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Fourier analysis

Exercise 10

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- (i) If $f_0(x) = |x|$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$, show that $f_0 \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R})$.
(ii) Calculate the (distributional) derivatives f_0', f_0'' . What is $x^2 f_0^{(4)}$?

- Given $a \in \mathbb{R}^d$, let the distribution $T \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$ be given by

$$T(g) = \int_{-1}^1 g(ta) dt.$$

(c.f. Exercises 9). Show that the distributional derivative $\sum_{j=1}^d a_j \partial_j T$ can be expressed a sum of suitable δ -functions.

- (i) Does $|a| \delta_a \rightarrow 0$ converge in $\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R})$, when $a \rightarrow \infty$? If yes, what is the limit ?

(ii) If $f_\varepsilon(x) = e^{-\varepsilon|x|}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$, show that $\widehat{f}_\varepsilon(\xi) = \frac{2\varepsilon}{\varepsilon^2 + \xi^2}$. Find the distribution $T \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R})$ for which $f_\varepsilon \rightarrow T$ in \mathcal{S}' as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$. What can you say of the Fourier transform of the limit distribution T ? Can you show directly that $\widehat{f}_\varepsilon \rightarrow \widehat{T}$ in \mathcal{S}' ?

- Suppose that $\phi \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$ and that for every $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}$ we can find constants $C, M < \infty$ such that $|\partial^\alpha \phi(x)| \leq C(1 + |x|^2)^M$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$. Show that

$$g \mapsto \phi g$$

is a continuous map from $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ onto itself, and that $\phi T \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$ whenever $T \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$.

- (i) Let $g \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$ and write $g_\varepsilon(x) := \varepsilon^{-1}(g(x + \varepsilon) - g(x))$. Show that $g_\varepsilon(x) \rightarrow g'(x)$ in the metric of $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$ as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$.

(ii) Using the above, show that for every $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ we have, as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$,

$$\varepsilon^{-1}(f(x + \varepsilon) - f(x)) \rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} f \quad \text{in } \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}),$$

where $\frac{d}{dx} f$ is the distributional derivative of f .