

41. $\hat{H} = \frac{1}{2} \hbar \begin{pmatrix} 3 & i \\ -i & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ $\psi(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

what are eigenvalues and eigenstates of \hat{H}

Eigenvalues $\det \begin{vmatrix} 3-\lambda & i \\ -i & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad \therefore \lambda = 2, \lambda = 4$

so eigenvalues are $\hbar, 2\hbar$ $E_0 = \hbar, E_1 = 2\hbar$
and eigenstates

For E_0 $\frac{1}{2} \hbar \begin{pmatrix} 3 & i \\ -i & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \hbar \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} \quad \therefore \frac{3}{2}a + \frac{i}{2}b = a$
 $\therefore a + ib = 0$

eigenstate $\begin{pmatrix} -i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \leftrightarrow \text{corresponding eigenvalue } E_0$

other eigenstate

$\frac{1}{2} \hbar \begin{pmatrix} 3 & i \\ -i & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = 2\hbar \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$

$\therefore \frac{3}{2}a + \frac{i}{2}b = 2a \quad \therefore a = ib$
 $\begin{pmatrix} i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ eigenstate

so initially

$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} -i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \therefore \alpha + \beta = 0$
 $i(b - \alpha) = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \alpha = \frac{1}{2}$
 $\beta = -\frac{1}{2}$

so $\psi(0) = \left(\frac{i}{2}\right) \left[\begin{pmatrix} -i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right]$

$\psi(t) = e^{-\frac{i\hat{H}t}{\hbar}} \psi(0) = \frac{i}{2} \left[\begin{pmatrix} -i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-it} - \begin{pmatrix} i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-2it} \right] =$
 $= \frac{i}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -i(e^{-it} + e^{-2it}) \\ e^{-it} - e^{-2it} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} e^{-it} + e^{-2it} \\ i(e^{-it} - e^{-2it}) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{i}{2}(e^{-it} + e^{-2it}) \\ \frac{i}{2}(e^{-it} - e^{-2it}) \end{pmatrix}$