

S-3: I can determine whether two operators are compatible; if they are not compatible I can use the uncertainty principle to set the appropriate limits on measurements of the corresponding physical observables.

Unsatisfactory

Progressing

Acceptable

Polished

(1) Given the two Hermitian operators

$$A \leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & a \\ 0 & 2a & 0 \\ a & 0 & 3a \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B \leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} b & 0 & -ib \\ 0 & -b & 0 \\ ib & 0 & b \end{bmatrix}.$$

(a) Show that  $A$  and  $B$  are not compatible.

(b) Assume that you have an ensemble of systems in the state

$$|\Psi\rangle \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Calculate  $\Delta A$  and  $\Delta B$  for measurements on this ensemble and show that these measurements would satisfy the uncertainty principle.