

A Type of Eneström-Kakeya Theorem for Quaternionic Polynomials Involving Monotonicity with a Reversal

Abstract. The Eneström-Kakeya Theorem states that if $P(z) = \sum_{\ell=0}^n a_\ell z^\ell$ is a polynomial of degree n with real coefficients satisfying $0 \leq a_0 \leq a_1 \leq \cdots \leq a_n$, then all zeros of P lie in $|z| \leq 1$ in the complex plane. Motivated by recent results concerning an Eneström-Kakeya “type” condition on the real and imaginary parts of complex coefficients, we give similar results with hypotheses concerning the real and imaginary parts of the coefficients of a quaternionic polynomial. We give bounds on the moduli of quaternionic zeros of such polynomials.

1 Introduction

The classical Eneström-Kakeya Theorem concerns the location of the complex zeros of a real polynomial with nonnegative monotone coefficients. It was independently proved by Gustav Eneström in 1893 [4] and Sōichi Kakeya in 1912 [8].

Theorem 1.1. Eneström-Kakeya Theorem. *If $P(z) = \sum_{\ell=0}^n a_\ell z^\ell$ is a polynomial of degree n (where z is a complex variable) with real coefficients satisfying $0 \leq a_0 \leq a_1 \leq \cdots \leq a_n$, then all the zeros of P lie in $|z| \leq 1$.*

A corollary to the main theorem in [6] concerns monotonicity of the real and imaginary parts of the coefficients of a polynomial. The monotonicity condition involves a reversal, as follows.

Theorem 1.2. *Let $P(z) = \sum_{\ell=0}^n a_\ell z^\ell$ be a polynomial of degree n with complex coefficients where $\operatorname{Re}(a_\ell) = \alpha_\ell$ and $\operatorname{Im}(a_\ell) = \beta_\ell$ for $\ell = 0, 1, \dots, n$. Suppose that $\alpha_0 \leq \alpha_1 \leq \cdots \leq \alpha_k \geq \alpha_{k+1} \geq \cdots \geq \alpha_n$ and $\beta_0 \leq \beta_1 \leq \cdots \leq \beta_r \geq \beta_{r+1} \geq \cdots \geq \beta_n$. Then all the zeros of P lie in*

$$\begin{aligned} & \min \{ |a_0| / (2(\alpha_k + \beta_r) - (\alpha_0 + \beta_0) - (\alpha_n + \beta_n - |a_n|)), 1 \} \leq |z| \\ & \leq \max \{ (|a_0| - (\alpha_0 + \beta_0) - (\alpha_n + \beta_n) + 2(\alpha_k + \beta_r)) / |a_n|, 1 \}. \end{aligned}$$

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By combining more general monotonicity conditions of Aziz and Zargar [1] and Shah et al. [11], the authors of this work recently proved the following [5, Theorem 5].

Theorem 1.3. *Let $P(z) = \sum_{\ell=0}^n a_\ell z^\ell$ be a polynomial of degree n with complex coefficients. Let $\alpha_\ell = \operatorname{Re}(a_\ell)$ and $\beta_\ell = \operatorname{Im}(a_\ell)$ for $0 \leq \ell \leq n$. Suppose that, for some positive numbers $k_R, k_I, \rho_R, \rho_I, p$, and q with $k_R \geq 1, k_I \geq 1, 0 < \rho_R \leq 1, 0 < \rho_I \leq 1$, and $0 \leq q \leq p \leq n$, the coefficients satisfy*

$$\rho_R \alpha_q \leq \alpha_{q+1} \leq \alpha_{q+2} \leq \cdots \leq \alpha_{p-1} \leq k_R \alpha_p \text{ and}$$

$$\rho_I \beta_q \leq \beta_{q+1} \leq \beta_{q+2} \leq \cdots \leq \beta_{p-1} \leq k_I \beta_p.$$

Then, all the zeros of P lie in the closed annulus

$$\min \left\{ 1, \frac{|a_0|}{M - |a_0| + |a_n|} \right\} \leq |q| \leq \frac{M}{|a_n|},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} M &= |a_0| + M_r + (1 - \rho_R)|\alpha_q| - \rho_R \alpha_q + (1 - \rho_I)|\beta_q| \\ &\quad - \rho_I \beta_q + (k_R - 1)|\alpha_p| + k_R \alpha_p + (k_I - 1)|\beta_p| + k_I \beta_p + M_p, \\ M_r &= \sum_{\ell=1}^r |a_\ell - a_{\ell-1}|, \text{ and } M_p = \sum_{\ell=p+1}^n |a_\ell - a_{\ell-1}|. \end{aligned}$$

The quaternions, $\mathbb{H} = \{\alpha + \beta i + \gamma j + \delta k \mid \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \in \mathbb{R}\}$, where $i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = ijk = -1$, are the standard example of a noncommutative division ring. The modulus of $q \in \mathbb{H}$ is $|q| = \sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 + \delta^2}$. The absence of commutivity leads to some surprising behavior of the zeros of a polynomial of a quaternionic variable. For example, the second degree polynomial $q^2 + 1$ has set of zeros $\{\beta i + \gamma j + \delta k \mid \beta^2 + \gamma^2 + \delta^2 = 1\}$.

The Eneström-Kakeya Theorem has been extended to polynomials of a quaternionic variable as follows [2].

Theorem 1.4. *If $p(q) = \sum_{\nu=0}^n q^\nu a_\nu$ is a polynomial of degree n (where q is a quaternionic variable) with real coefficients satisfying $0 \leq a_0 \leq \cdots \leq a_n$, then all the zeros of p lie in $|q| \leq 1$.*

By giving results on the location of the quaternionic zeros of a polynomial, we include all (finitely many) complex zeros and potentially infinitely many more quaternionic zeros, as illustrated for polynomial $q^2 + 1$. The purpose of this paper is to extend Theorem 1.3 to quaternionic polynomials and, in the process, to introduce a reversal in the monotonicity condition on the real and imaginary parts of the quaternionic coefficients.

2 The Results

Theorem 2.1. *Let $P(q) = \sum_{\ell=0}^n q^\ell a_\ell$ be a polynomial of degree n with quaternionic coefficients, that is $a_\ell = \alpha_\ell + \beta_\ell i + \gamma_\ell j + \delta_\ell k$, where for positive real $\rho_{R_1}, \rho_{R_2}, \rho_{I_1}, \rho_{I_2}, \rho_{J_1}, \rho_{J_2}, \rho_{K_1}, \rho_{K_2}$ each less than or equal to 1 and for k_R, k_I, k_J, k_K each at least 1, we have*

$$\rho_{R_1} \alpha_r \leq \alpha_{r+1} \leq \cdots \leq \alpha_{\eta-1} \leq k_R \alpha_\eta \geq \alpha_{\eta+1} \geq \cdots \geq \rho_{R_2} \alpha_p,$$

$$\rho_{I_1} \beta_r \leq \beta_{r+1} \leq \cdots \leq \beta_{\eta-1} \leq k_I \beta_\eta \geq \beta_{\eta+1} \geq \cdots \geq \rho_{I_2} \beta_p,$$

$$\rho_{J_1} \gamma_r \leq \gamma_{r+1} \leq \cdots \leq \gamma_{\eta-1} \leq k_J \gamma_\eta \geq \gamma_{\eta+1} \geq \cdots \geq \rho_{J_2} \gamma_p, \text{ and}$$

$$\rho_{K_1} \delta_r \leq \delta_{r+1} \leq \cdots \leq \delta_{\eta-1} \leq k_K \delta_\eta \geq \delta_{\eta+1} \geq \cdots \geq \rho_{K_2} \delta_p.$$

Then all zeros of $P(q)$ lie in

$$\min \left\{ 1, \frac{|a_0|}{M - |a_0| + |a_n|} \right\} \leq |q| \leq \frac{M}{|a_n|},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} M &= |a_0| + M_r - \rho_{R_1} \alpha_r + |\alpha_r|(1 - \rho_{R_1}) + 2|\alpha_\eta|(k_R - 1) + 2k_R \alpha_\eta + |\alpha_p|(1 - \rho_{R_2}) - \rho_{R_2} \alpha_p \\ &\quad - \rho_{I_1} \beta_r + |\beta_r|(1 - \rho_{I_1}) + 2|\beta_\eta|(k_I - 1) + 2k_I \beta_\eta + |\beta_p|(1 - \rho_{I_2}) - \rho_{I_2} \beta_p \\ &\quad - \rho_{J_1} \gamma_r + |\gamma_r|(1 - \rho_{J_1}) + 2|\gamma_\eta|(k_J - 1) + 2k_J \gamma_\eta + |\gamma_p|(1 - \rho_{J_2}) - \rho_{J_2} \gamma_p \\ &\quad - \rho_{K_1} \delta_r + |\delta_r|(1 - \rho_{K_1}) + 2|\delta_\eta|(k_K - 1) + 2k_K \delta_\eta + |\delta_p|(1 - \rho_{K_2}) - \rho_{K_2} \delta_p + M_p, \\ M_r &= \sum_{\ell=1}^r |a_\ell - a_{\ell-1}|, \text{ and } M_p = \sum_{\ell=p+1}^n |a_\ell - a_{\ell-1}|. \end{aligned}$$

With $\rho_{R_1} = \rho_{I_1} = \rho_{J_1} = \rho_{K_1} = 1$, $k_R = k_I = k_J = k_K = 1$, and $\rho_{R_2} = \rho_{I_2} = \rho_{J_2} = \rho_{K_2} = 1$ in Theorem 2.1, we get the following corollary.

Corollary 2.2. *If $P(q) = \sum_{\ell=0}^n q^\ell a_\ell$ is a polynomial of degree n with quaternionic coefficients, that is $a_\ell = \alpha_\ell + \beta_\ell i + \gamma_\ell j + \delta_\ell k$, satisfying*

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_r &\leq \alpha_{r+1} \leq \cdots \leq \alpha_{\eta-1} \leq \alpha_\eta \geq \alpha_{\eta+1} \geq \cdots \geq \alpha_p, \\ \beta_r &\leq \beta_{r+1} \leq \cdots \leq \beta_{\eta-1} \leq \beta_\eta \geq \beta_{\eta+1} \geq \cdots \geq \beta_p, \\ \gamma_r &\leq \gamma_{r+1} \leq \cdots \leq \gamma_{\eta-1} \leq \gamma_\eta \geq \gamma_{\eta+1} \geq \cdots \geq \gamma_p, \text{ and} \\ \delta_r &\leq \delta_{r+1} \leq \cdots \leq \delta_{\eta-1} \leq \delta_\eta \geq \delta_{\eta+1} \geq \cdots \geq \delta_p.\end{aligned}$$

Then all zeros of $P(q)$ lie in

$$\min \left\{ 1, \frac{|a_0|}{M - |a_0| + |a_n|} \right\} \leq |q| \leq \frac{M}{|a_n|},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}M &= |a_0| + M_r - \alpha_r + 2\alpha_\eta - \alpha_p - \beta_r + 2\beta_\eta - \beta_p - \gamma_r + 2\gamma_\eta - \gamma_p - \delta_r + 2\delta_\eta - \delta_p + M_p, \\ M_r &= \sum_{\ell=1}^r |a_\ell - a_{\ell-1}|, \text{ and } M_p = \sum_{\ell=p+1}^n |a_\ell - a_{\ell-1}|.\end{aligned}$$

With $r = l$ and $\eta = p = n$, Corollary 2.2 reduces to the following.

Corollary 2.3. *If $P(q) = \sum_{\ell=0}^n q^\ell a_\ell$ is a polynomial of degree n with quaternionic coefficients, that is $a_\ell = \alpha_\ell + \beta_\ell i + \gamma_\ell j + \delta_\ell k$, satisfying*

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_l &\leq \alpha_{l+1} \leq \cdots \leq \alpha_{n-1} \leq \alpha_n, \quad \beta_l \leq \beta_{l+1} \leq \cdots \leq \beta_{n-1} \leq \beta_n, \\ \gamma_l &\leq \gamma_{l+1} \leq \cdots \leq \gamma_{n-1} \leq \gamma_n, \text{ and } \delta_l \leq \delta_{l+1} \leq \cdots \leq \delta_{n-1} \leq \delta_n.\end{aligned}$$

Then all zeros of $P(q)$ lie in

$$\min \left\{ 1, \frac{|a_0|}{M - |a_0| + |a_n|} \right\} \leq |q| \leq \frac{M}{|a_n|},$$

where $M = |a_0| + M_l - \alpha_l + \alpha_n - \beta_l + \beta_n - \gamma_l + \gamma_n - \delta_l + \delta_n$ and $M_l = \sum_{\ell=1}^l |a_\ell - a_{\ell-1}|$.

Corollary 2.3 is a slight refinement of a result of Tripathi [12, Theorem 3.1]. Corollary 2.3 implies Theorem 9 of [2] when $l = 0$.

In connection with Bernstein inequalities, Chan and Malik [3] (and, independently, Qazi [10]) considered the class of polynomials of a complex variable of the form $P(z) = a_0 + \sum_{\ell=m}^n a_\ell z^\ell$. Inspired by this, the current authors considered complex polynomials of the form $P(z) = a_0 + \sum_r^p a_\ell z^\ell + a_n z^n$ in connection to locations of zeros [5]. An additional result follows from Corollary 2.2 by applying it to a quaternionic polynomial of the form $P(q) = a_0 + \sum_{\ell=r}^p q^\ell a_\ell + q^n a_n$ (with the coefficients satisfying the hypotheses of Corollary 2.2). This result gives the location of the zeros of P as stated in Corollary 2.2, where $M_r = |a_0| + |a_r|$ and $M_p = |a_p| + |a_n|$.

3 Lemmas

We adopt the standard that polynomials have the indeterminate on the left and the coefficients on the right, so that we have quaternionic polynomials of the form $P_1(q) = \sum_{\ell=0}^n q^\ell a_\ell$. With $P_2(q) = \sum_{\ell=0}^m q^\ell b_\ell$, we have the *regular product* $(P_1 * P_2)(q) = \sum_{i=0,1,\dots,n; j=0,1,\dots,m} q^{i+j} a_i b_j$.

Zeros of regular products of quaternionic polynomials behave as follows [9]:

Theorem 3.1. *Let f and g be given quaternionic polynomials. Then $(f * g)(q_0) = 0$ if and only if $f(q_0) = 0$ or $f(q_0) \neq 0$ implies $g(f(q_0)^{-1} q_0 f(q_0)) = 0$.*

Gentili and Struppa introduced a Maximum Modulus Theorem for regular functions [7]:

Theorem 3.2. *Let $B = B(0, r)$ be an open ball in \mathbb{H} with center 0 and radius $r > 0$, and let $f : B \rightarrow \mathbb{H}$ be a regular function. If $|f|$ has a relative maximum at a point $a \in B$, then f is constant on B .*

4 Proof of Theorem 2.1

Proof of Theorem 2.1. Define $f(q)$ with the equation

$$\begin{aligned} P(q) * (1 - q) &= \left(\sum_{\ell=0}^n q^\ell a_\ell \right) * (1 - q) \\ &= a_0 + \sum_{\ell=1}^n q^\ell (a_\ell - a_{\ell-1}) - q^{n+1} a_n \end{aligned}$$

$$= f(q) - q^{n+1}a_n.$$

By Theorem 3.1, $P(q) * (1 - q) = 0$ if and only if either $P(q) = 0$, or $P(q) \neq 0$ implies $1 - P(q)^{-1}qP(q) = 0$. Notice that $1 - P(q)^{-1}qP(q) = 0$ implies $q = 1$. So the only zeros of $P(q) * (1 - q)$ are $q = 1$ and the zeros of $P(q)$. Thus for $|q| = 1$,

$$\begin{aligned}
|f(q)| &= \left| a_0 + \sum_{\ell=1}^n q^\ell (a_\ell - a_{\ell-1}) \right| \leq |a_0| + \sum_{\ell=1}^n |q|^\ell |a_\ell - a_{\ell-1}| \\
&= |a_0| + \sum_{\ell=1}^n |a_\ell - a_{\ell-1}| = |a_0| + M_r + \sum_{\ell=r+1}^p |a_\ell - a_{\ell-1}| + M_p \\
&\leq |a_0| + M_r + \sum_{\ell=r+1}^p (|\alpha_\ell - \alpha_{\ell-1}| + |\beta_\ell - \beta_{\ell-1}| + |\gamma_\ell - \gamma_{\ell-1}| + |\delta_\ell - \delta_{\ell-1}|) + M_p \\
&= |a_0| + M_r + |\alpha_{r+1} - \rho_{R_1}\alpha_r + \rho_{R_1}\alpha_r - \alpha_r| + \sum_{\ell=r+2}^{\eta-1} |\alpha_\ell - \alpha_{\ell-1}| \\
&\quad + |\alpha_\eta - k_R\alpha_\eta + k_R\alpha_\eta - \alpha_{\eta-1}| + |\alpha_{\eta+1} - k_R\alpha_\eta + k_R\alpha_\eta - \alpha_\eta| \\
&\quad + \sum_{\ell=\eta+2}^{p-1} |\alpha_\ell - \alpha_{\ell-1}| + |\alpha_p - \rho_{R_2}\alpha_p + \rho_{R_2}\alpha_p - \alpha_{p-1}| \\
&\quad + |\beta_{r+1} - \rho_{I_1}\beta_r + \rho_{I_1}\beta_r - \beta_r| + \sum_{\ell=r+2}^{\eta-1} |\beta_\ell - \beta_{\ell-1}| \\
&\quad + |\beta_\eta - k_I\beta_\eta + k_I\beta_\eta - \beta_{\eta-1}| + |\beta_{\eta+1} - k_I\beta_\eta + k_I\beta_\eta - \beta_\eta| \\
&\quad + \sum_{\ell=\eta+2}^{p-1} |\beta_\ell - \beta_{\ell-1}| + |\beta_p - \rho_{I_2}\beta_p + \rho_{I_2}\beta_p - \beta_{p-1}| \\
&\quad + |\gamma_{r+1} - \rho_{J_1}\gamma_r + \rho_{J_1}\gamma_r - \gamma_r| + \sum_{\ell=r+2}^{\eta-1} |\gamma_\ell - \gamma_{\ell-1}| \\
&\quad + |\gamma_\eta - k_J\gamma_\eta + k_J\gamma_\eta - \gamma_{\eta-1}| + |\gamma_{\eta+1} - k_J\gamma_\eta + k_J\gamma_\eta - \gamma_\eta| \\
&\quad + \sum_{\ell=\eta+2}^{p-1} |\gamma_\ell - \gamma_{\ell-1}| + |\gamma_p - \rho_{J_2}\gamma_p + \rho_{J_2}\gamma_p - \gamma_{p-1}| \\
&\quad + |\delta_{r+1} - \rho_{K_1}\delta_r + \rho_{K_1}\delta_r - \delta_r| + \sum_{\ell=r+2}^{\eta-1} |\delta_\ell - \delta_{\ell-1}| \\
&\quad + |\delta_\eta - k_K\delta_\eta + k_K\delta_\eta - \delta_{\eta-1}| + |\delta_{\eta+1} - k_K\delta_\eta + k_K\delta_\eta - \delta_\eta| \\
&\quad + \sum_{\ell=\eta+2}^{p-1} |\delta_\ell - \delta_{\ell-1}| + |\delta_p - \rho_{K_2}\delta_p + \rho_{K_2}\delta_p - \delta_{p-1}| + M_p \\
&\leq |a_0| + M_r + |\alpha_{r+1} - \rho_{R_1}\alpha_r| + |\rho_{R_1}\alpha_r - \alpha_r| - \alpha_{r+1} + \alpha_{\eta-1} + |\alpha_\eta - k_R\alpha_\eta|
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + |k_R \alpha_\eta - \alpha_{\eta-1}| + |\alpha_{\eta+1} - k_R \alpha_\eta| + |k_R \alpha_\eta - \alpha_\eta| + |\alpha_{\eta+1} - \alpha_{p-1}| + |\alpha_p - \rho_{R_2} \alpha_p| \\
& + |\rho_{R_2} \alpha_p - \alpha_{p-1}| + |\beta_{r+1} - \rho_{I_1} \beta_r| + |\rho_{I_1} \beta_r - \beta_r| - \beta_{r+1} + \beta_{\eta-1} + |\beta_\eta - k_I \beta_\eta| \\
& + |k_I \beta_\eta - \beta_{\eta-1}| + |\beta_{\eta+1} - k_I \beta_\eta| + |k_I \beta_\eta - \beta_\eta| + \beta_{\eta+1} - \beta_{p-1} + |\beta_p - \rho_{I_2} \beta_p| \\
& + |\rho_{I_2} \beta_p - \beta_{p-1}| + |\gamma_{r+1} - \rho_{J_1} \gamma_r| + |\rho_{J_1} \gamma_r - \gamma_r| - \gamma_{r+1} + \gamma_{\eta-1} + |\gamma_\eta - k_J \gamma_\eta| \\
& + |k_J \gamma_\eta - \gamma_{\eta-1}| + |\gamma_{\eta+1} - k_J \gamma_\eta| + |k_J \gamma_\eta - \gamma_\eta| + \gamma_{\eta+1} - \gamma_{p-1} \\
& + |\gamma_p - \rho_{J_2} \gamma_p| + |\rho_{J_2} \gamma_p - \gamma_{p-1}| + |\delta_{r+1} - \rho_{K_1} \delta_r| + |\rho_{K_1} \delta_r - \delta_r| - \delta_{r+1} + \delta_{\eta-1} \\
& + |\delta_\eta - k_K \delta_\eta| + |k_K \delta_\eta - \delta_{\eta-1}| + |\delta_{\eta+1} - k_K \delta_\eta| + |k_K \delta_\eta - \delta_\eta| \\
& + \delta_{\eta+1} - \delta_{p-1} + |\delta_p - \rho_{K_2} \delta_p| + |\rho_{K_2} \delta_p - \delta_{p-1}| + M_p \\
= & |a_0| + M_r - \rho_{R_1} \alpha_r + |\alpha_r|(1 - \rho_{R_1}) + 2|\alpha_\eta|(k_R - 1) + 2k_R \alpha_\eta + |a_p|(1 - \rho_{R_2}) \\
& - \rho_{R_2} \alpha_p - \rho_{I_1} \beta_r + |\beta_r|(1 - \rho_{I_1}) + 2|\beta_\eta|(k_I - 1) + 2k_I \beta_\eta + |a_p|(1 - \rho_{I_2}) - \rho_{I_2} \beta_p \\
& - \rho_{J_1} \gamma_r + |\gamma_r|(1 - \rho_{J_1}) + 2|\gamma_\eta|(k_J - 1) + 2k_J \gamma_\eta + |a_p|(1 - \rho_{J_2}) - \rho_{J_2} \gamma_p \\
& - \rho_{K_1} \delta_r + |\delta_r|(1 - \rho_{K_1}) + 2|\delta_\eta|(k_K - 1) + 2k_K \delta_\eta + |a_p|(1 - \rho_{K_2}) - \rho_{K_2} \delta_p + M_p \\
= & M.
\end{aligned}$$

Notice that $q^n f(1/q)$ has the same bound on $|q| = 1$ as $f(q)$. So, by Theorem 3.2, for $|q| \leq 1$ we have $|q^n f(1/q)| \leq M$ and hence $|f(1/q)| \leq M/|q|^n$. Replacing q with $1/q$ we have $|f(q)| \leq M|q|^n$ for $|q| \geq 1$. Hence for $|q| \geq 1$,

$$|P(q) * (1 - q)| = |f(q) - q^{n+1} a_n| \geq |q^{n+1}| |a_n| - |f(q)| \geq |q^{n+1}| |a_n| - M|q|^n = |q|^n (|q| |a_n| - M).$$

So if $|q| > M/|a_n|$ then $P(q) * (1 - q) \neq 0$. Therefore, all zeros of $P(q)$ lie in $|q| \leq M/|a_n|$, as claimed.

Next, consider $S(q) = q^n * P(1/q) = \sum_{\ell=0}^n q^{n-\ell} a_\ell$ and let

$$H(q) = S(q) * (1 - q) = -a_0 q^{n+1} + \sum_{\ell=1}^n q^{n+1-\ell} (a_{\ell-1} - a_\ell) + a_n.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
|H(q)| & \geq |q|^{n+1} |a_0| - \left\{ \sum_{\ell=1}^n |q|^{n+1-\ell} |a_{\ell-1} - a_\ell| + |a_n| \right\} \\
& = |q|^{n+1} |a_0| - \left\{ \sum_{\ell=1}^r |q|^{n+1-\ell} |a_{\ell-1} - a_\ell| + \sum_{\ell=r+1}^p \left(|q|^{n+1-\ell} |\alpha_{\ell-1} - \alpha_\ell| \right) \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + |q|^{n+1-\ell} |\beta_{\ell-1} - \beta_\ell| + |q|^{n+1-\ell} |\gamma_{\ell-1} - \gamma_\ell| + |q|^{n+1-\ell} |\delta_{\ell-1} - \delta_\ell| \Big) \\
& + \sum_{\ell=p+1}^n |q|^{n+1-\ell} |a_{\ell-1} - a_\ell| + |a_n| \Big\} \\
\geq & |q|^{n+1} |a_0| - \left\{ \sum_{\ell=1}^r |q|^{n+1-\ell} |a_{\ell-1} - a_\ell| + |q|^{n-r} |\alpha_r| (1 - \rho_{R_1}) \right. \\
& + |q|^{n-r} (\alpha_{r+1} - \rho_{R_1} \alpha_r) + |q|^{n-r} |\beta_r| (1 - \rho_{I_1}) + |q|^{n-r} (\beta_{r+1} - \rho_{I_1} \beta_r) \\
& + |q|^{n-r} |\gamma_r| (1 - \rho_{J_1}) + |q|^{n-r} (\gamma_{r+1} - \rho_{J_1} \gamma_r) + |q|^{n-r} |\delta_r| (1 - \rho_{K_1}) \\
& + |q|^{n-r} (\delta_{r+1} - \rho_{K_1} \delta_r) + \sum_{\ell=r+2}^{\eta-1} (|q|^{n+1-\ell} |\alpha_{\ell-1} - \alpha_\ell| + |q|^{n+1-\ell} |\beta_{\ell-1} - \beta_\ell| \\
& + |q|^{n+1-\ell} |\gamma_{\ell-1} - \gamma_\ell| + |q|^{n+1-\ell} |\delta_{\ell-1} - \delta_\ell|) + |q|^{n+1-\eta} (k_R \alpha_\eta - \alpha_{\eta-1}) \\
& + |q|^{n+1-\eta} |\alpha_\eta| (k_R - 1) + |q|^{n+1-\eta} (k_I \beta_\eta - \beta_{\eta-1}) + |q|^{n+1-\eta} |\beta_\eta| (k_I - 1) \\
& + |q|^{n+1-\eta} (k_J \gamma_\eta - \gamma_{\eta-1}) + |q|^{n+1-\eta} |\gamma_\eta| (k_J - 1) + |q|^{n+1-\eta} (k_K \delta_\eta - \delta_{\eta-1}) \\
& + |q|^{n+1-\eta} |\delta_\eta| (k_K - 1) + |q|^{n-\eta} |\alpha_\eta| (k_R - 1) + |q|^{n-\eta} (k_R \alpha_\eta - \alpha_{\eta+1}) \\
& + |q|^{n-\eta} |\beta_\eta| (k_I - 1) + |q|^{n-\eta} (k_I \beta_\eta - \beta_{\eta+1}) + |q|^{n-\eta} |\gamma_\eta| (k_J - 1) \\
& + |q|^{n-\eta} (k_J \gamma_\eta - \gamma_{\eta+1}) + |q|^{n-\eta} |\delta_\eta| (k_K - 1) + |q|^{n-\eta} (k_K \delta_\eta - \delta_{\eta+1}) \\
& + \sum_{\ell=\eta+2}^{p-1} (|q|^{n+1-\ell} |\alpha_{\ell-1} - \alpha_\ell| + |q|^{n+1-\ell} |\beta_{\ell-1} - \beta_\ell| + |q|^{n+1-\ell} |\gamma_{\ell-1} - \gamma_\ell| \\
& + |q|^{n+1-\ell} |\delta_{\ell-1} - \delta_\ell|) + |q|^{n+1-p} (\alpha_{p-1} - \rho_{R_2} \alpha_p) + |q|^{n+1-p} |\alpha_p| (1 - \rho_{R_2}) \\
& + |q|^{n+1-p} (\beta_{p-1} - \rho_{I_2} \beta_p) + |q|^{n+1-p} |\beta_p| (1 - \rho_{I_2}) + |q|^{n+1-p} (\gamma_{p-1} - \rho_{J_2} \gamma_p) \\
& + |q|^{n+1-p} |\gamma_p| (1 - \rho_{J_2}) + |q|^{n+1-p} (\delta_{p-1} - \rho_{K_2} \delta_p) + |q|^{n+1-p} |\delta_p| (1 - \rho_{K_2}) \\
& \left. + \sum_{\ell=p+1}^n |q|^{n+1-\ell} |a_{\ell-1} - a_\ell| + |a_n| \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
|H(q)| \geq & |q|^n \left[|q| |a_0| - \left\{ \sum_{\ell=1}^r |q|^{1-\ell} |a_{\ell-1} - a_\ell| + |q|^{-r} |\alpha_r| (1 - \rho_{R_1}) \right. \right. \\
& + |q|^{-r} (\alpha_{r+1} - \rho_{R_1} \alpha_r) + |q|^{-r} |\beta_r| (1 - \rho_{I_1}) + |q|^{-r} (\beta_{r+1} - \rho_{I_1} \beta_r) \\
& + |q|^{-r} |\gamma_r| (1 - \rho_{J_1}) + |q|^{-r} (\gamma_{r+1} - \rho_{J_1} \gamma_r) + |q|^{-r} |\delta_r| (1 - \rho_{K_1}) \\
& + |q|^{-r} (\delta_{r+1} - \rho_{K_1} \delta_r) + \sum_{\ell=r+2}^{\eta-1} (|q|^{1-\ell} |\alpha_{\ell-1} - \alpha_\ell| + |q|^{1-\ell} |\beta_{\ell-1} - \beta_\ell| \\
& + |q|^{1-\ell} |\gamma_{\ell-1} - \gamma_\ell| + |q|^{1-\ell} |\delta_{\ell-1} - \delta_\ell|) + |q|^{1-\eta} (k_R \alpha_\eta - \alpha_{\eta-1}) \\
& \left. \left. + |q|^{1-\eta} |\alpha_\eta| (k_R - 1) + |q|^{1-\eta} (k_I \beta_\eta - \beta_{\eta-1}) + |q|^{1-\eta} |\beta_\eta| (k_I - 1) \right. \right. \\
& + |q|^{1-\eta} (k_J \gamma_\eta - \gamma_{\eta-1}) + |q|^{1-\eta} |\gamma_\eta| (k_J - 1) + |q|^{1-\eta} (k_K \delta_\eta - \delta_{\eta-1}) \\
& \left. \left. + |q|^{1-\eta} |\delta_\eta| (k_K - 1) + |q|^{n-\eta} |\alpha_\eta| (k_R - 1) + |q|^{n-\eta} (k_R \alpha_\eta - \alpha_{\eta+1}) \right. \right. \\
& + |q|^{n-\eta} |\beta_\eta| (k_I - 1) + |q|^{n-\eta} (k_I \beta_\eta - \beta_{\eta+1}) + |q|^{n-\eta} |\gamma_\eta| (k_J - 1) \\
& \left. \left. + |q|^{n-\eta} (k_J \gamma_\eta - \gamma_{\eta+1}) + |q|^{n-\eta} |\delta_\eta| (k_K - 1) + |q|^{n-\eta} (k_K \delta_\eta - \delta_{\eta+1}) \right. \right. \\
& \left. \left. + \sum_{\ell=\eta+2}^{p-1} (|q|^{1-\ell} |\alpha_{\ell-1} - \alpha_\ell| + |q|^{1-\ell} |\beta_{\ell-1} - \beta_\ell| + |q|^{1-\ell} |\gamma_{\ell-1} - \gamma_\ell| \right. \right. \\
& \left. \left. + |q|^{1-\ell} |\delta_{\ell-1} - \delta_\ell|) + |q|^{1-p} (\alpha_{p-1} - \rho_{R_2} \alpha_p) + |q|^{1-p} |\alpha_p| (1 - \rho_{R_2}) \right. \right. \\
& + |q|^{1-p} (\beta_{p-1} - \rho_{I_2} \beta_p) + |q|^{1-p} |\beta_p| (1 - \rho_{I_2}) + |q|^{1-p} (\gamma_{p-1} - \rho_{J_2} \gamma_p) \\
& \left. \left. + |q|^{1-p} |\gamma_p| (1 - \rho_{J_2}) + |q|^{1-p} (\delta_{p-1} - \rho_{K_2} \delta_p) + |q|^{1-p} |\delta_p| (1 - \rho_{K_2}) \right. \right. \\
& \left. \left. + \sum_{\ell=p+1}^n |q|^{1-\ell} |a_{\ell-1} - a_\ell| + |a_n| \right\} \right].
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& +|q|^{1-\eta}|\alpha_\eta|(k_R-1) + |q|^{1-\eta}(k_I\beta_\eta - \beta_{\eta-1}) + |q|^{1-\eta}|\beta_\eta|(k_I-1) \\
& +|q|^{1-\eta}(k_J\gamma_\eta - \gamma_{\eta-1}) + |q|^{1-\eta}|\gamma_\eta|(k_J-1) + |q|^{1-\eta}(k_K\delta_\eta - \delta_{\eta-1}) \\
& +|q|^{1-\eta}|\delta_\eta|(k_K-1) + |q|^{-\eta}|\alpha_\eta|(k_R-1) + |q|^{-\eta}(k_R\alpha_\eta - \alpha_{\eta+1}) \\
& +|q|^{-\eta}|\beta_\eta|(k_I-1) + |q|^{-\eta}(k_I\beta_\eta - \beta_{\eta+1}) + |q|^{-\eta}|\gamma_\eta|(k_J-1) \\
& +|q|^{-\eta}(k_J\gamma_\eta - \gamma_{\eta+1}) + |q|^{-\eta}|\delta_\eta|(k_K-1) + |q|^{-\eta}(k_K\delta_\eta - \delta_{\eta+1}) \\
& + \sum_{\ell=\eta+2}^{p-1} (|q|^{1-\ell}|\alpha_{\ell-1} - \alpha_\ell| + |q|^{1-\ell}|\beta_{\ell-1} - \beta_\ell| + |q|^{1-\ell}|\gamma_{\ell-1} - \gamma_\ell| \\
& +|q|^{1-\ell}|\delta_{\ell-1} - \delta_\ell|) + |q|^{1-p}(\alpha_{p-1} - \rho_{R_2}\alpha_p) + |q|^{1-p}|\alpha_p|(1 - \rho_{R_2}) \\
& +|q|^{1-p}(\beta_{p-1} - \rho_{I_2}\beta_p) + |q|^{1-p}|\beta_p|(1 - \rho_{I_2}) + |q|^{1-p}(\gamma_{p-1} - \rho_{J_2}\gamma_p) \\
& +|q|^{1-p}|\gamma_p|(1 - \rho_{J_2}) + |q|^{1-p}(\delta_{p-1} - \rho_{K_2}\delta_p) + |q|^{1-p}|\delta_p|(1 - \rho_{K_2}) \\
& + \sum_{\ell=p+1}^n |q|^{1-\ell}|a_{\ell-1} - a_\ell| + |a_n|/|q|^n \Bigg].
\end{aligned}$$

For $|q| > 1$, and hence $1/(|q|^{n-\ell}) \leq 1$ for $0 \leq \ell < n$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
|H(q)| \geq & |q|^n \left[|q||a_0| - \left\{ M_r + |\alpha_r|(1 - \rho_{R_1}) - \rho_{R_1}\alpha_r + |\beta_r|(1 - \rho_{I_1}) - \rho_{I_2}\beta_r \right. \right. \\
& + |\gamma_r|(1 - \rho_{J_1}) - \rho_{J_1}\gamma_r + |\delta_r|(1 - \rho_{K_1}) - \rho_{K_1}\delta_r + 2k_R\alpha_\eta + 2|\alpha_\eta|(k_R - 1) \\
& + 2k_I\beta_\eta + 2|\beta_\eta|(k_I - 1) + 2k_J\gamma_\eta + 2|\gamma_\eta|(k_J - 1) + 2k_K\delta_\eta + 2|\delta_\eta|(k_K - 1) \\
& - \rho_{R_2}\alpha_p + |\alpha_p|(1 - \rho_{R_2}) - \rho_{I_2}\beta_p + |\beta_p|(1 - \rho_{R_2}) - \rho_{J_2}\gamma_p + |\gamma_p|(1 - \rho_{J_2}) \\
& \left. \left. - \rho_{K_2}\delta_p + |\delta_p|(1 - \rho_{K_2}) + M_p + |a_n| \right\} \right] = |q|^n(|q||a_0| - (M - |a_0| + |a_n|)).
\end{aligned}$$

Notice that $|H(q)| \geq |q|^n(|q||a_0| - (M - |a_0| + |a_n|)) > 0$ if $|q| > (M - |a_0| + |a_n|)/|a_0|$. Thus all zeros of $H(q)$ whose modulus is greater than 1 lie in $|q| \leq (M - |a_0| + |a_n|)/|a_0|$. So all zeros of $H(q)$ and hence of $S(q)$ lie in $|q| \leq \max\{1, (M - |a_0| + |a_n|)/|a_0|\}$. Therefore all zeros of $P(q)$ lie in $|q| \geq \min\{1, |a_0|/(M - |a_0| + |a_n|)\}$, as claimed. \square

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