

FOURIER ANALYSIS II. (spring 2020)

1. EXERCISES (Thursday 26.3)

NOTE: return these exercises at the latest as pdf and by e-mail (clear hand-writing, or typed) to

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They should be returned at the latest during the day of the 'exercise class'. The course will be evaluated based on the returned exercises.

1-2. (a specially important exercise!) Let $\alpha \in \mathbf{N}_0^d$ be a multi-index. Prove with all details that if $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{R}^d)$, then

(i) $x^\alpha f(x) \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{R}^d)$ and $\partial^\alpha f(x) \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{R}^d)$,

(ii) $\widehat{f} \in C^\infty(\mathbf{R}^d)$.

(iii) $(\partial^\alpha f)^\wedge(\xi) = (i\xi)^\alpha \widehat{f}(\xi)$ (note that one defines $i^\alpha := i^{|\alpha|}$).

(iv) Apply part (iii) by choosing suitable multi-indices α to verify that \widehat{f} decays any polynomial rate, i.e. for any $N \geq 1$ there is a constant C so that $|\widehat{f}(\xi)| \leq C(1 + |\xi|^2)^{-N}$.

3. (a specially important exercise!) Apply the previous exercise and verify carefully that

$$\text{if } f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{R}^d), \text{ then } \widehat{f} \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{R}^d).$$

4. Which of the following functions belong to $\mathcal{S}(\mathbf{R}^d)$?

(i) $f(x) = (1 + |x|^2)^{-1}$. (iii) $f(x) = e^{-|x|^2}$.

(ii) $f(x) = e^{-|x|^2} \cos(e^{|x|^2})$.

5. Compute the integral $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right)^2 dx$ by first computing the Fourier transform of the characteristic function $\chi_{[-1,1]}$.

[Hint: what happens with the L^2 -norms...?]

6. Assume that $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{R}^d)$. (i) Compute the Fourier transform of the Laplacian

$$\Delta f := \left(\sum_{j=1}^d \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}\right)^2\right) f \text{ in terms of } \widehat{f}.$$

(ii) Show that $\frac{f(x)}{1 + |x|^2} \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{R}^d)$.

7. Use Fourier transform to find a solution formula for the partial differential equation

$$\Delta f - f = g$$

for given $g \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{R}^d)$ and show that also the solution f lies in $\mathcal{S}(\mathbf{R}^d)$.

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(ii) Specialize in the previous exercise to dimension $d = 1$ and show that the solution is given by the convolution

$$f(x) = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-|x-y|} g(y) dy.$$

(ii) Given $\varepsilon > 0$, show that one may pick $g \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{R}^d)$ so that the solution f satisfies $\|f\|_{L^2(\mathbf{R})} < \varepsilon \|g\|_{L^2(\mathbf{R})}$.

¹These *-exercises are extras for aficionados, not required to get full points from exercises