



IRQ: Mathematical Foundations

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Lecture Coverage

- Linear independence, basis and dimension
- Inner product, Hilbert Space, outer product

Recap of Previous Lecture

- Arithmetic of complex numbers
- Basic concept of vector space
- A quantum state $|\varphi\rangle$ can be expressed as the superposition (linear combination) of the basis states:

$$|\varphi\rangle = \alpha |0\rangle + \beta |1\rangle$$

- Quantum state can be represented using vectors and gate operations as unitary matrices
- Spanning Set

Basis and Dimension

- A minimal spanning set is referred to as a basis.
- It can be shown that any two sets of **linearly independent** vectors that span a vector space V contain the same number of elements.
- Such a set of linearly independent vectors is called a ***basis*** for V .
- The number of elements in the basis is called the ***dimension*** of V .

Linearly Dependent Vectors

- A set of non-zero vectors $|v_1\rangle, \dots, |v_n\rangle$ are said to be **linearly dependent** if there exists a set of complex numbers a_1, \dots, a_n with $a_i \neq 0$ for at least one value of i , such that

$$a_1 |v_1\rangle + a_2 |v_2\rangle + \dots + a_n |v_n\rangle = 0$$

Linearly Dependent Vectors

- Consider three vectors a , b and c where $c = a + 3b$
- Any linear combination of a , b and c say
 - $2a + b + c = 2a + b + a + 3b$
 $= 3a + 4b$
- As c can be written in terms of a and b and hence it is linearly dependent and we do not require it for the solution.

Example

- The set of vectors $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is linearly dependent because

$$\mathbf{0} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = x \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + z \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

can happen when $x = 2, y = -3, z = -1$.

Linearly Independent Vectors

- A set of vectors is **linearly independent** if they are not linearly dependent.
- A set of non-zero vectors $|v_1\rangle, \dots, |v_n\rangle$ are said to be **linearly independent** if there exists a set of complex numbers a_1, \dots, a_n with all $a_i = 0$ for all value of i , such that

$$a_1 |v_1\rangle + a_2 |v_2\rangle + \dots + a_n |v_n\rangle = 0$$

Example

- Let $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ $v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ check whether they are linearly independent or dependent.

$$c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} c_2 \\ -c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$c_1 + c_2 = 0, \quad c_1 - c_2 = 0$$

Add the above equation: $2c_1 = 0, \Rightarrow c_1 = 0 \Rightarrow c_2 = 0$

Hence the vector v_1 and v_2 are linearly independent

Example

- The set of vectors is linearly independent because the only way that can occur is if $0 = x$, $0 = x + y$, $0 = x + y + z$.

This implies $x = y = z = 0$.

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\mathbf{0} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = x \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + z \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Basis (Z) : $|0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle$

- $|0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle$ is a basis because it satisfies two conditions:
 - Any vector $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$ can be expressed as linear combination of $|0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = a |0\rangle + b |1\rangle$$

- $|0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle$ are linearly independent
- $|0\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $|1\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Basis (X) : $|+\rangle$ and $|-\rangle$

$$\bullet \quad |+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad |-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad |-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$|+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + |1\rangle) \quad \text{and} \quad |-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle - |1\rangle)$$

Basis (Y) : $|i\rangle$ and $|-i\rangle$

$$\bullet \quad |i\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad |-i\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|i\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + i \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad |-i\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - i \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$|i\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + i|1\rangle) \quad \text{and} \quad |-i\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle - i|1\rangle)$$

Important Quantum Property

- A quantum system can be defined as a system whose basis state form a vector space over complex numbers
- Or State of a quantum system corresponds to a vector in a complex vector space
- A basis is minimal and hence it is linearly independent
- We can have more than one basis in a vector space but all will have same number of elements

Operator as Matrices

Matrix Representation of Linear Operators

- Consider an $m \times n$ complex matrix A with entries A_{ij} .
- A can be regarded as a linear operator sending vectors in the vector space \mathbb{C}^n to the vector space \mathbb{C}^m , under matrix multiplication of A by a vector in \mathbb{C}^n .
- This actually means:

$$A \left(\sum_i a_i |v_i\rangle \right) = \sum_i a_i A(|v_i\rangle)$$

Some Important Matrices in Quantum Computing

- We shall be using four extremely useful matrices, known as ***Pauli matrices***.

$$\sigma_0 \equiv I \equiv \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \sigma_1 \equiv \sigma_x \equiv X \equiv \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sigma_2 \equiv \sigma_y \equiv Y \equiv \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \sigma_3 \equiv \sigma_z \equiv Z \equiv \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

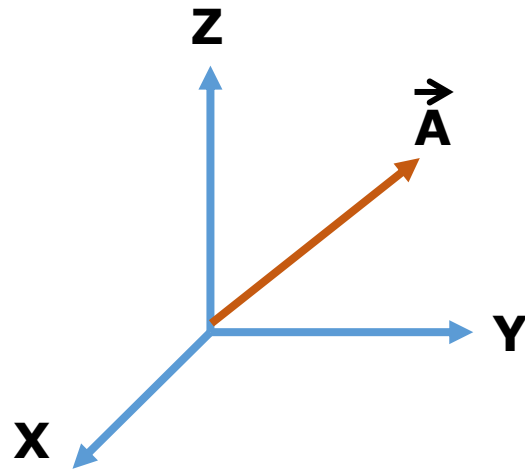
- We often omit I , and refer to X , Y and Z only as Pauli matrices.

Hilbert Space and Inner Products

Hilbert Space

- To define a Quantum System we need Hilbert space
- Hilbert space is a vector space where **complex inner product** is defined and the transformation is linear
- A Hilbert space is a complex inner product space that is complete
- A quantum System is represented by an element which belongs to Hilbert Space

Example of a Real Space



$$A = A_x i + A_y j + A_z k$$

$$\text{Basis} = \{i, j, k\}$$

$$i = (1,0,0), j = (0,1,0), k = (0,0,1)$$

$$i \cdot i = j \cdot j = k \cdot k = 1$$

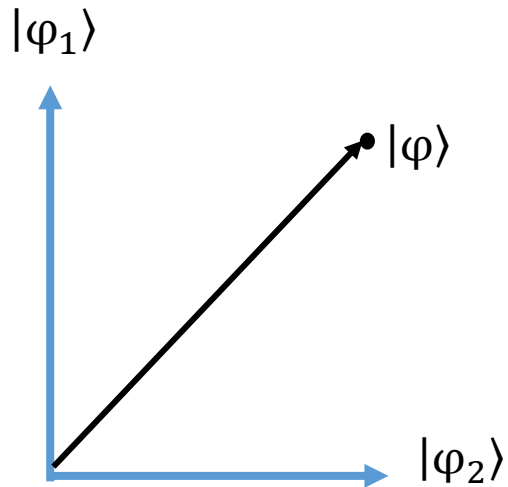
Normalized

$$i \cdot j = j \cdot k = k \cdot i = 0$$

Orthogonal

A basis which satisfies orthonormal property is said to be a Complete basis.

Hilbert Space



- Consider the Hilbert space which is spanned by two basis states $\{|\varphi_1\rangle, |\varphi_2\rangle\}$
- $|\varphi\rangle = c_1 |\varphi_1\rangle + c_2 |\varphi_2\rangle$
- Any quantum state is the linear combination of the basis states

Complex Inner Product

- A **complex inner product** is a function that takes as input two vectors $|v\rangle$ and $|w\rangle$ from a vector space, and generates a complex number as output.
- For the time being, we write the inner product of the two vectors as $(|v\rangle, |w\rangle)$.
 - The standard quantum mechanical notation is $\langle v|w\rangle$.
- A vector space equipped with an inner product is known as an **inner product space**.

Complex Inner Product

- **Example:** For the vector space \mathbb{C}^n , the inner product of two vectors (y_1, \dots, y_n) and (z_1, \dots, z_n) is defined by

$$\langle (y_1, \dots, y_n) | (z_1, \dots, z_n) \rangle = \sum_i y_i^* z_i = [y_1^* \dots y_n^*] \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ \vdots \\ z_n \end{bmatrix}$$

a^* is the complex conjugate of a

An Example

- Consider the following operation that we perform with two vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 (that is, two vectors of size 3 with real numbers as elements):

$$\left\langle \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle = [5, 3, -7] \star \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = (5 \times 6) + (3 \times 2) + (-7 \times 0) = 36.$$

An Example of a Property

$$\bullet \quad |\psi 1\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 4i \end{bmatrix} \quad |\psi 2\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2i \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\langle \psi 1 | \psi 2 \rangle = [2 \quad 1 \quad 4i]^* \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2i \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = [2 \quad 1 \quad -4i] \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2i \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \underline{2 - 10i}$$

$$\langle \psi 2 | \psi 1 \rangle = [1 \quad 2i \quad 3]^* \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 4i \end{bmatrix} = [1 \quad -2i \quad 3] \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 4i \end{bmatrix} = \underline{2 + 10i}$$

Both are
complex
conjugate

An Example

- $|v1\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 2 + 3i \\ 5 - 4i \end{bmatrix}$

- $\begin{aligned} \langle v1|v1\rangle &= [2 + 3i \quad 5 - 4i]^* \begin{bmatrix} 2 + 3i \\ 5 - 4i \end{bmatrix} \\ &= [2 - 3i \quad 5 + 4i] \begin{bmatrix} 2 + 3i \\ 5 - 4i \end{bmatrix} \\ &= (2 - 3i)(2 + 3i) + (5 + 4i)(5 - 4i) \\ &= 54 \end{aligned}$

Example with $|0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle$

$$\bullet \quad |0\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad |1\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bullet \quad \langle 0|0\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^* \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 1 \quad \langle 1|1\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^* \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 1$$

**NORMALIZED
CONDITION**

Norm or Length

- For every complex inner product space V , we can define a ***norm*** or ***length*** as $|V| = \sqrt{\langle V, V \rangle}$.
- **Example:** In \mathbb{R}^3 , the norm of the vector $[3, -6, 2]^T$ is given by

$$\left\| \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -6 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\| = \sqrt{\left\langle \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -6 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -6 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle} = \sqrt{3^2 + (-6)^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{49} = 7$$

Example

- Norm of $|v\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 2 + 3i \\ 5 - 4i \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned}\langle v|v\rangle &= [2 + 3i \quad 5 - 4i]^* \begin{bmatrix} 2 + 3i \\ 5 - 4i \end{bmatrix} \\ &= [2 - 3i \quad 5 + 4i] \begin{bmatrix} 2 + 3i \\ 5 - 4i \end{bmatrix} \\ &= 54\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Norm of } |v\rangle = \sqrt{54}$$

Unit Vector

- A ***unit vector*** is a vector for which the norm is 1.
- For example, $(1, 0, 0, 0)^T$.

Orthogonal Vectors

- Two vectors V_1 and V_2 in an inner product space V are orthogonal if:

$$\langle V_1, V_2 \rangle = 0$$

Linearly
Independent
Vectors

- Example:** The two vectors $|w\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $|v\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ are orthogonal, as their inner product $\langle w|v\rangle$ is 0:

$$(1 * 1) + (1 * -1) = 0.$$

Example with $|0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle$

- $|0\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $|1\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

- Check whether vector $|0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle$ are orthogonal or not?

$$\langle 0|1\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

Hence $|0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle$ basis are orthogonal.



**ORTHOGONAL
CONDITION**

Orthogonal Basis and Orthonormal Basis

Definition A basis $\mathcal{B} = \{V_0, V_1, \dots, V_{n-1}\}$ for an inner product space \mathbb{V} is called an **orthogonal basis** if the vectors are pairwise orthogonal to each other, i.e., $j \neq k$ implies $\langle V_j, V_k \rangle = 0$. An orthogonal basis is called an **orthonormal basis** if every vector in the basis is of norm 1, i.e.,

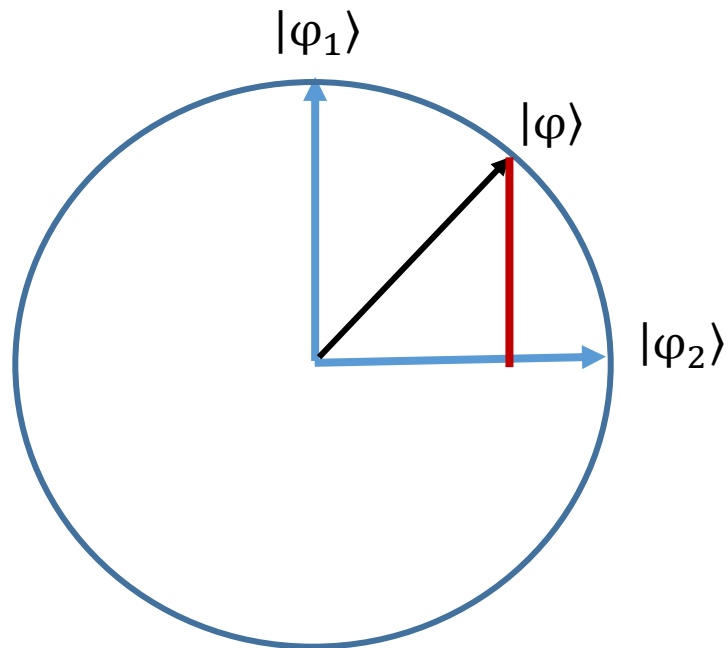
$$\langle V_j, V_k \rangle = \delta_{j,k} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } j = k, \\ 0, & \text{if } j \neq k. \end{cases}$$

$\delta_{j,k}$ is called the **Kronecker delta function**.

Inner Product Properties

- The inner product of two orthogonal vectors are 0
- Inner product of a unit vector is 1

Relook at Hilbert Space



- Hilbert space (H) = Orthogonal + Normal + Inner product defined
- Hence $|\varphi\rangle \in H \rightarrow \varphi$ is normalized
- $|\varphi\rangle = c_1 |\varphi_1\rangle + c_2 |\varphi_2\rangle$
- Then $|c_1|^2 + |c_2|^2 = 1$
- $|\varphi\rangle$ is normalized i.e. total probability is 1
- **Sum of the squares of amplitude is equal to 1**

Quantum Superposition

- A quantum state can be in superposition of the basis states.

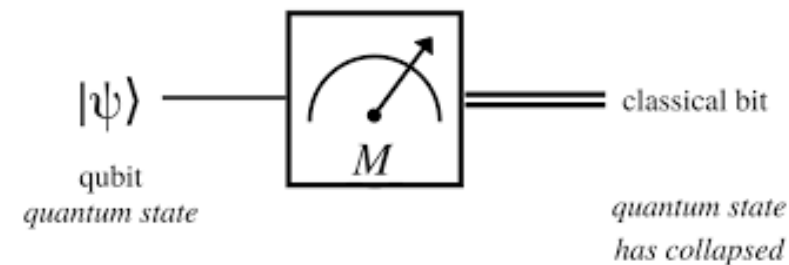
$$|\varphi\rangle = \alpha |0\rangle + \beta |1\rangle$$

- Here $|0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle$ are the basis states, and α and β are **complex numbers**

$$|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1$$

Quantum Measurement

- When the state of a qubit is “measured”:
 - The value returned is that of one of the basis states – the qubit state also collapses to that basis state.
 - This happens with some probability.
 - This is unlike reading the output of a circuit in conventional computing.
- Suppose the state of a qubit is: $|\varphi\rangle = \alpha |0\rangle + \beta |1\rangle$
- When we read the state of the qubit, it returns $|0\rangle$ with probability $|\alpha|^2$, and it returns $|1\rangle$ with probability $|\beta|^2$.



Outer Product Representation

- There is a useful way of representing linear operators that makes use of the inner product, known as the ***outer product*** representation.
- Suppose $|v\rangle$ is a vector in an inner product space V , and $|w\rangle$ is a vector in an inner product space W .

Outer Product Representation

- We define the outer product operator $A = |w\rangle\langle v|$ from V to W which is defined as:

$$|w\rangle\langle v| = \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ w_3 \end{bmatrix} [v_1 \quad v_2 \quad v_3]^* = \begin{bmatrix} w_1 v_1 & w_1 v_2 & w_1 v_3 \\ w_2 v_1 & w_2 v_2 & w_2 v_3 \\ w_3 v_1 & w_3 v_2 & w_3 v_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- If $|i\rangle$ denote any orthonormal basis for the vector space V , it can be shown that

$$\sum_i |i\rangle\langle i| = I$$

Outer Product as Projection Operator

- Let φ_1 and φ_2 are two vectors

- $|\varphi_1\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3i \end{bmatrix}, \quad |\varphi_2\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

- Outer Product = $|\varphi_1\rangle\langle\varphi_2| = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3i \end{bmatrix} [1 \quad 1 \quad 2]$

- $= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 \\ 3i & 3i & 6i \end{bmatrix}$

Projection Operator /
Complex Matrix /
Square matrix

A projection
operator project any
vector onto the
subspace of another
vector

Summary

- Basis and Dimension
- Linear independence
- Hilbert space
- Orthogonal and normal
- Inner product, outer product