

# Fourier Transformed: Insufficiencies In $L^1(\mathbb{R})$ AND IN $L^2(\mathbb{R})$

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## Abstract

For a function to admit Fourier transform it has to be absolutely integrable, that is, in other words this function has to be of class  $L^1$ . The present work presents a part of the Fourier transform theory that allows the analysis of the behavior of certain functions in the spaces  $L^1$  and  $L^2$ . The main objective is to present some shortcomings of the spaces  $L^1$  and  $L^2$  when operating the functions regarding the normal product and the convolution product within the Fourier transform.

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## I. Introduction

The Fourier transform is the mathematical tool that shows us how to deconstruct the waveform into its sinusoidal components. This has a multitude of applications, aids in understanding the universe, and just makes life so much easier for the practicing engineer or scientist.

For a function to admit a Fourier transform it must be absolutely integrable. For this reason it is important to know the absolutely integrable class or function spaces, how to operate these functions within the class, since our main objective is to present some shortcomings of the  $L^1(\square)$  and  $L^2(\square)$  spaces when operating the functions as the normal product and the product of convolution within the Fourier transform.

## Development

Fourier Transform

Definition:

If the integral

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t)e^{ixt} dt$$

Exists for all  $x \in \square$ , then we define the Fourier transform of  $f(t)$  by:

$$F(x) = V[f(t)] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t)e^{ixt} dt.$$

If the integral

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t)e^{ixt} dt$$

Exists for all  $x \in \square$ , then we define the inverse Fourier transform of  $f(t)$  by:

$$f(t) = V^{-1}[F(x)] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} F(x)e^{-ixt} dx.$$

Function class  $L(\square)$

The function class  $L(\square)$  is the class formed by the functions  $f: \square \rightarrow \square$  or  $\square$ .

$$L^1(\square) = \left\{ f: \square \rightarrow \square \text{ ou } \square : \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |f(x)| dx < \infty \right\}$$

$L^1(\square)$  set of functions absolutely integrable

$$L^2(\mathbb{R}) = \left\{ f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ ou } \mathbb{R} : \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |f(x)|^2 dx < \infty \right\}$$

$L^2(\mathbb{R})$  sets of functions with integrable square

Examples

i) Given the function

$$f: (0,1) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} & \text{se } x \in (0,1) \\ 0 & \text{in a not } \square \text{ er case} \end{cases}$$

Demonstrates that  $f \in L^1(0,1)$

Solution:

$$f \in L^1(0,1) \Rightarrow \int_0^1 |f(x)| dx < \infty$$

$$\int_0^1 |f(x)| dx = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{\varepsilon}^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} (2 - 2\sqrt{\varepsilon}) = 2 < \infty$$

Therefore  $f \in L^1(0,1)$ .

ii) be given  $\alpha > 0$  consider the function

$$f: (0,1) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x^\alpha} & \text{se } x \in (0,1) \\ 0 & \text{in ot } \square \text{ er case} \end{cases}$$

Demonstrates that  $f \in L^2(0,1)$  if and only if  $\alpha < \frac{1}{2}$

$$f \in L^2(0,1) \Rightarrow \int_0^1 |f(x)|^2 dx < \infty$$

Solution

1. For  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$  then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 |f(x)|^2 dx &= \int_0^1 \left(\frac{1}{x^\alpha}\right)^2 dx = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^{2\alpha}} dx = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x} dx = \\ &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{\varepsilon}^1 \frac{1}{x} dx = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} (\ln(1) - \ln(\varepsilon)) = +\infty \end{aligned}$$

2.  $\alpha > 0$   $\alpha \neq \frac{1}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 |f(x)|^2 dx &= \int_0^1 \left(\frac{1}{x^\alpha}\right)^2 dx = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^{2\alpha}} dx = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{\varepsilon}^1 \frac{1}{x^{2\alpha}} dx = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \left[ \frac{1}{-2\alpha + 1} - \frac{\varepsilon^{-2\alpha+1}}{-2\alpha + 1} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{-2\alpha + 1} \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} [1 - \varepsilon^{-2\alpha+1}] \end{aligned}$$

This limit is finite if  $-2\alpha + 1 > 0 \Rightarrow \alpha < \frac{1}{2}$

### Sufficient condition for the existence of the Fourier transform

Theorem: The sufficient condition for the existence of the Fourier transform of the function  $f(t)$  is that the integral of the absolute value of the function  $f(t)$  must be finite, that is,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |f(t)| dt < \infty$$

Proof:

$$e^{-ixt} = \cos xt - i \sin xt \Rightarrow |e^{-ixt}| = \sqrt{\cos^2 xt + \sin^2 xt} = 1$$

$$|f(t)e^{-ixt}| = |f(t)| \Rightarrow$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |f(t)| dt = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |f(t)e^{-ixt}| dx \text{ it is finite.}$$

**Some transform formulas**

- 1-  $V[f(\lambda t)] = \frac{1}{|\lambda|} F\left(\frac{t}{\lambda}\right)$
- 2-  $V^{-1}[F.G] = F * G$
- 3-  $V^2[f(t)] = f(-t)$
- 4-  $V[f^m(x)] = (-ix)^m F(x)$
- 5-  $V[t^m f(t)] = \frac{F^m(t)}{i^m}$
- 6-  $V\left[\frac{\partial^q}{\partial x^q} f(x, y)\right] = (ix)^m F(x, y)$
- 7-  $V\left[\frac{\partial^q}{\partial y^q} f(x, y)\right] = \frac{\partial^q}{\partial y^q} F(x, y)$
- 8-  $V[f(t \pm ai)] = e^{\pm ax} F(x)$

Proof of formulas 3 and 8

3-  $V^2[f(t)] = f(-t)$

Proof: we know that

$V[f(t)] = F(x)$

Applying the transform to the previous expression

$$V^2[f(t)] = VF(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(x)e^{ixt} dt = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(x)e^{-ix(-t)} dt = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(x)e^{-i(-t)x} dt = f(-t)$$

8-  $V[f(t \pm ai)] = e^{\pm ax} F(x)$

Proof:

$$V[f(t \pm ai)] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t \pm ai)e^{ixt} dt$$

$$\begin{cases} z = t \pm ai \\ t = z \mp ai \\ dt = dz \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V[f(t \pm ai)] &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t \pm ai)e^{ixt} dz = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(z)e^{ix(z \mp ai)} dz \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(z)e^{ixz} \cdot e^{\mp i^2 ax} dz = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(z)e^{ixz} \cdot e^{\pm ax} dz = e^{\pm ax} \left[ \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(z)e^{ixz} dz \right] = e^{\pm ax} F(x) \end{aligned}$$

**Fourier transform in  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$**

$$L^2(\square) = \left\{ f: \square \rightarrow \square \text{ ou } \square : \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |f(x)|^2 dx < \infty \right\}$$

If  $f \in L^2(\square)$  the transform of  $f$  is given as follows:

$V[f(x)] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x)e^{ixt} dt$ , it is observed that this transform is the same that is defined in  $L^1(\square)$  which raises the following question.

$L^2(\square)$  is the subset of  $L^1(\square)$ ? ( $L^2(\square) \subset L^1(\square)$ )?

Let's look at the following example: Let's consider the function defined as follows

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x} & \text{se } x \in [1, \infty[ \\ 0 & \text{anoter case} \end{cases}$$

Let's analyze if  $f$  simultaneously belongs to

$L^2(\square)$  e  $L^1(\square)$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^2 dx = \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2} dx = 1$$

As the integral is finite this function belongs to  $L^2(\square)$ .

Now let's analyze if  $f$  belongs simultaneously to  $L^1(\square)$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left|\frac{1}{x}\right| dx = \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln|x|_1^{\infty} = +\infty$$

the function does not belong to  $L^1(\square)$

Conclusion:  $L^2(\square)$  is not subset of  $L^1(\square)$ .

**Convolution product**

If  $f_1, f_2 \in L^1(\square)$  have transform in  $L^1(\square)$ , the convolution product (\*) is given by:

$$f_1(t) * f_2(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_1(t) \cdot f_2(x-t) dt$$

**Norm in  $L^1(\mathbb{R})$**

The norm in this class is defined as follows:

$$\|f\| = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |f(x)| dx$$

To prove that it is in fact a norm, check the axioms of the norm.

$$\|f\| = 0 \Leftrightarrow f = 0$$

$$\|f\| = 0 \Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |f(t)| dt = 0 \Rightarrow f = 0, \text{ pois } f \in L^1(\square)$$

$$\|\lambda f\| = |\lambda| \|f\|$$

$$\|\lambda f\| = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |\lambda f(t)| dt = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |\lambda| |f(t)| dt = |\lambda| \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |f(t)| dt$$

$$\|f + g\| \leq \|f\| + \|g\|$$

$$\|f + g\| = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |f(t) + g(t)| dt \leq \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} [|f(t)| + |g(t)|] dt \leq \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |f(t)| dt + \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |g(t)| dt \quad \text{by triangular inequality}$$

**Some Convolution Properties**

Se  $f_1(t) * f_2(t) \in L^1(\square)$

$$\|f_1 * f_2\| \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \|f_1\| \cdot \|f_2\|$$

Proof

$$\|f_1 * f_2\| = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f_1 * f_2| dx \text{ by definition of the norm in } L^1(\square)$$

$$\|f_1 * f_2\| = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f_1 * f_2| dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_1(t) \cdot f_2(x-t) dx \right| dt$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f_1(t) f_2(x-t)| dt dx \quad (a)$$

Applying Fubini's theorem that says the following:

Let  $A = [a, b] \times [c, d]$  a rectangle of  $\square^2$ , and let  $f: A \rightarrow \square$  an integrable function, such that the functions  $f_x: [a, b] \rightarrow \square$  defined by  $f_x(y) = f(x, y)$  are integrable into  $[c, d]$ , for all  $x \in [a, b]$ . Then the function  $x \mapsto \int_a^b f(x, y) dy$  is integrable into  $[a, b]$ , and  $\int_A f = \int_a^b \left( \int_c^d f(x, y) dy \right) dx$ . We have that:

$$(a) \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f_1(t)| dt \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f_2(x-t)| dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \|f_1\| \cdot \|f_2\|$$

2- If  $f_1(t) * f_2(t) \in L^1(\square)$

$$V(f_1 * f_2) = V(f_1) \cdot V(f_2) = F_1 \cdot F_2$$

Proof:

$$V(f_1 * f_2) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} V(f_1 * f_2)(t) e^{ixt} dt$$

Considering

$$(f_1 * f_2)(t) = (f_1 * f_2)(\tau) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_1(t-\tau) f_2(\tau) d\tau$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_1(t-\tau) f_2(\tau) d\tau \right) e^{ixt} dt$$

$$\begin{cases} u = t - \tau \rightarrow t = u + \tau \\ dt = du \end{cases}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_1(u)f_2(\tau)d\tau \right) e^{ix(u+\tau)} du$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_1(u)f_2(\tau)d\tau \right) e^{ixu} e^{ix\tau} du$$

Applying Fubini

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_1(u)e^{ixu} du \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_2(\tau) \right) e^{ix\tau} d\tau$$

$$V(f_1 * f_2) = V(f_1).V(f_2)$$

**Convolution Algebra**

$L^1(\mathbb{R})$  with the operations (+) of functions and (\*) product of convolution and (.) product of a scalar, get the structure of constructive algebra, but without the unit element.

**The convolution product complies with the properties:**

1- Associative

$$(f_1 * f_2) * f_3 = f_1 * (f_2 * f_3)$$

2-  $\alpha f_1 * f_2 = f_1 * \alpha f_2$

3- Comutative

$$f_1 * f_2 = f_2 * f_1$$

Note: It is not a algebra with unit product, as  $f * 1 \neq f$

**Convoluton in  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$**

Be given  $f, g \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$

A convolotion of  $f * g$  in  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$  is defined as follows:

$$f * g = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x-t)g(t)dt$$

Transform of  $f * g \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$

$$\text{If } f * g \in L^2(\mathbb{R}), V[f * g] = F.G$$

**Properties**

If  $F, G \in L^2(\mathbb{R}) \Rightarrow F.G \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$

If  $f, g \in L^2, V(f) = F, V(g) = G, V^{-1}(F.G) = f * g \in L^2$

**Shortcomings in In  $L^1(\mathbb{R})$**

1-If  $F, G \in L^1$  we cannot guarantee that  $F.G \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ , even if  $F \in L^1$  and  $G \in L^2$  there are no guarantees that  $F.G \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ .

Example: let's consider functions

$$F = G = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} & \text{se } x \in (0,1) \\ 0, & \text{other case} \end{cases}$$

This fuction is the  $L^1(\mathbb{R})$ , that is,  $F, G \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ , that is,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G dx = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx = 2$$

Now we'll see what happens to the product(.)

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F.G dx = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln|x|_0^1 = \infty$$

2-Does not always comply with the formula  $V^{-1}(F.G) = f * g$ .

3- $F.G \in L^1$  implies that  $F * G \in L^1$ .

**Shortcomings in In  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$**

1-If  $F, G \in L^2$  does not necessarily imply that  $F.G \in L^2$ , we can only ensure that  $F.G \in L^1$

2-If  $F, G \in L^2$  does not imply that  $F * G \in L^2$

## **II. Conclusions:**

Studying the Fourier transforms through a bibliographical review, and identifying certain insufficiencies concerning the behavior of certain functions in the spaces mentioned in the body of the work, is not an easy study.

This study allowed us to identify some limitations that, from the author's point of view, are crucial because in this way it allows operating the functions safely in the indicated classes and not jumping to conclusions, such as thinking that if two functions belong to the  $L^1$  space, the product or the convolution is also de  $L^1$ .

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