

- 1) Let \mathbb{E}^2 denote \mathbb{C}^2 endowed with the Euclidian inner product and $\psi := \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{pmatrix}$ be a nonzero element of \mathbb{E}^2 .

1.a) Compute the matrix representation \mathbf{P}_λ of the projection operator $P_\lambda = \frac{|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|}{\langle\psi|\psi\rangle}$ onto the state λ defined by ψ .

1.b) Find $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ such that

$$\mathbf{P}_\lambda = \begin{pmatrix} z & x - iy \\ x + iy & 1 - z \end{pmatrix},$$

i.e., express x, y, z as function of w_1 and w_2 .

1.c) Show that (x, y, z) determines a point on the two-dimensional sphere S^2 defined by

$$x^2 + y^2 + \left(z - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{4}.$$

1.d) Determine the projection operators corresponding to the north and south poles of S^2 .

1.e) Show that there is a one-to-one correspondence between the points of S^2 and the rays λ in \mathbb{E}^2 (i.e., points of the projective Hilbert space $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{E}^2)$.)

- 2) Consider a quantum system that is represented using the Hilbert space obtained by endowing \mathbb{C}^3 with the Euclidean inner product as the Hilbert space and a Hamiltonian operator. Let \hat{A} be the observable represented in the standard basis of \mathbb{C}^3 by the matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

2.a) Determine the eigenstates of \hat{A} and the corresponding projection operators.

2.b) Compute the probability of measuring each of the eigenvalues of \hat{A} in the state λ determined by the state vector $\psi_\lambda = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$.

2.c) Compute the expectation value of measuring \hat{A} in the state λ_ψ first using $\langle\hat{A}\rangle_\lambda = \frac{\langle\psi_\lambda|\hat{A}\psi_\lambda\rangle}{\langle\psi_\lambda|\psi_\lambda\rangle}$ and then using $\langle\hat{A}\rangle_\lambda = \sum_{n=1}^3 a_n \text{Prob}_{a_n}(\lambda)$, where a_1, a_2, a_3 are the eigenvalues of \hat{A} and $\text{Prob}_{a_n}(\lambda)$ stands for the probability of finding a_n as a result of measuring \hat{A} in the state λ .

2.d) Compute the expectation value of measuring \hat{A}^2 in the state λ .

2.e) For all $s \in \mathbb{R}$ compute the matrix representation of $e^{s\hat{A}}$ in the standard basis of \mathbb{C}^3 .