

3. PRINCIPLES OF QM

Axiomatic principles

State vector axiom: State vector at t is ket $\psi(t)$, or $|\psi\rangle$.

Probability axiom: Given a system in state $|\psi\rangle$, a measurement will find it in state $|\phi\rangle$ with probability amplitude $\langle\phi|\psi\rangle$.

Hermitian operator axiom: Physical observable is represented by a linear and Hermitian operator.

Measurement axiom: Measurement of a physical observable results in eigenvalue of observable. Observable \hat{A} , we have $\hat{A}|a\rangle = a|a\rangle$, where a is eigenvalue and $|a\rangle$ is eigenvector. Measurement of the physical quantity represented by \hat{A} collapses the state $|\psi\rangle$ before measurement into an eigenstate $|a\rangle$ of \hat{A} .

Time evolution axiom: $i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\psi(t)\rangle = \hat{H} |\psi(t)\rangle$, w/o consider x or p .

Vector space

State vector is neither in position nor momentum space. Basis vectors:

$|0\rangle, |1\rangle, |n\rangle$

Linearity : Because the SE is linear, given two states $|\psi_1(t)\rangle$ and $|\psi_2(t)\rangle$, $|\psi(t)\rangle = c_1|\psi_1(t)\rangle + c_2|\psi_2(t)\rangle$ is also a sol. (c 's are complex).

Properties of a vector space

Dual vector space $c|\psi\rangle$ is mapped to $c^* \langle\psi|$. Given a vector, $|\psi\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} : \\ \alpha \\ : \end{bmatrix}$,

the dual vector is $\langle\psi| = [\cdots \quad \alpha^* \quad \cdots]$.

Dual basis vectors are $\langle 0| = [1 \quad 0 \quad \cdots], \cdots, \langle n| = [0 \quad \cdots \quad 1]$.

Inner product : $\langle\phi|\psi\rangle = c$, where c is complex.

$\langle\phi|\psi\rangle = \langle\psi|\phi\rangle^* \rightarrow \langle\psi|\psi\rangle$ is real, positive, and finite for a normalizable ket vector. Can choose $\langle\psi|\psi\rangle = 1$. $\langle\psi_m|\psi_n\rangle = \delta_{mn}$

Operators

A matrix operator \hat{A} acting on a state vector $|\psi\rangle$ transforms it into another state vector $|\phi\rangle$, $\hat{A}|\psi\rangle = |\phi\rangle$. It is linear.

Properties of operators

Hermitian conjugate (Hermitian adjoint) operator in the dual space

Hermitian adjoint operator \hat{A}^\dagger acts on the dual vector $\langle\psi|$ from the right as $\langle\psi|\hat{A}^\dagger$, where $\hat{A}^\dagger = (\hat{A})^{T*}$.

$$(\hat{A}|\psi\rangle)^\dagger = |\psi\rangle^\dagger \hat{A}^\dagger = \langle\psi|\hat{A}^\dagger \quad \langle\psi| = |\psi\rangle^\dagger \quad \langle\psi|^\dagger = |\psi\rangle \\ (\hat{A}\hat{B})^\dagger = (\hat{A}\hat{B})^{T*} = (\hat{B}^T \hat{A}^T)^* = \hat{B}^T \hat{A}^T = \hat{B}^\dagger \hat{A}^\dagger, \quad (c\hat{A})^\dagger = c^* \hat{A}^\dagger$$

Outer product operators : $|\psi\rangle\langle\phi| \quad [|\psi\rangle\langle\phi|]\chi\rangle = |\psi\rangle\langle\phi|\chi\rangle$

Matrix elements of operators

$$\langle\phi|\hat{A}|\psi\rangle \text{ (complex num)}$$

Hermitian equiv to complex conj $\langle\phi|\hat{A}|\psi\rangle^\dagger = \langle\psi|\hat{A}^\dagger|\phi\rangle = \langle\phi|\hat{A}|\psi\rangle^*$

Hermitian operators : $\hat{A}^\dagger = \hat{A}$, so given $\hat{A}|\phi\rangle$ in the vector space, we have $\langle\psi|\hat{A}^\dagger = \langle\phi|\hat{A}$ in the dual vector space.

Matrix elements of a Hermitian operator

$$\langle\phi|\hat{A}|\psi\rangle^\dagger = \langle\phi|\hat{A}|\psi\rangle^* = \langle\psi|\hat{A}^\dagger|\phi\rangle = \langle\psi|\hat{A}|\phi\rangle$$

Hermitian operator, real expectation vals: $\langle\psi|\hat{A}|\phi\rangle^* = \langle\psi|\hat{A}|\phi\rangle \equiv \langle\hat{A}\rangle$

Same result whether \hat{A} acts to right or left: $\langle\phi|\hat{A}|\psi\rangle = \langle\phi|\hat{A}^\dagger|\psi\rangle$

Eigenvals and eigenvcs of Hermitian operators : $\hat{A}|a_n\rangle = a_n|a_n\rangle$

Normalized eigvecs $\langle a_m|a_n\rangle = \delta_{mn}$. Gram-Schmidt, degenerate evcs.

Completeness of eigenvector of a Hermitian operator Set $|a_n\rangle$ is complete if $\sum_n |\langle a_n|\psi\rangle|^2 = 1$. $\sum_n |a_n\rangle\langle a_n| = 1$ (identity operator)

Continuous spectra of a Hermitian operator Hermitian operator \hat{A} , $\hat{A}|a\rangle = a|a\rangle$, where a is continuous.

$$f da' \langle a'|\hat{A}|a\rangle = a f da' \langle a'|a\rangle = f da' a' \langle a'|a\rangle \rightarrow \langle a'|a\rangle = \delta(a' - a)$$

Continuous condition: $\int da|a\rangle\langle a| = 1$

Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization procedure Eigval (like energy level) is n -fold degenerate: n states w same eigval.

Orthogonal eigenstates \rightarrow no degeneracy.

1. Normalize each state and define $\alpha_i = \frac{\alpha_i}{\sqrt{\langle\alpha_i|\alpha_i\rangle}}$. 2. $|\alpha'_i\rangle = |\alpha_i\rangle$.

$$3. |\alpha'_2\rangle = \frac{|\alpha_2\rangle - |\alpha_1\rangle\langle\alpha_1|\alpha_2\rangle}{\sqrt{\langle\alpha_2|\alpha_2\rangle - \langle\alpha_1|\alpha_2\rangle\langle\alpha_2|\alpha_1\rangle}} = \frac{|\alpha_2\rangle - |\alpha_1\rangle\langle\alpha_1|\alpha_2\rangle}{\sqrt{1 - \langle\alpha_1|\alpha_2\rangle\langle\alpha_2|\alpha_1\rangle}}$$

4. Subtract components of $|\alpha_3\rangle$ along $|\alpha_1\rangle$ and $|\alpha_2\rangle$.

$|\alpha_3\rangle - |\alpha_1\rangle\langle\alpha_1|\alpha_3\rangle - |\alpha_2\rangle\langle\alpha_2|\alpha_3\rangle$, normalize and promote to $|\alpha'_3\rangle$

Position and momentum representation

$$\hat{r}|\vec{r}\rangle = \vec{r}|\vec{r}\rangle \quad \langle\vec{r}'|\vec{r}\rangle = \delta^3(\vec{r}' - \vec{r}), \int d^3\vec{r}|\vec{r}\rangle\langle\vec{r}| = 1, \langle\vec{r}'|\hat{r}|\vec{r}\rangle = \vec{r}\delta^3(\vec{r}' - \vec{r})$$

$$\hat{p}|\vec{p}\rangle = \vec{p}|\vec{p}\rangle \quad \langle\vec{p}'|\vec{p}\rangle = \delta^3(\vec{p}' - \vec{p}), \int d^3\vec{p}|\vec{p}\rangle\langle\vec{p}| = 1$$

State vector $|\psi(t)\rangle$ in position space (scalar): $\langle\vec{r}|\psi(x, t)\rangle \equiv \psi(\vec{r}, t)$

$$\langle\psi|\hat{p}|\psi\rangle = \frac{d}{dt} \langle\psi|\vec{r}|\psi\rangle m$$

Representation of momentum operator in position space: $\hat{p} = -i\hbar\vec{\nabla}$.

$$\langle x|\hat{p}|x'\rangle = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \delta(x - x') = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \langle x|x'\rangle.$$

$\hat{p} = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ is Hermitian, $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ is not.

$$\langle x|\hat{p}|p\rangle = p\langle x|p\rangle = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \langle x|p\rangle. \text{ The solution is } \langle x|p\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} p x}.$$

$$\text{In 3D, } \langle\vec{r}|\vec{p}\rangle = \frac{1}{(2\pi\hbar)^{3/2}} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \vec{p}\vec{r}}.$$

We can write the normalized wavefunction of definite position in momentum space, $\langle p|x\rangle = \langle x|p\rangle^*$. So, $\langle p|x\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} p x}$ (particle moving to the left, or with momentum $-p$, in the momentum space). $[x, p] = i\hbar$

Operators and wavefunction in position representation Position and momentum operators in pos space: $\hat{r} = \vec{r}$, $\hat{p} = -i\hbar\vec{\nabla}$.

\hat{r} is Hermitian and $\langle\phi|\hat{r}^\dagger|\psi\rangle = \langle\phi|\hat{r}|\psi\rangle$.

$$\hat{O}(\hat{r}, \hat{p}) = \hat{O}(\vec{r}, -i\hbar\vec{\nabla})$$

The expectation val of the observable should be indep of representation. In state $\psi(t)$, $\langle\hat{O}\rangle = \langle\psi(t)|\hat{O}|\psi(t)\rangle$.

$$\text{Insert } \int d^2\vec{r}|\vec{r}\rangle\langle\vec{r}| = 1 \text{ to get } \langle\hat{O}\rangle = \int d^2\vec{r}\langle\psi(t)|\vec{r}\rangle\langle\vec{r}|\hat{O}|\psi(t)\rangle$$

$$\psi(\vec{r}, t) = \langle\vec{r}|\psi(t)\rangle, \quad \psi(\vec{r}, t)^* = \langle\vec{r}|\psi(t)\rangle^* = \langle\psi(t)|\vec{r}\rangle,$$

$$\langle\vec{r}|\hat{O}|\psi(t)\rangle = \hat{O}(\vec{r}, -i\hbar\vec{\nabla})\psi(\vec{r}, t), \langle\hat{O}\rangle = \int d^3\vec{r}\psi(\vec{r}, t)^* \hat{O}(\vec{r}, -i\hbar\vec{\nabla})\psi(\vec{r}, t)$$

Operators and wavefunction in momentum representation $\hat{r} = i\hbar\vec{\nabla}_{\vec{p}}$, or in 1D, $\hat{x} = i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial p}$, $\hat{p} = \vec{p}$, where $\vec{p}^* = \vec{p}$.

$$\hat{O}(\hat{r}, \hat{p}) = \hat{O}(i\hbar\vec{\nabla}_{\vec{p}}, \vec{p})$$

$$\langle\hat{O}\rangle = \langle\psi(t)|\hat{O}|\psi(t)\rangle \rightarrow \langle\hat{O}\rangle = \int d^2\vec{p}\langle\psi(t)|\vec{p}\rangle\langle\vec{p}|\hat{O}|\psi(t)\rangle.$$

$$\psi(\vec{p}, t) = \langle\vec{p}|\psi(t)\rangle, \quad \psi(\vec{p}, t)^* = \langle\vec{p}|\psi(t)\rangle^* = \langle\psi(t)|\vec{p}\rangle$$

$$\langle\vec{p}|\hat{O}|\psi(t)\rangle = \hat{O}(i\hbar\vec{\nabla}_{\vec{p}}, \vec{p}), \langle\hat{O}\rangle = \int d^3\vec{p}\psi(\vec{p}, t)^* \hat{O}(i\hbar\vec{\nabla}_{\vec{p}}, \vec{p})\psi(\vec{p}, t).$$

$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\psi(t)\rangle = \hat{H} |\psi(t)\rangle$, where $\hat{H} = \frac{\hat{p}^2}{2m} + V(\vec{r}, t)$ becomes

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \vec{\nabla}^2 \psi(\vec{r}, t) + V(\vec{r}, t) \psi(\vec{r}, t)$$

Commuting operators

If $[\hat{A}, \hat{B}] = 0$ and the states are nondegenerate, $|\psi\rangle$ is a simultaneous eigenstate of \hat{A} and \hat{B} .

$|\psi\rangle = |ab\rangle$, and $\hat{A}|ab\rangle = a|ab\rangle$, $\hat{B}|ab\rangle = b|ab\rangle$

Non-commuting operators and the general uncertainty principle

$$(\Delta A)^2 (\Delta B)^2 \geq \left(\frac{1}{2i} \langle[\hat{A}, \hat{B}]\rangle\right)^2$$

Cannot construct simultaneous eigenstates (which correspond to definite eigenvalues) of non-commuting observables.

Time evolution of expectation value of an operator and Ehrenfest's theorem

Ehrenfest's theorem: how observable \hat{O} 's expectation value in state $|\psi(t)\rangle$

evolves in time, $\frac{d}{dt} \langle\hat{O}\rangle = \langle\frac{\partial \hat{O}}{\partial t}\rangle + \frac{i}{\hbar} \langle[\hat{H}, \hat{O}]\rangle$. If operator has no explicit time dep, $\frac{d}{dt} \langle\hat{O}\rangle = \frac{1}{i\hbar} \langle[\hat{O}, \hat{H}]\rangle$.

For $\hat{O} = \hat{p}$ and a Hamiltonian that is TI, $\frac{d}{dt} \langle\hat{p}\rangle = -\langle\vec{\nabla} V(\vec{r})\rangle$, which is just Newton's Second Law! \rightarrow QM contains all of classical mech.

The simple harmonic oscillator

$$\hat{H} = \frac{\hat{p}^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2} m\omega^2 \hat{x}^2$$

Raising and lowering operators Lowering op: $\hat{a} = \sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar}} (\hat{x} + \frac{i}{m\omega} \hat{p})$. Raising op: $\hat{a}^\dagger = \sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar}} (\hat{x} - \frac{i}{m\omega} \hat{p})$.

$$[\hat{a}, \hat{a}^\dagger] = 1 \quad \hat{x} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}} (\hat{a}^\dagger + \hat{a}), \hat{p} = i\sqrt{\frac{m\omega\hbar}{2}} (\hat{a}^\dagger - \hat{a})$$

$$\hat{H} = (\hat{N} + \frac{1}{2})\hbar\omega, \text{ where } \hat{N} = \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a}. \text{ Now } \hat{N} \text{ is Hermitian, and } \hat{N}|n\rangle = n|n\rangle.$$

$$[\hat{N}, \hat{a}] = -\hat{a}, [\hat{N}, \hat{a}^\dagger] = \hat{a}^\dagger$$

$$\hat{N}(\hat{a}|n\rangle) = (n-1)(\hat{a}|n\rangle), \hat{N}(\hat{a}^\dagger|n\rangle) = (n+1)(\hat{a}^\dagger|n\rangle)$$

Normalized number state vectors Energy levels are not degenerate, so $|n-1\rangle = c_n \hat{a}|n\rangle \rightarrow c_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \rightarrow \hat{a}|n\rangle = \sqrt{n}|n-1\rangle$.

$$|n+1\rangle = d_n \hat{a}^\dagger|n\rangle \rightarrow d_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} \rightarrow \hat{a}^\dagger|n\rangle = \sqrt{n+1}|n+1\rangle$$

Ground state: $|0\rangle$, excited state: $|n\rangle = \frac{(\hat{a}^\dagger)^n}{\sqrt{n!}} |0\rangle$, $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

$$\langle n'|\hat{x}|n\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}} \langle n'|(\hat{a}^\dagger + \hat{a})|n\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}} (\sqrt{n+1}\delta_{n',n+1} + \sqrt{n}\delta_{n',n-1})$$

$$\langle n'|\hat{p}|n\rangle = i\sqrt{\frac{m\omega\hbar}{2}} \langle n'|(\hat{a}^\dagger - \hat{a})|n\rangle = i\sqrt{\frac{m\omega\hbar}{2}} (\sqrt{n+1}\delta_{n',n+1} - \sqrt{n}\delta_{n',n-1})$$

Wavefunctions in position representation $E_n = (n + \frac{1}{2})\hbar\omega$, $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

The stationary wavefunctions of definite energy: $\psi_n(x) = \langle x|n\rangle$

$$\langle x'|\hat{a}^\dagger|x''\rangle = \delta(x' - x'') \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\sigma}} (x'' - \sigma^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x''}), \text{ where } \sigma \equiv \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{m\omega}}$$

$$\xi = \frac{x}{\sigma}, \quad \langle x|n\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi n! 2^n \sigma}} (\xi - \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi})^n e^{-\frac{1}{2}\xi^2}$$

$$\langle x|0\rangle = (\frac{m\omega}{\pi\hbar})^{1/4} e^{-\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar}x^2}, \quad \langle x|1\rangle = \sqrt{2}(\frac{m^3\omega^3}{\pi\hbar^3})^{1/4} x e^{-\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar}x^2}$$

Classical simple harmonic oscillator Hamiltonian of a simple harmonic is

$$H = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2} m\omega^2 x^2. \quad \dot{x} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} = \frac{p}{m}, \quad \dot{p} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = -m\omega^2 x$$

Define $\sqrt{\hbar m\omega} \alpha = \sqrt{\frac{m\omega^2}{2}} x + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2m}} p$, so $x = \sqrt{\frac{2\hbar}{m\omega}} \alpha_R$ and $p = \sqrt{2m\hbar\omega} \alpha_I$

Rewrite Hamiltonian, $H = \hbar\omega|\alpha|^2$, $\dot{\alpha} = -i\omega\alpha$. The sol is $\alpha = \alpha_0 e^{-i\omega t}$.

The quantum simple harmonic oscillator and coherent state Coherent state, superpos of stat states $|n\rangle$: $|\alpha\rangle = e^{-\frac{1}{2}|\alpha|^2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha^n}{\sqrt{n!}} |n\rangle$

$$P(n) = |\langle n|\alpha\rangle|^2 = |\alpha_n|^2 = \frac{\langle n\rangle^n e^{-\langle n\rangle}}{n!}, \text{ where } \langle n\rangle = \langle\alpha|\alpha^\dagger \alpha|\alpha\rangle = |\alpha|^2.$$

4. 3D SYSTEMS

Three-dimensional infinite square well

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}) \psi(x, y, z) = E \psi(x, y, z) \text{ for } 0 \leq x \leq l_x, \dots$$

while $\psi(x, y, z) = 0$ outside.

Separation of vars: $\psi(x, y, z) = \psi_1(x)\psi_2(y)\psi_3(z)$

\rightarrow SE becomes $-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \psi_1(x) = E_1 \psi_1(x)$, ..., where $E = E_1 + E_2 + E_3$.

$$\psi_{n_x n_y n_z}(x, y, z) = \sqrt{\frac{8}{l_x l_y l_z}} \sin\left(\frac{n_x \pi}{l_x} x\right) \sin\left(\frac{n_y \pi}{l_y} y\right) \sin\left(\frac{n_z \pi}{l_z} z\right)$$

$$E_{n_x n_y n_z} = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2m} \left(\frac{n_x^2}{l_x^2} + \frac{n_y^2}{l_y^2} + \frac{n_z^2}{l_z^2}\right), \text{ with } n_x, n_y, n_z = 1, 2, \dots$$

Wave vector: $\vec{k} = (k_x, k_y, k_z) = (\frac{n_x \pi}{l_x}, \frac{n_y \pi}{l_y}, \frac{n_z \pi}{l_z})$

The Schrödinger equation in spherical coordinates

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \vec{\nabla}^2 \psi(\vec{r}, t) + V(\vec{r}) \psi(\vec{r}, t), \text{ where } \vec{r} = (r, \theta, \phi),$$

$$\psi(\vec{r}, t) = \psi(r, \theta, \phi, t) \text{ and } \vec{\nabla}^2 = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{r}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2}.$$

For a TI and central potential, potential depends only on r , $V(\vec{r}) = V(r)$.

$$\frac{1}{r(r)} \left[\frac{d}{dr} \left[\frac{d}{dr} - \frac{2m r^2}{\hbar^2} (V(r) - E) \right] \right] = -\frac{1}{Y(\theta, \phi)} \left[\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{d^2 Y(\theta, \phi)}{d\phi^2} \right]$$

Each side must be constant and equal (let it be $l(l+1)$).

$$\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{d^2 Y(\theta, \phi)}{d\phi^2} = -l(l+1) Y(\theta, \phi)$$

$$\frac{d}{dr} - \frac{2m r^2}{\hbar^2} (V(r) - E) = l(l+1) R(r)$$

Orbital angular momentum

$$\hat{L}_x = \hat{y}\hat{p}_z - \hat{z}\hat{p}_y, \hat{L}_y = \hat{z}\hat{p}_x - \hat{x}\hat{p}_z, \hat{L}_z = \hat{x}\hat{p}_y - \hat{y}\hat{p}_x$$

$$[\hat{L}_i, \hat{L}_j] = i\hbar \epsilon_{ijk} \hat{L}_k, \text{ with } i = 1, 2, 3 \text{ representing the } x, y, \text{ and } z$$

components, and $\epsilon_{123} = \epsilon_{312} = 1$, which is -1 for odd perms of indices, and vanishes when repeated.

$$\hat{L}^2 = \hat{L}_x^2 + \hat{L}_y^2 + \hat{L}_z^2, [\hat{L}^2, \hat{L}_i] = 0$$

In pos rep, $\hat{L} = \vec{r} \times \vec{p} = -i\hbar \vec{r} \times \vec{\nabla}$. In sph coords,

$$\hat{L} = -i\hbar r \hat{r} \times \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \hat{r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \hat{\theta} + \frac{r}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \hat{\phi} \right) = -i\hbar \left(\hat{\phi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} - \hat{\theta} \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right)$$

$$\hat{r} = \sin \theta \cos \phi \hat{x} + \sin \theta \sin \phi \hat{y} + \cos \theta \hat{z}$$

$$\hat{\theta} = \cos \theta \cos \phi \hat{x} + \cos \theta \sin \phi \hat{y} - \sin \theta \hat{z} \quad \hat{\phi} = -\sin \phi \hat{x} - \cos \phi \hat{y}$$

$$\hat{L}_x = i\hbar (\sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \cot \theta \cos \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}) \quad \hat{L}_y = i\hbar (-\cos \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \cot \theta \sin \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi})$$

$$\hat{L}_z = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \quad \hat{L}^2 = -\hbar^2 \left[\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta$$

Spherical harmonics Find sols to angular eqn. Sep vars $Y(\theta, \phi) = \Theta(\theta)\Phi(\phi)$.

$$\frac{1}{\Theta}[\sin\theta\frac{d}{d\theta} + l(l+1)\sin^2\theta = -\frac{1}{\Theta}\frac{d^2\Phi}{d\phi^2} = \text{constant} = m^2$$

$\Phi(\phi) = e^{im\phi}$, periodic in ϕ w period 2π gives constraint $m = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$
 $\Theta(\theta)$ can be written in terms of $x \equiv \cos\theta$ as

$$(1-x^2)\frac{d^2P(x)}{dx^2} - 2x\frac{dP(x)}{dx} + (l(l+1) - \frac{m^2}{1-x^2})P(x) = 0$$

Associated Legendre functions: $P_l^{m_l}(x) = (1-x^2)^{|m_l|/2}(\frac{d}{dx})^{|m_l|}P_l(x)$,

where $P_l(x)$ is the l^{th} Legendre polynomial given by the Rodrigues formula

$$P_l(x) = \frac{1}{2^ll!}(\frac{d}{dx})^l(1-x^2)^l, \text{ with } l \text{ taking values } l = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

and for each l , m_l takes $2l+1$ values $m_l = -l, -l+1, ..., l-1, l$.

Spherical harmonics, normalized angular wave functions:

$$Y_l^m(\theta, \phi) = \epsilon\sqrt{\frac{(2l+1)}{4\pi}\frac{(l-|m|)!}{(l+|m|)!}}e^{im\phi}P_l^m(\cos\theta), \text{ where } \epsilon = (-1)^m \text{ for } m \geq 0 \text{ and } \epsilon = 1 \text{ for } m < 0.$$

$$\widehat{L}_xY_l^{m_l} = l(l+1)\hbar^2Y_l^{m_l}, \quad \widehat{L}_zY_l^{m_l} = m\hbar Y_l^{m_l}$$

The Legendre polynomials are normalized s.t. they satisfy the ortho relation

$$\int_{-1}^1P_lP_l(x)dx = \int_0^\pi P_l(\theta)P_l(\theta)\sin\theta d\theta = \frac{2}{2l+1}\delta_{l'l}$$

$$\frac{P_0^0(\theta) = 1, P_1^1(\theta) = \sin\theta, P_1^0(\theta) = \cos\theta, \text{ with } P_l^{-m_l}(x) = P_l^{m_l}(x)}{\int_{-1}^1P_l^{m_l}(x)P_l^{m_l}(x)dx = \int_0^\pi P_l^{m_l}(\theta)P_l^{m_l}(\theta)\sin\theta d\theta = \frac{(l+m)!}{(2l+1)l(m)!}\delta_{l'l}\delta_{m'l,m}}$$

Satisfy the orthogonality relation

$$\int_0^{2\pi}d\phi\int_0^\pi d\theta\sin\theta Y_{l'}^{m_l'}*(\theta, \phi)Y_l^{m_l}(\theta, \phi) = \delta_{l'l}\delta_{m_l'm_l}$$

$$\widehat{L}^2|lm_l\rangle = l(l+1)\hbar^2|lm_l\rangle, \quad \widehat{L}_z|lm_l\rangle = m\hbar|lm_l\rangle$$

$$\widehat{L}_+ = L_x + iL_y, \widehat{L}_-L_x - iL_y, L_x = \frac{1}{2}(L_- + L_+), \langle L_z^2\rangle = \frac{1}{2}\langle L^2 - L_z^2\rangle$$

$$L_{\pm}|lm\rangle = \hbar\sqrt{l(l\mp m)(l\pm m+1)}|l, m\pm 1\rangle$$

Spherical harmonics are the wavefunctions in pos rep, $Y_l^{m_l}(\theta, \phi) = \langle \vec{r}|lm_l\rangle$

Parity of the spherical harmonics

$$\hat{P}\psi(x, y, z) = \psi(-x, -y, -z), \quad \hat{P}\psi(r, \theta, \phi) = \psi(r, \pi - \theta, \phi + \theta)$$

$$\text{For the Legendre polynomials, } \hat{P}P_l^{m_l}(\theta) = (-1)^{l-|m_l|}P_l^{m_l}(\theta)$$

→ even for $l+|m_l|$ even and odd for $l+|m_l|$ odd.

$$\text{Azimuthal part of the wavefunction, } \hat{P}e^{im_l\phi} = e^{im_l(\phi+\pi)} = (-1)^{m_l}e^{im_l\phi}.$$

The spherical harmonics are products of two, and $\hat{P}Y_l^{m_l}(\theta, \phi) =$

$$Y_l^{m_l}(\pi - \theta, \phi + \pi) = (-1)^{l-|m_l|+m_l}Y_l^{m_l}(\theta, \phi) = (-1)^lY_l^{m_l}(\theta, \phi)$$

The hydrogen atom

$$\text{Coulomb's law, } \widehat{V} = -\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0}\frac{1}{r}$$

$$\text{Let } u(r) \equiv rR(r), \text{ Radial eq: } -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\frac{d^2u}{dr^2} + [-\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0}\frac{1}{r} + \frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\frac{l(l+1)}{r^2}]u = Eu$$

The radial wave function

$$\kappa \equiv \frac{\sqrt{-2mE}}{\hbar}. \text{ Divide by } E, \frac{1}{\kappa^2}\frac{d^2u}{dr^2} = [1 - \frac{m\epsilon^2}{2\pi\epsilon_0\hbar^2\kappa}\frac{1}{r} + \frac{l(l+1)}{(\kappa r)^2}]u$$

$$\text{Introduce } \rho \equiv \kappa r, \rho_0 \equiv \frac{m\epsilon^2}{2\pi\epsilon\hbar^2\kappa}, \frac{d^2u}{d\rho^2} = [1 - \frac{\rho_0}{\rho} + \frac{l(l+1)}{\rho^2}]u$$

$$\text{As } \rho \rightarrow \infty, \text{ the constant term in the brackets dominates, so } \frac{d^2u}{d\rho^2} = u.$$

General sol is $u(\rho) = Ae^{-\rho} + Be^{\rho}$, but $B = 0 \rightarrow u(\rho) = Ae^{-\rho}$ for large ρ .

$$\text{As } \rho \rightarrow 0, \text{ centriugal term dominates, } \frac{d^2u}{d\rho^2} = \frac{l(l+1)}{\rho^2}u$$

The general sol is $u(\rho) = C\rho^{l+1} + D\rho^{-l}$, but ρ^{-l} blows up as $\rho \rightarrow 0$, so $D = 0$. Thus, $u(\rho) \approx C\rho^{l+1}$ for small ρ .

Peel off the asymptotic behavior, let $u(\rho) = \rho^{l+1}e^{-\rho}v(\rho)$

$$\frac{du}{d\rho} = \rho^le^{-\rho}[(l+1-\rho)v + \rho\frac{dv}{d\rho}]$$

$$\frac{d^2u}{d\rho^2} = \rho^le^{-\rho}\{[-2l-2+\rho+\frac{l(l+1)}{\rho}]v + 2(l+1-\rho)\frac{dv}{d\rho} + \rho\frac{d^2v}{d\rho^2}\}$$

$$\text{Radial eq in terms of } v(\rho), \rho\frac{d^2v}{d\rho^2} + 2(l+1-\rho)\frac{dv}{d\rho} + [\rho_0 - 2(l+1)]v = 0$$

Assume $v(\rho)$ can be expressed as a power series in ρ : $v(\rho) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty}c_j\rho^j$.

$$\frac{dv}{d\rho} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty}jc_j\rho^{j-1} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty}(j+1)c_{j+1}\rho^j,$$

$$\frac{d^2v}{d\rho^2} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty}j(j+1)c_{j+1}\rho^{j-1}$$

$$j(j+1)c_{j+1} + 2(l+1)(j+1)c_{j+1} - 2jc_j + [\rho_0 - 2(l+1)]c_j = 0$$

$$c_{j+1} = \frac{2(j+l+1)-\rho_0}{(j+1)(j+2l+2)}c_j$$

$$\text{For large } j \text{ (corresponding to large } \rho), c_{j+1} = \frac{2j}{j(j+1)}c_j = \frac{2}{j+1}c_j$$

$$\text{If this were exact, } c_j = \frac{2^j}{j!}c_0, v(\rho) = c_0\sum_{j=0}^{\infty}\frac{2^j}{j!}\rho^j = c_0e^{2\rho}, \text{ and hence}$$

$u(\rho) = c_0\rho^{l+1}e^{\rho}$, which blows up at large ρ

$\exists c_{j_{\text{max}}+1} = 0$, so $2(j_{max}+l+1) - \rho_0 = 0$.

Define principle quantum number, $n \equiv j_{\text{max}} + l + 1$, so $\rho_0 = 2n$

$$E = -\frac{\hbar^2\kappa^2}{2m} = -\frac{m\epsilon^3}{8\pi^2\epsilon_0^2\hbar^2\rho_0^2}$$

$$\text{Bohr formula: } E_n = -[\frac{m}{2\hbar^2}(\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon})^2]\frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{E_1}{n^2} = \frac{-13.6\text{ eV}}{n^2}, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\kappa = (\frac{m\epsilon^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0\hbar^2})\frac{1}{n} = \frac{1}{an}, \text{ Bohr radius: } a \equiv \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0\hbar^2}{m\epsilon^2} = 0.529 \times 10^{-10}\text{m}$$

$$\psi_{nlm}(r, \theta, \phi) = R_{nl}(r)Y_l^m(\theta, \phi), \psi_{100}(r, \theta, \phi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi a^3}}e^{-r/a}$$

For arbitrary n , $l = 0, 1, ..., n-1$, so $d(n) = 2\sum_{l=0}^{n-1}(2l+1) = 2n^2$

$$v(\rho) = L_{n-l-1}^{2l+1}(2\rho), \text{ where } L_{p-p}^p(\equiv) (-1)^p(\frac{d}{dx})^pL_q(x) \text{ is an associated}$$

Laguerre polynomial. $L_q(x) \equiv e^x(\frac{d}{dx})^q(e^{-x}x^q)$ is the q th Lag. poly.

Normalized hydrogen wavefunctions:

$$\psi_{nlm} = \sqrt{(\frac{2}{na})^3\frac{(n-l-1)!}{2n[(n+1)!]^3}}e^{-r/na}(\frac{2r}{na})^l[L_{n-l-1}^{2l+1}(2r/na)Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)]$$

Wavefunctions are mutually orthogonal.

$$\int\psi^*_{n'l'm_l'}\psi_{nlm_l}r^2\sin\theta drd\theta d\phi = \delta_{n'n}\delta_{l'l}\delta_{m_l'm_l}$$

$$\textbf{Spectrum} \text{ Transitions: } E_{\gamma} = E_i - E_f = -13.6\text{eV}(\frac{1}{n_i^2} - \frac{1}{n_f^2})$$

Planck formula, $E_{\gamma} = h\nu$, wavefunction is $\lambda = c/\nu$.

$$\text{Rydberg: } \frac{1}{\lambda} = R(\frac{1}{n_f^2} - \frac{1}{n_i^2}), R \equiv \frac{m}{4\pi\epsilon_0\hbar^3}(\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0})^2 = 1.097 \times 10^7 \text{ m}^{-1}$$

General angular momentum

$$\widehat{J} = (\widehat{J}_x, \widehat{J}_y, \widehat{J}_z) = (\widehat{J}_1, \widehat{J}_2, \widehat{J}_3) \qquad \widehat{J}^2 = \widehat{J}_x^2 + \widehat{J}_y^2 + \widehat{J}_z^2$$

$$[\widehat{J}_i, \widehat{J}_j] = i\hbar\epsilon_{ijk}\widehat{J}_k, [\widehat{J}^2, J_i] = 0$$

Take commuting set to be \widehat{J}^2 and \widehat{J}_z . Trade \widehat{J}_x and \widehat{J}_y for $\widehat{J}_{\pm} = \widehat{J}_x \pm i\widehat{J}_y$

Commutation relations: $[\widehat{J}_+, \widehat{J}_-] = 2\hbar\widehat{J}_z$, $[\widehat{J}_z, \widehat{J}_{\pm}] = \pm\hbar\widehat{J}_{\pm}$, $[\widehat{J}^2, \widehat{J}_{\pm}] = 0$

\widehat{J}^2 and \widehat{J}_z commute → we can simultaneously diagonalize them. Let the

simultaneous eigenstate be $|ab\rangle$ s.t. $\widehat{J}^2|ab\rangle = a|ab\rangle, \widehat{J}_z|ab\rangle = b|ab\rangle$

$$\widehat{J}^2(\widehat{J}_{\pm}|ab\rangle) = a(\widehat{J}_{\pm}|ab\rangle) \qquad \widehat{J}_z(\widehat{J}_{\pm}|ab\rangle) = (b \pm \hbar)(\widehat{J}_{\pm}|ab\rangle)$$

\widehat{J}_+ raises and \widehat{J}_- lowers the eigenvalue b of \widehat{J}_z . Assuming $|ab\rangle$ is normalized,

$$\widehat{J}_{\pm}|ab\rangle = c_{\pm}|ab \pm \hbar\rangle, \text{ where } c_{\pm} \text{ are normalization constants.}$$

$$\widehat{J}_+\widehat{J}_+ = \widehat{J}^2 - \widehat{J}_z^2 \pm \hbar\widehat{J}_z$$

$$0 = \langle ab_{\text{max}}|\widehat{J}_- \widehat{J}_+|ab_{\text{max}}\rangle = a - b_{\text{max}}^2 - \hbar b_{\text{max}}, 0 = a - b_{\text{min}}^2 + \hbar b_{\text{min}}$$

$$b_{\text{max}} = \frac{-\hbar + \sqrt{\hbar^2 + 4a}}{2}, b_{\text{min}} = \frac{\hbar - \sqrt{\hbar^2 + 4a}}{2}, b_{\text{max}} = -b_{\text{min}} = j\hbar, j = 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1, \dots$$

$j \equiv \frac{n}{2}$, then $a = b_{\text{max}}^2 + \hbar b_{\text{max}} = j^2\hbar^2 + \hbar^2j = \hbar^2(j+1)\hbar^2$

$$\widehat{J}_{\pm}|jm_j\rangle = \hbar\sqrt{(j\mp m_j)(j\pm m_j+1)}|jm_j\pm 1\rangle$$

$$\langle j'm_j'|\widehat{J}_{\pm}|jm_j\rangle = \hbar\sqrt{(j\mp m_j)(j\pm m_j+1)}\langle j'm_j'|jm_j\pm 1\rangle =$$

$$\hbar\sqrt{(j\mp m_j)(j\pm m_j+1)}\delta_{j'j}\delta_{m'_j m_j\pm 1}$$

Spin

Classical orbital and spinning motion Infinitesimal classical angular momentum corresponding to an infinite linear momentum $d\vec{p} = dm\vec{v}$ at position \vec{r} from the axis of rotation is $d\vec{L} = \vec{r} \times d\vec{p}$

$$\text{The total angular momentum is } \vec{L} = \int \vec{r} \times d\vec{p} = \int \vec{r} \times \boldsymbol{dm}\vec{v}$$

Point particle of mass m at radius r spinning w constant angular velocity ω

$$\text{about the } z\text{-axis, } \vec{L} = I\omega\hat{z} = m\omega r^2\hat{z}$$

Considering a particle of mass m and charge q rotating with angular velocity ω at radius r about the z -axis, the angular momentum \vec{L} and the momentum dipole momentum $\vec{\mu}$ are given by $\vec{L} = m\omega r^2\hat{z}$, $\vec{\mu} = \frac{q}{2}\omega r^2\hat{z}$, where we used

$$\mu = I\pi r^2 \text{ with current } I = \frac{q}{2\pi r}\omega = \frac{q\omega}{2\pi}. \text{ Thus, } \vec{\mu} = \frac{\vec{L}}{2m}$$

$$\textbf{Spin} \text{ Electron: } j = \frac{1}{2}, m_j = \pm \frac{1}{2}. \text{ Spin-}\frac{1}{2}: s = \frac{1}{2}, \text{ use } \widehat{J} \rightarrow \widehat{S}.$$

$$\text{Basis vectors are } |\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\rangle \equiv |1\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, |\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\rangle \equiv |2\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

\widehat{S}_z and \widehat{S}^2 are diagonal, since simultaneously diagonalized. Matrix elements:

$$\langle s'm_s'|\widehat{S}^2|sm_s\rangle = s(s+1)\hbar^2\delta_{s's'}\delta_{m_s'm_s},$$

$$\langle s'm_s'|\widehat{S}_z|sm_s\rangle = m_s\hbar\delta_{s's'}\delta_{m_s'm_s}$$

$$\widehat{S}^2 = \frac{3}{4}\hbar^2\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \widehat{S}_z = \frac{\hbar}{2}\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \widehat{S}_+ = \hbar\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \widehat{S}_- = \frac{\hbar}{2}\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\widehat{S}_x = \frac{1}{2}(\widehat{S}_+ + \widehat{S}_-), \widehat{S}_y = \frac{i}{2i}(\widehat{S}_+ - \widehat{S}_-), \widehat{S}_x = \frac{\hbar}{2}\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \widehat{S}_y = \frac{\hbar}{2}\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Spin angular momentum: } \vec{S} = \frac{\hbar}{2}\vec{\sigma}. \text{ Pauli m: } \sigma_x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \sigma_y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \sigma_z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[\widehat{S}_i, \widehat{S}_j] = i\hbar\epsilon_{ijk}\widehat{S}_k \text{ and } [\sigma_i, \sigma_j] = 2i\epsilon_{ijk}\sigma_k$$

A general state of a spin-half system is given by a spinor,

$$|\chi\rangle = \alpha|\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\rangle + \beta|\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } \alpha \text{ and } \beta \text{ are complex constants.}$$

$$a_x = \sin\theta\cos\phi, a_y = \sin\theta\sin\phi, a_z = \cos\theta$$

Magnetic moment of the electron $\vec{\mu} = g\frac{e}{2m}\vec{S}$, gyromagnetic factor

(distribution of mass != charge). For the electron, $q = -e$, and $\vec{\mu} = -g\frac{e}{2m}\vec{S}$

$$\widehat{\vec{\mu}} = -g\frac{e}{2m}\widehat{\vec{S}} = -\frac{g}{2}\frac{e\hbar}{2m}\vec{\sigma} = -\frac{g}{2}\mu_B\vec{\sigma}, \text{ where } \mu_B = \frac{e\hbar}{2m} \text{ is Bohr magneton.}$$

Electron in a magnetic field Intrinsic spin angular momentum → intrinsic magnetic moment. Energy from spin & external mag field: $\widehat{H} = \widehat{V} = -\vec{\vec{\mu}} \cdot \vec{B}$
For a magnetic field along the z -axis, $\vec{B} = B\hat{z}$, and $\widehat{H} = -\vec{\mu}_zB = -(\frac{g}{2}\frac{e}{m}\vec{S})\widehat{B}\hat{z} = \frac{g}{2}\frac{eB}{m}S_z = \omega_sS_z = \frac{g}{2}\frac{eB\hbar}{2m}\sigma_z$, where $\omega_s = \frac{g}{2}\frac{eB}{m} = \frac{g}{2}\omega_c$ is the spin precession (or Larmor) frequency and $\omega_c = \frac{eB}{m}$ is cyclotron frequency. $q \approx 2$ but $q \neq 2 \rightarrow \omega_s \neq \omega_c$.

Rewrite Hamiltonian as $\widehat{H} = \omega_sS_z$. In the bases in which \widehat{S} and \widehat{S}_z are diagonalized, the eigenstates are given by $\widehat{H}|\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\rangle = \omega_sS_z|\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\rangle = \frac{1}{2}\hbar\omega_s|\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\rangle$,

$$\widehat{H}|\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\rangle = \omega_s\widehat{S}_z|\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\rangle = -\frac{1}{2}\hbar\omega_s|\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\rangle$$

Interaction of electron spin w external magentic field → energies $\pm \frac{1}{2}\hbar\omega_s$.

Spin-up $|\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\rangle$ & spin-down state $|\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\rangle$, with a gap of $\hbar\omega_s$ btwn them.

Consider $\vec{B} = B_x\hat{e}_x + B_y\hat{e}_y + B_z\hat{e}_z$.

$$\widehat{H} = (\frac{e}{m}\vec{S}) \cdot \vec{B} = \frac{g}{2}\frac{e\hbar}{2m}\begin{bmatrix} B_z & B_x - iB_y \\ B_x + iB_y & -B_z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Eigenvals of matrix } \begin{vmatrix} B_z - \lambda & B_x - iB_y \\ B_x + iB_y & -B_z - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0, \text{ which gives } \lambda = \pm B,$$

where $B = |\vec{B}|$. Therefore, eigenvals of \widehat{H} are $\pm \frac{g}{2}\frac{e\hbar B}{2m} = \pm \frac{1}{2}\hbar\omega_s$.

The Stern-Gerlach experiment

$$\text{Force on electron w spin-up: } \vec{F}_1 = -\vec{\nabla}V_1 = \frac{1}{2}\hbar\vec{\nabla}\omega_s = \frac{g}{2}\frac{\hbar}{2m}\frac{\partial B(z)}{\partial z}$$

$$\text{Force on electron w spin-down: } \vec{F}_2 = -\vec{\nabla}V_2 = -\frac{1}{2}\hbar\vec{\nabla}\omega_s = -\frac{g}{2}\frac{\hbar}{2m}\frac{\partial B(z)}{\partial z}$$

Electrons deflected up/down depending on whether spin-up/spin-down along \vec{B} .

$$\textbf{Spin precession} |\chi(0)\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}, |a|^2 + |b|^2 = 1 \text{ and } a = \cos\frac{\phi}{2}, b = \sin\frac{\phi}{2}$$

$$|\chi(0)\rangle = \cos\frac{\phi}{2}|\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2}\rangle + \sin\frac{\phi}{2}|\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\frac{\phi}{2} \\ \sin\frac{\phi}{2} \end{bmatrix}, |\chi(t)\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-\frac{i}{2}\omega_s t}\cos\frac{\phi}{2} \\ e^{-\frac{i}{2}\omega_s t}\sin\frac{\phi}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\langle \widehat{S}_z \rangle = |e^{-\frac{i}{2}\omega_s t}\cos\frac{\phi}{2}|^2\frac{\hbar}{2} - |e^{-\frac{i}{2}\omega_s t}\sin\frac{\phi}{2}\frac{\hbar}{2}|^2 = (\cos^2\frac{\phi}{2} - \sin^2\frac{\phi}{2})\frac{\hbar}{2}$$

$$\langle \widehat{S}_x \rangle = \frac{\hbar}{2}\sin\alpha\cos\omega_s t, \quad \langle \widehat{S}_y \rangle \frac{\hbar}{2}\sin\alpha\sin\omega_s t, \langle \widehat{S}_z \rangle = \frac{\hbar}{2}\cos\alpha$$

$$\text{Angle } \alpha)\pi - \alpha \text{ for spin-down. Spin-up, } \widehat{S}_z \text{ eigenval is } \frac{\hbar}{2}, |\widehat{S}^2| \text{ is } \frac{\sqrt{3}\hbar}{2}.$$

Space quantization: angular momentum along any fixed direction take only discrete $(2j+1)$ values.

Addition of angular momentum

$$\widehat{J}_1, |j_1, m_{j1}\rangle, \widehat{J}_2, |j_2, m_{j2}\rangle, \widehat{J} = \widehat{J}_1 + \widehat{J}_2, \widehat{J}^2 \text{ \& } \widehat{J}_z: \text{ sim diag set. } |j, m$$