

140. Some Characterizations of Fourier Transforms. II

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1. In the theory of the Fourier exponential transform on the real number field \mathbf{R} the following four properties play important roles. Namely,

a) the Fourier exponential transform

$$E: \varphi(x) \rightarrow E\varphi(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{2\pi ixt} \varphi(t) dt$$

is a linear mapping from \mathfrak{F} onto itself where \mathfrak{F} is the space of all functions of class C^∞ whose derivatives are all rapidly decreasing,

b) $E(\varphi * \psi) = E\varphi \cdot E\psi$,

c) $\int_{\mathbf{R}} |E\varphi|^2 dx = \int_{\mathbf{R}} |\varphi|^2 dx$,

d) $\sum_{n \in \mathbf{Z}} E\varphi(n) = \sum_{n \in \mathbf{Z}} \varphi(n)$

where φ and ψ belong to \mathfrak{F} , $\varphi * \psi$ is the convolution of φ and ψ , and \mathbf{Z} is the set of all integers.

Some years ago we have pointed out that the properties b) and d) characterize the Fourier exponential transform ([2]). In this paper we shall deal with another characterization. We denote $\varphi(x+a)$ with $\varphi_a(x)$ as a function of x .

Now the main result is as follows:

Theorem. *If there exists a linear mapping T from \mathfrak{F} into the space of C^∞ functions on a Riemannian manifold \mathfrak{R} satisfying the conditions:*

I) *when a function series $\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots$ in \mathfrak{F} converges to 0 by L^1 -topology, the series $T\varphi_1, T\varphi_2, \dots$ converges to 0 by L^∞ -topology,*

II₁) *to any point ξ of \mathfrak{R} and any open set U containing ξ there exists a function φ in \mathfrak{F} such that the support of $T\varphi$ is contained in U and $T\varphi(\xi)$ is different from 0 and*

II₂) *to the same function φ $T\varphi_a(\xi)$ grad $T\varphi(\xi)$ differs from $T\varphi(\xi)$ grad $T\varphi_a(\xi)$ with some real number a (here a may depend on φ),*

III) $T(\varphi * \psi) = T\varphi \cdot T\psi$,

IV) $\int_{\mathbf{R}} |T\varphi|^2 d\xi = \int_{\mathbf{R}} |\varphi|^2 dx$,

then there is a C^∞ bijection r from \mathfrak{R} to \mathbf{R} such that

$$T\varphi(\xi) = E\varphi(r\xi).$$

Moreover if we assume an additional hypothesis

V) *there is a discrete subset \mathfrak{B} of \mathfrak{R} to which $\sum_{\nu \in \mathfrak{B}} T\varphi(\nu)$ is absolutely convergent and is equal to $\sum_{n \in \mathfrak{Z}} \varphi(n)$ for any φ in \mathfrak{F} , then*

$$r(\mathfrak{B}) = \mathfrak{Z}.$$

2. At first we shall prove several lemmas under the hypotheses I, II₁, II₂, III and IV. We denote $\frac{T\varphi_a(\xi)}{T\varphi(\xi)}$ with $\xi(a)$ for φ in \mathfrak{F} , a in \mathbf{R} and ξ in \mathfrak{R} if $T\varphi(\xi) \neq 0$.

Lemma 1. $\xi(a)$ is independent of the choice of φ and

$$\xi(a+b) = \xi(a)\xi(b).$$

Proof. Let $\psi \in \mathfrak{F}$ and $T\psi(\xi) \neq 0$. We have $(\varphi*\psi)_a = \varphi_a*\psi = \varphi*\psi_a$ and $T(\varphi*\psi)(\xi) = T\varphi(\xi)T\psi(\xi) \neq 0$ by the hypothesis III. Then

$$\frac{T(\varphi*\psi)_a}{T(\varphi*\psi)} = \frac{T\varphi_a \cdot T\psi}{T\varphi \cdot T\psi} = \frac{T\varphi \cdot T\psi_a}{T\varphi \cdot T\psi}.$$

Because $\|\varphi_a - \varphi(x)\|_{L^1} < \varepsilon$ if a is small enough $T\varphi_a(\xi) \neq 0$ for small a by the Hypothesis I.

And the equation $\frac{T\varphi_{a+b}(\xi)}{T\varphi(\xi)} = \frac{T(\varphi_a)_b(\xi)}{T\varphi_a(\xi)} \cdot \frac{T\varphi_a(\xi)}{T\varphi(\xi)}$ has a meaning. Or

$$\xi(a+b) = \xi(a)\xi(b) \text{ for sufficiently small } a.$$

Now we can easily prove this equation for arbitrary a and b . Q.E.D.

Corollary 1. For every a $\xi(a) \neq 0$ and $T\varphi_a(\xi) \neq 0$ if $T\varphi(\xi) \neq 0$.

Corollary 2. $\xi(a)$ is continuous with respect to ξ .

Lemma 2. $|\xi(a)| = 1$

for every a in \mathbf{R} and ξ in \mathfrak{R} .

Proof. By Hypothesis IV and lemma 1

$$\int_{\mathfrak{R}} |T\varphi_a|^2 d\xi = \int_{\mathbf{R}} |\varphi_a|^2 dx = \int_{\mathfrak{Z}} |\varphi|^2 dx = \int_{\mathfrak{R}} |T\varphi|^2 d\xi = \int_{\mathfrak{R}} |\xi(a)|^2 |T\varphi|^2 d\xi.$$

If $|\xi_0(a)| > 1$ for ξ_0 in \mathfrak{R} then $|\xi(a)| > 1$ for any point ξ in some neighbourhood U of ξ_0 by the corollary 2 of Lemma 1. According to Hypothesis II₁ there is a function $T\varphi$ in $T\mathfrak{F}$ different from 0 whose carrier is contained in U . For such $T\varphi$

$$\int_{\mathfrak{R}} |\xi(a)|^2 |T\varphi(\xi)|^2 d\xi > \int_{\mathfrak{R}} |T\varphi(\xi)|^2 d\xi.$$

Thus we have arrived at a condition.

Corollary. For any ξ in \mathfrak{R} there exists a real number $r(\xi)$ such that

$$\xi(a) = \exp(-2\pi i r(\xi)a).$$

Lemma 3. If we assume Hypothesis V, besides I, II₁, II₂, III and IV, then $T\varphi(\nu) = E\varphi(r(\nu))$ for any ν in \mathfrak{B} and $r(\nu)$ is an integer.

Moreover $\nu \rightarrow r(\nu)$ is a bijection from \mathfrak{B} to \mathfrak{Z} .

Proof. By the hypotheses III, V and Lemma 1

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\nu \in \mathfrak{B}} T(\varphi*\psi)(\nu) &= \sum_{\nu \in \mathfrak{B}} T\varphi(\nu) \cdot T\psi(\nu) \\ &= \sum_{n \in \mathfrak{Z}} \varphi*\psi(n) = \sum_{n \in \mathfrak{Z}} \int_{\mathbf{R}} \varphi(n-x)\psi(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \varphi_{-x}(n) \psi(x) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \sum_{\nu \in \mathfrak{B}} T\varphi_{-x}(\nu) \psi(x) dx \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \sum_{\nu \in \mathfrak{B}} T\varphi(\nu) \exp(2\pi i r(\nu)x) \psi(x) dx \\ &= \sum_{\nu \in \mathfrak{B}} T\varphi(\nu) E\psi(r(\nu)) \end{aligned}$$

for any φ in \mathfrak{B} and ψ in \mathfrak{B} with compact support. If we choose as $T\varphi$ such a function that $T\varphi(\nu) \neq 0$ and $T\varphi(\nu') = 0$ for the other elements in \mathfrak{B} than ν we get $T\varphi(\nu)T\psi(\nu) = T\varphi(\nu)E\psi(r(\nu))$. Therefore $T\psi(\nu) = E\psi(r(\nu))$ for any ν in \mathfrak{B} and ψ in \mathfrak{B} with compact support i.e. the element of \mathfrak{D} . Since \mathfrak{D} is dense in \mathfrak{B} with L^1 -topology we have proved

(1) $T\psi(\nu) = E\psi(r(\nu))$ for any ψ is \mathfrak{B} .

By Hypothesis V and Lemma 2 we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\nu \in \mathfrak{B}} T\varphi_m(\nu) &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \varphi_m(n) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \varphi(n) = \sum_{\nu \in \mathfrak{B}} T\varphi(\nu) \\ &= \sum_{\nu \in \mathfrak{B}} \exp(-2\pi i r(\nu)m) T\varphi(\nu) \text{ for } m \in \mathbb{Z}. \end{aligned}$$

By the same choice of $T\varphi$ as in the proof of (1) we have $\exp(-2\pi i r(\nu)m) = 1$ for all integers m . This means that $r(\nu)$ is an integer.

Substituting (1) in V

$$\sum_{\nu \in \mathfrak{B}} E\varphi(r(\nu)) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \varphi(n) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} E\varphi(n).$$

Again choosing $E\varphi$ in the similar manner we can prove that $\nu \rightarrow r(\nu)$ is a bijection.

Lemma 4. $r(\xi)$ is of class C^∞ as a function of ξ .

Proof. By the definition and previous lemmas

$$\exp(-2\pi i r(\xi)) = \frac{T\varphi_1(\xi)}{T\varphi(\xi)}$$

and $T\varphi(\xi), T\varphi_1(\xi)$ are of class C^∞ with respect to ξ . Q.E.D.

Lemma 5. $\int_{\mathfrak{R}} T\varphi \cdot \overline{T\psi} d\xi = \int_{\mathfrak{R}} \varphi \cdot \overline{\psi} dx$ for any φ and ψ in \mathfrak{B} .

(Evident.)

Lemma 6. $\overline{T\varphi} = T\hat{\varphi}$

where $\hat{\varphi}(x) = \overline{\varphi(-x)}$.

Proof. By the Hypotheses IV and III

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathfrak{R}} |\varphi * \psi|^2 dx &= \int_{\mathfrak{R}} |T(\varphi * \psi)|^2 d\xi = \int_{\mathfrak{R}} |T\varphi|^2 |T\psi|^2 d\xi \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}} \varphi(x-u) \psi(u) \overline{\varphi(x-t)} \overline{\psi(t)} du dt dx \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}} \varphi * \hat{\varphi}(t-u) \psi(u) \overline{\psi(t)} du dt = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi * \hat{\varphi} * \psi(t) \overline{\psi(t)} dt \\ &= \int_{\mathfrak{R}} T(\varphi * \hat{\varphi} * \psi) \overline{T\psi} d\xi \quad (\text{Lemma 5}) = \int_{\mathfrak{R}} T\varphi T\hat{\varphi} |T\psi|^2 d\xi. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we get $\int_{\mathfrak{R}} |T\varphi|^2 |T\psi|^2 d\xi = \int_{\mathfrak{R}} T\varphi T\hat{\varphi} |T\psi|^2 d\xi$.

If $T\varphi T\hat{\varphi}$ is not real at ξ_0 there exists a neighbourhood U of ξ_0 where $\Im(T\varphi(\xi)T\hat{\varphi}(\xi))$ has the same sign as $\Im(T\varphi(\xi_0)T\hat{\varphi}(\xi_0))$ and if $T\varphi T\hat{\varphi}$ is real on \mathfrak{R} and differs from $|T\varphi|^2$ at ξ_0 there is a neighbourhood U of U of ξ_0 where $T\varphi(\xi)T\hat{\varphi}(\xi) - |T\varphi(\xi)|^2$ has the same sign as $T\varphi(\xi_0)T\hat{\varphi}(\xi_0) - |T\varphi(\xi_0)|^2$. Using $T\psi$ with $T\psi(\xi_0) \neq 0$ whose support is contained in U , we arrive at a contradiction. Therefore $|T\varphi|^2 = T\varphi \cdot T\hat{\varphi}$.

Now if $T\varphi(\xi) \neq 0$ then $\overline{T\varphi(\xi)} = T\hat{\varphi}(\xi)$ and if $T\hat{\varphi}(\xi) \neq 0$ then $T\hat{\varphi}(\xi) = \overline{T\hat{\varphi}(\xi)} = T\varphi(\xi)$. Finally if $T\varphi(\xi) = 0$ clearly $T\hat{\varphi}(\xi) = 0$.

Lemma 7. *There are non-negative C^∞ functions on \mathfrak{R} $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots$ with compact support such that to any function φ in \mathfrak{B} , the series $\varphi * \alpha_1, \varphi * \alpha_2, \dots$ converges to φ pointwise and in L^1 -topology.*

(Schwartz [3] tome II, pp. 22 and 23.)

Lemma 8. $\int_{\mathfrak{R}} T\varphi d\xi = \varphi(0)$ for φ in \mathfrak{B} such that $T\varphi$ has the compact support.

Proof. By Lemmas 5, 6, and Hypothesis III

$$\int_{\mathfrak{R}} T\varphi \cdot \overline{T\psi} d\xi = \int_{\mathfrak{R}} \varphi \cdot \overline{\psi} dx = \varphi * \hat{\psi}(0) = \int_{\mathfrak{R}} T\varphi \cdot T\hat{\psi} d\xi = \int_{\mathfrak{R}} T(\varphi * \hat{\psi}) d\xi.$$

If we substitute in $\hat{\psi}$ $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots$ in Lemma 7, we get as the limit

$$\int_{\mathfrak{R}} T\varphi d\xi = \psi(0).$$

Lemma 9. *For any point ξ in \mathfrak{R} we can take a local coordinates system having $r(\xi)$ as one of its coordinates.*

Proof. By Corollary of Lemma 2, Corollaries of Lemma 1 and Hypothesis II₂

$$\begin{aligned} 2\pi ia \operatorname{grad} r(\xi) &= \operatorname{grad} \left(\log \frac{T\varphi_a(\xi)}{T\varphi(\xi)} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{T\varphi_a(\xi)} \operatorname{grad} T\varphi_a(\xi) - \frac{1}{T\varphi(\xi)} \operatorname{grad} T\varphi(\xi) \neq 0. \quad \text{Q.E.D.} \end{aligned}$$

3. Let U be a relatively compact open set in \mathfrak{R} in which a local coordinate system ξ^1, \dots, ξ^n , where $\xi^1 = r(\xi)$, is admissible. Take a function φ in \mathfrak{B} different from 0 such that the support of $T\varphi$ is contained in U . Now, we apply Lemma 8 to $\varphi_a(x)$:

$$\varphi(a) = \varphi_a(0) = \int_{\mathfrak{R}} T\varphi_a d\xi = \int_U \exp(-2\pi ia \xi^1) T\varphi(\xi) d\xi.$$

By Lemma 9 we get, with positive function $g(\xi)$,

$$\varphi(a) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(-2\pi ia \xi^1) \left(\int_{U|\xi^1} T\varphi \cdot g(\xi) d\xi^2 \dots d\xi^n \right) d\xi^1$$

for any real number a . And by the inversion theorem of Fourier transform (Bochner and Chandrasekharan [1] p. 10)

$$\int_{r(\xi)=x} T\varphi \cdot g(\xi) d\xi^2 \dots d\xi^n = E\varphi(x).$$

Because $T(\underbrace{\varphi*\dots*\varphi}_{p}*\underbrace{\widehat{\varphi}*\dots*\widehat{\varphi}}_q)=(T\varphi)^p(\overline{T\varphi})^q$ has the same support as

$$T\varphi \text{ we get also } \int_{U_x} (T\varphi)^p(\overline{T\varphi})^q g(\xi) d\xi^2 \dots d\xi^n = (E\varphi(x))^p (\overline{E\varphi(x)})^q;$$

here U_x is the set of all points ξ in U where $\xi^1=r(\xi)=x$.

Now we shall prove that $|T\varphi(\xi)|$ is equal to $|E\varphi(x)|$ or 0 in U_x .
If at some point ξ_0 in U_x $|T\varphi(\xi_0)| > |E\varphi(x)|$

then
$$|E\varphi(x)|^2 = \int_{U_x} |T\varphi|^2 d\xi' > 0 \quad (d\xi' = g(\xi) d\xi^2 \dots d\xi^n)$$

and
$$|T\varphi(\xi)| > |E\varphi(x)| (1 + \varepsilon)$$

in some neighbourhood V of ξ_0 in U_x with some positive number ε .

Therefore
$$1 = \int_{U_x} |T\varphi|^{2p} d\xi' \div |E\varphi(x)|^{2p} > (1 + \varepsilon)^{2p} \text{ volume } (V)$$

for every natural number p . But it is impossible and

$$|T\varphi(\xi)| \leq |E\varphi(x)| \text{ in } U_x.$$

If
$$0 < |T\varphi(\xi_0)| < |E\varphi(x)|$$

then
$$1 = \frac{\int_{U_x} |T\varphi|^{2(p+1)} d\xi'}{|E\varphi(x)|^{2(p+1)}} < \frac{\int_{U_x} |T\varphi|^{2p} d\xi'}{|E\varphi(x)|^{2p}} = 1.$$

So it must be $|T\varphi(\xi)| = 0$ or $|E\varphi(x)|$ in U_x .

But U_x is connected and therefore

$$|T\varphi(\xi)| = |E\varphi(x)| \text{ in } U_x.$$

If ξ_1 and ξ_2 are different points in U_x we can take as φ , by Hypothesis II₁, such a function that $T\varphi(\xi_1) \neq 0$ and the support of $T\varphi$ is contained in U but does not contain ξ_2 . On the other hand by the above result we have $|T\varphi(\xi_1)| = |T\varphi(\xi_2)|$.

This contradiction shows that U_x consists of a single point and \mathfrak{R} is one-dimensional, moreover $r:\xi \rightarrow r(\xi)$ is a locally bijective mapping. In other words with a suitable orientation $r(\xi)$ is monotonically increasing at every point ξ , therefore r is a one to one mapping from \mathfrak{R} into \mathbf{R} .

Now we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbf{R}} \exp(-2\pi ixa) E\varphi(x) dx &= \varphi(a) \\ &= \int_U T\varphi_a(\xi) d\xi = \int_U \exp(-2\pi ir(\xi)a) T\varphi(\xi) d\xi \\ &= \int_{r(U)} \exp(-2\pi ixa) T\varphi(r^{-1}(x)) g(x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

here $d\xi = g(x)dx$ for $x=r(\xi)$. Therefore $T\varphi(r^{-1}(x))g(x) = E\varphi(x)$. If we apply this formula to $\varphi*\dots*\varphi$ we have

$$(T\varphi(r^{-1}(x)))^m g(x) = (E\varphi(x))^m$$

for $m=1, 2, 3, \dots$. From this $g(x)=1$ in $r(\mathfrak{R})$ and $T\varphi(\xi)=E\varphi(r(\xi))$ for any function in \mathfrak{B} with a small compact support.

Let $T\varphi(\xi_0)$ differ from 0 and ψ be any function in \mathfrak{B} . The support of $T(\varphi*\psi)$ is contained in the support of $T\varphi$ and we can conclude $T(\varphi*\psi)(\xi_0)=E(\varphi*\psi)(r(\xi_0))$ or $T\varphi(\xi_0)T\psi(\xi_0)=E\varphi(r(\xi_0))E\psi(r(\xi_0))$. So we get $T\psi(\xi_0)=E\psi(r(\xi_0))$.

Thus, with Lemma 3, we have completed the proof of the theorem.

4. We investigate the case $\mathfrak{R}=\mathbf{R}$. By the previous result $g(x)=1$ we have

$$dr(\xi)=d\xi.$$

Proposition. *If $\mathfrak{R}=\mathbf{R}$ then*

$$r(\xi)=\xi+c$$

with a constant c . Under Hypothesis V c is an integer.

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