ECE 462 - Homework #5

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1 Problem 4.2.1

The Hamiltonian matrix can be used to directly find the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions, these are time-domain functions and therefore can be simulated accordingly.

2 Problem 4.3.2

2.1 Part (a)

$$|\sigma_y - \lambda I| = det(\begin{bmatrix} -\lambda & \frac{-i}{2} \\ \frac{i}{2} & -\lambda \end{bmatrix})$$

$$\lambda_{1,2} = \pm \frac{1}{2}$$

With these corresponding eigenvectors:

$$= \sigma_y \cdot \overrightarrow{\lambda_{1,2}} = \lambda_{1,2} \cdot \overrightarrow{\lambda_{1,2}}$$

$$\overrightarrow{\lambda_1} = \begin{bmatrix} i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\overrightarrow{\lambda_2} = \begin{bmatrix} -i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

2.2 Part (b)

To show that the eigenfunctions are orthonormal, I'll verify the following is true:

$$\overrightarrow{\lambda_1^+} \cdot \overrightarrow{\lambda_2} = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -i & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = -1 + 1 = 0$$

Since the inner product of the eigen vectors is equal to zero, the functions are orthonormal.

2.3 Part (c)

$$V \cdot \sigma_y = [\overrightarrow{\lambda_1}, \overrightarrow{\lambda_2}]$$

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ 2i & -2i \end{bmatrix}$$

3 Problem 4.3.3

3.1 Part (a)

It can clearly be seen that the matrix's complex transposition is identical to the original matrix, therefore the matrix *is* Hermitian.

3.2 Part (b)

3.3 Part (c)

$$VA = [\overrightarrow{\lambda}] \rightarrow V = [\overrightarrow{\lambda}]A^{-1}$$

Thus the matrix that transforms A to the eigenfunction representation is:

4 Problem 4.3.4

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} a_1b_1 & a_1b_2 \\ a_2b_1 & a_2b_2 \end{bmatrix}$$