

Fourier Analysis
Second Semester 2008/9
 Homework Assignment 3
 (Due on 24th February 2009)

Only the questions marked with an asterisk (*) will count towards the assessment for this course. Most of these exercises are taken from Stein and Shakarchi.

1. Prove that $l^2(\mathbf{Z})$ is complete, that is, every Cauchy sequence in $l^2(\mathbf{Z})$ has a limit in $l^2(\mathbf{Z})$.
2. This question follows on from question 3 on Assignment 2. Consider again the function $f: [-\pi, \pi] \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ defined by $f(\theta) = |\theta|$. Use Parseval's Identity to prove

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k+1)^4} = \frac{\pi^4}{96} \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4} = \frac{\pi^4}{90}.$$

In fact, it is possible to calculate a formula for $\sum_n 1/n^k$ for every even k . However, nobody has yet managed to do this for odd k , even for $k=3$. If you have some spare time, perhaps you might want to try to evaluate $\sum_n 1/n^3$.

- *3. Suppose that f is a continuously differentiable 2π -periodic function such that

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(\theta) d\theta = 0.$$

- (a) Use Parseval's Identity to show that

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |f(\theta)|^2 d\theta \leq \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |f'(\theta)|^2 d\theta.$$

- (b) Find a function f_0 which satisfies the same conditions as f but

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |f_0(\theta)|^2 d\theta = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |f'_0(\theta)|^2 d\theta.$$

- (c) Find a function f_1 which satisfies the same conditions as f but

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |f_1(\theta)|^2 d\theta < \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |f'_1(\theta)|^2 d\theta.$$

- (d) Suppose g is continuously differentiable and f is as above. Prove that

$$\left| \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \overline{f(\theta)} g(\theta) d\theta \right|^2 \leq \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |f(\theta)|^2 d\theta \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |g'(\theta)|^2 d\theta.$$

- (e) Suppose h is continuously differentiable on $[0, \pi]$ and $h(0) = h(\pi) = 0$. Prove

$$\int_0^{\pi} |h(\theta)|^2 d\theta \leq \int_0^{\pi} |h'(\theta)|^2 d\theta.$$

- *4. The aim of this question is to evaluate the improper Riemann integral

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin x}{x} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^b \frac{\sin x}{x} dx.$$

- (a) Show that

$$\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^b \frac{\sin x}{x} dx = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{\pi} \frac{\sin((N+1/2)x)}{x} dx.$$

- (b) Use the Riemann-Lebesgue Lemma to prove

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left(\frac{1}{\sin(x/2)} - \frac{2}{x} \right) \sin((N+1/2)x) dx = 0.$$

- (c) Use the above and the fact that

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{\sin((N+1/2)x)}{\sin(x/2)} dx = 2\pi$$

for all $N \geq 1$ to show that $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin x}{x} dx = \pi/2$.

5. Suppose f is 2π -periodic function which is k -times continuously differentiable. Prove that

$$\hat{f}(n) = O(1/|n|^k)$$

as $|n| \rightarrow \infty$.

*6. Suppose f is 2π -periodic and integrable on $[-\pi, \pi]$.

(a) Show that

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

(b) Assume that f is Hölder continuous of order α , that is

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

for some $C > 0$ and all x and y . Use part (a) to prove

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