

5.6 HW3

Question 17

Definition:

(i) The Fourier transform of f on \mathbb{R} is defined by $\hat{f}(\xi) = \mathcal{F}[f](\xi) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)e^{-i\xi x} dx$.

(ii) The Fourier inverse transform of f on \mathbb{R} is defined by $f(x) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}[\hat{f}] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(\xi)e^{ix\xi} d\xi$.

1. Show that $\widehat{f'} = i\xi \hat{f}$ and $\widehat{xf} = i \frac{d}{d\xi} \hat{f}$. (You may assume $f \rightarrow 0$ as $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$)

Proof. Compute

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{f'} - i\xi \hat{f} &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (f'(x)e^{-i\xi x} - i\xi f(x)e^{-i\xi x}) dx \\ &= f(x)e^{-i\xi x} \Big|_{x=-\infty}^{\infty} \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$|f(x)e^{-i\xi x}| = |f(x)|$$

Compute

$$|f(M)e^{-i\xi M} - f(-M)e^{i\xi M}| \leq |f(M)| + |f(-M)| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } M \rightarrow \infty$$

This now implies

$$\hat{f'} - i\xi \hat{f} = \lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} f(x)e^{-i\xi x} \Big|_{x=-M}^M = 0$$

Define

$$\phi(x, \xi) \triangleq f(x)e^{-i\xi x}$$

It is clear that

$$\partial_{\xi} \phi(x, \xi) = -ixf(x)e^{-i\xi x} \text{ is continuous every where}$$

Then, we can apply Feynman's Trick to compute

$$\begin{aligned} i \frac{d}{d\xi} \hat{f} &= i \frac{d}{d\xi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-i\xi x} dx \\ &= i \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} -ix f(x) e^{-i\xi x} dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) e^{-i\xi x} dx = \widehat{xf} \end{aligned}$$

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Theorem 5.6.1. (Gaussian Integral)

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx = \sqrt{\pi}$$

Proof. Fix $I = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx$. Compute using Fubini's Theorem

$$\begin{aligned} I^2 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-y^2} dy \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-(x^2+y^2)} dx dy \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{2\pi} r e^{-r^2} d\theta dr \\ &= 2\pi \int_0^{\infty} r e^{-r^2} dr \\ &= -\pi e^{-r^2} \Big|_{r=0}^{\infty} = \pi \end{aligned}$$

Because e^{-x^2} is a positive function, we now have

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx = I = \sqrt{I^2} = \sqrt{\pi}$$

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Theorem 5.6.2. (Gaussian Integral)

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{(x-a)^2}{b}} dx$$

Proof. Fix

$$y \triangleq \frac{x-a}{\sqrt{b}} \text{ and } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{b}}$$

Compute using Theorem 5.6.1

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{(x-a)^2}{b}} dx &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-y^2} \sqrt{b} dy \\ &= \sqrt{b\pi}\end{aligned}$$

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Question 18

2. Let $g(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}}$, $\sigma \neq 0$. $g(x)$ is called the normalized Gaussian function in \mathbb{R} . Find the Fourier transform of g on \mathbb{R} .

Proof. Compute

$$g'(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \frac{-2x}{2\sigma^2} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}} = -\frac{1}{\sigma^2} x g(x)$$

Using the statement of the first question, which we have proved, we now have

$$i\xi \widehat{g} = \widehat{g}' = -\frac{1}{\sigma^2} \widehat{xg} = \frac{-i}{\sigma^2} \frac{d\widehat{g}}{d\xi}$$

This give us the first order homogenous ODE

$$\frac{d}{d\xi} \widehat{g} + \sigma^2 \xi \widehat{g} = 0$$

Compute the general solution

$$\widehat{g}(\xi) = C e^{\frac{-\sigma^2 \xi^2}{2}}$$

Compute using Theorem 5.6.2

$$C = \widehat{g}(0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) dx = 1$$

We now have the answer

$$\widehat{g}(\xi) = e^{\frac{-\sigma^2 \xi^2}{2}}$$

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Question 19

3. The convolution of two functions f and g is defined by $f * g(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x-y)g(y) dy$.

Show that $\widehat{f * g} = \widehat{f}\widehat{g}$. (You may assume the Fubini's Theorem always holds.)

Proof. Compute using Fubini's Theorem

$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{f * g}(\xi) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (f * g)(u) e^{-i\xi u} du \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(u-y)g(y) e^{-i\xi u} du dy\end{aligned}$$

Compute using Fubini's Theorem

$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{f} \cdot \widehat{g}(\xi) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-i\xi x} dx \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(y) e^{-i\xi y} dy \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)g(y) e^{-i\xi(x+y)} dx dy \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(u-y)g(y) e^{-i\xi u} du dy \quad \text{where } u = x + y \text{ and } \frac{du}{dx} = 1 \\ &= \widehat{f * g}(\xi)\end{aligned}$$

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Question 20

4. For $0 < \alpha < 1$, define $C_\alpha := \Gamma(\frac{\alpha}{2})$, where $\Gamma(x) = \int_0^{\infty} t^{x-1} e^{-t} dt$ is the gamma function. Show that

$$C_\alpha \mathcal{F}^{-1}[\pi^{\frac{1}{2}} 2^\alpha |\xi|^{-\alpha} \widehat{f}](x) = C_{1-\alpha} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{f(y)}{|x-y|^{1-\alpha}} dy.$$

(You may assume the Fubini's Theorem always holds.)

Proof. Define

$$g(x) \triangleq \frac{1}{|x|^{1-\alpha}}$$

We see

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{f(y)}{|x-y|^{1-\alpha}} dy &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{f(x-u)}{|u|^{1-\alpha}} du \quad (\because u = x-y) \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x-u)g(u) du = f * g(x)\end{aligned}$$

Compute

$$C_{\alpha} \mathcal{F}^{-1}[\pi^{\frac{1}{2}} 2^{\alpha} |\xi|^{-\alpha} \widehat{f}](x) = C_{\alpha} \pi^{\frac{1}{2}} 2^{\alpha} \mathcal{F}^{-1}[|\xi|^{-\alpha} \widehat{f}](x)$$

We now can reduce the problem into proving

$$C_{\alpha} \pi^{\frac{1}{2}} 2^{\alpha} \mathcal{F}^{-1}[|\xi|^{-\alpha} \widehat{f}](x) = C_{1-\alpha} f * g(x)$$

Using Fourier Inversion Theorem, and Convolution Theorem, we then can reduce the problem into proving

$$C_{\alpha} \pi^{\frac{1}{2}} 2^{\alpha} \frac{1}{|\xi|^{\alpha}} \widehat{f}(\xi) = C_{1-\alpha} \widehat{g}(\xi) \cdot \widehat{f}(\xi)$$

Then, we reduce the problem into

$$C_{\alpha} \pi^{\frac{1}{2}} 2^{\alpha} \frac{1}{|\xi|^{\alpha}} = C_{1-\alpha} \widehat{g}(\xi)$$

Compute

$$\begin{aligned}
\widehat{g}(\xi) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x|^{\alpha-1} e^{-i\xi x} dx \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x|^{\alpha-1} (\cos(\xi x) - i \sin(\xi x)) dx \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x|^{\alpha-1} \cos(\xi x) dx \quad (\because |x|^{\alpha-1} \sin(\xi x) \text{ is odd in } x) \\
&= 2 \int_0^{\infty} |x|^{\alpha-1} \cos(\xi x) dx \quad (\because |x|^{\alpha-1} \cos(\xi x) \text{ is even in } x) \\
&= 2 \int_0^{\infty} |x|^{\alpha-1} \operatorname{Re} e^{i\xi x} dx \\
&= \operatorname{Re} 2 \int_0^{\infty} |x|^{\alpha-1} e^{i\xi x} dx \\
&= \operatorname{Re} 2 \int_0^{\infty} \left| \frac{u}{\xi} \right|^{\alpha-1} e^{iu} \frac{du}{\xi} \quad (u \equiv \xi x) \\
&= \operatorname{Re} \frac{2}{|\xi|^{\alpha}} \int_0^{\infty} u^{\alpha-1} e^{iu} du \\
&= \operatorname{Re} \frac{2}{|\xi|^{\alpha}} e^{i\frac{\alpha\pi}{2}} \int_0^{\infty} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x} dx \quad (\because \text{Cauchy Integral Theorem}) \\
&= \operatorname{Re} \frac{2}{|\xi|^{\alpha}} e^{i\frac{\alpha\pi}{2}} \Gamma(\alpha) \\
&= \frac{2 \cos \frac{\alpha\pi}{2} \Gamma(\alpha)}{|\xi|^{\alpha}}
\end{aligned}$$

We can reduce our problem into proving

$$\frac{\Gamma(\frac{\alpha}{2})\sqrt{\pi}2^{\alpha}}{|\xi|^{\alpha}} = \frac{2 \cos \frac{\alpha\pi}{2} \Gamma(\alpha) \Gamma(\frac{1-\alpha}{2})}{|\xi|^{\alpha}}$$

Reduce to

$$\Gamma(\frac{\alpha}{2})\sqrt{\pi}2^{\alpha-1} = \cos \frac{\alpha\pi}{2} \Gamma(\alpha) \Gamma(\frac{1-\alpha}{2})$$

Note that the Legendre Duplication Formula give us

$$\Gamma(\frac{\alpha}{2})\Gamma(\frac{\alpha+1}{2}) = 2^{1-\alpha}\Gamma(\alpha)\sqrt{\pi}$$

This give us

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)\sqrt{\pi}2^{\alpha-1} &= \frac{2^{1-\alpha}\Gamma(\alpha)\sqrt{\pi}}{\Gamma\left(\frac{\alpha+1}{2}\right)}\sqrt{\pi}2^{\alpha-1} \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)\pi}{\Gamma\left(\frac{\alpha+1}{2}\right)}\end{aligned}\tag{5.27}$$

Note that Euler Reflection Formula give us

$$\Gamma\left(\frac{1-\alpha}{2}\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{1+\alpha}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{\sin\left(\pi\frac{1+\alpha}{2}\right)} = \frac{\pi}{\cos\frac{\alpha\pi}{2}}$$

This give us

$$\begin{aligned}\cos\frac{\alpha\pi}{2}\Gamma\left(\frac{1-\alpha}{2}\right)\Gamma(\alpha) &= \cos\frac{\alpha\pi}{2}\Gamma(\alpha)\frac{\pi}{\cos\frac{\alpha\pi}{2}\Gamma\left(\frac{1+\alpha}{2}\right)} \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)\pi}{\Gamma\left(\frac{\alpha+1}{2}\right)}\end{aligned}\tag{5.28}$$

Note that Equation 5.27 and Equation 5.28 are identical, and we are done. (done) ■

Theorem 5.6.3. (Remainder of Taylor's Theorem in Mean Values Form) Given

$f : I \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is n time continuously differentiable at $a \in I$

Define

(a) $P_n(x) \triangleq \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(a)(x-a)^k}{k!}$

(b) $R_n(x) \triangleq f(x) - P_n(x)$

If

(a) G is continuous on $[a, x]$

(b) G' exists and not equals to 0 on (a, x)

We have

$$\exists \xi \in (a, x), R_n(x) = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi)(x-\xi)^n}{n!} \frac{G(x) - G(a)}{G'(\xi)}$$

Proof. WLOG suppose $x > a$. Define $F : (a, x) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$F(t) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(t)(x-t)^k}{k!}$$

By Cauchy's MVT, we know

$$\exists \xi \in (a, x), \frac{F'(\xi)}{G'(\xi)} = \frac{F(x) - F(a)}{G(x) - G(a)}$$

Compute

$$F(x) = f(x)$$

Compute

$$F(a) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(a)(x-a)^k}{k!} = P_n(x)$$

Compute

$$\begin{aligned} F'(\xi) &= \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k+1)}(\xi)(x-\xi)^k - k f^{(k)}(\xi)(x-\xi)^{k-1}}{k!} \\ &= \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi)(x-\xi)^n}{n!} \end{aligned}$$

We now have

$$\frac{\frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi)(x-\xi)^n}{n!}}{G'(\xi)} = \frac{R_n(x)}{G(x) - G(a)}$$

Then we can deduce

$$R_n(x) = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi)(x-\xi)^n}{n!} \frac{G(x) - G(a)}{G'(\xi)}$$

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Corollary 5.6.4. (Lagarange Form of Remainders in Taylor's Theorem) Let

$$G(t) = (x-t)^{n+1}$$

We have

$$\exists \xi \in (a, x), R_n(x) = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi)(x-a)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$$

Proof. Compute

$$\begin{aligned} G'(\xi) &= -(n+1)(x-\xi)^n \\ G(x) &= 0 \\ G(a) &= (x-a)^{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

The result now follows from Theorem 5.6.3.

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Theorem 5.6.5. ($\sin x \leq x$)

$$|\sin x| \leq |x| \quad (x \in [-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}])$$

Proof. Because $|\sin x|$ and $|x|$ are both odd and positive, WOLOG, we only have to prove when $x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$. Compute the Taylor polynomials to second degree and its remainder.

$$\sin x = x - \cos(\xi) \frac{x^3}{3!} \text{ for some } \xi \in (0, x)$$

Because $0 < \xi < x$, it is now clear that

$$0 < \sin x = x - \cos(\xi) \frac{x^3}{3!} \leq x$$

This then implies

$$|\sin x| \leq |x|$$

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Question 21

5. Determine whether the Dirichlet kernel $D_N(x) = \sum_{n=-N}^N e^{-inx} = \frac{\sin(N + \frac{1}{2})x}{\sin(\frac{x}{2})}$ is a good kernel?

Proof. No. Compute using Theorem 5.6.5

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |D_N(x)| dx &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left| \frac{\sin(N + \frac{1}{2})x}{\sin(\frac{x}{2})} \right| dx \\ &\geq 2 \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{|\sin(N + \frac{1}{2})x|}{|x|} dx \end{aligned}$$

Using $u = (N + \frac{1}{2})x$, $dx = \frac{du}{N + \frac{1}{2}}$, we have the approximation

$$\begin{aligned}
2 \int_{-(N+\frac{1}{2})\pi}^{(N+\frac{1}{2})\pi} \frac{|\sin u|}{\left| \frac{u}{N+\frac{1}{2}} \right|} \frac{1}{N + \frac{1}{2}} du &= 4 \int_0^{(N+\frac{1}{2})\pi} \frac{|\sin u|}{|u|} du \\
&\geq 4 \left(\int_0^\pi \frac{\sin u}{u} du + \int_\pi^{N\pi} \frac{|\sin u|}{|u|} du + \int_{N\pi}^{(N+\frac{1}{2})\pi} \frac{|\sin u|}{|u|} du \right) \\
&\geq 4 \left(\int_0^\pi \frac{\sin u}{\pi} du + \int_\pi^{N\pi} \frac{|\sin u|}{|u|} du + \int_{N\pi}^{(N+\frac{1}{2})\pi} \frac{|\sin u|}{(N + \frac{1}{2})\pi} du \right) \\
&= 4 \int_\pi^{N\pi} \frac{|\sin u|}{|u|} du + \frac{8}{\pi} + \frac{4}{(N + \frac{1}{2})\pi} \\
&= 4 \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} \int_{k\pi}^{(k+1)\pi} \frac{|\sin u|}{|u|} du + \frac{8}{\pi} + \frac{4}{(N + \frac{1}{2})\pi} \\
&\geq 4 \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} \frac{1}{(k+1)\pi} \int_{k\pi}^{(k+1)\pi} |\sin u| du + \frac{8}{\pi} + \frac{4}{(N + \frac{1}{2})\pi} \\
&= 4 \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} \frac{2}{(k+1)\pi} + \frac{8}{\pi} + \frac{4}{(N + \frac{1}{2})\pi} \\
&= \frac{8}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} \frac{1}{k+1} + \frac{8}{\pi} + \frac{4}{(N + \frac{1}{2})\pi} \rightarrow \infty
\end{aligned}$$

where the last expression tends to infinity because $\sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k}$ tends to infinity and the other two terms stay bounded.

We have now seen

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |D_N(x)| dx &\geq 2 \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{|\sin(N + \frac{1}{2})x|}{|x|} dx \\
&= 2 \int_{-(N+\frac{1}{2})\pi}^{(N+\frac{1}{2})\pi} \frac{|\sin u|}{\left| \frac{u}{N+\frac{1}{2}} \right|} \frac{1}{N + \frac{1}{2}} du \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } N \rightarrow \infty
\end{aligned}$$

This shows that the Dirichlet's Kernel $D_N(x)$ does NOT satisfy the second criterion. ■

Lemma 5.6.6.

$$D_N(x) \triangleq \sum_{n=-N}^N e^{-inx} = 1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^N \cos nx = \frac{\sin(N + \frac{1}{2})x}{\sin \frac{x}{2}}$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{n=-N}^N e^{-inx} &= 1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^N (\cos nx + i \sin nx + \cos nx - i \sin nx) \\ &= 1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^N \cos nx\end{aligned}$$

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Lemma 5.6.7.

$$|\sin x| \geq \frac{|x|}{2} \quad (x \in [-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}])$$

Proof. Because both $|\sin x|$ and $\frac{|x|}{2}$ are both odd and positive, WOLG, it suffices to just prove for $x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$.

Notice that $\sin x$ is concave on $[0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ by computing second derivative.

Then, for all $x \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$, we have

$$\sin x \geq \sin 0 + x \frac{\sin \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin 0}{\frac{\pi}{2} - 0}$$

This give us

$$\sin x \geq \frac{2x}{\pi} \geq \frac{x}{2} \quad (\because 2 \geq \frac{\pi}{2})$$

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Question 22

6. Determine whether the Fejér kernel $F_N(x) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} D_n(x) = \frac{1}{N} \frac{\sin^2(\frac{Nx}{2})}{\sin^2(\frac{x}{2})}$ is a good kernel?

Proof. Yes. For first condition, compute

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} F_N(x) dx &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{1}{N+1} \sum_{n=0}^N \frac{\sin(n + \frac{1}{2})x}{\sin \frac{x}{2}} dx \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi(N+1)} \sum_{n=0}^N \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} D_n(x) dx \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi(N+1)} \sum_{n=0}^N \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (1 + 2 \sum_{k=1}^n \cos kx) dx \quad (\text{Lemma 5.6.6}) \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi(N+1)} \sum_{n=0}^N 2\pi = 1 \quad (\because \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos kx = 0)
\end{aligned}$$

For second condition, just note that F_N is positive, so

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |F_n(x)| dx = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} F_n(x) = 2\pi$$

For third condition, suppose $0 < \delta \leq |x| \leq \pi$.

Using Lemma 5.6.7 to compute

$$0 \leq F_n(x) = \frac{\sin^2 \frac{nx}{2}}{n \sin^2 \frac{x}{2}} \leq \frac{1}{n \sin^2 \frac{x}{2}} \leq \frac{1}{n(\frac{x}{4})^2} \leq \frac{1}{n(\frac{\delta}{4})^2} \searrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

Then

$$\int_{\delta \leq |x| \leq \pi} F_n(x) dx \leq \int_{\delta \leq |x| \leq \pi} \frac{16}{n\delta^2} dx = \frac{32(\pi - \delta)}{n\delta^2} \searrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

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Question 23

7. The **Poisson kernel** is given by $P_r(\theta) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} r^{|n|} e^{in\theta}$, $-\pi \leq \theta \leq \pi$. Show that if

$$0 \leq r < 1, \text{ then } P_r(\theta) = \frac{1 - r^2}{1 - 2r \cos \theta + r^2}.$$

Proof. Compute

$$\begin{aligned}
P_r(\theta) &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} r^{|n|} e^{in\theta} \\
&= 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r^n e^{in\theta} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r^n e^{-in\theta} \\
&= 1 + \frac{re^{i\theta}}{1 - re^{i\theta}} + \frac{re^{-i\theta}}{1 - re^{-i\theta}} \\
&= 1 + \frac{re^{i\theta}(1 - re^{-i\theta}) + re^{-i\theta}(1 - re^{i\theta})}{(1 - re^{i\theta})(1 - re^{-i\theta})} \\
&= 1 + \frac{re^{i\theta} + re^{-i\theta} - 2r^2}{1 - re^{i\theta} - re^{-i\theta} + r^2} \\
&= 1 + \frac{2r \cos \theta - 2r^2}{1 - 2r \cos \theta + r^2} = \frac{1 - r^2}{1 - 2r \cos \theta + r^2}
\end{aligned}$$

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Question 24

8. If $0 \leq r < 1$, Determine whether the Poisson kernel kernel is a good kernel?

Proof. Yes. For first condition, compute

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} P_r(\theta) d\theta &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} r^{|n|} e^{in\theta} d\theta \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} r^{|n|} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{in\theta} d\theta \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi} r^0 2\pi = 1
\end{aligned}$$

For second condition, note that

$$1 - 2r \cos \theta + r^2 \geq 1 - 2r + r^2 = (1 - r)^2 \in \mathbb{R}^+$$

Then because $1 - r^2 \in \mathbb{R}^+$, we see

$$P_r(\theta) = \frac{1 - r^2}{1 - 2r \cos \theta + r^2} \in \mathbb{R}^+$$

We now have

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |P_r(\theta)| d\theta = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} P_r(\theta) d\theta = 1$$

Note that P_r is even, we then can reduce proving the third criterion into proving

$$P_r(\theta) \rightarrow 0 \text{ uniformly on } [\delta, \pi] \text{ as } r \nearrow 1$$

Compute

$$P'_r(\theta) = \frac{-2r \sin \theta (1 - r^2)}{(1 - 2r \cos \theta + r^2)^2} < 0 \text{ on } [\delta, \pi]$$

This then give us

$$P_r(\theta) \leq P_r(\delta) \text{ on } [\delta, \pi]$$

Compute

$$P_r(\delta) = \frac{1 - r^2}{(1 - r)^2 + 2r(1 - \cos \delta)} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } r \nearrow 1$$

and we are done (done)

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