

# 1 Real functions as infinite-dimensional vectors

## 1.1 Real functions are vectors

The real function space is a vector space because it is linear in multiplication and addition.

$$g(x) = cf(x)$$

$$h(x) = f(x) + k(x)$$

# 2 Endomorphisms of infinite-dimensional vector spaces

## 2.1 Endomorphisms on real functions

We start with our vector  $f(x)$ .

$$h(x) = f(x)g(x)$$

The equivalent of the identity matrix is where  $g(x) = 1$ .

These are similar to endomorphisms where all off diagonal elements are 0.

### 2.1.1 Differentiation

$$h(x) = \frac{\delta}{\delta x} f(x)$$

### 2.1.2 Integration

$$h(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(z)dz$$

## 2.2 Examples of linear operators on real functions

For a function  $v$  we can define operators  $Ov$ .

Here we consider some examples and their properties.

### 2.2.1 Real multiplication

$$Rv = rf(x)$$

This operator is hermitian. This is equivalent to a finite operator of the form  $rI$ .

### 2.2.2 Multiplication by underlying real number

$$Xv = xf(x)$$

This operator is hermitian. This is equivalent to a finite operator of the form  $M_{ii} = i$  and  $M_{ij} = 0$ .

### 2.2.3 Differentiation

$$Dv = \frac{\delta}{\delta x} f(x)$$

While this operator is not hermitian, the following is:

$$-iDv = \frac{\delta}{\delta x} [-if(x)]$$

## 3 Eigenvalues and eigenvectors of infinite-dimensional vectors

### 3.1 Spectral theorem for infinite-dimensional vector spaces

## 4 Forms on infinite-dimensional vector spaces

### 4.1 Forms on real functions

A form takes two vectors and produces a scalar.

#### 4.1.1 Integration as a form

We can use integration to get a bilinear form.

$$\int f(x)g(x)dx$$

If we instead want a sesquilinear form we can instead use:

$$\int f(\bar{x})g(x)dx$$

### 4.2 Functionals

Functionals map functions to scalars. They are the 1-forms of infinite-dimensional vector spaces.

If we have a function  $f$ , we can write functional  $J[f]$ .

### 4.2.1 More

We can define neighbourhoods around a function  $f$ . For example, taking  $y$  to be  $f$  with infinitesimal changes. to each of the values.

The difference between the functional at both points is

$$\delta J = J[y] - J[f]$$

### 4.2.2 Extrema

If

$$\delta J = J[y] - J[f]$$

is the same sign for all  $y$  around  $f$ , then  $J$  has an extremum at  $f$ .

### 4.2.3 Functional derivatives

## 4.3 Hilbert space

A complete space with an inner product. That is, a Banach space where the norm is derived from an inner product.

## 5 Calculus of variations

### 5.1 Calculus of variations

Integrate over possible functions?

## 6 Sort

### 6.1 Banach space

A complete normed vector space