

6.8 Charlie prepares spin in state $|T_1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|ud\rangle + |du\rangle)$. What are $\langle\sigma_z\tau_z\rangle$, $\langle\sigma_x\tau_x\rangle$, and $\langle\sigma_y\tau_y\rangle$ when either $|T_2\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|uu\rangle + |dd\rangle)$ or $|T_3\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|uu\rangle - |dd\rangle)$ are prepared

Solution. $\langle T_2 | T_2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} (\langle uu | uu \rangle + \langle uu | dd \rangle + \langle dd | uu \rangle + \langle dd | dd \rangle) = 1$
 and $\langle T_3 | T_3 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} (\langle uu | uu \rangle - \langle uu | dd \rangle - \langle dd | uu \rangle + \langle dd | dd \rangle) = 1$

$$\sigma_z \tau_z |T_2\rangle = \sigma_z \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|uu\rangle + |dd\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|uu\rangle + |dd\rangle) = |T_2\rangle$$

Since $|T_2\rangle$ is an eigenvector of $\sigma_z \tau_z$ with eigenvalue +1, $\langle \sigma_z \tau_z \rangle = +1$ ✓

Another way: $\langle \sigma_z \tau_z \rangle = \langle T_2 | \sigma_z \tau_z | T_2 \rangle = \langle T_2 | T_2 \rangle = +1$ ✓

$$\sigma_x \tau_x |T_2\rangle = \sigma_x \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|ud\rangle + |du\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|dd\rangle + |uu\rangle) = |T_2\rangle$$

as with $\sigma_z \tau_z$, $\langle \sigma_x \tau_x \rangle = +1$ ✓

$$\sigma_y \tau_y |T_2\rangle = \sigma_y \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (i|ud\rangle - i|du\rangle) = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} (i|dd\rangle + i|uu\rangle) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|uu\rangle + |dd\rangle) = -|T_2\rangle$$

So, $\langle \sigma_y \tau_y \rangle = -1$

Since -1 is the eigenvalue, $\langle \sigma_y \tau_y \rangle = -1$ ✓

Note 1. all three pairs are completely correlated

Note 2. $\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{\tau} |T_2\rangle = [\sigma_x \tau_x + \sigma_y \tau_y + \sigma_z \tau_z] |T_2\rangle = |T_2\rangle$ and $\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{\tau} |T_3\rangle = |T_3\rangle$
 $\Rightarrow |T_2\rangle$ (as well as $|T_1\rangle$) is an eigenvector of $\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{\tau}$ with eigenvalue +1

$$\sigma_z \tau_z |T_3\rangle = \sigma_z \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|uu\rangle - |dd\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|uu\rangle - |dd\rangle) = |T_3\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle \sigma_z \tau_z \rangle = 1$$

$$\sigma_x \tau_x |T_3\rangle = \sigma_x \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|ud\rangle - |du\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|dd\rangle - |uu\rangle) = -|T_3\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle \sigma_x \tau_x \rangle = -1$$

$$\sigma_y \tau_y |T_3\rangle = \sigma_y \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (i|ud\rangle + i|du\rangle) = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} (i|dd\rangle - i|uu\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (-|dd\rangle + |uu\rangle) = |T_3\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle \sigma_y \tau_y \rangle = +1$$

Note 1. $|T_1\rangle, |T_2\rangle, |T_3\rangle$ are eigenvectors of $\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{\tau}$ w/ triply degenerate eigenvalue +1

Note 2. all three pairs are again completely correlated $\langle \sigma_x \tau_x \rangle + \langle \sigma_y \tau_y \rangle + \langle \sigma_z \tau_z \rangle = +1$