

Phys 522
Homework #2
Solution Set

Comp. Gx Ex 3

 2.1

3. Two spin $\frac{1}{2}$ particles w/ $H = \omega_1 S_{1z} + \omega_2 S_{2z}$

a) $|\psi_{(0)}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|+-\rangle + |-+\rangle]$

at time t S^2 IS MEAS. What RESULTS CAN BE FOUND & w/ what probs

$|\psi_{(t)}\rangle = U |\psi_{(0)}\rangle$ TIME INEP. HAMILTONIAN $\Rightarrow U = e^{-iHt/\hbar}$

SINCE $[S_{1z}, S_{2z}] = 0$, $U = e^{-\frac{i\omega_1 t}{\hbar} S_{1z}} e^{-\frac{i\omega_2 t}{\hbar} S_{2z}}$

$e^{\alpha S_z} |\pm\rangle = e^{\pm\alpha\hbar/2} |\pm\rangle$

$\therefore |\psi_{(t)}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[e^{-\frac{i\omega_1 t}{\hbar}} e^{\frac{i\omega_2 t}{\hbar}} |+-\rangle + e^{\frac{i\omega_1 t}{\hbar}} e^{-\frac{i\omega_2 t}{\hbar}} |-+\rangle \right]$

$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[e^{-it/2(\omega_1 - \omega_2)} |+-\rangle + e^{it/2(\omega_1 - \omega_2)} |-+\rangle \right]$

$\Delta\omega \equiv \omega_1 - \omega_2$

REWRITE $|\psi_{(t)}\rangle$ IN $|lm\rangle$ basis $\vec{L} = \vec{S}_1 + \vec{S}_2$, $S^2 |lm\rangle = \ell(\ell+1)\hbar^2 |l\rangle$

WE HAVE FOR $\vec{S}_1 = \vec{S}_2 = \frac{1}{2}$, SINGLET & TRIPLET

$$|11\rangle = |++\rangle$$

$$|10\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|+-\rangle + |-+\rangle)$$

$$|1-1\rangle = |--\rangle$$

$$|00\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|+-\rangle - |-+\rangle)$$

$$\Rightarrow |+-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|10\rangle + |00\rangle) \quad |-+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|10\rangle - |00\rangle)$$

$$|\psi^{(+)}\rangle = \frac{1}{2} \left[e^{-i\frac{\Delta\omega}{2}t} (|10\rangle + |00\rangle) + e^{i\frac{\Delta\omega}{2}t} (|10\rangle - |00\rangle) \right]$$

$$|\psi^{(+)}\rangle = \cos\left(\frac{\Delta\omega t}{2}\right) |10\rangle - i \sin\left(\frac{\Delta\omega t}{2}\right) |00\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow S^2 = 2\hbar^2 \text{ w/ prob } \cos^2\left(\frac{\Delta\omega t}{2}\right)$$

$$S^2 = 0 \text{ w/ prob } \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta\omega t}{2}\right)$$

b) IF INITIAL STATE IS ARB what Bohr FREQ CAN be found IN the EVOLUTION OF $\langle S^2 \rangle$

$$\text{WE CAN WRITE } S^2 = 2\hbar^2 (|11\rangle\langle 11| + |10\rangle\langle 10| + |1-1\rangle\langle 1-1|)$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle \psi(t) | S^2 | \psi(t) \rangle = 2\hbar^2 (|\langle 11 | \psi(t) \rangle|^2 + |\langle 10 | \psi(t) \rangle|^2 + |\langle 1-1 | \psi(t) \rangle|^2)$$

$$|\psi(0)\rangle = \sum_{\epsilon_1 \epsilon_2} C_{\epsilon_1 \epsilon_2} |\epsilon_1 \epsilon_2\rangle \quad \epsilon_1 = \epsilon_2 = \pm$$

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = \sum_{\epsilon_1 \epsilon_2} C_{\epsilon_1 \epsilon_2} e^{\frac{-i\epsilon_1 \omega_1 t}{2}} e^{\frac{-i\epsilon_2 \omega_2 t}{2}} |\epsilon_1 \epsilon_2\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle 11 | \psi(t) \rangle = \langle ++ | \psi(t) \rangle = C_{++} e^{-i\frac{1}{2}(\omega_1 + \omega_2)t}$$

$$\langle 1-1 | \psi(t) \rangle = \langle -- | \psi(t) \rangle = C_{--} e^{i\frac{1}{2}(\omega_1 + \omega_2)t}$$

$$\langle 10 | \psi(t) \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\langle +- | + \langle -+ |) | \psi(t) \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} C_{+-} e^{-i\frac{1}{2}(\omega_1 - \omega_2)t} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} C_{-+} e^{i\frac{1}{2}(\omega_1 - \omega_2)t}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{\hbar^2}{2} \langle S^2 \rangle &= |C_{++}|^2 + |C_{--}|^2 + \frac{1}{2} |C_{+-}|^2 + \frac{1}{2} |C_{-+}|^2 + \frac{1}{2} C_{+-} C_{-+}^* e^{it\omega} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} C_{-+} C_{+-}^* e^{-it\omega} \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow Bohr FREQUENCY OF $\Delta\omega = \omega_1 - \omega_2$

SAME Problem w/ $\langle S_x \rangle$

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

NOTE : $\langle S_x \rangle = \frac{1}{2} [\langle S_+ \rangle + \langle S_- \rangle]$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle S_- \rangle &= \langle \psi(t) | S_- | \psi(t) \rangle = \langle \psi(t) | S_-^\dagger | \psi(t) \rangle^* = \langle \psi(t) | S_+ | \psi(t) \rangle^* \\ &= \langle S_+ \rangle^* \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \langle S_x \rangle = \text{Re} \langle S_+ \rangle$$

$$S_+ = \sqrt{2}\hbar (|11\rangle\langle 10| + |10\rangle\langle 1-1|)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \langle S_+ \rangle &= \sqrt{2}\hbar [\langle \psi(t) | 11 \rangle \langle 10 | \psi(t) \rangle + \langle \psi(t) | 10 \rangle \langle 1-1 | \psi(t) \rangle] \\ &= \sqrt{2}\hbar [\langle 11 | \psi(t) \rangle^* \langle 10 | \psi(t) \rangle + \langle 10 | \psi(t) \rangle^* \langle 1-1 | \psi(t) \rangle] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\langle S_+ \rangle}{\sqrt{2}\hbar} &= C_{++}^* e^{it/2(\omega_1 + \omega_2)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [C_{+-} e^{-it/2(\omega_1 - \omega_2)} + C_{-+} e^{it/2(\omega_1 - \omega_2)}] \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [C_{+-}^* e^{it/2(\omega_1 - \omega_2)} + C_{-+}^* e^{-it/2(\omega_1 - \omega_2)}] C_{--} e^{it/2(\omega_1 + \omega_2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\langle S_x \rangle}{\hbar} = \frac{C_{++}^* C_{+-}}{\sqrt{2}} e^{it\omega_2} + \frac{C_{++}^* C_{-+}}{\sqrt{2}} e^{it\omega_1} + \frac{C_{+-}^* C_{--}}{\sqrt{2}} e^{it\omega_1} + \frac{C_{-+}^* C_{--}}{\sqrt{2}} e^{it\omega_2}$$

$$\langle S_x \rangle = \text{Re} \langle S_x \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle S_x \rangle = \frac{\hbar}{2} \left[(C_{++}^* C_{-+} + C_{-+}^* C_{++}) e^{i\omega_1 t} + (C_{+-}^* C_{--} + C_{--}^* C_{+-}) e^{-i\omega_1 t} \right. \\ \left. + (C_{++}^* C_{+-} + C_{+-}^* C_{++}) e^{i\omega_2 t} + (C_{-+}^* C_{--} + C_{--}^* C_{-+}) e^{-i\omega_2 t} \right]$$

\Rightarrow Bohr frequencies of ω_1 & ω_2

$$\vec{S} = \vec{S}_1 + \vec{S}_2 + \vec{S}_3$$

GIVE A BASIS of eigenvectors common to S^2 and S_z

BEGIN by ADDING $\vec{S}_1 + \vec{S}_2$ $\vec{L} = \vec{S}_1 + \vec{S}_2$

$$|11\rangle = |1++\rangle$$

$\begin{matrix} \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \text{spin 1} & \text{spin 2} \end{matrix}$

$$|10\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|1+-\rangle + |1-+\rangle)$$

$$|1-1\rangle = |1--\rangle$$

$$|00\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|1+-\rangle - |1-+\rangle)$$



TREAT AS SPIN 1 PARTICLE
AND ADD TO SPIN 1/2

$$|l \pm 1/2, M\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2l+1}} \left[\pm \sqrt{l+M+1/2} |l \pm 1/2, M-1/2, +\rangle + \sqrt{l-M+1/2} |l \pm 1/2, M+1/2, -\rangle \right]$$

$$|3/2, 3/2\rangle = |1 \pm 1/2, 1+\rangle$$

$$|1/2, 1/2\rangle = -\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} |1 \pm 1/2, 0+\rangle$$

$$|3/2, 1/2\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} |1 \pm 1/2, 0+\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} |1 \pm 1/2, 1-\rangle$$

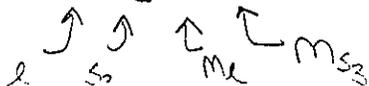
$$+ \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} |1 \pm 1/2, 1-\rangle$$

$$|3/2, -1/2\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} |1 \pm 1/2, -1+\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} |1 \pm 1/2, 0-\rangle$$

$$|1/2, -1/2\rangle = -\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} |1 \pm 1/2, -1+\rangle$$

$$|3/2, -3/2\rangle = |1 \pm 1/2, -1-\rangle$$

$$+ \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} |1 \pm 1/2, 0-\rangle$$



Now subst. our expressions for $|l m\rangle$

$$|3/2, 3/2\rangle = |+++ \rangle$$

$$|3/2, 1/2\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} [|+-+\rangle + |-++\rangle + |++-\rangle]$$

$$|3/2, -1/2\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} [|-+-\rangle + |+--\rangle + |--+\rangle]$$

$$|3/2, -3/2\rangle = |--\rangle$$

$$|1/2, 1/2\rangle = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} [|+-+\rangle + |-++\rangle] + \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} |++-\rangle$$

$$|1/2, -1/2\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} [|+--\rangle + |--+\rangle] - \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} |--\rangle$$

NOTICE WE CAN ALSO CONSTRUCT FROM $|00\rangle$ WHICH WE TREAT AS A SPIN 0 PARTICLE

$$|1/2, 1/2\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|+-+\rangle - |-++\rangle]$$

$$|1/2, -1/2\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|+--\rangle - |--+\rangle]$$

SO $|1/2, \pm 1/2\rangle$ ARE NOT UNIQUE. A WAY TO KEEP SEPARATE WOULD BE TO LABEL AS FOLLOWS

$$|1, 1/2, 1/2\rangle = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} [|+-+\rangle + |-++\rangle] + \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} |++-\rangle$$

$$|0, 1/2, 1/2\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|+-+\rangle - |-++\rangle]$$

$$|1, 1/2, -1/2\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} [|+--\rangle + |--+\rangle] - \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} |--\rangle$$

Also, note that S^2 and S_z are not
a CSCO because they cannot distinguish
between $|1, \frac{1}{2}, \pm \frac{1}{2}\rangle$ and $|0, \frac{1}{2}, \pm \frac{1}{2}\rangle$

2.3.

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(a) $|J=j+1, M=j+1\rangle = |z \uparrow z \uparrow\rangle$

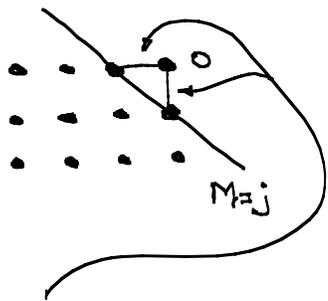
$$\begin{aligned} \underbrace{C_-(j+1, j+1)}_{\sqrt{2(j+1)}} |J=j+1, M=j\rangle &= J_- |J=j+1, M=j+1\rangle \\ &= J_{1-} |z \uparrow z \uparrow\rangle + J_{2-} |z \uparrow z \uparrow\rangle \\ &= \underbrace{C_-(j, j)}_{\sqrt{2j}} |z \uparrow z \uparrow\rangle + \underbrace{C_-(1, 1)}_{\sqrt{2}} |z \uparrow z \uparrow\rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow |J=j+1, M=j\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{j+1}} \left(\sqrt{2j} |z \uparrow z \uparrow\rangle + |z \uparrow z \uparrow\rangle \right)$$

The state $|J=j, M=j\rangle$ is the orthogonal linear combination with real, positive amplitude for $|z \uparrow z \uparrow\rangle$:

$$|J=j, M=j\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{j+1}} \left(-|z \uparrow z \uparrow\rangle + \sqrt{2j} |z \uparrow z \uparrow\rangle \right)$$

We can also get these from the recursion relations. Let's do that for the latter case



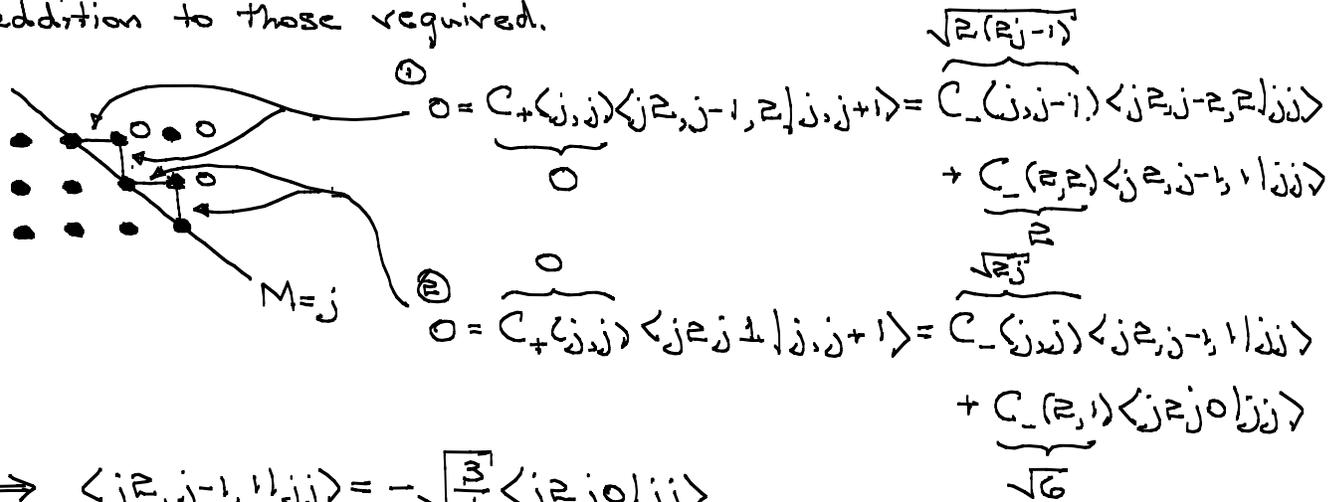
$$0 = \underbrace{C_+(j, j)}_0 \langle z \uparrow z \uparrow | z \uparrow z \uparrow \rangle = \underbrace{C_-(j, j)}_{\sqrt{2j}} \langle z \uparrow z \uparrow | z \uparrow z \uparrow \rangle + \underbrace{C_-(1, 1)}_{\sqrt{2}} \langle z \uparrow z \uparrow | z \uparrow z \uparrow \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\langle z \uparrow z \uparrow | z \uparrow z \uparrow \rangle}_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{j+1}}} = - \frac{1}{\sqrt{j}} \underbrace{\langle z \uparrow z \uparrow | z \uparrow z \uparrow \rangle}_{\sqrt{\frac{j}{j+1}}}$$

Normalization + $\langle z \uparrow z \uparrow | z \uparrow z \uparrow \rangle$ real and positive

$$\begin{aligned}
 |jz\rangle &= \sum_{\substack{m_1, m_2 \\ m_1 + m_2 = j}} |j-1, m_1, m_2\rangle \langle j-1, m_1, m_2 | jz\rangle \\
 &= |j-1, j-1, 1\rangle \langle j-1, j-1, 1 | jz\rangle + |j-1, j, 0\rangle \langle j-1, j, 0 | jz\rangle \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{j+1}} \left(-|j-1, j-1, 1\rangle + \sqrt{j} |j-1, j, 0\rangle \right) \text{ as above}
 \end{aligned}$$

(b) In this case it's definitely a good idea to use the recursion relations so that we don't have to find other states in addition to those required.



2 $\Rightarrow \langle j, j-1, 1 | jz\rangle = -\sqrt{\frac{3}{j}} \langle j, z | jz\rangle$

1 $\Rightarrow \langle j, j-2, 2 | jz\rangle = -\sqrt{\frac{2}{zj-1}} \langle j, j-1, 1 | jz\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{6}{j(zj-1)}} \langle j, z | jz\rangle$

Normalization $\Rightarrow 1 = \langle j, j-2, 2 | jz\rangle^2 + \langle j, j-1, 1 | jz\rangle^2 + \langle j, z | jz\rangle^2$
 $= \langle j, z | jz\rangle^2 \left(1 + \frac{3}{j} + \frac{6}{j(zj-1)} \right)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{j(zj-1) + 3(zj-1) + 6}{j(zj-1)} &= \frac{zj^2 + 6j + 3}{j(zj-1)} \\
 &= \frac{(j+1)(zj+3)}{j(zj-1)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow \langle j, z | jz\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{j(zj-1)}{(j+1)(zj+3)}} \leftarrow \text{real and positive}$

$$\langle z, z-1, 1, z \rangle = -\sqrt{\frac{3(z-1)}{(z+1)(z+3)}}$$

$$\langle z, z-2, z, z \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{6}{(z+1)(z+3)}}$$

$$\Rightarrow |z\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(z+1)(z+3)}} \left(\sqrt{z(z-1)} |z, z, 0\rangle - \sqrt{3(z-1)} |z, z-1, 1\rangle + \sqrt{6} |z, z-2, z\rangle \right)$$

2.4. $R = R_{e_y}(\pi) \quad R = R_{e_y}(\pi) = e^{-iJ_y\pi/\hbar}$ (7)

(a) Since \vec{J} is a vector operator, $R^\dagger \vec{J} R = R \vec{J}$.

$$\Rightarrow R^\dagger J_z R = R \vec{J} \cdot \vec{e}_z = \vec{J} \cdot \underbrace{R^{-1} \vec{e}_z}_{-\vec{e}_z} = -J_z$$

So $J_z R|jm\rangle = -R J_z |jm\rangle = -\underbrace{m\hbar}_{m\hbar} R|jm\rangle$, i.e., $R|jm\rangle$ is

an eigenstate of J_z with eigenvalue $-m\hbar$. This implies that

$$R|jm\rangle = e^{i\delta_m} |j, -m\rangle.$$

(b) $|jm\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{n_+! n_-!}{N!}} \sum_{\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_N} | \epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_N \rangle$
 $m = (n_+ - n_-)/2$

$N = 2j = n_+ + n_-$ spin-1/2 particles

$$m = (n_+ - n_-)/2$$

↑ # of $\epsilon_j = -1$

↑ # of $\epsilon_j = +1$

$$n_{\pm} = N/2 \pm m = j \pm m$$

$$\binom{N}{n_+} = \frac{N!}{n_+! n_-!} = \frac{(2j)!}{(N/2+m)! (N/2-m)!}$$
 is the # of sequences

of length N with n_+ +1's and n_- -1's

$$\begin{aligned} R &= e^{-iJ_y\pi/\hbar} = \exp\left(-\frac{i}{\hbar} \pi \sum_{\alpha=1}^N S_{\alpha y}\right) = e^{-iS_{1y}\pi/\hbar} \dots e^{-iS_{Ny}\pi/\hbar} \\ &= \underbrace{e^{-i\sigma_y\pi/2}}_{-i\sigma_y} \dots \underbrace{e^{-i\sigma_{Ny}\pi/2}}_{-i\sigma_{Ny}} \\ &= -i\sigma_{1y} \dots -i\sigma_{Ny} \end{aligned}$$

$$\sigma_y = -i(|+\rangle\langle-| + |- \rangle\langle+|) \leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$-i\sigma_y = -|+\rangle\langle-| + |- \rangle\langle+| \leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$-i\sigma_y | \epsilon \rangle = | \epsilon \rangle - | -\epsilon \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow R|\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_N\rangle = \epsilon_1 \dots \epsilon_N |\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_N\rangle = (-1)^{n-|\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_N\rangle} = (-1)^{j-m} |\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_N\rangle \quad \textcircled{P}$$

$$R|jm\rangle = (-1)^{j-m} |j, -m\rangle \text{ so } \delta_{jm} = \pi(j, -m) \text{ and } D_{m'm}^{(j)} = \langle jm' | R | jm \rangle = (-1)^{j-m} \delta_{m', -m}$$

(c) We will need to relate $\langle j_1 j_2 m_1 m_2 | R_{z_y}(\pi) | JM \rangle$ to $\langle j_1 j_2 m_1 m_2 | JM \rangle$.

We use

$$R = R_{z_y}(\pi) = e^{-iJ_y \pi / \hbar} = e^{-iJ_{1y} \pi / \hbar} e^{-iJ_{2y} \pi / \hbar} = R_1 R_2.$$

We will need

$$R|jm\rangle = (-1)^{j-m} |j, -m\rangle \text{ and}$$

$$R^\dagger |jm\rangle = (-1)^{j+m} |j, -m\rangle \leftarrow \text{trace through above with } \pi \rightarrow -\pi \text{ OR use}$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle jm | R = (-1)^{j+m} \langle j, -m |$$

$$\begin{aligned} |j, -m\rangle &= R^\dagger R |j, -m\rangle \\ &= (-1)^{j+m} R^\dagger |jm\rangle \end{aligned}$$

So we have

$$\langle j_1 j_2 m_1 m_2 | R_{z_y}(\pi) | JM \rangle = (-1)^{J-M} \langle j_1 j_2 m_1 m_2 | J, -M \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle j_1 j_2 m_1 m_2 | R_1 R_2 | JM \rangle &= \left(\langle j_1 m_1 | R_1 \otimes \langle j_2 m_2 | R_2 \right) | JM \rangle \quad M = -m_1 - m_2 \\ &= (-1)^{j_1+m_1} (-1)^{j_2+m_2} \langle j_1, -m_1 \rangle \otimes \langle j_2, -m_2 \rangle \\ &= (-1)^{j_1+j_2+m_1+m_2} \langle j_1 j_2, -m_1, -m_2 \rangle \\ &= (-1)^{j_1+j_2+m_1+m_2} \langle j_1 j_2, -m_1, -m_2 | JM \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle j_1 j_2 m_1 m_2 | J, -M \rangle = (-1)^{j_1+j_2-J + \underbrace{m_1+m_2+M}_0} \langle j_1 j_2, -m_1, -m_2 | JM \rangle$$

$$\text{So } \langle j_1 j_2 m_1 m_2 | J, -M \rangle = (-1)^{j_1+j_2-J} \langle j_1 j_2, -m_1, -m_2 | JM \rangle$$

$$\text{OR } \langle j_1 j_2, -m_1, -m_2 | JM \rangle = (-1)^{j_1+j_2-J} \langle j_1 j_2 m_1 m_2 | JM \rangle$$

Note: In (c) we often use $(-1)^{-a} = (-1)^a$, which is only true for integers, not half-integers, but if you think about it — and you should — we only use this for integers.

$$2.5. D_{m'm}^{(j)} = \langle j, m' | e^{-i\alpha \vec{u} \cdot \vec{J} / \hbar} | j, m \rangle$$

$$(a) \alpha = d\alpha: e^{-i d\alpha \vec{u} \cdot \vec{J} / \hbar} = 1 - i d\alpha \vec{u} \cdot \vec{J} / \hbar$$

$$\Rightarrow D_{m'm}^{(j)} = \delta_{m'm} - i d\alpha \langle j, m' | \vec{u} \cdot \vec{J} / \hbar | j, m \rangle$$

$$u_z m \delta_{m'm} + \frac{1}{2} (u_x - i u_y) C_+(j, m) \delta_{m', m+1} + \frac{1}{2} (u_x + i u_y) C_-(j, m) \delta_{m', m-1}$$

$$J_{\pm} = J_x \pm i J_y$$

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

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

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{J} = u_z J_z + u_x J_x + u_y J_y = u_z J_z + \frac{1}{2} (u_x - i u_y) J_+ + \frac{1}{2} (u_x + i u_y) J_-$$

$$D_{m'm}^{(j)} = \delta_{m'm} (1 - i d\alpha u_z m) - \frac{i}{2} d\alpha (u_x - i u_y) C_+(j, m) \delta_{m', m+1} - \frac{i}{2} d\alpha (u_x + i u_y) C_-(j, m) \delta_{m', m-1}$$

(b) We first specialize to $j=1$:

$$D_{m'm}^{(1)} = \delta_{m'm} (1 - i d\alpha u_z m) - \frac{i}{2} d\alpha (u_x - i u_y) C_+(1, m) \delta_{m', m+1} - \frac{i}{2} d\alpha (u_x + i u_y) C_-(1, m) \delta_{m', m-1}$$

$$C_+(1, m) = C_-(1, -m)$$

$$C_+(1, 1) = C_-(1, -1) = 0$$

$$C_+(1, 0) = C_-(1, 0) = \sqrt{2}$$

$$C_+(1, -1) = C_-(1, 1) = \sqrt{2}$$

Translating to matrix form

$$\| D_{m'm}^{(1)} \| = \begin{matrix} m=1 & 0 & -1 \\ m'=1 & 0 & -1 \\ m'=0 & 1 & 0 \\ m'=-1 & 0 & 1 \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - i d\alpha \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} u_z & (u_x - i u_y)/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ (u_x + i u_y)/\sqrt{2} & 0 & (u_x - i u_y)/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 & (u_x + i u_y)/\sqrt{2} & -u_z \end{pmatrix}}_{\equiv A}$$

Now we're going to change basis:

$$D_{ab} = \langle a | R | b \rangle = \sum_{m', m} \underbrace{\langle a | m' \rangle}_{\langle m' | a \rangle^*} \underbrace{\langle m' | R | m \rangle}_{\langle m | b \rangle} = \sum_{m', m} V_{am'}^\dagger D_{m'm}^{(1)} V_{mb}$$

$$\langle m' | a \rangle^* = V_{m'a}^* \equiv V_{mb}$$

$$= V_{am'}^\dagger$$

$D_{ab} = (V^\dagger D^{(r)} V)_{ab}$ ← All basis changes are described by a unitary transformation. (2)

$$\|V_{mb}\| = m \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & -i/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -1/\sqrt{2} & -i/\sqrt{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$V^\dagger A V = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 & -i/\sqrt{2} \\ i/\sqrt{2} & 0 & i/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_z & (u_x - i u_y)/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ (u_x + i u_y)/\sqrt{2} & 0 & (u_x - i u_y)/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 & (u_x + i u_y)/\sqrt{2} & -u_z \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & -i/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -1/\sqrt{2} & -i/\sqrt{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_z/\sqrt{2} & -i u_z/\sqrt{2} & -(u_x - i u_y)/\sqrt{2} \\ i u_y & -i u_x & 0 \\ u_z/\sqrt{2} & i u_z/\sqrt{2} & -(u_x + i u_y)/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i u_z & i u_y \\ i u_z & 0 & -i u_x \\ -i u_y & i u_x & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\|D_{ab}\| = 1 - i d\alpha V^\dagger A V = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + d\alpha \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -u_z & u_y \\ u_z & 0 & -u_x \\ -u_y & u_x & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\|R\| \quad D_{ab} = \delta_{ab} - d\alpha \epsilon_{abc} u_c = \vec{e}_a \cdot (\vec{e}_b + d\alpha \vec{u} \times \vec{e}_b) = \vec{e}_a \cdot R \vec{e}_b$$

$R \vec{e}_b \leftarrow$ infinitesimal rotation by $d\alpha$ about \vec{u}

2.6. Schwinger representation

$N = 2J$ spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ particles

$$\vec{J} = \sum_{\ell=1}^N \vec{S}_{\ell} = \frac{1}{2} \hbar \sum_{\ell=1}^N \vec{\sigma}_{\ell} \quad J_{\pm} = J_x \pm iJ_y = \frac{1}{2} \hbar \sum_{\ell=1}^N \sigma_{\ell x} \pm i \sigma_{\ell y} = \hbar \sum_{\ell} \sigma_{\ell \pm}$$

(a) The state $|JJ\rangle$ corresponds to all spins up, i.e.,

$$|JJ\rangle = |+, +, \dots, +\rangle \quad \leftarrow \text{There is an arbitrary phase here, which we choose to be 1.}$$

It is clear that $|JM\rangle$ is a superposition of states with n_+ spins up and n_- spins down, with $M = (n_+ - n_-)/2$. We can obtain the amplitudes in the superposition by successive lowering of $|JJ\rangle$. But it is clear that the lowering treats all the spins symmetrically and only gives real, positive amplitudes, so all the amplitudes are equal and positive. There being $\binom{N}{n_+}$ states in the superposition, normalization gives

$$|JM\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{n_+! n_-!}{N!}} \sum_{\substack{\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_N \\ M = (n_+ - n_-)/2}} |\epsilon_1 \dots \epsilon_N\rangle \equiv |n_+, n_-\rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} (b) D_{\epsilon'\epsilon} &= \langle \epsilon' | e^{-i \vec{u} \cdot \vec{\sigma} \alpha/2} | \epsilon \rangle \\ &= 1 \cos(\alpha/2) - i \vec{u} \cdot \vec{\sigma} \sin(\alpha/2) \\ &= 1 \cos(\alpha/2) - i(u_x \sigma_x + u_y \sigma_y + u_z \sigma_z) \sin(\alpha/2) \end{aligned}$$

$\ D_{\epsilon'\epsilon}\ = \begin{matrix} & \epsilon = +1 & \epsilon = -1 \\ \epsilon' = +1 & \begin{pmatrix} C - i u_z S & (-i u_x - u_y) S \end{pmatrix} \\ \epsilon' = -1 & \begin{pmatrix} (-i u_x + u_y) S & C + i u_z S \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$	$\begin{aligned} C &= \cos(\alpha/2) \\ S &= \sin(\alpha/2) \end{aligned}$
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same rotation on all N spins

$$(c) R_{\vec{e}_y}(\pi) : R_{\vec{e}_y}(\pi) = e^{-i J_y \pi / \hbar} = \underbrace{e^{-i \sigma_y \pi / 2}}_{-i \sigma_y} \otimes \dots \otimes \underbrace{e^{-i \sigma_y \pi / 2}}_{-i \sigma_y}$$

$$-i\sigma_y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = -|+\rangle\langle -| + |-\rangle\langle +|$$

$$R_{\sigma_y}(\pi) |e_1 \dots e_N\rangle = (-1)^{s_-} |e_1 \dots e_N\rangle$$

↑
flips each spin and puts in a minus sign for each spin down

$$\Rightarrow R_{\sigma_y}(\pi) |JM\rangle = (-1)^{J-M} |J, -M\rangle$$

$$s_- = N/2 - M = J - M$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{D_{M'M}^{(J)} = \langle JM' | R_{\sigma_y}(\pi) |JM\rangle = (-1)^{J-M} \delta_{M', -M}}$$

$$(d) D_{M'M}^{(1)} = \langle 1M' | R_{\sigma_y}(\pi) |1M\rangle$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$R_1 \otimes R_2 \quad \leftarrow \text{identical rotations on two spins}$$

$$\text{Use } |11\rangle = |++\rangle$$

$$|10\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|+-\rangle + |-+\rangle)$$

$$|1,-1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|--\rangle$$

} spin triplet

$$D_{11}^{(1)} = \langle 11 | R | 11 \rangle = \langle ++ | R_1 \otimes R_2 | ++ \rangle = \langle + | R_1 | + \rangle \langle + | R_2 | + \rangle = D_{++}^{(1)}$$

$$D_{10}^{(1)} = \langle 11 | R | 10 \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\langle ++ | R_1 \otimes R_2 | +- \rangle + \langle ++ | R_1 \otimes R_2 | -+ \rangle)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\langle + | R_1 | + \rangle \langle + | R_2 | - \rangle + \langle + | R_1 | - \rangle \langle + | R_2 | + \rangle)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (D_{+-} D_{+-} + D_{-+} D_{-+})$$

$$= \sqrt{2} D_{+-} D_{+-}$$

Now it should be obvious how to proceed, so we'll just write the answer:

$$\|D_{M' M}^{(N)}\| = \begin{matrix} M' = +1 \\ M' = 0 \\ M' = -1 \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} M = +1 & M = 0 & M = -1 \\ D_{++}^N & \sqrt{2} D_{++} D_{+-} & D_{+-}^N \\ \sqrt{2} D_{++} D_{-+} & \frac{1}{2} (D_{++} + D_{--} + D_{+-} + D_{-+}) & \sqrt{2} D_{--} D_{-+} \\ D_{-+}^N & \sqrt{2} D_{--} D_{-+} & D_{--}^N \end{pmatrix}$$

Digression: Since the rotation matrix for the N spins factors into a product of rotations for each spin, it is clear that the overall rotation matrix factors into a tensor product, i.e.,

$$\langle E'_1, \dots, E'_N | R | E_1, \dots, E_N \rangle = \langle E'_1 | R_1 | E_1 \rangle \dots \langle E'_N | R_N | E_N \rangle = D_{E'_1 E_1} \dots D_{E'_N E_N}$$

This representation is reducible, however, into all the angular-momentum subspaces mentioned in the introduction to the problem. When we project into the subspace of maximal angular momentum J , as we do here, we are finding the irrep in that subspace.

$$(e) J_z = \frac{1}{2} \hbar (a_+^\dagger a_+ - a_-^\dagger a_-)$$

$$J_x = \frac{1}{2} \hbar (a_+^\dagger a_- + a_-^\dagger a_+)$$

$$J_y = -\frac{i}{2} \hbar (a_+^\dagger a_- - a_-^\dagger a_+)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{J} \cdot \vec{J} &= J_x^2 + J_y^2 + J_z^2 = \frac{1}{4} \hbar^2 \left[(a_+^\dagger a_- + a_-^\dagger a_+)^2 - (a_+^\dagger a_- - a_-^\dagger a_+)^2 + (a_+^\dagger a_+ - a_-^\dagger a_-)^2 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \hbar^2 \left(\underbrace{2a_+^\dagger a_- a_-^\dagger a_+ + 2a_-^\dagger a_+ a_+^\dagger a_-}_{-2a_+^\dagger a_+ a_-^\dagger a_-} + a_+^\dagger a_+ a_+^\dagger a_+ + a_-^\dagger a_- a_-^\dagger a_- \right) \\ &\quad \begin{matrix} \swarrow & \searrow \\ a_+^\dagger a_+ (a_-^\dagger a_- + 1) & a_-^\dagger a_- (a_+^\dagger a_+ + 1) \\ = a_+^\dagger a_+ a_-^\dagger a_- + a_+^\dagger a_+ & a_-^\dagger a_- a_+^\dagger a_+ + a_-^\dagger a_- \end{matrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \hbar^2 \left[(a_+^\dagger a_+)^2 + (a_-^\dagger a_-)^2 + 2a_+^\dagger a_+ a_-^\dagger a_- + 2a_+^\dagger a_+ + 2a_-^\dagger a_- \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \hbar^2 (a_+^\dagger a_+ + a_-^\dagger a_- + 2) (a_+^\dagger a_+ + a_-^\dagger a_-) \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\vec{J} \cdot \vec{J} = \hbar^2 (N/2 + 1) N/2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 [J_x, J_y] &= -\frac{i}{\hbar} \hbar^2 [a_+^\dagger a_- + a_-^\dagger a_+, a_+^\dagger a_- - a_-^\dagger a_+] \\
 &= -\frac{i}{\hbar} \hbar^2 [a_+^\dagger a_-, a_-^\dagger a_+] \\
 &\downarrow \\
 &= i\hbar J_z
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= a_-^\dagger a_+ a_+^\dagger a_- - a_+^\dagger a_- a_-^\dagger a_+ \\
 &= a_-^\dagger a_- (a_+^\dagger a_+ + 1) - a_+^\dagger a_+ (a_-^\dagger a_- + 1) \\
 &= a_-^\dagger a_- - a_+^\dagger a_+
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 [J_x, J_z] &= \frac{1}{\hbar} \hbar^2 [a_+^\dagger a_- + a_-^\dagger a_+, a_+^\dagger a_+ - a_-^\dagger a_-] \\
 &= \frac{1}{\hbar} \hbar^2 \left(a_- [a_+^\dagger, a_+^\dagger a_+] + a_+^\dagger [a_-, a_+^\dagger a_+] - a_+^\dagger [a_-, a_-^\dagger a_-] - a_- [a_+^\dagger, a_-^\dagger a_-] \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{\hbar} \hbar^2 \left(a_- [a_+^\dagger, a_+^\dagger a_+] + a_+^\dagger [a_-, a_+^\dagger a_+] - a_+^\dagger [a_-, a_-^\dagger a_-] - a_- [a_+^\dagger, a_-^\dagger a_-] \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{\hbar} \hbar^2 \left(-a_+^\dagger a_- + a_-^\dagger a_+ \right) \\
 &= -i\hbar J_y
 \end{aligned}$$

Same commutators give $[J_y, J_z] = i\hbar J_x$

So $[J_j, J_k] = i\hbar \epsilon_{jkl} J_l$

(f) We just need to check that $|n_+, n_-\rangle$ is an eigenstate of J^2 and J_z :

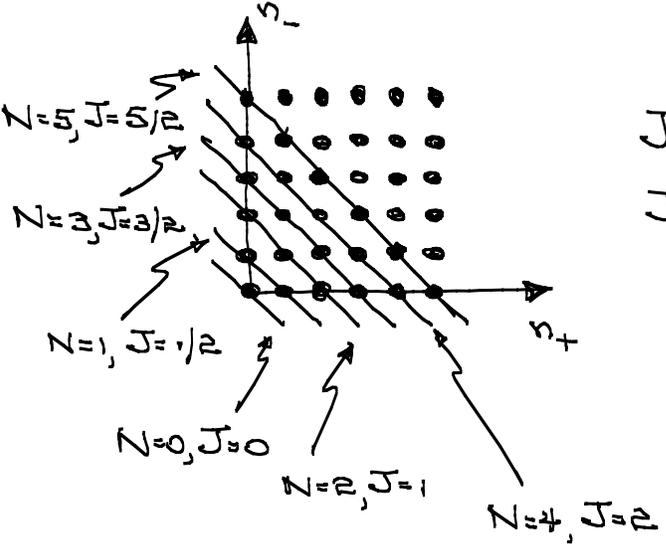
$$\begin{aligned}
 J^2 |n_+, n_-\rangle &= \hbar^2 (N/2 + 1)(N/2) |n_+, n_-\rangle \\
 &= \hbar^2 \left(\frac{n_+ + n_-}{2} + 1 \right) \frac{n_+ + n_-}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 J_z |n_+, n_-\rangle &= \frac{1}{\hbar} \hbar (a_+^\dagger a_+ - a_-^\dagger a_-) |n_+, n_-\rangle \\
 &= \hbar \frac{n_+ - n_-}{2} |n_+, n_-\rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow |n_+, n_-\rangle = |J = (n_+ + n_-)/2, M = (n_+ - n_-)/2\rangle$$

The eigenvalue equations allow a phase in this relation. But, suppose we choose $|n_+, n_-\rangle = |J=N/2, M=N/2\rangle$ and then lower using $J_- = J_x - iJ_y = \hbar a_-^\dagger a_+$. Each lowering decreases n_+ by 1 and increases n_- by 1, i.e., decreases M by 1, without putting in any phase. So things are as stated.

Digression: The states $|n_+, n_-\rangle = |JM\rangle$ lie on a grid, with the angular-momentum subspaces corresponding to the antidiagonals.



$J_+ = \hbar a_+^\dagger a_-$ ← moves down one unit and to the right one unit
 $J_- = \hbar a_-^\dagger a_+$ ← moves to the left one unit and up one unit

(g) $R^\dagger a_\pm^\dagger R$: We could evaluate this directly using the nested-commutator formula — and that's not hard — but just thinking about the nested commutators already shows that the answer is a linear combination of a_+^\dagger and a_-^\dagger :

$$R^\dagger a_\epsilon^\dagger R = \sum_{\epsilon'} M_{\epsilon\epsilon'} a_{\epsilon'}^\dagger.$$

We can find the matrix M easily by applying this equation to the vacuum state. This amounts to working in the one-photon ($J=1/2$) sector of Hilbert space, where things are very simple:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{\epsilon'} M_{\epsilon\epsilon'} | \epsilon' \rangle &= \sum_{\epsilon'} M_{\epsilon\epsilon'} a_{\epsilon'}^{\dagger} | 0, 0 \rangle \\
 &= R a_{\epsilon}^{\dagger} R | 0, 0 \rangle \\
 &= R a_{\epsilon}^{\dagger} | 0, 0 \rangle \\
 &= \sum_{\epsilon'} | \epsilon' \rangle \langle \epsilon' | R | \epsilon \rangle \\
 &= \sum_{\epsilon'} D_{\epsilon\epsilon'}^* | \epsilon' \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow M_{\epsilon\epsilon'} = D_{\epsilon\epsilon'}^*$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 R a_{\epsilon}^{\dagger} R &= \sum_{\epsilon'} D_{\epsilon\epsilon'}^* a_{\epsilon'}^{\dagger} \\
 R \begin{pmatrix} a_{+}^{\dagger} \\ a_{-}^{\dagger} \end{pmatrix} R &= D^* \begin{pmatrix} a_{+}^{\dagger} \\ a_{-}^{\dagger} \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

Notice that

$$\begin{aligned}
 R a_{\epsilon}^{\dagger} R &= \sum_{\epsilon'} D_{\epsilon\epsilon'}^* a_{\epsilon'}^{\dagger} \\
 R \begin{pmatrix} a_{+}^{\dagger} \\ a_{-}^{\dagger} \end{pmatrix} R &= D \begin{pmatrix} a_{+}^{\dagger} \\ a_{-}^{\dagger} \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

(h) A quarter-wave plate transforms a_{+x}^{\dagger} and a_{-x}^{\dagger} according to

$$Q a_{+x}^{\dagger} Q^{\dagger} = e^{i\alpha} a_{+x}^{\dagger}, \quad Q a_{-x}^{\dagger} Q^{\dagger} = e^{i\alpha} e^{i\pi/2} a_{-x}^{\dagger}$$

↑
overall phase across plate,
which is irrelevant, but can
be chosen for convenience

↑
relative $\pi/2$ phase shift

These mean that

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q a_{+x}^{\dagger} Q^{\dagger} | 0, 0 \rangle &= Q a_{+x}^{\dagger} | 0, 0 \rangle = Q | 1, 0 \rangle_x = e^{i\alpha} | 1, 0 \rangle_x \\
 Q a_{-x}^{\dagger} Q^{\dagger} | 0, 0 \rangle &= Q a_{-x}^{\dagger} | 0, 0 \rangle = Q | 0, 1 \rangle_x = e^{i\alpha} i | 0, 1 \rangle_x
 \end{aligned}$$

It might be clear that this is a 90° rotation about the x axis, but let's write it in the +z basis to drive the point home:

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q a_{\pm z}^{\dagger} Q^{\dagger} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} Q (a_{+x}^{\dagger} \pm i a_{-x}^{\dagger}) Q^{\dagger} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{i\alpha} (a_{+x}^{\dagger} \pm i(i) a_{-x}^{\dagger}) \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{i\alpha} (a_{+x}^{\dagger} \mp a_{-x}^{\dagger}) \\
 &= \mp e^{i\alpha} a_{\mp y}^{\dagger}
 \end{aligned}$$

This is clearly a 90° rotation about the x axis, which takes ± helicity to ∓ y linear polarization and takes ∓ y polarization to ± helicity.

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q \begin{pmatrix} a_{+z}^{\dagger} \\ a_{-z}^{\dagger} \end{pmatrix} Q^{\dagger} &= e^{i\alpha} \begin{pmatrix} -a_{+y}^{\dagger} \\ a_{-y}^{\dagger} \end{pmatrix} = e^{i\alpha} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} i e^{-i\pi/4} & -i e^{i\pi/4} \\ e^{-i\pi/4} & e^{i\pi/4} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_{+z}^{\dagger} \\ a_{-z}^{\dagger} \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= e^{i(\alpha+\pi/4)} \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -i \\ -i & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_D \begin{pmatrix} a_{+z}^{\dagger} \\ a_{-z}^{\dagger} \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

choose $\alpha = -\pi/4$

$$\Rightarrow D = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -i \\ -i & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\cos(\pi/4) - i \sigma_x \sin(\pi/4)) = e^{-i\sigma_x \pi/4}$$

↑
rotation by $+\pi/2$ about \hat{e}_x

$$\Rightarrow Q = R_{\hat{e}_x}(\pi/2) = e^{-iJ_x \pi/2\hbar} = e^{-i(a_{+}^{\dagger} a_{-} - a_{-}^{\dagger} a_{+}) \pi/4}$$

A half-wave plate is two quarter-wave plates in succession, so is described by

$$Q^2 = R_{\hat{e}_x}(\pi) = e^{-iJ_x \pi/\hbar} = e^{-i(a_{+}^{\dagger} a_{-} - a_{-}^{\dagger} a_{+}) \pi/2}$$