

## Homework 1 Solutions

### Chapter 2, Exercise 1

Part 1: By substituting  $u = x + 2\pi$  and then using periodicity of  $f$ , we see that

$$\int_{a+2\pi}^{b+2\pi} f(x)dx = \int_a^b f(u-2\pi)du = \int_a^b f(u)du,$$

which proves the first equality. For the second equality, we can use a similar argument, or we can simply apply the first equality with  $(a, b)$  replaced by  $(a-2\pi, b-2\pi)$ .

Part 2: Note that

$$\int_{-\pi+a}^{\pi+a} f(x)dx = \int_{-\pi+a}^{-\pi} f(x)dx + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x)dx + \int_{\pi}^{\pi+a} f(x)dx.$$

By Part 1 of the problem, the first and third terms cancel out, thus proving that

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x)dx = \int_{-\pi+a}^{\pi+a} f(x)dx = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(u+a)du,$$

where we made a substitution  $u = x - a$  in the final equality.

Remark: In the case that  $f$  is continuous, there is an alternative solution to Part 2, namely we consider the function  $F(r) = \int_{-\pi+r}^{\pi+r} f(x)dx$ , then note that  $F'(r) = f(\pi+r) - f(-\pi+r) = 0$ , hence  $F$  must be constant.

## Chapter 2, Exercise 4b

Since  $f$  is **odd** by definition, it follows that

$$\hat{f}(n) = \frac{i}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(\theta) \sin(n\theta) d\theta = \frac{i}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \theta(\pi - \theta) \sin(n\theta) d\theta,$$

where we used the fact that  $f(\theta) \sin(n\theta)$  is an even function in the last equality. When  $n$  is even, the substitution  $x = \pi - \theta$  reveals that the above integral is its own negative, hence 0. Thus we now suppose that  $n$  is **odd**. Using integration-by-parts:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\pi} \theta \sin(n\theta) d\theta &= -\frac{\theta}{n} \cos(n\theta) \Big|_0^{\pi} + \frac{1}{n} \int_0^{\pi} \cos(n\theta) d\theta = \frac{\pi}{n}, \\ \int_0^{\pi} \theta^2 \sin(n\theta) d\theta &= -\frac{\theta^2}{n} \cos(n\theta) \Big|_0^{\pi} + \frac{2}{n} \int_0^{\pi} \theta \cos(n\theta) d\theta \\ &= -\frac{\pi^2}{n} + \frac{2}{n} \left[ \frac{\theta}{n} \sin(n\theta) \Big|_0^{\pi} - \frac{1}{n} \int_0^{\pi} \sin(n\theta) d\theta \right] \\ &= \frac{\pi^2}{n} + \frac{4}{n^3}. \end{aligned}$$

Subtracting  $\pi$  times the first integral minus the second one, then multiplying by  $i/\pi$ , we obtain that when  $n$  is odd,

$$\hat{f}(n) = \frac{4i}{\pi n^3}.$$

Using the fact that  $f$  is odd, we know that  $\hat{f}(n) = -\hat{f}(-n)$  so that

$$f(\theta) = \sum_k \hat{f}(k) e^{ik\theta} = \sum_{k>0, \text{ odd}} 2i \hat{f}(k) \sin(k\theta) = \frac{8}{\pi} \sum_{k>0, \text{ odd}} \frac{\sin(k\theta)}{k^3}.$$

## Chapter 2, Exercise 6

Part b: Let  $f(\theta) = |\theta|$ , and let  $g$  be the function from Exercise 4. Now note that  $g$  is a  $C^1$  function whose (periodic) derivative is  $g'(\theta) = \pi - 2|\theta|$ . Now recall from class that for a  $2\pi$ -periodic  $C^1$  function, the fourier coefficients of the derivative are related to the fourier coefficients of the original function by  $\widehat{g'}(n) = in\widehat{g}(n)$ .

Since the addition of constant terms only affect the zeroth fourier coefficient, and since  $g' = \pi - 2f$ , it follows that for  $n \neq 0$  one has  $\widehat{f}(n) = -\frac{1}{2}\widehat{g'}(n) = -\frac{1}{2}in\widehat{g}(n)$ , which is  $-2/(\pi n^2)$  for odd  $n$  and zero for even  $n \neq 0$ . When  $n = 0$ , it is easily computed that  $\widehat{f}(0) = \pi/2$ .

Part c:

$$f(\theta) = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{k>0, \text{odd}} \frac{\cos(k\theta)}{k^2}.$$

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Part d: Plugging in  $\theta = 0$ , we see

$$0 = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{k>0, \text{odd}} \frac{1}{k^2} \Rightarrow \sum_{k>0, \text{odd}} \frac{1}{k^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{8}$$

Now let  $S = \sum_{k>0} k^{-2}$ . We find that

$$S = \sum_{k>0, \text{odd}} \frac{1}{k^2} + \sum_{k>0, \text{even}} \frac{1}{k^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{8} + \frac{1}{4}S \Rightarrow S = \frac{\pi^2}{6}.$$

## Chapter 2, Exercise 8

The computation of the Fourier coefficients can be done using repeated integration-by-parts as in exercise 4.

So we still need to verify that the given series of functions satisfies the conditions of the Dirichlet test at each point  $x$ . Since  $\frac{1}{n}$  is a monotone decreasing sequence, we just need to show that for every  $x \neq 0$ , there exists a constant  $C(x)$  such that

$$\sup_{N \in \mathbb{N}} \left| \sum_{|n| \leq N} e^{-inx} \right| \leq C(x).$$

To this end, we note by the geometric series identity that

$$\sum_{|n| \leq N} e^{inx} = \frac{e^{i(N+\frac{1}{2})x} - e^{-i(N+\frac{1}{2})x}}{e^{ix/2} - e^{-ix/2}}.$$

By the triangle inequality, the numerator is always bounded-in-magnitude by 2, meanwhile the denominator is simply  $2i \sin(x/2)$ , and hence we find that if  $x \neq 0$  then

$$\sup_{N \in \mathbb{N}} \left| \sum_{|n| \leq N} e^{-inx} \right| \leq \frac{1}{|\sin(x/2)|}$$

thus proving the claim.

When  $x = 0$ , the positive partial sums cancel out the negative partial sums, hence the limit clearly exists and is zero.

### Chapter 2, Exercise 10

Recall from class that if  $f$  is of class  $C^1$ , then we have that  $\widehat{f'}(n) = in\hat{f}(n)$ . This was proved using integration-by-parts.

Now if  $f$  is of class  $C^k$ , then induction on the above fact reveals that

$$\widehat{f^{(k)}}(n) = i^k n^k \hat{f}(n).$$

Let  $g = f^{(k)}$ . By assumption  $g$  is continuous (and thus bounded) on  $[-\pi, \pi]$ , therefore  $|\hat{g}(k)| \leq \int |g(x)| dx \leq C$ , for some constant  $C$ . Hence we find that  $\hat{f}(n) = \frac{\hat{g}(n)}{i^k n^k}$  is bounded in magnitude by  $C/n^k$ .

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