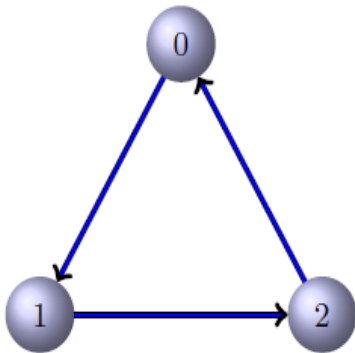


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Oriented cycle graph on 3 vertices



A cycle graph which has direction in its edge is called oriented cycle graph.

Adjacency matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & i & -i \\ -i & 0 & i \\ i & -i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

If there is an outgoing edge between two vertices u and v , we put the corresponding uv^{th} entry i , if incoming edge from u to v then entry of matrix will be $-i$, otherwise 0

So this will be a Hermitian matrix.

Transition Matrix in Continuous Time Quantum Walk

Definition

Let G be a graph with adjacency matrix A , that works as Hamiltonian (a Hermitian matrix) and t represents time. The **transition matrix** associated with G is

$$U(t) = \exp(itA),$$

Perfect State Transfer

The graph G admits **perfect state transfer** from the vertex u to the vertex v at time t if there is a complex number λ with absolute value 1 such that,

$$U(t)e_u = \lambda e_v,$$

we use e_u to denote the unit norm vector whose u th entry is 1 and λ is called phase.

Or in other words if uv^{th} entry of matrix $U(t)$ is modulus unity.

Utilizing Spectral Decomposition Theorem

Suppose that the adjacency matrix A for any graph G has distinct eigenvalues $\theta_0 > \theta_1 > \dots > \theta_d$. By the [Spectral Decomposition Theorem](#), we have

$$A = \sum_{r=0}^d \theta_r E_r$$

Important consequence of the theorem is,

$$U(t) = \exp(itA),$$

$$U(t) = \sum_{r=0}^d e^{it\theta_r} E_r$$

Now $U(t)$ for oriented cycle graph on 3 vertices

Eigenvalues for oriented C_3 are $\{\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3\} = \{-\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{3}, 0\}$.

And corresponding eigenvectors are $X_1 = \begin{bmatrix} i(\sqrt{3} + i)/2 \\ i(-\sqrt{3} + i)/2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix},$

$X_2 = \begin{bmatrix} i(-\sqrt{3} + i)/2 \\ i(\sqrt{3} + i)/2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, X_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix},$

Corresponding projection matrices E_r and evolution matrix $U(t)$

$$E_1 = X_1 \times X_1^*, E_2 = X_2 \times X_2^*, E_3 = X_3 \times X_3^*$$

where X_1^* is the conjugate transpose of eigenvector X_1 ,

So evolution operator/transition matrix

$$U(t) = e^{it\theta_1} E_1 + e^{it\theta_2} E_2 + e^{it\theta_3} E_3$$

Final evolution operator for oriented C3

$$U(t) = 1/3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 + 2 \cos(t\sqrt{3}) & 1 + 2 \cos(4\pi/3 + t\sqrt{3}) & 1 + 2 \cos(2\pi/3 + t\sqrt{3}) \\ 2 \cos(2\pi/3 + t\sqrt{3}) & 1 + 2 \cos(t\sqrt{3}) & 1 + 2 \cos(4\pi/3 + t\sqrt{3}) \\ 1 + 2 \cos(4\pi/3 + t\sqrt{3}) & 1 + 2 \cos(2\pi/3 + t\sqrt{3}) & 1 + 2 \cos(t\sqrt{3}) \end{bmatrix}$$

$U(t)$ at different times

$$U\left(\frac{2\pi}{3\sqrt{3}}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$U\left(\frac{4\pi}{3\sqrt{3}}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$U\left(\frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

we can see that at time $\frac{2\pi}{3\sqrt{3}}$ we have **perfect state transfer** from vertex 0 to vertex 1 (as entry 1st row 2nd column is 1) and at time $\frac{4\pi}{3\sqrt{3}}$ and we have **perfect state transfer** from vertex 0 to vertex 2 (as entry 1st row 3rd column entry is 1). Therefore, vertex 0 has perfect state transfer between more than two vertices.