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*Proof.* Notice that

$$e^{if(x)} = \frac{1}{if'(x)} \frac{d}{dx} e^{if(x)}$$

which means

$$\int_a^b e^{if(x)} dx = \int_a^b \frac{1}{if'(x)} \frac{d}{dx} e^{if(x)} dx$$

Using integration by parts, we note that  $f'(x) \geq t > 0$  and  $f''(x) \geq 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_a^b e^{if(x)} dx \right| &= \left| \int_a^b \frac{d}{dx} e^{if(x)} \frac{1}{if'(x)} dx \right| = \left| \frac{e^{if(b)}}{if'(b)} - \frac{e^{if(a)}}{if'(a)} + \int_a^b \frac{f''(x)}{if'(x)^2} e^{if(x)} dx \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{f'(b)} + \frac{1}{f'(a)} + \int_a^b \frac{f''(x)}{f'(x)^2} dx \\ &\leq \frac{1}{f'(b)} + \frac{1}{f'(a)} + \left[ \frac{1}{f'(a)} - \frac{1}{f'(b)} \right] \\ &= \frac{2}{f'(a)} \leq \frac{2}{t} \end{aligned}$$

since  $|e^{iy}| = 1$  for any real  $y$  as well as  $|i| = 1$ . This proves the desired bound for the given oscillatory integral. ■

**Remark.** This bound cannot be improved further by noting that the equality holds if  $f$  is linear with slope  $t$  and  $t(b-a)$  is an odd multiple of  $\pi$ .