

# Generalization of certain well-known inequalities for rational functions

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**Abstract.** Let  $P_m$  be a class of all polynomials of degree at most  $m$  and let  $R_{m,n} = R_{m,n}(d_1, \dots, d_n) = \{p(z)/w(z); p \in P_m, w(z) = \prod_{j=1}^n (z - d_j) \text{ where } |d_j| > 1, j = 1, \dots, n \text{ and } m \leq n\}$  denote the class of rational functions. It is proved that if the rational function  $r(z)$  having all its zeros in  $|z| \leq 1$ , then for  $|z| = 1$

$$|r'(z)| \geq \frac{1}{2} \{|B'(z)| - (n - m)\} |r(z)|.$$

The main purpose of this paper is to improve the above inequality for rational functions  $r(z)$  having all its zeros in  $|z| \leq k \leq 1$  with  $t$ -fold zeros at the origin and some other related inequalities. The obtained results sharpen some well-known estimates for the derivative and polar derivative of polynomials.

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## 1 Introduction and statement of results

Let  $p(z)$  be a polynomial of degree at most  $n$ . We denote by  $U_-$  and  $U_+$  the regions inside and out side the set  $U := \{z : |z| = 1\}$ , respectively.

In 1930, Bernstein [2] revisited his inequality and established the following comparative result by assuming that  $p(z)$  and  $q(z)$  are polynomials such as  $p(z)$  has at most of degree  $n$  and  $q(z)$  has exactly  $n$  zeros in  $U \cup U_-$  and for  $z \in U$

$$|p(z)| \leq |q(z)|,$$

then for  $z \in U$

$$|p'(z)| \leq |q'(z)|. \tag{1.1}$$

Let  $D_\alpha p(z)$  denote the polar derivative of the polynomial  $p(z)$  of degree  $n$  with respect to the point  $\alpha$ ;  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ , then

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

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

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{D_\alpha p(z)}{\alpha} \right] = p'(z). \quad (1.2)$$

In the past few years many papers were published concerning the polar derivative of polynomials (for example see ([3], [8])). Aziz and Rather[1] proved that if all zeros of  $p(z)$  lie in  $|z| \leq k \leq 1$ , then for every real or complex number  $\alpha$  with  $|\alpha| \geq k$ , we get

$$\max_{z \in U} |D_\alpha p(z)| \geq \frac{n}{1+k} (|\alpha| - k) \max_{z \in U} |p(z)|. \quad (1.3)$$

Let  $P_m$  be a class of all polynomials of degree at most  $m$  and  $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n$  be  $n$  given points in  $U_+$ . Consider the following space of rational functions with prescribed poles and with a finite limit at infinity:

$$R_{m,n} = R_{m,n}(d_1, \dots, d_n) = \left\{ \frac{p(z)}{w(z)} : p \in P_m \right\},$$

where

$$w(z) = \prod_{j=1}^n (z - d_j).$$

The inequalities of Bernstein and Erdős-Lax have been extended to the rational functions ([4], [7]) by replacing the polynomial  $p(z)$  with a rational functions  $r(z)$  and  $z^n$  with Blaschke product  $B(z)$  defined by

$$B(z) = \frac{w^*(z)}{w(z)} = \frac{z^n \overline{w(\frac{1}{z})}}{w(z)} = \prod_{j=1}^n \left( \frac{1 - \bar{d}_j z}{z - d_j} \right).$$

Li et al.([6], [7]) obtained Bernstein-type inequalities for rational function  $r(z)$ . They proved that if  $r(z) \in R_{m,n}$  and all the zeros of  $r(z)$  in  $U \cup U_-$ , then for  $z \in U$

$$|r'(z)| \geq \frac{1}{2} \{ |B'(z)| - (n - m) \} |r(z)|. \quad (1.4)$$

Xin Li [6] extended the inequality (1.1) for rational functions by showing that, if  $r(z), s(z) \in R_{n,n}$  such that  $s(z)$  has all its  $n$  zeros in  $U \cup U_-$  and for  $z \in U$

$$|r(z)| \leq |s(z)|,$$

then for  $z \in U$

$$|r'(z)| \leq |s'(z)|. \quad (1.5)$$

Recently, Hans and Tripathi [5] proved that, if  $r(z), s(z) \in R_{n,n}$  such that  $s(z)$  has all its  $n$  zeros in  $U \cup U_-$  and  $|r(z)| \leq |s(z)|$  for  $z \in U$ , then for every real or complex number  $\beta$  with  $|\beta| \leq 1$  and  $z \in U$

$$|zr'(z) + \frac{\beta}{2}|B'(z)|r(z)| \leq |zs'(z) + \frac{\beta}{2}|B'(z)|s(z)|. \quad (1.6)$$

Also, they obtained that if  $r(z) \in R_{n,n}$ , then for every real or complex number  $\beta$  with  $|\beta| \leq 1$  and  $z \in U$

$$|zr'(z) + \frac{\beta}{2}|B'(z)|r(z)| \leq |1 + \frac{\beta}{2}||B'(z)| \max_{z \in U} |r(z)|. \quad (1.7)$$

In this paper, we first prove the following theorem which not only leads to several conclusions about inequality for rational function, but also generalize inequality (1.4).

**Theorem 1.1.** If  $r(z) \in R_{m,n}$  has a zero of order  $\mu$  at  $z_0$  with  $|z_0| > k, k \leq 1$ , and the remaining  $m - \mu$  zeros are in  $|z| \leq k$ , then for  $z \in U$

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{z \in U} |r'(z)| &\geq \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \left( \frac{1 - |z_0|}{1 + |z_0|} \right)^\mu \left( |B'(z)| + \frac{2(m - \mu)}{1 + k} - n \right) \right. \\ &\left. - \frac{2\mu}{1 + |z_0|} \right\} \max_{z \in U} |r(z)|. \end{aligned} \quad (1.8)$$

For  $\mu = 0$  in Theorem 1.1, we have the following generalization of the inequality (1.4).

**Corollary 1.1.** If  $r(z) \in R_{m,n}$  has all its zeros in  $|z| \leq k \leq 1$ , then for  $z \in U$

$$\max_{z \in U} |r'(z)| \geq \frac{1}{2} \left\{ |B'(z)| + \frac{2m}{1 + k} - n \right\} \max_{z \in U} |r(z)|. \quad (1.9)$$

Furthermore, if we take  $k = 1$  and  $m = n$  in inequality (1.8), then we have the following result.

**Corollary 1.2.** If  $r(z) \in R_{n,n}$  has a zero of order  $\mu$  at  $z_0$  with  $|z_0| > 1$ , and the remaining  $n - \mu$  zeros are in  $U \cup U_-$ , then for  $z \in U$

$$\max_{z \in U} |r'(z)| \geq \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \left( \frac{1 - |z_0|}{1 + |z_0|} \right)^\mu (|B'(z)| - \mu) - \frac{2\mu}{1 + |z_0|} \right\} \max_{z \in U} |r(z)|.$$

**Remark 1.1.** If we consider  $p(z)$  as a polynomial of degree  $m$ , then for rational function  $r(z) = \frac{p(z)}{(z - \alpha)^n}$ , we have

$$r'(z) = \left( \frac{p(z)}{(z - \alpha)^n} \right)' = - \left[ \frac{(n - m)p(z) + D_\alpha p(z)}{(z - \alpha)^{n+1}} \right].$$

Also for  $B(z) = \frac{w^*(z)}{w(z)}$ , we have  $B'(z) = \frac{n(|\alpha|^2 - 1)}{(z - \alpha)^2} \left( \frac{1 - \bar{\alpha}z}{z - \alpha} \right)^{n-1}$ , hence for  $z \in U$ ,  $|B'(z)| = \frac{n(|\alpha|^2 - 1)}{|z - \alpha|^2}$ . Now by taking  $m = n$  and  $d_j = \alpha$ ;  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$  in Theorem 1.1 for  $z \in U$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{z \in U} \frac{|D_\alpha p(z)|}{|z - \alpha|^{n+1}} &\geq \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \left( \frac{1 - |z_0|}{1 + |z_0|} \right)^\mu \left( \frac{n(|\alpha|^2 - 1)}{|z - \alpha|^2} - \mu \right) \right. \\ &\left. - \frac{2\mu}{1 + |z_0|} \right\} \max_{z \in U} \frac{|p(z)|}{|z - \alpha|^n}, \end{aligned}$$

that is

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{z \in U} |D_\alpha p(z)| &\geq \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \left( \frac{1 - |z_0|}{1 + |z_0|} \right)^\mu \left( \frac{n(|\alpha|^2 - 1)}{|z - \alpha|} - \mu|z - \alpha| \right) \right. \\ &\left. - \frac{2\mu|z - \alpha|}{1 + |z_0|} \right\} \max_{z \in U} |p(z)|, \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{z \in U} |D_\alpha p(z)| &\geq \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \left( \frac{1 - |z_0|}{1 + |z_0|} \right)^\mu \left( \frac{n(|\alpha|^2 - 1)}{1 + |\alpha|} - \mu(1 + |\alpha|) \right) \right. \\ &\left. - \frac{2\mu}{1 + |z_0|} (1 + |\alpha|) \right\} \max_{z \in U} |p(z)|. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we obtain the following result on the polar derivatives of a polynomial which is an improvement and generalization of the inequality (1.3).

**Corollary 1.3.** If  $p(z) \in P_n$  has a zero of order  $\mu$  at  $z_0$  with  $|z_0| > 1$ , and the remaining  $n - \mu$  zeros are in  $U \cup U_-$ , then for every real or complex number  $\alpha$  with  $|\alpha| \geq 1$  and  $z \in U$

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{z \in U} |D_\alpha p(z)| &\geq \frac{1}{2} \left\{ n \left( \frac{1 - |z_0|}{1 + |z_0|} \right)^\mu (|\alpha| - 1) \right. \\ &\left. - \left[ \mu \left( \frac{1 - |z_0|}{1 + |z_0|} \right)^\mu + \frac{2\mu}{1 + |z_0|} \right] (|\alpha| + 1) \right\} \max_{z \in U} |p(z)|. \end{aligned} \tag{1.10}$$

Dividing two sides of inequality (1.10) by  $|\alpha|$  and letting  $|\alpha| \rightarrow \infty$ , we have the following extension of a result which is proved by Turán[10].

**Corollary 1.4.** If  $p(z) \in P_n$  has a zero of order  $\mu$  at  $z_0$  with  $|z_0| > 1$ , and the remaining  $n - \mu$  zeros are in  $U \cup U_-$ , then for  $z \in U$

$$\max_{z \in U} |p'(z)| \geq \frac{1}{2} \left\{ (n - \mu) \left( \frac{1 - |z_0|}{1 + |z_0|} \right)^\mu - \frac{2\mu}{1 + |z_0|} \right\} \max_{z \in U} |p(z)|.$$

Next, we obtain the following generalization of inequality (1.6) as follows:

**Theorem 1.2.** Let  $r(z), s(z) \in R_{m,n}$  and assume  $s(z)$  has all its zeros in  $|z| \leq k \leq 1$ . If  $r(z)$  and  $s(z)$  have zeros of order  $t$  at origin and for  $z \in U$

$$|r(z)| \leq |s(z)|,$$

then for every real or complex number  $\rho$  with  $|\rho| \leq \frac{1}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| zr'(z) + \rho \left( |B'(z)| + \frac{k(2t - n) + (2m - n)}{1 + k} \right) r(z) \right| \\ & \leq \left| zs'(z) + \rho \left( |B'(z)| + \frac{k(2t - n) + (2m - n)}{1 + k} \right) s(z) \right|. \end{aligned} \quad (1.11)$$

If we take  $t = 0$ ,  $k = 1$  and  $s(z) = B(z) \max_{z \in U} |r(z)|$  in inequality (1.11), then we have the following generalization of inequality (1.7).

**Corollary 1.5.** If  $r(z) \in R_{m,n}$ , then for every real or complex  $\rho$  with  $|\rho| \leq \frac{1}{2}$  and for  $z \in U$

$$\begin{aligned} & |zr'(z) + \rho \{ |B'(z)| - (n - m)r(z) \}| \leq \\ & \{ |1 + \rho| |B'(z)| + (n - m)|\rho| \} \max_{z \in U} |r(z)|. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, by involving the coefficients  $c_0$  and  $c_{m-t}$  of  $p(z)$ , we give a refinement of Corollary 1.1 by proving the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.3.** If  $r(z) \in R_{m,n}$  has all its zeros in  $U \cup U_-$  with  $t$ -fold zeros at the origin then for  $z \in U$

$$Re \left\{ \frac{zr'(z)}{r(z)} \right\} \geq \frac{1}{2} \left\{ |B'(z)| - (n - m - t) + \frac{|c_{m-t}| - |c_0|}{|c_{m-t}| + |c_0|} \right\}.$$

We can immediately get from Theorem 1.3 the following result.

**Corollary 1.6.** If  $r(z) \in R_{m,n}$  has all its zeros in  $U \cup U_-$  with  $t$ -fold zeros at the origin, then for  $z \in U$

$$|r'(z)| \geq \frac{1}{2} \left\{ |B'(z)| - (n - m - t) + \frac{|c_{m-t}| - |c_0|}{|c_{m-t}| + |c_0|} \right\} |r(z)|. \quad (1.12)$$

Since all the zeros of  $r(z)$  and therefore the zeros of  $p(z) := \sum_{j=0}^{m-t} c_j z^j$  are in  $U \cup U_-$ , therefore  $|c_{m-t}| \geq |c_0|$ . Hence inequality (1.12) is an improvement of Corollary 1.1.

If we assume that  $r(z)$  has a pole of order  $n$  at  $z = \alpha$ ,  $|\alpha| \geq 1$ , then  $r'(z) = -\frac{D_\alpha p(z)}{(z - \alpha)^{n+1}}$ , where  $D_\alpha p(z)$  is the polar derivative of  $p(z)$ .

Also for  $z \in U$ ,  $|B'(z)| = \frac{n(|\alpha|^2 - 1)}{|z - \alpha|^2}$ .

Now by taking  $m = n$  and  $d_j = \alpha$ ;  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$  in inequality (1.12) for  $z \in U$ , we get

$$|D_\alpha p(z)| \geq \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{n(|\alpha|^2 - 1)}{1 + |\alpha|} + \left( t + \frac{|c_{n-t}| - |c_0|}{|c_{n-t}| + |c_0|} \right) (|\alpha| - 1) \right\} |p(z)|.$$

Therefore, we obtain the following result on  $D_\alpha p(z)$ , which is an improvement and generalization of the inequality (1.3) in particular case.

**Corollary 1.7.** If  $p(z) \in P_n$  has all its zeros in  $U \cup U_-$ , with  $t$ -fold zeros at the origin, then for every real or complex number  $\alpha$  with  $|\alpha| \geq 1$  and for  $z \in U$

$$|D_\alpha p(z)| \geq \frac{|\alpha| - 1}{2} \left\{ n + t + \frac{|c_{n-t}| - |c_0|}{|c_{n-t}| + |c_0|} \right\} |p(z)|. \quad (1.13)$$

Dividing two sides of inequality (1.13) by  $|\alpha|$  and letting  $|\alpha| \rightarrow \infty$ , we get the following generalization of the result due to Turán [10].

**Corollary 1.8.** If  $p(z) \in P_n$  has all its zeros in  $U \cup U_-$ , with  $t$ -fold zeros at the origin, then for  $z \in U$

$$|p'(z)| \geq \left\{ \frac{n + t}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{|c_{n-t}| - |c_0|}{|c_{n-t}| + |c_0|} \right\} |p(z)|.$$

## 2 Lemmas

For the proofs of these theorems, we need the following lemmas.

**Lemma 2.1.** If  $z \in U$ , then

$$(i) \frac{zB'(z)}{B(z)} = |B'(z)|.$$

$$(ii) \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zw'(z)}{w(z)} \right\} = \frac{n - |B'(z)|}{2}.$$

Proof.

(i). It is proved by Li [7].

(ii). Since  $B(z) = \frac{w^*(z)}{w(z)}$ , then  $\frac{zB'(z)}{B(z)} = \frac{z(w^*(z))'}{w^*(z)} - \frac{zw'(z)}{w(z)}$ .

Hence by (i) for  $z \in U$

$$|B'(z)| = \frac{z(w^*(z))'}{w^*(z)} - \frac{zw'(z)}{w(z)}$$

which gives

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z(w^*(z))'}{w^*(z)} \right\} - \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zw'(z)}{w(z)} \right\} = |B'(z)|. \quad (2.1)$$

For  $w^*(z) = z^n \overline{w\left(\frac{1}{\bar{z}}\right)}$ , we have

$$z(w^*(z))' = nz^n \overline{w\left(\frac{1}{\bar{z}}\right)'} - z^{n-1} \overline{w'\left(\frac{1}{\bar{z}}\right)},$$

and one can easily verify that for  $z \in U$

$$\frac{z(w^*(z))'}{w^*(z)} = n - \overline{\left(\frac{zw'(z)}{w(z)}\right)},$$

therefore

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z(w^*(z))'}{w^*(z)} \right\} + \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zw'(z)}{w(z)} \right\} = n. \quad (2.2)$$

Using (2.1) in (2.2), we get for  $z \in U$

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zw'(z)}{w(z)} \right\} = \frac{n - |B'(z)|}{2},$$

which is the required result.

**Lemma 2.2.** Let  $r(z) \in R_{m,n}$  has all its zeros in  $|z| \leq k \leq 1$ , with  $t$ -fold zeros at the origin and  $m \leq n$ , then for  $z \in U$

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zr'(z)}{r(z)} \right\} \geq \frac{1}{2} \left\{ |B'(z)| + \frac{k(2t - n) + (2m - n)}{1 + k} \right\}.$$

Proof. By the hypothesis of Lemma 2.2

$$r(z) = \frac{z^t p(z)}{w(z)} = \frac{z^t \prod_{i=1}^{m-t} (z - b_i)}{\prod_{j=1}^n (z - d_j)},$$

where  $b_i, |b_i| \leq k \leq 1, i = 1, \dots, m-t$ , are the zeros of  $r(z)$ . Hence

$$\frac{zr'(z)}{r(z)} = t + \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} - \frac{zw'(z)}{w(z)} = t + \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m-t} \frac{z}{z - b_i} \right) - \frac{zw'(z)}{w(z)}.$$

Now by (ii) of Lemma 2.1, for  $z \in U$

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zr'(z)}{r(z)} \right\} &= t + \operatorname{Re} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m-t} \frac{z}{z - b_i} \right) - \frac{n - |B'(z)|}{2} \geq \\ t + \frac{m-t}{1+k} - \frac{n - |B'(z)|}{2} &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ |B'(z)| + \frac{k(2t-n) + (2m-n)}{1+k} \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

which proves lemma 2.2 completely.

We need the following lemmas due to Li [6] and Osserman [9] respectively.

**Lemma 2.3.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be any two complex numbers. Then

(i) If  $|A| \geq |B|$  and  $B \neq 0$ , then  $A \neq \delta B$  for all complex numbers  $\delta$  satisfying  $|\delta| < 1$ .

(ii) Conversely, if  $A \neq \delta B$  for all complex numbers  $\delta$  satisfying  $|\delta| < 1$ , then  $|A| \geq |B|$ .

**Lemma 2.4.** Let  $f : D \rightarrow D$  be holomorphic. Assume that  $f(0) = 0$ . Further assume that there is  $b \in \partial D$ , so that  $f$  extends continuously to  $b$ ,  $|f(b)| = 1$  and  $f'(b)$  exists, then

$$|f'(b)| \geq \frac{2}{1 + |f'(0)|}.$$

### 3 Proof of theorems

**Proof of Theorem 1.1.** Let  $r(z) = (z - z_0)^\mu s(z) \in R_{m,n}$ , where  $s(z) \in R_{m-\mu,n}$  having all its zeros in  $|z| \leq k \leq 1$ . Then

$$r'(z) = (z - z_0)^\mu s'(z) + \mu(z - z_0)^{\mu-1} s(z)$$

or

$$|r'(z)| = |(z - z_0)^\mu s'(z) + \mu(z - z_0)^{\mu-1} s(z)|$$



$$\geq |(z - z_0)^\mu s'(z)| - \mu |(z - z_0)^{\mu-1} s(z)|,$$

which implies

$$\max_{z \in U} |r'(z)| \geq \max_{z \in U} |(z - z_0)^\mu s'(z)| - \mu \max_{z \in U} |(z - z_0)^{\mu-1} s(z)|.$$

or

$$\max_{z \in U} |r'(z)| \geq |1 - |z_0||^\mu \max_{z \in U} |s'(z)| - \mu(1 + |z_0|)^{\mu-1} \max_{z \in U} |s(z)|. \quad (3.1)$$

By lemma 2.2, for  $z \in U$

$$\max_{z \in U} |s'(z)| \geq \frac{1}{2} \left\{ |B'(z)| + \frac{2(m - \mu)}{1 + k} - n \right\} \max_{z \in U} |s(z)|.$$

By applying this inequality in (3.1), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{z \in U} |r'(z)| &\geq \frac{1}{2} \{ |1 - |z_0||^\mu \left( |B'(z)| + \frac{2(m - \mu)}{1 + k} - n \right) \\ &\quad - 2\mu(1 + |z_0|)^{\mu-1} \} \max_{z \in U} |s(z)|. \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

For  $z \in U$ , we obtain

$$|s(z)| = \frac{1}{|z - z_0|^\mu} |r(z)| \geq \frac{1}{(|1 + |z_0||)^\mu} |r(z)|$$

or

$$\max_{z \in U} |s(z)| \geq \frac{1}{(|1 + |z_0||)^\mu} \max_{z \in U} |r(z)|. \quad (3.3)$$

Using (3.3) in (3.2), we get (1.8). This completes the proof of Theorem 1.1.

**Proof of Theorem 1.2.** First supposing that  $s(z) \neq 0$  for  $z \in U$ , then for every complex number  $\alpha$  with  $|\alpha| < 1$ , it follows by Rouché's Theorem that  $\alpha r(z) + s(z)$  has all zeros in  $|z| \leq k < 1$  with  $t$ -fold zeros in origin. Now  $\alpha r(z) + s(z) \neq 0$  in  $U \cup U_+$ , hence by Lemma 2.2 for  $z \in U$ , we get

$$\left| \frac{z[\alpha r(z) + s(z)]'}{\alpha r(z) + s(z)} \right| \geq \frac{1}{2} \left\{ |B'(z)| + \frac{k(2t - n) + (2m - n)}{1 + k} \right\},$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} &|z(\alpha r'(z) + s'(z))| \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2} \left\{ |B'(z)| + \frac{k(2t - n) + (2m - n)}{1 + k} \right\} |\alpha r(z) + s(z)|. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $|B'(z)| \neq 0$  (see formula 14 in [7]), it follows by using (i) of Lemma 2.3 for every real or complex  $\beta$  with  $|\beta| < 1$ ,

$$z\{\alpha r'(z) + s'(z)\} + \frac{\beta}{2} \left\{ |B'(z)| + \frac{k(2t-n) + (2m-n)}{1+k} \right\} \{\alpha r(z) + s(z)\} \neq 0$$

in  $U \cup U_+$ . This implies that

$$\alpha \left\{ zr'(z) + \frac{\beta}{2} \left( |B'(z)| + \frac{k(2t-n) + (2m-n)}{1+k} \right) r(z) \right\} \neq - \left\{ zs'(z) + \frac{\beta}{2} \left( |B'(z)| + \frac{k(2t-n) + (2m-n)}{1+k} \right) s(z) \right\}.$$

Now using (ii) of Lemma 2.3, we get for  $\alpha$  with  $|\alpha| < 1$  and  $z \in U$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| zs'(z) + \frac{\beta}{2} \left( |B'(z)| + \frac{k(2t-n) + (2m-n)}{1+k} \right) s(z) \right| \\ & \geq \left| zr'(z) + \frac{\beta}{2} \left( |B'(z)| + \frac{k(2t-n) + (2m-n)}{1+k} \right) r(z) \right|. \end{aligned}$$

Taking  $\rho := \frac{\beta}{2}$  gives us the desired inequality when  $|\rho| < \frac{1}{2}$ .

Finally, by continuity, the same must hold for those zeros of  $s(z)$  lie on  $U$  and for  $|\rho| \leq \frac{1}{2}$ . This completes the proof of Theorem 1.2.

**Proof of Theorem 1.3.** Let

$$r(z) = \frac{z^t p(z)}{w(z)},$$

where  $p(z) = c_{m-t} \prod_{i=1}^{m-t} (z - b_i)$ ,  $b_i \in U_-$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m-t$ .

Therefore, we have

$$Re \left\{ \frac{zr'(z)}{r(z)} \right\} = t + Re \left\{ \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} \right\} - Re \left\{ \frac{zw'(z)}{w(z)} \right\},$$

hence by (ii) of Lemma 2.1

$$Re \left\{ \frac{zr'(z)}{r(z)} \right\} = t + Re \left\{ \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} \right\} - \frac{n - |B'(z)|}{2}. \quad (3.4)$$

Now we calculate  $Re \left\{ \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} \right\}$ .

Since  $p(z)$  is a polynomial of degree  $m-t$ , which has all its zeros in  $U_-$ , therefore

the polynomial  $p^*(z) = z^{m-t} \overline{p\left(\frac{1}{\bar{z}}\right)} \neq 0$  in  $U_-$ .

Hence

$$H(z) = \frac{zp(z)}{p^*(z)} = z \frac{c_{m-t}}{\bar{c}_{m-t}} \prod_{i=1}^{m-t} \left( \frac{z - b_i}{1 - \bar{b}_i z} \right) \quad (3.5)$$

is analytic function in  $U \cup U_-$  with  $H(0) = 0$  and  $|H(z)| = 1$  for  $z \in U$ . Applying Lemma 2.4 to  $H(z)$ , we conclude for  $z \in U$

$$|H'(z)| \geq \frac{2}{1 + |H'(0)|}. \quad (3.6)$$

Also,

$$z \frac{H'(z)}{H(z)} = 1 + \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} - \frac{zp^*(z)}{p^*(z)}, \quad (3.7)$$

and for  $z \in U$

$$p^*(z) = (m-t)z^{m-t-1} \overline{p\left(\frac{1}{\bar{z}}\right)} - z^{m-t-2} \overline{p'\left(\frac{1}{\bar{z}}\right)}.$$

Therefore for  $z \in U$

$$\frac{zp^*(z)}{p^*(z)} = (m-t) - \overline{\left( \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} \right)}. \quad (3.8)$$

From (3.7) and (3.8), we get for  $z \in U$

$$z \frac{H'(z)}{H(z)} = -(m-t-1) + 2\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} \right\}.$$

Also,

$$z \frac{H'(z)}{H(z)} = \left| z \frac{H'(z)}{H(z)} \right| = |H'(z)|,$$

therefore

$$|H'(z)| = -(m-t-1) + 2\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} \right\}. \quad (3.9)$$

Using (3.5), we obtain for  $z \in U$

$$|H'(0)| = \prod_{i=1}^{m-t} |b_i| = \frac{|c_0|}{|c_{m-t}|}. \quad (3.10)$$

Since  $p(z) \neq 0$  for  $z \in U$ , hence by (3.9), (3.10) and (3.6), we get

$$-(m-t-1) + 2\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} \right\} \geq \frac{2|c_{m-t}|}{|c_0| + |c_{m-t}|},$$

or

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} \right\} \geq \frac{m-t-1}{2} + \frac{|c_{m-t}|}{|c_0| + |c_{m-t}|}.$$

Using this inequality and (3.4), we get for  $z \in U$

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zr'(z)}{r(z)} \right\} &\geq t + \frac{m-t-1}{2} + \frac{|c_{m-t}|}{|c_0| + |c_{m-t}|} - \frac{n - |B'(z)|}{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ |B'(z)| - (n - m - t) + \frac{|c_{m-t}| - |c_0|}{|c_{m-t}| + |c_0|} \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

which is the required result.

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