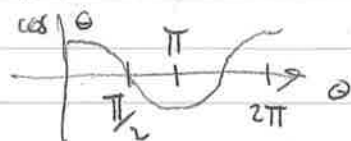


1. It should say around the z axis
 So that's apply $\hat{R}(\phi) = e^{-i\hat{J}_z \phi / \hbar}$

$$\hat{R}(\phi) |+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-i\phi/2} |+\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{+i\phi/2} |-\rangle$$

$$|\langle + | \hat{R} | + \rangle|^2 = \frac{1}{4} |e^{-i\phi/2} + e^{i\phi/2}|^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \cos \frac{\phi}{2} + i \sin \frac{\phi}{2} \\ & \cos \frac{\phi}{2} + i \sin \frac{\phi}{2} \\ & = \cos^2 \frac{\phi}{2} \end{aligned}$$



Checks:

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|----------------------------|---------------|---|
| $\phi = 0 \Rightarrow$ | $P_{+} = 1$ | ✓ |
| $\phi = \pi \Rightarrow$ | $P_{+} = 0$ | ✓ |
| $\phi = \pi/2 \Rightarrow$ | $P_{+} = 1/2$ | ✓ |

2. $\hat{J}_z \xrightarrow{\text{a/b basis}} \begin{pmatrix} \langle a | \hat{J}_z | a \rangle & \langle a | \hat{J}_z | b \rangle \\ \langle b | \hat{J}_z | a \rangle & \langle b | \hat{J}_z | b \rangle \end{pmatrix}$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \langle a | \left(\frac{\hbar}{2} |+\rangle - \frac{\hbar}{2} |-\rangle \right) & \langle a | \left(\frac{\hbar}{2} |+\rangle + \frac{\hbar}{2} |-\rangle \right) \\ \langle b | \left(\frac{\hbar}{2} |+\rangle - \frac{\hbar}{2} |-\rangle \right) & \langle b | \left(\frac{\hbar}{2} |+\rangle + \frac{\hbar}{2} |-\rangle \right) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{\hbar}{4} \begin{pmatrix} (1-1) & (-1-1) \\ (-1-1) & (+1-1) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= -\frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

3. No. $|+\rangle$ is not an eigenvector of \hat{J}_z

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{J}_z |+\rangle &= \hat{J}_z \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |+\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |-\rangle \right) \\ &= \frac{\hbar}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |+\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |-\rangle \right) \\ &= \frac{\hbar}{2} |-\rangle \end{aligned}$$

We don't get the state back so it's not an eigenvector.