MATH 583A Principles and Methods of Applied Mathematics

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Homework 3

1. Find the inverse Fourier transform of

$$\hat{f}(k) = \begin{cases} 1 + \cos(\pi k), & -1 < k < 1; \\ 0, & k < -1 \text{ or } k > 1. \end{cases}$$

At which values of *x* the function $f(x) = \mathscr{F}^{-1}[\hat{f}(k)](x)$ is singular?

2. Find the Fourier transform of

$$f_{\beta}(x) = \frac{(\beta/e)^{\beta^2}}{\Gamma(\beta^2)} \begin{cases} (x+\beta)^{\beta^2-1}e^{-\beta x}, & x > -\beta; \\ 0, & x < -\beta. \end{cases}$$

Assume $\beta > 0$. Find the limit $\hat{f}(k) = \lim_{\beta \to \infty} \hat{f}_{\beta}(k)$.

3. Let $f(x) = \exp(-x^2/2)/\sqrt{2\pi}$. Find and sketch the Fourier transforms of $x^2 f(x)$ and $x^3 f(x)$.

4. Let $h(x) = \exp(-\sqrt{|x|})$. For what values of α the limit $\lim_{k \to \infty} |k|^{\alpha} \hat{h}(k)$ is finite and non-zero?

5. The Fourier transform of exp $(-\sqrt{x^2 + a^2})$ (here a > 0) decays exponentially with k, similar to exp $(-\gamma|k|)$ for large k. What is the value of γ ?