

3. Give a proof of the Baker–Hausdorf lemma: for any two operators \hat{A} and \hat{B} ,

$$e^{i\lambda\hat{A}}\hat{B}e^{-i\lambda\hat{A}} = \hat{B} + i\lambda[\hat{A}, \hat{B}] + \frac{(i\lambda)^2}{2!}[\hat{A}, [\hat{A}, \hat{B}]] + \dots$$

With:

$$e^A = I + A + \frac{A^2}{2} + \dots$$

$$e^{-A} = I - A + \frac{A^2}{2} - \dots$$

$$\left(I + A + \frac{A^2}{2} + \dots\right)B\left(I - A + \frac{A^2}{2} - \dots\right)$$

$$e^A B e^{-A} = B + [B, A] + \frac{1}{2!}[B, [B, A]] + \dots$$

$$= B + (BA - AB) + \frac{1}{2}(2ABA + BA^2 + A^2B) + \frac{1}{6}(3ABA^2 - BA^3 + 3A^2BA + A^3B) + \dots$$

$$= B + [A, B] + \frac{1}{2!}[A, [AB]] + \frac{1}{3!}[A, [A, AB]] + \dots$$

$$e^A B e^{-A} = \sum_n \frac{[A^n, B]}{n!}, \quad [A^n, B] \cong [A, [A, [\dots, [A, B]]]]$$