

Fourier Analysis – Exercise sheet 4
 (to be discussed on May 28)

Note that we may also discuss Ex. 3.3 from sheet 3.

Ex 4.1: (Local Behavior of Fourier series)

The goal is to show that if two functions $f, g \in L^1(\mathbb{T})$ coincide in an open interval of \mathbb{T} , then the Fourier series either both converge pointwise on this interval to the same limit or both diverge. In order to conclude this show the following for functions $f \in L^1(\mathbb{T})$

- (a) If $\int_{-\varepsilon}^{\varepsilon} \left| \frac{f(s)}{s} \right| ds < \infty$ for some $\varepsilon > 0$ then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (D_n * f)(0) \rightarrow 0$.
Hint: You may want to use the representation of D_n in terms of sines and use elementary facts on trigonometric functions.
- (b) If $\int_{-\varepsilon}^{\varepsilon} \left| \frac{f(t+s) - f(t)}{s} \right| ds < \infty$ for some $\varepsilon > 0$ then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (D_n * f)(t) \rightarrow f(t)$.
- (c) Conclude the above statement.
- (d) Refine the statement in the following way: On any compact subinterval of the considered interval the pointwise convergence of the Fourier series of $f - g$ to 0 is uniform.
Hint: this requires a “uniform version” of the Riemann–Lebesgue lemma in the sense that the Fourier coefficients of a compact set of $L^1(\mathbb{T})$ -functions tend to 0 (at ∞) uniformly).

Ex. 4.2: Show that for $X = C^k(\mathbb{T})$, $k \in \mathbb{N}$, the partial sums of the Fourier series $S(f)$ do not converge to f in X for general $f \in X$.

Ex 4.3: (The Poisson kernel)

- (a) Show that

$$P_r(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} r^{|k|} e^{ikt}$$

defines an approximate identity $(P_r)_{r \in (0,1)} \subset L^1(\mathbb{T})$ indexed by $(0, 1)^1$. Here you may first show that

$$P_r(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{1 - r^2}{1 - 2r \cos(t) + r^2}, \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{T}, r \in (0, 1).$$

- (b) Conclude that for any homogeneous Banach space X we have that

$$P_r * f \rightarrow f \text{ in } X$$

as $r \rightarrow 1$ for any $f \in X$ (this is the version of the main result for approximate identities $(k_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$).

- (c) Show that $(P_r * f)(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} r^{|k|} \hat{f}(k) e^{ikt}$.
- (d) Show the following properties (analogous to the Fejér kernel) for all $r \in (0, 1), t \in \mathbb{T}$.

$$P_r(t) \geq 0, \quad P_r(t) = P_r(-t), \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{s \in [\delta, 2\pi - \delta]} |P_r(s)| = 0$$

Furthermore show that $t \mapsto P_r(t)$ is decreasing for $t \in (0, \pi)$.

¹this means that in the definition of an approximate identity we replace the sequence $(k_n)_n$ by the function $k : (0, 1) \rightarrow L^1(\mathbb{T}), r \mapsto k_r$ where the conditions “ $\forall n$ ” get replaced by $\forall r \in (0, 1)$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty}$ by $\lim_{r \rightarrow 1}$.

- (e) Show that if $f \in L^1(\mathbb{T})$ and $t_0 \in \mathbb{T}$ such that $L = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} f(t_0 + s) + f(t_0 - s)$ exists, it follows that

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} (P_r * f)(t_0) = \frac{L}{2}.$$

Hint: Start in a similarly as in the proof for the pointwise convergence of the Fejér means, Section 4), but then exploit the properties from Ex. 4.3(d)

Ex 4.4: Let $(P_r)_{r \in (0,1)}$ be the Poisson kernel from Ex. 4.3. We want to show that for $f \in L^1(\mathbb{T})$

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 1^-} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} r^{|k|} \hat{f}(k) e^{ikt} = \lim_{r \rightarrow 1^-} (P_r * f)(t) = f(t) \quad \text{for a.e. } t \in \mathbb{T}.$$

For that consider the steps:

- (a) Show that if $f \in L^1(\mathbb{T})$, $t_0 \in \mathbb{T}$ and $L_{t_0} \in \mathbb{C}$ are such that

$$(*) \quad \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{h} \int_0^h \frac{1}{2} (f(t_0 + s) + f(t_0 - s)) - L_{t_0} ds = 0,$$

then $(P_r * f)(t_0) \rightarrow L_{t_0}$ as $r \rightarrow 1$. Note that in the corresponding result on the pointwise convergence of the Fejér means $F_n * f$ from the lecture, Section 4, we have assumed a slightly stronger assumption than (*).

(Hint: This follows the same lines as the proof for the Fejér kernel — however, fill the “gap” we have left in the lecture and observe why we can use this weaker condition here..)

- (b) Show that for any $f \in L^1(\mathbb{T})$ it holds that (*) is satisfied with $L_{t_0} = f(t_0)$ for almost every t_0 .

Ex 4.5: *Fourier coefficients of bounded linear functionals.*

For a homogeneous Banach space X consider the dual space X' of bounded linear functionals $\mu : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$. Let us assume that $e^{in \cdot} \in X$ for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. For $\mu \in X'$ define

$$\hat{\mu}(n) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \overline{\langle e^{in \cdot}, \mu \rangle_{X', X}} := \frac{1}{2\pi} \overline{\mu(e^{in \cdot})} \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

- (a) Show that $|\hat{\mu}(n)| \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \|\mu\|_{X'} \|e^{in \cdot}\|_B$ for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $\mu \in X'$.
- (b) Show that this definition is consistent with our definition of Fourier coefficients in the case of $X = L^p(\mathbb{T})$, $p \in [1, \infty)$ (in which case X' is isomorphic to $L^q(\mathbb{T})$ with the Hölder conjugate q).
- (c) Show that the following holds for $f \in X$ and $\mu \in X'$. The limit

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{k=-N}^N \left(1 - \frac{|k|}{N+1}\right) \hat{f}(k) \hat{\mu}(k)$$

exists and equals $\langle f, \mu \rangle_{X, X'}$.

- (d) Show that if $\hat{\mu}(n) = 0$ for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ then $\mu = 0 \in X'$.