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§8.3 The Fourier Transform (cont'd)

⊙ $f \in L^2(\mathbb{T}^n)$. The Fourier transform (FT) of f is $\hat{f}: \mathbb{Z}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$: $\hat{f}(k) = \int_{\mathbb{T}^n} f(x) e^{-2\pi i k \cdot x} dx$ ($\forall k \in \mathbb{Z}^n$)

The Fourier series is $\sum_k \hat{f}(k) E_k$, $E_k(x) = e^{2\pi i k \cdot x}$

The Hausdorff-Young inequality. $\|\hat{f}\|_{p'} \leq \|f\|_p$ ($1 \leq p \leq 2$).

⊙ $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$. The FT of f is $\mathcal{F}f = \hat{f}$:

$$\mathcal{F}f(\xi) = \hat{f}(\xi) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x) e^{-2\pi i \xi \cdot x} dx \quad (\forall \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n).$$

⊙ $\mathcal{F}: L^1(\mathbb{R}^n) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{R}^n} \mathcal{B}C(\mathbb{R}^n)$, linear.

[Later: $\mathcal{F}: L^1(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow C_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$.]

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

$$\widehat{\partial^\alpha f}(\xi) = (2\pi i \xi)^\alpha \hat{f}(\xi).$$

Prop. 8.24 (The FT of a Gaussian)

If $f(x) = e^{-\pi|x|^2}$ then $\hat{f}(\xi) = e^{-\pi|\xi|^2}$

[If $a > 0$ and $g(x) = e^{-\pi a^2|x|^2}$ then $\hat{g}(\xi) = a^{-n} e^{-\pi|\xi|^2/a^2}$.]

Pf first, assume $n=1$. $\hat{f}(\xi) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\pi x^2} e^{-2\pi i \xi x} dx$.

$$\hat{f}'(\xi) = -2\pi i \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x e^{-\pi x^2} e^{-2\pi i \xi x} dx$$

$$= i \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (e^{-\pi x^2})' e^{-2\pi i \xi x} dx$$

$$= i e^{-2\pi x^2} e^{-2\pi i \xi x} \Big|_{x=-\infty}^{x=\infty} - 2\pi \xi \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\pi x^2} e^{-2\pi i \xi x} dx$$

$$= -2\pi \xi \hat{f}(\xi)$$

$$\frac{d}{d\xi} (e^{\pi \xi^2} \hat{f}(\xi)) = e^{\pi \xi^2} [\hat{f}'(\xi) + 2\pi \xi \hat{f}(\xi)] = 0$$

$$\hat{f}(\xi) = C e^{-\pi \xi^2} \quad C = \hat{f}(0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\pi x} dx = 1.$$

Now, general $n \geq 2$: $\hat{f}(\xi) = \prod_{j=1}^n \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\pi x_j^2} e^{-2\pi i \xi_j x_j} dx_j$

$$= \prod_{j=1}^n e^{-\pi \xi_j^2} = e^{-\pi |\xi|^2} \quad \underline{QED}$$

The Riemann-Lebesgue Lemma $\mathcal{F}(L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)) \subseteq C_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$. [84]

$$\forall f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n) \quad \hat{f}(\xi) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x) e^{-2\pi i \xi \cdot x} dx, \quad \hat{f} \in BC(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

Note $\odot \lim_{\xi \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x) \frac{\cos(2\pi \xi x)}{\sin(2\pi \xi x)} dx = 0$.

\odot If $f \in L^2(\mathbb{T}^n)$, then $\|f\|_2^2 = \sum_k |\hat{f}(k)|^2 \Rightarrow \hat{f}(k) \rightarrow 0$

$\Rightarrow \frac{\cos 2\pi kx}{\sin 2\pi kx} \rightarrow 0$ weakly. Parseval

Pf If $f \in C^1 \cap C_c$ then $\partial^\alpha \hat{f}(\xi) = (2\pi i \xi)^\alpha \hat{f}(\xi)$ ($|\alpha|=1$) is bounded.

Since $\hat{f} \in BC(\mathbb{R}^n)$, we thus have $\hat{f} \in C_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

$\forall g \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ Since $C^1 \cap C_c$ is dense in $L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $\exists g_n \in C^1 \cap C_c$ s.t. $\|g_n - g\|_1 \rightarrow 0$. Now, each $\hat{g}_n \in C_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Moreover, $\|\hat{g}_n - \hat{g}\|_\infty \leq \|g_n - g\|_1 \rightarrow 0$. Since $C_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$

is closed in the uniform norm, $\hat{g} \in C_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$. QED

The inverse Fourier transform (IFT)

Def Let $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$. The IFT of f is

$$\check{f}(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(\xi) e^{2\pi i x \cdot \xi} d\xi = \hat{f}(-x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

The Fourier Inversion Theorem If $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $\hat{f} \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ then $\exists f_0 \in C_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$ s.t. $f = f_0$ a.e. and $\check{\hat{f}} = \hat{\check{f}} = f_0$.

- ⊙ Note. FT of $e^{-|x|} \chi_{(0,\infty)}$ is not in $L^1(\mathbb{R})$.
- ⊙ Corollary. $f \in L^1, \hat{f} = 0 \Rightarrow f = 0$ a.e. So, \mathcal{F} is injective.

Lemma $f, g \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n) \Rightarrow \int \hat{f} g = \int f \hat{g}$.

Pf
$$\int \hat{f}(x) g(x) dx = \int \int f(y) e^{-2\pi i x \cdot y} dy g(x) dx$$
$$= \iint f(y) g(x) e^{-2\pi i x \cdot y} dx dy = \int f(x) \hat{g}(x) dx. \quad \underline{Q.E.D.}$$

If $f \in L^1$ the inversion theorem

Let $t > 0$ and $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

Def. $\phi_t(\xi) = e^{-\pi t^2 |\xi|^2 + 2\pi i \xi \cdot x}$
 $= g_t(x-y)$, where $g(x) = e^{-\pi |x|^2}$

Then $\widehat{\phi}_t(y) = t^{-n} e^{-\pi |x-y|^2/t^2}$
 $g_t(x) = t^{-n} g(x/t)$

By the lemma,

$$\int \widehat{f}(\xi) \phi(\xi) d\xi = \int f(\xi) \widehat{\phi}(\xi) d\xi = \int f(\xi) g_t(x-\xi) d\xi = f * g_t(x)$$

Since $\int g(x) dx = 1$, $f * g_t \rightarrow f$ as $t \rightarrow 0$. Since $\widehat{f} \in L^1$,

$$\int \widehat{f}(\xi) \phi(\xi) d\xi = \int e^{-\pi t^2 |\xi|^2 + 2\pi i \xi \cdot x} \widehat{f}(\xi) d\xi \xrightarrow[t \rightarrow 0]{DCT} \int \widehat{f}(\xi) e^{2\pi i \xi \cdot x} d\xi = \check{f}(x)$$

Thus, $f = \check{f}$ a.e. Similarly, $f = \widehat{\widehat{f}}$ a.e. Let $f_0 = \widehat{\widehat{f}} \in C_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Then, $\check{f} = f_0$, $\widehat{\widehat{f}} = f_0$, and $f = f_0$ a.e. QED