

Harmonic Analysis

Homework Sheet 5

Exercise 5.1

Establish b) and d) in Theorem 2.6 in the notes.

Exercise 5.2

Compute $H(\mathbf{1}_{[a,b]})(x)$ for $-\infty < a < b < \infty$.

Exercise 5.3

We establish another proof of $\widehat{H(\varphi)} = -i \operatorname{sgn}(\xi)\hat{\varphi}$ and another equivalent definition of the Hilbert transform. Let

$$Q_t = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{x}{x^2 + t^2}$$

be the conjugate Poisson kernel of the last sheet. Show that $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} Q_t = \pi^{-1} \text{p.v.}(x^{-1})$ in \mathcal{S}' , i.e.,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \langle Q_t, \varphi \rangle_{\mathcal{S}} = H(\varphi), \quad \varphi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}).$$

(We will later on show L^p and pointwise a.e. convergence (by considering the corresponding maximal function) for $\varphi \in L^p$ with $p \in [1, \infty)$, thereby extending the Hilbert transform from \mathcal{S} .) By the continuity of the Fourier transform in \mathcal{S}' and $\hat{Q}_t(\xi) = -i \operatorname{sgn}(\xi)e^{-2\pi t|\xi|}$ (from the last sheet), this shows once more

$$\widehat{H(\varphi)}(\xi) = -i \operatorname{sgn}(\xi)\hat{\varphi}(\xi)$$

which, in turn, allows us to define H in $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ by Plancherel's theorem. Show that

$$\|Hf\|_2 = \|f\|_2, \tag{1}$$

$$H(Hf) = -f, \tag{2}$$

$$H^* = -H, \text{ i.e., } \int_{\mathbb{R}} g H(f) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} H(g) f. \tag{3}$$

Exercise 5.4

1. Let $0 < a < b < \infty$. Show that $|\int_a^b x^{-1} \sin x \, dx| \leq 4$.
2. Consider the one-dimensional Laplace transform of $\sin(x)/x$, i.e.,

$$I(a) := \int_0^\infty e^{-ax} \frac{\sin x}{x} \, dx, \quad a > 0.$$

Show that $I(a)$ is continuous at $a = 0$ and differentiate with respect to a to conclude $I(a) = \pi/2 - \arctan(a)$ and $I(0) = \pi/2$. ($I(0)$ is known as the Dirichlet integral.) Finally, deduce

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{\sin(x\xi)}{x} \, dx = \pi \operatorname{sgn}(\xi).$$

(Hint: Integration by parts and $\partial_x(1 - \cos x) = \sin x$ may be helpful.)