

# Bipartite walks and the Hamiltonians

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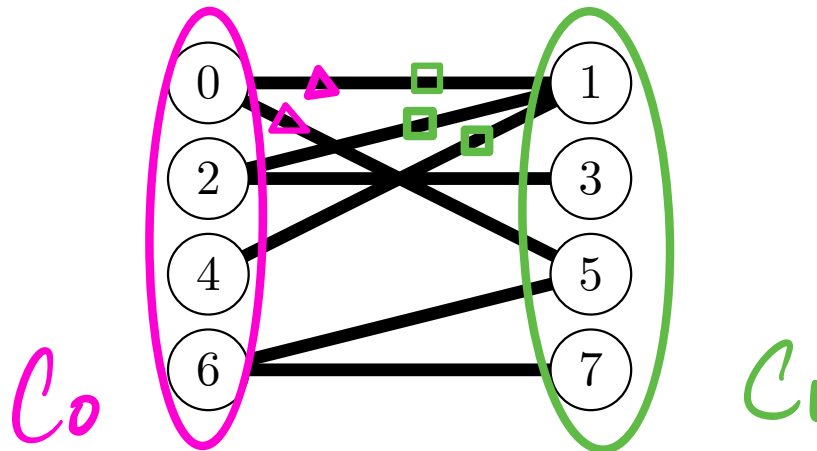
# Discrete Quantum Walk

- A discrete quantum walk is determined by a unitary matrix  $U$ , **the transition matrix** of the walk.
- Use a vector  $e_i$  to denote the initial state of the quantum walker, then the probability of our walker is at state  $e_j$  at  $k$ -th step is

$$\left| \left( U^k \right)_{i,j} \right|^2.$$

- Grover's Algorithm: Grover showed how an implementation of this setup could be used to enable quantum computers to search a database faster than any known classical algorithms.

# What is a bipartite walk?



- A bipartite graph with color class  $C_0 = \{0, 2, 4, 6\}$  and  $C_1 = \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$ .
- Two edge partitions: two edges are in the same cell in  $\pi_0$ , then they have the same end in the  $C_0$ . Partition  $\pi_1$  is defined in the same fashion.

$$\pi_0 = \{\{(0, 1), (0, 5)\}, \{(2, 1), (2, 3)\}, \{(4, 1)\}, \{(6, 5), (6, 7)\}\},$$

$$\pi_1 = \{\{(0, 1), (2, 1), (4, 1)\}, \{(2, 3)\}, \{(0, 5), (6, 5)\}, \{(6, 7)\}\}.$$

# Two characteristic matrices for $\pi_0, \pi_1$

- $P_0, P_1$  are the characteristic matrices of  $\pi_0, \pi_1$  respectively

$$P_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad P_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

edges of  $G$  →

↑ cells of  $\pi_0$

- $\hat{P}_0, \hat{P}_1$  are the normalized  $P_0, P_1$

$$\hat{P}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \hat{P}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Orthogonal Projections from Two Partitions

- Projections:  $P = \hat{P}_0 \hat{P}_0^T$ ,  $Q = \hat{P}_1 \hat{P}_1^T$

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{3} & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{3} & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Q = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

# Transition matrix of a bipartite walk

Transition matrix:  $U = (2P - I)(2Q - I)$

The transition matrix of the bipartite walk on  $G$  is

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & \frac{2}{3} & 0 & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2}{3} & 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$



Now, we know what is discrete quantum walk and a discrete quantum walk model, bipartite walks. So what is next...

# Continuous Quantum Walk

## Definition

Let  $G$  be a graph. A **continuous-time quantum walk** on  $G$  is described by its transition matrix, i.e.,

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

where  $H$  denotes some suitable Hermitian matrix associated to  $G$ .

Some common choices of  $H$  are adjacency matrix of  $G$ , or the Laplacian of  $G$ .

## Definition

For every unitary matrix  $U$ , there exists a Hermitian matrix  $H$  such that

$$U = \exp(iH).$$

Such  $H$  is called **a Hamiltonian of  $U$** .

Let  $e^{i\theta_r}$  be an eigenvalue of  $U$  with eigenmatrix  $E_r$ , then the spectral decomposition of  $U$  is

$$U = \sum_r e^{i\theta_r} E_r.$$

We have that

$$H = -i \sum_r \log(e^{i\theta_r}) E_r = \sum_r \theta_r E_r.$$

# the Hamiltonian of bipartite walks

## Definition

If the angle satisfies that

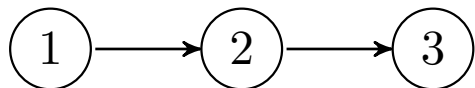
$$-\pi < \theta \leq \pi,$$

then we call  $H$  **the principal Hamiltonian** of  $U$ .

## Definition

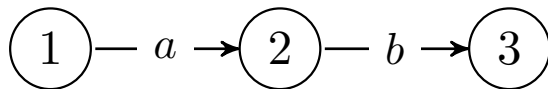
Given an oriented graph  $\vec{G}$  of  $n$  vertices, then **the skew-adjacency matrix** of  $A(\vec{G})$  is a skew-symmetric  $n \times n$  matrix such that

$$A(\vec{G})_{i,j} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i \rightarrow j \\ -1, & \text{if } i \leftarrow j \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



$$A(\vec{H}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Weighted oriented graph



$$A(\vec{H}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a & 0 \\ -a & 0 & b \\ 0 & -b & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

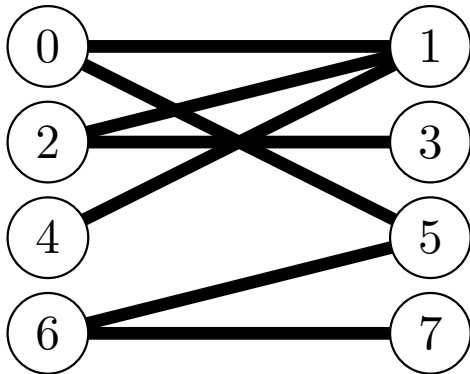
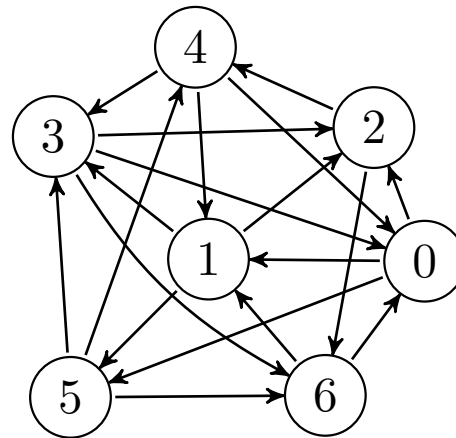
## Definition

A Hamiltonian  $H$  of the form  $H = iS$  with a real skew-symmetric  $S$  corresponds to the skew-adjacency matrix of a weighted oriented graph, which we call  **$H$ -digraph**.

When  $H = iS$  with skew-symmetric  $S$ , a discrete walk with transition matrix  $U = \exp(iH)$  is equivalent to a continuous walk on  $H$ -digraph over integer time, i.e.

$$U^k = \exp(ikH),$$

for non-negative integer  $k$ .


 (a)  $G$ 

 (b)  $H$ -digraph from the bipartite walk on  $G$ 

$$H = i \begin{pmatrix} 0.0 & 0.76 & 0.08 & -0.92 & -0.31 & 1.07 & -0.68 \\ -0.76 & 0.0 & 0.31 & 0.92 & -0.08 & 0.68 & -1.07 \\ -0.08 & -0.31 & 0.0 & -0.99 & 1.31 & 0.0 & 0.08 \\ 0.92 & -0.92 & 0.99 & 0.0 & -0.99 & -0.61 & 0.61 \\ 0.31 & 0.08 & -1.31 & 0.99 & 0.0 & -0.08 & 0.0 \\ -1.07 & -0.68 & 0.0 & 0.61 & 0.08 & 0.0 & 1.07 \\ 0.68 & 1.07 & -0.08 & -0.61 & 0.0 & -1.07 & 0.0 \end{pmatrix}$$



# Invertible $U$ and the skew-symmetric Hamiltonian $H$

## Theorem (Tina Chen)

*Let  $U$  be the transition matrix of the bipartite walk on a bipartite graph  $G$ . Let  $H$  be the Hamiltonian of  $U$ . Then*

$$H = iS_0 + \pi E_{-1},$$

*where  $S_0$  is a real skew-symmetric matrix and  $E_{-1}$  is the  $(-1)$ -eigenmatrix of  $U$ .* □

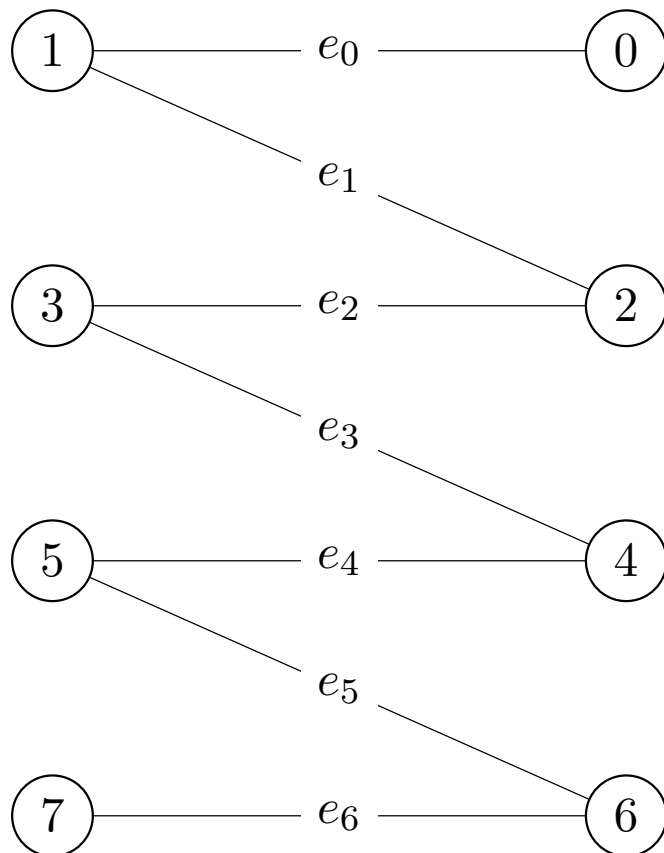
Note that  $E_{-1}$  is a real matrix.

### Corollary (Tina Chen)

*Let  $S$  be a real skew-symmetric matrix and the Hamiltonian  $H$  of the form  $H = iS$  if and only if  $A(G)$  is invertible.  $\square$*

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# Example: Bipartite Walk over $P_8$



$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Permutation (0135642) in  $S_7$

$$U^7 = I.$$

# Bipartite Walks on Paths

## Theorem (Tina Chen)

*The transition matrix of the bipartite walk on  $P_n$  corresponds to a permutation of the form*

$$(e_0, e_1, e_3, \dots, e_{n-3}, e_{n-2}, e_{n-4}, \dots, e_2). \quad \square$$

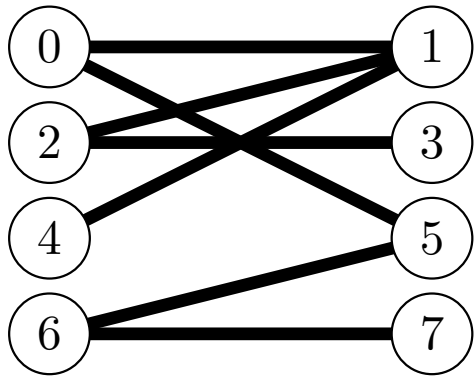
## Theorem (Tina Chen)

*For an even  $n \geq 4$ , the  $H$ -digraph obtained from the bipartite walk on  $P_n$  is an oriented  $K_{n-1}$ .*  $\square$

# Perfect State Transfer (PST)

Let  $U$  be the transition matrix of a quantum walk defined over graph  $G$ , then we say there is perfect state transfer from state  $a$  to state  $b$  at time  $t$  if

$$\left| (U^t)_{a,b} \right|^2 = 1, \text{ or } |U(t)_{a,b}|^2 = 1.$$



$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & \frac{2}{3} & 0 & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2}{3} & 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

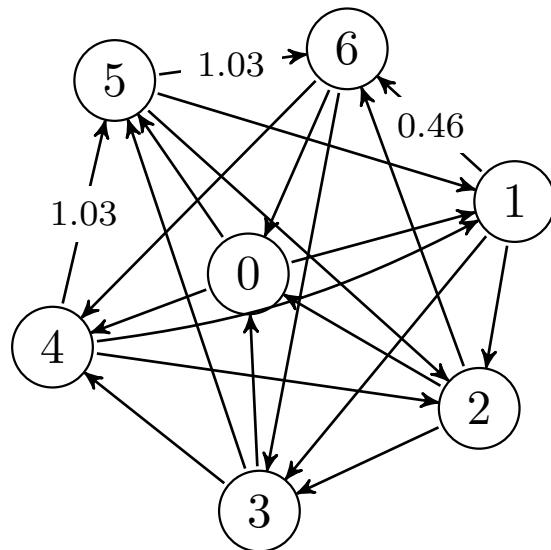
# Universal PST

## Definition

A graph  $G$  has **universal perfect state transfer** if it has perfect state transfer between every pair of its vertices.

The transition matrix of bipartite walk on  $P_8$  is

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \exp(iH), \quad U^7 = I.$$

the Hamiltonian and  $H$ -digraph coming from  $P_8$ 

$$i \begin{pmatrix} 0.0 & 1.03 & -1.03 & -0.57 & 0.57 & 0.46 & -0.46 \\ -1.03 & 0.0 & 0.57 & 1.03 & -0.46 & -0.57 & 0.46 \\ 1.03 & -0.57 & 0.0 & 0.46 & -1.03 & -0.46 & 0.57 \\ 0.57 & -1.03 & -0.46 & 0.0 & 0.46 & 1.03 & -0.57 \\ -0.57 & 0.46 & 1.03 & -0.46 & 0.0 & 0.57 & -1.03 \\ -0.46 & 0.57 & 0.46 & -1.03 & -0.57 & 0.0 & 1.03 \\ 0.46 & -0.46 & -0.57 & 0.57 & 1.03 & -1.03 & 0.0 \end{pmatrix}$$



For distinct  $s, t \in \{0, \dots, n-2\}$ , we define

$$\alpha = \begin{cases} \frac{t-s}{2}, & \text{if both } s, t \text{ are odd;} \\ \frac{s+t+1}{2}, & \text{if } s \text{ is even and } t \text{ is odd;} \\ \frac{-t-s-1}{2}, & \text{if } s \text{ is odd and } t \text{ is even;} \\ \frac{s-t}{2}, & \text{if both } s, t \text{ are even.} \end{cases} .$$

### Corollary (Tina Chen)

Let  $n$  be an even integer. The edge  $(s, t)$  of  $K_{n-1}$  is assigned with weight

$$\frac{2}{n-1} \sum_{r=1}^{\frac{n}{2}-1} \frac{2\pi r}{(n-1)} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi r}{n-1} \alpha\right)$$

for all distinct  $s, t \in \{0, \dots, n-2\}$ . Let  $A$  be the weighted adjacency matrix of the resulting  $K_{n-1}$ . Then the continuous walk  $\exp(iA)$  has universal PST and PST between any two states happens within time  $t \leq n-1$ . □

Thank you!