## Zeros and Critical Points for Random Polynomials

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#### Theorem (Gauss-Lucas)

The critical points of a polynomial in one complex variable lie inside the convex hull of its zeros.

- Q. How are critical points distributed inside convex hull?
- **Q.** Are there long-range correlations between zeros and critical points?

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• IID zeros:

$$p_N(z) \stackrel{def}{=} \prod_{j=0}^{N-1} (z-\xi_j) \qquad \xi_j \sim \mu_{FS} \ i.i.d.$$

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# Pairing of Zeros and Crits for SU(2) Polynomials



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Holds for  $\xi_i \sim \mu$  a general smooth measure on  $S^2$ .

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