- 4. Show using index notation that
  - a)  $(A + B)^T = A^T + B^T$ b)  $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$ c) tr(cA) = c tr(A)d) tr(AB) = tr(BA)e)  $trA^T = trA$ f) tr(A + B) = trA + trBg)  $(A\mathbf{v}) \cdot (B\mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{v} (A^TB) \mathbf{w}$ h)  $\det A^{\dagger} = \overline{\det A}$ i)  $\det cA = c^n \det A$

where A and B are complex  $n \times n$  matrices,  $\boldsymbol{v}$  and  $\boldsymbol{w}$  are vectors with n components, and c is a number.

- 5. For a general  $k \times k$  matrix M show that
  - a) det  $e^M = e^{trM}$
  - b) Use this to conclude that for  $g = e^M$  we have  $\log \det g = tr \log g$ . Here the log of a matrix is defined as the inverse function of the exponential.
- 6. Show that the Pauli matrices

$$\sigma_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} , \quad \sigma_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} , \quad \sigma_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$
(0.1)

satisfy

$$[\sigma_i, \sigma_j] = 2i\epsilon_{ijk}\sigma_k \,. \tag{0.2}$$

Here are some things to ponder:

1. What is the group SU(2), what might SU(n) be like?