

Orthogonal Functions

* Inner Product

If u and v are two vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 or 3-space then the inner product (u, v) (in calculus it is called $u \cdot v$) possesses the following properties

- (i) $(u, v) = (v, u)$
- (ii) $(ku, v) = k(u, v)$ k is a scalar
- (iii) $(u, u) = 0$ if $u \neq 0$ and $(u, u) > 0$ if $u \neq 0$
- (iv) $(u+v, w) = (u, w) + (v, w)$

* Inner Product of two functions

The inner product of two functions f_1, f_2 on the interval $[a, b]$ is the number

$$(f_1, f_2) = \int_a^b f_1(x) \cdot f_2(x) dx.$$

* Orthogonal functions

Two function f_1 and f_2 are orthogonal on an interval $[a, b]$ if

$$(f_1, f_2) = \int_a^b f_1(x) \cdot f_2(x) dx = 0$$

Ex. 1 (a)

Show that the functions
 $f_1(n) = x^2$ & $f_2(n) = x^3$ are orthogonal
on the interval $[-1, 1]$

$$(f_1, f_2) = \int_{-1}^1 f_1(n) \cdot f_2(n) dn$$
$$= \int_{-1}^1 x^2 \cdot x^3 dn = \int_{-1}^1 x^5 dn$$
$$= \left[\frac{x^6}{6} \right]_{-1}^1 = \frac{1}{6}(1 - 1) = 0$$

(b)

$$f_1(n) = x^2 \text{ & } f_2(n) = x^4 \text{ over } [-1, 1]$$

$$(f_1, f_2) = \int_{-1}^1 x^2 \cdot x^4 dn = \int_{-1}^1 x^6 dn = \left[\frac{x^7}{7} \right]_{-1}^1 = \frac{2}{7} \neq 0$$

* Orthogonal sets

A real valued functions
 $\{\phi_0(n), \phi_1(n), \dots\}$ is said to orthogonal
on an interval $[a, b]$ if

$$(\phi_m, \phi_n) = \int_a^b \phi_m(n) \phi_n(n) dn = 0 \quad m \neq n$$

Ex. Show that $\{1, \cos x, \cos 2x, \dots\}$ is orthogonal on the interval $[-\pi, \pi]$

- (ii) find norm of each function in the orthogonal set.
- (iii) find orthonormal set on the interval $[-\pi, \pi]$.

Sol:- Let $\phi_0(x) = 1$ and $\phi_n(x) = \cos nx$ we have to

$$\text{Show } \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \phi_0(x) \cdot \phi_n(x) dx = 0 \quad \& \quad \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \phi_n(x) \cdot \phi_m(x) dx = 0; \quad m \neq n$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\phi_0, \phi_n) &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \phi_0(x) \phi_n(x) dx = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} 1 \cdot \cos nx dx = \frac{1}{n} \sin nx \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} \\ &= \frac{1}{n} (\sin n\pi + \sin(-n\pi)) = \frac{1}{n} (0+0) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\phi_n, \phi_m) &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \phi_n(x) \cdot \phi_m(x) dx = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos nx \cdot \cos mx dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} 2 \cos nx \cos mx dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (\cos(m+n)x + \cos(m-n)x) dx \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{8i\sin(m+n)x}{m+n} + \frac{\sin(n-m)x}{n-m} \right) \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (0) = 0; \quad m \neq n \end{aligned}$$

Sol(i) Let $\phi_0(x) = 1$

$$\|\phi_0(x)\|^2 = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} 1 \cdot dx = [x]_{-\pi}^{\pi} = \pi - (-\pi) = 2\pi$$

1 $\pi_1(x) =$

2 $\sin w_0 x$

3 $f_1(x) =$

4 $f_1(x) =$

5 $d_1(x) =$

$\therefore \|\phi_0(x)\| = \sqrt{2\pi}$

For $\phi_n(x) = \cos nx$

$$\|\phi_n(x)\|^2 = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos^2 nx dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (1 + \cos 2nx) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [\pi]_{-\pi}^{\pi} + \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\sin 2nx}{2n} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [\pi - (-\pi)] + \frac{1}{2} [0]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (2\pi) = \pi$$

$\therefore \|\phi_n(x)\| = \sqrt{\pi}$

Sol(ii):- For the orthonormal set we divide each function to its norm

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}, \frac{\cos x}{\sqrt{\pi}}, \frac{\cos 2x}{\sqrt{\pi}}, \dots \right\}$$

which is orthonormal on $[-\pi, \pi]$

(*) A set of real valued function $\{\phi_0(x), \phi_1(x), \dots\}$ is said to be orthogonal with respect to a weight function $w(x)$ on $[a, b]$ if

$$\int_a^b w(x) \phi_m(x) \cdot \phi_n(x) dx = 0 ; m \neq n$$