

# Fourier Analysis 04-16

## Review

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

Then

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

and

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

(Plancherel formula)

Application 1: Time-dependent heat equation on the real line

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, & x \in \mathbb{R}, t > 0 \\ u(x, 0) = f(x). \end{cases}$$

Define

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

(heat kernel on the real line)

Let  $S(\mathbb{R})$  denote the Schwartz space, i.e. the

Collection of  $\mathbb{C}$ -valued functions  $f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  such that

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |x^k f^{(l)}(x)| < \infty \quad \forall k, l \geq 0.$$

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

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

Then

$$\textcircled{1} \quad u \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+), \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \text{ on } \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+ \\ = (-\infty, \infty) \times (0, \infty)$$

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

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

Q2: Are there another solutions to the heat equation?

An example:

$$\text{Let } u(x,t) = \frac{x}{t} H_t(x), \quad t > 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$\text{Check: } \bullet \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\bullet \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} u(x,t) = 0 \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

(If letting  $u \equiv 0$ ,  $u$  is also a solution)

Prop 1: Let  $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $u(x,t) = f * H_t(x)$ .

Then  $u(\cdot, t)$  belongs to  $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$  uniformly in  $t$  in the following sense: given  $T > 0$ ,

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \left| x^k \cdot \frac{\partial^l u(x,t)}{\partial x^l} \right| < \infty, \quad \forall k, l \geq 0.$$

$0 < t < T$

Proof. Without loss of generality, we prove the result in the case  $k=1, l=1$ .

Recall that

$$\frac{\partial u(x,t)}{\partial x} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} (2\pi i \xi) \cdot \hat{u}(\xi, t)$$

$$(-2\pi i x) \frac{\partial u(x,t)}{\partial x} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \frac{d \left( (2\pi i \xi) \hat{u}(\xi, t) \right)}{d\xi}$$

Hence by the Fourier inversion formula,

$$-2\pi i x \frac{\partial u(x,t)}{\partial x} = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{d \left( 2\pi i \xi \hat{u}(\xi, t) \right)}{d\xi} e^{2\pi i x \xi} d\xi$$

Hence

$$\sup_{\substack{x \in \mathbb{R} \\ 0 < t < T}} \left| -2\pi i x \frac{\partial u(x,t)}{\partial x} \right| \leq \sup_{0 < t < T} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \frac{d \left( 2\pi i \xi \hat{u}(\xi, t) \right)}{d\xi} \right| d\xi$$

$$= \sup_{0 < t < T} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \frac{d \left( 2\pi i \xi \hat{u}(\xi, t) \right)}{d\xi} \right| d\xi$$

$$= \sup_{0 < t < T} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \underbrace{\left| \frac{d \left( 2\pi i \xi \cdot \hat{f}(\xi) e^{-4\pi^2 \xi^2 t} \right)}{d\xi} \right|}_{(*)} d\xi$$



Notice that

$$(*) = 2\pi i \left[ \left( \frac{1}{\xi} \hat{f}(\xi) \right)' e^{-4\pi^2 \xi^2 t} + \frac{1}{\xi} \hat{f}(\xi) \cdot e^{-4\pi^2 \xi^2 t} (-8\pi^2 \xi t) \right]$$

Hence

$$|(*)| \leq 2\pi \cdot \left[ \left| \left( \frac{1}{\xi} \hat{f}(\xi) \right)' \right| + \left| \frac{1}{\xi} \hat{f}(\xi) \right| \cdot (8\pi^2 t |\xi|) \right]$$

Then

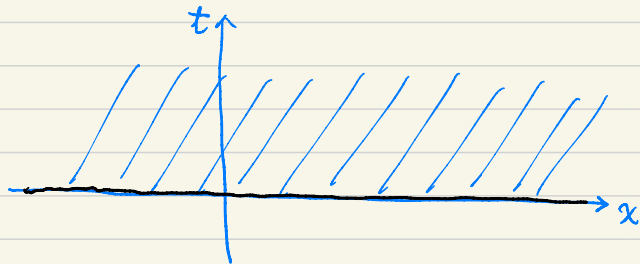
$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{0 < t < T} \int_{\mathbb{R}} |(*)| d\xi &\leq 2\pi \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \left( \frac{1}{\xi} \hat{f}(\xi) \right)' \right| d\xi \\ &\quad + 16\pi^3 T \int_{\mathbb{R}} |\xi|^2 |\hat{f}(\xi)| d\xi < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Thm 2 (Uniqueness).

Suppose  $u = u(x, t)$  satisfies the following conditions:

$$\textcircled{1} \quad u \in C(\overline{\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+}) \cap C^2(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+),$$

where  $\overline{\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+} = (-\infty, \infty) \times [0, \infty)$ .



$$\textcircled{2} \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad \text{on } \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad u(x, 0) = 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$\textcircled{4} \quad u(\cdot, t)$  belongs to  $S(\mathbb{R})$  uniformly in  $t$ .

Then  $u(x, t) \equiv 0$  on  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+$

Proof. (Energy method).

Define for  $t \geq 0$ ,

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

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Energy

Since  $u(\cdot, t) \in S(\mathbb{R})$  unif in  $t$ ,

$E(t)$  is finite for any  $t \geq 0$ .

$$E(0) = 0.$$

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dE(t)}{dt} &\stackrel{\text{(DCT)}}{=} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dt} |u(x,t)|^2 dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dt} (u(x,t) \cdot \overline{u(x,t)}) dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \partial_t u(x,t) \cdot \overline{u(x,t)} \end{aligned}$$

$$+ u(x,t) \partial_t \overline{u(x,t)} dx$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \cdot \bar{u} + u \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \bar{u}}{\partial x^2} dx$$

int by part

$$= - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial x} dx$$

$$= -2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right|^2 dx$$

$$\leq 0.$$

Hence  $E(t)$  is decreasing function  
in  $t$ .

But  $E(0) = 0$ , so we have

$$E(t) \leq 0 \text{ for } t \geq 0.$$

However 
$$E(t) = \int_{-b}^{\infty} |u(x,t)|^2 dx$$
$$\geq 0.$$

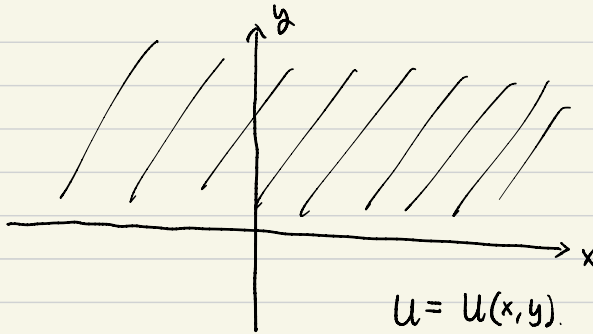
Hence  $E(t) \equiv 0$  for all  $t \geq 0$ .

It follows that  $u(x,t) \equiv 0$ .



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Application 2: Steady state heat equation on the upper half plane.



$$\begin{cases} \Delta u = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0 & (1) \\ u(x, 0) = f(x). & (2) \end{cases}$$

Taking Fourier transform in  $x$  variable in (1),  
we obtain

$$(+2\pi i\xi)^2 \cdot \hat{U}(\xi, y) + \frac{\partial^2 \hat{U}(\xi, y)}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{\partial^2 \hat{U}(\xi, y)}{\partial y^2} - 4\pi^2 \xi^2 \hat{U}(\xi, y) = 0$$

The general solution of the above ODE is

$$\hat{U}(\xi, y) = A(\xi) e^{-2\pi|\xi|y} + B(\xi) \cdot e^{2\pi|\xi|y}$$

where  $A(\xi)$ ,  $B(\xi)$  are functions  
in  $\xi$ .

Removing the second part (since it is rapidly increasing),

we have

$$\hat{U}(\xi, y) = A(\xi) \cdot e^{-2\pi|\xi|y}$$

Letting  $y=0$ ,

$$\hat{f}(\xi) = A(\xi)$$

Hence

$$\hat{u}(\xi, y) = \hat{f}(\xi) \cdot e^{-2\pi|\xi|y}$$

Now let us introduce the Poisson kernel on the upper half plane

$$P_y(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, y > 0.$$

Claim:  $\hat{P}_y(\xi) = e^{-2\pi|\xi|y}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \hat{u}(\xi, y) &= \hat{f}(\xi) \cdot \hat{P}_y(\xi) \\ &= \widehat{f * P_y}(\xi) \end{aligned}$$

By Inversion formula, we get

$$u(x, y) = f * P_y(x)$$

Lemma 3. (i)  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-2\pi|\xi|/y} e^{2\pi i \xi x} d\xi = P_y(x)$

(ii)  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} P_y(x) e^{-2\pi i \xi x} dx = e^{-2\pi|\xi|/y}$ .

Pf. Recall

$$e^{-|x|} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \frac{2}{1+4\pi^2\xi^2}$$

So  $e^{-2\pi|x|/y} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \frac{1}{2\pi y} \cdot \frac{2}{1+4\pi^2\left(\frac{\xi}{2\pi y}\right)^2}$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi y} \cdot \frac{2}{1+\frac{\xi^2}{y^2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \cdot \frac{y}{\xi^2+y^2}$$

i.e.  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-2\pi|x|/y} e^{-2\pi i \xi x} dx$



$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{y}{z^2 + y^2}$$

Taking complex conjugate on both sides of the above equation gives

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-2\pi i x/y} e^{2\pi i \xi x} dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{y}{z^2 + y^2}$$

This is the result in (i).

Now (ii) is simply obtained by Inversion formula.

Lem 4:  $\{P_y(x)\}_{y>0}$  is a good kernel on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Thm 5. Let  $f \in S(\mathbb{R})$  and  $u(x,y) = f * P_y(x)$ .

Then ①  $u \in C^2(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+)$  and  $\Delta u = 0$

②  $u(x,y) \Rightarrow f(x)$  as  $y \rightarrow 0$

③  $\int |u(x,y) - f(x)|^2 dx \rightarrow 0$  as  $y \rightarrow 0$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad u(x,y) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } |x|+y \rightarrow \infty.$$

Pf. Here we only prove  $\textcircled{4}$ . We need to prove

$\exists$  const  $C > 0$  such that

$$|u(x,y)| \leq \begin{cases} C \left( \frac{1}{1+x^2} + \frac{y}{x^2+y^2} \right) \\ \frac{C}{y} \end{cases}$$

$$u = f * P_y(x).$$

$$\text{But } P_y(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \cdot \frac{y}{x^2+y^2} \leq \frac{1}{\pi} \cdot \frac{y}{y^2} = \frac{1}{\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{y}$$

$$f * P_y(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x-t) P_y(t) dt$$

$$= \int_{|t| < \frac{|x|}{2}} + \int_{|t| \geq \frac{|x|}{2}} f(x-t) P_y(t) dt$$

$$= \textcircled{1} + \textcircled{2}$$

$$|\textcircled{1}| \leq \int_{|t| < \frac{|x|}{2}} |f(x-t)| \mathcal{P}_y(t) dt$$

$$\leq \int_{|t| < \frac{|x|}{2}} \frac{C}{1 + \left(\frac{|x|}{2}\right)^2} \mathcal{P}_y(t) dt$$

$$\leq \frac{4C}{1 + |x|^2}$$

$$|\textcircled{2}| \leq \int_{|t| \geq \frac{|x|}{2}} |f(x-t)| \mathcal{P}_y(t) dt$$

$$\leq \int_{|t| \geq \frac{|x|}{2}} |f(x-t)| \cdot \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{y}{t^2 + y^2} dt$$

$$\leq \int_{|t| \geq \frac{|x|}{2}} |f(x-t)| \cdot \frac{1}{\pi} \cdot \frac{4y}{x^2 + y^2} dt$$

$$\leq \frac{4}{\pi} \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} |f(t)| dt \leq \text{Const.} \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2}$$

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