

Computations.

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- (1) Find the Fourier coefficients a_0, a_1, b_1, a_2, b_2 of the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in [0, 2\pi] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- (2) Can you find formulas for a_k and b_k ?

Solution. We use the formulas for the Fourier transform and the fact that integrating sin or cos over a full period yields zero, to get:

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} dx = 1,$$

$$a_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \cos(kx) dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \cos(kx) dx = 0,$$

and,

$$b_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \sin(kx) dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \sin(kx) dx = 0$$

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- 2.** Decide if the following matrices are positive definite, negative definite or indefinite

(1) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

(2) $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

(3) $C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^2$

Solution. We use the **leading minors test** on the first 2.

(1) $\det[2] = 2$, $\det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = 3$, but $\det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$ so A is not definite.

(2) $\det[2] = 2 > 0$, $\det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = 3$, and $\det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = 6$. They are all positive so B is positive definite.

- (3) Note that the columns of the matrix shown are independent, since the matrix is symmetric this means its eigenvalues are non-zero real numbers. Since C is the square of that matrix, its eigenvalues are squares of the previous eigenvalues and therefore are all positive. C is Positive definite.

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3. Consider the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & b \\ b & 9 \end{bmatrix}$ for $b \in \mathbb{R}$.

- (1) For which numbers b is the matrix positive definite?
- (2) Factor $A = LDL^T$ in terms of b , when b is in the range for positive definiteness.
- (3) Find the minimum value of $\frac{1}{2}(x^2 + 2bxy + 9y^2) - y$ for b in this range.

Solution. (1) We check the eigenvalues (there are more effective ways to check positive definiteness but we will need eigenvalues in part (2) anyways so...). The characteristic polynomial is $p(\lambda) = (1-\lambda)(9-\lambda) - b^2 = \lambda^2 - 10\lambda + 9 - b^2$. Using the quadratic formula we get rational-conjugate eigenvalues $\lambda_1 = 5 + \sqrt{16 + b^2}$ and $\lambda_2 = 5 - \sqrt{16 + b^2}$. From here, the one at risk of being negative is λ_2 . We need the second term to be less than 5, so the argument of the square root should be less than 25. This is achieved by picking $b \in (-3, 3)$.

- (2) We already have the eigenvalues so we compute the eigenvectors.

$$A - \lambda_1 I = \begin{bmatrix} -4 - \sqrt{16 + b^2} & b \\ b & 4 - \sqrt{16 + b^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

so the nul space equation gives $(-4 - \sqrt{16 + b^2})x_1 = bx_2 = 0$ which produces the eigenvector $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} b \\ 4 + \sqrt{16 + b^2} \end{bmatrix}$. By way of rational conjugates we know $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} b \\ 4 - \sqrt{16 + b^2} \end{bmatrix}$. After normilizing we obtain

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{b}{\sqrt{b^2 + (4 + \sqrt{16 + b^2})^2}} & \frac{b}{\sqrt{b^2 + (4 + \sqrt{16 + b^2})^2}} \\ \frac{4 + \sqrt{16 + b^2}}{\sqrt{b^2 + (4 + \sqrt{16 + b^2})^2}} & \frac{4 - \sqrt{16 + b^2}}{\sqrt{b^2 + (4 - \sqrt{16 + b^2})^2}} \end{bmatrix}, D = \begin{bmatrix} 5 + \sqrt{16 + b^2} & 0 \\ 0 & 5 - \sqrt{16 + b^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

- (3) Let q denote the quadratic form in question. To find the critical point we want to make the gradient zero. $q_x = x + by$, $q_y = bc = x + 9y - 1$. So the critical point occurs at the solution of the system $A \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, which is $y = \frac{1}{9 - b^2}$, $x = \frac{-b}{9 - b^2}$. Since A is positive definite, we know the critical point is a minimum.

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4. Consider the quadratic form $q(x, y, z) = 3x^2 + 10xy + 3y^2 + z^2$

- (1) Find the symmetric matrix A for q .
- (2) Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of A .
- (3) Give a formula for q in the coordinates of the vector $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$ in the eigenbasis of A .
- (4) Is q positive definite, negative definite or indefinite?

Solution. (1) Since the only term containing z is the z^2 term, we can quickly see that

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 & 0 \\ 5 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (2) The characteristic polynomial is $p(\lambda) = (\lambda^2 - 6\lambda - 16)(1 - \lambda) = (\lambda - 1)(\lambda - 8)(\lambda + 2)$, so the eigenvalues are $\lambda_1 = 1$, $\lambda_2 = -2$, $\lambda_3 = 8$. To find eigenvectors we compute the eigenspace of each eigenvalue.

$$A - \lambda_1 I = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & 0 \\ 5 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\text{so } v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$A - \lambda_2 I = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 5 & 0 \\ 5 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\text{so } v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$A - \lambda_3 I = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 5 & 0 \\ 5 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -7 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\text{so } v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(3) Normalizing the vectors before we get the orthonormal eigenbasis $\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

In order to write q in the coordinates of \mathcal{B} , we need to write the vector $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$ in those coordinates. This is done by multiplying by the change of basis matrix $I_{\mathcal{B}\mathcal{E}} = B^{-1} = B^T$.

We compute $B^T \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} z \\ \frac{y-x}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{x+y}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$. We then get

$$q(x, y, z) = z^2 - 2\left(\frac{y-x}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 + 8\left(\frac{x+y}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2. \quad \text{从哪来的这货?}$$

(4) Since q has both negative and positive coefficients, it follows that it is indefinite. \square

5. * Consider the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

(1) List the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of A . Is A diagonalizable?

(2) Check that $B = A^T A$ is diagonalizable (Hint: spectral theorem). Find an orthogonal matrix $U = [\mathbf{u}_1 \quad \mathbf{u}_2]$ and diagonal matrix $D = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$ such that $B = UDU^T$.

(3) Check that $C = AA^T$ is diagonalizable. Find an orthogonal matrix $V = [\mathbf{v}_1 \quad \mathbf{v}_2]$ and diagonal matrix $\tilde{D} = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \mu_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$ such that $B = V\tilde{D}V^T$.

(4) What is the relation between D and \tilde{D} ?

(5) Is $U = V$?

(6) Compute UDV^T and compare it to A .

Solution. (1) The characteristic polynomial is $-\lambda(2 - \lambda) + 1 = (\lambda - 1)^2$. Hence we get a single eigenvalue $\lambda = 1$. $A - I = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ so there is only one independent eigenvector.

For instance $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Therefore A is not diagonalizable.

- (2) $B = A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$. It is not hard to check the eigenvalues are the rational conjugates $3 + 2\sqrt{2}$ and $3 - 2\sqrt{2}$. The corresponding eigenvectors are $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 + \sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$, and $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 - \sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$. Normalizing those we obtain

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4+2\sqrt{2}}} \\ \frac{1+\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{4+2\sqrt{2}}} \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4-2\sqrt{2}}} \\ \frac{1-\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{4-2\sqrt{2}}} \end{bmatrix}$$

- (3) $C = AA^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$. The same process will yield the same eigenvalues as for B but the eigenvectors come out to be different. In particular

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-1}{\sqrt{4+2\sqrt{2}}} \\ \frac{1+\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{4+2\sqrt{2}}} \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-1}{\sqrt{4-2\sqrt{2}}} \\ \frac{1-\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{4-2\sqrt{2}}} \end{bmatrix}$$

- (4) We can indeed see that $D = \tilde{D}$.
 (5) $U \neq V$
 (6) Doing the triple matrix product we can see that $UDV^T = A$.

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6. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$

- (1) Compute the eigenvalues σ_1^2, σ_2^2 of AA^T .
 (2) Compute the eigenvectors $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2$. Check that they are orthonormal.

Solution. (1) $AA^T = \begin{bmatrix} 17 & 34 \\ 34 & 68 \end{bmatrix}$. The characteristic polynomial is $\lambda^2 - 85\lambda$ so the eigenvalues are $\sigma_1^2 = 85$ and $\sigma_2^2 = 0$.

- (2) By computing the null space of $A - 85I$, one can check that $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \end{bmatrix}$. We can also see that in the original matrix, the second column is twice the first one. So the a normalized eigenvector corresponding to $\sigma_2^2 = 0$ is $\mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-2}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \end{bmatrix}$.

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Testing your understanding.

7. True or False? Provide reasoning.

- (1) If A is a symmetric matrix then it is diagonalizable and all its eigenvalues are real.
 (2) If A is a diagonalizable matrix whose eigenvalues are all real then A is symmetric.
 (3) If A has an orthonormal eigenbasis then A is symmetric.
 (4) If f is a quadratic form whose associated matrix is positive definite then f has a maximum at the origin.
 (5) If f is a quadratic form whose associated matrix is negative definite then f has a maximum at the origin.
 (6) A symmetric matrix is always definite
 (7) A matrix whose eigenvalues are all non-negative is positive definite

Solution. (1) True. This is the spectral theorem.

- (2) False. Take any strictly triangular matrix with real numbers on the diagonal.
 (3) True. If A is such a matrix, then it has a diagonalization of the form $A = QDQ^T$. Then $A^T = (QDQ^T)^T = (Q^T)^T D^T Q^T = QDQ^T = A$.
 (4) False, Positive definite quadratic form has a minimum.

- (5) True. Negative definite quadratic form has a maximum.
 (6) False. Pick a diagonal matrix with both negatives and positives in the main diagonal.
 (7) False. They could be zero.

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Application.

8 (Discrete Cosine Transform and MP3). Consider the matrix

$$C := \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \cos \frac{\pi}{8} & \cos \frac{2\pi}{8} & \cos \frac{3\pi}{8} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \cos \frac{3\pi}{8} & \cos \frac{6\pi}{8} & \cos \frac{9\pi}{8} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \cos \frac{5\pi}{8} & \cos \frac{10\pi}{8} & \cos \frac{15\pi}{8} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \cos \frac{7\pi}{8} & \cos \frac{14\pi}{8} & \cos \frac{21\pi}{8} \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (1) Check that the columns of C form an orthonormal basis of \mathbb{R}^n . Call this basis \mathcal{C} .
 (2) Let \mathbf{v} in \mathbb{R}^n . Someone tells you that using \mathcal{C} you can express \mathbf{v} in terms of a sum of cosine functions oscillating at different frequencies. Explain why!
 (3) What is $I_{\mathcal{C}, \varepsilon}$ and how can it be used for frequency analysis of an audio signal?
 (4) When compressing audio signals, small high-frequency components can be discarded. Using this observation, develop a lossy compression algorithm for audio signals!

Solution. (1) We first check columns are orthonormal. Define the columns of the matrix C to be

$$C = [\mathbf{u}_0 \quad \mathbf{u}_1 \quad \mathbf{u}_2 \quad \cdots \quad \mathbf{u}_{n-1}].$$

so that the element of each vector is given by

$$u_{l,k} = \alpha(k) \cos\left(\frac{(2l-1)k\pi}{2n}\right),$$

where

$$\alpha(0) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n}} \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha(k) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{n}}, \quad k = 1, \dots, n-1.$$

This means that

$$\mathbf{u}_k = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\left(\frac{k\pi}{2n}\right) \\ \cos\left(\frac{3k\pi}{2n}\right) \\ \vdots \\ \cos\left(\frac{(2n-1)k\pi}{2n}\right) \end{bmatrix}.$$

Take for instance $n = 4$, then

$$\mathbf{u}_0 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{8}\right) \\ \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{8}\right) \\ \cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{8}\right) \\ \cos\left(\frac{7\pi}{8}\right) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \\ \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) \\ \cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{4}\right) \\ \cos\left(\frac{7\pi}{4}\right) \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u}_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{8}\right) \\ \cos\left(\frac{9\pi}{8}\right) \\ \cos\left(\frac{15\pi}{8}\right) \\ \cos\left(\frac{21\pi}{8}\right) \end{bmatrix}.$$

The orthogonality follows by direct verification, for instance,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_2 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cos \frac{\pi}{8} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cos \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cos \frac{3\pi}{8} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cos \frac{3\pi}{4} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cos \frac{5\pi}{8} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cos \frac{5\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cos \frac{7\pi}{8} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cos \frac{7\pi}{4} = 0, \end{aligned}$$

and the same for the other dot products, e.g. $\mathbf{u}_0 \cdot \mathbf{u}_2 = 0$. To prove the general n case, one uses the trigonometric identity. Let m, k and n be integers, then one has

$$\sum_{\ell=1}^n \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2n}(2\ell-1)k\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2n}(2\ell-1)m\right) = \begin{cases} n, & \text{for } k = m = 0, \\ \frac{n}{2}, & \text{for } k = m \neq 0, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

To prove this, one re-writes the above as

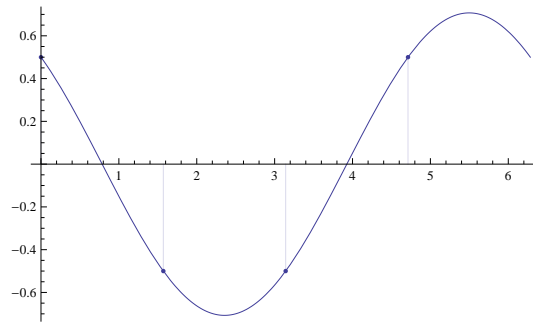
$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\ell=1}^n \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{2n} (2\ell - 1)(k - m) + \cos \frac{\pi}{2n} (2\ell - 1)(k + m) \right).$$

If $k \neq m$, then these functions are cosines (graph it!) and their sums over an interval number of half-cycles are zero. On the other hand, if $k = m \neq 0$, then the sum of the second term evaluates to zero (since it is a cosine) while the first term is $\cos(0) = 1$ and summed over n terms and divided by two so that the end product is $\frac{n}{2}$. Finally, if $k = m = 0$, the sum is n . This proves orthonormality.

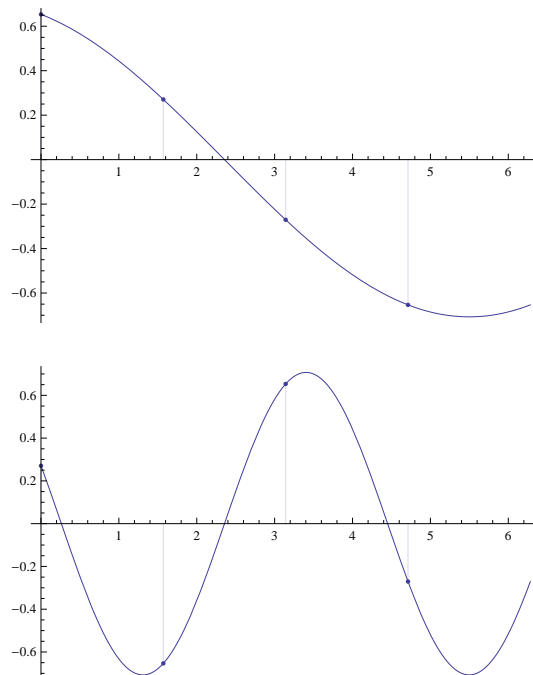
(2) Since \mathcal{C} is a basis of \mathbb{R}^n , we can write each vector v as a linear combination of $\mathbf{u}_0, \dots, \mathbf{u}_{n-1}$. Observe that The \mathbf{u}_k is a sample of n points on the graph of the function

$$f_{k,n}(x) := \sqrt{\frac{2}{n}} \cos\left(\frac{k}{2}x + \frac{k\pi}{2n}\right).$$

Indeed, the entries of \mathbf{u}_k are the values of $f_{k,n}$ at $0, \frac{2\pi}{n}, \dots, \frac{(n-1)2\pi}{n}$. Thus we can think of the vector \mathbf{u}_k as an approximation of the cosine function $f_{k,n}$. For example, consider $n = 4$ and $k = 2$. Then the vector \mathbf{u}_2 contains value of $f_{2,4}$ evaluated at $0, \pi/2, \pi$ and $3/2\pi$. Below is the graph of $f_{2,4}$ including the four data points.



Observe that when we vary k , we get a wave with a different frequency. Here are the graphs for $k = 1$ and $k = 3$:



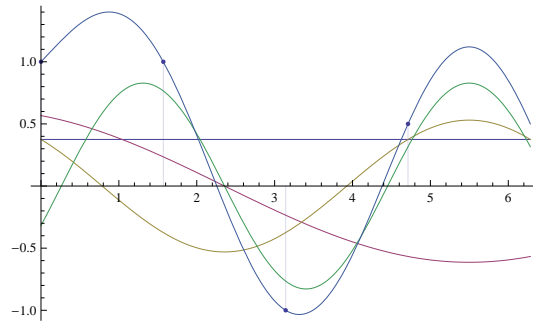
Let us express a vector $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$ in \mathbb{R}^4 as a linear combination of $\mathbf{u}_0, \dots, \mathbf{u}_4$. One can calculate that

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0.5 \end{bmatrix} = 0.75\mathbf{u}_0 - 0.867837\mathbf{u}_1 + 0.75\mathbf{u}_2 - 1.17126\mathbf{u}_3.$$

Set

$$f_{\mathbf{v}}(x) = 0.75f_{0,4} - 0.867837f_{1,4} + 0.75f_{2,4} - 1.17126f_{3,4}.$$

Then the entries of \mathbf{v} are precisely the values of $f_{\mathbf{v}}$ at $0, \frac{\pi}{2}, \pi, \frac{3\pi}{2}$. In the graph below, the blue curve is $f_{\mathbf{v}}$. The other four curves are $0.75f_{0,4}$, $-0.867837f_{1,4}$ and $0.75f_{2,4}$ and $-1.17126f_{3,4}$.



(3) Since \mathcal{C} is orthonormal, $I_{\mathcal{C},\varepsilon}$ is simply C^T . Thus multiplying a vector \mathbf{v} in \mathbb{R}^n by C^T , calculates $\mathbf{v}_{\mathcal{C}}$. Thus if $\mathbf{v}_{\mathcal{C}} = \begin{bmatrix} z_0 \\ \vdots \\ z_{n-1} \end{bmatrix}$, then

$$\mathbf{v} = z_0\mathbf{u}_0 + \dots + z_{n-1}\mathbf{u}_{n-1}.$$

Now think of \mathbf{v} as an audio signal. So each entry of \mathbf{v} corresponds to the amplitude of the audio signal at a given time. As observed above each \mathbf{u}_i corresponds to cosine wave of a different frequency. Thus each z_i tells how much a signal of the corresponding frequency contributes to \mathbf{v} .

(4) Start with \mathbf{v} . Calculate $\mathbf{v}_{\mathcal{C}}$. Drop entries corresponding to higher frequency waves that are smaller than given threshold ε . Or: if you are willing to drop higher frequency components all together, take $m < n$ and project \mathbf{v} onto $\text{Span}(\mathbf{u}_0, \dots, \mathbf{u}_m)$. (There are more tricks to it, but this is the basic mathematical idea behind it. See the Wikipedia article on data compression for more information.) \square