

Proof. Let $x = 2i \cos \theta$, $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$, then from (1),

$$\begin{aligned} U_n(2i \cos \theta) &= \frac{(i \cos \theta + \sin \theta)^n - (i \cos \theta - \sin \theta)^n}{2 \sin \theta} \\ &= \frac{(-i)^n (e^{-i\theta n} - e^{i\theta n})}{2 \sin \theta} \end{aligned}$$

$$U_n(2i \cos \theta) = \frac{(i)^{n-1} \sin n\theta}{\sin \theta}$$

which is zero for

$$\theta = \frac{k\pi}{n}, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, n-1.$$

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$$\left| \alpha_i \right|^{\frac{m+r}{r}},$$

and the circle about $(1, 0)$ with radius $|\alpha_i|$. Now, for $\alpha_i = \alpha$, the two circles must be tangent externally (tangent, because $1 - \alpha$ is real; and externally, since $0 < 1 - \alpha < 1$). Now if there exists an i such that $|\alpha_i| < \alpha$, then the radii of both circles would be smaller, and hence they couldn't intersect. This shows that $\alpha = \alpha_i$.
