

# Numerical Analysis in DROP

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# Introduction

### Framework Glossary

1. Hyperspace Search: Hyperspace search is a search to determine whether the entity is inside the zone of a range, e.g., bracketing search.
2. Hyperpoint Search: Hyperpoint searches are hard searches that search for an exact specific point (to within an appropriately established tolerance).
3. Iterate Nodes: This is the set of the traveled nodes (variate/Objective Function ordered pairs) that contain the trajectory traveled.
4. Iteration Search Primitives: The set of variate iteration routines that generate the subsequent iterate nodes.
5. Compound iterator search scheme: Search schemes where the primitive iteration routine to be invoked at each iteration are evaluated.
6. RunMap: Map that holds the program state at the end of each iteration, in the generic case, this is composed of the Wengert iterate node list, along with the corresponding root finder state.
7. Cost of Primitive (cop): This is the cost of invocation of a single variate iterator primitive.

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### Framework

1. The root search given an objective function and its goal is achieved by iteratively evolving the variate, and involves the following steps:

* Search initialization and root reachability determination: Searched is kicked off by spawning a root variate iterator for the search initialization process (described in detail in the next section).
* Absolute Tolerance Determination.
* Root Search Iteration: The root is searched iteratively according to the following steps:

1. The iterator progressively reduces the bracket width.
2. Successive iteration occurs using either a single primitive (e.g., using the bisection primitive), or using a selector scheme that picks the primitives for each step (e.g., Brent’s method).
3. For Open Method, instead of 1 and 2, the routine drives towards convergence iteratively.

* Search Termination Detection: The search termination occurs typically based on the following:
* Proximity to the Objective Function Goal
* Convergence on the variate
* Exhaustion if the number of iterations

1. The flow behind these steps is illustrated in Figure 1.
2. The “Flow Control Variate” in root search is the “Objective Function Distance to Goal” Metric.

### Search Initialization

1. Broadly speaking, root finding approaches can be divided into a) those that bracket roots before they solve for them, and b) those that don’t need to bracket, opting instead to pick a suitable starting point.
2. Depending upon the whether the search is a bracketing or an open method, the search initialization does one the following:
   * Determine the root brackets for bracketing methods
   * Locate root convergence zone for open methods
3. Initialization begins by a search for the starting zone. A suitable starting point/zone is determined where, by an appropriate choice for the iterator, you are expected to reach the fixed-point target within a sufficient degree of reliability. Very general-purpose heuristics often help determine the search start zone.
4. Both bracketing and open initializers are hyperspace searches, since they search for something “IN”, not “AT”.

**Bracketing**

1. Bracketing is the process of localizing the fixed point to within a target zone with the least required number of Objective Function calculations. Steps are:

* Determine a valid bracketing search start
* Choose a suitable bracket expansion
* Limit attention to where the Objective Function is defined (more on this below).

1. Figure 2 shows the flow for the Bracketing routine.
2. Bracketing methods require that the initial search interval bracket the root (i.e. the function values at interval end points have opposite signs).
3. Bracketing traps the fixed point between two variate values, and uses the intermediate value theorem and the continuity of the Objective Function to guarantee the presence/existence of the fixed point between them.
4. Unless the objective function is discontinuous, bracketing methods guarantee convergence (although may not be within the specified iteration limit).
5. Typically, they do not require the objective function to be differentiable.
6. Bracketing iteration primitives’ convergence is usually linear to super-linear.
7. Bracketing methods preserve bracketing throughout computation and allow user to specify which side of the convergence interval to select as the root.
8. It is also possible to force a side selection after a root has been found, for example, in sequential search, to find the next root.
9. Generic root bracketing methods that treat the objective function as a black box will be slower than targeted ones – so much so that they can constitute the bulk of the time for root search. This is because, to accommodate generic robustness coupled with root-pathology avoidance (oscillating bracket pairs etc.), these methods have to perform a full variate space sweep without any assumptions regarding the location of the roots (despite this most, bracketing algorithms cannot guarantee isolation of root intervals). For instance, naïve examination of the Objective Function’s “sign-flips” alone can be misleading, especially if you bracket fixed-points with even numbered multiplicity within the brackets. Thus, some ways of analyzing the Black Box functions (or even the closed form Objective Functions) are needed to better target/customize the bracketing search (of course, parsimony in invoking the number of objective function calls is the main limitation).
10. Soft Bracketing Zone: One common scenario encountered during bracketing is the existence of a soft preferred bracketing zone, one edge of which serves as a “natural edge”. In this case, the bracketing run needs to be positioned to be able to seek out starting variate inside soft zone in the direction AWAY from the natural edge.
11. The first step is to determine a valid bracketing search start. One advantage with univariate root finding is that objective function range validity maybe established using an exhaustive variate scanner search without worrying about combinatorial explosion.

**Objective Function Failure**

1. Objective Function may fail evaluation at the specified variate for the following reason:

* + Objective Function is not defined at the specified variate.
  + Objective Function evaluates to a complex number.
  + Objective Function evaluation produces NaN/Infinity/Under-flow/Over-flow errors.
  + In such situations, the following steps are used to steer the variate to a valid zone.

1. Objective Function undefined at the Bracketing Candidate Variate: If the Objective Function is undefined at the starting variate, the starting variate is expanded using the variate space scanner algorithm described above. If the objective Function like what is seen in Figure 3, a valid starting variate will eventually be encountered.
2. Objective Function not defined at any of the Candidate Variates: The risk is that the situation in Figure 4 may be encountered, where the variate space scanner iterator “jumps over” the range over which the objective function is defined. This could be because the objective function may have become complex. In this case, remember that an even power of the objective function also has the same roots as the objective function itself. Thus, solving for an even power of the objective function (like the square) – or even bracketing for it – may help.

**Bracketing Start Initialization**

1. Figure 5 shows the flow behind a general-purpose bracket start locator.
2. Once the starting variate search is successful, and the objective function validity is range-bound, then use an algorithm like bisection to bracket the root (as shown in Figure 6 below).
3. However, if the objective function runs out of its validity range under the variate scanner scheme, the following steps need to be undertaken:

* If the left bracketing candidate fails, bracketing is done towards the right using the last known working left-most bracketing candidate as the “left edge”.
* Likewise, if the right bracketing candidate fails, bracketing is done towards the left using the last known working right-most bracketing candidate as the “right edge”.

1. The final step is to trim the variate zone. Using the variate space scanner algorithm, and the mapped variate/Objective Function evaluations, the tightest bracketing zones are extracted (Figure 7).

### Open Search Initialization

1. Non-bracketing methods use a suitable starting point to kick off the root search. As is obvious, the chosen starting point can be critical in determining the fate of the search. In particular, it should be within the zone of convergence of the fixed-point root to guarantee convergence. This means that specialized methods are necessary to determine zone of convergence.
2. When the objective function is differentiable, the non-bracketing root finder often may make use of that to achieve quadratic or higher speed of convergence. If the non-bracketing root finder cannot/does not use the objective function’s differentiability, convergence ends up being linear to super-linear.
3. The typical steps for determining the open method starting variate are:

* Find a variate that is proximal to the fixed point
* Verify that it satisfies the convergence heuristic

1. Bracketing followed by a choice of an appropriate primitive variate (such as bisection/secant) satisfies both, thus could be a good starting point for open method searches like Newton’s method.
2. Depending upon the structure of the Objective Function, in certain cases the chain rule can be invoked to ease the construction of the derivative – esp. in situations where the sensitivity to inputs are too high/low.

### Search/Bracketing Initializer Heuristic Customization

1. Specific Bracketing Control Parameters
2. Left/Right Soft Bracketing Start Hints: The other components may be used from the bracketing control parameters.
3. Mid Soft Bracketing Start Hint: The other components may be used from the bracketing control parameters.
4. Floor/Ceiling Hard Bracketing Edges: The other components may be used from the bracketing control parameters.
5. Left/Right Hard Search Boundaries: In this case, no bracketing is done – brackets are used to verify the roots, search then starts directly.

### Numerical Challenges in Search

1. Bit Cancellation
2. Ill-conditioning (e.g., see high order polynomial roots)
3. "domains of indeterminacy" – existence of sizeable intervals around which the objective function hovers near the target
4. Continuous, but abrupt changes (e.g., near-delta Gaussian objection function)
5. Under-flow/over-flow/round-off errors
6. root multiplicity (e.g., in the context of polynomial roots)
7. Typical solution is to transform the objective function to a better conditioned function – insight into the behavior of the objective can be used to devise targeted solutions.

**Variate Iteration**

where is the ith variate and is the root finder state after the ith iteration.

1. Iterate nodes as Wengert variables: Unrolling the traveled iterate nodes during the forward accumulation process, as a Wengert list, is a proxy to the execution time, and may assist in targeted pre-accumulation and check-pointing.

## Cognition Techniques of Mathematical Functions:

* + Wengert Variate Analysis => Collection of the Wengert variates helps build and consolidate the Objective Function behavior from the variate iterate Wengert nodes – to build a behavioral picture of the Objective Function.
  + Objective Function Neighborhood Behavior => With every Wengert variable, calculation of the set of forward sensitivities and the reverse Jacobians builds a local picture of the Objective Function without having to evaluate it.

1. Check pointing: Currently implemented using a roving variate/OF iterate node “RunMap”; this is also used to check circularity in the iteration process.
2. Compound Iterator RunMap: For compound iterations, the iteration circularity is determined the doublet , so the Wengert RunMap is really a doublet Multi-Map.
3. Hyperpoint univariate fixed-point search proximity criterion: For hyperpoint checks, the search termination check needs to explicitly accommodate a “proximity to target” metric. This may not be then case for hyperspace checks.
4. Regime crossover indicator: On one side the crossover, the variate is within the fast convergence zone, so you may use faster Open techniques like the Newton’s methods. On the other side, continue using the bracketing techniques.
   1. Fast side of the crossover must be customizable (including other Halley’s method variants); robust side should also be customizable (say False Position).
5. Crossover indicator determination: Need to develop targeted heuristics needed to determine the crossover indicator.
   * Entity that determines the crossover indicator may be determined from the relative variate shift change and the relative objective function change .
6. Types of bracketing primitives:

* Bracket narrower primitives (Bisection, false position), and interpolator primitives (Quadratic, Ridder).
* Primitive’s COP determinants: Expressed in terms of characteristic compute units.
  1. Number of objective function evaluation (generally expensive).
  2. Number of variate iterator steps needed.
  3. Number of objective function invocation per a given variate iteration step.
* Bracket narrower primitives => Un-informed iteration primitives, low invocation cost (usually single objective function evaluation), but low search targeting quality, and high COP.
* Interpolator primitives => Informed iteration primitives, higher invocation cost (multiple objective function evaluations, usually 2), better search targeting quality, and lower COP.

1. Pre-OF Evaluation Compound Heuristic: Heuristic compound variates are less informed, but rely heavily on heuristics to extract the subsequent iterator, i.e., pre-OF evaluation heuristics try to guide the evolution without invoking the expensive OF evaluations (e.g., Brent, Zheng).
2. OF Evaluation Compound Heuristic: These compound heuristics use the OF evaluations as part of the heuristics algorithm to establish the next variate => better informed

**Open Search Method: Newton’s Method**

1. Newton’s method uses the objective function and its derivative to iteratively evaluate the root.
2. Given a well-behaved function and its derivative defined over real , the algorithm starts with an initial guess of for the root.
3. First iteration yields
4. This is repeated in

till a value that is convergent enough is obtained.

1. If is a simple root (root with multiplicity ), and

and

respectively, then for sufficiently large , the convergence is quadratic:

1. Newton’s method only works when has continuous derivatives in the root neighborhood.
2. When analytical derivatives are hard to compute, calculate slope through nearby points, but convergence tends to be linear (like secant).
3. If the first derivative is not well behaved/does not exit/undefined in the neighborhood of a particular root, the method may overshoot, and diverge from that root.
4. If a stationary point of the function is encountered, the derivative is zero and the method will fail due to division by zero.
5. The stationary point can be encountered at the initial or any of the other iterative points.
6. Even if the derivative is small but not zero, the next iteration will be a far worse approximation.
7. A large error in the initial estimate can contribute to non-convergence of the algorithm (owing to the fact that the zone is outside of the neighborhood convergence zone).
8. If is a root with multiplicity

then for sufficiently large , the convergence becomes linear, i.e.,

1. When there are two or more roots that are close together then it may take many iterations before the iterates get close enough to one of them for the quadratic convergence to be apparent.
2. However, if the multiplicity of the root is known, one can use the following modified algorithm that preserves the quadratic convergence rate (equivalent to using successive over-relaxation)
3. The algorithm estimates after carrying out one or two iterations, and then use that value to increase the rate of convergence. Alternatively, the modified Newton’s method may also be used:
4. It is easy to show that if

and

the convergence in the neighborhood becomes linear. Further, if

and

convergence becomes cubic.

1. One way of determining the neighborhood of the root. Define

where is a fixed point of , i.e.

is a positive constant,

and

1. One sufficient condition for to initialize a convergent sequence , which converges to the root

of

is that

and that be chosen so that

1. It is easy to show that under specific choices for the starting variate, Newton’s method can fall into a basin of attraction. These are segments of the real number line such that within each region iteration from any point leads to one particular root - can be infinite in number and arbitrarily small. Also, the starting or the intermediate point can enter a cycle - the -cycle can be stable, or the behavior of the sequence can be very complex (forming a Newton fractal).
2. Newton's method for optimization is equivalent to iteratively maximizing a local quadratic approximation to the objective function. But some functions are not approximated well by quadratic, leading to slow convergence, and some have turning points where the curvature changes sign, leading to failure. Approaches to fix this use a more appropriate choice of local approximation than quadratic, based on the type of function we are optimizing. Next section demonstrates three such generalized Newton rules. Like Newton's method, they only involve the first two derivatives of the function, yet converge faster and fail less often.
3. One significant advantage of Newton’s method is that it can be readily generalized to higher dimensions.
4. Also, Newton’s method calculates the Jacobian automatically as part of the calibration process, owing to the reliance on derivatives – in particular, automatic differentiation techniques can be effectively put to use.

**Closed Search Methods**

**Secant**

1. Secant method results on the replacement of the derivative in the Newton’s method with a secant-based finite difference slope.
2. Convergence for the secant method is slower than the Newton’s method (approx. order is 1.6); however, the secant method does not require the objective function to be explicitly differentiable.
3. It also tends to be less robust than the popular bracketing methods.

**Bracketing Iterative Search**

1. Bracketing iterative root searches attempt to progressively narrow the brackets and to discover the root within.
2. The first set discusses the goal search univariate iterator primitives that are commonly used to iterate through the variate.
3. These goal search iterator primitives continue generating a new pair of iteration nodes (just like their bracketing search initialization counter-parts).
4. Certain iterator primitives carry bigger “local” cost, i.e., cost inside a single iteration, but may reduce global cost, e.g., by reducing the number iterations due to faster convergence.
5. Further, certain primitives tend to be inherently more robust, i.e., given enough iteration, they will find the root within – although they may not be fast.
6. Finally, the case of compound iterator search schemes, search schemes where the primitive iteration routine to be invoked at each iteration is evaluated on-the-fly, are discussed.
7. Iterative searches that maintain extended state across searches pay a price in terms of scalability – the price depending on the nature and the amount of state held (e.g., Brent’s method carries iteration selection state, whereas Zheng’s does not).

**Univariate Iterator Primitive: Bisection**

1. Bisection starts by determining a pair of root brackets and .
2. It iteratively calculates at

then uses to replace either or , depending on the sign. It eventually stops when has attained the desired tolerance.

1. Bisection relies on being continuous within the brackets.
2. While the method is simple to implement and reliable (it is a fallback for less reliable ones), the convergence is slow, producing a single bit of accuracy with each iteration.

**Univariate Iterator Primitive: False Position**

1. False position works the same as bisection, except that the evaluation point is linearly interpolated; is computed at

where and have opposite signs. This holds obvious similarities with the secant method.

1. False position method also requires that be continuous within the brackets.
2. It is simple enough, more robust than secant and faster than bisection, but convergence is still linear to super-linear.
3. Given that the linear interpolation of the false position method is a first-degree approximation of the objective function within the brackets, quadratic approximation using Lagrange interpolation may be attempted as

where we use the three iterates, , and , with their function values, , and .

1. This reduces the number of iterations at the expense of the function point calculations.
2. Using higher order polynomial fit for the objective function inside the bracket does not always produce roots faster or better, since it may result in spurious inflections (e.g., Runge’s phenomenon).
3. Further, quadratic or higher fits may also cause complex roots.

**Univariate Iterator Primitive: Inverse Quadratic**

1. Performing a fit of the inverse instead of avoids the quadratic interpolation problem above. Using the same symbols as above, the inverse can be computed as



1. Convergence is faster than secant, but poor when iterates not close to the root, e.g., if two of the function values , and coincide, the algorithm fails.

**Univariate iterator primitive: Ridder’s**

* 1. Ridders' method is a variant on the false position method that uses exponential function to successively approximate a root of .
  2. Given the bracketing variates, and , which are on two different sides of the root being sought, the method evaluates at
  3. It extracts exponential factor such that forms a straight line across , , and . A revised (named )is calculated from

1. Ridder’s method is simpler than Brent's method, and has been claimed to perform about the same.
2. However, the presence of the square root can render it unstable for many of the reasons discussed above.

**Univariate compound iterator: Brent and Zheng**

1. Brent’s predecessor method first combined bisection, secant, and inverse quadratic to produce the optimal root search for the next iteration.
2. Starting with the bracket points and , two provisional values for the next iterate are computed; the first given by the secant method

and the second by bisection

1. If lies between and , it becomes the next iterate , otherwise the is the next iterate.
2. Then, the value of the new contra-point is chosen such that and have opposite signs.
3. Finally, if

then is probably a better guess for the solution than , and hence the values of and are exchanged.

1. To improve convergence, Brent’s method requires that two inequalities must be simultaneously satisfied.
2. Given a specific numerical tolerance , if the previous step used the bisection method, and if

the bisection method is performed and its result used for the next iteration. If the previous step used interpolation, the check becomes

1. If the previous step used bisection, if

then secant is used; otherwise the bisection used for the next iteration. If the previous step performed interpolation

is checked instead.

1. Finally, since Brent's method uses inverse quadratic interpolation, has to lie between and .
2. Brent’s algorithm uses three points for the next inverse quadratic interpolation, or secant rule, based upon the criterion specified above.
3. One simplification to the Brent’s method adds one more evaluation for the function at the middle point before the interpolation.
4. This simplification reduces the times for the conditional evaluation and reduces the interval of convergence.
5. Convergence is better than Brent’s, and as fast and simple as Ridder’s.

### Polynomial Root Search

1. This section carries out a brief treatment of computing roots for polynomials.
2. While closed form solutions are available for polynomials up to degree 4, they may not be stable numerically.
3. Popular techniques such as Sturm’s theorem and Descartes’ rule of signs are used for locating and separating real roots.
4. Modern methods such as VCA and the more powerful VAS use these with Bisection/Newton methods – these methods are used in Maple/Mathematica.
5. Since the eigenvalues of the companion matrix to a polynomial correspond to the polynomial’s roots, common fast/robust methods used to find them may also be used.
6. A number of caveats apply specifically to polynomial root searches, e.g., Wilkinson’s polynomial shows why high precision is needed when computing the roots – proximal/other ill-conditioned behavior may occur.
7. Finally, special ways exist to identify/extract multiplicity in polynomial roots – they use the fact that and share the root, and by figuring out their GCD.

# Meta-heuristics

### Introduction

1. Definition: Meta-heuristic is a higher-level procedure or heuristic designed to find, generate, or select a lower level procedure or heuristic (partial search algorithm) that may provide a sufficiently good solution to an optimization problem, especially with incomplete or imperfect information or limited computation capacity (Bianchi, Dorigo, Gambardella, and Gutjahr (2009)).
2. Applicability: Meta-heuristics techniques make only a few assumptions about the optimization problem being addressed, so are usable across a variety of problem (Blum and Roli (2003)).
3. Underpinning Philosophy: Many kinds of meta-heuristics implement some kind of stochastic optimization, so the solution depends upon the random variables being generated. As such it does not guarantee that a globally optimal solution can be found over some class of problems.
4. Search Strategy: By searching over a large set of feasible solutions meta-heuristics often finds good solutions with less computation effort than other algorithms, iterative methods, or simple heuristics (see Glover and Kochenberger (2003), Goldberg (2003), Talbi (2009)).
5. Literature: While theoretical results are available (typically on convergence and the possibility of locating global optimum, see Blum and Roli (2003)), most results on meta-heuristics are experimental, describing empirical results based on computer experiments with the algorithms.
   * While high quality research exists (e.g., Sorensen (2013)), enormously numerous meta-heuristics algorithms published as novel/practical have been of flawed quality – often arising out of vagueness, lack of conceptual elaboration, and ignorance of previous literature (Meta-heuristics (Wiki)).

### Properties and Classification

1. Properties: This comes from Blum and Roli (2003):
   1. Meta-heuristics are strategies that guide the search process.
   2. The goal is to efficiently explore the search space in order to find near-optimal solutions.
   3. Techniques that constitute meta-heuristics range from simple local search procedures to complex learning processes.
   4. Meta-heuristic algorithms are approximate and usually non-deterministic.
   5. Meta-heuristics are not problem-specific.
2. Classification: These are taken from Blum and Roli (2003) and from Bianchi, Dorigo, Gambardella, and Gutjahr (2009):
   1. Classification based on the type of the search strategy
   2. Classification off-of single solution search vs. population-based searches
   3. Classification off-of hybrid/parallel heuristics

**Meta-heuristics Techniques**

1. Simple Local Search Improvements: In this family of techniques, the search strategy employed is an improvement on simple local search algorithms; examples include simulated annealing, tabu search, iterated local search, variable neighborhood search, and GRASP (Blum and Roli (2003)).
2. Search Improvements with Learning Strategies: The other type of search strategy has a learning component to the search; meta-heuristics of this type include ant colony optimization, evolutionary computation, and genetic algorithms (Blum and Roli (2003)).
3. Single Solution Searches: These focus on modifying and improving a single candidate solution; single solution meta-heuristics include iterated local search, simulated annealing, variable neighborhood search, and tabu search (Talbi (2009)).
4. Population based Searches: Population based searches maintain and improve multiple candidate solutions using population characteristics to guide the search. These meta-heuristics include evolutionary computation, genetic algorithms, and particle swarm optimization (Talbi (2009)).
5. Swarm Intelligence: Swarm intelligence is the collective behavior of de-centralized, self-organized agents in a particle or a swarm. Ant colony optimization (Dorigo (1992)), particle swarm optimization (Talbi (2009)), artificial bee colony (Karaboga (2010)) are all example algorithms of swarm intelligence.
6. Hybrid meta-heuristic: These combine meta-heuristics with other optimization approaches (these could come from e.g., mathematical programming, constraint programming, machine learning etc.). Components of the hybrid meta-heuristic run concurrently and exchange information to guide the search.
7. Parallel meta-heuristic: This employs parallel programming techniques to run multiple meta-heuristics searches in parallel; these may range from simple distributed schemes to concurrent search runs that interact to improve the overall solution.

**Meta-heuristics Techniques in Combinatorial Problems**

1. Combinatorial Optimization Problems: In combinatorial optimization, an optimal solution is sought over a discrete search space. Typically, the search-space of the candidate solution goes faster than exponentially as the problem-size increases, making an exhaustive search for the optimal solution infeasible (e.g., the Travelling Salesman Problem (TSP)).
2. Nature and Types of Combinatorial Problems: Multi-dimensional combinatorial problems (e.g., engineering design problems such as form-finding and behavior-finding (Tomoiaga, Chandris, Sumper, Sudria-Andrieu, and Villafafila-Robles (2013)) suffer from the usual curse of dimensionality, making them infeasible to analytical or exhaustive-search methods.
3. Meta-heuristics applied to Combinatorial Optimization: Popular meta-heuristic algorithms for combinatorial problems include genetic algorithms (Holland (1975)), scatter search (Glover (1977)), simulated annealing (Kirkpatrick, Gelatt, and Vecchi (1983)), and tabu search (Glover (1986)).

**Key Meta-heuristics Historical Milestones**

1. Contributions: Many different meta-heuristics are in existence, and new variants are being continually developed. The following key milestone contributions have been extracted from Meta-heuristics (Wiki).
2. 1950s:
   1. Robbins and Munro (1951) work on stochastic optimization methods.
   2. Barricelli (1954) carries out the first simulation of the evolutionary process and uses it on general optimization problems.
3. 1960s:
   1. Rastrigin (1963) proposes random search.
   2. Matyas (1965) proposes random optimization.
   3. Nelder and Mead (1965) propose a simplex heuristic, which later shown to converge to non-stationary points on some problems.
   4. Fogel, Owens, and Walsh (1966) propose evolutionary programming.
4. 1970s:
   1. Hastings (1970) proposes the Metropolis-Hastings algorithm.
   2. Cavicchio (1970) proposes adaptation of the control parameters for an optimizer.
   3. Kernighan and Lin (1970) propose a graph-partitioning method that is related to variable-depth search and prohibition based tabu search.
   4. Holland (1975) proposes genetic algorithm.
   5. Glover (1977) proposes scatter search.
   6. Mercer and Sampson (1978) propose a meta-plan for tuning the optimizer’s parameters by using another optimizer.
5. 1980s:
   1. Smith (1980) describes genetic programming.
   2. Kirkpatrick, Gelatt, and Vecchi (1983) propose simulated annealing.
   3. Glover (1986) proposes tabu search, along with the first mention of the word meta-heuristic (Yang (2011)).
   4. Moscato (1989) proposes memetic algorithms.
6. 1990s:
   1. Dorigo (1992) introduces ant colony optimization in his PhD thesis.
   2. Wolpert and MacReady (1995) prove the no free lunch theorems (these are later extended by Droste, Jansen, and Wegener (2002), Igel and Toussaint (2003), and Auger and Teytaud (2010)).

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**Multi-variate Analysis**

1. Mean/Variance Location Dependence: The mean is sensitive to both translation and rotation, unless the distribution is mean centered. The variance along a given fixed direction, however, is not sensitive to rotation of the basis.

* This also implies that the maximal/minimal variances are invariant to representational basis changes. They are, however, sensitive to scaling, though, as PCA itself is.

1. Dimensional Independence vs. Dimensional Realization Independence: Dimensions are distinct (pressure, temperature etc.), but the realizations in those dimensions need not be. Therefore, correlated unit vectors only apply to actual realizations (and they are NOT scale invariant).
2. Orthogonal Data Set in the Native Basis Representation: If a data set is orthogonal under a given basis, then

(See Figure 1).

1. Non-orthogonal Data Set in the Native Basis Representation: In this case, the native representation basis results in

(See Figure 2). Thus, an orthogonalization operation needs to be performed such that under the new basis

(See Figure 3).

1. Orthogonalization as Principal Components Extraction: As can be seen from figures 2 and 3, under the new schematic axes

Further these correspond to the principal components, i.e., orthogonal components where the variance is an extremum.

1. Orthogonalized Representation: Upshot of all these is that, if the representation basis is structured such that

for all

then these representations automatically correspond to principal components as well.

1. Full Rank Matrix: This is simply an alternate term for multi-collinear matrix.

## Parallels between Vector Calculus and Statistical Distribution Analysis

1. DOT PRODUCT => The notion of dot product is analogous to covariance operation in statistical analysis, i.e., DOT PRODUCT is

if

and covariance is

if and are orthogonal to each other.

1. Distance Metric => Vector Euclidean distance is is equivalent to the variance . Further, extremizing the Euclidean/Frobenius distance is analogous to variance minimization/maximization techniques.

## Linear Systems Analysis and Transformation

## Matrix Transforms

1. Co-ordinate Rotation and Translation:

where is the rotating transformer, and is the translator.

1. Scaling vs. Rotation: Say

If

and

it becomes pure scaling.

and

produces differential elongation/compression and

or

results in rotation.

1. Uses of Gaussian Elimination:

* Linearization
* Orthogonalization
* Inversion
* Diagonalization
* Lower/Upper Triangle Decomposition (LU Decomposition)
* Independent Component Extraction
* Principal Component Analysis

1. Diagonal Identity Matrix Conception: Given a matrix what matrix should it be transformed by to get a diagonal identity matrix, i.e.

Answer is

Thus, diagonalization is also an inversion operation.

Diagonalization, of course, is unique only to a diagonal entry, whereas inversion corresponds to a specific choice of the diagonal entry.

## Systems of Linear Equations

1. Importance of Diagonal Dominance in Gauss-Seidel: Is diagonal dominance important because the dominant diagonal’s contribution to the RHS drives the given equation’s value, and therefore the iterative accuracy?
2. Eigenization Square Matrix Inversion Conceptualization: Given a source matrix

and an initialized target inverse identity matrix

achieve a suitable set of transformations simultaneously on and to eventually make

so that the corresponding

becomes the inverse.

1. Valid Inversion Rules: These are fairly straight forward application of the Gaussian elimination scheme:

* Scale a single row by a constant => scale the corresponding row by the same constant.
* Add/subtract any pair of rows from each other => add/subtract the same pair of rows from each other.

1. Matrix Inversion using Gaussian Elimination:
   * Scan across the diagonal entries.
   * Scan through the rows corresponding to each diagonal entry.
   * If a given row entry call value is zero, or its index corresponds to that of a diagonal, skip.
   * Calculate the as
   * Scan all the cells in the column of the current cell.
   * Apply the product to each entry in the current working column of the source matrix.
   * Do the same as above to the inverse matrix.
   * Subtract the entries corresponding to the designated diagonal column from the working column to make the current entry zero.
   * Do the same as above to the inverse matrix as well.
   * After the completion of all such diagonal scans, row scans, and working column scans, re-scan the diagonal again.
   * Scale down each entry of the source matrix by itself, so that the source matrix entries now constitute an identity () matrix.
   * Do the same as above to the inverse matrix as well.
2. Non-invertible Coefficient Matrix, but Solution exists: For unprocessed coefficient matrices, certain conditions (such as zero diagonal entries) may cause the coefficient matrix to be technically non-invertible, but that does not automatically mean that the system is unsolvable – a simply re-casting of the basic linear system set may be all that is required.
3. Linear Basis Re-arrangement: Sometimes, a singular coefficient matrix (with zero determinant, therefore non-invertible) may be re-arranged to create an invertible coefficient matrix. After inversion, it can be re-structured again to extract the inverse (which is just a coefficient Jacobian).
4. Rows/Columns as “Preferred Linear Basis Sequence” for Matrix Manipulation: Consider the solution to

where and are columns. In this case, the notion of constraint linear representation is maintained exclusively in rows. Therefore, all elimination/scaling basis operations need to be applied on that basis. In considering the solution to

where and are rows, columns now become the preferred linear basis sequence.

1. Regularization before Gauss Elimination: Before the Gauss Elimination can process, we need to diagonalize the matrix. Row swapping is a more robust way to diagonalize than row accumulation due to a couple of reasons:
   * Matrix Row Swap vs. Row Cumulate => In all cases, row swap can be transformed into row accumulation. When inverting, however, the row swapping AND accumulation should both be done on both the SOURCE and the TARGET matrices.
   * From a core linear operation set point-of-view, row accumulation is the inverse of the eventual of Gauss Elimination, so the danger is that the diagonalization gains of row swap may be undone during the intermediate stages of Gauss Elimination.
   * Even more important is that row swapping simply retains the original information, by just re-arranging the row set.
2. Row Swapping Caveats:

* Always swap rows by retaining the directionality of the scan AND by retaining the scan initial node preceding the swap (to choose the pivot). One way to do this is by starting the scan at - or from

if the edge has been reached - AND always keeping the scan sequence forward/backward.

* Also ensure that the target swapped row is “valid”, i.e., it’s post-swapped diagonal entry should be non-zero. If this cannot be achieved through the scan, then that is an error condition.

1. Diagonalization/Inversion Algorithm: Work in terms of an intermediate transform variate produced by re-arranging the original coefficient matrix and such that the in

is now invertible. The following would be the steps:

* + First, re-arrange the equation system set to identify a suitable pair and such that is invertible, and is estimated from
  + The re-arranging linear operation set will produce such that

## More General Inverse Transformation Re-formulation: Given the coefficient matrix , the set of unknown variables , and the RHS , , , and the corresponding and are given as

## and

## On transformation (i.e., adding row to row ), you get

## and therefore

## along with

## This clearly implies that

## or

## Orthogonalization

1. 2D Orthogonalization: In 2D, you need to fix one 1D orthogonal axis to be able to orthogonalize the other.
2. 2D Equation System:

and

This has 4 unknowns, so one solution for this is as follows: Fix

and

This results in 2 unknowns. Setting

and

you get

and

resulting in

and

Thus, all unknowns are determined.

1. nD Orthogonalization:

* Number of diagonal entries =>
* Number of non-diagonal entries =>
* Net Number of equations => Number of diagonal entries + Number of non-diagonal entries =>

1. nD Unknowns Analysis:

* Number of Unknowns => .
* Fix the first row, and the number of unknowns becomes => .
* Fixing the row takes off one equation, so the number of equations =>
* Number of equations = Number of Unknowns =>

results in

## Gaussian Elimination

1. n-D Gaussian Elimination: What does it work? If you fix a row, you can rotate the other rows to eliminate dependence on an ordinate of the fixed row.
2. Row Fixation as a Basis Choice: Row elimination does not automatically make the matrix diagonal or orthogonalize it – all it does is to eliminate dependence on a stochastic variate.
3. Number of Elimination Rotations: The first row fixation results in rotations, the second row fixation results in rotations, and so on. Thus, the total number of rotating transformations is (i.e., the same as the number of unknowns seen earlier). The result of these transformations is a lower/upper triangular matrix.
4. Final Reversing Sweep: An additional reverse sweep would eliminate similar column dependencies as well – resulting in another rotation choices.
5. Number of Sweep Operations: Total result of all the rotations and their corresponding choices =>

**Rayleigh Quotient Iteration**

**Introduction**

1. Idea behind Rayleigh Quotient Iteration: **Rayleigh Quotient Iteration** is an eigenvalue algorithm that extends the idea of inverse iteration by using the Rayleigh Quotient to obtain increasingly accurate eigenvalue estimates (Wiki - Rayleigh Quotient Iteration (2018)).
2. Progressive Navigation towards “True” Selection: Rayleigh Quotient Iteration is an iterative method, i.e., it delivers a sequence of approximate solutions that converge to a true solution in the limit. This is true for all algorithms that compute eigenvalues; since the eigenvalues can be irrational numbers, there can be no general method for computing them in a finite number of steps.
3. Practicality of the Iterative Approach: Very rapid convergence is guaranteed and no more than a few iterations are needed in practice to obtain a reasonable solution.
4. Cubic Convergence for Typical Matrices: The Rayleigh Quotient algorithm converges cubically for Hermitian or symmetric matrices, given an initial vector that is sufficiently close to an eigenvector of the matrix that is being analyzed.

**The Algorithm**

1. Update Eigenvalue using Rayleigh Quotient: The algorithm is very similar to inverse iteration, but replaces the estimated eigenvalues at the end of each iteration with the Rayleigh Quotient.
2. Initial Guess for Eigenvalue/Eigenvector: Begin by choosing a value as an initial eigenvalue guess for the Hermitian matrix . An initial vector must also be supplied as the initial eigenvector guess.
3. Iterative Eigenvalue and Eigenvector: Calculate the subsequent approximation of the eigenvector by

where is the identity matrix, and set the next approximation of the eigenvalue to the Rayleigh quotient of the current iteration equal to

1. Deflation Techniques for Successive Eigenvalues: To compute more than one eigenvalue the algorithm can be combined with a deflation technique.
2. Treatment for Very Small Matrices: Note that for very small matrices it is beneficial to replace the matrix inverse with the adjugate, which will yield the same iteration because it is equal to the inverse to an irrelevant scale – specifically, the inverse of the determinant.
3. Advantages of using the Adjugate: The adjugate is easier to compute explicitly than the inverse – though the inverse is easier to apply to a vector for problems that aren’t small – and is more numerically sound because it remains well-defined as the eigenvalue changes.

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**Power Iteration**

**Introduction**

1. Power Iteration – Problem Statement/Definition: In mathematics, **power iteration** – also known as the *power method* – is an eigenvalue algorithm. Given a diagonalizable matrix , the algorithm will produce a number , which is the greatest – in absolute value – eigenvalue of , and a non-zero vector , the corresponding eigenvector of , such that

The algorithm is also known as the von Mises iteration (von Mises and Pollazek-Geiringer (1929)).

1. Characteristics of the Power Iteration Algorithm: Power iteration is a very simple algorithm, but it may converge slowly. It does not compute a matrix decomposition, and hence can be used when is a very large sparse matrix.

**The Method**

1. Starting Choice for Principal Eigenvector: The power iteration method starts with a vector , which may be either an approximation to the dominant eigenvector or a random factor.
2. Recurrence Relation for Power Iteration: The method is described by the recurrence relation

So, at every iteration, the vector is mulplied by the matrix and normalized.

1. Necessary Condition for Eigen-component Convergence: If one assumes that has an eigenvalue that is greater in magnitude than its other eigenvalues and that the starting vector has a non-zero component in the direction of an eigenvector associated with the dominant eigenvalue, then a sub-sequence converges to an eigenvector associated with the dominant eigenvector.
2. Recast of using Phase Shift: Without the two assumptions above the sequence does not necessarily converge. In this sequence

where is the eigenvector associated with the dominant eigenvalue, and

The presence of the term implies that does not converge unless

1. Convergence to the Dominant Eigenvalue: Under the two assumptions listed above, the sequence defined by

converges to the dominant eigenvalue.

1. Eigenvector and Eigenvalue Sequences: The vector is the associated eigenvector. Ideally one should use the Rayleigh Quotient in order to get the associated eigenvalue.
2. Spectral Radius using the Rayleigh Quotient: The method can also be used to calculate the spectral radius – the largest eigenvalue of a matrix – by computing the Rayleigh Quotient

**Analysis**

1. Decomposition to Jordan Canonical Form: Let be decomposed into its Jordan Canonical Form

where the first column of is an eigenvector of corresponding to the dominant eigenvalue .

1. The Principal Component Jordan Block: Since the dominant eigenvalue of is unique, the first Jordan block of is the matrix , where is the largest eigenvalue of in magnitude.
2. Initializing the Principal Component Eigenvector: The starting vector can be written as a linear combination of the columns of :

By assumption, has a non-zero component in the direction of the dominant eigenvalue, so

1. kth Recurrence of the Initial Vector: The computationally recurrence relation for can be written as:

where the expression is amenable to the analysis below.

1. Principal Component Dependence of :
2. Scaling Down the Principal Eigenvector: As

the expression above simplifies to

1. Limit of as : The limit follows from the fact that the eigenvalue of is less than in magnitude, so

as

1. Expansion of Higher Order Eigen Terms: It follows that

as

1. Reduction of for : Using this fact, can be written in a form that emphasizes its relationship with when is large:

where

and

as

1. Uniqueness of the Sequence: The sequence is bounded, so it contains a convergent sub-sequence. Note that the eigenvector corresponding to the dominant eigenvalue is unique only upto a scaler, so although the sequence may not converge, is nearly an eigenvector of for large .
2. Alternative Proof of the Sequence Convergence: Alternatively, if is diagonalizable, then the following proof yields the same result. Let be the eigenvalues – counted with multiplicity – of , and let be the corresponding eigenvectors. Suppose that is the dominant eigenvalue, so that

for

1. Suitable Choice for the Initial Vector: As seen earlier, the initial vector is written as

If is chosen randomly – with uniform probability – the

with probability

1. Power Iteration over Initial Eigenvector: Now

as long as

for

1. Convergence to the Principal Eigenvector: On the other hand,

Therefore converges to a multiple of the eigenvector

1. Convergence Ratio of Power Iteration: The convergence ratio is geometric with the ratio where denotes the second principal eigenvalue.
2. Consequence of Close Principal Eigenvectors: Thus, the method converges slowly if there is an eigenvalue close in magnitude to the dominant eigenvalue.

**Applications**

1. Identification of the Dominant Eigenvector/Eigenvalue: Although the power iteration method approximates only one eigenvalue of a matrix, it remains useful for several computational problems.
2. Use in Google and Twitter: For instance, Google uses it to calculate the PageRank of documents in their search engine (Ipsen and Wills (2005)), and Twitter uses it to show users recommendations of who to follow (Gupta, Goel, Lin, Sharma, Wang, and Zadeh (2013)).
3. Space Advantage of Power Iteration: The power iteration is especially suitable for sparse matrices, such as the web matrix, or as the matrix-free method that does not require storing the coefficient matrix explicitly, but can instead access a function evaluating matrix-vector products .
4. Power Iteration vs. Arnoldi Method: For non-symmetric matrices that are well-conditioned, the power iteration method can outperform the more complex Arnoldi method.
5. Power Iteration vs. Lanczos/LOBPCG: For symmetric matrices, the power iteration method is rarely used, since its convergence speed can be easily increased without sacrificing the smaller cost per iteration, e.g., Lanczos iteration and LOBPCG.
6. Variation in the Method - Inverse Iteration: Some of the more advanced algorithms can be understood as variations of the power iteration method. For instance, the inverse iteration method applies power iteration to the matrix .
7. Sub-space of Eigenvalues - Krylov Subspace: Other algorithms look at the whole subspace generated by the vectors . This subspace is known as the Krylov subspace. It can be computed by Arnoldi iteration or Lanczos iteration.

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**Sylvester’s Formula**

**Overview**

1. Analytical Expression of Matrix Function: *Sylvester’s Formula*, *Sylvester’s Matrix Theorem*, or *Lagrange-Sylvester interpolation* expresses an analytic function of a matrix as a polynomial in , in terms of the eigenvectors and eigenvalues of (Claerbout (1985), Horn and Johnson (1991), Wikipedia (2019))).
2. In Terms of Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors: It states that (Sylvester (1883))

where the are the eigenvalues of , and the matrices

are the corresponding Frobenius covariants of , which are the projection matrix Lagrange polynomials of .

**Conditions**

Sylvester’s formula applies for any diagonalizable matrix with distinct eigenvalues and any function defined on some subset of complex numbers such that is well defined. The last condition means that every eigenvalue is in the domain of , and that every eigenvalue with multiplicity

is in the interior of the domain with being times differentiable at (Horn and Johnson (1991)).

**Generalization**

1. Buchheim Extension Based on Hermite Polynomials: Sylvester’s formula is only valid for diagonalizable matrices; an extension due to Buchheim (1884), based on Hermite interpolating polynomials, covers the general case:

where

1. Concise Expression of Schwerdtfeger: A further concise form is given by Schwerdtfeger (1938) as

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**Numerical Integration**

**Introduction and Overview**

1. Numerical Estimate of Definite Integrals: In numerical analysis, **numerical integration** comprises a broad family of algorithms for calculating the numerical value of a definite integral, and by extension, the term is also used sometimes to describe the numerical solution to differential equations.
2. Chapter Focus on Definite Integrals: This chapter focuses on the calculation of definite integrals.
3. Numerical Quadrature: One-Dimensional Integrals: The term **numerical quadrature** – often abbreviated to *quadrature* – is more or less a synonym for **numerical integration**, especially as applied to one-dimensional integrals (Wikipedia (2019)).
4. Curbature: Multi-Dimensional Numerical Integrals: Some authors refer to numerical integration over more than one dimension as *curbature*; others take *quadrature* to include higher dimensional integration.
5. Mathematical Specification of the Definite Integral: The basic problem in numerical integration is to compute an approximate solution to a definite integral to a given degree of accuracy.
6. Accurately Estimating the Definite Integral: If is a smooth function integrated over a small number of dimensions, and the domain of the integration is bounded, there are many methods for approximating the integral to the desired precision.

**Reasons for Numerical Integration**

1. Discrete Sampling of the Integrand: There are several reasons for carrying out numerical integration. For instance, the integrand may only be known at certain points, such as those obtained by sampling. Some embedded systems and other software applications may need numerical integration for this reason.
2. Anti-derivative not an Elementary Function: An expression for the integrand may be known, but it may be difficult or impossible to find an anti-derivative that is an elementary function. An example of such an integrand is

the anti-derivative of which – the error function times a constant – cannot be written in an elementary form.

1. Series Approximation of the Anti-derivative: It may be possible to find an anti-derivative symbolically, but it may be easier to compute a numerical approximation than to compute the anti-derivative. That may be the case if the anti-derivative is computed as an infinite derivative or product, or it its evaluation requires a special function that is not available.

**Methods for One-Dimensional Integrals**

1. Combining Evaluations of the Integrand: Numerical integration methods can generally be described as combining the evaluations of the integrand to get an approximation to the integral.
2. Weighted Sum at the Integration Points: The integrand is evaluated at a finite set of points called the *integration points* and a weighted sum of these values is used to approximate the integral. The integration points and the weights depend on the specified method used and the accuracy required from the approximation.
3. Approximation Error of the Method: An important part of the analysis of any numerical integration method is to study the behavior of the approximation error as a function of the number of integrand evaluations. A method that yields a small error for a small number of evaluations widely considered superior.
4. Reduced Number of Integrand Evaluations: Reducing the number of operations of the integrand reduces the number of arithmetic operations involved, and therefore reduces the total round-off error. Also, each evaluation takes time, and the integrand may be arbitrarily complicated.
5. Conditions for Brute Force Integration: A brute force kind of numerical integration can be done if the integrand is reasonably well-behaved, i.e., it is piece-wise continuous and of bounded variation, by evaluating the integrand with very small increments.

**Quadrature Rules Based on Interpolating Functions**

1. Error of Integrating Interpolation Polynomials: A large class of quadrature rules can be derived by constructing interpolating functions that are easy to integrate. Typically, these interpolating functions are polynomials. In practice, some of these polynomials of very high degree tend to oscillate very wildly, only polynomials of low degree are used, typically linear and quadratic.
2. Mid-Point Rule: Zero Degree Polynomial: The simplest function of this type is to let the interpolating function be a constant function – a polynomial of degree – that passes through the point This is the *mid-point rule* of the *rectangle rule*:
3. Trapezoidal Rule: First Degree Polynomial: The interpolating function may be a straight line – an affine function, i.e., a polynomial of degree one – passing through the points and . This is called the *trapezoidal rule*:
4. Sub division of the Integration Intervals: For either one of these rules, a more accurate representation can be made by breaking up the interval into some number of sub-intervals, computing an approximation for each sub-interval, then adding up all the results. This is called *composite rule*, *extended rule*, or *iterated rule*.
5. Example: Composite Trapezoidal Rule: For example, the composite trapezoidal rule can be stated as

where the sub-intervals have the form

with

and

Here the sub-intervals used have the same length , but one could use intervals of varying length

1. Definition of Newton-Cotes Formula: Interpolation with polynomials evaluated at equally spaced points in yields the Newton-Cotes formula, of which the rectangle rule and the trapezoidal rule are examples. Simpson’s rule, which is based on a polynomial of order , is also a Newton-Cotes formula.
2. Quadrature Rules with Nesting Property: Quadrature rules with equally spaced points have the very convenient property of *nesting*. The corresponding rule with each interval sub-divided includes all the current points, so those integrand points can be re-used.
3. Integrand with Variable Interpolant Spaces: If one allows the intervals between the interpolation points to vary, one finds another group of quadrature formulas, such as the Gaussian quadrature formula.
4. Improved Accuracy with Gaussian Quadrature: Gaussian quadrature rule is typically more accurate than a Newton-Cotes rule, which requires the same number of function evaluations, if the integrand is smooth, i.e., if it is sufficiently differentiable.
5. Other Varying Interval Quadrature Rules: Other quadrature methods with varying intervals include Clenshaw-Curtis quadrature methods – also called Fejer quadrature – and these do nest.
6. Nestability of Gaussian Quadrature Rules: Gaussian quadrature rules do not nest, but the related Gauss-Kronrod quadrature formulas do.

**Generalized Mid-Point Rule Formulation**

1. Generalized Mid-Point Rule Expression: A generalized mid-point rule formula is given by

or

1. Example Expression for Inverse Tangent: For example, substituting

and

in the generalized mid-point rule formula, one obtains the equation of the inverse tangent as

where

is the imaginary unit, and

1. Eliminating the Series Odd Terms: Since at each odd the numerator of the integrand becomes

the generalized mid-point rule formula can be re-organized as

1. Transforming Limits into : For a function defined over the interval its integral is

Therefore, the generalized mid-point integration formula above can be applied assuming that

**Adaptive Algorithms**

1. Lack of Suitable Derivative Points: If does not sufficient derivatives at all points, or if the derivatives become large, the generalized mid-point quadrature is often insufficient. In such cases, the adaptive algorithm similar to the one outlined in Wikipedia (2019) will perform better.
2. Estimation of the Quadrature Error: Some details of the algorithm require careful thought. For many cases, estimating the error from quadrature over an interval for the function is not obvious. One popular solution is to use two different rules for the quadrature, and use their difference as an estimate of the error from the quadrature.
3. Too Large Versus Small Errors: The other problem is deciding what *too large* or *very small* signify.
4. Local Criterion for *Too Large*: A *local* criterion for *too large* is that the quadrature error should not be larger than , where , a real number, is the tolerance one wishes to set for the global error. However, if is too tiny, it may not be worthwhile to make it even smaller even if the quadrature error is apparently large.
5. Global Criterion for *Too Large*: A *global* criterion is that the sum of the errors on all the intervals should be less than .
6. *A-Posteriori* Type of Error Analysis: This type of error analysis is typically called *a-posteriori* since the error is computed after having computed the approximation.
7. Forsythe Heuristics for Adaptive Quadrature: Heuristics for adaptive quadrature are discussed in Forsythe, Malcolm, and Moler (1977).

**Extrapolation Methods**

1. Error Dependence on Evaluation Point Count: The accuracy of a quadrature rule of the Newton-Cotes type is generally a function of the number of evaluation points. The result is usually more accurate as the number of evaluation points increases, or, equivalently, the width of the step size between the points decreases.
2. Error Dependence on Step Width: It is natural to ask what the result would be if the step size were allowed to approach zero. This can be answered by extrapolating the result from two or more non-zero step sizes, using series acceleration methods such as Richardson extrapolation.
3. Details of the Extrapolation Methods: The extrapolation function may be either a polynomial or a rational function. Extrapolation methods are described in more detail by Stoer and Bulirsch (1980) and are implemented in many of the routines in the QUADPACK library.

**A Priori Conservative Error Estimation**

1. Bounded First Derivative over : Let have a bounded first derivative over , i. e.,

The mean-value theorem for where

gives

for some

depending on .

1. Integrating Over on Both Sides: On integrating in from to on both sides and taking the absolute values, one obtains
2. Approximating the Right-Hand Side: The integral on the right-hand side can be further approximated by bringing the absolute value into the integrand, and replacing the term by an upper bound:

where the supremum has been used for the approximation.

1. Corresponding Approximation Applied to the LHS: Hence, if the integral is approximated by the quadrature , the error is no greater than the right-hand side above.
2. Converting the RHS into a Riemann Sum: This can be converted into an error analysis for the Riemann sum, giving an upper bound of

for the error term of that particular approximation. Note that this precisely is the error obtained for the example

1. Strict Upper Bounds on the Error: Using more derivatives, and by tweaking the quadrature, a similar analysis can be done using a Taylor series, using a partial sum with a remainder term, for . This analysis gives a strict upper bound on the error, if the derivatives of are available.
2. Algorithmic Proofs and Verified Calculations: The integration method can be combined with interval arithmetic to produce computer proofs and *verified* calculations.

**Integrals Over Infinite Intervals**

1. Standard Techniques for Unbounded Intervals: Several methods exist for approximate integration over unbounded intervals. The standard technique involves specially derived quadrature rules, such as Gauss-Hermitian quadrature for integrals on the whole real line, and Gauss-Laguerre quadrature for the integrals on the positive reals (Leader (2004)).
2. Changing Variables to Bounded Intervals: Monte Carlo methods can be used, or a change of variables to a finite interval can be applied; e.g., for the whole line, one could use

and for semi-infinite intervals one could use

as possible transformations.

**Multi-dimensional Integrals**

1. Fubini’s Theorem: Curse of Dimensionality: The quadrature rules discussed so far are al designed to compute one-dimensional integrals. To compute integrals in multiple dimensions, one approach is to phrase the multiple integrals as repeated one-dimensional integrals by applying the Fubini’s theorem – the tensor product rule. This approach requires the function evaluations to grow exponentially as the number of dimensions increases. Three methods described below are known to overcome this so-called *curse of dimensionality*.
2. Multi-dimensional Cubature Integration Rules: A great many additional techniques for forming multi-dimensional cubature integration rules for a variety of weighting functions are given in Stroud (1971).

**Monte Carlo**

1. Potential Accuracy Improvement from MC: Monte Carlo and quasi-Monte Carlo methods are easy to apply to multi-dimensional integrals. They may yield greater accuracy for the same number of function evaluations than repeated integrations using one-dimensional methods.
2. Markov Chain Monte Carlo Algorithms: A large class of useful Monte Carlo methods are the so-called Markov Chain Monte Carlo algorithms, which include the Metropolis-Hastings algorithms and Gibbs sampling.

**Sparse Grids**

Sparse grids were originally developed by Smolyak for the quadrature of high-dimensional functions. The method is always based on a one-dimensional quadrature rule, but performs a more sophisticated combination of univariate results. However, whereas the tensor product rule guarantees that the weight of all the quadrature points will be positive, Smolyak’s rule does not guarantee that the weights will be positive.

**Bayesian Quadrature**

Bayesian quadrature is a statistical approach to the numerical problem of computing integrals and falls under the field of probabilistic numerics. It can provide a full handling of the uncertainty over the range of the integral expressed as a Gaussian process posterior variance. It is also known to provide very fast convergence rates which can be up to exponential in the number of quadrature points (Briol, Oates, Girolami, and Osborne (2015)).

**Connections to Differential Equations**

1. The ODE Initial Value Problem: The problem of evaluating the integral

can be reduced to an initial value problem for an ordinary differential equation by applying the first part of the fundamental theorem of calculus.

1. Differential Form of the ODE: By differentiating both sides of the above with respect to the argument , it can be seen that the function satisfies
2. Applying the ODE Solution Schemes: Methods for ordinary differential equations, such as Runge-Kutta schemes, can be applied to the re-stated problem and thus be used to evaluate the integral. For instance, the standard fourth order Runge-Kutta method applied to the differential equation yields the Simpson’s rule from above.
3. Separating the Independent/Dependent Variables: The differential equation

has a special form; the right-hand side contains only the dependent variable (here ) and not the independent variable (here . This simplifies the theory and the algorithms considerably.

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**Gaussian Quadrature**

**Introduction and Overview**

1. Quadrature Rule in Numerical Analysis: In numerical analysis, a **quadrature rule** is the approximation of the definite integral of a function, usually stated as a weighted sum of the function values at the specified points within the domain of integration (Wikipedia (2019)).
2. n-Point Gaussian Quadrature Rule: An n-point **Gaussian Quadrature Rule**, named after Carl Friedrich Gauss, is a quadrature rule constructed to yield the exact result for polynomials of degree or less using a suitable choice of nodes and weights for
3. Gaussian Quadrature Nodes and Weights: The most common domain of integration for such a rule is taken as , so the rule can be stated as

which is exact for polynomials of degree or less. This exact rule is known as the Gauss-Legendre quadrature rule.

1. Approximating by a Polynomial: The quadrature rule will only be an approximation to the integral above if is well approximated by a polynomial of degree or less in
2. Integrands with End-Point Singularities: The Gauss-Legendre quadrature rule is not typically used for integrable functions with end-point singularities.
3. Alternative Specification of the Quadrature Rules: Instead, of the integrand can be written as

where is well-approximated by a low-degree polynomial, then the alternative nodes and weights will usually give more accurate quadrature rules.

1. The Gauss-Jacobi Quadrature Rules: These are known as Gauss-Jacobi quadrature rules, i.e.,
2. Gauss-Chebyshev Quadrature Weights: Common weights include - referred to as Chebyshev-Gauss – and .
3. Gauss-Laguerre and Gauss-Hermite Quadrature Rules: One may also want to integrate over semi-infinite intervals – the Gauss-Laguerre quadrature – or infinite intervals – the Gauss-Hermite quadrature.
4. Quadrature Nodes as Roots of Orthogonal Polynomials: It can be shown (Stoer and Bulirsch (2002), Press, Teukolsky, Vetterling, and Flannery (2007)) that the quadrature nodes are the roots of a polynomial belonging to a class of orthogonal polynomials, i.e., they belong to the class that is orthogonal with respect to a weighted inner-product. This is a key observation for computing Gauss quadrature nodes and weights.

**Gauss-Legendre Quadrature**

1. Legendre Polynomials as Associated Orthogonals: For the simplest integration problem stated above, i.e., where is well-approximated by polynomials in , the associated orthogonal polynomials are Legendre polynomials, denoted by .
2. Weights of the Legendre Terms: With polynomial normalized to give

the Gauss node, , is the root of , and the weights are given by the formula (Abramowitz and Stegun (2007))

1. Low Order Nodes and Weights: Some low order quadrature rules are tabulated below over . The next section contains other intervals.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Number of Points** | **Points** | **Approximate** | **Weight** | **Approximate** |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 2 |  |  | 1 | 1 |
| 3 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
|  |  |  | 0.555556 |
| 4 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| 5 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
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**Change of Interval**

1. Interval Change - to : The integral over must be changed to the integral over before applying the Gaussian quadrature rule. The change of interval can be done in the following way:
2. Application of Gaussian Quadrature Rules: Applying the Gaussian quadrature rule then results in the following approximation:

**Other Forms**

1. Generalization of the Integrand Quadrature: The integration problem can be expressed in a slightly more general way by introducing a positive weight function into the integrand, and allowing an interval other than . That is, the problem is to calculate for some choices of , , , and .
2. Parameter Choices for the Quadrature Generation: For

and

the problem is the same as the one considered above. Other choices lead to other integration rules, some of which are tabulated below.

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| **Interval** |  | **Orthogonal Polynomials** |
|  |  | Legendre Polynomials |
|  |  | Jacobi Polynomials |
|  |  | Chebyshev Polynomials (First Kind) |
|  |  | Chebyshev Polynomials (Second Kind) |
|  |  | Laguerre Polynomials |
|  |  | Generalized Laguerre Polynomials |
|  |  | Hermite Polynomials |

**Fundamental Theorem**

1. n-Degree Polynomial Driving the Quadrature: Let be a non-trivial polynomial of degree such that

for all

1. Nodes as Roots of the Polynomial: If the nodes are picked to be the zeros of , then there exist weights which make the Gauss quadrature computed integral exact for polynomials of degree or less. Furthermore, all these nodes lie in the open interval (Stoer and Bulirsch (2002)).
2. Chosen as the Orthogonal Polynomial: The polynomial is said to be an orthogonal polynomial of degree associated with the weight function . It is unique to a constant normalization factor.
3. Decomposing into Orthogonal Polynomials: The idea underlying the proof is that, because of its sufficiently low degree, can be divided by to produce a quotient strictly lower than , and a remainder of still lower degree, so that both will be orthogonal to , by the defining property of . Thus,
4. Quadrature Over Reduced Degree Polynomial: Because of the choice of nodes , the corresponding relation

also holds. The exactness of the computed integral then follows from the exactness of , i.e., for polynomials of degree or less.

**General Formula for the Weights**

1. Generic Expression for the Quadrature Weights: The weights can be expressed as

where is the coefficient of in .

1. Lagrange Polynomial Form for : To prove this, note that using the Lagrange interpolation, one can express in terms of as

because has a degree less than and is thus fixed by the value it attains at different points.

1. Re-evaluation of the Quadrature: Multiplying both sides by and integrating from to yields
2. Quadrature Weights Using Lagrange Polynomials: The weights are thus given by
3. Quadrature Weights Using Orthogonal Polynomials: This integral expression for can be expressed in terms of the orthogonal polynomials and as follows.
4. Orthogonal Polynomial from Lagrange Numerator: One can write

where is the coefficient of in .

1. Orthogonal Derivative from Lagrange Denominator: Taking the limit of to yields, using L’Hopital’s rule
2. Weights from Polynomials and Derivatives: The integral expression for the weights can thus be written as
3. Reducing the Degree of Integrand: In the integrand, writing

yields

provided

because is a polynomial of degree which is then orthogonal to .

1. Product of Lower Degree Polynomials: So, if is a polynomial of at most degree , one has
2. as Degree Polynomial: The integral on the right-hand side can be evaluated for

as follows. Because is a polynomial of degree , one has

where is a polynomial of degree .

1. Polynomial in the Weight Integral: Since is orthogonal to , one has
2. in Terms of : One can then write

The term in the brackets is a polynomial of degree , which is therefore orthogonal to .

1. Weight Integral in Terms of : The integral can thus be written as
2. Recovery of the Postulated Expression: According to

the weights are obtained by dividing the weight integral above by , and that yields the expression

1. Alternate Expression Using the Term: can also be expressed in terms of the orthogonal polynomials and . In a 3-term recurrence relation (see below)

the term vanishes, so in

can be replaced by .

**Proof that the Weights are Positive**

1. Remainder – Lagrange Squared Term Polynomial: Consider the following polynomial of degree

where, as above, the are the roots of the polynomial .

1. Gaussian Quadrature for the above Polynomial: Clearly

Since the degree is less than , the Gaussian quadrature formula involving the weights and the nodes obtained from applies.

1. Weights Have to be Positive: Since

for not equal to , one has

Since both and are non-negative functions, it follows that

**Computation of Gaussian Quadrature Rules**

There are many algorithms for computing the nodes and the weights of Gaussian quadrature rules. The popular are the Golub-Welsch algorithm requiring operations, Newton’s method for solving

using the three-term recurrence relation for evaluation requiring operations, and asymptotic formulas for large requiring operations.

**Recurrence Relation**

1. Recurrence Relation for Orthogonal Polynomials: Orthogonal polynomials with

for

for a scalar product ,

and leading coefficient one – i.e., monic orthogonal polynomials – satisfy the recurrence relation

where the scalar product is defined as

for

where is the upper bound on the degree – which can be taken to infinity – and where

1. Proof of Recurrence using Induction: First of all, the polynomials defined by the recurrence relation starting with

have a leading coefficient of one and the correct degree (i.e. ). Setting the starting polynomial by , the orthogonality of can be demonstrated by induction.

1. Proof for the First Term: For

one has

1. Proof for an Arbitrary Term: Now, if are orthogonal, so is , because in

all scalar products vanish except for the first one and the one where meets the same orthogonal polynomial. Therefore,

1. Reduction to Three Term Recurrence: However, if the scalar product satisfies

- which is the case for Gaussian Quadrature – the above recurrence relation reduces to a three-term recurrence relation.

1. Serial Zeroing of Recurrence Terms: For

is a polynomial of degree less than or equal to . On the other hand, is orthogonal to every polynomial of degree less than or equal to . Therefore, one has

and

for

1. Full Form of the Recurrence Relation: The recurrence relation then simplifies to

or, with the convention

where

where the final step occurs because

since differs from by a degree less than .

**The Golub-Welsch Algorithm**

1. Three-Term Jacobi Recurrence Matrix: The three-term recurrence relation can be written in the matrix form

where

is the standard basis vector, i.e.

and is the so-called Jacobi matrix.

1. The Golub-Welsch Algorithm: The zeroes of the polynomials upto degree , which are used as nodes for the Gaussian quadrature, can be found by computing the eigenvalues of this tri-diagonal matrix. This procedure is known as the Golub-Welsch algorithm.
2. Elements of the Tri-diagonal Matrix: For computing the weights and the nodes, it is preferable to consider the symmetric tridiagonal matrix with elements
3. Quadrature Nodes from the Eigenvalues: and are similar matrices, and therefore have the same eigenvalues – the quadrature nodes.
4. Quadrature Weights Extracted from Eigenvectors: The weights can be computed from the corresponding eigenvectors. If is a normalized eigenvector – i.e., an eigenvector with Euclidean norm equal to one – associated with the eigenvalue , the corresponding weight can be computed from the first component of this eigenvector, namely:

where is the integral of the weight function

Gil, Segura, and Temme (2007) contain further details.

**Error Estimates**

1. Stoer-Bulirsch (2002) Error Estimate: Using the analysis presented in Stoer and Bulirsch (2002), the error of a Gaussian quadrature can be stated as follows. For an integrand that has continuous derivatives,

for some in , where is the monic orthogonal polynomial of degree , and

1. Kahaner, Moler, and Nash (1989) Error Estimate: In the important special case of

one has the error estimate (Kahaner, Moler, and Nash (1989))

1. Conservative Nature of the Estimate: Stoer and Bulirsch (2002) remark that this error estimate is inconvenient in practice, since it may be difficult to estimate the order derivatives. Furthermore, the actual error may be much less that the bound established by the derivative.
2. Error Estimate Using Different Orders: Another approach is to use two Gaussian quadrature rules of different orders, and to estimate the error as the difference between these two results. For this purpose, the Gauss-Kronrod quadrature rules can be useful.

**Gauss-Kronrod Rules**

1. Sub-divided Points do not Coincide: If the interval is sub-divided, the Gaussian evaluation points of the new sub-interval never coincide with the previous evaluation points – except at zero for odd numbers – and thus the integrand must be evaluated at every point.
2. Extensions to Gauss Quadrature Rules: *Gauss-Kronrod rules* are extensions to Gauss quadrature rules generated by adding points to a -point rule in such a way that the resulting rule is of the order . This allows for computing higher-order estimates while re-using the function values of the lower-order estimates.
3. Estimation of the Quadrature Error: The difference between the Gauss quadrature rule and its Kronrod extension is often used an estimate of the approximation error.

**Gauss-Lobatto Rules**

1. Gaussian vs. Lobatto Quadrature Rules: Also known as *Lobatto quadrature* (Abramowitz and Stegun (2007)), Gauss-Lobatto quadrature is named after the Dutch mathematician Rehuel Lobatto. It is similar to the Gaussian quadrature, except for the following differences:
   1. The integration points include the end-points of the integration interval.
   2. It is accurate for polynomials up to degree , where is the number of integration points (Quatteroni, Sacco, and Saleri (2000)).
2. Gauss-Lobatto Quadrature Function Expression: Lobatto quadrature of function in an interval is
3. Gauss-Lobatto Quadrature Abscissa: The abscissae is the zero of .
4. Gauss-Lobatto Quadrature Weights:
5. Gauss-Lobatto Quadrature Error Remainder:
6. Low Order Gauss-Lobatto Quadrature Weight Sample:

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| **Number of Points** | **Points** | **Weights** |
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1. Implementation of the Adaptive Variant: An adaptive variant of this algorithm with 2 interior nodes (Gander and Gautschi (2000)) is found in GNU Octave and in MATLAB as *quadl* and *intergate*, respectively.

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**Gauss-Kronrod Quadrature**

**Introduction and Overview**

1. Adaptive Method for Numerical Integration: The *Gauss-Kronrod quadrature formula* is an adaptive method for numerical integration.
2. Improved Accuracy by Re-using Less Accurate Results: It is a variant of the Gaussian quadrature, in which the evaluation points are chosen so that an accurate approximation can be computed by re-using the information produced by the computation of a less accurate approximation (Wikipedia (2019)).
3. Multi-Order Quadrature Rules and Errors: It is an example of what is called a nested quadrature rule; for the same set of function evaluation points, it has two quadrature rules, one higher order and one lower order – the latter is called an *embedded* rule. The difference between these two approximations is used to estimate the calculation error of the integral.

**Description**

1. Numerical Approximation of Definite Integrals: The problem in numerical integration is to approximate
2. Use of n Point Gaussian Quadrature: Such integrals can be approximated, for example, by n-point Gaussian quadrature

where and are the points and the weights used to evaluate the function .

1. Consequences of Non-Matching Nodes: If the interval is sub-divided, the Gauss evaluation points of the new sub-intervals never coincide with the previous evaluation points – except at the mid-point for odd numbers of evaluation points – and thus the integrand must be evaluated at every point.
2. Node Extensions using Stieltjes Polynomials: Gauss-Kronrod formulas are extensions of the Gauss quadrature formulas generated by adding points to a point rule in such a way that the resulting rule is of order (Laurie (1997)); the corresponding Gauss rule is order . The extra points are zeros of Stieltjes polynomials.
3. Kronrod Extension as an Error Estimate: This allows for computing higher-order error estimates while re-using the function values of a lower order estimate. The difference between a Gauss quadrature rule and its Kronrod extension is used often as an estimate of the approximation error.

**Example**

1. 7 Point Gauss Plus 15 Point Kronrod: A popular example combines a 7-point Gauss rule with a 15-point Kronrod rule (Kahaner, Moler, and Nash (1989)). Because the Gauss points are incorporated into the Kronrod points, a total of only 15 function evaluations are needed.
2. on :

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| **Gauss Nodes** | **Weights** |
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| **Kronrod Nodes** | **Weights** |
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1. Use in Quadrature Error Estimate: The integral is then estimated by the Kronrod rule and the error can be estimated as .
2. Enhancements to the Quadrature Algorithm: Patterson (1968) showed how to find further extensions of this type. Monegato (1978) and Piessens, de Doncker-Kapenga, Uberhuber, and Kahaner (1983) proposed improved algorithms. Finally, the most efficient algorithm was proposed by Laurie (1997).
3. Tabulation of Quadruple Precision Coefficients: Quadruple Precision (34 decimal digits) coefficients for , , , , and others are computed and tabulated in Holoborodko (2011).

**Implementations**

Routines for Gauss-Kronrod quadrature are provided by the QUADPACK library, the GNU Scientific Library, the NAG Numerical Libraries R, the C++ Boost Library, and DROP.

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**Gamma Distribution**

**Overview**

1. Parametrization of the Gamma Distribution: The *gamma distribution* is a two-parameter family of continuous probability distributions. The Erlang distribution, the exponential distribution, and the chi-square distribution are all special cases of the gamma distribution. There are three different parameterizations in common use:

* With a shape parameter and a scale parameter
* With a shape parameter

and an inverse scale parameter

called a rate parameter

* With a shape parameter and a mean parameter

In each of these forms, both parameters are positive and real numbers (Wikipedia (2019)).

1. As a Constrained Maximum Entropy Distribution: The gamma distribution is a maximum entropy probability distribution – both with respect to a uniform base measure and with respect to a base measure – for a random variable for which

is fixed and greater than zero, and

is fixed. Here is the digamma function (Park and Bera (2009)).

**Gamma Distribution – Central Measures Table**

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| **Parameters** |  |  |
| **Support** |  |  |
| **PDF** |  |  |
| **CDF** |  |  |
| **Mean** |  |  |
| **Median** | No Closed Form | No Closed Form |
| **Mode** | for | for |
| **Skewness** |  |  |
| **Excess Kurtosis** |  |  |
| **Entropy** |  |  |
| **MGF** | for | for |
| **CDF** |  |  |

**Definitions**

1. Usage of the Parametrization: The parametrization using and appeears to be more common in econometrics and other applied fields where, for example, the gamma distribution is frequently used to model waiting times. For instance, in life testing, the waiting time until death is a random variable that is frequently modeled with a gamma distribution (Hogg, McKean, and Craig (2013)).
2. Usage of the Parametrization: The parametrization with and is more common in Bayesian statistics, where the gamma distribution is used as a conjugate prior for various types of inverse scale – aka rate – parameters, such as the of the exponential or the Poisson distribution (Gopalan, Hofman, and Blei (2014)) – or, for that matter, the of the gamma distribution itself. The closely related inverse gamma distribution is used as a conjugate prior for the scale parameters, such as the variance of a normal distribution.
3. Erlang Distribution - Dependent Exponentials: If is a positive integer, then the distribution represents an Erlang distribution, i.e., the sum of independent exponentially distributed random variables, each of which has a mean of .

**Characterization Using Shape and Rate**

1. Parameterized Gamma Distribution Representation: The gamma distribution can be represented in terms of a shape parameter

and an inverse scale parameter

called a rate parameter. A random variable that is gamma distributed with shape and rate is denoted

1. Parameterized Gamma Distribution PDF: The corresponding probability distribution in the shape-rate parametrization is

for

and

for

and

Here is the gamma function. Both parametrizations are common because either can be more convenient depending on the situation.

1. Parameterized Gamma Distribution CDF: The cumulative distribution function is the regularized gamma function

where is the lower incomplete gamma function.

1. Independent Integer - Erlang Distribution: If is a positive integer, i.e., the distribution is an Erlang distribution, the cumulative distribution function has the following series expansion (Papoulis and Pillai (2002))

**Characterization using Shape and Scale**

1. Parameterized Gamma Distribution: A random variable that is gamma distributed with shape and rate is denoted
2. Parameterized Gamma Distribution PDF: The probability density function in the shape-scale parametrization is

for

and

Here is the gamma function evaluated at .

1. Parameterized Gamma Distribution CDF: The cumulative distribution function is the regularized gamma function

where is the lower incomplete gamma function.

1. Independent Integer - Erlang Distribution: It can also be expressed as follows; if is a positive integer, i.e., the distribution is an Erlang distribution (Papoulis and Pillai (2002))

**Properties – Skewness**

The skewness of the gamma distribution depends only on its shape parameter , and is equal to .

**Properties – Median Calculation**

1. Expression for the Median Value: Unlike the mode and the mean which have readily calculable formulas based on the parameters, the median does not have an easy closed form equation. The median for this distribution is defined as the value such that
2. Banneheka-Ekanayake Approximation for the Median: A formula for approximating the median for any gamma distribution, when the mean is known, has been derived based on the fact that is approximately a linear function of when

(Banneheka and Ekanayake (2009)). The approximation formula is

where

is the mean.

1. Chen and Rubin Median Bounds: A rigorous treatment of the problem of choosing asymptotic expansion and the bounds for the median of the gamma distribution was handled first by Chen and Rubin (1986), who proved that

where denote the median of the distribution.

1. Choi Series Expansion for Median: Choi (1994) later showed that the first five terms in the asymptotic expansion of the median are

by comparing the median to the Ramanujan’s function. Later it was shown that is a convex function of (Berg and Pedersen (2008)).

**Properties – Summation**

If has a distribution for

where all distributions have the same scale parameter , then

provided all are independent. Mathai (1982) and Moschopoulus (1984) treat the case where are independent but have different scale parameters. The gamma distribution exhibits infinite divisibility.

**Properties – Scaling**

If

then, for any

by moment generating functions, or equivalently

Indeed, it is known that if is an exponential random variable with rate then is an exponential random variable with rate ; the same thing is true with gamma variates.

**Properties – Exponential Family**

The gamma distribution is part of the two-parameter exponential family with natural parameters and - equivalently and - and natural statistics and . If the shape parameter is held fixed, the resulting one-parameter family of distributions is a natural exponential family.

**Properties – Logarithmic Expectation and Variance**

It can be shown that

or, equivalently,

where is the digamma function. Likewise,

where is the polygamma function. This can be derived using the exponential family formula for the moment generating function of the sufficient statistic, because one of the sufficient statistics of the gamma distribution is .

**Properties – Information Entropy**

The information entropy is

In the parameterization, the information entropy is given by

**Properties – Kullback-Liebler Divergence**

1. Parametrization of the Divergence: The Kullback-Liebler divergence – KL-divergence - of - the true distribution – from - the *approximating* distribution – is given as
2. Parametrization of the Divergence: The Kullback-Liebler divergence – KL-divergence - of - the true distribution – from - the *approximating* distribution – is given as

**Properties – Laplace Transform**

The Laplace Transform of the Gamma PDF is

**Related Distributions – General**

1. Relation between Gamma and Exponential Sums: If are independent and identically distributed random variables following an exponential distribution with rate parameter then
2. Exponential and Chi Square Distributions: If

- the shape-scale parametrization – then has an exponential distribution with the rate parameter . If

- shape-scale parametrization – then is identical to the chi-square distribution with degrees of freedom. Conversely, if

and is a positive constant, then

1. Erlang and Poisson *Arrival* Process: If is an integer, the gamma distribution is an Erlang distribution and is the probability distribution of the waiting time until the arrival in a one-dimensional Poisson process with intensity . If

then

1. Relation to Maxwell-Boltzmann Distribution: If has a Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution with parameter then
2. Relation to Generalized Gamma Distribution: If

then follows a generalized gamma distribution with parameters

and

More generally, if

then for

follows the generalized gamma distribution with parameters

and

1. Relation to Inverse Gamma Distribution: If

then

1. Ratio of Independent Random Gamma Variables: If

are independent, then

Equivalently

Alternatively, if

are independent, then

or, equivalently,

1. Distribution of the Ratio : If

and

are independently distributed, then has a beta distribution with parameters and , and is independent of , which is distributed.

1. Unit Scale Gamma Variables Sum: If

are independently distributed, then the vector , where

follows a Dirichlet distribution with parameters .

1. Large Convergence to Normal: For large , the gamma distribution converges to a normal distribution with mean

and variance

1. Conjugate Prior of Gaussian Precision: The gamma distribution is a conjugate prior for the precision of a normal distribution with known mean.
2. Multivariate Generalization of Gamma Distribution: The Wishart distribution is a multi-variate generalization of the gamma distribution, where the samples are positive-definite matrices rather than positive real numbers.
3. Other Generalizations of the Gamma Distribution: The gamma distribution is a special case of the generalized gamma distribution, the generalized integer gamma distribution, and the generalized inverse gamma distribution. Further, the gamma distribution is a member of the family of Tweedie exponential dispersion models.
4. Negative Binomial Distribution as a Discrete Analogue: Among the discrete distributions, the negative binomial distribution is sometimes considered the discrete analogue of the gamma distribution.

**Properties – Compound Gamma**

If the shape parameter of the gamma distribution in known, but the inverse-sale parameter is unknown, then a gamma distribution for the inverse-scale forms a conjugate prior. The compound distribution which results from integrating out the inverse-scale has a closed form solution, known as the compound gamma distribution (Dubey (1970)). If, instead, the shape parameter is known but the mean is unknown, with the prior of the mean being given by another gamma distribution, it then results in -distribution.

**Statistical Inference – Maximum Likelihood Parameter Estimation**

1. Likelihood Estimator – Joint Observation Setup: The likelihood function for i.i.d. observations is

from which the log-likelihood function maybe calculated as

1. Maximization across Scale Parameter Space: Finding the maximum with respect to and setting it equal to zero yields the maximum likelihood estimator of the parameter:

Substituting this into the log-likelihood function gives

1. Maximization across Shape Parameter Space: Finding the maximum with respect to by taking the derivative and setting it to zero yields
2. Iterative Root Search - Starting Point: There is no closed-form solution for . The function is numerically well-behaved, so if a numerical solution is desired, it can be found using, for example, the Newton’s method. An initial value of can be found using the method of moments, or using the approximation
3. Iterative Root Search - Variate Increment: Letting

results in a that is approximately

which is within of the correct value (Minka (2002)). An explicit form for the Newton-Raphson update for this initial guess is (Choi and Wette (1969))

**Closed-Form Estimators**

1. Consistent Estimators for Shape/Scale: Consistent closed-form estimators for and exist that are derived from the likelihood of the generalized gamma distribution (Ye and Chen (2017)). The estimate for the shape is

and the estimate for the scale is

If the rate parametrization is used, the estimate of is

1. Bias Correction for Shape/Scale: These estimators are not strictly maximum likelihood estimators, but are instead referred to a mixed-type log-moment estimators. They have, however, similar efficiency as the maximum likelihood estimators. Although these estimators are consistent, they have a small bias. A bias corrected variant of the estimator for the scale parameter is

The bias correction for the shape parameter is given as (Francisco, Ramos, and Ramos (2019))

**Bayesian Minimum Mean-Squared Error**

1. Posterior from Scale-invariant Prior: With known and unknown , the posterior density function for using the standard scale-invariant prior for is
2. Expression for Joint Probability: Denote

then

1. Integration across the Space: Integration with respect to can be carried out using a change of variables

revealing that is gamma distributed with parameters

and

1. Posterior Distribution Mean and Variance: The moments can be computed by taking the ratio of by as

which shows that the mean standard deviation estimate for the posterior estimate for is

**Bayesian Inference Conjugate Prior**

1. Gamma Distribution as Conjugate Prior: In Bayesian inference, the gamma distribution is the conjugate prior to many likelihood distributions: Poisson, exponential, normal with known mean, Pareto, gamma with known shape , inverse gamma with known shape parameter, and Gompertz with known scale parameter.
2. Conjugate Prior for the Gamma Distribution: The gamma distribution’s conjugate prior is (Fink (1997))

where is the normalizing constant, which has no closed-form solution.

1. Bayesian Update of Parameter Priors: The posterior distribution can be found by updating the parameters as follows:

where is the number of observations, and is the observation.

**Occurrence and Applications**

1. Insurance Claims and Rainfall Accumulations: The gamma distribution has been used to model the size of the insurance claims (Boland (2007)) and rainfall accumulation (Aksoy (2000)). This means that the aggregated insurance claims and the amount of rainfall accumulated in a reservoir are modeled by a gamma process – much like the exponential distribution generates a Poisson process.
2. Error in Multi-level Poisson Regression: The gamma distribution is also used to model the errors in multi-level Poisson regression models, because the combination of the Poisson distribution and the gamma distribution is a negative binomial distribution.
3. Multi-path Signal Processing: In wireless communication, the gamma distribution is used to model the multi-path fading of the signal power; the Rayleigh and the Poisson distributions are also used.
4. Age Incidence of Cancer Distribution: In oncology, the age incidence of the cancer distribution often follows the gamma distribution, where the shape and the scale parameters predict, respectively, the mean number of driver events and the time interval between them (Belikov (2017)).
5. Inter-spike Neurological Interval Distribution: In neurosciences, the gamma distribution is often used to describe the distribution of inter-spike intervals (Robson and Troy (1987), Wright, Winter, Forster, and Bleeck (2014)).
6. Copy Number in Bacterial Gene Protein Expression: In bacterial gene expression, the copy number of a constitutively expressed protein often follows a gamma distribution, where the shape and the scale parameters are, respectively, the mean number of bursts per cell cycle and the mean number of protein molecules produced by a single mRNA during its lifetime (Friedman, Cai, and Xie (2006)).
7. Signal Recognition in Genomics: In genomics, the gamma distribution has been applied in the peak calling step, i.e., in the recognition of signal, in ChIP-chip (Reiss, Facciotti, and Baliga (2008)), and ChIP-seq (Mendoza-Parra, Nowicka, van Gool, and Gronemeyer (2013)) data analysis.
8. Use as a Conjugate Prior: The gamma distribution is used as a conjugate prior in Bayesian statistics. It is the conjugate prior for the precision, i.e., the inverse of the variance, for a normal distribution. It is also the conjugate prior for the exponential distribution.

**Computational Methods – Generating Gamma Distributed Random Variables**

1. Principal Methodology behind Gamma Generation: Give the scaling property above, it is enough to generate gamma variables with

as a conversion can be done for any with simple division. Suppose one wishes to generate random variables from where is a non-negative integer and

Using the fact that the is the same as an distribution, and given that it is straightforward to generate exponential variables, it may be concluded that if is uniformly distributed on then is distributed as , i.e., using the inverse transform sampling. Using the “ addition” property of the gamma distribution, this result may be expanded as

where are all uniformly distributed on and independent. All that is left now is to generate a variable distributed as for

and apply the “ addition” property once more. This is the most difficult part.

1. Literature Coverage on Gamma Generation: Random generation of gamma variables is discussed in detail by Devroye (1986), noting that none are uniformly fast for all shape parameters. For small values of the shape parameters, the algorithms are often not valid (Devroye (1986)). For arbitrary values of the shape parameter, one can apply the Ahrens and Dieter (1982) modified acceptance-rejection method algorithm GD for

or the transformation method (Ahrens and Dieter (1974)) when

Also applicable are Marsaglia’s squeeze method (Marsaglia (1977)) and the Chang and Feast algorithm GKM3 (Chang and Feast (1979)).

1. Ahrens-Dieter Acceptance-Rejection Method: The following is a version of the Ahrens-Dieter acceptance-rejection method (Ahrens and Dieter (1982)):
   1. Generate , , and as i.i.d. uniform variables.
   2. If

then

and

Otherwise

and

* 1. If

then go to step 1.

* 1. is distributed as

1. Summary of the Ahrens-Dieter Scheme: A summary of this is

where is the integer part of , is generated via the algorithm above with

- the fractional part of - and the are all independent.

1. Devroye Critique of Ahrens-Dieter: While the approach above is technically correct, Devroye notes that it is linear in and in general not a good choice. Instead, he recommends using either rejection-based or table-based methods, depending on the context (Devroye (1986)).
2. Marsaglia’s Transformation-Rejection Method: As an example, Marsaglia’s simple transformation-rejection method relies on one normal and one uniform random number (Marsaglia and Tsang (2000)):

where is standard normal.

* 1. If

and

return

* 1. Go back to step 2

1. Acceptance Rate Dependence on : With

the above algorithm generates a gamma distributed random number that is approximately constant with in time. The acceptance rate does depend on , with an acceptance rate of , , and for values of , , and respectively. For

one can use

to boost to be usable with this method.

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**Chi-Squared Distribution**

**Overview**

1. Definition of the Chi-Squared Distribution: The chi-squared distribution – also called chi-squared or distribution – with degrees of freedom is the distribution of the sum of the squares of independent standard normal random variables (Wikipedia (2019)).
2. Specialization of the Gamma Distribution: The chi-squared distribution is a special case of the gamma distribution and is one of the most widely used probability distributions in inferential statistics, notably in hypothesis testing or in the construction of confidence intervals (Mood, Graybill, and Boes (1974), Johnson, Klotz, and Balakrishnan (1994), Abramowitz and Stegun (2007), National Institute of Standards and Technology (2019)).
3. Non-central Chi-Squared Distribution: When it is being distinguished from the more general non-central chi-squared distribution, this distribution is sometimes called the central chi-squared distribution.
4. Common Uses of the Distribution: The chi-squared distribution is used in the common chi-squared tests for the goodness of distribution of an observed distribution to a theoretical one, the independence of two criteria of classification of qualitative data, and in the confidence interval estimation for the population standard deviation of a normal distribution from a sample standard deviation.
5. Analysis of Variance by Ranks: Many other statistical tests also use this distribution,, such as Friedman’s analysis of variance by ranks.

**Definition**

1. Chi-Squared Distribution – Mathematical Definition: If are independent standard normal random variable, then the sum of their squares

is distributed according to the chi-squared distribution with degrees of freedom.

1. Chi-Squared Representation and Parametrization: This is usually denoted as

or

The chi-squared distribution has one parameter , a positive integer that specifies the number of degrees of freedom – the number of ‘s.

**Introduction**

1. Primary Use in Hypothesis Testing: The chi-squared distribution is used primarily in hypothesis testing.
2. Not Used in Direct Modeling: Unlike the more widely known distribution such as the normal distribution and the exponential distribution, the chi-squared distribution is not as often applied in direct modeling of natural phenomenon.
3. Typical Hypothesis Test Use Cases: It arises in the following hypothesis tests, among others:
   1. Chi-squared test of independence in contingency tables.
   2. Chi-squared test of goodness of fit of observed data to hypothetical distributions
   3. Likelihood-ratio test for nested models
   4. Log-rank test in survival analysis
   5. Cochran-Mantel-Haenszel test for stratified contingency tables
4. Other Uses of the Distribution: It is also a component of the definition of the t-distribution and F-distribution used in t-tests, analysis of variance, and regression analysis.
5. Relationship to the Normal Distribution: The primary reason that the chi-squared distribution is used extensively in hypothesis testing is its relationship to the normal distribution.
6. Test-Statistic Sample Size Behavior: Many hypothesis tests use a test statistic, such as the t-statistic in a t-test. For these hypothesis tests, as the sample size increases, the sampling distribution of the test statistic approaches a normal distribution – central limit theorem.
7. Asymptotic Test-Statistic Sampling: Because the test statistic – such as – is asymptotically normally distributed, provided that the sample size is sufficiently large, the distribution used for hypothesis testing may be approximated by a normal distribution.
8. Usage with Underlying Normal Distributions: Testing hypothesis using a normal distribution is well-understood and relatively easy. The simplest chi-squared distribution is the square of a standard normal distribution. So wherever a normal-distribution could be used for a hypothesis test, a chi-squared distribution could be used.
9. Random Draw from a Normal Distribution: Specifically, suppose that is a standard normal random variable, with mean and variance ,

A sample drawn at random from is a sample from the standard normal distribution.

1. Random Draw from Chi-Squared Distribution: Define a new random variable . To generate a random sample from , take a sample from and square the value. The distribution of the squared values is given by the random variable

The distribution of the random variable is an example of a chi-squared distribution

1. Degrees of Freedom of the Distribution: The subscript 1 indicates that this particular chi-squared is constructed from only one standard normal distribution. A chi-squared distribution constructed by squaring a single standard normal distribution is said to have 1 degree of freedom.
2. Chi-Squared Distribution Asymptotic Approach: Thus, as the sample size for a hypothesis test increases, the distribution of the test-statistic approaches a normal distribution, and the distribution of the square of the test-statistic approaches a chi-squared distribution.
3. Extreme Values under the Distribution: Just as the extreme values of the normal distribution have low probability – and give small -values – extreme values of the chi-squared distribution have low probability.
4. Likelihood Ratio Class of Tests: An additional reason that the chi-squared distribution is widely used is that it is a member of the class of likelihood ratio tests LRT (Westfall (2013)).
5. Neyman-Pearson Lemma: LRT’s have several desirable properties; in particular, LRT’s commonly provide highest power to reject NULL hypothesis.
6. Advantages of using t-distribution: However, the normal and the chi-squared distribution are valid only asymptotically. For this reason, it is better to use the t-distribution rather than the normal approximation or the chi-squared approximation for small sample size.
7. Power of Exact Binomial Test: Similarly, in the analysis of contingency tables, the chi-squared approximation will be poor for small sample size, and it is preferable to use Fisher’s exact test. Ramsey (1988) shows that the exact binomial test is always more powerful than the normal approximation.
8. Binomial, Normal, and Chi-Squared: Lancaster (1969) showed the connections between the binomial, the normal, and the chi-squared distributions as follows. De Moivre and Laplace established that a binomial distribution could be approximated by a normal distribution. Specifically, they showed the asymptotic normality of the random variable

where is the observed number of successes in trials, the probability of success is and

1. Chi-Squared Distribution Variable: Squaring both sides of the equation gives
2. Re-factoring the Chi-Squared Variable: Using

and

this equation simplifies to

1. Multivariate Generalization by Pearson: The expression on the right is of the form that Pearson would generalize to

where is the Pearson’s cumulative test statistic, which asymptotically approaches a distribution, is the number of observations of type ,

is the expected theoretical frequency of the type , asserted by the NULL hypothesis that the fraction of type in the population is , and is the number of cells in the table.

1. Reducing Binomial to Normal - : In the case of a binomial outcome – flipping a coin – the binomial distribution may be approximated by a normal distribution for sufficiently large . Because the square of a standard normal distribution is the chi-squared distribution with 1 degree of freedom, the probability of results such as 1 head in 10 trials can be approximated by either the normal or the chi-squared distribution.
2. Extension to Multiple Categorical Variables: However, many problems involve more than two possible outcomes of a binomial, and instead require 3 or more categories, which leads to the multinomial distribution.
3. Chi Squared as Approximating Multinomial Distribution: Just as de Moivre and Laplace sought for and found the normal distribution approximation to the binomial, Pearson sought for and found a multivariate normal approximation to the multinomial distribution. Pearson showed that the chi-squared distribution, the sum of multiple normal distributions, was such as approximation to the multinomial distribution (Lancaster (1969)).

**Probability Density Function**

The probability density function of the chi-squared distribution is

where denotes the gamma function, which has closed-form values for integer .

**Cumulative Distribution Function**

1. Explicit Expression for the CDF: The cumulative distribution function is

where is the lower incomplete gamma function and is the regularized gamma function.

1. Expression for the Special Case : The special case of

of this function has a simple form:

and the integer recurrence of the gamma function makes it easy to compute for other small even .

1. Tables for the CDF: Tables for the chi-squared cumulative distribution function are widely available and the function is included in many spreadsheets and all statistical packages.
2. Chernoff Bounds on CDF Tails: Letting

Chernoff bounds on the lower and the upper tails of the CDF may be obtained (Dasgupta and Gupta (2003)).

1. Chernoff Bounds for : For the cases when

– which include all of the cases when this CDF is less than half –

1. Chernoff Bounds for : The tail bound for cases when

similarly is

**Additivity**

1. Sum of Independent Chi-squared Variables: It follows from the definition of the chi-squared distribution that the sum of the independent chi-squared variables is also chi-squared distributed.
2. Additivity over Degrees of Freedom: Specifically, if are independent chi-squared variables with degrees of freedom, respectively, then

is chi-squared with degrees of freedom.

**Sample Mean**

1. Chi-Squared Distribution Sample Mean: The sample mean of i.i.d. chi-squared variables of degree is distributed according to a gamma distribution with shape and scale parameters:

where

1. Asymptotic Reduction to Normal Distribution: Asymptotically, give that for a scale parameter going to infinity, a Gamma distribution converges to a normal distribution with expectation

and variance

the sample mean converges towards

1. Asymptotics using CLT: Note that one would have obtained the same result instead invoking the central limit theorem, noting that for each chi-squared variable of degree , the expectation is and the variance is – and hence the variance of the mean is

**Entropy**

1. Expression for Differential Entropy: The differential entropy is given by

where is the digamma function.

1. Chi-squared as a MaxEnt Distribution: The chi-squared distribution is the maximum entropy probability distribution for a random variable for which

and

are fixed.

1. Log Moment of Gamma Distributions: Since the chi-squared is in the family of gamma distributions, this can be derived by substituting the appropriate values in the expectation of the moments of gamma.

**Non-central Moments**

The moments about zero of a chi-squared distribution with degrees of freedom are given (Simon (2002))

**Cumulants**

The cumulants are readily obtained by a formal power series expansion of the logarithm of the characteristic function

**Asymptotic Properties**

1. Degrees of Freedom Based Determinants of Normality: By the central limit theorem, because the chis-squared distribution is the sum of independent normal variables with finite mean and variance, it converges to a normal distribution for large . For many practical purposes, for

the distribution is sufficiently close to a normal distribution (Hunter, Box, and Hunter (1970)).

1. Speed of Convergence to Normality: Specifically, if

then as tends to infinity, the distribution of tends to a standard normal distribution. However, convergence is slow because the skewness is and the excess kurtosis is

1. Schemes for Faster Approach to Normality: The sampling distribution of converges to normality much faster than the sampling distribution of (Bartlett and Kendall (1946)), as the logarithm removes much of the asymmetry (Pillai (2016)). Other functions of the chi-squared distribution converge more rapidly to a normal distribution.
2. Chi-squared Derivative Function #1: Some examples are: If

then is approximately normally distributed with mean and unit variance (Johnson, Klotz, and Balakrishnan (1994)).

1. Chi-squared Derivative Function #2: If

then is approximately normally distributed with mean and variance . This is known as the Wilson-Hilferty transformation (Wilson and Hilferty (1931), Johnson, Klotz, and Balakrishnan (1994)).

**Relation to Other Distributions**

1. Normal Distribution: As
2. Non-central Chi-squared Distribution:

is a non-central chi-squared distribution with the non-centrality parameter

1. Double Chi-squared Distribution #1: If

then

has the double chi-squared distribution

1. Double Chi-squared Distribution #2: As a special case, if

then

has the double chi-squared distribution

1. Chi-squared Distribution as a Norm: The squared norm of standard normally distributed variables is a chi-squared distribution with degrees of freedom:
2. Gamma Distribution: If

and

then

which is a gamma distribution.

1. Chi Distribution: If

then

the chi-distribution.

1. Exponential Distribution: If

then

which is an exponential distribution.

1. Rayleigh Distribution: If

which is a Rayleigh distribution, then

1. Maxwell Distribution: If

which is a Maxwell distribution, then

1. Inverse Chi-squared Distribution: If

then

which is the inverse chi-squared distribution.

1. Type 3 Pearson Distribution: The chi-squared distribution is a special case of Type-3 Pearson distribution.
2. Beta Distribution: If

and

are independent, then

which is the beta distribution.

1. Chi-squared Distribution from Uniform: If

which is a uniform distribution, then

1. Laplace Distribution Transformation: is a transformation of the Laplace distribution. If

then

1. Generalized Normal Distribution Version #1: If follows a generalized normal distribution version 1 with parameters , , and then

(Backstrom and Fischer (2018))

1. Transformed Pareto Distribution: Chi-squared distribution is a transformation of the Pareto distribution.
2. Student t Distribution from Chi-Squared: Student-t distribution is a transformation of the chi-squared distribution. Student-t distribution can be obtained from a chi-squared distribution and a normal distribution.
3. Non-central Beta Distribution: Non-central beta distribution can be obtained as a transformation of the chi-squared distribution and non-central chi-squared distribution.
4. Non-central -t Distribution: Non-central t-distribution can be obtained from normal distribution and chi-squared distribution.
5. Multidimensional Gaussian Random Vectors: If is a dimensional Gaussian random vector with mean and rank covariance matrix , then

is chi-squared with degrees of freedom.

1. Non central Chi squared Distribution: The sum of squares of statistically independent unit variance Gaussian variables which do *not* have mean zero yields a generalization of the chi-squared distribution called the non-central chi-squared distribution.
2. Rank-reduced Chi-squared Distribution: If is a vector of i.i.d. standard normal variables and is a symmetric idempotent matrix with rank , then the quadratic form is chi-squared with degrees of freedom.
3. Special Normal Chi-squared Distribution: If is a positive semi-definite covariance matrix with strictly positive diagonal covariance entries, then for

and a random -vector independent of such that

and

it then holds that

(Pillai (2016)).

1. Relation to Non-Gaussian Distributions: Thus, the chi-squared is also naturally related to other distributions arising from the Gaussian.
2. Ratio of Independent Distributions: In particular, if is -distributed,

if

where

and

are statistically independent.

1. Sum of Correlated Distributions: If

and

are statistically independent, then

If and are not independent, then is not chi-squared distributed.

**Generalizations**

1. Construction of the Chi-squared Distributions: The chi-squared distribution is obtained as the sum of independent, zero-mean unit-variance Gaussian random variables.
2. Generalizing the Chi-squared Distribution: Generalizations of this distribution can be obtained by summing the squares of other types of Gaussian random variables. Several such distributions are described below.

**Linear Combination**

If are chi-squared random variables and

then a closed expression for the distribution is

is not known. It may be, however, approximated efficiently using the property of characteristic functions of chi-squared random variables (Bausch (2013)).

**Non-Central Chi-Squared Distribution**

The non-central chi-squared distribution is obtained from the sum of squares of independent Gaussian random variables having unit variance and *non-zero* means.

**Generalized Chi-Squared Distribution**

The generalized chi-squared distribution is obtained from the quadratic form where is a zero-means Gaussian vector having an arbitrary covariance matrix, and is an arbitrary matrix.

**Gamma, Exponential, and Related Distribution**

1. Parametrized Specialization of the Gamma Distribution: The chi-squared distribution

is a special case of gamma distribution, in that

using the rate parameterization of the gamma distribution – or

using the scale parameterization of the Gamma distribution – where is an integer.

1. Exponential Distribution from Chi-squared: Because the exponential distribution is also a special case of the gamma distribution, one also has that if

then

is an exponential distribution.

1. Erlang Specialization of the Gamma Distribution: The Erlang distribution is also a special case of the gamma distribution, and thus one also has that if

with even , then is Erlang distributed with shape parameter and scale parameter .

**Occurrence and Applications**

1. Test and Variance Estimation: The chi-squared distribution has numerous applications in inferential statistics, for instance in chi-squared tests, and in estimating variances.
2. Regression Slope and Population Mean: It enters the problem of estimating the mean of a normally distributed population and the problem of estimating the slope of a regression line via its role in the Student-t distribution.
3. Analysis of Variance using F-distribution: It enters all analysis of variance problems via its role in the F-distribution, which is the distribution of the ratio of two independent chi-squared random variables, each divided by their respective degrees of freedom.
4. Central from Gaussian Distribution: Following are some of the most common situations in which the chi-squared distribution arises from a Gaussian distributed sample. If are i.i.d. random variables, then

where

1. Variants in Normal Distribution: The box below shows some statistics based on

independent random variables that have probability distributions related to chi-squared distribution.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Name** | **Distribution** |
| Chi-squared Distribution |  |
| Non-central Chi-squared Distribution |  |
| Chi Distribution |  |
| Non-central Chi Distribution |  |

1. Use in Magnetic Resonance Imaging: The chi-squared distribution is also often encountered in magnetic resonance imaging (den Dekker and Sijbers (2014)).

**Table of Values vs. -Values**

1. Review of the -Value Definition: The -Value is the probability of observing a test statistic *at least* as extreme in the specified distribution (here chi-squared).
2. Computing the -Value from CDF: Thus, since the cumulative distribution function (CDF) for the appropriate degrees of freedom gives the probability of having obtained a value *less extreme* than this point, subtracting CDF from 1 gives the -Value.
3. Establishing Statistical Significance using -Values: A low -Value, below the chosen significance level, indicates statistical significance, i.e., sufficient evidence to reject the NULL hypothesis.
4. Typical Hypothesis Testing Significance Threshold: A significance level of 0.05 is often used as the cut-off between significant and not-significant results.
5. -Values for with 10 Degrees of Freedom: The table below gives a number of -Values matching to for the first 10 degrees of freedom (Pennsylvania State University (2016)).

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Degrees of Freedom** | **Value** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **1** | 0.004 | 0.02 | 0.06 | 0.15 | 0.46 | 1.07 | 1.84 | 2.71 | 3.84 | 6.63 | 10.830 |
| **2** | 0.100 | 0.21 | 0.45 | 0.71 | 1.39 | 2.41 | 3.22 | 4.61 | 5.99 | 9.21 | 13.820 |
| **3** | 0.350 | 0.58 | 1.01 | 1.42 | 2.37 | 3.66 | 4.64 | 6.25 | 7.81 | 11.34 | 16.270 |
| **4** | 0.710 | 1.06 | 1.65 | 2.20 | 3.36 | 4.88 | 5.99 | 7.78 | 9.49 | 13.28 | 18.470 |
| **5** | 1.140 | 1.61 | 2.34 | 3.00 | 4.35 | 6.06 | 7.29 | 9.24 | 11.07 | 15.09 | 20.520 |
| **6** | 1.630 | 2.20 | 3.07 | 3.83 | 5.35 | 7.23 | 8.56 | 10.64 | 12.49 | 16.81 | 22.460 |
| **7** | 2.170 | 2.83 | 3.82 | 4.67 | 6.35 | 8.38 | 9.80 | 12.02 | 14.07 | 18.48 | 24.320 |
| **8** | 2.730 | 3.49 | 4.59 | 5.53 | 7.34 | 9.52 | 11.03 | 13.36 | 15.51 | 20.09 | 26.120 |
| **9** | 3.320 | 4.17 | 5.38 | 6.39 | 8.34 | 10.66 | 12.24 | 14.68 | 16.92 | 21.67 | 27.880 |
| **10** | 3.940 | 4.87 | 6.18 | 7.27 | 9.34 | 11.78 | 13.44 | 15.99 | 18.31 | 23.21 | 29.590 |
| **p-Value** | **0.950** | **0.90** | **0.80** | **0.70** | **0.50** | **0.30** | **0.20** | **0.10** | **0.05** | **0.01** | **0.001** |

1. p-Value from Inverse CDF Function: The above values can also be calculated using the quantile function – also known as *inverse CDF* or *ICDF* – of the chi-squared distribution – e.g., for a p-Value of 0.05 and 7 degrees of freedom no gets 14.06714, or 14.07 as in the able above.

**Summary Expressions**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Notation** | or |
| **Parameters** | (degrees of freedom) |
| **Support** | if  otherwise |
| **Probability Density Function** |  |
| **Cumulative Density Function** |  |
| **Mean** |  |
| **Median** |  |
| **Mode** |  |
| **Variance** |  |
| **Skewness** |  |
| **Excess Kurtosis** |  |
| **Entropy** |  |
| **Moment Generating Function** | for |
| **Characteristic Function** | Sanders (2011) |
| **Probability Generating Function** | for |

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**Non-central Chi-Square Distribution**

**Overview**

1. Generalization of the Chi-Square Distribution: The *non-central chi-square distribution* is a generalization of the chi-square distribution (Wikipedia (2019)).
2. NULL Chi Square Distribution Tests: It often arises in the power analysis of statistical tests in which the NULL distribution – perhaps asymptotically – is a chi-square distribution; important examples of such tests are the likelihood ratio tests.

**Background**

1. Non-central Chi-square Distribution: Let be independent, normally distributed random variables with means and unit variances. Then the random variable is distributed according to the non-central chi-square distribution.
2. Non-central Chi-square Distribution Parameters: It has 2 parameters - which specifies the number of degrees of freedom, i.e., the number of , and which is related to the mean of the random variables by

is sometimes called the non-centrality parameter; some references define in other ways, such as half of the above sum, or its square root.

1. as Squared Mean: This distribution arises in multivariate statistics as a derivative of multivariate normal distributions. While the central chi-square distribution is the squared norm of a random vector with distribution, i.e., squared distance from the origin to a point taken at random from that distribution, the non-central chi-square is the squared norm of a random vector with distribution, Here is a vector of length ,

and is the identity matrix of size .

**Non-central Chi-Square Distribution Table**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Parameters** | Degrees of Freedom  Non-centrality Parameter |
| **Support** |  |
| **CDF** |  |
| **PDF** | with Marcum Q-function |
| **Mean** |  |
| **Variance** |  |
| **Skewness** |  |
| **Excess Kurtosis** |  |
| **MGF** | for |
| **CF** |  |

**Definition**

1. Non-central Chi-square PDF: The probability density function is given by

where is distributed as chi-square with degrees of freedom.

1. Intuition behind the PDF Expression: From the above representation, the non-central chi-square distribution is seen to be a Poisson-weighted mixture of central chi-square distributions. Suppose that a random variable has a Poisson distribution with mean , and the conditional distribution of given

is chi-square with degrees of freedom. Then the unconditional distribution of is non-central chi-square with degrees of freedom, and non-centrality parameter .

1. Bessel Function Based PDF Expression: Alternatively, the PDF can be written as

where is a modified Bessel function of the first kind given by

1. Hypergeometric Function Based PDF: Using the relation between the Bessel functions and the hyper-geometric functions, the PDF can also be written as (Muirhead (2005))

Siegel (1979) discusses the case

specifically – zero degrees of freedom – in which the distribution has a discrete component at zero.

**Properties – Moment Generating Function**

The moment generating function is given by

for

**Properties – Moments**

1. First Four Non-central Moments: The first few raw moments are
2. Second, Third, and Fourth Central Moments: The first few central moments are
3. Cumulant/Arbitrary Non-central Moment: The cumulant is

Hence

**Cumulative Distribution Function**

1. Explicit Expression for the CDF: Using the relation between the central and the non-central chi-square distributions, the cumulative CDF can be written as

where is the cumulative distribution function of the central chi-square distribution with degrees of freedom, which is given by

and is the lower incomplete gamma function.

1. CDF Based Marcum Q Function: The Marcum Q-function can also be used to represent the CDF (Nuttall (1975)) as

**Approximation – including for Quantiles**

1. Abdel-Aty Non-central CDF Approximation: Abdel-Aty (1954) derives – as a first approximation – a non-central Wilson-Haferty approximation. is approximately normally distributed as , i.e.,

where

which is quite accurate and well-adapting to non-centrality. Also

becomes

for

which is the central chi-square case.

1. Sankaran Family of Normal Approximations: Sankaran (1963) discusses a number of closed form approximations for the cumulative distribution function. In an earlier paper (Sankaran (1959)) he states and derives the following approximation:

where

This and the other approximations are discussed in Johnson, Klotz, and Balakrishnan (1995). For a given probability, these formulas are easily inverted to provide the corresponding approximation for , to compute the approximation quantiles.

**Derivation of the PDF**

1. Spherically Symmetric Independent Gaussian Variates: The derivation of the probability density function is done most easily by performing the following steps. First, since have unit variances, their joint distribution is spherically symmetric up to a location shift.
2. Dependence on the Squared Distribution Means: The spherical symmetry implies that the distribution of

depends only on the means through the squared length

Without loss of generality, one can therefore take

and

1. Density Contributions from Positive/Negative: The next step is to derive the density of

for the

case. Simple transformations of the random variables show that

1. Poisson Weighted Taylor Series Terms: Expand the term in a Taylor series. This gives the Poisson weighted mixture representation of the density, still for

The indices on the chi-square random variables in the series above are in this case.

1. Connection to the Central Chi Square: Finally, for the general case. It has been assumed, without loss of generality, that are standard normal, and so has a *central* chi-square distribution with degrees of freedom, independent of . Using the Poisson-weighted mixture representation for , and the fact that the sum of chi-square distributed random variables is also chi-square, completes the result. The indices in the series are

as required.

**Related Distributions**

1. Central Chi-square as a Special Case: If is chi-squared distributed as

then is also non-central chi-square distributed

1. Non central Distribution: If

and

and is independent of , then a non-central distributed variables is developed as

1. Poisson Conditioned Chi Square: If

then

1. Transformation to the Rice Distribution: If

then takes the Rice distribution with the parameter .

1. Approximation using the Normal Distribution: As shown in Muirhead (2005), if

then

in distribution as either

or

1. Independent Non central Chi Square Sum:

and

and is independent of , then

where

In general, for a finite set of

the sum of the non-central chi-square distributed random variables

has the distribution

where

This can be seen using the moment generating functions as follows:

by the independence of the random variables. It remains to plug-in the MGF for the non-central chi-square distributions into the product and compute the new MGF. Alternatively, it can be seen via the interpretation in the background section above as sum of squares of independently distributed random variables with variance of and the specified means.

1. Complex Non-central Chi-square: The complex non-central chi-square has applications in radio communications and radar systems. Let be independent scalar random variables of circular symmetry, means of and unit variances.

Then the real random variable

is distributed according to the complex non-central

where

**Transformations**

1. Sankaran Cumulant Analysis and Transformations: Sankaran (1963) discusses transformations of the form

He analyzes the expansions of the cumulants of up to the term and shows that the following choices of produce reasonable results.

makes the second cumulant of approximately independent of

makes the third cumulant of approximately independent of

makes the fourth cumulant of approximately independent of

1. Variance Stabilizing Transformation of : Also, a simpler transformation

can be used as a variance stabilizing transformation that produces a random variable with a mean

and variance . Usability of these transformations may be hampered by the need to take square roots of negative numbers.

**Use in Tolerance Intervals**

Two-sided normal regression tolerance intervals can be obtained based on the non-central chi-square distribution (Young (2010)). This enables the calculation of a statistical interval within which, with some confidence level, a specified proportion of the sampled population falls.

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**Exponential Distribution**

**Overview**

1. Definition of an Exponential Distribution: The *exponential distribution* or *negative exponential distribution* is the probability distribution of the time between events in a Poisson point process, i.e., a process in which events occur continuously and independently at a constant average rate (Wikipedia (2023)).
2. Key Traits of Exponential Distribution: Exponential distribution is a particular case of gamma distribution. It is the continuous analogue of the geometric distribution, and it has the key property of being memoryless. In addition to being used for the analysis of Poisson point processes it is found in various other contexts.
3. Member of Exponential Distribution Family: The exponential distribution is not the same as the class of exponential families of distributions. This is a large class of probability distributions that includes the exponential distribution as one of its members, but also includes many other distributions, like normal, binomial, gamma, and Poisson distributions.

**Definitions – Probability Density Function**

1. Explicit Form of the PDF:



The probability density function pdf of an exponential distribution is

1. Parametrization of the Distribution: Here is the parameter of the distribution, often called the *rate parameter*. This distribution is supported on the interval If a random variable has this distribution, one writes

The exponential distribution exhibits infinite divisibility.

**Definition – Cumulative Distribution Function**



The cumulative distribution function is given by

**Definition – Alternative Parameterization**

The exponential distribution is sometimes parameterized in terms of the scale parameter

**Properties Table**

1. Parameters:

the rate or inverse scale parameter.

1. Support:
2. PDF:
3. CDF:
4. Quantile:
5. Mean:
6. Median:
7. Mode:
8. Variance:
9. Skewness:
10. Ex. Kurtosis:
11. MGF: for
12. Fisher Information:
13. Kullback-Leibler Divergence:
14. CVaR (Expected Shortfall):
15. bPOE:

**Properties – Mean, Variance, Moments, Variance**

1. Mean of an Exponential Distribution:



The mean or expected value of an exponentially distributed random variable with rate parameter is given by

1. Variance and Standard Deviation: The variance of is given by

so that the standard deviation is equal to the mean.

1. Moments of an Exponential Distribution: The moments of , for

are given by

1. Central Moments - Use of Subfactorial: The central moments of , for

are given by

where is the subfactorial of .

1. Comparison of Median and Mean:



The median of is given by

Thus, the absolute difference between the mean and the median is

in accordance with the mean-median inequality.

**Memorylessness Property of Exponential Random Variables**

1. Mathematical Statement of Memorylessness Property: An exponentially distributed random variable obeys the relation
2. Derivation using Complementary Cumulative Distribution: This can be seen by considering the complementary cumulative distribution function:
3. Intuition behind the Memorylessness Property: When is interpreted as the waiting time for an event to occur relative to some starting time, the above relation implies that, if is conditioned on a failure to observe an event over some initial period of time , the distribution of the remaining waiting time is the same as the original unconditional distribution.
4. Practical Illustration of the Property: For example, if an event has not occurred after seconds, the conditional probability that the occurrence will take at least more seconds is equal to the unconditional probability of observing the event more than seconds after the initial time.
5. The Only Memoryless Distribution: The exponential distribution and the geometric distributions are the only distributions that are memoryless.
6. Distribution with Fixed Failure Rate: The exponential distribution is consequently also necessarily the only continuous distribution that has a constant failure rate.

**Quantiles**

1. Inverse Cumulative Distribution Function: The quantile function, i.e., the inverse cumulative distribution function, for is
2. First, Second, and Third Quantiles: The quantiles are therefore:
   1. First Quantile -
   2. Second Quantile/median -
   3. Third Quantile -
3. The Inter-quantile Range: And as a consequence, the inter-quantile range is
4. Tukey Criteria for Anomalies:



**Conditional Value at Risk (Expected Shortfall)**

1. Definition of CVaR/Expected Shortfall: The conditional value-at-risk – CVaR – also known as the expected shortfall or super-quantile for is derived as follows (Norton, Khokhlov, and Uryasev (2019)).
2. Derivation of the Distribution CVaR:

**Buffered Probability of Exceedance bPOE**

1. Defining Buffered Probability of Exceedance: The buffered probability of exceedance is one minus the probability level at which the CVaR equals the threshold . It is derived as follows (Norton, Khokhlov, and Uryasev (2019)).
2. Explicit Expression for the bPOE:

**Kullback-Leibler Convergence**

1. Directed Kullback-Leibler Divergence: The directed Kullback-Leibler divergence in nats of – “approximating” distribution – from – “true” distribution – is given as follows.
2. Explicit Expression for the Divergence:

**Maximum Entropy Distribution**

1. Distribution with Largest Differential Entropy: Among all continuous probability distributions with support and mean the exponential distribution with

has the largest differential entropy.

1. Maximum Entropy Distribution for :In other words, it is the maximum entropy probability distribution for a random variable which is greater than or equal to zero and for which is fixed (Park and Bera (2009)).

**Distribution of the Minimum of Exponential Random Variables**

1. Minimum Distribution is also Exponential: Let be independent exponentially distributed random variables with rate parameters . Then is also exponentially distributed, with parameter
2. Derivation using Complementary Cumulative Distribution: This can be seen considering the complementary cumulative distribution function:
3. Distribution of Realized Minimal Index: The index of the variable which achieves the minimum is distributed according to the categorical distribution
4. Derivation of Minimal Index Distribution: A proof can be seen by letting

Then

1. Maximum Distribution is not Exponential: Note that is not exponentially distributed, if do not all have parameter zero.

**Joint Moments of i.i.d. Exponential Order Statistics**

1. Independent Exponential Variable Order Statistics: Let be independent and identically distributed exponential random variables with rate parameter . Let denote the corresponding order statistics.
2. Expression for Joint Order Statistic: For

the joint moment of the order statistic and is given by

1. Derivation of Joint Order Statistic: This can be seen by invoking the law of total expectation and the memoryless property:
2. Law of Total Expectation: The first equation follows from the law of total expectation.
3. Applying the Order Statistic Ordinal: The second equation exploits the fact that once one conditions on

it must follow that

1. Use of the Memoryless Property: The third equation relies on the memoryless property to replace with

**Sum of Two Independent Exponential Random Variables**

1. Convolution of the Individual Distributions: The probability distribution function pdf of a sum of two independent random variables is the convolution of their individual pdf’s.
2. Probability Density of the Sum: If and are independent random variables with respective rate parameters and , then the probability density of

is given by

1. Entropy of the Probability Density: The entropy of this distribution is available in closed form: assuming

without loss of generality, then

where is the Euler-Mascheroni constant, and is the digamma function (Eckford and Thomas (2016)).

1. Equal Rate Results in Erlang Distribution: In the case of equal rate parameters, the result is an Erlang distribution with shape and parameter , which in turn is a special case of the gamma distribution.

**Related Distributions**

1. Laplace #1: If

then

1. Pareto #1: If

then

1. Skew Logistic: If

then

1. Uniform: If

then

1. Scaled Beta: The exponential distribution is the limit of a scaled beta distribution:
2. Type 3 Pearson: Exponential distribution is a special case of type 3 Pearson distribution.
3. Closure under Scaling:

closure under scaling by a positive factor.

1. Truncated Exponential:

which reduces to a truncated exponential distribution.

1. Pareto #2:
2. Beta:
3. Power Law:
4. Rayleigh:

the Rayleigh distribution.

1. Weibull #1:

the Weibull distribution.

1. Weibull #2:
2. Gumbel:
3. Gumbel #1:

a geometric distribution on

1. Gumbel #2:

a geometric distribution on

1. Erlang: If

or

then

1. Gamma in Shape, Scale Parameterization: If

then the marginal distribution of is i.e., the gamma mixture.

1. Gamma in or Parameterization: If

then

in the and parameterization respectively, with an integer shape parameter (Ibe (2014)).

1. Laplace #2:
2. Independent : If are independent, then
3. Ratio of Independent :

has the probability density function

This can be used to obtain a confidence interval for .

1. Logistic #1: If

the logistic distribution.

1. Logistic #2: If
2. GEV: If
3. K-Distribution: If

and

then

is the K-distribution.

1. Poisson and Geometric: If

and

then

i.e., the geometric distribution.

1. Hoyt: The Hoyt distribution can be obtained from exponential distribution and arcsine distribution.
2. Limit of the k-exponential: The exponential distribution is a limit of the K-exponential distribution in the

case.

1. -Generalized Gamma: Exponential distribution is a limit of the -Generalized Gamma distribution in the

and

cases:

1. Hyper-exponential Distribution: Distribution whose density is a weighted sum of exponential densities.
2. Hypo-exponential Distribution: Distribution of a general sum of exponential densities.
3. ex-Gaussian Distribution: Sum of exponential and a normal distribution.

**Statistical Distribution**

In the following section, it is supposed that the random variable is exponentially distributed with rate parameter , and are independent samples from , with sample mean .

**Parameter Estimation**

1. Maximum Likelihood Estimator for : The maximum likelihood for is constructed as follows. The likelihood function for , given an independent and identically distributed sample

drawn from the variable, is:

where

1. Derivative of Likelihood Function’s Logarithm: The derivative of the likelihood function’s logarithm is
2. MLE for the Rate Parameter: Consequently, the maximum likelihood estimate for the rate parameter is
3. Unbiased Nature of the Estimator: This is *not* an unbiased estimator of , although is an unbiased MLE (Johnson and Wichern (2007)) estimator of and the distribution mean.
4. Bias in the MLE Parameter: The bias of is equal to

which yields the bias-corrected maximum likelihood estimator

1. Approximate Minimizer of MSE: An approximate minimizer of mean-squared error can be found, assuming a sample size greater than two, with a correction factor to the MLE:
2. Derivative from the Gamma Distribution: This is derived from the mean and the variance of the inverse-gamma distribution (Elfessi and Reineke (2001)).

**Fisher Information**

1. Definition of the Fisher Information: The Fisher information, denoted , for an estimation of the rate parameter is given by
2. Fisher Information for Exponential Distribution:
3. Intuition behind the Fisher Information: This determines the amount of information each independent sample of an exponential distribution carries about the unknown rate parameter .

**Confidence Intervals**

1. Confidence Interval for Rate Parameter: The confidence interval for the rate parameter of an exponential distribution is given by (Ross (2009)):

which is also equal to

where is the percentile of the chi-squared distribution with degrees of freedom, is the number of observations of inter-arrival times in the sample, and x-bar is the sample average.

1. Approximation for the Confidence Intervals: A simple example to the exact interval endpoints can be derived using a normal approximation to the distribution.
2. Expression for the Interval: This approximation gives the following values for a confidence interval:
3. Sample Size Required for Estimation: This approximation may be acceptable for samples containing at least to elements (Guerriero (2012)).

**Bayesian Inference**

1. Conjugate Prior for the Exponential Distribution: The conjugate prior for the exponential distribution is the gamma distribution – of which the exponential distribution is a special case.
2. Parameterizing the Gamma Probability Density: The following parameterization of the gamma probability density is useful:
3. The Corresponding Posterior Distribution: The posterior distribution can then be defined in terms of the likelihood function defined above and a gamma prior:

The posterior property above has been specified up to a missing normalizing constant.

1. Posterior Under the Gamma Parameterization: Since it has the form of a gamma pdf, this can be filled in, and one obtains
2. Interpretation of the Hyperparameter : Here the hyper-parameter can be interpreted as the number of prior observations, and as the sum of the prior observations.
3. Explicit Form for Posterior Mean: The posterior mean here is .

**Occurrence and Applications – Occurrence of Events**

1. Occurrence of the Exponential Distribution: The exponential distribution occurs naturally when describing the lengths of the inter-arrival times in a homogenous Poisson process.
2. Relation to the Geometric Distribution: The exponential distribution may be viewed as a continuous counterpart of the geometric distribution, which describes the number of Bernoulli trials necessary for a *discrete* process to change state. In contract, the exponential distribution describes the times for a continuous process to change state.
3. Assumption of a Constant Rate: In real-world scenario, the assumption of a constant rate – or probability per unit time – is rarely satisfied. For example, the rate of incoming phone calls differs according to the time of the day.
4. Regime where Rate is Constant: But if one focuses on a time during which the rate is roughly constant, such as from 2 PM to 4 PM during work days, the exponential distribution can be used as a good approximate model for the time until the next phone call services. Similar caveats apply to the following examples which yield approximately exponentially distributed variables.
5. Example #1 - Geiger Counter: The time until a radio-active particle decays, or the time between clicks of a Geiger counter.
6. Example #2 - Telephone Call: The time it takes before the next telephone call.
7. Example #3 - Reduced Form Credit Risk Model: The time until default – on payment to company debt-holders – in reduced-form credit risk modeling.
8. Other Instances of Exponential Distribution Occurrence: Exponential variables can also be used to model situations where certain events occur with a constant probability per unit length, such as the distance between the mutations on a DNA strand, or between road-kills on a given road.
9. Service Times in Queuing Theory: In queuing theory, the service times of agents in a system – e.g., how long it takes for a bank teller etc. to serve a customer – one often modeled as exponentially distributed variables.
10. Comparison with Poisson Distribution: The arrival of customers, for instance, is also modeled by the Poisson distribution if the arrivals are independent and distributed identically.
11. Relation to the Erlang Distribution: The length of a process that can be thought of as a sequence of several independent tasks follows the Erlang distribution, which is the distribution of the sum of several independent exponentially distributed variables.
12. Use in Reliability Theory/Engineering: Reliability theory and reliability engineering also make extensive use of the exponential distribution.
13. Example Usage in Reliability Theory: Because of the *memoryless* property of this distribution, it is well-suited to model the constant hazard rate portion of the bathtub curve used in reliability theory.
14. Suitability in Applying to Reliability Models: It is also very convenient because it is so easy to add failure rates in a reliability model.
15. Situations where it is Unsuitable: The exponential distribution is, however, not appropriate to model the overall lifetime of organisms or technical devices, because the “failure rates” here are not constant: more failures occur for very young and for very old systems.
16. Application in the Barometric Formula: In physics, if one observes a gas at a fixed temperature and pressure in a uniform gravitational field, the heights of various molecules also follow an approximate exponential distribution, known as the Barometric formula. This is a consequence of the entropy property.
17. Use in Hydrology: In hydrology, the exponential distribution is used to analyze extreme values of such variables as monthly and annual maximum values of daily rainfall and river discharge volumes (Ritzema (1994)).
18. Cumulative Exponential Distribution Fitted:



Fitted cumulative exponential to annual maximum 1-day rainfalls.

1. Example: Use in Analyzing One-day Rainfalls: The picture above illustrates an example of fitting the exponential distribution to ranked annually maximum one-day rainfalls showing also the 90% confidence belt on the binomial distribution. The rainfall data are represented by plotting positions as part of the cumulative frequency analysis.
2. Distribution of Surgery Duration: In operating-rooms management, the distribution of surgery duration for a category of surgeries with no typical work-content – like in an emergency room, encompassing all types of surgeries.

**Prediction**

1. Predictions from Unknown Exponential Distribution: Having observed a sample of data points from an unknown exponential distribution a common task is to use these samples to make predictions about future data from the same source.
2. Estimation of from Data: A common predictive distribution over future samples is the so-called plug-in distribution, formed by plugging a suitable estimate for the rate parameter into the exponential density function.
3. from the MLE Principle: A common choice of estimate is the one provided by the principle of maximum likelihood, and using this yields the predictive density over a future sample , conditioned on the observed samples

given by

1. from a Bayesian Approach: The Bayesian approach provides a predictive distribution which takes into account the uncertainty of the estimated parameter, although this may depend crucially on the choice of prior.
2. Bayesian Approach from Uninformed Prior: A predictive distribution free of the issues of choosing priors that arise under the subjective Bayesian approach is

which can be considered to be one of the following.

1. Frequentist Confidence Distribution: Obtained from the distribution of the pivotal quantity (Lawless and Fredette (2005)).
2. Profile Predictive Likelihood: Obtained by eliminating the parameter from the joint likelihood of and by maximization (Bjornstad (1990)).
3. Objective Bayesian Predictive Posterior distribution: Obtained using the non-informative Jeffrey’s prior
4. Conditional Normalized Maximum Likelihood (CNML): The CNML predictive distribution, from information theoretic considerations (Schmidt and Makalic (2009)).
5. Accuracy of the Predictive Distribution: The accuracy of a predictive distribution may be measured using the distance or divergence between the true exponential distribution with rate parameter and the predictive distribution based on the sample .
6. Use of Kullback-Liebler Divergence: The Kullback-Leibler divergence is a commonly used parameterization-free measure of the distance between two distributions.
7. KL Divergence for ML/CNML: Letting denote the Kullback-Leibler divergence between an exponential distribution with rate parameter and a predictive distribution it can be shown that

where the expectation is taken with respect to the exponential distribution with the rate parameter

and is the digamma function.

1. Superiority of the CNML Approach: It is clear that the CNML predictive distribution is strictly superior to the maximum likelihood plug-in distribution in terms of the average Kullback-Leibler divergence for all sample size

**Random Variate Generation**

1. Generation using Inverse Transform Sampling: A conceptually very simple method for generating exponential variates is based on inverse transform sampling. Given a random variate drawn from the uniform distribution on the unit interval the variate

has an exponential distribution, where is the quantile function defined by

1. Simple Scheme for Random Exponential: Moreover, if is uniform in then so is . This means one can generate exponential variates as follows:
2. Alternate Exponential Variate Construction Setting: Other methods for generating exponential variates are discussed by Devroye (1986) and Knuth (1998).
3. Sorted Set of Random Exponentials: Other methods for generating exponential variates are discussed by Devroye (1986) and Knuth (1998).
4. Sorted Set of Random Exponentials: A fast method for generating a set of ready-ordered exponential variates without using a sorting routine is also available (Devroye (1986)).

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**Hilbert Space**

**Overview**

1. Origin of the Hilbert Space: *Hilbert spaces* allow generalizing the methods of linear algebra and calculus for finite-dimensional Euclidean vector spaces to spaces that may be infinite-dimensional (Wikipedia (2022)).
2. Dot Product as Completion Metric: A Hilbert space is a vector space equipped with an inner product which defines a distance function for which it is a complete metric.
3. Practical Use in Function Spaces: Hilbert spaces is naturally and frequently in mathematics and physics, typically in function spaces.
4. Applications in Math and Science: Hilbert spaces are indispensable tools in the theory of partial differential equations, quantum mechanisms, Fourier analysis – which include applications to signal processing and heat transfer, and ergodic theory – which forms the mathematical underpinning of thermodynamics.
5. Use Outside of Euclidean Spaces: Apart from the classical Euclidean vector spaces, examples of Hilbert spaces include spaces of square-integrable functions, spaces of sequences, Sobolev spaces consisting of generalized functions, and Hardy spaces of holomorphic functions.
6. Applicability of Euclidean Space Theorems: Geometric intuition plays an important role in many aspects of Hilbert space formulation. Exact analogues of the Pythagorean theorem and the parallelogram law hold in a Hilbert space.
7. Projection onto a Linear Subspace: At a deeper level, perpendicular projection onto a linear subspace plays a significant role in optimization problems and other aspects of the theory.
8. Full Specification of an Element: An element of a Hilbert can be uniquely specified by its coordinates with respect to an orthonormal basis, in analogy with Cartesian coordinates in classical geometry.
9. Finite vs Infinite Hilbert Spaces: When this basis is countably infinite, it allows identifying the Hilbert space with the space of infinite sequences that are square-summable. In the older literature, the latter space is often referred to as *the* Hilbert space.

**Definition and Illustration – Motivating Example: Euclidean Vector Space**

1. 3D Euclidean Vector Space: One of the most familiar examples of a Hilbert space is the Euclidean vector space consisting of 3D vectors, denoted by , and equipped with the dot product.
2. Dot Product in Cartesian Coordinates: The dot product takes two vectors and , and produces a real number . If and are represented in Cartesian coordinates, then the dot product is defined by
3. Properties of Dot Product Symmetry: The dot product satisfies the following properties. First, it is symmetric in and :
4. Properties of Dot Product - Linearity: It is linear in its first argument:

for any scalars and vectors , , and .

1. Properties of Dot Product – PD: It is positive definite: for all vectors

with equality if and only if

1. Definition of Real Inner Product: An operation on vectors that, like the dot product, satisfies these three properties is known as a real inner product. A vector space equipped with such an inner product in known as a real inner product space.
2. Finite-Dimensional Inner Product Space: Every finite dimensional inner product space is also a Hilbert space.
3. Pre-Hilbert vs *the*-Hilbert Space: However, some sources call finite-dimensional spaces with these properties pre-Hilbert spaces, reserving the term “Hilbert spaces” for infinite-dimensional spaces.
4. Dot Product in Euclidean Spaces: The basic feature of dot product that connects it with Euclidean geometry is that it is related to both the length – or norm – of a vector, denoted , and to the angle between two vectors and by means of the formula
5. Multivariate Calculus in Euclidean Space: Multivariate calculus in Euclidean space relies on the ability to compute limits, and to have useful criteria for concluding that limits exist.
6. Illustration of the Notion of Completeness:



Completeness means that if a particle moves along a broken path – in blue – traveling a finite total distance, then the particle has a well-defined net displacement – shown in orange.

1. Absolute Convergence of a Series: A mathematical series consisting of vectors in is absolutely convergent provided that the sum of the lengths converges as an ordinary series of real numbers (Marsden (1974))
2. Convergence of Vectors to a Limit: Just as with a series of scalars, a series of vectors that converges absolutely converges to some limit vector in the Euclidean space, in the sense that

as

1. *Completeness* of the Euclidean Space: This property expresses the completeness of the Euclidean space: that a series that converges absolutely also converges in the ordinary sense.
2. Hilbert Spaces over Complex Numbers: Hilbert spaces are often taken over the complex numbers. The complex plane denoted by is equipped with a notion of magnitude, the complex modulus , which is defined as the square root of the product of wit its complex conjugate:
3. Modulus of a Complex Number: If is a decomposition of into its real and imaginary parts, then the modulus is the usual Euclidean 2D length:
4. Inner Product of Complex Numbers: The inner product of a pair of complex numbers and is the product of with the complex conjugate of :
5. Real-part of Dot Product: This is complex valued. The real part of gives the usual 2D Euclidean dot product.
6. Ordered Pair of Complex Numbers: A second example is the space whose elements are the pairs of complex numbers

Then the inner product of with another such vector

is given by

1. Inner Product is Hermitian Symmetric: The real part of is then the 2D Euclidean dot product. The inner product is *Hermitian* symmetric, which means that the result of changing and is the complex conjugate

**Definition and Illustration – Definition**

1. What is a Hilbert Space? A *Hilbert space* is a real or complex inner product space that is also a complete metric space with respect to the distance function induced by the inner product (Dieudonne (1960), Hewitt and Stromberg (1965), Reed and Simon (1980), Rudin (1987)).
2. Complex Inner Product Space: To say that is a *complex inner product space* means that is a complex vector space on which there is an inner product associating a complex number with each pair of elements , of that satisfies the following properties.
3. Inner Product is Conjugate Symmetric: This means that the inner product of a pair of elements id equal to the complex conjugate of the inner product of swapped elements:

Importantly, this implies that is a real number.

1. Inner Product Linear in First Argument: For all complex numbers and

In some conventions, the inner products are linear in their second arguments instead.

1. Positive Definite: The inner product of an element with itself is positive definite:

if

if

1. Conjugate Linear in Second Element: It follows from the first and the second properties that a complex inner product is *anti-linear*, also called *conjugate linear*, in its second argument, meaning that
2. Real Inner Product Space: A *real inner product space* is defined in the same way, except that is a real-vector space and the inner product takes real values.
3. Dual System with Bilinear Map: Such an inner product will be a bilinear map and will be a dual system (Schaffer and Wolff (1999)).
4. Norm and Distance in : The norm is the real-values function

and the distance between two points in is defined in terms of the norm by

1. Properties of the Distance Function: That this function is a distance function means firstly that it is symmetric in and , secondly that the distance between and itself is zero, and otherwise the distance between and must be positive, and lastly that triangle inequality holds, meaning that the length of the leg of one leg of a triangle cannot exceed the sum of the lengths of the other two lengths:
2. Consequence of Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality:



This last property is ultimately a consequence of the more fundamental Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, which asserts

with inequality if and only if and are linearly dependent.

1. Hausdorff pre-Hilbert Space: With a distance function defined this way, any inner product space is a metric space, and is sometimes known as a *Hausdorff pre-Hilbert space* (Dieudonne (1960)).
2. Pre-Hilbert Space that is Complete: Any pre-Hilbert space that is additionally also a complete space is a Hilbert space.
3. Completeness from the Cauchy Criterion: The *completeness* of is expressed using a form of Cauchy criterion for sequences in : a pre-Hilbert space is complete if every Cauchy sequence converges with respect to this norm to an element in the space.
4. Completeness Criterion using Norm Convergence: Completeness can be characterized by the following equivalent condition: if a series of vectors

converges absolutely in the sense that

then the series converges in , in the sense that partial sums converge to an element of .

1. Equivalence between Hilbert and Banach: As a complete normed space, Hilbert spaces are by definition also Banach spaces.
2. As a Topological Vector Banach Spaces: As such, they are topological vector spaces, in which topological notions such as openness and closedness of subsets are well-defined.
3. Closed Linear Subspace of Hilbert Space: Of special importance is the notion of a closed linear subspace of a Hilbert space that, with the inner product induced by restriction, is also complete, i.e., being a closed set in a complete metric space, and therefore a Hilbert space in its own right.

**Definition and Illustration – Second Example: Sequence Spaces**

1. Spaces of Infinite Sequences: The sequence spaces consists of all infinite sequences

of complex numbers such that the series

converges.

1. Inner Product on the Space: The inner product on is defined by

with the latter series converging as a consequence of the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality and the convergence of the previous series.

1. Convergence to within the Space: Completeness of the space holds provided that whenever a series of elements from converges absolutely in norm, it then converges to an element in .
2. Consequence of this Completeness: The proof is basic in mathematical analysis, and permits mathematical series of elements of the space to be manipulated with the same ease as a series of complex numbers, or vectors in finite-dimensional Euclidean space (Dieudonne (1960)).

**Lebesgue Spaces**

1. Definition of the Lebesgue Spaces: Lebesgue spaces are function spaces associated with the measure spaces , where is a set, is a -algebra of subsets of , and is a countably additive measure on .
2. Finiteness of the Lebesgue Integral: Let be the space of those complex-valued measurable functions on for which the Lebesgue integral of the square of the absolute value is finite, i.e., for a function in

and where the functions are identified if and only if they differ only on a set of measure zero.

1. Inner Product in Lebesgue Space: The inner product of functions and in is then defined as

or

where the second form – the conjugation of the first element – is commonly found in theoretical physics literature.

1. Existence of Inner Product Integral: For and in , the integral exists because of the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, and defines an inner product on the space. Equipped with this inner product, is in fact complete (Halmos (1957)).
2. Need for the Lebesgue Integral: The Lebesgue integral is essential to ensuring completeness: on domains of real numbers, for instance, not enough functions are Riemann integrable (Hewitt and Stromberg (1965)).
3. Lebesgue Spaces in Natural Settings: The spaces and of square-integrable functions with respect to the Lebesgue measure are the real line and the unit intervals, respectively, and are natural domains on which to define the Fourier transform and the Fourier series.
4. Weighted Square-integrable Lebesgue Spaces: In other situations, the measure may be something other than the ordinary Lebesgue measure on the real line. For instance, if is any positive measurable function, the space of all measure functions on the interval satisfying

is called the weighted space and is called the weight function.

1. Weighted Lebesgue Space Inner Product: The inner product is defined by
2. Equivalence of the Weighting Measure: The weighted space is identical to the Hilbert space where the measure of a Lebesgue-measurable set is defined by
3. Weighted in Orthogonal Polynomials: Weighted spaces like this are frequently used to study orthogonal polynomials, because families of different polynomials are orthogonal to different weighting functions.

**Examples – Sobolev Spaces**

1. Representing the Sobolev Hilbert Spaces: Sobolev spaces, denoted or , are Hilbert spaces.
2. Differentiable along with Inner Product: These are a special kind of function space in which differentiation my be performed, but that – unlike other Banach spaces such as Holder spaces – support the structure of an inner product.
3. Use in Solving of PDE’s: Because differentiation is permitted, Sobolev spaces are a convenient setting for the theory of partial differential equations (Bers, John, and Schechter (1982)).
4. Direct Methods in Calculus of Variations: They also form the basis for the theory of direct methods in the calculus of variations (Giusti (2003)).
5. Nature of the Sobolev Derivative: For a non-negative integer and

The Sobolev space consists of functions whose weak derivatives of order up to are also .

1. Inner Product of Sobolev Spaces: The inner product in is

where the dot indicates the dot product in the Euclidean space of derivatives of each order.

1. Need not be an Integer: Sobolev spaces can also be defined when is not an integer.
2. Spectral Theory View of Sobolev Spaces: Sobolev spaces are also studied from the viewpoint of spectral theory, relying more specifically on the Hilbert space structure.
3. Representation Using Bessel Potentials: If is a suitable domain, then one can define the Sobolev spaces as the space of Bessel potentials (Stein (1970)); roughly
4. Use of Spectral Mapping Theorem: Here is the Laplacian, and is understood in terms of the spectral mapping theorem.
5. Study of Pseudo-differentiable Operators: Apart from providing a workable definition of Sobolev spaces for non-integer , this definition also has particularly desirable properties under the Fourier transform that make it ideal for the study of pseudo-differential operators.
6. Use in the Hodge Decomposition: Using these methods on a compact Riemannian manifold, one can obtain for instance the Hodge decomposition, which is basis of Hodge theory (Warner (1983)).

**Examples – Hardy Spaces of Holomorphic Functions**

1. Holomorphic Elements of Hardy Spaces: The Hardy spaces are functions spaces, arising in complex analysis and harmonic analysis, whose elements are certain holomorphic functions in a complex domain (Duren (1970)).
2. Definition of the Hardy Spaces: Let be the unit disc in the complex plane. Then the Hardy space is defined as the space of holomorphic functions on such that the means

remain bounded for

1. Norm on this Hardy Space: This is defined by
2. Comparison with the Fourier Series: Hardy spaces in the disc are related to the Fourier series. A function is in if and only if

where

1. Functions on the Circle: Thus consists of those functions that are on the circle, and whose negative frequency Fourier coefficients vanish.

**Bergman Spaces**

1. What are the Bergman Functions? The Bergman spaces are another family of Hilbert spaces of holomorphic functions (Krantz (2002)).
2. Square Integrability over Lebesgue Measure: Let be a bounded open set in the complex plane – or a higher-dimensional complex space – and let be the space of holomorphic functions in that are also in in the sense that

where the integral is taken with respect to the Lebesgue measure in .

1. as a Self-contained Hilbert Subspace: Clearly, is a subspace of ; in fact, it is a closed subspace, and so a Hilbert space in its own right. This is a consequence of the estimate, valid on compact subsets of , that

which in turn follows from Cauchy’s integral formula.

1. Holomorphic Nature of Cauchy Limit: Thus, convergence of a sequence of holomorphic functions in implies also compact convergence, and so the limit function is also holomorphic.
2. Linear Functional Continuous on : Another consequence of this inequality is that the linear functional that evaluates a function at a point is actually continuous on .
3. Using the Reisz Representation Theorem: The Reisz representation theorem implies that the evaluation functional can be represented as an element of .
4. Implied Reproducing Bergman Kernel Function: Thus, for every there is a function

such that

for all

1. Bergman Kernel of : The integrand

is called the Bergman kernel of .

1. Reproducing Property satisfied by the Kernel:
2. Bergman Space - Example of RKHS: The Bergman space is an example of a reproducing kernel Hilbert space, which is a Hilbert space of functions along with a kernel that verifies a reproducing property analogous to the one above.
3. Szego Kernel - Hardy Space Reproducing Kernel: The Hardy space also admits a reproducing kernel, known as the Szego kernel (Krantz (2002)).
4. Reproducing Kernels in other Areas: Reproducing kernels are common in other areas of mathematics as well. For instance, in harmonic analysis, the Poisson kernel is a reproducing kernel for the Hilbert space of square-integrable harmonic functions in the unit ball. That the latter is a Hilbert space at all is a consequence of the mean value theorem for harmonic functions.

**Applications**

1. Value behind Hilbert Space Formulation: Many of the applications of Hilbert spaces exploit the fact that Hilbert spaces support generalizations of simple geometric concepts like projection and change of basis from their usual finite dimension setting.
2. Spectral Theory of Linear Operators: In particular, the spectral theory of continuous self-adjoint linear operators on a Hilbert space generalizes the usual spectral decomposition of a matrix, and this plays a major role in the application of the theory to other areas of mathematics and physics.

**Application – Sturm-Liouville Theorem**

1. Use in Ordinary Differential Equations: In the theory of ordinary differential equations, spectral methods on a suitable Hilbert space are used to study the behavior of eigenvalues and eigenfunctions of differential equations.
2. Example - The Sturm-Liouville Theorem: For example, the Sturm-Liouville problem arises in the study of harmonics of waves in a violin string or a drum, and is a central problem in ordinary differential equations (Young (1988)).
3. The ODE and Boundary Conditions: The problem is a differential equation of the form

for an unknown function on an interval satisfying the general homogenous Robin boundary conditions

and

1. Existence of Solutions to the ODE: The functions , , and are given in advance, and the problem is to find the function and the constants for which the equation has a solution.
2. Eigenvalues of Sturm Liouville Equation: The problem only has solutions for certain values of , called the eigenvalues of the system, and this is a consequence of the spectral theorem for compact operators applied to the integral operator defined by the Green’s function for the system.
3. Kernel Associated with the System: Furthermore, another consequence of this general result is that the eigenvalues of the system can be arranged in an increasing sequence tending to infinity. The eigenvalues of the Fredholm kernel are , which tend to zero.
4. Illustration of the Oscillating Modes:



Picture illustrates the overtones of a vibrating string. These are eigenfunctions of an associated Sturm-Liouville problem. The eigenvalues , , , form the musical harmonic series.

**Partial Differential Equations**

1. Use in Study of PDE: Hilbert spaces form a basic tool in the study of partial differential equations (Bers, John, and Schechter (1981)).
2. Generalized Weak Solutions of PDE’s: For many classes of partial differential equations, such as linear elliptic equations, it is possible to consider a generalized solution – known as a weak solution – by enlarging the class of functions.
3. Weak Formulations using Sobolev Functions: Many weak formulations involve the class of Sobolev functions, which is a Hilbert space.
4. Benefits of the Weak Formulation: A suitable weak formulation reduces to a geometrical problem the analytic problem of finding a solution, or often what is more important, showing that a solution exists and is unique for given boundary data.
5. Applying the Lax-Milgram Theorem: For linear elliptic equations, one geometrical result that ensures the unique solvability for a large class of problems is the Lax-Milgram theorem.
6. Basis of the Galerkin Method: This strategy forms the rudiment of the Galerkin method – a finite element method – for numerical solution of partial differential equations. More details on the finite element methods from this point of view can be found in Brenner and Scott (2005).
7. Poisson Equations with Dirichlet Boundary Conditions: A typical example is the Poisson equation

with Dirichlet boundary conditions in a bounded domain in .

1. Application of the Weak Formulation: The weak formulation consists of funding a function such that, for all continuously differentiable functions in vanishing in the boundary:
2. Recast Using the Hilbert Space: This can be re-cast in terms of the Hilbert space consisting of functions such that , along with its weak partial derivatives, are square-integrable on , and vanish on the boundary.
3. Recast Using Linear/Bilinear Functionals: The question then reduces to finding in this space such that for all in this space

where is a continuous bilinear form, and is a continuous linear functional, given by

1. Coercive Nature of Bilinear Forms: Since the Poisson equation is elliptic, it follows from Poincare’s inequality that the bilinear form is coercive.
2. Existence and Uniqueness of Solutions: The Lax-Milgram theorem then ensures the existence and the uniqueness of solutions of these equations.
3. Hilbert Spaces and Lax-Milgram: Hilbert spaces allow for many elliptic partial differential equations to be formulated in a similar way, and the Lax-Milgram theorem is then a basic tool in their analysis.
4. Use in Parabolic/Hyperbolic PDE’s: With suitable modifications, similar techniques can be applied to parabolic partial differential equations and certain hyperbolic partial differential equations.

**Ergodic Theory**

1. Chaotic Systems Long Term Dynamics: The field of ergodic theory is the study of the long-term behavior of chaotic dynamical systems.
2. Thermodynamics Application of Chaos Theory: The prototypical case of a field that ergodic theory applies to is thermodynamics, in which, though the microscopic state of a system is extremely complicated – it is impossible to understand the ensemble of individual collisions between particles of matter – the average behavior over sufficiently long time-intervals is tractable.
3. Laws of Thermodynamics: The average behavior. laws of thermodynamics are assertions about such behavior.
4. The Zeroth Law of Thermodynamics: In particular, one formulation of the zeroth law of thermodynamics asserts that over sufficiently long timescales, the only functionally independent measurement that one can make of a thermodynamic system in equilibrium is its total energy, in the form of temperature.
5. Bunimovich Stadium Billiard Ball Trajectory:



The path of a billiard ball in the Bunimovich stadium is described by an ergodic dynamical system.

1. Conserved Quantities in Phase Space: An ergodic dynamical system is one for which, apart from the energy – measured by the Hamiltonian – there are no other functionally independent conserved quantities in the phase space.
2. Energy Space and its Evolution: More explicitly, suppose that the energy is fixed, and let be the subset of the phase space consisting of all the states of energy – an energy surface – and let denote the evolution operator on the phase space.
3. Ergodic Nature of Dynamical Systems: The dynamical system is ergodic if there are no continuous non-constant functions on such that

for all in and all time .

1. Implication of Liouville’s Theorem: Liouville’s theorem implies then that there exists a measure on the energy surface that is invariant under the time translation.
2. Time Evolution Operator: As a result, the time translation is a unitary transformation of the Hilbert space consisting of square-integrable functions on the energy surface with respect to the inner product
3. von Neumann Mean Ergodic Theorem: von Neumann (1932) states the following.
4. Orthogonal Projection of Unitary Operator: If is a strongly continuous one-parameter semi-group of unitary operators on a Hilbert space , and is the orthogonal projection onto the space of common fixed points of

then

1. Consequence of the Ergodic Theorem: For an ergodic system, the fixed set of time evolution consists only of the constant functions, so the ergodic theorem implies the following (Reed and Simon (1980)): for any function
2. Long Time Average of an Observable: That is, the long-term average of an observable is equal to its expectation value over an energy surface.

**Fourier Analysis**

1. Goal of Fourier Analysis: One of the basic goals of Fourier analysis is to decompose into a – possibly infinite – linear combination of given basis functions: the associates Fourier series.
2. Decomposition into a Fourier Series: The classical Fourier series associated with a function defined on the internet in a series of the form

where

1. Fourier Decomposition of Sawtooth Wave:



Superposition of sinusoidal wave basis functions – bottom – to form a sawtooth wave – top.

1. Fourier Terms of a Sawtooth Function: The example of adding to the first terms of a Fourier series for a sawtooth function is shown in the picture above.
2. Wavelengths of the Basis Functions: The basis functions are since waves with wavelength – for integer – shorter than the wavelength of the sawtooth itself – except for

the *fundamental* wave.

1. Nodes of the Basis Functions: All the basis functions have nodes at the nodes of the sawtooth, but all but the fundamental have additional nodes.
2. Departure from the Original Sawtooth: The oscillation of the summed terms about the sawtooth is called the Gibbs phenomenon.
3. Convergence of the Fourier Series: A significant problem is classical Fourier series asks in what sense the Fourier series converges, if at all, to the function.
4. Hilbert Space Based Convergence Estimation: Hilbert space methods provide one possible answer to this question (Rudin (1987), Folland (2009)).
5. Hilbert Space Orthogonal Basis Functions: The functions

from an orthogonal basis of the Hilbert space

1. Square-integrable Functions Series Expression: Consequently, any square-integrable function can be expressed as a series

and, moreover, this series converges in the Hilbert space sense, i.e., in the mean sense.

1. Hilbert Space based Orthonormal Abstraction: The problem can also be studied from the abstract point of view; every Hilbert space has an orthonormal basis, and every element of the Hilbert space can be written in a unique way as a sum of multiplies of these basis elements.
2. Coefficients of the Orthonormal Basis: The coefficients appearing on these basis elements are sometimes known abstractly as the Fourier coefficients of the elements of the space (Halmos (1957)).
3. Choice of Different Orthonormal Basis: The abstraction is especially useful when it is more natural to use the basis functions for a space such as
4. Examples of Orthonormal Basis Functions: In many circumstances, it is desirable not to decompose a function into trigonometric functions, but rather into orthogonal polynomials or wavelets for instance (Bachman, Narici, and Beckenstein (2000)), and in higher dimension into spherical harmonics (Stein and Weiss (1971)).
5. Illustration of Spherical Harmonic Basis:



Spherical harmonics, an orthonormal basis for the Hilbert space of square-integrable functions on the sphere, shown graphed along the radial direction.

1. Explicit Form of Series Sum: For instance, if are any orthonormal basis functions of , then a given function in can be approximated as a finite linear combination (Lanczos (1988))
2. Choice of the Loading Coefficients: The coefficients are selected to make the magnitude of the difference as small as possible.
3. Loading Coefficients as Dot Products: Geometrically, the best approximation is the orthogonal projection of onto the subspace consisting of all linear combinations of the , and can be calculated by Lanczos (1988):
4. Minimization of the Approximation Error: That this formula minimizes the difference is a consequence of Bessel’s inequality and Parseval’s formula.
5. Decomposition Using Differential Operator Eigenfunctions: In various applications to physical problems, a function can be decomposed into physically meaningful eigenfunctions of a differential operator, typically the Laplace operator: this forms the foundation for the spectral study of functions, in reference to the spectrum of the differential operator (Courant and Hilbert (1953), Reed and Simon (1975)).
6. Hearing the Shapes of Drums: A concrete physical application involves the problem of hearing the shape of a drum: given the fundamental modes of vibration that a drumhead is capable of producing, can one infer the shape of drum itself (Kac (1966))?
7. Dirichlet Eigenvalues of Laplace Equation: The mathematical formulation of this equation involves the Dirichlet eigenvalues of Laplace equation in the plane, that represent the fundamental modes of vibration in direct analogy with the integers that represent the fundamental modes of vibration of the violin string.
8. Spectral Theory in Fourier Transform: Spectral theory also underlies certain aspects of the Fourier transform of a function.
9. Fourier Analysis vs. Fourier Transform: Whereas Fourier analysis decomposes a function defined on a compact set into the discrete spectrum of the Laplacian – which corresponds to the vibrations of a violin string or drum – the Fourier transform of a function is the decomposition of a function on all of Euclidean space into its components in the continuous spectrum of the Laplacian.
10. Isometry Inherent in Fourier Transform: The Fourier transformation is also geometrical, in a sense made precise by the Plancherel theorem, that asserts that it is an isometry of one Hilbert spaces – the “time domain” – with another – the “frequency domain”.
11. Impact of the Fourier Isometry: The isometry property of the Fourier transformation is a recurring theme in abstract harmonic analysis, since it reflects the conservation of energy for the continuous Fourier Transform, as evidenced by the Plancherel theorem for spherical functions occurring in non-commutative harmonic analysis.

**Applications – Quantum Mechanics**

1. Rigorous Formulation of Quantum Mechanics: In the mathematically rigorous formulation of quantum mechanics, developed by von Neumann (1955), the possible states – more precisely, the pure states – of a quantum mechanical system are represented by unit vectors – called *state vectors* – residing in a complex separable Hilbert space known as the state space, well defined up to a complex number of norm , the phase factor.
2. States as Hilbert Space Projectivizations: In other words, the possibly states are points in the projectivizations of a Hilbert space, usually called a complex projective space.
3. Nature of the State Spaces: The exact nature of the Hilbert space is dependent on the system; for example, the position and the momentum states for a single non-relativistic spin zero particle is the space of all square-integrable functions; for the states for the spin of a single proton are unit elements of a two-dimensional complex Hilbert space of spinors.
4. Observables as Self-adjoint Operators: Each observable is represented by a self-adjoint operator acting on the state space.
5. Eigenstates and Eigenvalues of Observables: Each eigenstate of an observable corresponds to the eigenvector of an operator, and the associated eigenvalue corresponds to the value of the observable in that eigenstate.
6. Electron Orbitals in Hydrogen Atom:



The orbitals of an electron in a hydrogen atom are eigenfunctions of the energy.

1. Inner Product between State Vectors: The inner product between two state vectors is a complex number known as a probability amplitude.
2. Target State Collapse Probability: During an ideal measurement of a quantum mechanical system, the probability that a system collapses from an initial state to a particular eigenstate is given by the square of the absolute value of the probability amplitudes between the initial and the final states (Rieffel and Polak (2011)).
3. Eigenvalue of the Operator: The possible results of a measurement are the eigenvalues of the operator – which explains the choice of self-adjoint operators, for all the eigenvalues must be real.
4. Probability of Observing a State: The probability distribution of an observable being in a given state can be found by computing the spectral decomposition of the corresponding operator (Peres (1993)).
5. Statistical Mixtures of Pure States: For a general system, states are not typically pure, but instead are represented as statistical mixtures of pure states, or mixed states, given by density matrices; self-adjoint operators of trace one on a Hilbert space (Peres (1993)).
6. Single Measurement System-wide Impact: Moreover, for general quantum mechanical systems, the effects of a single measurement can influence other parts of a system in a manner that is described by a positive operator valued measure.
7. States/Observables in General Systems: Thus, the structure of both the states and the observables in the general theory is considerably more complicated than the idealization for pure states (Nielsen and Chuang (2000)).

**Applications – Color Perception**

1. Physical Colors from Spectral Combinations: Any true physical color can be represented by a combination of pure spectral colors.
2. Hilbert Space for Physical Colors: As physical colors can be composed of any number of spectral colors, the space of physical colors may aptly be represented by a Hilbert space over spectral colors.
3. Human Color Perception: Humans have three types of cone cells for color perception, so the perceivable colors can be represented by 3-dimensional Euclidean space.
4. Mapping Physical to Human Perceived: The many-to-one mapping from the Hilbert space of physical colors to the Euclidean space of human perceivable colors explains why many distinct physical colors may be perceived by humans to be identical, e.g., pure yellow light versus a mix of red and green light, i.e., meta-merism.

**Properties - Pythagorean Identity**

1. Orthogonal Vectors in Hilbert Space: Two vectors and in a Hilbert space are orthogonal when

The notation for this is

1. Element wise Orthogonality in Sets: More generally, when is a subset of , the notation

means that is orthogonal to every element from .

1. Norm of Plus : When and are orthogonal, one has
2. Extension to Orthogonal Vectors: By induction on , this is extended to any family of orthogonal vectors
3. Extending Pythagorean Identity to Series: Whereas Pythagorean identity as stated is valid in any inner space, completeness is required for the extension of the Pythagorean identity to series.
4. Convergence of Orthogonal Vector Series: A series of *orthogonal* vectors converges in if and only if the series of squares of norms converges, and
5. Importance of the Order of Sum: Furthermore, the sum of a series of orthogonal vectors is independent of the order in which it is taken.

**Properties – Parallelogram Identity and Polarization**

1. Parallelogram Identity in Hilbert Spaces: By definition, every Hilbert space is also a Banach space. Furthermore, in every Hilbert space the following parallelogram identity holds:
2. Criteria for Banach being Hilbert: Conversely, every Banach space in which the parallelogram identity holds is a Hilbert space, and the inner product is uniquely determined by the norm by the polarization identity (Young (1988)).
3. Geometrical Illustration of Polarization Identity:



Geometrically, the parallelogram identity asserts that

In words, the sum of the squares of the diagonals is twice the sum of the squares of any two adjacent sides.

1. Polarization Identity in Real Spaces: For real Hilbert spaces, the polarization identity is
2. Polarization Identity in Complex Spaces: For complex Hilbert spaces, it is
3. Hilbert as Uniformly Complex Banach: The parallelogram law implies that any Hilbert space is a uniformly convex Banach space (Clarkson (1936)).

**Best Approximation**

1. Statement of Hilbert Projection Theorem: This subsection employs the Hilbert projection theorem. If is a non-empty closed convex subset of a Hilbert space and a point in , there exists a unique point

that minimizes the distance between and points in (Rudin (1987)).

1. Translated Convex Set Minimal Norm: This is equivalent to saying that there is a point with minimal norm in the translated convex set
2. Proof of the Norm Convergence: The proof consists in showing that every minimizing sequence

is Cauchy – using the parallelogram identity, hence converges - using completeness, to a point in that has minimal norm. More generally, this holds in any uniformly convex Banach space (Dunford and Schwartz (1958)).

1. Application to a Closed Subspace: When this result is applied to a closed subspace of , it can be shown that the point

closest to is characterized as

(Rudin (1987)).

1. Orthogonal Projection of on : This point is the *orthogonal projection* of onto , and the mapping

is linear – see the section on orthogonal components and projections.

1. Basis of Least Squares: This result is especially significant in applied mathematics, especially analysis, where it forms the basis of least square methods (Blanchet and Charbit (2014)).
2. Dense Vector Subspaces Theorem: In particular, when is not equal to , one can find a non-zero vector orthogonal to , i.e., select

and

A very useful criterion is obtained by applying this observation to the closed subspace generated by a subset of : A subset of spans a dense vector subspace if – and only if – the vector is the sole

orthogonal to .

**Duality**

1. Definition of the Dual Space: The dual space is the space of all continuous linear functions from the space into the base field.
2. Norm of the Dual Space: It carries a natural norm, defined by
3. Dual Space as Inner Product Space: This norm satisfies the parallelogram law, and so the dual space is also an inner product space where this inner product can be defined in terms of this dual norm by using the polarization identity.
4. Dual Space also a Hilbert: The dual space is also complete so it is a Hilbert space in its own right.
5. Inner Product on Dual Space: If

is a complete orthonormal basis for then the inner product on the dual space of any two

is

where all but countably many of the terms in this series are zero.

1. Riesz Representation of Dual Space: The Riesz representation theorem affords a convenient description of the dual space. To every element of there is a unique element of defined

where, moreover

1. Riesz Representation as Isometric Antilinear Isomorphism: The Riesz representation theorem states that the map from to defined by

is surjective, which makes this map an isometric antilinear isomorphism.

1. Element Correspondence between and : So, to every element of the dual there exists one and only one in such that

for all

1. Dual Space Inner Product: The inner product on the dual space satisfies
2. Linearity vs. Anti-linearity: The reversal of order on the right-hand side restores linearity in from the anti-linearity of .
3. Isomorphic Nature of Hilbert Spaces: In the real case, the anti-linear isomorphism from to its dual is actually an isomorphism, and so real Hilbert are naturally isomorphic to their own deals.
4. Representing the Vector: The representing is obtained in the following way: when

the kernel

is a closed vector subspace of , both equal to , hence there exists a non-zero vector orthogonal to .

1. as Multiple of : The is a suitable multiple of . The requirement that

yields

1. Bra-ket Notation of Physics: This correspondence

exploited by the bra-ket notation popular in physics. It is common in physics to assume that the inner product, denoted , is linear on the right

1. Linear Functional Acting on State Vector: The result can also be seen as the action of the linear functional - the *bra* – on the vector - the *ket*.
2. Criteria Underlying Riesz Representation Theorem: The Riesz representation theorem relies fundamentally not just on the presence of the inner product, but also on the completeness of the space. In fact, the theorem implies that the topological dual of any inner product space can be identified with its completion.
3. Reflexive Nature of Hilbert Space: An immediate consequence of the Riesz representation theorem is also that a Hilbert space is reflexive, meaning that the natural map from into its double dual space is an isomorphism.

**Weakly Convergent Sequences**

1. Weakly Convergent Sequence in : In a Hilbert space , the sequence is weakly convergent to a vector

when

for every

1. Weakly Convergent Sequences are Bounded: For example, any orthonormal sequence converges weakly to , as a consequence of Bessel’s inequality. Every weakly convergent sequence is bounded by the uniform boundedness principle.
2. Weakly Convergent Subsequences from Bounded Sequence: Conversely, every bounded sequence in a Hilbert space admits weakly convergent subsequences – Alaoglu’s theorem.
3. Use in Minimization Problems: This fact may be used to prove minimization results for continuous convex functionals, in the same way that the Bolzano-Weierstrass theorem is used for continuous functions on .
4. Convex Continuous Function Minimum - Statement: Among several variants, one simple statement is as follows: If

is a convex continuous function such that tends to when tends to , then admits a minimum at some point

1. Use in Calculus of Variations: This fact – and its various generalizations – are fundamental for direct methods in the calculus of variations.
2. Closed Bounded Subsets are Weakly Compact: Minimization results for convex functionals are also a direct consequence of the slightly more abstract fact that closed bounded convex subsets in a Hilbert space are weakly compact, since is reflexive.
3. Special Case of Eberlein-Smulian Theorem: The existence of weakly convergent subsequences is a special case of the Eberlein-Smulian theorem.

**Banach Space Properties**

1. Open Mapping Theorem: Any general property of Banach spaces continues to hold for Hilbert spaces. The open mapping theorem states that a continuous surjective linear transformation from one Banach space to another is an open mapping meaning that it sends open sets to open sets.
2. Bounded Linear Theorem: A corollary is the bounded inverse theorem, that a continuous and bijective linear function from one Banach space to another is an isomorphism, i.e., a continuous linear map whose inverse is also continuous.
3. Proof of Bounded Inverse Theorem: This theorem is considerably simpler to prove in the case of Hilbert spaces than in general Banach spaces (Halmos (1982)).
4. Equivalence to Closed Graph Theorem: The open mapping theorem is equivalent to the closed graph theorem, which asserts that a linear function from one Banach space to another is continuous if and only if its graph is a closed set (Rudin (1973)). In the case of Hilbert spaces, this is basic in the study of unbounded operators.
5. Geometrical Hahn-Banach Theorem: This theorem asserts that a closed convex set can be separated from any point outside it by means of a hyperplane of the Hilbert space.
6. Consequence of the Best Approximation Property: This is an immediate consequence of the best approximation property; if is the element of a closed convex set closes to , then the separating hyperplane is the plane perpendicular to the segment passing through its midpoint (Treves (1967)).

**Bounded Operators on Hilbert Spaces**

1. Definition of Bounded Linear Operators: The continuous linear operators

from a Hilbert space to a second Hilbert space are *bounded* in the sense that they map bounded sets to bounded sets. Conversely, if an operator is bounded, then it is continuous.

1. Norm of Bounded Linear Operators: The space of such bounded linear operators has a norm, the operator norm given by
2. Composition of Bounded Linear Operators: The sum and the composite of two bounded linear operators is again bounded and linear.
3. Composition of and : For in , the map that sends

to is linear and continuous, and according to the Riesz representation theorem can therefore be represented in the form

for some vector in .

1. Adjoint of Riesz Representation Operator: This defines another bounded linear operator

the adjoint of . The adjoint satisfies

1. Intuition behind Reisz Adjoint Operator: When the Reisz representation theorem is used to identify each Hilbert space with its continuous dual space, the adjoint of can be shown to be identical to the transpose

of , which, by definition, sends

to the functional

1. Definition of - Operator Algebra: The set of all bounded linear operators on – meaning

together with the addition and the composition operations, the norm and the adjoint operation, is a algebra, which is a type of operator algebra.

1. Elements of Bounded Operator Set: An element of is called ‘self-adjoint’ or ‘Hermitian’ if
2. Elements that are Positive/Non-negative: If is Hermitian and

for every , then is called ‘non-negative’, written

if equality holds only when

then is called ‘positive’.

1. Partial Order among Self-adjoint Operators: The set of self-adjoint operators admits a partial order, in which

if

1. Non negative and Positive Elements: If has the form for some , then is non-negative; if is invertible, then is positive.
2. Square-root of Self-adjoint Operators: A converse is also true in the sense that, for a non-negative operator , there exists a unique non-negative square root such that
3. Self-adjoint Operators are Real: In a sense made precise by the spectral theorem, self-adjoint operators can usefully be thought of operators that are “real”.
4. Normal Bounded Linear Operators: An element of is called normal if

Normal operators decompose into the sum of a self-adjoint operator and an imaginary multiple of a self-adjoint operator

that commute with each other. Normal operators can also usefully be thought of in terms of their real and imaginary parts.

1. Defining Unitary Bounded Linear Operators: An element of is called unitary if is invertible and its inverse is given by . This can also be expressed by requiring that be into and

for all

The unitary operators form a group under composition, which is the isometry group of .

1. Defining Compact Bounded Linear Operators: An element of is compact if it sends bounded sets to relatively compact sets.
2. Definition of Bounded, Compact Operators: Equivalently, a bounded operator is compact if, for any bounded sequence , the sequence has a convergent subsequence.
3. Hilbert-Schmidt - Compact Integral Operators: Many integral operators are compact, and in fact define a special class of operators known as Hilbert-Schmidt operators that are especially important in the study of integral equations.
4. Distinction from a Fredholm Operator: Fredholm operators differ from compact operator by a multiple of the identity, and are equivalently characterized as operators with a finite dimensional kernel and co-kernel.
5. Index of the Fredholm Operator: The index of a Fredholm operator is defined by
6. Homotopy Invariance of Operator Index: The index is homotopy invariant, and plays a deep role in differential geometry via the Atiyah-Stinger index theorem.

**Unbounded Operators on Hilbert Space**

1. Unbounded, Tractable Hilbert Space Operators: Unbounded tractable are also Hilbert spaces, and have important applications to quantum mechanics (Reed and Simon (1980), Prugovecki (1981), Folland (1989)).
2. Definition of the Unbounded Operator: An unbounded operator on a Hilbert space is defined as a linear operator whose domain is a linear subspace of .
3. Domain of Densely Defined Operator: Often the domain is a dense subspace of , in which case is known as a densely defined operator.
4. Densely Defined Unbounded Operator Adjoint: The adjoint of a densely defined unbounded operator is defined in essentially the same manner as for bounded operator.
5. Self-bounded Unbounded Operator in QM: Self-adjoint unbounded operators play the role of the *observables* in the mathematical formulation of quantum mechanics.
6. Examples of Self-adjoint Unbounded Operators: Prugovecki (1981) provided the following examples on the Hilbert space .
7. Extension of the Differential Operator: The suitable extension

where is the imaginary unit and is a differential function of compact support.

1. The Multiplication by Factor:
2. Momentum and Position Operators: The differential and the multiplication-by- operators correspond to the momentum and the position observables, respectively.
3. Domain of Position/Momentum Operators: Neither that neither position nor momentum is defined on all of , since in the case of the momentum operator the derivative need not exist, and in the case of the position operator the product function need not be square integrable.
4. Domain of Position/Momentum Operators: In both cases, the set of possible arguments form dense subspace of .

**Constructions – Direct Sums**

1. Orthogonal, External, Direct Hilbert Sum: Two Hilbert spaces and can be combined into another Hilbert space, called the orthogonal direct sum (Dunford and Schwartz (1958)), and denoted

consisting of the set of all ordered pairs where

and inner product defined by

1. Cartesian Product across Component Spaces: More generally, if is a family of Hilbert spaces indexed by

then the direct sum of the , denoted

consists of the set of all indexed families

in the Cartesian product of the such that

1. Defining the Cartesian Inner Product: The inner product is defined by
2. Orthogonal, Closed Individual Subspaces: Each of the is included as a closed subspace in the direct sum of all . Moreover, the are pairwise orthogonal.
3. Orthogonal Internal Direct Hilbert Sum: Conversely, if there is a system of closed subspaces

in a Hilbert space that are pairwise orthogonal and whose union is dense in , then is canonically isomorphic to the direct sum of . In this case is called the internal direct sum of .

1. Orthogonal Projections of Direct Sums: A direct sum – internal or external – is also equipped with a family of orthogonal projections on the ith direct summand . These projections are bounded, self-adjoint, idempotent operators that satisfy the orthogonality condition
2. Spectral Theorem for Self-adjoint Operators: The spectral theorem for compact self-adjoint operators on a Hilbert space states that splits into an orthogonal direct sum of the eigenspaces of an operator, and also gives an explicit decomposition of the operator as a sum of projections onto the eigenspaces.
3. Use in Quantum Mechanics: The direct sum of the Hilbert space also appears in quantum mechanics as the Fock space of a system containing a variable number of particles, where each Hilbert space in the direct sum corresponds to an additional degree of freedom for the quantum mechanical systems.
4. Implication of Peter-Weyl Theorem: In representation theory, the Peter-Weyl theorem guarantees that any unitary representation of a compact group on a Hilbert space splits as a direct sum of finite-dimensional representations.

**Constructions – Tensor Products**

1. Ordinary Tensor Inner Product – Definition: If

and

then one defines the inner product on the ordinary tensor product as follows. On simple tensors, let

1. Extending Definition to Hilbert Spaces: This formula then extends sesqui-linearity to an inner product on
2. Definition of Hilbertian Tensor Product: The Hilbertian tensor product of and , sometimes denoted

is the Hilbert space is obtained by completing the

for the metric associated with this tensor product.

1. Example - Hilbert Space of : An example is provided by the Hilbert space . The Hilbertian tensor product of two copies of is isometrically and linearly isomorphic to the space of square-integrable functions on the square .
2. Function Isomorphism in Hilbert Space: This isomorphism sends a simple tensor

to the function

on the square.

1. Corresponding Explicit Tensor Space Mapping: This example is typical in the following sense (Kadison and Ringrose (1983)). Associated with every simple tensor product

is the rank one operator from to that maps a given

as

1. Extension to Finite Rank Operators: This mapping defined on the simple tensors extends to a linear identification between

and the space of finite rank operators from to .

1. Implied Hilbertian Tensor Product Space: This extends to a linear isometry of the Hilbertian tensor product

with the Hilbert space of Hilbert-Schmidt operators from to .

**Orthonormal Bases**

1. Linear Algebra to Hilbert Spaces: The notion of an orthonormal basis from algebra generalizes over to the case of Hilbert spaces (Dunford and Schwartz (1958)).
2. Criteria Satisfied by Orthonormal Basis: In a Hilbert space , an orthonormal basis is a family of elements of satisfying the following conditions.
3. Orthogonality: Every two elements of are orthogonal;

for all

with

1. Normalization: Every element of the family has the norm :

for all

1. Completeness: The linear span of the family

is dense in .

1. Definition of Orthonormal System/Sequence: A system of vectors satisfying the first two conditions called an orthonormal basis or an orthonormal set – or an orthonormal sequence if is countable. Such a system is always linearly independent.
2. Completeness of an Orthogonal System: Completeness of an orthogonal system of vectors of a Hilbert space can be equivalently re-stated as: if

for all

and some

then

1. Rationale behind the Completeness Criterion: This is related to the fact that the only vector orthogonal to a dense linear subspace is the zero vector, for if is any orthonormal set and is orthogonal to , then is orthogonal to the closure of the linear span of , which is the whole space.
2. Example of Orthonormal Basis #1: The set forms an orthonormal basis of with the dot product.
3. Example of Orthonormal Basis #2: The sequence

with

forms an orthonormal basis of the complex .

1. Orthonormal Basis is Infinite Dimensions: In the infinite-dimensional case, an orthonormal basis will not be a basis in the sense of linear algebra; to distinguish the two, the latter basis is also called a Hamel basis.
2. Unique Nature of Basis Decomposition: That the span of the basis vectors is dense implies that every vector in the space can be written as the sum of an infinite series, and the orthogonality implies that this decomposition is unique.

**Sequence Spaces**

1. Space of Square-summable Sequences: The space of square-summable sequences of complex numbers is the set of infinite sequences of real or complex numbers such that
2. Space of the Orthonormal Basis:
3. Infinite-dimensional Generalization of Space: This space is the infinite-dimensional generalization of the space of finite-dimensional vectors.
4. Closed/Bounded, but not Compact: The above example is usually the first example used to show that in infinite-dimensional spaces, a set that is closed and bounded is not necessarily sequentially compact – as is the case in all *finite* dimensional spaces.
5. Example - Set of Orthonormal Vectors: Indeed, the set of orthonormal vectors above shows that it is an infinite sequence of vectors in the unit ball, i.e., the ball of point with norm less than or equal to one.
6. Bounded Set with No Convergence: This set is clearly bounded and closed; yet, no sub-sequence of these vectors converges to anything and consequently the unit ball in is not compact.
7. Intuition behind such Compact Sets: Intuitively, this is because “there is always another coordinate direction” into which the next elements of the sequence can evade.
8. Generalization of the Sequence: One can generalize the space in many ways. For example, if is any – infinite – set, then one can form a Hilbert space of sequences with set , defined by
9. Norm over the Index Set: The summation over is here defined by
10. Countably Non-zero Index Set Items: It follows that, for this sum to be finite, every element of has only countably many non-zero items.
11. Inner Product over Base Set Space: This space becomes a Hilbert space with the inner product

for all

1. Countably many Non-zero Items: Here the sum also has only countably many non-zero items, and is unconditionally convergent by the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality.
2. Orthonormal Basis of : An orthonormal basis of is indexed by the set given by

**Bessel’s Inequality and Parseval’s Formula**

1. Decomposition using Dot Product Loadings: Let be a finite orthonormal system in . For an arbitrary vector

let

1. Pythagoras Applied on : Then

for every

It follows that is orthogonal to each , hence is orthogonal to . Using the Pythagorean identity twice, it follows that

1. Statement of the Bessel’s Inequality: Let

be an arbitrary orthonormal system in . Applying the preceding to every finite subset of gives Bessel’s inequality:

according to the definition – of the sum of an arbitrary family of non-negative real numbers.

1. Finite vs Infinite Index Sets: For the case Bessel’s inequality for the finite index sets, Holmes (1957) contains details. Other treatments contain details for infinite index sets.
2. Geometric Intuition behind Bessel’s Inequality: Geometrically, Bessel’s inequality implies that the orthogonal projection of onto the linear subspace spanned by the has norm that does not exceed that of .
3. Bessel’s Inequality in Euclidean Dimensions: In two dimensions, this is the assertion that the length of the leg of a right triangle may not exceed the length of the hypotenuse.
4. Motivation behind the Parseval’s Identity: Bessel’s inequality is a stepping stone to the stringer result called Parseval’s identity, which governs the case when Bessel’s inequality is actually an equality.
5. Orthonormal Decomposition using Hilbert Basis: By definition, is is an orthonormal basis of , then every element of of may be written as
6. Countably Non-zero Index Set Entities: Even if is uncountable, Bessel’s inequality guarantees that the expression is well-defined and consists only of countably many non-zero terms.
7. Fourier Expansion and Coefficients: This sum is called the Fourier expansion of , and the individual coefficients are the Fourier coefficients of .
8. Statement of the Parseval’s Identity: Parseval’s identity then asserts that
9. Orthonormal Set where Parseval’s Identity Holds: Conversely, if is an orthonormal set such that Parseval’s identity holds for every , then is an orthonormal basis.

**Hilbert Dimension**

1. Cardinality of the Hilbert Space: As a consequence of Zorn’s lemma, *every* Hilbert space admits an orthonormal basis; furthermore, any two orthonormal basses of the same space have the same cardinality, called the Hilbert dimension of the space.
2. Finite vs Infinite Hilbert Dimensions: Many authors, such as Dunford and Schwartz (1958), refer to this just as the dimension. Unless the Hilbert space is finite dimensional, this is not the same thing as its dimension as a linear space – the cardinality of a Hamel basis.
3. Orthonormal Basis Indexed by : For instance, since has an orthonormal basis indexed by , its Hilbert dimension is the cardinality of – which may be a finite integer, or a countable or uncountable cardinal number.
4. Dot Product over Hilbert Space: As a consequence of Parseval’s identity, of is an orthonormal basis of , then the map

defined by

is an isometric isomorphism of Hilbert spaces; it is a bijective linear mapping such that

for all

1. Isometric Isomorphism between and : The cardinal number of is the Hilbert dimension of . Thus, every Hilbert space is isometrically isomorphic to a sequence space for some set of .

**Separable Spaces**

1. Definition of Separable Hilbert Spaces: By definition, a Hilbert space is separable provided it contains a dense countable subset.
2. Countable Orthonormal Hilbert Space Basis: Along with Zorn’s lemma, this means a Hilbert space is separable if and only if it admits a countable orthonormal basis.
3. Infinite-dimensional Separable Hilbert Spaces: All infinite-dimensional separable Hilbert spaces are therefore isometrically isomorphic to .
4. Separable Hilbert Spaces - Past Definitions: In the past, Hilbert spaces were often required to be separable as part of the definition (Prugovecki (1981)).
5. Isometric and Separable Hilbert Spaces: Most spaces used in physics are separable, and since these are all isomorphic to each other, one often refers to any infinite-dimensional separable Hilbert as “*the* Hilbert space” or just Hilbert space”.
6. von Neumann’s Countable Hilbert Space: von Neumann (1955) defines a Hilbert space via a countable Hilbert basis which amounts to an isometric isomorphism with . The conversion still persists in most rigorous treatments of quantum mechanics (Sobrino (1996)).
7. Wightman Axioms of Quantum Field Theory: Even in quantum field theory, most of the Hilbert spaces are in fact separable, as stipulated by the Wightman axioms.
8. Non-separable Hilbert Spaces in Quantum Field Theory: However, it is sometime argued that non-separable Hilbert spaces are also important in quantum field theory, roughly because the systems in the theory possess an infinite number of degrees of freedom and any infinite Hilbert tensor product – of spaces of dimension greater than one – is non-separable (Streater and Wightman (1964)).
9. Example - The Bosonic Field: For instance, a bosonic field can be naturally thought of as an element of a tensor product whose factors represent harmonic oscillators at each point of space.
10. Separable Subspace that is Observable: From this perspective, the natural state space of a boson might seem to be a non-separable space (Streater and Wightman (1964)). However, it is only a small separable subspace of the full tensor product that can contain physically meaningful fields – on which the observables can be defined.
11. Second Non-separable Hilbert Space Example: Another non-separable Hilbert space models the state of an infinite collection of particles in an unbounded region of space.
12. Non countability of the Basis: An orthonormal basis of the basis is indexed by the density of the particles, a continuous parameter, and since the set of possible densities is uncountable, the basis is uncountable (Streater and Wightman (1964)).

**Orthogonal Complements and Projections**

1. Given Set Orthogonal to Subset: If is a subset of Hilbert space , the set of vectors orthogonal to is defined
2. as a Closed Subspace: The set is a closed subspace of – this can be proved easily using the linearity and the continuity of the inner product – and so forms itself a Hilbert space.
3. as an Orthogonal Component: If is a closed subspace of , then is called the *orthogonal complement* of .
4. Decomposition into Components: In fact, every

can then be written uniquely as

with

and

1. - Internal Direct Sum: Therefore, is the internal Hilbert direct sum of and .
2. Orthogonal Projection onto Hilbert Space: The linear operator

that maps to is called the *orthogonal projection* onto .

1. Closed Subspace vs Self-adjoint Operators: There is a natural one-to-one correspondence between the set of all closed subspaces of and the set of all bounded self-adjoint operators such that
2. Orthogonal Projection Theorem Statement #1: The orthogonal projection is a self-adjoint linear operator on of norm less than or equal to with the property
3. Orthogonal Projection Theorem Statement #2: Moreover, any self-adjoint linear operator such that

is of the form

1. Orthogonal Projection Theorem Statement #3: For every in , is the unique element of that minimizes the distance .
2. Geometrical Intuition behind Projection Operator: This provides the geometrical interpretation of : it is the best approximation to by elements of (Young (1988)).
3. Mutually Orthogonal Projection Subspaces: Projections and are called mutually orthogonal if

This is equivalent to and being orthogonal as subspaces of .

1. Sum of Projections being Orthogonal: The sum of the two projections and is a projection only if and are orthogonal to each other, and in that case
2. Orthogonality of the Composition Projection: The composite is generally not a projection: in fact, the composite is a projection if and only if the two projections commute, and in that case
3. Inclusion Mapping - Adjoint of Projection: By describing the co-domain to the Hilbert space , the orthogonal projection gives rise to a projection mapping

It is the adjoint of the inclusion mapping

meaning that

for all

and

1. Operator Norm of Orthogonal Projection: The operator norm of the orthogonal projection onto a non-zero closed subspace is equal to :
2. Key Characteristic of Closed Subspace: Every closed subspace of a Hilbert space is therefore the image of an operator of an operator of norm one such that
3. Kakutani’s Characterization of Hilbert Spaces: The property below of possessing appropriate projection operators characterize Hilbert spaces (Kakutani (1939)).
4. When is Banach Projection a Hilbert Space? A Banach space of dimension higher than is – isometrically – a Hilbert space if and only if, for every closed subspace , there is an operator of norm one whose image is such that
5. Lindenstrauss and Tzafriri Hilbert Space Characteristics: While the above result characterizes the metric structure of a Hilbert space, the structure of a Hilbert space as a topological vector space can itself be characterized in terms on the presence of complementary subspaces below (Lindenstrauss and Tzafriri (1971)).
6. Topological Banach Spaces as Hilbert: A Banach space is topologically and linearly isomorphic to a Hilbert space if and only if, to every closed subspace , there is a closed subspace such that is equal to the internal direct sum
7. Monotone Property of Orthogonal Complement: The orthogonal complement satisfies some more elementary results. It is a monotone function in the sense that if

then

with the equality holding of and only if is contained in the closure of . This result is a special case of the Hahn-Banach theorem.

1. Closure of Orthogonal Component Subspace: The closure of a subspace can be completely characterized in terms of the orthogonal complement: if is a subspace of , then the closure of is equal to
2. Orthogonal Complement as Galois Connection: The orthogonal complement is thus a Galois connection on the partial order of the subspaces of a Hilbert space.
3. Orthogonal Complement Space as Intersection: In general, the orthogonal complement of a sum of subspaces is the intersection of the orthogonal complements (Halmos (1957)):
4. Case when are Closed: If the are in addition closed, then

**Spectral Theory**

1. Spectral Theory for Self-adjoint Operators: There is a well-developed spectral theory for self-adjoint operator in a Hilbert space, that is roughly analogous to the study of symmetric matrices over the reals or self-adjoint matrices over complex numbers.
2. Literature Treatment of Spectral Theory: A general account of spectral theory in Hilbert spaces can be found in Riesz and Sz-Nagy (1990). A more sophisticated account in the language of - algebras is in Rudin (1973).
3. Diagonalization of Self-adjoint Operators: In the same sense, one can obtain a “diagonalization” of a self-adjoint operator as a suitable sum – actually an integral – of orthogonal projection operators.
4. Spectrum of a Self-adjoint Operator: The spectrum of an operator , denoted , is the set of complex numbers such that lacks a continuous inverse.
5. Compact Set in the Complex Plane: If is bounded, then the spectrum is always a compact set in the complex plane, and lies inside the disc
6. Range of the Spectrum: If is elf-adjoint, then the spectrum is real. In fact, it is contained in the interval where

Moreover, and are both actually contained within the spectrum.

1. Eigenspaces of an Operator : The eigenspaces of an operator are given by
2. Elements of the Operator Spectrum: Unlike with finite matrices, not every element of the spectrum must be an eigenvalue: the linear operator may only lack an inverse because it is not surjective.
3. Spectral Values of the Operator: Elements of the spectrum of an operator in the general sense are known as *spectral values*.
4. Subtleties of the Spectral Decomposition: Since spectral values need not be eigenvalues, the spectral decomposition is often mor subtle in finite dimensions.
5. Spectral Theorem for Compact Operators: However, the spectral theorem of a self-adjoint operator takes a particularly simple form if, in addition, is assumed to be a compact operator. The spectral theorem for compact self-adjoint is given below.
6. Countably Many Spectral Values: A compact self-adjoint operator has only countably – or finitely – many spectral values. The spectrum of has no limit point in the complex plane except possibly zero.
7. Decomposing the Eigenspaces of the Operator: The eigenspaces of decompose into an orthogonal direct sum
8. Projection onto the Orthogonal Eigenspace: Moreover, if denotes the orthogonal projection onto the eigenspace , then

where the sum converges with to the norm on .

1. Literature on the Spectral Theory: Treatments include Riesz and Sz-Nagy (1990). The result was already known to Schmidt (1908) in the case of operators arising from integral kernels.
2. Use in the Theory of Integral Equations: This theorem plays a fundamental role in the theory of integral equations, as many integral operators are compact, in particular those that arise from Hilbert-Schmidt operators.
3. Operator-valued Riemann-Stieltjes Integral: The general spectral theorem for self-adjoint operators involves a kind of operator-valued Riemann-Stieltjes integral, rather than an infinite summation (Riesz and Sz-Nagy (1990)).
4. Element of the Spectral Family: The *spectral family* associated with links each real number to an operator , which is the projection onto the null space of the operator , where the positive part of a self-adjoint operator is defined by
5. Monotone Increasing Nature of :The operators are monotone increasing relative to the partial order defined – on self-adjoint operators; the eigenvalues correspond precisely to the jump discontinuities.
6. Statement of the Spectral Theorem: The spectral theorem asserts that
7. Bounding of the Integral Norm: The integral is understood as a Riemann-Stieltjes integral, convergent with respect to the norm on .
8. Ordinary Scalar-valued Integral Representation: In particular, one has the ordinary scalar-valued integral representation
9. Spectral Decomposition for Normal Operators: A somewhat similar spectral decomposition holds for normal operators, although because the spectrum may now contain non-real complex numbers, the operator-valued Stieltjes measure must instead be replaced by a resolution of the identity.
10. Application to Spectral Mapping Theorem: A major application of spectral methods is the spectral mapping theorem, which allows one to apply to a self-adjoint operator any continuous complex function on the spectrum of by forming the integral
11. Continuous Operator Functional Calculus: The resulting continuous functional calculus has applications in particular to pseudo-differential operators (Shubin (1987)).
12. Case of *Unbounded* Self-adjoint Operators: The spectral theory of *unbounded* self-adjoint operators is only marginally more difficult than that for unbounded operators.
13. Spectrum of an Unbounded Operator: The spectrum of an unbounded operator is defined in precisely the same way as for bounded operators: is a spectral value if the resolvent operator

fails to be a well-defined continuous operator.

1. Guarantee that Spectrum is Real: The self-adjointedness of still guarantees that the spectrum is real. Thus, the essential idea of working with unbounded operators is to look instead at the resolvent where is non-real.
2. *Bounded* Normal Operator: This is a *bounded* normal operator, admits a spectral representation that can be transferred to a spectral representation of itself.
3. Spectrum from an Associated Resolvent: A similar strategy is used, for instance, to study the spectrum of the Laplace operator: rather than address the operator directly, one instead looks as an associated resolvent such as Riesz potential or Bessel potential.
4. Precise Version of the Spectral Theorem: The following statement on the spectral theorem below comes from Rudin (1973).
5. Self-adjoint Operator Spectral Theorem: Given a densely defined self-adjoint operator on a Hilbert space , there corresponds a unique resolution of the identity on the Borel sets of , such that

for all

and

1. Space of Eigenvalue Spectrum: The spectral measure is concentrated on the spectrum of .
2. Application to Unbounded Normal Operator: There is also a version of the spectral theorem that applies to unbounded operators.

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**Positive-definite Kernel**

**Overview**

1. Definition of a Positive-definite Kernel: A *positive definite kernel* is a generalization of a positive-definite function or a positive-definite matrix (Wikipedia (2022)).
2. Solutions to the Integral Operator Equations: It was first introduced in the context of solving integral operator equations. Since then, positive-definite functions and their various analogues and generalizations have arisen in diverse parts of mathematics.
3. Applications to the Positive-definite Kernel: They occur naturally in Fourier analysis, probability theory, operator theory, complex function theory, moment problems, integral equations, boundary-value problems for partial differential equations, machine learning, embedding problem, information theory, and other areas.

**Definition**

1. Defining Symmetric Positive-definite Function: Let be a non-empty set, sometimes referred to as the index set. A symmetric function

is called a positive-definite – p. d. – kernel on if

implies holds for any

given

1. Positive Definite vs Semi-definite Kernels: In probability theory, a distinction is sometimes made between positive-definite kernels, for which the equality in

implies

and positive semi-definite – p. s. d. – kernels, which do not impose this condition. Note that this is equivalent to requiring that any finite matrix constructed by pairwise evaluation

has either entirely positive – p. d. – or non-negative – p. s. d. – eigenvalues.

1. Chapter Focus – Real-valued Functions: In mathematical literature, kernels are usually complex-valued functions, but this chapter assumes real-valued functions, which is the common practice in applications of positive definite kernels.

**Definition – Some General Properties**

1. Family of Positive Definite Kernels: For a family of positive definite kernels

the following hold.

1. Canonical Sum: The canonical sum

is positive definite, given

1. Product: The product is positive definite, given
2. Limit: The limit

is positive definite if the limit exists.

1. Positive-definite Kernels on Set Sequences: If

is a sequence of sets, and

a sequence of positive definite kernels

then both

and

are positive definite kernels on

1. Restriction of the Positive definite Kernel to a Subdomain: Let

Then the restriction of of to is also a positive definite kernel.

**Definition – Examples of Positive Definite Kernels**

1. Examples of Positive-definite Kernels: Common examples of positive-definite kernels defined on Euclidean space include the following.
2. Linear Kernel:
3. Polynomial Kernel:
4. Gaussian Kernel - RBF:
5. Laplacian Kernel:
6. Abel Kernel:
7. Kernel Generating Sobolev Spaces:

where is the Bessel function of the third kind.

1. Kernel Generating Paley-Wiener Space:
2. Kernels from Hilbertian Inner Products: If is a Hilbert space, then its corresponding inner product

is a positive definite kernel. Indeed, one has

1. Kernels Defined on and Histograms: Histograms are frequently encountered I applications of real-life problems. Most observations are usually available under the form of non-negative vectors of counts, which, if normalized, yield histograms of frequencies.
2. Distance Metrics are Kernel Parameters: It has been shown (Hein and Bousquet (2005)) that the following family of squared metrics, respectively Jensen divergence, the -square, total variation, and two variations of the Hellinger distance.
3. Jensen Divergence:
4. -square:
5. Hellinger Distance Variants:
6. Kernels Generated over Distance Metrics: The squared metrics can be used to define positive definite kernels using the formula

**Connection with Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Space and Feature Maps**

1. Positive-definite Kernels and Hilbert Spaces: Positive-definite kernels provide a framework that encompasses some basic Hilbert space constructions. The following section presents a tight relationship between positive-definite kernels and two mathematical objects, namely reproducing Hilbert spaces and feature maps.
2. Axiomatic Basis behind the Formulation: Let be a set, a Hilbert space of functions

and

be the corresponding inner product. For any

the evaluation functional

is defined by

1. Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Space Definition: A reproducing Kernel Hilbert Space RHKS is defined as follows. is called a reproducing kernel Hilbert space if the evaluation functionals are continuous.
2. Reproducing Kernel Associated with RKHS: Every RKHS has a special function associated with it, namely the reproducing kernel.
3. Reproducing Property of the PD Kernel: Reproducing kernel is a function

such that

and

for all

and

The latter property is called the reproducing property.

1. Equivalence between RKHS and Reproducing Kernel: The following theorem shows the equivalence: Every reproducing kernel induces a unique RKHS, and every RKHS has a unique reproducing kernel.
2. Connection between PD Kernels and RKHS: The connection between positive definite kernels and RKHS is given by the following theorem: Every reproducing kernel is positive-definite, and every positive-definite kernel defines a unique RKHS, of which it is the unique reproducing kernel. Thus, given a positive-definite kernel , it is possible to build an associated RKHS with as a reproducing kernel.
3. PD Kernels and Feature Maps: As stated earlier, positive definite kernels can be constructed from inner products. This fact can be used to connect positive definite kernels with another interesting object that arises in machine learning applications, namely the feature map.
4. Implied Kernel Feature Map: Let be a Hilbert space, and the corresponding inner product. Any map

is called a feature map. In this case is called a feature map. It is easy to see that every feature map defines a unique positive definite kernel by

1. Positive Definiteness of the Kernel: Indeed, positive definiteness of follows from the PD property of the inner product.
2. RKHS Associated with Feature Maps: On the other hand, every p. d. kernel, and its corresponding RKHS, have many associated feature maps. For example, let

and

for all

Then

by the reproducing property.

1. Constructing the Corresponding RKHS: This suggests a new look at positive definite kernels as inner products in appropriate Hilbert spaces, or in other words, positive definite kernels can be viewed as similarity maps which quantify effectively how similar two points and are through the value . Moreover, through the equivalence of positive definite kernels and its corresponding RKHS, every feature map can be used to construct a RKHS.

**Kernels and Distances**

1. Kernel Methods vs. Nearest Neighbors: Kernel methods are often compared to distance-based methods such as nearest neighbors. This section discusses the parallels between their two respective ingredients, namely kernels and distance .
2. Definition of the Distance Metric: Here, by a distance function between each pair of elements of some set , one means a metric defined on that set, i.e., any non-negative valued function on which satisfies

and

if and only if

1. Motivation behind Negative Definite Kernel: One link between distances and p. d. kernels is given by a particular kind of kernel, called a negative definite kernel, and is defined as follows.
2. Defining Negative Definite Kernel: A symmetric function

is called a negative definite – n. d. – kernel on if

holds for any

and

such that

1. Parallel between Negative-definite Kernels and Distances: This parallel is in the following: whenever a negative-definite kernel vanishes on the set

and is zero only on this set, then its square root is a distance for .

1. Definition of the Hilbertian Distance: At the same time each distance does not correspond necessarily to a negative definite kernel. This is true only for Hilbertian distances, where the distance is called Hilbertian if one can embed the metric space isometrically into some Hilbert space.
2. Defining Infinitely Divisible Kernels: On the other hand, negative-definite kernels can be identified with a subfamily of positive-definite kernels known as infinitely divisible kernels. The non-negative kernel is said to be infinitely divisible if for every

there exists a positive-definite kernel such that

1. Definition of the Distance Pseudo-metric: Another link is that a positive definite kernel induces a pseudo-metric, where the first constraint on the distance function is loosened to allow

for

1. Definition of the Distance Function: Given a positive-definite kernel , one can define a distance function as

**Applications to Kernels in Machine Learning**

1. Importance of Positive-definite Kernels: Positive-definite kernels, through their equivalence with reproducing kernel Hilbert spaces, are particularly important in the field of statistical learning theory because of the celebrated representer theorem which states that every minimizer function in an RKHS can be written as a linear combination of the kernel function evaluated at the training points.
2. Simplification of Empirical Risk Minimization: This is a practically useful result as it effectively simplifies the empirical risk minimization problem from an infinite dimensional to a finite dimensional optimization problem.

**Applying Kernels in Probabilistic Models**

1. Non-deterministic Recovery Problems: Assume that one wants to find the response of an unknown model function at a new point of a set , provided that one has a sample of input-response pairs

given by observation or experiment.

1. Stochastic Responses to Predictors: The response at is not a fixed function of but rather a realization of a real-valued random variable . The goal is to get information about the function which replaces in the deterministic setting.
2. Proximity of the Stochastic Responses: For two elements

the random variables and will not be uncorrelated, because if is too close to the random experiments described by and will often show similar behavior.

1. Covariance between the Stochastic Responses: This is defined by a covariance kernel

Such a kernel exists and is positive-definite under weak additional assumptions.

1. Interpolation using the Covariance Kernel: A good estimate for can be obtained by using kernel interpolation with the covariance kernel, ignoring the probabilistic background completely.
2. Incorporation of a Stochastic Noise: Assuming that a noise variable , with a zero mean and variance , is added to , such that the noise is independent for different and independent of there, then the problem of finding a good estimate for is identical to the one above, but with a modified kernel given by
3. Density Estimation by Kernels: The problem is to recover the density of a multivariate distribution over a domain , from a large sample

including repetitions. When sampling points lie dense, the true identity must take large values.

1. Histogram-based Sample Density Estimation: A simple density estimate is possible by counting the number of samples in each cell of a grid, and plotting the resulting histogram, which yields a piecewise constant density estimate.
2. Kernel-based Sample Density Estimate: A better estimate can be obtained by using a non-negative translation invariant kernel , with total integral equal to one, and define

as a smooth estimate.

**Application to Numerical Solution of Partial Differential Equations**

1. Numerical Solution of PDEs: One of the greatest application areas of the so-called meshfree methods is in the numerical solution of PDEs.
2. MLPG, RKPM, and SPH: Some of the popular meshfree methods are closely related to positive-definite kernels, such as meshless local Petrov Galerkin MLPG, reproducing kernel particle method RKPM, and smoothed particle hydrodynamics SPH. These methods use radial basis kernel for collocation (Schaback and Wendland (2006)).

**Other Applications**

1. The Response Surface Methodology: In literature on computer experiments (Haaland and Qian (2012)) and other engineering experiments one increasingly encounters models on positive definite kernels, RBFs, or kriging. One such topic response surface methodology.
2. Estimation using Implicit Surface Models: Other types of applications that boil down of fitting data are rapid prototyping and computer graphics. Here one often uses implicit surface models to approximate or interpolate point cloud data.
3. Applications of Positive Definite Kernels: Applications in various other branches of mathematics are in multivariate integration, multivariate optimization, and in numerical analysis and scientific computing, where one studies fast, accurate, and adaptive algorithms ideally implemented in high-performance computing environments (Gumerov and Duraiswami (2005)).

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**Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Space**

**Overview**

1. Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Space – Definition: A *reproducing kernel Hilbert Space* (RKHS) is a Hilbert space of functions in which point evaluation is a continuous linear functional.
2. Closeness in Terms of Norm: Roughly speaking, this means that if two functions and in the RKHS are close in norm, i.e., is small, then and are also point-wise close, i.e., is small for all . The converse need not be true (Wikipedia (2022)).
3. Building Hilbert Spaces of Functions: It is not entirely straightforward to construct a Hilbert space of functions which is not an RKHS (Alpay and Mills (2003)). Some examples, however, have been found (Pasternak-Winiarski (1992), Zynda (2020)).
4. Equivalence Classes of Hilbert Spaces: Note that spaces are not Hilbert spaces of functions – and hence not RKHS’s – but rather Hilbert spaces of equivalence classes of functions; for example, the functions and defined by

and

are equivalent in .

1. Space of Band limited Functions: However, there are RKHS’s in which the norm is an -norm, such as the band-limited functions – as shown in an example below.
2. Reproducing Kernels used in RKHS: An RKHS is associated with a kernel that reproduces every function in the space in the sense that for every in the set on which the functions are defined, “evaluation at ” can be performed by taking an inner product with a function defined by the kernel.
3. Existence of a Reproducing Kernel: Such a *reproducing kernel* exits if and only if every evaluation functional is continuous.
4. Use in Harmonic/Biharmonic Functions: The reproducing kernel was first introduced in the 1907 work of Stanislaw Zaremba concerning boundary value problems for harmonic and biharmonic functions.
5. Use in Integral Equation Theory: James Mercer simultaneously examined functions which satisfy the reproducing property in the theory of integral equations.
6. Usage in Other Areas: These spaces have wide applications, including complex analysis, harmonic analysis, and quantum mechanics.
7. Use in Statistical Learning Theory: Reproducing kernel Hilbert spaces are particularly important in the field of statistical learning theory because of the celebrated representer theorem which states that every function on an RKHS that minimizes an empirical risk functional can be written as a linear combination of the kernel function evaluated at the training points.
8. Reduction to Finite Dimensional Problem: This is a practically useful result as it effectively simplifies the empirical risk minimization problem from an infinite dimensional to a finite dimensional optimization problem.
9. Real-valued Hilbert Spaces Treatment: For ease of understanding, this chapter provides the framework for real-values Hilbert spaces. The theory can be easily extended to spaces of complex-valued functions and hence include many important examples of reproducing kernel Hilbert spaces that are spaces of analytic functions (Paulsen (2009)).

**Definition**

1. Pointwise Additive/Multiplicative Hilbert Spaces: Let be an arbitrary set and a Hilbert space of real-valued functions on , equipped with pointwise addition and pointwise scalar multiplication.
2. Evaluation Functional over Hilbert Space: The evaluation functional over the Hilbert spaces of functions is a linear functional that evaluates each function at a point
3. Formal Definition of the RKHS: is said to be a *reproducing kernel Hilbert space* if, for all in , is continuous at every in or, equivalently, if is a bounded operator on , i.e., there exists some

such that

1. Bounded in ; Unbounded Overall: Although

is assumed for all

it might still be the case that

1. Weak Nature of RKHS Definition: While the property

is the weakest condition that ensures both existence of an inner product and the evaluation of every function in at every point in the domain, it does not tend itself to easy application in practice.

1. Alternative Representation of Reproducing Kernel: A more intuitive property guarantees that the evaluation functional can be represented by taking the inner product with a function in . This function is the so-called *reproducing kernel* for the Hilbert space from which the RKHS takes its name.
2. Application of Riesz Representation Theorem: More formally, the Riesz representation theorem implies that for all in there exists a unique element of with the reproducing
3. Dot-Product of with itself: Since is itself a function defined on with values in the field - or in the case of complex Hilbert spaces and as is in we have that

where

is the element in associated with .

1. Reproducing Kernel of Hilbert Spaces: This allows one to define the reproducing kernel of as a function

by

1. Property of the Reproducing Kernel: From tis definition it is easy to see that

- or in the complex case – is both symmetric, respectively conjugate symmetric, and positive definite, i.e.

for every

and

1. The Converse - Moore-Aronszajn Theorem: The Moore-Aronszajn theorem – as is shown below – is a sort of converse to this: if a function satisfies these conditions, then there is a Hilbert space of functions on for which it is a reproducing kernel.

**Example**

1. Space of Band-limited Continuous Function: The space of band-limited continuous functions is a RKHS, as shown below.
2. Set of Continuous Square-integrable Functions: Formally, fix some cutoff frequency

and define the Hilbert space

where is the set of continuous square integrable functions, and

is the Fourier transform of .

1. Inner Product of Hilbert Space: As the inner product of this Hilbert space, one uses
2. Using the Fourier Inversion Theorem: From the Fourier Inversion theorem, one has
3. in Terms of : It then follows by the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality and Plancherel’s theorem that, for all
4. Proof that is Bounded: This inequality shows that the evaluation functional is bounded, proving that is indeed a RKHS.
5. Kernel Function for Laplace Transform: The kernel function in this case is given by
6. Fourier Transform of : To see this, one first notes that the Fourier transform of defined above is given by

which is a consequence of the time-shifting property of the Fourier transform.

1. – Kernel Dot Product: Consequently, using the Plancherel’s theorem, one has

Thus, one obtains the reproducing property of the kernel.

1. Band-limited Version of Dirac Delta: Note that in this case is the “band-limited version” of the Dirac delta function, and that converges to in the weak sense as the cutoff frequency a tends to infinity.

**Moore-Aronszajn Theorem**

1. RKHS from a PSD Kernel: It was seen above how a reproducing kernel Hilbert space defines a reproducing kernel function that is both symmetric and positive-definite.
2. Objective of Moore-Aronszajn Theorem: The Moor-Aronszajn theorem goes in the other direction; it states that every symmetric, positive-definite kernel defines a unique reproducing kernel Hilbert space.
3. Statement of Moore-Aronszajn Theorem: Suppose is a symmetric, positive-definite kernel on a set . Then there is a unique Hilbert space of functions on for which is a reproducing kernel.
4. Axiomatization behind Moore-Aronszajn Theorem: For all in , define

Let be the linear span of

1. Defining Inner Product on : Define an inner product on by

which implies that

1. Symmetry of the Inner Product: The symmetry of this inner product follows from the symmetry of and the non-degeneracy follows from the fact that is positive definite.
2. Completion of Inner Product Space: Let be the completion of with respect to this inner product. Then consists of the functions of the form

where

1. Reproducing Property of Complete Space: Now, the reproducing property

may be verified.

1. Uniqueness of Hilbert Space #1: To prove uniqueness, let be another Hilbert space of functions for which is a reproducing kernel. For every and in

implies that

1. Uniqueness of Hilbert Space #2: By linearity

on the span of

Then

because is complete and contains and hence contains its completion.

1. Uniqueness of Hilbert Space #3: Now, one needs to prove that every element of is in .
2. Uniqueness of Hilbert Space #4: Let be an element of . Since is a closed subspace of , one can write

where

and

1. Uniqueness of Hilbert Space #5: Now, if

then, since is a reproducing kernel of and :

where one has used the fact that belongs to so that its inner product with in is zero.

1. Uniqueness of Hilbert Space #6: This shows that

in and concludes the proof.

**Integral Operators and Mercer’s Theorem**

1. Integral Operator using Mercer’s Theorem: One may characterize a symmetric positive definite kernel via the integral operator using Mercer’s theorem and obtain an additional view of the RKHS.
2. Compact, Borel Space with PSD Kernel: Let be a compact space equipped with a strictly positive finite Borel measure and

a continuous, symmetric, and positive-definite function.

1. Defining the Integral Operator: Define the integral operator

as

where is the space of square integrable functions with respect to .

1. Statement of the Mercer’s Theorem: Mercer’s theorem states that the spectral decomposition of the integral operator of yields a series representation of in terms of the eigenvalues and the eigenfunctions of .
2. Implication - is a Reproducing Kernel: This then implies that is a reproducing kernel so that the corresponding RKHS can be defined in terms of these eigenvalues and eigenfunctions.
3. – Compact, Positive, Self-adjoint, Continuous: Under these assumptions, is a compact, continuous, self-adjoint, and positive operator.
4. Spectral Theorem for Self-adjoint Operators: The spectral theorem for self-adjoint operators implies that there is at most a countable decreasing sequence

such that

and

where the form an orthonormal basis of .

1. Choosing Eigenvectors as Continuous Functions: By positivity of

for all . One can also show that maps continuously into the space of continuous functions and therefore one may choose continuous functions as the eigenvectors, that is

for all .

1. Expressing using Eigenvalues/Eigenvectors: Then by Mercer’s theorem may be written in terms of the eigenvalues and continuous eigenfunctions as

for all

such that

This above series is referred to as a Mercer kernel or Mercer representation of .

1. RKHS of the Reproducing Kernel: Furthermore, it can be shown that the RKHS of is given by

where the inner product of is given by

1. Usage of the Mercer Kernel: This representation of RKHS has applications in probability and statistics, for example, to the Karhunen-Loeve representation of stochastic processes and kernel PCA.

**Feature Maps**

1. Definition of a Feature Map: A *feature map* is the map

where is a Hilbert space which will be called the feature space.

1. RKHS Representation using Feature Maps: The first sections presented the connection between bounded/continuous evaluation functions, positive definite functions, and integral operators, and this section provides another representation of the RKHS in terms of feature maps.
2. Setting the Feature Map Kernel: One first notes that every feature map defines a kernel via
3. Resulting Symmetric and PSD Kernel: Clearly is symmetric and the positive-definiteness follows from the properties of inner product in . Conversely, every positive definite function and the corresponding reproducing kernel Hilbert space has infinitely many associated feature maps such that the above holds.
4. A Trivial Feature Map: For example, one can trivially set

and

for all

Then

is satisfied by the reproducing property.

1. Feature Map from Integral Operators: Another example of a feature map relates to previous section regarding integral operators by taking

and

1. Connection between Kernels and Feature Maps: This connection between kernels and feature maps provides a new way to understand positive definite functions and hence reproducing kernels as inner products in . Moreover, every feature map can naturally define a RKHS by means of the definite of a positive definite function.
2. Function Spaces of Feature Maps: Lastly, feature maps allow the construction of function spaces that reveal another perspective on the RKHS. Consider the linear space
3. Norm of this Function Space: One can define a norm on by
4. RKHS Kernel of Function Spaces: It can be shown that is a RKHS with kernel defined
5. Inner Products on Feature Spaces: This representation that the elements of the RKHS are inner products of elements in the feature space and can accordingly be seen as hyperplanes. This view of the RKHS is related to the kernel trick in machine learning.

**Properties**

1. Kernel in the Space: Let

be a sequence of sets and

be a collection of positive definite functions on

It then follows that

is a kernel on

1. Subspace Restriction of a Kernel: Let

Then the restriction of to is also a reproducing kernel.

1. Case of a Normalized Kernel: Consider a normalized kernel such that

for all

1. Distance Pseudo-metric on : Define a pseudo-metric on as

By Cauchy-Schwartz inequality

1. as a Similarity Metric: This inequality allows one to view as a measure of similarity between inputs. If

are similar then will be closer to while if

are dissimilar then will be closer to .

1. Closure of the Hilbert Space: The closure of the span of

coincides with .

**Common Examples – Bilinear Kernels**

The RKHS corresponding to this kernel is the dual space consisting of functions

satisfying

**Common Examples – Polynomial Kernels**

**Common Examples – Radial Basis Function**

These are another common class of kernels that satisfy

**Common Examples – Radial Basis Function – Gaussian or Squared Exponential Kernel**

**Common Examples – Radial Basis Function – Laplacian Kernel**

The squared norm of a function in the RKHS with this kernel is (Berlinet and Thomas (2004)):

**Bergman Kernels**

1. Setup behind the Bergman Kernel: Let be finite and consist of all complex values functions on . Then an element of can be represented as an array of complex numbers.
2. As a Complex Identity Function: If the usual inner product is used, then is the function whose value is at and everywhere else, and can be thought of as an identity matrix since

In this case, is isomorphic in .

1. Kernel on a Unit Disc: The case of

where denotes the unit disc, is more sophisticated. Here, the Bergman space is the space of square-integrable holomorphic functions on .

1. The Corresponding Reproducing Kernel: It can be shown that the corresponding reproducing kernel for is
2. Kernel for Band-limited Functions: Lastly, the space of band-limited functions in with a bandwidth is a RKHS with a reproducing kernel

**Extension to Vector-valued Functions**

1. Motivation behind Vector-valued RKHS: This section extends the definition of RKHS to spaces of vector-valued functions as this is particularly important in multi-task learning and manifold regularization.
2. Kernel as a PSD Matrix: The main difference is that the reproducing kernel is a symmetric function that is now a positive semi-definite *matrix* for every in .
3. Formal Definition of the Kernel: More formally, one defines a vector-valued kernel vvRKHS as a Hilbert space of functions

such that for all

and

for

and

1. Contrast to Scalar-valued Case: This second property parallels the reproducing property for scalar-valued case.
2. Equivalence with other Scalar Kernels: One notes that this definition can also be connected to integral operators, bounded evaluation functions, and feature maps as seen earlier for the scalar valued RKHS.
3. vvRKHS as a Vector-valued Space: One can alternatively define vvRKHS as a vector-valued Hilbert space with a bounded evaluation functional and show that this implies the existence of a unique reproducing kernel by the Riesz representation theorem.
4. Mercer’s Theorem in Vector-valued Setting: Mercer’s theorem can also be extended to address the vector-valued setting and one can therefore obtain a feature-map view of RKHS.
5. Closure of the Vector-valued Span: Lastly, it can also be shown that the closure of the span

coincides with , another property similar to the scalar-valued case.

1. Isometric Isomorphism with Scalar RKHS: One can gain intuition for the vvRKHS by taking a component-wise perspective on these spaces. In particular, one finds that every vvRKHS is isometrically isomorphic to a scalar-valued RKHS on a particular input space.
2. Reproducing Scalar-valued Kernel: Let

Consider the space and the corresponding reproducing kernel

1. Corresponding Scalar-valued RKHS: As noted above, the RKHS associated with this reproducing kernel is given by the closure of the span of

where

for every set of pairs

1. Connecting Vector-to-scalar-valued Kernel: The connection to scalar-valued RKHS can then be made by the fact that every matrix-valued kernel can be identified with a kernel of

via

1. Extension to Matrix-valued Kernels: Moreover, every kernel with the form of

defines a matrix-valued kernel with the above expression. Now, letting the map

be defined as

where is the component of the canonical basis for , one can show that is bijective and is an isometry between and .

1. Complexities with Isometrized Scalar Reduction: While this view of vvRKHS can be useful in multi-task learning, this isometry does not reduce the vector-valued case to that of the scalar-valued case. In fact, this isometry procedure can make both the scalar-valued kernel and the input space too difficult to work with in practice as properties of the original kernels are often lost (Alvarez, Rosasco, and Lawrence (2011), Zhang, Xu, and Zhang (2012), De Vito, Umanita, and Villa (2013)).
2. The Class of Separable Kernels: An important class of matrix-valued reproducing kernels are *separable* kernels which can be factorized as the product of a scalar-valued kernel and a -dimensional symmetric positive semi-definite matrix.
3. Form of Separable Kernels: In light of the previous discussions, these kernels are of the form

for all in and in .

1. Kernel Encoding Input/Output Dependencies: As the scalar valued kernel encodes the dependencies between the inputs, one can observe that the matrix-valued kernel encodes the dependencies among both the inputs and the outputs.
2. Challenges with Kernels in Function Spaces: As a final remark, the above treatment can be further extended to spaces of functions with values in function spaces but obtaining kernels for these spaces is a more difficult task.

**Connection between RKHS and ReLU Function**

1. Definition of the ReLU Function: The ReLU function is commonly defined as

and is a mainstay of the architecture of neural networks where it is used as an activation function.

1. ReLU-like Functions using RKHS: One can construct a ReLU-like non-linear function using the theory of reproducing kernel Hilbert spaces.
2. ReLU-Type Function Construction: This section derives this construction and shows how it implies the representation power of neural networks with ReLU activations.
3. Premise - Hilbert Spaces of Continuous Functions: This section works with the Hilbert space

of absolutely continuous functions with

and square integrable, i.e., , derivative. It has the inner product

1. Dense Subspace for the Kernel: To construct the reproducing kernel it suffices to consider a dense subspace, so let

and

1. Explicit Form for the Kernel: The Fundamental Theorem of Calculus then gives

where

and

i.e.,

This implies

reproduces .

1. Kernel Form at : By taking the limit

one obtains the ReLU function

1. Optimality of ReLU in Neural Networks: Using this formulation, one can apply the representer theorem to the RKHS, letting one prove the optimality of using ReLU activations in neural network settings.

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**Representer Theorem**

**Overview**

In statistical learning theory, a *representer theorem* is any of several related results stating that a minimizer of a regularized empirical risk functional defined over a reproducing kernel Hilbert space can be represented as a finite linear combination of kernel products evaluated on the input points in the training set data (Wikipedia (2022)).

**Formal Statement**

1. Scholkopf, Herbrich, and Smola Treatise: The following Representer Theorem and its proof are due to Scholkopf, Herbrich, and Smola (2001).
2. Setup of the Representer Theorem: Consider a positive-definite real-valued kernel

on a non-empty set with a corresponding kernel Hilbert space . The following are assumed to be given.

1. Training Sample:
2. Strictly Increasing Real-valued Function:
3. Arbitrary Error Function:
4. Regularized Empirical Risk Functional: The above taken together define the following regularized empirical risk functional on :
5. Minimizer of the Empirical Risk: Then, any minimizer of the empirical risk

admits a representation of the form:

where

for all

1. Proof Step #1 - Mapping Functional: Define a mapping

so that

is itself

1. Proof Step #2 - Inner Product: Since is a reproducing kernel, then

where is the inner product on .

1. Proof Step #3 - Component Decomposition: Given any one can use orthogonal projection to decompose any

into a sum of two functions, one lying in the span , and the other lying in the orthogonal complement:

where

for all .

1. Applying on the Training Points: The above orthogonal decomposition and the reproducing property together show that applying to any training point produces

which can be seen to be independent of .

1. Independence of from : Consequently, the value of the error function in

is likewise independent of

1. Minimization of the Regularization Function: For the second term, i.e., the regularization term, since is orthogonal to

and is strictly monotonic, one has

1. Setting Orthogonal Component to Zero: Therefore, setting

does not affect the first term of

while it strictly decreases the second term.

1. Proof Step #3 - Finale: Consequently, any minimizer

must have

i.e., it must be of the form

which is the desired result.

**Generalizations**

1. The Family of Representer Theorems: The theorem stated above is a particular example of a family of results that are collectively referred to a “representer theorems”: This section describes several such.
2. Version of Kimeldorf and Wahba: The first statement of a representer theorem was due to Kimeldorf and Wahba (1970) for the special case in which

for

1. Generalization by Scholkopf, Herbrich, Smola: Scholkopf, Herbrich, and Smola (2001) generalized this result by relaxing the assumption of the squared-loss and allowing the regularizer to be any strictly monotonically increasing function of the Hilbert space norm.
2. Augmenting the Regularized Risk Function: It is possible to generalize further by augmenting the regularized and empirical risk functional through the addition of unpenalized offset terms.
3. Extension using Unpenalized Function Family: For example, Scholkopf, Herbrich, and Smola (2001) also consider the minimization

i.e., they consider functions of the form

where

and is an unpenalized function lying in the span of a finite set of real-valued functions

1. Representation of the Corresponding Minimizer: Under the assumption that the matrix has the rank they show that the minimizer in

admits a representation of the form

where

and the are all uniquely determined.

1. Existence of the Representer Theorem: The conditions under which a representer theorem exist were investigated by Argyriou, Micchelli, and Pontil (2009), who proved the following.
2. Axioms behind Representer Theorem Existence: Let be a non-empty set, a positive-definite real-valued kernel on with corresponding reproducing kernel Hilbert space , and let

be a differentiable regularization function.

1. Statement of Argyriou, Micchelli, and Pontil: Then, given a training sample

and an arbitrary error function

a minimizer

of the regularized empirical risk admits a representation of the form

where

for all

if and only if there exists a non-decreasing function

for which

1. Necessary and Sufficient Condition: Effectively, this result provides a necessary and sufficient condition on a differential regularizer under which the corresponding regularized empirical risk minimization

will have a representer theorem.

1. Broad Class of Regularized Risk Minimizations: In particular, this shows that a broad class of regularized risk minimizations – much broader than those originally considered by Kimeldorf and Wahba (1970) – have representer theorems.

**Applications**

1. Simplification of Empirical Risk Minimization: Representer theorems are useful from a practical standpoint because they dramatically simplify the regularized empirical risk minimization problem
2. Infinite dimensional Search Space: In most interesting applications, the search domain for the minimization will be an infinite-dimensional subspace and therefore the search – as written – does not admit implementation on finite-memory and finite-precision computers.
3. Dimensionality Reduction offered by Representation Theorem: In contrast, the representation of afforded by a representer theorem reduces the original infinite-dimensional minimization problem to a search for the optimal -dimensional vector of coefficients

can then be obtained by applying any standard function minimization algorithm.

1. Theoretical Basis for Feasible Solutions: Consequently, representer theorems provide the theoretical basis for the reduction of the general machine learning problems to algorithms that can actually be implemented on computers in practice.
2. Illustrative Development of Feasible Solution: The following provides an example of how to solve for the minimizer whose existence is guaranteed by the representer theorem.
3. Reduction to a Finite Linear System: This method works for any positive definite kernel and allows one to transform a complicated – possibly infinite-dimensional – optimization problem into a simple linear system that can be solved numerically.
4. Forms of Empirical Loss/Regularizer: Assume that one uses a least-squares error function

and a regularization function

for some

1. Form of the Minimizer Function: By the representer theorem, the minimizer

has the form

for some

1. Formulation of the Kernel Coefficients: Noting that

one sees that has the form

where

and

1. Explicit Form for the Coefficients: This can be factored out and simplified to
2. Existence of Single Global Minima: Since is positive-definite, there is indeed a single global minimum for this expression.
3. Convex Nature of Optimization Function: Let

and note that is convex.

1. Gradient of the Optimization Function: Then , the global minima, can be solved by setting
2. Application of a Linear Solver: Recalling that all positive definite matrices are invertible, one can see that

so the minimizer may be found via a linear space.

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**Kernel Method**

**Overview**

1. Class of Algorithms for Pattern Analysis: *Kernel machines* are a class of algorithms for pattern analysis, whose best-known member is the support vector machine- SVM (Wikipedia (2022)).
2. Less Commonly Known Algorithms: These include the Importance Vector Machine, and Kernel PCA (Theodoridis (2008)).
3. General Task of Pattern Analysis: The focus is to find and study general types of relations – for example clusters, rankings, principal components, correlations, classifications – in datasets.
4. Data Transformation in Feature Space: For many algorithms that solve these tasks, the data in raw representation have to be explicitly transformed into feature vector representations using user-specified *feature map*; in contrast, kernel methods require only a user-specified *kernel*, i.e., a similarity function over all pairs of data points computed using inner products.
5. Dimensionality Reduction using Representer Theorem: The feature map in kernel machines is infinite-dimensional, but only requires a finite-dimensional matrix from user-input according to the Representer theorem.
6. Kernel Machine Sample Size Performance: Kernel machines are slow to compute for datasets larger than a couple of thousand examples without parallel processing.
7. High dimensional, *Implicit* Feature Space: Kernel methods owe their name to the use of kernel functions, which enable them to operate in a high-dimensional *implicit* feature space without ever computing the coordinates of the data in that space, but rather by simply computing the inner products between the images of all pairs of data in feature space.
8. Motivation behind the Kernel Trick: This operation is often computationally cheaper than the explicit computation on the feature map using the coordinates. This approach is called the *kernel trick* (Theodoridis (2008)).
9. Applications of Kernel Functions: Kernel functions have been introduced for sequence data, graphs, text, images, as well as vectors.
10. Algorithms that use Kernel Methods: Algorithms capable of operating with kernels include the kernel perceptron, support-vector machines SVM, Gaussian processes, principal component analysis PCA, canonical correlation analysis, ridge regression, spectral clustering, linear adaptive filter, and many others.
11. Theoretical Foundations of Kernel Applications: Most kernel algorithms are based on convex optimization or eigen-problems are statistically well-founded.
12. Analysis of Kernel Algorithms’ Complexity: Typically, their statistical properties are analyzed using statistical learning theory – for example, using Rademacher complexity.

**Motivation and Informal Expression**

1. Instance-based Learning Methods: Kernel methods can be thought of as instance-based learners; rather than learning some fixed set of parameters corresponding to features of their inputs, they instead “remember” the ith training example and learn for it a corresponding weight .
2. Similarity Method Based Outcome Prediction: Prediction for unlabeled inputs, i.e., those not in the training set, is treated by applying the similarity function , called a *kernel*, between the unlabeled input and each of the training inputs .
3. Example - A Kernelized Binary Classifier: For instance, a kernelized binary classifier typically computes a weighted sum of similarities

where:

1. Kernelized Binary Classifier’s Predictor Label:

is the kernelized binary classifier’s predicted label for the unlabeled input whose hidden true label is of interest.

1. Kernel Function that Measures Similarity:

is the kernel function that measures similarity between any pair of inputs

1. Sum Ranges over Labeled Examples: The sum ranges over the labeled examples

in the classifier’s training set, with

1. Weights for the Training Examples: The weights

are the weights for the training examples, as determined by the learning algorithm.

1. Sign of the Classification Outcome: The sign function determines whether the predicted classification comes out positive or negative.
2. Performance of the Kernel Classifiers: Kernel classifiers rose to great prominence with the popularity of the support-vector machine - SVM, when the SVM was found to be competitive with neural networks on tasks such as handwriting recognition.

**Mathematics – The Kernel Trick**

1. Advantage of the Kernel Trick: The kernel trick avoids the explicit mapping that is needed to get linear learning algorithms to learn a non-linear function or decision boundary.
2. Kernel Function as an Inner Product: For all and in the input space , certain functions can be expressed as an inner product in another space .
3. Definition of a Kernel Function: The function

is referred to as a *kernel* or a *kernel function*.

1. Use of “Kernel” in Mathematics: The word “kernel” is used in mathematics to denote a weighting function for a weighted sum or integral.
2. Example - Illustration of the SVM Kernel:



Above is an SVM with kernel given by

and thus

The training points are mapped to a 3-dimensional space where a separating hyperplane can be easily found.

1. Structure behind Machine Learning Problems: Certain problems in machine learning have more structure than an arbitrary weighting function .
2. Dot Product using Feature Maps: The computation is made much simpler of the kernel can be written in the form of a “feature map”

satisfies

1. Explicit Feature Map Function Form: The key restriction is that must be a proper inner product. On the other hand, an explicit representation for is not necessary, as long as is an inner product space.
2. Mercer’s Theorem - Existence of : The alternative follows from Mercer’s theorem: an implicitly defined exists whenever the space can be equipped with a suitable measure ensuring that function satisfies Mercer’s condition.
3. Parallels with Linear Algebra: Mercer’s theorem is similar to the generalization of the result from linear algebra that associates an inner product to any positive-definite matrix. In fact, Mercer’s condition can be reduced to this simpler case.
4. Explicit Use of Counting Measure: If one chooses as a measure the counting measure

for all

which counts the number of points inside the set , then the integral in the Mercer’s theorem reduces to a summation

1. Fulfillment of the Mercer’s Condition: If this summation holds for all finite sequences of points

and all choices of real-valued coefficients – cf. positive definite kernel – then the function satisfies Mercer’s condition.

1. Gram Matrix over Training Set: Theoretically, a Gram matrix

with respect to – sometimes also called a “kernel method” (Hofman, Scholkopf, and Smola (2008)) – where

must be positive-definite (Mohri, Rostamizadeh, and Talwalkar (2012)).

1. Approximation to Notion of Similarity: Similarly, for machine learning heuristics, choices of a function that do not satisfy Mercer’s condition may still perform reasonably if at least approximates the intuitive idea of similarity. Regardless of whether is a Mercer kernel, may still be referred to as a “kernel”.
2. Kernel Functions as Covariance Metrics: If the kernel function is also a covariance function as used in Gaussian processes, then the Gram matrix can also be called a covariance matrix (Rasmussen and Williams (2005)).

**Applications**

Application areas of kernel methods are diverse and include geo-statistics (Honarkhah Caers (2010)), kriging, inverse distance weighting, 3D reconstruction, bio-informatics, chemo-informatics, information extraction, and hand-writing recognition.

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**Householder Transformation**

**Overview**

1. Definition of the Householder Transformation: In linear algebra, a *Householder transformation* – also known as a *Household reflection* or *elementary reflector* – is a linear transformation that describes a reflection about a plane or a hyperplane containing the origin (Householder (1958), Wikipedia (2022)).
2. Analogue over General Inner Product: Its analogue over the general inner product spaces is the Householder operator.

**Definition - Transformation**

1. Normal Vector Defining Reflection Hyperplane: The reflection hyperplane can be defined by its *normal* vector, a unit vector – a vector with a length – that is orthogonal to the hyperplane.
2. Reflection of about Hyperplane: The reflection of the point about this hyperplane is the linear transformation

where is given as a column unit vector with Hermitian transpose .

**Definition – Householder Matrix**

The matrix constructed from this transformation can be expressed in terms of an outer product

known as the Householder matrix, where is the identity matrix.

**Definition – Properties**

1. Hermitian: The Householder matrix has the following properties. It is Hermitian:
2. Unitary: It is unitary:
3. Involutary: Hence, it is involutary:
4. Eigenvalues : The Householder matrix has eigenvalues . To see this, notice that if is orthogonal to the vector which was used to create the reflector, then

i.e., 1 is an eigenvalue with multiplicity , since there are independent vectors orthogonal to . Also, notice

and so is an eigenvalue with multiplicity .

1. Determinant: The determinant of a Householder reflection is -1, since the determinant of a matrix is the product of the eigenvalues, in this case one of which is -1 with the remainder being +1 – as in the previous point.

**Applications – Numerical Linear Algebra**

1. Extensive Use in Linear Algebra: Householder transformations are widely used in numerical linear algebra, for example, to annihilate the entries below the main diagonal of the matrix, to perform QR decomposition, and in the first step of the QR decomposition algorithm.
2. Use in Hessenberg/Hermitian Matrices: They are also widely used for transformation to a Hessenberg form. For symmetric or Hermitian matrices, the symmetry can be preserved, resulting in triangularization (Schabauer, Pacher, Sunderland, and Gansterer (2010)).

**Applications – Numerical Linear Algebra – QR Decomposition**

Householder reflections can be used to calculate QR decompositions by reflecting one first column of a matrix onto a multiple of a standard basis vector, calculating the transformation matrix, multiplying it with the original matrix and then recursing down the minors of that product.

**Applications – Numerical Linear Algebra – Tridiagonalization**

1. Treatment in Burden, Faires, and Burden: This procedure is presented Burden, Faires, and Burden (2015) – it just uses a slightly altered function with
2. Step #1 - Determining : In the first step, to form the Householder matrix in each step one needs to determine and , which are:
3. Step #2 – Construction of : In and , construct vector :

where

and

for each

1. Step #3 - Initial : Then compute
2. Step #4 - Iterative : Having found and computing the process is repeated for

as follows:

for each

1. Computing Tridiagonal and Symmetric Matrix: Continuing in this manner, the tridiagonal and the symmetric matrix is formed.

**Applications – Numerical Linear Algebra – Examples**

1. Applying Householder Scheme to a Matrix: In this example, taken from Burden, Faires, and Burden (2016), the given matrix is transformed to the similar tridiagonal matrix by using the Householder method.



1. First Householder Iteration: The first Householder matrix is generated as shown below:



1. Second Householder Iteration: generated above is used as shown below:



1. Final Result - Tridiagonal Symmetric Matrix: As can be seen, the final result is a tridiagonal symmetric matrix similar to the original one. The process here finished in two steps.

**Computational and Theoretical Relationship to Other Unitary Transformations**

1. Recap – Constructing a Householder Transform: The householder transformation is a reflection about a hyperplane with a unit normal vector , as stated earlier. An unitary transformation satisfies
2. Householder Transform Unit Determinant - Statement: Taking the determinant - power of the geometric mean, and trace – proportional to the arithmetic mean, of a unitary matrix reveals that its eigenvalues has unit modulus.
3. Householder Transform Unit Determinant - Proof: This can be directly:
4. Equality of Arithmetic/Geometric Means: Since arithmetic and geometric means are equal if the variables are constant, the claim of unit modulus is therefore established.
5. Givens Rotations and Householder Reflections: For the case of real-valued unitary matrices, one obtains orthogonal decompositions

It may be shown that any orthogonal matrix may be decomposed into a product of rotations called Givens Rotations, and Householder Reflections.

1. Length Invariance under Rotation/Reflection: This has an intuitive appeal since multiplication of a vector by an orthogonal matrix preserves the length of that vector, and rotations and reflections exhaust the set of real-valued geometric operations hat render invariant a vector’s length.
2. Coset Decomposition of Unitary Matrices: The Householder transformation has been shown to have a one-to-one relationship with canonical coset decomposition of unitary matrices defined in the group theory, which can be used to parametrize unitary operators in a very efficient manner (Cabrera, Strohecker, and Rabitz (2010)).
3. Advantage of Householder over Givens: Finally, it may be noted that a single Householder transform, unlike a solitary Givens transform, can act on all columns of a matrix, and as such exhibits the lowest computational cost for QR decomposition and triangularization.
4. Drawback of Householder over Givens: The penalty for this “computational optimality” is, of course, that Householder operations cannot be as deeply or as efficiently parallelized.
5. Suitability of Householder vs. Givens: As such, Householder is preferred over dense matrices on sequential machines, while Givens is preferred on sparse matrices, and/or parallel machines.

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**The Householder Transformation in Numerical Linear Algebra**

**Abstract**

1. Use of the Householder Transformation: This chapter defines the Householder transformation, then puts it to work in several ways (Kerl (2008)).
2. Geometrical Illustration of Algebraic Properties: To illustrate the usefulness of geometry to elegantly derive and prove seemingly algebraic properties if the transform;
3. Use in Determinants and Inverses: To demonstrate an application to numerical linear algebra – specifically, for matrix determinants and inverses;
4. Analysis of Roundoff Errors: To show how geometric notions of determinant and matrix norm can be used to easily understand round-off error in Householder and Gaussian-elimination methods.

**Linear Algebra**

1. Gaussian Elimination vs. Householder Method: This chapter compares and contrasts two techniques for computation of determinants and inverses of square matrices: the more familiar Gaussian elimination method, and the less familiar Householder method. It primarily uses geometric methods to do so.
2. Review of the Requisite Background: This requires some preliminaries from linear algebra, including geometric interpretations of determinant, matrix norm, and error propagation.

**Geometric Meanings of Determinant and Matrix Norm**

1. Linear Transformation - Definition of Determinant: Let

be a linear transformation – which may be thought of as a matrix with respect to a standard basis. The *determinant* of can be thought of as the *signed volume* of the image of the *unit cube*.



1. Geometric Definition of Matrix Norm: The *matrix norm* is, by definition, the *maximum extent* of the image of the *unit ball*.



1. Mathematical Formulation of Matrix Norm: The matrix norm of is defined either by

or equivalently by

1. Intuition behind the Matrix Norm: That is, either one considers the vectors in the unit ball and finds the maximum extent of their images, or we consider *all* non-zero vectors and find the maximum amount by the which they are scaled. The equivalence of these two characterizations is due to the linearity of .
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3. Implications of Determinant Value : The matrix with determinant preserves unsigned volume, but does not necessarily preserve norm. Of particular interest for this chapter are three kinds of matrices.
4. Rotation Matrix: A *notation matrix* is of the form

and has determinant



1. Reflection Matrix: An example of a *reflection matrix*, reflecting about the -axis

is which has determined :



1. Permutation Matrix: Another example of a reflection is a *permutation matrix*:

which has determinant :



This reflection is about the line

1. Reflection about an Arbitrary Axis: Construction of a reflection matrix about an arbitrary axis is accomplished using Householder transformations, as discussed later.
2. Shear Matrix: An example of a *shear matrix* is

which has determinant



**Computation of Determinants**

1. Computing Determinants using Cofactor Expansion: In elementary linear algebra (Friedberg, Insel, and Spence (2002)), one is, first taught to compute determinants using *cofactor expansion*. This is fine for computing determinants of ’s or ’s. However, it is ineffective for larger matrices.
2. Determinant of a Matrix: The determinant of a matrix is ; uses two multiplies and an add.
3. Determinant of a Matrix: To compute the determinant of a matrix using cofactor expansion, one works down a new column or a row. There are 3 determinants.
4. Determinant of a Matrix: To do a , there are determinants of ’s, each of which recursively takes 3 determinants of ’s.
5. Determinant of an Matrix: Continuing this pattern, it can be seen that there are on the order of multiplies and adds for an matrix. For example,

Even at a billion operations a second, this requires seconds, which is hundreds of millions of years. A better approach is needed.

1. Upper and Lower Triangular Matrices: If a matrix is *upper-triangular* or *lower-triangular*, then its determinant is the product of its diagonal entries. There are of these and one only needs to multiply them, so there are multipliers.
2. Transformation into Upper Triangular Form: The next step is to see how efficiently one can rework a given square matrix into upper-triangular form, and how this modification affects the determinant.
3. The Process of Upper Triangularization: Upper-triangularization is the process of converting certain elements of a matrix to zero, while modifying the others.
4. Pre-multiplication of by : Recall that when a matric acts by pre-multiplication on a matrix , one may think of acting on each column vector of .
5. Zeroing out Locations in Matrix: That is, the jth column of is simply the jth column of . Thus, the column vectors can be transformed to place zeros in various locations.
6. Impact of Transformation on Determinant: If one applies transformations through , then

i.e.,

1. Tracking the Determinants of Transforms: That is, all one needs to do is to keep track of the determinants of the transformations, multiply them up, and compute the determinant of the resulting upper-triangular matrix.
2. for Gaussian and Householder: It can be shown that Gaussian elimination and Householder methods for upper-triangularization take . Thus, these methods are far more efficient than naïve cofactor expansion.

**Computation of Matrix Inverses**

1. Augmented Matrix vs. Cofactor Extraction: A more efficient method than cofactor expansion is the *augmented matrix* method. Here, one places the input matrix next to an identity matrix and converts the augmented matrix into row-reduced echelon form.
2. Identity Matrix on the LHS: If it is possible to get the identity matrix on the LHS, then the inverse will be found on the RHS:
3. Row-Reduction of Augmented Matrix: When the augmented matrix is row-reduced, one applies a sequence of linear transformations to the augmented matrix. Let their product be :
4. Proof of Inverse at RHS: Then, if row reduction works, i.e., if one gets on the right-hand side, then

i.e.,

But this forces

Thus,

1. Two-Step Echelon Formation Process: Note that placing a matrix into a row reducing echelon form is a two-step process.
2. Generating the Upper Triangular Form: Putting it into the row echelon form simply means putting it into the *upper-triangular* form and dividing each row by its leading coefficient:



1. Clearing the Above-diagonal Entries:



1. Sequence of ’s to apply: The remaining question to be addressed below is what particular sequence of ’s to apply.

**Error Propagation**

1. Challenges with Poorly Designed Methods: Whenever one uses numerical techniques, on needs to realize that a poorly designed algorithm can allow error to grow enormously, producing highly incorrect results.
2. Errors Generated in Numerical Analysis: The study error in numerical analysis is discussed in detail in, for example, Burden, Faires, and Burden (2015).
3. Error Propagation under Linear Transform: Consider a true matrix at the kth step of an upper-triangularization process along with an actual matrix , where is a matrix.
4. Transformation of a Perturbed Matrix: Since one uses linear transformation, one has
5. Transformation of a Perturbed Vector: Also, since the jth column of is times the jth column of ; this further becomes
6. Extracting Vector Norm from Matrix Norm: The *vector norm* of is related to the vector norm of by the *matrix norm* of ; since

one has

1. Norm-preserving Linear Transformation Matrix: In particular, if a transformation matrix is norm-preserving, it does not increase error.
2. Norms of Gaussian/Householder Schemes: The next sections consider the norms used in the Gaussian elimination and Householder methods.

**Gaussian Elimination**

The next few sections discuss Gaussian elimination from the standpoint of concatenated linear transformations, with an emphasis on the geometrical of these transformations.

**Row Reduction using Gaussian Elimination**

1. Row Reduction of Sample Matrix: For clarity, one considers matrices of height 2. The following matrix is row-reduced:



This example illustrates the three matrices used in Gaussian elimination.

1. Row-swap Matrix: The *row-swap matrix* – a permutation matrix – has determinant -1 and norm 1:



1. Row-scaling Matrix: The *row-scaling matrix* has determinant – this example

and norm



1. Row-update Matrix: The *row-update matrix* – a shear matrix – has determinant 1 and a norm which can most easily visualize using the diagrams above:



In this example

1. Gaussian Elimination’s Magnification of Error: It is clear that Gaussian elimination magnifies error when a row-scaling matrix has a large , and/or when a row-update matrix has a large .



**Gaussian Elimination without Pivoting**

1. Naïve Application of Gaussian Elimination: Here is an example of the error that accumulates when one naively uses Gaussian elimination. The solution to the linear system

is, in the matrix form



or, in the augmented form



1. Solution to the Linear System: Clearly, the solution is



1. Perturbation of the Augmented Matrix: Perturbation to the linear system above results in solving the system



1. Gaussian Elimination with Rounding Applied: One would expect a solution close to . The Gaussian elimination with no pivoting operations – rounded to 4 and 3 decimal places, respectively – is shown below.
2. Intermediate Stages of the Matrix Transform: Each step in the picture includes the transformation matrix to the next step, along with the norm of the transformation matrix



1. Exaggeration of the Round-off Effect: Here, the round-off error dominates; the right-hand solution is very wrong, and the left-hand solution is nearly correct. There were two norm-1000 operations, contributing to the error.

**Gaussian Elimination with Pivoting**

1. Pivoting Applied on Gaussian Elimination: This section re-does the sample, but with pivoting. This means that a permutation matrix is used to place the largest absolute-value column head at the top.
2. 3/4 Decimal Place Rounding: Again, use of 4 and 3 decimal places, respectively, produces the following figure.



1. Solutions Approximately Equal and Correct: Here, both solutions are approximately equal and approximately correct. All transformations have norm of the order of 1, which in turn is the case because of the pivoting operation.
2. Pivoting - a Data-dependent Decision: The point is that successful Gaussian elimination *requires* pivoting, which is a *data-dependent decision*. Also, the *permutations* must be stored. Neither of these is a serious detriment in a carefully implemented software system.
3. Solution using Householder Transformation: The next few sections examine Householder transformations not as a *necessity*, but as an *alternative*. It turns out that they will permit somewhat simpler software implementation.

**Householder Transformations**

The next few sections the Householder is derived, and then put to use in applications.

**Geometric Construction**

1. Construction of the Reflection Matrix: One may construct a *reflection matrix* acting on which sends a chosen *axis vector*, , to its negative, and reflects all other vectors through the hyperplane perpendicular to :



1. Decomposition of into Components: A given matrix may be decomposed into its components which are parallel and perpendicular to :



1. Geometric View of the Reflection: Then, if one can subtract off from twice its parallel component , then the following reflection is obtained:



1. Formulation of the Matrix : That is, one wants

Moreover, one would like a single matrix which would transform all ’s.

1. Formulation of the Projection Vector: The projection vector must be in the *direction* of , and it must have the magnitude :
2. Unit Vector of : The following notation is used:
3. Projection Vector using Dot Product #1: It turns out – this is the central trick of the Householder transformation – that one can reformulate this expression in terms of dot products, eliminating . To do this, recall that

So

1. Square Modulus of /: Also recall that

and

1. Projection Vector using Dot Product #2: Now, one has
2. Reflection Matrix acting on : One can use this to re-write the reflection of :
3. Inner Product as a Matrix Product: Recall that the dot-product – or *inner product* – can be written as a matrix product:
4. Setting using Matrix Transform: One may think of a column vector as an matrix, and the row vector as an matrix, which is the transpose of the column vector. So
5. Outer Product as Matrix Multiplication: Now that the dot products can be expressed in terms of matrix multiplication, one may use the associativity matrix multiplication:
6. Statement of the Householder Transformation: The product is the *outer product* of with itself. It is an matrix with ijth entry . One has

from which

**Construction with Specified Source and Destination**

1. Locating the Householder Reflection Axis: The next step is, given and , one wants to find the axis of reflection through which is ’s mirror image. Since Householder transformations are norm-preserving, and have same norm. As shown below, using the head-to-tail method

might be a candidate solution.



1. Verification of Householder Reflection Axis: It may be checked easily that this is correct. If is indeed that reflection axis, then it ought to get reflected to its own negative:

**Properties of , Obtained Algebraically**

1. Algebraic Proof of Householder Properties: This section attempts to prove algebraically certain properties of the Householder transform. The next section does the same geometrically.
2. Orthogonal: i.e.

Applying on itself proves this.

1. Symmetric: is *symmetric*, i.e.

This is easily seen since

This identity is symmetric, has ijth entry

and so is symmetric as well.

1. Involutary: is *involutary*, i.e.

Same as orthogonality, due to symmetry, since

1. Determinant: No easy way to find this algebraically.
2. Matrix Norm: No easy way to find this algebraically.

**Properties of Q, Obtained Geometrically**

1. Geometric Proof of Householder Properties: In this section, certain properties of Householder matrix using geometric methods are proven. Remember that dot products, via

provides with norms as well as angles.

1. is *Involutary*: i.e.

reflects to its mirror image ; a second application of sends it back again.

1. is *Orthogonal*: i.e.

for all vectors , . Since is a reflection, it preserves norm; also, from the picture below, it’s clear that it preserves angles.



1. is *Symmetric*: i.e.

for all vectors , . This is the same geometric argument as for orthogonality, making use of involuntary.

1. Determinant: Since is a reflection about the axis, leaving all the axes orthogonal to a fixed, must have determinant . That is, it turns the unit cube inside out along one axis.
2. Matrix Norm: Since is a reflection, it is length-preserving.

**Repeater Householders for Upper-Triangularization**

1. Purpose of Upper Triangular Transformation: The goal of upper triangularization is to put a matrix of the form



into the form



1. One Step as a Time: This may be one step at a time: from



to



to



1. First Step in the Transformation: The first step – for which Householder transformation will be used – is on all of the input matrix entries, with an operation which transforms the first column.
2. Second Step in the Transformation: The second step is on the submatrix obtained by omitting the top row and the left column:



1. Further Steps in the Transformation: One can keep operating on the sub-matrices until there are no more of them left. So, the problem if upper-triangularization reduces to that of modifying the first column of a matrix to have non-zero entries except the entries at the top of the column.

**Householders for Column-Zeroing**

1. Final Objective behind the Transform: The goal is to put the matrix



into the form



1. Application of on : The key insight is that when acts on by left multiplication, the jth column of is the matrix-times-vector product of times the jth column of .
2. Zeroing of First Column: Let be the first column of , and be the first column of . At this point all we know is that we want to have all zeros except for the first entry.
3. Use of the Norm-preserving Nature: Since this section is going to use Householder transformations, which are norm-preserving, one knows that

This means

1. Determining the Householder Matrix : One wants a Householder matrix which sends to and which does what it does with the rest of the matrix as a side effect.
2. Establishing the Reflection Axis : As seen above the reflection axis is

Further, since

and since the task is to compute

one can choose to have the opposite sign of to avoid the cancellation error that happens when one subtracts two nearly equal numbers.

1. Error Analysis: Since the ’s are orthogonal, they are norm-preserving, so

but

as discussed earlier.

1. No Pivoting/Data- dependent Decisions: Also, there is no pivoting involved, and thus – other than the choice of the sign of – there are no *data-dependent decisions*.

**Computation of Determinants**

1. Recap - Determinant of a Householder Matrix: Given a square matrix , one can use repeated Householder transformations to turn it into an upper-triangular matrix . As discussed in the previous sections, is the product of the diagonal entries of divided by the product of the determinants of the transformation matrix.
2. Sign of the Composite Determinant: However, as seen in the earlier sections, Householder matrices have a determinant . Thus, one just has to track whether the number of Householders are odd or even. It takes Householders to upper-triangularize an matrix:



Therefore

**Computation of Matrix Inverses**

1. Use of Householder Upper-Triangularization: Given and invertible square matrix , one can make an augmented matrix just as seen in the earlier section. The Householder upper-triangularization can be used to put the augmented matrix into the upper-triangular form, i.e., row echelon form.
2. Clearing out the Above-diagonal Entries: The rest of the work is done in clearing out the above-diagonal entries of the left-hand side of the augmented matrix, for which the scale and the shear matrices are used, as seen above.

**Rotation Matrices**

1. Connected Components of Householder Matrices: has two connected components: and . The former are rigid *rotations* with determinants ; the latter are *reflections* with determinant . Simon (1995) and Frenkel (2011) contains more information on .
2. Simplified Technique to Compute : The natural question is: If the Householder transformations provide easily understandable, readily computable elements of , then is there another equally pleasant technique to compute elements of ? In fact, there is. One can consult the literature for the Rodrigues formula, and modify that.
3. Rotation as Product of Reflections: Alternatively, one can use the fact that since determinants multiply, the product of two reflections, each having determinants -1, will have determinant +1. Thus, the product will be a rotation.
4. Product of Two Identical Reflections: If a given reflection is composed with itself, the product will be an identity, as seen earlier.
5. Product of Two Distinct Reflections: However, the product of two *distinct* reflections will be a non-trivial rotation.
6. Geometric Visualization of the Reflection Sequence: Let and be given. Since rotations are norm-preserving, one can only hope to rotate into if they have the same norm. This may be helped by computing and . Note that will lie halfway between and .



1. Rotation Resulting from Two Householders: Let

and compute . The let reflect to . Just as in an earlier section, this is a reflection about the axis

Likewise for the second reflection. One then has

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**Successive Over-relaxation**

**Introduction**

The method of successive over-relaxation is a variant of the Gauss-Seidel method for solving a linear system of equations, resulting in faster convergence. A similar method can be used for any slowly converging iterative process (Wikipedia (2024)).

**Formulation**

1. Linear System LHS and RHS: Given a square system of linear equations with unknown

where

1. Decomposing into Strictly Upper/lower Triangular Matrices: Then can be decomposed into a diagonal component and strictly lower and upper triangular components and

where

1. Recasting the Linear System using a Relaxation Parameter: The system of linear equations can be rewritten as

for a constant

called the *relaxation factor*.

1. SOR Based Iterative LHS Solution: The method of successive over-relaxation is an iterative technique that solves the LHS of the expression for using the previous value for on the RHS.
2. Analytical Expression for the Iterator: Analytically, this may be written as

where is the approximation or iteration of and is the next or iteration of .

1. Forward Substitution for the Triangular Recast: However, taking advantage of the triangular form of , the elements of can be computed sequentially using forward substitution:
2. Compact Matrix-Vector Form Expression: This can again be written analytically in matrix-vector form without need for inverting the matrix (Tornig (1979)):

**Convergence**

1. Choice of the Relaxation Factor: The choice of the relaxation factor is not necessarily easy, and depends on the properties of the coefficient matrix.
2. Ostrowski Convergence for Positive Semi-definite : In 1947, Ostrowski proved that if is symmetric and positive-definite then

for

Thus, convergence of the iteration process follows, but is generally more interested in faster convergence.

**Convergence Rate**

1. Analytical Derivation of the Convergence: The convergence rate for the SOR method can be analytically derived. The following assumptions need to be made (Greenbaum (1997), Hackbusch (2016)).
2. Assumption #1 - Relaxation Parameter: The relaxation parameter is appropriate, i.e.,
3. Assumption #2 - Jacobi’s Iteration Matix:

has only real eigen-values

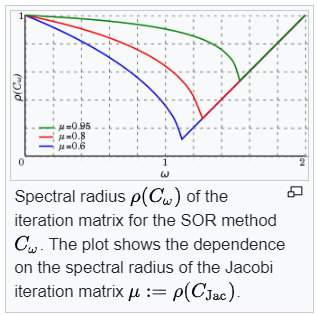
1. Assumption #3 - Convergent Jacobi’s Matrix: Jacobi’s matrix is convergent:
2. Assumption #4 - Matrix Decomposition Criterion: The matrix decomposition

satisfies the property that

for any

and

1. Expression for the Convergence Rate:



Then the convergence rate can be expressed as

where the optimal relaxation parameter is given by

1. Jacobi Spectral Radius for Gauss-Seidel Scheme: In particular, for

– Gauss-Seidel – it holds that

1. Optimal Jacobi Spectral Radius: For the optimal , one gets

which shows that SOR is roughly 4 times more efficient than Gauss-Seidel.

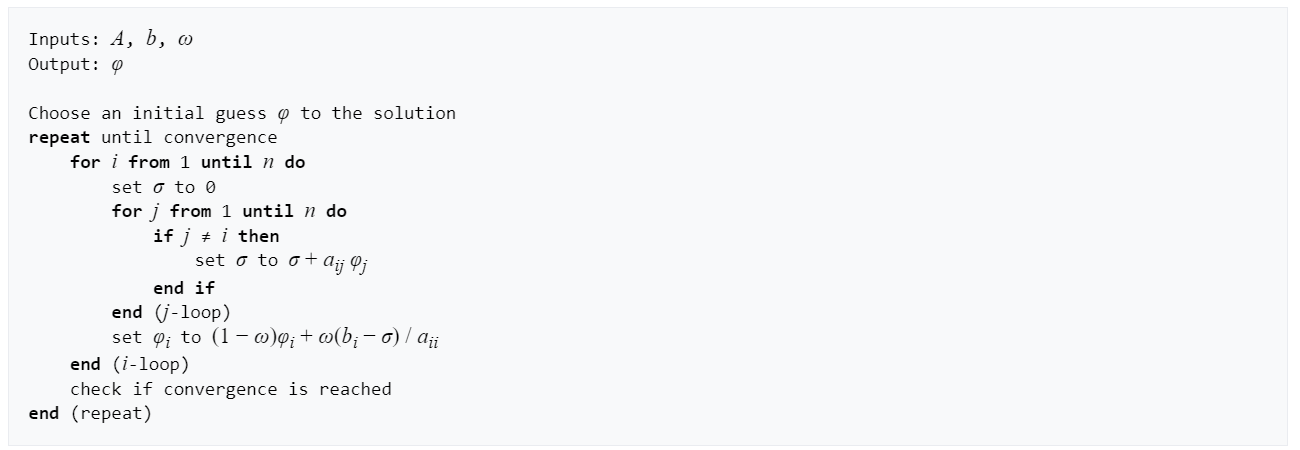
1. Fulfillment of the Matrix Decomposition Criterion: The final assumption is satisfied for tridiagonal matrices since

for diagonal with entries

and

**Algorithm**

1. Optimization Inside of Iteration Loop: Note that can also be written as thus saving one multiplication is each iteration of the outer for loop.
2. Pseudocode for the Algorithm: Since elements can be over-written as they are computed in this algorithm, only one storage vector is needed, and vector indexing is omitted in the algorithm below.



**Symmetric Successive Over-relaxation**

The SOR version for symmetric matrix , in which

is referred to as Symmetric Successive Over-relaxation, or SSOR, in which

and the iterative method is

**Other Applications of the Method**

1. Extension across Iterative Methods: A similar technique can be used for any iterative method. If the original iteration has the form

then the modified version would use

1. Extension to Vector Unknowns: However, the formulation presented above, used for solving systems of linear equations, is not a special case of this formulation if is considered to be a complete vector. If this formulation is used instead, the equation for calculating the next vector will look like

where

1. Outcome Control using Relaxation Parameter: Values of

are used to speed up convergence of a slow converging process, while values of

are often used to establish convergence of a diverging iterative process or speed up convergence of an overshooting process.

1. Adaptively Setting the Relaxation Parameter: There are various methods that adaptively set the relaxation parameter based on the observed behavior of the converging process. Usually, they help to reach a super-linear convergence for some problems but fail for others.

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**Symmetric Successive Over-relaxation**

1. Constructing the SSOR Pre-conditioner Matrix: The *Symmetric Successive Over-relaxation* (*SSOR*) step is used to generate the pre-conditioner. If the original matrix can be split into diagonal, lower, and upper triangular matrices as

then the SSOR pre-conditioner matrix is defined as

(Wikipedia (2023)).

1. Parametrization of the Pre-conditioner: It can also be parametrized by as

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**Tridiagonal Matrix Algorithm**

**Introduction**

1. Thomas Algorithm for Tridiagonal Systems: The *tridiagonal matrix algorithm*, also known as the *Thomas algorithm*, is a simplified form Gaussian elimination that can be used to solve tridiagonal system of equations (Wikipedia (2024)).
2. Representation of a Tridiagonal System: A tridiagonal system for unknowns may be written as

where

and

1. Algorithm Efficiency over Gaussian Elimination: For such systems, the solution can be derived in operations instead of required by Gaussian elimination. The first sweep eliminated the ’s, then an abbreviated backward substitution produces the solution.
2. Examples of Triangular Matrix Formulations: Examples of such matrices commonly arise from the discretization of the 1D Poisson equation and natural cubic spline interpolation.
3. Stability of the Tridiagonal Algorithm: The algorithm is not stable in general, but is so in several special cases, such as when the matrix is diagonally dominant either by rows or columns, or symmetric positive definite (Niyogi (2006), Datta (2010)); for a more precise characterization of the stability of Thomas’ algorithm, see Higham (2002).
4. General Stability using GEPP Technique: If stability is required in the general case, Gaussian elimination with Partial Pivoting GEPP is recommended instead (Datta (2010)).

**Method**

1. Re-sketched Coefficients during Forward Sweep: The forward sweep consists of computation of new coefficients as follows, denoting new coefficients with primes:

and

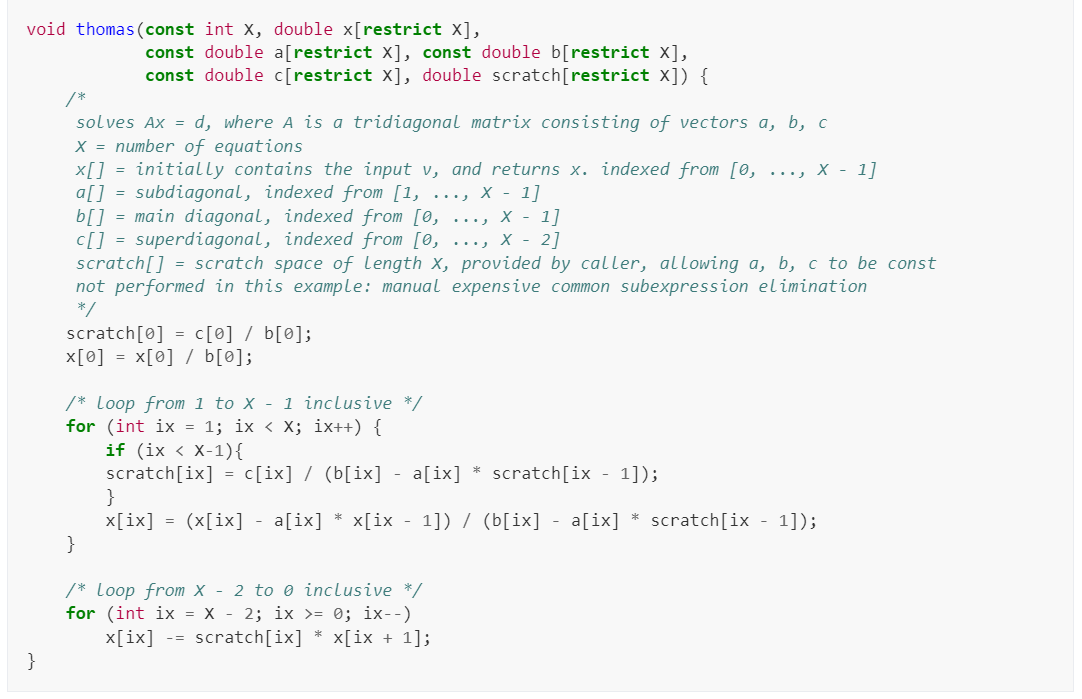
1. Solution by Back Substitution: The solution is then obtained by back-substitution as:
2. Reduction of Inherent Storage Duplication: The method above does not modify the original coefficients, but must also keep track of new coefficients. If the coefficient vectors may be modified, then an algorithm with less book-keeping can be used.
3. Back substitution Algorithm for Space Optimization: For

do

followed by back substitution

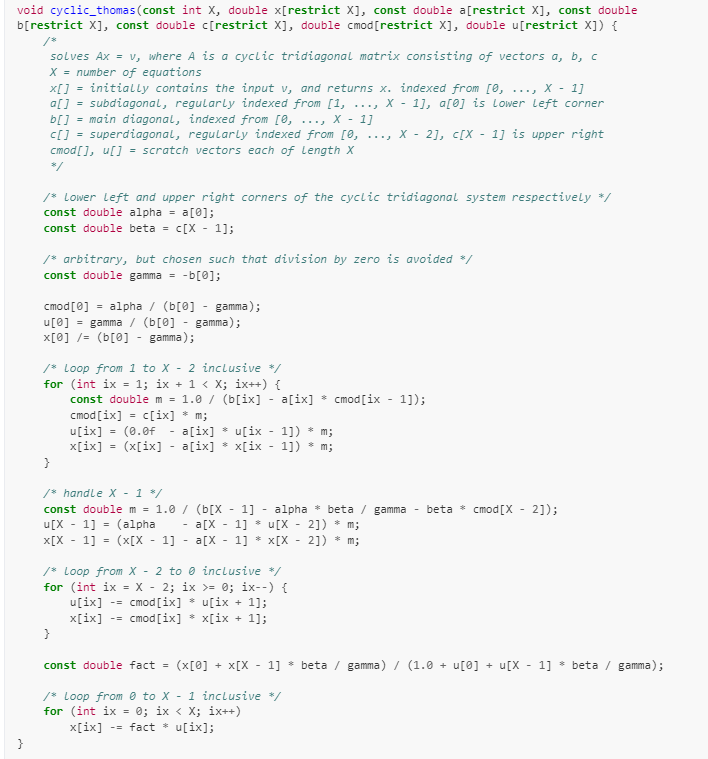
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1. Illustrative C Routine with Optimal Space: The implementation as a C function, which uses scratch space to avoid modifying its inputs , allowing them to be re-used:

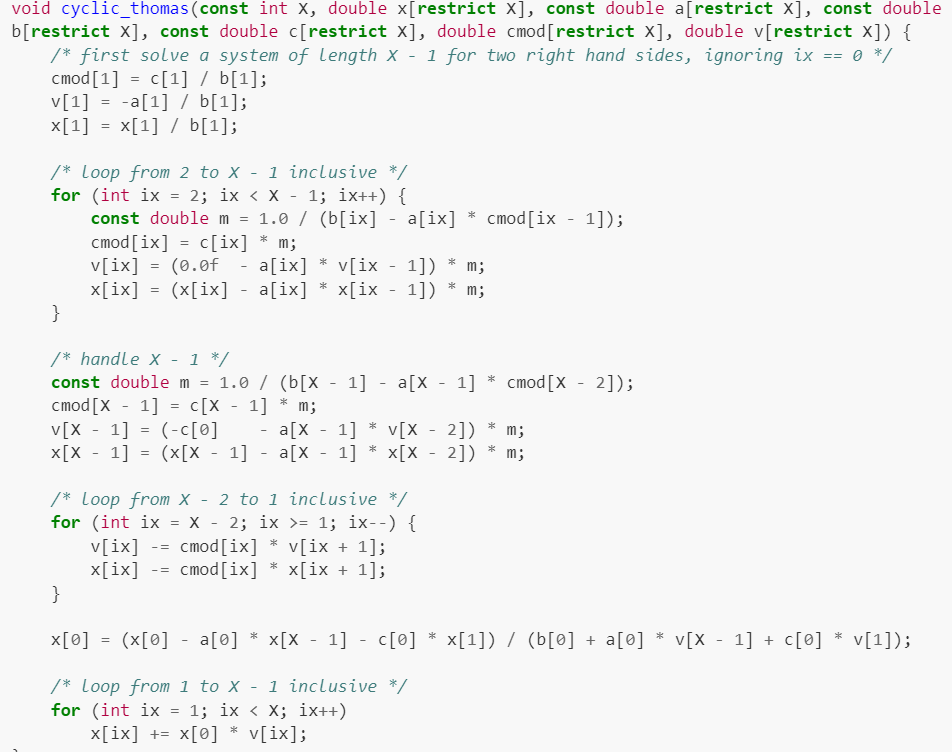


**Variants**

1. Altered Form of the Tridiagonal System: In some situations, particularly those involving periodic boundary conditions, a slightly perturbed form of the tridiagonal system may need to be solved:
2. Using the Sherman Morrison Formula: In this case, one can make use of the Sherman-Morrison formula to avoid additional operations of Gaussian elimination and still use the Thomas algorithm.
3. Solving Modified Non-cyclic Systems: The method requires solving a modified non-cyclic version of the system for both the input and the sparse corrective vector, and then combining the solutions.
4. Simultaneous Efficient Solution of the Systems: This can be done efficiently is both the solutions can be done at once, as the forward portion of the pure matrix algorithm can be shared.
5. Setup of the Linear System: the system to be solved becomes
6. Incorporation of “Periodic” Boundary Condition Terms: In this case, the coefficient and are, generally speaking, non-zero, so their presence does not allow application of the Thomas’ algorithm directly.
7. Re-constitution using Intermediate Vectors: One therefore considers and as follows: where and where is a parameter to be chosen. The matrix can be re-constructed as
8. Re formulation of the Solution: The solution is then obtained as follows (Batista and Ibrahim-Karawia (2009)); first, the two tridiagonal systems of equations are solved using the Thomas algorithm:
9. Synthesizing Solution using Sherman-Morrison Formula: Finally, the solution is re-constructed using the Sherman-Morrison formula:
10. C Illustrative Implementation of Above: The implementation as a C function, which uses scratch-space to avoid modifying its inputs , allowing them to be used:



1. Alternative Perturbation of Tridiagonal System: There is also another way to solve the slightly perturbed form of the tridiagonal system considered above (Ryaben’kii and Tsynkov (2006)). Consider the two auxiliary linear systems of dimensions : for for
2. Solution to the above System: For convenience, one additionally defines and The solution and may be found by applying the Thomas’ algorithm to the two auxiliary tridiagonal systems.
3. Form of the Solution Vector: The solution can then be represented in the form:
4. Recovering Original Equations through : Indeed, multiplying each equation of second auxiliary system by , adding with the corresponding equation of the first auxiliary system and using the representation one immediately sees that equations through of the original system are satisfied: it only remains to satisfy equation .
5. Recovering Original Equation 1: To do so, consider formula for and and substitute and into the first equation of the original system. This yields one scalar equation for :
6. Explicit Form for : As such, one finds that
7. Sample Implementation using C: The implementation as a C function, which uses scratch-space to avoid modifying its inputs for , allowing them to be re-used:



1. Computational Complexity of the Tridiagonal Structure: In both cases, the auxiliary systems to be solved are tridiagonal, so the overall computational complexity of solving remains linear with respect to the dimension of the system , that is arithmetic operations.
2. Block Tridiagonal Form: In other situations, the systems of equations may be *block-diagonal* with smaller sub-matrices arranged as individual elements in the above matrix system, e.g., 2D Poisson problem. Simplified forms of Gaussian elimination have developed for these problems (Quarteroni, Sacco, and Saleri (2007)).
3. Version that avoids Divisions: Quarteroni, Sacco, and Saleri (2007) list a modified version of the algorithm that avoids some the divisions – using multiplications instead – which is beneficial on some computer architectures.
4. Literature Treatment of Tridiagonal Algorithm: Parallel tridiagonal solvers have been published for many vector and parallel architectures, including GOUs (Change and Hwu (2014)), Venetis, Kouris, Sobczyk, Gallopoulos, and Sameh (2015). For an extensive treatment of parallel tridiagonal and block diagonal solvers, see Gallopoulos, Phillippe, and Sameh (2016).

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**Crank Nicolson Method**

**Introduction**

1. Purpose of the Crank-Nicolson Algorithm: The Crank-Nicolson method is a finite difference method used for primarily solving the heat equation and similar partial differential equations (Crank and Nicolson (1947), Cebeci (2002), Wikipedia (2024)).
2. Second-Order Convergence in Time: It is a second-order method in time. It is also implicit in time can be written as an implicit Runge-Kutta method, and is numerically stable.
3. Stability of the Scheme: For diffusion equations, and many other equations, it can be shown that the Crank-Nicolson method is unconditionally stable (Thomas (1995)).
4. von Neumann Stability Criterion Metrics: However, the approximate solutions can still contain decaying spurious oscillations if the ratio of time step times the thermal diffusivity to the square of the space step is large – typically larger than per von Neumann stability analysis.
5. Large Time/Small Space Steps: For this reason, whenever large time steps or high spatial resolution is necessary, the less accurate backward Euler method is often used, which is both stable and immune to oscillations.

**Principle**

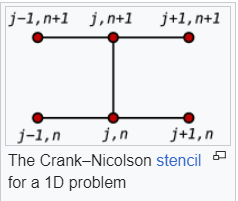
1. Trapezoidal Rule Based Second-order Convergence: The Crank-Nicolson method is based on the trapezoidal rule, giving it a second-order convergence in time.
2. One-dimensional Partial Differential Equation: For linear equations, trapezoidal rule is equivalent to the implicit mid-point method – the simplest example of a Gauss-Legendre implicit Runge-Kutta method – which also has the property of being a geometric integrator.
3. Grid Discretization behind the PDE: For example, in 1D, suppose the partial differential equation is

Letting

and

evaluated for , , and , the equation for Crank-Nicolson method is simply a combination of the forward Euler method at and the backward Euler method at . Note, however, the method itself is not an average of these two methods, as the backward Euler equation has an implicit dependence on the solution.

1. Forward Euler:
2. Backward Euler:
3. Crank Nicolson:



1. Implicit Nature of the Scheme: Note that this is an implicit method; to get the *next* value of in time, a system of equations must be solved.
2. Non-linear Discretization of the PDE: If the partial differential equation is non-linear, the discretization will also be non-linear, so that advancing in time will involve solving a system of non-linear algebraic equations, though linearization is possible.
3. Efficient Solutions using Tridiagonal Solvers: In many problems, especially linear diffusion, the algebraic problem is tridiagonal and may be solved efficiently with the tridiagonal matrix algorithm, which gives a fast direct solution as opposed to for a full matrix, where indicates the matrix size.

**Example: 1D Diffusion**

1. Crank-Nicolson Diffusion Equation Discretization: The Crank-Nicolson method is often applied to diffusion problems. As an example, for the linear diffusion

applying a finite difference spatial discretization for the right-hand side, the Crank-Nicolson discretization is

or, letting

1. Tridiagonalization Inherent in the Discretization: Given that the terms on the RHS are known, this is a tridiagonal problem, so that may be efficiently solved by using the tridiagonal matrix algorithm in favor of the much more costlier matrix inversion.
2. Application to Quasi-linear Differential Equation: A quasi-linear equation such as

would lead to a non-linear system of algebraic equations, which could not be easily solved above; however, it is possible in some cases to linearize the problem by using the old value of , that is instead of . Other times it may be possible to estimate using an explicit method and maintain stability.

**Example: 1D Diffusion with Advection for Steady Flow with multiple Channel Connections**

1. Contamination inside a Diffusive Flow: This is a solution usually employed for many purposes when there is a contamination problem in streams or rivers under steady flow conditions. Often, the problem can be simplified into a 1D version and still yield useful insight.
2. Dynamics of the Flow Solute Concentration: Here, the concentration of a solute contaminant in water is modeled. This problem is composed of three parts: the known diffusion equation ( chosen as a constant), and advective component which means that the system is evolving in space due to a velocity field – which is chosen using another constant – and a lateral interaction between the longitudinal channels.

where is the concentration of the contaminant, and subscripts and correspond to *previous* and *next* channels.

1. Crank Nicolson Discretization of Dynamics: The Crank-Nicolson method - represents position and time – transforms each component of the PDE into the following.
2. First-Order Time Derivative Discretization:
3. First-Order Space Derivative Discretization:
4. Second-Order Space Derivative Discretization:
5. Previous/Current/Next Solute Concentrations:
6. Dimensionless Diffusive/Advective/Longitudinal Constants: The following dimensionless constants are created to simplify the algebra:

and the expressions for the first time and first/second space derivatives discretized concentrations, , , and are substituted into

1. Evolution of the Current Channel Concentration: The *new time* terms are placed on the left and the *present time* terms to the right to get
2. Evolution of the Previous Channel Concentration: The *first* channel can only be in contact with the following channel , so the expression is simplified to
3. Evolution of the Next Channel Concentration: Likewise, the *last* channel can only be in contact with the previous channel , so the expression is simplified to
4. Cross Channel Initial Boundary Conditions: To solve this linear system of equations, the boundary conditions must be given to the beginning of the channels:
   1. => Initial condition for the current channel at the present time step
   2. => Initial condition for the current channel at the next time step
   3. => Initial condition for the previous channel to the one analyzed at the present time step
   4. => Initial condition for the next channel to the one analyzed at the present time step
5. Terminal Channel Adiabatic Edge Condition: For the last cell of the channels, the most convenient condition becomes an adiabatic one, so

This condition is satisfied if and only if – regardless of a NULL value –

1. Situation - 3 Channels, 5 Nodes: As an illustration, this problem is solved – in a matrix form – for the case of 3 channels and 5 nodes, including the initial boundary condition.
2. Linear System with Concentration Nodes: This is expressed as a linear system problem

where

1. Left/Right Crank Nicolson Matrices: and are composite array made of four different sub-arrays – only three channels are considered for this example, but it covers the main part discussed above:

where the elements above correspond to the next arrays and an additional full of zeros. The sizes of and are .

1. :
2. :
3. :
4. :
5. :
6. Boundary Vector: The vector is used to hold the boundary conditions. In this example, it is a vector:
7. Crank Nicolson Time Iterator Expression: To find the concentration at any time, one iterates the following equation:

**Example: 2D Diffusion**

1. Extension to 2D Cartesian Grid: When extending to two dimensions on a uniform Cartesian grid, the derivation is similar and th results lead to a system of band-diagonal equations rather than tridiagonal equations.
2. Discretization of the 2D Diffusion Equation: The 2D heat equation

can be solved with the Crank Nicolson discretization

assuming a square grid, so that

1. Courant-Friedrich-Lewry Convergence Metric: This equation can be simplified somewhat by re-arranging terms and using the CFL number

For the Crank-Nicolson scheme, a low CFL number is not required for stability, however it is required for numerical accuracy.

1. Recasting using the CFL Number: The scheme can now be written as
2. Use of Alternating- Direction Implicit (ADI) Method: Solving such a linear system is costly. Hence an alternating-direction implicit method can be implemented to solve the numerical PDE, and the other dimension explicitly for half of the assigned time step and conversely for remainder half of the time step.
3. Speedup Using Tridiagonal Matrix Algorithm: The benefit of this strategy is that the implicit solver only requires a tridiagonal matrix to be solved.
4. Accuracy compared to Crank Nicolson: The difference between the true Crank-Nicolson solution and the ADI approximated solution has an order of accuracy of and hence can be ignored with a sufficiently small time-step.

**Crank Nicolson for Non-linear Problems**

1. Iterative Techniques for Solution Convergence: Because the Crank-Nicolson method is implicit, it is generally impossible to solve exactly. Instead, an iterative technique should be used to converge to the solution.
2. Challenges with Jacobian Iteration Schemes: One option is to use Newton’s method to converge on the prediction, but this requires the computation of the Jacobian. For high-dimensional systems such as those in computational fluid dynamics or numerical relativity, it may be infeasible to compute this Jacobian.
3. Use of Fixed-Point Iteration: A Jacobian-free alternative is fixed-point iteration. If is the velocity of the system, then the Crank-Nicolson prediction will be a fixed-point on the map
4. Parameterization of the Iterative Formulation: If the iterator

does not converge, the parameterized map

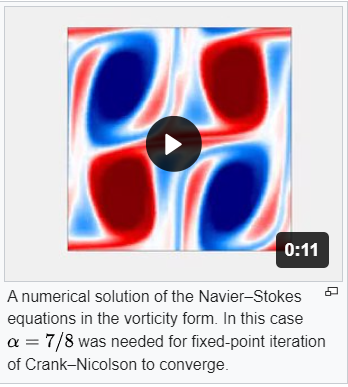
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may be better behaved.

1. Explicit Expression for the Iteration Update: In the expanded form, the update formula is

where is the current guess and is the previous timestamp.

1. Illustration of Convergence for Navier-Stokes: Even for high-dimensional systems, iterations of this map can converge surprisingly quickly.



**Application in Financial Instruments**

1. Extension to Other Diffusion-related Problems: Because a number of other phenomena can be modeled with the heat equation – often called the diffusion equation in financial mathematics – the Crank-Nicolson method has been applied to those areas as well (Wilmott, Howison, and Dewynne (1995)).
2. Example - Black Schols Option Pricing: Particularly, the Black-Scholes option pricing model’s differential equation can be transformed into the heat equation, and thus numerical solutions for option pricing can be obtained with Crank-Nicolson method.
3. Accommodating Non-standard Assumptions/Boundary Conditions: The importance of this for finance is that option pricing problems, when extended beyond the standard assumptions, e.g., incorporating changing dividends, cannot be solved in the closed form, but can be solved using this method.
4. Oscillations arising from Non-smooth Final Conditions: Note, however, that for non-smooth final conditions – which happen for most financial instruments – the Crank-Nicolson method is not satisfactory as numerical oscillations are not damped.
5. Special Steps for Damping Initializations: For vanilla options, this results in oscillations in the gamma value around the strike price. Therefore, special damping initialization steps are necessary, e.g., fully implicit finite difference method.

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**Sylvester Equation**

**Introduction**

1. Statement of the Sylvester Equation: A *Sylvester matrix* is a matrix of the form (Wikipedia (2024)):

This equation is also commonly written as

1. as Complex Matrices: Given matrices , , and , the problem is to find the possible matrices that obey this equation. All matrices are assumed to have coefficients in the complex numbers.
2. Size Constraints on : For the equation to makes sense, the matrices must have the appropriate sizes, for example, they could all be square matrices of the same size. But more generally, and must be square matrices of sizes and respectively, and then and both have rows and columns.
3. Criteria for the Uniqueness of the Solution: A Sylvester equation has a unique solution for only when there are no common eigenvalues for and .
4. Bounded Operators on the Banach Space: More generally, the equation

has been considered an equation of bounded operators on a – possibly infinite-dimensional – Banach space.

1. Disjoint Spectra of : In this case, the condition for the uniqueness of a solution is almost the same. There exists a unique solution exactly when the spectra of and are disjoint (Bhatia and Rosenthal (1997)).

**Existence and Uniqueness of the Solutions**

1. Recast using Kronecker Product and Vectorization Operator: Using the Kronecker product notation and the vectorization operator , one can re-write the Sylvester’s equation in the form

where is of dimension , is of dimension , and is the identity matrix. In this form, the equation can be seen as a linear system of dimension . However, re-writing the equation in this form is not advised since this version is costly to solve and is ill-conditioned.

1. Statement of the Uniqueness Theorem: Given matrices

and

the Sylvester equation

has a unique solution

for any

if and only if and do not share any eigenvalue.

1. Unique Solvability of the Sylvester Equation: The equation

is a linear system with unknowns and the same number of equations. Hence it is uniquely solvable for any given if and only if the homogenous equation

admits only the trivial solution

1. Necessary Condition - Disjoint Eigen-spectrum: Assume that and do not share any eigenvalues. Let be the solution to the above-mentioned homogenous equation.
2. Necessary Condition – Power-lift using Induction: Then

which can be lifted to

for each

by mathematical induction.

1. Necessary Condition - Characteristic Polynomial of : Consequently

for any polynomial . In particular, let be the characteristic polynomial of .

1. Necessary Condition - Spectral Mapping Theorem: Then

due to the Cayley-Hamilton theorem; meanwhile, from the spectral mapping theorem,

where denotes the spectrum of the matrix.

1. Necessary Condition - Trivial Solution as the Only One Valid: Since and do not share any eigenvalues, does not contain zero, and hence is non-singular. Thus

as desired. This proves the “if” part of the theorem.

1. Sufficiency Condition - Co-joint Eigen-spectrum: Now assume that and share an eigenvalue .
2. Sufficiency Condition - UV Decomposition of : Let be the corresponding right eigenvector for , be the corresponding left eigenvector for , and
3. Sufficiency Condition - Sylvester Equation for Non-trivial : Then

and

1. Sufficiency Condition - has to be Non-trivial: Hence, is a non-trivial solution to the aforesaid homogenous equation, justifying the “only if” part of the theorem.
2. Proof using Bezout’s Identity: As an alternative to the spectral mapping theorem, the non-singularity of in the first part of the proof can be demonstrated by Bezout’s identity for coprime polynomials.
3. Coprime Characteristic Polynomial: Let be the characteristic polynomial of . Since and do not share any eigenvalues, and are coprime. Hence, there exist polynomials and such that
4. Applying Cayley-Hamilton Theorem for : By the Cayley-Hamilton theorem,

Thus

implying that is non-singular.

1. Real Matrix with Complex Eigenvalues: The theorem remains true for real matrices with the caveat that one considers their complex eigenvalues.
2. One of can be zero, but not both: The proof for the necessary condition is still applicable, for the sufficiency condition, note that and satisfy the homogenous equation

they cannot be zero simultaneously.

**Roth’s Removal Rule**

1. Similarity of the Composite Matrices: Given two square matrices and , of sizes and , a matrix of size , one can then ask when the following two square matrices of sizes are similar to each other: and
2. Statement of Roth’s Removal Rule: The answer is that these two matrices are similar when there exists a matrix such that

In other words, is a solution to the Sylvester’s equation. This is known as *Roth’s removal rule* (Gerrish and Ward (1998)).

1. Verification of the Rule: This can be easily verified in one direction: If

then

1. Generalizations of the Rule: Roth’s removal rule does not generalize to infinite-dimensional bounded operators on a Banach space (Bhatia and Rosenthal (1997)). Nonetheless, Roth’s removal rule generalizes to systems of Sylvester equations (Dmytryshyn and Kagstrom (2015)).

**Numerical Solutions**

1. Bartels-Stewart Algorithm: A classical algorithm for the numerical solution of the Sylvester equation is the Bartels-Stewart algorithm, which consists of transforming and into the Schur form by a QR algorithm, and then solving the resulting triangular system by back-substitution.
2. Computational Complexity of the Algorithm: This algorithm, whose computational cost is arithmetic operations, is used, among others, by LAPACK and the function in GNU Octave.
3. Closed Form Solution for Sylvester Equation: In some specific image processing applications, the derived Sylvester equation has a closed form solution (Wei, Dobigeon, and Tourneret (2015)).

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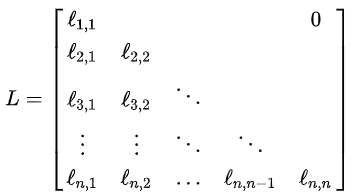
**Triangular Matrix**

**Introduction**

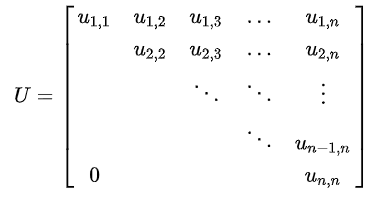
1. Lower Triangular Matrix: A *triangular matrix* is a special kind of square matrix. A square matrix is called *lower triangular* if all the entries above the main diagonal are zero (Wikipedia (2024)).
2. Upper Triangular Matrix: A square matrix is called *upper triangular* if all the entries below the main diagonal are zero.
3. Usage in Numerical Analysis: Because matrix equations with triangular matrices are easier to solve, they are very important in numerical analysis.
4. Usage in Criterion for Invertibility: By the decomposition algorithm, an invertible matrix maybe written as the product of a lower triangular matrix and an upper triangular matrix if and only if all of its principal minors are non-zero.

**Description**

1. Forms of Left/Right Triangular Matrix: A matrix of the form



is called a *lower triangular matrix* or *left triangular matrix*, and analogously, a matrix of the form



is called *upper triangular matrix* or *right triangular matrix*. The lower or the left triangular matrix is denoted with the variable , and an upper or right triangular matrix is commonly denoted with the variable or .

1. Diagonal and Triangularizable Matrices: A matrix that is both upper and lower triangular is diagonal. Matrices that are similar to triangular matrices are called *triangularizable*.
2. Non zero Trapezoidal Matrix: A non-square – or sometimes any – matrix with zeros above/below the diagonal is called a lower/upper trapezoidal matrix. The non-zero entries form the shape of a trapezoid.

**Forward and Back Substitution**

1. Solving Triangular Matrix Equations: A matrix equation in the form

or

is very easy to solve by an iterative process called *forward substitution* for lower triangular matrices and analogously *back substitution* for upper triangular matrices.

1. Forward Substitution for Lower Triangular: The process is thus called because for lower triangular matrices, one first computes , and then substitutes that forward into the next equation to solve for , and repeats through to .
2. Back Substitution for Upper Triangular: In upper triangular matrix, one works backwards, first computing , then substituting that back into the previous equation to solve , and repeating through to .
3. Need for Matrix Inversion: Notice that this does not require inverting the matrix.

**Explicit Setup for Forward Substitution**

1. Series of Lower Triangle Linear Relations: The matrix equation

can be written as a system of linear equations

1. Closed Form Solution: The resulting formulas are:

**Properties**

1. Transpose of Upper/Lower Triangular Matrices: The transpose of an upper triangular matrix is a lower triangular matrix and vice versa.
2. Triangular Symmetric is also Diagonal: A matrix that is both symmetric and triangular is diagonal.
3. Triangular Normal Matrix is also Diagonal: In a similar vein, a matrix which is both normal – meaning

where is the conjugate transpose – and triangular is also diagonal. This can be seen by looking at the diagonal entries of and .

1. Determinant/Permanent of Triangular Matrices: The determinant and the permanent of triangular matrices is equal to the product of the diagonal entries, as can be checked by direct computation.
2. Eigenvalues of a Triangular Matrix: In particular, the eigenvalues of a triangular matrix are exactly its diagonal entries.
3. Algebraic Multiplicity of the Eigenvalues: Each eigenvalue occurs exactly times on the diagonal, where is the algebraic multiplicity, i.e., its multiplicity as a root of the characteristic polynomial

of .

1. Characteristic Polynomial of a Triangular Matrix: In other words, the characteristic polynomial of a triangular matrix is exactly

i.e., the unique degree polynomial whose roots are the diagonal entries of with multiplicities.

1. Determinant of a Characteristic Polynomial: To see this, it may be observed that is also triangular and hence its determinant is the product of its diagonal entries (Axler (1997)).

**Special Forms – Unitriangular Matrix**

1. Definition of a Unitriangular Matrix: If the entries on the main diagonal of an upper or a lower triangular matrix are all , the matrix is called upper/lower *unitriangular*.
2. Unit/Normed Upper/Lower Triangular: Other names used for these matrices are *unit* – lower or upper – *triangular*, or very rarely *normed­* – lower or upper – *triangular*. However, a unit triangular matrix is not the same as a unit matrix, and the normed triangular matrix has nothing to do with the notion of a matrix norm.
3. All Finite Unitriangular Matrices are Unipotent.

**Special Form – Strictly Triangular Matrix**

1. Definition of a Strictly Triangular Matrix: If all of the entries on the main diagonal on an upper or a lower triangular matrix are also 0, the matrix is called *strictly* upper or lower *triangular*.
2. Finite Strictly Triangular Matrices are Nilpotent: All finite strictly triangular matrices are nilpotent of index at most as a consequence of the Cayley-Hamilton theorem.

**Special Form – Atomic Triangular Matrix**

1. Definition of Atomic Triangular Matrix: An *atomic* upper or lower *triangular matrix* is a special form of unitriangular matrix, where all of the off-diagonal elements are zero, except for the entries in a single column.
2. Alternate Names of Atomic Triangular Matrices: Such a matrix is also called a *Frobenius matrix*, a *Gauss matrix*, or a *Gauss transformation matrix*.

**Special Form – Block Triangular Matrix**

1. Definition: A block triangular matrix is a block/partitioned matrix that is triangular.
2. Upper Block Triangular: A matrix is upper block triangular if

where

for all

(Bernstein (2009))

1. Lower Block Triangular: A matrix is lower block triangular if

where

for all

(Bernstein (2009))

**Triangularizability**

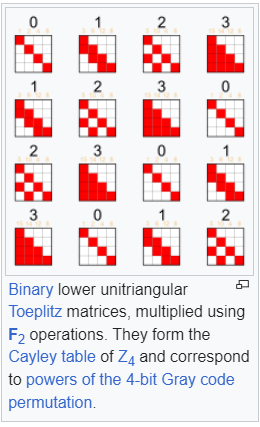
1. Matrices that are Triangularizable: A matrix that is similar to a triangular matrix is referred to as triangularizable.
2. Stabilization of the Basis Flag: Abstractly, this is equivalent to stabilizing a flag; upper triangular matrices are precisely those that preserve the standard flag, which is given by the standard ordered basis and the resulting flag
3. Flags are Transitively Conjugate on the Basis: All flags are conjugate – as the general linear group acts transitively on the basis – so any matrix that stabilizes a flag is similar to the one that stabilizes the standard flag.
4. Triangularizability of Complex Square Matrices: A complex square matrix is triangularizable (Axler (1997)).
5. Matrix over the Fields of its Eigenvalues: A matrix over the field containing all of the eigenvalues of – for example, any matrix over an algebraically closed field – is similar to a triangular matrix.
6. Triangularizability Proof using Induction: This can be proven by using induction on the fact that has an eigenvector, by taking the quotient space of the eigenvector and inducting to show that stabilizes a flag, and is thus triangularizable with respect to a basis for that flag.
7. Triangularization Similarity with Jordan Normal Form: A more precise statement is given by the Jordan normal form theorem, which states that in this situation, is similar to an upper triangular matrix of a very particular form.
8. Limitation with Application of the Jordan Form: This simpler triangularization result is often sufficient, however, and is used in proving the Jordan normal form theorem (Herstein (1975), Axler (1998)).
9. Schur Decomposition of Square Matrix: In the case of complex matrices, it is possible to say more about the triangularization, i.e., that any square matrix has a Schur decomposition.
10. Unitary Equivalence with Upper Triangular Matrix: This means that is unitarily equivalent, i.e., similar, to using a unitary matrix as a change of basis, to an upper triangular matrix; this follows by taking a Hermitian basis for the flag.

**Simultaneous Triangularizability**

1. Simultaneous Triangularizability of a Set of Matrices: A set of matrices are said to be *simultaneously triangularizable* if there is a basis under which they are all upper triangular; equivalently, if they are upper triangularizable by a single similarity matrix .
2. Algebra generated by the Matrix Set: Such a set of matrices is more easily understood by considering the algebra of matrices it generates, namely all polynomials in denoted
3. Conjugate Lie Subalgebra of Upper Triangular Matrices: Simultaneous triangularizability means that this algebra is conjugate into the Lie subalgebra of upper triangular matrices, and is equivalent to this algebra being a Lie subalgebra of a Borel subalgebra.
4. Commuting Matrices that are Simultaneously Triangularizable: The basic result is that, over an algebraically closed field, the commuting matrices , , or more generally are simultaneously triangularizable.
5. Commuting Matrices Share an Eigenvector: This basic result can be proven by showing that commuting matrices have a common eigenvector, and then inducting on that dimension as before.
6. Triangularizing a Single Complex Matrix: As for a single matrix, this can be triangularized by unitary matrices over complex numbers.
7. Interpretation using Hilbert’s Nullstellensatz: The fact that commuting matrices have a common eigenvector can be interpreted as a result of Hilbert’s Nullstellensatz. Commuting matrices form a commutative algebra over which can be interpreted as a variety in -dimensional affine space, and the existence of a common eigenvalue, and hence a common eigenvector, corresponds to this variety having a point, i.e., being non-empty, which is the content of the weak Nullstellensatz.
8. The corresponding -polynomial Algebra Representation: In algebraic terms, these operators correspond to an algebraic representation of the polynomial algebra in variables.
9. Generalization by the Lie’s Theorem: This is generalized by the Lie’s theorem, which shows that any representation of a solvable Lie algebra is simultaneously upper triangularizable, the case of commuting Lie matrices being the Abelian Lie algebra case, the Abelian being a fortiori solvable.
10. Nilpotent Polynomial in Non-commuting Variables: More generally and precisely, a set if matrices is simultaneously triangularizable if and only if the matrix is nilpotent for all polynomials in non-commuting variables, where is the commutator; for commuting the commuter vanishes, so this holds (Drazin, Dungey, and Gruenberg (1951), Prasolov (1994)).
11. Commuting Operator is Strictly Upper Triangularizable: One direction is clear; if the matrices are simultaneously triangularizable, then is strictly upper triangularizable – hence nilpotent – which is preserved by the multiplication of or combination thereof – as it will still have ’s on the diagonal of the triangularizing basis.

**Algebras of Triangular Matrices**

1. Operations that preserve Upper Triangularity: Upper triangularity is preserved by many operations:
   1. The sum of two upper triangular matrices is upper triangular
   2. The product of two upper triangular matrices is upper triangular
2. Inversion and Product with a Scalar:
   1. The inverse of an upper triangular matrix, if it exists, is upper triangular
   2. The product of an upper triangular matrix and a scalar is upper triangular
3. Subalgebra of Upper Triangular Matrices: Together, these facts mean that the upper triangular matrices form a subalgebra of the associative algebra of square matrices for a given size.
4. Corresponding Lie Subalgebra/Lie Bracket Operator: Additionally, this shows that the upper triangular matrices can be viewed as a Lie subalgebra of the Lie algebra of square matrices of a fixed size, where the Lie bracket operator is given by the commutator .
5. Borel Subalgebra of Solvable Lie Algebra: The Lis algebra of all upper triangular matrices is a solvable Lie algebra. It is often referred to as the Borel subalgebra of the Lie algebra of all square matrices.



1. Validity across Lower Triangular Matrices: All these results hold if upper triangular is replaced by lower triangular throughout; in particular, the lower triangular matrices also form a Lie algebra.
2. Mixed Upper/Lower Triangular Matrices: However, operations mixing upper and lower triangular matrices in general do not produce triangular matrices. For instance, the sum of an upper and a lower triangular matrix can be any matrix; the product of a lower triangular matrix with an upper triangular matrix is not necessarily upper triangular either.
3. Lie Group of Unitriangular Matrices: The set of Unitriangular Matrices form a Lie group.
4. Nilpotent Lie Algebra of Strictly Triangular Matrices: The set of strictly upper of lower triangular forms a nilpotent Lie algebra, denoted
5. Lie Algebra of Unitriangular Matrices: This algebra is the derived Lie algebra of , the Lie algebra of all upper triangular matrices; in symbols
6. Strictly Upper Triangularizable using the Engel’s Theorem: In fact, by Engel’s theorem, any finite nilpotent Lie algebra is conjugate to a subalgebra of strictly upper triangular matrices, that is to say, a finite dimensional nilpotent Lie algebra is simultaneously strictly upper triangularizable.
7. Generalizability of Upper Triangular Algebra: Algebras of upper triangular matrices have a natural generalization in functional analysis which yields nest algebras on Hilbert spaces.

**Algebras of Triangular Matrices – Borel Subgroups/Subalgebras**

1. Set of Invertible Triangular Matrices: The set of invertible triangular matrices of a given kind – upper or lower – forms a group, indeed a Lie group, which is a subgroup of general linear group of all invertible matrices.
2. When is a Triangular Matrix Invertible: A triangular matrix is invertible precisely when its diagonal entries are invertible, i.e., non-zero.
3. Disconnected Nature of the Group: Over the real numbers, this group is disconnected, having components accordingly as each diagonal entry is positive or negative.
4. Group of Positive Diagonal Entries: The identity component is the invertible triangular matrices with positive entries on the diagonal, and the group of all invertible triangular matrices is a semidirect product of this group and the group if diagonal matrices with on the diagonal, corresponding to the components.
5. Solvable Lie Algebra of Invertible Upper Triangular: The Lie algebra of the Lie group of invertible upper triangular matrices is the set of all upper triangular matrices, not necessarily invertible, and is a solvable Lie algebra.
6. Equivalent Standard Borel Subgroup/Subalgebra: These are, respectively, the standard Borel subgroup of the Lie group and the standard Borel subalgebra of the Lie algebra .
7. Borel Subgroup of Invertible Upper Triangular Matrices: The upper triangular matrices are precisely those that stabilize the standard flag. The invertible ones among them form a subgroup of the general linear group, whose conjugate subgroups are those that are defined as the stabilizer of some other complete flag. These subgroups are Borel subgroups.
8. Borel Subgroups of Invertible Lower Triangular Matrices: The group of invertible lower triangular matrices is such a subgroup, since it is the stabilizer of the standard flag associated with the standard basis in reverse order.
9. Group that Stabilizes a Partial Flag: The stabilizer of a partial flag obtained by forgetting some parts of the standard flag can be described as a set of block upper triangular matrices – but its elements are not all triangular matrices.
10. Parabolic Subgroups - Conjugates of Block Triangular Matrices: The conjugates of such a group are the subgroups defined as the stabilizer of some partial flag. These subgroups are called parabolic subgroups.
11. Examples: The group of upper triangular matrices is isomorphic to the additive group of the field of scalars; in the case of complex numbers it corresponds to the group formed of parabolic Mobius transformations; the upper unitriangular matrices form the Heisenberg group.

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**Figure #1**

**Fixed Point Search SKU Flow**

**Iterate Variate**

**Has Search Termination Been Reached?**

**Extract Starting Variate/Bracket**

**Fixed Point Search Initialization**

**NO**

**YES**

**Fixed Point Search Result**

**Figure #2**

**Bracketing SKU Flow**

**Fixed Point Trapped?**

**Trim Bracket Zone to localize Fixed Point**

**Expand Brackets to Trap Fixed Points**

**Bracket Locator Start Specifier**

**NO**

**Figure #3**

**Objective Function Undefined at the Starting Variate**

**Objective Function**

**Variate**

**Starting Variate**

**v0**

**Figure #4**

**Objective Function Undefined at any of the Candidate Variates**

**Variate i**

**Vi**

**Variate i-1**

**Vi-1**

**Variate**

**Variate Scan Jump**

**Objective Function**

**Figure #5**

**General Purpose Bracket Start Locator**

**Is the Objective Function Undefined left?**

**Span the Right Variate**

**Span the Left Variate**

**Bracket Start Locator**

**NO**

**NO**

**Is the Objective Function Undefined right?**

**YES**

**YES**

**Found Starting Point**

**Figure #6**

**Bracketing when Objective Function Validity is Range-bound**

**V0**

**Objective Function**

**Iteration 1**

**V1**

**Variate**

**Iteration i**

**Iteration i-1**

**Iteration 1**

**Vi**

**Vi-1**

**Root**

**Starting Variate**

**Figure #7**

**Objective Function Fixed Point Bracketing**

**Bracketing Iteration #5**

**Bracketing Iteration #4**

**Bracketing Iteration #3**

**Bracketing Iteration #2**

**v3**

**v2**

**v1**

**-v1**

**-v2**

**-v3**

**Variate**

**Objective Function**

**Final Brackets**

**Bracketing Iteration #1**