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1. (a) From the Gell-Mann-Nishijima formula

$$Q = I_3 + \frac{1}{2}(A+S)$$

For the *uds* quarks, the isospin is $I_3 = \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, 0$, the baryon number is $A = \frac{1}{3}$ and the strangeness is S = 0, 0, -1 respectively. The charges are then

$$Q_u = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{3} + 0 \right) = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$Q_d = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{3} + 0 \right) = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$Q_s = 0 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{3} - 1 \right) = -\frac{1}{3}$$

(b) The antiparticle will have the opposite charge $Q_{\bar{q}}=-Q_q$, baryon number $A_{\bar{q}}=-\frac{1}{3}$ and strangeness $S_{\bar{q}}=0,0,1$, so the isospin states are

$$Q_{\bar{u}} = -\frac{2}{3} = I_3 + \frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{1}{3} + 0 \right) \implies I_3 = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$Q_{\bar{d}} = \frac{1}{3} = I_3 + \frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{1}{3} + 0 \right) \implies I_3 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$Q_{\bar{s}} = \frac{1}{3} = I_3 + \frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{1}{3} + 1 \right) \implies I_3 = 0$$

so the isospin assignments $|I, I_3\rangle$ are

$$ar{u} = \left| \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle, \quad ar{d} = \left| \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle, \quad ar{s} = |0, 0\rangle$$

2. (a) For a the charged kaon

$$K^- \Leftrightarrow K^+$$

the charge is not conserved, so they cannot interconvert, so only the neutral mesons can mix. (b) We don't observe baryon-antibaryon interconversion because it violates baryon number conservation. (c) There is no mixing of neutral strange vector mesons because the K^{*0} and \bar{K}^{*0} have different strangeness S = +1, -1, so they cannot mix due to strangeness conservation.

3. From the Schrödinger equation

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\psi(t)\rangle = H |\psi(t)\rangle$$

and the time reversal operator $|\psi(t)\rangle = T |\psi(-t)\rangle$, so the equation is

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial(t)} T |\psi(-t)\rangle = HT |\psi(-t)\rangle$$

and the time derivative of the time-reversed state using chain rule

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial (t)} |\psi(-t)\rangle = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\psi(-t)\rangle$$

for the right side, since T and H commute

$$\begin{split} -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left| \psi(-t) \right\rangle &= TH \left| \psi(-t) \right\rangle \\ -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} T \left| \psi(t) \right\rangle &= THT \left| \psi(t) \right\rangle = TTH \left| \psi(t) \right\rangle \end{split}$$

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and since $T^2 = 1$

$$-i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} T \left| \psi(t) \right\rangle = H \left| \psi(t) \right\rangle$$

or

$$Tc = c^*T$$

4. Given the Hamiltonian

$$H = -\frac{1}{|\mathbf{J}|}(\mu \mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{B} + d\mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{E})$$

(a) From Maxwells equations

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = 4\pi \rho$$
$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$$

under time reversal $t \to -t$ the electric field is T-even $E \to E$ and the magnetic field is T-odd $B \to -B$. From angular momentum

$$\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{r} \times m \frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{r}}{\mathrm{d}t}$$

so under time reversal $t \to -t$ angular momentum is T-odd $\mathbf{L} \to -\mathbf{L}$, and since spin angular momentum is T-odd by the right hand rule, the total angular momentum is T-odd $\mathbf{J} \to -\mathbf{J}$.

For the parity, the magnetic field and angular momentum are even under parity since they are pseudovectors, and the electric field is odd under parity as a vector.

The charge conjugation of the electric field is $E \to -E$ and the magnetic field is $B \to -B$ since the antiparticle will have the opposite charge. The total angular momentum is invariant under charge conjugation $\mathbf{J} \to \mathbf{J}$ since the antiparticle will have the same spin.

$$C: \mathbf{E} \to -\mathbf{E}, \quad \mathbf{B} \to -\mathbf{B}, \quad \mathbf{J} \to \mathbf{J}$$

 $P: \mathbf{E} \to -\mathbf{E}, \quad \mathbf{B} \to \mathbf{B}, \quad \mathbf{J} \to \mathbf{J}$
 $T: \mathbf{E} \to \mathbf{E}, \quad \mathbf{B} \to -\mathbf{B}, \quad \mathbf{J} \to -\mathbf{J}$

(b) Since the Hamiltonian is invariant under time reversal so μ is T-even (odd times odd is even and even times even is even) and d is T-odd. The Hamiltonian is also invariant under parity so μ is P-even and d is P-odd. For charge conjugation, the Hamiltonian is invariant so μ is C-odd and d is C-odd.

$$\begin{split} C: \mu \to \mu, & d \to -d \\ P: \mu \to \mu, & d \to -d \\ T: \mu \to -\mu, & d \to -d \end{split}$$