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Find EIGENVALUES OF L_x

$$L_x = \frac{L_+ + L_-}{2} \quad (1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ \sqrt{2} & 0 & \sqrt{2} \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

$$L_x \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = m \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \sqrt{2} m \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} \quad (4)$$

L_x behaves similar to L_z in the sense that possible values of m_x for $l=1$ are $m = \pm 1, 0$

$$m=1: \text{ eq (4) yields}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} b &= \sqrt{2} a \\ a+c &= \sqrt{2} b \\ b &= \sqrt{2} c \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow a=c, \quad b=\sqrt{2} a$$

$$\text{CHOOSE } a=1,$$

$$\Rightarrow c=1, \quad b=\sqrt{2}$$

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$$|l=1, m_x=1\rangle = c_0 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \sqrt{2} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\langle l=1, m_x=1 | l=1, m_x=1 \rangle = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow c_0 = 1/2$$

so,

$$|l=1, m_x=1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$m=0$

$$b=0$$

$$a+c=0$$

choose $a=1, c=-1, b=0$

w/ NORMALIZATION

$$|l=1, m_x=0\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \\ -1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

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FINALLY,

$m = -1$

FROM EQ (4)

$$b = -\sqrt{2} a$$

$$a + c = -\sqrt{2} b$$

$$b = -\sqrt{2} c$$

SO, w/ NORMALIZATION

$$|l=1, m_x = -1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

YOU CAN ALSO HAVE

$$|l=1, m_x = -1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

NOW WE COMPUTE

$$P(m_x=0) = |\langle u | l=1, m_x=0 \rangle|^2$$

$$= \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{26}} (1 \quad 4 \quad -3) \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \right]^2 = \left(\frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}}{\sqrt{26}} \right)^2 = \frac{16}{52} = \frac{4}{13}$$

$P(m_x=0) = 4/13$

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

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

FIND E.V.'S & E.F.'S.

$$\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1-i \\ 1+i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1-i \\ 1+i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \frac{2}{1} \lambda \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda' & 1-i \\ 1+i & -\lambda' \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad \text{w/ } \lambda' = \frac{2}{1} \lambda \quad (3)$$

$$\lambda'^2 - (1+i) = 0$$
$$\lambda' = \pm \sqrt{1+i}$$

$$\therefore \lambda = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

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For $\lambda = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$, CALCULATION IS VERY SIMILAR!

$$b(1-i) = -\sqrt{2}a$$

$$a(1+i) = -\sqrt{2}b$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow e^{-i\pi/4} b &= -a \\ e^{+i\pi/4} a &= -b \end{aligned} \Rightarrow |a| = |b| \text{ AS BEF}$$

SET $a=1$, so $b = -\frac{(1+i)}{\sqrt{2}}$

INCLUDING NORMALIZATION, THE EIGENFUNCTION FOR $\lambda = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ IS

$$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{(1+i)}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

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NOW FIND EIGENFUNCTIONS

FOR $\lambda = +\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

$$(S_x + S_y) \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1-i \\ 1+i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow b(1-i) = \sqrt{2} a$$

$$a(1+i) = \sqrt{2} b$$

OR

$$e^{-i\pi/4} b = a$$

$$e^{+i\pi/4} a = b$$

$$\Rightarrow |a| = |b|$$

SET ARBITRARILY $a=1$, THEN $b = e^{+i\pi/4}$
 $= \frac{1+i}{\sqrt{2}}$

SO, E.F FOR $\lambda = +\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$:

$$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1+i}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

INCLUDES NORMALIZATION FACTOR.

$$\text{i.e., } (a \ b) \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = 1$$

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$$\text{PROB (MEASURING } S_z = \hbar/2) = \langle s = \frac{\hbar}{2}, s_z = \frac{\hbar}{2} | s = \frac{\hbar}{2}, s_x + s_y =$$

$$= \left| (1 \ 0) \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{\hbar + i}{2} \end{pmatrix} \right|^2$$

$$= \left| \frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{2}} \right|^2$$

$$\boxed{\text{Prob} = 1/2}$$