

# MATH 46 WORKSHEET : Image (de)convolution in 1d

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[Hint: why is  $K\phi_0(x)$  indep. of  $x$ ? why is  $\lambda_0$  indep. of  $x$ ?]

B) Show that  $\phi_n(x) = \cos nx$ ,  $n=1,2,\dots$  is eigenfunc. of  $K$ , find its eigenvalue  $\lambda_n$ .  
[Hint: addition formula, even]

C) How do  $\lambda_n$  relate to Fourier cos coeffs  $k_n$  of aperture func  $k(s)$ ?

You could check that  $\sin nx$  is also eigenfunc. w/ same eigenval.  $\lambda_n$ .

Assume image is  $f(x) = \frac{A_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx]$

& after blurring  $Kf(x) = g(x) = \frac{A_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [A_n \cos nx + B_n \sin nx]$

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SOLUTIONS

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$$(K1)(x) = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} k(x-y) \cdot 1 \cdot dy \xrightarrow[\text{change var!}]{s=y-x} \int_{-\pi-x}^{\pi-x} k(-s) ds \xrightarrow[\text{periodicity \& even-symm}]{=} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} k(s) ds \quad \text{obviously const w.r.t. } x$$

so  $\lambda_0 =$  this const  $= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} k(s) ds$

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[Hint: addition formula, kernel]

$$(K\phi_n)(x) = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} k(x-y) \cos ny \, dy = \int_{-\pi-x}^{+\pi-x} k(-s) \cos n(s+x) \, ds \xrightarrow[\text{bring out}]{=} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} k(s) \cos ns \cos nx \, ds - \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} k(s) \sin ns \sin nx \, ds = \frac{\phi_n(x)}{\cos nx} \cdot \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} k(s) \cos ns \, ds \xrightarrow[\text{bring out}]{=} \lambda_n \phi_n(x)$$

periodic so can shift. limit to  $(-\pi, \pi]$ .

zero since  $k$  even symm

C) How do  $\lambda_n$  relate to Fourier cos coeffs  $k_n$  of aperture func  $k(s)$ ?  $\lambda_n = \pi k_n$

You could check that  $\sin nx$  is also eigenfunc. w/ same eigenval.  $\lambda_n$ . Since  $k_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} k(s) \cos ns \, ds$

Assume image is  $f(x) = \frac{A_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx]$  Euler-Fourier, or projection formula.

$k$  after blurring  $Kf(x) = g(x) = \frac{A_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [A_n \cos nx + B_n \sin nx]$

D) How are  $g$ 's Fourier coeffs related to those of  $f$ ?

Fourier basis = eigenbasis for  $K$ , so action of  $K$  is multiplication in this basis:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} A_0 &= \lambda_0 a_0 = \pi k_0 a_0 \\ \text{for } n=1,2,\dots \left\{ \begin{aligned} A_n &= \lambda_n a_n = \pi k_n a_n \\ B_n &= \lambda_n b_n = \pi k_n b_n \end{aligned} \right. \end{aligned} \right\} \text{ so Fourier coeffs get multiplied by } \pi \times \text{ Fourier coeffs of aperture func}$$

Such is the nature of convolution kernels. How would you invert  $g \rightarrow f$ , i.e. deconvolve? divide Fourier coeffs by  $\pi k_n$ .