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Abstract

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A GENERALIZATION OF THE FOURIER TRANSFORM AND OF THE WIENER–PALEY THEOREM

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§ 1. In the present paper we consider the question of extending the Fourier transform to the Hilbert space L^2_φ of functions, the scalar product in which is equal to

$$(f, g) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{f(x)\overline{g(x)}}{\varphi(x)} dx,$$

where the weight $\varphi(x)$ is a positive function on the real axis. The Fourier transform in such a space was first considered by N. I. Akhiezer ⁽¹⁾ under the assumption that $\varphi(z)$ is an entire function of zero order whose zeros lie in the strip $|\operatorname{Re} z| < A$. In that work the functions

$$\omega(z) = \prod \left(1 - \frac{z}{z_k}\right), \quad \bar{\omega}(z) = \prod \left(1 - \frac{z}{\bar{z}_k}\right),$$

were constructed, where z_k are the zeros of $\varphi(z)$ lying in the half-plane $\operatorname{Im} z > 0$, and the following theorems were proved:

I. Every function $f(x) \in L^2_\varphi$ can be represented in the form

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k P_k(x) + \frac{\omega(x)}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} h(t)e^{itx} dt + \frac{\bar{\omega}(x)}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^0 h(t)e^{itx} dt,$$

where $P_k(x)$ is an orthonormal sequence of polynomials in L^2_φ , $a_k = (f, P_k)$ ($k = 0, 1, \dots$), and $h(t) \in L^2(-\infty, \infty)$. Moreover, Parseval's equality holds:

$$\|f\|^2 = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |a_k|^2 + \|h\|_{L^2}^2.$$

II. In order that the function $f(x) \in L_\varphi^2$ be an entire function of finite degree, less than or equal to σ , it is necessary and sufficient that $h(t)$ be equal to zero for $|t| > \sigma$.

We have proved analogous theorems, but under weaker restrictions on the function $\varphi(x)$. In addition, it is shown that any further weakening of the requirements on $\varphi(x)$ is impossible.

§ 2. We shall assume that $\varphi(z)$ is an entire function of zero order belonging to class $*A$. Let us note that under these restrictions on the weight, polynomials may fail to belong to L_φ^2 .

* An entire function is called a function of class A if its zeros satisfy the inequality $\sum_k \left| \operatorname{Im} \frac{1}{a_k} \right| < \infty$.

In what follows we shall rely on the following theorem of N. I. Akhiezer ⁽²⁾:

In order that an entire function $F(z)$ of finite degree σ be representable in the form $F(x) = |\Omega(x)|^2$, where $\Omega(z)$ is an entire function of finite degree $\sigma/2$ with roots in the half-plane $\operatorname{Im} z \geq 0$ ($\operatorname{Im} z \leq 0$), it is necessary and sufficient that $F(z)$ be a function of class A , nonnegative on the real axis.

Applying this theorem to the weight $\varphi(x)$, we obtain that $\varphi(x) = |\omega(x)|^2$, where $\omega(z)$ is an entire function of zero degree with roots in the half-plane $\operatorname{Im} z > 0$. Let $\{z_k\}_1^\infty$ be the sequence of roots of $\omega(z)$. For simplicity of exposition we shall assume that the roots z_k are simple. Put $\bar{\omega}(z) = \overline{\omega(\bar{z})}$. The roots of $\bar{\omega}(z)$ lie in the half-plane $\operatorname{Im} z < 0$. Introduce the functions

$$\omega_k(z) = \sqrt{\frac{z_k - \bar{z}_k}{2\pi i} \frac{\omega(z)(z - \bar{z}_1)(z - \bar{z}_2) \cdots (z - \bar{z}_{k-1})}{(z - z_1) \cdots (z - z_{k-1})(z - z_k)}} \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots);$$

these are entire functions of zero degree belonging to L_φ^2 . It is easy to verify that $\{\omega_k(x)\}_1^\infty$ is an orthonormal sequence in L_φ^2 .

Theorem 1. *In order that a function $f(x)$ belong to the space L_φ^2 , it is necessary and sufficient that it be representable in the form*

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \omega_k(x) + \frac{\omega(x)}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^\infty h(t) e^{itx} dt + \frac{\bar{\omega}(x)}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^0 h(t) e^{itx} dt, \quad (1)$$

where $a_k = (f, \omega_k)$, $h(t) \in L^2(-\infty, \infty)$. In this case Parseval's equality holds

$$\|f\|^2 = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |a_k|^2 + \|h\|_{L^2}^2. \quad (2)$$

Proof. We shall confine ourselves to proving necessity, since sufficiency is obvious.

Consider three families of functions:

$$1. \omega_k(x) \ (k = 1, 2, \dots). \quad 2. \frac{\omega(x)}{x-z} \ (\text{Im } z < 0). \quad 3. \frac{\bar{\omega}(x)}{x-w} \ (\text{Im } w > 0).$$

All these functions belong to the space L_φ^2 , and the functions from the different systems are mutually orthogonal. Denote by H^0, H^+, H^- , respectively, the closures in L_φ^2 of the linear spans of the families 1, 2, 3. These closures form mutually orthogonal subspaces in L_φ^2 . Note that any function $f^+(x)$ belonging to H^+ has the form

$$f^+(x) = \frac{\omega(x)}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^\infty h(t)e^{itx} dt. \quad (3)$$

This becomes clear if one takes into account that the closure of the set of linear aggregates of the form $\sum_k \frac{c_k \omega_k(x)}{x-a_k}$ ($\text{Im } a_k < 0$) in L_φ^2 is equivalent to the closure in $L^2(-\infty, \infty)$ of the aggregates $\sum_k \frac{c_k}{x-a_k}$. Similarly, any function $f(x) \in H^-$ has the form

$$f^-(x) = \frac{\bar{\omega}(x)}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^0 h(t)e^{itx} dt. \quad (3')$$

We shall prove that the direct sum of the subspaces H^0, H^+ , and H^- gives the whole space L_φ^2 , i.e., that $H^0 \oplus H^+ \oplus H^- = L_\varphi^2$. To this end it is necessary to show that every function $f(x) \in L_\varphi^2$ orthogonal to each of the subspaces H^+, H^- , and H^0 is identically zero.

- Let $f(x) \in L_\varphi^2$, and let $f(x)$ be orthogonal to any function from H^+ ; then, denoting by \bar{L}^2 (respectively, \bar{L}^{2+}) the space of functions from $L^2(-\infty, \infty)$ whose Fourier transform is equal to zero for $t > 0$ (respectively $t < 0$), one may assert that

$$\frac{f(x)}{\omega(x)} \in \bar{L}^2. \quad (4)$$

It is not difficult to prove the converse as well, namely: if (4) holds, then $f(x)$ is orthogonal to any function from H^+ .

- Analogously we obtain that the condition

$$\frac{f(x)}{\omega(x)} \in L^2_+$$

is necessary and sufficient for the function $f(x)$ to be orthogonal to any function from H^- .

Using the well-known Wiener-Paley theorem and results 1, 2, one can show that a function orthogonal to H^+ and H^- extends to the whole plane as an entire function of zero degree.

3. It remains to prove that an entire function $f(z)$ of zero degree, for which $f(x) \in L^2_\varphi$ and $(f, \omega_k) = 0$ ($k = 1, 2, \dots$), is identically zero. But from the equalities $(f, \omega_k) = 0$ ($k = 1, 2, \dots$), by Cauchy's theorem it follows that $f(\bar{z}_k) = 0$. Therefore the function $\psi(z) = f(z)/\omega(z)$ is an entire function, and its degree is obviously equal to zero.

And since $\psi(x) \in L^2(-\infty, \infty)$, it follows that $\psi(z) \equiv 0$, and hence $f(z) \equiv 0$. Thus, we have proved that every function $f(x) \in L^2_\varphi$ is represented in the form

$$f(x) = f^0(x) + f^+(x) + f^-(x), \quad (5)$$

where

$$f^0(x) \in H^0, \quad f^+(x) \in H^+, \quad f^-(x) \in H^- \quad \text{and} \quad \|f\|^2 = \|f^0\|^2 + \|f^+\|^2 + \|f^-\|^2.$$

Moreover, we have proved that $\{\omega_k(x)\}_1^\infty$ is not only an orthonormal system, but also a basis in H^0 . From (3), (3'), (5) the assertion of the theorem follows.

It should be noted that the series $\sum_k a_k \omega_k(z)$, under the condition $\sum_k |a_k|^2 < \infty$, converges uniformly in every finite domain of the complex plane.

§ 3. Theorem 2. *In order that $f(x) \in L^2_\varphi$ be an entire function of finite degree σ , it is necessary and sufficient that in the expansion (1) $h(t) = 0$ for $|t| > \sigma$.*

Proof. Here too we shall prove necessity, since sufficiency is obvious.

Preserving the notation for each of the parts of the expansion (5), it is easy to see that $f^+(x)$ is also an entire function of finite degree, not exceeding σ . From representation (3) it is clear that

$$\int_0^\infty h(t) e^{itx} dt$$

is an entire function whose degree also does not exceed σ . By the Wiener-Paley theorem $h(t) = 0$ for $t > \sigma$.

In exactly the same way we obtain that $h(t) = 0$ for $t < -\sigma$.

§ 4. **Theorem 3.** Let the weight $\varphi(x)$ satisfy the following conditions:

- 1) There exists a function $\omega(z)$, analytic and having no zeros in the lower half-plane, such that $\varphi(x) = |\omega(x)|^2$.
- 2) Every function $f(x) \in L^2_\varphi$ has the representation

$$f(x) = f_0(x) + \frac{\omega(x)}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^\infty h(t)e^{itx} dt + \frac{\bar{\omega}(x)}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^0 h(t)e^{itx} dt,$$

where $f_0(x)$ is an entire function of zero degree, $f_0(x) \in L^2_\varphi$, $h(t) \in L^2(-\infty, \infty)$, $\bar{\omega}(z) = \omega(\bar{z})$; moreover $\|f\|^2 = \|f_0\|^2 + \|h\|_{L^2}^2$.

Then $\varphi(x)$ extends to the entire complex plane as an entire function of zero degree and of class A.

§ 5. Suppose that all polynomials belong to the space L^2_φ . In this case one may pose the question of the completeness of the system of polynomials in the space H^0 of entire functions of zero degree belonging to L^2_φ .

Theorem 4. In order that the system of polynomials be complete in H^0 , it is necessary and sufficient that, for all z and w , the equality

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P_n(z)\overline{P_n(w)} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \frac{\omega(z)\bar{\omega}(w) - \bar{\omega}(z)\omega(w)}{z - w},$$

hold, where $\{P_n(x)\}_1^\infty$ is an orthonormal sequence of polynomials in L^2_φ .

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