Complex Linear Independence: Decomplexification

- When given a complex system of equations, it is necessary to **decomplexify** it.
 - **Decomplexify**: To model a complex system of equations with a strictly real system for the purpose of applying the tenets of real linear algebra to it.
 - Consider the following complex system of equations.

$$(2+i)x_1 + (1+i)x_2 = 3+6i$$
$$(3-i)x_1 + (2-2i)x_2 = 7-i$$

- The solutions will be complex numbers: $x_1 = a_1 + ib_1$ and $x_2 = a_2 + ib_2$, where $a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2 \in \mathbb{R}$.
- Transform it into a matrix system of equations. Separate the real and complex parts, and factor out all instances of the imaginary number i so that it is a coefficient to any complex matrix.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2+i & 1+i \\ 3-i & 2-2i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1+ib_1 \\ a_2+ib_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3+6i \\ 7-i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} i & i \\ -i & -2i \end{bmatrix} \right) \left(\begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} ib_1 \\ ib_2 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \left(\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 6i \\ -i \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$\underbrace{\left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + i \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \right)}_{A} \underbrace{\left(\begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix} + i \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix} \right)}_{x} = \underbrace{\left(\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} + i \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right)}_{b}$$

• Foil the left side of the above equation^[1].

$$\begin{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix} + i \begin{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} + i \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

• Split the above system of equations into a real system of equations and a complex system of equations by setting equal to each other the real components of each side and the imaginary components of each side.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

• Multiply out the matrices above to yield a system of four equations.

$$2a_1 + a_2 - b_1 - b_2 = 3$$
$$3a_1 + 2a_2 + b_1 + 2b_2 = 7$$
$$a_1 + a_2 + 2b_1 + b_2 = 6$$
$$-a_1 - 2a_2 + 3b_1 + 2b_2 = -1$$

• Condense the above system of equations into a single matrix system of equations.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \\ 6 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

¹Note that the minus sign appears in the real component because, when multiplying the two "last" parts, $i^2 = -1$.

• Solve for a_1 , a_2 , b_1 , and b_2 using an augmented matrix and Gauss-Jordan elimination.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 7 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 6 \\ -1 & -2 & 3 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

• From these four values, the original solutions $x_1 = a_1 + ib_1$ and $x_2 = a_2 + ib_2$ can be found.

$$x_1 = 1 + 2i$$
$$x_2 = 2 - i$$

Hermitian, Unitary, and Normal Matrices

- 4/13: What necessitates different categorizations of complex vectors and matrices?
 - Consider a vector v.

$$v = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{bmatrix}$$

• If you want to find ||v||, you typically evaluate $\sqrt{v^{\mathrm{T}}v}$. However, this equals to 0 (see the following), which is clearly not the magnitude of v.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{bmatrix} = 1 - 1 = 0$$

- Note that ||v|| must be an element of \mathbb{R} because it measures a distance.
- With complex vectors, it is necessary to evaluate $\sqrt{\overline{v}^{\mathrm{T}}v}$ to find ||v||.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{bmatrix} = 1 + 1 = 2$$

$$||v|| = \sqrt{2}$$

- This makes sense because $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{bmatrix}$ extends one unit into \mathbb{R}^1 and one unit into \mathbb{C}^2 .
- If $z\bar{z} = |z|^2$ and $\bar{v}^T v = v \cdot \bar{v}$, it stands to reason that $\bar{v}^T v = ||v||^2$. Essentially, the dot product multiplies every element of v by its complex conjugate and sums them.
- Instead of writing $\bar{v}^{T[2]}$ every time, mathematicians shorthand to $v^{H[3]}$.
 - $-v^{\rm H}$ works for all vectors, but it is necessary for complex ones.
- Hermitian (matrix): A matrix A such that $A = A^{H}$.
 - Typically defined for $A \in \mathbb{C}^n$, but holds for $A \in \mathbb{R}^n$, too.
 - Parallel to how if $A \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $A = A^T$, A is symmetrical.
 - Also note that if $A^{H}A = A^{2} = AA^{H}$, A is Hermitian.

² "v conjugate transpose"

 $^{^3}$ "v Hermitian" after French mathematician Charles Hermite.

- A Hermitian matrix has to have real values on the principal diagonal. When A is transposed and conjugated, the diagonal entries are the only values that don't move. Thus, their conjugates must equal themselves, so they must be real^[4].
- Unitary (matrix): A matrix A such that $A^{-1} = A^{H}$.
 - Typically defined for $A \in \mathbb{C}^n$, but holds for $A \in \mathbb{R}^n$, too.
 - Parallel to how if $A \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $A^{-1} = A^T$, A is orthonormal.
 - Also note that if $A^{H}A = I = AA^{H}$, A is unitary.
- Normal (matrix): A matrix that is unitarily diagonalizable.
 - Typically defined for $A \in \mathbb{C}^n$, but holds for $A \in \mathbb{R}^n$, too.
 - Parallel to matrices $A \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that A is orthonormally diagonalizable.
- Note that not every complex matrix has to be one of these three types.
- When $A^{\mathrm{H}}A = AA^{\mathrm{H}}$, $A = U\Lambda U^{\mathrm{H}}$.

$$\begin{split} AA^{\mathrm{H}} &= \left(U\Lambda U^{\mathrm{H}}\right) \left(U\Lambda U^{\mathrm{H}}\right)^{\mathrm{H}} \\ &= U\Lambda U^{\mathrm{H}} U\Lambda^{\mathrm{H}} U^{\mathrm{H}} \\ &= U\Lambda\Lambda^{\mathrm{H}} U^{\mathrm{H}} \\ &= U\Lambda^{\mathrm{H}} \Lambda U^{\mathrm{H}} [5] \\ &= U\Lambda^{\mathrm{H}} U^{\mathrm{H}} U\Lambda U^{\mathrm{H}} \\ &= \left(U\Lambda U^{\mathrm{H}}\right)^{\mathrm{H}} \left(U\Lambda U^{\mathrm{H}}\right) \\ &= A^{\mathrm{H}} A \end{split}$$

• When $A = A^{H}$, all eigenvalues are elements of \mathbb{R} (similar to spectral theorem).

$$v^{\mathrm{H}}Av = \left(v^{\mathrm{H}}Av\right)^{\mathrm{H}} = v^{\mathrm{H}}Av$$

- The above proves that $v^{\mathrm{H}}Av \in \mathbb{R}$ because it's its own conjugate^[4].

$$Av = \lambda v$$
$$v^{\mathsf{H}} Av = \lambda v^{\mathsf{H}} v$$

$$- \lambda = \frac{v^{\mathrm{H}} A v}{v^{\mathrm{H}} v} \to \frac{\mathbb{R}}{\mathbb{R}} = \mathbb{R}^{[6]}.$$

- When $A = A^{H}$ and $Ax = \lambda x$, all x's can be chosen orthonormally (also similar to spectral theorem).
 - Normality is implied because any eigenvector can be scaled to any version (including a normal version) and still be an eigenvector.

$$x_i = \begin{bmatrix} x_{i_1} \\ x_{i_2} \\ \vdots \\ x_{i_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_i^{\mathrm{H}} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{x}_{i_1} & \bar{x}_{i_2} & \cdots & \bar{x}_{i_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

⁴Recall that only real quantities can be their own conjugates because a + 0i = a - 0i.

⁵Since $\Lambda = \Lambda^{H}$.

⁶Note that the denominator is real because it's how one finds ||v||, and ||v|| must be real, as discussed above.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \qquad A^{H} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \bar{a}_{21} & \cdots & \bar{a}_{n1} \\ \bar{a}_{12} & a_{22} & \cdots & \bar{a}_{n2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \bar{a}_{1n} & \bar{a}_{2n} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

– Define an arbitrary vector x_i and matrix A, along with their conjugate transposes (or Hermitian versions). Note that the diagonal entries of $A^{\rm H}$ aren't shown as conjugated because their conjugates equal themselves.

$$Ax_1 = \lambda_1 x_1$$

 $x_2^H A x_1 = \lambda_1 x_2^H x_1$
 $Ax_2 = \lambda_2 x_2$
 $(Ax_2)^H = (\lambda_2 x_2)^H$
 $x_2^H A^H = \lambda_2 x_2^H$
 $x_2^H A x_1 = \lambda_2 x_2^H x_1$

 $-\lambda_1 x_2^H x_1 = \lambda_2 x_2^H x_1$ implies that, since $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$, $x_2^H x_1$ must equal 0, proving orthogonality.

Complex Diagonalization

4/15: • Diagonalize the following matrix A.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0.9 & -0.4 \\ 0.1 & 0.9 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Find the characteristic polynomial.

$$0 = \begin{vmatrix} 0.9 - \lambda & -0.4 \\ 0.1 & 0.9 - \lambda \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= (0.9 - \lambda)^2 - (-0.4)(0.1)$$
$$= 0.81 - 1.8\lambda + \lambda^2 + 0.04$$
$$= \lambda^2 - 1.8\lambda + 0.85$$

- Find the eigenvalues^[7].

$$\lambda = \frac{-(-1.8) \pm \sqrt{(-1.8)^2 - 4(1)(0.85)}}{2(1)}$$

$$= 0.9 \pm \frac{\sqrt{-0.16}}{2}$$

$$= 0.9 \pm \frac{\sqrt{-1}\sqrt{0.16}}{2}$$

$$= 0.9 \pm \frac{0.4i}{2}$$

$$= 0.9 \pm 0.2i$$

$$\lambda_1 = 0.9 + 0.2i$$
 $\lambda_2 = 0.9 - 0.2i$

 $^{^{7}}$ It is interesting that the eigenvalues are complex conjugates of each other.

- Find the eigenvectors^[8].

$$(A - (0.9 + 0.2i))x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.9 - (0.9 + 0.2i) & -0.4 \\ 0.1 & 0.9 - (0.9 + 0.2i) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{1_1} \\ x_{1_2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -0.2i & -0.4 \\ 0.1 & -0.2i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(A - (0.9 - 0.2i))x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.9 - (0.9 - 0.2i) & -0.4 \\ 0.1 & 0.9 - (0.9 - 0.2i) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{1_1} \\ x_{1_2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0.2i & -0.4 \\ 0.1 & 0.2i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \qquad x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Compile the diagonalization.

$$A = \frac{1}{4i} \begin{bmatrix} 2i & -2i \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.9 + 0.2i & 0 \\ 0 & 0.9 - 0.2i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2i \\ -1 & 2i \end{bmatrix}$$

Real versus Complex

4/16: Real Complex

 \mathbb{R}^n : vectors with n real components length: $||x||^2 = x_1^2 + \cdots + x_n^2$

transpose: $(A^{\mathrm{T}})_{ij} = A_{ji}$

product rule: $(AB)^{\mathrm{T}} = B^{\mathrm{T}}A^{\mathrm{T}}$

dot product: $x^{\mathrm{T}}y = x_1y_1 + \dots + x_ny_n$

reason for A^{T} : $(Ax)^{\mathrm{T}}y = x^{\mathrm{T}}(A^{\mathrm{T}}y)$

orthogonality: $x^{\mathrm{T}}y = 0$

symmetric matrices: $A = A^{\mathrm{T}}$

 $A = Q \Lambda Q^{-1} = Q \Lambda Q^{\mathrm{T}} \text{ (real } \Lambda)$

skew-symmetric matrices: $k^{\mathrm{T}} = -K$

orthogonal matrices: $Q^{\mathrm{T}} = Q^{-1}$

orthonormal columns: $Q^{\mathrm{T}}Q = I$

 $(Qx)^{T}(Qy) = x^{T}y \text{ and } ||Qx|| = ||x||$

 \mathbb{C}^n : vectors with n complex components

length: $||z||^2 = |z_1|^2 + \dots + |z_n|^2$

conjugate transpose: $(A^{H})_{ij} = \overline{A_{ji}}$

product rule: $(AB)^{H} = B^{H}A^{H}$

inner product: $u^{\mathrm{H}}v = \bar{u}_1u_1 + \cdots + \bar{u}_nv_n$

reason for $A^{\mathrm{H}}\colon\thinspace (Au)^{\mathrm{H}}v=u^{\mathrm{H}}(A^{\mathrm{H}}v)$

orthogonality: $u^{H}v = 0$.

Hermitian matrices: $A = A^{H}$

 $A = U \Lambda U^{-1} = U \Lambda U^{\rm H} \ ({\rm real} \ \Lambda)$

skew-Hermitian matrices: $K^{H} = -K$

unitary matrices: $U^{H} = U^{-1}$

orthonormal columns: $U^{\mathrm{H}} = U^{-1}$

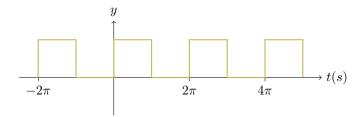
 $(Ux)^{\mathrm{H}}(Uy) = x^{\mathrm{H}}y$ and ||Uz|| = ||z||

• Note that the columns and eigenvectors of Q and U are orthonormal, and all of their eigenvalues λ satisfy $|\lambda| = 1$.

⁸It is interesting that the eigenvectors are *also* complex conjugates of each other.

Fourier Series

4/21: • Consider the square wave f(t).

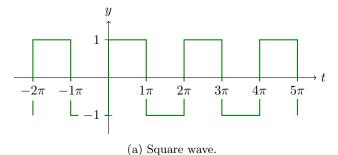


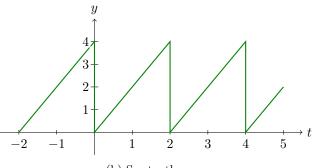
- Its period is $2\pi \frac{\text{sec}}{\text{cycle}}$, and its frequency is $\frac{1}{2\pi}$ Hz.
- Can we write f(t) as a sum of sines and cosines?

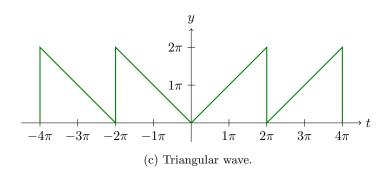
$$f(t) = a_0 + a_1 \cos(t) + b_1 \sin(t) + a_2 \cos(2t) + b_2 \sin(2t) + a_3 \cos(3t) + b_3 \sin(3t) + \cdots$$

- Be general.
- Since $T=2\pi$, it makes sense to use some functions with $T=2\pi$ to model it.
- The weighting coefficients account for how much each function contributes to the whole.
- Historically studied by Fourier, who studied differential equations. Differential equations were often easy to solve for sines and cosines, so if a function could be modeled by a sum of sines and cosines, a related differential equation would be easier to solve.
- Fourier series, transforms, and analysis also tell us how much of each frequency a function contains (as measured by the weight coefficients).

Wave Type Sketches







- Square wave: $f(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 < t < \pi \\ -1 & \pi < t < 2\pi \end{cases}$ where periodicity is defined by $f(t + 2\pi) = f(t)$.
- Sawtooth wave: f(t) = 2t 0 < t < 2 where periodicity is defined by f(t+2) = f(t).
- Triangular wave: f(t) = |t| $0 < t < 2\pi$ where periodicity is defined by $f(t + 2\pi) = f(t)$.

1)
$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(nt)dt = \left[-\frac{1}{n} \cos(nt) \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} = \frac{1}{n} \left(-\cos(n\pi) + \cos(n\pi) \right) = 0, n \neq 0$$

2)
$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(nt) dt = \left[\frac{1}{n} \sin(nt) \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} = 0, n \neq 0$$

3)
$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t)dt = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} a_0 dt + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} a_n \cos(nt) dt + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} b_n \sin(nt) dt \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left[a_0 t \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (0+0)$$

$$\therefore \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t)dt = \frac{1}{2} (2a_0 \pi) \to a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t)dt \to \frac{a_0}{2} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t)dt$$

4)
$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(nt)\cos(mt)dt = \frac{1}{2} \left(\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(n+m)tdt + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(n-m)tdt \right) = \frac{1}{2} (0+0) = 0 \text{ using the results from problems 1 and }$$

2 since if n is an integer and m is an integer then n+m and n-m are also integers.

5)
$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(nt) \cos(mt) dt = \frac{1}{2} \left(\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(n+m)t dt + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(n-m)t dt \right) = \frac{1}{2} (0+0) = 0 \text{ when } n \neq m$$

6)
$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos^2(nt) dt = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left(1 + \cos(2n)t \right) dt = \frac{1}{2} \left[t + \frac{1}{2n} \sin(2n)t \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} = \pi \text{ when } n \neq 0$$

7)
$$\pi - (-\pi) = 2\pi$$

8) a)
$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(nt)\sin(mt)dt = 0$$

b)
$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin^2(nt)dt = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (1 - \cos(2nt))dt = \pi$$

c)
$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(nt) \sin(mt) dt = 0$$

For integers m, n:

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(nt)\cos(mt)dt = 0$$

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(nt)\cos(mt)dt = \begin{cases} 0, n \neq m \\ \pi, n = m \neq 0 \\ 2\pi, n = m = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(nt)\sin(mt)dt = \begin{cases} 0, n \neq m, n = m = 0 \\ \pi, n = m \end{cases}$$

FOURIER SERIES

- We have shown that when $v^T w = 0$, then vectors v and w are orthogonal.
- Fourier series ask us to think of continuous functions as vectors.
- Let $f(t) = \cos(t)$ and let $g(t) = \sin(t)$
- To find $f \cdot g$ of these two function "vectors" would be asking us to take a dot product that has infinitely many terms. All vectors we have used have had a finite number of components. Because these "vectors" would have infinitely many terms, it would be like asking us to take an integral!
- $f \cdot g = \int_{0}^{2\pi} \cos(t) \sin(t) dt$ (We limit the domain because these are sinusoidal periodic functions and thus they repeat after a period of 2π .)

$$\int_{0}^{2\pi} \cos(t) \sin(t) dt$$
Let $u = \cos(t)$ and $du = -\sin(t)$

$$-\int_{1}^{1} u du$$

$$\left[-\frac{u^{2}}{2} \right]_{1}^{1}$$

$$0$$

OR

$$\left[-\frac{1}{2}\cos^2(t) \right]_0^{2\pi}$$
$$-\frac{1}{2}(\cos^2 2\pi - \cos^2 0)$$
$$-\frac{1}{2}(1-1) =$$

• Therefore $\cos t \cdot \sin t = 0$, therefore these function "vectors" are orthogonal, therefore they serve as basis vectors for the function space of continuous periodic functions in F^2 , therefore any continuous function also in this space can be written as a linear combination of $\cos(t)$ and $\sin(t)$!!!

$$f(t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + a_1 \cos(t) + b_1 \sin(t) + a_2 \cos(2t) + b_2 \sin(2t) + \cdots$$
$$f(t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(a_n \cos(nt) + b_n \sin(nt) \right)$$

*Why divide the constant term by 2?

CALCULATING THE FOURIER COEFFICENTS

As sine and cosine can serve as an orthogonal basis for periodic functions, consider the Fourier Series for a function

$$f(t)$$
 of period 2π to be $f(t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(a_n \cos(nt) + b_n \sin(nt) \right)$

In problem 3 from your handout you already found a formula for a_0 , the constant term.

$$\frac{a_0}{2} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) dt$$

To obtain the coefficients $a_n, n \in \mathbb{Z}$, multiply both sides of the equation by $\cos(mt)$ where $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ and m > 0 and integrate both sides from $-\pi$ to π since this is a periodic function of period 2π .

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t)\cos(mt)dt = \frac{a_0}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(mt)dt + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(a_n \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(nt)\cos(mt)dt + b_n \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(nt)\cos(mt)dt \right)$$

Simplify this result using the integrals on the right side of this equation from the handout problems 5-7. The only nonzero integral results from $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos^2(mt) dt = \pi$ in the case where n = m.

$$\therefore \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(mt) dt = a_m \pi$$

Sine this is the case where n=m, replacing m with n and solving for a_n we obtain:

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) \cos(nt) dt$$
, $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $n > 0$

To obtain the coefficients $b_n b \in \mathbb{Z}, n > 0$, multiply both sides of the equation by $\sin(mt)$ where $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ and m > 0 and integrate both sides from $-\pi$ to π since this is a periodic function of period 2π .

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) \sin(mt) dt = \frac{a_0}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(mt) dt + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(a_n \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(nt) \sin(mt) dt + b_n \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(nt) \sin(mt) dt \right)$$

Simplify this result using the integrals on the right side of this equation using the handout problems you did for 8. The only nonzero integral results from $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} b_m \sin^2(mt) dt = b_m \pi$ in the case where n = m. Relabeling m as n and solving for b_n we obtain:

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int\limits_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) \sin(nt) dt$$
 , $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $n > 0$