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### Generalized versions of Lipschitz conditions on the modulus of holomorphic functions

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we establish Lipschitz conditions for the norm of holomorphic mappings between the unit ball  $\mathbb{B}^n$  in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  and *X*, a complex normed space. This extends the work of Djordjević and Pavlović.

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#### 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

Denote by  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , the *n*-dimensional complex Hilbert space with the inner product and the norm given by  $\langle z, w \rangle := \sum_{j=1}^n z_j \overline{w_j}$  and  $||z|| := \sqrt{\langle z, z \rangle}$ , where  $z, w \in \mathbb{C}^n$ , respectively. Write  $\mathbb{B}^n := \{z \in \mathbb{C}^n : ||z|| < 1\}$  for the open unit ball in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  so that  $\mathbb{B}^1 =: \mathbb{D}$  denotes the open unit disk in  $\mathbb{C}$ . If *V* and *W* are two normed spaces and  $U \subset V$  is open, then the Fréchet derivative of a holomorphic mapping  $f : U \to W$  is defined to be the unique linear map  $A = f'(z) : V \to W$  such that

$$f(z+h) = f(z) + f'(z) \cdot h + o(||h||^2)$$

for *h* near the origin of *V*. The norm of such a map is defined by  $||A|| = \sup_{||z||=1} ||Az||$ .

In 1975, Globevnik [6] introduced the notion of uniform c-convexity and proved that  $L^1$ -space possesses this property. Namely, a complex normed space *X* is said to be *uniformly c-convex* if there exists a positive increasing function  $\Omega(\delta)$  ( $\delta > 0$ ) with  $\Omega(0^+) = 0$  such that for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $\delta > 0$  there holds the implication

$$\max_{\substack{|\lambda| \le 1 \\ \|x\| = 1}} \|x + \lambda y\| \le 1 + \delta \implies \|y\| \le \Omega(\delta).$$

The smallest of the functions  $\Omega$  is denoted by  $\Omega_X$ , i.e.,

$$\Omega_X(\delta) := \sup \left\{ \|y\| : \max_{\substack{|\lambda| \le 1 \\ \|x\| = 1}} \|x + \lambda y\| \le 1 + \delta \right\}.$$

As mentioned in [3], it can be easily seen that

$$\Omega_{\mathbb{C}}(\delta) = \delta$$
 and  $\Omega_{H}(\delta) = \sqrt{\delta(2+\delta)},$ 

where H is a Hilbert space of dimension at least two.

As in [4], we call a function  $\omega : [0,\infty) \to \mathbb{R}$  a *majorant* if  $\omega$  is continuous, increasing,  $\omega(0) = 0$ , and  $t^{-1}\omega(t)$  is nonincreasing on  $(0,\infty)$ . If, in addition, there is a constant  $C(\omega) > 0$  such that

$$\int_0^{\delta} \frac{\omega(t)}{t} \mathrm{d}t + \delta \int_{\delta}^{\infty} \frac{\omega(t)}{t^2} \mathrm{d}t \le C(\omega) \cdot \omega(\delta)$$

whenever  $0 < \delta < 1$ , then we say that  $\omega$  is a *regular majorant*.

Then the space Lip( $\omega$ , *G*, *X*), where *G* is bounded subset of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , is defined to be the set of those functions  $g : G \to X$  for which

$$||g(z) - g(w)|| \le c \cdot \omega(||z - w||),$$

where *c* is a constant. If  $\omega(t) = t^{\alpha}$  for some  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ , then we write  $\text{Lip}(\omega, G, X) = \Lambda_{\alpha}(G, X)$ . If *X* is uniformly *c*-convex, then  $\Omega_X$  is a majorant (cf. [2]). A majorant  $\omega$  is said to be a *Dini majorant* if  $\int_0^1 \frac{\omega(t)}{t} dt < \infty$ . For a Dini majorant, we define the majorant  $\tilde{\omega}$  by

$$\widetilde{\omega}(t) = \int_0^t \frac{\omega(x)}{x} \, \mathrm{d}x = \int_0^1 \frac{\omega(tx)}{x} \, \mathrm{d}x.$$

A majorant  $\omega$  is said to be *fast* [5] if

$$\int_0^\delta \frac{\omega(t)}{t} \, \mathrm{d}t \le \operatorname{const} \cdot \omega(\delta), \quad 0 < \delta < \delta_0,$$

for some  $\delta_0 > 0$ . (Of course, if  $\omega$  is fast, then it is a Dini majorant).

Dyakonov [4] gave some characterizations of the holomorphic functions of class  $\Lambda_{\omega}(\mathbb{D},\mathbb{C})$  in terms of their moduli.

**Theorem A (cf. [4]).** Let  $\omega$  be a regular majorant. A function f holomorphic in  $\mathbb{D}$  is in  $\Lambda_{\omega}(\mathbb{D},\mathbb{C})$  if and only if so is its modulus |f|.

The main ingredient in Dyakonov's proof is a very complicated. However, Pavlovic [8] gave a simple proof of Theorem A. The proof uses only the basic lemmas of [4] and the Schwarz lemma, and is therefore considerably shorter than that of [4]. However, Theorem A does not extend to  $\mathbb{C}^k$ - valued functions ( $k \ge 2$ ). So we have to consider functions with additional properties (see Theorems 5 and 6).

In [3], Djordjević and Pavlović extended to vector-valued functions of a theorem of Dyakonov [4] on Lipschitz conditions for the modulus of holomorphic functions. Therefore, it is natural for us to extend this result for holomorphic functions on  $\mathbb{B}^n$ . Very recently, Kalaj [7] established a Schwarz–Pick type inequality for holomorphic mappings between unit balls  $\mathbb{B}^n$  and  $\mathbb{B}^m$  in the corresponding complex spaces.

**Theorem B (cf. [7, Theorem 2.1]).** If f is a holomorphic mapping of the unit ball  $\mathbb{B}^n \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  into  $\mathbb{B}^m \subset \mathbb{C}^m$ , then for  $z \in \mathbb{B}^n$  we have

$$\|f'(z)\| \leq \begin{cases} \frac{\sqrt{1 - \|f(z)\|^2}}{1 - \|z\|^2} & \text{for } m \ge 2, \\ \frac{1 - \|f(z)\|^2}{1 - \|z\|^2} & \text{for } m = 1. \end{cases}$$

In [1], Dai and Pan proved the following theorem which establishes a Schwarz–Pick type estimates for gradient of the modulus of holomorphic mappings.

**Theorem C (cf. [1, Theorem 1]).** Let  $f : \mathbb{B}^n \to \mathbb{B}^m$  be a holomorphic mapping. Then

$$|\nabla ||f||(z)| \le \frac{1 - ||f(z)||^2}{1 - ||z||^2}$$
 for  $z \in \mathbb{B}^n$ .

For a holomorphic mapping  $f : \mathbb{B}^n \to \mathbb{B}^m$ , we have

$$\left|\nabla \|f\|(z)\right| = \frac{1}{\|f(z)\|} \left\| \left( \left\langle \frac{\partial f(z)}{\partial z_1}, f(z) \right\rangle, \dots, \left\langle \frac{\partial f(z)}{\partial z_n}, f(z) \right\rangle \right) \right\| \quad \text{if } f(z) \neq 0.$$
(1)

#### 2. The main results

**Theorem 1.** Let X be uniformly c-convex and  $f: \mathbb{B}^n \to X$  be a holomorphic function satisfying

$$\|f(z)\| - \|f(w)\| \le c \|z - w\|^{\alpha} \quad \text{for } z, w \in \mathbb{B}^n,$$
(2)

where  $c \ge 0$  and  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$  are constants. Then

$$\|f'(z)\| \le 2K \frac{\Omega_X (cK^{-1}(1-\|z\|)^{\alpha})}{1-\|z\|} \quad \text{for } z \in \mathbb{B}^n,$$
(3)

where K = ||f(0)|| + c. Especially, if ||f(0)|| = 1, then

$$\|f'(z)\| \le 2(1+c)\frac{\Omega_X(c(1-\|z\|)^{\alpha})}{1-\|z\|} \quad \text{for } z \in \mathbb{B}^n.$$
(4)

**Theorem 2.** Let X be uniformly c-convex such that  $\Omega_X$  is a Dini majorant and  $f : \mathbb{B}^n \to X$  be a holomorphic function such that the function ||f(z)|| belongs to  $\Lambda_{\alpha}(\mathbb{B}^n, \mathbb{R})$  for some  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ . Then  $f \in \operatorname{Lip}(\overline{\omega}_{\alpha}, \mathbb{B}^n, X)$ , where  $\overline{\omega}_{\alpha}(t) = \widetilde{\Omega}_X(t^{\alpha})$ .

In particular, the function f is uniformly continuous on  $\mathbb{B}^n$  that has a continuous extension to the closed disk.

**Corollary 3.** If  $\Omega_X$  is fast and  $f : \mathbb{B}^n \to X$  is a holomorphic function such that the function ||f(z)||belongs to  $\Lambda_{\alpha}(\mathbb{B}^n, \mathbb{R})$  for some  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ . Then  $f \in \operatorname{Lip}(\omega_{\alpha}, \mathbb{B}^n, X)$ , where  $\omega_{\alpha}(t) = \Omega_X(t^{\alpha})$ .

Taking n = 1 and  $X = \mathbb{C}$ , we get the following result of Dyakonov [4].

**Corollary 4.** If  $f : \mathbb{D} \to \mathbb{C}$  is a holomorphic function such that |f| belongs to  $\Lambda_{\alpha}(\mathbb{D}, \mathbb{R})$  for some  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ . Then f belongs to  $\Lambda_{\alpha}(\mathbb{D}, \mathbb{C})$ .

**Theorem 5.** Let  $0 < \alpha \le 1$  and  $f : \mathbb{B}^n \to \mathbb{C}^m$  be a holomorphic function such that

$$\|f'(z)\|\|f(z)\| \le K \left\| \left( \left\langle \frac{\partial f(z)}{\partial z_1}, f(z) \right\rangle, \dots, \left\langle \frac{\partial f(z)}{\partial z_n}, f(z) \right\rangle \right) \right\| \quad \text{for } z \in \mathbb{B}^n,$$
(5)

where *K* is a constant independent of *z*. Then  $f \in \Lambda_{\alpha}(\mathbb{B}^{n}, \mathbb{C}^{m})$  if and only if  $||f|| \in \Lambda_{\alpha}(\mathbb{B}^{n}, \mathbb{R})$ .

**Theorem 6.** If  $f : \mathbb{B}^n \to \mathbb{C}^m$ ,  $m \ge 2$ , is holomorphic and if  $||f|| \in \Lambda_{\alpha}(\mathbb{B}^n, \mathbb{R})$  for some  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ , then we have  $f \in \Lambda_{\alpha/2}(\mathbb{B}^n, \mathbb{C}^m)$ .

The case n = 1 of Theorems 5 and 6 gives results of Pavlović [9].

#### 3. Proofs of the Theorems

Theorem 1 is a direct consequence of the following lemma.

**Lemma 7.** If  $f : \mathbb{B}^n \to X$  is a holomorphic function satisfying the condition

$$\left|\|f(z)\| - \|f(w)\|\right| \le c(1 - \|z\|)^{\alpha} \quad whenever \ \|w - z\| \le 1 - \|z\|,\tag{6}$$

then there holds (3).

**Proof.** Fix  $z \in \mathbb{B}^n$  with  $f(z) \neq 0$ , and fix  $\beta \in \mathbb{C}^n$  with  $\|\beta\| = 1$ . Let  $L \in X^*$ ,  $\|L\| = 1$ , where  $X^*$  is the dual of *X*. Consider the scalar valued function

$$\phi(z) = L \circ f(z),$$

and introduce the following set for the given  $z \in \mathbb{B}^n$ ,

$$D_z := \{ w \in \mathbb{C}^n : \| w - z \| < 1 - \| z \| \}$$
 and  $M_z := \sup\{ \| f(w) \| : w \in D_z \}$ 

If z = 0 and  $M_0 = 1$ , then the Schwarz–Pick lemma (see Theorem B) gives

$$|\phi'(0)| \le 1 - |\phi(0)|^2 \le 2(1 - |\phi(0)|),\tag{7}$$

which is our inequality in this special case. The general case follows by applying the special case to the function  $\Phi$  defined by

$$\Phi(\zeta) = \frac{\phi(z + (1 - ||z||)\beta\zeta)}{M_z} \quad \text{for } \zeta \in \mathbb{B}^n.$$

As

$$\Phi(0) = \frac{L(f(z))}{M_z} \quad \text{and} \quad \Phi'(0) = \frac{(1 - ||z||)}{M_z} L(f'(z)\beta),$$

we deduce from (7) that

$$(1 - \|z\|)|L(f'(z)\beta/2)| + |L(f(z))| \le M_z$$

Hence, for every  $\lambda \in \mathbb{D}$ , we obtain

$$|\lambda(1 - ||z||)L(f'(z)\beta/2) + L(f(z))| \le M_z$$

Since this holds for every *L* of norm 1, by taking the supremum over all *L* with ||L|| = 1 and by applying the Hahn–Banach theorem, we get

$$\left\|\lambda \frac{(1-\|z\|)f'(z)\beta}{2} + f(z)\right\| \le M_z, \quad \text{i.e., } \left\|\frac{f(z)}{\|f(z)\|} + \lambda \frac{(1-\|z\|)f'(z)\beta}{2\|f(z)\|}\right\| \le \frac{M_z}{\|f(z)\|}.$$

Now denoting

$$x = \frac{f(z)}{\|f(z)\|}, \quad y = \frac{(1 - \|z\|)f'(z)\beta}{2\|f(z)\|} \text{ and } \delta = \frac{M_z - \|f(z)\|}{\|f(z)\|},$$

we see from the definition of  $\Omega_X$  that

$$(1 - ||z||) ||f'(z)\beta|| \le 2||f(z)||\Omega_X\left(\frac{M_z - ||f(z)||}{||f(z)||}\right).$$

Hence, the last inequality holds for every  $\beta \in \mathbb{C}^n$  with  $\|\beta\| = 1$ , we get

$$(1 - ||z||) ||f'(z)|| \le 2||f(z)|| \Omega_X \left(\frac{M_z - ||f(z)||}{||f(z)||}\right).$$
(8)

Therefore by (6) and (8), we obtain that

$$(1 - ||z||) ||f'(z)|| \le 2||f(z)||\Omega_X\left(\frac{c(1 - ||z||)^{\alpha}}{||f(z)||}\right).$$

Now (3) follows from the fact that  $\Omega_X(t)/t$  is a decreasing function and the inequality  $||f(z)|| \le K$ . The proof is complete.

**Lemma 8.** If a  $C^1$ -function  $u : \mathbb{B}^n \to \mathbb{R}$  satisfies

$$\|\nabla u(z)\| \le \frac{\omega(1-\|z\|)}{1-\|z\|} \quad \text{for } z \in \mathbb{B}^n,$$

where  $\omega$  is a Dini majorant, then

$$|u(a) - u(b)| \le 3 \widetilde{\omega}(||a - b||) \text{ for } a, b \in \mathbb{B}^n$$

**Proof.** We begin the proof with the following observation:  $\omega \leq \tilde{\omega}$ . In fact, we let  $t_0 \in (0, \infty)$ . Since  $\frac{\omega(t)}{t}$  is decreasing on  $(0, \infty)$ , we have

$$\frac{\omega(t_0)}{t_0} \le \frac{\omega(t_0 x)}{t_0 x} \quad \text{for } x \in (0, 1].$$

Integrating on both sides of the last inequality from 0 to 1, we obtain by definition of  $\tilde{\omega}$  that  $\omega(t_0) \leq \tilde{\omega}(t_0)$ .

Let  $||a|| \le ||b|| \le 1$ . By Lagrange's mean-value theorem,

$$|u(a) - u(b)| \le \|\nabla u(c)\| \|a - b\|$$

where  $c = (1 - \lambda)a + \lambda b$  for some  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ . Since  $||c|| \le ||b||$  and  $\omega(t)/t$  decreases, we see that

$$\frac{\omega(1 - \|c\|)}{1 - \|c\|} \le \frac{\omega(1 - \|b\|)}{1 - \|b\|}$$

and hence,

$$|u(a) - u(b)| \le \omega(||a - b||) \le \widetilde{\omega}(||a - b||)$$

under the condition  $||a - b|| \le 1 - ||b||$ .

If  $1 - ||b|| \le ||a - b|| \le 1 - ||a||$ , then

$$|u(a) - u(b)| \le |u(a) - u(b')| + |u(b') - u(b)|,$$

where  $b' = \frac{(1-\delta)b}{\|b\|}$  and  $\delta = \|a - b\|$ . Using the Lagrange's mean-value theorem as above we get

$$|u(a) - u(b')| \le \frac{\omega(1 - \|b'\|)}{1 - \|b'\|} \|a - b'\| = \frac{\omega(\delta)}{\delta} \|a - b'\| \le \omega(\delta) \le \widetilde{\omega}(\delta).$$

In the case of |u(b') - u(b)|, we have

$$|u(b') - u(b)| \le \int_{\|b'\|}^{\|b\|} \frac{\omega(1-t)}{1-t} \, \mathrm{d}t \le \int_{1-\delta}^{1} \frac{\omega(1-t)}{1-t} \, \mathrm{d}t = \widetilde{\omega}(\delta).$$

Finally, if  $\delta > 1 - ||a||$ , we use the inequality

$$|u(a) - u(b)| \le |u(a) - u(a')| + |u(a') - u(b')| + |u(b') - u(b)|,$$

where  $a' = \frac{(1-\delta)a}{\|a\|}$ , and then proceed in a similar way as above, using the inequality  $\|a' - b'\| \le \|a - b\|$ .

Lemma 9 can easily be proved by applying the previous lemma to the functions  $\operatorname{Re}(L \circ f(z))$  and  $\operatorname{Im}(L \circ f(z))$ , where  $L \in X^*$  and ||L|| = 1.

**Lemma 9.** If f is an X-valued holomorphic function in  $\mathbb{B}^n$  and satisfies the condition

$$||f'(z)|| \le \frac{\omega(1-||z||)}{1-||z||} \text{ for } z \in \mathbb{B}^n,$$

where  $\omega$  is a Dini majorant, then  $f \in \text{Lip}(\widetilde{\omega}, \mathbb{B}^n, X)$ .

**Proof of Theorem 2.** Let *f* satisfy the hypotheses of the theorem. Then

$$\|f'(z)/2K\| \le \frac{\omega(1-\|z\|)}{1-\|z\|},$$

by Theorem 1, where  $\omega(t) = \Omega_X(cK^{-1}t^{\alpha})$ . But a simple calculation shows that  $\widetilde{\omega}(t) = \alpha^{-1}\widetilde{\Omega}_X(cK^{-1}t^{\alpha})$  and so we can appeal to Lemma 9 to conclude the proof.

**Proof of Theorem 5.** The "only if" part is trivial. Assume that  $||f(z)|| \in \Lambda_{\alpha}(\mathbb{B}^n, \mathbb{R})$  and we proceed as in Theorem 1. Fix  $z \in \mathbb{B}^n$  with  $f(z) \neq 0$ , and consider the following sets for a given  $z \in \mathbb{B}^n$ ,

$$D_z := \{ w \in \mathbb{C}^n : \| w - z \| < 1 - \| z \| \} \text{ and } M_z := \sup\{ \| f(w) \| : w \in D_z \}.$$

If z = 0 and  $M_0 = 1$ , Theorem C gives

$$|\nabla \| f \|(0)| \le 1 - \| f(0) \|^2 \le 2(1 - \| f(0) \|)$$

Therefore, from (5) and the formula (1), we have that

$$||f'(0)|| \le 2K(1 - ||f(0)||),$$

which is our inequality in this special case. The general case follows by applying the special case to the function *F* defined by

$$F(\zeta) = \frac{f(z + \zeta(1 - ||z||))}{M_z} \quad \text{for } \zeta \in \mathbb{B}^n,$$
(9)

and obtain

$$\frac{1}{2K}(1 - ||z||) ||f'(z)|| + ||f(z)|| \le M_z \quad \text{for } z \in \mathbb{B}^n.$$
(10)

Since  $||f|| \in \Lambda_{\alpha}(\mathbb{B}^n, \mathbb{R})$ , we have

$$||f(w)|| - ||f(z)|| \le c ||w - z||^{\alpha} \le c(1 - ||z||)^{\alpha},$$

for  $z \in \mathbb{B}^n$  and  $w \in D_z$ . Taking the supremum over all  $w \in D_z$  and then using the inequality (10), we get

$$||f'(z)|| \le C \frac{\omega(1 - ||z||)}{1 - ||z||},$$

where *C* is a constant and  $\omega(t) = t^{\alpha}$ . The desired conclusion follows from Lemma 9.

**Proof of Theorem 6.** Let  $z \in \mathbb{B}^n$  and proceed the steps as in the above proof. If z = 0 and  $M_0 = 1$ , then the higher dimensional version of Schwarz–Pick lemma (Theorem C) gives

$$||f'(0)|| \le \sqrt{1 - ||f(0)||^2} \le \sqrt{2}\sqrt{1 - ||f(0)||},$$

which is our inequality in this special case. The general case follows by applying the special case to the function F defined by (9). Indeed, we obtain

$$(1 - \|z\|) \|f'(z)\| \le c\sqrt{M_z - \|f(z)\|},\tag{11}$$

for some constant *c*. Since  $||f|| \in \Lambda_{\alpha}(\mathbb{B}^n, \mathbb{R})$ , we have

$$||f(w)|| - ||f(z)|| \le c ||w - z||^{\alpha} \le c(1 - ||z||)^{\alpha},$$

for  $z \in \mathbb{B}^n$  and  $w \in D_z$ . Taking the supremum over  $w \in D_z$  and then using the inequality (11), we get

$$||f'(z)|| \le C \frac{\omega(1 - ||z||)}{1 - ||z||},$$

where *C* is a constant and  $\omega(t) = t^{\alpha/2}$ . Now the result follows from Lemma 9.

**Remark 10.** The index  $\alpha/2$  in Theorem 6 is optimal as demonstrated by the following example (see [9]). Consider the function  $f : \mathbb{D} \to \mathbb{C}^2$  by  $f(z) = (1, (1 - z)^{\alpha/2}), 0 < \alpha \le 1$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \|f(z)\| - \|f(w)\| \right| &= \left| \sqrt{\|1 - z\|^{\alpha} + 1} - \sqrt{\|1 - w\|^{\alpha} + 1} \right| \\ &\leq \left| \|1 - w\|^{\alpha} - \|1 - z\|^{\alpha} \right| \leq \|z - w\|^{\alpha}, \end{aligned}$$

while  $||f(1) - f(r)|| = (1 - r)^{\alpha/2}, 0 < r < 1$ . This shows that the index  $\alpha/2$  is optimal.

#### 4. Concluding Remarks

As mentioned in [3], the inequality (4) is in a sense optimal for the case n = 1. To see this, let  $\omega(t) > 0$  be an arbitrary increasing function on  $(0, \infty)$  such that  $\omega(0^+) = 0$ . We say that a Banach space *X* has the property  $\mathscr{L}(\omega, \alpha)$ , if the following holds: *For every*  $c \in (0, 1)$  *and every analytic function*  $f : \mathbb{D} \to X$  with || f(0) || = 1, the inequality (2) implies that

$$||f'(\lambda)|| \le \frac{\omega(c(1-|\lambda|)^{\alpha})}{1-|\lambda|} \text{ for } \lambda \in \mathbb{D}.$$

It is well-known that, if the Banach space *X* has the property  $\mathscr{L}(\omega, \alpha)$  (see [3, Proposition 10]), then *X* is uniformly *c*-convex and  $\Omega_X(\delta) \le B\omega(\delta)$  for  $0 < \delta < 1$ , where *B* is a constant. This result is to emphasize the fact that ||f(0)|| = 1 provides condition for uniformly *c*-convexity of the Banach space *X*.

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