

1 Spin-1/2 Time Dependence Practice

Two electrons are placed in a magnetic field in the z -direction. The initial state of the first electron is $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{pmatrix}$ and the initial state of the second electron is $\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{3} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

- (a) Find the probability of measuring each particle to have spin-up in the x -, y -, and z -directions at $t = 0$.
- (b) Find the probability of measuring each particle to have spin-up in the x -, y -, and z -directions at some later time t .
- (c) Calculate the expectation values for S_x , S_y , and S_z for each particle as functions of time.
- (d) Are there any times when all the probabilities you have calculated are the same as they were at $t = 0$?