

Determinate state.  $\sigma_Q = 0$ ,  $Q = Q^\dagger$   
 (is the eigenstate of  $Q$ )

$$\sigma^2 = \langle \psi | (Q - \bar{Q})^2 | \psi \rangle = \langle \psi | (Q^\dagger - \bar{Q}) (Q - \bar{Q}) | \psi \rangle$$

$$= \langle (Q - \bar{Q}) \psi | (Q - \bar{Q}) \psi \rangle = 0 \quad \hat{Q} \psi = \bar{Q} \psi$$

e.g.  $\hat{H} \psi_1 = E_1 \psi_1$ ,  $\hat{H} \psi_2 = E_2 \psi_2$

$\psi_1$  and  $\psi_2$  are determinate state of  $\hat{H}$

but  $\alpha \psi_1 + \beta \psi_2$  is not

$$\hat{H} |\alpha \psi_1 + \beta \psi_2\rangle = \alpha E_1 |\psi_1\rangle + \beta E_2 |\psi_2\rangle$$

$$\langle \hat{H} \rangle = |\alpha|^2 E_1 + |\beta|^2 E_2 \quad (\langle \hat{H} \rangle)^2 = (|\alpha|^2 E_1 + |\beta|^2 E_2)^2$$

$$(\hat{H}^2) |\alpha \psi_1 + \beta \psi_2\rangle = \alpha E_1^2 |\psi_1\rangle + \beta E_2^2 |\psi_2\rangle$$

$$\langle \hat{H}^2 \rangle = |\alpha|^2 E_1^2 + |\beta|^2 E_2^2$$

if  $|\psi\rangle$  is normalized  $|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1$ . let  $|\alpha|^2 = p$ , then  $|\beta|^2 = 1-p$

$$p E_1^2 + (1-p) E_2^2 = (p E_1 + (1-p) E_2)^2$$

$$= p^2 E_1^2 + (1-p)^2 E_2^2 + 2p(1-p) E_1 E_2$$

$$\Rightarrow p(p-1) E_1^2 - p(1-p) E_2^2 + 2p(1-p) E_1 E_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow p(1-p) [(E_1 - E_2)^2] = 0 \Rightarrow \text{(i) } E_1 = E_2$$

$$\text{(ii) } p = 0, p = 1.$$

Back to postulates of QM

(1)  $\mathcal{E}$

(3) Hermitian complete operator  $A$

(5)  $P_{\text{res}}(A = a_n) = \frac{\langle \psi | P_n | \psi \rangle}{\langle \psi | \psi \rangle}$

(2) ray  
 $|\psi\rangle$

(4)  $A = a_n$  ( $A = a \alpha$ )

$P_n = |\alpha\rangle\langle\alpha|$

$P_A = \int d\lambda |\lambda\rangle\langle\lambda|$

(6)  $|\psi\rangle \rightarrow P_n |\psi\rangle$

example, 2-state system

$|1\rangle, |2\rangle$ ,  $\mathcal{E}$  is 2-dimensional

$$|1\rangle \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad |2\rangle \sim \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

any state can be  $|\psi\rangle = a|1\rangle + b|2\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$

physical operator  $A$  must be Hermitian.

$$A = A^\dagger, \quad \text{for constant, } H$$

the most general  $H \sim \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \beta^* & \delta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha^* & \delta^* \\ \beta^* & \gamma^* \end{pmatrix}$   
 $\alpha$  and  $\delta$  are real.  $\beta = \delta^*$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{H} \sim \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \beta^* & \delta \end{pmatrix}$$

what is its eigenstate?

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \beta^* & \delta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_{1,2} \\ v_{1,2} \end{pmatrix} = E_{1,2} \begin{pmatrix} u_{1,2} \\ v_{1,2} \end{pmatrix}$$

The question is equivalent to the diagonalization of  $H$

$$(\alpha - \lambda)(\delta - \lambda) - |\beta|^2 = 0$$
$$\lambda^2 - \lambda(\alpha + \delta) - |\beta|^2 = 0 \quad \lambda = \frac{1}{2}(\alpha + \delta \pm \sqrt{(\alpha + \delta)^2 + 4|\beta|^2})$$

consider a simple case  $\alpha = \delta$  (real),  $\beta$  (real)

$$\hat{H} \sim \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \beta & \alpha \end{pmatrix}, \quad (\alpha - \lambda)^2 = \beta^2 \quad \text{or } \lambda = \alpha \pm \beta$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \beta & \alpha \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ v_1 \end{pmatrix} = (\alpha \pm \beta) \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ v_1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \alpha u_1 + \beta v_1 = (\alpha + \beta) u_1 & \Rightarrow (u_1 = v_1) \\ (\alpha - \beta) u_1 & (u_1 = -v_1) \end{cases}$$

two normalized energy eigenstate  
 $|A\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $|B\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$

such that  $\langle A|A\rangle = \langle B|B\rangle = 1$ ,  $\langle A|B\rangle = \langle B|A\rangle = 0$

and  $\hat{H}|1\rangle = (\alpha + \beta)|1\rangle$ ,  $\hat{H}|2\rangle = (\alpha - \beta)|2\rangle$

$\star \exp(-\frac{i}{\hbar} \hat{H} \Delta t) |\psi(t)\rangle = |\psi(t + \Delta t)\rangle$

$(\mathbb{1} - \frac{i}{\hbar} \hat{H} \epsilon) |\psi(t)\rangle = |\psi(t + \epsilon)\rangle$  Note: there is no  $x$ -depend.

namely  $\frac{i\epsilon}{\hbar} \hat{H} |\psi(t)\rangle = |\psi(t + \epsilon)\rangle - |\psi(t)\rangle$

$\Rightarrow \hat{H} |\psi(t)\rangle = \frac{\hbar}{i\epsilon} (|\psi(t + \epsilon)\rangle - |\psi(t)\rangle) \xrightarrow{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \hbar \frac{d}{dt} |\psi(t)\rangle$

$\Rightarrow \boxed{\hat{H} |\psi(t)\rangle = \hbar \frac{d}{dt} |\psi(t)\rangle}$

and  $|1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|e_1\rangle + |e_2\rangle)$

So,  $\hbar \frac{d}{dt} |1(t)\rangle = (\alpha + \beta) |1(t)\rangle$

$|2\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|e_1\rangle - |e_2\rangle)$

$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} |1(t)\rangle = \exp(-\frac{i}{\hbar} (\alpha + \beta) t) |1(t=0)\rangle \\ |2(t)\rangle = \exp(-\frac{i}{\hbar} (\alpha - \beta) t) |2(t=0)\rangle \end{cases} \rightarrow \text{to}$

For a given state  $|\psi(t=0)\rangle = a|1\rangle + b|2\rangle = \frac{(a+b)}{\sqrt{2}} |e_1\rangle + \frac{(a-b)}{\sqrt{2}} |e_2\rangle$

$\Rightarrow |\psi(t)\rangle = \frac{(a+b)}{\sqrt{2}} \exp(-\frac{i}{\hbar} (\alpha + \beta) t) |1\rangle + \frac{(a-b)}{\sqrt{2}} \exp(-\frac{i}{\hbar} (\alpha - \beta) t) |2\rangle$

$= e^{-\frac{i\alpha t}{\hbar}} \left( \frac{(a+b)}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-\frac{i\beta t}{\hbar}} |1\rangle + \frac{(a-b)}{\sqrt{2}} e^{+\frac{i\beta t}{\hbar}} |2\rangle \right)$

$= e^{-\frac{i\alpha t}{\hbar}} \left( \begin{matrix} 2a \cos(\frac{\beta t}{\hbar}) |1\rangle - 2b \sin(\frac{\beta t}{\hbar}) |2\rangle \\ -2b \sin(\frac{\beta t}{\hbar}) |1\rangle + 2a \cos(\frac{\beta t}{\hbar}) |2\rangle \end{matrix} \right)$

If at  $t=0$ ,  $a=1, b=0$ .

$\boxed{|\psi(t)\rangle = e^{-\frac{i\alpha t}{\hbar}} \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\frac{\beta t}{\hbar}) \\ -i \sin(\frac{\beta t}{\hbar}) \end{pmatrix}}$

$\rightarrow$  Oscillation between  $|1\rangle$  &  $|2\rangle$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \langle Q \rangle &= \frac{d}{dt} \langle \psi | Q | \psi \rangle \\ &= \left( \frac{d}{dt} \langle \psi | \right) [Q | \psi \rangle + \langle \psi | \frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} | \psi \rangle + \langle \psi | Q \left( \frac{d}{dt} | \psi \rangle \right) \end{aligned}$$

also we know

$$i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} | \psi \rangle = \hat{H} | \psi \rangle \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} | \psi \rangle = \frac{-i}{\hbar} \hat{H} | \psi \rangle$$

and  ~~$\frac{d}{dt} \langle \psi |$~~

$$-i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} \langle \psi | = \langle \psi | \hat{H}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{d}{dt} \langle \psi | = \frac{i}{\hbar} \langle \psi | \hat{H}$$

$$= \frac{i}{\hbar} \langle \psi | \hat{H} Q | \psi \rangle - \frac{i}{\hbar} \langle \psi | Q \hat{H} | \psi \rangle + \langle \psi | \frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} | \psi \rangle$$

$$= \frac{i}{\hbar} \langle [H, Q] \rangle + \langle \frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{d}{dt} \langle Q \rangle = \frac{i}{\hbar} \langle [H, Q] \rangle + \langle \frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} \rangle}$$

e.g.  $Q = x, H = \frac{p^2}{2m}, \frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} = 0, [H, Q] = \frac{1}{2m} [p^2, x]$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \langle x \rangle &= \frac{i}{\hbar} \langle \frac{-i\hbar}{m} p \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{m} \langle p \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [H, Q] &= \frac{1}{2m} (p^2 x - x p^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2m} (p p x - p x p + p x p - x p p) \\ &= \frac{1}{2m} (p [x, p] + -[x, p] p) \\ &= -\frac{i\hbar}{m} p \end{aligned}$$

$$\circledast \quad E_1 = \alpha + \beta, \quad E_2 = \alpha - \beta$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_1 &= |e_1\rangle\langle e_1| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|1\rangle + |2\rangle) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\langle 1| + \langle 2|) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (|1\rangle\langle 1| + |1\rangle\langle 2| + |2\rangle\langle 1| + |2\rangle\langle 2|) \end{aligned}$$

its matrix representation is  $\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

similarly  $P_2 = |e_2\rangle\langle e_2| = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 (|1\rangle - |2\rangle)(\langle 1| - \langle 2|)$

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

we see that  $\sum_{i=1}^2 P_i = P_1 + P_2 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbb{1}$

For a state  $|\psi\rangle = a|1\rangle + b|2\rangle \sim \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$

if we measure  $H = E_1$

$$|\psi\rangle \rightarrow P_1 |\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \frac{a+b}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{a+b}{\sqrt{2}} |e_1\rangle$$

$$\text{Prob}(H = E_1) = \frac{\langle \psi | P_1 | \psi \rangle}{\langle \psi | \psi \rangle} = \frac{(a^* \cdot b^*) \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a+b \\ a+b \end{pmatrix}}{|a|^2 + |b|^2} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} |a+b|^2}{|a|^2 + |b|^2}$$

Why? Let's understand

$$|\psi\rangle = a|1\rangle + b|2\rangle = \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}(|e_1\rangle + |e_2\rangle) + b \frac{|e_1\rangle - |e_2\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{a+b}{\sqrt{2}} |e_1\rangle + \frac{a-b}{\sqrt{2}} |e_2\rangle$$

So the prob. finding  $|e_1\rangle$  in  $|\psi\rangle$  is  $\frac{\left|\frac{a+b}{\sqrt{2}}\right|^2}{\left|\frac{a+b}{\sqrt{2}}\right|^2 + \left|\frac{a-b}{\sqrt{2}}\right|^2} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} |a+b|^2}{|a|^2 + |b|^2} \checkmark$



$$\text{Prob}(A_+ \rightarrow B_+) = \left( \frac{\langle \psi | P_{A_+} | \psi \rangle}{\langle \psi | \psi \rangle} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{\langle \psi | P_{A_+} P_{B_+} P_{A_+} | \psi \rangle}{\langle \psi | P_{A_+} P_{A_+} | \psi \rangle} \right) \quad P_{A_+} = P_{A_+}^2$$

经典的 polarization as an example,  $P = P^2$

$$= \frac{\langle \psi | P_{A_+} P_{B_+} P_{A_+} | \psi \rangle}{\langle \psi | \psi \rangle}$$

$$\begin{cases} P_n = |n\rangle\langle n| = (P_n)^2 \\ P_n^m = (|n\rangle\langle n|)^m = |n\rangle\langle n| \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Prob}(B_+ \rightarrow A_+) = \left( \frac{\langle \psi | P_{B_+} | \psi \rangle}{\langle \psi | \psi \rangle} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{\langle \psi | P_{B_+} P_{A_+} P_{B_+} | \psi \rangle}{\langle \psi | P_{B_+} P_{B_+} | \psi \rangle} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\langle \psi | P_{B_+} P_{A_+} P_{B_+} | \psi \rangle}{\langle \psi | \psi \rangle}$$

$$P_{A_+} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad P_{B_+} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

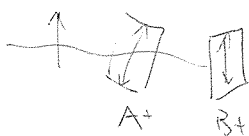
$$P_{A_+} P_{B_+} P_{A_+} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P_{B_+} P_{A_+} P_{B_+} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

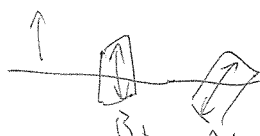
$$\text{Prob}(A_+ \rightarrow B_+) = \frac{(a^* \ b^*) \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}}{(a^* \ b^*) \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}} = \frac{\frac{1}{4} (a+b)(a^*+b^*)}{|a|^2 + |b|^2}$$

$$\text{Prob}(B_+ \rightarrow A_+) = \frac{(a^* \ b^*) \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}}{(a^* \ b^*) \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} |a|^2}{|a|^2 + |b|^2}$$

if  $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\text{Prob}(A_+ \rightarrow B_+) = \frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\text{Prob}(B_+ \rightarrow A_+) = \frac{1}{2}$



$$\begin{matrix} \rightarrow \\ \text{50\%} \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \rightarrow \\ \text{50\%} \end{matrix} = \frac{1}{4}$$



$$\begin{matrix} \rightarrow \\ \text{100\%} \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \rightarrow \\ \text{50\%} \end{matrix} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P_{A^+} P_{A^-} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$P_{A^+} P_{B^+} \neq 0. \quad \text{similarly} \quad P_{B^+} P_{B^-} = 0$$

$$\vec{E} = -\vec{A} \cdot \vec{\beta}$$

$$\vec{F} = \vec{v} \times \vec{v}$$



$$\vec{F}_z = +\vec{A} \frac{d\beta}{dz} = m \ddot{z}$$

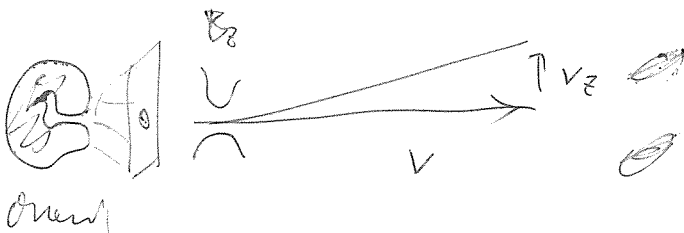
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$$\Delta t = \frac{L}{v}$$

$$\ddot{z} = \frac{1}{m} \frac{dF}{dz}$$

$$V_z = \frac{1}{m} \frac{dF}{dz} \frac{L}{v}$$

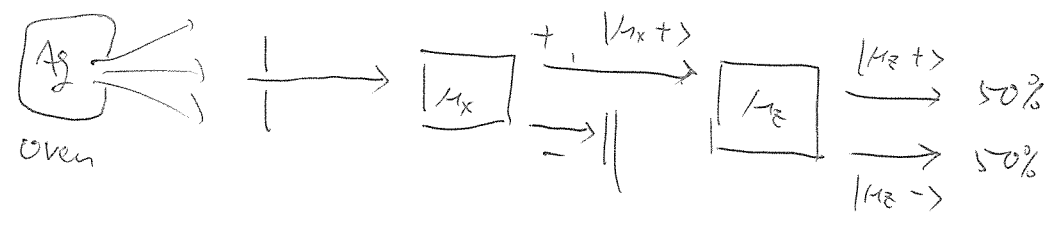


# Stern - Gerlach exp

- 1  $\mathcal{E}$
- 2  $|\psi\rangle$  is a ray
- 3 Hermitian, complete  $A$
- 4  $A \rightarrow a_n (a_n)$
- 5  $\text{Prob}(A \rightarrow a_n (a_n)) = \frac{\langle \psi | P_{a_n} | \psi \rangle}{\langle \psi | \psi \rangle}$
- 6  $|\psi\rangle \rightarrow P_{a_n} |\psi\rangle$

$(kr) 4d^{10} 5s$   
 one outer electron  
 magnetic moment  $\pm \mu_B$   
 $\mu_B = \frac{e\hbar}{2m_e c}$ , Bohr magneton.

We only talk about magnetic moment, not spin or total moment



$\hat{\mu}_x$  has 2 possible outcomes, by rule 3.4,  $\hat{\mu}_x$  has eigenvalues:  $\pm \mu_B$   
 (also true for  $\hat{\mu}_y, \hat{\mu}_z$ )

$\mathcal{E}$  must be 2-dim, at least: it can be spanned by the eigenkets of  $\hat{\mu}_x$  with eigenvalues  $\pm \mu_B$ .

Since it's only 2-dim, it can also be spanned by the eigenkets of  $\hat{\mu}_y$  &  $\hat{\mu}_z$ .

~~any~~ eigenkets of any of  $\hat{\mu}_{x,y,z}$  must be expressible as linear combinations of the eigenkets of any other operators.

Denote the normalized eigenvectors (upto a phase) as

$$|\mu_x, \pm\rangle, |\mu_y, \pm\rangle, |\mu_z, \pm\rangle$$

and

$$\langle \mu_x, + | \mu_x, - \rangle = \langle \mu_y, + | \mu_y, - \rangle = \langle \mu_z, + | \mu_z, - \rangle = 0$$

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• by rule-2, the state of  $A_j$  at various stages ~ some state vector.

by rule-6, after  $\hat{\mu}_x$  with  $\otimes +H_0$ , the state is  $|M_x, +\rangle$

• The state entering the 2nd magnet is a linear combination of  $|M_z, \pm\rangle$ .

$$\Rightarrow |M_x, +\rangle = C_+ |M_z, +\rangle + C_- |M_z, -\rangle$$

$$\text{and } C_{\pm} = \langle M_z, \pm | M_x, + \rangle$$

• by rule-5.

$$\text{Prob}(\hat{M}_z = +H_0) = \langle M_x, + | \hat{M}_z | M_x, + \rangle$$

$$= \langle M_x, + | ( |M_z, +\rangle \langle M_z, +| ) | M_x, + \rangle$$

$$= | \langle M_z, + | M_x, + \rangle |^2 = |C_+|^2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow |M_x, +\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} ( |M_z, +\rangle + e^{i\alpha} |M_z, -\rangle )$$

with an overall phase to be absorbed by the kets.

• similarly,

$$|M_x, -\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} ( |M_z, +\rangle + e^{i\beta} |M_z, -\rangle )$$

$$\bullet \text{ But } \langle M_x, + | M_x, - \rangle = \frac{1}{2} ( 1 + e^{i(\beta-\alpha)} ) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{e^{i\beta} = -e^{i\alpha}}$$

$$\Rightarrow |M_x, \pm\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} ( |M_z, +\rangle \pm e^{i\alpha} |M_z, -\rangle )$$

• similarly,

$$|M_z, \pm\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( |M_z, +\rangle \pm e^{i\theta} |M_z, -\rangle \right)$$

$\alpha$  is another phase

• The operator can be constructed by their projection operator and eigenvalues:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{M}_z &= +M_0 P_{z+} + (-M_0) P_{z-} \\ &= +M_0 |M_z, +\rangle \langle M_z, +| - M_0 |M_z, -\rangle \langle M_z, -| \end{aligned}$$

reminding

$$\hat{A} \approx \begin{pmatrix} \langle 1|\hat{A}|1\rangle & \langle 1|\hat{A}|2\rangle & \dots \\ \langle 2|\hat{A}|1\rangle & \langle 2|\hat{A}|2\rangle & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{in basis } (|1\rangle, |2\rangle, |3\rangle, \dots)$$

~~This is the simple case for eigenbasis~~  
for the case of eigenbasis,  $\hat{A}$  is diagonal.

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{A} |\psi\rangle &= \hat{A} (c_1 |1\rangle + c_2 |2\rangle + \dots) \quad c_n = \langle n|\psi\rangle \\ &= (c_1 \hat{A}|1\rangle + c_2 \hat{A}|2\rangle + \dots) \\ &= (c_1 a_{11}|1\rangle + c_2 a_{22}|2\rangle + \dots) \end{aligned}$$

The operation of  $\hat{A} \approx \sum_n a_n |n\rangle \langle n| = \sum a_n P_n$

and 
$$\hat{M}_x = +M_0 |M_x, +\rangle \langle M_x, +| - M_0 |M_x, -\rangle \langle M_x, -|$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= M_0 \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} ( |M_z, +\rangle + e^{i\alpha} |M_z, -\rangle ) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} ( \langle M_z, +| + e^{-i\alpha} \langle M_z, -| ) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} ( |M_z, +\rangle - e^{i\alpha} |M_z, -\rangle ) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} ( \langle M_z, +| - e^{-i\alpha} \langle M_z, -| ) \right] \end{aligned}$$

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$$\Rightarrow \hat{M}_x = \frac{\mu_0}{2} \left\{ \begin{aligned} & \left( |M_z+\rangle \langle M_z+| + |M_z-\rangle \langle M_z-| + e^{i\alpha} |M_z-\rangle \langle M_z+| \right. \\ & \quad \left. + e^{-i\alpha} |M_z+\rangle \langle M_z-| \right) \\ & - \left( |M_z+\rangle \langle M_z+| + |M_z-\rangle \langle M_z-| - e^{i\alpha} |M_z-\rangle \langle M_z+| \right. \\ & \quad \left. - e^{-i\alpha} |M_z+\rangle \langle M_z-| \right) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$= \mu_0 \left[ e^{i\alpha} |M_z-\rangle \langle M_z+| + e^{-i\alpha} |M_z+\rangle \langle M_z-| \right]$$

( you can check that  $\hat{M}_x = (\hat{M}_x)^\dagger$  )

Similarly

$$\hat{M}_y = \mu_0 \left[ e^{i\theta} |M_z-\rangle \langle M_z+| + e^{-i\theta} |M_z+\rangle \langle M_z-| \right]$$

Now, we do  $\hat{M}_x$  first  $\Rightarrow \hat{M}_y$ ,

still 50%  $\hat{M}_z = +\mu_0$ , and 50%  $\hat{M}_z = -\mu_0$

therefore  $\frac{1}{2} = |\langle M_x+ | M_{y,\pm} \rangle|^2$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left| \left( \langle M_z+| + e^{-i\alpha} \langle M_z-| \right) \left( |M_z+\rangle \pm e^{i\theta} |M_z-\rangle \right) \right|^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left| 1 \pm e^{i(\theta-\alpha)} \right|^2 = \frac{1}{4} \left| 1 \pm \cos(\theta-\alpha) \pm i \sin(\theta-\alpha) \right|^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left( (1 \pm \cos(\theta-\alpha))^2 + \sin^2(\theta-\alpha) \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (1 \pm \cos(\theta-\alpha)) \Rightarrow \theta-\alpha = \pm \frac{\pi}{2}$$

or  $e^{i\theta} = \pm i e^{i\alpha}$

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Now it's convention.

Traditionally,  $\hat{\mu}_x$  is chosen to be real.

In the  $\hat{M}_z$  basis.

$$\hat{\mu}_x = \mu_0 \left[ |M_z + \rangle \langle M_z - | + |M_z - \rangle \langle M_z + | \right]$$

$$\hat{\mu}_y = \mu_0 \left[ -i |M_z + \rangle \langle M_z - | + i |M_z - \rangle \langle M_z + | \right]$$

$$\hat{\mu}_z = \mu_0 \left[ + |M_z + \rangle \langle M_z + | - |M_z - \rangle \langle M_z - | \right]$$

In the matrix representation

$$|M_z \pm \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hat{\mu}_x \sim \mu_0 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \hat{\mu}_y \sim \mu_0 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \hat{\mu}_z \sim \mu_0 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The Pauli matrices are rediscovered

by solely using the rules of QM and the experimental results!