

SM315 Lecture Notes  
Orthogonal Functions/Fourier Series  
Homework: (Handout)

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- **Vectors:**  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$
- **We rewrite this in integral form as**  $\int_0^L f(x)g(x)dx = 0$
- **Orthogonality of sin function for**  $0 < x < \pi$ 
  - $\int_0^\pi \sin(nx)\sin(mx)dx = \begin{cases} \pi/2 & \text{for } n = m \\ 0 & \text{for } n \neq m \end{cases}$
- **Or more generally:**
  - $\int_0^L \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)\sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right)dx = \begin{cases} L/2 & \text{for } n = m \\ 0 & \text{for } n \neq m \end{cases}$
- **Can also show that:**
  - $\int_{-L}^L \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)\sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right)dx = \begin{cases} L & \text{for } n = m \\ 0 & \text{for } n \neq m \end{cases}$

**1. Recall result from last lecture when we applied initial condition:**

**a.**  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) = f(x)$

**b. For Simplicity, Let**  $L = \pi \rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \sin(nx) = f(x)$

**c. To determine coefficients we take advantages of orthogonality properties of sines and cosines**

## 2. Definition of Orthogonality:

**a. Vectors:**  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$ , i.e.

i. 2- D:  $\langle 1,1 \rangle \cdot \langle 1,-1 \rangle = 0$

ii. 3- D:  $\langle 1,1,1 \rangle \cdot \langle 1,1,-2 \rangle = 0$

iii. 4- D:  $\langle 1,1,1,1 \rangle \cdot \langle 1,1,1,-3 \rangle = 0$

**b. Two Functions over a given length have an infinite number of points and form an infinite number of points.**

i. Orthogonality of 2 Functions would be  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} f(x_i)g(x_i) = 0$  for  $0 < x < L$

ii. We rewrite this in integral form as  $\int_0^L f(x)g(x)dx = 0$

## 3. Orthogonality of sines and cosines

**a. Calc Demo: Pick 2 different positive integer  $n, m$ .**

i. Integrate Calc:  $\int_0^{\pi} \sin(nx)\sin(mx)dx$  - Should = 0

**b. Now pick any positive integer  $n$**

i. Integrate Calc:  $\int_0^{\pi} \sin(nx)\sin(nx)dx$  - Should =  $\pi/2$

**c. It appears that  $\sin(mx)$  is orthogonal to  $\sin(nx)$  on  $0 < x < \pi$  for  $n \neq m$**

**4. Prove:**  $\int_0^L \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right)\sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)dx = 0$  for  $n \neq m$

**a. Note that this was the original form before letting  $L = \pi$**

**b. Recall:**  
 $\cos(a+b) = \cos(a)\cos(b) - \sin(a)\sin(b)$   
 $\cos(a-b) = \cos(a)\cos(b) + \sin(a)\sin(b)$

$$\cos(a - b) - \cos(a + b) = 2 \sin(a) \sin(b) \rightarrow$$

**c. Therefore:**

$$\sin(a) \sin(b) = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(a - b) - \cos(a + b)]$$

**d. Hence:**  $\sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \cos\left(\frac{(m-n)\pi x}{L}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{(m+n)\pi x}{L}\right) \right]$

**e. And:**  $\int_0^L \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx = \int_0^L \frac{1}{2} \left[ \cos\left(\frac{(m-n)\pi x}{L}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{(m+n)\pi x}{L}\right) \right] dx$

**f. 1<sup>st</sup> Integral:**  $\frac{1}{2} \int_0^L \cos\left(\frac{(m-n)\pi x}{L}\right) dx = \frac{L}{2(m-n)\pi} \sin\left(\frac{(m-n)\pi x}{L}\right) \Big|_0^L =$   
 $K(\sin(m-n)\pi - \sin(0)) = 0$

**g. 2<sup>nd</sup> Integral:**  $\frac{1}{2} \int_0^L \cos\left(\frac{(m+n)\pi x}{L}\right) dx = \frac{L}{2(m+n)\pi} \sin\left(\frac{(m+n)\pi x}{L}\right) \Big|_0^L =$   
 $K(\sin(m+n)\pi - \sin(0)) = 0$

**h. Therefore:**  $\int_0^L \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx = \mathbf{0}$  for  $n \neq m$

## 5. Homework Examples