

To The Quantum Future - Assignment 0

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1 Oddtown & Eventown Problem

Let's consider the **eventown problem** first. Let $v_i \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$ denote a vector where $v_{ij} = 1$ if j 'th person is in i 'th club and 0 otherwise. Let V denote the span of $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\}$. Consider any vector $v \in V$ formed by the linear combination of v_i , say $v_i \cdot v_j$. Then, as v_i and v_j have even number of one's, and so does $v_i \cdot v_j$, we see that $v = v_i + v_j$ also has even elements, which means that V is a subspace under addition and multiplication of \mathbb{F}_2^n . Also $\forall v, w \in V$; From the condition that clubs share only even number of members, we have that $v \cdot w = 0 \Rightarrow V \subset V^\perp$. Thus

$$n = \dim V + \dim V^\perp \geq 2\dim V$$

$$\dim V \leq n/2 \Rightarrow |V| \leq 2^{n/2}$$

For the **oddtown problem**, the given conditions imply that $\langle v_i | v_j \rangle = 1$ if $i = j$ and 0 otherwise. Thus the v_i make a basis for a subspace of the n dimensional space \mathbb{F}_2^n which implies $m \leq n$ as the number of basis for the subspace is equal to the dimension of the subspace which can not be more than the dimension of \mathbb{F}_2^n itself.

2 Weaker Suffices

For any operator A in hilbert space V ,

$$\langle v, Aw \rangle = \langle A^* w, v \rangle$$

Thus if A is hermitian, we easily see that $\langle x, Ax \rangle = \langle A^* x, x \rangle = \langle Ax, x \rangle$ Now to prove its converse, put $x = v + w$

$$\langle v + w, A(v + w) \rangle = \langle A(v + w), v + w \rangle$$

$$\langle w, Av \rangle + \langle v, Aw \rangle = \langle Av, w \rangle + \langle Aw, v \rangle$$

$$\langle A^* v, w \rangle + \langle A^* w, v \rangle = \langle Av, w \rangle + \langle Aw, v \rangle$$

$$\langle (A^* - A)v, w \rangle = \langle (A - A^*)w, v \rangle$$

Notice that the above two are conjugate of each other, thus $\langle (A^* - A)v, w \rangle$ is real for all v, w .

However if we multiply v by i , i.e. use vectors (iv, w) instead, the inner product gets multiplied by i , but it still remains real. Thus it must be 0 for all values.

Now setting $w = (A^* - A)v$, $|(A^* - A)v| = 0 \forall v \Rightarrow (A^* - A) = O \Rightarrow A^* = A$ as required

3 Higher Dimensions

Consider two matrices $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $X = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

A has two eigenvalues $\lambda = \frac{7 \pm \sqrt{57}}{2}$ and eigenvectors $|\lambda\rangle$, and X has two eigenvalues $\mu = \pm 1$ and eigenvectors $|\mu\rangle$. Now for the tensor product $(A \otimes X)$,

$$(A \otimes X)|\lambda\rangle \otimes |\mu\rangle = A|\lambda\rangle \otimes X|\mu\rangle = \lambda\mu(|\lambda\rangle \otimes |\mu\rangle)$$

Thus eigenvalues of $(A \otimes X)$ are $\lambda\mu$

(a) Matrix = $A \otimes X \Rightarrow$ eigenvalues = $\pm \frac{7 \pm \sqrt{57}}{2}$

(b) Matrix = $X \otimes A \Rightarrow$ same as above

(c) Matrix = $A \otimes A \Rightarrow$ eigenvalues = $\left(\frac{7 + \sqrt{57}}{2}\right)^2, \left(\frac{7 - \sqrt{57}}{2}\right)^2, -2$

4 Algebra and Technicalities

Norm: $\sqrt{\langle x|x \rangle}$

1. Positive-definiteness: $\sqrt{\langle x|x \rangle} = 0 \Rightarrow \sum x_i^2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_i = 0 \forall i$
2. Absolute Homogeneity: $\text{norm}(sx) = \sqrt{\langle sx|sx \rangle} = \sqrt{s\bar{s}\langle x|x \rangle} = |s|\sqrt{\langle x|x \rangle}$
3. Triangle Inequality:

$$\sqrt{\langle x+y|x+y \rangle} = \sqrt{\langle x|x \rangle + 2\langle x|y \rangle + \langle y|y \rangle} \leq \sqrt{|x|^2 + 2|x||y| + |y|^2} = |x| + |y|$$

where we have used $\langle x|y \rangle^2 \leq \langle x|x \rangle \langle y|y \rangle$ due to Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality.

Metric: $d(x, y) = |x - y|$

1. $d(x, x) = 0$
2. $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$
3. If $x \neq y$, then $d(x, y) > 0$
4. $d(x, y) + d(y, z) \geq d(x, z)$

We easily see that the above definition of metric satisfies all the necessary properties, thus $d(x, y) = |x - y|$ is a valid metric.

Assuming $n \geq m$ $\langle f_n | f_m \rangle = 1 + \int_0^{1/n} (1 - nt)(1 - mt) dt = 1 + \frac{3n-m}{6n^2}$

To prove its cauchy, we need to show that $d(f_m - f_n) < \epsilon \forall m, n \geq M$ for some M; for all epsilon.

$$|f_m - f_n| = \langle f_m - f_n | f_m - f_n \rangle = \left(1 - \frac{m}{n}\right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{3m}}$$

We can set $m > \frac{1}{\epsilon^2}$ to get $|f_m - f_n| < \epsilon$ for as small a ϵ as we want. Thus $\{f_n\}$ is Cauchy.

However $\{f_n\}$ converges to a function g which is discontinuous at $x = 0 \Rightarrow$ it is not there in our subspace of continuous real functions \Rightarrow this inner product space is not complete.

Show that any finite dimensional vector space V under field \mathbb{F} is a Hilbert space under any valid inner product on V for $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{C}$

We know that \mathbb{F}^n is a complete space and thus a Hilbert space under any valid inner product. Consider a finite dimensional space V . Let it have orthonormal basis $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ and let $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$ denote the basis for \mathbb{F}^n where $n = \dim V$. Then we can describe a transformation T such that $T(v_i) = e_i$. Clearly T is a bijection and takes V to \mathbb{F}^n , therefore V is isometric to \mathbb{F}^n .

Also $\langle T(v_i), T(v_j) \rangle = \langle e_i, e_j \rangle = \delta_{ij} = \langle v_i, v_j \rangle$. Therefore T is an isomorphism of inner product spaces and therefore any property of V (as an inner product space) is implied by the corresponding property in \mathbb{F}^n , in particular that it is Hilbert.

5 Hilbert-Schmidt and Vectorization

We know that

$$\langle \alpha(v_i \otimes w_i) | \beta(v_j \otimes w_j) \rangle = \alpha^* \beta \langle v_i | v_j \rangle \langle w_i | w_j \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle U | V \rangle_{HS} &= \langle TU | TV \rangle \\ &= \left\langle \sum_{i,j} \alpha_{ij} (v_i \otimes w_j) \middle| \sum_{m,n} \beta_{mn} (v_m \otimes w_n) \right\rangle \\ &= \sum_{i,j,m,n} \alpha_{ij}^* \beta_{mn} \langle v_i | v_m \rangle \langle w_j | w_n \rangle \\ &= \sum_{i,j} \alpha_{ij}^* \beta_{ij} \langle v_i | v_i \rangle \langle w_j | w_j \rangle \\ &= \sum_{i,j} \alpha_{ij}^* \beta_{ij} \\ &= \text{tr}(U^* V) \end{aligned}$$