

Lesson 32 Fourier transform on Schwartz functions

Practice problems
for Exam 2 on
home page

google "Fourier transform", see Wikipedia page

$$\begin{array}{l|l} 1) \quad \mathcal{F}_1[f(x)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-i2\pi sx} dx & \mathcal{F}_1^{-1} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}_1(s) e^{i2\pi sx} ds \\ 2) \quad \mathcal{F}_2[f(x)] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-isx} dx & \mathcal{F}_2^{-1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}_2(s) e^{isx} ds \\ 3) \quad \mathcal{F}_3[f(x)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-isx} dx & \mathcal{F}_3^{-1} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}_3(s) e^{isx} ds \end{array}$$

Remarks: $\mathcal{F}_1$ is nice for the theory : $\mathcal{F}_1[e^{-\pi x^2}] = e^{-\pi s^2}$

$\|f\|^2 = \|\hat{f}\|^2$ Plancherel identity nice!

$\mathcal{F}_2$ is nice for PDE solving because $\mathcal{F}_2[f'] = is \hat{f}(s)$

For practice problems and Exam 2, use $\mathcal{F}_2$.

Schwarz $\leftarrow$ German

Schwartz $\leftarrow$ French, theory of tempered distributions

Defⁿ: $\mathcal{S}$ is the space of C^∞ -smooth fns on $\mathbb{R}$

that are "rapidly decreasing at infinity", meaning that

$$\lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow \infty \\ x \rightarrow -\infty}} |f^{(n)}(x)| |x|^m = 0$$

$$n, m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Exercise $f \in \mathcal{S} \iff f$ C^∞ -smooth and

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |f^{(n)}(x)| |x|^m < \infty$$

for $n, m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Stein: p. 134-144 does everything! Fourier inversion

Easy facts $f \in \mathcal{S} \implies f' \in \mathcal{S}$

$$f \in \mathcal{S} \implies xf'(x) \in \mathcal{S}$$

So $f \in \mathcal{S} \implies (\text{poly}) \cdot (\text{derivative of } f) \in \mathcal{S}$

Big fact $f \in \mathcal{S} \implies \hat{f} \in \mathcal{S}$

For theory days: $\hat{f}(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-i2\pi s x} dx$

Fourier inversion: $f(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(s) e^{i2\pi s x} ds$

Important properties of F.T. on $\mathcal{S}$ $\hat{\hat{f}} = \mathcal{F}[\mathcal{F}[f]]$

1) $f(x+h) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} e^{2\pi i s h} \hat{f}(s)$

2) $f(x) e^{-i2\pi x h} \longrightarrow \hat{f}(s+h)$

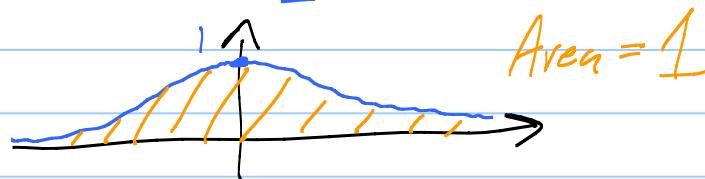
3) $f(\delta x) \longrightarrow \frac{1}{\delta} \hat{f}(s/\delta)$

4) $f'(x) \longrightarrow 2\pi i s \hat{f}(s)$

5) $-2\pi i x f(x) \rightarrow \hat{f}'(s)$

Use these facts to show $\mathcal{F}[e^{-\pi x^2}] = e^{-\pi s^2}$

Write $\varphi(x) = e^{-\pi x^2}$



$$F(s) = \hat{\varphi}(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\pi x^2} e^{-i2\pi s x} dx$$

$$F'(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\pi x^2} \left[\underbrace{-i2\pi x e^{-i2\pi s x}}_{\frac{d}{ds} e^{-i2\pi s x}} \right] dx$$

$$= i \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\underbrace{-2\pi x e^{-\pi x^2}}_{\varphi'(x)} \right] e^{-i2\pi s x} dx$$

$$= i \mathcal{F}[\varphi'] = i \left(i2\pi s \hat{\varphi}(s) \right)$$

$$= -2\pi s F(s)$$

Simple ODE

$$F'(s) = -2\pi s F(s)$$

$$\frac{F'(s)}{F(s)} = -2\pi s$$

$$\frac{d}{ds} \ln|F(s)| = -2\pi s$$

$$\ln |F(s)| = -\pi s^2 + C$$

$$|F(s)| = e^{\ln |F(s)|} = e^{-\pi s^2 + C} = e^C e^{-\pi s^2}$$

$$F(s) = \underbrace{\pm e^C}_k e^{-\pi s^2}$$

$$\text{So } F(s) = k e^{-\pi s^2}$$

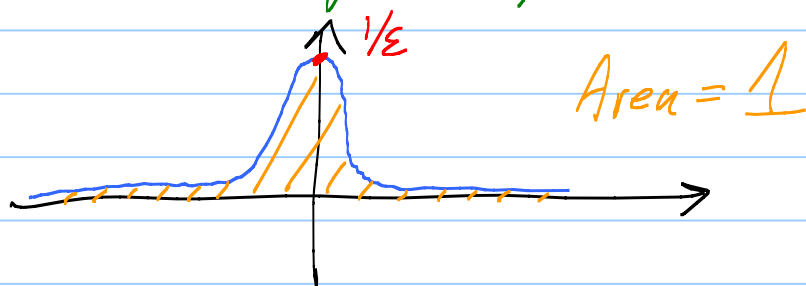
Get k from plugging in $s=0$.

$$\begin{aligned} F(0) = k e^0 = k &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\pi x^2} e^{-i 2\pi \cdot 0 \cdot x} dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\pi x^2} dx = \underline{1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } \hat{\varphi} = \varphi$$

Philosophy: Fourier inversion formula true on Gaussian "bump fns" $\Rightarrow$ true more generally.

$$\varphi_\varepsilon(x) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \varphi(x/\varepsilon)$$



Good kernel properties show $\varphi_\varepsilon * f \rightarrow f$ nicely,
especially for $f \in \mathcal{S}$!

$$(\varphi_\varepsilon * f)(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \varphi_\varepsilon(x-t) f(t) dt$$

$\approx$ Riemann sum

$$f \approx \sum_{\text{Finite sum}} c_i \underbrace{\varphi_\varepsilon(x-t_i)}_{\text{bump fcn centered at } t_i}$$

Expanded f in Gaussian bump fns.

Fourier inversion true on bumps $\Rightarrow$ true for $f \in \mathcal{A}$.

Later: F. inversion true on $\mathcal{A} \Rightarrow$ true $\mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R})$.

Philosophy Facts for $\mathcal{A} \Rightarrow$ facts for $L^2(\mathbb{R})$

How: $\mathcal{A}$ is dense in L^2 .

EX: $\|f\|^2 = \|\hat{f}\|^2$ for $f \in \mathcal{A}$.

Given g in $L^2(\mathbb{R})$, get seq $f_n \in \mathcal{A}$ with

$$f_n \xrightarrow{L^2} g$$

$$\|f_n\|^2 = \|\hat{f}_n\|^2$$

$$\downarrow \quad \downarrow$$

$$\|g\|^2 = \|\hat{g}\|^2$$

$\leftarrow$ Also see $\hat{g}$ makes sense as limit of $\hat{f}_n$ in L^2

Formula sheet for PDE version of $\hat{f}$ on home page.