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ON ABSOLUTE CONVERGENCE OF FOURIER TRANSFORM
FOR FUNCTIONS OF TWO VARIABLES

We consider real or complex functions of two real variables $x = (x_1, x_2) \in R^2$, where R^2 denotes the 2-dimensional space with inner product $x \cdot y = x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2$. The Fourier transform for $f \in L^1$ is of the form

$$(1) \hat{f}(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(y_1, y_2) e^{-i(x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2)} dy_1 dy_2.$$

Denoting $dy = dy_1 dy_2$ we can rewrite the formula (1) as

$$(2) \hat{f}(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{R^2} f(y) e^{-ixy} dy.$$

In this paper, both the forms will be used. The integral on the right-side of (2) for an integrable function f is absolutely convergent, hence $\hat{f}(x)$ is well defined. Subsequently, we consider functions from L^2 ; then the formula (2) is not correct in general.

Let $f \in L^2$, $r > 0$. The function

$$(3) f_r(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & \text{if } |x| \leq r \\ 0 & \text{if } |x| > r \end{cases}$$

is for every $r > 0$ locally integrable, and hence the Fourier transform (2) exist for the function (3). Let us denote

$$(4) f_r(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{R^2} f_r(y) e^{-ixy} dy = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{|y| \leq r} f(y) e^{-ixy} dy.$$

It is known (see [4], page 45), that the sequence \hat{f}_r converges in norm in L^2 to $f \in L^2$. Hence the expressions (1) and (2) should be understood as

$$(5) \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} |\hat{f} - \hat{f}_r|^2 dx = 0.$$

The increment of the function f and the 2-th integral modulus of continuity are defined as follows:

$$(6) \Delta^{(1,2)}(f, x, h) = \Delta^{(1,2)}(f, x_1, x_2, h_1, h_2) = \\ = f(x_1 + h_1, x_2 + h_2) - f(x_1 + h_1, x_2) - f(x_1, x_2 + h_2) + \\ + f(x_1, x_2).$$

$$(7) \omega_2^{(1,2)}(\delta_1, \delta_2) = \sup_{\substack{h_i \in \delta_i \\ i=1,2}} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} |\Delta^{(1,2)}(f, x, h)|^2 dx \right)^{1/2}$$

We now calculate the Fourier transform (2) for the function (6). It is known that for $g \in L^1$ there holds the formula: $\hat{g}(x+h) = e^{ihx} \hat{g}(x)$. In [5] it is shown that this formula holds also for $g \in L^2$. Applying it and using the linearity of the Fourier transform it is easily to show that

$$(8) \hat{\Delta}^{(1,2)}(f, x, h) = (e^{ih_1 x_1} - 1)(e^{ih_2 x_2} - 1) \hat{f}(x_1, x_2).$$

Hence

$$|\hat{\Delta}^{(1,2)}(f, x, h)| = 4 |\sin(h_1 x_1 / 2)| |\sin(h_2 x_2 / 2)| |f(x_1, x_2)|.$$

Putting $2h$ in place of h , we obtain

$$(9) |\hat{\Delta}^{(1,2)}(f, x, 2h)| = 4 |\sin h_1 x_1| |\sin h_2 x_2| |\hat{f}(x_1, x_2)|.$$

We shall prove the following

Theorem 1. Let $f \in L^2$, $0 < \beta < 2$, $\gamma_1 > 0$,

$\gamma_2 > 0$.

We denote: $1 - \frac{1}{2}\beta + \gamma_1 = a$, $1 - \frac{1}{2}\beta + \gamma_2 = b$,

$\frac{5}{2}\beta - 1 - \gamma_1 = c$ and $\frac{5}{2}\beta - 1 - \gamma_2 = d$. If the integral modulus of continuity (7) satisfies the inequality

$$\sum_n \sum_k \left[\omega \left(\begin{smallmatrix} 1, 2 \\ 2 \end{smallmatrix} \right) (2^{-n}, 2^{-k}) \right]^\beta (2^{na} + 2^{nc}) (2^{kb} + 2^{kd}) < \infty$$

then

$$(10) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x_1|^{\gamma_1} |x_2|^{\gamma_2} |\hat{f}(x_1, x_2)|^\beta dx_1 dx_2 < \infty.$$

Proof. Taking into account (9) and the Parseval formula $\|\hat{g}\|_{L^2} = \|g\|_{L^2}$ we obtain

$$(11) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sin^2 h_1 x_1 \sin^2 h_2 x_2 |\hat{f}(x_1, x_2)|^2 dx_1 dx_2 \leq \frac{1}{C} \left[\omega \left(\begin{smallmatrix} 1, 2 \\ 2 \end{smallmatrix} \right) (2h_1, 2h_2) \right]^2.$$

Let E_i , $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$, $n, k = 1, 2, \dots$ denote the following subsets of the plane R^2 :

$$E_1 = \{(x_1, x_2) : 2^{n-1} \leq x_1 \leq 2^n; 2^{k-1} \leq x_2 \leq 2^k\}$$

$$E_2 = \{(x_1, x_2) : 2^{-n} \leq x_1 \leq 2^{-n+1}; 2^{k-1} \leq x_2 \leq 2^k\}$$

(12)

$$E_3 = \{(x_1, x_2) : 2^{n-1} \leq x_1 \leq 2^n; 2^{-k} \leq x_2 \leq 2^{-k+1}\}$$

$$E_4 = \{(x_1, x_2) : 2^{-n} \leq x_1 \leq 2^{-n+1}; 2^{-k} \leq x_2 \leq 2^{-k+1}\}$$

The inequality (11) implies all the more

$$(13) \int_{E_1} \sin^2 h_1 x_1 \sin^2 h_2 x_2 |\hat{f}(x_1, x_2)|^2 dx_1 dx_2 \leq \\ \leq \frac{1}{16} \left[\omega^{(1,2)}(2h_1, 2h_2) \right]^2.$$

We now put $h_1 = \pi/2^{n+1}$, $h_2 = \pi/2^{k+1}$. For $(x_1, x_2) \in E_1$

we have $\pi/4 \leq h_1 x_1 \leq \pi/2$, hence $\sin^2 h_1 x_1 > 1/2$,

$i = 1, 2$.

Denoting $A = \omega^{(1,2)}(2^{-n}, 2^{-k})$ and applying (13) we obtain

$$(14) \int_{E_1} |\hat{f}(x)|^2 dx \leq C A^2,$$

where C is a positive constant. Suppose $p, q > 1$,

$1/p + 1/q = 1$ and put $p = \beta/2$. From Hölder inequality and relationship (14) we have

$$\int_{E_1} |\hat{f}(x)|^\beta dx \leq \left(\int_{E_1} |\hat{f}(x)|^2 dx \right)^{\beta/2} \cdot 2^{(n+k)1-\beta/2} \\ \leq C_1 A^\beta 2^{(n+k)(1-\beta/2)}.$$

For $(x_1, x_2) \in E_1$ there hold inequalities

$$|x_1|^{\delta_1} \leq 2^{n\delta_1}, \quad |x_2|^{\delta_2} \leq 2^{k\delta_2}, \quad \text{hence}$$

$$\int_{E_1} |x_1|^{\delta_1} |x_2|^{\delta_2} |\hat{f}(x_1, x_2)|^\beta dx_1 dx_2 \leq C_1 A^\beta 2^{na} 2^{kb}.$$

Summing the above obtained inequality with respect to n and

k we have

$$(15) \int_1^\infty \int_1^\infty |x_1|^{\delta_1} |x_2|^{\delta_2} |\hat{f}(x_1, x_2)|^\beta dx_1 dx_2 \leq C_1 \sum_n \sum_k A^\beta 2^{na} \cdot 2^{kb}.$$

We now consider the subset E_2 , formula (12). Let h_1 and

h_2 have the very same meaning as above, hence

$\pi/2^{n+1} \leq x_1 h_1 \leq \pi/2^n$. The inequality $(\sin x)/x > \frac{1}{\pi}$ implies $\sin h_1 x_1 \geq 2^{-2n}$, and hence $\sin^2 h_1 x_1 \geq 2^{-4n}$. However $\sin^2 h_2 x_2 \geq 1/2$ is just the same as in case of E_1 . Hence and from (11) it follows

$$\int_{E_2} |\hat{f}(x)|^2 dx \leq (1/8) A^2 \cdot 2^{4n}.$$

From this inequality and from Hölder inequality, taking into account the limits of integration we obtain

$$(16) \int_{E_1} |x_1|^{x_1} |x_2|^{x_2} |\hat{f}(x_1, x_2)|^\beta dx_1 dx_2 \leq C_2 A^\beta 2^{nc} \cdot 2^{kb}.$$

Summing in n and k , we get

$$(17) \int_0^1 \int_0^1 |x_1|^{x_1} |x_2|^{x_2} |\hat{f}(x_1, x_2)|^\beta dx_1 dx_2 \leq C_2 \sum_n \sum_k A^\beta 2^{nc} \cdot 2^{kb}.$$

Analogous calculations for E_3 and E_4 give the following result, immediately

$$(18) \int_0^1 \int_0^1 |x_1|^{x_1} |x_2|^{x_2} |\hat{f}(x_1, x_2)|^\beta dx_1 dx_2 \leq C_3 \sum_n \sum_k A^\beta 2^{na} \cdot 2^{kd}$$

and

$$(19) \int_0^1 \int_0^1 |x_1|^{x_1} |x_2|^{x_2} |\hat{f}(x_1, x_2)|^\beta dx_1 dx_2 \leq C_4 \sum_n \sum_k A^\beta 2^{nc} \cdot 2^{kd}.$$

Adding the relationships (15), (17), (18), (19) and putting $C_5 = \max(C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4)$ we obtain

$$(20) \int_0^1 \int_0^1 |x_1|^{x_1} |x_2|^{x_2} |\hat{f}(x_1, x_2)|^\beta dx_1 dx_2 \leq \sum_n \sum_k A^\beta (2^{na} + 2^{nc}) (2^{kb} + 2^{kd}).$$

Note. The integral (19) does not need to be included in the sum (20), because it is finite. However, the estimate of (19) does not increase the estimate of the integrals (15), (17) and (18), therefore for the reason of symmetry on the rightside of (20), the integral (19) was included in the sum (20).

The right-side of (20) is finite from the assumption, hence

$$(21) \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} |x_1|^{x_1} |x_2|^{x_2} |\hat{f}(x_1, x_2)|^{\beta} dx_1 dx_2 < \infty.$$

We have proved the theorem for the first quarter of the R^2 plane. We now define the following subsets for the second quarter of the R^2 plane, $n, k = 1, 2 \dots$

$$E_5 = \left\{ (x_1, x_2) : -2^n \leq x_1 \leq -2^{n-1} ; 2^{k-1} \leq x_2 \leq 2^k \right\}$$

$$E_6 = \left\{ (x_1, x_2) : -2^{n+1} \leq x_1 \leq -2^{-n} ; 2^{k-1} \leq x_2 \leq 2^k \right\}$$

(22)

$$E_7 = \left\{ (x_1, x_2) : -2^n \leq x_1 \leq -2^{n-1} ; 2^{-k} \leq x_2 \leq 2^{-k+1} \right\}$$

$$E_8 = \left\{ (x_1, x_2) : -2^{-n+1} \leq x_1 \leq -2^{-n} ; 2^{-k} \leq x_2 \leq 2^{-k+1} \right\}$$

The variables x_1 and x_2 in (22) and in (12) are equal up to the sign, therefore the expressions $\sin^2 h_1 x_1$, $|x_1|^{x_1}$, $\sin^2 x_2 h_2$ and $|x_2|^{x_2}$ have the same estimate as those thus obtained. Hence the integrals

$$\int_{-\infty}^{-1} \int_1^{\infty} \int_{-1}^0 \int_1^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{-1} \int_0^1 \int_{-1}^0 \int_0^1$$

corresponding to the double series in n and k on the subsets (22) have estimates up to a constant, which are equal to estimates of the integrals (15) - (19). Hence

$$(23) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} |x_1|^{\gamma_1} |x_2|^{\gamma_2} |\hat{f}(x_1, x_2)|^{\beta} dx_1 dx_2 < \infty.$$

Analogous results can be obtained for remaining parts of the R^2 plane. The theorem is proved.

Note. Denoting $P_n = (2^{na} + 2^{nc}) (2^{kb} + 2^{kd}) =$
 $= 2^{na} (1 + 2^{n(c-a)}) 2^{kb} (1 + 2^{k(d-b)})$

and putting $c = a, d = b$ we obtain $2^{\beta} = 3\gamma_1 - 2,$
 $2^{\beta} = 3\gamma_2 - 2,$ hence $a = b = \beta$. Therefore $P_n = 4 \cdot 2^{n+k}$.

Then, for the convergence of (10) it is sufficient to assume that

$$\sum_n \sum_k [\omega_{\frac{1}{2}}^{(1,2)}(2^{-n}, 2^{-k})]^{\beta} 2^{(n+k)\beta} < \infty.$$

In particular, putting $\beta = 1$ we have $\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = 0$ and

the convergence of the series $\sum_n \sum_k \omega_{\frac{1}{2}}^{(1,2)}(2^{-n}, 2^{-k}) \cdot 2^{(n+k)}$

implies the convergence of the integral

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\hat{f}(x_1, x_2)| dx_1 dx_2.$$

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