Exercises. Distributions

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1. Let  $T \in \mathcal{S}'$ . Show that

(a) 
$$\widehat{T}^{(k)} = [(-2\pi i t)^k T]^{\wedge}$$
.

(b) 
$$\widehat{T^{(k)}} = (2\pi i \xi)^k \widehat{T}$$
.

2. Given  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  let  $\tau_a T$  be defined by  $\langle \tau_a T, \varphi \rangle = \langle T, \tau_{-a} \varphi \rangle$ ,  $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}$ , and let  $M_a T = e^{2\pi i a t} T$ . Show that

$$\widehat{\tau_a T} = M_{-a} \widehat{T} , \qquad [M_a T]^{\wedge} = \tau_a \widehat{T} .$$

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

4. Let T be a distribution with  $T' \equiv 0$ . Show that there exists a constant C such that

$$\langle T,\varphi\rangle=C\,\int\varphi\quad\text{for all }\varphi\in\mathbb{C}_c^\infty.$$

(Hint: notice that  $\phi \in \mathcal{C}_c^{\infty}(\mathbb{R})$  is of the form  $\phi = \varphi', \varphi \in \mathcal{C}_c^{\infty}(\mathbb{R})$ , if and only if  $\int \psi = 0$ ).

- 5. (a) Let  $f \in \mathcal{C}^1(\mathbb{R} \setminus \{a\})$  be such that  $f(a^+) f(a^-) = s$ . Prove that  $T_f' = T_{f'} + s\delta_a$ .
  - (b) More generally, if  $f \in \mathcal{C}^1(\mathbb{R} \setminus \{a_n\}_n)$ , with  $\lim_n |a_n| = \infty$ , and each  $a_n$  is a jump discontinuty of size  $s_n$ , then  $T'_f = T_{f'} + \sum_n s_n \delta_{a_n}$ .
  - (c) Let f be the T-periodic function with value f(x)=x/T in [0,T). Prove that, in the sense of distributions  $f'=1/T-\sum_{n\in\mathbb{Z}}\delta_{nT}$ .
  - (d) Let  $\{\alpha_n\}_n$  be such that  $\lim_n |\alpha_n| = \infty$  slowly, meaning that  $|\alpha_n| = O(|n|^k)$ , for some  $k \geq 1$ . Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . Prove that  $\sum_n \alpha_n \delta_{na}$  is a tempered distribution and that its Fourier transform is  $\sum_n \alpha_n e^{-2\pi i a n t}$ .
- 6. Given a tempered distribution  $T \in \mathcal{S}^*$  and  $f \in \mathcal{S}$ , define the convolution T \* f = f \* T as

$$(T * f)(t) = \langle T, \tau_t \tilde{f} \rangle,$$

where  $\tilde{f}(s) = f(-s)$ . Prove that:

(a) 
$$(\delta_a * f)(t) = \tau_a f(t)$$
.

(b) 
$$(\delta'_0 * f)(t) = f'(t)$$
.

(c) 
$$\widehat{(T*f)} = \widehat{T} \cdot \widehat{f}$$
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