FFTs in Graphics and Vision

Homogenous Polynomials
and
Irreducible Representations

Outline

Homogenous Polynomials

Representations of Functions on the Unit-Circle

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

Monomials

Definition:

A monomial in variables $\{x_1, \cdots, x_n\}$ 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

<u>Definition</u>:

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

<u>Notation</u>:

Denote by $P^d(x_1, \cdots, x_n)$ the set of polynomials in $\{x_1, \cdots, x_n\}$ 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 $p, q \in P^d(x_1, \cdots, x_n)$ is a polynomial:
$$a \cdot p(x_1, \cdots, x_n) + b \cdot q(x_1, \cdots, x_n) \in P^d(x_1, \cdots, x_n)$$
- The product of polynomials $p \in P^{d_1}(x_1, \cdots, x_n)$ and $q \in P^{d_2}(x_1, \cdots, x_n)$ is a polynomial:
$$p(x_1, \cdots, x_n) \cdot q(x_1, \cdots, x_n) \in P^{d_1+d_2}(x_1, \cdots, x_n)$$
- The k-th power of a polynomial $p \in P^d(x_1, \cdots, x_n)$ is a polynomial:
$$p^k(x_1, \cdots, x_n) \in P^{d \cdot k}(x_1, \cdots, x_n)$$

Homogenous Polynomials

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

Notation:
Denote by $HP^d(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$ the set of homogenous polynomials in $\{x_1, \ldots, x_n\}$ of degree d.

Homogenous Polynomials

Examples:

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- $d = 1$:
  - $HP^1(x) = ax$
  - $HP^1(x,y) = ax + by$
  - $HP^1(x,y,z) = ax + by + cz$
- $d = 2$:
  - $HP^2(x) = ax^2$
  - $HP^2(x,y) = ax^2 + by^2 + cxy$
  - $HP^2(x,y,z) = ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 + dxy + exz + gyz$
- …

Homogenous Polynomials

Properties:

- The linear sum of homogenous polynomials $p, q \in HP^d(x_1, \cdots, x_n)$ is a homogenous polynomial:
$$a \cdot p(x_1, \cdots, x_n) + b \cdot p(x_1, \cdots, x_n) \in HP^d(x_1, \cdots, x_n)$$
- The product of homogenous polynomials $p \in HP^{d_1}(x_1, \cdots, x_n)$ and $q \in HP^{d_2}(x_1, \cdots, x_n)$ is a homogenous polynomial:
$$p(x_1, \cdots, x_n) \cdot q(x_1, \cdots, x_n) \in HP^{d_1+d_2}(x_1, \cdots, x_n)$$
- The k-th power of a homogenous polynomial $p \in HP^d(x_1, \cdots, x_n)$ is a homogenous polynomial:
$$p^k(x_1, \cdots, x_n) \in HP^{d \cdot k}(x_1, \cdots, x_n)$$

Homogenous Polynomials

Note 1:

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

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

Homogenous Polynomials

Note 1:

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

Example:

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

Homogenous Polynomials

Note 2:

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

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

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

Homogenous Polynomials

Note 2:

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

Example:

- $\underbrace{p(x,y)}_{\in HP^2(x,y)} = 2x^2 + 3y^2 - xy$
  $= x \cdot \underbrace{(2x-y)}_{\in HP^1(x,y)} + \underbrace{3y^2}_{\in HP^2(y)}$

Dimensions

What is the dimension of $P^d(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$?

Since every polynomial of degree d can be uniquely expressed as the sum of homogenous polynomials of degrees 0 through d:

$$\dim\left(P^d(x_1, \cdots, x_n)\right) = \dim\left(HP^0(x_1, \cdots, x_n)\right) + \cdots + \dim\left(HP^d(x_1, \cdots, x_n)\right)$$

Dimensions

What is the dimension of $HP^d(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$?

Dimensions

Three properties give us a recursive definition:

1. A homogenous polynomial of degree d factors as:
$HP^d(x_1, \cdots, x_n) = x_1 \cdot HP^{d-1}(x_1, \cdots, x_n) \oplus HP^d(x_2, \cdots, x_n)$

2. The space of homogenous polynomials in $\{x_1, \cdots, x_n\}$ of degree 0 is one-dimensional:
$$HP^0(x_1, \cdots, x_n) = a$$

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:

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

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:

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

Dimensions

Homogenous Polynomials in n Variables:

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

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

Dimensions

Homogenous Polynomials in n Variables:

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

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

Dimensions

Homogenous Polynomials in n Variables:

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

$$\dim\left[HP^d(x_1,\cdots,x_n)\right] = \sum_{i=1}^{d} \dim[HP^i(x_2,\cdots x_n)] + \dim[HP^0(x_1,\cdots,x_n)]$$

Dimensions

Homogenous Polynomials in n Variables:

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

$$\dim\left[HP^d(x_1,\cdots,x_n)\right]=\sum_{i=0}^{d}\dim[HP^i(x_2,\cdots x_n)]$$

Dimensions

$$\dim\left[HP^d(x_1,\cdots,x_n)\right] = \sum_{i=0}^{d} \dim[HP^i(x_2,\cdots x_n)]$$

Homogenous Polynomials in n Variables:

One Variable:

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

Dimensions

$$\dim\left[HP^d(x_1,\cdots,x_n)\right] = \sum_{i=0}^{d} \dim[HP^i(x_2,\cdots x_n)]$$

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

<u>Homogenous Polynomials in n Variables</u>:

Two Variables:

$$\dim\left[HP^d(x,y)\right] = \sum_{i=0}^{d} \dim\left[HP^i(x)\right]$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{d} 1$$

$$= d + 1$$

Dimensions

$$\dim\left[HP^d(x_1,\cdots,x_n)\right] = \sum_{i=0}^{d} \dim[HP^i(x_2,\cdots x_n)]$$

$$\dim\left[HP^d(x,y)\right] = d+1$$

<u>Homogenous Polynomials in n Variables</u>:

Three Variables:

$$\dim\left[HP^d(x,y,z)\right] = \sum_{i=0}^{d} \dim[HP^i(x,y)]$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{d} (i+1)$$

$$= \frac{(d+2)\cdot(d+1)}{2}$$

Dimensions

Homogenous Polynomials in n Variables:

One Variable: $\dim\left[HP^d(x)\right] = 1$

Two Variables: $\dim\left[HP^d(x,y)\right] = d + 1$

Three Variables: $\dim\left[HP^d(x,y,z)\right] = \frac{(d+2)\cdot(d+1)}{2}$

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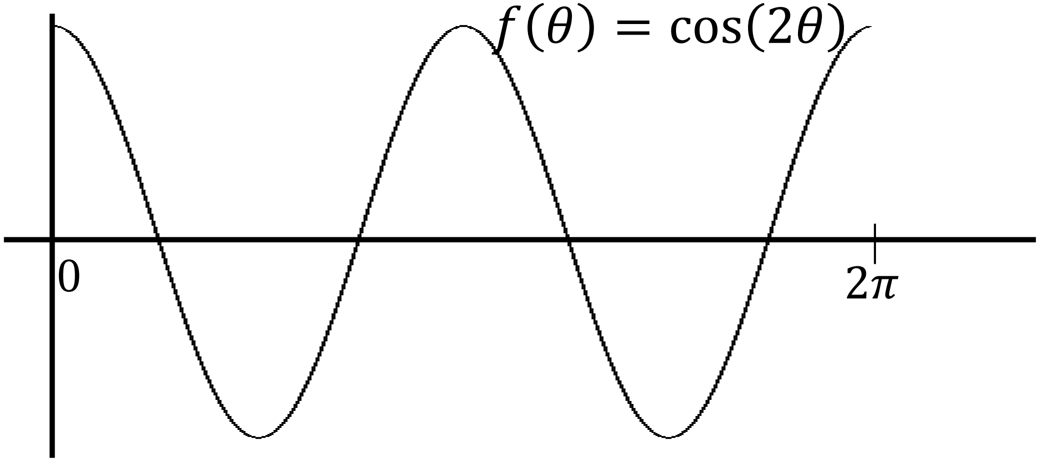
Representing Functions on the Unit-Circle

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 $[0,2\pi)$.



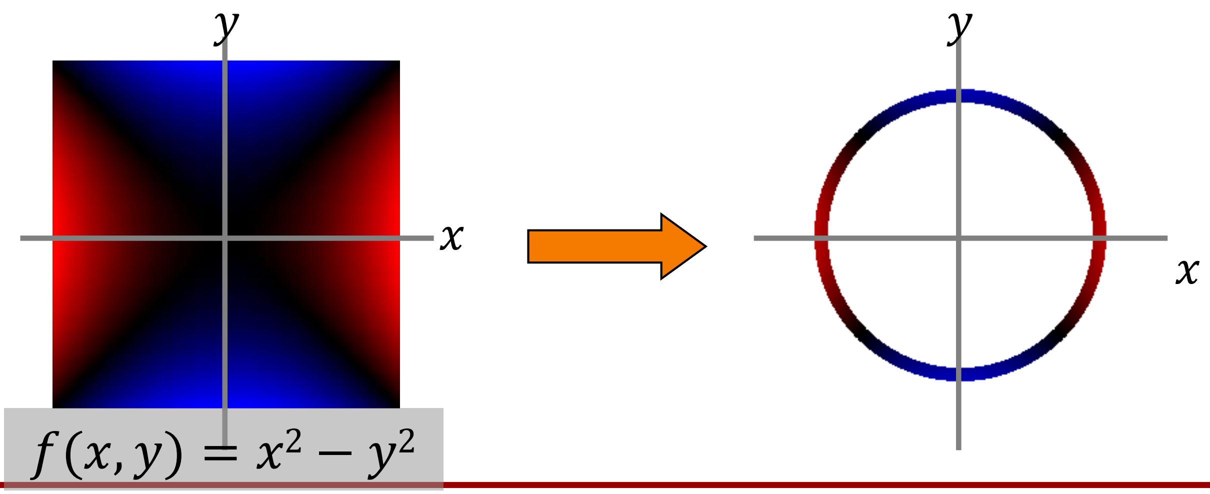
Representing Functions on the Unit-Circle

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:

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

$\Rightarrow$ 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:

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

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

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

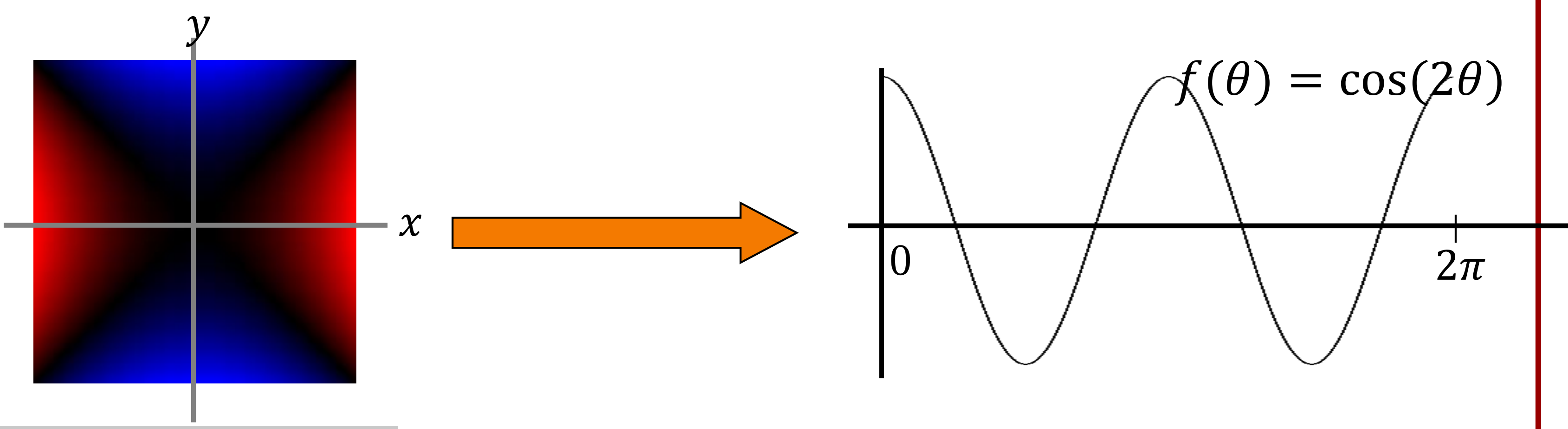
Representing By Restriction

<u>Example</u>: 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:

$$g(\theta) = \cos^2\theta - \sin^2\theta$$
$$= \cos 2\theta$$

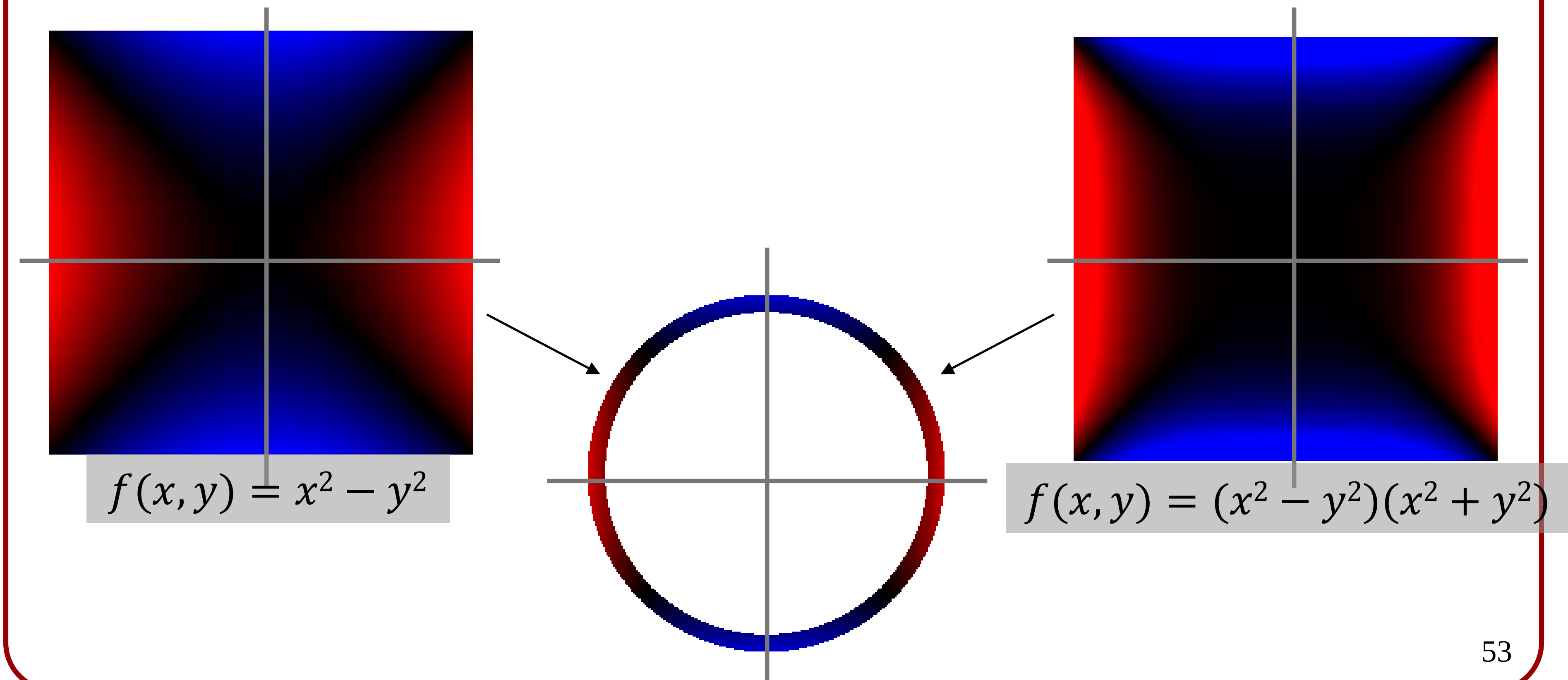


$f(x, y) = x^2 - y^2$

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 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.

$\Rightarrow$ 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?

⇔ How do we find a space of functions such that a rotation of a function from this space gives some other function in the space?

Fourier Basis

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

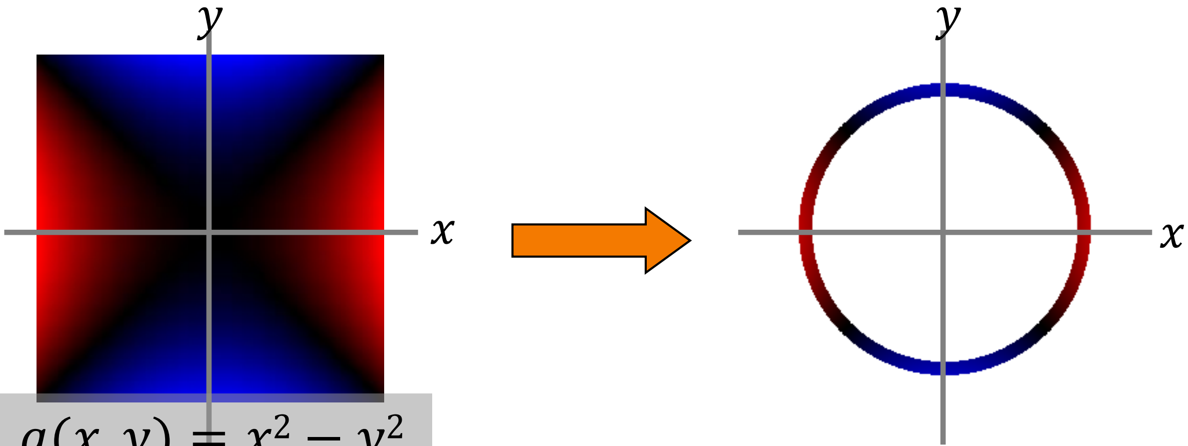
$$f_k(\theta) = e^{ik\theta}$$

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:

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



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Polynomials

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

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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:

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

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

$$R^{-1}(x,y) = (ax+cy, bx+dy)$$

Polynomials

$$\big(\rho_R(q)\big)(x,y) = q(ax+cy, bx+dy)$$

⇒ The rotation acts on the polynomial:

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

by sending it to:

$$\big(\rho_R(q)\big)(x,y) = \sum_{j+k\leq d} a_{jk}\cdot \underbrace{(ax+cy)}_{\text{Degree 1}}{}^j\cdot \underbrace{(bx+dy)}_{\text{Degree 1}}{}^k$$

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⇒ Since $j+k\le d$, the rotation of $q(x,y)$ by R is also 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:

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

⇒ The space of functions obtained by restricting polynomials of degree d to the unit circle is a sub-representation.

Polynomials

We can repeat the argument for restrictions of homogenous polynomials:

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

$$\Updownarrow$$

$$\big(\rho_R(q)\big)(x,y) = \sum_{j+k=d} a_{jk} \cdot (ax+cy)^j \cdot (bx+dy)^k$$

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⇒ The space of functions obtained by restricting homogenous polynomials of degree d to the unit circle is a sub-representation.

Homogenous Polynomials

How small are these sub-representations?

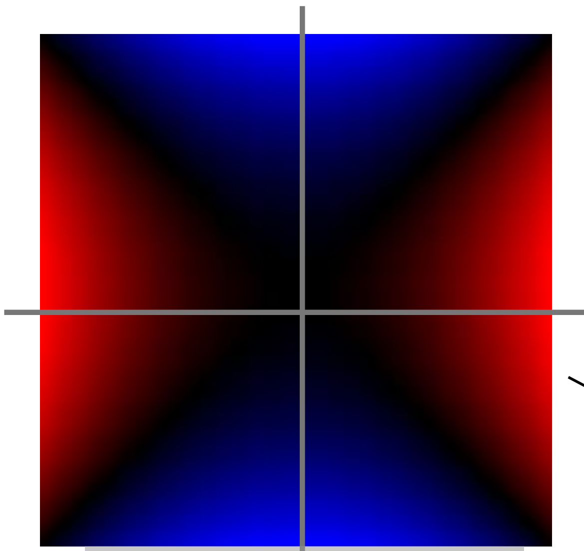
The space of homogenous polynomials of degree d in two variables is $(d + 1)$-dimensional.

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.



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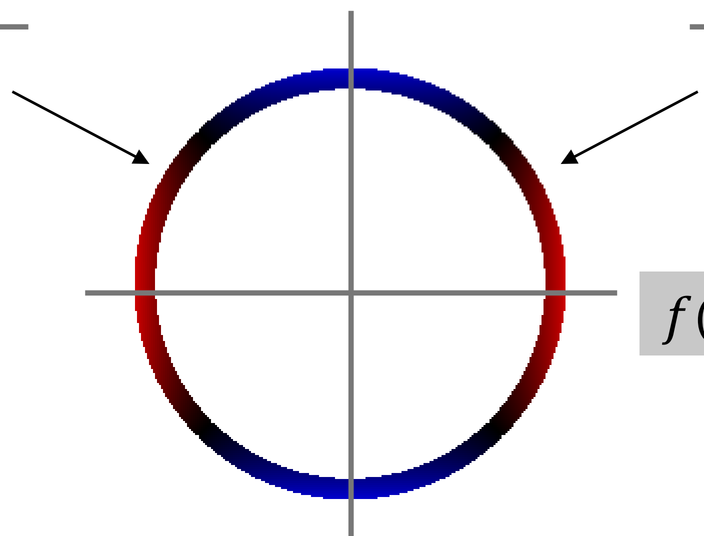

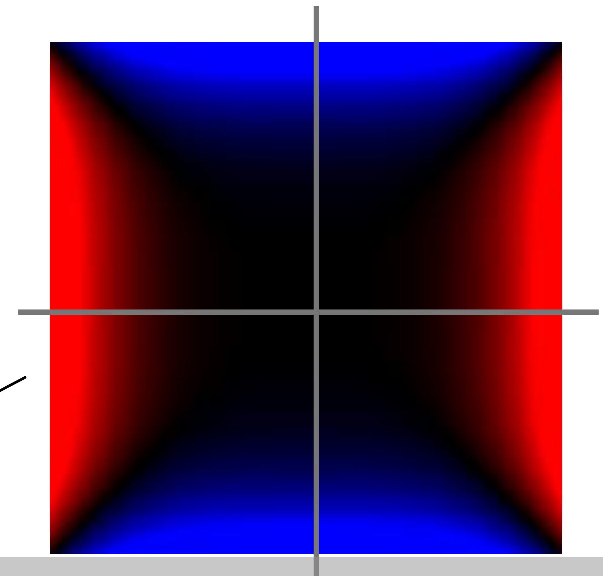

$f(x,y) = (x^2 - y^2)(x^2 + y^2)$

Homogenous Polynomials

Note that every point (x, y) on the circle satisfies:

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

$\Rightarrow$ 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

Example:

- $d = 0$:

  $HP^d(x, y)$ is spanned by $\{1\}$ so the restriction is the space of constant functions.

Homogenous Polynomials

Example:

- $d = 1$:

  $HP^d(x, y)$ 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 angle θ:

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

  this gives the space of functions of the form:

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

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 angle, this gives the space of 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:

- $d = 2$:

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

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:

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

Homogenous Polynomials

Example:

- $d = 2$:

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

$$\Updownarrow$$

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

$$\Updownarrow$$

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

$$\Updownarrow$$

$$a = -c$$

Homogenous Polynomials

Example:

- $d = 2$:

  Homogenous polynomials of degree two 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:

  $$c = -a$$

  $\Rightarrow$ A basis for the sub-representation is:

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

  $$\Updownarrow$$

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

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 "remove" the degree $d - 2$ polynomials.

  Thus, the final dimension of the sub-representation is:
  $$\dim\left[HP^{d}(x, y)\right] - \dim[HP^{d-2}(x, y) = (d + 1) - (d - 1)$$
  $$= 2$$

Homogenous Polynomials

<u>Example</u>:

- $d \geq 2$:

  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

<u>Note</u>:

These sub-representations are not irreducible.

By Schur's lemma, the irreducible representations are all one-dimensional and for $d > 0$, we are getting two-dimensional sub-representations.

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

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

These two-dimensional representations are irreducible representations for the group of orthogonal transformations (i.e. rotations <u>and reflections</u>).

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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 with circular functions, we consider spherical functions 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:

$$\big(\rho_R(q)\big)(x, y, z) =$$

$$= \sum_{j+k+l=d} a_{jkl} \cdot (ax + dy + gz)^j \cdot (bx + ey + hz)^k \cdot (cx + fy + iz)^l$$

Again, rotations fix the space of 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 $q(x,y,z) \cdot \left(x^2+y^2+z^2\right) \in HP^{d+2}(x,y,z)$ will have the same restriction to the unit sphere.

Homogenous Polynomials

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

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