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36088. *An  $L^2$  Inequality for Polynomials.*

Let  $\mathcal{M}_2(g; \rho)$  denote the  $L^2$  mean of  $g$  on the circle  $|z| = \rho$ . We prove that for any polynomial  $f(z) := \sum_{k=0}^n a_k z^k$  of degree at most  $n$ , with  $|a_{n-k}| = |a_k|$  for  $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$ , the ratio  $\mathcal{M}_2(f'; \rho)/\mathcal{M}_2(f; 1)$  is maximized by  $f(z) := 1 + z^n$  for all  $\rho \in [2^{-1/n}, \infty)$ . At least in the case where  $n$  is even, the restriction on  $\rho$  cannot be relaxed. (Received September 22, 2015)