

EXERCISE 4
OPEN PROBLEMS IN NUMBER THEORY 2017/18
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Exercise 1. *The Gaussian $g(x) = e^{-\pi x^2}$ lies in $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$. Show that the Fourier transform of g is itself: $\widehat{g} = g$. Here the Fourier transform is normalized as $\widehat{g}(x) := \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(y)e^{-2\pi ixy} dy$.*

Exercise 2. *Show that there are exactly 6 different representations of 4^a as a sum of three integer squares: $r_3(4^a) = 6$.*

Exercise 3. *Jarnik's theorem states that there is some $c > 0$ so that any arc of length $< cR^{1/3}$ on the circle $x^2 + y^2 = R^2$ of radius R cannot contain more than two lattice points. Show that the three lattice points*

$$(4n^3 - 1, 2n^2 + 2n), \quad (4n^3, 2n^2 + 1), \quad (4n^3 + 1, 2n^2 - 2n)$$

all lie on the circle $x^2 + y^2 = R_n^2$, with $R_n^2 = 16n^6 + 4n^4 + 4n^2 + 1$, and are contained in an arc of length $(16R_n)^{1/3} + o(1)$. Hence the exponent $1/3$ in Jarnik's theorem is sharp.