

A Quantum Theory of Mind

Appendix A:

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0	1	0	0	0
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This array represents the state of a *classical* particle that is located in the 2nd of $N = 5$ possible locations.

Here in this empty 5 by 5 “square array,” “matrix” or “operator” the shaded boxes represent what-are-called its “diagonal” elements.

0	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0

This array represents the state of a *quantum* particle located in the second of $N = 5$ possible positions. More generally the particular *diagonal element* (or *number*) located in horizontal row n and vertical column n of the matrix S represents the *relative* probability that the quantum particle lies in possible location n . Because all of the off diagonal entries of this matrix are zero, this array is also an example of a “diagonal matrix”

1	0	1	2	-1
2	-1	3	1	0
0	-2	0	1	1
4	0	1	2	0
1	0	0	1	-3

Here is a sample matrix (call it **matrix A**), the boxes are for simplicity filled with small integers, but they could also be filled with complex numbers.

6	-2	0	1	-1
-2	4	-2	0	2
0	-2	8	-1	1
1	0	-1	6	0
-1	2	1	0	7

Here is another matrix (call it **matrix B**).

5	0	5	10	-5
10	-5	15	5	0
0	-10	0	5	5
20	0	5	10	0
5	0	0	5	-15

Here is **matrix A** multiplied by the scalar number **5**

7	-2	1	3	-2
0	3	1	1	2
0	-4	8	0	2
5	0	0	8	0
0	2	1	1	4

Here is the matrix representing **A+B** (**matrix A** added to **matrix B**). Note that **A+B = B + A**.

9	-6	5	12	-7
15	-16	25	5	-1
4	-6	4	6	11
26	-10	6	15	-3
10	-5	2	7	-22

Here is the matrix representing **AB** (the left multiplication of **matrix B** by **matrix A**).

5	2	1	13	-3
8	0	10	0	-6
7	-14	-7	5	5
25	2	7	13	-2
10	-4	5	8	-21

Here is the matrix representing \mathbf{BA} (the left multiplication of **matrix A** by **matrix B**). Note that \mathbf{AB} does not equal \mathbf{BA} .

A projection operator “ \mathbf{P} ” is an *operator* (or *matrix*) that satisfies the relation $\mathbf{PP} = \mathbf{P}$.

1/2	-1/2	0	0	0
-1/2	1/2	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0

Here is one possible projection operator.

1	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0

Here is matrix \mathbf{P} (another projection operator).

0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	0
0	0	0	1	0
0	0	0	0	1

Here is matrix $\mathbf{1-P}$ (another projection operator).

Let the above mentioned **matrix B** represent the state vector **S**.

6	-2	0	0	0
-2	4	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0

Here is the matrix representing **PSP**

0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	8	-1	1
0	0	-1	6	0
0	0	1	0	7

Here is the matrix representing **(1-P)S(1-P)**