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On critical values of polynomials with real critical points

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Abstract

Let f be a polynomial of degree at least 2 with $f(0)=0$ and $f'(0)=1$. Suppose that all the zeros of f' are real. We show that there is a zero ζ of f' such that $|f(\zeta)/\zeta| \leq 2/3$, and that this inequality can be taken to be strict unless f is of the form $f(z)=z+cz^3$. © 2009 Springer Science+Business Media, LLC.

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