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PROBLEMA N. 92

1) Clearly $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{H}^2$, hence \mathbf{H} is (symmetric) idempotent. Its eigenvalues are therefore 0 or 1. Hence $r(\mathbf{H}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{H}) = n - 1$, as \mathbf{H} has $n - 1$ unit eigenvalues and one zero-eigenvalue. As usual $r(\mathbf{H})$ and $\text{tr}(\mathbf{H})$ denote rank and trace of \mathbf{H} , respectively.

2) $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{1}_n \mathbf{1}'_n) \mathbf{H}$, where $\mathbf{H} \mathbf{1}_n = 0$, $\mathbf{1}'_n \mathbf{H} = 0$. Hence

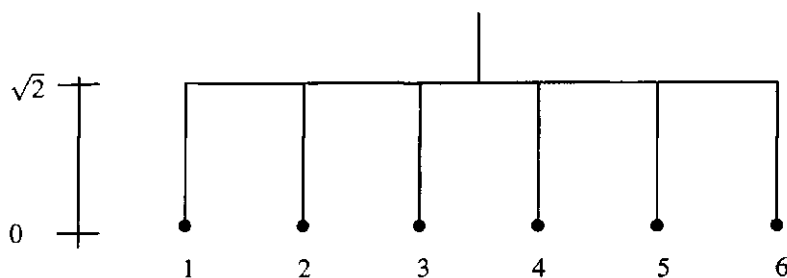
$$\mathbf{B} = -\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{H} (2(\mathbf{1}_n \mathbf{1}'_n - \mathbf{I}_n)) \mathbf{H}$$

and the (Euclidean) distance matrix is

$$\mathbf{D} = \sqrt{2}(\mathbf{1}_n \mathbf{1}'_n - \mathbf{I}_n)$$

i.e., $d_{ij} = \sqrt{2}$, $i \neq j$, and $d_{ii} = 0$, $i, j = 1, \dots, n$.

3) Clearly, all distances are equal to $\sqrt{2}$. A dendrogram for the n objects, assuming $n = 6$, is:



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