

Quantum Mechanics

HW3 Ch3 (3.8, 3.14, 3.16, 3.17, 3.18, 3.21, 3.23, 3.27)
Ch2 (Prove theorem 2.1)

3.8

The components of the initial state $|\psi_i\rangle$ of a quantum system are given in a complete and orthonormal basis of three states $|\phi_1\rangle, |\phi_2\rangle, |\phi_3\rangle$ as

$$\langle \phi_1 | \psi_i \rangle = \frac{i}{\sqrt{3}} \quad \langle \phi_2 | \psi_i \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \quad \langle \phi_3 | \psi_i \rangle = 0$$

Calculate the probability of finding the system in state $|\psi_f\rangle$ given by

$$\langle \phi_1 | \psi_f \rangle = \frac{1+i}{\sqrt{3}} \quad \langle \phi_2 | \psi_f \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \quad \langle \phi_3 | \psi_f \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$$

- According to the postulates of QM, probability of finding system in state $|\psi_f\rangle$ after initially being in state $|\psi_i\rangle$ is

$$P = \frac{|\langle \psi_f | \psi_i \rangle|^2}{\langle \psi_i | \psi_i \rangle} = \left| \left(\frac{1-i}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \right) \begin{pmatrix} i/\sqrt{3} \\ \sqrt{2/3} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right|^2$$

$$\approx \left| \frac{i+1}{3} + \sqrt{\frac{2}{18}} + 0 \right|^2$$

Remember to conjugate!

$$= \left| \sqrt{\frac{2}{18}} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{i}{3} \right|^2 = \left| \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{i}{3} \right|^2 = \left(\frac{2}{3} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)^2 = \boxed{\frac{5}{9}}$$

3.14

The initial state of a system is given in terms of four orthonormal energy eigenfunctions $|\phi_1\rangle, \dots, |\phi_4\rangle$ as

$$|\psi_0\rangle = |\psi(t=0)\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} |\phi_1\rangle + \frac{1}{2} |\phi_2\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} |\phi_3\rangle + \frac{1}{2} |\phi_4\rangle$$

a) If the $|\phi_i\rangle$ are eigenvectors of the Hamiltonian H with energies E_1, E_2, E_3, E_4 find $|\psi(t)\rangle$ at any later time.

Normalize $|\psi(0)\rangle$:

$$\langle \psi(0) | \psi(0) \rangle = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{6} = 1$$

Good! Already normalized.

Recall that $|\psi(t)\rangle = \sum_i c_i(0) |\phi_i\rangle e^{-i\omega_i t}$

$$\omega_i = \frac{E_i}{\hbar}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore } |\psi(t)\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \exp[-i\omega_1 t] |\phi_1\rangle \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \exp[-i\omega_2 t] |\phi_2\rangle \\ &+ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \exp[-i\omega_3 t] |\phi_3\rangle \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \exp[-i\omega_4 t] |\phi_4\rangle \end{aligned}$$

b) What are the possible results of measuring the energy and with what probability?

\hat{H}

The possible measurements are the eigenvalues E_1, \dots, E_4
 \updownarrow
Eigenstate $|\phi_1\rangle \dots |\phi_4\rangle$

The probability associated with each state is

$$\frac{|\langle \phi_i | \psi \rangle|^2}{\langle \psi | \psi \rangle} \Rightarrow$$

$\frac{1}{3}$ (since normalized)

For probability is ...
$ \phi_1\rangle$	$ \langle \phi_1 \psi \rangle ^2$ $= \left \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} e^{-i\omega_1 t} \right ^2 = \boxed{\frac{1}{3}}$
$ \phi_2\rangle$	$ \langle \phi_2 \psi \rangle ^2$ $= \left \frac{1}{2} e^{-i\omega_2 t} \right ^2 = \boxed{\frac{1}{4}}$
$ \phi_3\rangle$	$ \langle \phi_3 \psi \rangle ^2$ $= \left \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} e^{-i\omega_3 t} \right ^2$ $= \boxed{\frac{1}{6}}$
$ \phi_4\rangle$	$ \langle \phi_4 \psi \rangle ^2$ $= \left \frac{1}{2} e^{-i\omega_4 t} \right ^2$ $= \boxed{\frac{1}{4}}$

\hat{H}

c) Find the expectation value at $t=0$ s and $t=10$ s

$$\langle \hat{H} \rangle = \frac{\langle \psi | \hat{H} | \psi \rangle}{\langle \psi | \psi \rangle} \Big|_{t=0} = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{1}{2} \right) \begin{pmatrix} E_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & E_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & E_3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & E_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{1}{2} \right) \begin{pmatrix} E_1/\sqrt{3} \\ E_2/2 \\ E_3/\sqrt{6} \\ E_4/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

basis of \hat{H} \rightarrow $D = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{3} \\ 1/2 \\ 1/\sqrt{6} \\ 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\langle \hat{H} \rangle = \frac{1}{3} E_1 + \frac{1}{4} E_2 + \frac{1}{6} E_3 + \frac{1}{4} E_4$$

At a later time t :

$$\langle H \rangle_t = \langle \psi(t) | H | \psi(t) \rangle$$

$$= \left(\frac{i}{\sqrt{3}} e^{+i\omega_1 t}, \frac{1}{2} e^{+i\omega_2 t}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} e^{+i\omega_3 t}, \frac{1}{2} e^{+i\omega_4 t} \right)_a$$

Don't forget to conjugate!

$$\begin{pmatrix} E_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & E_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & E_3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & E_4 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \frac{e^{-i\omega_1 t}}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{e^{-i\omega_2 t}}{2} \\ \frac{e^{-i\omega_3 t}}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{e^{-i\omega_4 t}}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \left(\frac{e^{+i\omega_1 t}}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{e^{+i\omega_2 t}}{2}, \frac{e^{+i\omega_3 t}}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{e^{+i\omega_4 t}}{2} \right) \begin{pmatrix} E_1 \cdot \frac{e^{-i\omega_1 t}}{\sqrt{3}} \\ E_2 \frac{e^{-i\omega_2 t}}{2} \\ E_3 \frac{e^{-i\omega_3 t}}{\sqrt{6}} \\ E_4 \frac{e^{-i\omega_4 t}}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$e^{i\omega_1 t} \cdot e^{-i\omega_1 t}$ etc

$$\langle H \rangle_t = \frac{1}{3} \cdot E_1 \cdot 1 + \frac{1}{4} E_2 + \frac{1}{6} E_3 + \frac{1}{4} E_4$$

3.16

Consider a system whose Hamiltonian \hat{H} and an operator \hat{A} are given by

$$\hat{H} = \epsilon_0 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i & 0 \\ i & 0 & 2i \\ 0 & -2i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \hat{A} = a_0 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i & 0 \\ i & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

a) If we measure energy, what values will we obtain?

- Eigenvalues of \hat{H}
- Calculate (you may use Maple)

$$\det[\hat{H} - \lambda \mathbb{I}] = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & -i & 0 \\ i & -\lambda & 2i \\ 0 & -2i & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Expand} \\ \text{by minors} \end{array} \quad \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 2i \\ -2i & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} - (-i) \begin{vmatrix} i & 2i \\ 0 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

So, after a measurement of \hat{H} we may obtain
 $0, \sqrt{5}\epsilon_0, \text{ or } -\sqrt{5}\epsilon_0$

$$-\lambda(\lambda^2 - 4) + i(-i\lambda) = 0$$

$$-\lambda(\lambda^2 - 4) + \lambda = 0$$

$$-\lambda[\lambda^2 - 4 - 1] = 0$$

$$\lambda = 0, \lambda = \pm\sqrt{5}$$

Energy eigenvalues are
 $0, \pm\sqrt{5}\epsilon_0$

3.16 b) Suppose we measure H and obtain $\sqrt{5}\epsilon_0$. Immediately after, we measure A . What values will we obtain for A , and with what probabilities?

First, find all the eigenvalues and eigenvectors (normalized) of H and A . You may use Maple. Note that Maple does not give normalized eigenvectors, so you have to do that.

From Maple	H	Eigenvalues Eigenvectors $ \phi_i\rangle$	1 0 \updownarrow $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$	2 $+\sqrt{5}\epsilon_0$ \updownarrow $\begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{10} \\ i/\sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2/5} \end{pmatrix}$	3 $-\sqrt{5}\epsilon_0$ \updownarrow $\begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{10} \\ -i/\sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2/5} \end{pmatrix}$
	A	Eigenvalues Eigenvectors $ \chi_i\rangle$	$2\epsilon_0$ $\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{pmatrix} -i \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$	0 $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} i \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$-\epsilon_0$ $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} -i \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

After H we obtain $+\sqrt{5}\epsilon_0$, so we are in the state

$$|\psi\rangle = |\phi_2\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{10} \\ i/\sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2/5} \end{pmatrix}$$

Eigenstate of H

What eigenstates of A is this state made of?

$$|\phi_2\rangle = \mathbb{1}|\phi_2\rangle = \sum_i |\chi_i\rangle \langle \chi_i | \phi_2 \rangle$$

Eigenstates of A

This is a change of basis

Calculate $\langle \chi_1 | \phi_2 \rangle$
 $\langle \chi_2 | \phi_2 \rangle$
 $\langle \chi_3 | \phi_2 \rangle$

$$\langle \chi_1 | \phi_2 \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} (i, 2, 1) \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \\ i/\sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2/5} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{i}{\sqrt{60}} + \frac{2i}{\sqrt{12}} + \sqrt{\frac{2}{30}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{15}} + i \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{60}} + \frac{1}{3} \right)$$

$$\langle \chi_2 | \phi_2 \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (-i, 0, 1) \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \\ i/\sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2/5} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= -\frac{i}{\sqrt{20}} + 0 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} - \frac{i}{\sqrt{20}}$$

$$\langle \chi_3 | \phi_2 \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (i, -1, 1) \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \\ i/\sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2/5} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{i}{\sqrt{30}} - \frac{i}{\sqrt{6}} + \sqrt{\frac{2}{15}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2}{15}} + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \right) i$$

$P_1 = \langle \chi_1 \phi_2 \rangle ^2 = \boxed{.5657}$	\leftrightarrow	Probability	$+2a_0$	Probability of measuring is 56.57%
$P_2 = \langle \chi_2 \phi_2 \rangle ^2 = \boxed{.25}$	\rightarrow		$0a_0$	25%
$P_3 = \langle \chi_3 \phi_2 \rangle ^2 = \boxed{.1843}$	\leftrightarrow		$-a_0$	18.43%

c) Calculate the expectation value of A for $|\phi_2\rangle$.

$$\langle A \rangle = a_1 \cdot P_1 + a_2 \cdot P_2 + a_3 \cdot P_3$$

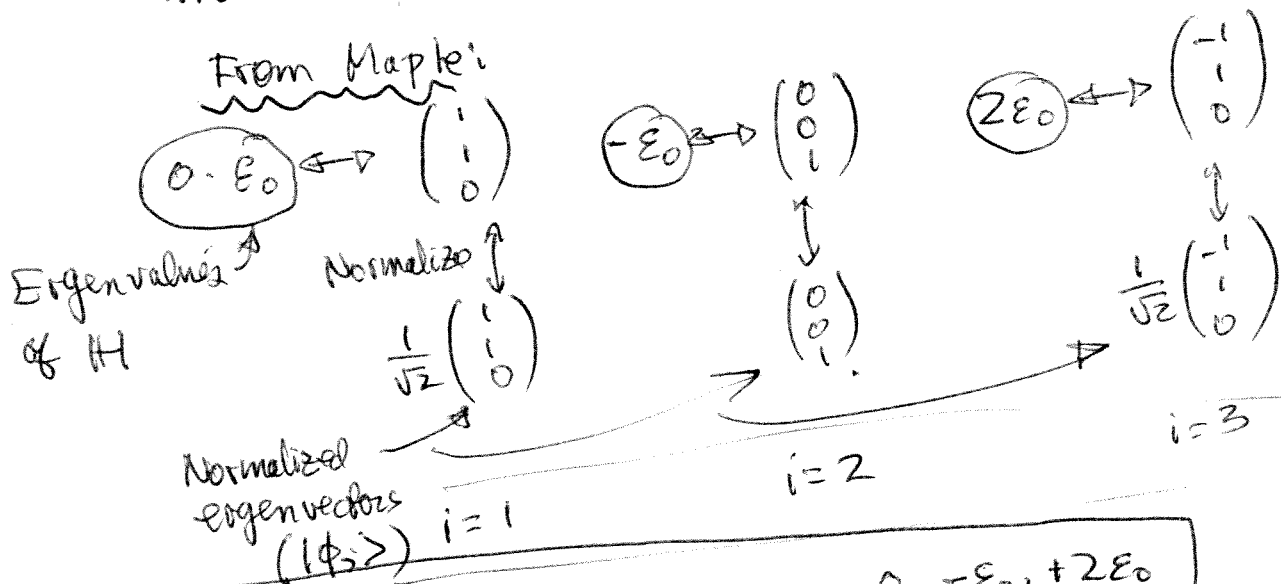
$$= 2a_0 \cdot 56.57\% + 0 \cdot 25\% + -a_0 \cdot 18.43\%$$

$$= \boxed{0.9471 \cdot a_0}$$

3.17 Given $H = \epsilon_0 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$
 $|\psi(0)\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ (normalized \checkmark)

where $\epsilon_0 = \text{energy}$

a) What values will we obtain when H is measured, and with what probabilities?



The probability of each state if initial state is $|\psi(0)\rangle$ is

$$P_i = |\langle \phi_i | \psi(0) \rangle|^2$$

$$P_1 = \left| \langle \phi_1 | \psi(0) \rangle \right|^2 = \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (1, 1, 0) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right|^2 = \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (1+1+0) \right|^2 = \left[\frac{1}{3} \right]$$

$$P_2 = \left| \langle \phi_2 | \psi(0) \rangle \right|^2 = \left| (0, 0, 1) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right|^2 = \left| \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \right|^2 = \left[\frac{2}{3} \right]$$

$$P_3 = \left| \langle \phi_3 | \psi(0) \rangle \right|^2 = \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (-1, 1, 0) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right|^2 = \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (0) \right|^2 = \left[0 \right]$$

So $0 \leftrightarrow 33\%$
 $-\epsilon_0 \leftrightarrow 66\%$
 $2\epsilon_0 \leftrightarrow 0\%$

Starting in $|\psi(0)\rangle$, one cannot get state $|\phi_3\rangle$!

3.17 b) Calculate the expectation value of H

$$\begin{aligned} \langle H \rangle &= \cancel{0} \cdot P_1 + \epsilon_1 \cdot P_1 + \epsilon_2 \cdot P_2 + \epsilon_3 \cdot P_3 \\ &= 0 \cdot \frac{1}{3} + (-\epsilon_0) \cdot \frac{2}{3} + (2\epsilon_0) \cdot 0 \\ &= \boxed{-.667 \cdot \epsilon_0} \end{aligned}$$

3.18 Given:

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A = \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

a) We measure A first, then B immediately after.

Find the probability of measuring $\sqrt{2}a$ for A and $-b$ for B

• First use Maple to write the eigenvectors and eigenvalues of A, B

		1	2	3
A	Eigenvalues	$\sqrt{2}a$	$\sqrt{2}a$	0
	Eigenvectors	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$
B	Eigenvalues	b	b	-b
	Eigenvectors	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$

• Normalize $|\psi(t)\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{35}} \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$

After measuring A, probabilities of being in eigenstates

$|\phi_1\rangle, |\phi_2\rangle, |\phi_3\rangle$ of A are:

value $\sqrt{2}a$

$$\begin{cases} P_1 = |\langle \phi_1 | \psi(t) \rangle|^2 = \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(0, 1, 1) \frac{1}{\sqrt{35}} \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right|^2 = \frac{16}{70} = 22.86\% \\ P_2 = |\langle \phi_2 | \psi(t) \rangle|^2 = \left| (1, 0, 0) \frac{1}{\sqrt{35}} \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right|^2 = \frac{25}{35} = 71.43\% \\ P_3 = |\langle \phi_3 | \psi(t) \rangle|^2 = \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(0, 1, -1) \frac{1}{\sqrt{35}} \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right|^2 = \frac{4}{70} = 5.71\% \end{cases}$$

The state you are in after measuring A is

$$|\psi(t)\rangle_{\text{after}} = \frac{c_1 |\phi_1\rangle + c_2 |\phi_2\rangle}{\sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2}}$$

eigenvectors of $\sqrt{2}a$
renormalization factor

After measuring B on this state, what is the probability of getting measurement $-b$?

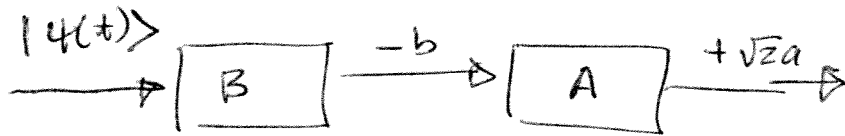
$-b$ is the eigenvalue of state $|\chi_3\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

The probability of this state after measurement of $\sqrt{2}a$ is

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle \chi_3 | \psi(t) \rangle_{\text{after}}|^2 &= \left| \frac{c_1 \langle \chi_3 | \phi_1 \rangle + c_2 \langle \chi_3 | \phi_2 \rangle}{\sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2}} \right|^2 \\ &= |0 + 0|^2 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus it is not possible to obtain $-b$ from B after $\sqrt{2}a$ from A.

3.18 (b) Now find probability of



Measurement of b means the system is in state $|\chi_3\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Since this state is orthogonal to $|\phi_1\rangle$ and $|\phi_2\rangle$ measurement of A can only yield $0 \cdot a_0$

Same as part (a).

(c) Because $[A, B] = 0$ A and B are compatible. Thus they share eigenvectors, and the order of measurement does not matter.

3.21

Given: $|\psi(0)\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 4-i \\ -2+5i \\ 3+2i \end{pmatrix}$

$$H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \epsilon_0$$

a) If H is measured, what values will you obtain and with what probabilities?

	①	②	③
Eigenvalues	$-\sqrt{2} \epsilon_0$	0	$\frac{5}{\sqrt{2}} \epsilon_0$
Eigenvectors $ \phi_i\rangle$	$\frac{3}{\sqrt{14}} \begin{pmatrix} -i/3 \\ -2/3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \begin{pmatrix} 3i \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\frac{3}{\sqrt{35}} \begin{pmatrix} -i/3 \\ 5/3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Measurement of H_1 may yield $-\sqrt{2}z_0, 0$, or $\frac{5}{\sqrt{2}}z_0$

Probabilities of each:

$$P_1 = \frac{|\langle \phi_1 | \psi(0) \rangle|^2}{\langle \psi(0) | \psi(0) \rangle} = \frac{\left| \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}} \left(\frac{i}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}, 1 \right) \begin{pmatrix} 4-i \\ -2+5i \\ 3+2i \end{pmatrix} \right|^2}{4^2+1^2 + 2^2+5^2 + 3^2+2^2}$$

$$= \frac{\left| \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}} \left(\frac{4i}{3} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{4}{3} - \frac{10}{3}i + 3 + 2i \right) \right|^2}{16+1+4+25+9+4}$$

$$= \frac{9}{14} \cdot \frac{\left| \frac{1}{3} + \frac{4}{3} + 3 + i \left(\frac{4}{3} - \frac{10}{3} + 2 \right) \right|^2}{59}$$

$$= \frac{9}{14 \cdot 59} \cdot \left| \frac{14}{3} + i \left(-\frac{2}{3} \right) \right|^2$$

$$= \boxed{0.2421} = 24.2\%$$

$$P_2 = \frac{|\langle \phi_2 | \psi(0) \rangle|^2}{\langle \psi(0) | \psi(0) \rangle} = \frac{\left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} (-3i, 0, 1) \begin{pmatrix} 4-i \\ -2+5i \\ 3+2i \end{pmatrix} \right|^2}{59}$$

$$= \frac{1}{10} \cdot \frac{\left| (-12i - 3 + 0 + 3 + 2i) \right|^2}{59}$$

$$= \frac{\left| -3 + 3 - 10i \right|^2}{590} = \frac{100}{590} = \boxed{0.1695} = 17.0\%$$

$$P_3 = \frac{|\langle \phi_3 | \psi(0) \rangle|^2}{\langle \psi(0) | \psi(0) \rangle} = \frac{\left| \frac{3}{\sqrt{35}} \left(\frac{i}{3}, \frac{5}{3}, 1 \right) \begin{pmatrix} 4-i \\ -2+5i \\ 3+2i \end{pmatrix} \right|^2}{59}$$

$$= \frac{9}{35} \cdot \frac{\left| \left(\frac{4i}{3} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{-10}{3} + \frac{25}{3}i + 3 + 2i \right) \right|^2}{59} = \frac{9}{35} \cdot \frac{\left| 0 + \frac{35}{3}i \right|^2}{59}$$

$$= \boxed{0.5932} = 59.3\%$$

b) Find the state of the system at a later time t

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\psi(t)\rangle &= \mathbb{1} \cdot |\psi(0)\rangle = \left(\sum_i |\phi_i\rangle \langle \phi_i| \right) |\psi(0)\rangle \\
 &= \sum_i \underbrace{\langle \phi_i | \psi(0) \rangle}_{\text{calculated in (a)}} \cdot \underbrace{|\phi_i\rangle}_{\text{energy eigenstate}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sum_i c_i |\phi_i\rangle$$

$$\text{Then } |\psi(t)\rangle = \sum c_i |\phi_i\rangle e^{-i\omega_i t}$$

$$= \frac{3}{\sqrt{14 \cdot 59}} \left(\frac{14}{3} + (-i)\frac{2}{3} \right) |\phi_1\rangle e^{-i\omega_1 t}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{\sqrt{59}} (-i) |\phi_2\rangle e^{-i\omega_2 t}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{\sqrt{35 \cdot 59}} (35i) |\phi_3\rangle e^{-i\omega_3 t}$$

$$\text{where } \omega_1 = -\frac{\sqrt{2} \epsilon_0}{\hbar}$$

$$\omega_2 = 0$$

$$\omega_3 = \frac{5\epsilon_0/\sqrt{2}}{\hbar}$$

c) Find the total energy of the system at time $t=0$

My guess is he means to find $\langle H \rangle_{t=0}$

over the state $|\psi(0)\rangle$, then $|\psi(t)\rangle$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle H \rangle_{t=0} &= -\sqrt{2} \cdot \epsilon_0 \cdot P_1^{0.2421} + 0 \cdot P_2^{0.1695} + \frac{5}{\sqrt{2}} \epsilon_0 \cdot P_3^{0.5932} \\
 &= \boxed{1.75 \epsilon_0}
 \end{aligned}$$

It's the same for $\langle \psi(t) | H | \psi(t) \rangle$

d) Does \hat{H} form a complete set of commuting operators?

I am a little puzzled by this question, since only one operator was given. \hat{H} commutes w/ itself, of course, but we need a second operator to discuss this question meaningfully.

3.23 Given a Hamiltonian

$$H = \epsilon \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(a) Find the eigenvalues

① $+\epsilon \longleftrightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} -i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

② $-\epsilon \longleftrightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Eigenvalues Eigenvectors ($|\phi_i\rangle$)

(b) If the system is initially in $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = |\psi\rangle$
find probabilities

$$P_1 = |\langle \phi_1 | \psi(0) \rangle|^2 = \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (i, 1) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right|^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} |i|^2$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$P_2 = |\langle \phi_2 | \psi(0) \rangle|^2 = \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (-i, 1) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right|^2$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{1}{2}}$$

So 50% for $+\epsilon$
50% for $-\epsilon$

3.27

Consider a system whose initial state is

$$|\psi(0)\rangle = \frac{A}{\sqrt{12}} |\phi_1\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} |\phi_2\rangle + \frac{2}{\sqrt{12}} |\phi_3\rangle + \frac{1}{2} |\phi_4\rangle$$

where $\{|\phi_i\rangle\}$ is complete and orthonormal

$A \equiv$ real constant

a) Find A so $|\psi(0)\rangle$ is normalized.

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \psi(0) | \psi(0) \rangle &= 1 = \frac{A^2}{12} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{4}{12} + \frac{1}{4} \\ &= \frac{A^2}{12} + \frac{2}{12} + \frac{4}{12} + \frac{3}{12} = \frac{A^2}{12} + \frac{9}{12} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

so $A = \sqrt{3}$

b) Find $|\psi(t)\rangle$ at any later time if the energies corresponding to $|\phi_i\rangle$ are

$ \phi_1\rangle$	$ \phi_2\rangle$..	$ \phi_4\rangle$
↑	↑		↑
E_1	E_2		E_4

OK, the author did not mention at the beginning that the $|\phi_i\rangle$ were eigenstates of the Hamiltonian, but he has now.

Then

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi(t)\rangle &= \sqrt{\frac{3}{12}} e^{-i\omega_1 t} |\phi_1\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} e^{-i\omega_2 t} |\phi_2\rangle \\ &\quad + \frac{2}{\sqrt{12}} e^{-i\omega_3 t} |\phi_3\rangle + \frac{1}{2} e^{-i\omega_4 t} |\phi_4\rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\omega_i = \frac{E_i}{\hbar} \dots \text{etc}$$

c) Determine the probability of finding the system in state $|\psi_2\rangle$

~~$P_2 = |\langle \psi_2 | \psi(t) \rangle|^2$~~

~~$P_2 = \frac{1}{6} e^{-i\omega_2 t}$~~

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$$= \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} e^{-i\omega_2 t} \right|^2$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{1}{6}} = \boxed{16.7\%}$$