

Fourier analysis exercise 54, 55, 56a

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Exercise 54)

We first observe that

$$\frac{a^2 - x^2}{(a^2 + x^2)^2} = \frac{a^2 + x^2 - x^2 - x^2}{(a^2 + x^2)^2} = \frac{1}{a^2 + x^2} - 2\frac{x^2}{(a^2 + x^2)^2} = \frac{\pi}{a}P_a(x) - 2\mathcal{T}_a(x)$$

In the last line we define $\mathcal{T}_a$ implicitly. We know from problem 52 that

$$\mathcal{F}\left\{\frac{\pi}{a}P_a\right\}(\xi) = \frac{\pi}{a}e^{-2\pi|\xi|a}$$

so what is left is to find $\mathcal{F}\{\mathcal{T}_a\}$. We start by observing that

$$\frac{d}{dx} \frac{1}{a^2 + x^2} = \frac{-2x}{(a^2 + x^2)^2}$$

And hence we have

$$\frac{x^2}{(a^2 + x^2)^2} = \frac{1}{4\pi i} \left(-2\pi i x \frac{d}{dx} \frac{1}{a^2 + x^2} \right)$$

Why is this nice? Recall that we under certain assumptions have the following formulas for $f \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R})$:

$$\mathcal{F}\{-2\pi i x f(x)\} = \frac{d}{d\xi} \mathcal{F}\{f\}(\xi) \quad \mathcal{F}\left\{\frac{d}{dx} f(x)\right\}(\xi) = 2\pi i \xi \mathcal{F}\{f\}(\xi)$$

For the first formula to work we need the additional assumption that $xf(x) \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R})$ and for the second formula we need $f \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R}) \cap C^1(\mathbb{R})$ and $f' \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R})$. It is not hard to see that all this assumptions are fulfilled in the application of the formulas under:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}\{\mathcal{T}_a(x)\}(\xi) &= \mathcal{F}\left\{\frac{1}{4\pi i} \left(-2\pi i x \frac{d}{dx} \frac{1}{a^2 + x^2} \right)\right\} = \frac{1}{4\pi i} \mathcal{F}\left\{\left(-2\pi i x \frac{d}{dx} \frac{1}{a^2 + x^2} \right)\right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi i} \frac{d}{d\xi} \mathcal{F}\left\{\frac{d}{dx} \frac{1}{a^2 + x^2}\right\} = \frac{\pi}{4\pi i a} \frac{d}{d\xi} \mathcal{F}\left\{\frac{d}{dx} \frac{1}{\pi a^2 + x^2}\right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{4ia} \frac{d}{d\xi} 2\pi i \xi \mathcal{F}\{P_a(x)\}(\xi) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2a} \frac{d}{d\xi} \xi e^{-2\pi|\xi|a} = \frac{\pi}{2a} \frac{e^{-2\pi a|\xi|}(|\xi| - 2\pi a \xi^2)}{|\xi|} \end{aligned}$$

Hence we finally conclude that

$$\mathcal{F} \left\{ \frac{a^2 - x^2}{(a^2 + x^2)^2} \right\} = \frac{\pi}{a} e^{-2\pi|\xi|a} - 2 \frac{\pi}{2a} \frac{e^{-2\pi a|\xi|} (|\xi| - 2\pi a|\xi|^2)}{|\xi|} = 2\pi^2 |\xi| e^{-2\pi a|\xi|}$$

Exercise 55)

We observe

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(y) e^{-y^2} e^{2xy} dy = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(y) e^{2xy - y^2} dy = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(y) e^{-(x-y)^2 + x^2} dy = e^{x^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(y) e^{-(x-y)^2} dy$$

Since $e^{x^2} \neq 0$ we conclude that $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ we have

$$0 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(y) e^{-(x-y)^2} dy = (f * e^{-y^2})(x)$$

Applying the Fourier transform to both sides and the convolution rule for Fourier transform we get that $0 = \widehat{f}(\xi) \widehat{e^{-x^2}}(\xi)$, and the Fourier transform of the Gaussian is never zero so $\widehat{f}(\xi) \equiv 0$ so by problem 47c) we can conclude that $f \equiv 0$.

Exercise 56)

a)

First observe that $h = 0$ is trivial so we may assume $h \neq 0$. We apply Fourier inversion (which we can since $f, \widehat{f} \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R})$) to get

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x+h) - f(x)| &= \left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \widehat{f}(\xi) e^{2\pi i x \xi} (e^{2\pi i h \xi} - 1) d\xi \right| \\ &\leq \left| \int_{|\xi| \leq \frac{1}{|h|}} \widehat{f}(\xi) e^{2\pi i x \xi} (e^{2\pi i h \xi} - 1) d\xi \right| + \left| \int_{|\xi| > \frac{1}{|h|}} \widehat{f}(\xi) e^{2\pi i x \xi} (e^{2\pi i h \xi} - 1) d\xi \right| \\ &= \mathcal{I}_1 + \mathcal{I}_2 \end{aligned}$$

Now the bounding begins. Since $\widehat{f} \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R})$, $\widehat{f}(\xi) = O(|\xi|^{-1-\alpha})$. Since $\xi^{-\zeta} \geq \xi^{-\eta}$ when $0 \leq \zeta \leq \eta$, there is no harm in assuming $0 < \alpha < 1$. Bounding $\mathcal{I}_2$ we get for some constant C that:

$$\mathcal{I}_2 \leq 2 \int_{|\xi| > \frac{1}{|h|}} |\widehat{f}(\xi)| d\xi \stackrel{\widehat{f} \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R})}{\leq} 2C \int_{|\xi| > \frac{1}{|h|}} \frac{1}{|\xi|^{1+\alpha}} d\xi = 4C \left[-\frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{1}{\xi^\alpha} \right]_{\frac{1}{|h|}}^{\infty} \leq \frac{4C}{\alpha} |h|^\alpha$$

To bound $\mathcal{I}_1$ we split up into two cases: $|h| < 1$ and $|h| \geq 1$. By Problem 45 we can find a constant K such that

$$|\widehat{f}(\xi)| \leq \frac{K}{1 + |\xi|^{1+\alpha}} \quad \forall \xi \in \mathbb{R}$$

Let us first consider the case $|h| \geq 1$: using the same bounds as for $\mathcal{I}_2$ and a trivial estimate we get

$$\mathcal{I}_2 \leq 2K \int_{|\xi| \leq \frac{1}{|h|}} \frac{1}{1 + |\xi|^{1+\alpha}} d\xi = 4K \frac{1}{|h|}$$

Since $|h| \geq 1$ we have $\frac{1}{|h|} \leq |h|^\alpha$, which finish the bound in this case, because then

$$\mathcal{I}_1 + \mathcal{I}_2 \leq \left(4K + \frac{4C}{\alpha}\right) |h|^\alpha$$

What we need to finish the proof is to do the case $|h| < 1$. To do this we split up the integral once more: into the integral over $|\xi| \leq 1$ and $1 < |\xi| < \frac{1}{|h|}$. Let us call those integrals $\mathcal{J}_1$ and $\mathcal{J}_2$ respectively. For $\mathcal{J}_1$, recall the bound proven in class: $|e^{2\pi i \xi h} - 1| \leq |2\pi \xi h|$. Since $\widehat{f}$ is continuous (since it is in $\mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R})$) and $|\xi| \leq 1$ is a compact set, we find a constant $C_f > 0$ such that $|\widehat{f}(\xi)| \leq C_f$ for all $|\xi| \leq 1$. Then

$$|\mathcal{J}_1| \leq \int_{|\xi| \leq 1} |2\pi \xi h| C_f d\xi \leq 4\pi C_f |h|$$

To bound $\mathcal{J}_2$ we simply integrate and use that $|\widehat{f}(\xi)| \leq \frac{M}{|\xi|^{1+\alpha}}$ for some constant $M > 0$ when $1 < |\xi| < \frac{1}{|h|}$. Now

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{J}_2| &\leq \int_{1 < |\xi| < \frac{1}{|h|}} |2\pi \xi h| |\widehat{f}(\xi)| d\xi \\ &\leq 2\pi |h| M \int_{1 < |\xi| < \frac{1}{|h|}} \frac{1}{|\xi|^\alpha} d\xi \\ &= \frac{4\pi |h| M}{1 - \alpha} \left[\frac{1}{\xi^{\alpha-1}} \right]_1^{|h|^{-1}} = \frac{4\pi |h| M}{1 - \alpha} (|h|^{\alpha-1} - 1) \\ &\leq \frac{4\pi |h| M}{1 - \alpha} |h|^{\alpha-1} = \frac{4\pi M}{1 - \alpha} |h|^\alpha \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have in the case that $|h| < 1$ found a constant

$$D = 4\pi C_f + \frac{4\pi M}{1 - \alpha}$$

such that

$$\mathcal{I}_1 \leq D(|h|^\alpha + |h|) \leq D(|h|^\alpha + |h|^\alpha) \leq 2D|h|^\alpha$$

where we in the last inequality have used that $|h| < 1$ and $0 < \alpha < 1$. Thus we can also conclude in the case $|h| < 1$ that

$$\mathcal{I}_1 + \mathcal{I}_2 \leq \left(2D + \frac{4C}{\alpha}\right) |h|^\alpha$$

so we have proved that f satisfies the Hölder condition with exponent α .