)$$

where  $A_0$  is as defined in (1.13).

Dewan et al. [9] extended Theorem 1.1 to  $L^r$  analogue for  $r \geq 1$  and for  $r > 0$  by Chanam [5].

**Theorem 1.3.** *If  $p \in P_{n,\mu}$ ,  $1 \leq \mu \leq n$  and  $p(z) \neq 0$  in  $|z| < k$ ,  $k \geq 1$ , then for each  $r > 0$ ,*

$$\|p'\|_r \leq \frac{n}{\|A_0 + z\|_r} \|p\|_r, \quad (1.15)$$

where  $A_0$  is as defined in (1.13).

## 2. LEMMAS

For the proof of the theorem, we require the following lemmas. The first lemma is due to Qazi [19].

**Lemma 2.1.** *If  $p \in P_{n,\mu}$ ,  $1 \leq \mu \leq n$  and  $p(z) \neq 0$  in  $|z| < k$ ,  $k \geq 1$ , then*

$$k^{\mu+1} \frac{\frac{\mu}{n} \left| \frac{a_\mu}{a_0} \right| k^{\mu-1} + 1}{1 + \frac{\mu}{n} \left| \frac{a_\mu}{a_0} \right| k^{\mu+1}} |p'(z)| \leq |q'(z)| \text{ on } |z| = 1 \quad (2.1)$$

and

$$\frac{\mu}{n} \left| \frac{a_\mu}{a_0} \right| k^\mu \leq 1, \quad (2.2)$$

where  $q(z) = z^n \overline{p\left(\frac{1}{z}\right)}$ .

The next lemma is due to Govil and Kumar [11].

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $p, q$  be any two positive real numbers such that  $p \geq qx$ , where  $x \geq 1$ . If  $\gamma$  is any real such that  $0 \leq \gamma \leq 2\pi$ , then for any  $y \geq 1$*

$$\frac{p + qy}{x + y} \leq \left| \frac{p + qe^{i\gamma}}{x + e^{i\gamma}} \right|. \tag{2.3}$$

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $z_1, z_2$  be two complex numbers independent of  $\alpha$ , where  $\alpha$  being real. Then for  $r > 0$ ,*

$$\int_0^{2\pi} |z_1 + z_2 e^{i\alpha}|^r d\alpha = \int_0^{2\pi} (|z_1| + |z_2| e^{i\alpha})^r d\alpha. \tag{2.4}$$

The above lemma is due to Govil and Kumar [11].

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $p(z)$  be a polynomial of degree  $n$ . Then for every  $\gamma$  with  $0 \leq \gamma < 2\pi$  and  $r > 0$ ,*

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |p'(e^{i\theta}) + e^{i\gamma} q'(e^{i\theta})|^r d\theta d\gamma \leq 2\pi n^r \int_0^{2\pi} |p(e^{i\theta})|^r d\theta, \tag{2.5}$$

where  $q(z) = z^n \overline{p(\frac{1}{\bar{z}})}$ .

The above result is due to Aziz and Rather [3].

### 3. MAIN RESULTS

In this paper, we obtain  $L^r$  analogue of the polar derivative version of Theorem 1.2 for  $r > 0$  which further extends both Theorems 1.1 and 1.3. More precisely, we prove:

**Theorem 3.1.** *If  $p \in P_{n,\mu}$ ,  $1 \leq \mu \leq n$  and  $p(z) \neq 0$  in  $|z| < k$ ,  $k \geq 1$ , then for every real or complex number  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  with  $|\alpha| \geq 1$  and  $|\beta| < \frac{1}{k^n}$  and for each  $r > 0$ ,*

$$\|D_\alpha p(z) + n\alpha m\beta z^{n-1}\|_r \leq \frac{n(|\alpha| + A)}{\|A + z\|_r} \|p(z) + m\beta z^n\|_r, \tag{3.1}$$

where

$$A = \frac{n|a_0|k^{\mu+1} + \mu|a_\mu + m\beta|k^{2\mu}}{n|a_0| + \mu|a_\mu + m\beta|k^{\mu+1}} \quad \text{and} \quad m = \min_{|z|=k} |p(z)|. \tag{3.2}$$

*Proof.* We have for any  $r > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ \int_0^{2\pi} |A + e^{i\gamma}|^r d\gamma \right\} \left[ \int_0^{2\pi} |D_\alpha \{p(e^{i\theta}) + m\beta e^{in\theta}\}|^r d\theta \right] \\ &= \left\{ \int_0^{2\pi} |A + e^{i\gamma}|^r d\gamma \right\} \left[ \int_0^{2\pi} |n\{p(e^{i\theta}) + m\beta e^{in\theta}\} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + (\alpha - e^{i\theta})\{p'(e^{i\theta}) + nm\beta e^{i(n-1)\theta}\}|^r d\theta \right] \\ &= \left\{ \int_0^{2\pi} |A + e^{i\gamma}|^r d\gamma \right\} \left\{ \int_0^{2\pi} |D_\alpha p(e^{i\theta}) + n\alpha m\beta e^{i(n-1)\theta}|^r d\theta \right\}. \quad (3.3) \end{aligned}$$

If  $q(z) = z^n \overline{p\left(\frac{1}{\bar{z}}\right)}$ , then it can be easily verified that for  $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$ ,

$$n\{p(e^{i\theta}) + m\beta e^{in\theta}\} - e^{i\theta}\{p'(e^{i\theta}) + nm\beta e^{i(n-1)\theta}\} = e^{i(n-1)\theta} \overline{q'(e^{i\theta})}.$$

Using the above inequality, we have for  $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} D_\alpha \{p(e^{i\theta}) + m\beta e^{in\theta}\} &= n\{p(e^{i\theta}) + m\beta e^{in\theta}\} \\ & \quad + (\alpha - e^{i\theta})\{p'(e^{i\theta}) + nm\beta e^{i(n-1)\theta}\} \\ &= e^{i(n-1)\theta} \overline{q'(e^{i\theta})} + \alpha\{p'(e^{i\theta}) + nm\beta e^{i(n-1)\theta}\}, \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$|D_\alpha \{p(e^{i\theta}) + m\beta e^{in\theta}\}| \leq |q'(e^{i\theta})| + |\alpha| |p'(e^{i\theta}) + nm\beta e^{i(n-1)\theta}|. \quad (3.4)$$

Using inequality (3.4) in inequality (3.3), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ \int_0^{2\pi} |A + e^{i\gamma}|^r d\gamma \right\} \left\{ \int_0^{2\pi} |D_\alpha p(e^{i\theta}) + n\alpha m\beta e^{i(n-1)\theta}|^r d\theta \right\} \\ & \leq \left\{ \int_0^{2\pi} |A + e^{i\gamma}|^r d\gamma \right\} \left[ \int_0^{2\pi} \left\{ |q'(e^{i\theta})| + |\alpha| |p'(e^{i\theta}) + nm\beta e^{i(n-1)\theta}| \right\}^r d\theta \right]. \quad (3.5) \end{aligned}$$

By Rouché's theorem, the polynomial  $P(z) = p(z) + m\beta z^n$  has no zero in  $|z| < k, k \geq 1$  and if we apply Lemma 2.1 to the polynomial  $P(z)$ , we have

$$\left\{ \frac{n|a_0|k^{\mu+1} + \mu|a_\mu|k^{2\mu}}{n|a_0| + \mu|a_\mu|k^{\mu+1}} \right\} |p'(e^{i\theta}) + nm\beta e^{i(n-1)\theta}| \leq |q'(e^{i\theta})|. \quad (3.6)$$

Taking  $p = |q'(e^{i\theta})|$ ,  $q = |p'(e^{i\theta}) + nm\beta e^{i(n-1)\theta}|$ ,  $x = A$  and  $y = |\alpha|$  in Lemma 2.2, we have for all  $\gamma \in [0, 2\pi]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & |A + e^{i\gamma}| \left\{ |q'(e^{i\theta})| + |\alpha| |p'(e^{i\theta}) + nm\beta e^{i(n-1)\theta}| \right\} \\ & \leq (A + |\alpha|) \left| |q'(e^{i\theta})| + e^{i\gamma} |p'(e^{i\theta}) + nm\beta e^{i(n-1)\theta}| \right|. \end{aligned} \tag{3.7}$$

Further, it can be easily verified that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| |q'(e^{i\theta})| + e^{i\gamma} |p'(e^{i\theta}) + nm\beta e^{i(n-1)\theta}| \right| \\ & = \left| |p'(e^{i\theta}) + nm\beta e^{i(n-1)\theta}| + e^{i\gamma} |q'(e^{i\theta})| \right|. \end{aligned} \tag{3.8}$$

Now, inequality (3.7) and inequality (3.8) give

$$\begin{aligned} & |A + e^{i\gamma}| \left\{ |q'(e^{i\theta})| + |\alpha| |p'(e^{i\theta}) + nm\beta e^{i(n-1)\theta}| \right\} \\ & \leq (A + |\alpha|) \left| |p'(e^{i\theta}) + nm\beta e^{i(n-1)\theta}| + e^{i\gamma} |q'(e^{i\theta})| \right|. \end{aligned} \tag{3.9}$$

Applying inequality (3.9) to the right hand side of inequality (3.5), we have for any  $r > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ \int_0^{2\pi} |A + e^{i\gamma}|^r d\gamma \right\} \left\{ \int_0^{2\pi} |D_\alpha p(e^{i\theta}) + n\alpha m\beta e^{i(n-1)\theta}|^r d\theta \right\} \\ & \leq (A + |\alpha|)^r \left\{ \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \left| |p'(e^{i\theta}) + nm\beta e^{i(n-1)\theta}| + e^{i\gamma} |q'(e^{i\theta})| \right|^r d\gamma d\theta \right\}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.10}$$

Using Lemma 2.3 and then applying Lemma 2.4 to the right hand side of inequality (3.10), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ \int_0^{2\pi} |A + e^{i\gamma}|^r d\gamma \right\} \left\{ \int_0^{2\pi} |D_\alpha p(e^{i\theta}) + n\alpha m\beta e^{i(n-1)\theta}|^r d\theta \right\} \\ & \leq (A + |\alpha|)^r 2\pi n^r \left\{ \int_0^{2\pi} |p(e^{i\theta}) + m\beta e^{in\theta}|^r d\theta \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |A + e^{i\gamma}|^r d\gamma \right\}^{\frac{1}{r}} \left\{ \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |D_\alpha p(e^{i\theta}) + n\alpha m\beta e^{i(n-1)\theta}|^r d\theta \right\}^{\frac{1}{r}} \\ & \leq (A + |\alpha|) n \left\{ \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |p(e^{i\theta}) + m\beta e^{in\theta}|^r d\theta \right\}^{\frac{1}{r}}, \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof. □

**Remark 3.2.** If we take  $\beta = 0$  and divide both sides of inequality (3.1), by  $|\alpha|$  and letting  $|\alpha| \rightarrow \infty$ , Theorem 3.1 reduces to the integral analogue of Theorem 1.1.

If we let  $r \rightarrow \infty$  in (3.1), we get the following result.

**Corollary 3.3.** *If  $p \in P_{n,\mu}$ ,  $1 \leq \mu \leq n$  and  $p(z) \neq 0$  in  $|z| < k$ ,  $k \geq 1$ , then for every real or complex numbers  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  with  $|\alpha| > 1$  and  $|\beta| < \frac{1}{k^n}$ ,*

$$\max_{|z|=1} |D_\alpha p(z) + n\alpha m\beta z^{n-1}| \leq \frac{n(|\alpha| + A)}{(A + 1)} \max_{|z|=1} |p(z) + m\beta z^n|. \quad (3.11)$$

**Remark 3.4.** If we take  $\beta = 0$ , Theorem 3.1 reduces to the following interesting result which provides the polar version of Theorem 1.3.

**Corollary 3.5.** *If  $p \in P_{n,\mu}$ ,  $1 \leq \mu \leq n$  and  $p(z) \neq 0$  in  $|z| < k$ ,  $k \geq 1$ , then for every real or complex number  $\alpha$  with  $|\alpha| > 1$  and for each  $r > 0$ ,*

$$\|D_\alpha p(z)\|_r \leq \frac{n(|\alpha| + A)}{\|A + z\|_r} \|p\|_r, \quad (3.12)$$

where  $A$  is as defined in Theorem 3.1.

**Remark 3.6.** If we divide both sides of (3.12) of Corollary 3.5 by  $|\alpha|$  and take limit as  $|\alpha| \rightarrow \infty$ , we obtain inequality (1.15) of Theorem 1.3, which corresponds the  $L^r$  analogue of Theorem 1.1.

**Remark 3.7.** By (2.2) of Lemma 2.1, it is evident that

$$A = \frac{n|a_0|k^{\mu+1} + \mu|a_\mu|k^{2\mu}}{n|a_0| + \mu|a_\mu|k^{\mu+1}} \geq k^\mu$$

for  $1 \leq \mu \leq n$  and hence for  $|\alpha| \geq 1$  and for each  $r > 0$ ,

$$\frac{(|\alpha| + A)}{\|A + z\|_r} \leq \frac{(|\alpha| + k^\mu)}{\|k^\mu + z\|_r}. \quad (3.13)$$

Using (3.13) to Corollary 3.5, we get inequality (1.11).

**Remark 3.8.** Dividing both sides of inequality (3.1) by  $|\alpha|$  and taking limit as  $|\alpha| \rightarrow \infty$ , we have the following result independently proved by Chanam [5].

**Corollary 3.9.** *If  $p \in P_{n,\mu}$ ,  $1 \leq \mu \leq n$  and  $p(z) \neq 0$  in  $|z| < k$ ,  $k \geq 1$ , then for every real or complex number  $\beta$  with  $|\beta| < \frac{1}{k^n}$  and for each  $r > 0$ ,*

$$\|p'(z) + mn\beta z^{n-1}\|_r \leq \frac{n}{\|A + z\|_r} \|p(z) + m\beta z^n\|_r, \quad (3.14)$$

where  $A$  and  $m$  are as defined in Theorem 3.1.



**Remark 3.10.** If we let  $r \rightarrow \infty$  on both sides of (3.14), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{|z|=1} |p'(z) + mn\beta z^{n-1}| &\leq \frac{n}{1+A} \max_{|z|=1} |p(z) + m\beta z^n| \\ &\leq \frac{n}{1+A} \left\{ \max_{|z|=1} |p(z)| + m|\beta| \right\}, \end{aligned} \tag{3.15}$$

where  $A$  and  $m$  are as defined in Theorem 3.1.

Let  $z_0$  on  $|z| = 1$  be such that

$$\max_{|z|=1} |p'(z)| = |p'(z_0)|.$$

Then, in particular, inequality (3.15) becomes

$$|p'(z_0) + mn\beta z_0^{n-1}| \leq \frac{n}{1+A} \left\{ \max_{|z|=1} |p(z)| + m|\beta| \right\}.$$

Choosing the argument of  $\beta$  suitably such that

$$|p'(z_0) + mn\beta z_0^{n-1}| = |p'(z_0)| + mn|\beta|,$$

and finally making limit as  $|\beta| \rightarrow \frac{1}{k^n}$ , we get as cited earlier, the best possible inequality due to Dewan et al. [9].

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