

# Fourier Analysis 04-09.

## Review.

Thm (Fourier Inversion formula)

Let  $f \in M(\mathbb{R})$ . Suppose that  $\hat{f} \in M(\mathbb{R})$ .

Then

$$f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \hat{f}(\xi) e^{2\pi i \xi x} d\xi.$$

Thm 1 (Plancherel formula).

Let  $f \in M(\mathbb{R})$ . Suppose  $\hat{f} \in M(\mathbb{R})$ .

Then we have

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)|^2 dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi$$

Proof. Let  $h(x) = \overline{f(-x)}$ . Then  $h \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R})$ .

Then

$$\hat{h}\left(\frac{\xi}{3}\right) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \overline{f(-x)} e^{-2\pi i \frac{\xi}{3} x} dx$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \overline{f(-x) \cdot e^{2\pi i \frac{\xi}{3} x}} dx$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(-x) e^{2\pi i \frac{\xi}{3} x} dx$$

Letting  $y = -x$

$$\int_{\infty}^{-\infty} f(y) e^{-2\pi i \frac{\xi}{3} y} (-1) dy$$

$$= \overline{\hat{f}\left(\frac{\xi}{3}\right)}.$$

Let us consider  $f * h$ .

Notice that  $f * h \in M(\mathbb{R})$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{f * h}(\xi) &= \widehat{f}(\xi) \cdot \widehat{h}(\xi) = \widehat{f}(\xi) \cdot \overline{\widehat{f}(\xi)} \\ &= |\widehat{f}(\xi)|^2\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\widehat{f * h} \in M(\mathbb{R})$ .

Now applying Fourier Inversion formula to  $f * h$ ,  
we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}f * h(0) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \widehat{f * h}(\xi) d\xi \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\widehat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi.\end{aligned}$$

Notice that

$$f * h(0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) h(-x) dx$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) \cdot \overline{f(x)} \, dx \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)|^2 \, dx.
 \end{aligned}$$

So we obtain

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)|^2 \, dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \hat{f}(\xi) \right|^2 \, d\xi.$$

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### Schwartz space:

Let  $S(\mathbb{R})$  denote the collection of all  $C^\infty$  functions  $f$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  such that for any  $k, l \geq 0$ ,

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |x|^k \cdot |f^{(l)}(x)| < \infty.$$

$$\left( |f^{(l)}(x)| \leq \frac{C}{1 + |x|^k} \right)$$



- $S(\mathbb{R})$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{C}$
- $\forall f \in S(\mathbb{R}), f' \in S(\mathbb{R})$ .

Prop 2:  $f \in S(\mathbb{R}) \Leftrightarrow \hat{f} \in S(\mathbb{R})$ .

Pf. We only prove the direction:

$$f \in S(\mathbb{R}) \Rightarrow \hat{f} \in S(\mathbb{R})$$

Suppose  $f \in S(\mathbb{R})$ .

We need to show that

$$\sup_{\xi \in \mathbb{R}} |\xi|^k \cdot \left| \hat{f}^{(\ell)}(\xi) \right| < \infty \quad \forall k, \ell \geq 0.$$

Notice that

$$(-2\pi i x)^\ell f(x) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \hat{f}^{(\ell)}(\xi)$$

$$F(x) := \frac{d^k \left( (-2\pi i x)^l f(x) \right)}{dx^k} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} (2\pi i \xi)^k \hat{f}(\xi)^{(l)}$$

In particular

$$\sup_{\xi \in \mathbb{R}} \left| (2\pi i \xi)^k \hat{f}(\xi)^{(l)} \right| \leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |F(x)| dx < \infty \quad (\text{since } F \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}))$$

$$\Rightarrow \sup_{\xi \in \mathbb{R}} |\xi|^k \cdot \left| \hat{f}(\xi)^{(l)} \right| < \infty.$$

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§ 5.5.

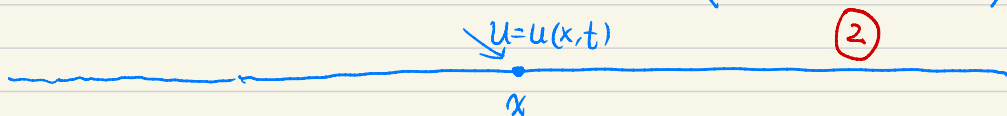
Application 1: The time-dependent heat equation on the real line.

Consider the heat equation

$$\bullet \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad t > 0. \quad (1)$$

(where  $u = u(x, t)$  — temperature at the location  $x$  at time  $t$ )

$$\bullet u(x, 0) = f(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R} \quad (\text{initial condition})$$



We first find a solution by a formal argument:

Taking the Fourier transform on both sides of (1)  
(with respect to  $x$ ).

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \widehat{u}(\xi, t)}{\partial t} &= (2\pi i \xi)^2 \widehat{u}(\xi, t) \\ &= -4\pi^2 \xi^2 \widehat{u}(\xi, t). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{\partial U(x,t)}{\partial t} e^{-2\pi i \xi x} dx \right) \\
 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\mathbb{R}} U(x,t) e^{-2\pi i \xi x} dx \\
 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \hat{U}(\xi, t).
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{\partial^2 U(x,t)}{\partial x^2} e^{-2\pi i \xi x} dx$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (2\pi i \xi)^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}} U(x,t) e^{-2\pi i \xi x} dx \\
 &= -4\pi^2 \xi^2 \hat{U}(\xi, t).
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence we obtain a first order Linear ODE

$$\underline{\frac{d}{dt} \hat{U}(\xi, t)} = -4\pi^2 \xi^2 \hat{U}(\xi, t).$$

Fix  $\frac{x}{2}$ , we see that

$$\hat{u}\left(\frac{x}{2}, t\right) = A\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \cdot e^{-4\pi^2 \frac{x^2}{2} t}$$

↑ (taking  $t=0$ )

Observe that

$$\hat{u}\left(\frac{x}{2}, 0\right) = \hat{f}\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$$

Hence we have  $A\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = \hat{f}\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$ .

Now we obtain

$$\hat{u}\left(\frac{x}{2}, t\right) = \hat{f}\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \cdot e^{-4\pi^2 \frac{x^2}{2} t}$$

Notice that if setting

$$H_t(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{4t}}, \quad t > 0, x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Check:  $\widehat{\mathcal{H}_t(\xi)} = e^{-4\pi^2 \xi^2 t}$

Recall  $e^{-\pi x^2} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} e^{-\pi \xi^2}$

$$e^{-\frac{x^2}{4t}} = e^{-\pi \left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{4\pi t}}\right)^2} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \sqrt{4\pi t} \cdot e^{-\pi \xi^2 \cdot (4\pi t)}$$

$$= \sqrt{4\pi t} e^{-4\pi^2 \xi^2 t}$$

We call  $\{\mathcal{H}_t(x)\}$  the heat kernel on the real line.

By the above analysis, we see that

$$\widehat{U(\xi, t)} = \widehat{f * \mathcal{H}_t(\xi)}$$

Now by the inversion formula, we see that

$$U(x, t) = f * \mathcal{H}_t(x)$$

Next we conduct a theoretic check.

Thm 3. Let  $f \in S(\mathbb{R})$ . Let

$$U(x, t) = f * \mathcal{H}_t(x).$$

Then

$$\textcircled{1} \quad U \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+), \quad \frac{\partial U}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2} \text{ on } \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad U(x, t) \implies f(x) \text{ as } t \rightarrow 0$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}} |U(x, t) - f(x)|^2 dx \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow 0.$$

Pf. Since  $U = f * \mathcal{H}_t$ , both  $f, \mathcal{H}_t \in S(\mathbb{R})$ ,  
it is not hard to show that

$$f * \mathcal{H}_t \in S(\mathbb{R}) \quad \forall t > 0.$$

Now by Fourier inversion formula,

$$U(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \widehat{U}(\xi, t) e^{2\pi i \xi x} dx$$

$$(*) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(\xi) \cdot e^{-4\pi^2 \xi^2 t} e^{2\pi i \xi x} d\xi$$

Let us show

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \text{ exists}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{u(x, t+\Delta t) - u(x, t)}{\Delta t} &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(\xi) \cdot \frac{e^{-4\pi^2 \xi^2 (t+\Delta t)} - e^{-4\pi^2 \xi^2 t}}{\Delta t} e^{2\pi i \xi x} d\xi \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(\xi) \cdot e^{-4\pi^2 \xi^2 t} \cdot \frac{e^{-4\pi^2 \xi^2 \Delta t} - 1}{\Delta t} e^{2\pi i \xi x} d\xi \end{aligned}$$

Notice that

$$\left| \frac{e^{-4\pi^2 \xi^2 \Delta t} - 1}{\Delta t} \right| \leq \text{Const} \cdot |\xi|^2$$

$$\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{-4\pi^2 \xi^2 \Delta t} - 1}{\Delta t} = (-4\pi^2 \xi^2)$$



By Lebesgue's dominated convergence thm,

$$\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \widehat{f}(\xi) e^{-4\pi^2 \xi^2 t} \frac{e^{-4\pi^2 \xi^2 \Delta t} - 1}{\Delta t} \cdot e^{2\pi i \xi x} d\xi$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \widehat{f}(\xi) e^{-4\pi^2 \xi^2 t} \cdot (-4\pi^2 \xi^2) \cdot e^{2\pi i \xi x} d\xi$$

By similar arguments, we see that

$$u \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+).$$

By (\*), we have  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \widehat{f}(\xi) e^{-4\pi^2 \xi^2 t} \cdot e^{2\pi i \xi x} \cdot (2\pi i \xi) d\xi$

and  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \widehat{f}(\xi) \cdot e^{-4\pi^2 \xi^2 t} \cdot (-4\pi^2 \xi^2) \cdot e^{2\pi i \xi x} d\xi$ .

So  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$  on  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+$ . This proves ①.

Part ② is a consequence that

$$\{p_t\}_{t>0}$$

is a good kernel on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Below we prove ③:

By Plancherel formula,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |u(x,t) - f(x)|^2 dx$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\hat{u}(\xi, t) - \hat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\hat{f}(\xi) \cdot e^{-4\pi^2 \xi^2 t} - \hat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 \cdot |e^{-4\pi^2 \xi^2 t} - 1|^2 d\xi$$

Notice that

$$|\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 \cdot |e^{-4\pi^2 \xi^2 t} - 1|^2 \leq |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2$$

By DCT,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \int |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 |e^{-4\pi^2 \xi^2 t} - 1|^2 d\xi$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 |e^{-4\pi^2 \xi^2 t} - 1|^2 d\xi$$

$$= 0.$$

