

Examples of unitary U , $U\mathbf{e}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\mathbf{e}$, and the corresponding $\mathcal{L} = \{Ud(\mathbf{z})U^H\}$

Exercise. For such \mathcal{L} compute \mathcal{L}_A where A is the stochastic by columns tridiagonal matrix in toe_1qr, and compare its eigenvalues (in particular, the second one $\lambda_2(\mathcal{L}_A)$) with those of A . If they do not fill our requirements, introduce $\mu \neq I$ so that \mathcal{L}_A , $\mathcal{L} = \{U(\mu \circ Z)U^H\}$, does what we want (f.i. $|\lambda_2(A)| \leq |\lambda_2(\mathcal{L}_A)| < 1$).

Circulant

Set $U_{ij} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\omega_n^{(i-1)(j-1)}$, $i, j = 1, \dots, n$, $\omega_n = e^{i\frac{2\pi}{n}}$. U is unitary symmetric.

Note that $U\mathbf{e}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\mathbf{e}$. Set $\mathcal{C} = \{Ud(\mathbf{z})U^H\} = \{Ud(\mathbf{z})\overline{U}\}$. Then $\mathcal{C} = \{p(\Pi)\}$, where Π is the following $n \times n$ 0,1-matrix

$$\Pi = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & 1 \\ 1 & & & \end{bmatrix}$$

(see []). The matrices A of \mathcal{C} are Toeplitz and satisfy the cross-sum condition (under suitable border conditions). The matrix A of \mathcal{C} whose first row is \mathbf{z}^T is here denoted $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{z})$:

$$\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{z}) = Ud(U\mathbf{z})d(U\mathbf{e}_1)^{-1}\overline{U} = \sqrt{n}Ud(U\mathbf{z})\overline{U} = \begin{bmatrix} z_1 & z_2 & & & z_n \\ z_n & z_1 & z_2 & & \\ & z_n & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & & z_2 \\ z_2 & & z_n & z_1 & \end{bmatrix}.$$

An orthogonal basis for \mathcal{C} is $\{J_1, J_2, \dots, J_n\}$ where

$$J_1 = I, \quad J_2 = \Pi, \quad J_s = \Pi^{s-1}, \quad s = 3, \dots, n.$$

Note that the J_s are 0,1-matrices orthogonal each other with respect the Frobenius scalar product (\cdot, \cdot) for any fixed n . Given $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ write the best approximation of A in \mathcal{C} :

$$\mathcal{C}_A = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n (J_s, A) J_s = U d\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n (J_s, A) \mathbf{z}_s\right) \overline{U}$$

where \mathbf{z}_s is defined as the vector of the eigenvalues of J_s . Note that $\mathbf{z}_s = \sqrt{n}U\mathbf{e}_s$ since $J_s = \sqrt{n}Ud(U\mathbf{e}_s)\overline{U}$. Thus

$$\mathcal{C}_A = \sqrt{n}Ud\left(U \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n (J_s, A) \mathbf{e}_s\right) \overline{U}.$$

In the following may be we will use the symbol $U_{\mathcal{C}}$ in order to denote the above unitary matrix defining the circulant algebra \mathcal{C} .

Haar

Set

$$Q_1 = 1, \quad Q_n = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{e}\mathbf{e}_1^T & Q_{\frac{n}{2}} \\ Q_{\frac{n}{2}} & -\mathbf{e}\mathbf{e}_1^T \end{bmatrix}, \quad n = 2, 4, 8, \dots, 2^k.$$

$$D_1 = 1, \quad D_n = \begin{bmatrix} D_{\frac{n}{2}} S_{\frac{n}{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & D_{\frac{n}{2}} S_{\frac{n}{2}} \end{bmatrix}, \quad S_{\frac{n}{2}} = \text{diag}(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 1, \dots, 1), \quad n = 2, 4, 8, \dots, 2^k.$$

Set $U = U_n = Q_n D_n$. Examples:

$$\begin{aligned} Q_2 D_2 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \\ & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}; \\ Q_4 D_4 &= \left[\begin{array}{c|cc} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & \\ \hline 1 & -1 & -1 \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{c|c|c} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}} & & \\ \hline & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \\ & \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}} & \\ \hline & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \end{array} \right]; \\ Q_8 D_8 &= \left[\begin{array}{c|ccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & \\ \hline 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & \\ \hline 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{c|c|c|c} \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}} & & & \\ \hline & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & & \\ & \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}} & & \\ \hline & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & & \\ & \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}} & & \\ & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & & \\ & \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}} & & \\ \hline & & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \\ & & \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}} & \\ & & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \\ & & \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}} & \\ & & & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{array} \right]; \\ Q_{16} D_{16} &= \left[\begin{array}{c|cccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \end{array} \right] \cdot D_{16}, \\ D_{16} &= \begin{bmatrix} D_8 S_8 & \\ & D_8 S_8 \end{bmatrix}, \quad S_8 = \text{diag}(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1). \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$U_n = Q_n D_n = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{e}\mathbf{e}_1^T & Q_{\frac{n}{2}} \\ Q_{\frac{n}{2}} & -\mathbf{e}\mathbf{e}_1^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} D_{\frac{n}{2}} S_{\frac{n}{2}} & \\ & D_{\frac{n}{2}} S_{\frac{n}{2}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \mathbf{e}\mathbf{e}_1^T & U_{\frac{n}{2}} S_{\frac{n}{2}} \\ U_{\frac{n}{2}} S_{\frac{n}{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \mathbf{e}\mathbf{e}_1^T \end{bmatrix}.$$

(See []; for a different order of the columns in Q see Appendix 2). By construction, the matrices U and U^T are unitary real matrices defining fast discrete transforms. Note that $U\mathbf{e}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\mathbf{e}$.

Consider the matrix algebra \mathcal{L} associated to the transform U : $\mathcal{L} = \{Ud(\mathbf{z})U^H\} = \{QDd(\mathbf{z})DQ^T\}$.

Exercise: Find an orthogonal basis $\{J_1, J_2, \dots, J_n\}$, $n = 2^k$, for \mathcal{L} made up with matrices whose entries are 0, 1 or -1 . Solution: the following rank-one 0, 1, -1 -matrices form a basis for \mathcal{L} ($n = 4$, $n = 8$, $n = 2^k$):

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} &= Q\mathbf{e}_1\mathbf{e}_1^TQ^T, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = Q\mathbf{e}_3\mathbf{e}_3^TQ^T, \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} &= Q\mathbf{e}_4\mathbf{e}_4^TQ^T, \quad \begin{bmatrix} & \\ & 1 & -1 \\ & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = Q\mathbf{e}_2\mathbf{e}_2^TQ^T; \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} &= Q\mathbf{e}_1\mathbf{e}_1^TQ^T, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = Q\mathbf{e}_5\mathbf{e}_5^TQ^T, \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} &= Q\mathbf{e}_7\mathbf{e}_7^TQ^T, \quad \begin{bmatrix} & \\ & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = Q\mathbf{e}_3\mathbf{e}_3^TQ^T, \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} &= Q\mathbf{e}_8\mathbf{e}_8^TQ^T, \quad \begin{bmatrix} & \\ & 1 & -1 \\ & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = Q\mathbf{e}_6\mathbf{e}_6^TQ^T, \\ \begin{bmatrix} & \\ & 1 & -1 \\ & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} &= Q\mathbf{e}_4\mathbf{e}_4^TQ^T, \quad \begin{bmatrix} & \\ & 1 & -1 \\ & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = Q\mathbf{e}_2\mathbf{e}_2^TQ^T; \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{e}\mathbf{e}^T = Q\mathbf{e}_1\mathbf{e}_1^T Q^T,$$

$$J_{s,i} = \begin{bmatrix} I_{2^{s-1}} & -I_{2^{s-1}} \\ -I_{2^{s-1}} & I_{2^{s-1}} \end{bmatrix} \otimes \mu_i^{(\frac{n}{2^s})} = Q\mathbf{e}_*\mathbf{e}_*^T Q^T, \quad * = (n - 2^{s-1} + 1) - 2^s(i-1),$$

$$i = 1, \dots, \frac{n}{2^s}, \quad s = 1, 2, \dots, \log_2 n = k$$

(I_r is the $r \times r$ matrix with ones everywhere; $\mu_i^{(r)}$ is the $r \times r$ matrix with 1 in position i, i and 0 elsewhere). Note that if X, Y are two matrices from such basis, then $(X, X) = n^2, \frac{n^2}{4}, \frac{n^2}{16}, \dots, \frac{n^2}{2^{2k-2}} = 4$, and $(X, Y) = 0$ if $X \neq Y$. This implies, in particular, that we have immediately a formula for the best approximation of $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ in \mathcal{L} :

$$\mathcal{L}_A = \frac{(\mathbf{e}\mathbf{e}^T, A)}{n^2} \mathbf{e}\mathbf{e}^T + \sum_{s=1}^{\log_2 n} \frac{1}{2^{2s}} \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{n}{2^s}} (J_{s,i}, A) J_{s,i}.$$

Observe that for $n = 4$ and $n = 8$ the generic matrix in \mathcal{L} has the following structure:

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc} a+b & a-b & c & c \\ a-b & a+b & c & c \\ c & c & a+d & a-d \\ c & c & a-d & a+d \end{array} \right],$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccccccccc} (a+d)+c & (a+d)-c & a-d & a-d & b & b & b & b \\ (a+d)-c & (a+d)+c & a-d & a-d & b & b & b & b \\ a-d & a-d & (a+d)+e & (a+d)-e & b & b & b & b \\ a-d & a-d & (a+d)-e & (a+d)+e & b & b & b & b \\ b & b & b & b & (a+f)+g & (a+f)-g & a-f & a-f \\ b & b & b & b & (a+f)-g & (a+f)+g & a-f & a-f \\ b & b & b & b & a-f & a-f & (a+f)+h & (a+f)-h \\ b & b & b & b & a-f & a-f & (a+f)-h & (a+f)+h \end{array} \right].$$

Note also that there exists \mathbf{v} such that $\mathbf{v}^T Q = \mathbf{e}^T$. See below, first for $n = 8$, and then, for a generic $n = 2^k$:

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} (x+1+\frac{1}{2})+\frac{1}{4} \\ (x+\frac{1}{2})+\frac{1}{4} \\ (x+1)+\frac{1}{4} \\ (x)+\frac{1}{4} \\ \hline (x+1)+\frac{1}{2} \\ (x)+\frac{1}{2} \\ x+1 \\ \hline x \end{bmatrix}, \quad x = \frac{1}{2^2}-1, \quad Q_8 = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & & & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & & & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & & & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

(for any x we have $\mathbf{v}^T(Q_8\mathbf{e}_i) = 1 \forall i \geq 2$; then x is chosen so that $\mathbf{v}^T(Q_8\mathbf{e}_1) = 1$),

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} (x + \dots) + \frac{1}{2^{k-1}} \\ (x + \dots) + \frac{1}{2^{k-1}} \\ \dots \\ (x + \dots) + \frac{1}{2^{k-1}} \\ \hline \dots \\ \hline (x + 1 + \frac{1}{2}) + \frac{1}{4} \\ (x + \frac{1}{2}) + \frac{1}{4} \\ (x + 1) + \frac{1}{4} \\ (x) + \frac{1}{4} \\ \hline \dots \\ \hline (x + 1) + \frac{1}{2} \\ (x) + \frac{1}{2} \\ \hline \dots \\ x + 1 \\ \hline \dots \\ x \end{bmatrix}, \quad x = \frac{1}{2^{k-1}} - 1.$$

As a consequence, we can define the matrix $\mathcal{L}_r(\mathbf{z}) = QDd(DQ^T\mathbf{z})d(DQ^T\mathbf{v})^{-1}DQ^T = QDd(DQ^T\mathbf{z})d(D\mathbf{e})^{-1}DQ^T = QD^2d(Q^T\mathbf{z})Q^T$, i.e. the matrix of \mathcal{L} whose \mathbf{v} -row is \mathbf{z}^T ($\mathbf{v}^T\mathcal{L}_r(\mathbf{z}) = \mathbf{z}^T$), and the matrix algebra \mathcal{L} can be represented as $\mathcal{L} = \{\mathcal{L}_r(\mathbf{z})\}$. For example, obtain \mathbf{z} such that $\mathcal{L}_r(\mathbf{z}) = QD^2d(Q^T\mathbf{z})Q^T = Q\mathbf{e}_i\mathbf{e}_i^TQ^T$. Such equality is satisfied iff $D^2Q^T\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{e}_i$ iff $((DQ^T)^{-1} = QD)$

$$\mathbf{z} = Q\mathbf{e}_i, \quad QD^2d(Q^T\mathbf{z})Q^T = Q\mathbf{e}_i\mathbf{e}_i^TQ^T.$$

In the following may be we will use the symbol $U_{\mathcal{L}}$ in order to denote the above unitary matrix defining the elle algebra \mathcal{L} .

Jacobi

Set $U_{ij} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{n}} \delta_j \cos \frac{(2i-1)(j-1)\pi}{2n}$, $i, j = 1, \dots, n$, where $\delta_j = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ if $j = 1$, and $\delta_j = 1$ otherwise. The matrix U is unitary real. Note that $U\mathbf{e}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\mathbf{e}$. Set $\Upsilon = \{Ud(\mathbf{z})U^H\} = \{Ud(\mathbf{z})U^T\}$. Then $\Upsilon = \{p(T)\}$, where T is the following tridiagonal $n \times n$ 0, 1-matrix

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & & & \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ & & & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(see []). The matrices A of Υ are symmetric and persymmetric and satisfy the cross-sum condition (like the matrices of η , see below). The border conditions are: $a_{0,i} = a_{1,i}$, $i = 1, \dots, n$.

Exercise. Find, at least in case $n = 2^k$, an orthogonal basis $\{J_1, J_2, \dots, J_n\}$ for Υ made up with matrices whose entries are 0, 1 or -1 . Given $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ write the best approximation of A in Υ :

$$\Upsilon_A = \sum_{s=1}^n \frac{(J_s, A)}{(J_s, J_s)} J_s = U d \left(\sum_{s=1}^n \frac{(J_s, A)}{(J_s, J_s)} \mathbf{z}_s \right) U^T$$

where \mathbf{z}_s is defined as the vector of the eigenvalues of J_s . Observe that $(U^T \mathbf{e}_1)_i \neq 0 \forall i$, thus the matrix $\Upsilon(\mathbf{z})$ in Υ with first row \mathbf{z}^T is well defined, $\Upsilon(\mathbf{z}) = Ud(U^T \mathbf{z})d(U^T \mathbf{e}_1)^{-1}U^T$, and Υ can be represented as $\Upsilon = \{\Upsilon(\mathbf{z})\}$. Exercise: Find \mathbf{z} such that $\Upsilon(\mathbf{z}) = J_s$ and then observe that $\mathbf{z}_s = d(U^T \mathbf{e}_1)^{-1}U^T \mathbf{z}$.

In the following may be we will use the symbol U_Υ in order to denote the above unitary matrix defining the upsilon algebra Υ .

Hartley

Set $U_{ij} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}(\cos \frac{2\pi(i-1)(j-1)}{n} + \sin \frac{2\pi(i-1)(j-1)}{n})$, $i, j = 1, \dots, n$. The matrix U is unitary real symmetric. Note that $U\mathbf{e}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\mathbf{e}$. Set $\mathcal{H} = \{Ud(\mathbf{z})U^H\} = \{Ud(\mathbf{z})U\}$. Then $\mathcal{H} = C^S + J\Pi C^{SK}$, where C^S is the algebra of symmetric circulants and C^{SK} is the space of skew-symmetric circulants (see []). The matrices of \mathcal{H} are symmetric.

Exercise. Find, at least in case $n = 2^k$, an orthogonal basis $\{J_1, J_2, \dots, J_n\}$ for \mathcal{H} made up with matrices whose entries are 0, 1 or -1 . Given $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ write the best approximation of A in \mathcal{H} :

$$\mathcal{H}_A = \sum_{s=1}^n \frac{(J_s, A)}{(J_s, J_s)} J_s = U d\left(\sum_{s=1}^n \frac{(J_s, A)}{(J_s, J_s)} \mathbf{z}_s \right) U$$

where \mathbf{z}_s is defined as the vector of the eigenvalues of J_s . Observe that the matrix $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{z})$ in \mathcal{H} with first row \mathbf{z}^T is well defined, $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{z}) = Ud(U\mathbf{z})d(U\mathbf{e}_1)^{-1}U = \sqrt{n}Ud(U\mathbf{z})U$, and \mathcal{H} can be represented as $\mathcal{H} = \{\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{z})\}$. Exercise: Find \mathbf{z} such that $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{z}) = J_s$ and then observe that $\mathbf{z}_s = \sqrt{n}U\mathbf{z}$.

In the following may be we will use the symbol $U_{\mathcal{H}}$ in order to denote the above unitary matrix defining the Hartley algebra \mathcal{H} .

Eta

Set

$$U_{i,1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}, U_{i,j} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{n}} \cos \frac{(2i-1)(j-1)\pi}{n}, j = 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{1}{2}n \rceil,$$

$$U_{i,\lfloor \frac{1}{2}n+1 \rfloor} = \frac{(-1)^{i-1}}{\sqrt{n}} \text{ if } n \text{ is even, } U_{ij} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{n}} \sin \frac{(2i-1)(j-1)\pi}{n}, j = \lfloor \frac{1}{2}n+2 \rfloor, \dots, n,$$

$i = 1, \dots, n$. The matrix U is unitary real. Note that $U\mathbf{e}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\mathbf{e}$. Set $\eta = \{Ud(\mathbf{z})U^H\} = \{Ud(\mathbf{z})U^T\}$. Then $\eta = C^S + JC^S$, where C^S is the algebra of symmetric circulants (see []). The matrices A of η are symmetric and persymmetric and satisfy the cross-sum condition. The border conditions are: $a_{0,i} = a_{1,n+1-i}$, $i = 1, \dots, n$.

Exercise. Find, at least in case $n = 2^k$, an orthogonal basis $\{J_1, J_2, \dots, J_n\}$ for η made up with matrices whose entries are 0, 1 or -1 . A possible such basis, for $n = 4, 8$, is displayed here below

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{array} \right], \left[\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{array} \right], \left[\begin{array}{cc} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{array} \right], \left[\begin{array}{cc} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{array} \right]; \\ & \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right], \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} & & 1 & 1 \\ & & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right], \\ & \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc|cc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right], \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc|cc} & & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ & & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right], \\ & \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc|cc} 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right], \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc|cc} & & 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ & & -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right], \\ & \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc|cc} 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right], \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc|cc} & & 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ & & -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right], \\ & \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc|cc} 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right], \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc|cc} & & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ & & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right], \\ & \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc|cc} 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right], \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc|cc} & & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ & & -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right], \\ & \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc|cc} 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ \hline 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right], \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc|cc} & & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ & & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Exercise: find such basis for generic $n = 2^k$. Note that if $n = 4 = 2^2$, $(J_s, J_s) = 8 = 2^3$; if $n = 8 = 2^3$, $(J_s, J_s) = 32 = 2^5$; and, we conjecture, if $n = 2^k$, $(J_s, J_s) = 2^{2k-1}$. Given $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ write the best approximation of A in η :

$$\eta_A = \frac{1}{2^{2k-1}} \sum_{s=1}^{2^k} (J_s, A) J_s = U d\left(\frac{1}{2^{2k-1}} \sum_{s=1}^{2^k} (J_s, A) \mathbf{z}_s\right) U^T$$

where \mathbf{z}_s is defined as the vector of the eigenvalues of J_s . Observe that the matrix $\eta(\mathbf{z})$ in η with first row \mathbf{z}^T is well defined, $\eta(\mathbf{z}) = U d(U^T \mathbf{z}) d(U^T \mathbf{e}_1)^{-1} U^T$, and η can be represented as $\eta = \{\eta(\mathbf{z})\}$. Exercise: Find \mathbf{z} such that $\eta(\mathbf{z}) = J_s$ and then observe that $\mathbf{z}_s = d(U^T \mathbf{e}_1)^{-1} U^T \mathbf{z}$.

In the following may be we will use the symbol U_η in order to denote the above unitary matrix defining the eta algebra η .

P.S.

Another orthogonal basis of η :

$$I, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix};$$

$$I, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$I, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$I, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

APPENDIX (*The anti-Haar transform and the corresponding algebra*)

Set $U = DQ^T$. The matrix U is unitary real. Set $\mathcal{L} = \{Ud(\mathbf{z})U^H\} = \{Ud(\mathbf{z})U^T\}$. Since $(U^T\mathbf{e}_1)_i = (\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\mathbf{e})_i \neq 0 \forall i$, the algebra \mathcal{L} can be represented as $\mathcal{L} = \{\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{z})\}$, where $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{z})$ is the matrix of \mathcal{L} with first row z^T , $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{z}) = Ud(U^T\mathbf{z})d(U^T\mathbf{e}_1)^{-1}U^T = \sqrt{n}DQ^Td(QD\mathbf{z})QD$. Write $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{z})$:

First problem: how to choose the order of the columns of Q ? Assume $n = 4$. First choice:

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, D = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \end{bmatrix}, \mathcal{L}(z) = \begin{bmatrix} z_1 & z_2 & z_3 & z_4 \\ z_2 & z_1 - z_3 & z_3 & -z_4 \\ z_3 & z_3 & z_1 + z_2 & \\ z_4 & -z_4 & & z_1 - z_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Second choice:

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, D = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \end{bmatrix}, \mathcal{L}(z) = \begin{bmatrix} z_1 & z_2 & z_3 & z_4 \\ z_2 & z_1 - z_3 & -z_2 & \\ z_3 & -z_2 & z_1 & z_4 \\ z_4 & & z_4 & z_1 + z_3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Finally, the third, definitive choice:

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, D = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \end{bmatrix}, \mathcal{L}(z) = \begin{bmatrix} z_1 & z_2 & z_3 & z_4 \\ z_2 & z_1 - z_3 & -z_2 & \\ z_3 & -z_2 & z_1 & z_4 \\ z_4 & & z_4 & z_1 + z_3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$n = 8$:

$$Q = [\mathbf{e} \cdots], D = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} & & & \\ & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & & \\ & & \frac{1}{2} & \\ & & & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ & & & idem \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathcal{L}(z) = \begin{bmatrix} z_1 & z_2 & z_3 & z_4 & z_5 & z_6 & z_7 & z_8 \\ z_2 & z_1 - z_5 - \sqrt{2}z_3 & -\sqrt{2}z_2 & & & & & \\ z_3 & -\sqrt{2}z_2 & z_1 - z_5 & \sqrt{2}z_4 & & & & \\ z_4 & & \sqrt{2}z_4 & z_1 - z_5 + \sqrt{2}z_3 & -z_4 & & & \\ z_5 & -z_2 & -z_3 & -z_4 & z_1 & z_6 & z_7 & z_8 \\ z_6 & & & & z_6 & z_1 + z_5 - \sqrt{2}z_7 & -\sqrt{2}z_6 & \\ z_7 & & & & z_7 & -\sqrt{2}z_6 & z_1 + z_5 & \sqrt{2}z_8 \\ z_8 & & & & z_8 & & \sqrt{2}z_8 & z_1 + z_5 + \sqrt{2}z_7 \end{bmatrix}.$$

APPENDIX 1 (*The first investigations on the Haar matrix algebra*)

$Q = [\mathbf{e} \cdots]$, $D = \text{diag}(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}, \dots)$, QD and DQ^T are real unitary. Investigate the matrix algebras $\{DQ^T d(\mathbf{z}) Q D : \mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{C}^n\}$ and $\{Q D d(\mathbf{z}) D Q^T : \mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{C}^n\}$.

$\{Q D d(\mathbf{z}) D Q^T : \mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{C}^n\}$ (the other one is investigated in APPENDIX)

$Md(M^T \mathbf{z}) d(M^T \mathbf{v})^{-1} M^{-1}, \mathbf{v}^T(\cdot) = \mathbf{z}^T, M = QD: \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{e}_1$ is not ok, what \mathbf{v} is ok? ... Write $Q D d(DQ^T \mathbf{z}) D Q^T = Q D^3 d(Q^T \mathbf{z}) Q^T$:

$$n=4: Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, D = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & & \\ & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{2} & \\ & & \frac{1}{2} & \end{bmatrix},$$

$$Q D^3 d(Q^T \mathbf{z}) Q^T = \begin{bmatrix} a+b & a-b & c & c \\ a-b & a+b & c & c \\ c & c & a+d & a-d \\ c & c & a-d & a+d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s & t & c & c \\ t & s & c & c \\ c & c & \frac{s+t}{2} + d & \frac{s+t}{2} - d \\ c & c & \frac{s+t}{2} - d & \frac{s+t}{2} + d \end{bmatrix},$$

$$a = \frac{1}{4}(z_1 + z_2), b = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}(z_1 - z_2),$$

$$c = \frac{1}{4}(z_3 + z_4), d = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}(z_3 - z_4),$$

$$a+b=s, a-b=t, a=\frac{s+t}{2};$$

$$n=8: Q = [\mathbf{e} \cdots], D = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} & & & \\ & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & & \\ & & \frac{1}{2} & \\ & & & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix},$$

$$Q D^3 d(Q^T \mathbf{z}) Q^T$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} (a+d)+c & (a+d)-c & a-d & a-d & b & b & b & b \\ (a+d)-c & (a+d)+c & a-d & a-d & b & b & b & b \\ a-d & a-d & (a+d)+e & (a+d)-e & b & b & b & b \\ a-d & a-d & (a+d)-e & (a+d)+e & b & b & b & b \\ b & b & b & b & (a+f)+g & (a+f)-g & a-f & a-f \\ b & b & b & b & (a+f)-g & (a+f)+g & a-f & a-f \\ b & b & b & b & a-f & a-f & (a+f)+h & (a+f)-h \\ b & b & b & b & a-f & a-f & (a+f)-h & (a+f)+h \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} s & t & q & q & b & b & b & b \\ t & s & q & q & b & b & b & b \\ q & q & \frac{s+t}{2} + e & \frac{s+t}{2} - e & b & b & b & b \\ q & q & \frac{s+t}{2} - e & \frac{s+t}{2} + e & b & b & b & b \\ b & b & b & b & b & & & \\ b & b & b & b & & & & \\ b & b & b & b & & & & \\ b & b & b & b & & & & \end{bmatrix},$$

$$a = \frac{1}{8\sqrt{2}}(z_1 + z_2 + z_3 + z_4), b = \frac{1}{8\sqrt{2}}(z_5 + z_6 + z_7 + z_8),$$

$$c = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}(z_1 - z_2), d = \frac{1}{8}(z_1 + z_2 - z_3 - z_4), e = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}(z_3 - z_4),$$

$$f = \frac{1}{8}(z_5 + z_6 - z_7 - z_8), g = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}(z_5 - z_6), h = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}(z_7 - z_8),$$

$$(a+d)+c=s, (a+d)-c=t, a-d=q, a+d=\frac{s+t}{2},$$

$$2a-c=q+t, 2a+c=q+s, a=\frac{1}{2}(\frac{t+s}{2}+q).$$

Appendix 2 (*A different position of the columns in Q*)

$$\begin{aligned}
Q_2 D_2 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}, \\
Q_4 D_4 &= \left[\begin{array}{cc|ccc} 1 & -1 & -1 & & \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & & \\ \hline 1 & & 1 & -1 & \\ 1 & & 1 & 1 & \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{cc|ccc} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}} & & & & \\ & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & & & \\ \hline & & \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}} & & \\ & & & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \end{array} \right], \\
Q_8 D_8 &= \left[\begin{array}{cccc|ccc} 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & & & & \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & & & & \\ 1 & & 1 & -1 & & & & \\ \hline 1 & & 1 & -1 & & & & \\ 1 & & & 1 & -1 & -1 & & \\ 1 & & & 1 & 1 & -1 & & \\ 1 & & & 1 & & 1 & -1 & \\ \hline 1 & & & 1 & & 1 & 1 & \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc|cc|cc} \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}} & & & & & & & \\ & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & & & & & & \\ & & \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}} & & & & & \\ \hline & & & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & & & & \\ & & & & \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}} & & & \\ & & & & & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & & \\ & & & & & & \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}} & \\ \hline & & & & & & & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{array} \right], \\
Q_{16} D_{16} &= \left[\begin{array}{cccc|cccc|cccc|cccc} 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & & & & & & & & & & & \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & & & & & & & & & & & \\ 1 & & 1 & -1 & -1 & & & & & & & & & & & \\ 1 & & 1 & 1 & -1 & & & & & & & & & & & \\ 1 & & & 1 & -1 & -1 & & & & & & & & & & \\ 1 & & & 1 & 1 & -1 & & & & & & & & & & \\ 1 & & & 1 & & 1 & -1 & & & & & & & & & \\ \hline 1 & & & 1 & & 1 & 1 & -1 & & & & & & & & \\ 1 & & & 1 & & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & & & & & & & \\ 1 & & & 1 & & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & & & & & & \\ 1 & & & 1 & & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & & & & & \\ 1 & & & 1 & & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & & & & \\ 1 & & & 1 & & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & & & \\ 1 & & & 1 & & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & & \\ 1 & & & 1 & & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & \\ \hline 1 & & & 1 & & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right] \cdot D_{16},
\end{aligned}$$

$$D_{16} = \begin{bmatrix} D_8 S_8 & \\ & D_8 S_8 \end{bmatrix}, \quad S_8 = \text{diag}(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1).$$

Note that

$$Q_n D_n = \begin{bmatrix} Q_{\frac{n}{2}} & -\mathbf{e}\mathbf{e}_1^T \\ \mathbf{e}\mathbf{e}_1^T & Q_{\frac{n}{2}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} D_{\frac{n}{2}} S_{\frac{n}{2}} & \\ & D_{\frac{n}{2}} S_{\frac{n}{2}} \end{bmatrix}.$$