

Read Unit 2 Chapter 3 (all) and Chapter 4 thru part (b).

The following deals with spinors, matrix eigensolutions, and applications of them 2D-HO

2.4.1 Derive multiplication table for spinor matrix operators:

$$\sigma_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma_A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma_B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma_C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

	σ_0	σ_A	σ_B	σ_C
σ_0				
σ_A				
σ_B				
σ_C				

(a) Two of the operators are real mirror-plane reflections (Recall superball bounce Theory in Ch. 4-5)
Describe what reflection each of these did.

Consider a normal combination $\sigma(\theta) = \sigma_A \cos \theta + \sigma_B \sin \theta$. Does it square like a reflection $\sigma(\theta)^2 = ?$

(b) What is its effect on vectors $|x\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $|y\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$? Display on graph for $\theta=30^\circ$ and $\theta=45^\circ$.

(c) Use the functional spectral decomposition (Lect. 18 around p.61-63) to derive the following matrix functions of the spinor matrices: (Show that more than one answer exists for each.)

$$\sqrt{\sigma_A} = \text{_____}, \quad \sqrt{\sigma_B} = \text{_____}, \quad \sqrt{\sigma_C} = \text{_____}, \quad \sqrt{\sigma(\theta)} = \text{_____},$$

$$e^{-i\phi\sigma_A} = \text{_____}, \quad e^{-i\phi\sigma_B} = \text{_____}, \quad e^{-i\phi\sigma_C} = \text{_____}, \quad e^{-i\phi\sigma(\theta)} = \text{_____},$$

Compare last four results with what you get from the “Crazy-Thing-Theorem” (Lect. 18 p.31).

(d) 2D-HO phasor space and quantum spin $\frac{1}{2}$ is described by a state vector with 4-parameters

$$|\psi\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + ip_1 \\ x_2 + ip_2 \end{pmatrix} = r \begin{pmatrix} e^{-i\frac{\alpha}{2}} \cos \frac{\beta}{2} \\ e^{+i\frac{\alpha}{2}} \sin \frac{\beta}{2} \end{pmatrix} e^{-i\frac{\gamma}{2}}. \text{ Express the 4 phase variables } (x_1, p_1, x_2, p_2) \text{ in terms of the}$$

radius r , three Euler-polar angles (azimuth α , polar angle β , and phase γ) of spin (Stokes) vector \mathbf{S} .
Also express (x_1, p_1, x_2, p_2) in terms of (A, B, C, D) following projector method in Lect. 18 p.74-75.

2.4.1 D_2 (quantum-spin $\frac{1}{2}$) multiplication table: (Using standard notation: $\sigma_x = \sigma_B$, $\sigma_y = \sigma_C$, $\sigma_z = \sigma_A$)

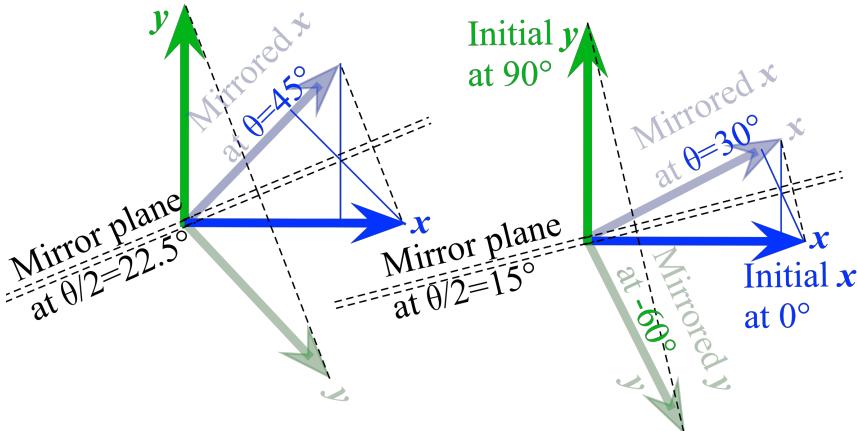
$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{array}{c} \sigma_Z \cdot \sigma_X \\ \left(\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{cc} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{array} \right) = \left(\begin{array}{cc} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{array} \right) = i \left(\begin{array}{cc} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{array} \right) = i\sigma_Y \end{array} \\
 \begin{array}{c} \sigma_X \cdot \sigma_Z \\ \left(\begin{array}{cc} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{array} \right) = \left(\begin{array}{cc} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{array} \right) = -i \left(\begin{array}{cc} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{array} \right) = -i\sigma_Y \end{array} \\
 \begin{array}{c} \sigma_X \cdot \sigma_Y \\ \left(\begin{array}{cc} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{cc} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{array} \right) = \left(\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) = \text{Identity} \end{array} \\
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 \begin{array}{c} \sigma_Y \cdot \sigma_Z \\ \left(\begin{array}{cc} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{array} \right) = \left(\begin{array}{cc} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{array} \right) = i \left(\begin{array}{cc} 0 & i \\ -i & 0 \end{array} \right) = i\sigma_X \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

Part (a)₁ Both $\sigma_x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\sigma_z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ are real 2D mirror ops. So is normal $\sigma(\theta) = \sigma_z \cos \theta + \sigma_x \sin \theta$

$$\sigma(\theta) = \sigma_z \cos \theta + \sigma_x \sin \theta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \cos \theta + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sin \theta = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & -\cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Note: } \sigma(\theta) \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \cos \theta + y \sin \theta \\ x \sin \theta - y \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} = x \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} + y \begin{pmatrix} \sin \theta \\ -\cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Better: } \sigma(\theta) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} \text{ and: } \sigma(\theta) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sin \theta \\ -\cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\text{Square of any reflection } \sigma(\theta) \text{ is unit matrix: } \sigma(\theta)^2 = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & -\cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & -\cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sigma(\theta)^2 = \begin{pmatrix} \cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta & \cos \theta \sin \theta - \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \cos \theta - \cos \theta \sin \theta & \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Extra-credit: Product $\sigma(\varphi)\sigma(\theta)$ of any two reflections $\sigma(\varphi)$ and $\sigma(\theta)$ is a rotation by angle $(\varphi - \theta)$:

$$\sigma(\varphi)\sigma(\theta) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \varphi & \sin \varphi \\ \sin \varphi & -\cos \varphi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & -\cos \theta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \varphi \cos \theta + \sin \varphi \sin \theta & \cos \varphi \sin \theta - \sin \varphi \cos \theta \\ \sin \varphi \cos \theta - \cos \varphi \sin \theta & \sin \varphi \sin \theta + \cos \varphi \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

Sort the product sums using complex trig: $e^{i(\varphi-\theta)} = e^{i\varphi} e^{-i\theta}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 e^{i(\varphi-\theta)} &= \cos(\varphi - \theta) + i \sin(\varphi - \theta) = e^{i\varphi} e^{-i\theta} = (\cos \varphi + i \sin \varphi)(\cos \theta - i \sin \theta) \\
 &= \cos \varphi \cos \theta + \sin \varphi \sin \theta + i(-\cos \varphi \sin \theta + \sin \varphi \cos \theta)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So: } \sigma(\varphi)\sigma(\theta) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\varphi - \theta) & -\sin(\varphi - \theta) \\ \sin(\varphi - \theta) & \cos(\varphi - \theta) \end{pmatrix} \text{ Note } \textcolor{red}{\text{Inverse: }} \sigma(\theta)\sigma(\varphi) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\varphi - \theta) & +\sin(\varphi - \theta) \\ -\sin(\varphi - \theta) & \cos(\varphi - \theta) \end{pmatrix}$$

Part (c) 1-2 Problem: Find functions of σ -matrices.

$$\sqrt{\sigma_A} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}, \sqrt{\sigma_B} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}, \sqrt{\sigma_C} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}, \sqrt{\sigma(\theta)} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}},$$

$$e^{-i\phi\sigma_A} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}, e^{-i\phi\sigma_B} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}, e^{-i\phi\sigma_C} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}, e^{-i\phi\sigma(\theta)} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}},$$

Part (c)₁₋₂ Any σ -operator satisfies equations $\sigma^2=1$ or $1-\sigma^2=0$ or $(1-\sigma)(1+\sigma)=0$. We combine them into projectors $P^+=(1+\sigma)/2$ and $P^-=(1-\sigma)/2$ for which $P^+P^-=1$ and $P^+P^-=0$ and $P^+P^+=P^+$ and $P^-P^-=P^-$.

Eigen-operator equations $\sigma P^+=+P^+$ and $\sigma P^-=-P^-$ follow with spectral decomposition $\sigma=P^++P^-$. Then function spectral decomposition $f(\sigma)=f(+I)P^++f(-I)P^-$ is used for any function $f(x)$ that exists at $x=\pm I$.

$$\sigma_A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = (+1)P^+ + (-1)P^- \text{ has projectors } P^+ = \frac{1}{2}(1+\sigma_A) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } P^- = \frac{1}{2}(1-\sigma_A) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sqrt{\sigma_A} = \sqrt{+1}P^+ + \sqrt{-1}P^- = \pm(P^+ \pm iP^-) = \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \pm i \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Exponential: } e^{-i\phi\sigma_A} = e^{-i\phi/2}P^+ + e^{+i\phi/2}P^- = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-i\phi/2} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{+i\phi/2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sigma_B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ has projectors } P^+ = \frac{1}{2}(1+\sigma_B) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } P^- = \frac{1}{2}(1-\sigma_B) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ where: } \frac{e^{i\phi} + e^{-i\phi}}{2} = \cos\phi \text{ and: } \frac{e^{i\phi} - e^{-i\phi}}{2i} = \sin\phi$$

$$\sqrt{\sigma_B} = \sqrt{+1}P^+ + \sqrt{-1}P^- = \pm(P^+ \pm iP^-) = \pm \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \pm i & 1 \mp i \\ 1 \mp i & 1 \pm i \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Exponential: } e^{-i\phi\sigma_B} = e^{-i\phi/2}P^+ + e^{+i\phi/2}P^- = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\phi & -i\sin\phi \\ -i\sin\phi & \cos\phi \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sigma_C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ has projectors } P^+ = \frac{1}{2}(1+\sigma_C) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -i \\ i & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } P^- = \frac{1}{2}(1-\sigma_C) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i \\ -i & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sqrt{\sigma_C} = \sqrt{+1}P^+ + \sqrt{-1}P^- = \pm(P^+ \pm iP^-) = \pm \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \pm i & \mp 1 - i \\ \pm 1 + i & 1 \pm i \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Exponential: } e^{-i\phi\sigma_C} = e^{-i\phi/2}P^+ + e^{+i\phi/2}P^- = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\phi & -\sin\phi \\ \sin\phi & \cos\phi \end{pmatrix}$$

$\sigma(\theta) = \sigma_z \cos\theta + \sigma_x \sin\theta$ is more complicated but treated similarly.

$$\sigma_\theta = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & -\cos\theta \end{pmatrix} \text{ has projectors } P^+ = \frac{1}{2}(1+\sigma_\theta) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1+\cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & 1-\cos\theta \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } P^- = \frac{1}{2}(1-\sigma_\theta) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1-\cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ -\sin\theta & 1+\cos\theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sqrt{\sigma_\theta} = \sqrt{+1}P^+ + \sqrt{-1}P^- = \pm(P^+ \pm iP^-) = \pm \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \pm i + (1 \mp i)\cos\theta & (1 \mp i)\sin\theta \\ (1 \mp i)\sin\theta & 1 \pm i - (1 \mp i)\cos\theta \end{pmatrix}$$

Part (c)₃ Crazy-Thing Theorem: If $(\circlearrowleft)^2 = -1$ then $e^{i\circlearrowleft\varphi} = 1\cos\varphi + (\circlearrowleft)\sin\varphi$ gives same results. Here:

$$\circlearrowleft = -i\sigma_\varphi = -i(\sigma \bullet \hat{\varphi}) = -i(\sigma \bullet \vec{\varphi})/\varphi \quad (\text{Crazy-Thing Theorem is easier to apply than projector forms.})$$

$$\text{Part (c)₃} e^{-i \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \varphi_A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cos\varphi_A - i \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \sin\varphi_A = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\varphi_A - i\sin\varphi_A & 0 \\ 0 & \cos\varphi_A - i\sin\varphi_A \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-i\varphi_A} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\varphi_A} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$e^{-i\sigma_B \varphi_B} = e^{-i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \varphi_B} = 1\cos\varphi_B - i(\sigma_B)\sin\varphi_B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cos\varphi_B - i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sin\varphi_B = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\varphi_B & -i\sin\varphi_B \\ -i\sin\varphi_B & \cos\varphi_B \end{pmatrix}$$

$$e^{-i\sigma_C \varphi_C} = e^{-i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \varphi_C} = 1\cos\varphi_C - i(\sigma_C)\sin\varphi_C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cos\varphi_C - i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sin\varphi_C = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\varphi_C & -\sin\varphi_C \\ \sin\varphi_C & \cos\varphi_C \end{pmatrix}$$

Part (d)₁ 2D-HO phasor space and quantum spin $\frac{1}{2}$ is described by a state vector with 4-parameters

$$|\psi\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + ip_1 \\ x_2 + ip_2 \end{pmatrix} = r \begin{pmatrix} e^{-\frac{i\alpha}{2}} \cos \frac{\beta}{2} \\ e^{+\frac{i\alpha}{2}} \sin \frac{\beta}{2} \end{pmatrix} e^{-\frac{i\gamma}{2}}.$$

Express the 4 phase variables (x_1, p_1, x_2, p_2) in terms of the radius r , three Euler-polar angles (azimuth α , polar angle β , and phase γ) of spin (Stokes) vector \mathbf{S} .

For zero overall phase ($\gamma=0$) the real and imaginary parts separate easily:

$$|\psi\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + ip_1 \\ x_2 + ip_2 \end{pmatrix} = r \begin{pmatrix} \left(\cos \frac{\alpha}{2} - i \sin \frac{\alpha}{2} \right) \cos \frac{\beta}{2} \\ \left(\cos \frac{\alpha}{2} + i \sin \frac{\alpha}{2} \right) \sin \frac{\beta}{2} \end{pmatrix} \text{ so: } \begin{aligned} x_1 &= r \cos \frac{\alpha}{2} \cos \frac{\beta}{2} & p_1 &= -r \sin \frac{\alpha}{2} \cos \frac{\beta}{2} \\ x_2 &= r \cos \frac{\alpha}{2} \sin \frac{\beta}{2} & p_2 &= r \sin \frac{\alpha}{2} \sin \frac{\beta}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$x_1 = r \cos \frac{\alpha + \gamma}{2} \cos \frac{\beta}{2} \quad p_1 = -r \sin \frac{\alpha + \gamma}{2} \cos \frac{\beta}{2}$$

For non-zero overall phase ($\gamma \neq 0$):

$$x_2 = r \cos \frac{\alpha - \gamma}{2} \sin \frac{\beta}{2} \quad p_2 = r \sin \frac{\alpha - \gamma}{2} \sin \frac{\beta}{2}$$

Part (d)₂ Also express (x_1, p_1, x_2, p_2) in terms of (A, B, C, D) following projector method in Lect.18 p.74-75. Calculate \mathbf{H} -matrix scaled so its square is $\mathbf{1}$. That means you have to divide the \mathbf{H} by

$$\omega_{ABCD} = \sqrt{\omega_A^2 + \omega_B^2 + \omega_C^2} = \sqrt{\frac{(A-D)^2}{4} + B^2 + C^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{h} + \hat{\omega}_0 \mathbf{1} &= \frac{\mathbf{H}}{\omega_{ABCD}} = \frac{A-D}{2\omega_{ABCD}} \sigma_A + \frac{B}{\omega_{ABCD}} \sigma_B + \frac{C}{\omega_{ABCD}} \sigma_C + \frac{A+D}{2\omega_{ABCD}} \sigma_0 \\ &= \hat{\omega}_A \sigma_A + \hat{\omega}_B \sigma_B + \hat{\omega}_C \sigma_C + \frac{A+D}{2\omega_{ABCD}} \mathbf{1} \\ &= \hat{\omega}_A \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} + \hat{\omega}_B \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \hat{\omega}_C \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{A+D}{2\omega_{ABCD}} \mathbf{1} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\omega}_A & \hat{\omega}_B - i\hat{\omega}_C \\ \hat{\omega}_B + i\hat{\omega}_C & -\hat{\omega}_A \end{pmatrix} + \hat{\omega}_0 \mathbf{1} = \sigma_{\hat{\omega}} + \hat{\omega}_0 \mathbf{1} = \sigma \cdot \hat{\omega} + \hat{\omega}_0 \mathbf{1} \end{aligned}$$

Because $\mathbf{h}^2 = \mathbf{1}$ we get eigen projectors just by writing $\mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{1}$ and $\mathbf{h}^+ \mathbf{1}$ (leaving off the norm factor $\frac{1}{2}$.)

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 + ip_1 \\ x_2 + ip_2 \end{pmatrix}^{\text{ABCD}+} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\omega}_A + 1 \\ \hat{\omega}_B + i\hat{\omega}_C \end{pmatrix}$$

high eigenfrequency $\hat{\omega}_0 + \omega_{ABCD}$ (This is just the first column of $\mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{1}$ and $\mathbf{h}^+ \mathbf{1}$.)

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 + ip_1 \\ x_2 + ip_2 \end{pmatrix}^{\text{ABCD}-} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\omega}_A - 1 \\ \hat{\omega}_B + i\hat{\omega}_C \end{pmatrix}$$

low eigenfrequency $\hat{\omega}_0 - \omega_{ABCD}$