

Fourier Series Revision Questions Following Tao 5.1-5.5

5.1 Periodic Functions

1. Let $L > 0$ be a real number. Define a function f that is periodic with period.
 - a. Give an example of one
2. What is a Z -Periodic function?
3. In order to completely specify a Z -periodic function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, in what interval must one specify f ?
 - a. Why? What does this determine
 - b. Why can we just specify this
4. What is the name of the space of complex-valued continuous Z -periodic functions?
5. [Lemma] Basic properties of $C(\mathbb{R}/Z; \mathbb{C})$
 - a. Boundness
 - b. Vector space and algebra properties
 - c. Closure under uniform limits

5.2 Inner Product and periodic functions

1. Define the *inner product* of $f, g \in C(\mathbb{R}/Z; \mathbb{C})$
2. Find the inner product of $f(x) = 1$ and $g(x) = e^{2\pi i x}$
 - a. In general will the inner product be a complex or real number?
3. [Lemma] let $f, g, h \in C(\mathbb{R}/Z; \mathbb{C})$ give the following properties
 - a. Hermitian Property
 - b. Positivity
 - c. Linearity in the first variable
 - d. Antilinearity in the second variable
4. Define the norm of f , $\|f\|^2$
5. Calculate the norm of the function $f(x) = e^{2\pi i x}$
6. [Lemma] $f, g \in C(\mathbb{R}/Z; \mathbb{C})$:
 - a. (non-degeneracy) we have $\|f\|_2 = 0$ iff....
 - b. (Cauchy-Schwarz inequality) we have $|\langle f, g \rangle| \leq ?$
 - c. (Triangle inequality)
 - d. (Pythagoras' Theorem) if $\langle f, g \rangle = 0$
 - e. Homogeneity
7. f, g are.... iff $\langle f, g \rangle = 0$
8. Define the L^2 metric d_{L^2} on $C(\mathbb{R}/Z; \mathbb{C})$
9. The sequence f_n of functions on $C(\mathbb{R}/Z; \mathbb{C})$ will converge in the L^2 metric to f if as ..

5.3 Trigonometric Polynomials

1. Polynomials are functions of x^n (sometimes called monomials), trigonometrics are combinations of functions of ... sometimes called ...
2. Why is $\cos(2\pi nx)$ a trig poly?
3. [Lemma] (characters are an orthonormal system).
For any integers n and m , we have $\langle e_n, e_m \rangle = 1$ when ... and $= 0$ when.... Also $\|e_n\| = ?$
4. [Corollary] Give the formula for the coefficients of a trig poly
5. Define Fourier Transform
 - a. Give the fourier inversion formula
 - i. $f(x) =$
 - b. What is the fourier series of f ?
6. Give the Plancherel formula

5.4 Periodic Convolutions

Goal is to probe the Weierstrass approximation theorem for trig poly

1. [Theorem]
Let $f \in C(\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}; \mathbb{C})$, and let $\varepsilon > 0$. Then there exists a trigonometric polynomial P st ...
2. If we let $P(\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}; \mathbb{C})$ denote the space of all trigonometric polynomials, then the closure of $P(\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}; \mathbb{C})$ in the L^∞ metric is ..
Can be proved from the Weierstrass approx theorem for polynomials (Theorem 3.8.3)
3. Define periodic convolution $f * g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$
4. [Lemma] (Basic properties of periodic convolution)
 - a. Closure
 - b. Commutativity
 - c. Bilinearity
5. For any $f \in C(\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}; \mathbb{C})$ and $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, we have $f * e_n = ?$
6. Define periodic approximation to the identity

5.5 The Fourier and Plancherel Theorem

1. State the Fourier Theorem
2. [Theorem]
let $f \in C(\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}; \mathbb{C})$, and suppose that the series $\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |f^{up}(n)|$ is absolutely convergent. the the series...
3. State the Plancherel theorem