

# Appendix A

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## Mathematical Complements

Important mathematical concepts are reviewed without proof. Sections A.1–A.5 present results of real and complex analysis, including properties of Hilbert spaces, bases and linear operators [58]. Random vectors and Dirac distributions are covered in the last two sections.

### A.1 Functions and Integration

Analog signals are modeled by measurable functions. We first give the main theorems of Lebesgue integration. A function  $f$  is said to be *integrable* if  $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |f(t)| dt < +\infty$ . The space of integrable functions is written  $\mathbf{L}^1(\mathbb{R})$ . Two functions  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are equal in  $\mathbf{L}^1(\mathbb{R})$  if

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |f_1(t) - f_2(t)| dt = 0.$$

This means that  $f_1(t)$  and  $f_2(t)$  can differ only on a set of points of measure 0. We say that they are *almost everywhere* equal.

The Fatou lemma gives an inequality when taking a limit under the Lebesgue integral of positive functions.

**Lemma A.1** (Fatou). *Let  $\{f_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a family of positive functions  $f_n(t) \geq 0$ . If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} f_n(t) = f(t)$  almost everywhere then*

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t) dt \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_n(t) dt.$$

The dominated convergence theorem supposes the existence of an integrable upper bound to obtain an equality when taking a limit under a Lebesgue integral.

**Theorem A.1** (Dominated Convergence). *Let  $\{f_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a family such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} f_n(t) = f(t)$  almost everywhere. If*

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \quad |f_n(t)| \leq g(t) \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} g(t) dt < +\infty \quad (\text{A.1})$$

*then  $f$  is integrable and*

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t) dt = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_n(t) dt.$$

The Fubini theorem gives a sufficient condition for inverting the order of integrals in multidimensional integrations.

**Theorem A.2** (Fubini). If  $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left( \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |f(x_1, x_2)| dx_1 \right) dx_2 < +\infty$  then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x_1, x_2) dx_1 dx_2 &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left( \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x_1, x_2) dx_1 \right) dx_2 \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left( \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x_1, x_2) dx_2 \right) dx_1 . \end{aligned}$$

**Convexity** A function  $f(t)$  is said to be *convex* if for all  $p_1, p_2 > 0$  with  $p_1 + p_2 = 1$  and all  $(t_1, t_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ,

$$f(p_1 t_1 + p_2 t_2) \leq p_1 f(t_1) + p_2 f(t_2) .$$

The function  $-f$  satisfies the reverse inequality and is said to be *concave*. If  $f$  is convex then the Jensen inequality generalizes this property for any  $p_k \geq 0$  with  $\sum_{k=1}^K p_k = 1$  and any  $t_k \in \mathbb{R}$ :

$$f \left( \sum_{k=1}^K p_k t_k \right) \leq \sum_{k=1}^K p_k f(t_k) . \quad (\text{A.2})$$

The following theorem relates the convexity to the sign of the second order derivative.

**Theorem A.3.** If  $f$  is twice differentiable, then  $f$  is convex if and only if  $f''(t) \geq 0$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

The notion of convexity also applies to sets  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ . This set is convex if for all  $p_1, p_2 > 0$  with  $p_1 + p_2 = 1$  and all  $(x_1, x_2) \in \Omega^2$ , then  $p_1 x_1 + p_2 x_2 \in \Omega$ . If  $\Omega$  is not convex then its convex hull is defined as the smallest convex set that includes  $\Omega$ .

## A.2 Banach and Hilbert Spaces

**Banach Space** Signals are often considered as vectors. To define a distance, we work within a vector space  $\mathbf{H}$  that admits a norm. A norm satisfies the following properties:

$$\forall f \in \mathbf{H} , \quad \|f\| \geq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \|f\| = 0 \Leftrightarrow f = 0, \quad (\text{A.3})$$

$$\forall \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \quad \|\lambda f\| = |\lambda| \|f\|, \quad (\text{A.4})$$

$$\forall f, g \in \mathbf{H} , \quad \|f + g\| \leq \|f\| + \|g\|. \quad (\text{A.5})$$

With such a norm, the convergence of  $\{f_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  to  $f$  in  $\mathbf{H}$  means that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} f_n = f \Leftrightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \|f_n - f\| = 0.$$

To guarantee that we remain in  $\mathbf{H}$  when taking such limits, we impose a completeness property, using the notion of *Cauchy sequences*. A sequence  $\{f_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a Cauchy sequence if for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , if  $n$  and  $p$  are large enough, then  $\|f_n - f_p\| < \varepsilon$ . The space  $\mathbf{H}$  is said to be *complete* if every Cauchy sequence in  $\mathbf{H}$  converges to an element of  $\mathbf{H}$ .

**Example A.1.** For any integer  $p \geq 1$  we define over discrete sequences  $f[n]$

$$\|f\|_p = \left( \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} |f[n]|^p \right)^{1/p} .$$

The space  $\ell^p = \{f : \|f\|_p < +\infty\}$  is a Banach space with the norm  $\|f\|_p$ .

**Example A.2.** The space  $\mathbf{L}^p(\mathbb{R})$  is composed of the measurable functions  $f$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  for which

$$\|f\|_p = \left( \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |f(t)|^p dt \right)^{1/p} < +\infty.$$

This integral defines a norm for  $p \geq 1$  and  $\mathbf{L}^p(\mathbb{R})$  is a Banach space, provided one identifies functions that are equal almost everywhere.

**Hilbert Space** Whenever possible, we work in a space that has an inner product to define angles and orthogonality. A *Hilbert space*  $\mathbf{H}$  is a Banach space with an inner product. The inner product of two vectors  $\langle f, g \rangle$  is linear with respect to its first argument:

$$\forall \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{C} \quad , \quad \langle \lambda_1 f_1 + \lambda_2 f_2, g \rangle = \lambda_1 \langle f_1, g \rangle + \lambda_2 \langle f_2, g \rangle. \quad (\text{A.6})$$

It has an Hermitian symmetry:

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \langle g, f \rangle^*.$$

Moreover

$$\langle f, f \rangle \geq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \langle f, f \rangle = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad f = 0.$$

One can verify that  $\|f\| = \langle f, f \rangle^{1/2}$  is a norm. The positivity (A.3) implies the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality:

$$|\langle f, g \rangle| \leq \|f\| \|g\|, \quad (\text{A.7})$$

which is an equality if and only if  $f$  and  $g$  are linearly dependent.

We write  $\mathbf{V}^\perp$  the orthogonal complement of a subspace  $\mathbf{V}$  of  $\mathbf{H}$ . All vectors of  $\mathbf{V}$  are orthogonal to all vectors of  $\mathbf{V}^\perp$  and  $\mathbf{V} \oplus \mathbf{V}^\perp = \mathbf{H}$ .

**Example A.3.** An inner product between discrete signals  $f[n]$  and  $g[n]$  can be defined by

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} f[n] g^*[n].$$

It corresponds to an  $\ell^2(\mathbb{Z})$  norm:

$$\|f\|^2 = \langle f, f \rangle = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} |f[n]|^2.$$

The space  $\ell^2(\mathbb{Z})$  of finite energy sequences is therefore a Hilbert space. The Cauchy-Schwarz inequality (A.7) proves that

$$\left| \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} f[n] g^*[n] \right| \leq \left( \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} |f[n]|^2 \right)^{1/2} \left( \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} |g[n]|^2 \right)^{1/2}.$$

**Example A.4.** Over analog signals  $f(t)$  and  $g(t)$ , an inner product can be defined by

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t) g^*(t) dt.$$

The resulting norm is

$$\|f\| = \left( \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |f(t)|^2 dt \right)^{1/2}.$$

The space  $\mathbf{L}^2(\mathbb{R})$  of finite energy functions is thus also a Hilbert space. In  $\mathbf{L}^2(\mathbb{R})$ , the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality (A.7) is

$$\left| \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t) g^*(t) dt \right| \leq \left( \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |f(t)|^2 dt \right)^{1/2} \left( \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |g(t)|^2 dt \right)^{1/2}.$$

Two functions  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are equal in  $\mathbf{L}^2(\mathbb{R})$  if

$$\|f_1 - f_2\|^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |f_1(t) - f_2(t)|^2 dt = 0,$$

which means that  $f_1(t) = f_2(t)$  for almost all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

### A.3 Bases of Hilbert Spaces

**Orthonormal Basis** A family  $\{e_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of a Hilbert space  $\mathbf{H}$  is orthogonal if for  $n \neq p$

$$\langle e_n, e_p \rangle = 0.$$

If for  $f \in \mathbf{H}$  there exists a sequence  $a[n]$  such that

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow +\infty} \left\| f - \sum_{n=0}^N a[n] e_n \right\| = 0,$$

then  $\{e_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is said to be an *orthogonal basis* of  $\mathbf{H}$ . The orthogonality implies that necessarily  $a[n] = \langle f, e_n \rangle / \|e_n\|^2$  and we write

$$f = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{\langle f, e_n \rangle}{\|e_n\|^2} e_n. \quad (\text{A.8})$$

A Hilbert space that admits an orthogonal basis is said to be *separable*.

The basis is *orthonormal* if  $\|e_n\| = 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Computing the inner product of  $g \in \mathbf{H}$  with each side of (A.8) yields a Parseval equation for orthonormal bases:

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \langle f, e_n \rangle \langle g, e_n \rangle^*. \quad (\text{A.9})$$

When  $g = f$ , we get an energy conservation called the *Plancherel formula*:

$$\|f\|^2 = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} |\langle f, e_n \rangle|^2. \quad (\text{A.10})$$

The Hilbert spaces  $\ell^2(\mathbb{Z})$  and  $\mathbf{L}^2(\mathbb{R})$  are separable. For example, the family of translated Diracs  $\{e_n[k] = \delta[k - n]\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $\ell^2(\mathbb{Z})$ . Chapter 7 and Chapter 8 construct orthonormal bases of  $\mathbf{L}^2(\mathbb{R})$  with wavelets, wavelet packets and local cosine functions.

**Riesz Bases** In an infinite dimensional space, if we loosen up the orthogonality requirement, we must still impose a partial energy equivalence to guarantee the stability of the basis. A family of vectors  $\{e_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is said to be a *Riesz basis* of  $\mathbf{H}$  if it is linearly independent and if there exist  $B \geq A > 0$  such that

$$\forall f \in \mathbf{H}, \quad A \|f\|^2 \leq \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} |\langle f, e_n \rangle|^2 \leq B \|f\|^2. \quad (\text{A.11})$$

Section 5.1.2 proves that there exists a unique dual basis  $\{\tilde{e}_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  characterized by biorthogonality relations

$$\forall (n, p) \in \mathbb{N}^2, \quad \langle e_n, \tilde{e}_p \rangle = \delta[n - p], \quad (\text{A.12})$$

and which satisfies

$$\forall f \in \mathbf{H}, \quad f = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \langle f, \tilde{e}_n \rangle e_n = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \langle f, e_n \rangle \tilde{e}_n.$$

### A.4 Linear Operators

Classical signal processing algorithms are mostly based on linear operators. An operator  $U$  from a Hilbert space  $\mathbf{H}_1$  to another Hilbert space  $\mathbf{H}_2$  is linear if

$$\forall \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{C}, \quad \forall f_1, f_2 \in \mathbf{H}_1, \quad U(\lambda_1 f_1 + \lambda_2 f_2) = \lambda_1 U(f_1) + \lambda_2 U(f_2).$$

The null space and image spaces of  $U$  are defined by

$$\mathbf{Null}U = \{h \in \mathbf{H}_1 : Uh = 0\} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{Im}U = \{g \in \mathbf{H}_2 : \exists h \in \mathbf{H}_1, g = Uh\}.$$

**Sup Norm** The sup operator norm of  $U$  is defined by

$$\|U\|_S = \sup_{f \in \mathbf{H}_1} \frac{\|Uf\|}{\|f\|}. \quad (\text{A.13})$$

If this norm is finite, then  $U$  is continuous. Indeed,  $\|Uf - Ug\|$  becomes arbitrarily small if  $\|f - g\|$  is sufficiently small.

**Adjoint** The *adjoint* of  $U$  is the operator  $U^*$  from  $\mathbf{H}_2$  to  $\mathbf{H}_1$  such that for any  $f \in \mathbf{H}_1$  and  $g \in \mathbf{H}_2$

$$\langle Uf, g \rangle = \langle f, U^*g \rangle.$$

The null and image spaces of adjoint operators are orthogonal complement:

$$\text{Null}U = (\text{Im}U^*)^\perp \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Im}U = (\text{Null}U^*)^\perp.$$

When  $U$  is defined from  $\mathbf{H}$  into itself, it is *self-adjoint* if  $U = U^*$ . It is also said to be *symmetric*. A non-zero vector  $f \in \mathbf{H}$  is called an *eigenvector* if there exists an *eigenvalue*  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  such that

$$Uf = \lambda f.$$

In a finite dimensional Hilbert space (Euclidean space), a self-adjoint operator is always diagonalized by an orthogonal basis  $\{e_n\}_{0 \leq n < N}$  of eigenvectors

$$Ue_n = \lambda_n e_n.$$

When  $U$  is self-adjoint the eigenvalues  $\lambda_n$  are real. For any  $f \in \mathbf{H}$ ,

$$Uf = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \langle Uf, e_n \rangle e_n = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \lambda_n \langle f, e_n \rangle e_n.$$

For any  $U$ , the operators  $U^*U$  and  $UU^*$  are self-adjoint and have the same eigenvalues. These eigenvalues are called *singular values* of  $U$ .

In an infinite dimensional Hilbert space, the eigenvalues of symmetric operators are generalized by introducing the spectrum of the operator.

**Orthogonal Projector** Let  $\mathbf{V}$  be a subspace of  $\mathbf{H}$ . A *projector*  $P_{\mathbf{V}}$  on  $\mathbf{V}$  is a linear operator that satisfies

$$\forall f \in \mathbf{H}, P_{\mathbf{V}}f \in \mathbf{V} \quad \text{and} \quad \forall f \in \mathbf{V}, P_{\mathbf{V}}f = f.$$

The projector  $P_{\mathbf{V}}$  is *orthogonal* if

$$\forall f \in \mathbf{H}, \forall g \in \mathbf{V}, \langle f - P_{\mathbf{V}}f, g \rangle = 0.$$

The following properties are often used.

**Theorem A.4.** *If  $P_{\mathbf{V}}$  is a projector on  $\mathbf{V}$  then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i)  $P_{\mathbf{V}}$  is orthogonal.
- (ii)  $P_{\mathbf{V}}$  is self-adjoint.
- (iii)  $\|P_{\mathbf{V}}\|_S = 1$ .
- (iv)  $\forall f \in \mathbf{H}, \|f - P_{\mathbf{V}}f\| = \min_{g \in \mathbf{V}} \|f - g\|$ .
- (v) If  $\{e_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is an orthogonal basis of  $\mathbf{V}$  then

$$P_{\mathbf{V}}f = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{\langle f, e_n \rangle}{\|e_n\|^2} e_n. \quad (\text{A.14})$$

- (vi) If  $\{e_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  and  $\{\tilde{e}_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  are biorthogonal Riesz bases of  $\mathbf{V}$  then

$$P_{\mathbf{V}}f = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \langle f, e_n \rangle \tilde{e}_n = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \langle f, \tilde{e}_n \rangle e_n. \quad (\text{A.15})$$

**Limit and Density Argument** Let  $\{U_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of linear operators from  $\mathbf{H}$  to  $\mathbf{H}$ . Such a sequence *converges weakly* to a linear operator  $U_\infty$  if

$$\forall f \in \mathbf{H} \ , \ \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \|U_n f - U_\infty f\| = 0.$$

To find the limit of operators it is often preferable to work in a well chosen subspace  $\mathbf{V} \subset \mathbf{H}$  which is dense. A space  $\mathbf{V}$  is *dense* in  $\mathbf{H}$  if for any  $f \in \mathbf{H}$  there exist  $\{f_m\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$  with  $f_m \in \mathbf{V}$  such that

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} \|f - f_m\| = 0.$$

The following theorem justifies this approach.

**Theorem A.5** (Density). *Let  $\mathbf{V}$  be a dense subspace of  $\mathbf{H}$ . Suppose that there exists  $C$  such that  $\|U_n\|_S \leq C$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . If*

$$\forall f \in \mathbf{V} \ , \ \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \|U_n f - U_\infty f\| = 0 \ ,$$

then

$$\forall f \in \mathbf{H} \ , \ \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \|U_n f - U_\infty f\| = 0.$$

## A.5 Separable Spaces and Bases

**Tensor Product** Tensor products are used to extend spaces of one-dimensional signals into spaces of multiple dimensional signals. A tensor product  $f_1 \otimes f_2$  between vectors of two Hilbert spaces  $\mathbf{H}_1$  and  $\mathbf{H}_2$  satisfies the following properties:

*Linearity*

$$\forall \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \ , \ \lambda(f_1 \otimes f_2) = (\lambda f_1) \otimes f_2 = f_1 \otimes (\lambda f_2). \quad (\text{A.16})$$

*Distributivity*

$$(f_1 + g_1) \otimes (f_2 + g_2) = (f_1 \otimes f_2) + (f_1 \otimes g_2) + (g_1 \otimes f_2) + (g_1 \otimes g_2). \quad (\text{A.17})$$

This tensor product yields a new Hilbert space  $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{H}_1 \otimes \mathbf{H}_2$  that includes all vectors of the form  $f_1 \otimes f_2$  where  $f_1 \in \mathbf{H}_1$  and  $f_2 \in \mathbf{H}_2$ , as well as linear combinations of such vectors. An inner product in  $\mathbf{H}$  is derived from inner products in  $\mathbf{H}_1$  and  $\mathbf{H}_2$  by

$$\langle f_1 \otimes f_2, g_1 \otimes g_2 \rangle_{\mathbf{H}} = \langle f_1, g_1 \rangle_{\mathbf{H}_1} \langle f_2, g_2 \rangle_{\mathbf{H}_2}. \quad (\text{A.18})$$

**Separable Bases** The following theorem proves that orthonormal bases of tensor product spaces are obtained with separable products of two orthonormal bases. It provides a simple procedure for transforming bases for one-dimensional signals into separable bases for multidimensional signals.

**Theorem A.6.** *Let  $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{H}_1 \otimes \mathbf{H}_2$ . If  $\{e_n^1\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  and  $\{e_n^2\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  are two Riesz bases respectively of  $\mathbf{H}_1$  and  $\mathbf{H}_2$  then  $\{e_n^1 \otimes e_m^2\}_{(n,m) \in \mathbb{N}^2}$  is a Riesz basis of  $\mathbf{H}$ . If the two bases are orthonormal then the tensor product basis is also orthonormal.*

**Example A.5.** *A product of functions  $f \in \mathbf{L}^2(\mathbb{R})$  and  $g \in \mathbf{L}^2(\mathbb{R})$  defines a tensor product:*

$$f(x_1)g(x_2) = f \otimes g(x_1, x_2).$$

Let  $\mathbf{L}^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$  be the space of  $h(x_1, x_2)$  such that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |h(x_1, x_2)|^2 dx_1 dx_2 < +\infty.$$

One can verify that  $\mathbf{L}^2(\mathbb{R}^2) = \mathbf{L}^2(\mathbb{R}) \otimes \mathbf{L}^2(\mathbb{R})$ . Theorem A.6 proves that if  $\{\psi_n(t)\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbf{L}^2(\mathbb{R})$ , then  $\{\psi_{n_1}(x_1)\psi_{n_2}(x_2)\}_{(n_1, n_2) \in \mathbb{N}^2}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbf{L}^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$ .

**Example A.6.** A product of discrete signals  $f \in \ell^2(\mathbb{Z})$  and  $g \in \ell^2(\mathbb{Z})$  also defines a tensor product:

$$f[n_1]g[n_2] = f \otimes g[n_1, n_2].$$

The space  $\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}^2)$  of images  $h[n_1, n_2]$  such that

$$\sum_{n_1=-\infty}^{+\infty} \sum_{n_2=-\infty}^{+\infty} |h[n_1, n_2]|^2 < +\infty$$

is also decomposed as a tensor product  $\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}^2) = \ell^2(\mathbb{Z}) \otimes \ell^2(\mathbb{Z})$ . Orthonormal bases can thus be constructed with separable products.

## A.6 Random Vectors and Covariance Operators

A class of signals can be modeled by a random process (random vector) whose realizations are the signals in the class. Finite discrete signals  $f$  are represented by a random vector  $Y$ , where  $Y[n]$  is a random variable for each  $0 \leq n < N$ . For a review of elementary probability theory for signal processing, the reader may consult [52, 55].

**Covariance Operator** If  $p(x)$  is the probability density of a random variable  $X$ , the expected value is

$$\mathbf{E}\{X\} = \int x p(x) dx$$

and the variance is  $\sigma^2 = \mathbf{E}\{|X - \mathbf{E}\{X\}|^2\}$ . The covariance of two random variables  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  is

$$\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) = \mathbf{E}\left\{\left(X_1 - \mathbf{E}\{X_1\}\right)\left(X_2 - \mathbf{E}\{X_2\}\right)^*\right\}. \quad (\text{A.19})$$

The covariance matrix of a random vector  $Y$  is composed of the  $N^2$  covariance values

$$R_Y[n, m] = \text{Cov}\left(Y[n], Y[m]\right).$$

It defines the covariance operator  $K_Y$  which transforms any  $h[n]$  into

$$K_Y h[n] = \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} R_Y[n, m] h[m].$$

For any  $h$  and  $g$

$$\langle Y, h \rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} Y[n] h^*[n] \quad \text{and} \quad \langle Y, g \rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} Y[n] g^*[n]$$

are random variables and

$$\text{Cov}\left(\langle Y, h \rangle, \langle Y, g \rangle\right) = \langle K_Y g, h \rangle. \quad (\text{A.20})$$

The covariance operator thus specifies the covariance of linear combinations of the process values. If  $\mathbf{E}\{Y[n]\} = 0$  for all  $0 \leq n < N$  then  $\mathbf{E}\{\langle Y, h \rangle\} = 0$  for all  $h$ .

**Karhunen-Loève Basis** The covariance operator  $K_Y$  is self-adjoint because  $R_Y[n, m] = R_Y^*[m, n]$  and positive because

$$\langle K_Y h, h \rangle = \mathbf{E}\{|\langle Y, h \rangle - \mathbf{E}\{\langle Y, h \rangle\}|^2\} \geq 0. \quad (\text{A.21})$$

This guarantees the existence of an orthogonal basis  $\{e_k\}_{0 \leq k < N}$  that diagonalizes  $K_Y$ :

$$K_Y e_k = \sigma_k^2 e_k.$$

This basis is called a *Karhunen-Loève basis* of  $Y$ , and the vectors  $e_k$  are the *principal directions*. The eigenvalues are the variances

$$\sigma_k^2 = \langle K_Y e_k, e_k \rangle = \mathbf{E}\{|\langle Y, e_k \rangle - \mathbf{E}\{\langle Y, e_k \rangle\}|^2\}. \quad (\text{A.22})$$

**Wide-Sense Stationarity** We say that  $Y$  is *wide-sense stationary* if

$$\text{Cov}(Y[n], Y[m]) = R_Y[n, m] = R_Y[n - m]. \quad (\text{A.23})$$

The covariance between two points depends only on the distance between these points. The operator  $K_Y$  is then a convolution whose kernel  $R_Y[k]$  is defined for  $-N < k < N$ . A wide-sense stationary process is *circular stationary* if  $R_Y[n]$  is  $N$  periodic:

$$R_Y[n] = R_Y[N + n] \quad \text{for } -N \leq n \leq 0. \quad (\text{A.24})$$

This condition implies that a periodic extension of  $Y[n]$  on  $\mathbb{Z}$  remains wide-sense stationary on  $\mathbb{Z}$ . The covariance operator  $K_Y$  of a circular stationary process is a discrete circular convolution. Section 3.3.1 proves that the eigenvectors of circular convolutions are the discrete Fourier vectors

$$\left\{ e_k[n] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \exp\left(\frac{i2\pi kn}{N}\right) \right\}_{0 \leq k < N}.$$

The discrete Fourier basis is therefore the Karhunen-Loève basis of circular stationary processes. The eigenvalues (A.22) of  $K_Y$  are the discrete Fourier transform of  $R_Y$  and are called the *power spectrum*

$$\sigma_k^2 = \hat{R}_Y[k] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} R_Y[n] \exp\left(\frac{-i2k\pi n}{N}\right). \quad (\text{A.25})$$

The following theorem computes the power spectrum after a circular convolution.

**Theorem A.7.** *Let  $Z$  be a wide-sense circular stationary random vector. The random vector  $Y[n] = Z \otimes h[n]$  is also wide-sense circular stationary and its power spectrum is*

$$\hat{R}_Y[k] = \hat{R}_Z[k] |\hat{h}[k]|^2. \quad (\text{A.26})$$

## A.7 Diracs

Diracs are useful in making the transition from functions of a real variable to discrete sequences. Symbolic calculations with Diracs simplify computations, without worrying about convergence issues. This is justified by the theory of distributions [60, 63]. A Dirac  $\delta$  has a support reduced to  $t = 0$  and associates to any continuous function  $\phi$  its value at  $t = 0$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \delta(t) \phi(t) dt = \phi(0). \quad (\text{A.27})$$

**Weak Convergence** A Dirac can be obtained by squeezing an integrable function  $g$  such that  $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} g(t) dt = 1$ . Let  $g_s(t) = s^{-1}g(s^{-1}t)$ . For any continuous function  $\phi$

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} g_s(t) \phi(t) dt = \phi(0) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \delta(t) \phi(t) dt. \quad (\text{A.28})$$

A Dirac can thus formally be defined as the limit  $\delta = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} g_s$ , which must be understood in the sense of (A.28). This is called *weak convergence*. A Dirac is not a function since it is zero at  $t \neq 0$  although its “integral” is equal to 1. The integral at the right of (A.28) is only a symbolic notation which means that a Dirac applied to a continuous function  $\phi$  associates its value at  $t = 0$ .

General distributions are defined over the space  $\mathbf{C}_0^\infty$  of *test functions* which are infinitely continuously differentiable with a compact support. A distribution  $d$  is a linear form that associates to any  $\phi \in \mathbf{C}_0^\infty$  a value that is written  $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d(t)\phi(t)dt$ . It must also satisfy some weak continuity properties [60, 63] that we do not discuss here, and which are satisfied by a Dirac. Two distributions  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  are equal if

$$\forall \phi \in \mathbf{C}_0^\infty, \quad \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d_1(t) \phi(t) dt = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d_2(t) \phi(t) dt. \quad (\text{A.29})$$



**Symbolic Calculations** The symbolic integral over a Dirac is a useful notation because it has the same properties as a usual integral, including change of variables and integration by parts. A translated Dirac  $\delta_\tau(t) = \delta(t - \tau)$  has a mass concentrated at  $\tau$  and

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \phi(t) \delta(t - u) dt = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \phi(t) \delta(u - t) dt = \phi(u).$$

This means that  $\phi \star \delta(u) = \phi(u)$ . Similarly  $\phi \star \delta_\tau(u) = \phi(u - \tau)$ .

A Dirac can also be multiplied by a continuous function  $\phi$  and since  $\delta(t - \tau)$  is zero outside  $t = \tau$ , it follows that

$$\phi(t) \delta(t - \tau) = \phi(\tau) \delta(t - \tau).$$

The derivative of a Dirac is defined with an integration by parts. If  $\phi$  is continuously differentiable then

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \phi(t) \delta'(t) dt = - \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \phi'(t) \delta(t) dt = -\phi'(0).$$

The  $k^{\text{th}}$  derivative of  $\delta$  is similarly obtained with  $k$  integrations by parts. It is a distribution that associates to  $\phi \in \mathbf{C}^k$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \phi(t) \delta^{(k)}(t) dt = (-1)^k \phi^{(k)}(0).$$

The Fourier transform of  $\delta$  associates to any  $e^{-i\omega t}$  its value at  $t = 0$ :

$$\hat{\delta}(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \delta(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt = 1,$$

and after translation  $\hat{\delta}_\tau(\omega) = e^{-i\tau\omega}$ . The Fourier transform of the Dirac comb  $c(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} \delta(t - nT)$  is therefore  $\hat{c}(\omega) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-inT\omega}$ . The Poisson formula (2.4) proves that

$$\hat{c}(\omega) = \frac{2\pi}{T} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} \delta\left(\omega - \frac{2\pi k}{T}\right).$$

This distribution equality must be understood in the sense (A.29).