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ON AN OPERATOR PRESERVING INEQUALITIES BETWEEN POLYNOMIALS

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Abstract. Let \mathscr{P}_n denote the space of all complex polynomials $P(z) = \sum_{j=0}^n a_j z^j$ of degree n and \mathcal{B}_n a family of operators that maps \mathscr{P}_n into itself. In this paper, we consider a problem of investigating the dependence of

$$\left|B[P(Rz)] - \alpha B[P(rz)] + \beta \left\{ \left(\frac{R+k}{k+r}\right)^n - |\alpha| \right\} B[P(rz)] \right|$$

on the maximum and minimum modulus of |P(z)| on |z|=k for arbitrary real or complex numbers $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ with $|\alpha| \leq 1, |\beta| \leq 1, R > r \geq k$ and establish certain sharp operator preserving inequalities between polynomials, from which a variety of interesting results follows as special cases.

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1. Introduction

Let \mathscr{P}_n denote the space of all complex polynomials $P(z) = \sum_{j=0}^n a_j z^j$ of degree n. A famous result known as Bernstein's inequality (for reference, see [8, p.531], [10, p.508] or [11] states that if $P \in \mathscr{P}_n$, then

(1)
$$\max_{|z|=1} |P'(z)| \le n \max_{|z|=1} |P(z)|,$$

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whereas concerning the maximum modulus of P(z) on the circle |z| = R > 1, we have

(2)
$$\max_{\substack{|z|=R}} |P(z)| \le R^n \max_{\substack{|z|=1}} |P(z)|, \ R \ge 1.$$

(for reference, see [7, p.442] or [8, vol.I, p.137]).

If we restrict ourselves to the class of polynomials $P \in \mathscr{P}_n$ having no zero in |z| < 1, then inequalities (1) and (2) can be respectively replaced by

(3)
$$\max_{|z|=1} |P'(z)| \le \frac{n}{2} \max_{|z|=1} |P(z)|,$$

and

Inequality (3) was conjectured by Erdös and later verified by Lax [5], whereas inequality (4) is due to Ankey and Ravilin [1]. Aziz and Dawood [2] further improved inequalities (3) and (4) under the same hypothesis and proved that,

As a compact generalization of Inequalities (1) and (2), Aziz and Rather [3] have shown that if $P \in \mathscr{P}_n$ then for $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ with $|\alpha| \leq 1$, $|\beta| \leq 1$, R > 1 and $|z| \geq 1$,

$$\left| P(Rz) - \alpha P(z) + \beta \left\{ \left(\frac{R+1}{2} \right)^n - |\alpha| \right\} P(z) \right|$$

$$\leq |z|^n \left| R^n - \alpha + \beta \left\{ \left(\frac{R+1}{2} \right)^n - |\alpha| \right\} \right| \max_{|z|=1} |P(z)|.$$

The result is sharp and equality in (7) holds for the polynomial $P(z) = az^n$, $a \neq 0$.

As a corresponding compact generalization of Inequalities (3) and (4), they [3] have also shown that if $P \in \mathscr{P}_n$ and P(z) does not vanish in |z| < 1, then for all $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ with

 $|\alpha| \le 1, |\beta| \le 1, R > 1 \text{ and } |z| \ge 1,$

$$\left| P(Rz) - \alpha P(z) + \beta \left\{ \left(\frac{R+1}{2} \right)^n - |\alpha| \right\} P(z) \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2} \left[\left| R^n - \alpha + \beta \left\{ \left(\frac{R+1}{2} \right)^n - |\alpha| \right\} \right| |z|^n + \left| 1 - \alpha + \beta \left\{ \left(\frac{R+1}{2} \right)^n - |\alpha| \right\} \right| \right] \max_{|z|=1} |P(z)|.$$
(8)

The result is best possible and equality in (8) holds for $P(z) = az^n + b$, |a| = |b|.

Q. I. Rahman [9] (see also Rahman and Schmeisser [10, p. 538]) introduced a class \mathcal{B}_n of operators B that carries a polynomial $P \in \mathscr{P}_n$ into

(9)
$$B[P(z)] = \lambda_0 P(z) + \lambda_1 \left(\frac{nz}{2}\right) \frac{P'(z)}{1!} + \lambda_2 \left(\frac{nz}{2}\right)^2 \frac{P''(z)}{2!},$$

where λ_0, λ_1 and λ_2 are such that all the zeros of

(10)
$$U(z) = \lambda_0 + n\lambda_1 z + \frac{n(n-1)}{2}\lambda_2 z^2$$

lie in half plane $|z| \le |z - n/2|$.

As a generalization of the inequalities (1) and (3), Q. I. Rahman [9, inequalities 5.2 and 5.3] proved that if $P \in \mathscr{P}_n$, then

(11)
$$|B[P(z)]| \le |B[z^n]| \underset{|z|=1}{Max} |P(z)|, \text{ for } |z| \ge 1,$$

and if $P \in \mathscr{P}_n$, $P(z) \neq 0$ in |z| < 1, then

(12)
$$|B[P(z)]| \le \frac{1}{2} \{ |B[z^n]| + |\lambda_0| \} \max_{|z|=1} |P(z)|, \quad \text{for} \quad |z| \ge 1,$$

where $B \in \mathcal{B}_n$.

1. Preliminaries

For the proof of our results, we need the following Lemmas.

Lemma 1.1. If $P \in \mathscr{P}_n$ and P(z) have all its zeros in $|z| \leq k$ where $k \geq 0$, then for every $R \geq r$, $Rr \geq k^2$ and |z| = 1, we have

$$|P(Rz)| \ge \left(\frac{R+k}{r+k}\right)^n |P(rz)|.$$

The above is due to Aziz and Zargar [4]. The next lemma follows from Corollary 18.3 of [6, p. 86].

Lemma 1.2. If $P \in \mathscr{P}_n$ and P(z) has all zeros in $|z| \le k$, where k > 0 then all the zeros of B[P(z)] also lie in $|z| \le k$.

Lemma 1.3. If $P \in \mathscr{P}_n$ and P(z) have no zero in |z| < k, where k > 0, then for all $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ with $|\alpha| \le 1$, $|\beta| \le 1$, $R > r \ge k$ and $|z| \ge 1$,

$$|B[P(Rz)] + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta)B[P(rz)]|$$

$$< k^n |B[Q(Rz/k^2)] + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta)B[Q(rz/k^2)]|,$$
(13)

where $Q(z) = z^n \overline{P(1/\overline{z})}$ and

(14)
$$\Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta) = \beta \left\{ \left(\frac{R+k}{k+r} \right)^n - |\alpha| \right\} - \alpha.$$

Proof. By hypothesis, the polynomial P(z) does not vanish in |z| < k. Therefore, all the zeros of polynomial $Q(z/k^2)$ lie in |z| < k. As

$$|k^n Q(z/k^2)| = |P(z)|$$
 for $|z| = k$,

applying Theorem 2.1 to P(z) with F(z) replaced by $k^nQ(z/k^2)$, we get for arbitrary real or complex numbers α, β with $|\alpha| \leq 1, |\beta| \leq 1, R > r \geq k$ and $|z| \geq 1$,

$$|B[P(Rz)] + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta)B[P(rz)]| \le k^n \left| B[Q(Rz/k^2)] + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta)B[Q(rz/k^2)] \right|,$$

This proves Lemma 1.3.

Lemma 1.4. If $P \in \mathscr{P}_n$ and $Q(z) = z^n \overline{P(1/\overline{z})}$ then for $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$, with $|\alpha| \leq 1, |\beta| \leq 1, R > r \geq k, k \leq 1$ and $|z| \geq 1$,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| B[P(Rz)] + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta) B[P(rz)] \right| + k^n \left| B[Q(Rz/k^2)] + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta) B[Q(rz/k^2)] \right| \\
& (15) \qquad \leq \left\{ \left| \lambda_0 \right| \left| 1 + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta) \right| + \frac{\left| B[z^n] \right|}{k^n} \left| R^n + r^n \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta) \right| \right\} \max_{|z| = k} |P(z)|, \\
& \text{where } \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta) \text{ is given as (14).}
\end{aligned}$$

Proof. Let $M = Max_{|z|=k} |P(z)|$, then by Rouche's theorem, the polynomial $F(z) = P(z) - \mu M$ does not vanish in |z| < k for every $\mu \in \mathbb{C}$ with $|\mu| > 1$. Applying Lemma 1.3 to polynomial F(z), we get for $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ with $|\alpha| \le 1, |\beta| \le 1$ and $|z| \ge 1$,

$$|B[F(Rz)] + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta)B[F(rz)]| \le k^n \left| B[H(Rz/k^2)] + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta)B[H(rz/k^2)] \right|,$$

where $H(z)=z^n\overline{F(1/\overline{z})}=Q(z)-\overline{\mu}Mz^n$. Replacing F(z) by $P(z)-\mu M$ and H(z) by $Q(z)-\overline{\mu}Mz^n$, we have for $|\alpha|\leq 1, |\beta|\leq 1$ and $|z|\geq 1$,

$$\left| B[P(Rz)] + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta) B[P(rz)] - \mu \lambda_0 \left(1 + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta) \right) M \right| \\
\leq k^n \left| B[Q(Rz/k^2)] + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta) B[Q(rz/k^2)] \right| \\
- \frac{\overline{\mu}}{k^{2n}} \left(R^n + r^n \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta) \right) M B[z^n] \right|$$
(16)

where $Q(z) = z^n \overline{P(1/\overline{z})}$.

Now choosing argument of μ in the right hand side of inequality (16) such that

$$\begin{aligned} k^{n} \bigg| B[Q(Rz/k^{2})] + \Phi_{k}(R, r, \alpha, \beta) B[Q(rz/k^{2})] - \frac{\overline{\mu}}{k^{2n}} \left(R^{n} + r^{n} \Phi_{k}(R, r, \alpha, \beta) \right) MB[z^{n}] \bigg| \\ &= \frac{|\overline{\mu}|}{k^{n}} \left| R^{n} + r^{n} \Phi_{k}(R, r, \alpha, \beta) \right| |B[z^{n}]| M - k^{n} \left| B[Q(Rz/k^{2})] + \Phi_{k}(R, r, \alpha, \beta) B[Q(rz/k^{2})] \right| \end{aligned}$$

which is possible by applying Corollary 2.3 to polynomial $Q(z/k^2)$, and using the fact $Max_{|z|=k} |Q(z/k^2)| = M/k^n$, we get for $|\alpha| \le 1, |\beta| \le 1$ and $|z| \ge 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} &\left|B[P(Rz)] + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta)B[P(rz)]\right| - \left|\mu\lambda_0\right| \left|\left(1 + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta)\right)M\right| \\ &\leq \frac{\left|\overline{\mu}\right|}{k^n} \left|R^n + r^n\Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta)\right| \left|B[z^n]|M - k^n \left|B[Q(Rz/k^2)] + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta)B[Q(rz/k^2)]\right| \end{aligned}$$

Equivalently for $|\alpha| \le 1, |\beta| \le 1$ and $|z| \ge 1$,

$$\begin{aligned}
|B[P(Rz)] + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta)B[P(rz)]| + k^n |B[Q(Rz/k^2)] + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta)B[Q(rz/k^2)]| \\
&\leq |\mu| \left\{ |\lambda_0| |1 + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta)| + \frac{1}{k^n} |R^n + r^n \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta)| |B[z^n]| \right\} M
\end{aligned}$$

Letting $|\mu| \to 1$, we get the conclusion of Lemma 1.4 and this completes proof of Lemma 1.4.

2. Main results

Theorem 2.1. If $F \in \mathscr{P}_n$ and F(z) has all its zeros in the disk $|z| \le k$ where k > 0 and P(z) is a polynomial of degree at most n such that

$$|P(z)| \le |F(z)|$$
 for $|z| = k$,

then for $|\alpha| \leq 1$, $|\beta| \leq 1$, $R > r \geq k$ and $|z| \geq 1$,

$$(17) \qquad |B[P(Rz)] + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta)B[P(rz)]| \le |B[F(Rz)] + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta)B[F(rz)]|,$$

where

(18)
$$\Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta) = \beta \left\{ \left(\frac{R+k}{k+r} \right)^n - |\alpha| \right\} - \alpha.$$

The result is best possible and the equality holds for the polynomial $P(z) = e^{i\gamma}F(z)$ where $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$.

Proof of Theorem 2.1. Since polynomial F(z) of degree n has all its zeros in $|z| \le k$ and P(z) is a polynomial of degree at most n such that

(19)
$$|P(z)| \le |F(z)| \text{ for } |z| = k,$$

therefore, if F(z) has a zero of multiplicity s at $z = ke^{i\theta_0}$, $0 \le \theta_0 < 2\pi$, then P(z) has a zero of multiplicity at least s at $z = ke^{i\theta_0}$. If P(z)/F(z) is a constant, then inequality (17) is obvious. We now assume that P(z)/F(z) is not a constant, so that by the maximum

modulus principle, it follows that

$$|P(z)| < |F(z)| \text{ for } |z| > k$$
.

Suppose F(z) has m zeros on |z| = k where $0 \le m < n$, so that we can write

$$F(z) = F_1(z)F_2(z)$$

where $F_1(z)$ is a polynomial of degree m whose all zeros lie on |z| = k and $F_2(z)$ is a polynomial of degree exactly n - m having all its zeros in |z| < k. This implies with the help of inequality (19) that

$$P(z) = P_1(z)F_1(z)$$

where $P_1(z)$ is a polynomial of degree at most n-m. Again, from inequality (19), we have

$$|P_1(z)| \le |F_2(z)| \text{ for } |z| = k$$

where $F_2(z) \neq 0$ for |z| = k. Therefore for every real or complex number λ with $|\lambda| > 1$, a direct application of Rouche's theorem shows that the zeros of the polynomial $P_1(z) - \lambda F_2(z)$ of degree $n - m \geq 1$ lie in |z| < k hence the polynomial

$$G(z) = F_1(z) (P_1(z) - \lambda F_2(z)) = P(z) - \lambda F(z)$$

has all its zeros in $|z| \leq k$ with at least one zero in |z| < k, so that we can write

$$G(z) = (z - te^{i\delta})H(z)$$

where t < k and H(z) is a polynomial of degree n-1 having all its zeros in $|z| \le k$. Applying Lemma 1.1 to the polynomial H(z), we obtain for every $R > r \ge k$ and $0 \le \theta < 2\pi$

$$\begin{split} |G(Re^{i\theta})| &= |Re^{i\theta} - te^{i\delta}||H(Re^{i\theta})| \\ &\geq |Re^{i\theta} - te^{i\delta}| \left(\frac{R+k}{k+r}\right)^{n-1} |H(re^{i\theta})|, \\ &= \left(\frac{R+k}{k+r}\right)^{n-1} \frac{|Re^{i\theta} - te^{i\delta}|}{|re^{i\theta} - te^{i\delta}|} |(re^{i\theta} - te^{i\delta})H(re^{i\theta})|, \\ &\geq \left(\frac{R+k}{k+r}\right)^{n-1} \left(\frac{R+t}{r+t}\right) |G(re^{i\theta})|. \end{split}$$

This implies for $R > r \ge k$ and $0 \le \theta < 2\pi$,

(20)
$$\left(\frac{r+t}{R+t}\right)|G(Re^{i\theta})| \ge \left(\frac{R+k}{k+r}\right)^{n-1}|G(re^{i\theta})|.$$

Since $R > r \ge k$ so that $G(Re^{i\theta}) \ne 0$ for $0 \le \theta < 2\pi$ and $\frac{r+k}{k+R} > \frac{r+t}{R+t}$, from inequality (20), we obtain

(21)
$$|G(Re^{i\theta})| > \left(\frac{R+k}{k+r}\right)^n |G(re^{i\theta})|, \quad R > r \ge k \text{ and } 0 \le \theta < 2\pi.$$

Equivalently,

$$|G(Rz)| > \left(\frac{R+k}{k+r}\right)^n |G(rz)|$$

for |z| = 1 and $R > r \ge k$. Hence for every real or complex number α with $|\alpha| \le 1$ and $R > r \ge k$, we have

(22)
$$|G(Rz) - \alpha G(rz)| \ge |G(Rz)| - |\alpha| |G(rz)|$$

$$> \left\{ \left(\frac{R+k}{k+r} \right)^n - |\alpha| \right\} |G(rz)|, \text{ for } |z| = 1.$$

Also, inequality (21) can be written in the form

(23)
$$|G(re^{i\theta})| < \left(\frac{k+r}{R+k}\right)^n |G(Re^{i\theta})|$$

for every $R > r \ge k$ and $0 \le \theta < 2\pi$. Since $G(Re^{i\theta}) \ne 0$ and $\left(\frac{k+r}{R+k}\right)^n < 1$, from inequality (23), we obtain for $0 \le \theta < 2\pi$ and $R > r \ge k$,

$$|G(re^{i\theta})| < |G(Re^{i\theta})|.$$

That is,

$$|G(rz)| < |G(Rz)| \text{ for } |z| = 1.$$

Since all the zeros of G(Rz) lie in $|z| \leq (k/R) < 1$, a direct application of Rouche's theorem shows that the polynomial $G(Rz) - \alpha G(rz)$ has all its zeros in |z| < 1 for every real or complex number α with $|\alpha| \leq 1$. Applying Rouche's theorem again, it follows from (22) that for arbitrary real or complex numbers α , β with $|\alpha| \leq 1$, $|\beta| \leq 1$ and $R > r \geq k$, all the zeros of the polynomial

$$T(z) = G(Rz) - \alpha G(rz) + \beta \left\{ \left(\frac{R+k}{k+r} \right)^n - |\alpha| \right\} G(rz)$$

$$= \left[P(Rz) - \alpha P(rz) + \beta \left\{ \left(\frac{R+k}{k+r} \right)^n - |\alpha| \right\} P(rz) \right]$$

$$- \lambda \left[F(Rz) - \alpha F(rz) + \beta \left\{ \left(\frac{R+k}{k+r} \right)^n - |\alpha| \right\} F(rz) \right]$$

lie in |z| < 1.

Applying Lemma 1.3 to the polynomial T(z) and noting that B is a linear operator, it follows that all the zeros of polynomial

$$B[T(z)] = \left[B[P(Rz)] - \alpha B[P(rz)] + \beta \left\{ \left(\frac{R+k}{k+r}\right)^n - |\alpha| \right\} B[P(rz)] \right]$$
$$-\lambda \left[B[F(Rz)] - \alpha B[F(rz)] + \beta \left\{ \left(\frac{R+k}{k+r}\right)^n - |\alpha| \right\} [F(rz)] \right]$$

lie in |z| < 1. This implies

(24)
$$|B[P(Rz)] + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta)B[P(rz)]| \le |B[P(Rz)] + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta)B[P(rz)]|,$$

for $|z| \ge 1$ and $R > r \ge k$. If inequality (24) is not true, then there a point $z = z_0$ with $|z_0| \ge 1$ such that

$$\left| \{ B[P(Rz)] + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta) B[P(rz)] \}_{z=z_0} \right| \ge \left| \{ B[F(Rz)] + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta) B[F(rz)] \}_{z=z_0} \right|,$$

But all the zeros of F(Rz) lie in |z| < (k/R) < 1, therefore, it follows (as in case of G(z)) that all the zeros of $F(Rz) - \alpha F(rz) + \beta \left\{ \left(\frac{R+k}{k+r} \right)^n - |\alpha| \right\} F(rz)$ lie in |z| < 1. Hence, by Lemma 1.3,

$$\{B[F(Rz)] + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta)B[F(rz)]\}_{z=z_0} \neq 0$$

with $|z_0| \ge 1$. We take

$$\lambda = \frac{\{B[P(Rz)] + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta)B[P(rz)]\}_{z=z_0}}{\{B[P(Rz)] + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta)B[P(rz)]\}_{z=z_0}},$$

then λ is a well defined real or complex number with $|\lambda| > 1$ and with this choice of λ , we obtain $\{B[T(z)]\}_{z=z_0} = 0$ where $|z_0| \ge 1$. This contradicts the fact that all the zeros of B[T(z)] lie in |z| < 1. Thus (24) holds for $|\alpha| \le 1$, $|\beta| \le 1$, $|z| \ge 1$, and $R > r \ge k$.

For $\alpha = 0$ in Theorem 2.1, we obtain the following result.

Corollary 2.2. If $F \in \mathscr{P}_n$ and F(z) has all its zeros in the disk $|z| \leq k$, where k > 0 and P(z) is a polynomial of degree at most n such that

$$|P(z)| \le |F(z)|$$
 for $|z| = k$,

then for $|\beta| \le 1$, $R > r \ge k$ and $|z| \ge 1$,

(25)
$$\left| B[P(Rz)] + \beta \left(\frac{R+k}{k+r} \right)^n B[P(rz)] \right| \le \left| B[F(Rz)] + \beta \left(\frac{R+k}{k+r} \right)^n B[F(rz)] \right|.$$

The result is sharp, and the equality holds for the polynomial $P(z) = e^{i\gamma} F(z)$ where $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$.

If we choose $F(z) = z^n M/k^n$, where $M = Max_{|z|=k} |P(z)|$ in Theorem 2.1, we get the following result.

Corollary 2.3. If $P \in \mathscr{P}_n$ then for $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ with $|\alpha| \leq 1$, $|\beta| \leq 1$, $R > r \geq k > 0$ and |z| = 1,

$$|B[P(Rz)] + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta)B[P(rz)]|$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{k^n} |R^n + r^n \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta)| |B[z^n]| \underset{|z|=k}{Max} |P(z)|,$$
(26)

where $\Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta)$ is given by (18). The result is best possible and equality in (26) holds for $P(z) = az^n$, $a \neq 0$.

Next, we take $P(z) = z^n m/k^n$, where $m = Min_{|z|=k} |P(z)|$ in Theorem 2.1, we get the following result.

Corollary 2.4. If $F \in \mathscr{P}_n$ and F(z) have all its zeros in the disk $|z| \leq k$, where k > 0 then for $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ with $|\alpha| \leq 1$, $|\beta| \leq 1$, $R > r \geq k > 0$

(27)
$$\begin{aligned}
&\underset{|z|=1}{\min} |B[F(Rz)] + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta) B[F(rz)]| \\
&\geq \frac{|B[z^n]|}{k^n} |R^n + r^n \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta)| \underset{|z|=k}{\min} |P(z)|,
\end{aligned}$$

where $\Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta)$ is given by (18). The result is Sharp.

If we take $\beta = 0$ in (26), we get the following result.

Corollary 2.5. If $P \in \mathscr{P}_n$ then for $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ with $|\alpha| \leq 1$, $R > r \geq k > 0$ and $|z| \geq 1$,

(28)
$$|B[P(Rz)] - \alpha B[P(rz)]| \le \frac{1}{k^n} |R^n - \alpha r^n| |B[z^n]| \max_{|z|=k} |P(z)|,$$

The result is best possible as shown by $P(z) = az^n, a \neq 0$.

For polynomials $P \in \mathscr{P}_n$ having no zero in |z| < k, we establish the following result which leads to the compact generalization of inequalities (3),(4),(8) and (12).

Theorem 2.6. If $P \in \mathscr{P}_n$ and P(z) does not vanish in the disk |z| < k, where $k \le 1$, then for all $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ with $|\alpha| \le 1$, $|\beta| \le 1$, $R > r \ge k > 0$ and $|z| \ge 1$,

$$|B[P(Rz)] + \Phi_{k}(R, r, \alpha, \beta)B[P(rz)]| \leq \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{|B[z^{n}]|}{k^{n}} |R^{n} + r^{n}\Phi_{k}(R, r, \alpha, \beta)| + |1 + \Phi_{k}(R, r, \alpha, \beta)| |\lambda_{0}| \right] \max_{|z| = k} |P(z)|$$
(29)

where $\Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta)$ is given by (18).

Proof of Theorem 2.6. Since P(z) does not vanish in $|z| < k, \ k \le 1$, by Lemma 1.3, we have for all $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ with $|\alpha| \le 1, \ |\beta| \le 1, \ R > 1$ and $|z| \ge 1$,

$$|B[P(Rz)] + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta)B[P(rz)]|$$

$$\leq k^n |B[Q(Rz/k^2)] + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta)B[Q(rz/k^2)]|,$$
(30)

where $Q(z) = z^n \overline{P(1/\overline{z})}$. Inequality (30) in conjunction with Lemma 1.4 gives for all $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ with $|\alpha| \leq 1, |\beta| \leq 1, R > r \geq k$ and $|z| \geq 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} & 2 \big| B[P(Rz)] + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta) B[P(rz)] \big| \\ & \leq \big| B[P(Rz)] + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta) B[P(rz)] \big| + k^n \left| B[Q(Rz/k^2)] + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta) B[Q(rz/k^2)] \right| \\ & \leq \left\{ |\lambda_0| \big| 1 + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta) \big| + \frac{|B[z^n]|}{k^n} \left| R^n + r^n \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta) \right| \right\} | \max_{|z| = k} |P(z)| . \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 2.6.

We finally prove the following result, which is the refinement of Theorem 2.6.

Theorem 2.7. If $P \in \mathscr{P}_n$ and P(z) does not vanish in the disk |z| < k, where $k \le 1$, then for all $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ with $|\alpha| \le 1$, $|\beta| \le 1$, $R > r \ge k > 0$ and |z| = 1,

$$\left| B[P(Rz)] + \Phi_{k}(R, r, \alpha, \beta) B[P(rz)] \right| \\
\leq \frac{1}{2} \left[\left\{ \frac{|B[z^{n}]|}{k^{n}} |R^{n} + r^{n} \Phi_{k}(R, r, \alpha, \beta)| + |1 + \Phi_{k}(R, r, \alpha, \beta)| |\lambda_{0}| \right\} \underset{|z| = k}{Max} |P(z)| \\
- \left\{ \frac{|B[z^{n}]|}{k^{n}} |R^{n} + r^{n} \Phi_{k}(R, r, \alpha, \beta)| - |1 + \Phi_{k}(R, r, \alpha, \beta)| |\lambda_{0}| \right\} \underset{|z| = k}{Min} |P(z)| \right],$$
(31)

where $\Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta)$ is given by (18).

Proof of Theorem 2.7. Let $m = Min_{|z|=k} |P(z)|$. If P(z) has a zero on |z| = k, then the result follows from Theorem 2.6. We assume that P(z) has all its zeros in |z| > k where $k \le 1$ so that m > 0. Now for every δ with $|\delta| < 1$, it follows by Rouche's theorem $h(z) = P(z) - \delta m$ does not vanish in |z| < k. Applying Lemma 1.3 to the polynomial h(z), we get for all $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ with $|\alpha| \le 1, |\beta| \le 1, R > r \ge k$ and $|z| \ge 1$

$$|B[h(Rz)] + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta)B[h(rz)]| \le k^n \left| B[q(Rz/k^2)] + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta)B[q(rz/k^2)] \right|,$$

where $q(z) = z^n \overline{h(1/\overline{z})} = z^n \overline{P(1/\overline{z})} - \overline{\delta} m z^n$. Equivalently,

$$|B[P(Rz)] + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta)B[P(rz)] - \delta\lambda_0 \left(1 + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta)\right) m|$$

$$\leq k^n \left| B[Q(Rz/k^2)] + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta)B[Q(rz/k^2)] - \frac{\overline{\delta}}{k^{2n}} \left(R^n + r^n \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta)\right) mB[z^n] \right|$$
(32)

where $Q(z)=z^n\overline{P(1/\overline{z})}$. Since all the zeros of $Q(z/k^2)$ lie in $|z|\leq k,\ k\leq 1$ by Corollary 2.4 applied to $Q(z/k^2)$, we have for R>1 and |z|=1,

$$|B[Q(Rz/k^{2})] + \Phi_{k}(R, r, \alpha, \beta)B[Q(rz/k^{2})]|$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{k^{n}}|R^{n} + r^{n}\Phi_{k}(R, r, \alpha, \beta)||B[z^{n}]|\underset{|z|=k}{Min}Q(z/k^{2})$$

$$= \frac{1}{k^{2n}}|R^{n} + r^{n}\Phi_{k}(R, r, \alpha, \beta)||B[z^{n}]|m.$$
(33)

Now, choosing the argument of δ on the right hand side of inequality (32) such that

$$k^{n} \left| B[Q(Rz/k^{2})] + \Phi_{k}(R, r, \alpha, \beta) B[Q(rz/k^{2})] - \frac{\overline{\delta}}{k^{2n}} (R^{n} + r^{n} \Phi_{k}(R, r, \alpha, \beta)) m B[z^{n}] \right|$$

$$= k^{n} \left| B[Q(Rz/k^{2})] + \Phi_{k}(R, r, \alpha, \beta) B[Q(rz/k^{2})] \right| - \frac{1}{k^{n}} \left| R^{n} + r^{n} \Phi_{k}(R, r, \alpha, \beta) \right| |B[z^{n}]| m.$$

for |z| = 1, which is possible by inequality (33). We get for |z| = 1,

$$|B[P(Rz)] + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta)B[P(rz)]| - |\delta||\lambda_0||1 + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta)|m$$

$$\leq k^n |B[Q(Rz/k^2)] + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta)B[Q(rz/k^2)]|$$

$$- \frac{|\delta|}{k^n} |R^n + r^n \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta)||B[z^n]|m.$$
(34)

Equivalently for $|z| = 1, R > r \ge k$, we have

$$|B[P(Rz)] + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta)B[P(rz)]| - k^n |B[Q(Rz/k^2)] + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta)B[Q(rz/k^2)]|$$

$$(35) \qquad \leq |\delta| \left\{ |\lambda_0||1 + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta)| - \frac{1}{k^n} |R^n + r^n \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta)||B[z^n]| \right\} m.$$

Letting $|\delta| \to 1$ in inequality (35), we obtain for all $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ with $|\alpha| \le 1, |\beta| \le 1, R > r \ge k$ and |z| = 1,

$$|B[P(Rz)] + \Phi_{k}(R, r, \alpha, \beta)B[P(rz)]| - k^{n}|B[Q(Rz/k^{2})] + \Phi_{k}(R, r, \alpha, \beta)B[Q(rz/k^{2})]|$$

$$(36) \qquad \leq \left\{ |\lambda_{0}||1 + \Phi_{k}(R, r, \alpha, \beta)| - \frac{1}{k^{n}}|R^{n} + r^{n}\Phi_{k}(R, r, \alpha, \beta)||B[z^{n}]| \right\} m.$$

Inequality (36) in conjunction with Lemma 1.4 gives for all $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ with $|\alpha| \leq 1$, $|\beta| \leq 1, R > 1$ and |z| = 1,

$$\begin{split} 2 \Big| B[P(Rz)] + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta) B[P(rz)] \Big| \\ & \leq \left\{ |\lambda_0| \Big| 1 + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta) \Big| + \frac{1}{k^n} |R^n + r^n \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta)| \, |B[z^n]| \right\} | \underset{|z| = k}{Max} |P(z)| \\ & + \left\{ |\lambda_0| |1 + \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta) \Big| - \frac{1}{k^n} |R^n + r^n \Phi_k(R, r, \alpha, \beta) \Big| |B[z^n]| \right\} \underset{|z| = k}{Min} |P(z)|. \end{split}$$

which is equivalent to inequality (31) and thus completes the proof of theorem 2.7.

If we take $\alpha = 0$, we get the following.

Corollary 2.8. If $P \in \mathscr{P}_n$ and P(z) does not vanish in |z| < k where $k \le 1$, then for all $\beta \in \mathbb{C}$ with $|\beta| \le 1$, $R > r \ge k$ and |z| = 1,

$$\left| B[P(Rz)] + \beta \left(\frac{R+k}{k+r} \right)^{n} B[P(rz)] \right| \\
\leq \frac{1}{2} \left[\left\{ \frac{|B[z^{n}]|}{k^{n}} \left| R^{n} + r^{n} \beta \left(\frac{R+k}{k+1} \right)^{n} \right| + \left| 1 + \beta \left(\frac{R+k}{k+1} \right)^{n} \right| |\lambda_{0}| \right\} \underset{|z|=k}{Max} |B[P(z)]| \\
- \left\{ \frac{|B[z^{n}]|}{k^{n}} \left| R^{n} + r^{n} \beta \left(\frac{R+k}{k+1} \right)^{n} \right| - \left| 1 + \beta \left(\frac{R+k}{k+1} \right)^{n} \right| |\lambda_{0}| \right\} \underset{|z|=k}{Min} |B[P(z)]| \right].$$

For $\beta = 0$, Theorem 2.6 reduces to the following result.

Corollary 2.9. If $P \in \mathscr{P}_n$ and P(z) does not vanish in |z| < k where $k \le 1$, then for all $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ with $|\alpha| \le 1$, $R > r \ge k$ and |z| = 1,

$$|B[P(Rz)] - \alpha B[P(z)]| \leq \frac{1}{2} \left[\left\{ \frac{|B[z^n]|}{k^n} |R^n - \alpha r^n| + |1 - \alpha| |\lambda_0| \right\} \underset{|z| = k}{Max} |P(z)| - \left\{ \frac{|B[z^n]|}{k^n} |R^n - \alpha r^n| - |1 - \alpha| |\lambda_0| \right\} \underset{|z| = k}{Min} |P(z)| \right].$$
(38)

The result is sharp and extremal polynomial is $P(z) = az^n + b$, $|a| = |b| \neq 0$.

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