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(a) if $j=1$ then J_y 's eigenvalues can be $0, \pm \hbar$

(b) first we obtain the state $|j_y = \hbar\rangle$

$$\Rightarrow |j_y = \hbar\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$$

$$J_y |j_y = \hbar\rangle = \hbar |j_y = \hbar\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i & 0 \\ i & 0 & -i \\ 0 & i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \hbar \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow -ib = a\sqrt{2}$$

$$ia - ic = b\sqrt{2} \quad \text{together with} \quad \langle j_y = \hbar | j_y = \hbar \rangle = 1$$

$$ib = c\sqrt{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow |j_y = \hbar\rangle = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i\sqrt{2} \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \hat{J}_z \rangle &= \langle j_y = \hbar | \hat{J}_z | j_y = \hbar \rangle = \frac{1}{2} (1 - i\sqrt{2} - 1) \hbar \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &\quad \times \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i\sqrt{2} \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle \hat{J}_z^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} (1 - i\sqrt{2} - 1) \hbar^2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i\sqrt{2} \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2}$$

(c) like above $\langle J_n \rangle = 0$, $\langle J_n^2 \rangle = \frac{\hbar^2}{2}$

$$\Delta J_n = \sqrt{\langle J_n^2 \rangle - \langle J_n \rangle^2} = \frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{2}}$$

