

Ch 3. Ex 15

Show that f is α -Hölder $\Rightarrow \hat{f}(n) = O\left(\frac{1}{|n|^\alpha}\right)$

(a) Show that

$$\hat{f}(n) = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x + \pi/n) e^{-inx} dx$$

hence

$$\hat{f}(n) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} [f(x) - f(x + \pi/n)] e^{-inx} dx.$$

$$\hat{f}(n) = \frac{1}{2\lambda} \int_{-\lambda}^{\lambda} f(x) e^{-inx} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\lambda} \int_{-\lambda - \frac{\pi}{n}}^{\lambda - \frac{\pi}{n}} f\left(y + \frac{\pi}{n}\right) e^{-in\left(y + \frac{\pi}{n}\right)} dy \quad \left(x = y + \frac{\pi}{n}\right)$$

$$= \frac{-1}{2\lambda} \int_{-\lambda - \frac{\pi}{n}}^{\lambda - \frac{\pi}{n}} f\left(y + \frac{\pi}{n}\right) e^{-iny} dy$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2\lambda} \int_{-\lambda}^{\lambda} f\left(y + \frac{\pi}{n}\right) e^{-iny} dy$$

(since $f\left(y + \frac{\pi}{n}\right) e^{-iny}$ is 2λ -periodic)

$$\begin{aligned}
\widehat{f}(n) &= \frac{1}{2} (\widehat{f}(n) + \widehat{f}(n)) \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) e^{-inx} dx - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x + \frac{\pi}{n}) e^{-inx} dx \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (f(x) - f(x + \frac{\pi}{n})) e^{-inx} dx
\end{aligned}$$

(b) Now assume that f satisfies a Hölder condition of order α , namely

$$|f(x+h) - f(x)| \leq C|h|^\alpha$$

for some $0 < \alpha \leq 1$, some $C > 0$, and all x, h . Use part (a) to show that

$$\widehat{f}(n) = O(1/|n|^\alpha).$$

From (a),

$$\begin{aligned}
|\widehat{f}(n)| &\leq \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |f(x) - f(x + \frac{\pi}{n})| dx \\
&\leq \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} C \cdot \left| \frac{\pi}{n} \right|^{2\alpha} dx \\
&= \frac{\pi^{2\alpha}}{2} C \frac{1}{|n|^{2\alpha}}
\end{aligned}$$

(c) Prove that the above result cannot be improved by showing that the function

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{-k\alpha} e^{i2^k x},$$

where $0 < \alpha < 1$, satisfies

$$|f(x+h) - f(x)| \leq C|h|^\alpha,$$

and $\hat{f}(N) = 1/N^\alpha$ whenever $N = 2^k$.

This shows that \exists 2-Hölder f st.

$\hat{f}(n) \neq \underline{O(1/n^\alpha)}$ small O means $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^\alpha \hat{f}(n) = 0$

We have shown that $\hat{f}(n) = \underline{O(1/n^\alpha)}$

Big O means $(n^\alpha \hat{f}(n))_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is a bounded sequence

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x+h) - f(x)| &= \left| \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{-k\alpha} e^{i2^k x} (e^{i2^k h} - 1) \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{-k\alpha} |e^{i2^k h} - 1| \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{-k\alpha} |e^{i2^{k-1} h} (e^{i2^{k-1} h} - e^{-i2^{k-1} h})| \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \underbrace{2^{-k\alpha}}_{\text{blue}} \cdot \underbrace{2 |\sin(2^{k-1} h)|}_{\text{red}} \end{aligned}$$

└ : A good bound when k is large

└ : Useful only when $2^{k-1}h$ is small

($|\sin x| \leq |x|$) Otherwise, we simply
bound $|\sin x|$ by 1

We split the sum into two parts,
with indexes k

$$A = \left\{ k : 2^k \leq \frac{1}{|h|} \right\}, \quad B = \left\{ k : 2^k > \frac{1}{|h|} \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k \in A} 2^{-k\alpha} 2 |\sin(2^{k-1}h)| &\leq 2 \cdot \sum_{k \in A} 2^{-k\alpha} \cdot 2^{k-1}|h| \\ &= |h| \sum_{k \in A} 2^{k(1-\alpha)} \end{aligned}$$

Say $2^{N-1} \leq \frac{1}{|h|} < 2^N$

i.e. $A = \{1, 2, \dots, N-1\}$

$$= |h| \frac{2^{N(1-\alpha)} - 1}{2^{1-\alpha} - 1} \leq \frac{2^{N(1-\alpha)} |h|}{2^{1-\alpha} - 1}$$

$$= \frac{2^{1-\alpha}}{2^{1-\alpha}-1} \cdot (2^{N-1})^{1-\alpha} |h|$$

$$= \frac{2^{1-\alpha}}{2^{1-\alpha}-1} \cdot \frac{|h|}{|h|^{1-\alpha}} = C_\alpha |h|^\alpha \left(\because 2^{N-1} \leq \frac{1}{|h|} \right)$$

$$\sum_{k \in B} 2^{-k\alpha} \cdot 2 \cdot |\sin(2^{k-1}h)| \leq 2 \sum_{k \in B} 2^{-k\alpha}$$

Recall that $B = \{N, N+1, \dots\}$

$$= 2 \cdot \frac{2^{-N\alpha}}{1-2^{-\alpha}}$$

$$< \frac{2}{1-2^{-\alpha}} \cdot |h|^\alpha$$

In conclusion,

$$|f(x+h) - f(x)| \leq C_\alpha |h|^\alpha$$

i.e. f is α -Hölder

Moreover, clearly

$$\hat{f}(2^k) = 2^{-k\alpha} = \frac{1}{(2^k)^\alpha} \text{ for } k \geq 1$$

Aim to show that if

f is α -Hölder cont for $\alpha > \frac{1}{2}$, then

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |\hat{f}(n)| < \infty$$

In particular, $S_N f \Rightarrow f$

(Ex 16 in Ch.3, Assignment 5)

2. Let f be a α -Hölder continuous function on the circle $[0, 2\pi]$.

(a) For every positive h , we defined $g_h(x) = f(x+h) - f(x-h)$. Prove that

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |g_h(x)|^2 dx = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} 4|\sin nh|^2 |\hat{f}(n)|^2,$$

and show that

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |\sin nh|^2 |\hat{f}(n)|^2 \leq K^2 h^{2\alpha}.$$

Let $f_h(x) = f(x+h)$.

$$\text{Then, } \hat{f}_h(n) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x+h) e^{-inx} dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} \because f(y)e^{-iny} \text{ is } &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_h^{2\pi+h} f(y) e^{-iny} \cdot e^{inh} dx \\ 2\pi\text{-periodic} & \end{aligned}$$

$$= e^{inh} \hat{f}(n)$$

$$\therefore \widehat{f}_{-h}(n) = e^{-inh} \widehat{f}(n)$$

$$\therefore \text{For } g_h(x) = f_x - f_{-x}$$

$$\widehat{g}_h(n) = (e^{inh} - e^{-inh}) \widehat{f}(n)$$

By Parseval's identity,

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |g_h(x)|^2 dx = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |\widehat{g}_h(n)|^2$$

$$= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |e^{inh} - e^{-inh}| |\widehat{f}(n)|^2$$

$$= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} 4 |\sin nh|^2 |\widehat{f}(n)|^2$$

Estimating $\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |g_h(x)|^2 dx$:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |g_h(x)|^2 dx &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} K^2 (2h)^{2\alpha} dx \\ &= 4^\alpha \cdot K^2 h^{2\alpha} \\ &\leq 4 K^2 h^{2\alpha} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |\sin nh|^2 |\hat{f}(n)|^2 \leq K^2 h^{2\alpha}$$

(b) Let p be a positive integer. By choosing $h = \pi/2^{p+1}$, show that

$$\sum_{2^{p-1} < |n| \leq 2^p} |\hat{f}(n)|^2 \leq \frac{2K^2 \pi^{2\alpha}}{(2^{2p+2})^\alpha}$$

(c) Estimate $\sum_{2^{p-1} < |n| \leq 2^p} |\hat{f}(n)|$, and conclude that the Fourier series of f converges absolutely, hence uniformly.

$$\text{For } h = \frac{\pi}{2^{p+1}} \quad \text{and} \quad 2^{p-1} < |n| \leq 2^p,$$

$$\frac{\pi}{4} < |nh| \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \leq |\sin nh|$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{2^{p-1} < |n| \leq 2^p} \frac{1}{2} |\tilde{f}(n)|^2 &\leq \sum_{2^{p-1} < |n| \leq 2^p} |s_{h,n}|^2 |\hat{f}(n)|^2 \\
&\leq k^2 \cdot \frac{1}{h^{2\alpha}} \\
&= k^2 \cdot \frac{\lambda^{2\alpha}}{2^{2(p+1)\alpha}}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \sum_{2^{p-1} < |n| \leq 2^p} |\hat{f}(n)|^2 \leq \frac{2k^2 \lambda^{2\alpha}}{2^{2(p+1)\alpha}}$$

By Cauchy-Schwarz inequality,

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{2^{p-1} < |n| \leq 2^p} |\hat{f}(n)| &= \sum_{2^{p-1} < |n| \leq 2^p} |\hat{f}(n)| \cdot 1 \\
&\leq \sqrt{\sum_{2^{p-1} < |n| \leq 2^p} 1} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{2^{p-1} < |n| \leq 2^p} |\hat{f}(n)|^2} \\
&\leq 2^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2} k \lambda^{2\alpha}}{2^{(p+1)\alpha}} \\
&= C_\alpha \cdot \frac{2^{\frac{p-1}{2}}}{2^{p\alpha}} = C_\alpha \frac{1}{2^{p(\alpha - \frac{1}{2})}}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |\hat{f}(n)| = \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \sum_{2^{p-1} < |n| \leq 2^p} |\hat{f}(n)| + |\hat{f}(0)|$$

$$\leq C_{\alpha} \underbrace{\sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{p(\alpha-\frac{1}{2})}}}_{< \infty} + |\hat{f}(0)|$$

$< \infty$

$\because \alpha > \frac{1}{2}$

1. (Wirtinger's inequality) Let f be a T -periodic, continuous and piecewise C^1 function.

(a) Suppose

$$\int_0^T f(t) dt = 0.$$

Show that

$$\int_0^T |f(t)|^2 dt \leq \frac{T^2}{4\pi^2} \int_0^T |f'(t)|^2 dt,$$

with equality holds if and only if f takes the form $f(t) = A \sin(2\pi t/T) + B \cos(2\pi t/T)$.

General Setting :

Let

$$f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

$$\hat{f}(n) = \frac{1}{L} \int_a^b f(x) e^{-2\pi i n x / L} dx \quad (L = b - a)$$

$$S_N f(x) = \sum_{n=-N}^N \hat{f}(n) e^{2\pi i n x / L}$$

The functions $f(x)$ and $S_N f(x)$ have the same Fourier coefficients for $|n| \leq N$

Note also $\int_a^b e^{2\pi i n x / L} e^{-2\pi i m x / L} dx = \begin{cases} L & \text{if } n=m \\ 0 & \text{if } n \neq m \end{cases}$

If we put $\langle f, g \rangle = \frac{1}{L} \int_a^b f(x) \overline{g(x)} dx$, then

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(n) \overline{\hat{g}(n)}$$

Note that

$$\int_0^T f(t) dt = 0 \Leftrightarrow \hat{f}(0) = 0$$

We compare $\int_0^T |f(t)|^2 dt$ and $\int_0^T |f'(t)|^2 dt$

by the Fourier coefficients of f and f' .

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{f}'(n) &= \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T f'(t) e^{-2\pi i n t / T} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \left(f(t) e^{-2\pi i n t / T} \right)' + \frac{2\pi i n}{T} f(t) e^{-2\pi i n t / T} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{T} (0) + \frac{2\pi i n}{T} \hat{f}(n)\end{aligned}$$

(1st Fundamental Thm of Calculus ,
 $f(t) e^{-2\pi i n t / T}$ is T -periodic)

Note that $\hat{f}'(0) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T |f(t)|^2 dt &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |\hat{f}(n)|^2 \\ &= \sum_{n \neq 0} \frac{T^2}{4\pi^2 n^2} |\hat{f}(n)|^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{<} \quad \frac{T^2}{4\pi^2} \sum_{n \neq 0} |\hat{f}(n)|^2$$

$$= \frac{T^2}{4\pi^2} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |\hat{f}(n)|^2$$

$$= \frac{T^2}{4\pi^2} \left(\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T |f'(t)|^2 dt \right)$$

$$\therefore \int_0^T |f(t)|^2 dt \leq \frac{T^2}{4\pi^2} \int_0^T |f'(t)|^2 dt$$

"=" iff $\hat{f}(n) = 0$ for $|n| > 1$

In this case, $\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |\hat{f}(n)| < \infty$

and $S_N f \Rightarrow f$ (since f is cont)

$$\therefore f(x) = \cancel{\hat{f}(0)} + \hat{f}(1) e^{2\pi i x / T} + \hat{f}(-1) e^{-2\pi i x / T}$$

ie. $f(x) = A \sin(2\pi x / T) + B \cos(2\pi x / T)$

It is easy to see that if f is given like

this, then $\hat{f}(n) = 0$ for $|n| > 1$ \neq

(b) Hence concludes that, in general,

$$\int_0^T |f(t) - \bar{f}|^2 dt \leq \frac{T^2}{4\pi^2} \int_0^T |f'(t)|^2 dt,$$

where $\bar{f} = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T f(t) dt$. When does equality hold in this case?

Let $g(t) = f(t) - \bar{f}$, and check that function g satisfies the assumption in (a).

2. Let f, g be T -periodic, continuous and piecewise C^1 functions. Suppose

$$\int_0^T f(t) dt = 0.$$

Show that

$$\left| \int_0^T \overline{f(t)} g(t) dt \right|^2 \leq \frac{T^2}{4\pi^2} \int_0^T |f(t)|^2 dt \int_0^T |g'(t)|^2 dt.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } G(t) &= g(t) - \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T g(x) dx \\ &= g(t) - \bar{g} \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_0^T |G(t)|^2 dt \leq \frac{T^2}{4\pi^2} \int_0^T |g'(t)|^2 dt \quad \text{--- by (b)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_0^T \overline{f(t)} G(t) dt \right|^2 &\leq \int_0^T |G(t)|^2 dt \cdot \int_0^T |f(t)|^2 dt \\ &\leq \frac{T^2}{4\pi^2} \int_0^T |g'(t)|^2 dt \int_0^T |f(t)|^2 dt \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T \overline{f(t)} G(t) dt &= \int_0^T \overline{f(t)} g(t) dt + \int_0^T \overline{f(t)} \boxed{\bar{g}} dt \\ &= \int_0^T \overline{f(t)} g(t) dt + 0 \end{aligned}$$

A constant

3. Let f be a C^1 function on $[a, b]$ such that $f(a) = f(b) = 0$. Show that

$$\int_a^b |f(t)|^2 dt \leq \frac{(b-a)^2}{\pi^2} \int_a^b |f'(t)|^2 dt.$$

When does equality hold?

Proof of 1(a) yields

$$\int_0^T |f(t)|^2 dt \leq \frac{T^2}{4\pi^2} \int_0^T |f'(t)|^2 dt + T |\hat{f}(0)|^2$$

Doesn't work!

We will make up a fn g s.t.

(i) g inherits f

(ii) $\hat{g}(0) = 0$

Let $g: [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ s.t. ($T = b - a$)

$$g(x) = f(a+x)$$

and extend g as a $2T$ -periodic odd fn on \mathbb{R}

$$\text{i.e. } g(x) = \begin{cases} f(a+x) & \text{for } x \in [0, T] \\ -f(a-x) & \text{for } x \in [-T, 0] \end{cases}$$

Then, $g'(x) = f'(a+x)$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^{2\pi} |g(t)|^2 dt \leq \frac{(2\pi)^2}{4\pi^2} \int_0^{2\pi} |g'(t)|^2 dt$$

$$= \frac{\pi^2}{\pi^2} \int_0^{2\pi} |f'(t)|^2 dt$$

$$= \frac{2\pi^2}{\pi^2} \int_0^{\pi} |f'(t)|^2 dt$$

i.e. $\int_0^{\pi} |f(t)|^2 dt \leq \frac{\pi^2}{\pi^2} \int_0^{\pi} |f'(t)|^2 dt$

"=" iff $g(x) = A \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{2\pi}\right)$ (g is odd fcn)
 $= A \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{\pi}\right)$

i.e. $f(x) = ??$