

1.

(a)

(Shouldn't the condition be $\Omega \ll \delta$ instead of $\Omega \ll \Gamma$?)

Let $\delta = (\omega_0 - \omega_L)$

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_{ee} &= \rho'_{ee} e^{-\Gamma t} \\ \rho_{ge} &= \rho'_{ge} e^{-\Gamma t/2 + i\delta t} \\ \dot{\rho}'_{ee} &= i \frac{\Omega e^{\Gamma t/2}}{2} (\rho'_{ge} e^{-i\delta t} - \rho'_{ge} e^{i\delta t}) \\ \dot{\rho}'_{ge} &= -i \frac{\Omega e^{\Gamma t/2}}{2} (2\rho'_{ee} e^{-\Gamma t} - 1) e^{-i\delta t}\end{aligned}$$

0th order in Ω

$$\begin{aligned}\rho'_{ee0} &= 0 \\ \rho'_{ge0} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

1st order in Ω

$$\begin{aligned}\rho'_{ee1} &= 0 \\ \dot{\rho}'_{ge1} &= i \frac{\Omega}{2} e^{\Gamma t/2 - i\delta t} \\ \rho'_{ge1} &= i \frac{\Omega}{2(\Gamma/2 - i\delta)} (e^{\Gamma t/2 - i\delta t} - 1) \\ \rho'_{ge1}{}^* &= -i \frac{\Omega}{2(\Gamma/2 + i\delta)} (e^{\Gamma t/2 + i\delta t} - 1)\end{aligned}$$

2nd order in Ω

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\rho}'_{ee2} &= i \frac{\Omega e^{\Gamma t/2}}{2} (\rho'_{ge1}{}^* e^{-i\delta t} - \rho'_{ge1} e^{i\delta t}) \\ &= i \frac{\Omega e^{\Gamma t/2}}{2} \left(-i \frac{\Omega}{2(\Gamma/2 + i\delta)} (e^{\Gamma t/2 + i\delta t} - 1) e^{-i\delta t} - i \frac{\Omega}{2(\Gamma/2 - i\delta)} (e^{\Gamma t/2 - i\delta t} - 1) e^{i\delta t} \right) \\ &= \frac{\Omega^2}{4} \left(\frac{1}{\Gamma/2 + i\delta} (e^{\Gamma t} - e^{\Gamma t/2 - i\delta t}) + \frac{1}{\Gamma/2 - i\delta} (e^{\Gamma t} - e^{\Gamma t/2 + i\delta t}) \right) \\ \rho'_{ee2} &= C_0 + \frac{\Omega^2}{4} \left(\frac{1}{\Gamma/2 + i\delta} \left(\frac{1}{\Gamma} e^{\Gamma t} - \frac{1}{\Gamma/2 - i\delta} e^{\Gamma t/2 - i\delta t} \right) + \frac{1}{\Gamma/2 - i\delta} \left(\frac{1}{\Gamma} e^{\Gamma t} - \frac{1}{\Gamma/2 + i\delta} e^{\Gamma t/2 + i\delta t} \right) \right) \\ &= C_0 + \frac{\Omega^2}{\Gamma^2 + 4\delta^2} \left(\frac{\Gamma/2 - i\delta}{\Gamma} e^{\Gamma t} - e^{\Gamma t/2 - i\delta t} + \frac{\Gamma/2 + i\delta}{\Gamma} e^{\Gamma t} - e^{\Gamma t/2 + i\delta t} \right) \\ &= C_0 + \frac{\Omega^2}{\Gamma^2 + 4\delta^2} (e^{\Gamma t} - 2 \cos(\delta t) e^{\Gamma t/2})\end{aligned}$$

Since $\rho'(0) = 0$

$$\rho'_{ee2} = \frac{\Omega^2}{\Gamma^2 + 4\delta^2} (1 + e^{\Gamma t} - 2 \cos(\delta t) e^{\Gamma t/2})$$

Therefore, to the second order in Ω

$$\rho_{ee} = \frac{\Omega^2}{\Gamma^2 + 4\delta^2} \left(1 + e^{-\Gamma t} - 2 \cos(\delta t) e^{-\Gamma t/2} \right)$$

In the limit of $\Gamma \rightarrow 0$, this turns into a Rabi flopping at the frequency of the detuning.

(b)

Expand the solution to second order in t

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{ee} &= \frac{\Omega^2}{\Gamma^2 + 4\delta^2} \left(1 + 1 - \Gamma t + \frac{\Gamma^2 t^2}{2} - 2 \left(1 - \frac{\delta^2 t^2}{2} \right) \left(1 - \frac{\Gamma t}{2} + \frac{\Gamma^2 t^2}{8} \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{\Omega^2}{\Gamma^2 + 4\delta^2} \left(1 + 1 - \Gamma t + \frac{\Gamma^2 t^2}{2} - 2 + \delta^2 t^2 + \Gamma t - \frac{\Gamma^2 t^2}{4} \right) \\ &= \frac{\Omega^2}{\Gamma^2 + 4\delta^2} \left(\frac{\Gamma^2 t^2}{4} + \delta^2 t^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{\Omega^2 t^2}{4} \end{aligned}$$

When the pulse is very short, the decay haven't started yet and the atom also doesn't have enough time to figure out that the frequency is wrong.

2.

(a)

In the $|0g\rangle$ subspace, the Hamiltonian is $\frac{\hbar}{2}(\delta - 2\omega_0)$ and in the $|1g\rangle, |0e\rangle$ subspace, the Hamiltonian is $\frac{\hbar}{2}(\Omega_1 \sigma_x - \delta \sigma_z)$

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-iHt/\hbar} &= e^{i(\delta/2 + \omega_0)t} \oplus e^{-i(\Omega_1 \sigma_x - \delta \sigma_z)t/2} \\ &= e^{-i(\delta/2 + \omega_0)t} \oplus \left(\cos \frac{\Omega t}{2} - i \left(\frac{\Omega_1}{\Omega} \sigma_x - \frac{\delta}{\Omega} \sigma_z \right) \sin \frac{\Omega t}{2} \right) \\ &= e^{i(\delta/2 + \omega_0)t} |0g\rangle\langle 0g| + \left(\cos \frac{\Omega t}{2} + i \frac{\delta}{\Omega} \sin \frac{\Omega t}{2} \right) |0e\rangle\langle 0e| + \left(\cos \frac{\Omega t}{2} - i \frac{\delta}{\Omega} \sin \frac{\Omega t}{2} \right) |1g\rangle\langle 1g| \\ &\quad - i \frac{\Omega_1}{\Omega} \sin \frac{\Omega t}{2} (|0e\rangle\langle 1g| + |1g\rangle\langle 0e|) \end{aligned}$$

(b)

Since the system is either in $|0e\rangle$ or $|1g\rangle$ the atom is in state e if there's no photon in the cavity and g if there's one photon in the cavity.

(c)

In the same subspace with the first problem,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \rho_0 &= \begin{pmatrix} \rho_{gg} & \rho_{ge} \\ \rho_{eg} & \rho_{ee} \\ & & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
 U &= \begin{pmatrix} e^{i(\delta/2+\omega_0)t} & & \\ & \cos \frac{\Omega t}{2} + i \frac{\delta}{\Omega} \sin \frac{\Omega t}{2} & -i \frac{\Omega_1}{\Omega} \sin \frac{\Omega t}{2} \\ & -i \frac{\Omega_1}{\Omega} \sin \frac{\Omega t}{2} & \cos \frac{\Omega t}{2} - i \frac{\delta}{\Omega} \sin \frac{\Omega t}{2} \end{pmatrix} \\
 \rho_t &= U^\dagger \rho_0 U \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} e^{i(\delta/2+\omega_0)t} & & \\ & \cos \frac{\Omega t}{2} + i \frac{\delta}{\Omega} \sin \frac{\Omega t}{2} & -i \frac{\Omega_1}{\Omega} \sin \frac{\Omega t}{2} \\ & -i \frac{\Omega_1}{\Omega} \sin \frac{\Omega t}{2} & \cos \frac{\Omega t}{2} - i \frac{\delta}{\Omega} \sin \frac{\Omega t}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \rho_{gg} & \rho_{ge} \\ \rho_{eg} & \rho_{ee} \\ & & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} e^{-i(\delta/2+\omega_0)t} & & \\ & \cos \frac{\Omega t}{2} - i \frac{\delta}{\Omega} \sin \frac{\Omega t}{2} & +i \frac{\Omega_1}{\Omega} \sin \frac{\Omega t}{2} \\ & +i \frac{\Omega_1}{\Omega} \sin \frac{\Omega t}{2} & \cos \frac{\Omega t}{2} + i \frac{\delta}{\Omega} \sin \frac{\Omega t}{2} \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} \rho_{gg} e^{i(\delta/2+\omega_0)t} & \rho_{ge} e^{i(\delta/2+\omega_0)t} & \\ \rho_{eg} \left(\cos \frac{\Omega t}{2} + i \frac{\delta}{\Omega} \sin \frac{\Omega t}{2} \right) & \rho_{ee} \left(\cos \frac{\Omega t}{2} + i \frac{\delta}{\Omega} \sin \frac{\Omega t}{2} \right) & \\ -\rho_{eg} i \frac{\Omega_1}{\Omega} \sin \frac{\Omega t}{2} & -\rho_{ee} i \frac{\Omega_1}{\Omega} \sin \frac{\Omega t}{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} e^{-i(\delta/2+\omega_0)t} & & \\ & \cos \frac{\Omega t}{2} - i \frac{\delta}{\Omega} \sin \frac{\Omega t}{2} & +i \frac{\Omega_1}{\Omega} \sin \frac{\Omega t}{2} \\ & +i \frac{\Omega_1}{\Omega} \sin \frac{\Omega t}{2} & \cos \frac{\Omega t}{2} + i \frac{\delta}{\Omega} \sin \frac{\Omega t}{2} \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

Let $\rho'_{ge} = \rho_{ge} e^{i(\delta/2+\omega_0)t}$ and $\rho'_{eg} = \rho_{eg} e^{-i(\delta/2+\omega_0)t}$

$$\rho = \begin{pmatrix} \rho_{gg} & \rho'_{ge} \left(\cos \frac{\Omega t}{2} - i \frac{\delta}{\Omega} \sin \frac{\Omega t}{2} \right) & \rho'_{ge} i \frac{\Omega_1}{\Omega} \sin \frac{\Omega t}{2} \\ \rho'_{eg} \left(\cos \frac{\Omega t}{2} + i \frac{\delta}{\Omega} \sin \frac{\Omega t}{2} \right) & \rho_{ee} \left(\cos^2 \frac{\Omega t}{2} + \frac{\delta^2}{\Omega^2} \sin^2 \frac{\Omega t}{2} \right) & \rho_{ee} \left(\cos \frac{\Omega t}{2} + i \frac{\delta}{\Omega} \sin \frac{\Omega t}{2} \right) i \frac{\Omega_1}{\Omega} \sin \frac{\Omega t}{2} \\ -\rho'_{eg} i \frac{\Omega_1}{\Omega} \sin \frac{\Omega t}{2} & -\rho_{ee} i \frac{\Omega_1}{\Omega} \sin \frac{\Omega t}{2} \left(\cos \frac{\Omega t}{2} - i \frac{\delta}{\Omega} \sin \frac{\Omega t}{2} \right) & \rho_{ee} \frac{\Omega_1^2}{\Omega^2} \sin^2 \frac{\Omega t}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

The density matrix of the atom is

$$\rho_{atom} = \begin{pmatrix} \rho_{gg} + \rho_{ee} \frac{\Omega_1^2}{\Omega^2} \sin^2 \frac{\Omega t}{2} & \rho_{ge} e^{i(\delta/2+\omega_0)t} \left(\cos \frac{\Omega t}{2} - i \frac{\delta}{\Omega} \sin \frac{\Omega t}{2} \right) \\ \rho_{eg} e^{-i(\delta/2+\omega_0)t} \left(\cos \frac{\Omega t}{2} + i \frac{\delta}{\Omega} \sin \frac{\Omega t}{2} \right) & \rho_{ee} \left(\cos^2 \frac{\Omega t}{2} + \frac{\delta^2}{\Omega^2} \sin^2 \frac{\Omega t}{2} \right) \end{pmatrix}$$

(d)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \rho_{atom}(\Delta t) &\approx \begin{pmatrix} \rho_{gg} + \rho_{ee} \frac{\Omega_1^2 \Delta t^2}{4} & \rho_{ge} e^{i(\delta/2 + \omega_0) \Delta t} \left(1 - \frac{\Omega^2 \Delta t^2}{8} - i \frac{\delta \Delta t}{2} \right) \\ \rho_{eg} e^{-i(\delta/2 + \omega_0) \Delta t} \left(1 - \frac{\Omega^2 \Delta t^2}{8} + i \frac{\delta \Delta t}{2} \right) & \rho_{ee} \left(1 - \frac{\Omega_1^2 \Delta t^2}{4} \right) \end{pmatrix} \\
 \rho'_{atom}(t) &\approx \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \rho'_{ee}(t) & \rho_{ge} e^{i(\delta/2 + \omega_0)t} \left(1 - \frac{\Omega^2 \Delta t^2}{8} - i \frac{\delta \Delta t}{2} \right)^{t/\Delta t} \\ \rho_{eg} e^{-i(\delta/2 + \omega_0)t} \left(1 - \frac{\Omega^2 \Delta t^2}{8} + i \frac{\delta \Delta t}{2} \right)^{t/\Delta t} & \rho_{ee} \left(1 - \frac{\Omega_1^2 \Delta t^2}{4} \right)^{t/\Delta t} \end{pmatrix} \\
 &\approx \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \rho_{ee} \exp\left(-\frac{\Omega_1^2 \Delta t t}{4}\right) & \rho_{ge} e^{i\omega_0 t} \exp\left(-\frac{\Omega_1^2 \Delta t t}{8}\right) \\ \rho_{eg} e^{-i\omega_0 t} \exp\left(-\frac{\Omega_1^2 \Delta t t}{8}\right) & \rho_{ee} \exp\left(-\frac{\Omega_1^2 \Delta t t}{4}\right) \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \rho_{ee} e^{-\Gamma t} & \rho_{ge} e^{i\omega_0 t} \exp\left(-\frac{\Gamma t}{2}\right) \\ \rho_{eg} e^{-i\omega_0 t} \exp\left(-\frac{\Gamma t}{2}\right) & \rho_{ee} e^{-\Gamma t} \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

where $\Gamma = \frac{\Omega_1^2 \Delta t}{4}$

(e)

On the Bloch sphere

$$\vec{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 2\rho_{ge} \cos \omega_0 t \exp\left(-\frac{\Gamma t}{2}\right) \\ -2\rho_{ge} \sin \omega_0 t \exp\left(-\frac{\Gamma t}{2}\right) \\ 2\rho_{ee} e^{-\Gamma t} - 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

For $(|e\rangle + |g\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \rho_{ee} &= \frac{1}{2} \\
 \rho_{ge} &= \frac{1}{2} \\
 \vec{r} &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos \omega_0 t \exp\left(-\frac{\Gamma t}{2}\right) \\ -\sin \omega_0 t \exp\left(-\frac{\Gamma t}{2}\right) \\ e^{-\Gamma t} - 1 \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

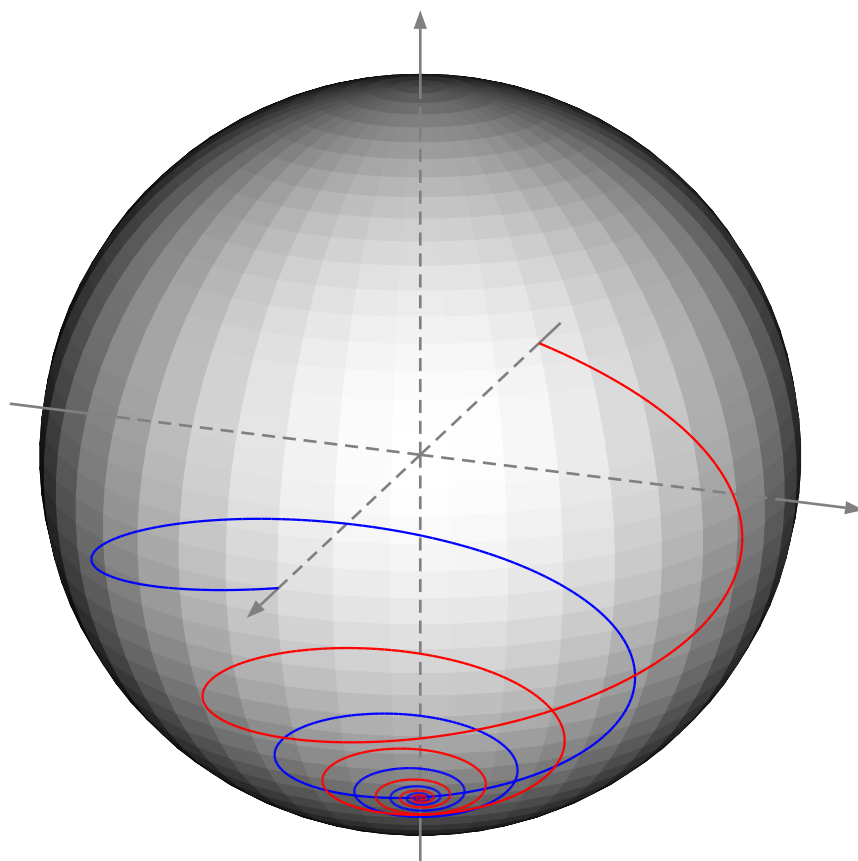
For $(|e\rangle - |g\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_{ee} &= \frac{1}{2} \\ \rho_{ge} &= -\frac{1}{2} \\ \vec{r} &= \begin{pmatrix} -\cos \omega_0 t \exp\left(-\frac{\Gamma t}{2}\right) \\ \sin \omega_0 t \exp\left(-\frac{\Gamma t}{2}\right) \\ e^{-\Gamma t} - 1 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

For $|e\rangle$

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_{ee} &= 1 \\ \rho_{ge} &= 0 \\ \vec{r} &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2e^{-\Gamma t} - 1 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

Plotting the first and the second one, (the third one is just a line connecting the north and south pole)



(f)

In the limit of $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$ the atom haven't got enough time (δ^{-1}) to figure out that it is actually detuned from the cavity resonance yet.

3.

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dt}|\psi\rangle &= (\dot{a} + i\omega_1 a)e^{i\omega_1 t}|g\rangle + \left(\dot{b} + i\omega_2 b\right)e^{i\omega_2 t}|e\rangle \\ \frac{H}{\hbar}|\psi\rangle &= -a\frac{\omega_0}{2}e^{i\omega_1 t}|g\rangle + b\frac{\omega_0}{2}e^{i\omega_2 t}|e\rangle + \frac{\Omega_1}{2}(e^{i\omega_L t}be^{i\omega_2 t}|g\rangle + e^{-i\omega_L t}ae^{i\omega_1 t}|e\rangle)\end{aligned}$$

If $e^{-i\omega_L t}e^{i\omega_1 t} = e^{i\omega_2 t}$ (and for convinience having $\omega_1 + \omega_2 = 0$)

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dt}|\psi\rangle &= \left(\dot{a} + i\frac{\omega_L}{2}a\right)e^{i\omega_L t/2}|g\rangle + \left(\dot{b} - i\frac{\omega_L}{2}b\right)e^{-i\omega_L t/2}|e\rangle \\ \frac{H}{\hbar}|\psi\rangle &= -a\frac{\omega_0}{2}e^{i\omega_L t/2}|g\rangle + b\frac{\omega_0}{2}e^{-i\omega_L t/2}|e\rangle + \frac{\Omega_1}{2}\left(be^{i\omega_L t/2}|g\rangle + ae^{-i\omega_L t/2}|e\rangle\right) \\ &= \frac{b\Omega_1 - a\omega_0}{2}e^{i\omega_L t/2}|g\rangle + \frac{a\Omega_1 + b\omega_0}{2}e^{-i\omega_L t/2}|e\rangle\end{aligned}$$

Since $i\frac{d}{dt}|\psi\rangle = \frac{H}{\hbar}|\psi\rangle$

$$\begin{aligned}i\dot{a} &= \frac{b\Omega_1 + a\delta}{2} \\ i\dot{b} &= \frac{a\Omega_1 - b\delta}{2}\end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$H' = \frac{\hbar}{2}(\delta\sigma_z + \Omega_1\sigma_x)$$

(c)

$$H' = \frac{\hbar\Omega}{2}(\cos 2\theta\sigma_z + \sin 2\theta\sigma_x)$$

where $\sin 2\theta = \frac{\Omega_1}{\Omega}$ and $\cos 2\theta = \frac{\delta}{\Omega}$

(d)

Since the Hamiltonian is proportional to $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{\sigma}$ where $\vec{r} = \cos 2\theta \hat{z} + \sin 2\theta \hat{x}$, the eigenvalues are $\pm \frac{\hbar\Omega}{2}$ with eigenvectors

$$\begin{aligned} |+\rangle &= \cos \theta |e'\rangle + \sin \theta |g'\rangle \\ |-\rangle &= -\sin \theta |e'\rangle + \cos \theta |g'\rangle \\ H|+\rangle &= \frac{\hbar\Omega}{2} (\cos 2\theta \cos \theta |e'\rangle - \cos 2\theta \sin \theta |g'\rangle + \sin 2\theta \cos \theta |g'\rangle + \sin 2\theta \sin \theta |e'\rangle) \\ &= \frac{\hbar\Omega}{2} |+\rangle \\ H|-\rangle &= -\frac{\hbar\Omega}{2} |-\rangle \end{aligned}$$

(e)

The generic solution is

$$|\psi\rangle = \left(a e^{-i\Omega t/2} \cos \theta - b e^{i\Omega t/2} \sin \theta \right) e^{-i\omega_L t/2} |e\rangle + \left(a e^{-i\Omega t/2} \sin \theta + b e^{i\Omega t/2} \cos \theta \right) e^{i\omega_L t/2} |g\rangle$$