

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

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**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.

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## 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 [9].

**Theorem 1 (Eneström-Kakeya)** *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 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  $\alpha_0 \leq \alpha_1 \leq \dots \leq \alpha_k \geq \alpha_{k+1} \geq \dots \geq \alpha_n$  and  $\beta_0 \leq \beta_1 \leq \dots \leq \beta_r \geq \beta_{r+1} \geq \dots \geq \beta_n$ . Then all the zeros of  $P$  lie in*

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

By combining more general monotonicity conditions of Aziz and Zargar [1] and Shah et al. [16], the authors of this work recently proved the following [5, Theorem 5].

**Theorem 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*

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

and

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} M = & |a_0| + M_r + (1 - \rho_R)|\alpha_q| - \rho_R \alpha_q + (1 - \rho_I)|\beta_q| \\ & - \rho_I \beta_q + (k_R - 1)|\alpha_p| + k_R \alpha_p + (k_I - 1)|\beta_p| + k_I \beta_p + M_p, \end{aligned}$$

$$M_r = \sum_{\ell=1}^r |a_\ell - a_{\ell-1}|, \text{ and } M_p = \sum_{\ell=p+1}^n |a_\ell - a_{\ell-1}|.$$

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 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  $0 \leq a_0 \leq \dots \leq a_n$ , then all the zeros of  $p$  lie in  $|q| \leq 1$ .*

In addition, a number of related results have recently appeared [7, 10, 12, 11, 13, 17]. These involve various modifications of the monotonicity assumption of the original version of Theorem 4.

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 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.

## 1 The results

In this section, we formulate our main results.

**Theorem 5** *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*

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{R_1} \alpha_r &\leq \alpha_{r+1} \leq \cdots \leq \alpha_{\eta-1} \leq k_R \alpha_\eta \geq \alpha_{\eta+1} \geq \cdots \geq \rho_{R_2} \alpha_p, \\ \rho_{I_1} \beta_r &\leq \beta_{r+1} \leq \cdots \leq \beta_{\eta-1} \leq k_I \beta_\eta \geq \beta_{\eta+1} \geq \cdots \geq \rho_{I_2} \beta_p, \\ \rho_{J_1} \gamma_r &\leq \gamma_{r+1} \leq \cdots \leq \gamma_{\eta-1} \leq k_J \gamma_\eta \geq \gamma_{\eta+1} \geq \cdots \geq \rho_{J_2} \gamma_p, \\ \rho_{K_1} \delta_r &\leq \delta_{r+1} \leq \cdots \leq \delta_{\eta-1} \leq k_K \delta_\eta \geq \delta_{\eta+1} \geq \cdots \geq \rho_{K_2} \delta_p. \end{aligned}$$

Then all the 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

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

$$M_r = \sum_{\ell=1}^r |a_\ell - a_{\ell-1}|, \text{ and } M_p = \sum_{\ell=p+1}^n |a_\ell - a_{\ell-1}|.$$

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 5, we get the following corollary.

**Corollary 1** *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*

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

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

$$\gamma_r \leq \gamma_{r+1} \leq \cdots \leq \gamma_{\eta-1} \leq \gamma_\eta \geq \gamma_{\eta+1} \geq \cdots \geq \gamma_p,$$

$$\delta_r \leq \delta_{r+1} \leq \cdots \leq \delta_{\eta-1} \leq \delta_\eta \geq \delta_{\eta+1} \geq \cdots \geq \delta_p,$$

*then all the 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*

$$M = |a_0| + M_r - \alpha_r + 2\alpha_\eta - \alpha_p - \beta_r + 2\beta_\eta - \beta_p - \gamma_r + 2\gamma_\eta - \gamma_p - \delta_r + 2\delta_\eta - \delta_p + M_p,$$

$$M_r = \sum_{\ell=1}^r |a_\ell - a_{\ell-1}|, \text{ and } M_p = \sum_{\ell=p+1}^n |a_\ell - a_{\ell-1}|.$$

With  $r = l$  and  $\eta = p = n$ , Corollary 1 reduces to the following.

**Corollary 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*

$$\alpha_l \leq \alpha_{l+1} \leq \cdots \leq \alpha_{n-1} \leq \alpha_n, \quad \beta_l \leq \beta_{l+1} \leq \cdots \leq \beta_{n-1} \leq \beta_n,$$

$$\gamma_l \leq \gamma_{l+1} \leq \cdots \leq \gamma_{n-1} \leq \gamma_n, \quad \delta_l \leq \delta_{l+1} \leq \cdots \leq \delta_{n-1} \leq \delta_n,$$

*then all the 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 is a slight refinement of a result of Tripathi [17, Theorem 3.1]. Corollary 2 implies Theorem 9 of [2] when  $l = 0$ .

In connection with Bernstein inequalities, Chan and Malik [3] (and, independently, Qazi [15]) 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 1 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 1). This result gives the location of the zeros of  $P$  as stated in Corollary 1, where  $M_r = |a_0| + |a_r|$  and  $M_p = |a_p| + |a_n|$ .

## 2 Proof of Theorem 5

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 (see [14]).

**Theorem 6** *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 [8] introduced a Maximum Modulus theorem for regular functions.

**Theorem 7** *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  $B$ .*

Now we give the proof of our main result.

**Proof of Theorem 5** Define  $f(q)$  with the equation

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

By Theorem 6,  $P(q) * (1 - q) = 0$  if and only if either  $P(q) = 0$  or  $P(q) \neq 0$  implies  $1 - P(q)^{-1} q P(q) = 0$ . Note that  $1 - P(q)^{-1} q P(q) = 0$  implies  $q = 1$ . Hence, the only zeros of  $P(q) * (1 - q)$  are  $q = 1$  and the zeros of  $P(q)$ . Thus, for  $|q| = 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |f(q)| &= \left| a_0 + \sum_{\ell=1}^n q^\ell (a_\ell - a_{\ell-1}) \right| \leq |a_0| + \sum_{\ell=1}^n |q|^\ell |a_\ell - a_{\ell-1}| \\ &= |a_0| + \sum_{\ell=1}^n |a_\ell - a_{\ell-1}| = |a_0| + M_r + \sum_{\ell=r+1}^p |a_\ell - a_{\ell-1}| + M_p \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\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}| \\
&\quad + |\delta_\ell - \delta_{\ell-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} \\
&\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 + \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| \\
&\quad + |\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}| \\
&\quad + |\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| \\
&\quad + |\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} \\
&\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| + \gamma_{\eta+1} \\
&\quad - \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| \\
&\quad - \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| \\
&\quad + |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 \\
&\quad + |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) \\
&\quad + 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) \\
&\quad + 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}) \\
&\quad + 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}$$

Note that  $q^n f(1/q)$  has the same bound on  $|q| = 1$  as  $f(q)$ . Thus, by Theorem 7, 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  $|q| \geq 1$ ,

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

Thus, if  $|q| > M/|a_n|$ , then  $P(q) * (1 - q) \neq 0$ . Therefore, all the 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

$$H(q) = S(q) * (1 - q) = -a_0q^{n+1} + \sum_{\ell=1}^n q^{n+1-\ell}(a_{\ell-1} - a_\ell) + a_n.$$

Then

$$|H(q)| \geq |q|^{n+1}|a_0| - \left\{ \sum_{\ell=1}^n |q|^{n+1-\ell}|a_{\ell-1} - a_\ell| + |a_n| \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\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,

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

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

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

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

Note 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 the zeros of  $H(q)$  whose modulus is greater than 1 lie in  $|q| \leq (M - |a_0| + |a_n|)/|a_0|$ . Hence, all the zeros of  $H(q)$  and thus, of  $S(q)$  lie in  $|q| \leq \max\{1, (M - |a_0| + |a_n|)/|a_0|\}$ . Therefore, all the zeros of  $P(q)$  lie in  $|q| \geq \min\{1, |a_0|/(M - |a_0| + |a_n|)\}$ , as claimed.  $\square$

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