

**Problem 1** (25 marks)

Statistical operator  $\rho$  is a blend of three projectors,

$$\rho = |1\rangle w_1 \langle 1| + |2\rangle w_2 \langle 2| + |3\rangle w_3 \langle 3|.$$

The respective kets can be represented by two-component columns, and  $\rho$  by a corresponding  $2 \times 2$  matrix,

$$|1\rangle \hat{=} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad |2\rangle \hat{=} \frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad |3\rangle \hat{=} \frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \rho \hat{=} \frac{1}{20} \begin{pmatrix} 12 & 3 \\ 3 & 8 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Determine the values of the weights  $w_1$ ,  $w_2$ , and  $w_3$ .

**Problem 2** (25 marks)

Operator  $F$  is a function of position operator  $X$  and momentum operator  $P$  that is specified by

$$\langle x|F|p\rangle = e^{-(a|x| + b|p|)/\hbar},$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are positive constants. What is  $\langle p|F|x\rangle$ ?

**Problem 3** (25 marks)

Operator  $\Lambda$  is a function of position operator  $X$  and momentum operator  $P$  that is given by

$$\Lambda = \frac{1}{\hbar}(p_0 X + x_0 P) \quad \text{with } x_0 p_0 = \hbar.$$

Its eigenvalues  $\lambda$  comprise all real numbers,  $\Lambda|\lambda\rangle = |\lambda\rangle\lambda$ . Find the position wave function  $\langle x|\lambda\rangle$  to eigenket  $|\lambda\rangle$  with the convention

$$\langle x|\lambda\rangle = (\text{a } x_0 \text{ dependent pre-factor}) \times (\text{a function of } x/x_0 - \lambda),$$

with the pre-factor determined by the normalization condition  $\langle \lambda|\lambda'\rangle = \delta(\lambda - \lambda')$ .

**Problem 4** (25 marks)

Motion along the  $x$  axis with a constant force  $F$  acting: position operator  $X$ , momentum operator  $P$ , Hamilton operator  $H = \frac{P^2}{2M} - FX$ .

- State the Heisenberg equations of motion for  $P(t)$  and  $X(t)$ , solve them, and evaluate the commutator  $[X(t), X(t_0)]$ .
- Then find the three right-hand sides in

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \log \langle x, t|x', t_0 \rangle = ?, \quad i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x'} \log \langle x, t|x', t_0 \rangle = ?,$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \log \langle x, t|x', t_0 \rangle = ?$$

in terms of  $x$ ,  $x'$ , and  $T = t - t_0$ .

[As always,  $\log y$  denotes the natural logarithm of  $y$ .]