

# EXAMINATION MATHEMATICAL TECHNIQUES FOR IMAGE ANALYSIS

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- Write your name and student ID on each paper.
- The exam consists of 4 problems. Maximum credits are indicated in the margin.
- Motivate your answers. The use of course notes is allowed. The use of any additional material or equipment, including the problem companion (“opgaven- en tentamenbundel”), is *not* allowed.
- You may provide your answers in Dutch or English.
- Do not hesitate to ask questions on linguistic matters or if you suspect an erroneous problem formulation.

**Good luck!**

## (35) 1. VECTOR SPACE

A real sequence  $s$  is an infinitely long array of the form  $s = (s_1, s_2, s_3, \dots)$ , with  $s_i \in \mathbb{R}$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . It is not difficult to show that the set  $S$  of all real sequences constitutes a real vector space under entry-wise addition and scalar multiplication. (You may take this for granted.)

(2½) **a1.** Explain by formulas the meaning of “entry-wise addition and scalar multiplication” on  $S$ .

Let  $s = (s_1, s_2, s_3, \dots) \in S$ ,  $t = (t_1, t_2, t_3, \dots) \in S$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ , then we define  $s + t = (s_1 + t_1, s_2 + t_2, s_3 + t_3, \dots) \in S$  and  $\lambda s = (\lambda s_1, \lambda s_2, \lambda s_3, \dots)$ .

(2½) **a2.** What is the neutral element of  $S$ ? What is the inverse element of  $s = (s_1, s_2, s_3, \dots) \in S$ ?

The neutral element is  $n = (0, 0, 0, \dots) \in S$ . The inverse of  $s = (s_1, s_2, s_3, \dots) \in S$  is  $(-s) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (-s_1, -s_2, -s_3, \dots) \in S$ .

An *arithmetic sequence*  $a$  is a sequence of the form  $a = (a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots)$  such that subsequent terms have a common difference, i.e. for each such a sequence  $a$  there exists a constant  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  such that for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$

$$a_{i+1} = a_i + c.$$

By  $A$  we denote the set of all real-valued arithmetic sequences.

(5) **b.** Prove that  $A \subset S$  is a vector space.

Since  $S$  is a vector space we only need to prove closure. Suppose  $a = (a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots) \in A$ ,  $b = (b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots) \in A$ , and  $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$ . By definition there exist constants  $c, d \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $a_{i+1} = a_i + c$  and  $b_{i+1} = b_i + d$ . Let  $s \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lambda a + \mu b \in A$  be an arbitrary superposition, i.e.  $s_i = \lambda a_i + \mu b_i$ , then it follows that  $s_{i+1} = \lambda a_{i+1} + \mu b_{i+1} \stackrel{*}{=} \lambda(a_i + c) + \mu(b_i + d) = \lambda a_i + \mu b_i + \lambda c + \mu d = s_i + e$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , in which  $e \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lambda c + \mu d \in \mathbb{R}$ , so that we may conclude that, by definition,  $s \in A$ . In  $*$  we have likewise used the definition of  $A$ .

An  $n$ -dimensional basis of  $A$  is a set  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  of  $n$  linearly independent sequences  $e_i \in A$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , such that every element  $a \in A$  can be written as a linear superposition of the form  $a = \lambda_1 e_1 + \dots + \lambda_n e_n$  for certain coefficients  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{R}$ .

- (2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) **c1.** State in terms of an explicit formula what “linear independence” of the basis elements in  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  means.

$$\lambda_1 e_1 + \dots + \lambda_n e_n = n = (0, 0, 0, \dots) \in A \text{ iff } \lambda_1 = \dots = \lambda_n = 0.$$

- (2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) **c2.** Show that, if such a basis exists, then, for any given  $a \in A$ , the coefficients  $\lambda_i$  in the linear superposition  $a = \lambda_1 e_1 + \dots + \lambda_n e_n$  are unique.

☞ HINT: SUPPOSE  $a = \lambda_1 e_1 + \dots + \lambda_n e_n$  AND  $a = \mu_1 e_1 + \dots + \mu_n e_n$ , CONSIDER THE DIFFERENCE.

We have  $(0, 0, 0, \dots) = n = a - a = (\lambda_1 - \mu_1)e_1 + \dots + (\lambda_n - \mu_n)e_n$ . By c1 this is equivalent to  $\lambda_1 = \mu_1, \dots, \lambda_n = \mu_n$ .

- (5) **d.** Show that  $A$  does indeed have a finite-dimensional basis, and provide one explicitly. What is the dimension?

Note that an arbitrary arithmetic sequence  $a \in A$  can be written as  $a = (a_1, a_1 + c, a_1 + 2c, a_1 + 3c, \dots)$  for some  $a_1, c \in \mathbb{R}$ . This can be written as  $a = a_1 e_1 + c e_2$ , with  $e_1 = (1, 1, 1, \dots)$ ,  $e_2 = (0, 1, 2, \dots)$ . Thus the linear space of arithmetic sequences is 2-dimensional.

A *geometric sequence*  $g$  is a sequence of the form  $g = (g_1, g_2, g_3, \dots)$  such that subsequent terms have a common ratio, i.e. for each such a sequence  $g$  there exists a nonzero constant  $r \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$  such that for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$

$$g_{i+1} = r g_i.$$

By  $G$  we denote the set of all real-valued geometric sequences.

- (5) **e.** Prove that  $G \subset S$  is *not* a vector space.

$G$  fails to be closed. For suppose  $g \in G$ ,  $h \in G$ , such that, for any  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $g_{i+1} = r g_i$  and  $h_{i+1} = s h_i$  for some constants  $r, s \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ . Then we observe that  $g_{i+1} + h_{i+1} = r g_i + s h_i$ . In general the right hand side cannot be written as  $t(g_i + h_i)$  for some constant  $t \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ .

We restrict ourselves henceforth to the set of all *positive* geometric sequences, defined as  $G^+ = \{g = (g_1, g_2, g_3, \dots) \in G \mid g_i > 0 \text{ for all } i = 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ . On this set we introduce an alternative definition for addition and scalar multiplication, according to the following rules. If  $g = (g_1, g_2, g_3, \dots) \in G^+$ ,  $h = (h_1, h_2, h_3, \dots) \in G^+$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ , then

$$g \oplus h = (g_1 h_1, g_2 h_2, g_3 h_3, \dots) \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda \otimes g = (g_1^\lambda, g_2^\lambda, g_3^\lambda, \dots).$$

- (10) **f.** Show that  $G^+$  is closed under the actions of  $\oplus$  and  $\otimes$ , and subsequently show that it is a vector space.

For closure we must show that  $g \oplus h$  and  $\lambda \otimes g$  as defined above are geometric sequences. We have  $(g \oplus h)_{i+1} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} g_{i+1} h_{i+1} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} r g_i s h_i = r s g_i h_i \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (rs)(g \oplus h)_i$  for some common ratios  $r, s \neq 0$  (whence the effective common ratio equals  $rs \neq 0$ ) and all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . Similarly,  $(\lambda \otimes g)_{i+1} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} g_{i+1}^\lambda \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (r g_i)^\lambda = r^\lambda g_i^\lambda \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} r^\lambda (\lambda \otimes g)_i$ . Note that the effective common ratio  $r^\lambda \neq 0$  if

$r \neq 0$ . Now we cannot use the subspace theorem, since  $G^+ \not\subseteq G$  in the sense of a vector space inclusion, for the spaces  $G^+$  and  $G$  have different vector operations.



**(35) 2. GROUP THEORY**

In this problem we consider a finite group  $G$  consisting of 2 elements, to which we will refer as  $a, b \in G$ . Without loss of generality we may identify  $a = \text{id}$ , i.e. the identity element of  $G$ .

- (5) **a.** Show that either  $a = b = \text{id}$ , or, if  $a \neq b$ , that  $b = b^{-1}$ .

The option  $a = b = \text{id}$  produces the trivial 1-element group  $G = \{\text{id}\}$ . Suppose  $a \neq b$ , then, since  $a$  serves as the identity element, we have  $ba = ab = b \neq a$ , from which it follows that  $a$  cannot be the inverse of  $b$ . By closure there is no other option than that  $b$  equals its own inverse:  $b^{-1} = b$ , i.e.  $b^2 = a$ .

We henceforth assume that  $a \neq b$ .

- (5) **b.** Provide the  $2 \times 2$  group multiplication table of  $G$ , cf. the template below. With  $x_1 = a, x_2 = b$ , the  $(i, j)$ -th element in this table indicates  $x_i \circ x_j$ .

Inspection of the result in a readily provides the full multiplication table:

|         |     |     |
|---------|-----|-----|
| $\circ$ | $a$ | $b$ |
| $a$     | $a$ | $b$ |
| $b$     | $b$ | $a$ |

Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0, 0)\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0, 0)\} : (x, y) \mapsto T(x, y)$  be given by  $T(x, y) = \left( \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2}, \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2} \right)$ .

For  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  we indicate  $k$ -fold concatenation of  $T$  by  $T^k \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} T \circ \dots \leftarrow k\text{-fold} \rightarrow \dots \circ T$ . Moreover,  $T^{-k} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (T^{\text{inv}})^k$ , in which  $T^{\text{inv}}$  is the inverse function of  $T$ . The identity element is identified with  $T^0 : \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0, 0)\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0, 0)\} : (x, y) \mapsto \text{id}(x, y) = (x, y)$ .

- (5) **c.** Show that  $T^{\text{inv}} = T$ .

☞ HINT: SET  $(x', y') = T(x, y)$ , AND CONSIDER THE IDENTITY  $T^{\text{inv}}(x', y') = (x, y)$ .

Solving the following system for  $(x, y)$  in terms of  $(x', y')$

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} \\ y' &= \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2} \end{aligned}$$

yields

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{x'}{(x')^2 + (y')^2} \\ y &= \frac{y'}{(x')^2 + (y')^2} \end{aligned} ,$$

so  $T^{\text{inv}}(x', y') = T(x', y')$ , i.e.  $T^{\text{inv}}$  has the same functional form as  $T$  (suppress irrelevant primes attached to arguments).

Consider the set  $\Theta = \left\{ T^k : \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0, 0)\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0, 0)\} \mid k \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$ .

We say that two groups,  $G$  and  $H$  say, are *isomorphic*, notation  $G \sim H$ , if there is a one-to-one correspondence  $\phi : G \rightarrow H : g \mapsto h = \phi(g)$  between their respective elements that preserves the group structure, i.e.  $\phi(g_1) \circ_H \phi(g_2) = \phi(g_1 \circ_G g_2)$ , in which  $\circ_G$  and  $\circ_H$  are the infix group operators on  $G$ , respectively  $H$ .

- (5) **d.** Show that the set  $\Theta$ , furnished with the concatenation operator  $\circ$ , constitutes a group isomorphic to the 2-element group  $G$  of problem b.

Obviously  $T \neq T^0 = \text{id}$ . Since  $T^{\text{inv}} = T$  according to c it follows from the definition of  $T^k$  that  $T^k = T$  if  $k$  is odd, and  $T^k = T^0 = \text{id}$  if  $k$  is even, i.e.  $\Theta = \{T^0, T\}$  is a 2-element group. We have seen in problems a and b that any such 2-parameter group must have a multiplication table as given in b, with in the case at hand the formal substitutions  $a \rightarrow T^0 = \text{id}$  and  $b = T$ . In other words,  $\Theta \sim G$  (as defined in a and b).

Next, consider the class of symmetric smooth functions of rapid decay,

$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{sym}}(\mathbb{R}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{ \phi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}) \mid \phi(x) = \phi(-x) \}.$$

We take it for granted that  $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$  is closed under Fourier transformation, defined in this problem with the following convention:

$$\mathcal{F}(\phi)(\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(x) e^{-i\omega x} dx \quad \text{whence} \quad \mathcal{F}^{\text{inv}}(\psi)(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi(\omega) e^{i\omega x} d\omega.$$

- (5) **e.** Show that  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{sym}}(\mathbb{R})$  is closed under Fourier transformation.  $\clubsuit$  HINT:  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{sym}}(\mathbb{R}) \subset \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$ .

Since  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{sym}}(\mathbb{R}) \subset \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$ , Fourier transform of  $\phi \in \mathcal{S}_{\text{sym}}(\mathbb{R})$  is well defined. We need to show that if  $\phi(x) = \phi(-x)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , i.e.  $\phi \in \mathcal{S}_{\text{sym}}(\mathbb{R})$ , then also  $\mathcal{F}(\phi)(\omega) = \mathcal{F}(\phi)(-\omega)$ , i.e.  $\mathcal{F}(\phi) \in \mathcal{S}_{\text{sym}}(\mathbb{R})$ . Indeed we have

$$\mathcal{F}(\phi)(\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(x) e^{-i\omega x} dx \stackrel{*}{=} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(-y) e^{i\omega y} dy \stackrel{*}{=} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(y) e^{i\omega y} dy = \mathcal{F}(\phi)(-\omega),$$

in which we have made use of a change of variables,  $y = -x$ , in  $*$ , and of the symmetry property  $\phi(y) = \phi(-y)$  in  $*$ .

We now consider the set  $\Phi = \left\{ \mathcal{F}^k : \mathcal{S}_{\text{sym}}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}_{\text{sym}}(\mathbb{R}) \mid k \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$ .

- (5) **f.** Show that this set, furnished with the concatenation operator  $\circ$ , constitutes a group that is likewise isomorphic to the 2-element group  $G$  of problem b, but that this is *not* the case if we replace  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{sym}}(\mathbb{R})$  by  $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$  in the definition of  $\Phi$ .

From the solution of problem e we may conclude that  $\mathcal{F}(\phi) = \mathcal{F}^{\text{inv}}(\phi)$  for all  $\phi \in \mathcal{S}_{\text{sym}}(\mathbb{R})$  by virtue of step  $*$  and the particular definition of the Fourier transform in the case at hand. In other words,  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}^{\text{inv}}$  as elements of  $\Phi$ . Furthermore we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}^2(\phi)(\xi) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(x) e^{-i\omega x} dx e^{-i\omega \xi} d\omega = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-i\omega(x+\xi)} d\omega \phi(x) dx = \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} 2\pi \delta(x+\xi) \phi(x) dx = \phi(-\xi) = \phi(\xi), \end{aligned}$$

for all  $\phi \in \mathcal{S}_{\text{sym}}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}$ . In other words,  $\mathcal{F}^2 = \mathcal{F}^0 = \text{id}$  as elements of  $\Phi$ . By the same token as in problem d we may conclude that  $\Phi \sim G$ , for the 2-element group  $G$  of problem a and b.

Finally, we consider the 2-element matrix group under matrix multiplication

$$M = \left\{ I \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, A \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

and use it to construct the 2-dimensional linear space  $V_M = \{\alpha I + \beta A \mid \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}\}$

- (5) **g.** Show that  $V_M$  is a semigroup, but *not* a group under matrix multiplication.

Closure is obvious, since any product of matrices in  $V_M$  will be a linear superposition of  $I$  and  $A$  as a result of the group structure of  $M$  (and the definition of matrix superposition on  $V_M$ ). Associativity likewise holds trivially, since it is a general property of the matrix product. The group identity element of  $V_M$  is clearly  $I$ , since  $I(\alpha I + \beta A) = (\alpha I + \beta A)I = \alpha I + \beta A$  for any  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ . That  $V_M$  is not a group follows, e.g., from the fact that the vector neutral element, the null matrix, does not have an inverse. Another example which fails to have an inverse is  $I + A$ , for suppose  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$  are such that  $I = (I + A)(\alpha I + \beta A) = (\alpha + \beta)I + (\alpha + \beta)A$ , then  $\alpha + \beta = 1$  and  $\alpha + \beta = 0$ , which is a contradiction.



(15) **3. FOURIER TRANSFORMATION**

In this problem we consider a general parametrization of the various one-dimensional Fourier definitions one encounters in the literature:

$$\mathcal{F}_{(a,b)}(u)(\omega) = b \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(x) e^{-ia\omega x} dx \quad \text{whence} \quad \mathcal{F}_{(a,b)}^{\text{inv}}(\hat{u})(x) = \frac{|a|}{2\pi b} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{u}(\omega) e^{ia\omega x} d\omega.$$

The parameter space is  $\mathbb{P} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{(a, b) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid a \neq 0, b > 0\}$ . Consider the following reparametrization:

$$\mathbb{T} : \mathbb{P} \rightarrow \mathbb{P} : (a, b) \mapsto (a', b') = \mathbb{T}(a, b) \quad \text{with} \quad \begin{cases} a' &= -a \\ b' &= \frac{|a|}{2\pi b} \end{cases}$$

(2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) **a1.** Show that this is a good definition, in the sense that  $\mathbb{P}$  is indeed closed under  $\mathbb{T}$  as stipulated by the prototype “ $\mathbb{T} : \mathbb{P} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}$ ”, i.e.  $(a', b') \in \mathbb{P}$  if  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{P}$ .

If  $a \neq 0$  then  $a' = -a \neq 0$  and if  $b > 0$  then  $b' = |a|/(2\pi b) > 0$ , so  $(a', b') \in \mathbb{P}$ .

(2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) **a2.** Show that  $\mathbb{T}$  is invertible, and that  $\mathbb{T}^{\text{inv}} = \mathbb{T}$ .

☞ HINT: SOLVE  $(a, b) = \mathbb{T}^{\text{inv}}(a', b')$ .

We have  $\mathbb{T}^2(a, b) = \mathbb{T}(-a, |a|/(2\pi b)) = (a, b)$ , from which it follows that  $\mathbb{T}^2 = \text{id}_{\mathbb{P}}$ , i.e.  $\mathbb{T}^{\text{inv}} = \mathbb{T}$ .

Without proof we state that the normed space  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$  of square-integrable, complex-valued functions with domain  $\mathbb{R}$ , is closed under Fourier transformation. The norm of a function  $u \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$  will be denoted by  $\|u\|$ . Recall that

$$\|u\|^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(x) u^*(x) dx.$$

In the problems below you may, moreover, use the following lemma:  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{\pm i a y z} dz = \frac{2\pi}{|a|} \delta(y)$ .

Let  $\mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{P}$  be the set of parameters for which  $\|\mathcal{F}_{(a,b)}(u)(\omega)\|^2 = \|u\|^2$  for all  $u \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$  (*unitarity*).

(10) **b.** Determine  $\mathbb{Q}$ , and show that the convention that was used in problem 1 provides an example of a unitary Fourier transform, i.e. show that  $(a, b) = (1, 1/\sqrt{2\pi}) \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

Insert

$$u(x) = \frac{|a|}{2\pi b} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{u}(\omega) e^{ia\omega x} d\omega \quad \text{and} \quad u^*(x) = \frac{|a|}{2\pi b} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{u}^*(\omega') e^{-ia\omega' x} d\omega'$$

into

$$\|u\|^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(x) u^*(x) dx.$$

The result is

$$\begin{aligned} \|u\|^2 &= \left[ \frac{|a|}{2\pi b} \right]^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{u}(\omega) \hat{u}^*(\omega') \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ia(\omega - \omega')x} dx d\omega d\omega' = \left[ \frac{|a|}{2\pi b} \right]^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{u}(\omega) \hat{u}^*(\omega') \frac{2\pi}{|a|} \delta(\omega - \omega') d\omega d\omega' \\ &= \frac{|a|}{2\pi b^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{u}^*(\omega) \hat{u}(\omega) d\omega = \frac{|a|}{2\pi b^2} \|\hat{u}\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Unitarity requires  $|a| = 2\pi b^2$ . Thus  $\mathbb{Q} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{(a, b) \in \mathbb{P} \mid |a| = 2\pi b^2\}$ . In particular we observe that  $(a, b) = (1, 1/\sqrt{2\pi}) \in \mathbb{Q}$ .



(15) **4. DISTRIBUTION THEORY (EXAM JUNE 14, 2005, PROBLEM 4)**

Consider the function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : x \mapsto f(x)$ , in which  $m > 0$  is a constant, defined as

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{als } x \leq 0 \\ mx & \text{als } 0 < x < \frac{1}{m} \\ 1 & \text{als } x \geq \frac{1}{m} \end{cases}$$

- (5) **a.** Determine the (classical) derivative  $f'$  of  $f$ . Clearly indicate the domain of definition of  $f'$ .  
 ☞ HINT: SKETCH THE GRAPH OF  $f$ .

Het domein van  $f'$  is  $\text{Dom } f' = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0, \frac{1}{m}\}$ . Het functievoorschrift is:

$$f'(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{als } x < 0 \\ m & \text{als } 0 < x < \frac{1}{m} \\ 0 & \text{als } x > \frac{1}{m} \end{cases}$$

De functie is niet gedefinieerd in de aansluitpunten  $x = 0$  en  $x = \frac{1}{m}$ .

By  $T_f \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R})$  we denote the regular tempered distribution corresponding to the function  $f$ :

$$T_f : \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : \phi \mapsto T_f[\phi] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) \phi(x) dx.$$

Derivatives of regular tempered distributions are defined as usual:  $T_f^{(k)}[\phi] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (-1)^k T_f[\phi^{(k)}]$ . The superscript  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  indicates order of differentiation.

- (5) **b.** Show that  $T_f'[\phi] = m \int_0^{\frac{1}{m}} \phi(x) dx$ , i.e. that  $T_f' = T_g$ , with  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : x \mapsto g(x)$  given by

$$g(x) = m \chi_{[0, \frac{1}{m}]}(x).$$

Here,  $\chi_I$  is the indicator function on the set  $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ , i.e.  $\chi_I(x) = 1$  if  $x \in I$ ,  $\chi_I(x) = 0$  if  $x \notin I$ .

Er geldt

$$\begin{aligned} T_f'[\phi] &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} -T_f[\phi'] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} -\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) \phi'(x) dx \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} -m \int_0^{\frac{1}{m}} x \phi'(x) dx - \int_{\frac{1}{m}}^{\infty} \phi'(x) dx \\ &\stackrel{*}{=} -m [x \phi(x)]_0^{\frac{1}{m}} + m \int_0^{\frac{1}{m}} \phi(x) dx - [\phi(x)]_{\frac{1}{m}}^{\infty} \stackrel{*}{=} m \int_0^{\frac{1}{m}} \phi(x) dx \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) \phi(x) dx \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} T_g[\phi], \end{aligned}$$

waarin  $g$  (respectievelijk  $T_g$ ) de functie (respectievelijk reguliere getemperde distributie) is zoals hierboven gedefinieerd. Bij  $*$  is gebruik gemaakt van partiële integratie, bij  $*$  zijn de randvoorwaarden gebruikt, met i.h.b. de eigenschap dat  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \phi(x) = 0$  voor elke testfunctie  $\phi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$ . Aangezien dit resultaat geldt voor alle  $\phi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$  volgt dat de distributies in linker- en rechterlid gelijk zijn:  $T_f' = T_g$ .

- (5) **c.** Prove:  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} T_f' = \delta$ , in which  $\delta$  is the Dirac distribution,  $\delta : \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : \phi \mapsto \delta[\phi] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \phi(0)$

☞ HINT: SUBSTITUTE  $\xi = mx$  IN THE INTEGRAL EXPRESSION FOR  $T'_f[\phi]$  BEFORE TAKING THE LIMIT.

Volg de hint en gebruik het resultaat bij onderdeel b:

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} T'_f[\phi] \stackrel{\text{b}}{=} \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} m \int_0^{\frac{1}{m}} \phi(x) dx \stackrel{*}{=} \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^1 \phi\left(\frac{\xi}{m}\right) d\xi \stackrel{*}{=} \int_0^1 \phi(0) d\xi = \phi(0) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \delta[\phi].$$

Bij  $*$  is de genoemde substitutie van variabelen uitgevoerd, bij  $\star$  zijn limiet- en integraaloperaties omgewisseld en in de laatste stap is de definitie van de Dirac distributie gebruikt. Aangezien dit resultaat geldt voor alle  $\phi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$  volgt dat de distributies in linker- en rechterlid gelijk zijn:  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} T'_f = \delta$ .

**THE END**