

NORM INEQUALITIES FOR THE GENERALISED COMMUTATOR IN BANACH ALGEBRAS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, by utilising the Riesz functional calculus in Banach algebra \mathcal{B} , we provide some norm inequalities for the generalized commutator

$$f(y)z - zf(x)$$

where $x, y, z \in \mathcal{B}$ and f is an analytic function for which the elements $f(y)$ and $f(x)$ exist. Some examples for the resolvent and exponential functions are also given.

1. INTRODUCTION

Let \mathcal{B} be an algebra over \mathbb{C} . An *algebra norm* on \mathcal{B} is a map $\|\cdot\| : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ such that $(\mathcal{B}, \|\cdot\|)$ is a normed space, and, further:

$$\|ab\| \leq \|a\| \|b\|$$

for any $a, b \in \mathcal{B}$. The normed algebra $(\mathcal{B}, \|\cdot\|)$ is a *Banach algebra* if $\|\cdot\|$ is a *complete norm*. We assume that the Banach algebra is *unital*, this means that \mathcal{B} has an identity 1 and that $\|1\| = 1$.

Let \mathcal{B} be a unital algebra. An element $a \in \mathcal{B}$ is *invertible* if there exists an element $b \in \mathcal{B}$ with $ab = ba = 1$. The element b is unique; it is called the *inverse* of a and written a^{-1} or $\frac{1}{a}$. The set of invertible elements of \mathcal{B} is denoted by $\text{Inv}(\mathcal{B})$. If $a, b \in \text{Inv}(\mathcal{B})$ then $ab \in \text{Inv}(\mathcal{B})$ and $(ab)^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1}$.

For a unital Banach algebra we also have:

- (i) If $a \in \mathcal{B}$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|a^n\|^{1/n} < 1$, then $1 - a \in \text{Inv}(\mathcal{B})$;
- (ii) $\{b \in \mathcal{B} : \|1 - b\| < 1\} \subset \text{Inv}(\mathcal{B})$;
- (iii) $\text{Inv} \mathcal{B}$ is an *open subset* of \mathcal{B} ;
- (iv) The map $\text{Inv} \mathcal{B} \ni a \mapsto a^{-1} \in \text{Inv}(\mathcal{B})$ is continuous.

For simplicity, we denote $\lambda 1$, where $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ and 1 is the identity of \mathcal{B} , by λ . The *resolvent set* of $a \in \mathcal{B}$ is defined by

$$\rho(a) := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \lambda - a \in \text{Inv}(\mathcal{B})\};$$

the *spectrum* of a is $\sigma(a)$, the complement of $\rho(a)$ in \mathbb{C} , and the *resolvent function* of a is $R_a : \rho(a) \rightarrow \text{Inv}(\mathcal{B})$,

$$R_a(\lambda) := (\lambda - a)^{-1}.$$

For each $\lambda, \gamma \in \rho(a)$ we have the identity

$$R_a(\gamma) - R_a(\lambda) = (\lambda - \gamma) R_a(\lambda) R_a(\gamma).$$

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We also have that

$$\sigma(a) \subset \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : |\lambda| \leq \|a\|\}.$$

The *spectral radius* of a is defined as

$$\nu(a) = \sup\{|\lambda| : \lambda \in \sigma(a)\}.$$

Let \mathcal{B} a unital Banach algebra and $a \in \mathcal{B}$. Then

- (i) The resolvent set $\rho(a)$ is open in \mathbb{C} ;
- (ii) For any *bounded linear functional* $\lambda : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, the function $\lambda \circ R_a$ is analytic on $\rho(a)$;
- (iii) The spectrum $\sigma(a)$ is compact and nonempty in \mathbb{C} ;
- (iv) We have

$$\nu(a) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|a^n\|^{1/n}.$$

Let f be an analytic functions on the open disk $D(0, R)$ given by the *power series*

$$f(\lambda) := \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \alpha_j \lambda^j \quad (|\lambda| < R).$$

If $\nu(a) < R$, then the series $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \alpha_j a^j$ converges in the Banach algebra \mathcal{B} because $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\alpha_j| \|a^j\| < \infty$, and we can define $f(a)$ to be its sum. Clearly $f(a)$ is well defined and there are many examples of important functions on a Banach algebra \mathcal{B} that can be constructed in this way. For instance, the *exponential map* on \mathcal{B} denoted \exp and defined as

$$\exp a := \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j!} a^j \quad \text{for each } a \in \mathcal{B}.$$

If \mathcal{B} is not commutative, then many of the familiar properties of the exponential function from the scalar case do not hold. The following key formula is valid, however with the additional hypothesis of commutativity for a and b from \mathcal{B}

$$\exp(a + b) = \exp(a) \exp(b).$$

Concerning other basic definitions and facts in the theory of Banach algebras, the reader can consult the classical books [12] and [14].

Let \mathcal{B} be a unital Banach algebra, $a \in \mathcal{B}$ and G be a domain of \mathbb{C} with $\sigma(a) \subset G$. If $f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is analytic on G , we define an element $f(a)$ in \mathcal{B} by

$$(1.1) \quad f(a) := \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} f(\xi) (\xi - a)^{-1} d\xi,$$

where $\gamma \subset G$ is taken to be a closed rectifiable curve in G and such that $\sigma(a) \subset \text{ins}(\gamma)$, the inside of γ .

It is well known (see for instance [4, pp. 201-204]) that $f(a)$ does not depend on the choice of γ and the *Spectral Mapping Theorem* (SMT)

$$(1.2) \quad \sigma(f(a)) = f(\sigma(a))$$

holds.

Let $\mathfrak{Hol}(a)$ be the set of all the functions that are analytic in a neighborhood of $\sigma(a)$. Note that $\mathfrak{Hol}(a)$ is an algebra where if $f, g \in \mathfrak{Hol}(a)$ and f and g have domains $D(f)$ and $D(g)$, then fg and $f + g$ have domain $D(f) \cap D(g)$. $\mathfrak{Hol}(a)$ is not, however a Banach algebra.

The following result is known as the *Riesz Functional Calculus Theorem* [4, p. 201-203]:

Theorem 1. *Let \mathcal{B} a unital Banach algebra and $a \in \mathcal{B}$.*

- (a) *The map $f \mapsto f(a)$ of $\mathfrak{Hol}(a) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ is an algebra homomorphism.*
- (b) *If $f(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha_k z^k$ has radius of convergence $r > \nu(a)$, then $f \in \mathfrak{Hol}(a)$ and $f(a) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha_k a^k$.*
- (c) *If $f(z) \equiv 1$, then $f(a) = 1$.*
- (d) *If $f(z) = z$ for all z , $f(a) = a$.*
- (e) *If $f, f_1, \dots, f_n, \dots$ are analytic on G , $\sigma(a) \subset G$ and $f_n(z) \rightarrow f(z)$ uniformly on compact subsets of G , then $\|f_n(a) - f(a)\| \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.*
- (f) *The Riesz Functional Calculus is unique and if a, b are commuting elements in \mathcal{B} and $f \in \mathfrak{Hol}(a)$, then $f(a)b = bf(a)$.*

For some recent norm inequalities for functions on Banach algebras, see [2]-[3] and [5]-[11].

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2. MAIN RESULTS

We have:

Lemma 1. *For any elements a, b, c in the Banach algebra \mathcal{B} and for any $n \geq 1$ we have*

$$(2.1) \quad a^n c - c b^n = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a^{n-i-1} (ac - cb) b^i.$$

In particular, for $b = a$ we have

$$(2.2) \quad a^n c - c a^n = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a^{n-i-1} (ac - ca) a^i.$$

Proof. We prove it by induction over n . For $n = 1$ we obtain in both sides of (2.1) the same quantity $ac - cb$. Assume that for $k \geq 2$ we have that

$$a^k c - c b^k = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} a^{k-i-1} (ac - cb) b^i$$

and let us prove that

$$a^{k+1} c - c b^{k+1} = \sum_{i=0}^k a^{k-i} (ac - cb) b^i.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i=0}^k a^{k-i} (ac - cb) b^i &= \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} a^{k-i} (ac - cb) b^i + a^{k-k} (ac - cb) b^k \\
&= a \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} a^{k-i-1} (ac - cb) b^i + (ac - cb) b^k \\
&= a (a^k c - cb^k) + (ac - cb) b^k \text{ (by induction hypothesis)} \\
&= a^{k+1} c - acb^k + acb^k - cb^{k+1} = a^{k+1} c - cb^{k+1}
\end{aligned}$$

and the proof is completed. \square

Remark 1. For $c = 1$, we have from (2.1) that

$$(2.3) \quad a^n - b^n = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a^{n-i-1} (a - b) b^i$$

for all a, b in the Banach algebra \mathcal{B} , [2].

The following simple equality also holds

$$(2.4) \quad (xy)^n x = x (yx)^n$$

for all $n \geq 0$ and x, y in the Banach algebra \mathcal{B} .

Indeed, if we take $a = xy$, $b = yx$ and $c = x$ in (2.1), then we get

$$(xy)^n x - x (yx)^n = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (xy)^{n-i-1} (xyx - yxy) (yx)^i = 0,$$

which proves (2.4).

Corollary 1. With the assumptions of Lemma 1 we have the inequality

$$(2.5) \quad \|a^n c - cb^n\| \leq \|ac - cb\| \begin{cases} \frac{\|a\|^n - \|b\|^n}{\|a\| - \|b\|} & \text{if } \|b\| \neq \|a\|, \\ n \|a\|^{n-1} & \text{if } \|b\| = \|a\|. \end{cases}$$

In particular, for $b = a$, we have

$$(2.6) \quad \|a^n c - ca^n\| \leq n \|a\|^{n-1} \|ac - ca\|.$$

Proof. By taking the norm and using its properties we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\|a^n c - cb^n\| &\leq \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \|a^{n-i-1} (ac - cb) b^i\| \leq \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \|a^{n-i-1}\| \|ac - cb\| \|b^i\| \\
&\leq \|ac - cb\| \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \|a\|^{n-i-1} \|b\|^i \\
&= \|ac - cb\| \begin{cases} \frac{\|a\|^n - \|b\|^n}{\|a\| - \|b\|} & \text{if } \|b\| \neq \|a\| \\ n \|a\|^{n-1} & \text{if } \|b\| = \|a\|, \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

which proves (2.5). \square

Now, by the help of power series $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n z^n$ we can naturally construct another power series which will have as coefficients the absolute values of the coefficients of the original series, namely, $f_A(z) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |\alpha_n| z^n$. It is obvious that this new power series will have the same radius of convergence as the original series. We also notice that if all coefficients $\alpha_n \geq 0$, then $f_A = f$.

As some natural examples that are useful for applications, we can point out that, if

$$(2.7) \quad \begin{aligned} f(\lambda) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n} \lambda^n = \ln \frac{1}{1+\lambda}, \quad \lambda \in D(0, 1); \\ g(\lambda) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n)!} \lambda^{2n} = \cos \lambda, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{C}; \\ h(\lambda) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+1)!} \lambda^{2n+1} = \sin \lambda, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{C}; \\ l(\lambda) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \lambda^n = \frac{1}{1+\lambda}, \quad \lambda \in D(0, 1); \end{aligned}$$

then the corresponding functions constructed by the use of the absolute values of the coefficients are

$$(2.8) \quad \begin{aligned} f_A(\lambda) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \lambda^n = \ln \frac{1}{1-\lambda}, \quad \lambda \in D(0, 1); \\ g_A(\lambda) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n)!} \lambda^{2n} = \cosh \lambda, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{C}; \\ h_A(\lambda) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n+1)!} \lambda^{2n+1} = \sinh \lambda, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{C}; \\ l_A(\lambda) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \lambda^n = \frac{1}{1-\lambda}, \quad \lambda \in D(0, 1). \end{aligned}$$

Other important examples of functions as power series representations with non-negative coefficients are:

$$(2.9) \quad \begin{aligned} \exp(\lambda) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \lambda^n \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{C}, \\ \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{1+\lambda}{1-\lambda} \right) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n-1} \lambda^{2n-1}, \quad \lambda \in D(0, 1); \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sin^{-1}(\lambda) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(n + \frac{1}{2})}{\sqrt{\pi} (2n+1) n!} \lambda^{2n+1}, \quad \lambda \in D(0, 1); \\ \tanh^{-1}(\lambda) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n-1} \lambda^{2n-1}, \quad \lambda \in D(0, 1) \\ {}_2F_1(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \lambda) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(n+\alpha)\Gamma(n+\beta)\Gamma(\gamma)}{n!\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)\Gamma(n+\gamma)} \lambda^n, \quad \alpha, \beta, \gamma > 0, \\ &\lambda \in D(0, 1); \end{aligned}$$

where Γ is *Gamma function*.

We have:

Theorem 2. *Let $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n \lambda^n$ be a function defined by power series with complex coefficients and convergent on the open disk $D(0, R) \subset \mathbb{C}$, $R > 0$. For any $x, y, z \in \mathcal{B}$ with $\|x\|, \|y\| < R$ we have*

$$(2.10) \quad \|f(y)z - zf(x)\| \leq \|yz - zx\| \begin{cases} \frac{f_A(\|y\|) - f_A(\|x\|)}{\|y\| - \|x\|} & \text{if } \|y\| \neq \|x\|, \\ f'_A(\|x\|) & \text{if } \|y\| = \|x\|. \end{cases}$$

In particular

$$(2.11) \quad \|f(x)z - zf(x)\| \leq \|xz - zx\| f'_A(\|x\|)$$

and, see also [5],

$$(2.12) \quad \|f(y) - f(x)\| \leq \|y - x\| \begin{cases} \frac{f_A(\|y\|) - f_A(\|x\|)}{\|y\| - \|x\|} & \text{if } \|y\| \neq \|x\|, \\ f'_A(\|x\|) & \text{if } \|y\| = \|x\|. \end{cases}$$

Proof. We have, for any $m \geq 1$, by making use of the inequality (2.5), that

$$(2.13) \quad \begin{aligned} &\left\| \left(\sum_{n=0}^m \alpha_n y^n \right) z - z \left(\sum_{n=0}^m \alpha_n x^n \right) \right\| \\ &= \left\| \sum_{n=1}^m \alpha_n (y^n z - z x^n) \right\| \leq \sum_{n=1}^m |\alpha_n| \|y^n z - z x^n\| \\ &\leq \|yz - zx\| \begin{cases} \sum_{n=1}^m |\alpha_n| \frac{\|y\|^n - \|x\|^n}{\|y\| - \|x\|} & \text{if } \|y\| \neq \|x\|, \\ \sum_{n=1}^m n |\alpha_n| \|x\|^{n-1} & \text{if } \|y\| = \|x\| \end{cases} \\ &= \|yz - zx\| \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\|y\| - \|x\|} (\sum_{n=0}^m |\alpha_n| \|y\|^n - \sum_{n=0}^m |\alpha_n| \|x\|^n) & \text{if } \|y\| \neq \|x\|, \\ \sum_{n=1}^m n |\alpha_n| \|x\|^{n-1} & \text{if } \|y\| = \|x\|. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, since $\|x\|, \|y\| < R$, then the series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n y^n$ and $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n x^n$ are convergent in \mathcal{B} and

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n y^n = f(y), \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n x^n = f(x).$$

Also, the scalar series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |\alpha_n| \|y\|^n$, $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |\alpha_n| \|x\|^n$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n |\alpha_n| \|x\|^{n-1}$ are convergent

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |\alpha_n| \|y\|^n = f_A(\|y\|), \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |\alpha_n| \|x\|^n = f_A(\|x\|)$$

and

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n |\alpha_n| \|x\|^{n-1} = f'_A(\|x\|).$$

Therefore, by taking $m \rightarrow \infty$ in the inequality (2.13) we get the desired result (2.10). \square

Corollary 2. *Let $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n \lambda^n$, $g(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \beta_n \lambda^n$ be two functions defined by power series with complex coefficients and convergent on the open disk $D(0, R) \subset \mathbb{C}$, $R > 0$. For any $x, y \in \mathcal{B}$ with $\|x\|, \|y\| < R$ we have*

$$(2.14) \quad \|f(x)g(y) - g(y)f(x)\| \leq \|xy - yx\| f'_A(\|x\|) g'_A(\|y\|).$$

Proof. From (2.11) we get

$$\|f(x)z - zf(x)\| \leq \|xg(y) - g(y)x\| f'_A(\|x\|)$$

and

$$\|xg(y) - g(y)x\| \leq \|xy - yx\| g'_A(\|y\|),$$

which provide the desired result (2.14). \square

Remark 2. *If we write the inequality (2.10) for the function $f(\lambda) = (1 \pm \lambda)^{-1}$ defined on the open disk $D(0, R)$ we get for all $x, y, z \in \mathcal{B}$ with $\|x\|, \|y\| < 1$ that*

$$(2.15) \quad \left\| (1 \pm y)^{-1} z - z(1 \pm x)^{-1} \right\| \leq \|yz - zx\| (1 - \|y\|)^{-1} (1 - \|x\|)^{-1}.$$

In particular,

$$(2.16) \quad \left\| (1 \pm x)^{-1} z - z(1 \pm x)^{-1} \right\| \leq \|xz - zx\| (1 - \|x\|)^{-2}$$

and, [5],

$$(2.17) \quad \left\| (1 \pm y)^{-1} - (1 \pm x)^{-1} \right\| \leq \|y - x\| (1 - \|y\|)^{-1} (1 - \|x\|)^{-1}.$$

We also have:

Theorem 3. *Let $f : D \subset \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be an analytic function on the domain D and $x, y, z \in \mathcal{B}$ with $\sigma(x), \sigma(y) \subset D$ and γ a closed rectifiable path in D and such that $\sigma(x), \sigma(y) \subset \text{ins}(\gamma)$. Then we have*

$$(2.18) \quad \|f(y)z - zf(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \|yz - zx\| \int_{\gamma} \frac{|f(\xi)|}{(|\xi| - \|y\|)(|\xi| - \|x\|)} |d\xi|.$$

In particular,

$$(2.19) \quad \|f(x)z - zf(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \|xz - zx\| \int_{\gamma} \frac{|f(\xi)|}{(|\xi| - \|x\|)^2} |d\xi|$$

and

$$(2.20) \quad \|f(y) - f(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \|y - x\| \int_{\gamma} \frac{|f(\xi)|}{(|\xi| - \|y\|)(|\xi| - \|x\|)} |d\xi|, \quad [7].$$

Proof. Let $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$, $\lambda \neq 0$ and $a, b \in \mathcal{B}$ such that $\lambda \in \rho(a) \cap \rho(b)$, then we have the following inequality for the resolvent function that is of interest in itself:

$$(2.21) \quad \|R_b(\lambda)z - zR_a(\lambda)\| \leq \|bz - za\| (|\lambda| - \|b\|)^{-1} (|\lambda| - \|a\|)^{-1}.$$

Indeed, by (2.15) we get for $\lambda \in \rho(a) \cap \rho(b)$, $\lambda \neq 0$ that

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| (\lambda - b)^{-1}z - z(\lambda - a)^{-1} \right\| &= \left\| \lambda^{-1} \left(1 - \frac{b}{\lambda}\right)^{-1}z - \lambda^{-1}z \left(1 - \frac{a}{\lambda}\right)^{-1} \right\| \\ &= \frac{1}{|\lambda|} \left\| \left(1 - \frac{b}{\lambda}\right)^{-1}z - z \left(1 - \frac{a}{\lambda}\right)^{-1} \right\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{|\lambda|} \left\| \frac{b}{\lambda}z - z\frac{a}{\lambda} \right\| \left(1 - \left\| \frac{b}{\lambda} \right\| \right)^{-1} \left(1 - \left\| \frac{a}{\lambda} \right\| \right)^{-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{|\lambda|^2} \|bz - za\| |\lambda|^2 (|\lambda| - \|b\|)^{-1} (|\lambda| - \|a\|)^{-1} \\ &= \|bz - za\| (|\lambda| - \|b\|)^{-1} (|\lambda| - \|a\|)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

and the inequality (2.21) is proved.

Let $x, y, z \in \mathcal{B}$ with $\sigma(x), \sigma(y) \subset D$ and γ a closed rectifiable path in D and such that $\sigma(x), \sigma(y) \subset \text{ins}(\gamma)$. Using the Riesz functional calculus we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(y)z - zf(x) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} f(\xi) (\xi - y)^{-1} z d\xi - \int_{\gamma} f(\xi) z (\xi - x)^{-1} d\xi \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} f(\xi) \left[(\xi - y)^{-1} z - z(\xi - x)^{-1} \right] d\xi \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} f(\xi) [R_y(\xi)z - zR_x(\xi)] d\xi. \end{aligned}$$

By taking the norm in this equality and the properties of Bochner's integral [13] we get

$$(2.22) \quad \|f(y)z - zf(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\gamma} |f(\xi)| \|R_y(\xi)z - zR_x(\xi)\| |d\xi|.$$

Using inequality (??) we have

$$(2.23) \quad \begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\gamma} |f(\xi)| \|R_y(\xi)z - zR_x(\xi)\| |d\xi| \\ &\leq \|yz - zx\| \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\gamma} |f(\xi)| (|\xi| - \|y\|)^{-1} (|\xi| - \|x\|)^{-1} |d\xi|. \end{aligned}$$

By making use of (2.22) and (2.23) we get the desired result (2.18). \square

Corollary 3. *With the assumptions of Theorem 3 and if*

$$\|f\|_{\gamma, \infty} := \sup_{\xi \in \gamma} |f(\xi)| < \infty,$$

then

$$(2.24) \quad \|f(y)z - zf(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \|yz - zx\| \|f\|_{\gamma, \infty} \int_{\gamma} \frac{|d\xi|}{(|\xi| - \|y\|)(|\xi| - \|x\|)}.$$

In particular,

$$(2.25) \quad \|f(x)z - zf(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \|xz - zx\| \|f\|_{\gamma, \infty} \int_{\gamma} \frac{|d\xi|}{(|\xi| - \|x\|)^2}$$

and

$$(2.26) \quad \|f(y) - f(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \|y - x\| \|f\|_{\gamma, \infty} \int_{\gamma} \frac{|d\xi|}{(|\xi| - \|y\|)(|\xi| - \|x\|)}, \quad [7].$$

Remark 3. If we assume that $f : D \subset \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is an analytic function on the domain D and $x, y \in \mathcal{B}$ with $\sigma(x), \sigma(y) \subset D(0, R) \subset D$ where $D(0, R)$ is an open disk centered in 0 and of radius R , then by taking γ parametrized by $\xi(t) = Re^{2\pi it}$ where $t \in [0, 1]$, then $d\xi(t) = 2\pi i Re^{2\pi it} dt$, $|d\xi(t)| = 2\pi R dt$, $|\xi| = R$ and by (2.18) we get

$$(2.27) \quad \|f(y)z - zf(x)\| \leq \frac{R \|yz - zx\|}{(R - \|y\|)(R - \|x\|)} \int_0^1 |f(Re^{2\pi it})| dt.$$

In particular, we have

$$(2.28) \quad \|f(x)z - zf(x)\| \leq \frac{R \|xz - zx\|}{(R - \|x\|)^2} \int_0^1 |f(Re^{2\pi it})| dt$$

and

$$(2.29) \quad \|f(y) - f(x)\| \leq \frac{R \|y - x\|}{(R - \|y\|)(R - \|x\|)} \int_0^1 |f(Re^{2\pi it})| dt, \quad [7].$$

Moreover, if $\|f\|_{R, \infty} := \sup_{t \in [0, 1]} |f(Re^{2\pi it})| < \infty$, then we have the simpler inequality

$$(2.30) \quad \|f(y)z - zf(x)\| \leq \frac{R \|yz - zx\| \|f\|_{R, \infty}}{(R - \|y\|)(R - \|x\|)}$$

and, in particular,

$$(2.31) \quad \|f(x)z - zf(x)\| \leq \frac{R \|xz - zx\| \|f\|_{R, \infty}}{(R - \|x\|)^2}$$

and

$$(2.32) \quad \|f(y) - f(x)\| \leq \frac{R \|y - x\| \|f\|_{R, \infty}}{(R - \|y\|)(R - \|x\|)}.$$

Corollary 4. Let $f, g : D \subset \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be analytic functions on the domain D and $x, y \in \mathcal{B}$ with $\sigma(x), \sigma(y) \subset D$ and γ a closed rectifiable path in D and such that $\sigma(x), \sigma(y) \subset \text{ins}(\gamma)$. Then we have

$$(2.33) \quad \begin{aligned} & \|f(x)g(y) - g(y)f(x)\| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \|xy - yx\| \int_{\gamma} \frac{|f(\xi)|}{(|\xi| - \|x\|)^2} |d\xi| \int_{\gamma} \frac{|g(\xi)|}{(|\xi| - \|y\|)^2} |d\xi| \end{aligned}$$

and if

$$\|f\|_{\gamma, \infty} := \sup_{\xi \in \gamma} |f(\xi)| < \infty, \quad \|g\|_{\gamma, \infty} := \sup_{\xi \in \gamma} |g(\xi)| < \infty$$

then

$$(2.34) \quad \begin{aligned} & \|f(x)g(y) - g(y)f(x)\| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \|xy - yx\| \|f\|_{\gamma, \infty} \|g\|_{\gamma, \infty} \int_{\gamma} \frac{|d\xi|}{(|\xi| - \|x\|)^2} \int_{\gamma} \frac{|d\xi|}{(|\xi| - \|y\|)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

The result follows by the inequality (2.19) applied twice and we omit the details.

Remark 4. *If we assume that $f, g : D \subset \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ are analytic functions on the domain D and $x, y \in \mathcal{B}$ with $\sigma(x), \sigma(y) \subset D(0, R) \subset D$ where $D(0, R)$ is an open disk centered in 0 and of radius R , then*

$$(2.35) \quad \begin{aligned} & \|f(x)g(y) - g(y)f(x)\| \\ & \leq \frac{R^2 \|xy - yx\|}{(R - \|x\|)^2 (R - \|y\|)^2} \int_0^1 |f(Re^{2\pi it})| dt \int_0^1 |g(Re^{2\pi it})| dt. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, if

$$\|f\|_{R, \infty} := \sup_{t \in [0, 1]} |f(Re^{2\pi it})| < \infty, \quad \|g\|_{R, \infty} := \sup_{t \in [0, 1]} |g(Re^{2\pi it})| < \infty,$$

then

$$(2.36) \quad \|f(x)g(y) - g(y)f(x)\| \leq \frac{R^2 \|xy - yx\| \|f\|_{R, \infty} \|g\|_{R, \infty}}{(R - \|x\|)^2 (R - \|y\|)^2}.$$

3. SOME EXAMPLES FOR EXPONENTIAL FUNCTION

Consider the exponential function $f(a) = \exp a$, $a \in \mathcal{B}$. By using Theorem 2 for the exponential function, we get the inequalities

$$(3.1) \quad \|(\exp y)z - z(\exp x)\| \leq \|yz - zx\| \begin{cases} \frac{\exp(\|y\|) - \exp(\|x\|)}{\|y\| - \|x\|} & \text{if } \|y\| \neq \|x\|, \\ \exp(\|x\|) & \text{if } \|y\| = \|x\|. \end{cases}$$

In particular

$$(3.2) \quad \|(\exp x)z - z(\exp x)\| \leq \|xz - zx\| \exp(\|x\|)$$

and, see also [5],

$$(3.3) \quad \|\exp y - \exp x\| \leq \|y - x\| \begin{cases} \frac{\exp(\|y\|) - \exp(\|x\|)}{\|y\| - \|x\|} & \text{if } \|y\| \neq \|x\|, \\ \exp(\|x\|) & \text{if } \|y\| = \|x\|. \end{cases}$$

Now, assume that $x, y \in \mathcal{B}$ and $\|x\|, \|y\| < R$ for some $R > 0$. Observe that

$$|\exp(Re^{2\pi it})| = |\exp[R(\cos(2\pi t) + i \sin(2\pi t))]| = \exp[R \cos(2\pi t)]$$

and then by Remark 2.6 we get

$$(3.4) \quad \|(\exp y)z - z(\exp x)\| \leq \frac{R \|yz - zx\|}{(R - \|y\|)(R - \|x\|)} \int_0^1 \exp[R \cos(2\pi t)] dt.$$

In particular, we have

$$(3.5) \quad \|(\exp x)z - z(\exp x)\| \leq \frac{R \|xz - zx\|}{(R - \|x\|)^2} \int_0^1 \exp[R \cos(2\pi t)] dt$$

and

$$(3.6) \quad \|\exp y - \exp x\| \leq \frac{R \|y - x\|}{(R - \|y\|)(R - \|x\|)} \int_0^1 \exp [R \cos (2\pi t)] dt, \quad [7].$$

The *modified Bessel function of the first kind* $I_\nu(z)$ for real number ν can be defined by the power series as [1, p. 376]

$$I_\nu(z) = \left(\frac{1}{2}z\right)^\nu \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{4}z^2\right)^k}{k! \Gamma(\nu + k + 1)},$$

where Γ is the *gamma function*. For $n = 0$ we have $I_0(z)$ given by

$$I_0(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{4}z^2\right)^k}{(k!)^2}.$$

An integral formula for real number ν is

$$I_\nu(z) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi e^{z \cos \theta} \cos(\nu \theta) d\theta - \frac{\sin(\nu \pi)}{\pi} \int_0^\infty e^{-z \cosh t - \nu t} dt,$$

which simplifies for ν an integer n to

$$I_n(z) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi e^{z \cos \theta} \cos(n\theta) d\theta.$$

For $n = 0$ we have

$$I_0(z) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi e^{z \cos \theta} d\theta.$$

If we change the variable $\theta = 2\pi t$, then $dt = \frac{1}{2\pi} d\theta$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \exp [R \cos (2\pi t)] dt &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \exp [R \cos \theta] d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \exp [R \cos \theta] d\theta + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_\pi^{2\pi} \exp [R \cos \theta] d\theta \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (I_0(R) + I_0(-R)) = I_0(R). \end{aligned}$$

From (3.4) we then get

$$(3.7) \quad \|(\exp y) z - z(\exp x)\| \leq \frac{R \|yz - zx\| I_0(R)}{(R - \|y\|)(R - \|x\|)},$$

for $x, y, z \in \mathcal{B}$ with $\|x\|, \|y\| < R$.

In particular, we have

$$(3.8) \quad \|(\exp x) z - z(\exp x)\| \leq \frac{R \|xz - zx\|}{(R - \|x\|)^2} I_0(R).$$

and

$$(3.9) \quad \|\exp y - \exp x\| \leq \frac{R \|y - x\|}{(R - \|y\|)(R - \|x\|)} I_0(R), \quad [7]$$

for $x, y, z \in \mathcal{B}$ with $\|x\|, \|y\| < R$.

Since, in general $\exp u$ does not commute with $\exp v$, then from (3.2) we get

$$(3.10) \quad \|\exp u \exp v - \exp v \exp u\| \leq \|uv - vu\| \exp (\|u\| + \|v\|)$$

for all $u, v \in \mathcal{B}$.

From (3.8) we also have

$$(3.11) \quad \|\exp u \exp v - \exp v \exp u\| \leq \frac{R^2 \|uv - vu\|}{(R - \|u\|)^2 (R - \|v\|)^2} I_0^2(R)$$

for $u, v \in \mathcal{B}$ with $\|u\|, \|v\| < R$.

By utilising the examples from (2.7), (2.8) and (2.9), the interested reader may obtain other similar inequalities for functions defined on the Banach algebra \mathcal{B} . We omit the details.

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