

I. The FT on $S(\mathbb{R}^n)$ class Functions.

Defn: For $f \in S(\mathbb{R}^n)$ we set $F(f)(\xi) = \hat{f}(\xi) = \int \tilde{e}^{ix \cdot \xi} f(x) dx$.

Proposition: $F: S(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow S(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and is continuous. Also $F D_j = \xi_j F$ where $D_j = \frac{1}{i} \partial_{x_j}$, and $F x_j = -D_j F$ where $D_j = \frac{1}{i} \partial_{\xi_j}$.

pf: The Formula $\widehat{\partial_{x_j} f}(\xi) = i \xi_j \hat{f}(\xi)$ follows at once via IBP. $D_j \hat{f}(\xi) = -\widehat{(x_j f)}(\xi)$ is also direct.

By induction $\xi^a \partial_{\xi}^b \hat{f}$ exists and $|\xi^a \partial_{\xi}^b \hat{f}(\xi)| = |\widehat{D_x^a x^b f}(\xi)| \leq \|D_x^a x^b f\|_{L^1} \leq \| (1+|x|)^{|a|} D_x^a x^b f \|_{L^1} \leq C_{a,b} \sum_{|a'| \leq |a|, |b'| \leq |b|} \|f\|_{a',b'}$, which also shows $F: S \rightarrow S$ is continuous.

Lemma: Let $T: S \rightarrow S$ be a linear transformation such that $[T, x_j] = [T, \partial_{x_j}] = 0$.

Then $Tf = cF$ for some fixed $c \in \mathbb{C}$.

pf: First let $f \in S$ be such that $f(x_0) = 0$. Then using Taylor's Formula with remainder

we have $f(x) = \sum_{j=1}^n \int_0^1 \partial_{x_j} f(\chi x + (1-\chi)x_0) d\chi (x-x_0)^j$, so choosing $\chi \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ with $\chi \equiv 1$ on $|x| \leq 1$

we have $f(x) = \sum_j (x-x_0)^j \phi_j(x)$, where $\phi_j(x) = \chi(x-x_0) \int_0^1 \partial_{x_j} f(\chi x + (1-\chi)x_0) d\chi + (1-\chi(x-x_0)) f(x) \frac{(x-x_0)^j}{|x-x_0|^2} \in S(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Since $[T, (x-x_0)^j] = 0$ we get $Tf(x) = \sum_j (x-x_0)^j T\phi_j(x)$ so $Tf(x_0) = 0$.

Now let $f \in S(\mathbb{R}^n)$ be general, then $f_{x_0}(x) = f(x) - \chi(x-x_0)f(x_0)$ is such that $f_{x_0}(x_0) = 0$,

So $0 = Tf_{x_0}(x_0) = Tf(x_0) - f(x_0) \psi(x_0)$, where $\psi(x_0) = T\chi(\cdot - x_0)$. Since $Tf \in S$, setting

$F \equiv 1$ in the nbd of fixed points shows $\psi \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$. On the other hand

since $[T, \partial_{x_j}] = 0$ we get $\partial_{x_j} \psi \cdot f = 0$ all $f \in S$ & $j=1, \dots, n$. Hence $\psi = c$ some constant.

Theorem (Fourier inversion) One has $RF^2 = cId$ for some $c \in \mathbb{C}$.

pf: We have $F^2 D_j = F \xi_j F = -D_j F^2$ and $F^2 x_j = -F D_j F = -x_j F^2$.

Hence $[RF^2, \partial_{x_j}] = [RF^2, x_j] = 0$ and the result follows.

Thm (Fourier inversion cont.) Let $f = e^{-\frac{1}{2}|x|^2}$. Then $\hat{f}(\xi) = (\pi)^{n/2} e^{-\frac{1}{2}|\xi|^2}$. Thus for every $f \in \mathcal{S}$ one has $f(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int e^{ix \cdot \xi} \hat{f}(\xi) d\xi$.

pf: Note that $(iD_j + x_j)f = 0$, thus $(i\xi_j - D_j)\hat{f} = 0$, or $(iD_j + \xi_j)\hat{f} = 0$ as well.

The only functions which satisfy these ODE in each variable are $h = c e^{-\frac{1}{2}|x|^2}$.

Thus $\hat{f}(\xi) = c e^{-\frac{1}{2}|\xi|^2}$ for some $c \in \mathbb{C}$, and $f(x) = \frac{1}{c} \int e^{ix \cdot \xi} \hat{f}(\xi) d\xi$ as

general by the previous result. To find c note that $\hat{f}(0) = \int f(x) dx$,

$$\text{so } c = \int e^{-\frac{1}{2}|x|^2} dx = (2\pi)^{n/2}.$$

We now recap and extend the results thus far:

Theorem: Let $f, g \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, then $\hat{f}, \hat{g} \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and

$$1) f(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int e^{ix \cdot \xi} \hat{f}(\xi) d\xi$$

$$2) \widehat{D_j f} = \xi_j \hat{f} \text{ and } \widehat{x_j f} = -D_j \hat{f}. \text{ Schematically } (x, \xi) \xrightarrow{F} (\xi, -x).$$

$$3) \widehat{\tau_\xi f} = e^{-i\xi \cdot x} \hat{f}, \quad \widehat{e^{ix \cdot \eta} f} = \tau_\eta \hat{f}, \text{ and } \widehat{f \circ A} = \frac{1}{|A|} \hat{f} \circ (A^{-1})^t \text{ all } A \in GL_n.$$

$$4) \langle \hat{f}, g \rangle = \langle f, \hat{g} \rangle$$

$$5) \widehat{f * g} = \hat{f} \hat{g}$$

$$6) \widehat{fg} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \hat{f} * \hat{g}$$

$$7) (f, g) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} (\hat{f}, \hat{g}). \text{ Thus } \|f\|_{L^2} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \|\hat{f}\|_{L^2}.$$

pf: We have already shown 1) & 2), and 3) is a direct calculation.

$$4) \text{ Both integrals are } = \iint e^{-ix \cdot \xi} f(x) g(\xi) dx d\xi \text{ by Fubini.}$$

$$5) \text{ For } f, g \in \mathcal{S} \text{ and } \phi \in L^\infty \text{ we have } \int \phi(x) f(x) g(x) dx = \iint f(x) g(y) \phi(xy). \text{ Setting } \phi(x) = e^{-ix \cdot \xi} \text{ it follows.}$$

$$6) \text{ By 1), 3), 5) } \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} RF(\hat{f} \hat{g}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} R(\hat{f} \cdot \hat{g}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{2n}} RF^2 f \cdot RF^2 g = f \cdot g.$$

Applying F to both sides and using $\frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} FRF = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} RF^2 = Id$ gives the identity.

$$7) \text{ Note that } \widehat{\hat{g}} = R \overline{\hat{g}}, \text{ by 1), 3), 4) we have } (f, g) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \langle RF \hat{f}, \overline{\hat{g}} \rangle = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \langle \hat{f}, RF \overline{\hat{g}} \rangle = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \langle \hat{f}, \hat{\overline{g}} \rangle.$$

II. The Fourier transform on $S'(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and in $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Defn: Let X be LCTVS whose topology is given by seminorms $\|\cdot\|_j$, $j \in J$

(possibly uncountable). We set $X^* = \{u: X \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid |u(x)| \leq C_u \sum_{k=1}^{N(j)} \|x\|_{j_k}, \text{ where}$

j_k is some finite collection of indices depending on u .

Defn: we call $S'(\mathbb{R}^n) = S^*(\mathbb{R}^n)$ the space of "tempered distributions". We give

S' the weak- $*$ topology $u_n \rightarrow u$ iff $u_n(f) \rightarrow u(f)$ all $f \in S$.

If $u \in S'(\mathbb{R}^n)$ we define $\hat{u} \in S'(\mathbb{R}^n)$ via the formula $\hat{u}(f) = u(\hat{f})$ all $f \in S(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

We say a $u \in S'$ "is a function" if $u(f) = \langle g, f \rangle$ for some $g \in L^1_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$

with $(1+|x|)^N g \in L^1$ for N large.

We say $u \in S'$ "is a L^p " if $u(f) = \langle g, f \rangle$ some $g \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

In general we'll write $u(f) = \langle u, f \rangle$ for the pairing $S' \times S \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$.

Lemma: If $u \in S'(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is a function then \exists a unique $g \in L^1_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ (up to a.e. equivalence)

such that $\langle u, f \rangle = \int g f dx$ all $f \in S(\mathbb{R}^n)$. In addition, $u \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for $1 < p \leq \infty$ iff

$\exists C > 0$ such that $|\langle u, f \rangle| \leq C \|f\|_{p'(\mathbb{R}^n)}$ all $f \in S(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Remark: If $|\langle u, f \rangle| \leq C \|f\|_{p'(\mathbb{R}^n)}$ we cannot conclude that $u \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$, but we do know

there exists a unique complex Radon measure μ such that $\langle u, f \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f d\mu$ all $f \in S(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

pf: Let $\int (g - \tilde{g}) f = 0$ all $f \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ with $g - \tilde{g} \in L^1_{loc}$. Then one can take

a sequence $f_n \rightarrow \chi_{B_r(x_0)}$ pointwise and $0 \leq f_n \leq \chi_{B_r(x_0)}$ by the C_c^∞ version of

Urysohn's Lemma. Thus $\frac{1}{|B_r(x_0)|} \int_{B_r(x_0)} (g - \tilde{g}) = 0$ all $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $r > 0$. Thus $g = \tilde{g}$

at every Lebesgue point of $g - \tilde{g}$, hence a.e.

that, if $|u(f)| \leq C \|f\|_{L^p}$ some $1 \leq p < \infty$ for all $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, then by density u extends to an element of $(L^p)'$. Thus $u(f) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} g f dx$ some $g \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ all $f \in \mathcal{S} \subset L^p$. Note that the $g \in L^p$ representing u is unique (even from old results).

We'll develop the theory of $\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^n)$ later. For now we use it to give the result:

Thm (Hausdorff-Young): Let $u \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^n)$, then if $u \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for $1 \leq p \leq 2$ $\hat{u} \in L^{p'}(\mathbb{R}^n)$

and one has the estimate $\|\hat{u}\|_{L^{p'}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq (2\pi)^{n/p'} \|u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)}$. More specifically one has:

i) If $u \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ then $\hat{u} \in C_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $\|\hat{u}\|_{L^\infty} \leq \|u\|_{L^1}$.

ii) If $u \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ then $\hat{u} \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $\|\hat{u}\|_{L^2} = (2\pi)^{n/2} \|u\|_{L^2}$.

pf: First prove i) and ii). If $u \in L^1$ and $f \in \mathcal{S}$ then we can define $\hat{u}(\xi) = \int e^{ix \cdot \xi} u(x) dx$ directly, and we still have $\langle \hat{u}, f \rangle = \langle u, \hat{f} \rangle = u(\hat{f}) = \hat{u}(f)$. Thus \hat{u} as a distribution is given by integration against $\hat{u}(\xi)$ as a function. The result then follows from the uniqueness lemma above. That $\hat{u} \in C_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$ follows from density of $\mathcal{S} \subset L^1$ and $F: \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$.

Now let $u \in L^2$. Then for all $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ we have the estimate:

$$|\hat{u}(f)| = |u(\hat{f})| = \left| \int u \hat{f} \right| \leq \|u\|_{L^2} \|\hat{f}\|_{L^2} = (2\pi)^{n/2} \|u\|_{L^2} \|f\|_{L^2}. \text{ Thus, by the}$$

above lemma \exists unique $g \in L^2$ with $\hat{u}(f) = \int g(\xi) f(\xi) d\xi$ all $f \in \mathcal{S}$. We call $\hat{u}(\xi) = g(\xi)$

(by "abuse of notation"). By the above inequality we actually have $\|\hat{u}\|_{L^2} = \sup_{\substack{\|f\|_{L^2}=1 \\ f \in \mathcal{S}}} |\langle \hat{u}, f \rangle| = \sup_{\substack{\|f\|_{L^2}=1 \\ f \in \mathcal{S}}} |\langle u, \hat{f} \rangle|$.

But $\|\hat{f}\|_{L^2} = (2\pi)^{n/2} \|f\|_{L^2}$ all $f \in \mathcal{S}$, and F is a bijection on \mathcal{S}

So the RHS above becomes $\sup_{\substack{\|f\|_{L^2}=(2\pi)^{n/2} \\ f \in \mathcal{S}}} |\langle u, \hat{f} \rangle| = (2\pi)^{n/2} \sup_{\substack{\|f\|_{L^2}=1 \\ f \in \mathcal{S}}} |\langle u, f \rangle| = (2\pi)^{n/2} \|u\|_{L^2}$.

(ii) We now know $F: L^1 + L^2 \rightarrow L^\infty + L^2$ with bounds $\|F\|_{L^1 \rightarrow L^\infty} \leq 1$ and $\|F\|_{L^2 \rightarrow L^2} = (2\pi)^{n/2}$

So the result follows from Riesz-Thorin interpolation. Notice that for $u \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $1 \leq p \leq 2$,

the function $\hat{u} \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ given by the Riesz-Thorin theorem must agree with \hat{u} as a distribution because if $u_k \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ are such that $u_k \rightarrow u$ in L^1 then $\hat{u}_k \rightarrow \hat{u}$ in L^p where \hat{u}_k & \hat{u} are given by Riesz-Thorin, but $\hat{u}_k(\xi) = \int e^{-i\xi x} u_k(x) dx$ is also the distributional FT as explained in i) above, and thus $\hat{u}_k \rightarrow \hat{u}$ as distributions so the RT & distributional FT of u agree because the distributional FT is continuous under weak limits.