

# MECH3750

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Content :

- Least Squares continued
- Inner product
- Orthogonal polynomials
- Fourier Series

## Least Squares (cont.)

Can represent discrete points on some function  $f(x)$  by a vector.

$$f(\vec{x}) = (f(x_0), f(x_1), \dots, f(x_n))^T = \vec{f}$$

Approximate vector with basis "vectors" made from functions.

$$\vec{p}^{(1)} = (p^{(1)}(x_0), p^{(1)}(x_1), \dots, p^{(1)}(x_n))^T$$

etc.

Can be any set of linearly independent functions  $\{p^{(1)}, p^{(2)}, \dots, p^{(m)}\}$

$$\therefore f(\vec{x}) = \vec{f} \approx \sum_m \alpha_m \vec{p}^{(m)}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vec{p}^{(1)} \cdot \vec{p}^{(1)} & \vec{p}^{(1)} \cdot \vec{p}^{(2)} & \cdots & \vec{p}^{(1)} \cdot \vec{p}^{(m)} \\ \vec{p}^{(2)} \cdot \vec{p}^{(1)} & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vec{p}^{(m)} \cdot \vec{p}^{(1)} & \cdots & \cdots & \vec{p}^{(m)} \cdot \vec{p}^{(m)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{f} \cdot \vec{p}^{(1)} \\ \vdots \\ \vec{f} \cdot \vec{p}^{(m)} \end{bmatrix}$$

Same form as before.

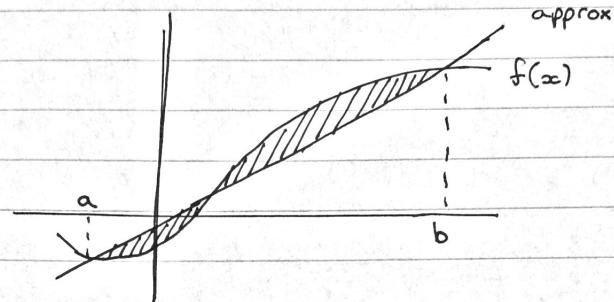
Written more concisely as :

$$P^T P \vec{\alpha} = P^T \vec{f}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\vec{\alpha} = (P^T P)^{-1} P^T \vec{f}$$

What if we want to approximate a continuous function over an interval?



Define positive error based on the area between  $f(x)$  and approximation.

$$E = \int_a^b \left( \sum_i^n \alpha_i p^{(i)}(x) - f(x) \right)^2 dx$$

Follow previous derivation, set  $\partial_{\alpha_j} E = 0$

$$0 = \sum_i^n \int_a^b \alpha_i p^{(i)}(x) p^{(j)}(x) dx - \int_a^b p^{(j)}(x) f(x) dx$$

In matrix form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \int_a^b p^{(1)} p^{(1)} dx & \cdots & \int_a^b p^{(1)} p^{(n)} dx \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \int_a^b p^{(n)} p^{(1)} dx & \cdots & \int_a^b p^{(n)} p^{(n)} dx \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \int_a^b p^{(1)} f dx \\ \vdots \\ \int_a^b p^{(n)} f dx \end{bmatrix}$$

Discrete vector form & continuous function  
forms of least squares very similar...

Generalise by introducing inner product.

$$\langle p, q \rangle$$

vectors      functions

$$\vec{p} \cdot \vec{q} \quad \int p(x)q(x) dx$$

Some properties:

$$\text{Norm (or length/size)} \Rightarrow \|p\| = \sqrt{\langle p, p \rangle}$$

$$\text{Distance} \Rightarrow d(p, q) = \|p - q\|$$

$$\text{Orthogonality} \Rightarrow \langle p, q \rangle = 0$$

Distance between two functions becomes:

$$d(p, q) = \sqrt{\int (p(x) - q(x))^2 dx}$$

$\therefore$  Least squares minimises distance squared!

There exist sets of linearly independent orthogonal functions. These simplify matrix form, as non-diagonal elements become  $\emptyset$ .

Legendre Polynomials

$$\int_0^1 p^{(i)} p^{(j)} dx \propto \delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i=j \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$$

$$P_0(x) = 1$$

$$P_1(x) = x$$

$$P_2(x) = \frac{1}{2}(3x^2 - 1)$$

$$P_3(x) = \frac{1}{2}(5x^3 - 3x)$$

$$P_n(x) = \frac{1}{2^n n!} \frac{d^n}{dx^n} (x^2 - 1)^n$$

(Don't need to remember this!)

## Trigonometric Functions

Specifically sine and cosine, as they can be represented as:

$$e^{ix} = \cos x + i \sin x$$

Note that orthogonality holds:

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(mx) \sin(nx) dx = \begin{cases} \pi & \text{if } m=n \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(mx) \cos(nx) dx = 0$$

\* if  $m, n > 0$

## Fourier Series

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

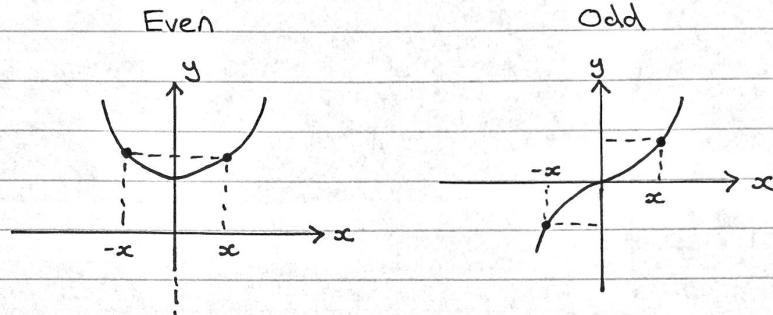
↑  
exactly equal for an  
infinite sum

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

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

## Shortcuts

Introduced even and odd functions.



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} f(-x) = f(x) \\ \text{about } y\text{-axis} \end{array} \right. \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} f(-x) = -f(x) \\ \text{about origin} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\text{Even} \times \text{Even} \Rightarrow f(-x)g(-x) = f(x)g(x) \Rightarrow \text{Even}$$

$$\text{Odd} \times \text{Odd} \Rightarrow f(-x)g(-x) = (-1)^2 f(x)g(x) \Rightarrow \text{Even}$$

$$\text{Even} \times \text{Odd} \Rightarrow f(-x)g(-x) = -f(x)g(x) \Rightarrow \text{Odd}$$

$$\int_{-a}^a \text{Even } dx = \int_{-a}^0 f(x) dx + \int_0^a f(x) dx = 2 \int_0^a f(x) dx$$

$$\int_{-a}^a \text{Odd } dx = \int_{-a}^0 g(x) dx + \int_0^a g(x) dx = \int_0^a -g(x) + g(x) dx = \emptyset$$

∴ As cosine is even & sine is odd

if  $f(x)$  is even:

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

if  $f(x)$  is odd:

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(nx)$$