

## 1. Warm up

- a) Show that the eigenvalues of a Hermitian operator  $A$  are real and that the eigenkets of  $A$  corresponding to different eigenvalues are orthogonal.  
 b) Show that if the state ket

$$|\alpha\rangle = \sum_{a'} c_{a'} |a'\rangle$$

is normalized then the expansion coefficients  $c_{a'}$  must satisfy

$$\sum_{a'} |c_{a'}|^2 = 1.$$

## 2. Prove the Theorem 1 from lecture notes:

If both of the basis  $\{|a'\rangle\}$  and  $\{|b'\rangle\}$  are orthonormalized and complete then there exists a unitary operator  $U$  so that

$$|b_1\rangle = U |a_1\rangle, \quad |b_2\rangle = U |a_2\rangle, \quad |b_3\rangle = U |a_3\rangle, \quad \dots$$

(Unitary operator:  $U^\dagger U = U U^\dagger = 1$ )

3. Consider the spin operators  $S_x$ ,  $S_y$  and  $S_z$  in the  $\{|S_z; \uparrow\rangle, |S_z; \downarrow\rangle\}$  basis

- a) Write out the operators  $S_x$ ,  $S_y$  and  $S_z$  in the  $\{|S_z; \uparrow\rangle, |S_z; \downarrow\rangle\}$  basis.  
 b) Compute the commutators  $[S_x, S_y]$  and  $[S^2, S_x]$  as well as anticommutator  $\{S_x, S_y\}$ .  
 c) Let us define the ladder operators  $S_\pm = S_x \pm iS_y$ . Compute  $S_\pm |S_z; \uparrow\rangle$  and  $S_\pm |S_z; \downarrow\rangle$ .

## 4. Prove the Theorem 2 from lecture notes:

If  $T$  is a unitary matrix, then the matrices  $X$  and  $T^\dagger X T$  have the same trace and the same eigenvalues.

## 5. The translation operator for a finite (spatial) displacement is given by

$$\mathcal{T}(\mathbf{l}) = \exp\left(-\frac{i}{\hbar} \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{l}\right)$$

where  $\mathbf{p}$  is the momentum operator and  $\mathbf{l}$  the displacement vector.

- a) Evaluate  $[x_i, \mathcal{T}(\mathbf{l})]$ .  
 b) How does the expectation value  $\langle x \rangle$  of the position operator change under the translation?