
Graph Theory in Quantum Information

Lecture 1



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Finite field \mathbb{F} $|\mathbb{F}| = q$

Affine plane over \mathbb{F}

(x, y) $x, y \in \mathbb{F}$

pt

$[a, b]$

lines

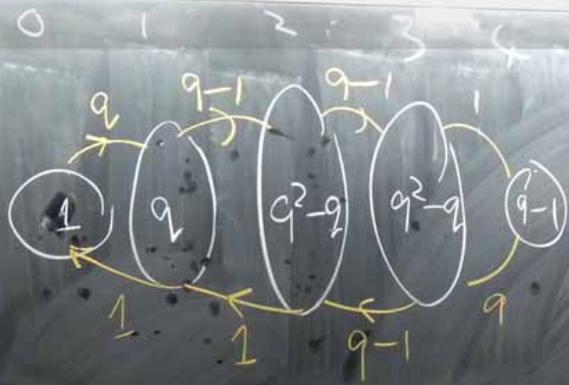
$(x, y) \in [a, b]$

$\Leftrightarrow y = ax + b$

$(x, y) \sim [a, b]$
 (x, y) is on $[a, b]$

$(a, F) \dots [c, b]$
 $(1, F) \dots [1, b]$
 (c, F)

bipartite
regular of
valency q
diameter is ~~three~~ ^{four}
antipodal



quotient graph

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & q & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & q-1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & q-1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & q-1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & q & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

quotient
matrix

Hadamard matrices

$$H^T H = nI \quad H \text{ is } n \times n, \pm 1$$

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

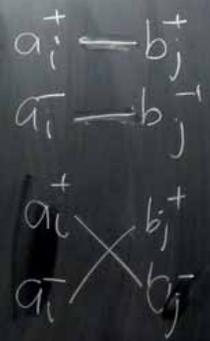
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$H \otimes K$$

Had \rightarrow Graph on $4n$ vertices

a_i^+
 a_i^-
 \vdots
 a_n^+
 a_n^-

b_i^+
 b_i^-
 \vdots
 b_n^+
 b_n^-



$\Leftrightarrow H_{i,j} = 1$

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Lines in \mathbb{R}^d & \mathbb{C}^d

lines l_1, \dots, l_m

represent l_i by a unit vector that spans it.

$\rightarrow x_1, \dots, x_m$

If x_i spans \mathcal{L}_i , let

$$P_i = x_i x_i^* = x_i x_i^\dagger = |x_i\rangle\langle x_i|$$

Angle

$$\langle x_i, x_j \rangle \langle x_j, x_i \rangle = |\langle x_i, x_j \rangle|^2$$

$$\text{tr}(P_i P_j)$$

$$= \text{tr}(x_i x_i^* x_j x_j^*)$$

$$= \text{tr}(x_j^* x_i x_i^* x_j)$$

$$= \langle x_j, x_i \rangle \langle x_i, x_j \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned}\|P_i - P_j\|^2 &= \langle P_i - P_j, P_i - P_j \rangle \\ &= \langle P_i, P_i \rangle + \langle P_j, P_j \rangle - \langle P_i, P_j \rangle - \langle P_j, P_i \rangle \\ &= 2 - 2\langle P_i, P_j \rangle\end{aligned}$$

SIC-POVMs

In \mathbb{C}^d an equiangular set of lines has size at most d^2
If equality holds, we get SIC-POVMs

Mutually unbiased bases (mubs) $d+1$

Basic tools

$$G = (\langle p_i, p_j \rangle) \quad \text{Gram matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} m \times m \\ \end{matrix}$$

Sim. pairs

$$G = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \alpha^2 \\ \alpha^2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\alpha^2 < 1$$

$$\underline{(1-\alpha^2)I} + \underline{\begin{bmatrix} \alpha^2 \end{bmatrix}}$$

vectors v_1, \dots, v_m

$$\text{rk}(G) = \dim \text{span}\{v_1, \dots, v_m\}$$

$$\binom{d+1}{2}$$