C3.8 Analytic Number Theory, Michaelmas 2019

Exercises 3

Question 1. Let q > 1 be a positive integer. Let $e(x) = e^{2\pi i x}$, so e(x/q) is a well-defined function for $x \in \mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z}$. For any function $f : \mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{C}$, define the discrete Fourier transform by

$$\hat{f}(a) := \frac{1}{q} \sum_{b \in \mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z}} f(b) e\left(\frac{-ab}{q}\right)$$

for $a \in \mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z}$.

(i) For each integer a, show that

$$\sum_{b=1}^{q} e\left(\frac{ab}{q}\right) = \begin{cases} q, & \text{if } q \text{ divides } a, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

(ii) Deduce the Fourier inversion formula:

$$f(a) = \sum_{b \in \mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z}} \hat{f}(b) e\left(\frac{ab}{q}\right).$$

(iii) Show Parseval's formula:

$$\sum_{a \in \mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z}} |f(a)|^2 = q \sum_{b \in \mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z}} |\hat{f}(b)|^2.$$

Question 2. Define functions $F_1, F_2 : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ by setting $F_1(x) = 1$ if $|x| \leq 1$, and 0 otherwise; and $F_2(x) = 1 - |x|$ if $|x| \leq 1$, and 0 otherwise.

- (i) Calculate $\hat{F}_1(\xi)$ and $\hat{F}_2(\xi)$, showing that they make sense for all $\xi \in \mathbb{R}$.
- (ii) Show that $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\widehat{F}_1(\xi)| d\xi$ is infinite, but that $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\widehat{F}_2(\xi)| d\xi$ is finite.

Question 3. Show that the function $\zeta'(s)/\zeta(s)$ has

- (i) A simple pole at $s = \rho$, for every non-trivial zero ρ of $\zeta(s)$.
- (ii) A simple pole at $s = -2, -4, \ldots$
- (iii) A simple pole at s = 1.
- (iv) No other poles in the complex plane.

Question 4. Recall from lectures that for $\Re(s) > -2$ we have

$$\zeta(s) = \frac{1}{s-1} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{s}{12} - s(s+1)(s+2) \int_1^\infty \frac{(\{t\} - 3\{t\}^2 + 2\{t\}^3)dt}{12t^{s+3}} dt$$

(i) Show, using induction, that for each integer $k \ge 2$ we have

$$\zeta(s) = \frac{1}{s-1} + Q_k(s) + s(s+1)\dots(s+k) \int_1^\infty \frac{P_k(\{t\})}{t^{s+k+1}}$$

in the region $\Re(s) > -k$, for some polynomials Q_k , P_k with rational coefficients. Deduce that $\zeta(-(2n+1))$ is a rational number of all positive integers n.

(ii) Show that

$$\Gamma(1/2) = \pi^{1/2}$$

Deduce from this that $\Gamma(1/2 + n)$ is a rational multiple of $\pi^{1/2}$ for all integers n.

(iii) Deduce that $\zeta(2n)$ is a rational multiple of π^{2n} for all positive integers n.

Question 5. Let $f, g \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$, the set of Schwarz functions on \mathbb{R} .

(i) Show that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)\hat{g}(x)dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(x)g(x)dx.$$

(ii) Let $r_t(x) = f(tx)$ and $s_t(x) = f(x+t)$. Show that

$$\hat{r}_t(\xi) = \frac{\hat{f}(\xi/t)}{t},$$
$$\hat{s}_t(\xi) = e^{2\pi i \xi t} \hat{f}(\xi)$$

(iii) Let $h_t(x) = e^{-\pi x^2/t^2}$. Show that as $t \to \infty$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(x) h_t(x) dx \to \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(x) dx$$

and

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)\hat{h}_t(x)dx \to f(0).$$

(iv) By applying (iii) to $s_t(x)$, deduce the Fourier inversion formula for $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$:

$$f(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(\xi) e^{2\pi i x \xi} d\xi$$

(v) Deduce Plancherel's formula

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)|^2 dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\hat{f}(x)|^2 dx.$$

Question 6. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{C}$ be a smooth function such that f(x) is non-zero only when $x \in [\alpha, \beta]$ for some finite $0 < \alpha < \beta$. Define the *Mellin Transform* $F : \mathbb{C} \to \mathbb{C}$ by

$$F(s) := \int_0^\infty f(x) x^{s-1} dx.$$

- (i) Show that $g_{\sigma}(x) = f(e^x)e^{\sigma x}$ is a function in $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$ and that $F(\sigma + it) = \hat{g}_{\sigma}(-t/2\pi)$.
- (ii) Using the Fourier inversion formula (Question 5 part (iv)), deduce the Mellin Inversion Formula: For any $\sigma \in \mathbb{R}$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\sigma - i\infty}^{\sigma + i\infty} F(s) x^{-s} ds.$$

(iii) Let $h_y(x) = f(x/y)$. Show the Mellin transform satisfies $H_y(s) = y^s F(s)$. Deduce that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f\left(\frac{n}{y}\right) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{2-i\infty}^{2+i\infty} y^s F(s)\zeta(s) ds.$$

(iv) It is a fact that $\zeta(s) \ll |s|^{101}$ for $\Re(s) > -100$ and $|s-1| \ge 1$ (This follows from the formula in Question 4 (i))

Using this and the Cauchy residue theorem, deduce that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f\left(\frac{n}{y}\right) = y \int_0^{\infty} f(x) dx + O(y^{-100}).$$

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