

## Part 2: tensor product spaces

All of ~~that~~ was hopefully a review, though maybe from a slightly new perspective.

Now we're going to introduce a 2<sup>nd</sup> spin:

A  
•  
basis =  $\{|\uparrow\rangle_A, |\downarrow\rangle_A\}$

basis =  $\{|\uparrow\rangle_B, |\downarrow\rangle_B\}$

Classical intuition says total state is described by giving the state of A and the state of B

eg  $A \rightarrow |\uparrow\rangle_A$   
 $B \rightarrow |\uparrow\rangle_B \Rightarrow \text{total state} \sim |\uparrow_A \uparrow_B\rangle$

While this is not the full story, it is the right start. This does work for basis states.

Here is the formal definition:

Let  $\mathcal{H}_A$  be a Hilbert space w/ basis  $\{|0\rangle_A, |1\rangle_A, \dots, |n\rangle_A\}$   
 $\mathcal{H}_B$  " "  $\{|0\rangle_B, |1\rangle_B, \dots, |m\rangle_B\}$

Then  $\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$  is the Hilbert space w/ basis

$$\{ |i\rangle_A \otimes |j\rangle_B \mid i \in 1, \dots, n, j \in 1, \dots, m \}$$

The combined state of 2 particles must be a vector in  $\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$

Let's be concrete:  $2 \times (2 \times \frac{1}{2})$

$\mathcal{H}_A \rightarrow$  basis  $\{|\uparrow\rangle_A, |\downarrow\rangle_A\}$

$\mathcal{H}_B \rightarrow$  basis  $\{|\uparrow\rangle_B, |\downarrow\rangle_B\}$

Then the basis for the two-spin space is

$$|\uparrow\rangle_A \otimes |\uparrow\rangle_B, |\uparrow\rangle_A \otimes |\downarrow\rangle_B, |\downarrow\rangle_A \otimes |\uparrow\rangle_B, |\downarrow\rangle_A \otimes |\downarrow\rangle_B$$

Of course, I haven't said yet what  $\otimes$  actually means. Basically, A and B are still separate. Here <sup>are</sup> the key rules:

① Given  $|\varphi_A\rangle \otimes |\varphi_B\rangle$  and  $|\phi_A\rangle \otimes |\phi_B\rangle$ , their inner product is

$$(\langle\varphi_A| \otimes \langle\varphi_B|) (|\phi_A\rangle \otimes |\phi_B\rangle) = \langle\varphi_A|\phi_A\rangle \cdot \langle\varphi_B|\phi_B\rangle$$

② Any operator can be written as

$$\mathcal{O}_{AB} = \sum_{ij} o_{ij} \mathcal{O}_i^A \otimes \mathcal{O}_j^B$$

where  $(\mathcal{O}_i^A \otimes \mathcal{O}_j^B) (|\varphi_A\rangle \otimes |\varphi_B\rangle)$

$$= (\mathcal{O}_i^A |\varphi_A\rangle) \otimes (\mathcal{O}_j^B |\varphi_B\rangle)$$

\* All operators must act on both A and B. If you want to act only on B, use  $\mathcal{O}_A \otimes \text{Id}_B$

③ commuting?

$$\nabla [O_A, \tilde{O}_A] = 0$$

$$\text{and } [O_B', \tilde{O}_B'] = 0,$$

$$[O_A \otimes O_B', \tilde{O}_A \otimes \tilde{O}_B'] = 0$$

(for bosons)

③ Born rule for probabilities:

$$\text{Let } |\Psi\rangle = a|\uparrow_A\rangle \otimes |\uparrow_B\rangle + b|\uparrow_A\rangle \otimes |\downarrow_B\rangle + c|\downarrow_A\rangle \otimes |\uparrow_B\rangle + d|\downarrow_A\rangle \otimes |\downarrow_B\rangle$$

$$\text{w/ } |a|^2 + |b|^2 + |c|^2 + |d|^2 = 1$$

$$\text{Then } P(\uparrow_A) = P(\uparrow_A, \uparrow_B) + P(\uparrow_A, \downarrow_B) = |a|^2 + |b|^2$$

$$P(\uparrow_B) = |a|^2 + |c|^2$$

⋮

More generally, for

$$|\varphi\rangle = \sum_{ij} a_{ij} |i_A\rangle \otimes |j_B\rangle$$

$$P(i_A) = \sum_j |a_{ij}|^2$$

Let's use this to compute an expectation value:  
↑ even rule

$\langle \sigma_A^z \rangle$  for our  $2 \times (\text{spin } \frac{1}{2})$  system w/  $a, b, c, d$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Expectation value is } & 1 \cdot P(\text{spin } \uparrow) + (-1) \cdot P(\text{spin } \downarrow) \\ & = (|a|^2 + |b|^2) - (|c|^2 + |d|^2) \end{aligned}$$

Now let's compute the same expectation value directly.

" $\sigma_A^z$ " doesn't really exist  $\rightarrow$  actually, it's  $\sigma_A^z \otimes \text{Id}_B$

$$\text{So } \langle \sigma_A^z \rangle = \langle \varphi | \sigma_A^z \otimes \text{Id}_B | \varphi \rangle$$

16 total terms

$$\begin{aligned} & |a|^2 \cdot (\langle \uparrow_A | \otimes \langle \uparrow_B |) (\sigma_A^z \otimes \text{Id}_B) (| \uparrow_A \rangle \otimes | \uparrow_B \rangle) \\ & + a^* b (\langle \uparrow_A | \otimes \langle \uparrow_B |) (\sigma_A^z \otimes \text{Id}_B) (| \uparrow_A \rangle \otimes | \downarrow_B \rangle) \\ & + \dots \end{aligned}$$

However Each term becomes just a product like

$$\langle \uparrow_A | \sigma_A^z | \uparrow_A \rangle \cdot \langle \uparrow_B | \text{Id}_B | \uparrow_B \rangle$$

Because each individual operator is diagonal,

$\sigma_A^z, \text{Id}_B$   
if A spin is not equal, or if B spin is not equal, get 0.

So only 4 terms are left:

$$\begin{aligned} & |a|^2 \langle \uparrow_A | \sigma_A^z | \uparrow_A \rangle \cdot \langle \uparrow_B | \text{Id}_B | \uparrow_B \rangle \\ & + |b|^2 \langle \uparrow_A | \sigma_A^z | \uparrow_A \rangle \cdot \langle \downarrow_B | \text{Id}_B | \downarrow_B \rangle \\ & + |c|^2 \langle \downarrow_A | \sigma_A^z | \downarrow_A \rangle \cdot \langle \uparrow_B | \text{Id}_B | \uparrow_B \rangle \\ & + |d|^2 \langle \downarrow_A | \sigma_A^z | \downarrow_A \rangle \cdot \langle \downarrow_B | \text{Id}_B | \downarrow_B \rangle \end{aligned} = \begin{aligned} & |a|^2 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \quad |a|^2 + |b|^2 \\ & + |b|^2 \cdot 1 \cdot (-1) = -|d|^2 - |d|^2 \\ & + |c|^2 \cdot (-1) \cdot 1 \\ & + |d|^2 \cdot (-1) \cdot (-1) \quad \text{The same!} \end{aligned}$$

Of course, doing all of this by hand was a huge pain.

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~~As let's go back and figure out the matrix representation.~~

First step: introduce shorthand, with the following rules:

$$\overset{\text{meaning}}{|\uparrow_A\rangle} \otimes \overset{\text{what's written}}{|\uparrow_B\rangle} \mapsto |\uparrow_A \uparrow_B\rangle \text{ or even } |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle$$

$$O_A \otimes \text{Id}_B \mapsto O_A$$

Then the last expectation value calculation looks like  $\langle 1\uparrow | = \sum_{ss'} a_{ss'} \langle ss' |$

$$\langle \sigma_A^z \rangle = \sum_{\substack{ss' \\ ss'}} a_{ss'}^* a_{ss'} \langle ss' | \sigma_A^z | ss' \rangle$$

$$= \sum_{\substack{ss' \\ ss'}} a_{ss'}^* a_{ss'} \langle s | \sigma^z | s \rangle \langle s' | s' \rangle$$

$$= \sum_{\substack{ss' \\ ss'}} a_{ss'}^* a_{ss'} \langle s | \sigma^z | s \rangle \delta_{s's'}$$

$$= \sum_{s'} \sum_{ss} a_{ss'}^* a_{ss'} \langle s | \sigma^z | s \rangle$$

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This helps a little, but it will still be much better if we can again develop a watery approach.

We use the same steps as before:

① Design basis vectors [eg  $|\uparrow\rangle \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $|\downarrow\rangle \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ]

② Find what the operators look like in this representation.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{eg } \sigma^z |\uparrow\rangle = |\uparrow\rangle, \sigma^z |\downarrow\rangle = -|\downarrow\rangle \\ \Downarrow \\ \sigma^z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \end{array} \right]$$

There is again flexibility of possible change of basis, but the standard choice would be

$$|\uparrow\uparrow\rangle \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Let's construct  $O = \sigma_A^z \otimes \text{Id}_B$ :

$$O|\uparrow\uparrow\rangle = |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle \quad O|\downarrow\uparrow\rangle = -|\downarrow\uparrow\rangle$$

$$O|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle = |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle \quad O|\downarrow\downarrow\rangle = -|\downarrow\downarrow\rangle$$

$$\text{so } O \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, O \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, O \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = -\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, O \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = -\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{ie } \sigma_A^z \otimes \text{Id}_B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & -1 & \\ & & & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Let's check the expectation value again:

$$(a^\dagger \ b^\dagger \ c^\dagger \ d^\dagger) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & -1 & \\ & & & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= (a^\dagger \ b^\dagger \ c^\dagger \ d^\dagger) \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ -c \\ -d \end{pmatrix} = |a|^2 + |b|^2 - |c|^2 - |d|^2 \quad \checkmark$$

Exercise: ① construct a matrix in this basis for

$$\sigma_A^y \otimes \sigma_B^z$$

② construct a matrix for  $\sigma_A^z \otimes \sigma_B^y$

~~Your answer should be the same but with the middle  $2 \times 2$  part of the matrix rotated  $180^\circ$  like~~

Explain using a change of basis matrix the relationship between the two

Answers: ①  $\sigma^x \otimes \sigma^z |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle = i |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle$   
 $\sigma^x \otimes \sigma^z |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle = -i |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle$   
 $\sigma^x \otimes \sigma^z |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle = -i |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle$   
 $\sigma^x \otimes \sigma^z |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle = i |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle$

$$\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & i \\ i & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -i & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

②  $\sigma^z \otimes \sigma^y |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle = i |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle$   
 $|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle \mapsto -i |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle$   
 $|\downarrow\uparrow\rangle \mapsto -i |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle$   
 $|\downarrow\downarrow\rangle \mapsto i |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i & 0 & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & i \\ 0 & 0 & -i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

~~Operator for A and B swapped, but~~  
 $\sigma_A \otimes \sigma_B |\sigma_A\rangle \otimes |\sigma_B\rangle =$

Swapping operators for A and B is the same as just writing states in opposite order:

Matrix of  $\sigma_A^z \otimes \sigma_B^y$  in basis  $|\uparrow_A\uparrow_B\rangle, |\uparrow_A\downarrow_B\rangle, |\downarrow_A\uparrow_B\rangle, |\downarrow_A\downarrow_B\rangle$

is the same as

$\sigma_B^z \otimes \sigma_A^y$  in basis  $|\uparrow_B\uparrow_A\rangle, |\uparrow_B\downarrow_A\rangle, |\downarrow_B\uparrow_A\rangle, |\downarrow_B\downarrow_A\rangle$

is the same as

$\sigma_A^y \otimes \sigma_B^z$  in basis  $|\uparrow_A\uparrow_B\rangle, |\downarrow_A\uparrow_B\rangle, |\uparrow_A\downarrow_B\rangle, |\downarrow_A\downarrow_B\rangle$

so the effect of swapping the operators on A and B is just to reorder the basis. Do this by swapping two center cols and 2 center rows.

O.R. by change of basis matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 0 & 1 & \\ & 1 & 0 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Now, notice something:

$\sigma_A^y \otimes \sigma_B^z$  can be written as  $\left( \begin{array}{cc|cc} 0 & 0 & -i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & i \\ \hline i & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -i & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) = \left( \begin{array}{cc} 0 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} & -i \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \\ i \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & 0 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \end{array} \right)$

like  $\sigma^y$  w/  $\sigma^z$  inserted as a multiplication at each elt.

$$\sigma_A^z \otimes \sigma_B^y \text{ can likewise be written as } \begin{pmatrix} 1 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} & 0 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ 0 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} & -1 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$$

In fact, we can think of the basis states the same way:

$$|\uparrow\uparrow\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ 0 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ 0 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$$

This is called a Kronecker product

Why does this work?

① Proof: consider a basis state  $|i\rangle_A \otimes |j\rangle_B$

and operator  $\hat{O} = \hat{O}_A \otimes \hat{O}_B$

Let matrix of  $\hat{O}_A$  have elts  $O_{ki} \rightarrow \hat{O}_A = \begin{pmatrix} O_{11} & O_{12} \\ O_{21} & O_{22} \end{pmatrix}$

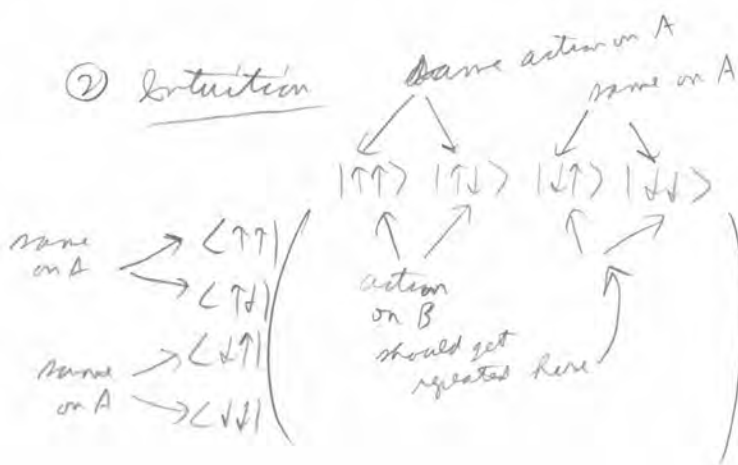
$\hat{O}_B$   $\tilde{O}_{lj} \rightarrow \hat{O}_B = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{O}_{11} & \tilde{O}_{12} \\ \tilde{O}_{21} & \tilde{O}_{22} \end{pmatrix}$

$$\text{Then } \hat{O}|ij\rangle = \sum_{kl} O_{ki} \tilde{O}_{lj} |kl\rangle$$

$$\langle kl | \hat{O} | ij \rangle = O_{ki} \tilde{O}_{lj} \rightarrow \hat{O} = \begin{pmatrix} \langle k'l' | & \begin{matrix} \uparrow \downarrow \\ 100 \end{matrix} & 101 \rangle \\ \langle 00 | & \begin{matrix} 0_{11} \tilde{O}_{11} & 0_{11} \tilde{O}_{12} \\ 0_{11} \tilde{O}_{21} & 0_{11} \tilde{O}_{22} \end{matrix} & \dots \\ \langle 01 | & \dots & \dots \end{pmatrix}$$

So it's definitely correct.

② Intuition



Keep the tensor product idea:

$$| \uparrow \rangle \otimes | \uparrow \rangle = (| \uparrow \rangle) \otimes (| \uparrow \rangle) \rightarrow \begin{matrix} | \uparrow \rangle_B & | \downarrow \rangle_B \\ | \uparrow \rangle_A & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ | \downarrow \rangle_A & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix} \quad (\text{outer product})$$

operators are now not matrices, but rank-4 tensors

(shape is  $2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2$ )



Normal vector is 2, matrix is  $2 \rightarrow 2$

Here vector is  $2 \times 2$ , operator is  $2 \times 2 \rightarrow 2 \times 2$

$$\left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

$$\left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \rightarrow \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

2 actions in parallel

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} & 0 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \\ 0 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} & -1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ 0 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$$

separately

big  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  vector selects big 1st col

little  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  selects little 1st col

$$\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ 0 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$$

~~so in total the columns are selected is 2.0~~

in total we select a big column and a little column, result is one col of the  $4 \times 4$  matrix. Which one? The same one

as we would get by counting basis states since ordering is the same.



## 2-site Ising model

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We will now use this formalism to write down more precisely, then solve, the Ising model on 2 spins.

Recall  $H = -J \sum_i S_i^z S_{i+1}^z - h \sum_i S_i^x$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & \bullet & \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} & \bullet & & & \\ i=0 & i=1 & \dots & i=N-1 \end{array}$$

with only two spins, the terms are

$$\begin{aligned} H &= -J \sum_{i=0}^0 S_i^z S_{i+1}^z - h \sum_{i=0}^1 S_i^x \\ &= -J (S_0^z S_1^z) - h (S_0^x + S_1^x) \end{aligned}$$

Two issues to take care of here:

- ① We've been working with  $\sigma^z, \sigma^x$ ; but  $S^z = \frac{\hbar}{2} \sigma^z$ ,  $S^x = \frac{\hbar}{2} \sigma^x$ .  
 $\frac{\hbar}{2}$  is annoying. Solution!

$$\begin{aligned} -J (S_0^z S_1^z) &= -J \left( \frac{\hbar}{2} \right)^2 \sigma_0^z \sigma_1^z \\ &= \tilde{J} \rightarrow \text{rename to } J \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} -h S_0^x &= -h \frac{\hbar}{2} \sigma_0^x \\ &= \tilde{h} \rightarrow \text{rename to } h \end{aligned}$$

So  $H = -J (\sigma_0^z \sigma_1^z) - h (\sigma_0^x + \sigma_1^x)$

- ② Operators should be  $\sum O_A \otimes O_B$ , so how to rewrite?

$$\rightarrow \sigma_0^z \sigma_1^z \text{ means } \sigma_0^z \otimes \sigma_1^z$$

$$\rightarrow \sigma_0^x \text{ means } \sigma_0^x \otimes \text{Id}_1$$

$$\sigma_1^x \text{ means } \text{Id}_0 \otimes \sigma_1^x$$

Now we have a useful operator:

$$H = -J (\sigma_0^z \otimes \sigma_1^z) - h (\sigma_0^x \otimes \text{Id}_1 + \text{Id}_0 \otimes \sigma_1^x)$$

In this case, it will not be hard to solve this and find the eigenstates, expectation values, etc. But let's practice good form, and start by understanding limiting cases.

Exercises

① In the limit  $J \gg \hbar$  (set  $\hbar$  to 0), what are the eigenstates and eigenvalues.

Find  $S_z^2 \otimes S_z^2$   
then this

Conclude: what is the effect of the  $J$  term in the Hamiltonian?

Then find the expectation value of the  $\hbar$  term in each of these states. If we turn on  $\hbar \ll J$ , will it change which of these states are favored as the GS?

② Same story w/  $\hbar \leftrightarrow J$ . (For this one, remember that if two operators commute, they can be simultaneously diagonalized) (Use whatever basis you like)

Find  $S_z^x \otimes Id$   
+  $Id \otimes S_z^x$

③ If neither term seems to have a "preference" between eigenstates of the other, can we satisfy both terms at once? (Hint: do they commute?)

④ Find the  $4 \times 4$  matrix for  $H$ .

Answers:

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state  
 $|\uparrow\uparrow\rangle$   
 $|\downarrow\downarrow\rangle$   
 $|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle$   
 $|\downarrow\uparrow\rangle$

E  
 $-\frac{J}{2}$   
 $-\frac{J}{2}$   
 $J$   
 $J$

$\begin{matrix} \nearrow \\ \nwarrow \end{matrix} 2GS_z$

$\langle h(\sigma_0^x + \sigma_1^x) \rangle = 0$  in each case  $\Rightarrow$  no

②

$|\rightarrow\rightarrow\rangle \quad -2h \leftarrow GS$   
 $|\rightarrow\leftarrow\rangle \quad 0$   
 $|\leftarrow\rightarrow\rangle \quad 0$   
 $|\leftarrow\leftarrow\rangle \quad 2h$

$\langle J \sigma_0^z \sigma_1^z \rangle \neq 0$  in each case  $\Rightarrow$  no

③

Yes, b/c they do not commute.

$$\begin{aligned} [\sigma_0^z \otimes \sigma_1^z, \sigma_0^x \otimes Id_1] &= (\sigma_0^z \otimes \sigma_1^z)(\sigma_0^x \otimes Id_1) - (\sigma_0^x \otimes Id_1)(\sigma_0^z \otimes \sigma_1^z) \\ &= i\sigma_0^y \otimes \sigma_1^z - -i\sigma_0^y \otimes \sigma_1^z \\ &= 2i\sigma_0^y \otimes \sigma_1^z \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

and likewise

④

$$\sigma_0^z \otimes \sigma_1^z \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & -1 & \\ & & -1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sigma_0^x \otimes Id_1 \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & -1 & \\ & & & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Id_0 \otimes \sigma_1^x \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow H = \begin{pmatrix} -J & -h & -h & \\ -h & J & & -h \\ -h & & J & -h \\ -h & -h & -h & -J \end{pmatrix}$$

Now I demo w/ Mathematica:

(turns out it can be solved analytically)