

A REMARK ABOUT POSITIVE POLYNOMIALS

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Abstract. The following theorem is proved.

THEOREM. Let $P(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{2n} a_k x^k$ be a polynomial with positive coefficients. If the inequalities $\frac{a_{2k+1}^2}{a_{2k} a_{2k+2}} < \frac{1}{\cos^2(\frac{\pi}{n+2})}$ hold for all $k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$, then $P(x) > 0$ for every $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

We show that the constant $\frac{1}{\cos^2(\frac{\pi}{n+2})}$ in this theorem cannot be increased. We also present some corollaries of this theorem.

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