

① Let  $T \in S'$ . Show that

$$a) \hat{T}^{(k)} = [(-2\pi i t)^k T]^\wedge \quad b) \hat{T}^{(k)} = (2\pi i \zeta)^k \hat{T}$$

Let us recall two definitions.

Definition 1: The Fourier Transform of a distribution  $T \in S'$  is defined by the action

$$\langle \hat{T}, \varphi \rangle = \langle T, \hat{\varphi} \rangle, \quad \varphi \in S$$

Definition 2: The derivative  $T' \in S'$  is the distribution defined by

$$\langle T', \varphi \rangle = -\langle T, \varphi' \rangle, \quad \varphi \in S$$

Let us start with a)

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \hat{T}^{(k)}, \varphi \rangle &\stackrel{\text{def 2}}{=} -\langle \hat{T}, \varphi^{(k)} \rangle \stackrel{\text{def 1}}{=} -\langle T, \hat{\varphi}^{(k)} \rangle \stackrel{\text{rules for Fourier and differentiation for functions}}{=} -\langle T, (2\pi i \zeta)^k \hat{\varphi} \rangle \\ &= -\langle (2\pi i \zeta)^k T, \hat{\varphi} \rangle = \langle (-2\pi i \zeta)^k T, \hat{\varphi} \rangle \\ &\quad \downarrow \\ &\quad \text{Product of a } C^\infty \text{ function, } (2\pi i \zeta)^k, \text{ with a distribution.} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have just proved that  $\hat{T}^{(k)} = [(-2\pi i t)^k T]^\wedge$

Let us continue with b)

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \hat{T}^{(k)}, \varphi \rangle &\stackrel{\text{def 1}}{=} \langle T^{(k)}, \hat{\varphi} \rangle \stackrel{\text{def 2}}{=} -\langle T, (\hat{\varphi})^{(k)} \rangle \stackrel{\text{rules for Fourier and differentiation for functions}}{=} -\langle T, ((-2\pi i \zeta)^k \varphi)^\wedge \rangle \\ &= -\langle \hat{T}, (-2\pi i \zeta)^k \varphi \rangle \stackrel{\text{def 1}}{=} \langle (2\pi i \zeta)^k \hat{T}, \varphi \rangle \\ &\quad \downarrow \\ &\quad \text{Product of a } C^\infty \text{ function, } (2\pi i \zeta)^k, \text{ with a distribution.} \end{aligned}$$

Then, we have proved that

$$\langle \hat{T}^{(k)} - (2\pi i z)^k \hat{T}, \varphi \rangle = 0 \quad \forall \varphi \in S$$

This implies that  $\hat{T}^{(k)} = (2\pi i z)^k \hat{T}$

③ Let  $H(x) = \chi_{[0, \infty)}(x)$ . Prove that  $H' = \delta_0$

Following the second definition of the previous exercise, notice that  $H'$  is the distribution defined by

$$\langle H', \varphi \rangle = -\langle H, \varphi' \rangle, \quad \varphi \in S$$

Notice that,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle H, \varphi' \rangle &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} H(x) \varphi'(x) dx = \int_0^{\infty} \varphi'(x) dx \stackrel{\substack{\text{Fundamental theorem of calculus} \\ \text{and } \varphi \in S}}{=} -\varphi(0) = \\ &= -\int_{\mathbb{R}} \delta_0(x) \varphi(x) dx = -\langle \delta_0, \varphi \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $H' = \delta_0$