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The question asks us to figure scalars α and β making:

$$\alpha[\beta[A, B], C] \quad (1)$$

hermitian if A , B , and C is hermitian.

We first expand the expressions in the combinator:

$$\alpha[\beta[A, B], C] \quad (2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha[\beta(AB - BA), C] \quad (3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha[\beta(AB - BA), C] \quad (4)$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha\beta[(AB - BA), C] \quad (5)$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha\beta((AB - BA)C - C(AB - BA)) \quad (6)$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha\beta((ABC - BAC) - (CAB - CBA)) \quad (7)$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha\beta(ABC - BAC - CAB + CBA) \quad (8)$$