

# Homework 5

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## Problem A.9

$$Aa = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & i \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 2i & -2i & 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} i \\ 2i \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3i \\ 6 + 2i \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$a^\dagger b = \begin{pmatrix} -i & -2i & 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 - i \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = (-2 - 4i)$$

$$\tilde{a}Bb = \begin{pmatrix} i & 2i & 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & -i \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ i & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 - i \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = (8 + 4i)$$

$$ab^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} i \\ 2i \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 + i & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2i & -1 + i & 0 \\ 4i & -2 + 2i & 0 \\ 4 & 2 + 2i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Problem A.15

From equation (A.42) we have the rotation matrix can be expressed as:

$$a' = Ta$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} i' \\ j' \\ k' \end{pmatrix} = T \cdot \begin{pmatrix} i \\ j \\ k \end{pmatrix}$$

Since we are rotation about the x-axis, we have:

$$a'_x = \begin{cases} \hat{i}' = \hat{i} \\ \hat{j}' = \cos(\theta)\hat{j} + \sin(\theta)\hat{k} \\ \hat{k}' = -\sin(\theta)\hat{j} + \cos(\theta)\hat{k} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} i' \\ j' \\ k' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(\theta) & \sin(\theta) \\ 0 & -\sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} i \\ j \\ k \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T_x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(\theta) & \sin(\theta) \\ 0 & -\sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix} \tag{1}$$

For the rotation about the y-axis, we have:

$$a'_y = \begin{cases} \hat{i}' = \cos(\theta)\hat{i} - \sin(\theta)\hat{k} \\ \hat{j}' = \hat{j} \\ \hat{k}' = \sin(\theta)\hat{i} + \cos(\theta)\hat{k} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} i' \\ j' \\ k' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta) & 0 & -\sin(\theta) \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \sin(\theta) & 0 & \cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} i \\ j \\ k \end{pmatrix}$$

The rotation matrix about the y-axis is:

$$T_y = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta) & 0 & -\sin(\theta) \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \sin(\theta) & 0 & \cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix}$$

From equation (A.63), we have the formula for the change of basis matrix:

$$a^f = S a^e$$

we have that:

$$\begin{cases} \hat{i}' = \hat{j} \\ \hat{j}' = -\hat{i} \\ \hat{k}' = \hat{k} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} i' \\ j' \\ k' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} i \\ j \\ k \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore, the matrix  $S$  is:

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow S^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now we calculate  $ST_x S^{-1}$  and  $ST_y S^{-1}$ :

$$ST_x S^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(\theta) & \sin(\theta) \\ 0 & -\sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta) & 0 & \sin(\theta) \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin(\theta) & 0 & \cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$ST_y S^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta) & 0 & -\sin(\theta) \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \sin(\theta) & 0 & \cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(\theta) & \sin(\theta) \\ 0 & -\sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix}$$

## Problem A.26

From equation (A.82) matrix  $N$  is normal if:

$$[N^\dagger, N] = 0$$

For the matrix  $A$ , we have:

$$A^\dagger A - A A^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$\Rightarrow A$  is diagonalizable

For the matrix  $B$ , we have:

$$B^\dagger B - B B^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 2 \\ -1 & 5 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 2 \\ -1 & 5 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 2 \\ -1 & 5 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 2 \\ -1 & 5 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$\Rightarrow B$  is diagonalizable

To test if they are commutable, we have:

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 2 \\ -1 & 5 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 9 & 0 \\ 9 & -9 & 9 \\ 0 & 9 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = BA$$

$$\Rightarrow A \text{ and } B \text{ commute}$$

To find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $A$ , we have:

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0 = \begin{vmatrix} 2 - \lambda & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 - \lambda & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 2 - \lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \{-3, 3\}$$

To find the eigenvector corresponding to  $\lambda_1 = -3$ , we have:

$$(A - \lambda_1 I)v = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

For the eigenvector corresponding to  $\lambda_2 = 3$ , we have:

$$(A - \lambda_2 I)v = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow v_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Since  $\lambda_2$  corresponds to 2 eigenvectors, it is degenerate.

We can use the same formula to find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $B$ :

$$\det(B - \lambda I) = 0 = \begin{vmatrix} 2 - \lambda & -1 & 2 \\ -1 & 5 - \lambda & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 - \lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \{0, 3, 6\}$$

Now we check if the eigenvectors of  $A$  are also the eigenvector of  $B$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 2 \\ -1 & 5 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -12 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = 6v_1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 2 \\ -1 & 5 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 2 \\ -1 & 5 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 0v_3$$

So  $v_2$  is not a eigenvector of  $B$ . For each eigenvalue of  $B$ , we have:

For  $\lambda = 0$

$$\Rightarrow v_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

For  $\lambda = 3$

$$\Rightarrow v_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

For  $\lambda = 6$

$$\Rightarrow v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

We can test  $v_5$  on  $A$  to see if it is an eigenvector of  $A$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = 3v_5$$

Therefore,  $v_4$  is an eigenvector of  $A$ . So the eigenvectors  $v_1, v_3, v_4$  of  $B$  are also eigenvectors of  $A$ .

### Problem A.29

From equation (A.93) we have:

$$\det(T) = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \dots \lambda_n$$

$$\text{Tr}(T) = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots + \lambda_n$$

$$\det \begin{vmatrix} 2 & i & 1 \\ -i & 2 & i \\ 1 & -i & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Tr} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & i & 1 \\ -i & 2 & i \\ 1 & -i & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2 + 2 + 2 = 6 \quad (3)$$

Find the eigenvalues of the matrix, we have that: for  $\lambda_1 = 0$ , we have  $v_1 = A_1 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . For  $\lambda_2 = 3$ , we have

$v_2 = A_2 \begin{pmatrix} i \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $v_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  They are consistent with the value with have in part a.

$$\det(T) = 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$\text{Tr}(T) = 3 + 3 + 0 = 6$$

To check orthogonality, we have:

$$v_1^\dagger v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & i & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} i \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$v_1^\dagger v_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & i & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$v_2^\dagger v_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -i & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = -i \neq 0$$

It means that vectors  $v_1$  is orthogonal to  $v_2$  and  $v_3$ ,  $v_2$  is not orthogonal to  $v_3$ . Now we normalizing the three vectors:

$$A_1^2 | -1|^2 + | -i|^2 + |1|^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow A_1 = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$A_2^2 |i|^2 + |1|^2 + |0|^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow A_2 = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$A_3^2 |1|^2 + |0|^2 + |1|^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow A_3 = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

The three normalized vectors are:

$$v_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, v_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} i \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, v_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The diagonalized version of  $T$  is:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

proof:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & i & 1 \\ -i & 2 & i \\ 1 & -i & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & i & 1 \\ -i & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{-i}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{0}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{0}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

**Problem A.30**

(a) we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle U\alpha|U\beta\rangle &= (U\alpha)^\dagger(U\beta) \\
 &= (a^\dagger U^\dagger)(U\beta) \\
 &= a^\dagger U^\dagger U\beta \\
 &= a^\dagger \beta \\
 &= \langle\alpha|\beta\rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

(b) let  $\lambda$  be the eigenvalue, and  $|\alpha\rangle$  be the eigenvector of  $\hat{U}$ , we have:

$$\hat{U}|\alpha\rangle = \lambda|\alpha\rangle$$

Taking the inner product of  $|\alpha\rangle$  with itself, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle\alpha|\alpha\rangle &= \langle\alpha|\hat{U}^\dagger\hat{U}|\alpha\rangle \\
 &= (\langle\alpha|U^\dagger)(U|\alpha\rangle) \\
 &= (U|\alpha\rangle)^\dagger(U|\alpha\rangle) \\
 &= (\lambda|\alpha\rangle)^\dagger(\lambda|\alpha\rangle) \\
 &= (\lambda^*\langle\alpha|)(\lambda|\alpha\rangle) \\
 &= \lambda^*\lambda\langle\alpha|\alpha\rangle \\
 1 &= \lambda^*\lambda = |\lambda|^2 \\
 \Rightarrow |\lambda| &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

(c) given  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are the eigenvalues of  $\hat{U}$  with their respective eigenvectors  $|\alpha\rangle$  and  $|\beta\rangle$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle\alpha|\beta\rangle &= \langle\alpha|\hat{U}^\dagger\hat{U}|\beta\rangle \\
 &= (\langle\alpha|\hat{U}^\dagger)(\hat{U}|\beta\rangle) \\
 &= (\hat{U}|\alpha\rangle)^\dagger(\hat{U}|\beta\rangle) \\
 &= (\lambda|\alpha\rangle)^\dagger(\mu|\beta\rangle) \\
 &= \lambda^*\mu\langle\alpha|\beta\rangle \\
 0 &= \lambda^*\mu\langle\alpha|\beta\rangle - \langle\alpha|\beta\rangle \\
 &= (\lambda^*\mu - 1)\langle\alpha|\beta\rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

Now we need to show that  $\lambda^*\mu - 1 \neq 0$ , multiply both sides by  $\lambda$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lambda^*\lambda\mu - \lambda &= 0 \\
 1\mu - \lambda &= 0 \\
 \mu &= \lambda
 \end{aligned}$$

This is contradiction to the assumption that  $\mu \neq \lambda$ . Therefore,  $\lambda^* \mu - 1 \neq 0$ . It means that  $\langle \alpha | \beta \rangle = 0$ , which implies that the eigenvectors of  $\hat{U}$  are orthogonal.