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*Seperation of the zeros of  $q$ -Eulerian polynomials.*

The MacMahon–Carlitz  $q$ -analog of the Eulerian polynomial is a two-variable generating function of the joint distribution of descent and the major index statistic over permutations,  $A_n(x, q) = \sum_{\pi} x^{\text{des}\pi} q^{\text{maj}\pi}$ . In this talk, we show that the zeros of these  $q$ -Eulerian polynomials are all real and are "logarithmically spaced", in the sense that the ratio of the consecutive zeros is at least  $q$  (for  $q > 1$ ). The proof is then extended to signed permutations and is also used to settle a more general conjecture of Chow and Mansour for the case of colored permutations. (Received September 22, 2015)