

For an excellent grade you have to get minimum of 9 questions accepted of each set, for a 'good' - at least 7, and for 'passed' - 5 questions.

## Groups $SU(2)$ , $SO(3)$

**Problem 3.1:** Show:

$$e^{xA} B e^{-xA} = \sum \frac{x^k}{x!} \text{ad}_A^k(B),$$

where  $\text{ad}$  is defined as:  $\text{ad}_a(b) = [a, b]$ .

**Problem 3.2:** Show that center of  $SO(n)$  either trivial, or has order 2. What is the center of  $SU(n)$ ?

**Problem 3.3:** Let us introduce metric on  $SU(2)$ :

$$ds^2 = \text{Tr}(dg \cdot dg^\dagger)$$

Show that it corresponds with standard sphere metric.

**Problem 3.4:** Show that any element  $O \in SO(3)$  has an eigenvector with eigenvalue 1.

**Problem 3.5:** Show that Lie Algebra  $\mathfrak{so}(3)$  is a vector space of antisymmetric matrices.

Let  $H$  be the space of traceless hermitian  $2 \times 2$  matrices:

$$H = \{h \in \mathbb{C}^{2 \times 2} \mid \text{Tr}(h) = 0, h = h^\dagger\}$$

**Problem 3.6:** Show that Pauli matrices  $(\sigma_i)$  forms a basis for  $H$ . Show that  $\forall U \in SU(2), \forall m \in H : U^\dagger m U = n \in H$

**Problem 3.7:** Let  $m = m_i \sigma_i \in H$ . Show that

$$\omega : SU(2) \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\mathbb{R}^3)$$

$$U \mapsto \omega(U)$$

such that  $n_i = \omega(U)_{ij} m_j$  can be represented as

$$\omega(U)_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\sigma_i U^\dagger \sigma_j U)$$

Show that it is an homomorphism.

**Problem 3.8:** Show that  $\omega(U) \in SO(3)$ .

**Problem 3.9:** Show that  $SO(3) \simeq SU(2)/Z_2$