

# Worksheet 31 (April 28)

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$$\begin{aligned} \langle c_1 \vec{u}_1 + c_2 \vec{u}_2, \vec{v} \rangle &= c_1 \langle \vec{u}_1, \vec{v} \rangle + c_2 \langle \vec{u}_2, \vec{v} \rangle \\ \langle \vec{u}, c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 \rangle &= c_1 \langle \vec{u}, \vec{v}_1 \rangle + c_2 \langle \vec{u}, \vec{v}_2 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

equivalent when  $\langle \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle = \langle \vec{v}, \vec{u} \rangle$

## 1 Review

### DEFINITIONS

Example. the "dot product" on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is an inner product.

- inner product: bilinear, commutative, positive definite; Prop. After inner product is defined, we can say:  
 $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   $\langle \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle = \langle \vec{v}, \vec{u} \rangle$   $\textcircled{1} \forall \vec{u} \in V, \langle \vec{u}, \vec{u} \rangle \geq 0$  norm, orthogonality, angle, orthogonal projection, OVB.  
 $\vec{u} \quad \vec{v}$   $\langle \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle$   $\textcircled{2}$  If  $\langle \vec{u}, \vec{u} \rangle = 0$ , then  $\vec{u} = \vec{0}$ .
- piece-wise continuous function, even function, odd function;

- Fourier series, Fourier expansion of a function the graph is symmetric w.r.t the origin  
infinite sum of  $1 = \cos^2 x, \cos nx, \sin nx$ .  
 $f(x) \sim \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx$   
 $a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx \quad (n > 0), \quad b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin nx dx \quad (n > 0)$

### METHODS AND IDEAS

**Idea 1.** The space  $V_{\pi}$  of piece-wise continuous functions is an **inner product space**, under the inner product over  $[-\pi, \pi]$

$$\langle f, g \rangle := \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x)g(x)dx.$$

This is because  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  defined as above is indeed bilinear, commutative and positive definite.  $V_{\pi}$  has the following properties:

- It is infinite dimensional.
- It has two distinguished subspaces  $V_{\pi}^{\text{even}}$  and  $V_{\pi}^{\text{odd}}$ . The two subspaces are **orthogonal**. "orthogonal complement" to each other. Intuition.  $\vec{v} = \text{Proj}_{W^{\perp}} \vec{v} + \text{Proj}_W \vec{v}$   
Here.  $f(x) = f^{\text{even}}(x) + f^{\text{odd}}(x)$ .
- $V_{\pi}^{\text{even}}$  has an orthogonal basis  $\{\cos nx\}_{n \geq 0}$ , and  $V_{\pi}^{\text{odd}}$  has an orthogonal basis  $\{\sin nx\}_{n > 0}$ . Altogether they form a basis of  $V_{\pi}$ .  $f^{\text{even}}(x) = \frac{f(x) + f(-x)}{2}$  even function  
 $f^{\text{odd}}(x) = \frac{f(x) - f(-x)}{2}$  odd function.

**Theorem 1.** The Fourier expansion of  $f(x)$  is given by

$$f(x) \sim \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx,$$

Intuition If  $\vec{w}_1, \dots, \vec{w}_n$  is OGB of  $V$ .  
then  $\vec{v} = \frac{\langle \vec{v}, \vec{w}_1 \rangle}{\langle \vec{w}_1, \vec{w}_1 \rangle} \vec{w}_1 + \dots + \frac{\langle \vec{v}, \vec{w}_n \rangle}{\langle \vec{w}_n, \vec{w}_n \rangle} \vec{w}_n$ .

where

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx, \quad b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin nx dx.$$

$\frac{\langle f(x), \sin nx \rangle}{\langle \sin nx, \sin nx \rangle}$  as  $\langle \sin nx, \sin nx \rangle = \pi$  ( $\forall n > 0$ )

**Remark 1.** The two functions

$$f(x) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx$$

are not completely equal. In fact, if  $f(x)$  is piece-wise continuous, they are equal "almost everywhere". The discrepancy exists because  $V_{\pi}$  is infinite-dimensional and the basis  $\{1, \cos x, \sin x, \dots\}$  is not "complete".

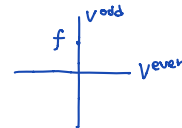
Reason. Assume for  $g(x)$   
 $g(x) =$  its Fourier expansion  
 Then if we change the value of  $g(x)$   
 at a certain pt and call the new  
 function  $f(x)$ , then  
 $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  has the same  
 Fourier expansion.

## 2 Problems

**Example 1.** Find a linear transformation  $T : V_{\pi} \rightarrow V_{\pi}$  such that  $V_{\pi}^{\text{even}}$  and  $V_{\pi}^{\text{odd}}$  are both eigenspaces of  $T$ .

$$T: V_{\pi} \rightarrow V_{\pi} \quad \begin{matrix} V^{\text{even}} = E_1 \\ V^{\text{odd}} = E_{-1} \end{matrix}$$

$$f(x) \mapsto f(-x)$$



**Example 2.** True or false,

(T) If  $f(x)$  is an odd piece-wise continuous function, then  $a_n = 0$  for all  $n \geq 0$  in its Fourier expansion.

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \underbrace{f(x)}_{\text{odd}} \cdot \underbrace{\cos nx}_{\text{even}} dx = 0$$

(T) The Fourier expansion of a piece-wise continuous function is unique.  $a_n, b_n$  explicitly computed.

(T) Let  $A$  be a  $2 \times 2$  symmetric matrix which has two distinct eigenvalues 2 and 3, then the pairing

$$\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = \mathbf{u}^T A \mathbf{v}$$

gives an inner product on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

Rmk In general, if  $A$  is symmetric  $n \times n$ , with all e-values being positive,

then  $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = \mathbf{u}^T A \mathbf{v}$  is an inner product on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

① bilinear  $\langle c_1 \vec{u}_1 + c_2 \vec{u}_2, \vec{v} \rangle = c_1 \langle \vec{u}_1, \vec{v} \rangle + c_2 \langle \vec{u}_2, \vec{v} \rangle$  correct because matrix multiplication is linear.

$A$  is symmetric  $\rightarrow$  ② commutative.  $\langle \vec{u}_1, \vec{v} \rangle = \vec{u}_1^T A \vec{v} = (\vec{u}_1^T A \vec{v})^T = \vec{v}^T A^T \vec{u}_1 = \vec{v}^T A \vec{u}_1 = \langle \vec{v}, \vec{u}_1 \rangle$

$A$  has only positive e-values ③ positive definite  $\langle \vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_1 \rangle \geq 0$ ,  $\langle \vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_1 \rangle = 0$  if and only if  $\vec{u}_1 = \vec{0}$ .

Let  $\vec{w}_1, \vec{w}_2$  be an orthonormal eigenbasis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$

$$A \vec{w}_1 = 2 \vec{w}_1, \quad A \vec{w}_2 = 3 \vec{w}_2$$

$$\vec{u} = a \vec{w}_1 + b \vec{w}_2$$

$$\langle \vec{u}, \vec{u} \rangle = \vec{u}^T A \vec{u} = \vec{u} \cdot A \vec{u} = (a \vec{w}_1 + b \vec{w}_2) \cdot (2a \vec{w}_1 + 3b \vec{w}_2)$$

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$$\text{dot prod.} = 2a^2 + 3b^2 \geq 0$$

**Example 3.** Consider the inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  on  $\mathbb{P}^2$  defined by

$$\langle f(x), g(x) \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 f(x)g(x)dx.$$

(a) Find  $\langle 1 + x, x^2 \rangle$ .

(b) Let  $W = \text{span}\{1, x^2\}$  and  $u(x) = 2 + 3x + 4x^2$ . Find  $\text{Proj}_W u(x)$  under the above inner product.

(a)  $\langle 1+x, x^2 \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 (1+x)x^2 dx = \int_{-1}^1 x^3 + x^2 dx = \left. \frac{1}{4}x^4 + \frac{1}{3}x^3 \right|_{-1}^1 = \frac{2}{3}$

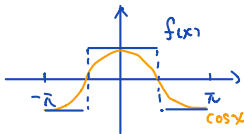
(b) Method 1  $\rightarrow$  Find an orthogonal basis. [Apply G-S]  
 $w_1 = 1$  Scalar Constant function  $\in \mathbb{P}^2$   
 $w_2 = x^2 - \frac{\langle 1, x^2 \rangle}{\langle 1, 1 \rangle} \cdot 1 = x^2 - \frac{(2/3)}{2} \cdot 1 = x^2 - \frac{1}{3}$   
 $\text{Proj}_W u(x) = u(x) - \frac{\langle u, w_1 \rangle}{\langle w_1, w_1 \rangle} \cdot 1 - \frac{\langle u, w_2 \rangle}{\langle w_2, w_2 \rangle} \cdot (x^2 - \frac{1}{3}) = \dots$

Method 2  $W^\perp = \text{span}\{x\}$   $\langle 1, x \rangle = \langle x^2, x \rangle = 0$   $\text{Proj}_{W^\perp} u(x) = \frac{\langle u, x \rangle}{\langle x, x \rangle} \cdot x$   
 $\underbrace{\langle 1, x \rangle}_{\text{odd}}$   $\underbrace{\langle x^2, x \rangle}_{\text{even}}$   $\text{Proj}_W u(x) = u(x) - \text{Proj}_{W^\perp} u(x)$

**Example 4.** Find the Fourier expansion of

$$f(x) = \text{sgn}(\cos x)$$

on  $[-\pi, \pi]$ . Here **sgn** means taking the sign. In other words,  $f(x) = 1$  when  $\cos x > 0$ ,  $f(x) = -1$  when  $\cos x < 0$ , and  $f(x) = 0$  when  $\cos x = 0$ .



$$f(x) \sim \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx$$

where  $\begin{cases} a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx \\ b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin nx dx \end{cases}$

$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx = 0$

For  $n > 0$   $a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \cos nx dx + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\pi/2}^{3\pi/2} \cos nx dx + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{-\pi/2} \cos nx dx$

$$= -\frac{1}{n\pi} \sin nx \Big|_{-\pi}^{-\pi/2} + \frac{1}{n\pi} \sin nx \Big|_{\pi/2}^{3\pi/2} - \frac{1}{n\pi} \sin nx \Big|_{-\pi}^{-\pi/2}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{n\pi} [\sin(-\frac{n\pi}{2}) - \sin(-n\pi)] + \frac{1}{n\pi} [\sin(\frac{3n\pi}{2}) - \sin(\frac{n\pi}{2})] - \frac{1}{n\pi} [\sin(\frac{n\pi}{2}) - \sin(\frac{n\pi}{2})]$$

$$= \frac{4}{n\pi} \sin(\frac{n\pi}{2})$$

$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin nx dx = 0$  (even odd)

$\therefore f(x) \sim \frac{4}{\pi} (\cos x - \frac{\cos 3x}{3} + \frac{\cos 5x}{5} - \frac{\cos 7x}{7} + \dots)$

**Example 5.** This is probably harder than you think. Find the Fourier expansion of

$$g(x) = e^x$$

on  $[-\pi, \pi]$ .