

TODAY: HW DISCUSSION

→ 2nd HW: DEGENERATE EIGENVAL

eg: $R = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$

$$A = R \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{pmatrix} R^T$$

$$\uparrow$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

tho: $A \vec{s}_1 = R \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{pmatrix} R^T \vec{s}_1$

$$= R^T \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

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

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= R \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \lambda_1 R \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \lambda_1 \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \lambda_1 \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \lambda_1 \vec{s}_1 \quad \checkmark$$

SOL

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$$A = R \left(\begin{array}{c|cc} \lambda_1 & & \\ \hline & \lambda_2 & \lambda_2 \end{array} \right) R^T$$

$$B = R \left(\begin{array}{c|cc} p_1 & & \\ \hline & p_1 & \\ & & p_2 \end{array} \right) R^T$$



SOME ROT, CAN PICK SAME EIGENVECTORS.

→ nb IF ONLY A, then you can ROTATE to diff BASIS

$$R \left(\begin{array}{c|cc} 1 & c & s \\ \hline & -s & c \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c|cc} \lambda_1 & & \\ \hline & \lambda_2 & \lambda_2 \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c|cc} 1 & 0 & s \\ \hline & 0 & c \end{array} \right)^T R$$

R'



diag($\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_2$)

$\vec{f}'_2 \neq \vec{f}'_3$ differ from \vec{f}_2, \vec{f}_3

w/rt

$\vec{f}_1, \vec{f}_2, \vec{f}_3$



$|\lambda_1, p_1\rangle, |\lambda_2, p_1\rangle, |\lambda_2, p_1\rangle$

uniquely defined.

$$A |\lambda_1, p_1\rangle = \lambda_1 |\lambda_1, p_1\rangle \leftrightarrow A \vec{f}_1 = \lambda_1 \vec{f}_1$$

$$B |\lambda_1, p_1\rangle = p_1 |\lambda_1, p_1\rangle \leftrightarrow B \vec{f}_1 = p_1 \vec{f}_1$$

example: SPRING THEORY, P7 of LEC 9 notes

① VECTOR SPACES:

same as \mathbb{R} , but: • coeff. can be \mathbb{C}

• metric contains conjugate

• $T \rightarrow \dagger$

• Rotation \rightarrow UNITARY
(ORTHOG) $U^\dagger U = 1$

• Symmetric \rightarrow Hermitian

$$\mathbb{R}: \langle \underline{w}, \underline{v} \rangle = \underline{w} \cdot \underline{v} = \underline{w}^T \underline{v}$$

$$\mathbb{C}: \langle \underline{w}, \underline{v} \rangle = \underline{w}^\dagger \underline{v}$$

\uparrow
 $w^\dagger = w^* T$

$$\mathbb{R}: \text{ROTATIONS: } \langle R\underline{w}, R\underline{v} \rangle = \langle \underline{w}, \underline{v} \rangle$$

$$\underline{w}^T R^T R \underline{v} = \underline{w}^T \underline{v}$$

$$\boxed{R^T R = 1}$$

↓
①: UNITARY TRANSF.

$$\langle U\underline{w}, U\underline{v} \rangle = \langle \underline{w}, \underline{v} \rangle$$

$$\underline{w}^\dagger U^\dagger U \underline{v} = \underline{w}^\dagger \underline{v}$$

$$\boxed{U^\dagger U = 1} \quad \text{unitarity condition}$$

\mathbb{R} : A IS SYMMETRIC: $\langle A\underline{w}, \underline{v} \rangle = \langle \underline{w}, A\underline{v} \rangle$
 $\underline{w}^T A^T \underline{v} = \underline{w}^T A \underline{v}$
 $\underline{w}^T \underline{v} \quad \underline{w}^T \underline{v}$
 $A^T = A$

\mathbb{C} : A IS HERMITIAN: $\langle A\underline{w}, \underline{v} \rangle = \langle \underline{w}, A\underline{v} \rangle$

def: ADJOINT OF A : A^\dagger
 $\underline{w}^\dagger A^\dagger \underline{v} = \underline{w}^\dagger A \underline{v}$

$\langle A\underline{v}, \underline{w} \rangle = \langle \underline{v}, A^\dagger \underline{w} \rangle$
 $\boxed{A^\dagger = A}$

HERMITIAN: SELF-ADJOINT

\mathbb{R} : DIAGONAL MATRIX: $D = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_N \end{pmatrix}$ $\boxed{\lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}}$
 Obviously sym \mathbb{R} EIGENVALUES
FOR SYMM. MATRICES

\mathbb{C} : DIAGONAL, HERMITIAN MATRIX: $\boxed{\lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}}$

↑ not obvious
must prove

$D^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1^* & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_N^* \end{pmatrix}$

Why? WANT HERMITIAN MATRICES

$(U D U^\dagger)^\dagger = U D^\dagger U^\dagger$

↑ NEED $D = D^\dagger$

⇒ EIGENVALUES OF HERMITIAN MATRICES ARE \mathbb{R} .

→ physical observables are \mathbb{R} !

IN QM: OBSERVABLES ARE HERMITIAN OPS,
the OBSERVED VALUE IS EIGENVAL.

RECALL: EIGENVECS ARE ORTHOGONAL

(normalized EIGENBASIS) are ORTHONORMAL!

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \perp \vec{s}_1 \\ \perp \vec{s}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \perp \vec{s}_N \end{pmatrix}}_{R^T} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} | & | & | \\ \vec{s}_1 & \vec{s}_2 & \dots & \vec{s}_N \\ | & | & | \end{pmatrix}}_R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & \ddots \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \vec{s}_1 \cdot \vec{s}_1 & \vec{s}_1 \cdot \vec{s}_2 & \dots \\ \vec{s}_2 \cdot \vec{s}_1 & \vec{s}_2 \cdot \vec{s}_2 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & 1 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

each element is $\langle \vec{s}_i, \vec{s}_j \rangle$

\Rightarrow the $\{\vec{s}_i\}$ ARE ORTHONORMAL!

SIMILARLY: $\vec{u}^\dagger \vec{u} = 1$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \perp \vec{s}_1^\dagger \\ \perp \vec{s}_2^\dagger \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \vec{s}_1^\dagger \vec{s}_1 & \vec{s}_1^\dagger \vec{s}_2 \\ \vec{s}_2^\dagger \vec{s}_1 & \vec{s}_2^\dagger \vec{s}_2 \dots \end{pmatrix}$$

each element is $\langle \vec{s}_i, \vec{s}_j \rangle$

2. SO EIGENVECTORS of HERMITIAN MATRIX ARE ORTHONORMAL w/ \mathbb{R} eigenvalues