

Show that  $\frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{S}_H = \omega_0 \mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{S}_H$

Attempt:

The Hamiltonian is  $H_0 = -\frac{e}{m}\mathbf{B}_0 \cdot \mathbf{S}$

Since  $H_{0,H} = \mathcal{U}^\dagger H_0 \mathcal{U} = H_0 \mathcal{U}^\dagger \mathcal{U} = H_0$  and

$-\mathcal{U}^\dagger \frac{e}{m}\mathbf{B}_0 \cdot \mathbf{S} \mathcal{U} = -\frac{e}{m}\mathbf{B}_0 \cdot \mathcal{U}^\dagger \mathbf{S} \mathcal{U} = -\frac{e}{m}\mathbf{B}_0 \cdot \mathbf{S}_H$  we have

$$H_0 = -\frac{e}{m}\mathbf{B}_0 \cdot \mathbf{S}_H$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{S}_H &= \frac{i}{\hbar}[H_0, \mathbf{S}_H] \\ &= -\frac{i}{\hbar} \frac{eB_0}{m} [\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{S}_H, \mathbf{S}_H] = \frac{i}{\hbar} \omega_0 [\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{S}_H, \mathbf{S}_H] \\ &= \frac{i}{\hbar} \omega_0 \{(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{S}_H)\mathbf{S}_H - \mathbf{S}_H(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{S}_H)\} \end{aligned}$$

Problems with this expression:

- Cant get rid of the factor  $i / \hbar$
- The content inside the curly brackets looks like a triple vector cross product i.e  $\mathbf{a} \times (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}) = (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c})\mathbf{b} - (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b})\mathbf{c}$ , but we want just  $\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{S}_H$ .