

A big idea is Data Science, DSP, Image processing / Scientific computational ...

$\vec{f}$  is a data vector, signal, image, function

$\vec{f}$  is in  $V$  a vector space. for  $V$

• Find an orthonormal basis  $\vec{z}_1, \vec{z}_2, \dots$  of interest.

That encodes  $\vec{f}$  in terms of the basis

• Expand  $\vec{f}$  in terms of the basis

$$\vec{f} = \alpha_1 \vec{z}_1 + \alpha_2 \vec{z}_2 + \dots$$

(1)  $\alpha_j$  is the amount of  $\vec{f}$  in  $\vec{z}_j$

(2) Truncating the expansion stores an

$$\vec{f}(k) = \alpha_1 \vec{z}_1 + \dots + \alpha_k \vec{z}_k$$

efficient, lower dim version of  $\vec{f}$  which still encodes essential information

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Where do we get the orthonormal basis

- Eigenvectors of Hermitian matrix (operator)
- Gram-Schmidt process on another basis
- science, ...

Example 1: Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be all polynomials with real coefficients defined on  $[-1, 1]$ . Then

$\{1, t, t^2, \dots\}$  is a basis

Since any polynomial can be written

$$p(t) = q_0 \cdot 1 + q_1 \cdot t + \dots + q_n \cdot t^n$$

(That is the definition of a polynomial)

Now put the inner product on  $\mathcal{V}$

$$\langle p, q \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 p(t)q(t) dt$$

Then using Gram-Schmidt on the given basis yields an orthonormal basis for  $V$

$$\varphi_0(t) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad \varphi_1(t) = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}t, \quad \varphi_2(t) = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{5}{2}}(3t^2 - 1), \dots$$

These are called the Legendre polynomials.

Example 2: Let  $V = L^2([-π, π])$  with the Hermitian inner product  $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-π}^π \overline{f(x)} g(x) dx$

The Fourier basis is orthonormal

$$\dots, \frac{e^{-inx}}{\sqrt{2π}}, \frac{e^{inx}}{\sqrt{2π}}, \frac{e^{-2ix}}{\sqrt{2π}}, \frac{e^{2ix}}{\sqrt{2π}}, \frac{e^{-3ix}}{\sqrt{2π}}, \frac{e^{3ix}}{\sqrt{2π}}, \dots$$

NOTE that these are indexed by all integers not just positive ones and recall  $e^{inx} = \cos nx + i \sin nx$ .

Let's check they are orthonormal

If  $m \neq n$

$$\left\langle \frac{e^{inx}}{\sqrt{2\pi}}, \frac{e^{inx}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right\rangle = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{inx} e^{inx} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{i(n-m)x} dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{e^{i(n-m)x}}{i(n-m)} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} = 0$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi i(n-m)} \left[ e^{i(n-m)\pi} - e^{-i(n-m)\pi} \right]$$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} -1 - -1 \quad \text{when } (n-m) \text{ is odd} \\ 1 - 1 \quad \text{when } (n-m) \text{ is even} \end{array} \right\}$

$$\text{and } \left\langle \frac{e^{inx}}{\sqrt{2\pi}}, \frac{e^{inx}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right\rangle = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{-inx} e^{inx} dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} 1 dx = \frac{2\pi}{2\pi} = 1$$

This shows o.n., showing it is a basis is harder.

Example 3: The discrete Fourier basis is an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{C}^n$  obtained by discretizing the usual Fourier basis. It is the subject of the next few lectures

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Recall that we want to use the o.n. basis to give coordinates to vectors. The next theorem says how to do that

Theorem: If  $\{\vec{z}_1, \vec{z}_2, \dots\}$  is an o.n. basis a Hermitian inner product then

$$\vec{V} = \sum \alpha_i \vec{z}_i \quad \text{with each } \alpha_i = \langle \vec{z}_i, \vec{V} \rangle$$

w.r.t.

Proof: We have since  $\{\vec{q}_1, \dots, \vec{q}_k\}$  is a basis that for some  $d_1, \dots, d_k$

$$\vec{v} = d_1 \vec{q}_1 + d_2 \vec{q}_2 + \dots$$

then using the linearity of the Hermitian Inner Product

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \vec{q}_k, \vec{v} \rangle &= \langle \vec{q}_k, d_1 \vec{q}_1 \rangle + \langle \vec{q}_k, d_2 \vec{q}_2 \rangle + \dots \\ &+ \langle \vec{q}_k, d_k \vec{q}_k \rangle + \dots \\ &= d_1 \langle \vec{q}_k, \vec{q}_1 \rangle + d_2 \langle \vec{q}_k, \vec{q}_2 \rangle + \dots \\ &+ d_k \langle \vec{q}_k, \vec{q}_k \rangle \\ &= 0 + 0 + \dots + d_k \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\{\vec{q}_1, \vec{q}_2, \dots, \vec{q}_k\}$  is an o.n. basis.

Example: For the Fourier bases for  $L^2[-\pi, \pi]$

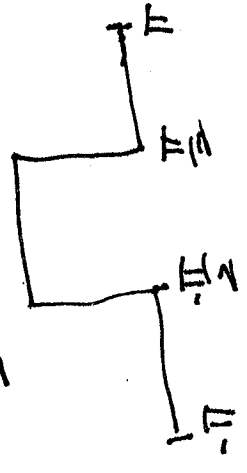
$$f(t) = \sum \alpha_n e^{int} / \sqrt{2\pi}$$

$$\alpha_n = \langle e^{int} / \sqrt{2\pi}, f(t) \rangle = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{e^{-int}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} f(t) dt$$

(usual to write it in this order).

$$\text{Now let } f(t) = \begin{cases} 1 \\ 0 \end{cases}$$

when  $|t| \leq \pi/2$   
when  $\pi/2 < |t| \leq \pi$



We want to express  $f$  in the Fourier basis,  
i.e. find its Fourier expansion.

$$\alpha_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) e^{-int} dt = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} e^{-int} dt$$

$$= \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2\pi} in} \left( e^{-in\pi/2} - e^{in\pi/2} \right) = -\frac{2i \sin(n\pi/2)}{\sqrt{2\pi} in}$$

using Euler's formula

$$\frac{2 \sin(n\pi/2)}{\sqrt{2\pi} n}$$

notice this n, so n ≠ 0, do n = 0 separately

$$\alpha_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} e^{0it} dt = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$$



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$$\text{So } f(t) = \left( \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} + \sum_{n \neq 0} \left( \frac{2 \sin n\pi/2}{\sqrt{2\pi} n} \right) \left( \frac{e^{int}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{n \neq 0} \left( \frac{\sin(n\pi/2)}{n\pi} \right) e^{int}$$

where convergence is a deeper issue. Now notice

that the nonzero terms come in  $+n, -n$  pairs and

$$\frac{\sin(-n\pi/2)}{-n\pi} = \frac{\sin(n\pi/2)}{n\pi} \quad \text{So adding the pairs}$$

$$\alpha_{-n} e^{-int} + \alpha_n e^{int} = \frac{\sin(-n\pi/2)}{-n\pi} (\cos(-nt) + i \sin(-nt)) + \frac{\sin(n\pi/2)}{n\pi} (\cos(nt) + i \sin(nt))$$

Thus we have expansion

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2 \sin n\pi/2 \cos nt}{n\pi} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{\pi} \cos t - \frac{2}{3\pi} \cos 3t + \dots$$

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There are two more fundamental facts about i.o.n. bases 10

The Pythagorean Theorem: If  $\{\vec{z}_1, \dots, \vec{z}_n\}$  is an o.n. set with respect to the inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  and  $\|\vec{v}\|^2 = \langle \vec{v}, \vec{v} \rangle$  as usual, then if  $\vec{v} = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \vec{z}_i \Rightarrow \|\vec{v}\|^2 = \sum |\alpha_i|^2$ ,

Proof:  $\langle \vec{v}, \vec{v} \rangle = \langle \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \vec{z}_i, \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j \vec{z}_j \rangle$   
 $= \sum_{i=1}^n \langle \alpha_i \vec{z}_i, \alpha_i \vec{z}_i \rangle + \sum_{i \neq j} \langle \alpha_i \vec{z}_i, \alpha_j \vec{z}_j \rangle$   
 $= \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \alpha_i \langle \vec{z}_i, \vec{z}_i \rangle + \sum_{i \neq j} \alpha_i \alpha_j \langle \vec{z}_i, \vec{z}_j \rangle$   
 $= \sum |\alpha_i|^2$

In signal processing and compression you often want a representation of the signal that only uses the lower, more significant harmonics or frequencies. What should this be.

The next theorem says that the least squares best fit comes from truncating the

O.N. expansion

$$f(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \alpha_n \frac{e^{j n t}}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$$

So the best order  $N$  fitting trig polynomial is

$$\sum_{n=-N}^N \alpha_n \frac{e^{j n t}}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$$

Theorem: Say  $\{\vec{z}_1, \dots, \vec{z}_M\}$  is an orthonormal set

and  $\vec{v} = \sum_{i=1}^M \alpha_i \vec{z}_i$ . Now fix an order  $N$

and let  $\vec{v}^{(N)} = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i \vec{z}_i$  then for any other

order  $N$  expansion  $\vec{w} = \sum_{i=1}^N \beta_i \vec{z}_i$

$$\|\vec{v} - \vec{v}^{(N)}\| \leq \|\vec{v} - \vec{w}\|$$
$$\vec{w} = \vec{v}^{(N)}$$

with equality only when  $\vec{w}$  is the best order  $N$  approximation

Thus

Proof we compute both sides using the Pythagorean Theorem

$$\|\vec{v} - \vec{v}^{(N)}\|^2 = \left\| \sum_{i=1}^M \alpha_i \vec{z}_i - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i \vec{z}_i \right\|^2 = \left\| \sum_{i=N+1}^M \alpha_i \vec{z}_i \right\|^2$$

$$= \sum_{i=N+1}^M |\alpha_i|^2 \quad (1)$$

$$\|\vec{v} - \vec{w}\|^2 = \left\| \sum_{i=1}^M \alpha_i \vec{z}_i - \sum_{i=1}^N \beta_i \vec{z}_i \right\|^2 = \left\| \sum_{i=1}^N (\alpha_i - \beta_i) \vec{z}_i + \sum_{i=N+1}^M \alpha_i \vec{z}_i \right\|^2$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^N |\alpha_i - \beta_i|^2 + \sum_{i=N+1}^M |\alpha_i|^2 \quad (2)$$

$$\text{So } \|\vec{v} - \vec{w}\|^2 - \|\vec{v} - \vec{v}^{(N)}\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N |\alpha_i - \beta_i|^2 \geq 0$$

and is equal to zero only when  $\alpha_i = \beta_i$  for  $i=1, \dots, N$   
 or when  $\vec{w} = \vec{v}^{(N)}$ .