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Matrix Majorization in Non-Commutative Contexts

The notion of majorization of one self-adjoint $n \times n$ matrix by another is a very useful concept in matrix theory. For example, a classical theorem of Schur and Horn states that a diagonal matrix D is majorized by a self-adjoint matrix B if and only if a unitary conjugate of B has the same diagonal as D. Some equivalent characterizations of A being majorized by B include there existing a doubly stochastic matrix that maps the vector or eigenvalues of B to the the vector or eigenvalues of A, tracial inequalities involving convex functions of A and B, and there exists a mixed unitary quantum channel that maps B to A.

In this talk, we will examine the notion of majorization in other non-commutative contexts. In particular, we will discuss a generalization of matrix majorization that works in any C*-algebra, and a new non-commutative notion of majorization that characterizes the potential outputs under all unital quantum channels of any non-commutative tuple of matrices.

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