Introduction to Quantum Computation, UPB Summer 2021, Assignment 3

To be completed by: Friday, May 7

1 Exercises

- 1. (a) Let $A \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}^d)$ be Hermitian. Prove that if for all $|\psi\rangle \in \mathbb{C}^d$, $\langle \psi | A | \psi \rangle \ge 0$, then A has only non-negative eigenvalues. (Hint: Start by taking the spectral decomposition of A, and then make clever choices for $|\psi\rangle$.)
 - (b) Let $A \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}^d)$ be Hermitian. Prove that if A has only non-negative eigenvalues, then for all $|\psi\rangle \in \mathbb{C}^d$, $\langle \psi | A | \psi \rangle \ge 0$. (Hint: Write $|\psi\rangle$ with respect to the eigenbasis of A.)
- 2. Let $|\psi\rangle = |-\rangle \in \mathbb{C}^2$. Suppose we measure in the Z basis $B = \{|0\rangle\langle 0|, |1\rangle\langle 1|\}$. What are the probabilities for each possible measurement outcome, and the corresponding post-measurement states?
- 3. Consider the teleportation protocol we saw in class. Does it still work if we replace the use of the entangled Bell state $|\phi^+\rangle$ with the unentangled state $|00\rangle$ (i.e. Alice and Bob share the state $|00\rangle$)? How about if we use $\sqrt{2/5}|00\rangle + \sqrt{3/5}|11\rangle$ instead of $|\phi^+\rangle$?