

ANNOUNCE: 12N ON TUE 1-3 PM (3004 S)

Index cards: many responses: "quality research"

WHAT DOES THAT  
MEAN TO YOU?

how will people  
decide if your  
research is quality

... bigger & more immediate things to discuss  
on Monday PM.

follow up from last time

BRIAN'S QUESTION:  $D^n \underline{f} = 0$

eg:  $f(x) = \underline{ax^2 + bx + c}$

I can make this into a  
"discrete" vector space

$$\underline{f}_P = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$$

↑ POLYNOMIAL BASIS

where:

$$\underline{e}_{(1)} = x^2$$

$$\underline{e}_{(2)} = x$$

$$\underline{e}_{(3)} = 1$$

is this  
an orthonormal  
basis?

(we'll talk  
about that)

clearly,  $\left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)^3 f(x) = 0$

$$D \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b \\ a \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$D^2 \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ a \\ b \end{pmatrix}; \quad D^3 \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

BUT MANY OTHER BASES. A NICE ONE THAT WE WILL USE IS THE FOURIER BASIS ? IT'S RELATIVES.

ie momentum space

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$$e_{(1)} = \sin(x)$$

$$e_{(2)} = \sin(2x)$$

⋮

$$\nabla^n e_{(1)} \neq 0$$

## LINEAR TRANSFORMATIONS

$$\uparrow (\lambda \underline{A} + \omega \underline{B}) \underline{v} = \lambda \underline{A} \underline{v} + \omega \underline{B} \underline{v}$$

→ ω just #'s

Q: what is an example of a transformation that is NOT linear?

eg common misconception that

$$\left[ \frac{1}{c^2} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)^2 \right] f(x,t) = g(x,t)$$

is somehow NOT linear.

A KEY POINT: LINEAR TRANSF ACT ON BASIS VECTORS

$$\underline{v} = v^i \underline{e}_{(i)}$$

just #

carries all the vector-ness

WHAT IS A BASIS OF LINEAR TRANSFORMATIONS?

↑  
does this even make sense?!

go back to row vectors / 1-forms / ...

$v^T$ : object that takes vector,  
spits out number.

↑  
this has a basis.

sometimes written  $\underline{e}^{T(1)}$  or  $\underline{e}^{x(1)}$  or  $\underline{e}^{(1)}$

let me use, for this lecture:

$\zeta^i \leftarrow \text{PACMAN}$

$$\underline{w}^T = (w_1, w_2, \dots) = \sum_i w_i \zeta^i$$

WHERE  $\zeta^i$  IS DEFINED TO SFT  $\underline{e}^{(i)}$   
↑ SFT OUT 1.

$$\zeta^j \underline{e}^{(i)} = \delta^j_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i=j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\zeta^1 \underline{e}^{(2)} = 0$$

$$\zeta^5 \underline{e}^{(5)} = 1$$

$$\underline{W}^T \underline{V} = (W_1 \underbrace{e^1}_{=1} + W_2 \underbrace{e^2}_{=0} + \dots) (V^1 \underbrace{e_1}_{=1} + \dots)$$

no dot!  
(this is  $\underline{W} \cdot \underline{V}$ )

$$= W_1 V^1 \underbrace{e^1 e_1}_{=1} + W_1 V^2 \underbrace{e^1 e_2}_{=0} + \dots$$

$$+ W_2 V^1 \underbrace{e^2 e_1}_{=0} + W_2 V^2 \underbrace{e^2 e_2}_{=1} + \dots$$

$$= W_1 V^1 + W_2 V^2 + \dots$$

so we get  $\underline{W}^T \underline{V} = \sum_i W_i V_i$

$\uparrow$                        $\uparrow$   
 "W<sub>i</sub>"                  "V<sub>i</sub>"

BRA-KET VERSION

$$e^i \longrightarrow \langle i | \quad e_j \longrightarrow | j \rangle$$

$$\langle i | j \rangle = \delta_{ij}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |V\rangle &= \sum_j V^j |j\rangle & \langle V|W\rangle &= W_i V^i \\ \langle W| &= \sum_i W_i \langle i| \end{aligned}$$

# MATRIX (linear transformation)

$W; \langle i |$  is a machine that takes a vector & spits out #

UN TRANSF : A MACHINE THAT TAKES A VECTOR & SPITS OUT A VECTOR

oh. we have a basis for this



eats a vector  
(nonzero for vector  
w/ nonzero  $\underline{e}_i$ )

POOPS OUT A VECTOR!  
gives one unit in the  $\underline{e}_k$   
direction.

m bracket notation: BASIS IS

$$|k\rangle\langle i|$$

$$\underline{\underline{A}} = A^k; |k\rangle\langle i|$$

implicit sum over  $i$  &  $k$

$$\underline{A} \underline{V} = \left( A^i_k |i\rangle\langle k| \right) \left( v^j |j\rangle \right)$$

just numbers, pull them out

$$= \sum_{i,j,k} A^i_k v^j |i\rangle \underbrace{\langle k|j\rangle}_{\delta^k_j}$$

$$= \sum_{i,j} A^i_j v^j |i\rangle$$

$$= \sum_i \left( \sum_j A^i_j v^j \right) |i\rangle$$

↑

what we had before.

the  $i$ th element of  $(\underline{A}\underline{V})$

$$\begin{pmatrix} A^1_1 & A^1_2 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ A^i_1 & A^i_2 & \dots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v^1 \\ v^2 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \vdots \\ A^i_1 v^1 + A^i_2 v^2 + \dots \end{pmatrix}$$

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think : BASIS for multilinear trans

that takes a vector & spits out  
a linear transformation?

WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?

LINEAR TRANSF. ACT ON BASIS

↑  
things that carry  
vector nature

IN A NICE BASIS, LIN TRANSF.  
ACTS SIMPLY.

$$\underline{\underline{A}} \underbrace{\underline{\xi}_{(i)}}_{\text{BASIS of EIGENVECTORS}} = \lambda_i \underline{\xi}_{(i)}$$

$$\underline{V} = v^i \underline{\xi}_{(i)}$$

↑  
coeff. in eigenbasis

$$\underline{\underline{A}} \underline{V} = \sum_i \underbrace{\lambda_i v^i}_{\text{just rescale these coeff. w/ eigenvals.}} \underline{\xi}_{(i)}$$

just rescale these coeff.  
w/ eigenvals.

HOW WE'LL USE THIS:

eg.  $\underline{\underline{A}} = \partial^2$

A NICE BASIS:  $\underline{\xi}_{(k)} = \sin(kx)$

$$\underline{\underline{A}} \underline{\xi}_{(k)} = \underbrace{-k^2}_{\lambda_k} \underline{\xi}_{(k)}$$