

# Physics 410/570 HW#1

3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.2.3, 3.2.20, 3.2.34, 3.2.36

**3.1.1** (a)  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$|A| = 1 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \cdot (-1) = -1 \quad //$$

(b)  $A \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$|A| = 1 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + 2 \cdot (-1) \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -5 + (-2) \cdot 3 = -11 \quad //$$

(c)  $A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sqrt{3} & 0 & 0 \\ \sqrt{3} & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & \sqrt{3} \\ 0 & 0 & \sqrt{3} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$|A| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \left\{ \sqrt{3} \cdot (-1)^{3+4} \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 0 & \sqrt{3} & 0 \\ \sqrt{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & \sqrt{3} \end{vmatrix} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot (-1) \cdot \sqrt{3} \cdot (-1)^{2+1} \cdot \begin{vmatrix} \sqrt{3} & 0 \\ 2 & \sqrt{3} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot 3 = 9/\sqrt{2} \quad //$$

**3.1.2**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ or } \underline{A} \langle x \rangle = \langle 0 \rangle$$

$$\text{Test} = |A| = 1 \cdot (-1)^3 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + (-1) \cdot (-1)^4 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + 1 \cdot (-1)^5 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (-1) \cdot 6 + (-1) \cdot (-3) + (-1) \cdot (-5) = 2.$$

$\therefore$  Since  $|A| \neq 0$ , only solution is trivial =  $x=y=z=0$ .

$$\boxed{3.2.3} \quad \text{Let } \vec{r} = c_1 \vec{r}_1 + c_2 \vec{r}_2.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{By definition, } A \vec{r} &= \sum_j a_{ij} r_j \\ &= \sum_j a_{ij} (c_1 r_{1j} + c_2 r_{2j}) \\ &= \sum_j (c_1 a_{ij} r_{1j} + c_2 a_{ij} r_{2j}) \\ &= c_1 \sum_j a_{ij} r_{1j} + c_2 \sum_j a_{ij} r_{2j} \\ &= c_1 A \vec{r}_1 + c_2 A \vec{r}_2 \end{aligned}$$

since  $c_{ij}$ ,  
 $r_{ij}$ ,  $r_j$  are  
all numbers

$$\boxed{3.2.20} \quad L_{\sim}^+ = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad L_{\sim}^- = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(The vectors  $|-1\rangle$ ,  $|0\rangle$ ,  $|+1\rangle$  represent the 3 spin projection states  $J_z$  of a spin-1 system -  $2j+1 = 3$  states.)

$$L_{\sim}^+ |-1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = |0\rangle. \quad (\text{raise by } \Delta m = 1)$$

$$L_{\sim}^- |-1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \vec{0}. \quad (\text{lower below } m_{\min})$$

$$L_{\sim}^+ |0\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = |+1\rangle. \quad (\text{raise by } \Delta m = 1)$$

$$L_{\sim}^- |0\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = |-1\rangle. \quad (\text{lower by } \Delta m = -1)$$

$$L_{\sim}^+ |+1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \vec{0}. \quad (\text{raise above } m_{\max})$$

$$L_{\sim}^- |+1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = |0\rangle. \quad (\text{lower by } \Delta m = -1)$$

$$\text{where } \vec{0} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

**3.2.34** Find  $\underline{M}_L \Rightarrow \underline{M}_L \underline{A}$  gives  $\underline{A}$  but with:

(a)  $\text{row}_i \rightarrow K \text{row}_i$ ,  $K$  constant

$$\text{Let } \underline{C} = \underline{M}_L \underline{A}, \quad C_{nj} = \sum_l m_{nl} a_{lj}$$

where  $C_{nj} = a_{nj}$ , except  $C_{ij} = K a_{ij}$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, n$

Note that in  $\sum_l m_{nl} a_{lj}$ , the  $l = i^{\text{th}}$  row of  $\underline{A}$

is only multiplied by the  $i^{\text{th}}$  column of  $\underline{M}_L$ .

$\therefore$  we want  $\underline{M}_L = \underline{1}$  except the  $i^{\text{th}}$  diagonal element is  $K$ :

$$\underline{M}_L = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & & & & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & & & \\ 0 & & & K & & \\ \vdots & & & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

or 
$$m_{nl} = \delta_{nl} \cdot (1 + (K-1)\delta_{il}) \quad //$$

Verify:

$$C_{nj} = \sum_l (\delta_{nl} a_{lj} + \delta_{nl} \delta_{il} (K-1) a_{lj})$$

$$= a_{nj} + (K-1) \delta_{in} a_{nj}$$

$$= \begin{cases} a_{nj}, & n \neq i \\ K a_{nj}, & n = i \end{cases} \quad \checkmark$$

(b)  $\text{row}_i \rightarrow \text{row}_i - K \cdot \text{row}_m$

$$\text{or } C_{nj} = \begin{cases} a_{nj}, & n \neq i \\ a_{nj} - K a_{mj}, & n = i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n \end{cases}$$

Similar to previous case

$$m_{nl} = \delta_{nl} \cdot \left( 1 - \left( \frac{K a_{mj}}{a_{ij}} \right) \delta_{il} \right) //$$

$$\text{Verify: } C_{nj} = \sum_l \left[ \delta_{nl} a_{lj} - \delta_{nl} \delta_{il} \left( \frac{K a_{mj}}{a_{ij}} \right) a_{lj} \right]$$

$$= a_{nj} - \delta_{in} \left( \frac{K a_{mj}}{a_{ij}} \right) a_{nj}$$

$$= \begin{cases} a_{nj}, & n \neq i \\ a_{nj} - K a_{mj}, & n = i \end{cases} \quad \checkmark$$

$$(c) \text{ row}_i \leftrightarrow \text{row}_m \quad (a_{ij} \leftrightarrow a_{mj}, j=1,2,\dots,n)$$

Use the Kronecker  $\delta$  again

$$C_{nj} = \sum_l m_{nl} a_{lj}$$

$$\text{Try } m_{nl} = \delta_{nl} \left\{ 1 + \delta_{il} \left( \frac{a_{mj}}{a_{lj}} \right) + \delta_{ml} \left( \frac{a_{ij}}{a_{lj}} \right) \right\} //$$

$$C_{nj} = \sum_l a_{lj} \left[ \delta_{nl} + \delta_{il} \delta_{nl} \left( \frac{a_{mj}}{a_{lj}} \right) + \delta_{ml} \delta_{nl} \left( \frac{a_{ij}}{a_{lj}} \right) \right]$$

$$= \begin{cases} a_{nj}, & n \neq i, n \neq m \\ a_{ij} \cdot \left( \frac{a_{mj}}{a_{ij}} \right) = a_{mj}, & n = i \\ a_{mj} \cdot \left( \frac{a_{ij}}{a_{mj}} \right) = a_{ij}, & n = m \end{cases} \quad \checkmark$$

3.2.36

$$\underline{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Use Gauss-Jordan elim. to find  $\underline{A}^{-1}$ .

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 3 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \downarrow$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \downarrow$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 7/2 & 0 & -1/2 & 1 \end{array} \right) \downarrow$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & -2 & 2/7 & -2/7 \\ 0 & 0 & 7/2 & 0 & -1/2 & 1 \end{array} \right) \downarrow$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1/7 & -1/7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1/7 & 2/7 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\text{row}_1 \rightarrow \text{row}_1 - \text{row}_2$$

$$\text{row}_3 \rightarrow \text{row}_3 - \frac{1}{2} \text{row}_2$$

$$\text{row}_2 \rightarrow \text{row}_2 - 2 \text{row}_1, \text{ and}$$

$$\text{row}_2 \rightarrow \text{row}_2 - \frac{2}{7} \text{row}_3$$

$$\text{row}_2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \text{row}_2$$

$$\text{row}_3 \rightarrow \frac{2}{7} \text{row}_3$$

$$\text{Check: } \frac{1}{7} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 7 & -7 & 0 \\ -7 & 11 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \therefore \underline{A}^{-1} = \frac{1}{7} \begin{pmatrix} 7 & -7 & 0 \\ -7 & 11 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} //$$