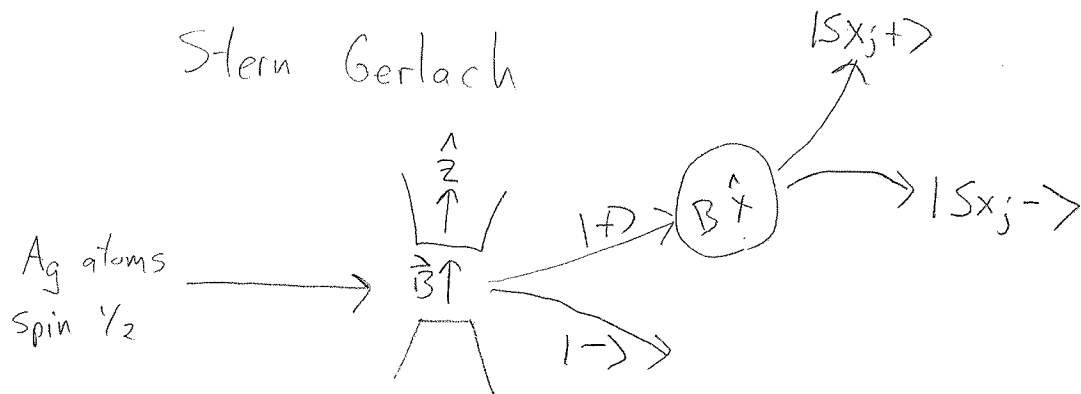


2.1

Stern Gerlach



$|\pm\rangle$ spin $\pm \hbar/2$ wrt \hat{z} axis

$|S_x j \pm\rangle$ spin $\pm \hbar/2$ wrt \hat{x} axis

atom in $|+\rangle$ beam has 50/50 probability of being $|S_x j +\rangle$ or $|S_x j -\rangle$

$$\Rightarrow |\langle + | S_x j + \rangle| = |\langle - | S_x j + \rangle| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\text{probability} = \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow |\text{prdb. amplitude}| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$|S_x j +\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|+\rangle + e^{i\delta_1} |-\rangle) e^{i\theta_+}$$

this satisfies $|\langle + | S_x j + \rangle| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

$$\langle + | \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|+\rangle + e^{i\delta_1} |-\rangle) e^{i\theta_+} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle + | + \rangle e^{i\theta_+}$$

$|S_x j -\rangle$ has to look similar, but be \perp :

$$|S_x j -\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|+\rangle \overset{\star}{\downarrow} - e^{i\delta_1} |-\rangle) e^{i\theta_-}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \langle S_x j - | S_x j + \rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\langle + | - e^{-i\delta_1} \langle - |) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (| + \rangle + e^{i\delta_1} | - \rangle) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [\langle + | + \rangle - e^{i\delta_1 - i\delta_1} \langle - | - \rangle] = 0 \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

$$| S_x j \pm \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [| + \rangle \pm e^{i\delta_1} | - \rangle] e^{i\theta_{\pm}}$$

$$| S_y j \pm \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [| + \rangle \pm e^{i\delta_2} | - \rangle] e^{i\theta_{\pm}}$$

Construct operator \hat{S}_x by $\sum (\text{eigenvalue}) \times (\text{projection op})$

$$\hat{S}_x = \frac{\hbar}{2} | S_x + \rangle \langle S_x + | - \frac{\hbar}{2} | S_x - \rangle \langle S_x - |$$

$$= \frac{\hbar}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [| + \rangle + e^{i\delta_1} | - \rangle] e^{i\theta_+} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [\langle + | + e^{-i\delta_1} \langle - |] e^{-i\theta_+}$$

$$- \frac{\hbar}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [| + \rangle - e^{i\delta_1} | - \rangle] e^{i\theta_-} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [\langle + | - e^{-i\delta_1} \langle - |] e^{-i\theta_-}$$

$$= \frac{\hbar}{2} [e^{-i\delta_1} | + \rangle \langle - | + e^{i\delta_1} | - \rangle \langle + |]$$

matrix form i $\begin{pmatrix} | + \rangle \\ | - \rangle \end{pmatrix}^{\dagger} \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & e^{-i\delta_1} \\ e^{i\delta_1} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} | + \rangle \\ | - \rangle \end{pmatrix}$

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similarly

$$\hat{S}_y = \frac{\hbar}{2} \left[e^{-i\delta_2} |+\rangle\langle -| + e^{i\delta_2} |-\rangle\langle +| \right]$$

matrix form: $\begin{pmatrix} |+\rangle \\ |-\rangle \end{pmatrix}^\dagger \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & e^{-i\delta_2} \\ e^{i\delta_2} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} |+\rangle \\ |-\rangle \end{pmatrix}$

what are δ_1 & δ_2 ?

just as $|\langle + | S_x + \rangle| = |\langle - | S_x + \rangle| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

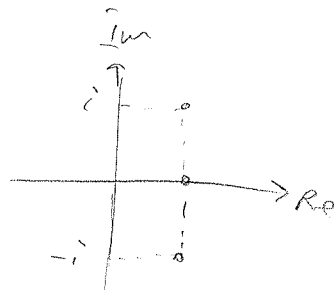
also $|\langle S_x \pm 1 | S_y + \rangle| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ by rotating axes

$$\left| e^{-i\theta_+} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\langle + | \pm e^{-i\delta_1} \langle - |) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|+\rangle + e^{i\delta_2} |-\rangle) e^{i\theta_+} \right| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left| \langle + | + \rangle \pm e^{i(\delta_2 - \delta_1)} \langle - | - \rangle \right| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left| 1 \pm \underbrace{e^{i(\delta_2 - \delta_1)}}_{\pm i} \right| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\rightarrow \delta_2 - \delta_1 = \pm \pi/2$$



Only the difference is determined, so we're free to

Choose one of δ 's. Convention: $\delta_1 = 0 \rightarrow \delta_2 = \pm \pi/2$

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$$\delta_2 = \pi/2 \quad (\text{not } -\pi/2 \text{ because... reasons.})$$

$$\tilde{S}_x = \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} |+\rangle\langle-| + |-\rangle\langle+| \\ \hline \hline \end{pmatrix} \quad \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\hbar}{2} \sigma_x$$

$$\tilde{S}_y = \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -i|+\rangle\langle-| + i|-\rangle\langle+| \\ \hline \hline \end{pmatrix} \quad \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\hbar}{2} \sigma_y$$

$$\tilde{S}_z = \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} |+\rangle\langle+| - |-\rangle\langle-| \\ \hline \hline \end{pmatrix} \quad \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\hbar}{2} \sigma_z$$

↑

Pauli matrices

 \tilde{S}_i obey

commutation relation

$$\tilde{S}_i \tilde{S}_j - \tilde{S}_j \tilde{S}_i = [\tilde{S}_i, \tilde{S}_j] = i \epsilon_{ijk} \hbar \tilde{S}_k$$

commutator ↗

$$\epsilon_{xyz} = 1 = -\epsilon_{zyx}$$

$$\epsilon_{xxy} = 0 \text{ etc.}$$

anticommutation relation

$$\tilde{S}_i \tilde{S}_j + \tilde{S}_j \tilde{S}_i = \{\tilde{S}_i, \tilde{S}_j\} = \frac{1}{2} \hbar^2 \delta_{ij}$$

anti-commutator ↗

$$\vec{\tilde{S}} \equiv (\tilde{S}_x, \tilde{S}_y, \tilde{S}_z)$$

form a vector of operators

$$\text{define } \tilde{S}^2 = \vec{\tilde{S}} \cdot \vec{\tilde{S}} = \tilde{S}_x^2 + \tilde{S}_y^2 + \tilde{S}_z^2 = \frac{\hbar^2}{2} \delta_{xx} + \frac{\hbar^2}{2} \delta_{yy} + \frac{\hbar^2}{2} \delta_{zz} = \frac{3}{4} \hbar^2$$

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$$1) \hat{S}^2 = (\hat{S}^2)^\dagger$$

$$2) \hat{S}^2 \propto \mathbb{1} \quad \text{so} \quad [\hat{S}_i, \hat{S}^2] = 0$$

Operators $[\hat{A}, \hat{B}] = 0$ compatible

$[\hat{A}, \hat{B}] \neq 0$ incompatible

Degenerate states: more than one w/ same eigenvalue

If $[\hat{A}, \hat{B}] = 0$ & we have eigenstates $\hat{A} |a'\rangle = a' |a'\rangle$

then $\langle a'' | \hat{B} | a' \rangle$ is diagonal

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(for \underline{A} non degenerate)

$$\text{proof } \uparrow \quad \langle a'' | [A, B] | a' \rangle = (a'' - a') \underbrace{\langle a'' | B | a' \rangle}_{=0} = 0$$

$$\langle a'' | B | a' \rangle = \delta_{a'' a'} \langle a' | B | a' \rangle \quad \text{unless } a'' = a'$$

Also if $[A, B] = 0$ then $|a'\rangle$'s are e-kets of \underline{B} too

$$\text{proof } \underline{B} = \sum_{a''} |a''\rangle \langle a'' | B | a'' \rangle \langle a'' |$$

$$\underline{B} |a'\rangle = \sum_{a''} |a''\rangle \underbrace{\langle a'' | B | a'' \rangle}_{\text{gives } \delta_{a' a''}} \underbrace{\langle a'' | a'\rangle}_{\delta_{a'' a'}}$$

gives $\delta_{a' a''}$

Above assuming \underline{A} has nondegenerate states, ALSO TRUE IF DEGENERATE C.F. Sakurai

Among the degenerate e-kets of \underline{A} will be e-kets of \underline{B} w/ various e-vals b' which will distinguish states in the degenerate (wrt \underline{A}) set.

maximal set of commuting observables $\underline{A}, \underline{B}, \underline{C}, \dots$

States: $|a', b', c', \dots\rangle$

$$\sum_{a'} \sum_{b'} \sum_{c'} \dots |a', b', c', \dots\rangle \langle a', b', c', \dots| = \mathbb{1}$$

2.7

Uncertainty

define $\Delta A \equiv A - \langle A \rangle$

$$\langle \Delta A^2 \rangle = \langle (A^2 - 2A\langle A \rangle + \langle A \rangle^2) \rangle = \langle A^2 \rangle - \langle A \rangle^2$$

dispersion / mean square deviation / variance

any state \Rightarrow statement about OPERATORS

$$* \quad \langle \Delta A^2 \rangle \langle \Delta B^2 \rangle \geq \frac{1}{4} | \langle [A, B] \rangle |^2$$

generalized uncertainty relation

Mot \rightarrow

① Schwarz inequality

$$\langle \alpha | \alpha \rangle \langle \beta | \beta \rangle \geq | \langle \alpha | \beta \rangle |^2 \quad [|\vec{a}|^2 |\vec{b}|^2 \geq |\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}|^2]$$

Proof

$$(\langle \alpha | + \lambda^* \langle \beta |)(| \alpha \rangle + \lambda | \beta \rangle) \geq 0$$

$$\text{set } \lambda = - \langle \beta | \alpha \rangle / \langle \beta | \beta \rangle$$

QED

② $\langle (\text{Hermitian op}) \rangle$ is IR

③ $\langle (\text{anti-Hermitian}) \rangle$ is pure Im

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uncertainty prod of

① with $|\alpha\rangle = \Delta A |\rangle$ $|\beta\rangle = \Delta B |\rangle$

$$\langle \Delta A^2 \rangle \langle \Delta B^2 \rangle \geq |\langle \Delta A \Delta B \rangle|^2 \quad (\Delta A, \Delta B \text{ Hermitian})$$

$$\Delta A \Delta B = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} [\Delta A, \Delta B]}_{\text{anti-Herm}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \{\Delta A, \Delta B\}}_{\text{Herm}}$$

$$\langle \Delta A \Delta B \rangle = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \langle [A, B] \rangle}_{\text{Im}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \langle \{\Delta A, \Delta B\} \rangle}_{\text{R}}$$

$$|\langle \Delta A \Delta B \rangle|^2 = \frac{1}{4} |\langle [A, B] \rangle|^2 + \frac{1}{4} |\langle \{\Delta A, \Delta B\} \rangle|^2$$

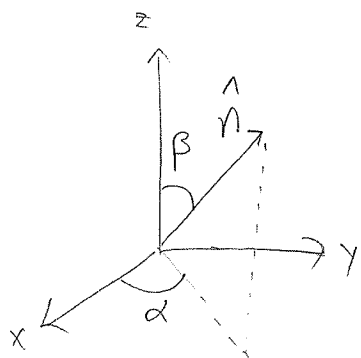
only makes
RHS bigger

$$|\langle \Delta A \Delta B \rangle|^2 \leq \frac{1}{4} |\langle [A, B] \rangle|^2$$

\Rightarrow

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P1/2

Find $\hat{n} \cdot \vec{S}$ such that $\hat{n} \cdot \vec{S} | \hat{n} \cdot \vec{S}; + \rangle = \frac{\hbar}{2} | \hat{n} \cdot \vec{S}; + \rangle$



$$\hat{n} \cdot \vec{S} = \cos \alpha \sin \beta S_x + \sin \alpha \sin \beta S_y + \cos \beta S_z$$

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

$$\text{so } \hat{n} \cdot \vec{S} = \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \beta & \cos \alpha \sin \beta - i \sin \alpha \sin \beta \\ \cos \alpha \sin \beta + i \sin \alpha \sin \beta & -\cos \beta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \beta & e^{-i\alpha} \sin \beta \\ e^{i\alpha} \sin \beta & -\cos \beta \end{pmatrix}$$

We want the eigenvector of this with eigenvalue $+\hbar/2$

$$\text{i.e. } \begin{pmatrix} \cos \beta & e^{-i\alpha} \sin \beta \\ e^{i\alpha} \sin \beta & -\cos \beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{and } |a|^2 + |b|^2 = 1$$

choose phase so $a > 0$ [whole $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$ can be multiplied by $e^{i\theta}$]

$$a \cos \beta + b e^{-i\alpha} \sin \beta = a$$

$$a^2 (1 - \cos \beta)^2 = |b|^2 \sin^2 \beta = (1 - a^2) \sin^2 \beta$$

$$a^2 \cdot 4 \sin^2 \beta / 2 = (1 - a^2) 4 \sin^2 \beta / 2 \cos^2 \beta / 2$$

example problem

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p2/2

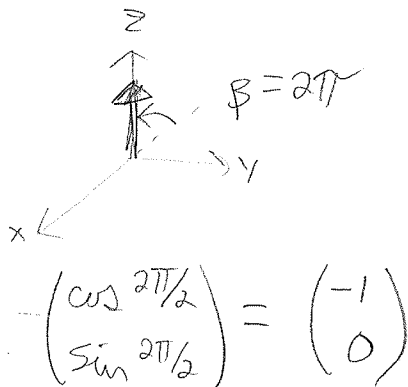
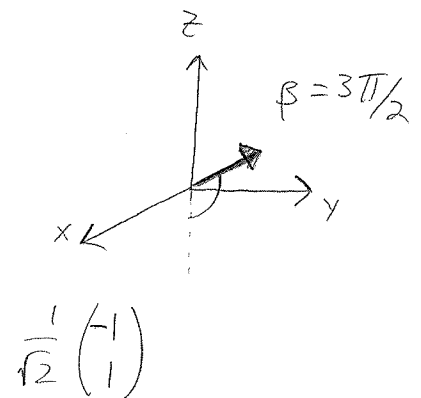
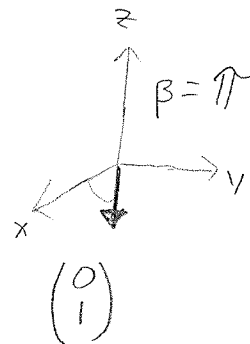
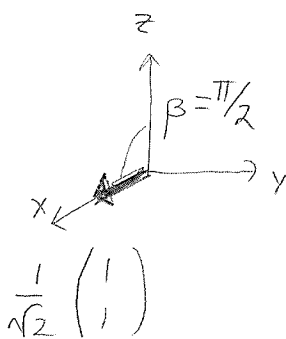
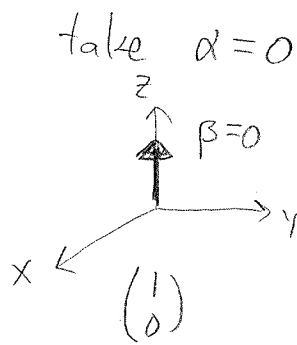
$$4a^2 \sin^2 \frac{\beta}{2} = (1-a^2) 4 \sin^2 \frac{\beta}{2} \cos^2 \frac{\beta}{2}$$

$$a = \cos \frac{\beta}{2}$$

plug back into $a \cos \beta + b e^{-i\alpha} \sin \beta = a$

$$b = a e^{i\alpha} \frac{1 - \cos \beta}{\sin \beta} = \cos \frac{\beta}{2} e^{i\alpha} \frac{2 \sin^2 \frac{\beta}{2}}{2 \sin \frac{\beta}{2} \cos \frac{\beta}{2}}$$
$$= e^{i\alpha} \sin \frac{\beta}{2}$$

$$|\uparrow \downarrow \vec{s}_z \uparrow + \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \beta/2 \\ e^{i\alpha} \sin \beta/2 \end{pmatrix}$$



example problem

1.12
P1

spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ in eigenstate $|\hat{n} \cdot \vec{S}; +\rangle$ with \hat{n} in
X-Z plane making angle β with \hat{z}

S_x is measured. What is the probability of $+\hbar/2$?

$$|\hat{n} \cdot \vec{S}; +\rangle = \cos \frac{\beta}{2} |+\rangle + e^{i\alpha} \sin \frac{\beta}{2} |-\rangle$$

$$\text{prob} = |\langle S_x; + | \hat{n} \cdot \vec{S}; + \rangle|^2$$

$$= \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\langle + | + \langle - |) \left(\cos \frac{\beta}{2} |+\rangle + e^{i\alpha} \sin \frac{\beta}{2} |-\rangle \right) \right|^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left| \sqrt{\frac{1+\cos\beta}{2}} + \sqrt{\frac{1-\cos\beta}{2}} \right|^2 = \frac{1+\sin\beta}{2}$$

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P1

two-state system: $\hat{H} = H_{11} |1\rangle\langle 1| + H_{22} |2\rangle\langle 2| + H_{12} (|2\rangle\langle 1| + |1\rangle\langle 2|)$

$$\text{let } H_{11} = H_{22} = \Sigma \quad H_{12} = H_{21} = \Delta$$

$$\rightarrow \hat{H} = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma & \Delta \\ \Delta & \Sigma \end{pmatrix} \quad \hat{H} u = \Sigma u$$

$$\det \left[\begin{pmatrix} \Sigma & \Delta \\ \Delta & \Sigma \end{pmatrix} - \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right] = 0$$

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma - \lambda & \Delta \\ \Delta & \Sigma - \lambda \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$(\Sigma - \lambda)^2 - \Delta^2 = 0$$

$$\lambda = \Sigma \pm \Delta$$

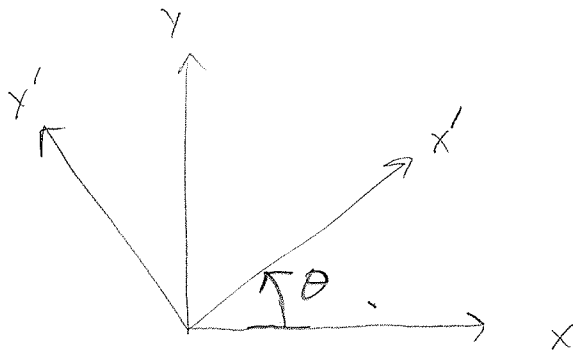
$$\hat{H} = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_0 & \Delta \\ \Delta & \Sigma_1 \end{pmatrix} : \det \left[\begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_0 & \Delta \\ \Delta & \Sigma_1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} \right] = 0$$

$$(\Sigma_0 - \lambda)(\Sigma_1 - \lambda) - \Delta^2 = 0$$

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{2} \left(\Sigma_0 + \Sigma_1 \pm \sqrt{(\Sigma_0 + \Sigma_1)^2 + 4\Delta^2} \right)$$

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Rotate axes



$$|\psi\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{x'} \\ \psi_{y'} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \langle x'|\psi\rangle \\ \langle y'|\psi\rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

$|\psi\rangle$ in original x, y basis

$$\langle x'|\psi\rangle = \langle x'| \left(|x\rangle \langle x|\psi\rangle + |y\rangle \langle y|\psi\rangle \right)$$

$$\langle y'|\psi\rangle = \langle y'| \left(|x\rangle \langle x|\psi\rangle + |y\rangle \langle y|\psi\rangle \right)$$

WRITE AS ...

$$\begin{pmatrix} \langle x'|\psi\rangle \\ \langle y'|\psi\rangle \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \langle x'|x\rangle & \langle x'|y\rangle \\ \langle y'|x\rangle & \langle y'|y\rangle \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \langle x|\psi\rangle \\ \langle y|\psi\rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

example: rotation by θ

$$|x'\rangle = \cos\theta |x\rangle + \sin\theta |y\rangle$$

$$|y'\rangle = -\sin\theta |x\rangle + \cos\theta |y\rangle$$

so

$$\tilde{R}(\theta) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ -\sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{transformation matrix}$$

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We can view this transformation as

- 1) rotating axes by θ (counter clockwise) to new x', y'
- OR
- 2) rotating state by θ (clockwise)

new state rotated; $|\psi'\rangle = \underline{R}(\theta) |\psi\rangle$
 by θ clockwise

In general, components get all scrambled

We can ask if there are $|\psi\rangle$'s such that operating w/ $\underline{R}(\theta)$ gives a simple multiple

$$\underline{R}(\theta) |\psi\rangle = c |\psi\rangle \quad \text{eigenvalue, eigenvector}$$

Classical Noether's Theorem: symmetry \Rightarrow conservation law

If $|\psi\rangle$ is an eigenvector of $\underline{R}(\theta)$, it's unchanged (only norm changed, but same polarization state)

$$\underline{R}(\theta) = \cos \theta \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + i \sin \theta \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

implicit $\mathbb{1}$

$$= \cos \theta \mathbb{1} + i \underline{\Sigma} \sin \theta$$

$$\underline{\Sigma} \equiv \underline{\Sigma}$$

Find evals of $\underline{\Sigma}$, ... $\underline{\Sigma}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbb{1}$

denote eval of $\underline{\Sigma}$, λ : $\underline{\Sigma}^2 |\psi\rangle = \lambda^2 |\psi\rangle = \mathbb{1} |\psi\rangle = |\psi\rangle$

$$\rightarrow \lambda = \pm 1$$

$$\lambda = +1: |\psi_{+}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{pmatrix} = |R\rangle \quad \lambda = -1: |\psi_{-}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{pmatrix} = |L\rangle$$

from before!

$W \rightarrow$

2.11 S_0 , $|R\rangle$ & $|L\rangle$ are eigenvectors of $\mathcal{R}(\theta)$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{R}(\theta)|R\rangle &= [\cos\theta + i\underline{S}\sin\theta]|R\rangle = [\cos\theta + i \cdot 1 \cdot \sin\theta]|R\rangle \\ &= e^{i\theta}|R\rangle\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{R}(\theta)|L\rangle &= [\cos\theta + i\underline{S}\sin\theta]|L\rangle = [\cos\theta + i \cdot (-1) \cdot \sin\theta]|L\rangle \\ &= e^{-i\theta}|L\rangle\end{aligned}$$

Since $|R\rangle, |L\rangle$ form an orthonormal basis

$$|4\rangle = |R\rangle\langle R|4\rangle + |L\rangle\langle L|4\rangle$$

& under rotation

$$\begin{aligned}|4\rangle \rightarrow \mathcal{R}(\theta)|4\rangle &= \mathcal{R}(\theta)|R\rangle\langle R|4\rangle + \mathcal{R}(\theta)|L\rangle\langle L|4\rangle \\ &= e^{i\theta}|R\rangle\langle R|4\rangle + e^{-i\theta}|L\rangle\langle L|4\rangle\end{aligned}$$

we call \underline{S} the spin matrix or operator for the photon, with eigenvalues ± 1

photon = spin 1

to see why, let's look at angular momentum