

1)

Suppose we have a particle in the  $|j, 0\rangle$   $J^2, J_z$  eigenstate which decays into two particles in

$|j_1, m_1; j_2, m_2\rangle$ . We can show

that  $m_1 \neq 0$  and  $m_2 \neq 0$

by showing that

$$\langle j, 0; 1, 0 | j, 0 \rangle = 0$$

By equation 7.127, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle j_1, m_1; j_2, m_2 | j_3, m_3 \rangle \\ = (-1)^{j_1+j_2-j_3} \langle j_1 - m_1; j_2 - m_2 | j_3 - m_3 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\langle j, 0; 1, 0 | j, 0 \rangle = - \langle j, 0; 1, 0 | j, 0 \rangle$$

Therefore,

$$\langle j, 0; 1, 0 | j, 0 \rangle = 0$$

Clearly this depended on the  
fact that  $m_3 = -m_3$ ,  $m_1 = -m_1$ ,  
 $m_2 = -m_2$ .

2)

a)

$$R(\hat{y} \frac{\pi}{2}) |10\rangle = \sum_m |1m\rangle \langle 1m | R(\hat{y} \frac{\pi}{2}) |10\rangle$$
$$= \sum_m |1m\rangle d_{m0}^{(1)}(\hat{y} \frac{\pi}{2})$$

$$= d_{-10}^{(1)}(\frac{\pi}{2} \hat{y}) |1-1\rangle$$

$$+ d_{00}^{(1)}(\frac{\pi}{2} \hat{y}) |10\rangle$$

$$+ d_{10}^{(1)}(\frac{\pi}{2} \hat{y}) |11\rangle$$

$$= \frac{\sin(\frac{\pi}{2})}{\sqrt{2}} |1-1\rangle + \cos(\frac{\pi}{2}) |10\rangle$$
$$- \frac{\sin(\frac{\pi}{2})}{\sqrt{2}} |11\rangle$$

$$R(\hat{y} \frac{\pi}{2}) |10\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1-1\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |11\rangle$$

$$R(\hat{y} \frac{\pi}{2}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

b)

To turn the  $z$  axis into the  $y$  axis  
we make a rotation by  $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{2}$   
about  $\hat{z}$  and  $\beta = \frac{\pi}{2}$  about  $\hat{y}'$ .

so

$$\begin{aligned} R(-\frac{\pi}{2} \hat{x}) |10\rangle &= \sum_m |1m\rangle \langle 1m | R(-\frac{\pi}{2} \hat{x}) |10\rangle \\ &= \sum_m |1m\rangle d_{m0}^{(1)}(\frac{\pi}{2} \hat{y}) e^{-im\frac{\pi}{2}} \\ &= -\frac{e^{-i\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin(\frac{\pi}{2})}{\sqrt{2}} |11\rangle \\ &\quad + \cos(\frac{\pi}{2}) |10\rangle \\ &\quad + \frac{e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin(\frac{\pi}{2})}{\sqrt{2}} |1-1\rangle \\ &= \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} |11\rangle + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} |1-1\rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$R(-\frac{\pi}{2} \hat{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{i}{2} & \frac{i}{2} & -\frac{i}{2} \\ \frac{i}{2} & 0 & -\frac{i}{2} \\ \frac{i}{2} & \frac{i}{2} & \frac{i}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

3)

$$\text{if } \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_0 \\ a_{-1} \end{pmatrix} = U \begin{pmatrix} a_x \\ a_y \\ a_z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{and } a_1 = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(a_x + ia_y)$$

$$a_{-1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(a_x - ia_y)$$

$$a_0 = a_z$$

then

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

b)

$$P_S = U P U^\dagger$$

$$P_S = U R_z(-\alpha) R_y(-\beta) R_z(-\alpha) U^\dagger$$

$$P_S = \begin{bmatrix} \cos^2(\frac{\beta}{2}) e^{-i(\alpha+\gamma)} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-i\gamma} \sin(\beta) & e^{i\alpha} e^{-i\gamma} \sin^2(\frac{\beta}{2}) \\ -\frac{e^{-i\alpha}}{\sqrt{2}} \sin(\beta) & \cos(\beta) & e^{i\alpha} \frac{\sin(\beta)}{\sqrt{2}} \\ e^{-i(\alpha-\gamma)} \sin^2(\frac{\beta}{2}) & -\frac{e^{i\gamma}}{\sqrt{2}} \sin(\beta) & \cos^2(\frac{\beta}{2}) e^{i\alpha+i\gamma} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P_S = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-i\alpha} \frac{1+\cos(\beta)}{2} e^{-i\gamma} & \frac{e^{i\gamma}}{\sqrt{2}} \sin(\beta) & e^{i\alpha} \frac{1-\cos(\beta)}{2} e^{-i\gamma} \\ -\frac{e^{-i\alpha}}{\sqrt{2}} \sin(\beta) & \cos(\beta) & \frac{e^{i\alpha}}{\sqrt{2}} \sin(\beta) \\ e^{-i\alpha} \frac{1-\cos(\beta)}{2} e^{i\gamma} & -\frac{e^{i\gamma}}{\sqrt{2}} \sin(\beta) & e^{i\alpha} \frac{1+\cos(\beta)}{2} e^{i\gamma} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} e^{-i\alpha} \frac{1+\cos(\beta)}{2} e^{-i\gamma} & \frac{e^{i\gamma}}{\sqrt{2}} \sin(\beta) & e^{i\alpha} \frac{1-\cos(\beta)}{2} e^{-i\gamma} \\ -\frac{e^{-i\alpha}}{\sqrt{2}} \sin(\beta) & \cos(\beta) & \frac{e^{i\alpha}}{\sqrt{2}} \sin(\beta) \\ e^{-i\alpha} \frac{1-\cos(\beta)}{2} e^{i\gamma} & -\frac{e^{i\gamma}}{\sqrt{2}} \sin(\beta) & e^{i\alpha} \frac{1+\cos(\beta)}{2} e^{i\gamma} \end{bmatrix}$$

c)

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_S^T &= \begin{bmatrix} e^{-i\alpha} \frac{1+\cos(\beta)}{2} e^{-i\gamma} & -\frac{e^{-i\alpha}}{\sqrt{2}} \sin(\beta) & e^{-i\alpha} \frac{1-\cos(\beta)}{2} e^{i\gamma} \\ \frac{e^{i\gamma}}{\sqrt{2}} \sin(\beta) & \cos(\beta) & -\frac{e^{i\gamma}}{\sqrt{2}} \sin(\beta) \\ e^{i\alpha} \frac{1-\cos(\beta)}{2} e^{-i\gamma} & \frac{e^{i\alpha}}{\sqrt{2}} \sin(\beta) & e^{i\alpha} \frac{1+\cos(\beta)}{2} e^{i\gamma} \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= [D_{m'm}^{(1)}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)] \quad \checkmark
 \end{aligned}$$