

PHYS 234 Assignment 1

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1. Relationship between trigonometric functions and complex exponentials

- (a) Starting from the power series representation of the exponential function e^x , derive Euler's formula:

$$e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$$

where $i = \sqrt{-1}$.

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}, \quad \cos x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!}, \quad \sin x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}$$

To start, it could be useful to write out the infinite sums in full:

$$\begin{aligned} e^x &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = \frac{x^0}{0!} + \frac{x^1}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \frac{x^6}{6!} + \frac{x^7}{7!} + \frac{x^8}{8!} + \frac{x^9}{9!} + \dots \\ &= 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \frac{x^6}{6!} + \frac{x^7}{7!} + \frac{x^8}{8!} + \frac{x^9}{9!} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \cos x &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!} = \frac{(-1)^0 x^0}{0!} + \frac{(-1)^1 x^2}{2!} + \frac{(-1)^2 x^4}{4!} + \frac{(-1)^3 x^6}{6!} + \frac{(-1)^4 x^8}{8!} + \dots \\ &= 1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \frac{x^8}{8!} - \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sin x &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} = \frac{(-1)^0 x^1}{1!} + \frac{(-1)^1 x^3}{3!} + \frac{(-1)^2 x^5}{5!} + \frac{(-1)^3 x^7}{7!} + \frac{(-1)^4 x^9}{9!} + \dots \\ &= x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \frac{x^9}{9!} - \dots \end{aligned}$$

When written out like this, it is easy to see that the expansion of $\cos x$ is extremely similar to that of $\sin x$, but $\cos x$ contains all the even terms, while $\sin x$ contains all the odd terms. Another observation to make is that the expansion of e^x is astoundingly similar to $\cos x + \sin x$:

$$\cos x + \sin x = 1 + x - \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \frac{x^8}{8!} + \frac{x^9}{9!} - \dots$$

The only difference is the signs on some of the terms. The pattern appears to be $++--++--++--\dots$, which is suspiciously similar to the signs of the powers of i :

$$i^0 = 1, i^1 = i, i^2 = -1, i^3 = -i, i^4 = 1, i^5 = i, i^6 = -1, \dots$$

The thought comes to mind: what if instead of e^x , we wrote out e^{ix} instead? Then, the x^n portion of that infinite sum would lead to the same sign pattern as in $\cos x + \sin x$.

$$\begin{aligned} e^{ix} &= 1 + ix + \frac{(ix)^2}{2} + \frac{(ix)^3}{3!} + \frac{(ix)^4}{4!} + \frac{(ix)^5}{5!} + \frac{(ix)^6}{6!} + \frac{(ix)^7}{7!} + \frac{(ix)^8}{8!} + \frac{(ix)^9}{9!} - \dots \\ &= 1 + ix - \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{ix^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \frac{ix^5}{5!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} - \frac{ix^7}{7!} + \frac{x^8}{8!} + \frac{ix^9}{9!} - \dots \end{aligned}$$

Now the only difference between e^{ix} and $\cos x + \sin x$ is a factor of i on the odd terms. But, as we saw earlier, the odd terms come from $\sin x$! If we instead write the expansion of $\cos x + i \sin x$ (multiplying $\sin x$ by i), we get the two expressions to exactly match. This leads us to writing the formula

$$e^{ix} = \cos x + i \sin x.$$

(b) Use Euler's Formula to express the trigonometric functions $\cos \theta$ and $\sin \theta$ in terms of the complex exponential functions $e^{\pm i\theta}$.

What happens to Euler's formula when we use e^{-ix} instead of e^{ix} ?

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-ix} &= \cos(-x) + i \sin(-x) \\ &= \cos x - i \sin x \end{aligned}$$

Notice that the sign of $\sin x$ changes but the sign of $\cos x$ does not. Naturally, this means that

$$e^{ix} + e^{-ix} = 2 \cos x,$$

and

$$e^{ix} - e^{-ix} = 2i \sin x.$$

Solving each of these for $\sin x$ and $\cos x$, we get

$$\cos x = \frac{e^{ix} + e^{-ix}}{2}$$

and

$$\sin x = \frac{e^{ix} - e^{-ix}}{2i}.$$

2. Calculations using quantum states

$$|\psi_1\rangle = 3|+\rangle - i|-\rangle$$

$$|\psi_2\rangle = e^{i\pi/3}|+\rangle + |-\rangle$$

$$|\psi_3\rangle = 7i|+\rangle - 2|-\rangle$$

(a) For each of the states $|\psi_j\rangle$ above ($j = 1, 2, 3$), find the corresponding normalized state $|\psi_j\rangle_N$.

For $|\psi_1\rangle$:

$$\langle C\psi_1|C\psi_1\rangle = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= C^* (3\langle+| + i\langle-|) \cdot C(3|+\rangle - i|-\rangle) \\ &= CC^* (9\langle+|+\rangle - 3i\langle+|-\rangle + 3i\langle-|+\rangle - i^2\langle-|-\rangle) \\ &= CC^* (9 + 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$|C|^2 = \frac{1}{10}$$

$$C = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } |\psi_1\rangle_N = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} |\psi_1\rangle = \frac{3}{\sqrt{10}} |+\rangle - \frac{i}{\sqrt{10}} |-\rangle.$$

For $|\psi_2\rangle$:

$$\langle C\psi_2|C\psi_2\rangle = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= C^* \left(e^{-i\pi/3} \langle+| + \langle-| \right) \cdot C \left(e^{i\pi/3} |+\rangle + |-\rangle \right) \\ &= CC^* \left(\langle+|+\rangle + e^{-i\pi/3} \langle+|-\rangle + e^{i\pi/3} \langle-|+\rangle + \langle-|-\rangle \right) \\ &= CC^* (1 + 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$|C|^2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$C = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } |\psi_2\rangle_N = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |\psi_2\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{i\pi/3} |+\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |-\rangle.$$

For $|\psi_3\rangle$:

$$\langle C\psi_3|C\psi_3\rangle = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= C^* (-7i\langle+| - 2\langle-|) \cdot C(7i|+\rangle - 2|-\rangle) \\ &= CC^* (-49i^2\langle+|+\rangle + 14i\langle+|-\rangle - 14i\langle-|+\rangle + 4\langle-|-\rangle) \\ &= CC^* (49 + 4) \end{aligned}$$

$$|C|^2 = \frac{1}{53}$$

$$C = \frac{1}{\sqrt{53}}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } |\psi_3\rangle_N = \frac{1}{\sqrt{53}} |\psi_3\rangle = \frac{7i}{\sqrt{53}} |+\rangle - \frac{2}{\sqrt{53}} |-\rangle.$$

(b) Using the bra-ket notation, calculate all 9 inner products ${}_N\langle\psi_i|\psi_j\rangle_N$ for $i = 1, 2, 3$ and $j = 1, 2, 3$ using the normalized states.

$i = 1, j = 1$:

$${}_N\langle\psi_1|\psi_1\rangle_N = 1 \quad (\text{by definition})$$

$i = 1, j = 2$:

$$\begin{aligned} {}_N\langle\psi_1|\psi_2\rangle_N &= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}\langle\psi_1|\right)\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|\psi_2\rangle\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{20}}\langle\psi_1|\psi_2\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{20}}(3\langle+| + i\langle-|)(e^{i\pi/3}|+\rangle + |-\rangle) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{20}}\left(3e^{i\pi/3}\langle+|+\rangle + 3\langle+|-\rangle + ie^{i\pi/3}\langle-|+\rangle + i\langle-|-\rangle\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{20}}\left(3e^{i\pi/3} + i\right) \end{aligned}$$

$i = 1, j = 3$:

$$\begin{aligned} {}_N\langle\psi_1|\psi_3\rangle_N &= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}\langle\psi_1|\right)\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{53}}|\psi_3\rangle\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{530}}\langle\psi_1|\psi_3\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{530}}(3\langle+| + i\langle-|)(7i|+\rangle - 2|-\rangle) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{530}}(21i\langle+|-\rangle - 6\langle+|-\rangle + 7i^2\langle-|+\rangle - 2i\langle-|-\rangle) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{530}}(21i - 2i) \\ &= \frac{19i}{\sqrt{530}} \end{aligned}$$

$i = 2, j = 1$:

$$\begin{aligned} {}_N\langle\psi_2|\psi_1\rangle_N &= {}_N^*\langle\psi_1|\psi_2\rangle_N^* \\ &= \text{conj}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{20}}\left(3e^{i\pi/3} + i\right)\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{20}}\left(3e^{-i\pi/3} - i\right) \end{aligned}$$

$i = 2, j = 2$:

$${}_N\langle\psi_2|\psi_2\rangle_N = 1 \quad (\text{by definition})$$

$i = 2, j = 3$:

$$\begin{aligned} {}_N\langle\psi_2|\psi_3\rangle_N &= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\langle\psi_2|\right)\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{53}}|\psi_3\rangle\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{106}}\langle\psi_2|\psi_3\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{106}}\left(e^{-i\pi/3}\langle+| + \langle-|\right)(7i|+\rangle - 2|-\rangle) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{106}}\left(7ie^{-i\pi/3}\langle+|+\rangle - 2e^{-i\pi/3}\langle+|-\rangle + 7i\langle-|+\rangle - 2\langle-|-\rangle\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{106}}\left(7e^{i\pi/6} - 2\right) \end{aligned}$$

$i = 3, j = 1$:

$$\begin{aligned} {}_N\langle\psi_3|\psi_1\rangle_N &= {}_N^*\langle\psi_1|\psi_3\rangle_N^* \\ &= \text{conj}\left(\frac{19i}{\sqrt{530}}\right) \\ &= -\frac{19i}{\sqrt{530}} \end{aligned}$$

$i = 3, j = 2$:

$$\begin{aligned} {}_N\langle\psi_3|\psi_2\rangle_N &= {}_N^*\langle\psi_2|\psi_3\rangle_N^* \\ &= \text{conj}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{106}}\left(7e^{i\pi/6} - 2\right)\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{106}}\left(7e^{-i\pi/6} - 2\right) \end{aligned}$$

$i = 3, j = 3$:

$${}_N\langle\psi_3|\psi_3\rangle_N = 1 \quad (\text{by definition})$$

(c) For each state $|\psi_i\rangle$, find the state $|\phi_i\rangle$ with unit norm, $\langle\phi_i|\phi_i\rangle = 1$ that is orthogonal to it. Recall the orthogonality conditions for the basis states: $\langle+|+\rangle = \langle-|-\rangle = 1$ and $\langle+|-\rangle = \langle-|+\rangle = 0$.

If $|\psi_i\rangle$ and $|\phi_i\rangle$ are to be orthogonal, they must satisfy the orthogonality condition:

$$\langle\phi_i|\psi_i\rangle = 0$$

Let's test this out with $|\psi_1\rangle$ and $|\phi_1\rangle$ to see if it works. First, we define $|\phi_1\rangle$ to be some linear combination of the basis states:

$$|\phi_1\rangle = a|+\rangle + b|-\rangle$$

Then, we apply the orthogonality condition.

$$\begin{aligned} \langle\phi_1|\psi_1\rangle &= 0 = (a^*\langle+| + b^*\langle-|)(3|+\rangle - i|-\rangle) \\ &= 3a^*\langle+|+\rangle - b^*i\langle-|-\rangle \\ a^* &= \frac{1}{3}b^*i \\ a &= -\frac{1}{3}bi \end{aligned}$$

If this is correct, I should be able to pick any pair of a and b which satisfy this equation, and the $|\phi_1\rangle$ they make should be orthogonal to $|\psi_1\rangle$. I will randomly pick $a = 1$ and $b = 3i$, so

$$|\phi_1\rangle = |+\rangle + 3i|-\rangle.$$

Now, we verify that this is orthogonal to $|\psi_1\rangle$:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\stackrel{?}{=} \langle\phi_1|\psi_1\rangle \\ &\stackrel{?}{=} (\langle+| - 3i\langle-|)(3|+\rangle - i|-\rangle) \\ &\stackrel{?}{=} 3\langle+|+\rangle + 3i^2\langle-|-\rangle \\ &\stackrel{?}{=} 3 - 3 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Great! Now all that's left to do is normalize $|\phi_1\rangle$ and we're done.

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle C\phi_1|C\phi_1\rangle &= 1 \\
1 &= C^* (\langle +| - 3i \langle -|) \cdot C(|+\rangle + 3i |-\rangle) \\
&= CC^* (\langle ++\rangle - 9i^2 \langle --\rangle) \\
&= |C|^2 (1 + 9) \\
|C|^2 &= \frac{1}{10} \\
C &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}
\end{aligned}$$

$$|\phi_1\rangle_N = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} |+\rangle + \frac{3i}{\sqrt{10}} |-\rangle$$

Now I will repeat the process for finding $|\phi_2\rangle$ and $|\phi_3\rangle$. For $|\phi_2\rangle$:

$$|\phi_2\rangle = a_2 |+\rangle + b_2 |-\rangle$$

Applying the orthogonality condition:

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \phi_2|\psi_2\rangle &= 0 = (a_2^* \langle +| + b_2^* \langle -|) \left(e^{i\pi/3} |+\rangle + |-\rangle \right) \\
&= a_2^* e^{i\pi/3} \langle ++\rangle + b_2^* \langle --\rangle \\
a_2^* &= -e^{-i\pi/3} b_2^* \\
a_2 &= -e^{i\pi/3} b_2
\end{aligned}$$

Randomly picking $a_2 = -1$ and $b_2 = e^{-i\pi/3}$:

$$|\phi_2\rangle = -|+\rangle + e^{-i\pi/3} |-\rangle$$

Normalizing:

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle C_2\phi_2|C_2\phi_2\rangle &= 1 \\
1 &= C_2^* \left(-\langle +| + e^{i\pi/3} \langle -| \right) \cdot C_2 \left(-|+\rangle + e^{-i\pi/3} |-\rangle \right) \\
&= C_2 C_2^* (\langle ++\rangle + 0 \langle --\rangle) \\
|C_2|^2 &= 1 \\
C_2 &= 1
\end{aligned}$$

$$|\phi_2\rangle_N = -|+\rangle + e^{-i\pi/3} |-\rangle$$

Finally, finding $|\phi_3\rangle$:

$$|\phi_3\rangle = a_3 |+\rangle + b_3 |-\rangle$$

Applying the orthogonality condition:

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \phi_3|\psi_3\rangle &= 0 = (a_3^* \langle +| + b_3^* \langle -|) (7i |+\rangle - 2 |-\rangle) \\
&= 7a_3^* i \langle ++\rangle - 2b_3^* \langle --\rangle \\
a_3^* &= \frac{2b_3^*}{7i} \\
&= -\frac{2}{7} b_3^* i \\
a_3 &= \frac{2}{7} b_3 i
\end{aligned}$$

Randomly picking $a_3 = 2$ and $b_3 = -7i$:

$$|\phi_3\rangle = 2|+\rangle - 7i|-\rangle$$

Normalizing:

$$\begin{aligned}\langle C_3\phi_3|C_3\phi_3\rangle &= 1 \\ 1 &= C_3^*(2\langle+| + 7i\langle-|) \cdot C_3(2|+\rangle - 7i|-\rangle) \\ &= C_3C_3^*(4\langle++\rangle - 49i^2\langle--\rangle) \\ |C_3|^2 &= \frac{1}{53} \\ C_3 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{53}} \\ |\phi_3\rangle_N &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{53}}|+\rangle - \frac{7i}{\sqrt{53}}|-\rangle\end{aligned}$$

(d) Postulate 4 of quantum mechanics tells us that the complex square of the inner product $|\langle a|b\rangle|^2$ is the probability of measuring a particular quantum state. For each of the normalized states $|\psi_i\rangle_N$, calculate the probability of measuring each of the six states indicated below.

$$|1\rangle = |+\rangle$$

With $|\psi_1\rangle_N$:

$$\begin{aligned}|\langle 1|\psi_1\rangle_N|^2 &= \left|\langle+| \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}(3|+\rangle - i|-\rangle)\right|^2 \\ &= \left|\frac{3}{\sqrt{10}}\langle++\rangle - \frac{i}{\sqrt{10}}\langle+-\rangle\right|^2 \\ &= \left|\frac{3}{\sqrt{10}}\right|^2 \\ &= \frac{9}{10}\end{aligned}$$

With $|\psi_2\rangle_N$:

$$\begin{aligned}|\langle 1|\psi_2\rangle_N|^2 &= \left|\langle+| \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(e^{i\pi/3}|+\rangle + |-\rangle\right)\right|^2 \\ &= \left|\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}e^{i\pi/3}\langle++\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\langle+-\rangle\right|^2 \\ &= \left|\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}e^{i\pi/3}\right|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\end{aligned}$$

With $|\psi_3\rangle_N$:

$$\begin{aligned}|\langle 1|\psi_3\rangle_N|^2 &= \left|\langle+| \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{53}}(7i|+\rangle - 2|-\rangle)\right|^2 \\ &= \left|\frac{7i}{\sqrt{53}}\langle++\rangle - \frac{2}{\sqrt{53}}\langle+-\rangle\right|^2 \\ &= \left|\frac{7i}{\sqrt{53}}\right|^2 \\ &= \frac{49}{53}\end{aligned}$$

$$|2\rangle = |- \rangle$$

With $|\psi_1\rangle_N$:

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle 2|\psi_1\rangle_N|^2 &= \left| \langle -| \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} (3|+\rangle - i|- \rangle) \right|^2 \\ &= \left| \frac{3}{\sqrt{10}} \langle -|+\rangle - \frac{i}{\sqrt{10}} \langle -|- \rangle \right|^2 \\ &= \left| -\frac{i}{\sqrt{10}} \right|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{10} \end{aligned}$$

With $|\psi_2\rangle_N$:

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle 2|\psi_2\rangle_N|^2 &= \left| \langle -| \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(e^{i\pi/3} |+\rangle + |- \rangle \right) \right|^2 \\ &= \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{i\pi/3} \langle -|+\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle -|- \rangle \right|^2 \\ &= \left| -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

With $|\psi_3\rangle_N$:

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle 2|\psi_3\rangle_N|^2 &= \left| \langle -| \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{53}} (7i|+\rangle - 2|- \rangle) \right|^2 \\ &= \left| \frac{7i}{\sqrt{53}} \langle -|+\rangle - \frac{2}{\sqrt{53}} \langle -|- \rangle \right|^2 \\ &= \left| -\frac{2}{\sqrt{53}} \right|^2 \\ &= \frac{4}{53} \end{aligned}$$

$$|3\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|+\rangle + |- \rangle)$$

With $|\psi_1\rangle_N$:

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle 3|\psi_1\rangle_N|^2 &= \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\langle +| + \langle -|) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} (3|+\rangle - i|- \rangle) \right|^2 \\ &= \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{20}} (3\langle +|+\rangle - i\langle -|- \rangle) \right|^2 \\ &= \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{20}} (3 - i) \right|^2 \\ &= \frac{10}{20} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

With $|\psi_2\rangle_N$:

$$\begin{aligned}
|\langle 3|\psi_2\rangle_N|^2 &= \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\langle +| + \langle -|) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(e^{i\pi/3}|+\rangle + |-\rangle) \right|^2 \\
&= \left| \frac{1}{4}(e^{i\pi/3}\langle +|+\rangle + \langle -|-\rangle) \right|^2 \\
&= \left| \frac{1}{4}(e^{i\pi/3} + 1) \right|^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{16}(e^{i\pi/3} + 1)(e^{-i\pi/3} + 1) \\
&= \frac{1}{16}(1 + e^{i\pi/3} + e^{-i\pi/3} + 1) \\
&= \frac{1}{16}(2 + 2\cos\frac{\pi}{3}) \\
&= \frac{3}{16}
\end{aligned}$$

With $|\psi_3\rangle_N$:

$$\begin{aligned}
|\langle 3|\psi_3\rangle_N|^2 &= \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\langle +| + \langle -|) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{53}}(7i|+\rangle - 2|-\rangle) \right|^2 \\
&= \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{106}}(7i\langle +|+\rangle - 2\langle -|-\rangle) \right|^2 \\
&= \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{106}}(7i - 2) \right|^2 \\
&= \frac{53}{106} \\
&= \frac{1}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

$$|4\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|+\rangle - |-\rangle)$$

With $|\psi_1\rangle_N$:

$$\begin{aligned}
|\langle 4|\psi_1\rangle_N|^2 &= \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\langle +| - \langle -|) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}(3|+\rangle - i|-\rangle) \right|^2 \\
&= \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{20}}(3\langle +|+\rangle + i\langle -|-\rangle) \right|^2 \\
&= \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{20}}(3 + i) \right|^2 \\
&= \frac{10}{20} \\
&= \frac{1}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

With $|\psi_2\rangle_N$:

$$\begin{aligned}
|\langle 4|\psi_2\rangle_N|^2 &= \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\langle +| - \langle -|) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(e^{i\pi/3}|+\rangle + |-\rangle) \right|^2 \\
&= \left| \frac{1}{4}(e^{i\pi/3}\langle +|+\rangle - \langle -|-\rangle) \right|^2 \\
&= \left| \frac{1}{4}(e^{i\pi/3} - 1) \right|^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{16}(e^{i\pi/3} - 1)(e^{-i\pi/3} - 1) \\
&= \frac{1}{16}(1 - e^{i\pi/3} - e^{-i\pi/3} + 1) \\
&= \frac{1}{16}(2 - 2\cos\frac{\pi}{3}) \\
&= \frac{1}{16}
\end{aligned}$$

With $|\psi_3\rangle_N$:

$$\begin{aligned}
|\langle 4|\psi_3\rangle_N|^2 &= \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\langle +| - \langle -|) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{53}}(7i|+\rangle - 2|-\rangle) \right|^2 \\
&= \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{106}}(7i\langle +|+\rangle + 2\langle -|-\rangle) \right|^2 \\
&= \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{106}}(7i + 2) \right|^2 \\
&= \frac{53}{106} \\
&= \frac{1}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

$$|5\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|+\rangle + i|-\rangle)$$

With $|\psi_1\rangle_N$:

$$\begin{aligned}
|\langle 5|\psi_1\rangle_N|^2 &= \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\langle +| + i\langle -|) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}(3|+\rangle - i|-\rangle) \right|^2 \\
&= \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{20}}(3\langle +|+\rangle - i^2\langle -|-\rangle) \right|^2 \\
&= \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{20}}(3 + 1) \right|^2 \\
&= \frac{16}{20} \\
&= \frac{4}{5}
\end{aligned}$$

With $|\psi_2\rangle_N$:

$$\begin{aligned}
|\langle 5|\psi_2\rangle_N|^2 &= \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\langle +| + i\langle -|) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(e^{i\pi/3}|+\rangle + |-\rangle) \right|^2 \\
&= \left| \frac{1}{4}(e^{i\pi/3}\langle +|+\rangle + i\langle -|-\rangle) \right|^2 \\
&= \left| \frac{1}{4}(e^{i\pi/3} + i) \right|^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{16}(e^{i\pi/3} + i)(e^{-i\pi/3} - i) \\
&= \frac{1}{16}(1 - ie^{i\pi/3} + ie^{-i\pi/3} - i^2) \\
&= \frac{1}{16}(2 - i(e^{i\pi/3} - ie^{-i\pi/3})) \\
&= \frac{1}{16}(2 - i(2i \sin \frac{\pi}{3})) \\
&= \frac{1}{16}(2 + \sqrt{3}) \\
&= \frac{2 + \sqrt{3}}{16}
\end{aligned}$$

With $|\psi_3\rangle_N$:

$$\begin{aligned}
|\langle 5|\psi_3\rangle_N|^2 &= \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\langle +| + i\langle -|) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{53}}(7i|+\rangle - 2|-\rangle) \right|^2 \\
&= \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{106}}(7i\langle +|+\rangle - 2i\langle -|-\rangle) \right|^2 \\
&= \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{106}}(5i) \right|^2 \\
&= \frac{25}{106} \\
&= \frac{1}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

$$|6\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|+\rangle - i|-\rangle)$$

With $|\psi_1\rangle_N$:

$$\begin{aligned}
|\langle 6|\psi_1\rangle_N|^2 &= \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\langle +| - i\langle -|) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}(3|+\rangle - i|-\rangle) \right|^2 \\
&= \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{20}}(3\langle +|+\rangle + i^2\langle -|-\rangle) \right|^2 \\
&= \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{20}}(3 - 1) \right|^2 \\
&= \frac{4}{20} \\
&= \frac{1}{5}
\end{aligned}$$

With $|\psi_2\rangle_N$:

$$\begin{aligned}
|\langle 6|\psi_2\rangle_N|^2 &= \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\langle +| - i \langle -|) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (e^{i\pi/3} |+\rangle + |-\rangle) \right|^2 \\
&= \left| \frac{1}{4} (e^{i\pi/3} \langle +|+\rangle - i \langle -|-\rangle) \right|^2 \\
&= \left| \frac{1}{4} (e^{i\pi/3} - i) \right|^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{16} (e^{i\pi/3} - i) (e^{-i\pi/3} + i) \\
&= \frac{1}{16} (1 + ie^{i\pi/3} - ie^{-i\pi/3} - i^2) \\
&= \frac{1}{16} (2 + i(e^{i\pi/3} - e^{-i\pi/3})) \\
&= \frac{1}{16} (2 + i(2i \sin \frac{\pi}{3})) \\
&= \frac{1}{16} (2 - \sqrt{3}) \\
&= \frac{2 - \sqrt{3}}{16}
\end{aligned}$$

With $|\psi_3\rangle_N$:

$$\begin{aligned}
|\langle 6|\psi_3\rangle_N|^2 &= \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\langle +| - i \langle -|) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{53}} (7i |+\rangle - 2 |-\rangle) \right|^2 \\
&= \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{106}} (7i \langle +|+\rangle + 2i \langle -|-\rangle) \right|^2 \\
&= \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{106}} (9i) \right|^2 \\
&= \frac{81}{106}
\end{aligned}$$

3. Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the following matrices:

(a) $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

If the matrix is represented by A , then

$$(A - \lambda I)\mathbf{v} = 0$$

where I is the identity matrix with dimensions of A and λ represents the eigenvalues. Solving this equation:

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} \right) \mathbf{v} &= 0 \\ \begin{bmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & -\lambda \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{v} &= 0 \\ \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} &= 0 \\ (-\lambda)(-\lambda) - (1)(1) &= 0 \\ \lambda^2 - 1 &= 0 \\ \lambda &= \pm 1 \end{aligned}$$

These are the eigenvalues. To find their associated eigenvectors, we substitute them into the original equation. For $\lambda = -1$:

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \mathbf{v} &= 0 \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{v} &= 0 \\ \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] &\xrightarrow{R_2 - R_1} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

If $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix}$, the above matrix corresponds to a solution of $v_1 + v_2 = 0$, or $v_1 = -v_2$. Therefore,

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -v_2 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = v_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is the eigenvector for $\lambda = -1$.

For $\lambda = 1$:

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \mathbf{v} &= 0 \\ \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{v} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2+R_1} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

If $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix}$, the above matrix corresponds to a solution of $-v_1 + v_2 = 0$, or $v_1 = v_2$. Therefore,

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_2 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = v_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is the eigenvector for $\lambda = 1$.

This same procedure will be followed for the rest of this question.

(b) $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

To find the eigenvalues:

$$\begin{aligned} (A - \lambda I)\mathbf{v} &= 0 \\ \left(\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} \right) \mathbf{v} &= 0 \\ \begin{bmatrix} 4 - \lambda & 1 \\ 1 & -2 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{v} &= 0 \\ \begin{vmatrix} 4 - \lambda & 1 \\ 1 & -2 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} &= 0 \\ (4 - \lambda)(-2 - \lambda) - (1)(1) &= 0 \\ -8 - 4\lambda + 2\lambda + \lambda^2 - 1 &= 0 \\ \lambda^2 - 2\lambda - 9 &= 0 \\ \lambda &= 1 \pm \sqrt{10} \end{aligned}$$

Then, finding the eigenvector for $\lambda = 1 - \sqrt{10}$:

$$\begin{aligned} (A - \lambda I)\mathbf{v} &= 0 \\ \left(\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \sqrt{10} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 - \sqrt{10} \end{bmatrix} \right) \mathbf{v} &= 0 \\ \begin{bmatrix} 3 + \sqrt{10} & 1 \\ 1 & \sqrt{10} - 3 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{v} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 3 + \sqrt{10} & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & \sqrt{10} - 3 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_1 - (3 + \sqrt{10})R_2} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & \sqrt{10} - 3 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & \sqrt{10} - 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

If $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix}$, the above matrix corresponds to a solution of $v_1 + (\sqrt{10} - 3)v_2 = 0$, or $v_1 = (3 - \sqrt{10})v_2$. Therefore,

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} (3 - \sqrt{10})v_2 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = v_2 \begin{bmatrix} 3 - \sqrt{10} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

so the eigenvector for $\lambda = 1 - \sqrt{10}$ is $\begin{bmatrix} 3 - \sqrt{10} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Finally, finding the eigenvector for $\lambda = 1 + \sqrt{10}$:

$$\begin{aligned} (A - \lambda I)\mathbf{v} &= 0 \\ \left(\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 + \sqrt{10} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 + \sqrt{10} \end{bmatrix} \right) \mathbf{v} &= 0 \\ \begin{bmatrix} 3 - \sqrt{10} & 1 \\ 1 & -3 - \sqrt{10} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{v} &= 0 \\ \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 3 - \sqrt{10} & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -3 - \sqrt{10} & 0 \end{array} \right] &\xrightarrow{R_1 - (3 - \sqrt{10})R_2} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -3 - \sqrt{10} & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -3 - \sqrt{10} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

If $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix}$, the above matrix corresponds to a solution of $v_1 + (-3 - \sqrt{10})v_2 = 0$, or $v_1 = (3 + \sqrt{10})v_2$. Therefore,

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} (3 + \sqrt{10})v_2 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = v_2 \begin{bmatrix} 3 + \sqrt{10} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

so the eigenvector for $\lambda = 1 + \sqrt{10}$ is $\begin{bmatrix} 3 + \sqrt{10} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

(c) $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ Sorry, incomplete.

4. Matrix Operations

Given the following matrices:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & i \\ 3 & 0 & 2 \\ i & -2i & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & i \\ 0 & i & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

compute the following:

(a) $A + B$

$$\begin{aligned} A + B &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & i \\ 3 & 0 & 2 \\ i & -2i & 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & i \\ 0 & i & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2i \\ 3 & i & 2 \\ 1 + i & 2 - 2i & 4 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

(b) AB

$$\begin{aligned} AB &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & i \\ 3 & 0 & 2 \\ i & -2i & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & i \\ 0 & i & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -2 + i & 2i & i \\ 8 & 4 & 4 + 3i \\ 2 + 2i & 6 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

(c) $[A, B]$ (commutator of A and B)

The commutator of two matrices is defined as

$$[A, B] = AB - BA.$$

We already know AB , so we must find BA .

$$\begin{aligned} BA &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & i \\ 0 & i & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & i \\ 3 & 0 & 2 \\ i & -2i & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 2 & 4i \\ 3i & 0 & 2i \\ 5+2i & -4i & 8+i \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} [A, B] &= AB - BA = \begin{bmatrix} -2+i & 2i & i \\ 8 & 4 & 4+3i \\ 2+2i & 6 & 3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 2 & 4i \\ 3i & 0 & 2i \\ 5+2i & -4i & 8+i \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -5+i & -2+2i & -3i \\ 8-3i & 4 & 4+i \\ -3 & 6+4i & -5-i \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

(d) A^T (transpose)

$$A^T = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & i \\ 0 & 0 & -2i \\ i & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(e) A^\dagger (complex transpose)

$$A^\dagger = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & -i \\ 0 & 0 & 2i \\ -i & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(f) Verify by direct calculation that $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$.

First, we calculate $(AB)^T$:

$$(AB)^T = \begin{bmatrix} -2+i & 8 & 2+2i \\ 2i & 4 & 6 \\ i & 4+3i & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Next, we calculate $B^T A^T$:

$$\begin{aligned} B^T A^T &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & i & 2 \\ i & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & i \\ 0 & 0 & -2i \\ i & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -2+i & 8 & 2+2i \\ 2i & 4 & 6 \\ i & 4+3i & 3 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

We can see that they are the same, so it is true that $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$.