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Assignment #18

Reading:

March 22	French and Taylor Chapter 2-1 thru 2-4
March 24	French and Taylor Chapter 2-5 thru 2-11

147. Purcell 8.15

148. Purcell 9.1

149. Purcell 9.5

150. French and Taylor 1-1

151. French and Taylor 1-3

152. French and Taylor 1-8

153. French and Taylor 1-10

154. Consider a 2-dimensional complex vector space with a orthonormal basis $\hat{e}_1$ and $\hat{e}_2$. Find the following:

    (a) The sum of the vectors $\psi + \psi'$ where $\psi = 3e^{i\pi/2}\hat{e}_1 + 2\hat{e}_2$ and $\psi' = 4\sqrt{2}e^{i\pi/4}\hat{e}_1 - 5\hat{e}_2$.

    (b) The three inner products: (ψ, ψ), (ψ', ψ') and (ψ', ψ).

    (c) Find unit vectors $\hat{\psi}_\perp$ and $\hat{\psi}'_\perp$ which are orthogonal to ψ and ψ' respectively.

155. Show that if a function $f(\phi)$ obeys

$$f(\phi_1)f(\phi_2) = f(\phi_1 + \phi_2) \tag{1}$$

then $f(\phi)$ must have the form $f(\phi) = e^{c\phi}$ where c is a constant.

[Hint: differentiate both sides of Eq. (1) with respect to ϕ_1, set $\phi_1 = 0$ and then solve the resulting equation.]

156. Find the two eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors for the 2×2 matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & -a \end{pmatrix}$$

where a and b are real numbers. Choose the eigenvectors to have unit length and show that they are orthogonal.

[Hint: Let x and y be the two components of an eigenvector with eigenvalue λ. Solve the coupled equations

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & -a \end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}.$$

to determine x, y and λ.]