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We show that for any univariate polynomial f with real coefficients, there exists a polynomial g with non-negative coefficients such that the number of positive real roots of f is exactly the number of changes of signs in the vector of coefficients of fg . If all the positive roots of f are simple, then g can also be chosen as a power of the binomial $(x+1)$. (Received August 25, 2009)