

Hilbert - Schmidt Theory

If a function is Riemann integrable then it is also a Lebesgue integrable.

A function $f(x)$ is said to be square integrable if
$$\int_a^b |f(x)|^2 dx < \infty$$

A square integrable function $f(x)$ is also called an L_2 function or I_2 function.

Now the kernel $K(x, t)$ is regular and hence $K(x, t)$ is an L_2 -function if the following conditions are satisfied

(i)
$$\int_a^b \int_a^b |K(x, t)|^2 dx dt < \infty \quad a \leq x \leq b, a \leq t \leq b$$

(ii)
$$\int_a^b |K(x, t)|^2 dt < \infty \quad a \leq x \leq b$$

(iii)
$$\int_a^b |K(x, t)|^2 dx < \infty \quad a \leq t \leq b$$

Scalar product \rightarrow The scalar product of two functions $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ is denoted by symbol (f, g) and defined as

$$(f, g) = \int_a^b f(x) \bar{g}(x) dx$$

where bar denotes the complex conjugate

like if $z = x + iy$ then $\bar{z} = x - iy$

Norm of a function \rightarrow The norm of a complex function is the positive square root of the scalar product of the function by itself

$$\|f\| = \sqrt{(f, f)} = \left[\int_a^b f(x) \bar{f}(x) dx \right]^{1/2} = \left[\int_a^b |f(x)|^2 dx \right]^{1/2}$$

$\therefore z\bar{z} = |z|^2$

Orthogonal function \rightarrow Two functions $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ is said to be orthogonal if $(f, g) = 0$ i.e.

$$\int_a^b f(x) \bar{g}(x) dx = 0$$

Normalized function \rightarrow A function $f(x)$ is said to be normalized

$$\|f\| = \int_a^b |f(x)|^2 dx = 1$$