

Please provide complete and well-written solutions to the following exercises.

Due March 5, in the discussion section.

## Assignment 7

**Exercise 1.** Prove the following assertions.

- (a) (Continuous periodic functions are bounded.) If  $f \in C(\mathbf{R}/\mathbf{Z}; \mathbf{C})$ , then  $f$  is bounded. (That is, given  $f \in C(\mathbf{R}/\mathbf{Z}; \mathbf{C})$ , there exists  $M > 0$  such that  $|f(x)| \leq M$  for all  $x \in \mathbf{R}$ .)
- (b) (Continuous periodic functions form a vector space and an algebra.) Let  $f, g \in C(\mathbf{R}/\mathbf{Z}; \mathbf{C})$ . Then  $f + g$ ,  $f - g$  and  $fg$  are all in  $C(\mathbf{R}/\mathbf{Z}; \mathbf{C})$ . Also, if  $c \in \mathbf{C}$ , then  $cf \in C(\mathbf{R}/\mathbf{Z}; \mathbf{C})$ .
- (c) (Uniform limits of continuous periodic functions are continuous periodic.) Let  $(f_j)_{j=1}^\infty$  be a sequence of functions in  $C(\mathbf{R}/\mathbf{Z}; \mathbf{C})$  which converges uniformly to a function  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ . Then  $f \in C(\mathbf{R}/\mathbf{Z}; \mathbf{C})$ .

(Hint: for (i), first show that  $f$  is bounded on  $[0, 1]$ .)

**Exercise 2.** Let  $f, g \in C(\mathbf{R}/\mathbf{Z}; \mathbf{C})$ . We define the (complex) **inner product**  $\langle f, g \rangle$  to be the quantity

$$\langle f, g \rangle := \int_0^1 f(x) \overline{g(x)} dx.$$

Verify that this inner product on  $C(\mathbf{R}/\mathbf{Z}; \mathbf{C})$  satisfies the axioms of a complex inner product space.

**Exercise 3.** Let  $M > 0$  be any positive real number. Find a function  $f \in C(\mathbf{R}/\mathbf{Z}; \mathbf{C})$  such that  $\|f\|_2 \leq 1$  but such that  $\|f\|_\infty > M$ . On the other hand, if  $g \in C(\mathbf{R}/\mathbf{Z}; \mathbf{C})$ , show that  $\|g\|_2 \leq \|g\|_\infty$ . So, the  $L_2$  and sup-norms on  $C(\mathbf{R}/\mathbf{Z}; \mathbf{C})$  are related, but they can also be very different.

**Exercise 4.** Let  $(f_j)_{j=1}^\infty$  be a sequence of functions in  $C(\mathbf{R}/\mathbf{Z}; \mathbf{C})$ , and let  $f$  be another function in  $C(\mathbf{R}/\mathbf{Z}; \mathbf{C})$ .

- Show that if  $(f_j)_{j=1}^\infty$  converges uniformly to  $f$ , then  $(f_j)_{j=1}^\infty$  also converges to  $f$  in the  $L_2$  metric.
- Find a sequence  $(f_j)_{j=1}^\infty$  in  $C(\mathbf{R}/\mathbf{Z}; \mathbf{C})$  which converges to some  $f \in C(\mathbf{R}/\mathbf{Z}; \mathbf{C})$  in the  $L_2$  metric, so that  $(f_j)_{j=1}^\infty$  does not converge to  $f$  uniformly. (Hint: consider  $f = 0$  and use Exercise 3.)
- Find a sequence  $(f_j)_{j=1}^\infty$  in  $C(\mathbf{R}/\mathbf{Z}; \mathbf{C})$  which converges to some  $f \in C(\mathbf{R}/\mathbf{Z}; \mathbf{C})$  in the  $L_2$  metric, so that  $(f_j)_{j=1}^\infty$  does not converge pointwise to  $f$ . (Hint: consider  $f = 0$  and try to make the functions  $f_j$  large at one point.)

- Find a sequence  $(f_j)_{j=1}^\infty$  in  $C(\mathbf{R}/\mathbf{Z}; \mathbf{C})$  which converges to some  $f \in C(\mathbf{R}/\mathbf{Z}; \mathbf{C})$  pointwise, so that  $(f_j)_{j=1}^\infty$  does not converge to  $f$  in the  $L_2$  metric. (Hint: consider  $f = 0$  and try to make the functions  $f_j$  large in  $L_2$  norm.)

**Exercise 5 (Characters are an Orthonormal System).** Let  $n, m$  be integers. Prove the following. If  $n = m$ , then  $\langle e_n, e_m \rangle = 1$ . If  $n \neq m$ , then  $\langle e_n, e_m \rangle = 0$ . Also,  $\|e_n\|_2 = 1$ .

**Exercise 6.** Let  $f = \sum_{n=-N}^N c_n e_n$  be a trigonometric polynomial. Show that, for all integers  $-N \leq n \leq N$ , we have

$$c_n = \langle f, e_n \rangle.$$

Also, for any integer  $n$  with  $|n| > N$ , we have  $\langle f, e_n \rangle = 0$ . And, we have the identity

$$\|f\|_2^2 = \sum_{n=-N}^N |c_n|^2.$$

(Hint: for the final identity, use either the Pythagorean Theorem and induction, or substitute  $f = \sum_{n=-N}^N c_n e_n$  into  $\|f\|_2^2$  and expand out all of the terms.)

**Exercise 7.** Let  $f, g, h \in C(\mathbf{R}/\mathbf{Z}; \mathbf{C})$ . Prove the following assertions.

- The convolution  $f * g$  is continuous and  $\mathbf{Z}$ -periodic. That is,  $f * g \in C(\mathbf{R}/\mathbf{Z}; \mathbf{C})$ .
- $f * g = g * f$ .
- $f * (g + h) = f * g + f * h$  and  $(f + g) * h = f * h + g * h$ . For any complex number  $c$ , we have  $c(f * g) = (cf) * g = f * (cg)$ .

(Hints: to prove (a), you may need to use the uniform continuity of  $f$  and the boundedness of  $g$ , or vice versa. To prove  $f * g = g * f$ , you may need to use periodicity to “cut and paste” the interval  $[0, 1]$ .)

**Exercise 8.** Let  $f, g, h \in C(\mathbf{R}/\mathbf{Z}; \mathbf{C})$ . For any  $n \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ , define the **trigonometric Fourier coefficients**  $a_n, b_n$  by

$$a_n := 2 \int_0^1 f(x) \cos(2\pi n x) dx, \quad b_n := 2 \int_0^1 f(x) \sin(2\pi n x) dx.$$

- Show that the series

$$\frac{1}{2} a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos(2\pi n x) + b_n \sin(2\pi n x))$$

converges to  $f$  with respect to the  $L_2$  metric. (Hint: use the Fourier inversion theorem, and break up the exponentials into sines and cosines. Combine the positive  $n$  terms with the negative  $n$  terms.)

- Show that if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  are absolutely convergent, then the above series actually converges uniformly to  $f$ . (Hint: use the Theorem concerning uniform convergence of Fourier series.)
- For any  $x \in [0, 1]$ , define  $f(x) := (1 - 2x)^2$ , and extend  $f$  to be  $\mathbf{Z}$ -periodic on the rest of the real line. Using the second part of this exercise, show that

$$\frac{1}{3} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{\pi^2 n^2} \cos(2\pi n x)$$

converges uniformly to  $f$ .

- Conclude that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$ . (Hint: let  $x = 0$  in the third part of the exercise.)
- Conclude that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4} = \frac{\pi^4}{90}$ . (Hint: expand the cosines in terms of exponentials, and then use Plancherel's Theorem.)