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$$\begin{aligned}
|+\rangle &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \\
|-\rangle &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \\
|0\rangle &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
|1\rangle &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\
X &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
Z &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \\
Y &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
X &= |+\rangle\langle+| - |-\rangle\langle-| \\
Z &= |0\rangle\langle 0| - |1\rangle\langle 1|
\end{aligned}$$

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Commutation

A commutation of $[A, B]$ is $\lambda AB - \lambda BA$

Simultaneous Diagonalization

If $[AB] = 0$ then there is a basis such that A and B are both diagonal in that basis.

0.1 Expectation of an operator

The expectation value of an operator \hat{O} in a state ψ is given by:

$$\langle \hat{O} \rangle = \langle \psi | \hat{O} | \psi \rangle$$

Also

$$\langle A \rangle_\psi = \langle \psi | A | \psi \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle A \rangle_\psi &= \langle \psi | A | \psi \rangle \\
&= \sum a_i \langle \psi | i \rangle \langle i | \psi \rangle \\
&= \sum a_i |\langle \psi | i \rangle|^2
\end{aligned}$$

Example.

$$\begin{aligned} Z|0\rangle &= +1|0\rangle \\ Z|1\rangle &= -1|1\rangle \\ Z &= |0\rangle\langle 0| - |1\rangle\langle 1| \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle Z \rangle_\psi &= \langle \psi|0\rangle\langle 0|\psi\rangle - \langle \psi|1\rangle\langle 1|\psi\rangle \\ &= |\langle \psi|0\rangle|^2 - |\langle \psi|1\rangle|^2 \\ &= |\alpha|^2 - |\beta|^2 \\ &= p(0) - p(1) \end{aligned}$$

Example.

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi\rangle &= |0\rangle \\ \langle Z \rangle_\psi &= 1 \\ \langle X \rangle_\psi &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

0.2 Variance/Uncertainty of an operators

Given an operator A define the operator

$$(\Delta A)_\psi = A - \langle A \rangle_\psi$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (\Delta A)_\psi \rangle_\psi &= \langle (\Delta A) \rangle \\ &= \langle (A - \langle A \rangle) \rangle \\ &= \langle A^2 - 2A\langle A \rangle + \langle A \rangle^2 \rangle \\ &= \langle A^2 \rangle - \langle A \rangle^2 \end{aligned}$$

0.3 Heisenburg Uncertainty Principle

For any two Hermitian operators A and B we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (\Delta A)^2 \rangle \langle (\Delta B)^2 \rangle &\geq \frac{1}{4} |\langle [A, B] \rangle|^2 \\ &\geq \frac{1}{4} |\langle AB - BA \rangle|^2 \end{aligned}$$

When A and B commutes then the lower bound is 0. We can also use CS-inequality to show that:

$$\langle \alpha|\alpha \rangle \langle \beta|\beta \rangle \geq |\langle \alpha|\beta \rangle|^2$$

$\langle \psi|A|\psi \rangle$ is real if $A = A^\dagger$

$\langle \psi|A|\psi \rangle$ is imaginary if $A = -A^\dagger$

Example.

$$\begin{aligned}
|\alpha\rangle &= \Delta A|\psi\rangle \\
|\beta\rangle &= \Delta B|\psi\rangle \\
\Delta A &= A - \langle A\rangle \\
\Delta B &= B - \langle B\rangle \\
\langle\alpha|\alpha\rangle\langle\beta|\beta\rangle &= \langle(\Delta A)^2\rangle\langle(\Delta B)^2\rangle \\
&\geq |\langle\psi|\Delta A\Delta B|\psi\rangle|^2 \\
(\Delta A)(\Delta B) &= \frac{1}{2}[A, B] + \frac{1}{2}\{A, B\}
\end{aligned}$$

Where $\{A, B\} = AB + BA$ is the anti-commutator of A and B .
Now we can see that

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle\psi|\Delta A\Delta B|\psi\rangle &= \frac{1}{2}\langle\psi|[A, B]|\psi\rangle + \frac{1}{2}\langle\psi|\{A, B\}|\psi\rangle \\
&= \frac{1}{2}(c_1 + ic_2)
\end{aligned}$$

We can square it then see

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{c_1^2 + c_2^2}{4} \\
&\geq \frac{c_2 \text{ or } c_1}{4}
\end{aligned}$$

Example.