

HW #2

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Hunter and Nachtergaele 7.1

Let ϕ_n be the functions defined in (7.7)

$$\phi_n(x) = c_n(1 + \cos x)^n$$

where c_n is chosen such that

$$\int_{\mathbb{T}} \phi_n = 1$$

for all n .

(a) Prove (7.5).

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\delta \leq |x| \leq \pi} \phi_n(x) dx = 0$$

for every $\delta > 0$.

(b) Prove that if the set \mathcal{P} of trigonometric polynomials is dense in the space of periodic continuous functions on \mathbb{T} with the uniform norm, then \mathcal{P} is dense in the space of all continuous functions on \mathbb{T} with the L^2 -norm.

(c) Is \mathcal{P} dense in the space of all continuous functions on $[0, 2\pi]$ with the uniform norm?

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Suppose that $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is a continuous function, and

$$S_N = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \sum_{n=-N}^N \hat{f}_n e^{inx}$$

is the N^{th} partial sum of its Fourier series.

(a) Show that $S_N = D_N * f$, where D_N is the Dirichlet kernel

$$D_N(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\sin \left[\left(N + \frac{1}{2} \right) x \right]}{\sin \left(\frac{x}{2} \right)}.$$

(b) Let T_N be the mean of the first $N + 1$ partial sums,

$$T_N = \frac{1}{N+1}.$$

Show that $T_N = F_N * f$, where F_N is the Fejér kernel

$$F_N(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi(N+1)} \left(\frac{\sin \left[(N+1) \frac{x}{2} \right]}{\sin \left(\frac{x}{2} \right)} \right)^2.$$

(c) Which of the families (D_N) and (F_N) are approximate identities as $N \rightarrow \infty$? What can you say about the uniform convergence of the partial sums S_N and the averaged partial sums T_N to f ?

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Prove that the sets $\{e_n \mid n \geq 1\}$ defined by

$$e_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \sin nx,$$

and $\{f_n : n \geq 1\}$ defined by

$$f_0(x) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi}}, \quad f_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \cos nx \quad \text{for } n \geq 1,$$

are both orthonormal bases of $L^2([0, 1])$.

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Let $T, S \in L^2(\mathbb{T})$ be the triangular and square wave, respectively, defined by

$$T(x) = |x|, \quad \text{if } |x| \leq \pi, \quad S(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 < x < \pi \\ -1 & \text{if } -\pi < x < 0 \end{cases}$$

(a) Compute the Fourier series of T and S .

(b) Show that $T \in H^1(\mathbb{T})$ and $T' = S$.

(c) Show that $S \notin H^1(\mathbb{T})$.

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Consider $f : \mathbb{T}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ defined by

$$f(x) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} a_n e^{in \cdot x},$$

where $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d)$, $n = (n_1, n_2, \dots, n_d)$, and $n \cdot x = n_1 x_1 + n_2 x_2 + \dots + n_d x_d$. Prove that if

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} |n|^{2k} |a_n|^2 < \infty$$

for some $k > \frac{d}{2}$, then f is continuous.

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Suppose that $f \in H^1([a, b])$ and $f(a) = f(b) = 0$. Prove the Poincaré inequality

$$\int_a^b |f(x)|^2 dx \leq \frac{(b-a)^2}{\pi^2} \int_a^b |f'(x)|^2 dx.$$

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Solve the following initial-boundary value problem for the heat equation,

$$\begin{aligned} u_t &= u_{xx}, \\ u(0, t) &= 0, \quad u(L, t) = 0 \quad \text{for } t > 0 \\ u(x, 0) &= f(x) \quad \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq L \end{aligned}$$