

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

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

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

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

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  $\lambda$  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

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

**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  $\lambda$  determined by the state vector  $\psi_\lambda = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**2.c)** Compute the expectation value of measuring  $\hat{A}$  in the state  $\lambda_\psi$  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  $\lambda$ .

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

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