

The Paley-Wiener Theorem

In signal processing and inverse problems, a bandlimited function is composed of freq. $\xi \in [-B, B]$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-B}^{+B} \hat{f}(\xi) e^{i\xi x} d\xi$$

In other words, $\hat{f}(\xi) = 0$ when $|\xi| > B$.

Paley-Wiener Theorem characterizes bandlimited f .

Thm Suppose f is continuous and of moderate decrease ($\leq \frac{A}{1+|x|^2}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$). Then f has an extension to the complex plane that is entire with $|f(z)| \leq A e^{B|z|}$ for some $A > 0$, IFF $\hat{f}(\xi) = 0$ for $|\xi| > B$.

PS (11) $g(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-B}^{+B} \hat{f}(\xi) e^{i\xi z} d\xi.$

last time $\Rightarrow g(x) = f(x)$, $g(z)$ entire, $|g(z)| \leq A e^{B|z|} \leq A e^{B|z|}$

(↓↓) To prove the converse, start with simpler class of functions: "bootstrap."

Step 1: Show that $\hat{f}(s) \equiv 0$ for $|s| > B$ when

$$|f(x+iy)| \leq A' \frac{e^{B|y|}}{1+x^2} \quad \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow \text{growth of real axis} \\ \leftarrow \text{integrability} \end{array}$$

and f is entire. Idea is to take

$$\hat{f}(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x) e^{-isx} dx$$

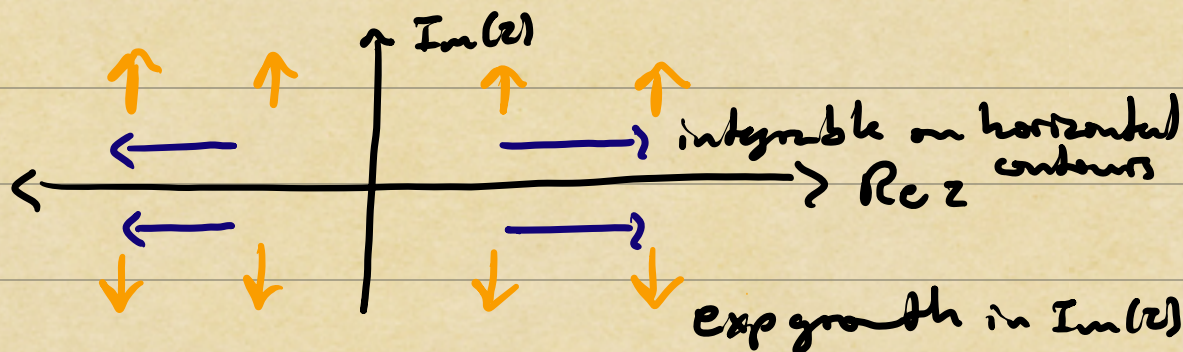
and deform contour from $x \rightarrow x \pm iy$ when

$$|\hat{f}(s)| \leq \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} A' \frac{e^{B|y|} e^{\pm isy}}{1+x^2} dx \leq C e^{(B-|s|)y}$$

$\rightarrow 0$ as $y \rightarrow \infty$

when $|s| > B$.

This establishes $\hat{f}(s) \equiv 0$ for $|s| > B$ when



Step 2: Remove decay on horizontal lines. Let f be entire with growth bound

$$|f(x+iy)| \leq A e^{B|y|}.$$

Take $\delta > B$ and $\varepsilon > 0$, consider "regularized"

$$f_\varepsilon(z) = \frac{f(z)}{(1+i\varepsilon z)^2},$$

The regularized function satisfies

$$\Rightarrow f_\varepsilon(z) \text{ holomorphic for } \operatorname{Im}(z) \leq 1/\varepsilon,$$

$$\Rightarrow |f_\varepsilon(z)| \leq |f(z)| \text{ for } \operatorname{Im}(z) \leq 0,$$

$$\Rightarrow f_\varepsilon(z) \rightarrow f(z) \text{ as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0.$$

Moreover, for each fixed $\varepsilon > 0$, we have

$$|f_\varepsilon(x+iy)| \leq A_\varepsilon \frac{e^{B|y|}}{1+x^2}.$$

By step 1 argument, $\hat{f}_\varepsilon(\xi) = 0$ for $\xi > B$.

Now, idea is to show that $\hat{f}_\varepsilon(\zeta) \rightarrow \hat{f}(\zeta)$ for each $\zeta \in \mathbb{R}$, so that $\hat{f}(\zeta) = 0$ for $|\zeta| > B$ also.

$$|\hat{f}_\varepsilon(\zeta) - \hat{f}(\zeta)| \leq \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |f(x)| \left[\frac{1}{|1 + i\varepsilon x|^2} - 1 \right] dx$$

Since $|f(x)| \leq \frac{A}{1+x^2}$ ($x \in \mathbb{R}$) by hypothesis,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |f(x)| \left[\frac{1}{|1 + i\varepsilon x|^2} - 1 \right] dx \leq \int_{|x| > L} \underbrace{\frac{A}{1+x^2} \left[\frac{1}{|1 + i\varepsilon x|^2} - 1 \right]}_{\leq 2} dx \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{indep. of } \varepsilon \\ \downarrow \\ \text{so pick } L \text{ s.t.} \\ \leq \delta/2 \end{array}$$

$$+ \int_{|x| \leq L} \frac{A}{1+x^2} \left[\frac{1}{|1 + i\varepsilon x|^2} - 1 \right] dx$$

$\xrightarrow{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0}$
 uniformly as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ on $|x| \leq L$,
 so pick $\varepsilon(L)$ s.t. $\leq \delta/2$

$$\rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0$$

Similar argument for $\zeta < -B$ establishes that

$$\hat{f}(\zeta) = 0 \quad \text{for } |\zeta| > B.$$

Step 3: The last step is to then show that the growth condition in the thm implies step 2 hyp.

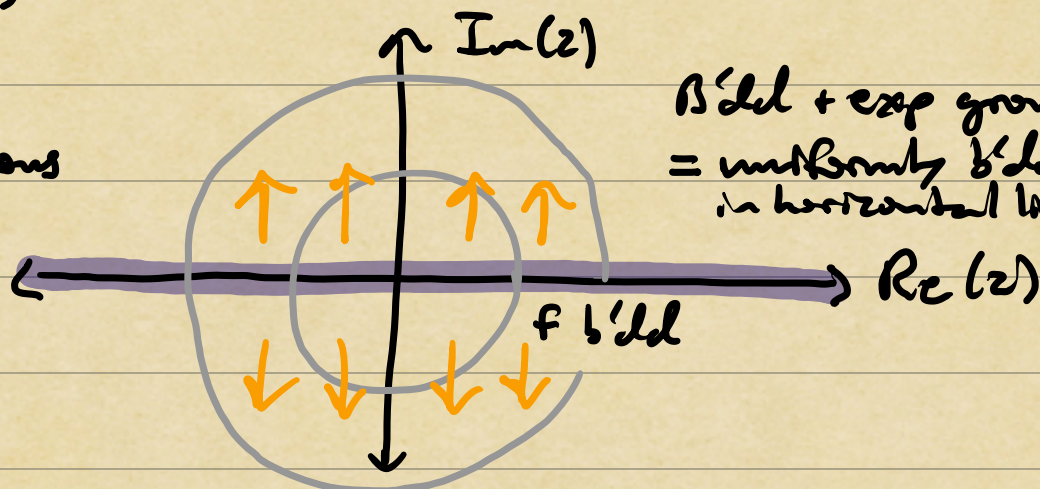
$$|f(x)| \leq \frac{A}{1+x^2} \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\Rightarrow |f(x+iy)| \leq A e^{\beta|y|}$$

$$|f(z)| \leq A e^{\beta|z|} \quad z \in \mathbb{C}$$

In fact, it suffices that f is b'dd on \mathbb{R} .

"All such functions behave like $\exp(z)$ "



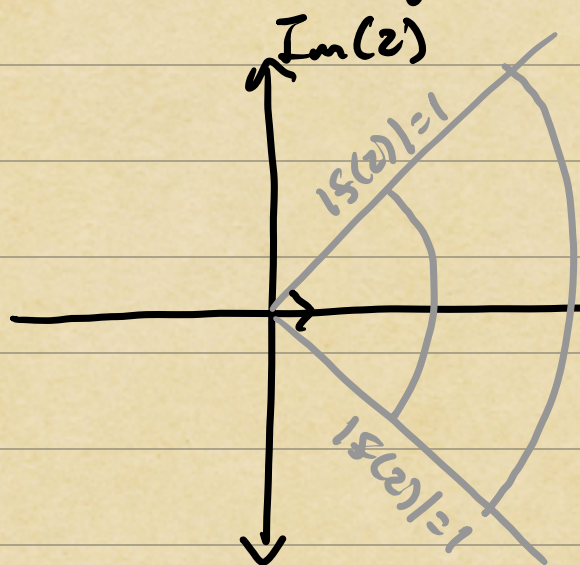
Thm (Phragmén-Lindelöf)

Suppose that F is a holomorphic function in the sector $S = \{z : -\pi/4 < \arg z < \pi/4\}$, where F continuous; $|F(z)| \leq 1$ on ∂S , and there are constants $C, c > 0$ s.t. $|F(z)| \leq C e^{c|z|}$ for all $z \in S$. Then

$$|F(z)| \leq 1 \quad \text{for all } z \in S.$$

Intuition: Function $g(z) = e^{z^2}$ is b'ded on ∂S but blows up on positive real axis.

P-L says that the only functions that do this grow faster than the exponential.



If growth is at most exponential, then f is no larger in S than on the boundary.

This is a generalization of the maximum principle to unbounded domains.

PS of Step 3: Result of P-L holds in first quadrant after rotation $e^{i\pi/4} \zeta$. Now take

$$F(z) = f(z)e^{i\beta z},$$

which has $|F(z)| \leq 1$ on real axis and $|F(x+iy)| \leq e^{\beta y} e^{-\beta y} = 1$ for $y \geq 0$. Moreover,

$$|F(z)| \leq A e^{\beta|z|} |e^{i\beta x} e^{-\beta y}| \leq A e^{\beta|z|}, \quad x, y \geq 0.$$

Therefore, P-L implies that $|F(z)| \leq 1$ in the first quadrant, so that

$$|f(z)| \leq A e^{-i\beta(x+iy)} = A e^{\beta y} \quad x, y \geq 0.$$

Similar argument for other quadrants.