

1. a)  $(AB)^\dagger AB = B^\dagger A^\dagger AB = I$

b)  $Av = \lambda v \Rightarrow v^\dagger A v = |\lambda^2 v^2| \Rightarrow |\lambda| = 1$

2. a)  $Av = \lambda v \Rightarrow v^\dagger A v = \lambda |v|^2 = \lambda^* |v|^2 \Rightarrow \lambda = \lambda^*$

b) Theorems 9 – 10 basically contain the essential logic.

Let us understand this in terms of the Dirac notation. The unprimed basis vectors  $|m\rangle$ ,  $|n\rangle$  are the original basis vectors, while the primed basis vectors  $|m'\rangle$ ,  $|n'\rangle$  are the diagonalized basis vectors, or eigenvectors of  $\mathbb{A}$ . Then  $\mathbb{A}_D |m'\rangle = \lambda_{m'} |m'\rangle$  or  $\mathbb{A}_D = \sum_{m'} \lambda_{m'} |m'\rangle \langle m'|$  for eigenvalues  $\lambda_{m'}$ .  $\mathbb{A}_D$  denotes that  $\mathbb{A}$  is diagonalized.

Recall that an orthonormal basis transformation is carried out by a unitary operator  $U$  in the following manner.

$$|m'\rangle = U|m\rangle = \sum_{m'} |m'\rangle \langle m'|m\rangle = \sum_{m'} U_{m'm} |m'\rangle$$

The relation between  $\mathbb{A}$  and  $\mathbb{A}_D$  is then,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle m|\mathbb{A}|n\rangle &= \langle m|U^\dagger U \mathbb{A} U U^\dagger |n\rangle = \langle m'|U \mathbb{A} U^\dagger |n'\rangle \\ &= \sum_{i',j'} \langle m'|U|i'\rangle \langle i'|\mathbb{A}|j'\rangle \langle j'|U^\dagger |n'\rangle \\ &= \sum_{i',j'} \langle m'|U|i'\rangle \lambda_{j'} \delta_{i'j'} \langle j'|U^\dagger |n'\rangle \\ &= \langle m'|U \left( \sum_{i'} \lambda_{i'} |i'\rangle \langle i'| \right) U^\dagger |n'\rangle \\ &= \langle m'|U \mathbb{A}_D U^\dagger |n'\rangle \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the matrices  $\mathbb{A}$  and  $\mathbb{A}_D$  evaluated with respect to their bases are related by  $\mathbb{A} = U \mathbb{A}_D U^\dagger$ .

c)  $(e^{iA})^\dagger = \frac{\sum (i^n A^n)^\dagger}{n!} = \frac{\sum -i A^n}{n!} = e^{-iA}$

$$e^{-iA} e^{iA} = e^{(-i+i)A} = e^0 = I$$

d) Suppose all eigenvectors are unit vectors.

$$\langle -|[A, B]|+ \rangle = \langle -(AB - BA)|+ \rangle = -q_- \langle -|A|+ \rangle + q_+ \langle -|A|+ \rangle = (q_+ - q_-) \langle -|A|+ \rangle = 0$$

Since  $q_+ - q_- \neq 0$ ,  $\langle -|A|+ \rangle = 0$ .

3. a)  $M_i^2 = I \Rightarrow \lambda^2 = 1 \Rightarrow \lambda = \pm 1$

b)  $\text{tr}(M_i) = \text{tr}(IM_i) = \text{tr}(M_j^2 M_i) = \text{tr}(M_j M_i M_j) = \text{tr}(M_j (-M_j M_i)) = -\text{tr}(M_i) \Rightarrow \text{tr}(M_i) = 0$

c) By a), b)  $\text{tr}(M_i) = \sum_n \lambda_k = 0, \lambda = \pm 1 \Rightarrow n$  is even

4. a)  $c^*b + d^*a$

b)  $v' = 1/\sqrt{2}(a+b, a-b), w' = 1/\sqrt{2}(c+d, c-d)$

c)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

d)  $\frac{1}{2}(c^*a + c^*b + d^*b + d^*a + c^*a - c^*b - d^*a + d^*b) = c^*b + d^*a$

e) eigenbasis of  $Z = \{(1,0), (0,1)\}$  eigenbasis of  $X = \{(1,1), (1,-1)\}$

$$U = 1/\sqrt{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note) If you did not take complex conjugate values in the inner product, -1.

5. Simultaneous diagonalizable  $\Rightarrow [A,B] = 0 \Rightarrow AB = 0$  or at least one of the eigenvalues of either A or B must be zero.

Note) This is the minimal condition.

If you made a logical argument, but did not conclude with a statement relating A and B, -3.

0 for a false answer.

6.

a)

i)  $X = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

$X^n = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & (-1)^n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

$e^{iX} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sum \frac{i^n}{n!} & 0 \\ 0 & \sum \frac{(-i)^n}{n!} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos 1 & i \sin 1 \\ i \sin 1 & \cos 1 \end{bmatrix}$

ii) Likewise,  $e^{iZ} = \begin{bmatrix} e^i & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-i} \end{bmatrix}$

$$\text{iii) } X \sin \theta + Z \cos \theta = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & -\cos \theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} & -\sin \frac{\theta}{2} \\ \sin \frac{\theta}{2} & \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} & \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \\ -\sin \frac{\theta}{2} & \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \exp(i(X \sin \theta + Z \cos \theta)) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} & -\sin \frac{\theta}{2} \\ \sin \frac{\theta}{2} & \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^i & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-i} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} & \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \\ -\sin \frac{\theta}{2} & \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

b)

i)  $e^{iX}e^{iZ}$  can be calculated from a)

$$\text{ii) } X + Z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1+\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{4+2\sqrt{2}}} & \frac{1-\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{4-2\sqrt{2}}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{4+2\sqrt{2}}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{4-2\sqrt{2}}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & -\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1+\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{4+2\sqrt{2}}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{4+2\sqrt{2}}} \\ \frac{1-\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{4-2\sqrt{2}}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{4-2\sqrt{2}}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \exp(i(X + Z)) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1+\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{4+2\sqrt{2}}} & \frac{1-\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{4-2\sqrt{2}}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{4+2\sqrt{2}}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{4-2\sqrt{2}}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{i\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-i\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1+\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{4+2\sqrt{2}}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{4+2\sqrt{2}}} \\ \frac{1-\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{4-2\sqrt{2}}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{4-2\sqrt{2}}} \end{bmatrix}$$

It can be shown that  $e^{iX}e^{iZ}$  and  $e^{i(X+Z)}$  are not identical.

Note) If you gave an answer for only one of the two matrices  $e^{iX}e^{iZ}$  or  $e^{i(X+Z)}$ , then -3.5.

If you obtained the correct matrices, but did not compare whether they are identical or not, -2.