

Time Dependence of \vec{S} in \vec{B} :

$$S_x = \frac{\hbar}{2} \sigma_x, \quad \sigma_x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$S_y = \frac{\hbar}{2} \sigma_y, \quad \sigma_y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$S_z = \frac{\hbar}{2} \sigma_z, \quad \sigma_z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Eigenvalues $\pm \hbar/2$

Eigenvectors for general case: $\hat{n} \cdot \vec{S}$,
where $\hat{n} = \cos\theta \hat{z} + \sin\theta \cos\varphi \hat{x} + \sin\theta \sin\varphi \hat{y}$,

$$+\hbar/2 \quad \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta/2 e^{-i\varphi/2} \\ \sin\theta/2 e^{i\varphi/2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$-\hbar/2 \quad \begin{pmatrix} -\sin\theta/2 e^{-i\varphi/2} \\ \cos\theta/2 e^{i\varphi/2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Time dependence: $H = -\vec{M} \cdot \vec{B}$

$$\vec{M} = \gamma \vec{L} = \gamma \vec{S} = g \left(\frac{-e}{2m} \right) \vec{S}, \quad g \approx 2 \text{ for electron}$$

$$\text{gyromagnetic ratio} = -g \underbrace{\left(\frac{e\hbar}{2m} \right)}_{\mu_B} \frac{\vec{\sigma}}{2} \approx -\mu_B \vec{\sigma}$$

Take B in \hat{z} direction:

$$H = \mu_B B \sigma_z \quad \dots \text{electron}$$

$$= \mu_B B \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

If in $+\hbar/2 \vec{S} \cdot \hat{n}$ eigenstate: $\omega = \mu_B B / \hbar$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta/2 & e^{-i\varphi/2} e^{-i\omega t} \\ \sin \theta/2 & e^{i\varphi/2} e^{i\omega t} \end{pmatrix}$$

Seems to rotate about \hat{z} axis:

$$\varphi \rightarrow \varphi + 2\omega t.$$



Classically we have

$$\frac{d\vec{L}}{dt} = \gamma \vec{L} \times \vec{B}$$

$$\frac{dL_x}{dt} = \gamma L_y B$$

$$\frac{dL_y}{dt} = -\gamma L_x B$$

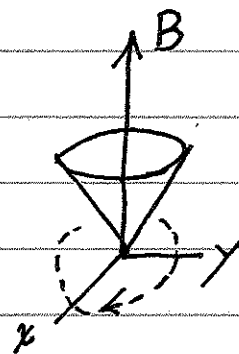
$$\frac{dL_z}{dt} = 0$$

This has solution

$$L_x = -L_{\perp} \cos(\gamma B t + \varphi)$$

$$L_y = L_{\perp} \sin(\gamma B t + \varphi)$$

$$L_z = L_{\parallel}$$

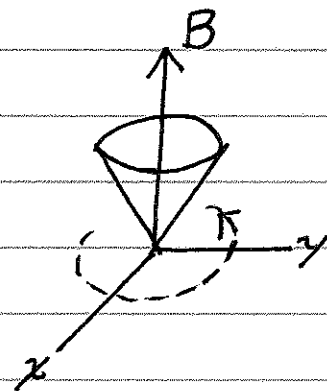


For $\gamma < 0$

$$L_x = -L_{\perp} \cos(|\gamma| B t - \varphi)$$

$$L_y = -L_{\perp} \sin(|\gamma| B t - \varphi)$$

$$L_z = L_{\parallel}$$



Remember for electrons $\gamma \approx -\frac{e}{m} \rightarrow |\gamma| B = \frac{2\mu_B B}{\hbar} = 2\omega$ ✓

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle \sigma_x \rangle &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} e^{i\varphi/2} & \sin \frac{\theta}{2} e^{-i\varphi/2} \\ \sin \frac{\theta}{2} e^{i\varphi/2} & \cos \frac{\theta}{2} e^{-i\varphi/2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} e^{-i\varphi/2} \\ \sin \frac{\theta}{2} e^{i\varphi/2} \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} (e^{i\varphi} + e^{-i\varphi}) \\
 &= \sin \theta \cos \varphi
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle \sigma_y \rangle &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} e^{i\varphi/2} & \sin \frac{\theta}{2} e^{-i\varphi/2} \\ \sin \frac{\theta}{2} e^{i\varphi/2} & \cos \frac{\theta}{2} e^{-i\varphi/2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} e^{-i\varphi/2} \\ \sin \frac{\theta}{2} e^{i\varphi/2} \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} i (e^{-i\varphi} - e^{i\varphi}) \\
 &= \sin \theta \sin \varphi
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle \sigma_z \rangle &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} e^{i\varphi/2} & \sin \frac{\theta}{2} e^{-i\varphi/2} \\ \sin \frac{\theta}{2} e^{i\varphi/2} & \cos \frac{\theta}{2} e^{-i\varphi/2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} e^{-i\varphi/2} \\ \sin \frac{\theta}{2} e^{i\varphi/2} \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} - \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \\
 &= \cos \theta
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle \vec{\sigma} \rangle = \hat{n}$$

Example: $H = \hbar\omega\sigma_z$ (same as before)

At $t=0$ $+\frac{\hbar}{2}$ eigenvector of S_y :

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

At $t > 0$ an S_y measurement is made

outcome

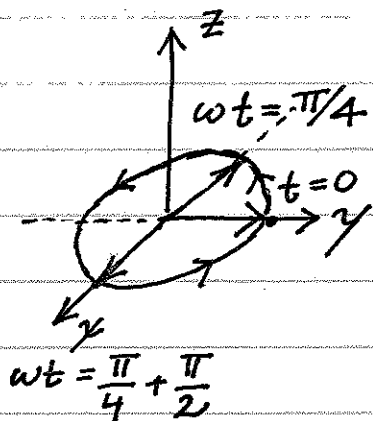
probability

$$+\hbar/2 \quad \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (1 \ 1) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} e^{-i\pi/4} e^{-i\omega t} \\ e^{i\pi/4} e^{i\omega t} \end{pmatrix} \right|^2$$

$$= \cos^2(\omega t + \frac{\pi}{4})$$

$$-\hbar/2 \quad \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (1 \ -1) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} e^{-i\pi/4} e^{-i\omega t} \\ e^{i\pi/4} e^{i\omega t} \end{pmatrix} \right|^2$$

$$= \sin^2(\omega t + \frac{\pi}{4})$$



period: $\omega\tau = \pi$

frequency: $\frac{1}{\tau} = \frac{\omega}{\pi}$

ang. freq: $\frac{2\pi}{\tau} = 2\omega$ ✓

100% probability when in an eigenstate of measuring operator.