

T3 a) $A = |\alpha\rangle\langle\alpha| - i\sqrt{2} |\alpha\rangle\langle\beta| + i\sqrt{2} |\beta\rangle\langle\alpha|$

Since $|\alpha\rangle$ and $|\beta\rangle$ form orthonormal basis for H_2

$|\alpha\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $|\beta\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} - i\sqrt{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + i\sqrt{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

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

arbitrary $|\psi\rangle$

$A|\psi\rangle = \lambda|\psi\rangle$

where λ is eigenvalue

$A|\psi\rangle - \lambda|\psi\rangle = 0$

$(A - \lambda I_n)|\psi\rangle = 0$

$\det(A - \lambda I_n) = 0$

$\det \begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & -i\sqrt{2} \\ i\sqrt{2} & -\lambda \end{bmatrix} = 0$

$(1-\lambda)(-\lambda) - (-i\sqrt{2})(i\sqrt{2}) = 0$

$(\lambda-2)(\lambda+1) = 0$

$\lambda^2 - \lambda - 2 = 0$

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$\lambda = +2, -1$

b)

$\langle A \rangle_\psi = \langle \psi | A | \psi \rangle$

$\begin{bmatrix} c^* & c^* \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -i\sqrt{2} \\ i\sqrt{2} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c^* & c^* \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c - i\sqrt{2}c \\ i\sqrt{2}c \end{bmatrix} = c^*(c - i\sqrt{2}c) + c^*(i\sqrt{2}c)$

But since $\langle \psi | \psi \rangle = 1$, then $\begin{bmatrix} c^* & c^* \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c \\ c \end{bmatrix} = 2c^*c = 2c^2 = 1$
 $c = 1/\sqrt{2}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - i \right) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (i)$

$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{2} = \langle A \rangle_\psi$

c) $\text{Prob}(A|\psi) = 2) + \text{Prob}(A|\psi) = -1) = 1$

$+2\text{Prob}(A|\psi) = 2) - 1\text{Prob}(A|\psi) = -1) = 1/2$

$\text{Prob}(A|\psi) = 2) = 1/2$

$\text{Prob}(A|\psi) = -1) = 1/2$

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & | & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & | & 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$

T4 $|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{Bmatrix} 1+i \\ -1-i \end{Bmatrix}$ $|\pm 1\rangle$ eigenvectors of S_z eigenvalue $\pm \hbar$

$$\Delta S_n = \sqrt{\langle S_n^2 \rangle - \langle S_n \rangle^2}$$

$$\langle S_n \rangle = \pm \hbar n_z$$

$$\langle S_n^2 \rangle = \frac{\hbar^2}{2} (5 - 3n_z^2)$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{\hbar^2}{2} (5 - 3n_z^2) - (\pm \hbar n_z)^2}$$

$$\frac{\hbar^2}{2} 5 - \frac{3\hbar^2 n_z^2}{2} - \hbar^2 n_z^2 = \sqrt{\frac{5\hbar^2}{2} - \frac{5\hbar^2 n_z^2}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\hbar \sqrt{\frac{5}{2} (1 - n_z^2)}}$$

For ΔS_n to be smaller, we say $\Delta S_n = 0$

$$\hbar \sqrt{\frac{5}{2} (1 - n_z^2)} = 0 \quad \text{iff} \quad n_z^2 = 1 \Rightarrow n_z = \pm 1$$

Thus vector $n = \left[C_1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, C_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \pm 1 \end{pmatrix} \right]$ where C_1, C_2 are any coefficients.

$$\langle \psi | = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle +1 | + i \langle -1 | \rangle \quad |\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{Bmatrix} 1+i \\ -1-i \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\langle \psi | S_n^2 | \psi \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \left[\langle +1 | S_n^2 | +1 \rangle + i \langle -1 | S_n^2 | +1 \rangle - i \langle +1 | S_n^2 | -1 \rangle + \langle -1 | S_n^2 | -1 \rangle \right]$$

$$\frac{\hbar^2}{2} (5 - 3n_z^2) \approx i \langle -1 | S_n^2 | +1 \rangle \approx -i \langle +1 | S_n^2 | -1 \rangle \quad \frac{\hbar^2}{2} (5 - 3n_z^2)$$

$$\text{Then } \langle \psi | S_n^2 | \psi \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \left[\hbar^2 (5 - 3n_z^2) - B \langle -1 | S_n^2 | +1 \rangle + A \langle +1 | S_n^2 | -1 \rangle \right] \text{ Consider proportional to}$$

$$\frac{\hbar \sqrt{(j(j+1) - m(m+1))} |0\rangle}{(\dots)^2 | -1 \rangle} \quad \frac{\hbar \sqrt{(j(j+1) - m(m+1))} |0\rangle}{(\dots)^2 | +1 \rangle}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\hbar^2 (5 - 3n_z^2) - \hbar^2 (j(j+1) - m(m+1)) \beta + \hbar^2 (j(j+1) - m(m+1)) \alpha \right] \quad j=2 \quad m=\pm 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \left[\hbar^2 (5 - 3n_z^2) + 4\hbar^2 (\alpha - \beta) \right] \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\hbar^2}{2} (5 - 3n_z^2) + 2\hbar^2 (\alpha - \beta) = \langle \psi | S_n^2 | \psi \rangle}$$

$$\langle \psi | S_n | \psi \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \left[\langle +1 | S_n | +1 \rangle + i \langle -1 | S_n | +1 \rangle - i \langle +1 | S_n | -1 \rangle + \langle -1 | S_n | -1 \rangle \right]$$

$$\hbar n_z + i \langle -1 | \frac{1}{2} (n_x - i n_y) | +1 \rangle - i \langle +1 | \frac{1}{2} (n_x + i n_y) | -1 \rangle + \hbar n_z$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle \psi | S_n | \psi \rangle = 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha = \beta$$

$$\Delta S_n = \sqrt{\langle S_n^2 \rangle - \langle S_n \rangle^2} \Rightarrow \hbar \sqrt{\frac{5}{2} (5 - 3n_z^2) + 2(\alpha - \beta)} \quad \text{for some } \alpha, \beta \text{ imaginary}$$

$$\text{When } n = \langle 0, 0, \pm \sqrt{5/3} \rangle$$

$$\text{The uncertainty is minimized to } \boxed{\hbar \sqrt{2(\alpha - \beta)}}$$

$$\text{where } S_n^2 | \pm 1 \rangle \propto S_z^2 | \pm 1 \rangle$$

$$S_n^2 | \pm 1 \rangle \approx \beta S_z^2 | \pm 1 \rangle$$