

Re: Fourier Transform, Smooth Functions

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Thank you very much David P, David U, and Han.

I really like David P's idea that represented the fourier transform as an infinite product. I am still working my way through the proofs by David U.

Let me tell you about my attempts to grapple with this problem. I had an idea for a proof that has not been written out to show that p cannot be greater than 1. (David U's proof is shorter.) Maybe later I can post this proof. I also looked at the function

$f(x) = \text{Exp}(-1/(x-1)/(1-x))$ when $\text{abs}(x) \leq 1$ and $f(x) = 0$ otherwise.

This function is infinitely differentiable and compactly supported. I numerically calculated the $\log(\text{abs}(g(s)))$ for $s = 1, \dots, 40$ and got

-3.15, -8.143, -5.982, -6.567, -7.465, -8.697, -12.108, -10.05, \
-9.968, -10.223, -10.637, -11.173, -11.848, -12.761, -14.579, \
-14.156, -13.671, -13.634, -13.766, -13.997, -14.302, -14.675, \
-15.121, -15.666, -16.377, -17.533, -18.628, -17.468, -17.204, -17.162, \
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-17.229, -17.367, -17.557, -17.793, -18.072, -18.396, -18.773, -19.222, \
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-19.784, -20.584

These values were approximately equal to $-3.22 \cdot \sqrt{s}$, so $g(s)$ seems to be order $\exp(-\text{abs}(1/s^p))$ for any $p < 1/2$.

Of course, these are just calculations and they are not a proof.

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