

#1 NOTE THAT OPERATOR IS OF FORM

$$\hat{S} \cdot \hat{n} = \frac{3}{5} \hat{S}_x + \frac{4}{5} \hat{S}_y \quad \text{w/ } \hat{n} \text{ POINTING}$$

IN SOME DIRECTION. ROTATE YOUR COORDINATE SYSTEM UNTIL YOUR Z-AXIS IS ALIGNED w/ $\hat{n}$ DIRECTION. THEN

$|\langle \uparrow | \text{SPIN} \rangle|^2 =$ PROBABILITY OF MEASURING SPIN UP

$$|\langle 10 | \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} |^2 = 4/5$$

$|\langle \downarrow | \text{SPIN} \rangle|^2 =$ PROB OF MEASURING SPIN DOWN

$$|\langle 01 | \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} |^2 = 1/5$$

PROB OF MEASURING $-\hbar/2 = 20\%$

#2

$$|\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{1}{6}} |\frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{2}\rangle |1-1\rangle - \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} |\frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\rangle |10\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} |\frac{3}{2} - \frac{3}{2}\rangle |11\rangle$$

#3

SUBSTITUTE THE $\hat{S}_+$ OPERATOR FOR $\hat{S}_z$
IN THE EXAMPLE IN THE PROBLEM.

NOTE $\hat{S}_+ |11\rangle = 0$

$$\hat{S}_+ |10\rangle = \sqrt{2} \hbar |11\rangle$$

$$\hat{S}_+ |1-1\rangle = \sqrt{2} \hbar |10\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{S}_+ = \hbar \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

SIMILARLY,

$$\hat{S}_- |11\rangle = \sqrt{2} \hbar |10\rangle$$

$$\hat{S}_- |10\rangle = \sqrt{2} \hbar |1-1\rangle$$

$$\hat{S}_- |1-1\rangle = 0$$

OR $\hat{S}_- = \hat{S}_+^\dagger$

BOTH $\Rightarrow$

$$\hat{S}_- = \hbar \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \sqrt{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

#3 CONT.

$$S_+ = S_x + i S_y$$

$$S_- = S_x - i S_y$$

$$\Rightarrow S_x = \frac{1}{2} (S_+ + S_-)$$

$$S_y = \frac{1}{2i} (S_+ - S_-)$$

From ABOVE,

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

$$S_y = \hbar \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ i/\sqrt{2} & 0 & -i/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 & i/\sqrt{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

#4 JUST SHOW $\frac{d}{dt} \langle P \rangle = 0$

RECALL FOR AN ARBITRARY OBSERVABLE WITH CORRESPONDING OPERATOR $\hat{A}$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle \hat{A} \rangle = \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \hat{A} \right\rangle + \frac{\langle [\hat{A}, \hat{H}] \rangle}{i\hbar}$$

FOR US, $\hat{P} = \hat{A}$.

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle \hat{P} \rangle = 0 + \frac{\langle [\hat{P}, \hat{H}] \rangle}{i\hbar} = 0$$

SINCE $[\hat{P}, \hat{H}] = 0$

$\therefore \langle \hat{P} \rangle$ IS CONSTANT IN TIME
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