

$$P_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2} (1 \pm \hat{S}_z)$$

Q19 $S_n = n \cdot \hat{S}$ in $1/2$ basis

$$S_n = \begin{pmatrix} \langle +x | S_n | +x \rangle & \langle +x | S_n | -x \rangle \\ \langle -x | S_n | +x \rangle & \langle -x | S_n | -x \rangle \end{pmatrix} \quad n_x^2 + n_y^2 + n_z^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} n_x & n_y - i n_z \\ n_y + i n_z & -n_x \end{pmatrix} = \hat{S}_n \quad n_{\pm} = n_y \pm i n_z$$

$$S_x = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad S_y = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad S_z = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$[S_y, S_z] = \frac{1}{4} (S_y S_z - S_z S_y) \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{4} S_x$$

$$i \hbar \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} S_x$$

Q20 $f(\hat{S}_n) = C_0 \mathbb{1} + C_1 \hat{S}_n$ let $f(\hat{S}_n) = e^{-i\theta \frac{S_n}{\hbar}}$

~~$$f(\hat{S}_n) = f(\frac{1}{2} \mathbb{1}) + f(\frac{1}{2} \hat{S}_n)$$~~
~~$$f(\hat{S}_n) = \frac{1}{2} f(\mathbb{1}) + \frac{1}{2} f(\hat{S}_n)$$~~
~~$$f(\hat{S}_n) = \frac{1}{2} (1 + \frac{1}{2} \hat{S}_n) + \frac{1}{2} f(\hat{S}_n)$$~~
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Spin $1/2$ operator \hat{S}_n has 2 eigenvalues \therefore 2 projectors

$$\mathbb{1} = \sum P_{\pm} \quad \therefore \quad P_+ + P_- = \mathbb{1} \quad \leftarrow \text{Sys. of eq. to yield}$$

$$S_n = \sum a_{\pm} P_{\pm} \quad \therefore \quad S_n = \frac{\hbar}{2} P_+ - \frac{\hbar}{2} P_- \Rightarrow P_+ - P_- = \frac{2}{\hbar} S_n$$

$$P_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\mathbb{1} \pm \frac{2}{\hbar} S_n \right] \quad f(S_n) = \sum f(a_{\pm}) P_{\pm} \quad f(S_n) = f(\frac{\hbar}{2}) P_+ + f(-\frac{\hbar}{2}) P_-$$

$$f(\frac{\hbar}{2}) = e^{i\theta (\frac{\hbar}{2}) / \hbar} = e^{i\theta/2} \quad f(-\frac{\hbar}{2}) = e^{-i\theta/2}$$

$$e^{i\theta/2} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \left(\mathbb{1} + \frac{2}{\hbar} S_n \right) + e^{-i\theta/2} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \left(\mathbb{1} - \frac{2}{\hbar} S_n \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} (e^{i\theta/2} \mathbb{1} + e^{i\theta/2} \frac{2}{\hbar} S_n + e^{-i\theta/2} \mathbb{1} - e^{-i\theta/2} \frac{2}{\hbar} S_n)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} (e^{i\theta/2} + e^{-i\theta/2}) \mathbb{1} + \frac{1}{2} (e^{i\theta/2} - e^{-i\theta/2}) \frac{2}{\hbar} S_n$$

$$f(S_n) = \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \mathbb{1} + i \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \left(\frac{2}{\hbar} S_n \right)$$

$$Q_{21} \quad (a \cdot S)(b \cdot S) = \alpha \mathbb{1} + \beta \cdot S \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \beta \in \mathbb{C}^n$$

Rewrite LHS in $|\pm x\rangle$ Basis

$$\begin{bmatrix} \langle x | S_1 | x \rangle & \langle x | S_1 | -x \rangle \\ \langle -x | S_1 | x \rangle & \langle -x | S_1 | -x \rangle \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \langle x | S_2 | x \rangle & \langle x | S_2 | -x \rangle \\ \langle -x | S_2 | x \rangle & \langle -x | S_2 | -x \rangle \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\hbar^2}{4} \begin{bmatrix} a_x & a_- \\ a_+ & -a_x \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_x & b_- \\ b_+ & -b_x \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{\hbar^2}{4} \begin{bmatrix} a_x b_x + a_- b_+ & a_x b_- - a_- b_x \\ a_+ b_x - a_x b_+ & a_+ b_- + a_x b_x \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \frac{\hbar^2}{4} \begin{bmatrix} a_x b_x & 0 \\ 0 & a_x b_x \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a_- b_+ & a_x b_- - a_- b_x \\ a_+ b_x - a_x b_+ & a_+ b_- \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\hbar^2}{4} a_x b_x \mathbb{1} + \frac{\hbar^2}{4} \begin{bmatrix} a_- b_+ & a_x b_- - a_- b_x \\ a_+ b_x - a_x b_+ & a_+ b_- \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_x & \lambda_- \\ \lambda_+ & -\lambda_x \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \langle x | S_2 | x \rangle & \langle x | S_2 | -x \rangle \\ \langle -x | S_2 | x \rangle & \langle -x | S_2 | -x \rangle \end{bmatrix} = \lambda \cdot \hat{S}$$

$$\lambda_x = a_- b_+ = (a_y + i a_z)(b_y + i b_z) \Rightarrow a_y b_y - i a_z b_y + i a_y b_z - i^2 a_z b_z \\ \Rightarrow a_y b_y + i(a_y b_z - a_z b_y) + a_z b_z$$

$$-\lambda_x = a_y b_y + a_z b_z - i(a_y b_z - a_z b_y)$$

$$\lambda_- = (a_x b_- - a_- b_x) = a_x b_z - a_z b_x + i(a_y b_x - a_x b_y)$$

$$\lambda_+ = (a_+ b_x - a_x b_+) = -(a_x b_z - a_z b_x) + i(b_x b_y - a_x b_y)$$

$$\lambda_x = -(-\lambda_x) \Rightarrow \text{thus } \alpha = \frac{\hbar^2}{4} (a_x b_x) \quad \beta = \frac{\hbar^2}{4} \begin{bmatrix} i(a_z b_y - a_y b_z) \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Q22 $\Delta S_{n1} = \frac{\hbar}{2} |n_1 \times n|$ $\Delta S_{n2} = \frac{\hbar}{2} |n_2 \times n|$
 $\langle [S_{n1}, S_{n2}] \rangle = \hbar \langle i \hat{n}_1 \times \hat{n}_2 \cdot \hat{S} \rangle \Rightarrow i \hbar \langle \underbrace{(n_1 \times n_2)}_{\text{"c.c."}} \cdot \hat{S} \rangle = i \hbar \left(\frac{\hbar}{2} (n_1 \times n_2) \cdot n \right)$
 $\Rightarrow i \frac{\hbar^2}{2} (n_1 \times n_2) \cdot n$

b) $\frac{\hbar^2}{4} |n_1 \times n| |n_2 \times n| \geq i \frac{\hbar^2}{4} (n_1 \times n_2) \cdot n$

$\Rightarrow |n_1 \times n| |n_2 \times n| \geq |(n_1 \times n_2) \cdot n|$

$n_1 \times n = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ n_{11} & n_{12} & n_{13} \\ n_x & n_y & n_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (n_{12}n_z - n_{13}n_y)\hat{i} - (n_{11}n_z - n_{13}n_x)\hat{j} + (n_{11}n_y - n_{12}n_x)\hat{k} \end{bmatrix}$

$n_2 \times n = \begin{bmatrix} (n_{22}n_z - n_{23}n_y)\hat{i} - (n_{21}n_z - n_{23}n_x)\hat{j} + (n_{21}n_y - n_{22}n_x)\hat{k} \end{bmatrix}$

Multiply these together produces product of
 $\sqrt{(a_1\hat{i} - a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}) \cdot (b_1\hat{i} - b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k})} \geq [(n_{12}n_{23} - n_{13}n_{22})\hat{i} - (n_{11}n_{23} - n_{13}n_{21})\hat{j} + (n_{11}n_{22} - n_{12}n_{21})\hat{k}] \cdot (n_x\hat{i} + n_y\hat{j} + n_z\hat{k})$

and as shown through cross product expansion
 + subsequent conversion to spherical coordinates