

23. Inner Product Space Examples

Example 1 Let $X = \mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{C}}[0, 1]$ and set $(f, g) = \int_0^1 f(t)\overline{g(t)} dt$.

1. $(t^2 + it, 1 - it) = \int_0^1 (t^2 + it)(1 + it)dt = \frac{3}{4}i$

2. $(t^2 + it, 36t + (2t - 25)i) = 0$, *thence it follows that*
 $(t^2 + it) \perp (36t + (2t - 25)i)$.

3. $(e^{2\pi kit}, e^{2\pi nit}) = \int_0^1 e^{2\pi(k-n)it} dt = \frac{i}{2\pi(n-k)} e^{-2\pi i(n-k)t} \Big|_0^1$

So $(e^{2\pi kit}, e^{2\pi nit}) = \delta_{kn}$. Thus $\mathcal{E} = \{e^{2\pi nit} : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ forms a set of mutually orthogonal functions.

Orthogonal Polynomials

Example 2 Let $X = C_{\mathbb{R}}[0, 2\pi]$ and define the inner product

$$(f, g) = \int_0^{2\pi} f(t)g(t) dt.$$

1. $(t^2 + t, 1 - t) = \int_0^{2\pi} (t^2 + t)(1 - t)dt = 2\pi^2(1 - 2\pi^2)$

2. $(\cos(kt), \cos(nt)) = \int_0^{2\pi} \cos(kt) \cos(nt)dt = \frac{\pi}{2} \delta_{kn}$. So $\{\cos(nt) : n = 0.. \infty\}$ is a mutually orthogonal set.

3. Set $\cos(t) = x$. Then $\cos(nt) = \cos(n \arccos(x))$ becomes a polynomial in x . The inner product becomes

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

Orthogonal Polynomials, II

Example 2

(3.) Set $T_n(x) = \cos(n \arccos(x))$. Then $(T_k, T_n) = \delta_{kn}$, so that $\{T_n, n = 0..∞\}$ forms an orthogonal set of polynomials. The first few Chebychev polynomials are $T_0(x) = 1$ and

$$T_1(x) = x$$

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

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

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

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

$$T_6(x) = 32x^6 - 48x^4 + 18x^2 - 1$$

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