

TMA4130 Mathematics 4N Fall 2020

Exercise set 5

Mandatory problems

1 Compute the following integrals and show your work in detail:

a) $\int_0^\infty \frac{\cos(xw) + w\sin(xw)}{1 + w^2} dw$ (This exercise can be found in Kreyszig, p. 517, but note that there is a typo there.) Hint: Calculate the representation of the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & (x < 0) \\ \pi \exp(-x) & (\text{else}) \end{cases}$$

by a Fourier integral.

b) $\int_0^\infty \frac{1 - \cos(\pi w)}{w} \sin(xw) dw$. Hint: Calculate the representation of the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \pi/2 & (0 < x < \pi) \\ 0 & (\text{else}) \end{cases}$$

by a Fourier integral.

2 For some positive constant $\alpha > 0$, define the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & (|x| < \alpha) \\ 0 & (\text{else}) \end{cases}$$

and show that its Fourier transform is

$$\hat{f}(w) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{\sin(\alpha w)}{w}.$$

3 Compute the Fourier transform of the following functions:

a)
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & (x \le 0) \\ \exp(-x) & (x > 0) \end{cases}$$

b)
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - x^2 & (-1 \le x \le 1) \\ 0 & (|x| > 1) \end{cases}$$

c)
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} T + x & (-T \le x < 0) \\ T - x & (0 \le x \le T) \\ 0 & (|x| > T) \end{cases}$$

4 Compute the convolution

$$(f*f)(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x-p)f(p)dp$$

for the function $f(p) = \frac{1}{p^2 + \lambda^2}$ for a given $\lambda > 0$.

Additional exercises

These additional exercises are completely optional and should not be handed in. The student assistants will not grade these problems.

5 Compute the Fourier transform of

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \sin(x) & (-\pi < x < \pi) \\ 0 & (\text{else}) \end{cases}$$

and calculate the integral

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(\pi w)\sin(\pi w/2)}{1-w^2} dw.$$

6 Let $f(x) = \exp(-x^2)$ and $g(x) = x \exp(-x^2)$. Show that

$$f\ast g=-\frac{i}{4}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}w\exp(-\frac{w^2}{2})\exp(iwx)dw.$$

7 Find the Fourier transform of $f(x) = x^2 \exp(-x^2)$. (Hint: It might be useful to differentiate $\exp(-x^2)$ twice.)