

## Problem set 12

1. (\*)

$$\frac{mv^2}{2} = \frac{3}{2} k_B T, \text{ hence } v = \sqrt{\frac{3k_B T}{m}} = 3.52 \times 10^3 \text{ms}^{-1};$$

At this speed the electron will travel 1m in  $\frac{1\text{m}}{3.52 \times 10^3 \text{ms}^{-1}} = 2.84 \times 10^{-4} \text{s};$

$F_z = -\frac{e}{m_e} (m_s h) \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial z}$ , the magnitude of the force is

$$\frac{1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{C}}{9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{kg}} \left( \frac{1}{2} \times 1.055 \times 10^{-34} \text{J} \cdot \text{s} \right) (10 \text{T/m}) = 9.26 \times 10^{-23} \text{N};$$

$$\mathbf{a} = \frac{F}{m} = \frac{9.26 \times 10^{-23} \text{N}}{1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{kg}} = 5.55 \times 10^4 \text{m/s}^2;$$

The transverse displacement in the z-direction is thus

$$\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a} t^2 = \frac{1}{2} (5.55 \times 10^4 \text{m/s}^2) (2.84 \times 10^{-4} \text{s})^2 = 2.2 \text{mm}.$$

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2. (\*)

$$\mathbf{A} = \sum_{i,j} \mathbf{A}_{ij} | \mathbf{a}_i \rangle \langle \mathbf{a}_j |, \quad \mathbf{B} = \sum_{k,l} \mathbf{B}_{kl} | \mathbf{a}_k \rangle \langle \mathbf{a}_l |;$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{AB})^\dagger &= \left( \left( \sum_{i,j} \mathbf{A}_{ij} | \mathbf{a}_i \rangle \langle \mathbf{a}_j | \right) \left( \sum_{k,l} \mathbf{B}_{kl} | \mathbf{a}_k \rangle \langle \mathbf{a}_l | \right) \right)^\dagger \\ &= \left( \sum_{i,j,k,l} \mathbf{A}_{ij} \mathbf{B}_{kl} | \mathbf{a}_i \rangle \langle \mathbf{a}_j | \mathbf{a}_k \rangle \langle \mathbf{a}_l | \right)^\dagger \\ &= \left( \sum_{i,j,k,l} \mathbf{A}_{ij} \mathbf{B}_{kl} | \mathbf{a}_i \rangle \delta_{jk} \langle \mathbf{a}_l | \right)^\dagger \\ &= \sum_{i,j,l} \mathbf{A}_{ij}^* \mathbf{B}_{jl}^* | \mathbf{a}_l \rangle \langle \mathbf{a}_i |; \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{B}^\dagger \mathbf{A}^\dagger &= \left( \sum_{k,l} \mathbf{B}_{kl} | \mathbf{a}_k \rangle \langle \mathbf{a}_l | \right)^\dagger \left( \sum_{i,j} \mathbf{A}_{ij} | \mathbf{a}_i \rangle \langle \mathbf{a}_j | \right)^\dagger \\ &= \left( \sum_{k,l} \mathbf{B}_{kl}^* | \mathbf{a}_l \rangle \langle \mathbf{a}_k | \right) \left( \sum_{i,j} \mathbf{A}_{ij}^* | \mathbf{a}_j \rangle \langle \mathbf{a}_i | \right) \\ &= \sum_{k,l,i,j} \mathbf{A}_{ij}^* \mathbf{B}_{kl}^* | \mathbf{a}_l \rangle \langle \mathbf{a}_k | \mathbf{a}_j \rangle \langle \mathbf{a}_i | \\ &= \sum_{k,l,i,j} \mathbf{A}_{ij}^* \mathbf{B}_{kl}^* | \mathbf{a}_l \rangle \delta_{kj} \langle \mathbf{a}_i | \\ &= \sum_{i,j,l} \mathbf{A}_{ij}^* \mathbf{B}_{jl}^* | \mathbf{a}_l \rangle \langle \mathbf{a}_i | \\ &= (\mathbf{AB})^\dagger. \end{aligned}$$

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3. (\*)

$$\begin{aligned}
|S_x; +\rangle &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (|+\rangle + |-\rangle) & |S_x; -\rangle &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (|+\rangle - |-\rangle) \quad ; \\
|S_y; +\rangle &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (|+\rangle + i|-\rangle) & |S_y; +\rangle &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (|+\rangle - i|-\rangle) \quad ; \\
|S_x; +\rangle \langle S_x; +| + |S_x; -\rangle \langle S_x; -| \\
&= \frac{1}{2} (|+\rangle + |-\rangle) (\langle +| + \langle -|) + \frac{1}{2} (|+\rangle - |-\rangle) (\langle +| - \langle -|) \\
&= \frac{1}{2} (|+\rangle \langle +| + |-\rangle \langle +| + |+\rangle \langle -| + |-\rangle \langle -|) + \frac{1}{2} (|+\rangle \langle +| - |-\rangle \langle +| - |+\rangle \langle -| + |-\rangle \langle -|) \\
&= |+\rangle \langle +| + |-\rangle \langle -| \\
&= \mathbf{1}; \\
|S_y; +\rangle \langle S_y; +| + |S_y; -\rangle \langle S_y; -| \\
&= \frac{1}{2} (|+\rangle + i|-\rangle) (\langle +| - i\langle -|) + \frac{1}{2} (|+\rangle - i|-\rangle) (\langle +| + i\langle -|) \\
&= \frac{1}{2} (|+\rangle \langle +| + i|-\rangle \langle +| - i|+\rangle \langle -| + |-\rangle \langle -|) + \frac{1}{2} (|+\rangle \langle +| - i|-\rangle \langle +| + i|+\rangle \langle -| + |-\rangle \langle -|) \\
&= |+\rangle \langle +| + |-\rangle \langle -| \\
&= \mathbf{1}; \\
S_x &= \frac{\hbar}{2} |S_x; +\rangle \langle S_x; +| - \frac{\hbar}{2} |S_x; -\rangle \langle S_x; -| \\
&= \frac{\hbar}{4} (|+\rangle + |-\rangle) (\langle +| + \langle -|) - \frac{\hbar}{4} (|+\rangle - |-\rangle) (\langle +| - \langle -|) \\
&= \frac{\hbar}{4} (|+\rangle \langle +| + |-\rangle \langle +| + |+\rangle \langle -| + |-\rangle \langle -|) - \frac{\hbar}{4} (|+\rangle \langle +| - |-\rangle \langle +| - |+\rangle \langle -| + |-\rangle \langle -|) \\
&= \frac{\hbar}{2} (|-\rangle \langle +| + |+\rangle \langle -|); \\
S_y &= \frac{\hbar}{2} |S_y; +\rangle \langle S_y; +| - \frac{\hbar}{2} |S_y; -\rangle \langle S_y; -| \\
&= \frac{\hbar}{4} (|+\rangle + i|-\rangle) (\langle +| - i\langle -|) - \frac{\hbar}{4} (|+\rangle - i|-\rangle) (\langle +| + i\langle -|) \\
&= \frac{\hbar}{4} (|+\rangle \langle +| + i|-\rangle \langle +| - i|+\rangle \langle -| + |-\rangle \langle -|) - \frac{\hbar}{4} (|+\rangle \langle +| - i|-\rangle \langle +| + i|+\rangle \langle -| + |-\rangle \langle -|) \\
&= \frac{i\hbar}{2} (|-\rangle \langle +| - |+\rangle \langle -|).
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4. (\*)

$$\begin{aligned}
[S_x, S_y] &= S_x S_y - S_y S_x \\
&= \frac{i\hbar^2}{4} (|-\rangle \langle +| + |+\rangle \langle -|) (|-\rangle \langle +| - |+\rangle \langle -|) - \frac{i\hbar^2}{4} (|-\rangle \langle +| - |+\rangle \langle -|) (|-\rangle \langle +| + |+\rangle \langle -|) \\
&= \frac{i\hbar^2}{4} (|-\rangle \langle +| - |+\rangle \langle -| + |+\rangle \langle -| - |-\rangle \langle +| + |-\rangle \langle +| + |+\rangle \langle -| - |+\rangle \langle -| + |+\rangle \langle -|) \\
&\quad - \frac{i\hbar^2}{4} (|-\rangle \langle +| - |+\rangle \langle -| - |+\rangle \langle -| - |-\rangle \langle +| + |-\rangle \langle +| + |+\rangle \langle -| - |+\rangle \langle -| + |+\rangle \langle -|) \\
&= \frac{i\hbar^2}{4} (|+\rangle \langle +| - |-\rangle \langle -|) - \frac{i\hbar^2}{4} (-|+\rangle \langle +| + |-\rangle \langle -|) \\
&= \frac{i\hbar^2}{4} 2 (|+\rangle \langle +| - |-\rangle \langle -|) \\
&= \mathbf{i\hbar S_z}
\end{aligned}$$

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