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CS 530

Probabilistic and Geometric Methods

Fourier Transforms



# Complex Inner Product

- We need to use the complex conjugate

$$\langle a, b \rangle = \sum_i a_i^* b_i \quad \langle a, b \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} a(s)^* b(s) ds$$

# Shah Function

- A “train” of impulse functions

$$\mathbf{III}(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - n)$$

- 2-pi periodic

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \mathbf{III}\left(\frac{t}{2\pi}\right) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta\left(\frac{t}{2\pi} - n\right)$$

# A Shah Basis

- Consider  $2\pi$  periodic shah functions:

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \mathbf{III}\left(\frac{t - \tau}{2\pi}\right)$$

- What's the inner product for 2 taus?

# A Shah Basis

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- How do we represent a vector in a new basis?
  - Using Inner products
  - We want this:

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} w(\tau) \text{III}\left(\frac{t - \tau}{2\pi}\right) d\tau$$

- $w(\tau)$  is a coefficient in the shah basis
- Note:  $f(t)$  is  $2\pi$  periodic

# A Shah Basis

- So we want this:

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} w(\tau) \mathbf{III}\left(\frac{t - \tau}{2\pi}\right) d\tau$$

- Just like vectors, we get coefficients using inner products

$$w(t) = \left\langle \frac{1}{2\pi} \mathbf{III}\left(\frac{t - \tau}{2\pi}\right), f(t) \right\rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\tau) \mathbf{III}\left(\frac{t - \tau}{2\pi}\right) d\tau$$

# A Shah Basis

- We can do a rewrite:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \frac{1}{2\pi} \mathbf{III}\left(\frac{t - \tau}{2\pi}\right) d\tau = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) \delta(t - \tau) d\tau$$

- Which is just

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) \delta(t - \tau) d\tau = f(t) = w(t)$$

- So,  $f(t)$  is the coefficient in the Shah basis

# Back to Harmonic Signals

- We can represent frequency as “angular frequency”

$$\omega = 2\pi s \quad s = \frac{\omega}{2\pi}$$

$$e^{i2\pi st} = e^{i\omega t}$$

# Harmonic Signals

- “length” over  $2\pi$  interval

$$\left| e^{i\omega t} \right| = \left\langle e^{i\omega t}, e^{i\omega t} \right\rangle^{1/2} = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{-i\omega\tau} e^{i\omega\tau} d\tau$$

# Harmonic Functions

- What is the inner product between 2 harmonic functions?

$$\langle e^{i\omega_1 t}, e^{i\omega_2 t} \rangle^{1/2} = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{-i\omega_1 \tau} e^{i\omega_2 \tau} d\tau = \left. \frac{e^{i(\omega_2 - \omega_1)\tau}}{i(\omega_2 - \omega_1)} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi}$$

- ...if  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  are integers?

# Fourier Basis

- If integer frequencies are orthogonal, we have a basis for representing functions

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \sum_{\omega=-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) e^{i\omega t}$$

- What are the  $F(\omega)$  coefficients?

$$F(\omega) = \left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-i\omega t}, f(t) \right\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt$$

# Fourier Basis for Shah function

- Recall  $\frac{1}{2\pi} \mathbf{III}\left(\frac{t}{2\pi}\right)$

# Fourier Basis

- What if  $f$  isn't periodic?
  - If it's "square integrable"
  - ...then it has a finite square integral

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f^*(t) f(t) dt < \infty$$

- Then it's fourier transform is

$$F(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt$$

# What have we learned?

- We can factor function into (potentially infinite) bases.
- The harmonic functions are one such basis.
- The coefficients in this basis are the fourier transform

# What have we learned?

- When the function is periodic, the representation in the basis is a series
- When the function is not periodic it's an integral
- The “standard basis” for a function is the Shah basis

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