



Fourier Analysis

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Chapter 1 Fourier Series and Integrals

We will go through the book's notes in this document. Chapter 1 is organized as follows:

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Some Notations The Lebesgue measure in \mathbb{R}^n will be denoted using dx , and on the unit sphere S^{n-1} will be $d\sigma$.

Let $a = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n$ be a multiindex, and $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, then

$$D^a f = \frac{\partial^{|a|} f}{\partial x_1^{a_1} \dots \partial x_n^{a_n}}$$

where $|a| = a_1 + \dots + a_n$.

Theorem 1.1 (Minkowski's integral inequality.)

Given $(X, \mu), (Y, \nu)$ as σ -finite measure spaces, we have the following inequality

$$\left(\int_X \left| \int_Y f(x, y) d\nu(y) \right|^p d\mu(x) \right)^{1/p} \leq \int_Y \left(\int_X |f(x, y)|^p d\mu(x) \right)^{1/p} d\nu(y)$$



Taking ν to be the counting measure over a two point set $S = 1, 2$ gives the usual Minkowski inequality

$$\|f_1 + f_2\|_{L^p} \leq \|f_1\|_{L^p} + \|f_2\|_{L^p}$$

We will use \mathcal{D} to denote the space of test functions, i.e. C_c^∞ , and \mathcal{S} to denote the space of Schwartz functions. Recall the dual of \mathcal{D} , denoted as \mathcal{D}' is the space of distributions, and \mathcal{S}' is the space of temperate distributions.

Definition 1.1 (Convolution of distribution)

Let $T \in \mathcal{D}'$, and $f \in \mathcal{D}$, then we define

$$T * f(x) = \langle T, \tau_x \tilde{f} \rangle$$

where $\tilde{f}(y) = f(-y)$, and $\tau_x f(y) = f(x + y)$. Hence it can be read as $T * f(x) = \langle T, f(x - y) \rangle$



1.0.1 1.1 Review of definitions

We now do some math. If f is a trigonometric series, of the form

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{2\pi i n x}$$

Then we find c_n for any fixed n by multiplying $f(x)$ by $e^{-2\pi i n x}$, and integrate. Namely, we have

$$\int_0^1 \sum_n c_n e^{2\pi i n x} \cdot e^{-2\pi i n x} = \int_0^1 c_n = c_n$$

We denote the additive group of \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} by \mathbb{T} , which gives $[0, 1)$, and naturally identifies with S^1 . Hence, saying a function f defined on \mathbb{T} is the same as saying f is defined on \mathbb{R} with period 1.

Definition 1.2 (Fourier coefficients)

Fix $f \in L^1(\mathbb{T})$, we associate the sequence $\{\hat{f}(n)\}$ of f defined by

$$\hat{f}(k) = \int_0^1 f(x) e^{-2\pi i k x} dx$$

And its Fourier series defined as

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(n) e^{2\pi i n x}$$



1.0.2 1.2 Criteria for pointwise convergence

Define the N -th partial sum in the natural way. For pointwise convergence, the first result is due to Dirichlet, which states that if f is bounded and has a finite number of maxima and minima, and pointwise continuous, then the limit of $S_N(f)(x)$ exists and is equal to $\frac{1}{2}(f(x+) + f(x-))$. As we saw in class, one can express $S_N(f)(x)$ as a convolution

$$S_N(f)(x) = D_N(f) * f(x)$$

where $D_N(t) = \sum_{n=-N}^N e^{2\pi i n t}$. And for any $\delta > 0$, we have

$$\int_0^1 D_n(t) dt = 1, |D_N(t)| \leq \frac{1}{|\sin(\pi t)|}, \delta \leq |t| \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

To prove Dini's and Jordan's criterion, we first do some prep work.

Definition 1.3 (bounded variation)

The total variation of $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is defined by

$$V(f, I) = \sup_N \sup_{x_0 \leq \dots \leq x_N} \sum_{j=1}^N |f(x_j) - f(x_{j-1})|$$

And f is of bounded variation if $V(f, I) < \infty$.



Now we introduce the Riemann Localization principle, which states if two functions agree on a small neighborhood of a fixed point x , then their Fourier coefficients also agree at x . If we recall how Fourier coefficients are computed.

$$\hat{f}(n) = \int_0^1 f(x) e^{2\pi i n x} dx$$

If we change f in other places, not in the neighborhood of x , it seems like the integral would change as well. But we will show now, this is not the case.

Theorem 1.2 (Riemann Localization Principle)

If $f = 0$ in $(x - \delta, x + \delta)$, then we have

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} S_N(f)(x) = 0$$



Proof This is purely computational and it is done by writing out $S_N(f)(x)$ as a convolution and realizing $S_N(f)(x)$ is a sum of the Fourier coefficients of two integral functions, hence its Fourier coefficients decay to 0, making $S_N(f)$ decay to 0 as well.

One ingredient in the proof was the Riemann Lebesgue lemma, which states that the Fourier coefficient of integrable functions decays to 0. This

Lemma 1.1 (Riemann-Lebesgue)

If $f \in L^1(\mathbb{T})$, then we have

$$\lim_{|n| \rightarrow \infty} \hat{f}(n) = 0$$



Proof One could either approximate f with continuous functions or simple functions, either would work. It suffices to

show $\hat{f}(n) \rightarrow 0$ for f continuous, and it's pure arithmetic manipulation, and for f simple functions, we can use integration by parts. Then we would recover that the Fourier transform decays as $|n| \rightarrow \infty$.

We now state two local pointwise results, using the theorems we proved above.

Theorem 1.3 (Dini's Criterion)

Let f be such that for a fixed x ,

$$\int_{|t| \leq \delta} \left| \frac{f(x+t) - f(x)}{t} \right| dt < \infty$$

Then we have

$$\lim S_N(f)(x) = f(x)$$



Proof We would want to show that

$$S_N(f) - f(x) \rightarrow 0$$

This means

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{|t| \leq 1/2} (f(x-t) - f(x)) \frac{\sin((2N+1)\pi t)}{\sin(\pi t)} dt &= \int_{|t| \leq \delta} (f(x-t) - f(x)) \frac{\sin((2N+1)\pi t)}{\sin(\pi t)} dt \\ &\quad + \int_{\delta \leq |t| \leq 1/2} (f(x-t) - f(x)) \frac{\sin((2N+1)\pi t)}{\sin(\pi t)} dt \end{aligned}$$

Hence if we write $\sin((2N+1)\pi t)$ as $(e^{(2N+1)\pi t} - e^{-(2N+1)\pi t})/2$ again, we can write the above two integrals as the Fourier coefficient of two integrable functions, and by the Riemann Lebesgue lemma, we conclude as $N \rightarrow \infty$, $S_N(f)(x) \rightarrow f(x)$. □

Remark In the proof of Dini's theorem and Riemann Localization principle, we both first write out the partial sum $S_N(f)$ as the convolution again $\frac{\sin((2N+1)\pi t)}{\sin(\pi t)}$, and to finish up, we transformed this back to a Fourier coefficient by expanding out $\sin((2N+1)\pi t)$, and used Riemann Lebesgue lemma.

Theorem 1.4 (Jordan's Criterion)

If f is of bounded variation in a neighborhood of x , then we have

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} S_N(f)(x) = \frac{1}{2}[f(x+) + f(x-)]$$



Proof If f is of bounded variation in $(x - \delta, x + \delta)$, then we have $f = f^+ - f^-$, where both f^+, f^- are monotonic. Hence we can assume f is monotonic in a nbhd of x . (Justification: if we can prove $S_N(f^+) = \frac{1}{2}(f^+(x+) + f^+(x-))$, and similarly for f^- , then we can add up and recover f .)

Assuming f is monotonic, we have

$$S_N(f)(x) = \int_{|t| \leq 1/2} f(x-t) D_N(t) dt = \int_0^{1/2} (f(x-t) + f(x+t)) D_N(t) dt$$

And thus assuming $x = 0$, it suffices to prove

$$\int_0^{1/2} f(t) D_N(t) dt \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} f(0^+)$$

Moving terms, and noting $D_n(t) = \frac{\sin((2N+1)\pi t)}{\sin(\pi t)}$ is an even function, we get $\frac{1}{2} f(0^+) = f(0^+) \int_0^{1/2} D_N(t) dt$. Hence it suffices to show the following integral tends to 0.

$$\int_0^{1/2} (f(t) - f(0^+)) D_N(t) dt = \int_0^\delta (f(t) - f(0^+)) D_N(t) dt + \int_\delta^{1/2} (f(t) - f(0^+)) D_N(t) dt$$

By the same arguemnt, the second integral tends to 0. To treat the first integral, we apply the second mean value theorem for integrals, which states for continuous φ , and monotonic h , there exists $c, a < c < b$,

$$\int_a^b h \varphi = h(a+) \int_a^c \varphi + h(b-) \int_c^b \varphi$$

This deals with the bad t around 0, and we are left with good, integrable terms,

$$\int_0^\delta (f(t) - f(0^+))D_N(t)dt = \int_c^\delta (f(t) - f(0^+))D_N(t)dt$$

Again, we have an integrable function, writing it as a Fourier coefficient, we have $\int_0^{1/2} f(t)D_N(t) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}f(0^+)$.

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1.0.3 1.3 Fourier series of continuous functions