

# Q VECTOR SPACES REVIEW

Focus on  $N \times N$  matrices

"ROTATIONS" : UNITARY MATRIX :  $U^\dagger U = 1$

HERMITIAN :  $A^\dagger = A$  "nice" transformations

→ DIAGONALIZABLE  $A = U D U^\dagger$

→ EIGENVALUES ARE REAL

Now to FOURIER TRANSFORM  $\begin{cases} \infty \text{ interval} \leftrightarrow \text{continuum} \\ \text{Q functions} \end{cases}$

## FOURIER SERIES

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

UP to BOUNDARY COND,  
WHICH KILLS SOME  
TERMS, FIXES  $k_n$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{1}{2} (e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta})$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{1}{2i} (e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta})$$

SO WE COULD WRITE

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{ik_n x}$$

LOWER  
LIMIT

FOR REAL FUNCTIONS,  $c_n$  &  $c_{-n}$   
are related

eg sine series:  $c_{-n} = -c_n$   
and  $c_n$  are pure imaginary

BUT MORE GENERALLY,  $c_n$  COULD ALL BE  
INDEPENDENT

→ Q function

I may have it wrong

eg. for  $-L < x < L$ 

$$c_n = \int_{-L}^L f(x) \underbrace{\left[ \frac{1}{2L} e^{-i \frac{n\pi}{L} x} \right]}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{BASIS FUNCTION } |n\rangle}} dx$$

$\langle n | f \rangle$

check:  $\langle n | m \rangle = \int_{-L}^L dx \left( \frac{1}{2L} \right) e^{-i \frac{(n-m)\pi}{L} x}$

$$= \frac{1}{(2L)} \cdot \frac{-i(n-m)\pi}{L} \left[ \underbrace{e^{-i \frac{(n-m)\pi}{L} x}}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ e^{-i(n-m)\pi} - e^{+i(n-m)\pi}}} \right]_{-L}^L$$

BUT

$$\left. \begin{aligned} e^{\pm i\pi} &= e^{\pm i3\pi} = e^{\pm i5\pi} = -1 \\ e^{\pm 2i\pi} &= e^{\pm 4i\pi} = 1 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

So no matter what  $n$  &  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  are,  
this vanishes

... unless  $n = m$ :

$$\langle n | n \rangle = \int_{-L}^L dx \left( \frac{1}{2L} \right) e^{0x} = 1 \quad \checkmark$$

eg Felder? 895 P.469

$$f(x) = x^2 + 3 \quad L = \pi \quad -\pi < x < \pi$$

$$f(x) = \sum_n \left[ c_n \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\pi}} \right] e^{inx} = \sum_n \bar{c}_n e^{inx}$$

$$\bar{c}_n = c_n \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\pi}} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{convenient} \\ \text{to def } \bar{c}_n \end{array} \right\}$$

$$c_n = \langle n | f \rangle = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} dx \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\pi}} e^{-inx} f(x)$$

$$\bar{c}_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) e^{-inx} dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{c}_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (x^2 + 3) e^{-inx} dx$$

$$\left( 3 \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{-inx} dx + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x^2 e^{-inx} dx \right) = uv \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} - \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} v du$$

$\underbrace{\quad}_{=0 \text{ by } *}$

$$u = x^2$$

$$du = 2x dx$$

$$dv = e^{-inx} dx$$

$$v = \frac{i}{n} e^{-inx}$$

$$= \frac{i\pi^2}{n} \left( \frac{e^{-in\pi} - e^{in\pi}}{in} \right) - \frac{2i}{n} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x e^{-inx} dx$$

$$= 0 \quad v n$$

$$u = x \quad du = dx$$

$$dv = \text{SAME} \quad v = \text{SAME}$$

$$= \frac{-2i}{n} \cdot \left( \frac{ix}{n} e^{-inx} \right) \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} + \left( \frac{2i}{n} \right)^2 \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{-inx} dx$$

$$\frac{1}{n} (e^{in\pi} - e^{-in\pi}) = 0$$

$$= \frac{2}{n^2} (\pi e^{-in\pi} + \pi e^{in\pi})$$

$$= \frac{2\pi}{n^2} (e^{-in\pi} + e^{in\pi})$$

$$= \frac{4\pi}{n^2} (-1)^n$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\bar{c}_n = \frac{2(-1)^n}{n^2}}$$

BUT : careful w/  $n=0$  (const term)

$$\bar{c}_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (x^2 + 3) e^{-i0x} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{3} x^3 + 3x \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{2}{3} \pi^3 + 6\pi \right]$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{1}{3} \pi^2 + 3}$$

LESSON : CAREFUL w/  $n=0$

$$\underline{S_0} : \left[ f(x) = x^2 + 3 = \left( \frac{\pi^2}{3} + 3 \right) + \sum_{n \neq 0} \frac{2(-1)^n}{n^2} e^{inx} \right]$$

obs:  $|k\rangle$  is an eigenstate of  $\hat{p} = -i\hbar \frac{d}{dx}$

$$\hat{p}|k\rangle = \hbar k |k\rangle$$

"momentum"

$$\left[ \begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk \tilde{f}(k) e^{+ik \cdot x} \\ \tilde{f}(k) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx f(x) e^{-ikx} \end{aligned} \right. \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{FOURIER} \\ \text{TRANSFORM} \\ \text{FOURIER} \end{array} \right.$$

eg HEISENBERG UNCERTAINTY PRINCIPLE

$$\psi(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} e^{-(x/a)^2} \quad \leftarrow \quad \psi(x) = \langle x | \psi \rangle$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \cdot \frac{1}{a}$$

POSITION BASIS

let  $A$  be an operator

if  $A$  hermitian,  
then this  
is clear

mean value / expectation:  $\langle A \rangle = \langle \psi | A | \psi \rangle$

$$\langle x \rangle = \langle \psi | x | \psi \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x |\psi(x)|^2 dx = 0 \quad \text{BY SYM}$$

variance:  $(\Delta A)^2 = \langle \psi | (A - \langle A \rangle)^2 | \psi \rangle$

$$\langle \Delta x \rangle^2 = \langle \psi | (x - \langle x \rangle)^2 | \psi \rangle$$

Act of  
↓ Gaussian

$$= \int dx x^2 |\psi(x)|^2 dx = \left[ \frac{a^2}{4} \right]$$

take  $L \rightarrow \infty$  limit. Fourier series  $\rightarrow$  Fourier TRANSFORM

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2L}} e^{+i \frac{n\pi x}{L}}}_{|n\rangle}$$

$\uparrow$   
 $-L \leq x \leq L$

$\bar{c}_n$

$$c_n = \langle n | f \rangle = \int_{-L}^L dx \frac{1}{\sqrt{2L}} e^{-i \frac{n\pi x}{L}} f(x)$$

$$\bar{c}_n = \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L dx e^{-i \frac{n\pi x}{L}} f(x)$$

SUPERPOSITION OF WAVES  
AS  $L \rightarrow \infty$ , SUM OF ALL  
SHORT WAVELENGTHS

} btw: in physics  
can be subtle

$\uparrow$  SHORT WAVELENGTH SCALES!  $\uparrow$

$$k_n = \frac{n\pi}{L} \quad \Delta k = \pi/L$$

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L dx' e^{-ik_n x'} f(x') \right) e^{+ik_n x}$$

$\uparrow$   
DUMMY VARIABLE

$$= \sum_n \left| \frac{\pi}{L} \frac{1}{2\pi} \right| \left( \int_{-L}^L dx' e^{-ik_n x'} f(x') \right) e^{+ik_n x}$$

$\leftarrow$  ORIGIN OF DREADED  
 $2\pi$  CONVENTION.

$$= \int dk \frac{1}{2\pi} \hat{f}(k) e^{+ikx}$$

$\nwarrow$  no longer  $k_n$

$\sum \Delta k \quad (\frac{1}{\sqrt{2L}} \langle f | k \rangle) \quad |k\rangle$

$\uparrow \quad \uparrow$   
 $k_n \rightarrow k$

$\equiv \hat{f}(k)$

NORMALIZ GETS WEIRD.  
Formally, the plane waves are not normalized

# FOURIER TRANSFORM TO MOMENTUM SPACE

$$\tilde{\psi}(p) = \langle p | \psi \rangle = \int dx \underbrace{\langle p | x \rangle}_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} e^{-ipx/\hbar}} \underbrace{\langle x | \psi \rangle}_{\psi(x)}$$

[check norms]

$$= \int \tilde{\psi}^* e^{-i(p\tilde{p})^2/(2\hbar)^2}$$

$$\int \tilde{\psi}^* = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{2}{a}$$

$$(\Delta p)^2 = \langle \psi | (p - \langle p \rangle)^2 | \psi \rangle$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp \, p^2 |\tilde{\psi}(p)|^2 = \frac{\hbar^2}{a^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\Delta x)^2 (\Delta p)^2 = \frac{a^2}{4} \frac{\hbar^2}{a^2} = \frac{\hbar^2}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{(\Delta x)(\Delta p) = \frac{\hbar}{2}} \quad \text{for GAUSSIAN.}$$

## DIRAC

$$f(x) = \int dk \overset{dk/2\pi}{\tilde{f}(k)} e^{ikx} = \int dk \left( \int dy f(y) e^{-iky} \right) e^{ikx}$$

$$= \int dy \int dk \underbrace{e^{ik(x-y)}}_{\delta(x-y)} f(y)$$

$$= \delta(x-y)$$