

# 1 Spin Three Halves Time Dependence

A spin-3/2 particle initially is in the state  $|\psi(0)\rangle = |\frac{1}{2}\rangle$ . This particle is placed in an external magnetic field so that the Hamiltonian is proportional to the  $\hat{S}_x$  operator,  $\hat{H} = \alpha\hat{S}_x \doteq \frac{\alpha\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sqrt{3} & 0 & 0 \\ \sqrt{3} & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & \sqrt{3} \\ 0 & 0 & \sqrt{3} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

- (a) Find the energy eigenvalues and energy eigenstates for the system.
- (b) Find  $|\psi(t)\rangle$ .
- (c) List the outcomes of all possible measurements of  $S_x$  and find their probabilities. Explicitly identify any probabilities that depend on time.
- (d) List the outcomes of all possible measurements of  $S_z$  and find their probabilities. Explicitly identify any probabilities that depend on time.