Searching for mutually unbiased bases in non-prime power dimensions

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Mutually unbiased bases

Two orthonormal bases $\{\phi_j\}$ and $\{\psi_{j\prime}\}$ defined in \mathbb{C}^d are unbiased if

$$\left|\left\langle \phi_{j}|\psi_{j\prime}\right\rangle \right|^{2}=rac{1}{d}$$
 ,

for every j, j' = 1, ... d.

We say that *m* orthonormal bases $\{\phi_j^k\}$, k = 1, ..., m, are mutually unbiased (MU) if they are pairwise unbiased.



$\{\{1,0\}; \{0,1\}\}\$ $\{\{1,1\}; \{1,-1\}\}\$

Maximal number of MU bases

#MU bases in $\mathbb{C}^d \leq d+1$

In prime power dimensions $d = p_1^{r_1}$, there are d + 1 MU bases

When $d \neq p_1^{r_1}$, nobody knows the maximal number of MU bases (e.g. d = 6)

$$\begin{split} d &= p_1^{r_1} p_2^{r_2} p_3^{r_3} \dots \ (p_1^{r_1} < p_2^{r_2} < p_3^{r_3} \dots) \\ & \# MU \ bases \ in \ \mathbb{C}^d \geq p_1^{r_1} + 1 \end{split}$$

The lower bound is not tight!

#MU bases in
$$\mathbb{C}^d \ge p_1^{r_1} + 1$$

w + 2 MU bases can be constructed in any square dimension $d = s^2$ provided that there are w mutually orthogonal Latin squares of order s.

Wocjan, P., & Beth, T. (2005). New construction of mutually unbiased bases in square dimensions. Quantum Information & Computation, 5(2), 93-101. There are 4 MOLS of order 26

Ch. J. Colbourn and J. H. Dinitz, editors. The CRC Handbook of Combinatorial Designs. CRC Press, Boca Raton FL, 1996.

When
$$d = 26^2 = 2^2 \ 13^2$$
, $p_1^{r_1} + 1 = 4 + 1 = 5$

but 6 MU bases are known

$$d = p_1^{r_1} p_2^{r_2} p_3^{r_3} \dots (p_1^{r_1} < p_2^{r_2} < p_3^{r_3} \dots)$$

$$p_1^{r_1} + 1 \leq \#MU \text{ bases in } \mathbb{C}^d \leq d+1$$

Key question

Is the upper bound tight in non-prime power dimensions?

Key question for our work

Is the lower bound tight in relatively low dimensions?

 $d \leq 30$

Flatness imposition operator

Non-linear operator that takes a vector $\varphi \in \mathbb{C}^d$, and an orthonormal basis $A = \{\phi_j\} \subset \mathbb{C}^d$ and produces a normalized vector $T_A \phi$ that is MU to the basis A.

 $T_A \varphi = \sum_{j=1}^d \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \frac{\langle \phi_j | \varphi \rangle}{|\langle \phi_j | \varphi \rangle|} \phi_j, \quad \forall \varphi \in \mathbb{C}^d$

 $\varphi = \sum_{j=1}^d \langle \phi_j | \varphi \rangle \phi_j$

Removes the absolute value of projections

Imposes flatness

 φ is flat with respect to the basis A if and only if $T_A \varphi = \varphi$

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Algorithm for finding MU vectors

Define two orthonormal bases $A = \{\varphi_j\}$ and $B = \{\psi_j\}$ in \mathbb{C}^d

Define the flatness operators

$$T_A \varphi = \sum_{j=1}^d \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \frac{\langle \phi_j | \varphi \rangle}{|\langle \phi_j | \varphi \rangle|} \phi_j$$

 $\forall \varphi \in \mathbb{C}^d$

$$T_B \varphi = \sum_{j=1}^d \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \frac{\langle \psi_j | \varphi \rangle}{|\langle \psi_j | \varphi \rangle|} \psi_j$$

Study convergence of the sequence

$$\varphi_n = (T_B T_A)^n \varphi_0$$

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Convergence on the Bloch (Poincaré) sphere





Convergence of the sequence $\varphi_n = (T_B T_A)^n \varphi_0$ when $\{A, B\}$ are not MU Convergence of the sequence $\varphi_n = (T_B T_A)^n \varphi_0$ when $\{A, B\}$ are MU. (Flatness corresponds to maximal circles!)

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Dynamical systems

Desired solutions are common fixed points

 $T_A \varphi = T_B \varphi = \varphi$ if and only if φ is MU to the pair of bases $\{A, B\}$

Sweet: MU vectors <u>are always</u> attractive fixed points

Bitter: $T_B T_A \varphi = \varphi$ does not imply $T_A \varphi = T_B \varphi = \varphi$

There are more attractive fixed points than MU vectors

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How to reach the desired fixed points?

Smart approach: Common fixed point theorems

Problem:

Common fixed point theorems from the literature seem not to be useful for us. State a suitable theorem seems to be hard.

Quick and dirty approach: Discard undesired solutions and keep trying.

Problem: The fraction desired/undesired solutions is very small in notso-small dimensions (d > 10), so most of the time the algorithm is discarding undesired fixed points. Our approach



Metrics in the probability space

Hellinger distance

$$D_A(\Phi, \Psi) = \sqrt{\sum_{k=0}^{d-1} (\sqrt{p_k} - \sqrt{q_k})^2},$$

where

$$p_k = |\langle \varphi_k, \Phi \rangle|^2$$
 and $q_k = |\langle \varphi_k, \Psi \rangle|^2$,

for every k = 0, ..., d - 1.

Distributional "distance"

$$\mathcal{D}_{A^1\cdots A^m}(\Phi,\Psi) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{m}\sum_{j=1}^m D_{A^j}^2(\Phi,\Psi)}.$$

Properties of the distributional "distance"

1.
$$\mathcal{D}_{A^1\dots A^m}(\Phi, \Psi) = 0$$
 iff $|\langle \varphi_k^j, \Phi \rangle| = |\langle \varphi_k^j, \Psi \rangle|$, for every $j = 1, \dots, m, k = 0, \dots, d-1$.

2. $\mathcal{D}_{A^1\cdots A^m}(\Phi,\Psi) = \mathcal{D}_{A^1\cdots A^m}(\Psi,\Phi) \ \forall \Phi,\Psi \in \mathcal{H}.$

3. $\mathcal{D}_{A^1\cdots A^m}(\Phi,\Psi) \leq \mathcal{D}_{A^1\cdots A^m}(\Phi,\Xi) + \mathcal{D}_{A^1\cdots A^m}(\Xi,\Psi) \quad \forall \Phi,\Psi,\Xi \in \mathcal{H}.$

Metric in the Hilbert space

Bures metric for pure states

$$d(\Phi, \Psi) = \sqrt{2 - 2|\langle \Phi, \Psi \rangle|}.$$

Note that $d(\Phi, \Psi) = d(\Phi, e^{i\alpha}\Psi)$, for any $\alpha \in [0, 2\pi)$

Property

$$d(\Phi, \Psi) \ge \mathcal{D}_{A^1 \cdots A^m}(\Phi, \Psi), \ \forall \Phi, \Psi \in \mathcal{H}.$$

Two different elements can have the same (flat) probability distributions

What's new in our current approach?

Efficient coding in Python

Use GPU to accelerate simulations

Chao2 to estimate the number of undetected MU vectors

Two workstations available at QuDIT

(1 workstation with exclusive dedication to the MU bases problem)

Results

Preliminar studies

Dim	Second Basis	# MU Vectors	Distributional metric	Max Clique		
6	F_{6}	48	$< 10^{-15}$	16 size 6	16 triplets {I, F_6 , H_i }	
	$S_{6}^{(0)}$	90	$< 10^{-16}$	90 size 1	90 vectors (no triplet)	
	$C_{6}^{(0)}$	52	$< 5 * 10^{-16}$	1 size 4		
	$D_{6}^{(1)}$	120	$< 10^{-15}$	10 size 6	10 triplets {I, $D_6(0)$, H_i	}
	$B_{6}^{(1)}$	84	$< 10^{-15}$	1 size 6		
	$M_{6}^{(1)}$	8	$< 2 * 10^{-16}$	4 size 2		
	$K_{6}^{(2)}$	56	$< 4 * 10^{-16}$	52 size 2		
	$K_{6}^{(3)}$	48	$< 10^{-16}$	24 size 2		

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	11	F_{11}	110	$< 10^{-15}$	10 size 11	$F_{11}^{(0)} = F_{11} \in BH(11,11)$
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48 MU vectors to F_6

$$\begin{split} X|\varphi_k\rangle &= |\varphi_{k+1}\rangle, \text{ and } Z|\varphi_k\rangle = \omega^k |\varphi_k\rangle \\ \omega &= e^{2\pi i/6} \\ \tau &= -e^{i\pi/6} \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} &\{D_{(\mu,0)}v_1\}_{\mu\in\mathbb{Z}_6} & \text{(6 elements)} & v_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(1,i,\omega^4,i,1,i\omega^4), \\ &\{D_{(\mu,0)}v_2)\}_{\mu\in\mathbb{Z}_6} & \text{(6 elements)} & v_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(1,-i,\omega^2,-i,1,-i\omega^2), \\ &\{D_{(\mu,\mu\nu)}v_3\}_{\mu,\nu\in\mathbb{Z}_6}. & \text{(36 elements)} & v_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(1,ia,a^2,-ia^2,-a,-i), \end{split}$$

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FIG. 1: Triplets of MU bases from $K_6^{(2)}$. A dot at the point (x_1, x_2) indicates that the pair $\{\mathbb{I}, K_6^{(2)}(x_1, x_2)\}$ can be extended to a triplet of MU bases.

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Convergence for vectors MU to $\{I, F_d\}$



Iterations

Estimating the total number of MU vectors



Chao2 estimation is a nonparametric method to estimate total species richness from incidence (presence/absence) data across multiple samples, accounting for unseen species based on the number of rare ones.

Chao, A. (1987). Estimating the population size for capture-recapture data with unequal catchability. *Biometrics*, 783-791.

MU vectors for quaternary CHM

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MU vectors for quaternary CHM

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5	882	4	52							
2	894	4	36							

m= matrix label #v= number of vect 10 matrices

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k = size of the largest orthogonal clique

c = number of distinct cliques of that size.

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