

Define  $L_{bc}^1(\mathbb{R})$  to be the set of functions  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  which are continuous, bounded, and satisfy

$$\|f\|_1 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f| < \infty$$

Then given  $f \in L_{bc}^1(\mathbb{R})$ , define its Fourier transform  $\hat{f}$  to be

$$\hat{f}(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-2\pi ixy} dx$$

**Claim** Let  $g(x) = -2\pi ixf(x)$ , and suppose that  $g \in L_{bc}^1(\mathbb{R})$ . Then  $\hat{f} \in C^1(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C})$ , i.e. differentiable with continuous derivative, and  $\hat{f}' = \hat{g}$ .

A few important lemmas:

**Lemma** Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $|e^{ix} - e^{iy}| \leq |x - y|$ . In particular,  $|e^{ix} - 1| \leq |x|$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $x \leq y$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} |e^{ix} - e^{iy}| &= \left| -i e^{it} \Big|_x^y \right| \\ &= \left| \int_x^y e^{it} \right| \\ &\leq \int_x^y 1 \\ &= y - x \\ &= |x - y| \end{aligned}$$

If  $x \geq y$ , then simply do  $|e^{ix} - e^{iy}| = |e^{iy} - e^{ix}|$  first to obtain  $x - y = |x - y|$ . Choosing  $y = 0$  gives the particular case. ■

**Lemma** Let  $f : V \rightarrow W$  for some normed linear spaces  $V, W$ . Let  $c \in V$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c)$$

iff  $\forall (c_n) \subseteq V - \{c\}$  such that  $c_n \rightarrow c$ ,  $\lim f(c_n) = f(c)$ .

*Proof.* The first direction is just definitions. Conversely, suppose  $\forall (c_n) \subseteq V - \{c\}$  such that  $c_n \rightarrow c$ ,  $\lim f(c_n) = f(c)$ . Suppose for a contradiction that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) \neq f(c)$ , i.e.  $\exists \varepsilon > 0$  such that  $\forall \delta > 0$ ,  $\exists x \in V$  satisfying  $\|x - c\| < \delta$  and  $\|f(x) - f(c)\| \geq \varepsilon$ . This generates a sequence  $(c_n) \subseteq V - \{c\}$  (since  $x = c$  clearly doesn't fail) such that  $\forall n$ ,  $\|c_n - c\| < 1/n$  and  $\|f(c_n) - f(c)\| \geq \varepsilon$ . Then  $c_n \rightarrow c$ , but  $f(c_n) \not\rightarrow f(c)$ . This contradicts the hypothesis. ■

**Lemma** Let  $f \in L^1_{bc}(\mathbb{R})$ . Then  $\hat{f}$  is continuous.

*Proof.* Notice if  $\|f\|_1 = 0$ , then  $f = 0$ , in which case the lemma is trivial. Now let  $y_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Note that

$$\begin{aligned} |\hat{f}(y) - \hat{f}(y_0)| &= \left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) (e^{-2\pi ixy} - e^{-2\pi ix y_0}) dx \right| \\ &= \left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-2\pi ix y_0} (e^{-2\pi ix(y-y_0)} - 1) dx \right| \\ &\leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)| |e^{-2\pi ix(y-y_0)} - 1| dx \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\|f\|_1 < \infty$ , therefore  $\exists R > 0$  such that

$$\int_{|x|>R} |f| < \frac{\varepsilon}{4}$$

Hence, since

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)| |e^{-2\pi ix(y-y_0)} - 1| dx \leq 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)| dx < \infty$$

therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)| |e^{-2\pi ix(y-y_0)} - 1| dx &= \int_{|x|\leq R} |f(x)| |e^{-2\pi ix(y-y_0)} - 1| dx + \\ &\quad + \int_{|x|>R} |f(x)| |e^{-2\pi ix(y-y_0)} - 1| dx \\ &< 2\pi |y - y_0| \int_{|x|\leq R} |x| |f(x)| dx + 2 \int_{|x|>R} |f(x)| dx \\ &< 2R\pi |y - y_0| \int_{|x|\leq R} |f(x)| dx + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \\ &\leq 2R\pi |y - y_0| \|f\|_1 + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Thus choosing  $|y - y_0| < \varepsilon / (R\pi \|f\|_1)$  shows the claim. ■

Also recall a weak version of the dominated convergence theorem:

**Dominated convergence theorem (Weak)** Let  $f_n : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  continuous which converge locally uniformly to  $f$ . If  $\exists g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  such that  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g < \infty$  and  $|f_n| \leq g$ , then

$$\lim \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_n = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f$$

Now for the claim:

*Proof of Claim.* Note

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{g}(y) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) e^{-2\pi ixy} dx \\ &= -2\pi i \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) e^{-2\pi ixy} dx \end{aligned}$$

Recall  $\hat{f} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ . So we can differentiate. Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\hat{f}(y+h) - \hat{f}(y)}{h} &= \frac{1}{h} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) (e^{-2\pi ix(y+h)} - e^{-2\pi ixy}) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{h} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-2\pi ixy} (e^{-2\pi ixh} - 1) dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-2\pi ixy} \varphi(x, h) dx \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\varphi(x, h) = \frac{e^{-2\pi ixh} - 1}{h}$$

Hence

$$\hat{f}'(y) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-2\pi ixy} \varphi(x, h) dx$$

By a lemma it is equivalent to show

$$\hat{f}'(y) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-2\pi ixy} \varphi(x, h_n) dx$$

for an arbitrary  $(h_n) \subseteq \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$  that converges to 0, thereby realizing  $\varphi(x, h_n)$  as a sequence of continuous functions in  $x$ . It is now enough to show that

1.  $\varphi(x, h_n)$  converge locally uniformly to  $-2\pi ix$
2.  $\exists k : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  such that  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} k < \infty$  and  $|f(x) e^{-2\pi ixy} \varphi(x, h_n)| \leq k$

by the above weaker version of the dominated convergence theorem, because it would then follow that  $f(x) e^{-2\pi ixy} \varphi(x, h_n)$  converge locally uniformly to  $-2\pi ix f(x) e^{-2\pi ixy}$ , and so

$$\lim \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-2\pi ixy} \varphi(x, h_n) dx = -2\pi i \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) e^{-2\pi ixy} dx = \hat{g}(y)$$

as calculated earlier, where  $\hat{g}(y)$  is continuous by a lemma since  $g \in L_{bc}^1(\mathbb{R})$ . To see this additional local uniform convergence, recall that  $\exists M > 0$  such that  $|f| \leq M$ , so that

$$|f(x) e^{-2\pi ixy} \varphi(x, h_n) + 2\pi i x f(x) e^{-2\pi ixy}| \leq M \cdot 1 \cdot |\varphi(x, h_n) + 2\pi i x|$$

and then the convergence follows from that of  $\varphi(x, h_n)$ .

Consider (1). Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , and let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{e^{-2\pi i x h_n} - 1}{h_n} + 2\pi i x \right| &= \frac{1}{|h_n|} |e^{-2\pi i x h_n} - 1 + 2\pi i x h_n| \\ &= \frac{1}{|h_n|} \left| \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-2\pi i x h_n)^j}{j!} \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{|h_n|} \left| (-2\pi i x h_n)^2 \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-2\pi i x h_n)^{j-2}}{j!} \right| \\ &= 4\pi^2 |x|^2 |h_n| \left| \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-2\pi i x h_n)^j}{(j+2)!} \right| \\ &\leq 4\pi^2 |x|^2 |h_n| \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{|-2\pi i x h_n|^j}{j!} \\ &= 4\pi^2 |x|^2 |h_n| e^{2\pi |x| |h_n|} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\lim h_n = 0$ , therefore  $\lim e^{2\pi |x| |h_n|} = 1$ . Hence  $\exists N_1$  such that  $\forall n \geq N_1$ ,

$$|e^{2\pi |x| |h_n|} - 1| < 1 \implies e^{2\pi |x| |h_n|} < 2$$

Hence for  $n \geq N_1$ ,

$$4\pi^2 |x|^2 |h_n| e^{2\pi |x| |h_n|} < 8\pi^2 |x|^2 |h_n|$$

Choose any neighbourhood  $x \in (-M, M)$  for  $M > 0$ , so that

$$8\pi^2 |x|^2 |h_n| < 8\pi^2 M^2 |h_n|$$

Now  $\exists N_2$  such that  $\forall n \geq N_2$ ,  $|h_n| < \varepsilon / (8\pi^2 M^2)$ . Hence  $\forall n \geq \max\{N_1, N_2\}$ ,  $|\varphi(x, h_n) + 2\pi i x| < \varepsilon$ .

For (2), let  $k = |g| = 2\pi |x| |f(x)|$ , since

$$|f(x) e^{-2\pi ixy} \varphi(x, h_n)| \leq |f(x)| 2\pi |x|$$

because  $|e^{-2\pi i x h_n} - 1| \leq |-2\pi x h_n|$  by a lemma, and  $\|g\|_1 < \infty$  by assumption that  $g \in L_{bc}^1(\mathbb{R})$ . ■