

Example (continued)

$$\left. \begin{aligned} (\cos nt, \cos mt) &= \int_0^{2\pi} \cos nt \cos mtdt = 0 \text{ if } m \neq n \\ (\sin nt, \sin mt) &= \int_0^{2\pi} \sin nt \sin mtdt = 0 \text{ if } m \neq n \\ (\cos nt, \sin mt) &= \int_0^{2\pi} \cos nt \sin mtdt = 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{Calc II} \\ \text{Trig} \\ \text{Integrals} \end{array}$$

We conclude that all these functions are mutually orthogonal! Let's normalize them:

$$\begin{aligned} \|1\|^2 &= \int_0^{2\pi} 1^2 dt = 2\pi \\ \|\cos nt\|^2 &= \int_0^{2\pi} \cos^2 ntdt = \dots = \pi = \|\sin nt\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

We conclude that

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}, \frac{\cos t}{\sqrt{\pi}}, \frac{\sin t}{\sqrt{\pi}}, \frac{\cos 2t}{\sqrt{\pi}}, \frac{\sin 2t}{\sqrt{\pi}}, \dots \right\}$$

is an orthonormal set in the space of functions on $[0, 2\pi]$.