

**ANALYSIS OF FUNCTIONS (PART II)**  
**EXAMPLE SHEET 3**

Harder questions are highlighted with \* and facultative “cultural” questions with %.  
Focus first on questions 1 to 13 in priority for the supervision.

**Exercise 1.** Consider  $f \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  and prove that  $\mathcal{F}(f)$  is  $C^\infty$  and is the sum on  $\mathbb{R}$  of an entire series with infinite radius of convergence.

**Exercise 2.** Consider  $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  i.e.  $f \in C^\infty$  and  $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{N}^d, \beta \in \mathbb{N}, |x|^\beta \partial^\alpha f(x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $|x| \rightarrow +\infty$ . In particular  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and prove in full details that  $\mathcal{F}(f) \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ .

**Exercise 3.** Recall that  $\mathcal{F}$  has been extended in lecture to  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  by establishing a bound from  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  to  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)^1$ . It is natural to ask whether one can extend by continuity the Fourier transform  $\mathcal{F}$  to  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)$  with  $p \in (2, +\infty]$ . This exercise answers negatively.

(i) Prove that if  $p \in (2, +\infty)$  and  $q \in [1, +\infty]$  are s.t. there is  $C > 0$  s.t. for all  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d) \cap L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)$  it holds  $\|\mathcal{F}(f)\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq C\|f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)}$ , then necessarily  $q = p' = p/(p-1)$  is conjugate to  $p$ .

(ii) By computing the Fourier transform of the complex-valued function  $f(x) = e^{-(a+ib)|x|^2}$  for  $a > 0$  and  $b \in \mathbb{R}$ , prove that such inequality cannot hold when  $p \in (2, +\infty]$ .

**\*Exercise 4.** Consider  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$  that is differentiable almost everywhere with  $f' \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ , does it imply that  $\mathcal{F}(f')(\xi) = 2i\pi\xi\mathcal{F}(f)(\xi)$ ? [Prove it if true or give a detailed counter-example if not.]

**Exercise 5.** *Non-surjectivity of  $\mathcal{F} : L^1(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow C_0(\mathbb{R}^d)$ .*

(i) Let  $0 < a < b < +\infty$ , and  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$  odd ( $f(-x) = -f(x)$ ). Prove that

$$\int_a^b \frac{\mathcal{F}f(\xi)}{\xi} d\xi = -2i \int_0^{+\infty} f(x) \left( \int_{ax}^{bx} \frac{\sin(2\pi u)}{u} du \right) dx.$$

(ii) Deduce that the improper integral  $\int_0^{+\infty} \frac{\mathcal{F}f(\xi)}{\xi} d\xi$  converges, and compute it.

(iii) Prove that if  $g \in C_0(\mathbb{R})$  is the Fourier transform of  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$  and  $g$  odd then  $f$  odd.

(iv) By considering  $g(\xi) := (1 + |\ln \xi|)^{-1}$  for  $\xi > 0$ , deduce that the Fourier transform from  $L^1(\mathbb{R})$  to  $C_0(\mathbb{R})$  is not surjective.

**Exercise 6.** Consider  $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and  $g \in L^{p'}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  with  $p \in [1, +\infty]$  and  $p' = p/(p-1) \in [1, +\infty]$ , and prove that  $h := f * g$  is bounded and uniformly continuous. When  $p \in (1, +\infty)$  prove moreover that  $h(x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $|x| \rightarrow +\infty$  and show that the latter fails when  $p = 1$  or  $p = +\infty$ .

**\*Exercise 7.** State and prove a version of the Poisson summation formula suitable to deduce as an application the identity  $\frac{e^{2\pi\alpha} + 1}{e^{2\pi\alpha} - 1} = \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{\alpha}{\alpha^2 + n^2}$  for  $\alpha > 0$ .

**Exercise 8.** Given  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , prove that (1) for every  $p \in [1, +\infty]$ , the space  $W^{k,p}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  is a Banach space, (2) for every  $p \in (1, +\infty)$  it is reflexive, (4) for every  $p \in [1, +\infty)$  it is separable, (4) for  $p = 2$  it is a Hilbert space.

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<sup>1</sup>As we will see in facultative questions the bounds  $L^1(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  yield more generally bounds  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow L^{p'}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  for  $p \in (1, 2)$  by interpolation.

**Exercise 9.** Prove that if  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$  is invariant under rotations (i.e. depends only on the Euclidean distance to the origin) then the same is true for  $\mathcal{F}(f)$ . Given  $f \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  invariant under rotation prove by using the Fourier transform that  $\Delta f$  is also invariant under rotation; extend this result to  $f \in H^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  when  $\Delta f$  is the generalised derivative Laplacian of  $f$ .

**Exercise 10.**  $B(0, 1)$  denotes the open unit ball of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .

(i) Consider an open set  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  connected and  $f \in W^{1,p}(U)$  so that all first-order generalised derivatives  $D_{x_i} f = 0$  almost everywhere on  $U$ . Prove that  $f$  is constant almost everywhere on  $U$ .

(ii) Consider an open set  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $f \in L^p(U)$  s.t.  $D^\alpha f \in L^p(U)$  for  $|\alpha| = k \geq 2$ , then is it true that  $D^\alpha f \in L^p(U)$  for all  $|\alpha| = 1, 2, \dots, k-1$ ?

(iii) Consider  $F : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  that is  $C^1$  and with  $F'$  bounded, and  $f \in W^{1,p}(B(0, 1))$  for  $p \in [1, +\infty]$  then prove that  $F(f) \in W^{1,p}(B(0, 1))$ .

(iv) Prove that  $f(x) := \ln \ln(1 + |x|^{-1}) \in W^{1,d}(B(0, 1))$ .

(v) For  $s \in (0, 1/2)$  exhibit a  $f \in H^s(\mathbb{R})$  that is not continuous (i.e. has no continuous representant).

(vi) Exhibit a function  $f \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^2)$  that is not bounded.

\*(vii) Exhibit an open set  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $f \in W^{1,\infty}(U)$  s.t.  $f$  is not Lipschitz continuous on  $U$ .

**Exercise 11.** Prove that  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  belongs to  $H^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$  iff there is a  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 (1 + |\xi|^2)^{\frac{s}{2}} d\xi < +\infty$  where  $\hat{f}$  is the Fourier-Plancherel transform of  $f$ , and the square root of this integral defines an equivalent norm on  $H^s(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . Deduce a proof based on the Fourier transform of the following Sobolev inequality: when  $s > d/2$  there is  $C > 0$  depending only on  $d$  and  $s$  s.t.  $\|f\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq C \|f\|_{H^s(\mathbb{R}^d)}$ .

**\*Exercise 12.** Consider  $\alpha > 0$  and  $f \in H^1(B(0, 1))$  with  $B(0, 1)$  open unit ball of  $\mathbb{R}^d$  s.t.  $\lambda(\{x \in B(0, 1) \mid f(x) = 0\}) \geq \alpha$  ( $\lambda$  Lebesgue measure), then prove that there is  $C > 0$  depending only on  $d$  and  $\alpha$  s.t.  $\int_{B(0,1)} f^2 dx \leq C \int_{B(0,1)} |\nabla f|^2 dx$ , where  $\nabla f$  is the generalised derivative gradient.

**Exercise 13.** Denote by  $U := B(0, 1)$  the open unit ball of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . Prove that  $\|\Delta f\|_{L^2(U)}$  (where  $\Delta f$  is the generalised derivative Laplacian) defines a norm on  $H_0^2(U)$ , equivalent to the ambient norm.

**Exercise 14.** Consider  $p \in [1, +\infty]$  and  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  a bounded open set and  $f \in W^{1,p}(U)$ .

(i) Prove that  $|f| \in W^{1,p}(U)$ .

(ii) Prove that  $f^+ := \max(f, 0)$  and  $f^- := \max(-f, 0)$  belong to  $W^{1,p}(U)$ .

(iii) Calculate the generalised derivatives of  $f^+$  and  $f^-$  in terms of those of  $f$  and deduce that  $\nabla f = 0$  almost everywhere on the set  $\{f = 0\}$ , where  $\nabla f$  is the gradient of generalised derivatives.

**\*Exercise 15. Dirichlet Principle**

Let  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  be open and bounded. For a source term  $g \in L^2(U)$ , show that solving for  $f \in H_0^1(U)$  the Dirichlet problem  $-\Delta f = g$  in  $U$  and  $f = 0$  on  $\partial U$  is the same as solving for  $f \in H_0^1(U)$  the minimization problem:  $F(f) = \inf_{h \in H_0^1(U)} F(h)$  where  $F(h) = \frac{1}{2} \int_U |\nabla h|^2 dx - \int_U hg dx$ .

**\*Exercise 16. Rellich-Kondrachov's Theorem**

Let  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  open and bounded whose boundary  $\partial U$  is  $C^1$ , prove that any sequence uniformly bounded in  $H^1(U)$  is relatively compact in  $L^2(U)$  i.e. if  $\{f_n\} \subset H^1(U)$  is a sequence such that  $\|f_n\|_{H^1(U)} \leq C$  for some constant  $C$  independent of  $n$ , then there exists a subsequence  $\{f_{\varphi(n)}\}$  (with  $\varphi : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  strictly increasing) and a limit function  $f \in L^2(U)$  such that  $\|f_{\varphi(n)} - f\|_{L^2(U)} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .