

Oddtown problem: For each subset  $S_i$  of the town, we can create a 0/1 vector  $v_i$  of length  $n$ , where the  $j$ th entry of  $v_i$  is 1 if and only if  $j \in S_i$ . The oddtown rules can be expressed in terms of inner products of the vectors  $v_i$ . The rules state that  $v_i v_i = 1 \pmod{2}$  for all  $i$ , and  $v_i v_j = 0 \pmod{2}$  for all  $i \neq j$ . Then we can see that the vectors  $v_i$  are linearly independent. If the vectors  $v_i$  were linearly dependent, then there would be a non trivial linear combination  $\sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i v_i = 0$ . But this would imply that  $\sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i v_i v_i = 0$ , which contradicts the first rule. Therefore, the vectors  $v_i$  must be linearly independent. In the end the number of linearly independent vectors in  $F_2^n$  cannot exceed  $n$ . Therefore, the number of subsets in oddtown cannot exceed  $n$ . In other words, this shows that the maximum number of clubs in Oddtown is equal to the number of people in the town which is  $n$ .

Eventown problem: Let  $C = C_1, C_2, \dots, C_m$  be a family of subsets of  $[n] = 1, 2, \dots, n$  such that (i)  $C_i$  is even for all  $i$ , and (ii)  $C_i \cap C_j$  is even for all  $i \neq j$ . Let  $V$  be the vector space of all functions  $f: [n] \rightarrow 0, 1$ . For each  $i$ , define the vector  $v_i \in V$  by  $v_i(j) = 1$  if and only if  $j \in C_i$ . Then the condition (i) above is equivalent to the condition that  $v_i v_i = 0$  for all  $i$ , where the vectors belong to  $V$ . The condition (ii) above is equivalent to the condition that  $v_i v_j = 0$  for all  $i \neq j$ . Let  $W$  be the subspace of  $V$  spanned by the vectors  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m$ . Then the conditions (i) and (ii) above imply that  $W$  is an even subspace of  $V$ . It is well known that the dimension of an even subspace of  $V$  is at most  $2^{[n/2]}$ . Therefore,  $\dim W \leq 2^{[n/2]}$ . Thus the maximum number of clubs in an Eventown with  $n$  residents is  $2^{[n/2]}$ .

2) Let  $A$  be Hermitian. Then for any vectors  $x, y \in V$ , we have  $\langle x, Ay \rangle = \langle Ax, y \rangle = \langle Ax, y \rangle$ . Taking  $y = x$ , we get  $\langle x, Ax \rangle = \langle Ax, x \rangle$ . Let  $\langle x, Ax \rangle = \langle Ax, x \rangle$  for all vectors  $x \in V$ . Then for any vectors  $x, y \in V$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x, Ay \rangle &= \langle x, A(y+x) \rangle \\ &= \langle x, Ay + Ax \rangle \\ &= \langle Ax, y+x \rangle \\ &= \langle Ax, y \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we can say that the operator  $A$  in  $V$  is hermitian if these conditions suffice

3) It is clear that in all 3 cases, the matrices consist of a Kronecker product of two individual matrices:

$$\begin{aligned} (i) & \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ (ii) & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ (iii) & \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Eigenvalues for  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  are  $(7 \pm \sqrt{53})/2$  and eigenvalues for  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  are  $\pm 1$

We are aware that the eigenvalues of the given matrices are just products of the eigenvalues of individual matrices whose Kronecker product produces it. Thus the eigenvalues for (i) which is the same for (ii) are  $\pm (7 \pm \sqrt{53})/2$  and the eigenvalues for (iii) are  $-2, (53 \pm 7\sqrt{57})/2$

4) To show that  $|x| = \langle x, x \rangle$  is a valid norm, we need to show that it satisfies the

following properties.

It is non negative and zero only for the zero vector.

It is homogeneous, meaning that  $|ax| = |a||x|$  for all scalars  $a$  and vectors  $x$ .

It satisfies the triangle inequality, meaning that  $|x+y| \leq |x|+|y|$  for all vectors  $x$  and  $y$ .

1: Since  $\langle x, x \rangle \geq 0$  for all vectors  $x$ , it follows that  $|x| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle} \geq 0$ . Furthermore,  $|x| = 0$  if and only if  $\langle x, x \rangle = 0$ , which is true if and only if  $x = 0$ .

2: For any scalar  $a$  and vector  $x$ , we have  $|ax| = \sqrt{\langle ax, ax \rangle} = \sqrt{a^2 \langle x, x \rangle} = |a| \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle} = |a||x|$ .

3: For any vectors  $x$  and  $y$ , we have  $|x+y| = \sqrt{\langle x+y, x+y \rangle} = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle + 2\langle x, y \rangle + \langle y, y \rangle} = \sqrt{|x|^2 + 2\langle x, y \rangle + |y|^2}$ . The first inequality follows from the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality.

Therefore,  $|x| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle}$  is a valid norm.

To show that  $d(x, y) = |x - y|$  is a valid metric, we need to show that it satisfies the following properties:

It is non negative and zero only for  $x = y$ .

It is symmetric, meaning that  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$  for all vectors  $x$  and  $y$ .

It satisfies the triangle inequality, meaning that  $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$  for all vectors  $x, y$ , and  $z$ .

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3: For any vectors  $x, y$ , and  $z$ , we have  $d(x, z) = |x - z| \leq |x - y| + |y - z| = d(x, y) + d(y, z)$ . Therefore,  $d(x, y) = |x - y|$  is a valid metric.

Let  $V$  be the set of all continuous real functions on  $[1, 1]$ . We will show that  $V$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$  with the operations  $(f+g)(t) = f(t) + g(t)$  and  $(\alpha f)(t) = \alpha f(t)$ . Let  $f, g \in V$ . Then  $f$  and  $g$  are both continuous on  $[1, 1]$ . Therefore, their sum  $f+g$  is also continuous on  $[1, 1]$ . This is because the sum of two continuous functions is continuous. Therefore,  $f+g \in V$ .

Let  $f \in V$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $f$  is continuous on  $[1, 1]$ . Therefore,  $\alpha f$  is also continuous on  $[1, 1]$ . This is because the product of a continuous function and a real number is continuous. Therefore,  $\alpha f \in V$ .

Let  $f, g \in V$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $(\alpha + \beta)f = (\alpha f) + (\beta f)$  and  $(\alpha \beta)f = \alpha(\beta f)$ . This is because the distributive property holds for continuous functions. Thus scalar multiplication distributes over vector addition in  $V$ .

Therefore,  $V$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$  with the operations  $(f+g)(t) = f(t) + g(t)$  and  $(\alpha f)(t) = \alpha f(t)$ .

Let  $V$  be the set of all continuous real functions on  $[1, 1]$  with the inner product  $\langle f, g \rangle$  defined as the given integral. We will show that  $\langle f_n, f_m \rangle \rightarrow \epsilon$  as  $n, m \rightarrow \infty$ . Let  $n > m$ . We integrate this function by integrating separately on the 3 limits.

From this we obtain  $\langle f_n, f_m \rangle \rightarrow \epsilon \approx 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and conclude  $f_n$  is Cauchy. Let  $f(t) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(t)$ . However,  $f_n$  does not converge in  $V$ . This is because  $f_n(0) = 1$  for all  $n$ , but  $f(0)$  is not defined for any  $f \in V$ . Thus the inner product

space is not complete.

5) Let  $T: L(A, B) \rightarrow A \otimes B$  be defined by  $U = \sum_{i,j} \alpha_{ji} |w_j\rangle \langle v_i| \rightarrow u = \sum_{i,j} \alpha_{ij} |v_i\rangle \otimes |w_j|$ . We should that  $T$  is bijective.  $\alpha_{ij} |v_i\rangle \otimes |w_j| \in A \otimes B$ . Then we can define the linear transformation  $U: A \rightarrow B$  by  $U(x) = \sum_{i,j} \alpha_{ij} \langle v_i | x \rangle |w_j\rangle$ . We can see that  $T(U) = u$ . Implies surjectivity. Now to show injectivity. Let  $U, V \in L(A, B)$  such that  $T(U) = T(V)$ . Then we have  $\sum_{i,j} \alpha_{ij} |v_i\rangle \otimes |w_j| = \sum_{i,j} \beta_{ij} |v_i\rangle \otimes |w_j|$ . Therefore,  $\alpha_{ij} = \beta_{ij}$  for all  $i, j$ . This means that  $U = V$ . Which proves  $T$  is injective and hence bijective.

Now, let  $\langle U | V \rangle_{HS} := \langle TU | TV \rangle = \langle u | v \rangle$  on  $L(A, B)$ . We will show that  $\langle U | V \rangle_{HS}$  reduces to  $\text{tr}(UV)$ .

Let  $U = \sum_{i,j} \alpha_{ji} |w_j\rangle \langle v_i|$  and  $V = \sum_{i,j} \beta_{ji} |w_j\rangle \langle v_i|$ . Then we have  $\langle U | V \rangle_{HS} = \langle TU | TV \rangle = \langle \sum_{i,j} \alpha_{ji} |w_j\rangle \langle v_i| \otimes |w_j\rangle \langle v_i| \sum_{i,j} \beta_{ji} |w_j\rangle \langle v_i| \rangle = \langle \sum_{i,j} \alpha_{ji} |w_j\rangle \langle v_i| \sum_{i,j} \beta_{ji} |w_j\rangle \langle v_i| \rangle = \sum_{i,j} \alpha_{ji} \beta_{ji} \langle |w_j\rangle \langle v_i| | w_j\rangle \langle v_i| \rangle = \sum_{i,j} \alpha_{ji} \beta_{ji} = \text{tr}(U^* V)$ . Thus  $\langle U | V \rangle_{HS}$  reduces to  $\text{tr}(UV)$ .