

Problem 1:

1. The matrix A=

$1/\sqrt{2}$	$1/\sqrt{2}$	0
0	0	1
$1/\sqrt{2}$	$-1/\sqrt{2}$	0

represents a finite rotation about a certain axis. Find the direction cosines of the axis and the angle of rotation.

$$\text{In[]:= } m = \left\{ \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0 \right\}, \{0, 0, 1\}, \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0 \right\} \right\};$$

m // MatrixForm

Out[]:= J/MatrixForm=

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

In[]:= Det[m]

Out[]:= 1

In[]:= eval = Eigenvalues [m] // N

Out[]:= $\{-0.146447 + 0.989219 i, -0.146447 - 0.989219 i, 1.\}$

In[]:= eval[[1]] // Abs

Out[]:= 1.

In[]:= sol = Solve[eval[[1]] == Exp[I φ], φ][[1]] /. C[1] → 0 // Chop

Solve: Inverse functions are being used by Solve, so some solutions may not be found; use Reduce for complete solution information.

Out[]:= $\{\phi \rightarrow 1.71777\}$

In[]:= $\frac{\phi}{\pi}$ /. sol

Out[]:= 0.546784

In[]:= evect = Eigenvectors [m] // FullSimplify

Out[]:= $\left\{ \left\{ \sqrt{-0.354 \dots + 0.410 \dots i}, \sqrt{-0.146 \dots - 0.989 \dots i}, 1 \right\}, \left\{ \sqrt{-0.354 \dots - 0.410 \dots i}, \sqrt{-0.146 \dots + 0.989 \dots i}, 1 \right\}, \{1 + \sqrt{2}, 1, 1\} \right\}$

Problem 3:

3. The matrix L represents a rotation by an angle ϕ around some axis. The eigenvalues of L are $\lambda_1 = +1, \lambda_2 = (\sqrt{3}+i)/2, \lambda_3 = (\sqrt{3}-i)/2$. Find the angle ϕ .

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In[ ]:= Clear["Global`*"]
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In[ ]:= m = {{Cos[θ], Sin[θ], 0}, {-Sin[θ], Cos[θ], 0}, {0, 0, 1}};
m // MatrixForm
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Out[ ]:= J/MatrixForm=
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$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos[\theta] & \sin[\theta] & 0 \\ -\sin[\theta] & \cos[\theta] & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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In[ ]:= ev = Eigenvalues[m] // TrigToExp
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Out[ ]:= {1, e^{-i θ}, e^{i θ}}
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In[ ]:= ev2 = {1,  $\frac{\sqrt{3} + i}{2}$ ,  $\frac{\sqrt{3} - i}{2}$ };
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In[ ]:= Solve[Exp[i θ] ==  $\frac{\sqrt{3} + i}{2}$ , θ] /. {C[1] -> 0} // Simplify
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Out[ ]:= {{θ ->  $\frac{\pi}{6}$ }}
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Problem 5:

5. We want to demonstrate that the 3x3 and 2x2 representation of rotations are identical for infinitesimal rotations on a vector $v = \{x, y, z\}$. The 3x3 rotations can be represented as $\text{Exp}[\theta n \cdot M]$ where n is the axis vector, and M are the matrix generators of the rotation, and the rotated vector is $\text{Exp}[\theta n \cdot M] \cdot v$. The 2x2 rotations can be represented as $\text{Exp}[-i \theta / 2 n \cdot \sigma]$ where n is the axis vector, and σ are the matrix generators of the rotation, and the rotated vector is $\text{Exp}[-i \theta / 2 n \cdot \sigma] \cdot v$.
- Perform an infinitesimal rotation about the x-axis with both representations, and show the components transform identically.
 - Repeat for the y-axis.
 - Repeat for the z-axis.

3 - D rotations :

```
In[ ]:= m0 = DiagonalMatrix[{1, 1, 1}];
m1 = {{0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, -1}, {0, 1, 0}};
m2 = {{0, 0, 1}, {0, 0, 0}, {-1, 0, 0}};
m3 = {{0, -1, 0}, {1, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0}};
MatrixForm /@ {m0, m1, m2, m3}

Out[ ]:=  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ 
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In[ ]:= series = Series[Exp[-I θ m] - 1, {θ, 0, 2}] // Normal
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$$\text{Out[]} = -i m \theta - \frac{m^2 \theta^2}{2}$$

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In[ ]:= tmp1 = series /. {m^2 → m1.m1, m → m1};
tmp1 // MatrixForm
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Out[]/MatrixForm=

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\theta^2}{2} & i \theta \\ 0 & -i \theta & \frac{\theta^2}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

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In[ ]:= tmp2 = tmp1 + m0;
tmp2 // MatrixForm
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Out[]/MatrixForm=

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 + \frac{\theta^2}{2} & i \theta \\ 0 & -i \theta & 1 + \frac{\theta^2}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

```
In[ ]:= rotx = tmp2 /. {1 +  $\frac{\theta^2}{2}$  → Cos[θ], i θ → Sin[θ], -i θ → -Sin[θ]};
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rotx // MatrixForm
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Out[]/MatrixForm=

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \text{Cos}[\theta] & \text{Sin}[\theta] \\ 0 & -\text{Sin}[\theta] & \text{Cos}[\theta] \end{pmatrix}$$

3 - D rotations : commutator

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In[ ]:= comm[x_, y_] := x.y - y.x
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In[ * ]:= comm[m1, m2] - m3
Out[ * ]:= {{0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0}}

In[ * ]:= comm[m2, m3] - m1
Out[ * ]:= {{0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0}}

In[ * ]:= comm[m3, m1] - m2
Out[ * ]:= {{0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0}}

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3 - D rotations : Rotate about x-axis:

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In[ * ]:= vec = {x, y, z};
          rotx.vec
Out[ * ]:= {x, y Cos[θ] + z Sin[θ], z Cos[θ] - y Sin[θ]}

In[ * ]:= Series[rotx.vec, {θ, 0, 1}] // Normal
Out[ * ]:= {x, y + z θ, z - y θ}

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3 - D Rotations: 2x2

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In[ * ]:= s0 = {{1, 0}, {0, 1}};
          s1 = {{0, 1}, {1, 0}};
          s2 = {{0, -I}, {I, 0}};
          s3 = {{1, 0}, {0, -1}};
          MatrixForm /@ {s0, s1, s2, s3}

Out[ * ]:=  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ 

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2 - D rotations : generator

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In[ * ]:= tmp1 = Series[Exp[+ I θ / 2 s] - 1, {θ, 0, 2}] // Normal

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$$\text{Out[*]} = \frac{i s \theta}{2} - \frac{s^2 \theta^2}{8}$$

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In[ ]:= tmp2 = tmp1 /. {s2 → s1.s1, s → s1};
      tmp3 = s0 + tmp2;
      tmp3 // MatrixForm
```

Out[]//MatrixForm=

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{\theta^2}{8} & \frac{i\theta}{2} \\ \frac{i\theta}{2} & 1 - \frac{\theta^2}{8} \end{pmatrix}$$

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In[ ]:= rules = {θ2 → 8 (1 - Cos[θ/2]), θ → 2 Sin[θ/2]};
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In[ ]:= srotx = tmp3 /. rules;
      srotx // MatrixForm
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Out[]//MatrixForm=

$$\begin{pmatrix} \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & i \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ i \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \end{pmatrix}$$

2 - D rotations : commutator

```
In[ ]:= 1/2 comm[s1, s2] - I s3
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Out[]:= {{0, 0}, {0, 0}}

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In[ ]:= 1/2 comm[s2, s3] - I s1
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Out[]:= {{0, 0}, {0, 0}}

```
In[ ]:= 1/2 comm[s3, s1] - I s1
```

Out[]:= {{0, 1 - i}, {-1 - i, 0}}

3 - D rotations : Rotate about x-axis:

```
In[ ]:= vec2 = x s1 + y s2 + z s3;
      vec2 // MatrixForm
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Out[]//MatrixForm=

$$\begin{pmatrix} z & x - i y \\ x + i y & -z \end{pmatrix}$$

```
In[ ]:= srotx // MatrixForm
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Out[]//MatrixForm=

$$\begin{pmatrix} \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & i \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ i \text{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & \text{Cos}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \end{pmatrix}$$

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In[ ]:= Clear[conjugate]
conjugate[mat_] := mat /. Complex[a_, b_] -> Complex[a, -b]
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In[ ]:= srotxCT = srotx // conjugate // Transpose ;
srotxCT // MatrixForm
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Out[]//MatrixForm=

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & -i \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \\ -i \sin\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] & \cos\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \end{pmatrix}$$

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In[ ]:= output = srotx.vec2.srotxCT // Simplify ;
output // MatrixForm
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Out[]//MatrixForm=

$$\begin{pmatrix} z \cos[\theta] - y \sin[\theta] & x - i y \cos[\theta] - i z \sin[\theta] \\ x + i y \cos[\theta] + i z \sin[\theta] & -z \cos[\theta] + y \sin[\theta] \end{pmatrix}$$

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In[ ]:= vec2 // MatrixForm
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Out[]//MatrixForm=

$$\begin{pmatrix} z & x - i y \\ x + i y & -z \end{pmatrix}$$

Compare

```
In[ ]:= vec = {x, y, z};
rotx.vec
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```
Out[ ]:= {x, y Cos[θ] + z Sin[θ], z Cos[θ] - y Sin[θ]}
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