

Mathematics for Robotics (ROB-GY 6013 Section A)

- **Week 7:**
 - Norm(s)
 - Inner Product(s)

Review Complex Numbers

Inspiration: Length of a Vector

- Pythagorean Theorem

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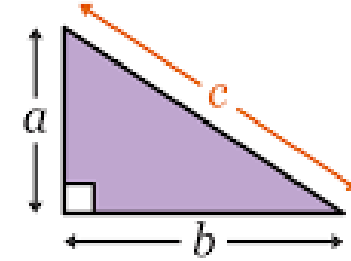
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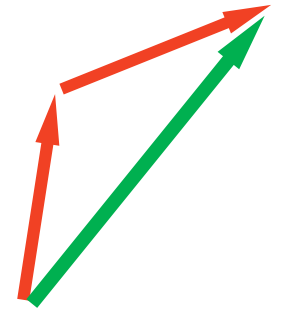
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$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

- Properties of the length:

- Length is non-negative *and* only zero when x is zero.
- Length of the **sum of two vectors** \leq sum of the lengths of the **two vectors**
- Scaling the vector by α also scales its length by α



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- Is the Pythagorean Length a valid norm according to the above properties?
- Are there other norms?

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Closed interval avoids improper integrals, etc.

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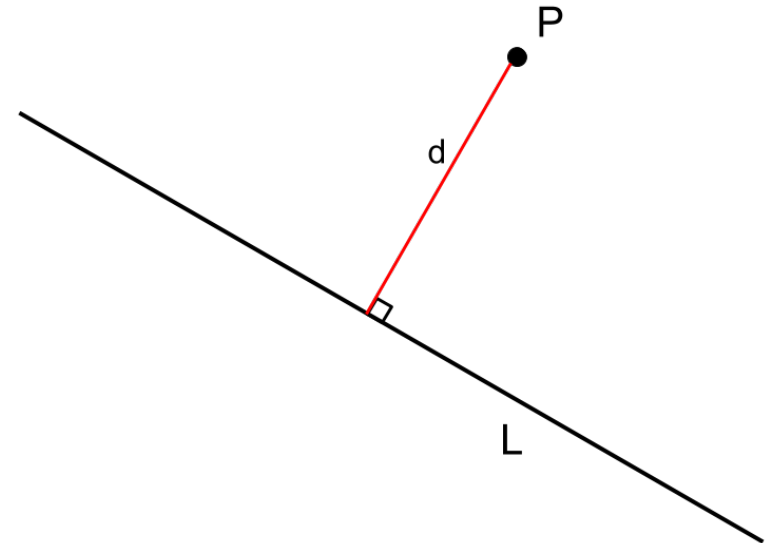
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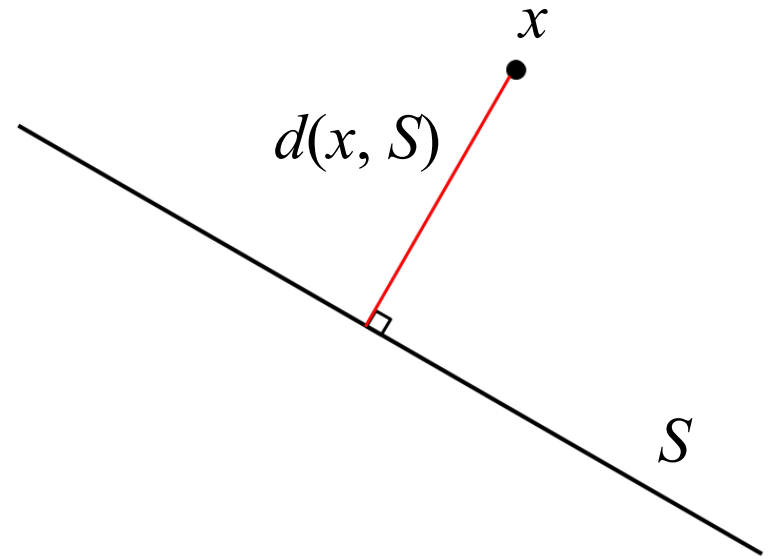


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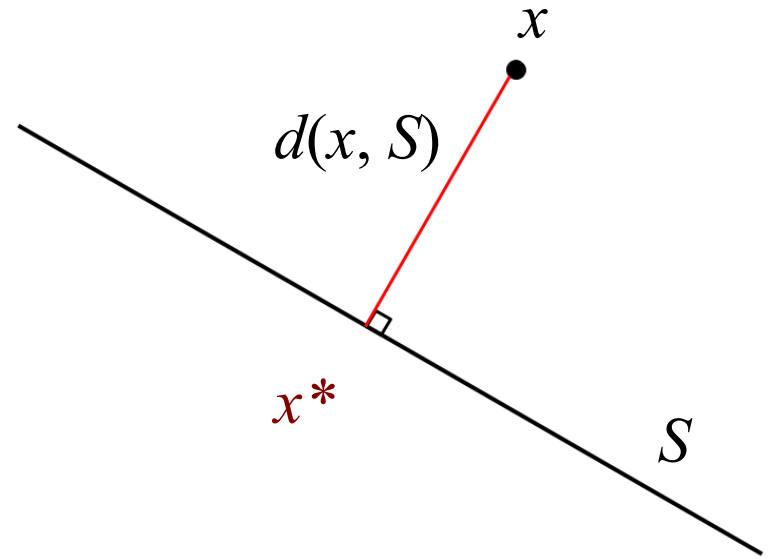


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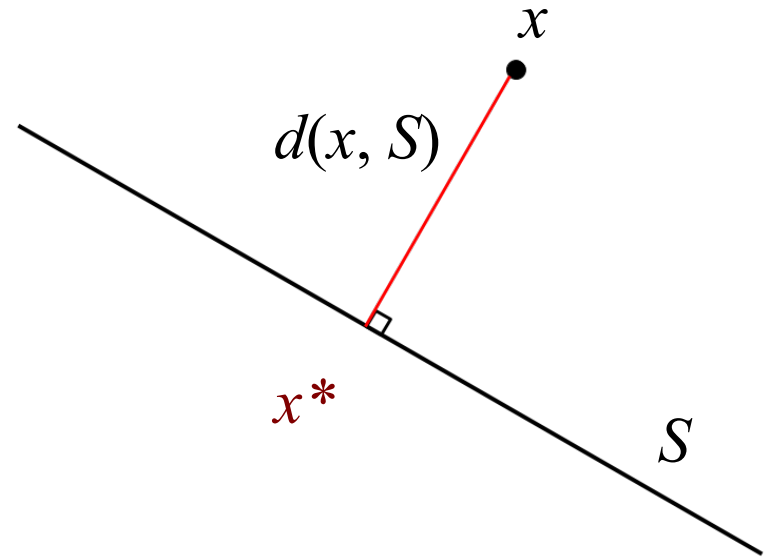


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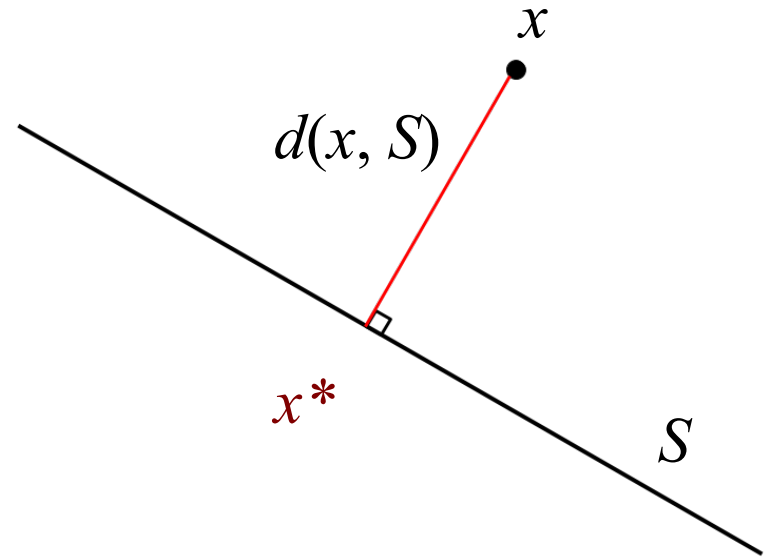


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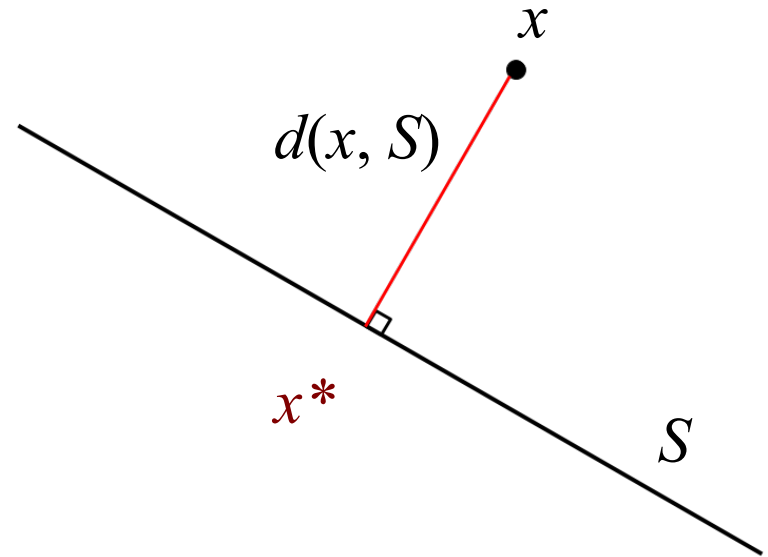


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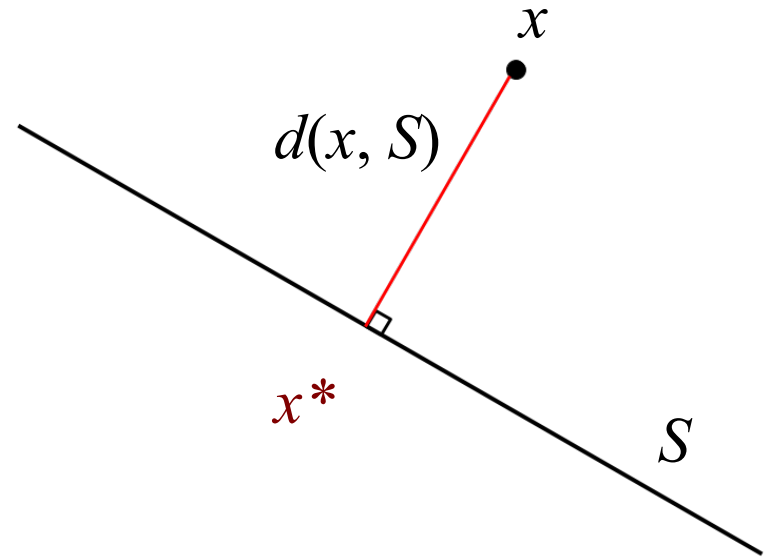


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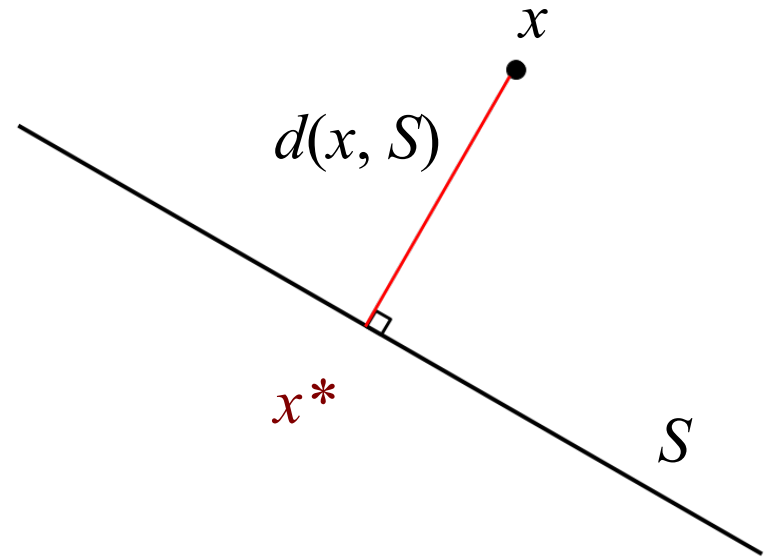


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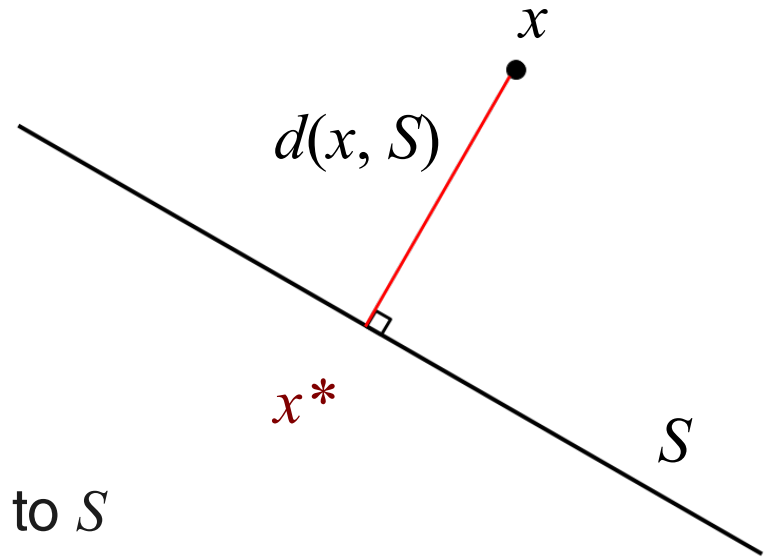
Ideas

- **Approximation:** Least-squares fitting, etc.

$$x^* := \arg \min_{y \in S} \|x - y\|_2^2$$

- **Orthogonality:** $(x^* - x)$ is a vector perpendicular to S

$$(x^* - x) \perp S$$



*Often S is not just any subset, but a **subspace***

Inspiration: Dot Product

- Familiar to you $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $x \cdot y = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$

- Possibly less familiar $x^T y = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$

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Extra: $x \cdot y = 0$ means **orthogonality** $x \perp y$

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Examples: Inner Products

- $(\mathbb{C}^n, \mathbb{C})$ $\langle x, y \rangle = x^T \overline{y}$
- $(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R})$ $\langle x, y \rangle = x^T y$
- $(\mathbb{R}^{n \times m}, \mathbb{R})$ $\langle A, B \rangle = \text{tr}(A^T B)$
- $(\mathcal{X}, \mathbb{R})$ $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_a^b f(t)g(t)dt$

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- We would like to make a connection between the inner product and the norm.
- In fact, we can create a **norm** of a vector with the **inner product** of the vector with itself:

$$\|x\| := \langle x, x \rangle^{1/2} = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle}$$

- We will verify that the above is a norm.
 - Already satisfies **non-negativity** and easy to show **scaling**.
 - Harder to show the triangle inequality.

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- Stepping stone to **triangle equality**.
- Show that every inner product **induces** a norm.

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- But not every norm gives rise to an inner product!

Triangle Inequality

- $\forall x, y \in \mathcal{X}$, does $\|x\| := \langle x, x \rangle^{1/2} = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle}$ satisfy $\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$?

Proof: Triangle Inequality (Real)

Corollary 3.15 *Let $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{F}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ be an inner product space, with \mathcal{F} either \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C} . Then,*

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Proof: As before, for clarity of exposition, we first assume $\mathcal{F} = \mathbb{R}$. We will only check the triangle inequality $\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$, which is equivalent to showing $\|x + y\|^2 \leq \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2 + 2\|x\| \cdot \|y\|$. The other parts are left as an exercise.

$$\begin{aligned}\|x + y\|^2 &:= \langle x + y, x + y \rangle \\ &= \langle x, x + y \rangle + \langle y, x + y \rangle \\ &= \langle x, x \rangle + \langle x, y \rangle + \langle y, x \rangle + \langle y, y \rangle \\ &= \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2 + 2\langle x, y \rangle \\ &\leq \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2 + 2|\langle x, y \rangle| \\ &\leq \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2 + 2\|x\| \cdot \|y\|\end{aligned}$$

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Proof: Triangle Inequality (Complex)

We'll now quickly do the changes required to handle $\mathcal{F} = \mathbb{C}$. The triangle inequality is $\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$, which is equivalent to showing $\|x + y\|^2 \leq \|x\|^2 + 2\|x\| \|y\| + \|y\|^2$. Brute force computation yields,

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where $\operatorname{Re}\{\langle x, y \rangle\}$ denotes the real part of the complex number $\langle x, y \rangle$. However, for any complex number α , $\operatorname{Re}\{\alpha\} \leq |\alpha|$, and thus we have

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Definition: Orthogonal and Orthonormal vectors

- Two vectors x and y are **orthogonal** if $\langle x, y \rangle = 0$. **Notation:** $x \perp y$
- A set of vectors S is **orthogonal** if

$$\forall x, y \in S, x \neq y \Rightarrow \langle x, y \rangle = 0 \text{ (i.e. } x \perp y)$$

If in addition, $\|x\| = 1$ for all $x \in S$, then S is an **orthonormal set**.

Orthogonal Bases with Inner Products

- Use the inner product to construct an orthonormal basis out a set of linearly independent vectors:
 - **Gram-Schmidt Process**
- **Orthogonal Polynomial Bases**

Gram Schmidt Process

- Let $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{F}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ be an **inner product space**, $\{y^1, \dots, y^k\}$ a **linearly independent set** and $\{v^1, \dots, v^{k-1}\}$ an **orthogonal set** satisfying

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- This is a recipe for “growing” an orthogonal set out of a linearly independent set of vectors

Gram Schmidt Process: Example

- Orthogonalize then normalize

Example 3.21 *Given the following data in $(\mathbb{R}^3, \mathbb{R})$,*

$$\{y^1, y^2, y^3\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\},$$

and inner product $\langle p, q \rangle := p^T q = \sum_{i=1}^3 p_i q_i$, apply Gram-Schmidt to produce an orthogonal basis. Normalize to produce an orthonormal basis.

Gram Schmidt Process: Example

$$v^1 = y^1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\|v^1\|^2 = (v^1)^T v^1 = 2;$$

$$v^2 = y^2 - \frac{\langle v^1, y^2 \rangle}{\|v^1\|^2} v^1$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} - \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\|v^2\|^2 = 9\frac{1}{2} = \frac{19}{2};$$

Gram Schmidt Process: Example

$$\begin{aligned}v^3 &= y^3 - \frac{\langle v^1, y^3 \rangle}{\|v^1\|^2} v^1 - \frac{\langle v^2, y^3 \rangle}{\|v^2\|^2} v^2 \\&= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_1 \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\frac{1}{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 3 \end{bmatrix}}_{3\frac{1}{2}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\frac{1}{\frac{19}{2}}} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \\&= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{7}{38} \\ \frac{7}{38} \\ \frac{21}{19} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{6}{19} \\ \frac{6}{19} \\ -\frac{2}{19} \end{bmatrix}.\end{aligned}$$

Gram Schmidt Process: Example

- Normalize at the end

$$\tilde{v}_1 = \frac{v^1}{\|v^1\|} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\tilde{v}_2 = \frac{v^2}{\|v^2\|} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-1}{\sqrt{38}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{38}} \\ 3\sqrt{\frac{2}{19}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\tilde{v}_3 = \frac{v^3}{\|v^3\|} = \frac{19}{\sqrt{76}} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{6}{19} \\ \frac{6}{19} \\ -\frac{2}{19} \end{bmatrix}$$

Chebyshev Polynomials (of the first kind)

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 f(t)g(t) \frac{dt}{\sqrt{1-t^2}}$$

$$T_0(x) = 1$$

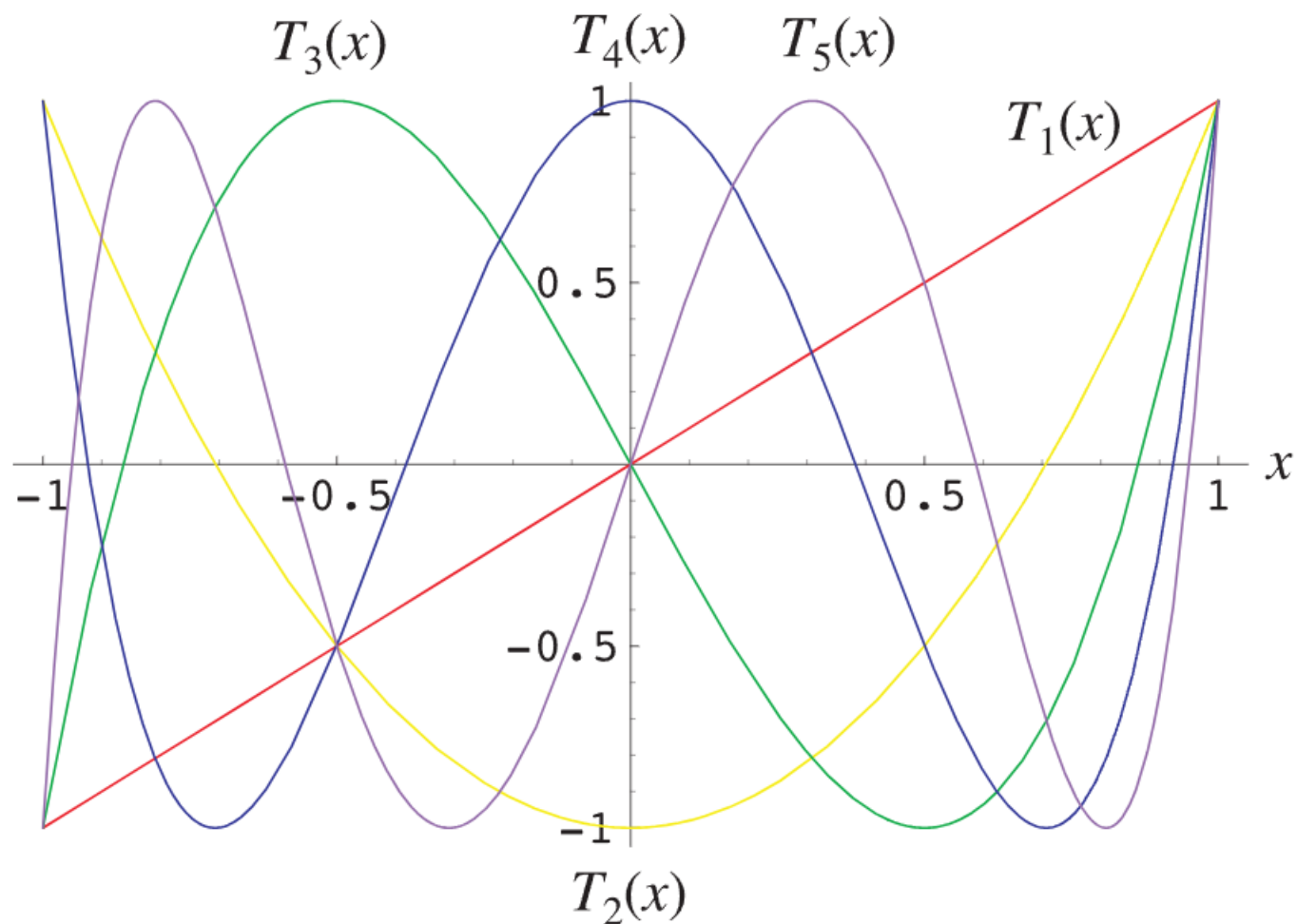
$$T_1(x) = x$$

$$T_2(x) = 2x^2 - 1$$

$$T_3(x) = 4x^3 - 3x$$

$$T_4(x) = 8x^4 - 8x^2 + 1$$

$$T_5(x) = 16x^5 - 20x^3 + 5x$$



Laguerre Polynomials

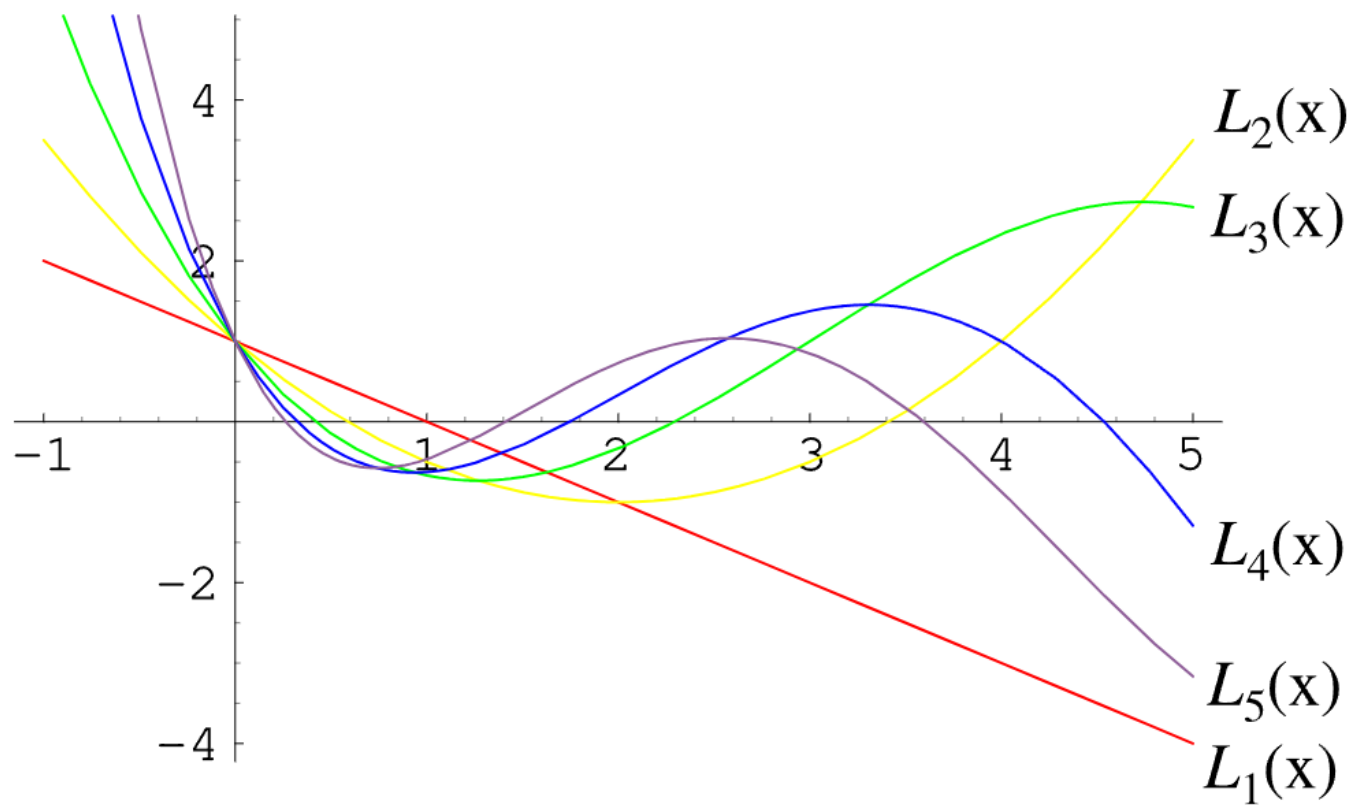
$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^{\infty} f(t)g(t)e^{-t} dt$$

$$L_0(x) = 1$$

$$L_1(x) = -x + 1$$

$$L_2(x) = \frac{1}{2} (x^2 - 4x + 2)$$

$$L_3(x) = \frac{1}{6} (-x^3 + 9x^2 - 18x + 6)$$



You've seen them before

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$$u := \{1, -t + 1, t^2 - 4t + 2, -t^3 + 9t^2 - 18t + 6\}$$

$$v := \{1, t, 2t^2 - 1, 4t^3 - 3t\}$$

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- **Proof:** From the proof of the triangle inequality

$$\|x + y\|^2 = \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2 + 2\langle x, y \rangle.$$

Once we note that $\langle x, y \rangle = 0$ because $x \perp y$, we are done. ■

Next Week

- Numerical Issues with the Gram-Schmidt Process
- Projection Theorem