# Quantum Computation and Quantum Information by Michael A. Nielsen and Isaac L. Chuang Problems

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Exercise 2.2

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Using the basis  $|+\rangle = (|0\rangle + |1\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$  and  $|-\rangle = (|0\rangle - |1\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$  we get

$$|0\rangle = \frac{|+\rangle + |-\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{00} & a_{01} \\ a_{10} & a_{11} \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a_{00} + a_{01} = 1$$

$$a_{10} + a_{11} = -1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{00} & a_{01} \\ a_{10} & a_{11} \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a_{00} - a_{01} = 1$$

$$a_{10} - a_{11} = 1$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

#### Exercise 2.5

$$[y_1^* \quad \dots \quad y_n^*] \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ \vdots \\ z_n \end{bmatrix} = [y_1^* \quad \dots \quad y_n^*] \begin{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ z_2 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \dots + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ z_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} y_1^* \quad \dots \quad y_n^* \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ z_n \end{bmatrix} + \dots + \begin{bmatrix} y_1^* \quad \dots \quad y_n^* \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ z_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= z_1 \begin{bmatrix} y_1^* \quad \dots \quad y_n^* \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \dots + z_n \begin{bmatrix} y_1^* \quad \dots \quad y_n^* \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ z_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[y_1^* \quad \dots \quad y_n^*] \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ \vdots \\ z_n \end{bmatrix} = y_1^* z_1 + y_2^* z_2 + \dots + y_n^* z_n$$

$$= (y_1 z_1^* + y_2 z_2^* + \dots + y_n z_n^*)^*$$

$$= \left( \begin{bmatrix} z_1^* \quad \dots \quad z_n^* \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} \right)^*$$

$$[v_1^* \quad \dots \quad v_n^*] \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix} = |v_1|^2 + \dots + |v_n|^2$$

$$\geq 0$$

#### Exercise 2.6

$$\left(\sum_{i} \lambda_{i} |w_{i}\rangle, |v\rangle\right) = \left(|v\rangle, \sum_{i} \lambda_{i} |w_{i}\rangle\right)^{*}$$

$$= \left(\sum_{i} \lambda_{i} (|v\rangle, |w_{i}\rangle)\right)^{*}$$

$$= \sum_{i} \lambda_{i}^{*} (|v\rangle, |w_{i}\rangle)^{*}$$

$$= \sum_{i} \lambda_{i}^{*} (|w_{i}\rangle, |v\rangle)$$

#### Exercise 2.7

$$\begin{split} \langle w|v\rangle &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= (1)(1) + (1)(-1) \\ &= 0 \\ \frac{|w\rangle}{||\,|w\rangle\,||} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \frac{|v\rangle}{||\,|v\rangle\,||} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \end{split}$$

### Exercise 2.9

$$\begin{split} &\sigma_0 = |0\rangle \left<0| + |1\rangle \left<1| \right. \\ &\sigma_1 = |1\rangle \left<0| + |0\rangle \left<1| \right. \\ &\sigma_2 = i \left|1\rangle \left<0| - i \left|0\rangle \left<1| \right. \right. \\ &\sigma_3 = |0\rangle \left<0| - |1\rangle \left<1| \right. \end{split}$$

#### Exercise 2.11

$$\begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2 - 1$$

$$\lambda = \pm 1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$$

$$b = a$$

$$a = b$$

$$X_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -a \\ -b \end{bmatrix}$$

$$b = -a$$

$$a = -b$$

$$X_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Exercise 2.12

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 0 \\ 1 & 1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (1 - \lambda)^2$$
$$\lambda_1 = 1$$
$$\lambda_2 = 1$$

The eigenvalue 1 is degenerate. Because the matrix only has one eigenvector it can't diagonalised.