

The 3x3 matrices $\tilde{J}_i^{(1)}$

easy: $i=3$ aka \tilde{J}_z : $\langle 1 m' | \tilde{J}_z | 1 m \rangle$

$$= m \hbar \delta_{m', m}$$

$$m' = 1 \begin{pmatrix} m=1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\tilde{J}_+ : \langle 1 m' | \tilde{J}_+ | 1 m \rangle = \langle 1 m' | \hbar \sqrt{(1+1)-m(m+1)} | 1 m+1 \rangle$$

$$= \hbar \sqrt{2-m(m+1)} \delta_{m', m+1}$$

$$m' = 1 \begin{pmatrix} m=1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2} \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \hbar \doteq \tilde{J}_+$$

$$\tilde{J}_- = \tilde{J}_+^\dagger$$

$$\tilde{J}_- \doteq \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \sqrt{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \hbar$$

$$\tilde{J}_x = \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{J}_+ + \tilde{J}_-) = \frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\tilde{J}_y = \frac{1}{2i}(\tilde{J}_+ - \tilde{J}_-) = \frac{\hbar}{2i} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ -\sqrt{2} & 0 & \sqrt{2} \\ 0 & -\sqrt{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i & 0 \\ i & 0 & -i \\ 0 & i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

note: $S_3 \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ $S_3^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \underline{\underline{1}}$

$\sigma_3 \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ $\sigma_3^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \underline{\underline{1}}$

but do note: $S_3^3 = S_3$

as $\sigma_1^3 = \sigma_1$

and $S_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 & 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ $S_1^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1/2 & 0 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$

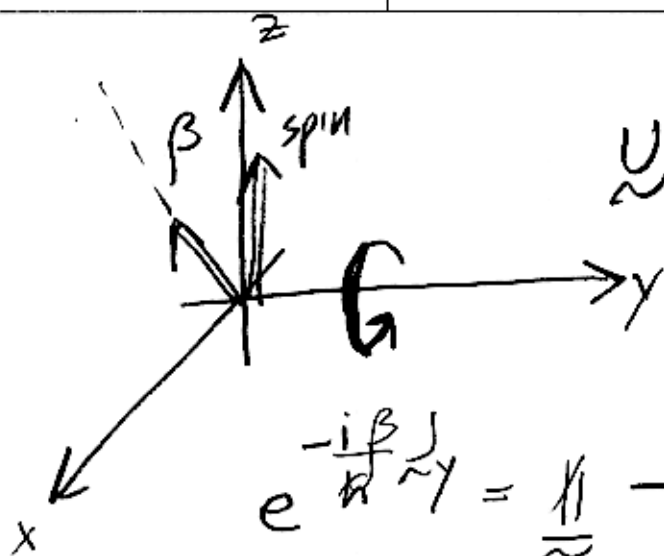
$S_1^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 & 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix} = S_1$

and $S_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ i/\sqrt{2} & 0 & -i/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 & i/\sqrt{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ $S_2^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 0 & -1/2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1/2 & 0 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$

$S_2^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ i/\sqrt{2} & 0 & -i/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 & i/\sqrt{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix} = S_2$

These relationships come in useful when evaluating matrices that describe rotations.

\Rightarrow interesting case is that that describes rotations about Y axis:



$$U(R[\hat{J}_y]) = e^{-\frac{i\beta}{\hbar} J_y}$$

$$e^{-\frac{i\beta}{\hbar} J_y} = \underline{\underline{1}} - \frac{i\beta}{\hbar} J_y + \frac{1}{2!} \left(\frac{i\beta}{\hbar}\right)^2 J_y^2 + \frac{1}{3!} \left(\frac{i\beta}{\hbar}\right)^3 J_y^3 + \frac{1}{4!} \left(\frac{i\beta}{\hbar}\right)^4 J_y^4$$

when $j = \frac{1}{2}$

$$J_y = \frac{\hbar}{2} \underline{\underline{\sigma}}_2 \quad J_y^2 = \left(\frac{\hbar}{2}\right)^2 \underline{\underline{\sigma}}_2^2 = \left(\frac{\hbar}{2}\right)^2 \underline{\underline{1}}$$

$$J_y^3 = \left(\frac{\hbar}{2}\right)^3 \underline{\underline{\sigma}}_2 \quad J_y^4 = \left(\frac{\hbar}{2}\right)^4 \underline{\underline{1}}$$

$$e^{-\frac{i\beta}{\hbar} J_y} = \underline{\underline{1}} - \frac{i\beta}{2} \underline{\underline{\sigma}}_2 + \frac{1}{2!} \left(-\frac{i\beta}{2}\right)^2 \underline{\underline{1}} + \frac{1}{3!} \left(-\frac{i\beta}{2}\right)^3 \underline{\underline{\sigma}}_2 + \frac{1}{4!} \left(-\frac{i\beta}{2}\right)^4 \underline{\underline{1}}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{1}} \cdot \cos \frac{\beta}{2} - \underline{\underline{\sigma}}_2 \sin \frac{\beta}{2}$$

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

when $j=1$ ↓ since $\hbar \cdot \tilde{s}_2$ is rep of s_y

$$e^{-\frac{i\beta}{\hbar} \tilde{s}_y} = \mathbb{1} - i\beta \tilde{s}_2 + \frac{1}{2!} (-i\beta)^2 \tilde{s}_2^2 + \frac{1}{3!} (-i\beta)^3 \tilde{s}_2^3 + \frac{1}{4!} (-i\beta)^4 \tilde{s}_2^4$$

$$= \mathbb{1} - \tilde{s}_2 \sin\beta + \tilde{s}_2^2 (\cos\beta - 1)$$

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

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

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}(1+\cos\beta) & i/\sqrt{2} \sin\beta & \frac{1}{2}(1-\cos\beta) \\ -i/\sqrt{2} \sin\beta & \cos\beta & i/\sqrt{2} \sin\beta \\ \frac{1}{2}(1-\cos\beta) & -i/\sqrt{2} \sin\beta & \frac{1}{2}(1+\cos\beta) \end{pmatrix}$$

12.5.3

(1) Show $\langle J_x \rangle = \langle J_y \rangle = 0$ in $|j m\rangle$

$$\langle j m | J_x | j m \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \langle j m | (J_+ + J_-) | j m \rangle$$

\uparrow raises \uparrow lowers
in either case, orthogonal to the bra $\langle j m |$

= 0.

$$\langle j m | J_y | j m \rangle = \frac{1}{2i} \langle j m | (J_+ - J_-) | j m \rangle$$

0 by same argument

(2) Show $\langle J_x^2 \rangle = \langle J_y^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \hbar^2 [j(j+1) - m^2]$

$$J_x^2 = \frac{1}{2} (J_+ + J_-) \cdot \frac{1}{2} (J_+ + J_-) = \frac{1}{4} (J_+^2 + J_+ J_- + J_- J_+ + J_-^2)$$

$$\langle J_x^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{4} (\underbrace{\langle J_+^2 \rangle}_0 + \underbrace{\langle J_+ J_- + J_- J_+ \rangle}_{\text{this is non-zero}} + \underbrace{\langle J_-^2 \rangle}_0)$$

$$\langle J_x^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{4} \langle J_+ J_- + J_- J_+ \rangle$$

$$J_y^2 = \frac{1}{2i} (J_+ - J_-) \frac{1}{2i} (J_+ - J_-) = -\frac{1}{4} (J_+^2 - J_+ J_- - J_- J_+ + J_-^2)$$

$$\langle \hat{J}_y^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{4} (-\langle \hat{J}_+^2 \rangle + \langle \hat{J}_+ \hat{J}_- + \hat{J}_- \hat{J}_+ \rangle - \langle \hat{J}_-^2 \rangle)$$

$$\langle \hat{J}_y^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{4} \langle \hat{J}_+ \hat{J}_- + \hat{J}_- \hat{J}_+ \rangle = \langle \hat{J}_x^2 \rangle$$

$\langle j, m | \hat{J}_- \hat{J}_+ | j, m \rangle$ is norm of $\hat{J}_+ | j, m \rangle$
since adjoint is $\langle j, m | \hat{J}_-$

$$\langle j, m | \hat{J}_- \hat{J}_+ | j, m \rangle = \hbar^2 (j(j+1) - m(m+1))$$

$$\langle j, m | \hat{J}_+ \hat{J}_- | j, m \rangle \text{ is norm of } \hat{J}_- | j, m \rangle \\ = \hbar^2 (j(j+1) - m(m-1))$$

$$\langle \hat{J}_x^2 \rangle = \langle \hat{J}_y^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{4} [\hbar^2 (j(j+1) - m(m+1)) + \hbar^2 (j(j+1) - m(m-1))]]$$

$$\langle \hat{J}_x^2 \rangle = \langle \hat{J}_y^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \hbar^2 [j(j+1) - m^2]$$

$$(3) (\Delta J_x)^2 = \langle \hat{J}_x^2 \rangle = \langle \hat{J}_x^2 \rangle$$

$$\hat{J}_x = \hat{J}_x - \langle \hat{J}_x \rangle = \hat{J}_x$$

$$(\Delta J_x)^2 = \langle \hat{J}_x^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \hbar^2 [j(j+1) - m^2]$$

$$(\Delta J_y)^2 = \langle \hat{J}_y^2 \rangle$$

$$\hat{J}_y = \hat{J}_y - \langle \hat{J}_y \rangle = \hat{J}_y$$

$$(\Delta J_y)^2 = \langle \hat{J}_y^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \hbar^2 [j(j+1) - m^2]$$

so

$$(\Delta J_x)^2 (\Delta J_y)^2 = \frac{1}{4} \hbar^4 [j(j+1) - m^2]^2$$

$$\Delta J_x \Delta J_y = \frac{1}{2} \hbar [j(j+1) - m^2]$$

Uncertainty Principle

$$(\Delta J_x)^2 (\Delta J_y)^2 \geq \frac{1}{4} |\langle [\hat{J}_x, \hat{J}_y]_+ \rangle|^2 + \frac{1}{4} |\langle \underbrace{[\hat{J}_x, \hat{J}_y]}_{\substack{i\hbar J_z \\ i\hbar m}} \rangle|^2$$

$\uparrow \quad \uparrow$
 since $\langle \hat{J}_x \rangle = \langle \hat{J}_y \rangle = 0$

$$[\hat{J}_x, \hat{J}_y]_+ = [\hat{J}_x, \hat{J}_y]_+$$

$$[\hat{J}_x, \hat{J}_y]_+ = \hat{J}_x \hat{J}_y + \hat{J}_y \hat{J}_x$$

$$= \frac{1}{4i} \left((\hat{J}_+ + \hat{J}_-) (\hat{J}_+ - \hat{J}_-) + (\hat{J}_+ - \hat{J}_-) (\hat{J}_+ + \hat{J}_-) \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4i} \left(2\hat{J}_+^2 - 2\hat{J}_-^2 - \underbrace{\hat{J}_+ \hat{J}_- + \hat{J}_- \hat{J}_+}_0 + \underbrace{\hat{J}_+ \hat{J}_+ - \hat{J}_- \hat{J}_-}_0 \right)$$

$$[\hat{J}_x, \hat{J}_y]_+ = \frac{1}{4i} (2\hat{J}_+^2 - 2\hat{J}_-^2) = \frac{1}{2i} (\hat{J}_+^2 - \hat{J}_-^2)$$

$$\langle [\hat{J}_x, \hat{J}_y]_+ \rangle = \frac{1}{2i} \langle (\hat{J}_+^2 - \hat{J}_-^2) \rangle = 0!$$

so,

$$(\Delta J_x)^2 (\Delta J_y)^2 \geq 0 + \frac{1}{4} \hbar^2 m^2$$

or

$$\Delta J_x \Delta J_y \geq \frac{1}{2} \hbar m$$

$$\text{or } \frac{1}{2} \hbar [j(j+1) - m^2] \geq \frac{1}{2} \hbar |m|$$

$$j(j+1) \geq m^2 + |m|$$

which is indeed true since

$$-j \leq m \leq j$$

(4) when $m = j$

$$j(j+1) \geq j(j+1) \quad \text{and the equality holds}$$

when $m = -j$

$$j(j+1) \geq j^2 + |-j| = j(j+1)$$

and again, the equality holds

Extra Credit: equality above implies

$$\hat{J}_x |j \pm j\rangle = \lambda \hat{J}_y |j \pm j\rangle$$

check:

$$\frac{1}{2} (\hat{J}_+ + \hat{J}_-) |j \pm j\rangle \stackrel{?}{=} \lambda \frac{1}{2i} (\hat{J}_+ - \hat{J}_-) |j \pm j\rangle$$

$m = +j$: \hat{J}_+ wipes out, and $\lambda = -i$ from \hat{J}_- alone

$m = -j$, \hat{J}_- wipes out, and $\lambda = i$ from \hat{J}_+ alone.