

# University of Johannesburg

## Applied Mathematics 3B

### Assignment #5

### Solutions

1. (a) We show that  $|0'\rangle$  and  $|1'\rangle$  are normalized and orthogonal:

$$\langle 0'|0'\rangle = (\bar{a}\langle 0| + \bar{b}\langle 1|)(a|0\rangle + b|1\rangle) = |a|^2\langle 0|0\rangle + \bar{a}b\langle 0|1\rangle + \bar{b}a\langle 1|0\rangle + |b|^2\langle 1|1\rangle = |a|^2 + |b|^2 = 1$$

$$\langle 1'|1'\rangle = (a\langle 1| - b\langle 0|)(\bar{a}|1\rangle - \bar{b}|0\rangle) = |a|^2\langle 1|1\rangle - b\bar{a}\langle 0|1\rangle - a\bar{b}\langle 1|0\rangle + |b|^2\langle 0|0\rangle = |a|^2 + |b|^2 = 1$$

$$\langle 0'|1'\rangle = (\bar{a}\langle 0| + \bar{b}\langle 1|)(\bar{a}|1\rangle - \bar{b}|0\rangle) = \bar{a}^2\langle 0|1\rangle + \bar{b}\bar{a}\langle 1|1\rangle - \bar{a}\bar{b}\langle 0|0\rangle - \bar{b}^2\langle 1|0\rangle = \bar{b}\bar{a} - \bar{a}\bar{b} = 0.$$

- (b) We have

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0'\rangle \otimes |1'\rangle - |1'\rangle \otimes |0'\rangle) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left((a|0\rangle + b|1\rangle) \otimes (\bar{a}|1\rangle - \bar{b}|0\rangle) - (\bar{a}|1\rangle - \bar{b}|0\rangle) \otimes (a|0\rangle + b|1\rangle)\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(|a|^2|0\rangle \otimes |1\rangle - a\bar{b}|0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle + b\bar{a}|1\rangle \otimes |1\rangle - |b|^2|1\rangle \otimes |0\rangle\right. \\ &\quad \left. - (|a|^2|1\rangle \otimes |0\rangle + \bar{a}b|1\rangle \otimes |1\rangle - \bar{b}a|0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle - |b|^2|0\rangle \otimes |1\rangle)\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left((|a|^2 + |b|^2)|0\rangle \otimes |1\rangle - (|a|^2 + |b|^2)|1\rangle \otimes |0\rangle\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle \otimes |1\rangle - |1\rangle \otimes |0\rangle) \end{aligned}$$

Notice that the result is independent of  $a$  and  $b$ . The state  $|\psi\rangle$  has the same form independent of the chosen basis (up to a global phase  $e^{i\theta}$ ,  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$ ).

- (c) To show that  $A$  is observable it suffices to show that  $A^* = A$ . Using

$$(|0\rangle\langle 0|)^* = \langle 0|^*|0\rangle^* = |0\rangle\langle 0|, \quad (|0\rangle\langle 1|)^* = \langle 1|^*|0\rangle^* = |1\rangle\langle 0|,$$

$$(|1\rangle\langle 0|)^* = \langle 0|^*|1\rangle^* = |0\rangle\langle 1|, \quad (|1\rangle\langle 1|)^* = \langle 1|^*|1\rangle^* = |1\rangle\langle 1|$$

we find that

$$A^* = (\alpha|0\rangle\langle 0| + \beta|1\rangle\langle 1|)^* = (\alpha|0\rangle\langle 0|)^* + (\beta|1\rangle\langle 1|)^* = \bar{\alpha}|0\rangle\langle 0| + \bar{\beta}|1\rangle\langle 1| = \alpha|0\rangle\langle 0| + \beta|1\rangle\langle 1| = A$$

since  $\bar{\alpha} = \alpha$  for  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . Since we work in  $\mathbb{C}^2$ ,  $A$  has two eigenvalues. From

$$A|0\rangle = (\alpha|0\rangle\langle 0| + \beta|1\rangle\langle 1|)|0\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle\langle 0|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle\langle 1|0\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle$$

and

$$A|1\rangle = (\alpha|0\rangle\langle 0| + \beta|1\rangle\langle 1|)|1\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle\langle 0|1\rangle + \beta|1\rangle\langle 1|1\rangle = \beta|1\rangle$$

the two eigenvalues (i.e. measurement outcomes) are  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  with corresponding orthonormal eigenstates  $|0\rangle$  and  $|1\rangle$ .

**Thus for measuring the first qubit we consider the observable  $A \otimes I_2$  with eigenvalues  $\alpha$  (eigenstates  $|0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle$  and  $|0\rangle \otimes |1\rangle$ ) and  $\beta$  (eigenstates  $|1\rangle \otimes |0\rangle$  and  $|1\rangle \otimes |1\rangle$ ).** This is not the only choice for the corresponding eigenstates, but is a convenient one.

It will be useful to calculate some scalar products in advance:

$$\begin{aligned}
(|0\rangle\otimes|0\rangle)^*|\psi\rangle &= (\langle 0|\otimes\langle 0|)\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle\otimes|1\rangle-|1\rangle\otimes|0\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\langle 0|0\rangle\otimes\langle 0|1\rangle-\langle 0|1\rangle\otimes\langle 0|0\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1\otimes 0-0\otimes 1) = 0 \\
(|0\rangle\otimes|1\rangle)^*|\psi\rangle &= (\langle 0|\otimes\langle 1|)\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle\otimes|1\rangle-|1\rangle\otimes|0\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\langle 0|0\rangle\otimes\langle 1|1\rangle-\langle 0|1\rangle\otimes\langle 1|0\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1\otimes 1-0\otimes 0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\
(|1\rangle\otimes|0\rangle)^*|\psi\rangle &= (\langle 1|\otimes\langle 0|)\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle\otimes|1\rangle-|1\rangle\otimes|0\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\langle 1|0\rangle\otimes\langle 0|1\rangle-\langle 1|1\rangle\otimes\langle 0|0\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(0\otimes 0-1\otimes 1) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\
(|1\rangle\otimes|1\rangle)^*|\psi\rangle &= (\langle 1|\otimes\langle 1|)\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle\otimes|1\rangle-|1\rangle\otimes|0\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\langle 1|0\rangle\otimes\langle 1|1\rangle-\langle 1|1\rangle\otimes\langle 1|0\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(0\otimes 1-1\otimes 0) = 0
\end{aligned}$$

We need to consider two possibilities, namely  $\alpha = \beta$  and  $\alpha \neq \beta$ .

$\alpha = \beta$ : There is only one measurement outcome:  $\alpha$ . The corresponding projection onto the eigenspace is determined from the eigenstates:

$$\begin{aligned}
\Pi_\alpha &:= (|0\rangle\otimes|0\rangle)(|0\rangle\otimes|0\rangle)^* + (|0\rangle\otimes|1\rangle)(|0\rangle\otimes|1\rangle)^* + (|1\rangle\otimes|0\rangle)(|1\rangle\otimes|0\rangle)^* + (|1\rangle\otimes|1\rangle)(|1\rangle\otimes|1\rangle)^* \\
&= |0\rangle\langle 0|\otimes|0\rangle\langle 0| + |0\rangle\langle 0|\otimes|1\rangle\langle 1| + |1\rangle\langle 1|\otimes|0\rangle\langle 0| + |1\rangle\langle 1|\otimes|1\rangle\langle 1| \\
&= (|0\rangle\langle 0| + |1\rangle\langle 1|) \otimes (|0\rangle\langle 0| + |1\rangle\langle 1|) \\
&= I_2 \otimes I_2 = I_4
\end{aligned}$$

i.e. the identity operator. The probability of obtaining the measurement outcome  $\alpha$  is

$$p_\alpha = \left| (|0\rangle\otimes|0\rangle)^*|\psi\rangle \right|^2 + \left| (|0\rangle\otimes|1\rangle)^*|\psi\rangle \right|^2 + \left| (|1\rangle\otimes|0\rangle)^*|\psi\rangle \right|^2 + \left| (|1\rangle\otimes|1\rangle)^*|\psi\rangle \right|^2 = 1.$$

*Alternatively:*

$$p_\alpha = \|\Pi_\alpha|\psi\rangle\|^2 = \|\psi\|^2 = \langle\psi|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\langle 0|\otimes\langle 0| - \langle 1|\otimes\langle 1|)|\psi\rangle) = \frac{1}{2} - \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = 1.$$

The state after measurement is the projected state

$$\Pi_\alpha|\psi\rangle = I_4|\psi\rangle = |\psi\rangle$$

which when normalized yields

$$|\phi\rangle = |\psi\rangle$$

since

$$\langle\psi|\psi\rangle = 1.$$

$\alpha \neq \beta$ : **Measurement outcome  $\alpha$ :** The corresponding projection onto the eigenspace is determined from the eigenstates:

$$\begin{aligned}
\Pi_\alpha &:= (|0\rangle\otimes|0\rangle)(|0\rangle\otimes|0\rangle)^* + (|0\rangle\otimes|1\rangle)(|0\rangle\otimes|1\rangle)^* \\
&= |0\rangle\langle 0|\otimes|0\rangle\langle 0| + |0\rangle\langle 0|\otimes|1\rangle\langle 1| \\
&= |0\rangle\langle 0|\otimes(|0\rangle\langle 0| + |1\rangle\langle 1|) \\
&= |0\rangle\langle 0|\otimes I_2.
\end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\Pi_\alpha|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle\langle 0|\otimes I_2)(|0\rangle\otimes|1\rangle - |1\rangle\otimes|0\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle\langle 0|0\rangle)\otimes|1\rangle - (|0\rangle\langle 0|1\rangle)\otimes|0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|0\rangle\otimes|1\rangle.$$

The probability of obtaining the measurement outcome  $\alpha$  is

$$p_\alpha = \left| (|0\rangle\otimes|0\rangle)^*|\psi\rangle \right|^2 + \left| (|0\rangle\otimes|1\rangle)^*|\psi\rangle \right|^2 = \frac{1}{2}.$$

*Alternatively:*

$$p_\alpha = \|\Pi_\alpha|\psi\rangle\|^2 = (\Pi_\alpha|\psi\rangle)^*\Pi_\alpha|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\langle 0|\otimes\langle 1|)\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle\otimes|1\rangle) = \frac{1}{2}.$$

The state after measurement is the projected state

$$\Pi_\alpha|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|0\rangle \otimes |1\rangle$$

which when normalized yields

$$|\phi\rangle = \frac{\Pi_\alpha|\psi\rangle}{\|\Pi_\alpha|\psi\rangle\|} = \frac{\Pi_\alpha|\psi\rangle}{\sqrt{p_\alpha}} = |0\rangle \otimes |1\rangle.$$

**Measurement outcome  $\beta$ :** The corresponding projection onto the eigenspace is determined from the eigenstates:

$$\begin{aligned}\Pi_\beta &:= (|1\rangle \otimes |0\rangle)(|1\rangle \otimes |0\rangle)^* + (|1\rangle \otimes |1\rangle)(|1\rangle \otimes |1\rangle)^* \\ &= |1\rangle\langle 1| \otimes |0\rangle\langle 0| + |1\rangle\langle 1| \otimes |1\rangle\langle 1| \\ &= |1\rangle\langle 1| \otimes (|0\rangle\langle 0| + |1\rangle\langle 1|) \\ &= |1\rangle\langle 1| \otimes I_2.\end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\Pi_\beta|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|1\rangle\langle 1| \otimes I_2)(|0\rangle \otimes |1\rangle - |1\rangle \otimes |0\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|1\rangle\langle 1|0\rangle) \otimes |1\rangle - (|1\rangle\langle 1|1\rangle) \otimes |0\rangle = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|1\rangle \otimes |0\rangle.$$

The probability of obtaining the measurement outcome  $\beta$  is

$$p_\beta = \left| (|1\rangle \otimes |0\rangle)^* |\psi\rangle \right|^2 + \left| (|1\rangle \otimes |1\rangle)^* |\psi\rangle \right|^2 = \frac{1}{2}.$$

*Alternatively:*

$$p_\beta = \|\Pi_\beta|\psi\rangle\|^2 = (\Pi_\beta|\psi\rangle)^* \Pi_\alpha|\psi\rangle = (-1)\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\langle 1| \otimes \langle 0|)(-1)\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|1\rangle \otimes |0\rangle) = \frac{1}{2}.$$

The state after measurement is the projected state

$$\Pi_\beta|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|1\rangle \otimes |0\rangle$$

which when normalized yields

$$|\phi\rangle = \frac{\Pi_\beta|\psi\rangle}{\|\Pi_\beta|\psi\rangle\|} = \frac{\Pi_\beta|\psi\rangle}{\sqrt{p_\beta}} = -|1\rangle \otimes |0\rangle.$$

- (d) **For measuring the second qubit we consider the observable  $I_2 \otimes A$**  with eigenvalues  $\alpha$  (eigenstates  $|0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle$  and  $|1\rangle \otimes |0\rangle$ ) and  $\beta$  (eigenstates  $|0\rangle \otimes |1\rangle$  and  $|1\rangle \otimes |1\rangle$ ). This is not the only choice for the corresponding eigenstates, but is a convenient one.

The measurement of the second qubit depends on the results of the first measurement in (c). Thus we need to consider three cases  $\alpha = \beta$ , and the two outcomes  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  when  $\alpha \neq \beta$ .

$\alpha = \beta$ : We have

$$|\phi\rangle = |\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle \otimes |1\rangle - |1\rangle \otimes |0\rangle).$$

There is only one measurement outcome:  $\alpha$ . The corresponding projection onto the eigenspace is determined from the eigenstates:

$$\begin{aligned}\Pi_\alpha &:= (|0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle)(|0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle)^* + (|1\rangle \otimes |0\rangle)(|1\rangle \otimes |0\rangle)^* + (|0\rangle \otimes |1\rangle)(|0\rangle \otimes |1\rangle)^* + (|1\rangle \otimes |1\rangle)(|1\rangle \otimes |1\rangle)^* \\ &= |0\rangle\langle 0| \otimes |0\rangle\langle 0| + |1\rangle\langle 1| \otimes |0\rangle\langle 0| + |0\rangle\langle 0| \otimes |1\rangle\langle 1| + |1\rangle\langle 1| \otimes |1\rangle\langle 1| \\ &= (|0\rangle\langle 0| + |1\rangle\langle 1|) \otimes (|0\rangle\langle 0| + |1\rangle\langle 1|) \\ &= I_2 \otimes I_2 = I_4\end{aligned}$$

i.e. the identity operator. As above, the probability of the measurement outcome  $\alpha$  is  $p_{\alpha,\alpha} = 1$ .

$\alpha \neq \beta$ : – **Measurement outcome for (c) was  $\alpha$** : We have

$$|\phi\rangle = |0\rangle \otimes |1\rangle.$$

**Measurement outcome  $\alpha$** : The corresponding projection onto the eigenspace is determined from the eigenstates:

$$\begin{aligned}\Pi_{\alpha,\alpha} &:= (|0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle)(|0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle)^* + (|1\rangle \otimes |0\rangle)(|1\rangle \otimes |0\rangle)^* \\ &= I_2 \otimes |0\rangle\langle 0|.\end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\Pi_{\alpha}|\phi\rangle = 0.$$

The probability of obtaining the measurement outcome  $\alpha$  is  $p_{\alpha,\alpha} = 0$ .

**Measurement outcome  $\beta$** : The corresponding projection onto the eigenspace is determined from the eigenstates:

$$\begin{aligned}\Pi_{\alpha,\beta} &:= (|0\rangle \otimes |1\rangle)(|0\rangle \otimes |1\rangle)^* + (|1\rangle \otimes |1\rangle)(|1\rangle \otimes |1\rangle)^* \\ &= I_2 \otimes |1\rangle\langle 1|.\end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\Pi_{\alpha,\beta}|\phi\rangle = |0\rangle \otimes |1\rangle = |\phi\rangle.$$

The probability of obtaining the measurement outcome  $\beta$  is  $p_{\alpha,\beta} = 1$ .

– **Measurement outcome for (c) was  $\beta$** : We have

$$|\phi\rangle = -|1\rangle \otimes |0\rangle.$$

**Measurement outcome  $\alpha$** : The corresponding projection onto the eigenspace is determined from the eigenstates:

$$\begin{aligned}\Pi_{\beta,\alpha} &:= (|0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle)(|0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle)^* + (|1\rangle \otimes |0\rangle)(|1\rangle \otimes |0\rangle)^* \\ &= I_2 \otimes |0\rangle\langle 0|.\end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\Pi_{\alpha}|\phi\rangle = -|1\rangle \otimes |0\rangle = |\phi\rangle.$$

The probability of obtaining the measurement outcome  $\alpha$  is  $p_{\beta,\alpha} = 1$ .

**Measurement outcome  $\beta$** : The corresponding projection onto the eigenspace is determined from the eigenstates:

$$\begin{aligned}\Pi_{\beta,\beta} &:= (|0\rangle \otimes |1\rangle)(|0\rangle \otimes |1\rangle)^* + (|1\rangle \otimes |1\rangle)(|1\rangle \otimes |1\rangle)^* \\ &= I_2 \otimes |1\rangle\langle 1|.\end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\Pi_{\beta,\beta}|\phi\rangle = 0.$$

The probability of obtaining the measurement outcome  $\beta$  is  $p_{\beta,\beta} = 0$ .

Tabulating the probabilities we find

	$\alpha = \beta$	$\alpha \neq \beta$			
<b>Measurement outcomes</b>	$\alpha, \alpha$	$\alpha, \alpha$	$\alpha, \beta$	$\beta, \alpha$	$\beta, \beta$
<b>Probability</b>	$p_{\alpha}p_{\alpha,\alpha} = 1$	$p_{\alpha}p_{\alpha,\alpha} = 0$	$p_{\alpha}p_{\alpha,\beta} = \frac{1}{2}$	$p_{\beta}p_{\beta,\alpha} = \frac{1}{2}$	$p_{\beta}p_{\beta,\beta} = 0$

Consequently, for  $\alpha \neq \beta$ , the probability that the two measurement outcomes are the same is 0 (impossible) and the probability that the two measurement outcomes are different is 1 (certain).

2. (a) We have

$$(1 \ -1 \ 1)^T (1 \ -1 \ 1) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The eigenvalues are 0, 0 and 3 (so that the singular values are  $\sqrt{3}$ , 0 and 0) with corresponding orthonormal eigenvectors

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus we set

$$V = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Sigma = (\sqrt{3} \ 0 \ 0), \quad U = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (1 \ -1 \ 1) \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = (1).$$

The last two columns of  $V$  may be chosen differently. The singular value decomposition is not unique. Consequently

$$(1 \ -1 \ 1) = (1) (\sqrt{3} \ 0 \ 0) \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \end{pmatrix}^T.$$

(b) We have

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 3.$$

The eigenvalue is trivially 3 with the corresponding normalized eigenvector 1. The singular value is  $\sqrt{3}$ . Thus we find

$$V = (1), \quad \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{3} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad U = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \end{pmatrix}$$

The first column of  $U$  is determined from

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} V$$

where  $V$  is a scalar. The remaining columns are chosen to ensure orthonormality (the choice is not unique). It follows that

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{3} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} (1)^T.$$

(c) We have

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

With eigenvalues 3, 1 and 0 and corresponding orthonormal eigenvectors

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The singular values are  $\sqrt{3}$ , 1 and 0. Thus we have

$$V = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad U = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}.$$

The columns of  $U$  follow from the first two columns of  $V$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

It follows that

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix}^T.$$

3. It suffices to show that  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  are normalized and orthogonal.

$$\langle \phi_1, \phi_1 \rangle = \phi_1^T \phi_1 = \cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$$

$$\langle \phi_2, \phi_2 \rangle = \phi_2^T \phi_2 = \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$$

$$\langle \phi_1, \phi_2 \rangle = \phi_1^T \phi_2 = -\cos \theta \sin \theta + \sin \theta \cos \theta = 0.$$

We find

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=1}^2 \phi_j^T \phi_j &= (\cos \theta \quad \sin \theta) \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} + (-\sin \theta \quad \cos \theta) \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\sin \theta \\ \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \\ &= a_{11} \cos^2 \theta + a_{12} \cos \theta \sin \theta + a_{21} \sin \theta \cos \theta + a_{22} \sin^2 \theta \\ &+ a_{11} \sin^2 \theta - a_{12} \sin \theta \cos \theta - a_{21} \cos \theta \sin \theta + a_{22} \cos^2 \theta \\ &= a_{11} + a_{22} \end{aligned}$$

i.e. we have found the trace of  $A$ .