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1. Hamiltonian describing a particle of spin 1 has the following form:

$$H = A \frac{1}{\hbar} s_z + 2C \frac{1}{\hbar^2} s_x^2,$$

where A i C are constants. Find the energy levels and the corresponding eigen wave functions. At $t = 0$ the particle is in the eigenstate of spin $s_z = +\hbar$. Find the expectation value of the spin operator

$$\langle s_i \rangle (t) = \psi^*(t) \hat{s}_i \psi(t)$$

where ψ is a time dependent wave function corresponding to the above initial condition.

2. Consider two possible discretizations of the integral

$$\sigma = \frac{e}{c} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} dt \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \cdot \vec{A}(t)$$

given as

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_1 &= \sum_k (\vec{r}_{k+1} - \vec{r}_k) \cdot \vec{A}(\vec{r}_k, t_k), \\ \sigma_2 &= \sum_k (\vec{r}_{k+1} - \vec{r}_k) \cdot \vec{A}(\vec{r}_{k+1}, t_{k+1}). \end{aligned}$$

Calculate $\sigma_1 - \sigma_2$ in the continuum limit.

3. Two possible discretizations of σ that lead to the correct hamiltonian for the particle moving in the electromagnetic potential \vec{A} read as follows

$$\begin{aligned} s_1 &= \sum_k (\vec{r}_{k+1} - \vec{r}_k) \cdot \frac{1}{2} \left(\vec{A}(\vec{r}_k, t_k) + \vec{A}(\vec{r}_{k+1}, t_{k+1}) \right), \\ s_2 &= \sum_k (\vec{r}_{k+1} - \vec{r}_k) \cdot \vec{A} \left(\frac{1}{2}(\vec{r}_k + \vec{r}_{k+1}), \frac{1}{2}(t_k + t_{k+1}) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Prove the equivalence by computing the hamiltonian from the "one-step" time evolution

$$\psi(\vec{x}, t + \varepsilon) = \int d^3\vec{y} K(\vec{x}, \vec{y}, \varepsilon) \psi(\vec{y}, t)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} K(\vec{x}, \vec{y}, \varepsilon) &= \left(\frac{m}{2\pi i \varepsilon \hbar} \right)^{3/2} \exp \left(\frac{i}{\hbar} \left[\frac{m(\vec{x} - \vec{y})^2}{2\varepsilon} + \frac{e}{c} (\vec{x} - \vec{y}) \cdot \frac{1}{2} (\vec{A}(\vec{x}) + \vec{A}(\vec{y})) \right] \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{m}{2\pi i \varepsilon \hbar} \right)^{3/2} \exp \left(\frac{i}{\hbar} \left[\frac{m(\vec{x} - \vec{y})^2}{2\varepsilon} + \frac{e}{c} (\vec{x} - \vec{y}) \cdot \vec{A} \left(\frac{\vec{x} + \vec{y}}{2} \right) \right] \right). \end{aligned}$$