

Physics 7502 HW#1

Problem 1. Qubits and Spin-1/2

Answer.

a) For any rank 2 complex matrix $\mathcal{H} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix}$ where $\{a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{21}, a_{22}\} \in \mathbb{C}$

if \mathcal{H} is Hermetian, we must have that $\mathcal{H}^\dagger = \mathcal{H}$. This constraint tells us that

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11}^* & a_{21}^* \\ a_{12}^* & a_{22}^* \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore, we must have $a_{11} = a_{11}^*, a_{22} = a_{22}^*$. This implies that $\{a_{11}, a_{22}\} \in \mathbb{R}$. If we let $E_0 = \frac{a_{11} + a_{22}}{2}$, $\epsilon = \frac{a_{11} - a_{22}}{2}$, it is trivial that $\{E_0, \epsilon\} \in \mathbb{R}$, and $E_0 + \epsilon = a_{11}, E_0 - \epsilon = a_{22}$.

We also have $a_{12} = a_{21}^*$. Therefore, if we let $a_{12} = \Delta$, we must have $a_{21} = a_{12}^* = \Delta^*$. Now we can always write $\Delta = \alpha + \beta i$ where $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$. We simply write $\Delta = |\Delta| \exp(-i\phi)$ where $|\Delta| = \sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}$ and $\phi = -\arctan\left(\frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right)$

b) Consider the expression

$$d_0 \mathbb{I} + \vec{d} \cdot \vec{\sigma} = d_0 \mathbb{I} = d_x \sigma_x + d_y \sigma_y + d_z \sigma_z = \begin{pmatrix} d_0 + d_z & d_x - i d_y \\ d_x + i d_y & d_0 - d_z \end{pmatrix}$$

Observe that if we let $d_0 = E_0, d_z = \epsilon, d_x = \alpha, d_y = \beta, \Delta = \alpha - \beta i$, we have the expression

$$\begin{pmatrix} E_0 + \epsilon & \alpha + \beta i \\ \alpha - \beta i & E_0 - \epsilon \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} E_0 + \epsilon & \Delta \\ \Delta^* & E_0 - \epsilon \end{pmatrix}$$

which is nothing more but a re-write of our original matrix \mathcal{H} .

For a spin 1/2 particle in a magnetic field, we can write its Hamiltonian as

$$H = -\mu \cdot B = -g \frac{q}{2m} \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{B}$$

We realize that $\vec{d} = -\frac{gq\vec{B}}{2m}$ make our Hamiltonian H in the form of $\vec{d} \cdot \vec{\sigma}$

c) Figure 1 is a picture demonstration of the vector and what ϕ and θ means.

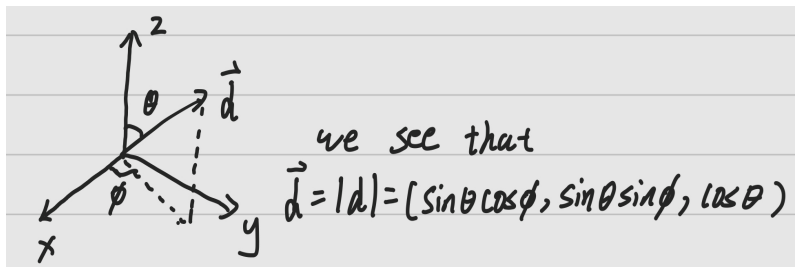


Figure 1.

Now, we use the fact that $|\mathcal{H} - \lambda \mathbb{I}| = 0$ to evaluate the eigenvalue λ . This gives

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{vmatrix} d_0 + d_z - \lambda & d_x - i d_y \\ d_x + i d_y & d_0 - d_z - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \\ & \Rightarrow \lambda^2 - 2d_0\lambda - (d_x^2 + d_y^2 + d_z^2) + d_0^2 = 0 \\ & \Rightarrow \lambda^2 - 2d_0\lambda - |d|^2 + d_0^2 = 0 \\ & \Leftrightarrow \lambda = d_0 \pm \sqrt{d_0^2 - (d_0^2 + |d|^2)} = d_0 \pm |d| \end{aligned}$$

Now suppose $\lambda_1 = d_0 + |d|$, $\lambda_2 = d_0 - |d|$, λ_1 corresponds to eigenvector $v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ b_1 \end{pmatrix}$, λ_2 corresponds to eigenvector $v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} a_2 \\ b_2 \end{pmatrix}$.

For v_1 , we plug in $\lambda = \lambda_1$ and solve for

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{pmatrix} |d|\cos(\theta) - |d| & |d|\sin(\theta)e^{-i\phi} \\ |d|\sin(\theta)e^{i\phi} & -|d|\cos(\theta) - |d| \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ b_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ & \Rightarrow a_1(|d|\cos(\theta) - |d|) + b_1(|d|\sin(\theta)e^{-i\phi}) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

let $x = \theta/2$, use the relation $\cos(2x) = \cos^2(x) - \sin^2(x)$, $\sin(2x) = 2\sin(x)\cos(x)$, $1 = \sin^2(x) + \cos^2(x)$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 \sin^2(x) = b_1 \sin(x)\cos(x)e^{-i\phi} \Rightarrow a_1 \sin(x)e^{i\phi} = b_1 \cos(x)$$

Because x, ϕ are arbitrary constant, for equality to be true, LHS of the equality must have the same expression as the RHS.

$$\begin{aligned} & \Leftrightarrow a_1 = \cos(x) = \cos(\theta/2), b_1 = \sin(x)e^{i\phi} = \sin(\theta/2)e^{i\phi} \\ & \Rightarrow v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta/2) \\ \sin(\theta/2)e^{i\phi} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly for v_2 , $\lambda = \lambda_2$, we solve for

$$\begin{aligned} & a_2(|d|\cos(\theta) + |d|) + b_2(|d|\sin(\theta)e^{-i\phi}) = 0 \\ & e^{i\phi}a_2(\cos(2x) + 1) = -b_2\sin(2x) \\ & e^{i\phi}a_2\cos^2(x) = -b_2\sin(x)\cos(x) \\ & a_2e^{i\phi}\cos(x) = -b_2\sin(x) \end{aligned}$$

Using the same equality argument, this gives

$$\begin{aligned} & a_2 = -\sin(x) = -\sin(\theta/2), b_2 = \cos(x)e^{i\phi} = \cos(\theta/2)e^{i\phi} \\ & \Rightarrow v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -\sin(\theta/2) \\ \cos(\theta/2)e^{i\phi} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Now let's verify the orthogonality of the two eigenvectors by evaluating their inner product.

$$\begin{aligned} \langle v_1 | v_2 \rangle &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta/2) & \sin(\theta/2)e^{-i\phi} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\sin(\theta/2) \\ \cos(\theta/2)e^{i\phi} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= -\sin(\theta/2)\cos(\theta/2) + \sin(\theta/2)\cos(\theta/2) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Because the inner product is always zero, the two eigenvectors are orthogonal.

d) We have $E_{\pm} = d_0 \pm |d|$. Previously in part a, we have said that

$$d_0 = E_0, d_z = \epsilon, d_x = \alpha, d_y = \beta, \Delta = d_x - i d_y$$

Therefore, changing the variable to E_0, ϵ, Δ , we have

$$E_{\pm} = E_0 \pm \sqrt{\epsilon^2 + \Delta\Delta^*}$$

With the graph

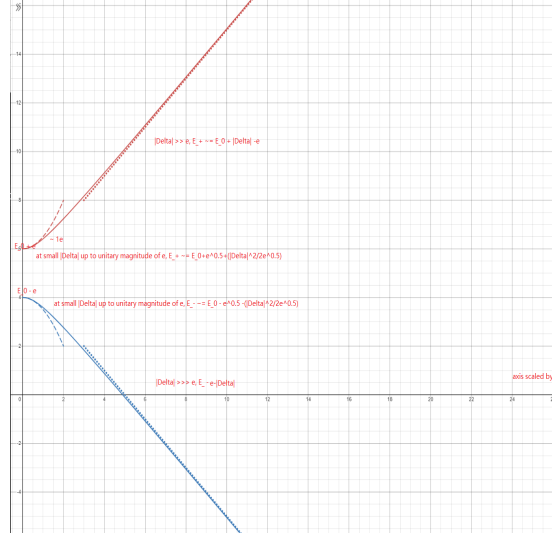


Figure 2.

e)

$$\begin{aligned} S_n &\equiv \hat{n} \cdot \vec{\sigma} = \sin\theta \cos\phi \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \sin\theta \sin\phi \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \cos\theta \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ in } \sigma_z \text{ basis} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta \cos\phi - i \sin\theta \sin\phi \\ \sin\theta \cos\phi + i \sin\theta \sin\phi & -\cos\theta \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Note that $S_n^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta \cos\phi - i \sin\theta \sin\phi \\ \sin\theta \cos\phi + i \sin\theta \sin\phi & -\cos\theta \end{pmatrix} = S_n$. Thus the operator is Hermitian.

We notice that from previous matrix,

$$\begin{pmatrix} d_0 + |d|\cos(\theta) & |d|\sin(\theta)e^{-i\phi} \\ |d|\sin(\theta)e^{i\phi} & d_0 - |d|\cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

I claim our new matrix is nothing but a special case of (2) where $d_0 = 0, |d| = 1$.

The equality for the diagonal term is trivial, now let's consider $\sin(\theta)e^{-i\phi}$, but using Euler's Formula immediately gives

$$\sin(\theta)e^{-i\phi} = \sin(\theta)(\cos\phi - i\sin\phi) = \sin\theta\cos\phi - i\sin\theta\sin\phi$$

and

$$\sin(\theta)e^{i\phi} = \sin(\theta)(\cos\phi + i\sin\phi) = \sin\theta\cos\phi + i\sin\theta\sin\phi$$

Thus we proved our claim. Therefore, for (1)

$$\lambda_1 = d_0 + |d| = 1, \lambda_2 = d_0 - |d| = -1$$

And the eigenvector stays the same as v_1, v_2 as they are independent of $|d|, d_0$

Now test what happens if we set \hat{n} to $\{\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z}\}$

for $\hat{x}, \theta = \pi/2, \phi = 0$

$$\rightarrow S_{\hat{x}} \equiv \hat{x} \cdot \vec{\sigma} = \sin\frac{\pi}{2}\cos 0 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \sin\frac{\pi}{2}\sin 0 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \cos\frac{\pi}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \sigma_x \checkmark$$

for $\hat{y}, \theta = \pi/2, \phi = \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$\rightarrow S_{\hat{y}} \equiv \hat{y} \cdot \vec{\sigma} = \sin\frac{\pi}{2}\cos\frac{\pi}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \sin\frac{\pi}{2}\sin\frac{\pi}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \cos\frac{\pi}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \sigma_y \checkmark$$

for $\hat{z}, \theta = 0$

$$\rightarrow S_{\hat{z}} \equiv \hat{z} \cdot \vec{\sigma} = \sin 0 \cos\phi \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \sin 0 \sin\phi \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \cos 0 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \sigma_z \checkmark$$

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Problem 2. Quantum Dynamics and Measurement

Answer.

a) We want to derive the *time evolution* operator $U(t)$ such that

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = U(t) |\psi(0)\rangle \quad (3)$$

We construct our infinitesimal time-evolution operator

$$U(t_0 + dt, t_0) = 1 - \frac{iH dt}{\hbar} \quad (4)$$

Because our time operator must satisfy $U(t_2, t_1)U(t_1, t_0)|\alpha\rangle = U(t_2, t_0)|\alpha\rangle$, we can exploit this and write

$$U(t + dt, t_0) = U(t + dt, t)U(t, t_0) = \left(1 - \frac{iH dt}{\hbar}\right)U(t, t_0) \quad (5)$$

This leads to

$$U(t + dt, t_0) - U(t, t_0) = -i\frac{H}{\hbar}dt U(t, t_0)$$

Rewriting this gives

$$i\hbar\frac{\partial}{\partial t}U(t, t_0) = HU(t, t_0) \quad (6)$$

Which is a differential equation for the *time evolution operator* for an arbitrary H

To solve for this differential equation, we simply re-write (6)

$$\frac{\partial U(t, t_0)}{\partial t} = -i \frac{H}{\hbar} U(t, t_0) \quad (7)$$

and note that

$$U(t, t_0) = e^{-i \frac{H(t-t_0)}{\hbar}} \quad (8)$$

solves the differential equation for (6) if H is independent of time, because we explicitly make $t_0=0$ as our initial condition, the result is

$$U(t, 0) = U(t) = e^{-i \frac{Ht}{\hbar}}$$

To show that it is unitary, we simply check it in calculation

$$U^\dagger(t)U(t) = e^{i \frac{Ht}{\hbar}} e^{-i \frac{Ht}{\hbar}} = \mathbb{I} \quad (9)$$

b) In problem 1, we have

$$\mathcal{H} = \begin{pmatrix} E_0 + \epsilon & \Delta \\ \Delta^* & E_0 - \epsilon \end{pmatrix} \quad (10)$$

We express $|z+\rangle$ in the eigenkets of \mathcal{H} . Note that

$$|z+\rangle = \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)|\hat{n}+\rangle + \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)|\hat{n}-\rangle \quad (11)$$

We then directly apply the time operator $U(t)$

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi(t)\rangle &= U(t)|\psi(0)\rangle \\ &= e^{-i \frac{Ht}{\hbar}} \left(\cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)|\hat{n}+\rangle + \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)|\hat{n}-\rangle \right) \\ &= e^{-i \frac{E_+ t}{\hbar}} \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)|\hat{n}+\rangle + e^{-i \frac{E_- t}{\hbar}} \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)|\hat{n}-\rangle \end{aligned}$$

Where from problem 1, we calculated that $E_{\pm} = E_0 \pm \sqrt{\epsilon^2 + \Delta\Delta^*}$

c)

$$\begin{aligned} P(z-) &= |\langle z- | (e^{-i \frac{E_+ t}{\hbar}} \cos(\theta/2)|\hat{n}+\rangle + e^{-i \frac{E_- t}{\hbar}} \sin(\theta/2)|\hat{n}-\rangle)|^2 \\ &= \left| e^{-i \frac{E_+ t}{\hbar}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \\ \sin \frac{\theta}{2} e^{i\phi/2} \end{pmatrix} + e^{-i \frac{E_- t}{\hbar}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \\ -\cos \frac{\theta}{2} e^{i\phi/2} \end{pmatrix} \right|^2 \\ &= |e^{-i \left(\frac{E_+ t}{\hbar} - \frac{\phi}{2} \right)} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} - e^{-i \left(\frac{E_- t}{\hbar} - \frac{\phi}{2} \right)} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2}|^2 \\ &= \sin^2(\theta) \sin^2 \left(\frac{(E_- - E_+)t}{2\hbar} \right) \\ &= \sin^2(\theta) \sin^2 \left(\frac{\sqrt{\epsilon^2 + \Delta\Delta^*} t}{\hbar} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Where ϵ, Δ should be some known values.

Note that our value does not depend on E_0 , our gauge energy at all. The oscillation depends only on the energy difference between the two eigenstates, which can be expressed as $2\sqrt{\epsilon^2 + \Delta\Delta^*}$

By simply observing the equation, we can tell that

$$P_{\max}(t) = \sin^2(\theta)$$

$$T = \frac{\pi}{\frac{\sqrt{\epsilon^2 + \Delta\Delta^*}}{\hbar}}$$

$$\omega = 2\frac{\sqrt{\epsilon^2 + \Delta\Delta^*}}{\hbar}$$

Below I will graph when $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$, $\frac{\sqrt{\epsilon^2 + \Delta\Delta^*}}{\hbar} = 1$. Obviously then $P_{\max} = \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = 0.75$, $T = \pi$

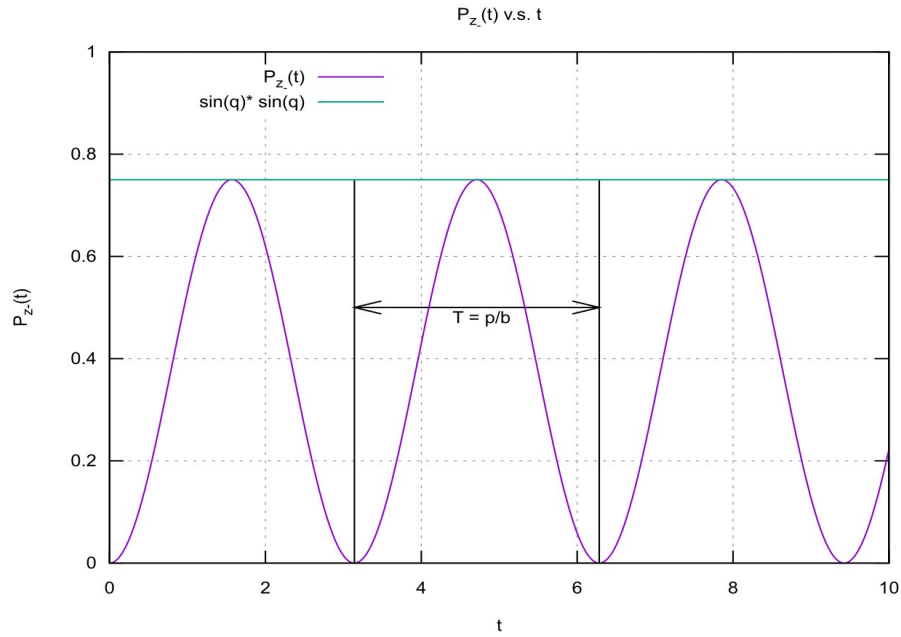


Figure 3.

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Problem 3. Spin-half Particle in a Magnetic Field

Answer.

a) Suppose we can determine all three components of the vector \mathbf{M} at the same time. This implies for any given state, if we do three measurements:

1. measure the \mathbf{z} component of \mathbf{M}
2. measure the \mathbf{x} component of \mathbf{M}
3. measure the \mathbf{z} component of \mathbf{M}

Measurement 3 and 1 should yield the same result.

1. Let $|\psi\rangle = |z+\rangle \doteq \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $M_z = \frac{\hbar}{2}\gamma S_z |\psi\rangle \doteq \frac{\gamma\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\gamma\hbar}{2} |z+\rangle$. Here we measure the eigenvalue to be $\frac{\gamma\hbar}{2}$

2. Because the State is still $|z+\rangle$, $M_x = \frac{\hbar}{2}\gamma S_x |z+\rangle \doteq \frac{\gamma\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\gamma\hbar}{2} |z-\rangle$

3. Now we measure the z component again, $M_z = \frac{\hbar}{2}\gamma S_z |z - \rangle = \frac{\hbar\gamma}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = -\frac{\hbar\gamma}{2} |z - \rangle$

Now, obviously our third measure differ from our first measurement. This means at least for state $|z + \rangle$, the measurement for M_x and M_z is not compatible.

b) We have $\mathcal{H} = -\mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{B} = \frac{\gamma\hbar}{2} (\sigma_x \sigma_y \sigma_z) \cdot (0 \ 0 \ B) = \frac{\gamma\hbar}{2} \sigma_z B \doteq \frac{-B\gamma\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

and $|\psi(0)\rangle = |n+\rangle = \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)|z+\rangle + \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)e^{i\phi/2}|z-\rangle$, note that $|z+\rangle, |z-\rangle$ are just the eigenvectors of our \mathcal{H} . We then have

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi(t)\rangle &= U(t, 0)|\psi(0)\rangle \\ &= \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)e^{-i\frac{\gamma\hbar t}{2}}|z+\rangle + \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)e^{-i\left(\frac{\gamma\hbar t}{2} - \phi\right)}|z-\rangle \\ &= \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)e^{i\frac{B\gamma t}{2}}|z+\rangle + \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)e^{-i\left(\frac{B\gamma t}{2} - \phi\right)}|z-\rangle \end{aligned}$$

c) Because we measure S_z , we are going to measure the two eigenvalues of $S_z = \pm \frac{\hbar}{2}$ that corresponds to eigenstates $|z \pm \rangle$

$$\begin{aligned} P_{+\frac{\hbar}{2}}(t) &= \langle z+ | \left(\cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)e^{i\frac{B\gamma t}{2}}|z+\rangle + \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)e^{-i\left(\frac{B\gamma t}{2} - \phi\right)}|z-\rangle \right) \\ P_{+\frac{\hbar}{2}}(t) &= \left| \langle z+ | \left(\cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)e^{i\frac{B\gamma t}{2}}|z+\rangle + \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)e^{-i\left(\frac{B\gamma t}{2} - \phi\right)}|z-\rangle \right) \right|^2 \\ &= \left| \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)e^{i\frac{B\gamma t}{2}} \right|^2 \\ &= \cos^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \\ P_{-\frac{\hbar}{2}}(t) &= \left| \langle z- | \left(\cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)e^{i\frac{B\gamma t}{2}}|z+\rangle + \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)e^{-i\left(\frac{B\gamma t}{2} - \phi\right)}|z-\rangle \right) \right|^2 \\ &= \left| \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)e^{-i\left(\frac{B\gamma t}{2} - \phi\right)} \right|^2 \\ &= \sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

d)

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \psi(t) | S_x | \psi(t) \rangle &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)e^{-i\frac{B\gamma t}{2}} & \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)e^{i\left(\frac{B\gamma t}{2} - \phi\right)} \end{pmatrix} \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)e^{i\frac{B\gamma t}{2}} \\ \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)e^{-i\left(\frac{B\gamma t}{2} - \phi\right)} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)e^{-i\frac{B\gamma t}{2}} & \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)e^{i\left(\frac{B\gamma t}{2} - \phi\right)} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)e^{-i\left(\frac{B\gamma t}{2} - \phi\right)} \\ \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)e^{i\frac{B\gamma t}{2}} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{\hbar}{2} \left(\sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)e^{-i(B\gamma t + \phi)} + \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)e^{i(B\gamma t - \phi)} \right) \\ &= \frac{\hbar}{2} \left(\sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \right) (2\cos(B\gamma t - \phi)) \\ &= \frac{\hbar}{2} \sin(\theta) \cos(B\gamma t - \phi) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \psi(t) | S_z | \psi(t) \rangle &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)e^{-i\frac{B\gamma t}{2}} & \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)e^{i\left(\frac{B\gamma t}{2}-\phi\right)} \end{pmatrix} \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)e^{i\frac{B\gamma t}{2}} \\ \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)e^{-i\left(\frac{B\gamma t}{2}-\phi\right)} \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)e^{-i\frac{B\gamma t}{2}} & \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)e^{i\left(\frac{B\gamma t}{2}-\phi\right)} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)e^{i\frac{B\gamma t}{2}} \\ -\sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)e^{-i\left(\frac{B\gamma t}{2}-\phi\right)} \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \frac{\hbar}{2} \cos^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) - \sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \\
&= \frac{\hbar}{2} \cos(\theta)
\end{aligned}$$

e) We have $\frac{dL}{dt} = T = M \times B = \gamma L \times B$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{dL}{dt} &= \gamma L \times B \\
\frac{dL}{dt} &= \gamma \begin{pmatrix} L_y B_z & -L_x B_z & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
\begin{pmatrix} \frac{dL_x}{dt} & \frac{dL_y}{dt} & \frac{dL_z}{dt} \end{pmatrix} &= \gamma \begin{pmatrix} L_y B_z & -L_x B_z & 0 \end{pmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

This gives the couple first order ODE for L_x, L_y and a trivial ODE for L_z

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{dL_z}{dt} &= 0 \\
\Rightarrow L_z &= C
\end{aligned}$$

And the coupled equation

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{dL_x}{dt} &= \gamma B_z L_y \\
\frac{dL_y}{dt} &= -\gamma B_z L_x \\
\Rightarrow \frac{d^2 L_x}{dt^2} &= \gamma B_z \frac{dL_y}{dt} \\
&= -\gamma^2 B_z^2 L_x \\
\Rightarrow L_x &= A \cos(\gamma B_z t + \phi) \\
\frac{dL_y}{dt} &= -\gamma B_z L_x \\
&= -\gamma B_z A \cos(\gamma B_z t + \phi) \\
\Rightarrow L_y &= -A \sin(\gamma B_z t + \phi)
\end{aligned}$$

Now let's consider $\hat{L} = \begin{pmatrix} A \cos(\gamma B_z t + \phi) & -A \sin(\gamma B_z t + \phi) & C \end{pmatrix}$

Note that if we let $A = \sin(\theta), C = \cos(\theta)$ fulfills that $|\hat{L}| = 1$, we then have

$\hat{L} = \begin{pmatrix} \sin(\theta) \cos(\gamma B_z t + \phi) & -\sin(\theta) \sin(\gamma B_z t + \phi) & \cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix}$ Compared to $\langle S \rangle$ in Quantum

$$\langle \hat{S} \rangle = \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \sin(\theta) \cos(B\gamma t - \phi) & \sin(\theta) \sin(B\gamma t - \phi) & \cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix}$$

Note that not only the frequency $B\gamma$ is the same, the functional form of $\langle S \rangle$ and L is the same with different constants.

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