

Problem 1 (20=10+10 points)

As in lecture, operators U and V are the standard complementary pair of cyclic unitary operators of period N for an N -dimensional quantum degree of freedom, and their eigenkets are denoted by $|u_k\rangle$ and $|v_l\rangle$, respectively, for $k, l = 1, 2, \dots, N$.

(a) For $F = \sum_{k,l=1}^N f_{kl} U^k V^l$ and $G = \sum_{k,l=1}^N g_{kl} U^k V^l$, express the trace $\text{tr} \{F^\dagger G\}$ in terms of the complex coefficients f_{kl} and g_{kl} .

(b) Show that $\sum_{k=1}^N \langle u_k | = \sqrt{N} \langle v_N |$. By analogy, what is $\sum_{l=1}^N |v_l\rangle$?

Problem 2 (40=5+15+10+10 points)

We consider two hermitian operators, Q and Γ . The eigenvalues q of operator Q are all positive numbers: $0 < q < \infty$; the eigenvalues γ of operator Γ are all real numbers: $-\infty < \gamma < \infty$; and their eigenstates are related by

$$\langle q | \gamma \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} q^{i\gamma},$$

whereby

$$\langle q | q' \rangle = q \delta(q - q'), \quad \langle \gamma | \gamma' \rangle = \delta(\gamma - \gamma')$$

are the respective orthonormality statements.

(a) Explain why Q and Γ constitute a pair of complementary observables.

(b) Evaluate $\int_0^\infty \frac{dq}{q} \langle \gamma | q \rangle \langle q | \gamma' \rangle$ and $\int_{-\infty}^\infty d\gamma \langle q | \gamma \rangle \langle \gamma | q' \rangle$ to establish the completeness relations

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{dq}{q} |q\rangle \langle q| = 1, \quad \int_{-\infty}^\infty d\gamma |\gamma\rangle \langle \gamma| = 1.$$

(c) Show that $Q^{i\gamma'} |\gamma\rangle = |\gamma + \gamma'\rangle$ for all real numbers γ and γ' .

(d) Use this to demonstrate that

$$e^{i\beta\Gamma} Q^{i\gamma} = e^{i\beta\gamma} Q^{i\gamma} e^{i\beta\Gamma}$$

for all real numbers β and γ .

Problem 3 (15=5+10 points)

(a) First show that

$$e^{-\epsilon B} e^A e^{\epsilon B} = e^{e^{-\epsilon B} A e^{\epsilon B}}$$

where A and B are operators and ϵ is a complex number.

(b) Then demonstrate that

$$[e^A, B] = \int_0^1 dx e^{(1-x)A} [A, B] e^{xA}.$$

Problem 4 (25=15+10 points)

All eigenvalues of the hermitian operator A are positive.

(a) Verify that

$$\log A = \int_0^\infty d\alpha \left(\frac{1}{\alpha + 1} - \frac{1}{\alpha + A} \right) = \int_0^\infty d\beta \frac{e^{-\beta} - e^{-\beta A}}{\beta}$$

are two valid integral representations of $\log A$.

(b) Consider an infinitesimal variation δA and establish

$$\delta \log A = \int_0^\infty d\alpha \frac{1}{\alpha + A} \delta A \frac{1}{\alpha + A}.$$