



FFTs in Graphics and Vision

Homogenous Polynomials
and
Irreducible Representations



Outline

The 2π Term in Assignment 1

Homogenous Polynomials

Representations of Functions on the Unit-Circle

- Sub-Representations for the Circle
- Sub-Representations for the Sphere



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Given an n -dimensional array of values, we would like to treat the values as the regular samples of some continuous, periodic, function:

$$f[\cdot] \leftarrow f(x)$$

What is the domain of $f(x)$?



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Two possible approaches:

- Dimension Dependent $[0, n)$:

$$f[j] = f(j)$$

- Dimension Independent $[0, \rho)$:

$$f[j] = f\left(\frac{j}{n} \cdot \rho\right)$$



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Dimension Dependent Domain $[0, n)$:

This provides a (nearly) norm-preserving map from the space of n -dimensional arrays to the space of functions:

Vector Square Norm

$$\begin{aligned}\|f[\cdot]\|^2 &= \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} |f[j]|^2 \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} |f(j)|^2\end{aligned}$$

Function Square Norm

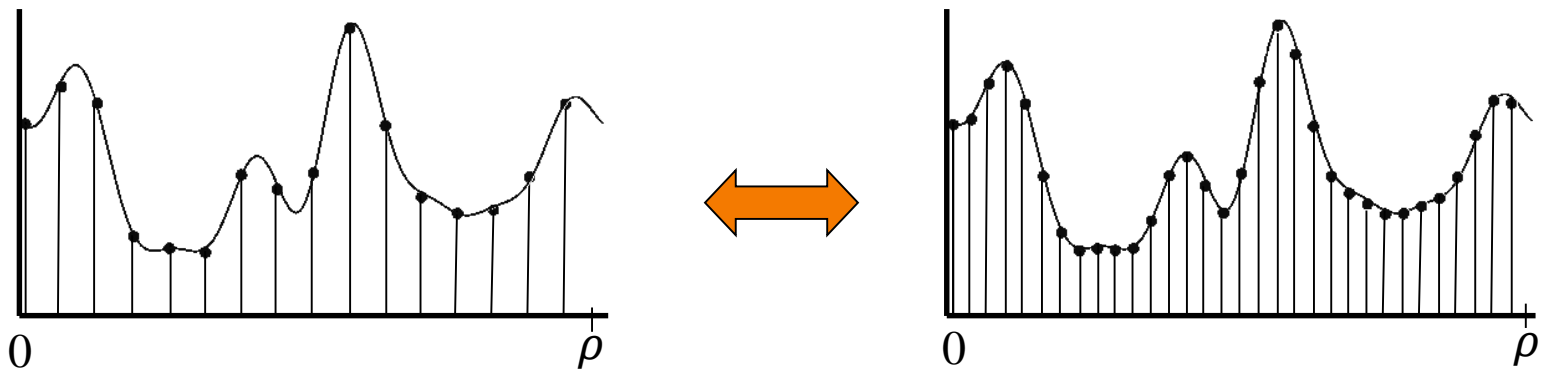
$$\begin{aligned}\|f(\cdot)\|^2 &= \int_0^n |f(x)|^2 dx \\ &= \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=0}^{l-1} \left| f\left(\frac{j}{l} \cdot n\right) \right|^2 \cdot \frac{n}{l} \\ &\approx \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} |f(j)|^2\end{aligned}$$



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Dimension Independent Domain $[0, \rho)$:

This provides a way for treating two arrays of different dimensions as regular samplings of the same function at different resolutions.





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Vector Square Norm

Function Square Norm

This mapping scales
the square norm by $\frac{\rho}{n}$.

$$\|f[\cdot]\|^2$$

$$= \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \left| f\left(\frac{j}{n} \cdot \rho\right) \right|^2$$

$$\int_0^\rho |f(x)|^2 dx$$

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Dimension Independent Domain $[0, \rho)$:

When we consider periodic functions on a line – i.e. functions on a circle – we set the domain to be equal to the length of a circle: $[0, 2\pi)$.

Similarly, for periodic functions on a plane – i.e. functions on the product of two circles (a torus) – we choose the domain to be $[0, 2\pi) \times [0, 2\pi)$.



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How does this affect the Fourier coefficients?

The Fourier coefficients of $f[\cdot]$ are the coefficients of $f[\cdot]$ with respect to the Fourier basis:

$$f[\cdot] = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \hat{f}[k] \cdot v_k[\cdot]$$

where the $v_k[\cdot]$ correspond to regular samples of the k -th complex exponential at n positions:

$$v_k[\cdot] = (e^{i \cdot 2k\pi/n \cdot 0}, \dots, e^{i \cdot 2k\pi/n \cdot (n-1)})$$



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So, if we compute the Fourier coefficients of $f[\cdot]$ assuming that the domain is $[0, n)$, to get the Fourier coefficients of $f[\cdot]$ on the domain $[0, 2\pi)$, we need to scale:

- $[0, n) \rightarrow [0, 2\pi)$:

$$\hat{f}[k] \rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{n}{2\pi}} \cdot \hat{f}[k]$$

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Monomials

Definition:

A monomial in variables $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ is a product of non-negative integer powers of the variables.

The degree of a monomial is the sum of the powers.



Monomials

Examples:

- Degree 0: 1
- Degree 1: x, y, z
- Degree 2: $x^2, y^2, z^2, xy, xz, yz$
- Degree 3: $x^3, x^2y, x^2z, xy^2, xz^2, xyz, y^3, y^2z, yz^2, z^3$



Polynomials

Definition:

A polynomial of degree d in variables $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ is a linear sum of monomials in $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$, each of whose degree is no greater than d .

Notation:

Denote by $P^d(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ the set of polynomials in $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ of degree d .



Polynomials

Examples:

- $d = 0$:
 - $P^0(x) = P^0(x, y) = P^0(x, y, z) = a$
- $d = 1$:
 - $P^1(x) = ax + c$
 - $P^1(x, y) = ax + by + c$
 - $P^1(x, y, z) = ax + by + cz + d$
- $d = 2$:
 - $P^2(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$
 - $P^2(x, y) = ax^2 + by^2 + cxy + dx + ey + f$
 - $P^2(x, y, z) = ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 + dxy + exz + gyz + hx + iy + jz + k$
- ...



Polynomials

Properties:

- The linear sum of polynomials p and q of degree d is a polynomial of degree d :

$$a \cdot p(x_1, \dots, x_n) + b \cdot p(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in P^d(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

- The product of polynomials p and q of degrees d_1 and d_2 is a polynomial of degree $d_1 + d_2$:

$$p(x_1, \dots, x_n) \cdot q(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in P^{d_1+d_2}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

- The k -th power of a polynomial p of degree d is a polynomial of degree $d \cdot k$:

$$p^k(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in P^{d \cdot k}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$



Homogenous Polynomials

Definition:

A degree d polynomial is said to be homogenous if the individual monomials all have degree d .

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Homogenous Polynomials

Properties:

- The linear sum of homogenous polynomials p and q of degree d is a homogenous polynomial of degree d :

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Homogenous Polynomials

Note 1:

Any degree d polynomial in $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ can be uniquely expressed as the sum of homogenous polynomials in $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ of degrees 0 through d :

$$P^d(x_1, \dots, x_n) = HP^0(x_1, \dots, x_n) \oplus \dots \oplus HP^d(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$



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Example:

$$\circ \underbrace{p(x, y)}_{\in P^2(x, y)} = \underbrace{2x^2 + 3y^2 - xy}_{\in HP^2(x, y)} + \underbrace{5x - 7y}_{\in HP^1(x, y)} + \underbrace{2}_{\in HP^0(x, y)}$$



Homogenous Polynomials

Note 2:

Any homogenous polynomial in $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ of degree d can be uniquely expressed as:

- x_1 times a degree $d - 1$ homogenous polynomial in $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$, plus
- a degree d homogenous polynomial in $\{x_2, \dots, x_n\}$.

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Dimensions

Three properties give us a recursive definition:

1. A homogenous polynomial of degree d factors as:

$$HP^d(x_1, \dots, x_n) = x_1 \cdot HP^{d-1}(x_1, \dots, x_n) \oplus HP^d(x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

2. The space of homogenous polynomials in $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ of degree 0 is one-dimensional:

$$HP^0(x_1, \dots, x_n) = a$$

3. The space of homogenous polynomials in $\{x\}$ of degree d is one-dimensional:

$$HP^d(x) = ax^d$$



Dimensions

Homogenous Polynomials of Degree Zero:

The dimension of the space of homogenous polynomials of degree 0 in any number of variables is one:

$$\dim[HP^0(x_1, \dots, x_n)] = 1$$



Dimensions

Homogenous Polynomials in One Variable:

The dimension of the space of homogenous polynomials of degree d in one variable is one, for all degrees d :

$$\dim[HP^d(x)] = 1$$



Dimensions

Homogenous Polynomials in n Variables:

The dimension of the space of homogenous polynomials of degree d in n variables is:

$$\dim[HP^d(x_1, \dots, x_n)] = \dim[HP^d(x_2, \dots, x_n)] \\ + \dim[HP^{d-1}(x_1, \dots, x_n)]$$



Dimensions

Homogenous Polynomials in n Variables:

The dimension of the space of homogenous polynomials of degree d in n variables is:

$$\begin{aligned}\dim[HP^d(x_1, \dots, x_n)] &= \dim[HP^d(x_2, \dots, x_n)] \\ &\quad + \dim[HP^{d-1}(x_2, \dots, x_n)] \\ &\quad + \dim[HP^{d-2}(x_1, \dots, x_n)]\end{aligned}$$



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Two Variables:

$$\begin{aligned}\dim[HP^d(x, y)] &= 1 + \sum_{i=1}^d \dim[HP^i(x)] \\ &= 1 + \sum_{i=1}^d 1 \\ &= 1 + d\end{aligned}$$



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Three Variables:

$$\begin{aligned}\dim[HP^d(x, y, z)] &= 1 + \sum_{i=1}^d \dim[HP^i(x, y)] \\ &= 1 + \sum_{i=1}^d (i + 1) \\ &= \frac{(d + 2) \cdot (d + 1)}{2}\end{aligned}$$



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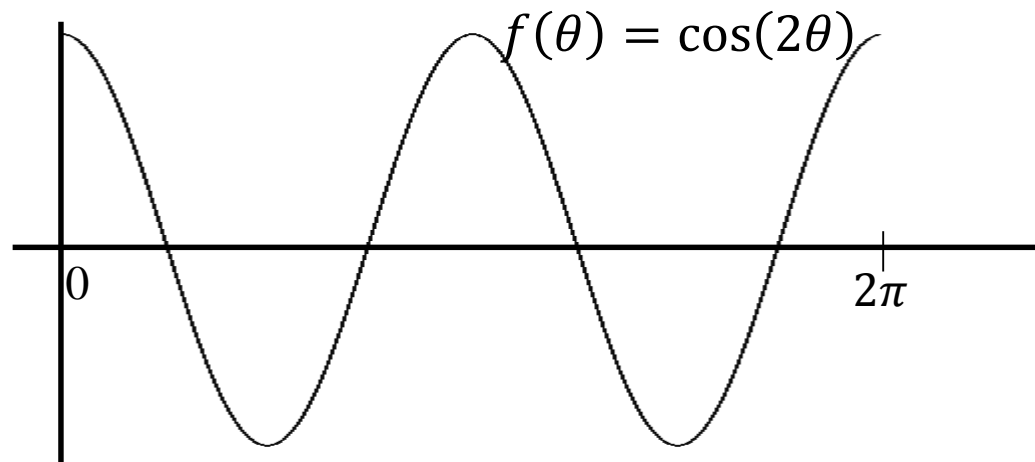
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Representing Functions on the Unit-Circle

There are two ways we can represent a function on the unit-circle:

1. By Parameter: Every point on the circle can be represented by an angle in the range $[0, 2\pi)$.
 \Rightarrow We can represent circular functions as 1D functions on the domain $[0, 2\pi)$.





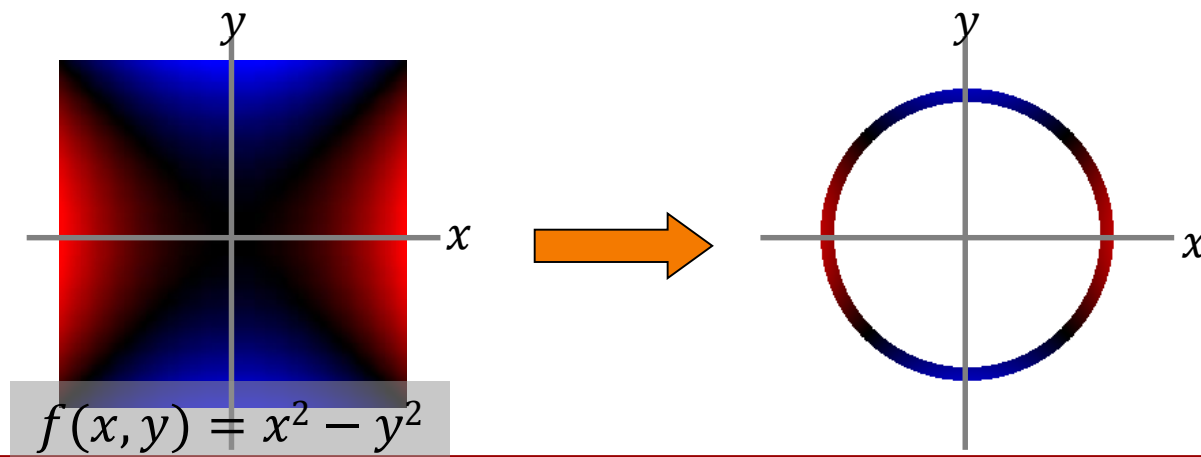
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There are two ways we can represent a function on the unit-circle:

2. By Restriction: We know that the unit-circle “lives” in 2D, i.e. it is the set of points (x, y) satisfying:

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1$$

⇒ We can represent circular functions by looking at the restriction of 2D functions to the unit-circle.





Representing By Restriction

Observation 1:

On a circle, a point with angle θ has x - and y -coordinates given by:

$$x = \cos(\theta) \quad y = \sin(\theta)$$

This lets us transform a (circular) function represented by the restriction of a 2D function $f(x, y)$ to a function represented by parameter:

$$f(x, y) \rightarrow g(\theta) \equiv f(\cos \theta, \sin \theta)$$



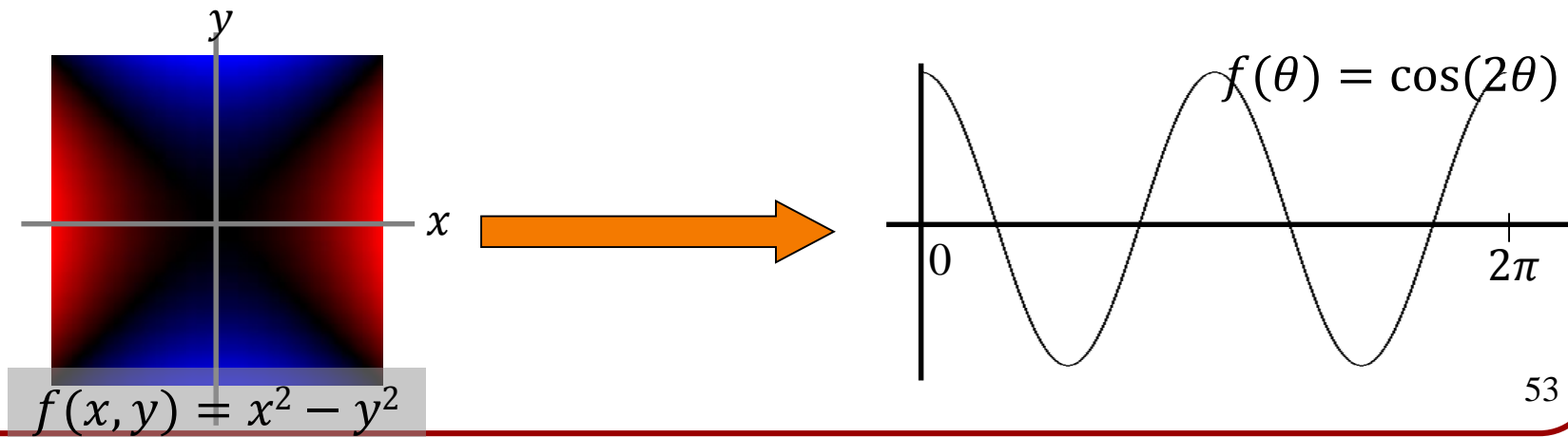
Representing By Restriction

Example: If the circular function is defined as the restriction of the 2D function:

$$f(x, y) = x^2 - y^2$$

Then the representation in terms of angle is:

$$\begin{aligned} g(\theta) &= \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta \\ &= \cos 2\theta \end{aligned}$$

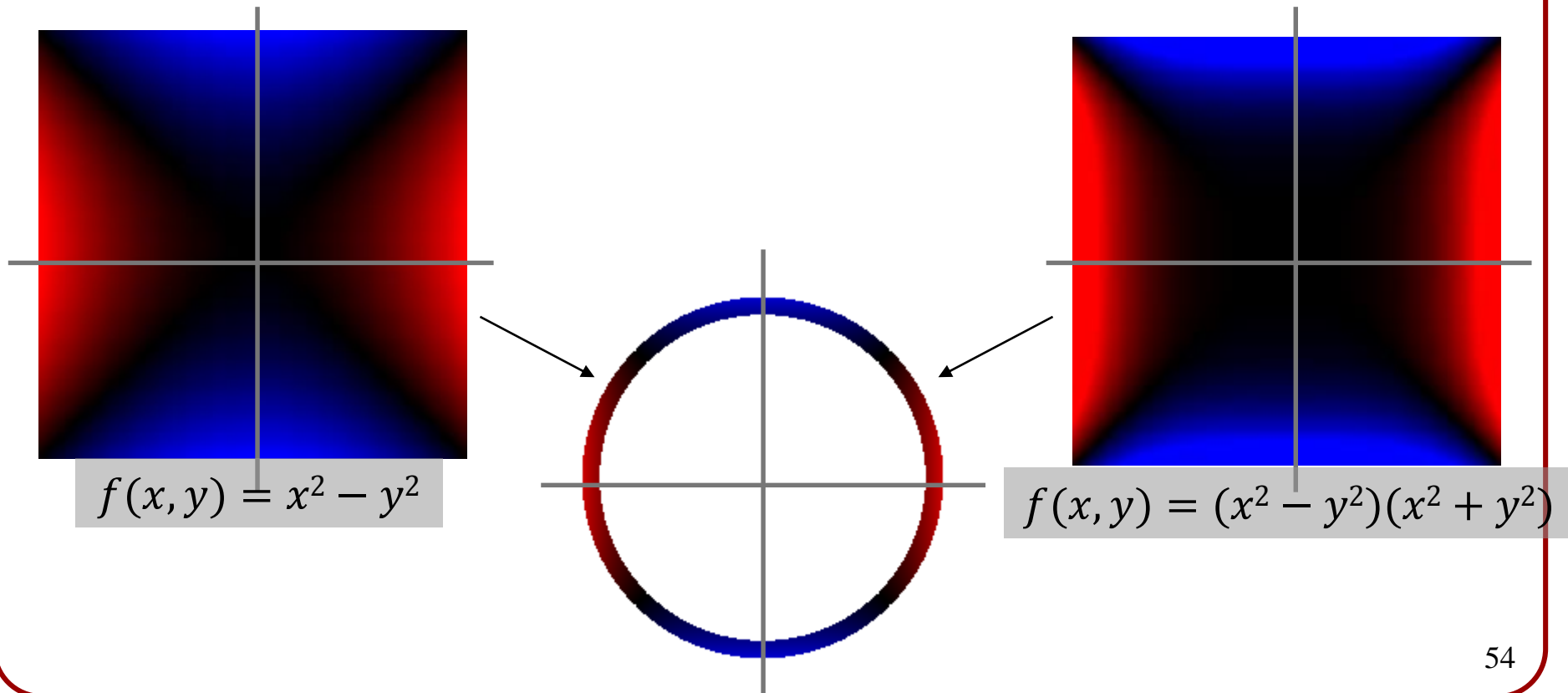




Representing By Restriction

Observation 2:

Two different functions in 2D, can have the same restriction to the unit-circle.





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Irreducible Representations

Recall:

In essential shape/image analysis tasks:

- Rotation invariant representation
- Image filtering
- Symmetry detection
- (2D) Rotational alignment

we needed to consider the representation of the group of 2D rotations on the space of circular functions.



Irreducible Representations

Recall:

To perform these tasks efficiently and/or effectively, we depended on Schur's Lemma:

Since the group was commutative, the irreducible representations were all one (complex) dimensional



Irreducible Representations

Challenge:

We know that the irreducible representations exist. How do we find them?



Sub-Representations

How do we find a sub-space of functions that is also a sub-representation?

That is, how do we find a space of functions with the property that a rotation of a function from this space, will give some other function in the space.



Fourier Basis

For the circles, we know that these spaces are
tone-dimensional, spanned by:

$$f_k(\theta) = e^{ik\theta}$$

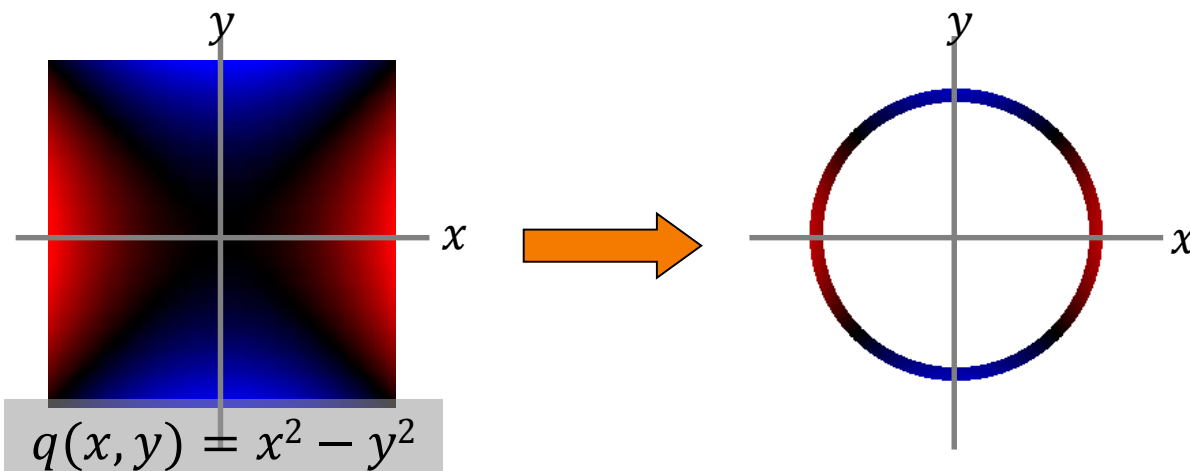
But how would we go about finding them if we
didn't know?



Polynomials

Consider the circular functions that are obtained by restricting degree d polynomials to the circle:

$$q(x, y) = \sum_{j+k \leq d} a_{jk} \cdot x^j \cdot y^k$$





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How does a rotation act on this function?

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$$



Polynomials

Rotations act on the space of functions by rotating the domain of evaluation:

$$(\rho_R(q))(x, y) = q(R^{-1}(x, y))$$

Since the inverse of a rotation is its transpose, the rotation R^{-1} , acts on the 2D space by:

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Polynomials

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\Rightarrow Since $j + k \leq d$, the rotation of $q(x, y)$ by R must also be a polynomial of degree d .



Polynomials

If we start with a polynomial of degree d :

$$q(x, y) \in P^d(x, y)$$

and we apply any rotation R to it, the rotated polynomial will also be a polynomial of degree d :

$$\rho_R(q) \in P^d(x, y)$$

Polynomials



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Homogenous Polynomials

How small are these sub-representations?

The space of homogenous polynomials of degree d in two variables is $(d + 1)$ -dimensional.

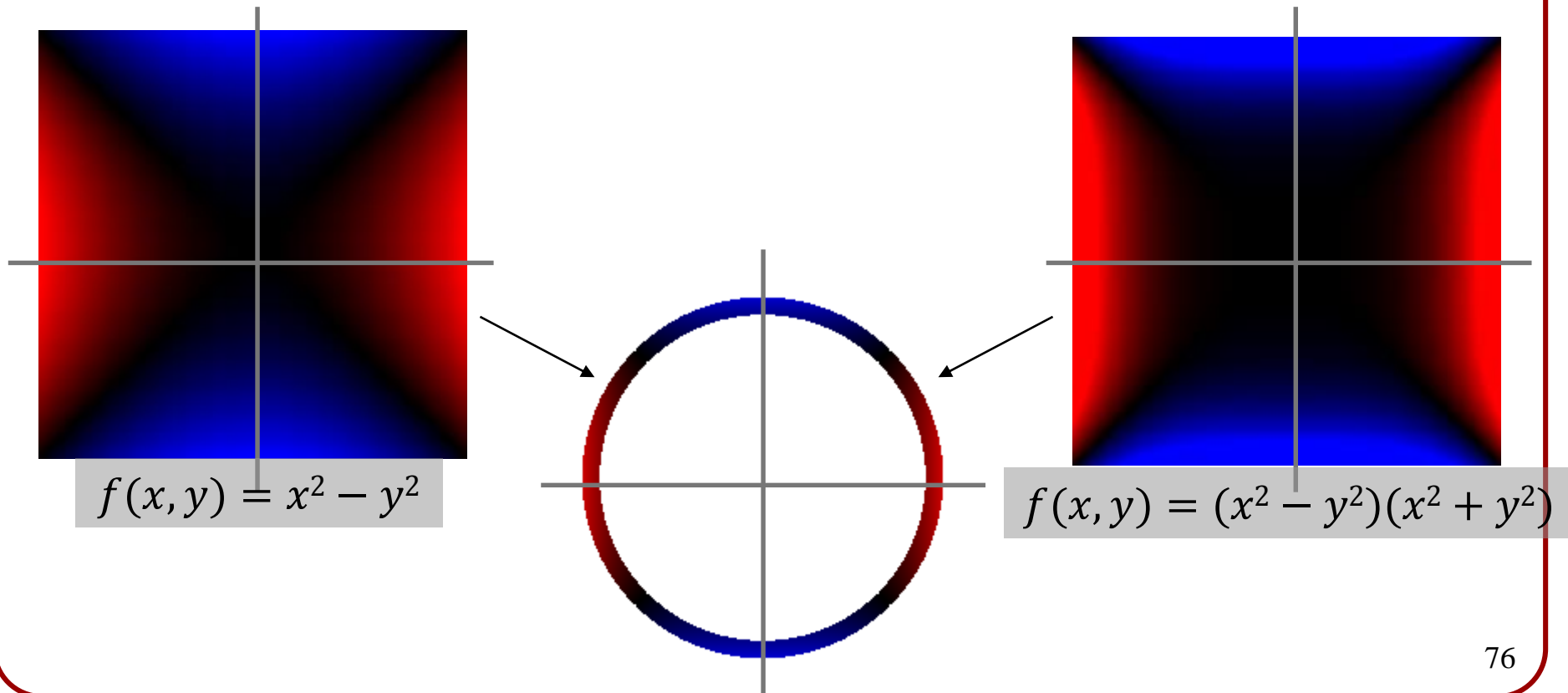
We know that the irreducible representations all have to be one-dimensional – what's going on?



Homogenous Polynomials

Recall:

Two different functions in 2D, can have the same restriction to the unit-circle.





Homogenous Polynomials

In particular, any point (x, y) on the circle satisfies the condition:

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1$$

So for any $q(x, y) \in HP^d(x, y)$, the homogenous polynomial $q(x, y) \cdot (x^2 + y^2) \in HP^{d+2}(x, y)$ will have the same restriction to the unit circle.



Homogenous Polynomials

When considering the restriction of homogenous polynomials to the circle, degree d polynomials are “contained” in the restriction of the degree $(d + 2)$ polynomials.

Since the restrictions of degree d polynomials to the circle form a sub-representation, we want the polynomials of degree $(d + 2)$ whose restrictions are orthogonal to those of degree d polynomials.



Homogenous Polynomials

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- $d = 1$:

$HP^d(x, y)$ is spanned by $\{x, y\}$ so the restriction is the space of functions $ax + by$.

Since we can write out the x and y coordinates in terms of the circular angle θ :

$$x = \cos \theta \quad y = \sin \theta$$

this gives the space of circular functions of the form:

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Homogenous Polynomials

Example:

- $d = 2$:

$HP^d(x, y)$ is spanned by $\{x^2, xy, y^2\}$ so the restriction is the space of functions of the form $ax^2 + bxy + cy^2$. In terms of the circular angle, this gives the space of circular functions of the form:

$$f(\theta) = a \cdot \cos^2 \theta + b \cdot \cos \theta \cdot \sin \theta + c \cdot \sin^2 \theta$$



Homogenous Polynomials

Example:

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$$f(\theta) = a \cdot \cos^2 \theta + b \cdot \cos \theta \cdot \sin \theta + c \cdot \sin^2 \theta$$

Since we know that:

$$\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$$

is a constant function accounted for by the $d = 0$ case, we want the space of homogenous polynomial restrictions that are perpendicular to those accounted for by the $d = 0$ case.



Homogenous Polynomials

Example:

- $d = 2$:

A function of the form:

$$f(\theta) = a \cdot \cos^2 \theta + b \cdot \cos \theta \cdot \sin \theta + c \cdot \sin^2 \theta$$

is perpendicular to the function:

$$\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$$

if and only if:

$$0 = \langle 1, a \cdot \cos^2 \theta + b \cdot \cos \theta \cdot \sin \theta + c \cdot \sin^2 \theta \rangle$$



Homogenous Polynomials

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$$0 = \langle 1, a \cdot \cos^2 \theta + b \cdot \cos \theta \cdot \sin \theta + c \cdot \sin^2 \theta \rangle$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$0 = \int_0^{2\pi} (a \cdot \cos^2 \theta + b \cdot \cos \theta \cdot \sin \theta + c \cdot \sin^2 \theta) d\theta$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$0 = a \cdot \pi + c \cdot \pi$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$a = -c$$



Homogenous Polynomials

Example:

- $d = 2$:

Homogenous polynomials of can be expressed as:

$$f(\theta) = a \cdot \cos^2 \theta + b \cdot \cos \theta \cdot \sin \theta + c \cdot \sin^2 \theta$$

and orthogonality implies that:

$$c = -a$$

⇒ A basis for the sub-representation is:

$$\{\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta, \cos \theta \cdot \sin \theta\}$$



$$\{\cos 2\theta, \sin 2\theta\}$$



Homogenous Polynomials

Example:

- $d \geq 2$:

As in the $d = 2$ case, we start with the space of homogenous polynomials of degree d .

Since the space of homogenous polynomials of degree $d - 2$ is contained in this space, we need to “throw out” the degree $d - 2$ polynomials.

Thus, the final dimension of the sub-representation is:

$$\dim[HP^d(x, y)] - \dim[HP^{d-2}(x, y)] = (d + 1) - (d - 1) = 2$$



Homogenous Polynomials

Example:

- $d \geq 2$:

As in the $d = 2$ case, that the two functions:
 $\{\cos d\theta, \sin d\theta\}$
are a basis for the sub-representation.



Homogenous Polynomials

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To get the irreducible representations, we need to further break apart these sub-representations.

$$\{\cos d\theta, \sin d\theta\} = \begin{Bmatrix} \cos d\theta + i \sin d\theta \\ \cos d\theta - i \sin d\theta \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} e^{id\theta} \\ e^{-id\theta} \end{Bmatrix}$$



Outline

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In this case, the group does not commute, so we do not expect the sub-representations to be one-dimensional.



Homogenous Polynomials

As in the case of circular functions, we will consider spherical functions that are obtained by restricting homogenous polynomials of degree d to the unit sphere:

$$q(x, y, z) = \sum_{j+k+l=d} a_{jkl} \cdot x^j \cdot y^k \cdot z^l$$



Homogenous Polynomials

If R is a rotation:

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix}$$

then R will rotate the polynomial q by:

$$\begin{aligned} (\rho_R(q))(x, y, z) &= \\ &= \sum_{j+k+l=d} a_{jkl} \cdot (ax + dy + gz)^j \cdot (bx + ey + hz)^k \cdot (cx + fy + iz)^l \end{aligned}$$

Again, rotations fix homogenous polynomials – mapping homogenous polynomials of degree d back into homogenous polynomials of degree d .



Homogenous Polynomials

As in the 2D case, we know that the restrictions of homogenous polynomials of degree d to the unit sphere contain the restrictions of homogenous polynomials of degree $d - 2$ to the unit sphere.

So for any $q(x, y, z) \in HP^d(x, y, z)$, the polynomial $q(x, y, z) \cdot (x^2 + y^2 + z^2) \in HP^{d+2}(x, y, z)$ will have the same restriction to the unit sphere.



Homogenous Polynomials

Thus, sub-representations can be obtained by considering the restrictions of homogenous polynomials of degree d to the unit sphere, and removing those that were already accounted for at degree $d - 2$.

Thus, the dimension of the space obtained from the degree d homogenous polynomials will be:

$$\begin{aligned} \dim[HP^d(x, y, z)] - \dim[HP^{d-2}(x, y, z)] &= \\ &= \frac{(d+2) \cdot (d+1)}{2} - \frac{d \cdot (d-1)}{2} \\ &= 2d + 1 \end{aligned}$$



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It turns out that for spherical functions, these are the irreducible representations for the group of rotations.