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3. a)
$$H = -\gamma B \widehat{S}_z = -\frac{-\gamma B \hbar \sigma_3}{2}$$

since $\sigma^2 = 1$, and in PSET-2, we have shown that :

$$e^{iM\theta} = \cos\theta + iM\sin\theta, \qquad \text{if } M^2 = I$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{-iHt/\hbar} = \cos\frac{\gamma Bt}{2} + i\sin\frac{\gamma Bt}{2}\sigma_3$$
Given $|\Psi,0\rangle = |x,+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1\\1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$|\Psi,t\rangle = \mathcal{U}(t,0)|\Psi,0\rangle = e^{-iHt/\hbar}$$

$$= \left[\cos\frac{\gamma Bt}{2} + i\sigma_3\sin\frac{\gamma Bt}{2}\right] \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1\\1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \cos\frac{\gamma Bt}{2} + i\sin\frac{\gamma Bt}{2}\\ \cos\frac{\gamma Bt}{2} - i\sin\frac{\gamma Bt}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} e^{\frac{i\gamma Bt}{2}}\\ e^{-\frac{i\gamma Bt}{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \cos\frac{\pi}{4} |+\rangle + \sin\frac{\pi}{4} e^{-i\gamma Bt}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{4}, \phi = -\gamma Bt$$
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Thus direction of spin rotates clockwise in x-y plane

b) Measurement along z-axis gives $\hbar/2$ with probabilty of half

$$\Rightarrow \langle H \rangle = 1/2 \frac{-\gamma B \hbar}{2} + 1/2 \frac{\gamma B \hbar}{2} = 0$$

$$\langle H^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\gamma^2 B^2 \hbar}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\gamma^2 B^2 \hbar^2}{4} = \frac{\gamma^2 B^2 \hbar^2}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta H = \frac{\gamma B \hbar}{2}$$
while $\cos^2 \phi(t) = |\langle \Psi(0) | \Psi(t) \rangle|^2$

for evolution to orthogonal state, $t = \frac{\pi}{\gamma B}$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta H \Delta t = \frac{h}{4}$$
 Inequality is saturated thus