

Task 1 (80 points)

Consider the functions $F(t)$ and $G(t)$,

$$F(t) = \frac{1}{b} \exp\left(-\frac{(t-t_0)^2}{a^2}\right), \quad G(t) = \frac{a}{1+bt^2}. \quad (1)$$

Assume that a and b are real.

(a.) Calculate $\|F\|$. Express b in terms of a so that F is normalized to unity.

(b.) Calculate $\langle t \rangle$ and $\langle t^2 \rangle$.

(c.) Calculate the Fourier transform $\tilde{F}(\omega)$.

(d.) Calculate $\langle \omega \rangle$ and $\langle \omega^2 \rangle$.

(e.) Verify that the relation $\Delta t \cdot \Delta \omega \gtrsim \frac{1}{2}$ is fulfilled for the given example.

Now, repeat tasks (a.)—(e.) for the function $G(t)$. For certain integrals, you may use Wolfram Alpha.

Task 2 (30 points)

If $h(t) = f(t)g(t)$, show that for the Fourier transforms \tilde{f} and \tilde{g} fulfill

$$\tilde{h}(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega'}{2\pi} \tilde{f}(\omega') \tilde{g}(\omega - \omega'), \quad (2)$$

and if $\tilde{h}(\omega) = \tilde{f}(\omega) \tilde{g}(\omega)$, then

$$h(t) = \int dt' f(t') g(t - t'). \quad (3)$$

I.e., show that multiplication in coordinate space/time is equivalent to a convolution in Fourier space, and vice versa.

Task 3 (30 points)

Calculate the following functions:

$$\vec{F}_1(\vec{r}) = \vec{\nabla} C \exp(-a|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|), \quad (4)$$

$$\vec{F}_2(\vec{r}) = \vec{\nabla} [C |\vec{r} - \vec{r}'| \exp(-a|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|)], \quad (5)$$

$$\vec{F}_3(\vec{r}) = \vec{\nabla}^2 [C |\vec{r} - \vec{r}'| \exp(-a|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|)], \quad (6)$$

Here, a and C are constants. We observe that $\vec{\nabla} = \partial/\partial\vec{r}$. Which physical dimension do these constants (a and C) have, if we postulate that F_1 , F_2 and F_3 should be dimensionless?

The tasks are due Thursday, 03-OCT-2023.