Phys 651 Fall 2023



(Friday, October 20, 2023)

Name

Question (5 pts):

Consider unitary transformation of an operator A:

$$A'=UAU^+$$

If $U = I + i\epsilon G$, where I is the identity operator, ϵ is a real infinitesimal number, and G is a Hermitian operator, what is A`? In your derivation, neglect a term proportional to ϵ^2 .

If you have time: Under what condition A doesn't change under this unitary transformation? Can you think of any physical meaning behind this result?