

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

Due February 28, at the beginning of class.

## Homework 3

**Exercise 1.** Let  $H$  be a real Hilbert space. Verify the polarization identity:

$$4\langle h, g \rangle = \|h + g\|^2 - \|h - g\|^2.$$

Now, assume that  $H$  is a complex Hilbert space. Verify the polarization identity

$$4\langle h, g \rangle = \sum_{j=0}^3 i^j \|h + i^j g\|^2.$$

**Exercise 2.** Let  $\chi: \mathbf{R}/\mathbf{Z} \rightarrow \{z \in \mathbf{C}: |z| = 1\}$  be a character. (Recall:  $\chi$  is a continuous function such that  $\chi(s + t) = \chi(s)\chi(t)$  for all  $s, t \in \mathbf{R}/\mathbf{Z}$ .)

- Show that  $\chi'(0)$  exists.
- Show that  $\chi'(t) = \chi(t)\chi'(0)$  for all  $t \in \mathbf{R}/\mathbf{Z}$ .
- Conclude that  $\chi(t) = e^{2\pi ity}$  for some  $y \in \mathbf{R}$ , and conclude that in fact  $y \in \mathbf{Z}$ .

**Exercise 3** (Uniqueness of Fourier Series in  $L_1$ ). Let  $f: \mathbf{R}/\mathbf{Z} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  with  $\|f\|_1 := \int_0^1 |f(x)| dx < \infty$ . Show: if  $\widehat{f}(n) = 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbf{Z}$ , then  $f = 0$ . (Hint: show that  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \|f * F_N - f\|_1 = 0$ .) Since  $\|f\|_1 \leq \|f\|$  by e.g. Jensen's inequality, conclude the uniqueness of Fourier series in  $L_1(\mathbf{R}/\mathbf{Z}, \mathcal{B}, dx)$  as well.

**Exercise 4.** Let  $f: \mathbf{R}/\mathbf{Z} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  with  $\|f\|_1 := \int_0^1 |f(x)| dx < \infty$ . In this Exercise, you are asked to show that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \pm\infty} \widehat{f}(n) = 0,$$

using the following plan.

- Show the assertion holds for any  $f \in L_2(\mathbf{R}/\mathbf{Z}, \mathcal{B}, dx)$  as a consequence of Plancherel's Theorem. In particular, the assertion holds for any continuous  $f$ .
- Approximate  $f$  by a continuous  $g: \mathbf{R}/\mathbf{Z} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ . That is, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , find a continuous  $g$  satisfying  $\|f - g\|_1 < \varepsilon$ .
- Finally, use: if  $\|f - g\|_1 < \varepsilon$ , then  $|\widehat{f}(n) - \widehat{g}(n)| < \varepsilon$  for all  $n \in \mathbf{Z}$ .

Show also that: if  $f$  is  $k$  times continuously differentiable, then there exists a constant  $c$  such that

$$|\widehat{f}(n)| \leq cn^{-k}.$$

**Exercise 5** (Sunspot Data, Version 2). This exercise deals with sunspot data from the following files (the same data appears in different formats)

txt file                      csv (excel) file

These files are taken from <http://www.sidc.be/silso/datafiles#total>

To work with this data, e.g. in Matlab you can use the command

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x=importdata('SN_d_tot_V2.0.txt')
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to import the .txt file.

The format of the data is as follows.

- Columns 1-3: Gregorian calendar date (Year, Month, then Day)
- Column 4: Date in fraction of year
- Column 5: Daily total number of sunspots observed on the sun. A value of -1 indicates that no number is available for that day (missing value).
- Column 6: Daily standard deviation of the input sunspot numbers from individual stations.
- Column 7: Number of observations used to compute the daily value.
- Column 8: Definitive/provisional indicator. A blank indicates that the value is definitive. A '\*' symbol indicates that the value is still provisional and is subject to a possible revision (Usually the last 3 to 6 months)

In a previous Exercise, we modelled the number of sunspots  $U_t$  at time  $t$ , where  $t$  is measured in years, by

$$U_t = m_t + a \cos(2\pi t/11) + b \sin(2\pi t/11) + Y_t, \quad \forall t \in \mathbf{R},$$

where  $a, b, \theta, \omega \in \mathbf{R}$  are unknown (deterministic) parameters,  $m_t$  is an unknown deterministic function of  $t$  that is assumed to be a “slowly varying” function of  $t$ , and  $\{Y_t\}_{t \in \mathbf{R}}$  are i.i.d. mean zero random variables. The quantity  $m_t$  is called the **trend** and the quantity  $s_t := a \cos(2\pi t/11) + b \sin(2\pi t/11)$  is called the **seasonal component** of the time series  $\{U_t\}_{t \in \mathbf{R}}$ .

This model was perhaps too simplistic, since it did not seem to fit the data well in some respects. This time, let's not make any a priori assumptions about known periodicities in the data. Consequently, we will just examine the Fourier coefficients of the data  $U_t$  directly. If we want to make plots of Fourier coefficients, it is easier to take absolute values. If the units of  $t$  were in integers, then we would define  $\hat{U}(s) = \sum_{t \in \mathbf{Z}} U_t e^{2\pi i s t}$  for any  $s \in \mathbf{R}/\mathbf{Z}$ , as the  $n^{\text{th}}$  frequency component of the time series. Since the units of  $t$  are in integers divided by 365 (or by 365.25), we instead define

$$\hat{U}(r) := \sum_{t \in \mathbf{Z}/365} U_t e^{2\pi i t r}, \quad \forall r \in \mathbf{R}/365\mathbf{Z}.$$

- Plot  $|\hat{U}(r)|$  versus  $r$ , where  $r \in [0, 1]$  and also when  $r \in [0, 365]$ . Do you observe any large absolute values of  $\hat{U}(r)$  for any values of  $r$  near  $1/11$ ?

You should observe some large values of  $\widehat{U}(r)$  when  $r$  takes the values: .0842, .0921, and .0995, corresponding to frequencies of 11.87, 10.858, and 10.05, respectively. This large signal should correspond to  $r \in [.08, .105]$  (and to  $r \in [-.105, -.08]$ ).

- Plot the inverse Fourier transform of this part of the frequency spectrum  $\widehat{U}(r)$ . That is, plot the following function of  $t \in \mathbf{Z}/365$

$$S_t := \frac{1}{365} \int_{.08}^{.105} \widehat{U}(r) e^{-2\pi i r t} dr + \frac{1}{365} \int_{-.105}^{-.08} \widehat{U}(r) e^{-2\pi i r t} dr.$$

(Since the time series is real valued,  $\widehat{U}(r) = \overline{\widehat{U}(-r)}$  for all  $r \in \mathbf{R}/\mathbf{Z}$ . Also, for any  $x, y \in \mathbf{R}$ ,  $\operatorname{Re}(x + y\sqrt{-1}) := x$ .)

How does  $S_t$  compare to  $U_t$  when you put them in the same plot? (Instead of plotting  $U_t$  itself for this comparison, consider plotting a moving average of  $U_t$ .)

When you plotted  $S_t$  versus  $U_t$ ,  $S_t$  should follow the oscillations of  $U_t$  fairly closely.

When you plotted  $\widehat{U}(r)$  versus  $r$ , you should have also noticed large values for  $r$  near 0. These low frequencies correspond to the long term “trend” in the data. The low frequency signal should correspond roughly to  $r \in [0, .016]$

- Plot the inverse Fourier transform of this part of the frequency spectrum  $\widehat{U}(r)$ . That is, plot the following function of  $t \in \mathbf{Z}/365$

$$M_t := \frac{1}{365} \int_{-.016}^{.016} \widehat{U}(r) e^{-2\pi i r t} dr.$$

Plot  $U_t$ ,  $M_t$  and  $S_t$  in the same plot. Then plot  $U_t - S_t - M_t$ . Does  $U_t - S_t - M_t$  “resemble” a stationary process? Is this procedure better or worse than what we did on the previous homework?

- If  $\{U_t - S_t - M_t\}_{t \in \mathbf{Z}/365}$  were a sequence of i.i.d. random variables with mean zero and variance one, what would its Fourier transform look like? That is, if  $\{Z_t\}_{t \in \mathbf{Z}/365}$  were a sequence of i.i.d. random variables with mean zero and variance one, and if

$$\widehat{Z}(r) := \sum_{t \in \mathbf{Z}/365} Z_t e^{2\pi i t r}, \quad \forall r \in \mathbf{R}/365\mathbf{Z},$$

then what would this function look like? Does it have mean zero (when  $r$  is fixed)? Can you compute the variance of  $\widehat{Z}(r)$  (when  $r$  is fixed)? Are the quantities  $\widehat{Z}(r)$  and  $\widehat{Z}(s)$  independent when  $s \neq r$ ,  $s, r \in \mathbf{R}/365\mathbf{Z}$ ? If they are not independent, could you compute their covariance?