
Homework #6

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Problem 1

Given $f(x) = \frac{1}{(1+x^2)^2}$ find $\widehat{f}(\xi)$. Prove that $\widehat{f} \in C^2$. You can use the following fact that follows from complex integration

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(ax)}{x^2 + b^2} dx = \frac{\pi}{b} e^{-ab}, \quad a, b > 0.$$

Proof. □

Problem 2

(a) Prove that if $f, g \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ (the Schwartz class of functions) then $f * g \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

(b) Find explicitly $\Psi = \widehat{|x|^2} \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

(a) *Proof.* First note that the Fourier transform is an isomorphism from $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ onto itself. Thus it suffices to show that for $f, g \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $\widehat{f * g} \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. However, $\widehat{f * g} = \widehat{f} \widehat{g} \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ since \widehat{f} and \widehat{g} are Schwartz functions and the product of Schwartz functions is a Schwartz function. Thus $\widehat{f * g} \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, which shows $f * g \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. □

(b) *Proof.* something □

Problem 3

Let $0 < \alpha < \frac{n}{2}$.

(a) Prove that $|x|^{-n+\alpha}$ defines a tempered distribution.

(b) Prove that

$$\widehat{|x|^{-n+\alpha}}(\xi) = c_{n,\alpha} |\xi|^{-\alpha}.$$

Observe that $|x|^{-n+\alpha} \chi_{\{|x| \leq 1\}} \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ and $|x|^{-n+\alpha} \chi_{\{|x| > 1\}} \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$. Thus $\widehat{|x|^{-n+\alpha}}(\xi)$ is a function. Show that $\widehat{|x|^{-n+\alpha}}(\xi)$ is radial and homogeneous of order $-\alpha$.

Define the *Hilbert transform* $\mathcal{H}(\phi)$ of a function $\phi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$ by

$$\mathcal{H}(\phi) = \frac{1}{\pi} \text{p.v.} \left(\frac{1}{x} \right) * \phi,$$

where

$$\text{p.v.} \left(\frac{1}{x} \right) (\phi) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\varepsilon < |x| < \frac{1}{\varepsilon}} \frac{\phi(x)}{x} dx.$$

(a) *Proof.*

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} |x|^{-n+\alpha}$$

□

(b) *Proof.*

□

Problem 4

If $\phi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$, prove that $\mathcal{H}(\phi) \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ if and only if $\widehat{\phi}(0) = 0$.

Proof. □

Problem 5

Prove the following identities:

(a) $\mathcal{H}(fg) = \mathcal{H}(f)g + f\mathcal{H}(g) + \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{H}(f)\mathcal{H}(g))$.

(b) $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{X}_{(-1,1)}) = \frac{1}{\pi} \log \left| \frac{x+1}{x-1} \right|$.

Proof. (a) First note that since

$$\widehat{\text{p.v.}\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)} = -i\pi \text{sgn}(\xi),$$

then the Fourier transform of the Hilbert transform is

$$\widehat{\mathcal{H}(\phi)} = \frac{1}{\pi} \widehat{\text{p.v.}\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)} \widehat{\phi} = -i \text{sgn}(\xi) \widehat{\phi}.$$

Also note that

$$\text{sgn}(x-y)\text{sgn}(y) = \text{sgn}(x)\text{sgn}(y) + \text{sgn}(x-y)\text{sgn}(x) - 1$$

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}(f)g + f\mathcal{H}(g) + \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{H}(f)\mathcal{H}(g)) &= [-i \text{sgn} \widehat{f}] * \widehat{g} + [-i \text{sgn} \widehat{g}] * \widehat{f} - i \text{sgn} \left[\widehat{\mathcal{H}(f)\mathcal{H}(g)} \right] \\ &= [-i \text{sgn} \widehat{f}] * \widehat{g} + [-i \text{sgn} \widehat{g}] * \widehat{f} - i \text{sgn} [(-i \text{sgn} \widehat{f}) * (-i \text{sgn} \widehat{g})] \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} -i \text{sgn}(\xi - y) \widehat{f}(\xi - y) \widehat{g}(y) dy + \int_{\mathbb{R}} -i \text{sgn}(y) \widehat{g}(y) \widehat{f}(\xi - y) dy \\ &\quad - i \text{sgn}(\xi) \int_{\mathbb{R}} -\text{sgn}(\xi - y) \widehat{f}(\xi - y) \text{sgn}(y) \widehat{g}(y) dy \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} -i \text{sgn}(\xi - y) \widehat{f}(\xi - y) \widehat{g}(y) dy + \int_{\mathbb{R}} -i \text{sgn}(y) \widehat{g}(y) \widehat{f}(\xi - y) dy \\ &\quad - i \text{sgn}(\xi) \int_{\mathbb{R}} \widehat{f}(\xi - y) \widehat{g}(y) dy \\ &\quad + i \text{sgn}(\xi) \int_{\mathbb{R}} \text{sgn}(\xi) \text{sgn}(y) \widehat{f}(\xi - y) \widehat{g}(y) dy \\ &\quad + i \text{sgn}(\xi) \int_{\mathbb{R}} \text{sgn}(\xi - y) \text{sgn}(\xi) \widehat{f}(\xi - y) \widehat{g}(y) dy \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} -i \text{sgn}(\xi - y) \widehat{f}(\xi - y) \widehat{g}(y) dy + \int_{\mathbb{R}} -i \text{sgn}(y) \widehat{g}(y) \widehat{f}(\xi - y) dy \\ &\quad - i \int_{\mathbb{R}} \text{sgn}(\xi) \widehat{f}(\xi - y) \widehat{g}(y) dy \\ &\quad + i \int_{\mathbb{R}} \text{sgn}(y) \widehat{f}(\xi - y) \widehat{g}(y) dy \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + i \int_{\mathbb{R}} \operatorname{sgn}(\xi - y) \widehat{f}(\xi - y) \widehat{g}(y) dy \\
& = -i \operatorname{sgn}(\xi) \int_{\mathbb{R}} \widehat{f}(\xi - y) \widehat{g}(y) dy \\
& = -i \operatorname{sgn}(\xi) \widehat{f} * \widehat{g} = -i \operatorname{sgn}(\xi) \widehat{fg} = \widehat{\mathcal{H}(fg)}
\end{aligned}$$

Since the Fourier transform is an isomorphism, the identity holds since we can take the inverse Fourier transform of both sides.

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{X}_{(-1,1)})(x) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\varepsilon < y < \frac{1}{\varepsilon}} \frac{\mathcal{X}_{(-1,1)}(x-y)}{y} dy \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi} \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\varepsilon < |x-y| < \frac{1}{\varepsilon}} \frac{\mathcal{X}_{(-1,1)}(y)}{x-y} dy \\
&= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\pi} \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \left[\int_{-1}^{x-\varepsilon} \frac{1}{x-y} dy + \int_{x+\varepsilon}^1 \frac{1}{x-y} dy \right] & \text{if } x \in (-1, 1) \\ \frac{1}{\pi} \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{-1+\varepsilon}^1 \frac{1}{x-y} dy & \text{if } x = -1 \\ \frac{1}{\pi} \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{-1}^{1-\varepsilon} \frac{1}{x-y} dy & \text{if } x = 1 \\ \frac{1}{\pi} \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{x-y} dy & \text{if } x \notin [-1, 1] \end{cases} \\
&= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\pi} \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \left[-\log|\varepsilon| + \log|x+1| - \log|x-1| + \log|\varepsilon| \right] & \text{if } x \in (-1, 1) \\ \frac{1}{\pi} \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \left[-\log|x-1| + \log|x+1-\varepsilon| \right] & \text{if } x = -1 \\ \frac{1}{\pi} \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \left[-\log|x-1+\varepsilon| + \log|x+1| \right] & \text{if } x = 1 \\ \frac{1}{\pi} \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \left[-\log|x-1| + \log|x+1| \right] & \text{if } x \notin [-1, 1] \end{cases} \\
&= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\pi} \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \log \left| \frac{x+1}{x-1} \right| & \text{if } x \in (-1, 1) \\ \frac{1}{\pi} \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \log \left| \frac{x+1-\varepsilon}{x-1} \right| & \text{if } x = -1 \\ \frac{1}{\pi} \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \log \left| \frac{x+1}{x-1+\varepsilon} \right| & \text{if } x = 1 \\ \frac{1}{\pi} \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \log \left| \frac{x+1}{x-1} \right| & \text{if } x \notin [-1, 1] \end{cases} \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi} \log \left| \frac{x+1}{x-1} \right| \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}
\end{aligned}$$

□