

Group Theory in Quantum Mechanics

Lecture 5 (1.31.17)

Spectral Decomposition with Repeated Eigenvalues

(Quantum Theory for Computer Age - Ch. 3 of Unit 1)

(Principles of Symmetry, Dynamics, and Spectroscopy - Sec. 1-3 of Ch. 1)

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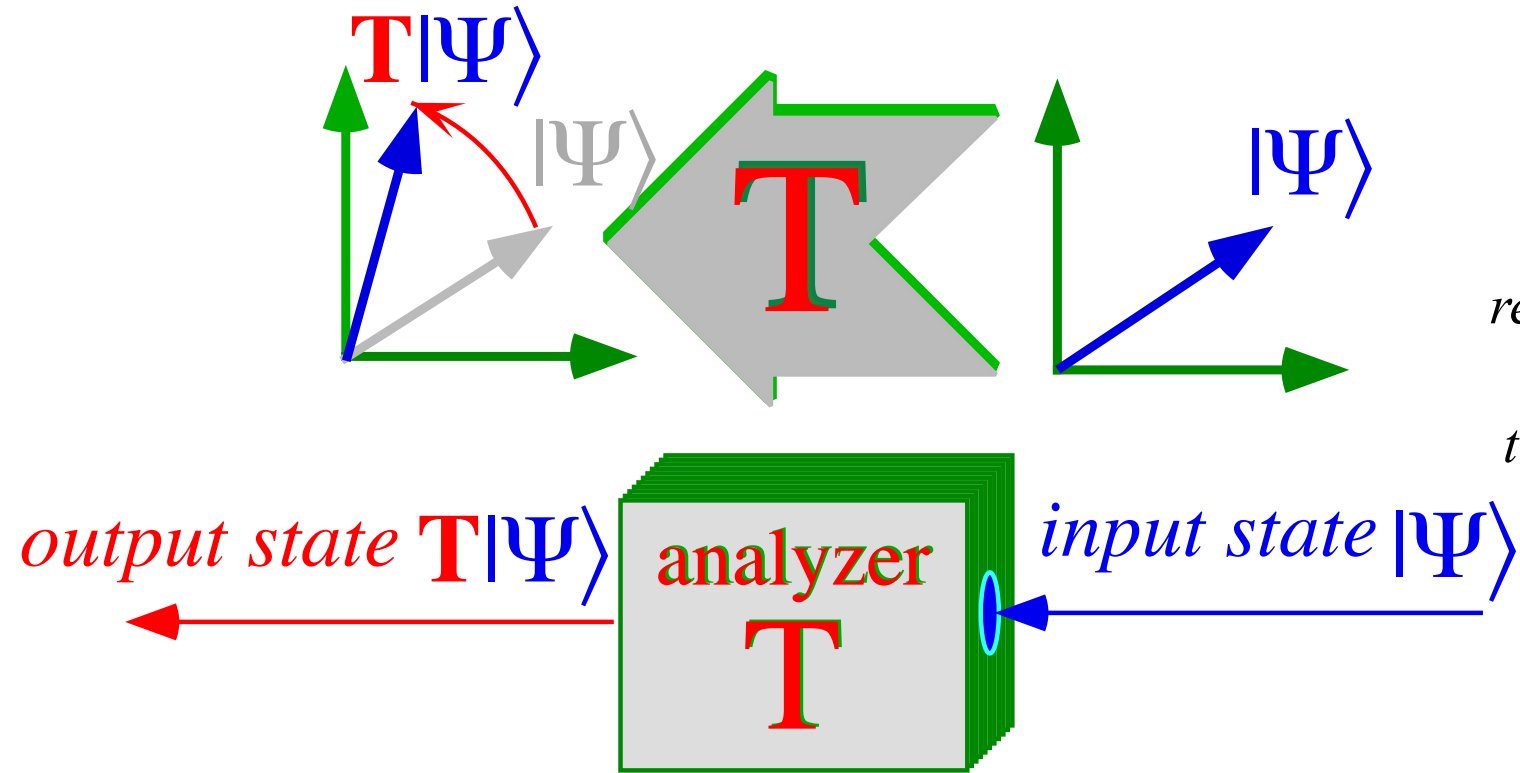


Fig. 3.1.1 Effect of analyzer represented by ket vector transformation of $|\Psi\rangle$ to new ket vector $T|\Psi\rangle$.

...and eigenstates ("ownstates) that are mostly immune to T ...

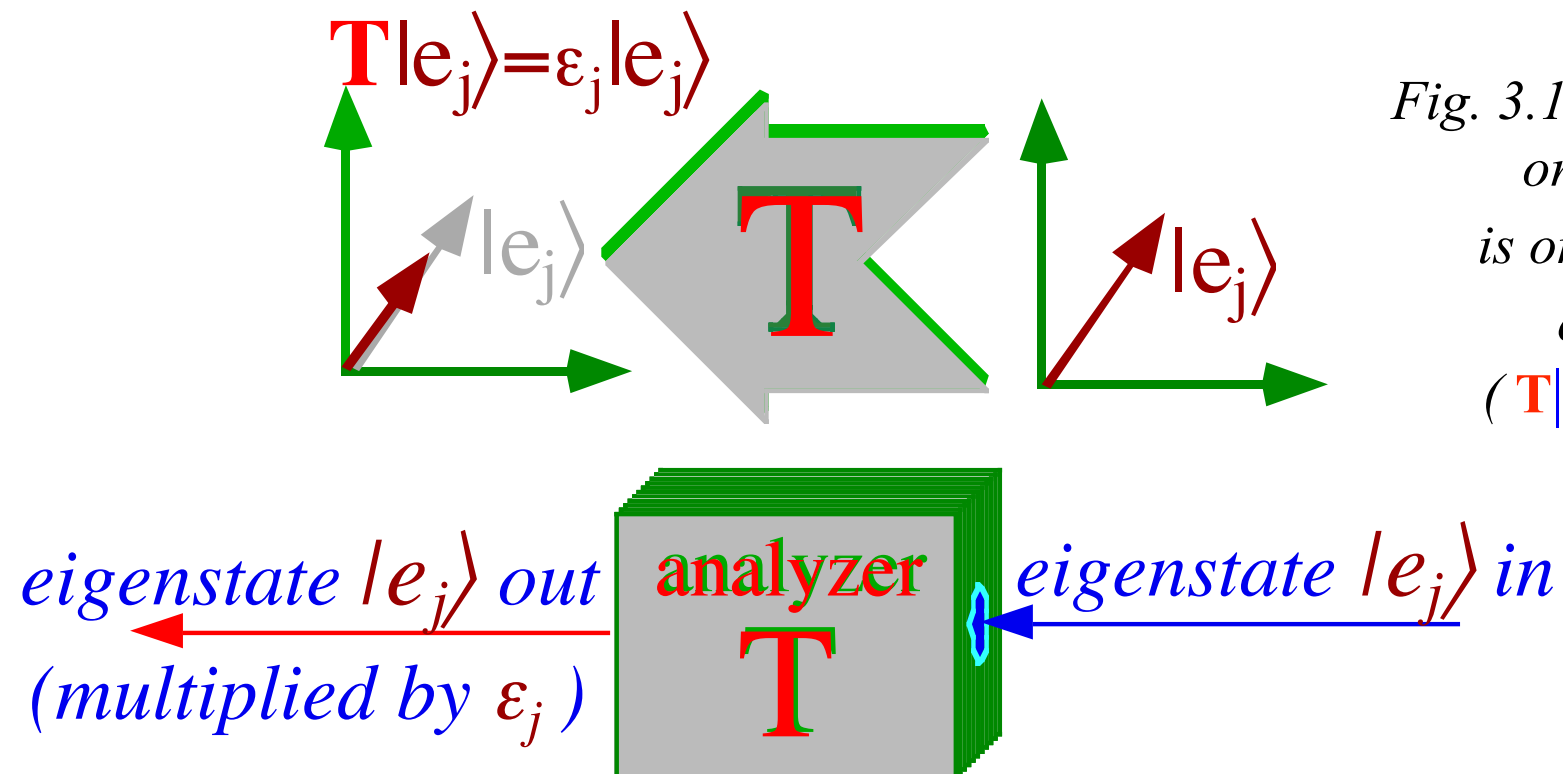


Fig. 3.1.2 Effect of analyzer on eigenket $|e_j\rangle$ is only to multiply by eigenvalue ϵ_j ($T|e_j\rangle = \epsilon_j |e_j\rangle$).

For Unitary operators $T=U$, the eigenvalues must be phase factors $\epsilon_k = e^{i\alpha_k}$

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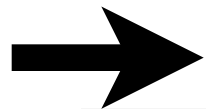
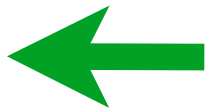
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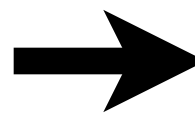
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(like this ↓)

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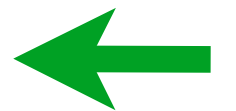
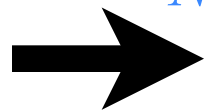
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(Preparing for: Degenerate eigenvalues)

Review: matrix *eigenstates* (“ownstates) and *Idempotent projectors* (*Degeneracy case*)

Operator orthonormality, completeness, and spectral decomposition(Degenerate e-values)

Eigensolutions with degenerate eigenvalues (Possible?... or not?)

Secular → Hamilton-Cayley → Minimal equations

Diagonalizability criterion

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Applications of Nilpotent operators later on

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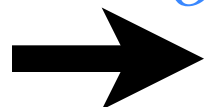
Example of minimal equation projection

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Projection \mathbf{P}_j -matrix anatomy (Gramian matrices)

Gram-Schmidt procedure

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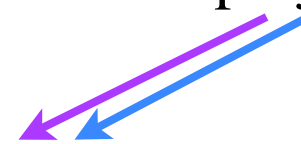
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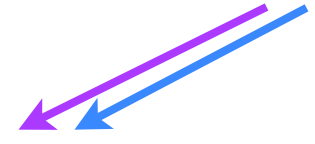
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Orthonormalization of commuting eigensolutions.

Suppose we have two mutually commuting matrix operators: $\mathbf{GH}=\mathbf{HG}$

the $\mathbf{G}=\begin{pmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & 1 \\ \cdot & \cdot & 1 & \cdot \\ \cdot & 1 & \cdot & \cdot \\ 1 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \end{pmatrix}$ from before, and new operator $\mathbf{H}=\begin{pmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & 2 & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & 2 \\ 2 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & 2 & \cdot & \cdot \end{pmatrix}$.

Problem:

Find an ortho-complete projector set that spectrally resolves both \mathbf{G} and \mathbf{H} .

Previous completeness for \mathbf{G} :

Current completeness for \mathbf{H} :

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(Preparing for: Degenerate eigenvalues)

Review: matrix *eigenstates* (“*ownstates*”) and *Idempotent projectors* (*Degeneracy case*)

Operator orthonormality, completeness, and spectral decomposition(Degenerate e-values)

Eigensolutions with degenerate eigenvalues (Possible?... or not?)

Secular → *Hamilton-Cayley* → *Minimal equations*

Diagonalizability criterion

Nilpotents and “Bad degeneracy” examples: $\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} b & 1 \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix}$, and: $\mathbf{N} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Applications of Nilpotent operators later on

Idempotents and “Good degeneracy” example: $\mathbf{G} = \begin{pmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & 1 \\ \cdot & \cdot & 1 & \cdot \\ \cdot & 1 & \cdot & \cdot \\ 1 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \end{pmatrix}$

Secular equation by minor expansion

Example of minimal equation projection

Orthonormalization of degenerate eigensolutions

Projection \mathbf{P}_j -matrix anatomy (Gramian matrices)

Gram-Schmidt procedure

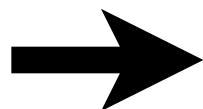
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Minimal equation for projector $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}^2$

How symmetry groups become eigen-solvers



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 &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & & = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{Left as an exercise})
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Trace (\mathbf{P}_{+1}^G) = 2 so that projector is *reducible* to 2 irreducible projectors. (In this case: $\mathbf{P}_{+1}^G = \mathbf{P}_{+1,+2}^{GH} + \mathbf{P}_{+1,-2}^{GH}$)

Trace ($\mathbf{P}_{+1,+2}^{GH}$) = 1 so that projector is *irreducible*.

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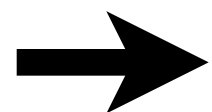
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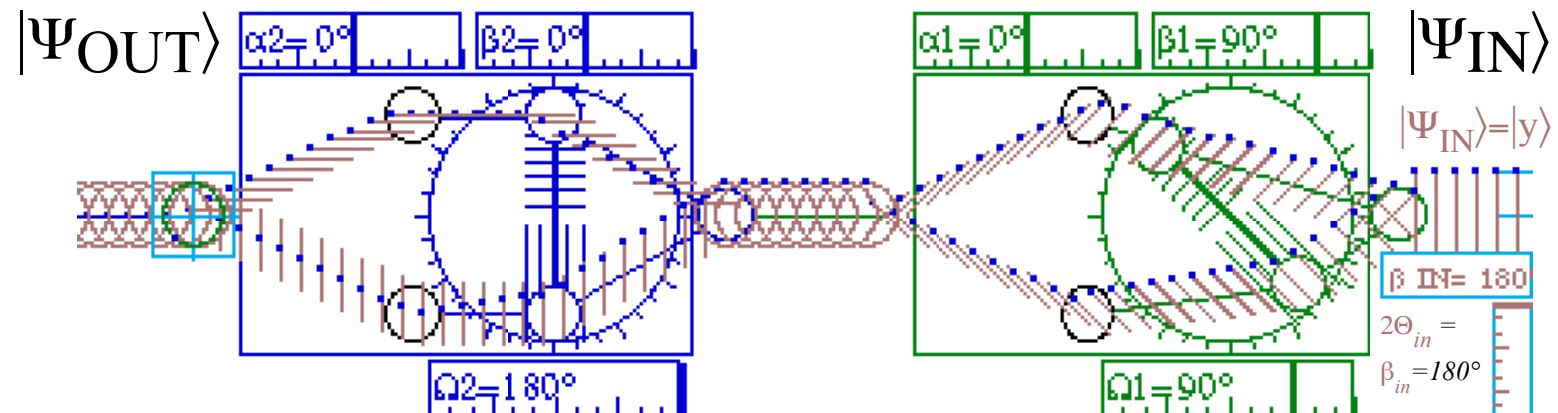
 *Eigensolutions for active analyzers* 

Matrix products and eigensolutions for active analyzers

Consider a 45° tilted ($\theta_1 = \beta_1/2 = \pi/4$ or $\beta_1 = 90^\circ$) analyzer followed by an untilted ($\beta_2 = 0$) analyzer.

Active analyzers have both paths open and a phase shift $e^{-i\Omega}$ between each path.

Here the first analyzer has $\Omega_1 = 90^\circ$. The second has $\Omega_2 = 180^\circ$.



The transfer matrix for each analyzer is a sum of projection operators for each open path multiplied by the phase factor that is active at that path. Apply phase factor $e^{-i\Omega_1} = e^{-i\pi/2}$ to top path in the first analyzer and the factor $e^{-i\Omega_2} = e^{-i\pi}$ to the top path in the second analyzer.

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We drop the overall phase $e^{-i\pi/4}$ since we can re-attach it later. $T(\text{total})$ yields two eigenvalues and projectors.

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