

## Q&A (2.51-2.60)

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**Exercise 2.51:** Verify that the Hadamard gate  $H$  is unitary.

**Answer:**

$$H^\dagger H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I.$$

Thus the Hadamard gate  $H$  is unitary.

**Exercise 2.52:** Verify that  $H^2 = I$ .

**Answer:**

$$H^2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I.$$

**Exercise 2.53:** What are the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $H$ ?

**Answer:**

$$\det|A - \lambda I| = \det \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} \right| = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \lambda & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Eigenvalues are  $\pm 1$  and associated eigenvectors are  $|\lambda_{\pm}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4 \pm 2\sqrt{2}}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \pm \sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Exercise 2.54:** Suppose  $A$  and  $B$  are commuting Hermitian operators. Prove that  $\exp(A)\exp(B) = \exp(A+B)$ . (Hint: Use the results of Section 2.1.9.)

**Answer:**

Since  $[A, B] = 0$ ,  $A$  and  $B$  are simultaneously diagonalize,  $A = \sum_i a_i |i\rangle \langle i|$ ,  $B = \sum_j b_j |j\rangle \langle j|$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \exp(A)\exp(B) &= \sum_i \exp(a_i) |i\rangle \langle i| B = \sum_j \exp(b_j) |j\rangle \langle j| \\ &= \sum_{i,j} \exp(a_i + b_j) |i\rangle \langle i|j\rangle \langle j| \\ &= \sum_{i,j} \exp(a_i + b_j) |i\rangle \langle j| \delta_{i,j} \\ &= \sum_i \exp(a_i + b_i) |i\rangle \langle i| \\ &= \exp(A+B). \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

**Exercise 2.55:** Prove that  $U(t_1, t_2)$  defined in Equation (2.91) is unitary.

**Answer:**

$$\begin{aligned}
U(t_1, t_2)^\dagger U(t_1, t_2) &= \exp\left(\frac{iH(t_2 - t_1)}{\hbar}\right) \exp\left(\frac{-iH(t_2 - t_1)}{\hbar}\right) \\
&= \exp\left(\frac{i \sum_{E_1} E_1 |E_1\rangle \langle E_1| (t_2 - t_1)}{\hbar}\right) \exp\left(\frac{-i \sum_{E_2} E_2 |E_2\rangle \langle E_2| (t_2 - t_1)}{\hbar}\right) \\
&= \sum_{E_1, E_2} \exp\left(\frac{i E_1 (t_2 - t_1)}{\hbar}\right) |E_2\rangle \langle E_2| \exp\left(\frac{-i E_2 (t_2 - t_1)}{\hbar}\right) |E_1\rangle \langle E_1| \\
&= \sum_{E_1, E_2} \exp\left(\frac{i(E_1 - E_2)(t_2 - t_1)}{\hbar}\right) |E_1\rangle \langle E_1| E_2\rangle \langle E_2| \\
&= \sum_{E_1, E_2} \exp\left(\frac{i(E_1 - E_2)(t_2 - t_1)}{\hbar}\right) |E_1\rangle \langle E_2| \delta_{E_1, E_2} \\
&= \sum_{E_1} |E_1\rangle \langle E_1| \\
&= I.
\end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

Thus  $U(t_1, t_2)$  is unitary.

**Exercise 2.56:** Use the spectral decomposition to show that  $K - i \log(U)$  is Hermitian for any unitary  $U$ , and thus  $U = \exp(iK)$  for some Hermitian  $K$ .

**Answer:**

Since  $U$  is unitary, then  $U$  can perform spectral decomposition,  $U = \sum_i \lambda_i |i\rangle \langle i|$

$$\begin{aligned}
K^\dagger &= (-i \log(U))^\dagger \\
&= (-i \log\left(\sum_i \lambda_i |i\rangle \langle i|\right))^\dagger \\
&= (i \sum_i \log(\lambda_i) |i\rangle \langle i|).
\end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

**Exercise 2.57: (Cascaded measurements are single measurements)** Suppose  $L_l$  and  $M_m$  are two sets of measurement operators. Show that a measurement defined by the measurement operators  $L_l$  followed by a measurement defined by the measurement operators  $M_m$  is physically equivalent to a single measurement defined by measurement operators  $N_{lm}$  with the representation  $N_{lm} = M_m L_l$ .

**Answer:**

If the state of the quantum system is  $|\psi\rangle$  immediately before the measurement. The state of the system after the first measurement is  $|\psi_L\rangle = \frac{L_l |\psi\rangle}{\sqrt{\langle \psi | L_l^\dagger L_l | \psi \rangle}}$  and the second measurement is

$$|\psi_M\rangle = \frac{M_m |\psi_L\rangle}{\sqrt{\langle\psi_L| M_m^\dagger M_m |\psi_L\rangle}}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle\psi_L| &= \frac{\langle\psi| L_l^\dagger}{\sqrt{\langle\psi| L_l^\dagger L_l |\psi\rangle}} \\ |\psi_M\rangle &= \frac{M_m |\psi_L\rangle}{\sqrt{\langle\psi_L| M_m^\dagger M_m |\psi_L\rangle}} \\ &= \frac{M_m \frac{L_l |\psi\rangle}{\sqrt{\langle\psi| L_l^\dagger L_l |\psi\rangle}}}{\sqrt{\langle\psi| L_l^\dagger L_l |\psi\rangle} \frac{M_m^\dagger M_m}{\sqrt{\langle\psi| L_l^\dagger L_l |\psi\rangle}}} \\ &= \frac{M_m L_l |\psi\rangle}{\langle\psi| L_l^\dagger M_m^\dagger M_m L_l |\psi\rangle}. \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

The state of the system after the measurement operators  $N_{lm}$  ( $N_{lm} = M_m L_l$ ) is

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi_N\rangle &= \frac{N_{lm} |\psi\rangle}{\sqrt{\langle\psi| N_{lm}^\dagger N_{lm} |\psi\rangle}} \\ &= \frac{M_m L_l |\psi\rangle}{\sqrt{\langle\psi| L_l^\dagger M_m^\dagger M_m L_l |\psi\rangle}} = |\psi_M\rangle. \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

Thus we proved that Cascaded measurements are single measurements.

**Exercise 2.58:** Suppose we prepare a quantum system in an eigenstate  $|\psi\rangle$  of some observable  $M$ , with corresponding eigenvalue  $m$ . What is the average observed value of  $M$ , and the standard deviation?

**Answer:**

$$\begin{aligned} \langle M \rangle &= \langle\psi| M |\psi\rangle \\ &= \langle\psi| m |\psi\rangle \\ &= m \langle\psi| \psi\rangle \\ &= m [\Delta M]^2 = \langle M^2 \rangle - \langle M \rangle^2 \\ &= \langle\psi| m^2 |\psi\rangle - m^2 \\ &= m^2 - m^2 \\ &= 0. \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

**Exercise 2.49:** Suppose we have qubit in the state  $|0\rangle$ , and we measure the observable  $X$ . What is the average value of  $X$ ? What is the standard deviation of  $X$ ?

**Answer:**

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle X \rangle &= \langle 0 | X | 0 \rangle \\
&= 0 \\
\langle X^2 \rangle &= \langle 0 | X^2 | 0 \rangle \\
&= 1 \\
[\Delta X] &= \sqrt{\langle X^2 \rangle - \langle X \rangle^2} = 1.
\end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

**Exercise 2.50:** Show that  $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{\sigma}$  has eigenvalues  $\pm 1$ , and that the projectors onto the corresponding eigenspaces are given by  $P_{\pm} = (I \pm \vec{v} \cdot \vec{\sigma})/2$ .

**Answer:**

$$\begin{aligned}
\vec{v} \cdot \vec{\sigma} &= \sum_{i=1}^3 v_i \sigma_i \\
&= v_1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= v_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= v_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} v_3 & v_1 - iv_2 \\ v_1 + iv_2 & -v_3 \end{bmatrix} \\
\det(\vec{v} \cdot \vec{\sigma} - \lambda I) &= (v_3 - \lambda)(-v_3 - \lambda) - (v_1 - iv_2)(v_1 + iv_2) \\
&= \lambda^2 - (v_1^2 + v_2^2 + v_3^2) \\
&= \lambda^2 - 1.
\end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

Eigenvalues are  $\pm 1$ . 未完