
MATH 128B: QUIZ 2 SOLUTIONS

Useful facts:

$$\cos(a)\cos(b) = \frac{1}{2}(\cos(a+b) + \cos(a-b))$$

$$2^{15} \approx 32000$$

1. (Chebyshev Polynomials) Use the definition of the n^{th} Chebyshev polynomial $T_n(x) = \cos(n \arccos(x))$ to find an expression for the product $T_i(x)T_j(x)$ which has no products of Chebyshev polynomials. **Solution** Using the trig formula we find

$$T_i(x)T_j(x) = \cos(i \arccos(x))\cos(j \arccos(x)) = \frac{1}{2}[\cos((i+j) \arccos(x)) + \cos((i-j) \arccos(x))]$$

Since $\cos(x)$ is an even function we have

$$T_i(x)T_j(x) = \frac{1}{2}(T_{i+j}(x) + T_{|i-j|}(x))$$

2. (Fourier Series)

- (a) Find the coefficients in the general continuous least-squares polynomial $S_n(x)$ defined as

$$S_n(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \cos(kx) + b_k \sin(kx)$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } -\pi < x \leq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } 0 < x \leq \pi \end{cases}$$

The coefficients are given by

$$a_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(kx)f(x)dx, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots$$

$$b_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(kx)f(x)dx, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots$$

Plugging in, we find

$$a_0 = 1, \quad a_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^0 \cos(kx)dx = \frac{1}{k\pi} \sin(k\pi)|_{-\pi}^0 = 0, \quad k \geq 1$$

$$b_k = \int_{-\pi}^0 \sin(k\pi)dx = -\frac{1}{k\pi} \cos(k\pi)|_{-\pi}^0 = \begin{cases} -\frac{2}{k\pi} & k \text{ odd} \\ 0 & \text{even} \end{cases}$$

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(b) Suppose you want to compute the Fourier coefficients for data on a grid with thirty two thousand (3.2×10^4) points. Estimate the *order of magnitude* (yes, you can do this without a calculator) of the number of calculations you must perform to do this

(i) with a direct method

(ii) via FFT.

(i) $\mathcal{O}(2n)^2 \approx (6 \times 10^4)^2 = 36 \times 10^8 = 3.6 \times 10^9$: order 10^9 (1 billion)

(ii) $\mathcal{O}(n \log(n)) \approx 3 \times 10^4 \times 15 = 4.5 \times 10^5$ order: 10^5 (ten thousand times less effort!).

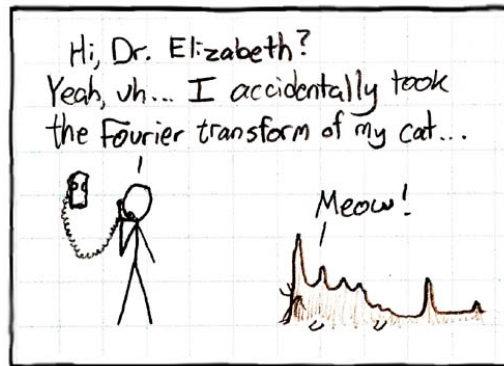


Figure 1: <http://xkcd.com/26/>

3. Bonus: Draw an FFT of yourself.