

Sheet 1

Exercise 1.1

Part 1

For any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we set $f_n := \mathbf{1}_{[n, n+1]}$.

1. Show that for any $x \in \mathbb{R}_+$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} f_n(x) = 0$
2. Show that for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we have $\int_{\mathbb{R}_+} f_n(x) dx = 1$

Part 2

We will show that the sequence $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ does not satisfies the following property: there exist a non-negative function $g \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$ such that

$$\text{a.e. } x \in \mathbb{R}_+, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad |f_n(x)| \leq g(x). \quad (1)$$

1. Show that for any $x \in \mathbb{R}_+$

$$\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \{|f_n(x)|\} = 1.$$

2. Show that, if a measurable function $g : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfying (1), then $g \notin L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$.

Exercise 1.2 (The Fourier transform of complex Gaussians)

Let $a \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $\text{Re}(a) > 0$. The goal of this exercise is to show that

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^d, \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-ix \cdot \xi} e^{-\frac{|x|^2}{2a}} dx = (2a\pi)^{\frac{d}{2}} e^{-\frac{a}{2}|\xi|^2} \quad (2)$$

Part 1

For any $x \in \mathbb{R}$, we define $h(x) := e^{-\frac{x^2}{2a}}$. We assume that $h \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$.

1. Show that $h'(x) = -\frac{x}{a}h(x)$.
2. Show that $h' \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ and that $\widehat{h}'(\xi) = i\xi\widehat{h}(\xi)$.
3. Show that $\widehat{h}'(\xi) = -i\xi\widehat{h}(\xi)$.
4. Recall that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} h(x) dx = \sqrt{2a\pi}.$$

Show that $\widehat{h}(0) = \sqrt{a}$.

5. Deduce that \widehat{h} is the solution of the following Cauchy problem

$$\begin{cases} \widehat{h}'(\xi) = -a\xi\widehat{h}(\xi) & \text{in } \mathbb{R}, \\ \widehat{h}(0) = \sqrt{a}. \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

6. Deduce from that, for any $\xi \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\widehat{h}(\xi) = \sqrt{a}e^{-\frac{a}{2}|\xi|^2}.$$

Part 2 By remarking that for any $x = (x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d$ we have

$$e^{-\frac{|x|^2}{2a}} = \prod_{j=1}^d h(x_j),$$

show Formula (2).

Exercise 1.3 (The heat equation)

Let $u_0 \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$. For any $t \geq 0$ and $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^d$, we set

$$u(t, x) := \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{ix \cdot \xi} e^{-t|\xi|^2} \widehat{u}_0(\xi) d\xi.$$

Part 1

1. Show that for any $(t, x) \in (0, +\infty) \times \mathbb{R}^d$, we have $\partial_t u(t, x) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (-|\xi|^2) e^{ix \cdot \xi} e^{-t|\xi|^2} \widehat{u}_0(\xi) d\xi$.
2. Show that $u \in \mathcal{C}^\infty((0, +\infty) \times \mathbb{R}^d)$.
3. Show that $\partial_t u - \Delta u = 0$ in $(0, +\infty) \times \mathbb{R}^d$.

Part 2

1. Show that

$$\forall (t, x) \in (0, +\infty) \times \mathbb{R}^d, \quad \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{ix \cdot \xi} e^{-t|\xi|^2} \widehat{u}_0(\xi) d\xi = \frac{1}{(4\pi t)^{\frac{d}{2}}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-\frac{|x-y|^2}{4t}} u_0(y) dy.$$

2. Show that $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} u(t, x) = u_0(x)$.
3. Deduce that for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, we have $u(0, x) = u_0(x)$.

Part 3

Show that, for any $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$, we have

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{ix \cdot \xi} \widehat{f}(\xi) d\xi.$$

Homework (hand in on 21.01.2026).**Exercise 1.4 (The dominated convergence theorem)**

For any $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we set

$$f_n(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi n)^{\frac{d}{2}}} e^{-\frac{|x|^2}{2n}}.$$

Show that $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ does not satisfy the conclusion of the dominated convergence theorem. Which hypothesis of the dominated convergence theorem is not satisfied by $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$?

Exercise 1.5 (The generalised Leibniz rule)

For multiindices $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{N}^d$, we declare that $\beta \leq \alpha$ if $\beta_j \leq \alpha_j$ for all $j = 1, \dots, d$. Denote by

$$\binom{\alpha}{\beta} = \prod_{j=1}^d \binom{\alpha_j}{\beta_j}.$$

Prove the generalised Leibniz formula for $f, g \in C^{|\alpha|}(\mathbb{R}^d)$

$$\partial^\alpha (fg) = \sum_{\beta \leq \alpha} \binom{\alpha}{\beta} (\partial^\beta f)(\partial^{\alpha-\beta} g).$$

Exercise 1.6 (The Schrödinger equation)

Let $u_0 \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$. For any $(t, x) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^d$ we set

$$u(t, x) := \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{ix \cdot \xi} e^{it|\xi|} \widehat{u}_0(\xi) d\xi.$$

a) Show that $u \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^d)$.

b) Show that u solves the Schrödinger equation

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u + i\Delta u = 0, & \text{in } \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^d, \\ \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} u(t, x) = u_0(x), & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^d. \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

Exercise 1.7 (The wave equation)

Let u_0 and u_1 in $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$. For any $(t, x) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^d$ we set

$$u(t, x) := \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{ix \cdot \xi} \cos(t|\xi|) \widehat{u}_0(\xi) d\xi + \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{ix \cdot \xi} \frac{\sin(t|\xi|)}{|\xi|} \widehat{u}_1(\xi) d\xi.$$

1. Show that $u \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^d)$.
2. Show that u solves the wave equation

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t^2 u - \Delta u = 0, & \text{in } \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^d, \\ \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} u(t, x) = u_0(x) \text{ and } \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \partial_t u(t, x) = u_1(x), & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^d. \end{cases} \quad (5)$$