

MAU34403: Quantum Mechanics I

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Problem 1

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}
 [(\rho \otimes \sigma)(\mathcal{E}_i), (\rho \otimes \sigma)(\mathcal{E}_j)] &= [\rho(\mathcal{E}_i) \otimes I_{\mathcal{W}} + I_{\mathcal{V}} \otimes \sigma(\mathcal{E}_i), \rho(\mathcal{E}_j) \otimes I_{\mathcal{W}} + I_{\mathcal{V}} \otimes \sigma(\mathcal{E}_j)] \\
 &= [\rho(\mathcal{E}_i) \otimes I_{\mathcal{W}}, \rho(\mathcal{E}_j) \otimes I_{\mathcal{W}}] + [\rho(\mathcal{E}_i) \otimes I_{\mathcal{W}}, I_{\mathcal{V}} \otimes \sigma(\mathcal{E}_j)] \\
 &\quad + [I_{\mathcal{V}} \otimes \sigma(\mathcal{E}_i), \rho(\mathcal{E}_j) \otimes I_{\mathcal{W}}] + [I_{\mathcal{V}} \otimes \sigma(\mathcal{E}_i), I_{\mathcal{V}} \otimes \sigma(\mathcal{E}_j)] \\
 &= [\rho(\mathcal{E}_i), \rho(\mathcal{E}_j)] \otimes I_{\mathcal{W}} + 0 + 0 + I_{\mathcal{V}} \otimes [\sigma(\mathcal{E}_i), \sigma(\mathcal{E}_j)] \\
 &= \rho([\mathcal{E}_i, \mathcal{E}_j]) \otimes I_{\mathcal{W}} + I_{\mathcal{V}} \otimes \sigma([\mathcal{E}_i, \mathcal{E}_j]),
 \end{aligned}$$

thus the Lie algebra commutator is preserved, and so $\rho \otimes \sigma$ is a representation.

(b)

$$(\rho_\beta \otimes \rho_\alpha)(\mathcal{E}_i) \equiv \rho_\beta(\mathcal{E}_i) \otimes I_{\mathcal{V}_\alpha} + I_{\mathcal{V}_\beta} \otimes \rho_\alpha(\mathcal{E}_i)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\rho_2 \otimes \rho_1)(\mathcal{E}_i) &= \rho_2(\mathcal{E}_i) \otimes I_{\mathcal{V}_1} + I_{\mathcal{V}_2} \otimes \rho_1(\mathcal{E}_i) \\
 &\equiv \varrho_{2,1}(\mathcal{E}_i), \text{ where } (\varrho_{2,1}, \mathcal{W}_{2,1}) \equiv (\rho_2 \otimes \rho_1, \mathcal{V}_2 \otimes \mathcal{V}_1) \text{ is a representation of } \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{G})
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\rho_3 \otimes \rho_2 \otimes \rho_1)(\mathcal{E}_i) &= (\rho_3 \otimes \varrho_{2,1})(\mathcal{E}_i) \\
 &= \rho_3(\mathcal{E}_i) \otimes I_{\mathcal{W}_{2,1}} + I_{\mathcal{V}_3} \otimes \varrho_{2,1}(\mathcal{E}_i) \\
 &= \rho_3(\mathcal{E}_i) \otimes I_{\mathcal{V}_2 \otimes \mathcal{V}_1} + I_{\mathcal{V}_3} \otimes (\rho_2(\mathcal{E}_i) \otimes I_{\mathcal{V}_1} + I_{\mathcal{V}_2} \otimes \rho_1(\mathcal{E}_i)) \\
 &= \rho_3(\mathcal{E}_i) \otimes I_{\mathcal{V}_2} \otimes I_{\mathcal{V}_1} + I_{\mathcal{V}_3} \otimes \rho_2(\mathcal{E}_i) \otimes I_{\mathcal{V}_1} + I_{\mathcal{V}_3} \otimes I_{\mathcal{V}_2} \otimes \rho_1(\mathcal{E}_i) \\
 &\equiv \varrho_{3,2,1}(\mathcal{E}_i), \text{ representation } (\varrho_{3,2,1}, \mathcal{W}_{3,2,1}) \equiv (\rho_3 \otimes \rho_2 \otimes \rho_1, \mathcal{V}_3 \otimes \mathcal{V}_2 \otimes \mathcal{V}_1)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\rho_4 \otimes \rho_3 \otimes \rho_2 \otimes \rho_1)(\mathcal{E}_i) &= (\rho_4 \otimes \varrho_{3,2,1})(\mathcal{E}_i) \\
 &= \rho_4(\mathcal{E}_i) \otimes I_{\mathcal{W}_{3,2,1}} + I_{\mathcal{V}_4} \otimes \varrho_{3,2,1}(\mathcal{E}_i) \\
 &= \rho_4(\mathcal{E}_i) \otimes I_{\mathcal{V}_3 \otimes \mathcal{V}_2 \otimes \mathcal{V}_1} + I_{\mathcal{V}_4} \otimes (\rho_3(\mathcal{E}_i) \otimes I_{\mathcal{V}_2} \otimes I_{\mathcal{V}_1} \\
 &\quad + I_{\mathcal{V}_3} \otimes \rho_2(\mathcal{E}_i) \otimes I_{\mathcal{V}_1} + I_{\mathcal{V}_3} \otimes I_{\mathcal{V}_2} \otimes \rho_1(\mathcal{E}_i)) \\
 &= \rho_4(\mathcal{E}_i) \otimes I_{\mathcal{V}_3} \otimes I_{\mathcal{V}_2} \otimes I_{\mathcal{V}_1} + I_{\mathcal{V}_4} \otimes \rho_3(\mathcal{E}_i) \otimes I_{\mathcal{V}_2} \otimes I_{\mathcal{V}_1} \\
 &\quad + I_{\mathcal{V}_4} \otimes I_{\mathcal{V}_3} \otimes \rho_2(\mathcal{E}_i) \otimes I_{\mathcal{V}_1} + I_{\mathcal{V}_4} \otimes I_{\mathcal{V}_3} \otimes I_{\mathcal{V}_2} \otimes \rho_1(\mathcal{E}_i)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\rho_L \otimes \rho_{L-1} \otimes \dots \otimes \rho_1)(\mathcal{E}_i) &= \rho_L(\mathcal{E}_i) \otimes I_{\mathcal{V}_{L-1}} \otimes I_{\mathcal{V}_{L-2}} \otimes \dots \otimes I_{\mathcal{V}_1} \\
 &\quad + I_{\mathcal{V}_L} \otimes \rho_{L-1}(\mathcal{E}_i) \otimes I_{\mathcal{V}_{L-2}} \otimes I_{\mathcal{V}_{L-3}} \otimes \dots \otimes I_{\mathcal{V}_1} \\
 &\quad + I_{\mathcal{V}_L} \otimes I_{\mathcal{V}_{L-1}} \otimes \rho_{L-2}(\mathcal{E}_i) \otimes I_{\mathcal{V}_{L-3}} \otimes I_{\mathcal{V}_{L-4}} \otimes \dots \otimes I_{\mathcal{V}_1} \\
 &\quad + \dots \\
 &\quad + I_{\mathcal{V}_L} \otimes I_{\mathcal{V}_{L-1}} \otimes \dots \otimes I_{\mathcal{V}_2} \otimes \rho_1(\mathcal{E}_i) \\
 &= \sum_{n=1}^L I_{\mathcal{V}_L} \otimes I_{\mathcal{V}_{L-1}} \otimes \dots \otimes I_{\mathcal{V}_{n+1}} \otimes \rho_n(\mathcal{E}_i) \otimes I_{\mathcal{V}_{n-1}} \otimes I_{\mathcal{V}_{n-2}} \otimes \dots \otimes I_{\mathcal{V}_1}
 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 2

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{S}^\alpha &= \sum_{i=1}^L S_i^\alpha \\ &= S_1^\alpha + S_2^\alpha\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow \hat{C} &= \sum_{\alpha=1}^3 (S_1^\alpha + S_2^\alpha) (S_1^\alpha + S_2^\alpha) \\ &= \sum_{\alpha=1}^3 (S_1^\alpha S_1^\alpha + S_1^\alpha S_2^\alpha + S_2^\alpha S_1^\alpha + S_2^\alpha S_2^\alpha) \\ &= \sum_{\alpha=1}^3 ((S^\alpha \otimes I_2) (S^\alpha \otimes I_2) + (S^\alpha \otimes I_2) (I_2 \otimes S^\alpha) + (I_2 \otimes S^\alpha) (S^\alpha \otimes I_2) + (I_2 \otimes S^\alpha) (I_2 \otimes S^\alpha)) \\ &= \sum_{\alpha=1}^3 \left((S^\alpha)^2 \otimes I_2 + S^\alpha \otimes S^\alpha + S^\alpha \otimes S^\alpha + I_2 \otimes (S^\alpha)^2 \right)\end{aligned}$$

$$(S^\alpha)^2 = \left(\frac{\hbar \sigma^\alpha}{2} \right)^2 = \frac{\hbar^2}{4} I_2$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow \hat{C} &= \sum_{\alpha=1}^3 \left(\frac{\hbar^2}{4} I_2 \otimes I_2 + 2S^\alpha \otimes S^\alpha + I_2 \otimes \frac{\hbar^2}{4} I_2 \right) \\ &= \frac{3\hbar^2}{2} I_4 + 2 \sum_{\alpha=1}^3 S^\alpha \otimes S^\alpha\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}S^1 \otimes S^1 &= \frac{\hbar \sigma^1}{2} \otimes \frac{\hbar \sigma^1}{2} & S^2 \otimes S^2 &= \frac{\hbar \sigma^2}{2} \otimes \frac{\hbar \sigma^2}{2} & S^3 \otimes S^3 &= \frac{\hbar \sigma^3}{2} \otimes \frac{\hbar \sigma^3}{2} \\ &= \frac{\hbar^2}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & &= \frac{\hbar^2}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & &= \frac{\hbar^2}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow \hat{C} &= \frac{\hbar^2}{2} (3I_4 + \sigma^1 \otimes \sigma^1 + \sigma^2 \otimes \sigma^2 + \sigma^3 \otimes \sigma^3) \\ &= \hbar^2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= 2\hbar^2 |1\rangle \langle 1| + \hbar^2 |2\rangle \langle 2| + \hbar^2 |3\rangle \langle 3| + 2\hbar^2 |4\rangle \langle 4| + \hbar^2 |2\rangle \langle 3| + \hbar^2 |3\rangle \langle 2|\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{S}^3 &= S_1^3 + S_2^3 \\ &= \frac{\hbar}{2} \sigma^3 \otimes I_2 + I_2 \otimes \frac{\hbar}{2} \sigma^3 \\ &= \frac{\hbar}{2} \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ &= \hbar (|1\rangle \langle 1| - |4\rangle \langle 4|)\end{aligned}$$

We can see how $\mathbb{S}^3$ acts on the basis vectors

$$\begin{aligned} |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = |1\rangle & |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = |2\rangle \\ |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = |3\rangle & |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = |4\rangle \end{aligned}$$

and construct our eigenvectors as a linear combination of these by inspection.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{S}^3 |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle &= \hbar (|1\rangle \langle 1| - |4\rangle \langle 4|) |1\rangle \\ &= \hbar (|1\rangle - 0) \\ &= \hbar |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle \\ \mathbb{S}^3 |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle &= \hbar (|1\rangle \langle 1| - |4\rangle \langle 4|) |3\rangle \\ &= \hbar (0 - 0) \\ &= 0 \\ \mathbb{S}^3 |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle &= \hbar (|1\rangle \langle 1| - |4\rangle \langle 4|) |2\rangle \\ &= \hbar (0 - 0) \\ &= 0 \\ \mathbb{S}^3 |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle &= \hbar (|1\rangle \langle 1| - |4\rangle \langle 4|) |4\rangle \\ &= \hbar (0 - |4\rangle) \\ &= -\hbar |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle \end{aligned}$$

Thus the basis vectors are all eigenvectors of $\mathbb{S}^3$. Since $\hat{C}$ and $\mathbb{S}^3$ commute, they must share eigenvectors. We can see how $\hat{C}$ acts on the eigenvectors of $\mathbb{S}^3$ and construct a linear combination of them if necessary to find the eigenvectors of $\hat{C}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{C} |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle &= (2\hbar^2 |1\rangle \langle 1| + \hbar^2 |2\rangle \langle 2| + \hbar^2 |3\rangle \langle 3| + 2\hbar^2 |4\rangle \langle 4| + \hbar^2 |2\rangle \langle 3| + \hbar^2 |3\rangle \langle 2|) |1\rangle \\ &= 2\hbar^2 |1\rangle + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 \\ &= 2\hbar^2 |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle \\ \hat{C} |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle &= (2\hbar^2 |1\rangle \langle 1| + \hbar^2 |2\rangle \langle 2| + \hbar^2 |3\rangle \langle 3| + 2\hbar^2 |4\rangle \langle 4| + \hbar^2 |2\rangle \langle 3| + \hbar^2 |3\rangle \langle 2|) |2\rangle \\ &= 0 + \hbar^2 |2\rangle + 0 + 0 + 0 + \hbar^2 |3\rangle \\ &= \hbar^2 (|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle) \\ \hat{C} |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle &= (2\hbar^2 |1\rangle \langle 1| + \hbar^2 |2\rangle \langle 2| + \hbar^2 |3\rangle \langle 3| + 2\hbar^2 |4\rangle \langle 4| + \hbar^2 |2\rangle \langle 3| + \hbar^2 |3\rangle \langle 2|) |3\rangle \\ &= 0 + 0 + \hbar^2 |3\rangle + \hbar^2 |2\rangle \\ &= \hbar^2 (|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle) \\ \hat{C} |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle &= (2\hbar^2 |1\rangle \langle 1| + \hbar^2 |2\rangle \langle 2| + \hbar^2 |3\rangle \langle 3| + 2\hbar^2 |4\rangle \langle 4| + \hbar^2 |2\rangle \langle 3| + \hbar^2 |3\rangle \langle 2|) |4\rangle \\ &= 2\hbar^2 |4\rangle \\ &= 2\hbar^2 |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle \end{aligned}$$

Thus $|\uparrow\uparrow\rangle$ and $|\downarrow\downarrow\rangle$ are eigenvectors each with corresponding eigenvalue $2\hbar$. We can make a linear combination of the other two basis vectors to find the remaining eigenvectors.

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{C} (a |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + b |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle) &= \hbar^2 ((a+b) |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + (a+b) |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle) \\ a = b &\implies a \hat{C} (|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle) = 2a \hbar^2 (|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle) \\ a = -b &\implies a \hat{C} (|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

This shows that $|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle \pm |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle$ are eigenvectors of $\hat{C}$, with eigenvalues $2\hbar^2$ and 0. Thus all the (normalised) eigenvectors and corresponding eigenvalues are

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{v}_1 = |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, & \lambda_1 &= 2\hbar^2 & \vec{v}_2 = |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, & \lambda_2 &= 2\hbar^2 \\ \vec{v}_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, & \lambda_3 &= 2\hbar^2 & \vec{v}_4 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, & \lambda_4 &= 0\end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}H &= J \sum_{i=1}^L \sum_{\alpha=1}^3 S_i^\alpha S_{i+1}^\alpha \\ &= J \sum_{\alpha=1}^3 (S_1^\alpha S_2^\alpha + S_2^\alpha S_1^\alpha) \\ &= J \sum_{\alpha=1}^3 (S_1^\alpha S_1^\alpha + S_1^\alpha S_2^\alpha + S_2^\alpha S_1^\alpha + S_2^\alpha S_2^\alpha - S_1^\alpha S_1^\alpha - S_2^\alpha S_2^\alpha) \\ &= J \left(\hat{C} - \frac{3\hbar^2}{2} I_4 \right)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}H \vec{v}_a &= J \left(\hat{C} \vec{v}_a - \frac{3\hbar^2}{2} I_4 \vec{v}_a \right) \\ &= J \left(\lambda_a \vec{v}_a - \frac{3\hbar^2}{2} \vec{v}_a \right) \\ &= J \left(\lambda_a - \frac{3\hbar^2}{2} \right) \vec{v}_a \\ &= \lambda'_a \vec{v}_a,\end{aligned}$$

i.e. H and $\hat{C}$ have the same eigenvectors. We can thus easily find the eigenvalues λ' of H .

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_{1,2,3} &= 2\hbar^2 & \lambda_4 &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \lambda'_{1,2,3} &= \frac{J\hbar^2}{2} & \Rightarrow \lambda'_4 &= -\frac{3J\hbar^2}{2}\end{aligned}$$

Thus the spectrum of H is $\left\{ \frac{J\hbar^2}{2}, -\frac{3J\hbar^2}{2} \right\}$.

Problem 3

(i)

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{X}(s) &= \hat{V}(s) \hat{X} \hat{V}^\dagger(s) \\
\Rightarrow \frac{d\hat{X}(s)}{ds} &= \frac{d\hat{V}(s)}{ds} \hat{X} \hat{V}^\dagger(s) + \hat{V}(s) \hat{X} \frac{d\hat{V}^\dagger(s)}{ds} \\
&= i \hat{P} \hat{V}(s) \hat{X} \hat{V}^\dagger(s) - i \hat{V}(s) \hat{X} \hat{P} \hat{V}^\dagger(s) \\
&= -i \left(\hat{V}(s) \hat{X} \hat{P} \hat{V}^\dagger(s) - \hat{V}(s) \hat{P} \hat{X} \hat{V}^\dagger(s) \right) && \text{as } \hat{P} \text{ and } \hat{V}(s) \text{ commute} \\
&= -i \hat{V}(s) [\hat{X}, \hat{P}] \hat{V}^\dagger(s) \\
&= -i \hat{V}(s) \cdot (i \hbar \hat{I}) \cdot \hat{V}^\dagger(s) \\
&= \hbar \hat{I} \\
\Rightarrow \hat{X}(s) &= \int \hbar \hat{I} ds \\
&= s \hbar \hat{I} + \hat{C} \\
\hat{X}(0) &= \hat{V}(0) \hat{X} \hat{V}^\dagger(0) \\
&= \hat{X} \\
\text{Also, } \hat{X}(0) &= \hat{C} \\
\Rightarrow \hat{X}(s) &= s \hbar \hat{I} + \hat{X}
\end{aligned}$$

(ii)

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Label } \hat{F}(r, s, t) &\equiv \hat{U}(rt) \hat{V}(rt) \\
&= e^{i r t \hat{X}} e^{i r s \hat{P}} \\
\frac{\partial \hat{F}(r, s, t)}{\partial r} &= i t \hat{X} e^{i r t \hat{X}} e^{i r s \hat{P}} + e^{i r t \hat{X}} (i s \hat{P}) e^{i r s \hat{P}} \\
&= i t \hat{X} \hat{F}(r, s, t) + i s e^{i r t \hat{X}} \hat{P} e^{-i r t \hat{X}} e^{i r t \hat{X}} e^{i r s \hat{P}} \\
&= i t \hat{X} \hat{F}(r, s, t) + i s \hat{U}(rt) \hat{P} \hat{U}^\dagger(rt) \hat{F}(r, s, t)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Label } \hat{P}(rt) &\equiv \hat{U}(rt) \hat{P} \hat{U}^\dagger(rt) \\
\frac{\partial \hat{P}(rt)}{\partial t} &= \frac{\partial \hat{U}(rt)}{\partial t} \hat{P} \hat{U}^\dagger(rt) + \hat{U}(rt) \hat{P} \frac{\partial \hat{U}^\dagger(rt)}{\partial t} \\
&= i r \hat{X} \hat{U}(rt) \hat{P} \hat{U}^\dagger(rt) - i r \hat{U}(rt) \hat{P} \hat{X} \hat{U}^\dagger(rt) \\
&= i r \left(\hat{U}(rt) \hat{X} \hat{P} \hat{U}^\dagger(rt) - \hat{U}(rt) \hat{P} \hat{X} \hat{U}^\dagger(rt) \right) \\
&= i r \hat{U}(rt) [\hat{X}, \hat{P}] \hat{U}^\dagger(rt) \\
&= -r \hbar \hat{I} \\
\Rightarrow \hat{P}(rt) &= - \int r \hbar \hat{I} dt \\
&= -r t \hbar \hat{I} + \hat{C}_1 \\
\hat{P}(0) &= \hat{U}(0) \hat{P} \hat{U}^\dagger(0) \\
&= \hat{P} \\
\text{Also, } \hat{P}(0) &= \hat{C}_1 \\
\Rightarrow \hat{P}(rt) &= -r t \hbar \hat{I} + \hat{P}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \hat{F}(r, s, t)}{\partial r} &= \left(i t \hat{X} + i s \hat{P} - i r s t \hbar \hat{I} \right) \hat{F}(r, s, t) \\
\Rightarrow \hat{F}(r, s, t) &= \hat{C}_2 e^{i r t \hat{X} + i r s \hat{P} - \frac{i r^2 s t \hbar}{2} \hat{I} + \hat{C}_3} \\
\hat{F}(r, s, t) &= \text{product of two unitary matrices} \\
\Rightarrow \hat{C}_2 &= \hat{I} \\
\hat{F}(0, s, t) &= \hat{U}(0) \hat{V}(0) \\
&= \hat{I} \\
\text{Also, } \hat{F}(0, s, t) &= e^{\hat{C}_3} \\
\Rightarrow \hat{C}_3 &= 0 \\
\Rightarrow \hat{F}(r, s, t) &= e^{i r t \hat{X} + i r s \hat{P} - \frac{i r^2 s t \hbar}{2} \hat{I}} \\
\hat{U}(t) \hat{V}(s) &= \hat{F}(1, s, t) \\
&= e^{i t \hat{X} + i s \hat{P} - \frac{i s t \hbar}{2} \hat{I}}
\end{aligned}$$

(iii)

We can find $\hat{V}(s) \hat{U}(t)$ by using a similar method to that in (ii). If we label $\hat{G}(r, s, t) \equiv \hat{V}(rs) \hat{U}(rt)$ and calculate $\frac{\partial \hat{G}(r, s, t)}{\partial r}$, we result in an expression in terms of $\hat{X}(rs)$. Substituting our answer from (i) and proceeding in a similar fashion in (ii) gives us

$$\hat{V}(s) \hat{U}(t) = e^{i t \hat{X} + i s \hat{P} + \frac{i s t \hbar}{2} \hat{I}}.$$

We know that $[\hat{A}, \alpha \hat{I}] = 0$ for any operator $\hat{A}$ and constant α . We also know that, for any commuting matrices A and B , we have $e^A e^B = e^{A+B}$. Thus, by inspection,

$$\begin{aligned}
e^{-i s t \hbar \hat{I}} e^{i t \hat{X} + i s \hat{P} + \frac{i s t \hbar}{2} \hat{I}} &= e^{i t \hat{X} + i s \hat{P} - \frac{i s t \hbar}{2} \hat{I}} \\
\Rightarrow e^{-i s t \hbar \hat{I}} \hat{V}(s) \hat{U}(t) &= \hat{U}(t) \hat{V}(s) \\
\Rightarrow \hat{W} &= e^{-i s t \hbar \hat{I}}
\end{aligned}$$