

$$a_3(1-a_3) - (a_1^2 + a_2^2) = a_3 - 1$$

# Quantum Physics I Final Exam

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$$\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} a_3 & a_1 - ia_2 \\ a_1 + ia_2 & 1 - a_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_3 & a_1 - ia_2 \\ a_1 + ia_2 & 1 - a_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

1. Consider the following Hamiltonian for a two-level system.

$$\hat{H} = \gamma[|1\rangle\langle 1| + (1-i)|2\rangle\langle 1| + (1+i)|1\rangle\langle 2|]$$

where  $\{|1\rangle, |2\rangle\}$  is an orthogonal basis and  $\gamma$  is a real number.

- Find the eigenvectors and eigenvalues of  $\hat{H}$ . (10 pts.)
- What is the matrix  $H$  representing  $\hat{H}$  with respect to the basis  $\{|1\rangle, |2\rangle\}$ ? (4 pts.)
- Verify that  $H$  is Hermitian. (6 pts.)

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$$\begin{aligned} & a_3^2 + a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_1 - ia_2 \\ & + (1-a_3)^2 \\ & = (a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2) + a_1 - ia_2 \\ & + 1 - 2a_3 + a_3^2 \\ & = 1 + a_1 - ia_2 + 2a_3^2 \end{aligned}$$

2. A particle in an infinite square well is initially in a superposition of its first two stationary states with energies  $E_1$  and  $E_2$ ,

$$\Psi(x, 0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}[\psi_1(x) + \psi_2(x)]$$

$$e^{\frac{iE_1 t}{\hbar}}$$

- If you measure the energy of this particle, what are the possible values and the corresponding possibilities? (4 pts.)
- Find the variance  $\sigma_H^2 = \langle H^2 \rangle - \langle H \rangle^2$  in terms of  $E_1$  and  $E_2$ , where  $\langle H \rangle$  is the expectation value of the energy. (6 pts.)
- What is  $\Psi(x, t)$ ? (4 pts.)
- Verify that the product of  $\sigma_H$  and the time  $\Delta t$  it takes  $\Psi(x, t)$  to evolve into a state orthogonal to  $\Psi(x, 0)$  is a constant. This is a consequence of the energy-time uncertainty principle. (6 pts.)

3. Consider a particle in the infinite cubical well,

$$V(x, y, z) = \begin{cases} 0, & 0 \leq x \leq a, 0 \leq y \leq a, 0 \leq z \leq a, \\ \infty, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} H\psi &= E\psi \\ \frac{p^2}{2m} \psi &= E\psi \\ \int_0^a \sin^2 kx dx \end{aligned}$$

- Find the wave functions and allowed energies. (15 pts.)
- Determine the degeneracies of the lowest five energies. (5 pts.)

$$\frac{\sqrt{2mE}}{\hbar} = k = \frac{n\pi}{a}$$

$$E = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} = \frac{\hbar^2 n^2 \pi^2}{2ma^2}$$

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2 \psi}{dx^2} = E\psi$$

$$\psi'' + \frac{2mE}{\hbar^2} \psi = 0$$

$$\psi = A \cos kx + B \sin kx \quad B \sin ka = 0$$

$$\psi = B \sin kx$$



4. In the basis  $\left\{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\right\}$  representing spin up and spin down along the  $z$  direction, respectively,

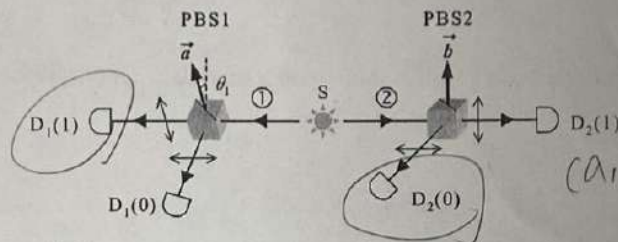
the spin state of an electron is prepared in  $\chi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 2/\sqrt{3} \\ 1/\sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix}$ .

(a) If you measure  $S_z = \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  on this electron, what are the possible results and the corresponding probabilities? (4 pts.)

(b) Find the eigenvalues and eigenstates of  $S_y = \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . (10 pts.)

(c) If you measure  $S_y$ , instead of  $S_z$ , on this electron, what are the possible results and the corresponding probabilities? (6 pts.)

5. Consider the following configuration of the Bell experiment, where  $\theta_2 = 0$ .



(a) With  $|\theta\rangle_1$  and  $|\theta\rangle_2$  representing the state of photon ① and ②, respectively, and  $\theta$  the angle of the polarization relative to the vertical axis, what are the probabilities that  $D_1(1)$  fires and  $D_2(0)$  fires if the source emits the following states? (9 pts.)

(i)  $|0^\circ\rangle_1 |0^\circ\rangle_2$

(ii)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0^\circ\rangle_1 |90^\circ\rangle_2 - |90^\circ\rangle_1 |0^\circ\rangle_2)$

(iii)  $\frac{1}{2} (|0^\circ\rangle_1 |90^\circ\rangle_2 + |0^\circ\rangle_1 |0^\circ\rangle_2 + |90^\circ\rangle_1 |90^\circ\rangle_2 + |90^\circ\rangle_1 |0^\circ\rangle_2)$

(b) Which of the states in (a) are entangled states? Explain your answers. (6 pts.)

6. Consider the Bennett–Brassard 84 (BB84) protocol of quantum cryptography (quantum key distribution), in which the binary “0” and “1” are encoded by the polarization states of single photons.

(a) Give a set of possible polarization states that will be sent from Alice to Bob. (4 pts.)

(b) Explain how the no-clone theorem helps Alice and Bob detect the eavesdropping. (5 pts.)

(c) Suppose Alice wants to send Bob the state  $|\leftrightarrow\rangle$  through an optical fiber. However, due to the noise in the fiber, there is a chance that the polarization state flips to  $|\uparrow\rangle$  with probability  $p$  (or stays as  $|\leftrightarrow\rangle$  with probability  $1 - p$ ) in the fiber. Construct the density operators for the polarization states of the single photon before and after the fiber. (6 pts.)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1-p & -p \\ p & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{p}} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{1-p} \\ \sqrt{p} \end{pmatrix}^2 \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1-p & -p \\ p & 0 \end{pmatrix} |\leftrightarrow\rangle + p |\uparrow\rangle$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_3 & a_1 + ia_2 \\ a_1 - ia_2 & -a_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1+a_3 \\ 1-a_3 \end{pmatrix}$$