

# Today: Applications

1. Which linear maps are isomorphisms?
2. Which polynomial best fits a given curve?
3. Which polynomial best fits some given data?
4. H and multilinear maps on  $\mathbb{R}^4$ ?
5. Solve  $\frac{d^3f}{dx^3} - \frac{d^2f}{dx^2} + \frac{df}{dx} - f = 0$ .
6. What eigenvalues can a self-adjoint operator have?
7. Prove Taylor's theorem.
8. What are the metric preserving functions in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ?
9. What are the finite symmetries of the plane?

But first...

Tensors  
 Wedge products  
 Inner product spaces  
 Operators

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Very briefly

We already have lots of ways to create vector spaces:

$S \rightarrow V$  free construction

$V \oplus WV$  categorical sum / product

$\text{Ker } g$  kernel of any morphism

$\text{Im } g$  image of any morphism

$V/W$  quotient by a subspace

$V^*$  dual

$\text{Span}(S)$  span of a subset

$\text{Mor}(V, W)$  linear maps

$\text{Mor}(V, V)$  "operators"

$V \otimes WV$  tensor products } today.

$V \wedge V$  wedge products

## Tensor products

$$V \times W \rightarrow \text{Free}(V \times W) \rightarrow \tilde{\text{Free}}(V \times W)/M$$

$$(v, w) \quad q_1(v_1, w_1) + q_2(v_2, w_2) + \dots + q_k(v_k, w_k)$$

$$q_1(v_1, w_1) + q_2(v_2, w_2) + \dots + q_k(v_k, w_k) + M$$

$$\equiv q_1 v_1 \otimes w_1 + q_2 v_2 \otimes w_2 + \dots + q_k v_k \otimes w_k$$

M forces bilinearity e.g.  $(v+v') \otimes w = v \otimes w + v' \otimes w$

If  $e_1, \dots, e_m$  is a basis of  $V$  and  
 $\eta_1, \dots, \eta_m$  is a basis of  $W$ , then

$$\{e_i \otimes \eta_j : i \in 1, \dots, m, j \in 1, \dots, m\}$$

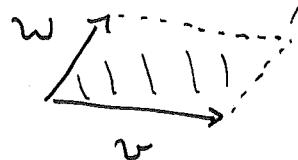
is a basis of  $V \otimes W$ .

Example:  $\sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{j=1}^3 g_{ij}(x) dx_i \otimes dx_j$

Riemannian metric on a manifold.

Wedge products are nice

Idea:



signed area ( $v, w$ )

bilinear and anti-symmetric

$$\text{area}(v, w) = -\text{area}(w, v)$$

$$V \times V \rightarrow \text{Free}(V \times V) \rightarrow \text{Free}(V \times V) / A$$

$$(v, w) \quad a_1(v_1, w_1) + a_2(v_2, w_2) + \dots + a_k(v_k, w_k)$$

$$a_1(v_1, w_1) + a_2(v_2, w_2) + \dots + a_k(v_k, w_k) + A$$

$$\equiv a_1 v_1 \wedge w_1 + a_2 v_2 \wedge w_2 + \dots + a_k v_k \wedge w_k$$

$A$  forces  $\wedge$  to be bilinear and anti-symmetric.

$$v \wedge w = -w \wedge v \Rightarrow v \wedge v = 0,$$

Example:  $dx \wedge dy \wedge dz \in \mathbb{R}^* \wedge \mathbb{R}^* \wedge \mathbb{R}^*$

is the volume element in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

Compare for  $\bigvee$  m-dimensional

$$\dim (\bigvee V \otimes V \otimes \dots \otimes V) = m^n$$

$$\dim (\bigvee V \wedge V \wedge \dots \wedge V) = 1 !$$

Why?

Let  $e_1, \dots, e_m$  be a basis of  $V$ ,  $w \in \bigwedge^m V$

$$w = \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} a_i e_i \right) \wedge \left( \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} b_j e_j \right) \wedge \dots \wedge \left( \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} z_k e_k \right)$$

$$= \text{Const.} \times e_1 \wedge e_2 \wedge \dots \wedge e_m$$

$\Rightarrow \bigvee V \wedge V \wedge \dots \wedge V$  is one dimensional.

$$\text{Let } g(v_1 \wedge v_2 \wedge \dots \wedge v_m) = g(v_1) \wedge g(v_2) \wedge \dots \wedge g(v_m)$$

$$= K_g v_1 \wedge v_2 \wedge \dots \wedge v_m \text{ because } \bigwedge^m V \text{ is 1-dimensional.}$$

def:  $K_g$  is called the determinant of  $g$ .

Note that  $K_g$  only depends on  $g$  and

$$\det(\psi \circ g) = \det(\psi) \cdot \det(g).$$

# Inner product space ( $F = \mathbb{R} \cup \mathbb{C}$ )

$$\langle , \rangle : V \times V \rightarrow F$$

$$\langle v + av', w \rangle = \langle v, w \rangle + a \langle v', w \rangle$$

$$\langle v, w \rangle = \langle w, v \rangle^*$$

$$\langle v, v \rangle = 0 \text{ iff } v = 0$$

examples:  $\langle v, w \rangle \equiv v_x w_x + v_y w_y + v_z w_z$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ,

$\langle v, w \rangle \equiv v_x w_x^* + v_y w_y^* + v_z w_z^*$  in  $\mathbb{C}^3$ ,

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_a^b f(x) g(x) dx \text{ in } C[a, b].$$

## Normed Space

$$\| \cdot \| : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{>0}$$

$$\|av\| = |a| \|v\|$$

$$\|v+w\| \leq \|v\| + \|w\|$$

$$\|v\| = 0 \text{ iff } v = 0$$

## Metric space ( $X$ )

$$d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{>0}$$

$$d(x, y) = d(y, x)$$

$$d(x, y) + d(y, z) \geq d(x, z)$$

$$d(x, y) = 0 \text{ iff } x = y$$

$\infty$  dimensional spaces

Hilbert

inner product

norm

metric

complete

Banach

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norm

metric

complete

## Facts about inner product spaces

- $\|v\| = \sqrt{\langle v, v \rangle}$  is a norm.
- $d(v, w) = \|v - w\|$  is a metric.
- $|\langle v, w \rangle| \leq \|v\| \|w\|$  Cauchy-Schwarz
- If  $\langle v, w \rangle = 0$ ,  $\|v + w\|^2 = \|v\|^2 + \|w\|^2$  Pythagorus
- If  $U \subset V$ ,  $U^\perp = \{u \in V : \langle u, v \rangle = 0 \text{ for all } v \in U\}$   
is complementary to  $U$  in  $V$ .
- If  $\langle x, v \rangle = 0$  for all  $x \in V$ ,  $v = 0$   
( $\langle , \rangle$  is nondegenerate)
- Orthonormal bases exist Gram-Schmidt
- $v \mapsto \langle \cdot, v \rangle$  is a 1-1 morphism from  $V$  to  $V^*$   
It is an isomorphism if  $V$  is finite-dimensional.
- Adjoints exist. For any  $L$  in a finite dimensional space, there is an  $L^*$  s.t.  
 $\langle Lv, w \rangle = \langle v, L^*w \rangle$  for all  $v, w \in V$   
 $(L + M)^* = L^* + M^*$ ,  $L^{**} = L$ ,  $(LM)^* = M^*L^*$
- def: If  $L^* = L$ ,  $L$  is self adjoint.  
def: If  $L^*L = LL^*$ ,  $L$  is normal.

# Operators and Spectra

def: If  $Lv = \lambda v$  for some nonzero  $v$  in  $V$ ,  
then  $v$  is called an eigenvector of  $L$  with  
eigenvalue  $\lambda \in F$ .

Theorem: Every operator on a complex  
 $n$ -dimensional vector space ( $n > 0$ ) has an eigenvalue.

Proof: Choose  $v \neq 0$ . Then

$$v, Lv, L^2v, \dots, L^nv$$

must be dependent, so  $(a_0 + a_1 L + a_2 L^2 + \dots + a_n L^n)v = 0$   
for some not-all-zero  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n$ .  $\Rightarrow$

$$c(L - \lambda_1)(L - \lambda_2) \dots (L - \lambda_m)(v) = 0 \quad c \neq 0$$

$\Rightarrow L$  has an eigenvalue.

Theorem: Eigenvectors with different eigenvalues  
are independent.

Proof: hw

## The two main spectral theorems

Let  $L$  be an operator on a finite-dimensional vector space  $V$  over a field  $F$ .

$$\underline{F = \mathbb{C}}$$

Thm:  $L$  has an orthonormal basis of eigenvectors iff  $L^+L = LL^+$ .

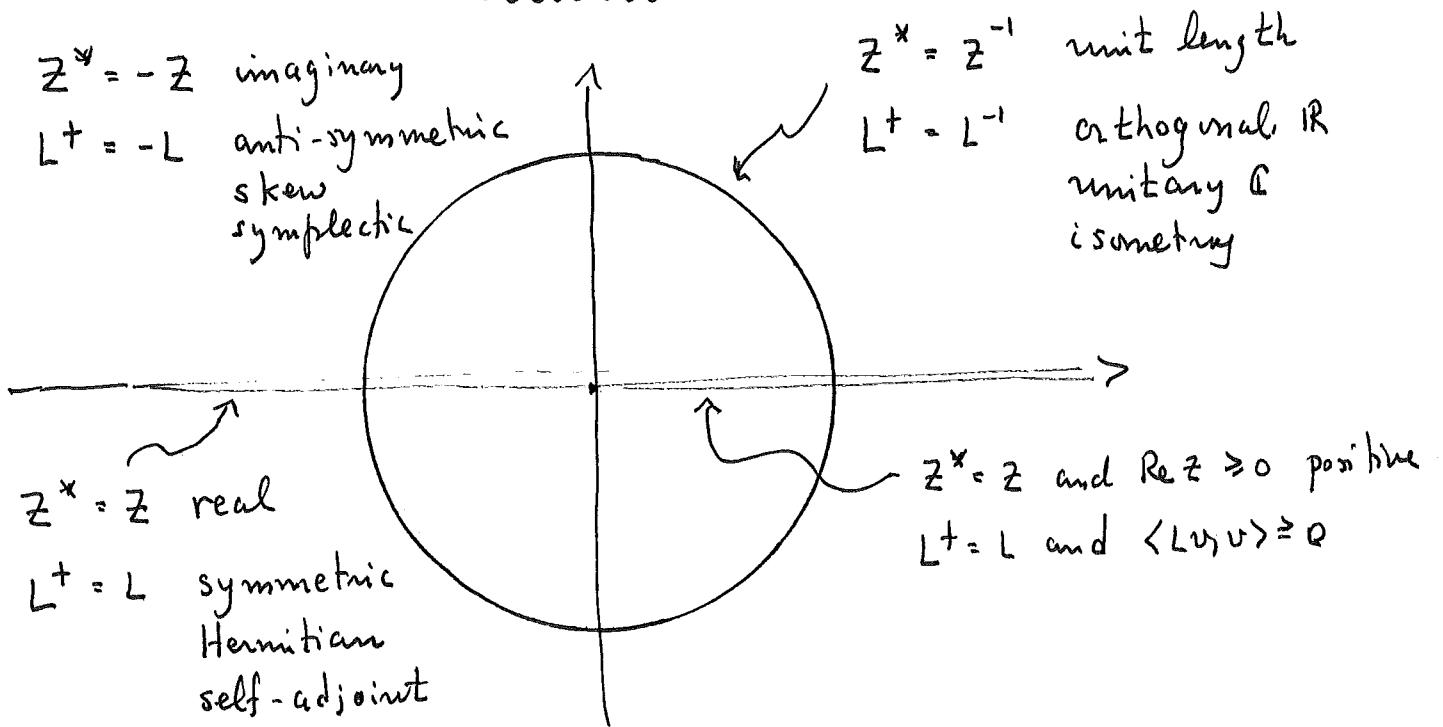
$$\underline{F = \mathbb{R}}$$

Thm:  $L$  has an orthonormal basis of eigenvectors iff  $L = L^+$ .

IT's all about the adjoint.

- Proofs in a separate handout.

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Fact: If  $z$  is positive,  $z$  has a positive square root.

Prediction: If  $L$  is positive,  $L$  has a positive square root

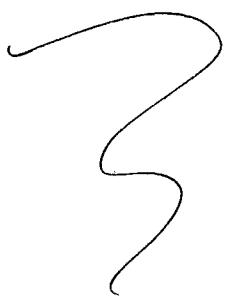
Fact:  $z = e^{i\theta} (z^* z)^{1/2}$  for some  $\theta$ .

Prediction:  $L = S(L^+ L)^{1/2}$  for some isometry  $S$ .

Fact: If  $z$  is imaginary,  $e^z$  has unit length.

Prediction: If  $L$  is skew,  $e^L$  is orthogonal.

# APPLICATIONS



1. Which operators are isomorphisms?

Consider only an operator  $L$  on an  $n$ -dimensional vector space  $V$ .

Thm:  $L$  is an isomorphism iff  $\det(L) \neq 0$ .

Proof: If  $L$  is an isomorphism, then

$$\det(LL^{-1}) = \det(L)\det(L^{-1}) = 1, \Rightarrow \det(L) \neq 0.$$

Conversely, suppose that  $L$  is not an isomorphism. Let nonzero  $x \in \text{Ker}(L)$ .

Let  $x, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be a basis of  $V$ .

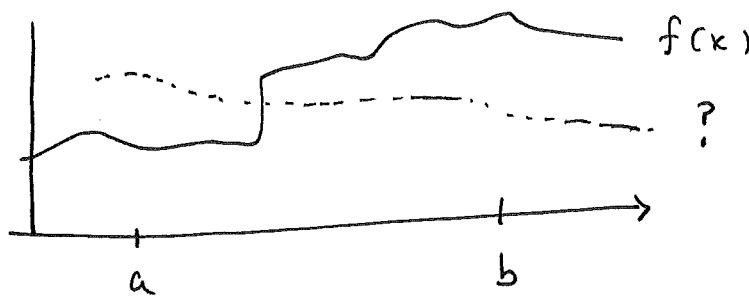
$$L(x \wedge v_1 \wedge v_2 \wedge \dots \wedge v_n) = \det(L) (x \wedge v_1 \wedge v_2 \wedge \dots \wedge v_n) = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \det(L) = 0.$$

Bonus:  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $L$  iff  $\det(L - \lambda I) = 0$ .

Proof: hw

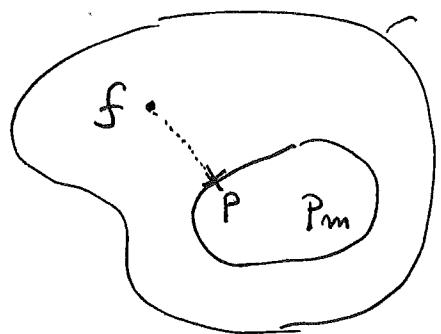
2. What is the best polynomial approximation to a given curve?



$C[a,b]$  is an inner product space with  $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_a^b f(x)g(x)dx$ .

Let  $P_m$  = Polynomials with degree  $\leq m$

$C[a,b]$  Find  $p \in P_m$  closest to  $f$ .



Let  $e_0, e_1, \dots, e_m$  be an orthonormal basis of  $P_m$ .

$$f = f - \underbrace{\sum_{i=0}^m e_i \langle e_i, f \rangle}_{\in P_m^\perp} + \underbrace{\sum_{i=0}^m e_i \langle e_i, f \rangle}_{\equiv f_p \in P_m}$$

$e_i$  are Legendre Polynomials.

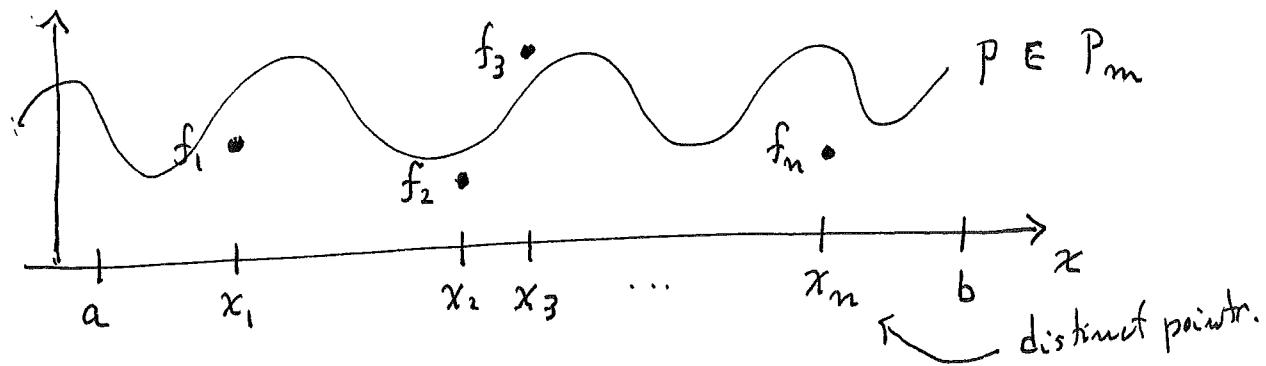
$$\|f - p\|^2 = \|f - f_p + f_p - p\|^2 = \|f - f_p\|^2 + \|f_p - p\|^2$$

$\Rightarrow p = f_p$  is the unique minimum.

$$\Rightarrow p = \sum_{i=0}^m e_i \langle e_i, f \rangle$$

is the answer.

3. What is the best polynomial fit to given data? 14



Let  $f \in g$  if  $f$  and  $g$  agree on  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ .

$$\begin{aligned} [f] + [g] &= [f+g] \\ a \cdot [f] &= [af] \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{if } f, g \in C[a, b] / E \\ \text{if } a \in C[a, b] / E \end{array} \right\}$$

is still a vector space with inner product

$$\langle [f], [g] \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i) g(x_i)$$

Claim:  $[1], [x], [x^2], \dots, [x^m]$  is a basis of  $P_m / E$ .

Proof: Suppose  $a_0[1] + a_1[x] + \dots + a_m[x^m] = 0 \in P_m / E$ .

$$\Rightarrow [a_0 \cdot 1 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots + a_m x^m] = [x \mapsto 0]$$

$$\Rightarrow a_0 = a_1 = \dots = a_m = 0, \quad \boxed{\text{provided } m < n}.$$

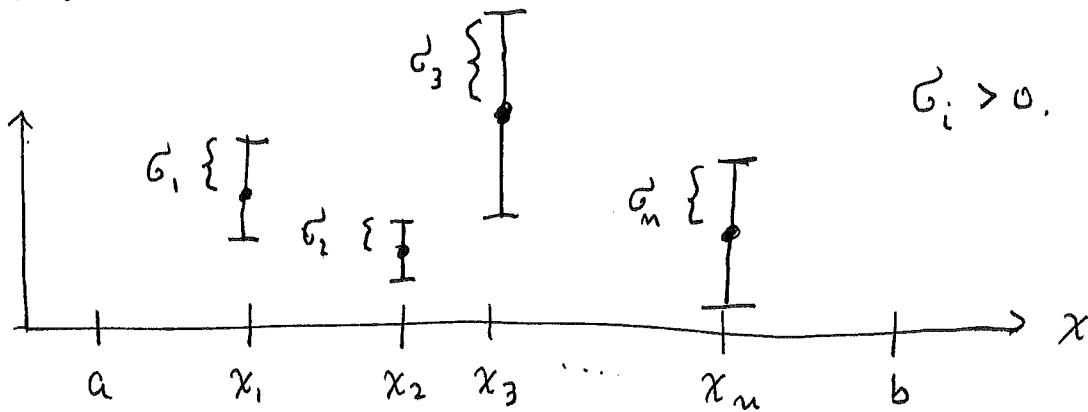
Let  $[\epsilon_0], [\epsilon_1], \dots, [\epsilon_m]$  be a basis of  $P_m / E$

that is orthonormal.

$\Rightarrow p = \sum_{i=0}^m [\epsilon_i] \langle [\epsilon_i], [f] \rangle$  is the answer again!

$$= \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m \sum_{j=1}^m \epsilon_i \epsilon_i(x_j) f_j \right].$$

What about "error bars"?



Just redefine  $\langle [f], [g] \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} f(x_i) g(x_i) / \sigma_i^2$ .

$$\Rightarrow P = \left[ \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \epsilon_i \epsilon_j (x_i) f_j / \sigma_j^2 \right].$$

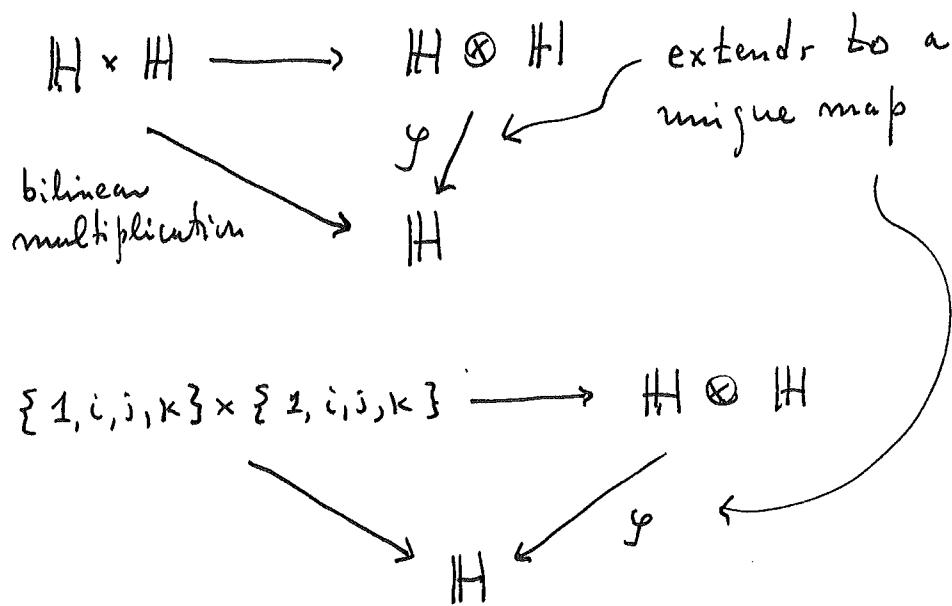
Note that if you apply Gram-Schmidt to the basis  $1, x, x^2, \dots, x^m$  of  $P_m$ , you get the Legendre polynomials.

4. What are the bilinear forms on  $\mathbb{R}^4$ ?

You might have seen the quaternions defined like this:

" $i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = ijk = -1$ ." Huh?

$$\mathbb{H} = \mathbb{R}^4$$



bilinear maps from  $\mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{H}$  to  $\mathbb{H} \cong$   
 linear maps from  $\mathbb{H} \otimes \mathbb{H}$  to  $\mathbb{H} \cong$   
 functions from  $\{1, i, j, k\} \times \{1, i, j, k\}$  to  $\mathbb{H}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  64 dimensional space of bilinear forms

	1	$i$	$j$	$k$
1	1	$i$	$j$	$k$
$i$	$i$	-1	$k$	- $j$
$j$	$j$	$-k$	-1	$i$
$k$	$k$	$j$	$-i$	-1

defines quaternion multiplication.

$$5. \text{ Solve } \frac{d^3f}{dx^3} - \frac{d^2f}{dx^2} + \frac{df}{dx} - f = 0.$$

Actually, we might as well solve  $Df = 0$  where

$$D = a_m \frac{d^m}{dx^m} + a_{m-1} \frac{d^{m-1}}{dx^{m-1}} + \dots + a_1 \frac{d}{dx} + a_0$$

Letting  $V$  be the vector space of smooth functions from  $[a, b]$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $L = \frac{d}{dx}$  is a linear operator.

$$\Rightarrow D = c(L - \lambda_1)^{m_1} (L - \lambda_2)^{m_2} \dots (L - \lambda_k)^{m_k}$$

for polynomial roots  $\lambda_i$  with corresponding multipliers  $m_i$ ,  $\lambda_i, c \in \mathbb{C}$ . Using

Fact: If polynomials  $p$  and  $q$  have no common factors, then  $\text{Ker}(p(L) \cdot q(L)) \cong \text{Ker}(p(L)) \oplus \text{Ker}(q(L))$ .

$$\text{Ker } D = \text{Ker } (L - \lambda_1)^{m_1} \oplus \text{Ker } (L - \lambda_2)^{m_2} \oplus \dots \oplus \text{Ker } (L - \lambda_k)^{m_k}$$

$$\text{Since } \text{Ker}(L - \lambda)^n = \text{span} \{ e^{\lambda x}, x e^{\lambda x}, x^2 e^{\lambda x}, \dots, x^{n-1} e^{\lambda x} \},$$

we have all solutions to  $Df = 0$ . They form an  $m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_k = m$  dimensional subspace of  $V$ .

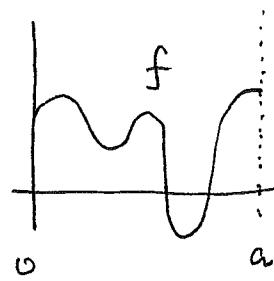
6. What eigenvalues can a self-adjoint operator have?

Suppose  $Lv = \lambda v$ ,  $v \neq 0$ .

$$\langle Lv, v \rangle = \lambda \langle v, v \rangle = \langle v, Lv \rangle = \lambda^* \langle v, v \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \lambda^*, \lambda \text{ is real.}$$

## 7. Taylor's theorem



$\vee$  = Continuous, real valued functions on  $[0, a]$ .

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^a f(x) g(x) dx$$

$$\int_0^a \frac{d}{dx} (f \cdot g) dx = fg \Big|_0^a = \langle \frac{df}{dx}, g \rangle + \langle f, \frac{dg}{dx} \rangle$$

$$\text{Let } f_m = \frac{d^m f}{dx^m}, \quad P_m = \frac{(a-x)^m}{m!} \text{ so that } \frac{d P_m}{dx} = -P_{m-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle f_{m+1}, P_m \rangle = f_m P_m \Big|_0^a + \langle f_m, P_{m-1} \rangle \quad \text{for } m \geq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle f_{m+1}, P_m \rangle = f_m P_m \Big|_0^a + f_{m-1} P_{m-1} \Big|_0^a + \dots + f_1 P_1 \Big|_0^a + \underbrace{\langle f_0, P_0 \rangle}_{f(a) - f(0)}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(a) = f(0) + af_1(0) + \frac{a^2}{2} f_2(0) + \dots + \frac{a^m}{m!} f_m(0)$$

$$+ \langle f_{m+1}, P_m \rangle.$$

Q.E.D.

8. What are the metric preserving functions on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ? 20

$$d(f(x), f(y)) = d(x, y) \text{ for all } x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

Call such functions "rigid". Note:

- Translations are rigid (note: not linear!)

- If  $f$  and  $g$  are rigid, so is  $g \circ f$ .

- Rigid functions are 1-1.

- Any rigid motion  $f$  satisfies  $\Phi = t_{-f(0)} \circ f$   
where rigid  $\Phi$  fixes the origin.

- $\Phi$  is norm preserving

[because  $\|\Phi(x)\| = \|\Phi(x) - \Phi(0)\| = d(\Phi(x), \Phi(0)) = \|x\|$ ].

- $\Phi$  is inner product preserving

[because  $d(\Phi(x), \Phi(y))^2 = \|x-y\|^2 = \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2 - 2 \langle \Phi(x), \Phi(y) \rangle$ ]

- $\Phi$  is linear

[because  $\|\Phi(x+ay) - \Phi(x) - a\Phi(y)\|^2 = \|x+ay\|^2 + \|x\|^2$   
 $+ a^2\|y\|^2 - 2\langle x+ay, x \rangle - 2\langle x+ay, y \rangle + 2\langle x, ay \rangle = 0$ ].

- $\Rightarrow \Phi \in \mathcal{G}(n) \Rightarrow f$  is onto  $\Rightarrow$  rigid motions are a group.

- Because  $\mathcal{G}(n) \xrightarrow{\text{def}} \{1, -1\}$  is a morphism,

$$K \in \{0, 1\}$$

$$f = t \circ \psi \circ \sigma^K \text{ where } \sigma \in SO(n) \text{ fixed}$$

$$\psi \in SO(n)$$

$$t \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ translation.}$$

9. What are the symmetries of the plane?

Note that translations are special in that they commute with the average of points in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ :

$$t_{\Delta} \left( \frac{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n}{n} \right) = \frac{t_{\Delta} x_1 + t_{\Delta} x_2 + \dots + t_{\Delta} x_n}{n}$$

so if  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  is any orbit of a finite subgroup  $G$  of rigid motions in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , then

$$t_{\Delta} \circ \bar{\psi} \left( \frac{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n}{n} \right) = \frac{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n}{n} \equiv p$$

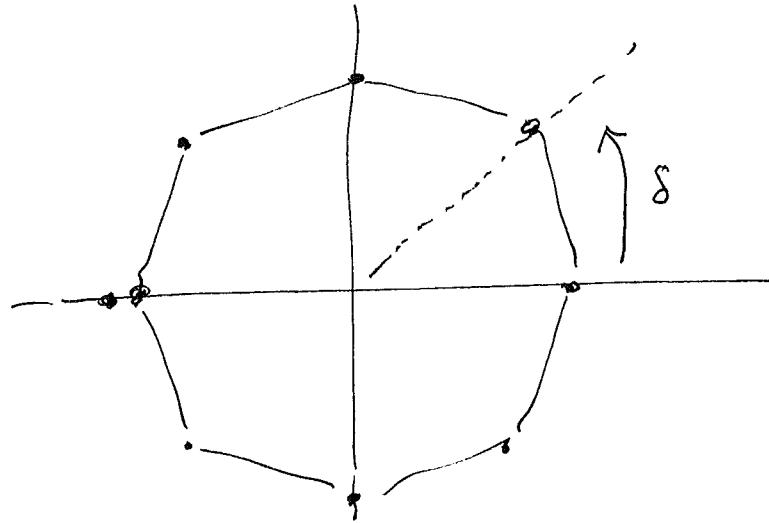
is actually a fixed point. Thus,  $G$  is isomorphic to a conjugate subgroup  $t_p^{-1} \circ G \circ t_p = G'$  which fix the origin. Choosing  $\sigma \in SO(2)^+$ ,

$$G' = \{ \psi_i \sigma^{k_i} : i = 1, \dots, n \} \quad \psi_i \in SO(2).$$

Let  $\delta$  be the smallest positive rotation angle in  $\psi_1, \psi_2, \dots, \psi_n$ .  $\Rightarrow$  All of  $\psi_1, \dots, \psi_n$  are powers of a rotation by  $\delta$ .  $\Rightarrow$

$$G' = C_n \rtimes \{1, \sigma\} \quad \text{where } C_n \text{ is the "cyclic group".}$$

$G'$  is also known as  $D_n = C_n \rtimes \{1, \sigma\}$  the "dihedral" group.

$\mathbb{R}^2$ 


$\sigma : x \mapsto -x$

$D_8 = C_8 \times \{1, \sigma\}$

Bonus: In  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $D_n$  are still finite subgroups of the rigid motions, however there are also additional exceptional subgroups:

T: The tetrahedral group of 12 rotations mapping a tetrahedron to itself.

O: The octahedral group of 24 rotations mapping a cube to itself

I: The icosahedral group of 60 rotations mapping an icosahedron to itself.