

GRÜSS' TYPE INEQUALITIES FOR THE COMPLEX INTEGRAL VIA THE SONIN IDENTITY

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ABSTRACT. Assume that f and g are continuous on γ , $\gamma \subset \mathbb{C}$ is a piecewise smooth path parametrized by $z(t)$, $t \in [a, b]$ from $z(a) = u$ to $z(b) = w$ with $w \neq u$ and the *complex Čebyšev functional* is defined by

$$\mathcal{D}_\gamma(f, g) := \frac{1}{w-u} \int_\gamma f(z)g(z) dz - \frac{1}{w-u} \int_\gamma f(z) dz \frac{1}{w-u} \int_\gamma g(z) dz.$$

In this paper, by the use of a Sonin type identity for the complex integral, we establish some bounds for the magnitude of the functional $\mathcal{D}_\gamma(f, g)$ under various assumptions for the functions f and g .

1. INTRODUCTION

For two Lebesgue integrable functions $f, g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, in order to compare the integral mean of the product with the product of the integral means, we consider the *Čebyšev functional* defined by

$$C(f, g) := \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t)g(t) dt - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b g(t) dt.$$

In 1934, G. Grüss [17] showed that

$$(1.1) \quad |C(f, g)| \leq \frac{1}{4} (M - m)(N - n),$$

provided m, M, n, N are real numbers with the property that

$$(1.2) \quad -\infty < m \leq f \leq M < \infty, \quad -\infty < n \leq g \leq N < \infty \quad \text{a.e. on } [a, b].$$

The constant $\frac{1}{4}$ is best possible in (1.6) in the sense that it cannot be replaced by a smaller one.

In [6], P. Cerone and S. S. Dragomir proved the following inequalities:

$$(1.3) \quad |C(f, g)| \leq \begin{cases} \inf_{\gamma \in \mathbb{R}} \|g - \gamma\|_\infty \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \left| f(t) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(s) ds \right| dt, \\ \inf_{\gamma \in \mathbb{R}} \|g - \gamma\|_q \frac{1}{b-a} \left(\int_a^b \left| f(t) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(s) ds \right|^p dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}, \\ \text{where } p > 1, \quad 1/p + 1/q = 1. \end{cases}$$

For $\gamma = 0$, we get from the first inequality in (1.3)

$$(1.4) \quad |C(f, g)| \leq \|g\|_\infty \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \left| f(t) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(s) ds \right| dt$$

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for which the constant 1 cannot be replaced by a smaller constant.

If $m \leq g \leq M$ for a.e. $x \in [a, b]$, then $\|g - \frac{m+M}{2}\|_\infty \leq \frac{1}{2}(M - m)$ and by the first inequality in (1.3) we can deduce the following result obtained by Cheng and Sun [9]

$$(1.5) \quad |C(f, g)| \leq \frac{1}{2}(M - m) \frac{1}{b - a} \int_a^b \left| f(t) - \frac{1}{b - a} \int_a^b f(s) ds \right| dt.$$

The constant $\frac{1}{2}$ is best in (1.5) as shown by Cerone and Dragomir in [7].

For other inequality of Grüss' type see [1]-[5], [7]-[16], [18]-[23] and [25]-[28].

In order to extend Grüss' inequality to complex integral we need the following preparations.

Suppose γ is a smooth path parametrized by $z(t)$, $t \in [a, b]$ and f is a complex function which is continuous on γ . Put $z(a) = u$ and $z(b) = w$ with $u, w \in \mathbb{C}$. We define the integral of f on $\gamma_{u,w} = \gamma$ as

$$\int_\gamma f(z) dz = \int_{\gamma_{u,w}} f(z) dz := \int_a^b f(z(t)) z'(t) dt.$$

We observe that that the actual choice of parametrization of γ does not matter.

This definition immediately extends to paths that are piecewise smooth. Suppose γ is parametrized by $z(t)$, $t \in [a, b]$, which is differentiable on the intervals $[a, c]$ and $[c, b]$, then assuming that f is continuous on γ we define

$$\int_{\gamma_{u,w}} f(z) dz := \int_{\gamma_{u,v}} f(z) dz + \int_{\gamma_{v,w}} f(z) dz$$

where $v := z(c)$. This can be extended for a finite number of intervals.

We also define the integral with respect to arc-length

$$\int_{\gamma_{u,w}} f(z) |dz| := \int_a^b f(z(t)) |z'(t)| dt$$

and the length of the curve γ is then

$$\ell(\gamma) = \int_{\gamma_{u,w}} |dz| = \int_a^b |z'(t)| dt.$$

Let f and g be holomorphic in G , and open domain and suppose $\gamma \subset G$ is a piecewise smooth path from $z(a) = u$ to $z(b) = w$. Then we have the *integration by parts formula*

$$(1.6) \quad \int_{\gamma_{u,w}} f(z) g'(z) dz = f(w) g(w) - f(u) g(u) - \int_{\gamma_{u,w}} f'(z) g(z) dz.$$

We recall also the *triangle inequality* for the complex integral, namely

$$(1.7) \quad \left| \int_\gamma f(z) dz \right| \leq \int_\gamma |f(z)| |dz| \leq \|f\|_{\gamma, \infty} \ell(\gamma)$$

where $\|f\|_{\gamma, \infty} := \sup_{z \in \gamma} |f(z)|$.

We also define the p -norm with $p \geq 1$ by

$$\|f\|_{\gamma, p} := \left(\int_\gamma |f(z)|^p |dz| \right)^{1/p}.$$

For $p = 1$ we have

$$\|f\|_{\gamma,1} := \int_{\gamma} |f(z)| |dz|.$$

If $p, q > 1$ with $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$, then by Hölder's inequality we have

$$\|f\|_{\gamma,1} \leq [\ell(\gamma)]^{1/q} \|f\|_{\gamma,p}.$$

Suppose $\gamma \subset \mathbb{C}$ is a piecewise smooth path parametrized by $z(t)$, $t \in \gamma$ from $z(a) = u$ to $z(b) = w$ with $w \neq u$. If f and g are continuous on γ , we consider the complex Čebyšev functional defined by

$$\mathcal{D}_{\gamma}(f, g) := \frac{1}{w-u} \int_{\gamma} f(z) g(z) dz - \frac{1}{w-u} \int_{\gamma} f(z) dz \frac{1}{w-u} \int_{\gamma} g(z) dz.$$

In this paper we establish some bounds for the magnitude of the functional $\mathcal{D}_{\gamma}(f, g)$ under various assumptions for the functions f and g and provide a complex version for the Grüss inequality (1.1).

2. SOME PRELIMINARY FACTS

Consider the functional

$$(2.1) \quad \mathcal{S}_{\gamma,2}(f) := \frac{1}{\ell(\gamma)} \int_{\gamma} \left| f(z) - \frac{1}{w-u} \int_{\gamma} f(w) dw \right|^2 |dz|$$

defined for paths γ that are piecewise smooth and for continuous functions $f : \gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$.

We have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \int_{\gamma} \left| f(z) - \frac{1}{w-u} \int_{\gamma} f(w) dw \right|^2 |dz| \\ &= \int_{\gamma} \left[|f(z)|^2 - 2 \operatorname{Re} \left(\overline{f(z)} \frac{1}{w-u} \int_{\gamma} f(w) dw \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{|w-u|^2} \left| \int_{\gamma} f(w) dw \right|^2 \right] |dz| \\ &= \int_{\gamma} |f(z)|^2 |dz| \\ &\quad - 2 \operatorname{Re} \left(\int_{\gamma} \overline{f(z)} |dz| \frac{1}{w-u} \int_{\gamma} f(w) dw \right) + \frac{\ell(\gamma)}{|w-u|^2} \left| \int_{\gamma} f(w) dw \right|^2, \end{aligned}$$

namely, we have the following inequality of interest:

$$(2.2) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{1}{\ell(\gamma)} \int_{\gamma} \overline{f(z)} |dz| \frac{1}{w-u} \int_{\gamma} f(w) dw \right) \leq \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{\ell(\gamma)} \int_{\gamma} |f(z)|^2 |dz| + \left| \frac{1}{w-u} \int_{\gamma} f(w) dw \right|^2 \right].$$

Suppose $\gamma \subset \mathbb{C}$ is a piecewise smooth path from $z(a) = u$ to $z(b) = w$ and $f : \gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ a continuous function on γ . Define the quantity:

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.3) \quad \mathcal{P}_\gamma(f, \bar{f}) &= \frac{1}{\ell(\gamma)} \int_\gamma |f(z)|^2 |dz| - \left| \frac{1}{\ell(\gamma)} \int_\gamma f(z) |dz| \right|^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{\ell(\gamma)} \int_\gamma \left| f(v) - \frac{1}{\ell(\gamma)} \int_\gamma f(z) |dz| \right|^2 |dv| \geq 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Proposition 1. *Assume that the path γ is piecewise smooth and $f : \gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is continuous on γ . Then we have*

$$(2.4) \quad \mathcal{S}_{\gamma,2}(f) \leq 2\epsilon^2(\gamma) \mathcal{P}_\gamma(f, \bar{f}),$$

where $\epsilon(\gamma) := \frac{\ell(\gamma)}{|w-u|} \geq 1$, can be interpreted as the deviation of the path γ from the segment joining the points u and w in \mathbb{C} .

Proof. We have

$$\mathcal{S}_{\gamma,2}(f) = \frac{1}{|w-u|^2 \ell(\gamma)} \int_\gamma \left| \int_\gamma (f(z) - f(w)) dw \right|^2 |dz|.$$

Using Cauchy-Bunyakovsky-Schwarz inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\left| \int_\gamma (f(z) - f(w)) dw \right|^2 &\leq \int_\gamma |dw| \int_\gamma |f(z) - f(w)|^2 |dw| \\
&= \ell(\gamma) \int_\gamma |f(z) - f(w)|^2 |dw|.
\end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int_\gamma \left| \int_\gamma (f(z) - f(w)) dw \right|^2 |dz| \leq \ell(\gamma) \int_\gamma \left(\int_\gamma |f(z) - f(w)|^2 |dw| \right) |dz| \\
&= \ell(\gamma) \int_\gamma \left(\int_\gamma [|f(z)|^2 - 2 \operatorname{Re}(f(z) \overline{f(w)}) + |f(w)|^2] |dw| \right) |dz| \\
&= 2\ell(\gamma) \left[\ell(\gamma) \int_\gamma |f(z)|^2 |dz| - \left| \int_\gamma f(w) |dw| \right|^2 \right] \\
&= 2\ell^3(\gamma) \left[\frac{1}{\ell(\gamma)} \int_\gamma |f(z)|^2 |dz| - \left| \frac{1}{\ell(\gamma)} \int_\gamma f(w) |dw| \right|^2 \right],
\end{aligned}$$

which implies the desired inequality (2.4). \square

We need the following results that provide some Ostrowski type inequalities for functions of complex variable that is of interest in itself:

Lemma 1. *Let f be holomorphic in G , an open domain and suppose $\gamma \subset G$ is a smooth path from $z(a) = u$ to $z(b) = w$. If $v = z(x)$ with $x \in (a, b)$, then $\gamma_{u,w} = \gamma_{u,v} \cup \gamma_{v,w}$,*

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.5) \quad &\left| f(v)(w-u) - \int_\gamma f(z) dz \right| \\
&\leq \left[\int_{\gamma_{u,v}} |z-u| |dz| + \int_{\gamma_{v,w}} |z-w| |dz| \right] \|f'\|_{\gamma_{u,w};\infty}
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$(2.6) \quad \left| f(v)(w-u) - \int_{\gamma} f(z) dz \right| \leq \max \left\{ \max_{z \in \gamma_{u,v}} |z-u|, \max_{z \in \gamma_{v,w}} |z-w| \right\} \|f'\|_{\gamma_{u,w};1}.$$

If $p, q > 1$ with $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$, then

$$(2.7) \quad \left| f(v)(w-u) - \int_{\gamma} f(z) dz \right| \leq \left(\int_{\gamma_{u,v}} |z-u|^q |dz| + \int_{\gamma_{v,w}} |z-w|^q |dz| \right)^{1/q} \|f'\|_{\gamma_{u,w};p}.$$

Proof. Using the integration by parts formula (1.6) twice we have

$$\int_{\gamma_{u,v}} (z-u) f'(z) dz = (v-u) f(v) - \int_{\gamma_{u,v}} f(z) dz$$

and

$$\int_{\gamma_{v,w}} (z-w) f'(z) dz = (w-v) f(v) - \int_{\gamma_{v,w}} f(z) dz.$$

If we add these two equalities, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\gamma_{u,v}} (z-u) f'(z) dz + \int_{\gamma_{v,w}} (z-w) f'(z) dz \\ &= f(v)(w-u) - \int_{\gamma_{u,v}} f(z) dz - \int_{\gamma_{v,w}} f(z) dz, \end{aligned}$$

which gives the following equality of interest

$$(2.8) \quad f(v)(w-u) - \int_{\gamma} f(z) dz = \int_{\gamma_{u,v}} (z-u) f'(z) dz + \int_{\gamma_{v,w}} (z-w) f'(z) dz$$

that is a generalization of Montgomery identity for functions of real variables.

Using the properties of modulus and the triangle inequality for the complex integral we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.9) \quad & \left| f(v)(w-u) - \int_{\gamma} f(z) dz \right| \\
&= \left| \int_{\gamma_{u,v}} (z-u) f'(z) dz + \int_{\gamma_{v,w}} (z-w) f'(z) dz \right| \\
&\leq \left| \int_{\gamma_{u,v}} (z-u) f'(z) dz \right| + \left| \int_{\gamma_{v,w}} (z-w) f'(z) dz \right| \\
&\leq \int_{\gamma_{u,v}} |z-u| |f'(z)| |dz| + \int_{\gamma_{v,w}} |z-w| |f'(z)| |dz| \\
&\leq \|f'\|_{\gamma_{u,v};\infty} \int_{\gamma_{u,v}} |z-u| |dz| + \|f'\|_{\gamma_{v,w};\infty} \int_{\gamma_{v,w}} |z-w| |dz| \\
&\leq \|f'\|_{\gamma_{u,w};\infty} \left[\int_{\gamma_{u,v}} |z-u| |dz| + \int_{\gamma_{v,w}} |z-w| |dz| \right],
\end{aligned}$$

which proves the desired result (2.5).

We also have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\gamma_{u,v}} |z-u| |f'(z)| |dz| + \int_{\gamma_{v,w}} |z-w| |f'(z)| |dz| \\
&\leq \max_{z \in \gamma_{u,v}} |z-u| \int_{\gamma_{u,v}} |f'(z)| |dz| + \max_{z \in \gamma_{v,w}} |z-w| \int_{\gamma_{v,w}} |f'(z)| |dz| \\
&\leq \max \left\{ \max_{z \in \gamma_{u,v}} |z-u|, \max_{z \in \gamma_{v,w}} |z-w| \right\} \left[\int_{\gamma_{u,v}} |f'(z)| |dz| + \int_{\gamma_{v,w}} |f'(z)| |dz| \right] \\
&= \max \left\{ \max_{z \in \gamma_{u,v}} |z-u|, \max_{z \in \gamma_{v,w}} |z-w| \right\} \int_{\gamma_{u,w}} |f'(z)| |dz|
\end{aligned}$$

and by (2.9) we get (2.6).

If $p, q > 1$ with $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$, then by Hölder's weighted integral inequality we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\gamma_{u,v}} |z-u| |f'(z)| |dz| + \int_{\gamma_{v,w}} |z-w| |f'(z)| |dz| \\
&\leq \left(\int_{\gamma_{u,v}} |z-u|^q |dz| \right)^{1/q} \left(\int_{\gamma_{u,v}} |f'(z)|^p |dz| \right)^{1/p} \\
&\quad + \left(\int_{\gamma_{v,w}} |z-w|^q |dz| \right)^{1/q} \left(\int_{\gamma_{v,w}} |f'(z)|^p |dz| \right)^{1/p} =: B.
\end{aligned}$$

By the elementary inequality

$$ab + cd \leq (a^p + c^p)^{1/p} (b^q + d^q)^{1/q},$$

where $a, b, c, d \geq 0$ and $p, q > 1$ with $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$, we also have

$$\begin{aligned} B &\leq \left(\int_{\gamma_{u,v}} |z-u|^q |dz| + \int_{\gamma_{v,w}} |z-w|^q |dz| \right)^{1/q} \\ &\quad \times \left(\int_{\gamma_{u,v}} |f'(z)|^p |dz| + \int_{\gamma_{v,w}} |f'(z)|^p |dz| \right)^{1/p} \\ &= \left(\int_{\gamma_{u,v}} |z-u|^q |dz| + \int_{\gamma_{v,w}} |z-w|^q |dz| \right)^{1/q} \left(\int_{\gamma_{u,w}} |f'(z)|^p |dz| \right)^{1/p}, \end{aligned}$$

which together with (2.9) gives (2.7). \square

Proposition 2. *Let f be holomorphic in G , an open domain and suppose $\gamma \subset G$ is a smooth path from $z(a) = u$ to $z(b) = w$. Then*

$$(2.10) \quad \mathcal{S}_{\gamma,2}(f) \leq \epsilon^2(\gamma) (\Delta_{\gamma,u,2} + \Delta_{\gamma,w,2}) \frac{1}{\ell(\gamma)} \int_{\gamma_{u,w}} |f'(z)|^2 |dz|,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} (2.11) \quad \Delta_{\gamma,u,2} &:= \frac{1}{\ell^2(\gamma)} \int_{\gamma} \left(\int_{\gamma_{u,v}} |z-u|^2 |dz| \right) |dv| \\ &= \frac{1}{\ell^2(\gamma)} \int_{\gamma} \left(\int_{\gamma_{u,v}} |z|^2 |dz| \right) |dv| - \frac{2}{\ell^2(\gamma)} \operatorname{Re} \left[\bar{u} \left(\int_{\gamma} \left(\int_{\gamma_{u,v}} z |dz| \right) |dv| \right) \right] + |u|^2 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (2.12) \quad \Delta_{\gamma,w,2} &:= \frac{1}{\ell^2(\gamma)} \int_{\gamma} \left(\int_{\gamma_{v,w}} |z-w|^2 |dz| \right) |dv| \\ &= \frac{1}{\ell^2(\gamma)} \int_{\gamma} \left(\int_{\gamma_{v,w}} |z|^2 |dz| \right) |dv| - \frac{2}{\ell^2(\gamma)} \operatorname{Re} \left[\bar{w} \left(\int_{\gamma} \left(\int_{\gamma_{v,w}} z |dz| \right) |dv| \right) \right] + |w|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. If $v = z(x)$ with $x \in (a, b)$, then $\gamma_{u,w} = \gamma_{u,v} \cup \gamma_{v,w}$. Using the inequality (2.7) for $p = q = 2$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| f(v)(w-u) - \int_{\gamma} f(z) dz \right| \\ \leq \left(\int_{\gamma_{u,v}} |z-u|^2 |dz| + \int_{\gamma_{v,w}} |z-w|^2 |dz| \right)^{1/2} \|f'\|_{\gamma_{u,w};2} \end{aligned}$$

that is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} \left| f(v) - \frac{1}{w-u} \int_{\gamma} f(z) dz \right|^2 \\ \leq \left(\frac{1}{|w-u|^2} \int_{\gamma_{u,v}} |z-u|^2 |dz| + \frac{1}{|w-u|^2} \int_{\gamma_{v,w}} |z-w|^2 |dz| \right) \|f'\|_{\gamma_{u,w};2}^2, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.13) \quad \mathcal{S}_{\gamma,2}(f) &= \frac{1}{\ell(\gamma)} \int_{\gamma} \left| f(v) - \frac{1}{w-u} \int_{\gamma} f(z) dz \right|^2 |dv| \\
&\leq \left(\frac{1}{|w-u|^2} \int_{\gamma} \left(\int_{\gamma_{u,v}} |z-u|^2 |dz| \right) |dv| + \frac{1}{|w-u|^2} \int_{\gamma} \left(\int_{\gamma_{v,w}} |z-w|^2 |dz| \right) |dv| \right) \\
&\quad \times \frac{1}{\ell(\gamma)} \int_{\gamma_{u,w}} |f'(z)|^2 |dz| \\
&= \epsilon^2(\gamma) \left(\frac{1}{\ell^2(\gamma)} \int_{\gamma} \left(\int_{\gamma_{u,v}} |z-u|^2 |dz| \right) |dv| + \frac{1}{\ell^2(\gamma)} \int_{\gamma} \left(\int_{\gamma_{v,w}} |z-w|^2 |dz| \right) |dv| \right) \\
&\quad \times \frac{1}{\ell(\gamma)} \int_{\gamma_{u,w}} |f'(z)|^2 |dz| \\
&= \epsilon^2(\gamma) (\Delta_{\gamma,u,2} + \Delta_{\gamma,w,2}) \frac{1}{\ell(\gamma)} \int_{\gamma_{u,w}} |f'(z)|^2 |dz|.
\end{aligned}$$

Now, observe that

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta_{\gamma,u,2} &= \frac{1}{\ell^2(\gamma)} \int_{\gamma} \left(\int_{\gamma_{u,v}} |z-u|^2 |dz| \right) |dv| \\
&= \frac{1}{\ell^2(\gamma)} \int_{\gamma} \left(\int_{\gamma_{u,v}} (|z|^2 - 2\operatorname{Re}(z\bar{u}) + |u|^2) |dz| \right) |dv| \\
&= \frac{1}{\ell^2(\gamma)} \int_{\gamma} \left(\int_{\gamma_{u,v}} |z|^2 |dz| - 2\operatorname{Re} \left[\bar{u} \left(\int_{\gamma_{u,v}} z |dz| \right) \right] + |u|^2 \ell(\gamma) \right) |dv| \\
&= \frac{1}{\ell^2(\gamma)} \left[\int_{\gamma} \left(\int_{\gamma_{u,v}} |z|^2 |dz| \right) |dv| - 2\operatorname{Re} \left[\bar{u} \left(\int_{\gamma} \left(\int_{\gamma_{u,v}} z |dz| \right) |dv| \right) \right] + |u|^2 \ell^2(\gamma) \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{\ell^2(\gamma)} \int_{\gamma} \left(\int_{\gamma_{u,v}} |z|^2 |dz| \right) |dv| - \frac{2}{\ell^2(\gamma)} \operatorname{Re} \left[\bar{u} \left(\int_{\gamma} \left(\int_{\gamma_{u,v}} z |dz| \right) |dv| \right) \right] + |u|^2
\end{aligned}$$

and, similarly

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta_{\gamma,w,2} &:= \frac{1}{\ell^2(\gamma)} \int_{\gamma} \left(\int_{\gamma_{v,w}} |z-w|^2 |dz| \right) |dv| \\
&= \frac{1}{\ell^2(\gamma)} \int_{\gamma} \left(\int_{\gamma_{v,w}} |z|^2 |dz| \right) |dv| - \frac{2}{\ell^2(\gamma)} \operatorname{Re} \left[\bar{w} \left(\int_{\gamma} \left(\int_{\gamma_{v,w}} z |dz| \right) |dv| \right) \right] + |w|^2,
\end{aligned}$$

which proves the statement. \square

Remark 1. *Similar inequalities may be obtained by taking the square in (2.5) and (2.6) and performing similar calculations. However, the details are not presented here.*

We can also consider the quantity

$$(2.14) \quad \mathcal{S}_{\gamma,1}(f) := \frac{1}{\ell(\gamma)} \int_{\gamma} \left| f(z) - \frac{1}{w-u} \int_{\gamma} f(w) dw \right| |dz|.$$

By the use of Cauchy-Bunyakovsky-Schwarz integral inequality, we obviously have

$$(2.15) \quad \mathcal{S}_{\gamma,1}(f) \leq [\mathcal{S}_{\gamma,2}(f)]^{1/2}$$

where the path γ is piecewise smooth and $f : \gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is continuous on γ .

Proposition 3. *Let f be holomorphic in G , an open domain and suppose $\gamma \subset G$ is a smooth path from $z(a) = u$ to $z(b) = w$. Then*

$$(2.16) \quad \mathcal{S}_{\gamma,1}(f) \leq \epsilon(\gamma) (\Delta_{\gamma,u,1} + \Delta_{\gamma,w,1}) \|f'\|_{\gamma_{u,w};\infty}$$

where

$$(2.17) \quad \Delta_{\gamma,u,1} := \frac{1}{\ell^2(\gamma)} \int_{\gamma} \left(\int_{\gamma_{u,v}} |z-u| |dz| \right) |dv|$$

and

$$(2.18) \quad \Delta_{\gamma,w,1} := \frac{1}{\ell^2(\gamma)} \int_{\gamma} \left(\int_{\gamma_{v,w}} |z-w| |dz| \right) |dv|.$$

Proof. From (2.5) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| f(v) - \frac{1}{w-u} \int_{\gamma} f(z) dz \right| \\ & \leq \left[\frac{1}{|w-u|} \int_{\gamma_{u,v}} |z-u| |dz| + \frac{1}{|w-u|} \int_{\gamma_{v,w}} |z-w| |dz| \right] \|f'\|_{\gamma_{u,w};\infty}, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\ell(\gamma)} \int_{\gamma} \left| f(v) - \frac{1}{w-u} \int_{\gamma} f(z) dz \right| |dv| \\ & \leq \left[\frac{1}{|w-u|} \frac{1}{\ell(\gamma)} \int_{\gamma} \left(\int_{\gamma_{u,v}} |z-u| |dz| \right) |dv| \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{1}{|w-u|} \frac{1}{\ell(\gamma)} \int_{\gamma} \left(\int_{\gamma_{v,w}} |z-w| |dz| \right) |dv| \right] \|f'\|_{\gamma_{u,w};\infty} \\ & = \frac{\ell(\gamma)}{|w-u|} \left[\frac{1}{\ell^2(\gamma)} \int_{\gamma} \left(\int_{\gamma_{u,v}} |z-u| |dz| \right) |dv| \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{1}{\ell^2(\gamma)} \int_{\gamma} \left(\int_{\gamma_{v,w}} |z-w| |dz| \right) |dv| \right] \|f'\|_{\gamma_{u,w};\infty} \\ & = \epsilon(\gamma) (\Delta_{\gamma,u,1} + \Delta_{\gamma,w,1}) \|f'\|_{\gamma_{u,w};\infty} \end{aligned}$$

and the inequality (2.16) is proved. \square

3. SOME GRÜSS TYPE INEQUALITIES

Suppose $\gamma \subset \mathbb{C}$ is a piecewise smooth path parametrized by $z(t)$, $t \in \gamma$ from $z(a) = u$ to $z(b) = w$. Now, for $\phi, \Phi \in \mathbb{C}$, define the sets of complex-valued functions

$$\bar{U}_{\gamma}(\phi, \Phi) := \left\{ f : \gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid \operatorname{Re} \left[(\Phi - f(z)) \left(\overline{f(z)} - \bar{\phi} \right) \right] \geq 0 \text{ for each } z \in \gamma \right\}$$

and

$$\bar{\Delta}_\gamma(\phi, \Phi) := \left\{ f : \gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid \left| f(z) - \frac{\phi + \Phi}{2} \right| \leq \frac{1}{2} |\Phi - \phi| \text{ for each } z \in \gamma \right\}.$$

The following representation result may be stated.

Proposition 4. *For any $\phi, \Phi \in \mathbb{C}$, $\phi \neq \Phi$, we have that $\bar{U}_\gamma(\phi, \Phi)$ and $\bar{\Delta}_\gamma(\phi, \Phi)$ are nonempty, convex and closed sets and*

$$(3.1) \quad \bar{U}_\gamma(\phi, \Phi) = \bar{\Delta}_\gamma(\phi, \Phi).$$

Proof. We observe that for any $w \in \mathbb{C}$ we have the equivalence

$$\left| w - \frac{\phi + \Phi}{2} \right| \leq \frac{1}{2} |\Phi - \phi|$$

if and only if

$$\operatorname{Re} [(\Phi - w)(\bar{w} - \bar{\phi})] \geq 0.$$

This follows by the equality

$$\frac{1}{4} |\Phi - \phi|^2 - \left| w - \frac{\phi + \Phi}{2} \right|^2 = \operatorname{Re} [(\Phi - w)(\bar{w} - \bar{\phi})]$$

that holds for any $w \in \mathbb{C}$.

The equality (3.1) is thus a simple consequence of this fact. \square

On making use of the complex numbers field properties we can also state that:

Corollary 1. *For any $\phi, \Phi \in \mathbb{C}$, $\phi \neq \Phi$, we have that*

$$(3.2) \quad \bar{U}_\gamma(\phi, \Phi) = \{ f : \gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid (\operatorname{Re} \Phi - \operatorname{Re} f(z)) (\operatorname{Re} f(z) - \operatorname{Re} \phi) \\ + (\operatorname{Im} \Phi - \operatorname{Im} f(z)) (\operatorname{Im} f(z) - \operatorname{Im} \phi) \geq 0 \text{ for each } z \in \gamma \}.$$

Now, if we assume that $\operatorname{Re}(\Phi) \geq \operatorname{Re}(\phi)$ and $\operatorname{Im}(\Phi) \geq \operatorname{Im}(\phi)$, then we can define the following set of functions as well:

$$(3.3) \quad \bar{S}_\gamma(\phi, \Phi) := \{ f : \gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid \operatorname{Re}(\Phi) \geq \operatorname{Re} f(z) \geq \operatorname{Re}(\phi) \\ \text{and } \operatorname{Im}(\Phi) \geq \operatorname{Im} f(z) \geq \operatorname{Im}(\phi) \text{ for each } z \in \gamma \}.$$

One can easily observe that $\bar{S}_\gamma(\phi, \Phi)$ is closed, convex and

$$(3.4) \quad \emptyset \neq \bar{S}_\gamma(\phi, \Phi) \subseteq \bar{U}_\gamma(\phi, \Phi).$$

We have the following result:

Theorem 1. *Suppose $\gamma \subset \mathbb{C}$ is a piecewise smooth path parametrized by $z(t)$, $t \in \gamma$ from $z(a) = u$ to $z(b) = w$ with $w \neq u$. If f and g are continuous on γ , then*

$$(3.5) \quad |\mathcal{D}_\gamma(f, g)| \leq \epsilon(\gamma) \max_{z \in \gamma} |g(z) - \lambda| \mathcal{S}_{\gamma,1}(f) \leq \epsilon(\gamma) \max_{z \in \gamma} |g(z) - \lambda| [\mathcal{S}_{\gamma,2}(f)]^{1/2}$$

for any $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$.

Proof. For any $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{w-u} \int_{\gamma} \left(f(z) - \frac{1}{w-u} \int_{\gamma} f(w) dw \right) (g(z) - \lambda) dz \\ &= \frac{1}{w-u} \int_{\gamma} f(z) g(z) dz - \frac{1}{w-u} \int_{\gamma} f(w) dw \frac{1}{w-u} \int_{\gamma} g(z) dz \\ & - \lambda \frac{1}{w-u} \int_{\gamma} \left(f(z) - \frac{1}{w-u} \int_{\gamma} f(w) dw \right) dz \\ &= \frac{1}{w-u} \int_{\gamma} f(z) g(z) dz - \frac{1}{w-u} \int_{\gamma} f(w) dw \frac{1}{w-u} \int_{\gamma} g(z) dz, \end{aligned}$$

therefore, we have the following identity of interest, which is a generalization of Sonin's identity for functions of real variables

$$(3.6) \quad \mathcal{D}_{\gamma}(f, g) = \frac{1}{w-u} \int_{\gamma} \left(f(z) - \frac{1}{w-u} \int_{\gamma} f(w) dw \right) (g(z) - \lambda) dz$$

for any $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$.

Taking the modulus in (3.6), we get

$$\begin{aligned} (3.7) \quad |\mathcal{D}_{\gamma}(f, g)| &= \left| \frac{1}{w-u} \int_{\gamma} \left(f(z) - \frac{1}{w-u} \int_{\gamma} f(w) dw \right) (g(z) - \lambda) dz \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{|w-u|} \int_{\gamma} \left| f(z) - \frac{1}{w-u} \int_{\gamma} f(w) dw \right| |g(z) - \lambda| |dz| \\ &\leq \frac{\ell(\gamma)}{|w-u|} \max_{z \in \gamma} |g(z) - \lambda| \frac{1}{\ell(\gamma)} \int_{\gamma} \left| f(z) - \frac{1}{w-u} \int_{\gamma} f(w) dw \right| |dz| \\ &= \epsilon(\gamma) \max_{z \in \gamma} |g(z) - \lambda| \mathcal{S}_{\gamma,1}(f) \leq \epsilon(\gamma) \max_{z \in \gamma} |g(z) - \lambda| [\mathcal{S}_{\gamma,2}(f)]^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

for any $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$. □

Remark 2. We observe that, by using the upper bounds for $\mathcal{S}_{\gamma,2}(f)$ we can get further upper bounds such as

$$\begin{aligned} (3.8) \quad |\mathcal{D}_{\gamma}(f, g)| &\leq \epsilon(\gamma) \max_{z \in \gamma} |g(z) - \lambda| \mathcal{S}_{\gamma,1}(f) \\ &\leq \epsilon(\gamma) \max_{z \in \gamma} |g(z) - \lambda| [\mathcal{S}_{\gamma,2}(f)]^{1/2} \leq \sqrt{2} \epsilon^2(\gamma) \max_{z \in \gamma} |g(z) - \lambda| [\mathcal{P}_{\gamma}(f, \bar{f})]^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

for any $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$.

By using (2.10) we get

$$\begin{aligned} (3.9) \quad |\mathcal{D}_{\gamma}(f, g)| &\leq \epsilon(\gamma) \max_{z \in \gamma} |g(z) - \lambda| \mathcal{S}_{\gamma,1}(f) \\ &\leq \epsilon(\gamma) \max_{z \in \gamma} |g(z) - \lambda| [\mathcal{S}_{\gamma,2}(f)]^{1/2} \leq \\ &\leq \max_{z \in \gamma} |g(z) - \lambda| \epsilon^2(\gamma) (\Delta_{\gamma,u,2} + \Delta_{\gamma,w,2})^{1/2} \left(\frac{1}{\ell(\gamma)} \int_{\gamma_{u,w}} |f'(z)|^2 |dz| \right)^{1/2}, \end{aligned}$$

while by (2.16) we get

$$(3.10) \quad |\mathcal{D}_\gamma(f, g)| \leq \epsilon(\gamma) \max_{z \in \gamma} |g(z) - \lambda| \mathcal{S}_{\gamma,1}(f) \\ \leq \epsilon^2(\gamma) \max_{z \in \gamma} |g(z) - \lambda| (\Delta_{\gamma,u,1} + \Delta_{\gamma,w,1}) \|f'\|_{\gamma_{u,w};\infty},$$

provided f is holomorphic in G , an open domain and $\gamma \subset G$ is a smooth path from $z(a) = u$ to $z(b) = w$.

Corollary 2. *With the assumptions of Theorem 1 and, in addition, if $g \in \bar{\Delta}_\gamma(\phi, \Phi)$ for some $\phi, \Phi \in \mathbb{C}$, $\phi \neq \Phi$, then*

$$(3.11) \quad |\mathcal{D}_\gamma(f, g)| \leq \frac{1}{2} |\Phi - \phi| \epsilon(\gamma) \mathcal{S}_{\gamma,1}(f) \leq \frac{1}{2} |\Phi - \phi| \epsilon(\gamma) [\mathcal{S}_{\gamma,2}(f)]^{1/2}.$$

Remark 3. *For $g = f$ we have*

$$(3.12) \quad \mathcal{D}_\gamma(f, f) = \frac{1}{w-u} \int_\gamma f^2(z) dz - \left(\frac{1}{w-u} \int_\gamma f(z) dz \right)^2$$

and by (3.8) we get

$$(3.13) \quad |\mathcal{D}_\gamma(f, f)| \leq \frac{1}{2} |\Phi - \phi| \epsilon(\gamma) \mathcal{S}_{\gamma,1}(f) \leq \frac{1}{2} |\Phi - \phi| \epsilon(\gamma) [\mathcal{S}_{\gamma,2}(f)]^{1/2},$$

provided $f \in \bar{\Delta}_\gamma(\phi, \Phi)$ for some $\phi, \Phi \in \mathbb{C}$, $\phi \neq \Phi$.

For $g = \bar{f}$ we have

$$(3.14) \quad \mathcal{D}_\gamma(f, \bar{f}) = \frac{1}{w-u} \int_\gamma |f(z)|^2 dz - \frac{1}{w-u} \int_\gamma f(z) dz \frac{1}{w-u} \int_\gamma \overline{f(z)} dz$$

and by (3.8) we get

$$(3.15) \quad |\mathcal{D}_\gamma(f, \bar{f})| \leq \frac{1}{2} |\Phi - \phi| \epsilon(\gamma) \mathcal{S}_{\gamma,1}(f) \leq \frac{1}{2} |\Phi - \phi| \epsilon(\gamma) [\mathcal{S}_{\gamma,2}(f)]^{1/2},$$

provided $f \in \bar{\Delta}_\gamma(\phi, \Phi)$.

Corollary 3. *With the assumptions of Theorem 1 and, in addition, if f is holomorphic in G , an open domain and $\gamma \subset G$ is a smooth path from $z(a) = u$ to $z(b) = w$ and $g \in \bar{\Delta}_\gamma(\phi, \Phi)$ for some $\phi, \Phi \in \mathbb{C}$, $\phi \neq \Phi$, then*

$$(3.16) \quad |\mathcal{D}_\gamma(f, g)| \leq \frac{1}{2} |\Phi - \phi| \epsilon(\gamma) \mathcal{S}_{\gamma,1}(f) \\ \leq \frac{1}{2} |\Phi - \phi| \epsilon^2(\gamma) (\Delta_{\gamma,u,1} + \Delta_{\gamma,w,1}) \|f'\|_{\gamma_{u,w};\infty}$$

and

$$(3.17) \quad |\mathcal{D}_\gamma(f, g)| \leq \frac{1}{2} |\Phi - \phi| \epsilon(\gamma) [\mathcal{S}_{\gamma,2}(f)]^{1/2} \\ \leq \frac{1}{2} |\Phi - \phi| \epsilon^2(\gamma) (\Delta_{\gamma,u,2} + \Delta_{\gamma,w,2})^{1/2} \left(\frac{1}{\ell(\gamma)} \int_{\gamma_{u,w}} |f'(z)|^2 |dz| \right)^{1/2}.$$

4. EXAMPLES FOR CIRCULAR PATHS

Let $[a, b] \subseteq [0, 2\pi]$ and the circular path $\gamma_{[a,b],R}$ centered in 0 and with radius $R > 0$

$$z(t) = R \exp(it) = R(\cos t + i \sin t), \quad t \in [a, b].$$

If $[a, b] = [0, \pi]$ then we get a half circle while for $[a, b] = [0, 2\pi]$ we get the full circle.

Since

$$\begin{aligned} |e^{is} - e^{it}|^2 &= |e^{is}|^2 - 2 \operatorname{Re}(e^{i(s-t)}) + |e^{it}|^2 \\ &= 2 - 2 \cos(s-t) = 4 \sin^2\left(\frac{s-t}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

for any $t, s \in \mathbb{R}$, then

$$(4.1) \quad |e^{is} - e^{it}|^r = 2^r \left| \sin\left(\frac{s-t}{2}\right) \right|^r$$

for any $t, s \in \mathbb{R}$ and $r > 0$. In particular,

$$|e^{is} - e^{it}| = 2 \left| \sin\left(\frac{s-t}{2}\right) \right|$$

for any $t, s \in \mathbb{R}$.

If $u = R \exp(ia)$ and $w = R \exp(ib)$ then

$$\begin{aligned} w - u &= R[\exp(ib) - \exp(ia)] = R[\cos b + i \sin b - \cos a - i \sin a] \\ &= R[\cos b - \cos a + i(\sin b - \sin a)]. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\cos b - \cos a = -2 \sin\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right)$$

and

$$\sin b - \sin a = 2 \sin\left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right),$$

hence

$$\begin{aligned} w - u &= R \left[-2 \sin\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right) + 2i \sin\left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right] \\ &= 2R \sin\left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right) \left[-\sin\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + i \cos\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right] \\ &= 2Ri \sin\left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right) \left[\cos\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right] \\ &= 2Ri \sin\left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right) \exp\left[\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) i \right]. \end{aligned}$$

If $\gamma = \gamma_{[a,b],R}$, then the *circular complex Čebyšev functional* is defined by

$$(4.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}_{[a,b],R}(f, g) &:= \mathcal{D}_{\gamma_{[a,b],R}}(f, g) \\ &= \frac{1}{2 \sin\left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right) \exp\left[\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)i\right]} \int_a^b f(R \exp(it)) g(R \exp(it)) \exp(it) dt \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{4 \sin^2\left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right) \exp\left[2\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)i\right]} \\ &\quad \times \int_a^b f(R \exp(it)) \exp(it) dt \int_a^b g(R \exp(it)) \exp(it) dt. \end{aligned}$$

For $\gamma = \gamma_{[a,b],R}$ and $v = Re^{it}$ with $t \in [a, b]$ we have

$$(4.3) \quad \begin{aligned} \Delta_{\gamma, u, 1} &:= \frac{1}{\ell^2(\gamma_{[a,b],R})} \int_{\gamma_{[a,b],R}} \left(\int_{\gamma_{[a,t],R}} |z - u| |dz| \right) |dv| \\ &= \frac{R^3}{R^2(b-a)^2} \int_a^b \left(\int_a^t |e^{is} - e^{ia}| ds \right) dt \\ &= \frac{2R^3}{R^2(b-a)^2} \int_a^b \left(\int_a^t \left| \sin\left(\frac{s-a}{2}\right) \right| ds \right) dt \\ &= \frac{2R}{(b-a)^2} \int_a^b \left(\int_a^t \sin\left(\frac{s-a}{2}\right) ds \right) dt \\ &= \frac{4R}{(b-a)^2} \int_a^b \left[1 - \cos\left(\frac{t-a}{2}\right) \right] dt = \frac{4R}{(b-a)^2} \left[b-a - 2 \sin\left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(4.4) \quad \begin{aligned} \Delta_{\gamma, w, 1} &:= \frac{1}{\ell^2(\gamma_{[a,b],R})} \int_{\gamma_{[a,b],R}} \left(\int_{\gamma_{[t,b],R}} |z - w| |dz| \right) |dv| \\ &= \frac{R^3}{R^2(b-a)^2} \int_a^b \left(\int_t^b |e^{ib} - e^{is}| ds \right) dt \\ &= \frac{2R^3}{R^2(b-a)^2} \int_a^b \left(\int_t^b \left| \sin\left(\frac{b-s}{2}\right) \right| ds \right) dt \\ &= \frac{2R}{(b-a)^2} \int_a^b \left(\int_t^b \sin\left(\frac{b-s}{2}\right) ds \right) dt \\ &= \frac{4R}{(b-a)^2} \int_a^b \left(1 - \cos\left(\frac{b-t}{2}\right) \right) dt = \frac{4R}{(b-a)^2} \left[b-a - 2 \sin\left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

We have the following result:

Proposition 5. *Let $\gamma_{[a,b],R}$ be a circular path centered in 0 and with radius $R > 0$ and $[a, b] \subset [0, 2\pi]$. If f is holomorphic in G , an open domain and $\gamma_{[a,b],R} \subset G$ while g is continuous on $\gamma_{[a,b],R}$ and $g \in \bar{\Delta}_{\gamma_{[a,b],R}}(\phi, \Phi)$ for some $\phi, \Phi \in \mathbb{C}$, $\phi \neq \Phi$,*

then

$$(4.5) \quad |\mathcal{C}_{[a,b],R}(f, g)| \leq |\Phi - \phi| \frac{2R}{\sin^2\left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right)} \left[\frac{b-a}{2} - \sin\left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right) \right] \|f'\|_{\gamma_{u,w};\infty}.$$

The proof follows by the inequality (3.16).

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