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| act_eigfun | <i>Apply a Function to an Operator</i> |
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Description

Apply a Function to an Operator

Usage

act_eigfun(object, ...)

Arguments

| | |
|--------|--|
| object | a representation of the operator. |
| ... | further arguments passed to or from other methods. |

Value

The resulting operator from the application of the function.

See Also

[act_eigfun.spectral\(\)](#)

Examples

```
s <- spectral(rbind(c(0.5, 0.3), c(0.3,0.7)))

act_eigfun(s, function(x) x^2) #-> act_eigfun.spectral(...)
```

act_eigfun.spectral *Apply a Function to a Hermitian Matrix*

Description

Apply a function to a Hermitian matrix based on the representation given by class spectral.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'spectral'
act_eigfun(object, FUN, ...)
```

Arguments

| | |
|--------|---|
| object | an instance of class spectral. |
| FUN | the function to be applied to the matrix. |
| ... | further arguments passed on to FUN. |

Value

The matrix resulting from the application of FUN.

A Hermitian Matrix admits the spectral decomposition

$$H = \sum_k \lambda_k E_k$$

where λ_k are its eigenvalues and E_k the orthogonal projector onto the λ_k -eigenspace.

If f =FUN is defined on the eigenvalues of H, then act_eigfun performs the following calculation

$$f(H) = \sum_k f(\lambda_k) E_k$$

See Also

[spectral\(\)](#), [act_eigfun\(\)](#)

Examples

```
H <- matrix(c(0,1,1,1,0,1,1,1,0), nrow=3)
decomp <- spectral(H)

# Calculates H^2.
act_eigfun(decomp, FUN = function(x) x^2)

# Calculates sin(H).
act_eigfun(decomp, FUN = function(x) sin(x))

# Calculates H^3.
act_eigfun(decomp, FUN = function(x, y) x^y, 3)
```

avg_matrix

The Average Mixing Matrix of a Quantum Walk

Description

The Average Mixing Matrix of a Quantum Walk

Usage

```
avg_matrix(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object a representation of the quantum walk.
... further arguments passed to or from other methods.

Value

The average mixing matrix.

See Also

[mixing_matrix\(\)](#), [gavg_matrix\(\)](#), [avg_matrix.ctqwalk\(\)](#)

Examples

```
w <- ctqwalk(matrix(c(0,1,0,1,0,1,0,1,0), nrow=3))
avg_matrix(w) #-> avg_matrix.ctqwalk(...)
```

 avg_matrix.ctqwalk *The Average Mixing Matrix of a Continuous-Time Quantum Walk*

Description

The Average Mixing Matrix of a Continuous-Time Quantum Walk

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'ctqwalk'
avg_matrix(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object a representation of the quantum walk.
 ... further arguments passed to or from other methods.

Details

Let $M(t)$ be the mixing matrix of the quantum walk, then the average mixing matrix is defined as

$$\widehat{M} := \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T M(t) dt$$

and encodes the long-term average behavior of the walk. Given the Hamiltonian $H = \sum_r \lambda_r E_r$, it is possible to prove that

$$\widehat{M} = \sum_r E_r \circ E_r$$

Value

avg_matrix() returns the average mixing matrix as a square matrix of the same order as the walk.

See Also

[ctqwalk\(\)](#), [avg_matrix\(\)](#)

Examples

```
walk <- ctqwalk(matrix(c(0,1,0,1,0,1,0,1,0), nrow=3))

# Return the average mixing matrix
avg_matrix(walk)
```

 cartesian

Adjacency Matrix of the Cartesian Product

Description

Returns the adjacency matrix of the cartesian product of two graphs given the adjacency matrix of each one, G and H .

Usage

```
cartesian(G, H = NULL)
```

Arguments

G adjacency matrix of the first graph.
 H adjacency matrix of the second graph. If not provided, it takes the same value as G .

Value

Let $A(G)$, $A(H)$ be the adjacency matrices of the graphs G , H such that $|V(G)| = n$ and $|V(H)| = m$, then the adjacency matrix of the cartesian product $G \times H$ is given by

$$A(G \times H) = A(G) \otimes I_{m \times m} + I_{n \times n} \otimes A(H)$$

See Also

[J\(\)](#), [tr\(\)](#), [trdot\(\)](#)

Examples

```
P3 <- matrix(c(0,1,0,1,0,1,0,1,0), nrow=3)
K3 <- matrix(c(0,1,1,1,0,1,1,1,0), nrow=3)

# Return the adjacency matrix of P3 X K3
cartesian(P3, K3)

# Return the adjacency matrix of P3 X P3
cartesian(P3)
```

`ctqwalk`*Create a Continuous-time Quantum Walk*

Description

`ctqwalk()` creates a quantum walk object from a hamiltonian.

Usage

```
ctqwalk(hamiltonian, ...)
```

Arguments

`hamiltonian` a Hermitian Matrix representing the Hamiltonian of the system.
`...` further arguments passed on to [spectral\(\)](#)

Value

A list with the walk related objects, i.e the hamiltonian and its spectral decomposition (See [spectral\(\)](#) for further details)

See Also

[spectral\(\)](#), [unitary_matrix.ctqwalk\(\)](#), [mixing_matrix.ctqwalk\(\)](#), [avg_matrix.ctqwalk\(\)](#), [gavg_matrix.ctqwalk\(\)](#)

Examples

```
# Creates a walk from the adjacency matrix of the graph P3.  
ctqwalk(matrix(c(0,1,0,1,0,1,0,1,0), nrow=3))
```

`gavg_matrix`*The Generalized Average Mixing Matrix of a Quantum Walk*

Description

The Generalized Average Mixing Matrix of a Quantum Walk

Usage

```
gavg_matrix(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object a representation of the quantum walk.
 ... further arguments passed to or from other methods.

Value

The generalized average mixing matrix.

See Also

[mixing_matrix\(\)](#), [avg_matrix\(\)](#), [gavg_matrix.ctqwalk\(\)](#)

Examples

```
w <- ctqwalk(matrix(c(0,1,0,1,0,1,0,1,0), nrow=3))
gavg_matrix(w, rnorm(100)) #-> gavg_matrix.ctqwalk(...)
```

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| gavg_matrix.ctqwalk | <i>The Generalized Average Mixing Matrix of a Continuous-Time Quantum Walk</i> |
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Description

The Generalized Average Mixing Matrix of a Continuous-Time Quantum Walk

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'ctqwalk'
gavg_matrix(object, R, ...)
```

Arguments

object a representation of the quantum walk.
 R samples from the random variable R (For performance, it is recommended at most 10000 samples).
 ... further arguments passed to or from other methods.

Details

Let $M(t)$ be the mixing matrix of the quantum walk and R a random variable with associated probability density function $f_R(t)$. Then the generalized average mixing matrix under R is defined as

$$\widehat{M}_R := \mathbb{E}[M(R)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} M(t) f_R(t) dt$$

Value

gavg_matrix() returns the generalized average mixing matrix as a square matrix of the same order as the walk.

See Also

[ctqwalk\(\)](#), [gavg_matrix\(\)](#)

Examples

```
walk <- ctqwalk(matrix(c(0,1,0,1,0,1,0,1,0), nrow=3))

# Return the average mixing matrix under a Standard Gaussian distribution
gavg_matrix(walk, rnorm(1000))
```

get_eigproj

Extract an Eigen-Projector from an operator

Description

Extract an Eigen-Projector from an operator

Usage

```
get_eigproj(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object a representation of the operator.
... further arguments passed to or from other methods.

Value

A representation of the requested eigen-projector.

See Also

[get_eigspace\(\)](#), [get_eigschur\(\)](#), [get_eigproj.spectral\(\)](#)

Examples

```
s <- spectral(rbind(c(0.5, 0.3), c(0.3,0.7)))

get_eigproj(s, 1) #-> get_eigproj.spectral(...)
```

get_eigproj.spectral *Extract an Eigen-Projector from a Hermitian Matrix*

Description

Get the orthogonal projector associated with an eigenspace based on the representation of a Hermitian Matrix given by class spectral.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'spectral'
get_eigproj(object, id, ...)
```

Arguments

| | |
|--------|---|
| object | an instance of class spectral. |
| id | index for the desired eigenspace according to the ordered (decreasing) spectra. |
| ... | further arguments passed to or from other methods. |

Value

The orthogonal projector of the desired eigenspace.

A Hermitian matrix S admits the spectral decomposition $S = \sum_r \lambda_r E_r$ such that E_r is the orthogonal projector onto the λ_r -eigenspace. If V_{id} is the matrix associated to the eigenspace, then

$$E_{id} = V_{id}V_{id}^*$$

See Also

[spectral\(\)](#), [get_eigproj\(\)](#)

Examples

```
# Spectra is {2, -1} with multiplicities one and two respectively.
decomp <- spectral(matrix(c(0,1,1,1,0,1,1,1,0), nrow=3))

# Returns the projector associated to the eigenvalue -1.
get_eigproj(decomp, id=2)

# Returns the projector associated to the eigenvalue 2.
get_eigproj(decomp, id=1)
```

get_eigschur *Extract a Schur Cross-Product from an Operator*

Description

Extract a Schur Cross-Product from an Operator

Usage

```
get_eigschur(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object a representation of the operator.
... further arguments passed to or from other methods.

Value

A representation of the requested Schur cross-product.

See Also

[get_eigspace\(\)](#), [get_eigproj\(\)](#), [get_eigschur.spectral\(\)](#)

Examples

```
s <- spectral(rbind(c(0.5, 0.3), c(0.3,0.7)))  
get_eigschur(s, 1, 2) #-> get_eigschur.spectral(...)
```

get_eigschur.spectral *Extract a Schur Cross-Product from a Hermitian Matrix*

Description

Get the Schur product between eigen-projectors based on the representation of a Hermitian Matrix given by class spectral.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'spectral'  
get_eigschur(object, id1, id2 = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

| | |
|--------|--|
| object | an instance of class spectral. |
| id1 | index for the first eigenspace according to the ordered (decreasing) spectra. |
| id2 | index for the second eigenspace according to the ordered (decreasing) spectra. If not provided, it takes the same value as id1. |
| ... | further arguments passed to or from other methods. |

Value

The Schur product of the corresponding eigenprojectors, $E_{id_1} \circ E_{id_2}$.

See Also

[spectral\(\)](#), [get_eigschur\(\)](#)

Examples

```
# Spectra is {2, -1} with multiplicities one and two respectively.
decomp <- spectral(matrix(c(0,1,1,1,0,1,1,1,0), nrow=3))

# Returns the Schur product between the 2-projector and -1-projector.
get_eigschur(decomp, id1=2, id2=1)

# Returns the Schur square of the 2-projector.
get_eigschur(decomp, id1=1, id2=1)

# Also returns the Schur square of the 2-projector
get_eigschur(decomp, id1=1)
```

get_eigspace

Extract an Eigenspace from an Operator

Description

Extract an Eigenspace from an Operator

Usage

```
get_eigspace(object, ...)
```

Arguments

| | |
|--------|--|
| object | a representation of the operator. |
| ... | further arguments passed to or from other methods. |

Value

A representation of the requested eigenspace.

See Also

[get_eigproj\(\)](#), [get_eigschur\(\)](#), [get_eigspace.spectral\(\)](#)

Examples

```
s <- spectral(rbind(c(0.5, 0.3), c(0.3,0.7)))
get_eigspace(s, 1) #-> get_eigspace.spectral(...)
```

`get_eigspace.spectral` *Extract an Eigenspace from a Hermitian Matrix*

Description

Get the eigenbasis associated with an eigenvalue based on the representation of a Hermitian Matrix given by class `spectral`.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'spectral'
get_eigspace(object, id, ...)
```

Arguments

| | |
|---------------------|---|
| <code>object</code> | an instance of class <code>spectral</code> . |
| <code>id</code> | index for the desired eigenspace according to the ordered (decreasing) spectra. |
| <code>...</code> | further arguments passed to or from other methods. |

Value

A matrix whose columns form the orthonormal eigenbasis.

If `s <- spectral(A)` and `V <- s$eigvectors`, then the extracted eigenspace V_{id} is some submatrix `V[, _]`.

See Also

[spectral\(\)](#), [get_eigspace\(\)](#)

Examples

```
# Spectra is {2, -1} with multiplicities one and two respectively.
decomp <- spectral(matrix(c(0,1,1,1,0,1,1,1,0), nrow=3))

# Returns the two orthonormal eigenvectors corresponding to the eigenvalue -1.
get_eigspace(decomp, id=2)

# Returns the eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 2.
get_eigspace(decomp, id=1)
```

J

The All-Ones Matrix

Description

Returns the all-ones matrix of order n .

Usage

`J(n)`

Arguments

`n` the order of the matrix.

Value

A square matrix of order n in which every entry is equal to 1. The all-ones matrix is given by $J_{n \times n} = \mathbf{1}_n \mathbf{1}_n^T$.

See Also

[tr\(\)](#), [trdot\(\)](#), [cartesian\(\)](#)

Examples

```
# Return the all-ones matrix of order 5.
J(5)
```

mixing_matrix *The Mixing Matrix of a Quantum Walk*

Description

The Mixing Matrix of a Quantum Walk

Usage

```
mixing_matrix(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object a representation of the quantum walk.
... further arguments passed to or from other methods.

Value

The mixing matrix of the quantum walk.

See Also

[unitary_matrix\(\)](#), [avg_matrix\(\)](#), [gavg_matrix\(\)](#), [mixing_matrix.ctqwalk\(\)](#)

Examples

```
w <- ctqwalk(matrix(c(0,1,0,1,0,1,0,1,0), nrow=3))  
mixing_matrix(w, t = 2*pi) #-> mixing_matrix.ctqwalk(...)
```

mixing_matrix.ctqwalk *The Mixing Matrix of a Continuous-Time Quantum Walk*

Description

The Mixing Matrix of a Continuous-Time Quantum Walk

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'ctqwalk'  
mixing_matrix(object, t, ...)
```

Arguments

| | |
|--------|--|
| object | an instance of class ctqwalk. |
| t | it will be returned the mixing matrix at time t. |
| ... | further arguments passed to or from other methods. |

Details

Let $U(t)$ be the time evolution operator of the quantum walk at time t , then the mixing matrix is given by

$$M(t) = U(t) \circ \overline{U(t)}$$

$M(t)$ is a doubly stochastic real symmetric matrix, which encodes the probability density of the quantum system at time t .

More precisely, the $(M(t))_{ab}$ entry gives us the probability of measuring the standard basis state $|b\rangle$ at time t , given that the quantum walk started at $|a\rangle$.

Value

mixing_matrix() returns the mixing matrix of the CTQW evaluated at time t.

See Also

[ctqwalk\(\)](#), [mixing_matrix\(\)](#)

Examples

```
walk <- ctqwalk(matrix(c(0,1,0,1,0,1,0,1,0), nrow=3))

# Returns the mixing matrix at time t = 2*pi, M(2pi)
mixing_matrix(walk, t = 2*pi)
```

```
print.ctqwalk          Print the ctqwalk output
```

Description

Print the ctqwalk output

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'ctqwalk'
print(x, ...)
```


Arguments

`x` an object of the class `ctqwalk`.
`...` further arguments passed to or from other methods.

Value

Called mainly for its side effects. However, also returns `x` invisibly.

spectral *Spectral Decomposition of a Hermitian Matrix*

Description

`spectral()` is a wrapper around `base::eigen()` designed for Hermitian matrices, which can handle repeated eigenvalues.

Usage

```
spectral(S, multiplicity = TRUE, tol = .Machine$double.eps^0.5, ...)
```

Arguments

`S` a Hermitian matrix. *Obs:* The matrix is always assumed to be Hermitian, and only its lower triangle (diagonal included) is used.
`multiplicity` if TRUE (default), tries to infer eigenvalue multiplicity. If set to FALSE, each eigenvalue is considered unique with multiplicity one.
`tol` two eigenvalues `x`, `y` are considered equal if $\text{abs}(x-y) < \text{tol}$. Defaults to $\text{tol} = \text{.Machine\$double.eps}^{0.5}$.
`...` further arguments passed on to `base::eigen()`

Value

The spectral decomposition of `S` is returned as a list with components

`eigvals` vector containing the unique eigenvalues of `S` in *decreasing* order.
`multiplicity` multiplicities of the eigenvalues in `eigvals`.
`eigvectors` a $\text{nrow}(S) \times \text{nrow}(S)$ unitary matrix whose columns are eigenvectors ordered according to `eigvals`. Note that there may be more eigenvectors than eigenvalues if `multiplicity=TRUE`, however eigenvectors of the same eigenspace are next to each other.

The Spectral Theorem ensures the eigenvalues of `S` are real and that the vector space admits an orthonormal basis consisting of eigenvectors of `S`. Thus, if `s <- spectral(S)`, and `V <- s$eigvectors`; `lam <- s$eigvals`, then

$$S = V\Lambda V^*$$

where $\Lambda = \text{diag}(\text{rep}(\text{lam}, \text{times}=\text{s\$multiplicity}))$

See Also

[base::eigen\(\)](#), [get_eigspace.spectral\(\)](#), [get_eigproj.spectral\(\)](#), [get_eigschur.spectral\(\)](#),
[act_eigfun.spectral\(\)](#)

Examples

```
spectral(matrix(c(0,1,0,1,0,1,0,1,0), nrow=3))

# Use "tol" to set the tolerance for numerical equality
spectral(matrix(c(0,1,0,1,0,1,0,1,0), nrow=3), tol=10e-5)

# Use "multiplicity=FALSE" to force each eigenvalue to be considered unique
spectral(matrix(c(0,1,0,1,0,1,0,1,0), nrow=3), multiplicity = FALSE)
```

tr

The Trace of a Matrix

Description

Computes the trace of a matrix A.

Usage

```
tr(A)
```

Arguments

A a square matrix.

Value

If A has order n , then $tr(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii}$.

See Also

[J\(\)](#), [trdot\(\)](#), [cartesian\(\)](#)

Examples

```
A <- rbind(1:5, 2:6, 3:7)

# Calculate the trace of A
tr(A)
```

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|-------|--|
| trdot | <i>The Trace Inner Product of Matrices</i> |
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Description

Computes the trace inner product of two matrices A and B.

Usage

```
trdot(A, B)
```

Arguments

A, B square matrices.

Value

The trace inner product on $Mat_{n \times n}(\mathbb{C})$ is defined as

$$\langle A, B \rangle := tr(A^* B)$$

See Also

[J\(\)](#), [tr\(\)](#), [cartesian\(\)](#)

Examples

```
A <- rbind(1:5, 2:6, 3:7)
B <- rbind(7:11, 8:12, 9:13)

# Compute the trace inner product of A and B
trdot(A, B)
```

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| unitary_matrix | <i>The Unitary Time Evolution Operator of a Quantum Walk</i> |
|----------------|--|

Description

The Unitary Time Evolution Operator of a Quantum Walk

Usage

```
unitary_matrix(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object a representation of the quantum walk.
 ... further arguments passed to or from other methods.

Value

The unitary time evolution operator.

See Also

[mixing_matrix\(\)](#), [unitary_matrix.ctqwalk\(\)](#)

Examples

```
w <- ctqwalk(matrix(c(0,1,0,1,0,1,0,1,0), nrow=3))
unitary_matrix(w, t = 2*pi) #-> unitary_matrix.ctqwalk(...)
```

unitary_matrix.ctqwalk

The Unitary Time Evolution Operator of a Continuous-Time Quantum Walk

Description

The Unitary Time Evolution Operator of a Continuous-Time Quantum Walk

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'ctqwalk'
unitary_matrix(object, t, ...)
```

Arguments

object an instance of class ctqwalk.
 t it will be returned the evolution operator at time t.
 ... further arguments passed to or from other methods.

Details

If $|\psi(t)\rangle$ is the quantum state of the system at time t , and H the Hamiltonian operator, then the evolution is governed by the Schrodinger equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}|\psi(t)\rangle = iH|\psi(t)\rangle$$

and if H is time-independent its solution is given by

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = U(t)|\psi(0)\rangle = e^{iHt}|\psi(0)\rangle$$

The evolution operator is the result of the complex matrix exponential and it can be calculated as

$$U(t) = e^{iHt} = \sum_r e^{it\lambda_r} E_r$$

in which $H = \sum_r \lambda_r E_r$.

Value

`unitary_matrix()` returns the unitary time evolution operator of the CTQW evaluated at time `t`.

See Also

[ctqwalk\(\)](#), [unitary_matrix\(\)](#), [act_eigfun\(\)](#)

Examples

```
walk <- ctqwalk(matrix(c(0,1,0,1,0,1,0,1,0), nrow=3))  
  
# Returns the operator at time t = 2*pi, U(2pi)  
unitary_matrix(walk, t = 2*pi)
```

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