



FFTs in Graphics and Vision

Characters of Representations

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Math Review

Notation:

Given vector spaces V and W , we define $V \oplus W$ to be the direct sum of the vector spaces:

$$V \oplus W = \{(v, w) | v \in V \text{ and } w \in W\}$$

Given linear maps $\mathcal{L}: V \rightarrow V$ and $\mathcal{M}: W \rightarrow W$, we define $\mathcal{L} \oplus \mathcal{M}$ to be the map:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} \oplus \mathcal{M}: V \oplus W &\rightarrow V \oplus W \\ (v, w) &\mapsto (\mathcal{L}(v), \mathcal{M}(w)) \end{aligned}$$



Math Review

Definition:

Given a matrix $\mathbf{M} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$, the *trace* of \mathbf{M} is the sum of the diagonal entries:

$$\text{Tr}(\mathbf{M}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{M}_{ii}$$



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Properties:

1. $\text{Tr}(a \cdot \mathbf{M}) = a \cdot \text{Tr}(\mathbf{M})$

2. $\text{Tr}(\mathbf{M}) = \text{Tr}(\mathbf{M}^t)$

3. $\text{Tr}(\overline{\mathbf{M}}) = \overline{\text{Tr}(\mathbf{M})}$

4. If \mathbf{M} is a unitary matrix, then:

$$\text{Tr}(\mathbf{M}^{-1}) = \text{Tr}(\overline{\mathbf{M}^t}) = \overline{\text{Tr}(\mathbf{M})}$$

5. $\text{Tr}(\mathbf{M}) = \text{Tr}(\mathbf{N}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{N}) \quad \forall \mathbf{N} \in GL(n)$



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Properties:

If $\mathcal{L}: V \rightarrow V$ is a linear transformation, $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ is a basis for V , and $\mathbf{M} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ is the representation of \mathcal{L} in the basis, then the trace of \mathbf{M} is independent of the choice of basis.

\Rightarrow The “trace of a linear operator” is well-defined without a matrix representation.



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Properties:

Given vector spaces V and W and linear maps $\mathcal{L}: V \rightarrow V$ and $\mathcal{M}: W \rightarrow W$ we have:

$$\text{Tr}(\mathcal{L} \oplus \mathcal{M}) = \text{Tr}(\mathcal{L}) + \text{Tr}(\mathcal{M})$$



Math Review

Notation:

Given the space of n -dimensional vectors, we denote by $\mathbf{e}^i \in \mathbb{C}^n$ the vector with a “1” in the i -th entry and “0” everywhere else:

$$\mathbf{e}_j^i = \delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Given the space of $n \times n$ matrices, we denote by $\mathbf{E}^{ij} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ the matrix with “1” in the i -th column and j -th row and “0” everywhere else:

$$\mathbf{E}_{ab}^{ij} = \delta_{ia} \cdot \delta_{jb}$$



Math Review

Notation:

Given a matrix $\mathbf{N} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{E}^{ij} \cdot \mathbf{N})_{ab} &= \sum_{c=0}^n \mathbf{E}_{cb}^{ij} \cdot \mathbf{N}_{ac} \\ &= \sum_{c=0}^n \delta_{ic} \cdot \delta_{jb} \cdot \mathbf{N}_{ac} \\ &= \delta_{jb} \cdot \mathbf{N}_{ai} \end{aligned}$$

This is the matrix whose j -th row contains the i -th row of \mathbf{N} .



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Notation:

Given matrices $\mathbf{M}, \mathbf{N} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{E}^{ij} \cdot \mathbf{N})_{ab} &= \sum_{c=0}^n \mathbf{M}_{cb} \cdot (\mathbf{E}^{ij} \cdot \mathbf{N})_{ac} \\ &= \sum_{c=0}^n \mathbf{M}_{cb} \cdot \delta_{jc} \cdot \mathbf{N}_{ai} \\ &= \mathbf{M}_{jb} \cdot \mathbf{N}_{ai} \end{aligned}$$

This is the matrix whose (a, b) -th entry is the product of the (j, b) -th entry of \mathbf{M} and the (a, i) -th entry of \mathbf{N} .



Functions on Groups

Note:

Given a representation (ρ, V) and given a basis $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ we can represent each ρ_g as a matrix $\mathbf{M}^\rho(g)$, with coefficients that are functions:

$$\mathbf{M}_{ij}^\rho: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

Since $\mathbf{M}^\rho(g)$ is unitary, we have:

$$\mathbf{M}^\rho(g^{-1}) = (\mathbf{M}^\rho(g))^{-1} = \overline{(\mathbf{M}^\rho(g))^t}$$



Functions on Groups

Notation:

Given the space of complex-valued functions on G , we can define a scalar product on this space by setting:

$$\langle \phi, \psi \rangle = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \phi(g) \cdot \overline{\psi(g)}$$

for any functions $\phi, \psi: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$.



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Definition:

Given representations (ρ_1, V) and (ρ_2, W) of a group G , a linear map $\mathcal{L}: V \rightarrow W$ is G -linear if:

$$\rho_2(g) \circ \mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L} \circ \rho_1(g) \quad \forall g \in G$$



$$\mathcal{L} = \rho_2(g^{-1}) \circ \mathcal{L} \circ \rho_1(g) \quad \forall g \in G$$



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Schur's Lemma:

Given irreducible representations (ρ_1, V) and (ρ_2, W) of a group G , if $\mathcal{L}: V \rightarrow W$ is G -linear then:

1. If ρ_1 and ρ_2 are not isomorphic, then $\mathcal{L} = 0$.
2. If $V = W$ and $\rho_1 = \rho_2$, then $\mathcal{L} = \lambda \cdot \text{Id}$.



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Maschke's Theorem:

If W is a sub-representation of V , then the space W^\perp will also be a sub-representation of V .

Corollary:

Given a representation (ρ, V) we can decompose V into a direct-sum of irreducible representations:

$$V = \bigoplus_i V_i$$

Note that an irreducible representation may occur with multiplicity (i.e. V_i may be isomorphic to V_j).

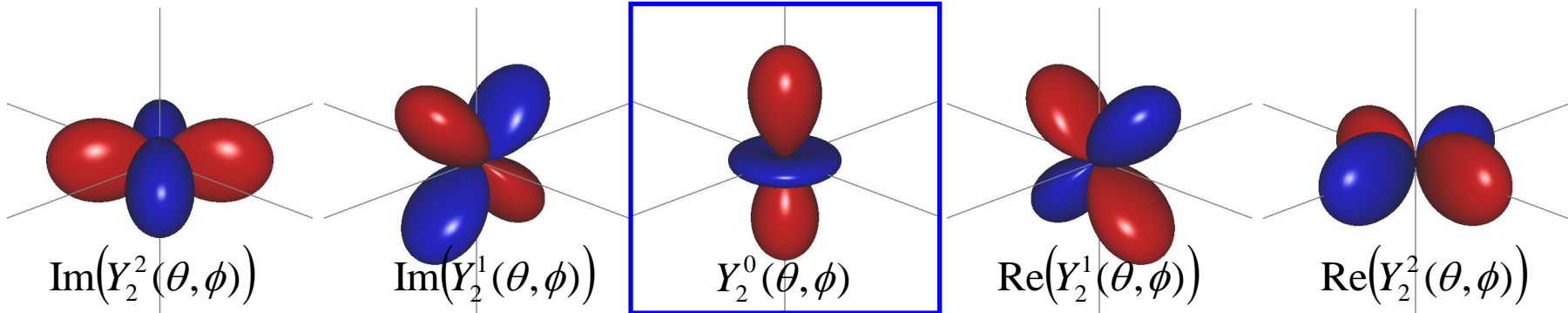


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Recall:

Convolving with the l -th zonal harmonic is the same as scaling the l -th spherical frequency:

$$\langle \rho_{R(\theta, \phi)}(Y_l^0), \overline{Y_{l'}^m}, \rangle = \delta_{l, l'} \cdot \lambda_l \cdot Y_l^m$$



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G -Linear Maps by Averaging

Given representations (ρ_1, V) and (ρ_2, W) of a group G , and given a linear map $\mathcal{L}: V \rightarrow W$, we can construct a G -linear map \mathcal{L}^0 by averaging:

$$\mathcal{L}^0 = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \rho_2(g^{-1}) \circ \mathcal{L} \circ \rho_1(g)$$



G -Linear Maps by Averaging

Proof:

For any $h \in G$ we have:

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_2(h^{-1}) \circ \mathcal{L}^0 \circ \rho_1(h) &= \rho_2(h^{-1}) \circ \left(\frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \rho_2(g^{-1}) \circ \mathcal{L} \circ \rho_1(g) \right) \circ \rho_1(h) \\&= \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \rho_2(h^{-1} \cdot g^{-1}) \circ \mathcal{L} \circ \rho_1(g \cdot h) \\&= \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \rho_2((g \cdot h)^{-1}) \circ \mathcal{L} \circ \rho_1(g \cdot h) \\&= \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in Gh} \rho_2(g^{-1}) \circ \mathcal{L} \circ \rho_1(g) \\&= \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \rho_2(g^{-1}) \circ \mathcal{L} \circ \rho_1(g) \\&= \mathcal{L}^0\end{aligned}$$



G -Linear Maps by Averaging

$$\mathcal{L}^0 = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \rho_2(g^{-1}) \circ \mathcal{L} \circ \rho_1(g)$$

By Schur's Lemma:

1. If ρ_1 and ρ_2 are not isomorphic, then $\mathcal{L}^0 = 0$.
2. If $V = W$ and $\rho_1 = \rho_2$, then $\mathcal{L}^0 = \lambda \cdot \text{Id.}$

Taking the trace:

$$\text{Tr}(\mathcal{L}^0) = \text{Tr}\left(\frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \rho_1(g^{-1}) \circ \mathcal{L} \circ \rho_1(g)\right)$$

$$\text{Tr}(\lambda \cdot \text{Id.}) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \text{Tr}(\rho_1^{-1}(g) \circ \mathcal{L} \circ \rho_1(g))$$

$$\lambda \cdot \text{Tr}(\text{Id.}) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \text{Tr}(\mathcal{L})$$

$$\lambda \cdot \dim(V) = \text{Tr}(\mathcal{L})$$



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Coefficient Orthogonality

$$\mathcal{L}^0 = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \rho_2(g^{-1}) \circ \mathcal{L} \circ \rho_1(g)$$

Choosing a basis and taking $\mathcal{L} = \mathbf{E}^{ij}$ we get:

1. If ρ_1 and ρ_2 are not isomorphic, then $\mathcal{L}^0 = 0$:

$$0 = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \rho_2(g^{-1}) \circ \mathbf{E}^{ij} \circ \rho_1(g)$$

\Downarrow

$$\begin{aligned} (0)_{ab} &= \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \mathbf{M}_{ai}^{\rho_1}(g) \cdot \mathbf{M}_{jb}^{\rho_2}(g^{-1}) \\ &= \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \mathbf{M}_{ai}^{\rho_1}(g) \cdot \overline{\mathbf{M}_{bj}^{\rho_2}(g)} \end{aligned}$$

\Updownarrow

$$0 = \langle \mathbf{M}_{ai}^{\rho_1}, \mathbf{M}_{bj}^{\rho_2} \rangle$$



Coefficient Orthogonality

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Choosing a basis and taking $\mathcal{L} = \mathbf{E}^{ij}$ we get:

2. If $V = W$ and $\rho_1 = \rho_2$, then $\mathcal{L}^0 = \frac{\text{Tr}(\mathbf{E}^{ij})}{\dim(V)} \cdot \text{Id.}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\text{Tr}(\mathbf{E}^{ij})}{\dim(V)} \cdot \text{Id.} &= \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \rho(g^{-1}) \circ \mathbf{E}^{ij} \circ \rho(g) \\ &\Downarrow \\ \left(\frac{\delta_{ij}}{\dim(V)} \cdot \text{Id.} \right)_{ab} &= \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \mathbf{M}_{ai}^\rho(g) \cdot \overline{\mathbf{M}_{bj}^\rho(g)} \\ &\Updownarrow \\ \frac{\delta_{ij} \cdot \delta_{ab}}{\dim(V)} &= \langle \mathbf{M}_{ai}^\rho, \mathbf{M}_{bj}^\rho \rangle \end{aligned}$$



Characters

Definition:

Given a representation (ρ, V) of a group G , the *character of the representation* is a map:

$$\begin{aligned}\chi_\rho: G &\rightarrow \mathbb{C} \\ g &\mapsto \text{Tr}(\rho_g)\end{aligned}$$



Characters

Claim:

1. If $\chi_1, \chi_2: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ are the characters of two non-isomorphic irreducible representations (ρ_1, V_1) and (ρ_2, V_2) then:

$$\langle \chi_1, \chi_2 \rangle = 0$$

2. If $\chi: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is the character of an irreducible representation (ρ, V) then:

$$\langle \chi, \chi \rangle = 1$$



Characters

$$0 = \langle \mathbf{M}_{ai}^{\rho_1}, \mathbf{M}_{bj}^{\rho_2} \rangle$$

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$$\langle \chi_1, \chi_2 \rangle = 0$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \chi_1, \chi_2 \rangle &= \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} \mathbf{M}_{ii}^{\rho_1}, \sum_{j=1}^{n_2} \mathbf{M}_{jj}^{\rho_2} \right\rangle \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} \sum_{j=1}^{n_2} \langle \mathbf{M}_{ii}^{\rho_1}, \mathbf{M}_{jj}^{\rho_2} \rangle \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\frac{\delta_{ij} \cdot \delta_{ab}}{\dim(V)} = \langle \mathbf{M}_{ai}^\rho, \mathbf{M}_{bj}^\rho \rangle$$



2. If $\chi: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is the character of an irreducible representation (ρ, V) then:

$$\langle \chi, \chi \rangle = 1$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \chi, \chi \rangle &= \sum_{i,j=1}^n \langle \mathbf{M}_{ii}^\rho, \mathbf{M}_{jj}^\rho \rangle \\ &= \sum_{i,j=1}^n \frac{\delta_{ij} \cdot \delta_{ij}}{\dim(V)} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\dim(V)} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$



Characters

Implications:

Given a representation (ρ, V) of a group G and given some irreducible representation (ρ', V') we would like to know “how many times” the irreducible representation ρ' occurs in ρ .



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Implications:

How many times does ρ' occurs in ρ ?

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \bigoplus_i V_i \\ &\Downarrow \\ \chi_\rho &= \sum_i \chi_{\rho_i} \\ &\Downarrow \\ \langle \chi_\rho, \chi_{\rho'} \rangle &= \sum_i \langle \chi_{\rho_i}, \chi_{\rho'} \rangle \\ &= \sum_i \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (\rho_i, V_i) \approx (\rho', V') \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$



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Example:

We know that if G is the group of 2D rotations, $G = SO(2)$, and V is the space of functions on a circle, we have:

$$V = \bigoplus_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} V_k$$

where V_k is the 1D space of functions spanned by the complex exponentials:

$$V_k = \text{Span}\{e^{ik\theta}\}$$



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Example:

Using the fact that $\{e^{ik\theta}\}$ is a basis for V_k , we can express $\rho_k(g)$ as a matrix with respect to this basis. (In this case, a 1×1 matrix.)

Denoting by g_ϕ the rotation by ϕ degrees, we get:

$$\rho_k(g_\phi) = (e^{-ik\phi})$$

So the character of this representation is:

$$\chi_{\rho_k}(g_\phi) = \text{Tr}(e^{-ik\phi}) = e^{-ik\phi}$$



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Example:

We know that if G is the group of 3D rotations, $G = SO(3)$, and V is the space of functions on a circle, we have:

$$V = \bigoplus_{l=0}^{\infty} V_l$$

where V_l is the $(2l + 1)$ -dimensional space of functions spanned by the spherical harmonics:

$$V_l = \text{Span}\{Y_l^{-l}, \dots, Y_l^l\}$$



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Example:

Using the spherical harmonic basis we get:

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_l(R) \left[\sum_{m=-l}^m \mathbf{a}_{lm} Y_l^m \right] &= \sum_{m=-l}^m \mathbf{a}_{lm} \sum_{m'=-l}^l \langle R(Y_l^m), Y_l^{m'} \rangle \cdot Y_l^{m'} \\ &= \sum_{m=-l}^m \mathbf{a}_{lm} \sum_{m'=-l}^l D_l^{m,m'}(R) \cdot Y_l^{m'}\end{aligned}$$

So the character of this representation is:

$$\chi_{\rho_l}(R) = \text{Tr} \begin{pmatrix} D_l^{-l,-l}(R) & \cdots & D_l^{-l,l}(R) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ D_l^{l,-l}(R) & \cdots & D_l^{l,l}(R) \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{m=-l}^l D_l^{m,m}(R)$$



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Application:

$$\langle \rho_{R(\theta, \phi)}(Y_l^0), \overline{Y_l^m} \rangle = \lambda_l \cdot Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)$$

What is λ_l ?



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$$\langle \rho_{R(\theta, \phi)}(Y_l^0), \overline{Y_l^m} \rangle = \lambda_l \cdot Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)$$

Since Y_l^0 is real-valued, we can re-write this as:

$$\langle Y_l^m, \rho_{R(\theta, \phi)}(Y_l^0) \rangle = \lambda_l \cdot Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)$$



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$$\langle Y_l^m, \rho_{R(\theta, \phi)}(Y_l^0) \rangle = \lambda_l \cdot Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)$$

Recall that:

$$\frac{\delta_{ij} \cdot \delta_{ab}}{\dim(V_l)} = \langle \mathbf{M}_{ai}^{\rho_l}, \mathbf{M}_{bj}^{\rho_l} \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{M}_{mm'}^{\rho_l}(R) = \langle R(Y_l^m), Y_l^{m'} \rangle$$

Setting $i, j = 0$, $a, b = m$, and writing the dot-product as an integral:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2l+1} &= \langle \mathbf{M}_{m0}^{\rho_l}, \mathbf{M}_{m0}^{\rho_l} \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{|SO(3)|} \int_{R \in SO(3)} \overline{\langle R(Y_l^m), Y_l^0 \rangle} \cdot \langle R(Y_l^m), Y_l^0 \rangle dR \end{aligned}$$



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$$\langle Y_l^m, \rho_{R(\theta, \phi)}(Y_l^0) \rangle = \lambda_l \cdot Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)$$

Since rotations are orthogonal:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2l+1} &= \frac{1}{|SO(3)|} \int_{R \in SO(3)} \overline{\langle R(Y_l^m), Y_l^0 \rangle} \cdot \langle R(Y_l^m), Y_l^0 \rangle dR \\ &= \frac{1}{|SO(3)|} \int_{R \in SO(3)} \overline{\langle Y_l^m, R^{-1}(Y_l^0) \rangle} \cdot \langle Y_l^m, R^{-1}(Y_l^0) \rangle dR \\ &= \frac{1}{|SO(3)|} \int_{R \in SO(3)} \overline{\langle Y_l^m, R(Y_l^0) \rangle} \cdot \langle Y_l^m, R(Y_l^0) \rangle dR \end{aligned}$$



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$$\langle Y_l^m, \rho_{R(\theta, \phi)}(Y_l^0) \rangle = \lambda_l \cdot Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)$$

Factoring the integral we get:

$$\frac{1}{2l+1} = \frac{1}{|SO(3)|} \int_{R \in SO(3)} \overline{\langle Y_l^m, R(Y_l^0) \rangle} \cdot \langle Y_l^m, R(Y_l^0) \rangle dR$$

\Downarrow

$$\frac{1}{2l+1} = \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \int_0^{2\pi} \overline{\langle Y_l^m, R_{\theta, \phi, \psi}(Y_l^0) \rangle} \cdot \langle Y_l^m, R_{\theta, \phi, \psi}(Y_l^0) \rangle d\psi \sin(\phi) d\phi d\theta$$



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$$\langle Y_l^m, \rho_{R(\theta, \phi)}(Y_l^0) \rangle = \lambda_l \cdot Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)$$

Using the invariance of the zonal harmonics to rotations about the y -axis:

$$\frac{1}{2l+1} = \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \int_0^{2\pi} \overline{\langle Y_l^m, R_{\theta, \phi, \psi}(Y_l^0) \rangle} \cdot \langle Y_l^m, R_{\theta, \phi, \psi}(Y_l^0) \rangle d\psi \sin(\phi) d\phi d\theta$$

\Downarrow

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$$\langle Y_l^m, \rho_{R(\theta, \phi)}(Y_l^0) \rangle = \lambda_l \cdot Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)$$

Since the integrand is independent of ψ :

$$\frac{1}{2l+1} = \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \int_0^{2\pi} \overline{\langle Y_l^m, R_{\theta, \phi}(Y_l^0) \rangle} \cdot \langle Y_l^m, R_{\theta, \phi}(Y_l^0) \rangle d\psi \sin(\phi) d\phi d\theta$$

\Downarrow

$$\frac{1}{2l+1} = \frac{2\pi}{8\pi^2} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \overline{\langle Y_l^m, R_{\theta, \phi}(Y_l^0) \rangle} \cdot \langle Y_l^m, R_{\theta, \phi}(Y_l^0) \rangle \sin(\phi) d\phi d\theta$$



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$$\langle Y_l^m, \rho_{R(\theta, \phi)}(Y_l^0) \rangle = \lambda_l \cdot Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)$$

Plugging in the equation for zonal convolution:

$$\frac{1}{2l+1} = \frac{2\pi}{8\pi^2} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \overline{\langle Y_l^m, R_{\theta, \phi}(Y_l^0) \rangle} \cdot \langle Y_l^m, R_{\theta, \phi}(Y_l^0) \rangle \sin(\phi) d\phi d\theta$$

\Downarrow

$$\frac{1}{2l+1} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \overline{\lambda_l \cdot Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)} \cdot \lambda_l \cdot Y_l^m(\theta, \phi) \sin(\phi) d\phi d\theta$$

\Downarrow

$$\frac{4\pi}{2l+1} = \|\lambda_l\|^2$$

\Downarrow

$$\lambda_l = \zeta \cdot \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{2l+1}} \quad \text{with } \zeta \in \mathbb{C} \text{ and } \|\zeta\| = 1$$



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$$\lambda_l = \zeta \cdot \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{2l+1}} \quad \text{with } \zeta \in \mathbb{C} \text{ and } \|\zeta\| = 1$$

Taking $m = 0$ and $\theta, \phi = 0$, we get:

$$\langle Y_l^m, \rho_{R(\theta, \phi)}(Y_l^0) \rangle = \lambda_l \cdot Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)$$

\Downarrow

$$1 = \lambda_l \cdot Y_l^0(0,0)$$

Since the convention is for the zonal harmonics to be real and positive at the north pole:

$$\lambda_l = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{2l+1}}$$