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The maximal girth among the all-A graphs of a link  $L$  determines certain gradings in which the Khovanov homology of  $L$  is trivial. We describe these gradings and obtain a simple characterization of extreme Khovanov homology groups and the associated extreme coefficients of the Jones polynomial. Defining the girth of  $L$  to be the maximal girth of its all-A graphs, we describe possible values for this invariant and show that if  $L$  has an all-A graph whose girth is equal to  $\ell > 2$ , then the girth of  $L$  is equal to  $\ell$ . (Received September 15, 2020)