

# quantum computing and quantum information

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## 1 at a glance

Exercises 1, and 4 are too trivial; consider them solved; Exercise 2 is solved Exercises 3 and 5 are incomplete

## 2 lemmas to prove and questions to answer

1. Show that

- (a) Show that  $\langle \psi | M | \psi \rangle = \langle \psi | P_m | \psi \rangle = P(m)$  for  $P_m$  fixed
- (b) Show that Given a transformation in finite dimensions from a vector space to itself, and the input basis  $e_i$ , the matrix columns are the output bases are the matrix columns.
- (c) Show that given a matrix transformation in terms of input bases  $e_i$ , and output bases; the output bases become the matrix's columns. How can I systematically explore the prove for this
- (d) Exercise 2.5: Inner Product on  $\mathbb{C}^n$  We need to show that  $\langle \phi | \psi \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n \phi_i^* \psi_i$  is a valid inner product on  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . An inner product must satisfy three properties:
  - i. **Conjugate symmetry:**  $\langle \phi | \psi \rangle = \langle \psi | \phi \rangle^*$ .
  - ii. **Linearity in the second argument:**  $\langle \phi | \alpha \psi + \beta \chi \rangle = \alpha \langle \phi | \psi \rangle + \beta \langle \phi | \chi \rangle$ .
  - iii. **Positive-definiteness:**  $\langle \phi | \phi \rangle \geq 0$ , and  $\langle \phi | \phi \rangle = 0$  if and only if  $|\phi\rangle$  is the zero vector.

Let  $|\phi\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \vdots \\ \phi_n \end{pmatrix}$  and  $|\psi\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1 \\ \vdots \\ \psi_n \end{pmatrix}$ .

2. answer these

- (a) What kind of transformation results when a matrix is transformed by its adjoint.

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a^2 + c^2 & ab + cd \\ ab + cd & b^2 + d^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (b) Is

$$\langle \psi | M | \psi \rangle = ? \langle \psi | P_m | \psi \rangle$$

We know that,

$$\langle \psi | M | \psi \rangle = \sum_m \langle \psi | P_m | \psi \rangle$$

Now, for fixed  $m \equiv m_a$  every projector that is not  $P_m$  will take  $\langle \psi | P_m | \psi \rangle$  to the kernel, gives 0 as the expectation value for that projection, leaving  $\langle \psi | P_{m_a} | \psi \rangle$  to result. Thus, for fixed  $m \equiv m_a$ ,  
 $\langle \psi | M | \psi \rangle = \langle \psi | P_{m_a} | \psi \rangle$

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- (c) Can a scalar have a matrix representation, can a vector have a matrix representation
- (d) Is the outer product like a projection onto the vector space itself, with the vector that outer product vector being a sort of light source and the vector being operated on being the object & the resultant vector being the projection? It is essentially an additional left multiplication with the dual.
- (e) For quantum mechanics, we only need the vector space made of vectors whose norm is  $\leq 1$ . Can we discard the rest of the vector space? (i.e. where the norm is  $> 1$ )

- (f) Given an isolated physical system, what is the state space?
- (g) Is negative like eigenvalue interpreted as phase?
- (h) What is a determinant, physically? Cuz they are used in characteristic equation to extract eigenvalues and eigenvectors

### 3 never gonna practice

#### working on these

1.  $A + B + C =$  inner product where
  - A:  $\langle v_1 | v_2 \rangle = \langle v_2 | v_1 \rangle^*$
  - B:  $\langle v_1 | v_1 \rangle \geq 0$  and is equal to 0 iff  $v_1 = 0$
  - B: projection of a vector with itself are always positive complex values.
  - C:  $\langle v_1 | (\lambda v_2) \rangle = \lambda \langle v_1 | v_2 \rangle =$  linearity