

Approximations of functions that are analytic in a strip

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In other words, $\text{supp}(\hat{A}) \subset [-\eta, \eta]$.

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Some History:

- A. Beurling and A. Selberg considered this problem (independently) for x_+^0 ,
- S.W. Graham and J.D. Vaaler: $x_+^0 e^{-\lambda x}$,
- additional results by J.J. Holt and Vaaler, E. Carneiro and Vaaler, L.

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where $\tilde{\mu}(s)$ is the Laplace transform of μ . Important:
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Akhiezer: The distance from $f \in U_a$ to $\mathcal{A}(\eta)$ with respect to L^∞ -norm is bounded by

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- Mimic this: One-sided approximations to functions in U_a are obtainable from one-sided L^1 -approximations to $\cosh(ax)^{-1}$.

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- Construction: Interpolate f and f' at $n + \alpha$ by a function in $\mathcal{A}(2\pi)$ and hope for the best (i.e., non-positive or non-negative difference).

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and expand the integrand for $t < 0$ and $t > 0$, i.e., for $t > 0$,

$$\frac{te^{-t/2}}{1 - e^{-t}} = t \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-(n+1/2)t}$$

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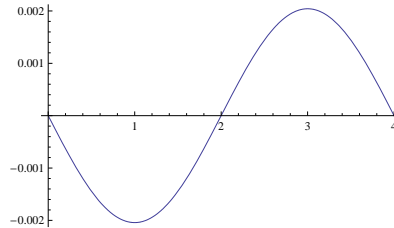
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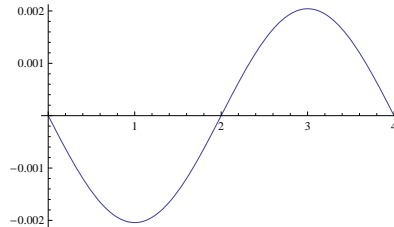
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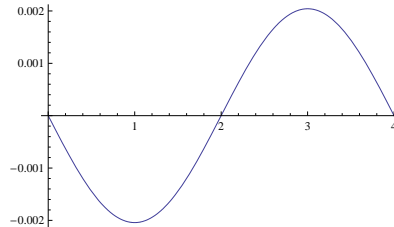


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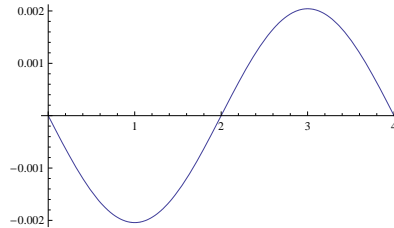


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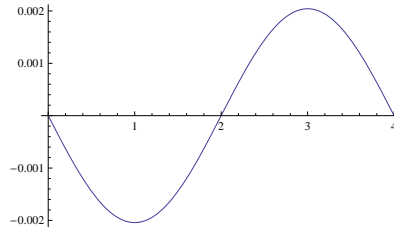


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