

TOPIC: HERMITIAN AND SYMMETRIC KERNEL

Hermitian kernel: A kernel is said to be Hermitian if it has a following properties,

$$K(y,x) = \overline{K(x,y)}$$

Where bar denotes complex conjugate.

Symmetric kernel: A kernel is said to be Symmetric if it has a property

$$K(y,x) = K(x,y)$$

Remark: It should be noted that a real Hermitian kernel is a symmetric kernel

Throrem: If eigen values for Hermitian kernel exist then they are real.

Proof: Consider the integral equation

$$\varnothing(x) = \lambda \int K(x, y) \varnothing(y) dy \quad \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

Where λ is the eigen value associated with kernel $K(x, y)$

$$\bar{\varnothing}(x) = \bar{\lambda} \int \bar{K}(x, y) \bar{\varnothing}(y) dy \quad \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

We have seen that,

$$\int |\varnothing(x)|^2 dx = \int \varnothing(x) \bar{\varnothing}(y) dy$$

Using this,

$$\int |\varnothing(x)|^2 dx = \int \lambda \int K(x, y) \varnothing(y) dy \bar{\varnothing}(x) dx$$

$$= \lambda \iint K(x, y) \phi(y) \bar{\phi}(x) dy dx \dots\dots\dots(3)$$

Also,

$$\int |\phi(x)|^2 dx = \int \bar{\lambda} \int \bar{K}(x, y) \bar{\phi}(y) dy \phi(x) dx$$

By changing order of integration,

$$\int |\phi(x)|^2 dx = \bar{\lambda} \iint K(x, y) \phi(x) \bar{\phi}(y) dx dy$$

.....(K is hermitian kernel)

Now, Interchanging x and y , we get

$$\int |\phi(x)|^2 dx = \bar{\lambda} \iint K(x, y) \phi(y) \bar{\phi}(x) dy dx \dots\dots\dots(4)$$

From (3) and (4),

We get,

$$\lambda \iint K(x, y) \varnothing(y) \bar{\varnothing}(x) dy dx = \bar{\lambda} \iint K(x, y) \varnothing(y) \bar{\varnothing}(x) dy dx$$

But , $\iint K(x, y) \varnothing(y) \bar{\varnothing}(x) dy dx \neq 0$

Theorefore, $\lambda = \bar{\lambda}$

λ is real.