

Problem 1 (35=7+8+10+5+5 marks)

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 $k, l = 1, 2, \dots, N$, with $u_k = e^{i2\pi k/N}$ and $v_l = e^{i2\pi l/N}$.

(a) Show that $(UV)^N = (-1)^{N-1}$.

(b) More generally, what do you get for $(U^m V^n)^N$?

(c) Unitary operator S is defined by $S|v_k\rangle = |u_k\rangle$ for $k = 1, 2, \dots, N$. Find

$$\langle u_k | S, \quad S | u_k \rangle, \quad \text{and} \quad \langle v_k | S.$$

(d) Show that $US = SV$.

(e) Show that S is a cyclic operator. What is its period?

Hint: Consider $N = 2$ and $N > 2$ separately.

Problem 2 (25=10+15 marks)

Mass M moves along the x axis whereby the Hamilton operator

$$H = v|P| - FX \quad \text{with constant } v \text{ and constant } F$$

governs the evolution. The time transformation function $\langle x, t_1 | p, t_2 \rangle$ depends on the size of the velocity v and the strength of the force F .

(a) Use the Schrödinger equation to find $\langle x, t_1 | p, t_2 \rangle$ in the case of $v = 0$.

(b) Use the quantum action principle to determine the v dependence of $\langle x, t_1 | p, t_2 \rangle$ and thus obtain this time transformation function for arbitrary values of v and F .

Hint: $\frac{d}{dy}(y|y|) = 2|y|$.

Problem 3 (40=15+10+7+8 marks)

We consider two hermitian operators, Θ and Λ . The eigenvalues ϑ of operator Θ are in the range $0 < \vartheta < \pi$; the eigenvalues λ of operator Λ are all real numbers: $-\infty < \lambda < \infty$; and their eigenstates are related by

$$\langle \vartheta | \lambda \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left(\tan \frac{\vartheta}{2} \right)^{i\lambda},$$

whereby

$$\langle \vartheta | \vartheta' \rangle = \delta(\vartheta - \vartheta') \sin \vartheta, \quad \langle \lambda | \lambda' \rangle = \delta(\lambda - \lambda')$$

are the respective orthonormality statements.

- (a) Evaluate $\int_0^\pi \frac{d\vartheta}{\sin \vartheta} \langle \lambda | \vartheta \rangle \langle \vartheta | \lambda' \rangle$ and $\int_{-\infty}^\infty d\lambda \langle \vartheta | \lambda \rangle \langle \lambda | \vartheta' \rangle$ to establish the completeness relations

$$\int_0^\pi \frac{d\vartheta}{\sin \vartheta} |\vartheta\rangle \langle \vartheta| = 1, \quad \int_{-\infty}^\infty d\lambda |\lambda\rangle \langle \lambda| = 1.$$

- (b) Show that

$$\left(\tan \frac{\Theta}{2} \right)^{i\lambda'} |\lambda\rangle = |\lambda + \lambda'\rangle$$

for all real numbers λ and λ' .

- (c) Use this to demonstrate that

$$e^{i\mu\Lambda} \left(\tan \frac{\Theta}{2} \right)^{i\lambda} = e^{i\mu\lambda} \left(\tan \frac{\Theta}{2} \right)^{i\lambda} e^{i\mu\Lambda}$$

for all real numbers μ and λ .

- (d) How is ϑ' related to ϑ and μ in $\langle \vartheta' | = \langle \vartheta | e^{i\mu\Lambda}$?