

$$\hat{M} = m_0 \hat{\sigma}_0 + \underbrace{m_1 \hat{\sigma}_1 + m_2 \hat{\sigma}_2 + m_3 \hat{\sigma}_3}_{= \sqrt{m_1^2 + m_2^2 + m_3^2} \times \left\{ \begin{aligned} &\sin\theta \cos\phi \hat{\sigma}_1 + \sin\theta \sin\phi \hat{\sigma}_2 \\ &+ \cos\theta \hat{\sigma}_3 \end{aligned} \right\}}$$

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same in all bases

where: $\cos\theta = \frac{m_3}{\sqrt{m_1^2 + m_2^2 + m_3^2}}$ $\tan\phi = \frac{m_2}{m_1}$

but, eigenvalues of $\sin\theta \cos\phi \hat{\sigma}_1 + \sin\theta \sin\phi \hat{\sigma}_2 + \cos\theta \hat{\sigma}_3$ are ± 1

eigenvectors are ... $\begin{pmatrix} e^{-i\phi/2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \\ e^{+i\phi/2} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -e^{-i\phi/2} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \\ e^{+i\phi/2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \end{pmatrix}$

overall eigenvalues are

then: $= m_0 \pm \sqrt{m_1^2 + m_2^2 + m_3^2}$

Rotation connection:

spin along +z

$\hat{\theta}$ in x-y plane, $= (-\sin\phi, \cos\phi, 0)$

rotate by θ about $\hat{\theta}$

Unrotated \rightarrow Rotated $= U(R(\hat{\theta}))$

$\vec{\theta} = \theta \times \hat{\theta}$

Unitary matrices shown:

- $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ (spin along +z)
- $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ (spin along -z)
- $\begin{pmatrix} e^{-i\phi/2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \\ e^{+i\phi/2} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \end{pmatrix}$
- $\begin{pmatrix} -e^{-i\phi/2} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \\ e^{+i\phi/2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \end{pmatrix}$
- $\begin{pmatrix} e^{-i\phi/2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} & -e^{-i\phi/2} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \\ e^{+i\phi/2} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} & e^{+i\phi/2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \end{pmatrix}$

$$U(R(\vec{\theta})) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - i \frac{\vec{\theta} \cdot \vec{\sigma}}{N\hbar} \right)^N = \exp\left(-i \frac{\vec{\theta} \cdot \vec{\sigma}}{2}\right)$$

see p. 290 $\vec{\theta} \rightarrow$ like \vec{a}
 $\vec{\sigma} \rightarrow$ like \vec{p}

$$\exp\left(-i \frac{\vec{\theta} \cdot \vec{\sigma}}{2}\right) = \mathbb{1} + \left(-i \frac{\theta}{2}\right) \hat{\theta} \cdot \vec{\sigma} + \frac{1}{2!} \left(-i \frac{\theta}{2}\right)^2 (\hat{\theta} \cdot \vec{\sigma})^2 + \frac{1}{3!} \left(-i \frac{\theta}{2}\right)^3 (\hat{\theta} \cdot \vec{\sigma})^3 + \dots$$

but $(\hat{\theta} \cdot \vec{\sigma})^2 = \mathbb{1}$... series collapses to 2 terms

$$\begin{aligned} \exp\left(-i \frac{\vec{\theta} \cdot \vec{\sigma}}{2}\right) &= \mathbb{1} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2!} \left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{4!} \left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)^4 - \dots \right) \\ &\quad - i (\hat{\theta} \cdot \vec{\sigma}) \left(\frac{\theta}{2} - \frac{1}{3!} \left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)^3 + \dots \right) \\ &= \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \cdot \mathbb{1} - i \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) (\hat{\theta} \cdot \vec{\sigma}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{\theta} \cdot \vec{\sigma} = -\sin\phi \sigma_1 + \cos\phi \sigma_2$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\sin\phi - i\cos\phi \\ -\sin\phi + i\cos\phi & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -ie^{-i\phi} \\ ie^{i\phi} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\cos\frac{\theta}{2} \cdot \mathbb{1} - i \sin\frac{\theta}{2} (\hat{\theta} \cdot \vec{\sigma}) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \cos\frac{\theta}{2} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\sin\frac{\theta}{2} e^{-i\phi} \\ \sin\frac{\theta}{2} e^{i\phi} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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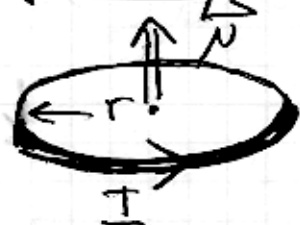
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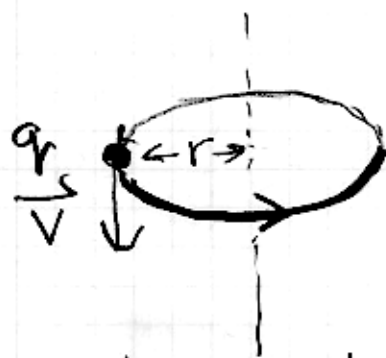
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Spin Dynamics



$$|\vec{\mu}| = \frac{I \cdot A}{c} = \frac{\pi r^2 I}{c}$$

direction: \perp to loop, right hand rule.



in time Δt , charge travels $v\Delta t$, passes by $\frac{v\Delta t}{2\pi r}$ times.

$$I = \frac{Q}{\Delta t} = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \frac{v\Delta t}{2\pi r} \times q$$

$$|\vec{\mu}| = \frac{\pi r^2}{c} \times \frac{v}{2\pi r} \times q = \frac{q}{2mc} (mvr)$$

orbital angular momentum $|\vec{L}|$

comparing directions:

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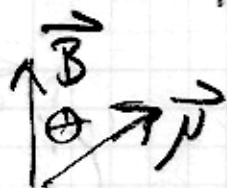
$$\vec{\mu} = \frac{q}{2mc} \vec{L}$$

(orbital angular momentum).

Origin of spin not well understood, so a fudge factor, g , is introduced for fundamental particles like the electron, which has $q = -e$.

Electron: $\vec{\mu} = -\frac{ge}{2mc} \vec{S}$ $g \approx 2$ ^{experiment} _{relativity}.

Torque: $\vec{\tau} = \vec{\mu} \times \vec{B} \propto \sin\theta$
wants to line up $\vec{\mu}$ and \vec{B} .



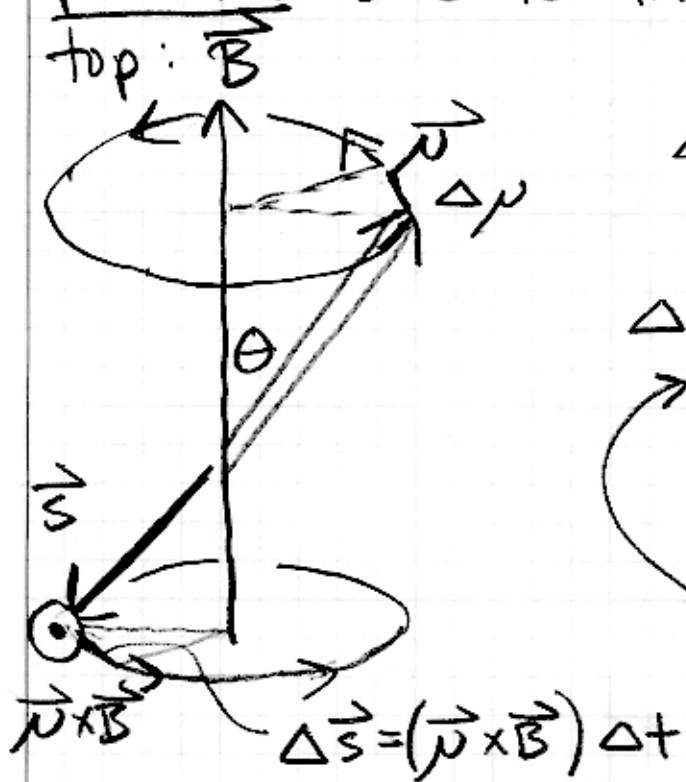
this is prop to $U'(\theta)$, where $U(\theta)$ is the potential energy associated with the torque...

$$U(\theta) \propto -\cos\theta$$

$$= -|\vec{\mu}||\vec{B}|\cos\theta$$

$$= -\vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{B}$$

An electron at rest in a \vec{B} field precesses due to the torque, just like a top:



$$\Delta\phi = \frac{\Delta\mu}{\mu \sin\theta} = \frac{\Delta s}{s \sin\theta}$$

$$\Delta\phi = \frac{geB}{2mc} \Delta t \quad (\text{independent of } \theta)$$

$$\omega_0 = \frac{\Delta\phi}{\Delta t} = \frac{geB}{2mc}$$

more generally,

$$\gamma \equiv \frac{g}{2mc}$$

$$|\Delta s| = \frac{ge}{2mc} sB \sin\theta \Delta t$$

$$\text{and } \vec{\omega}_0 = -g\gamma \vec{B}$$

is the precession frequency.

this was "classical".

$$\text{QM: } i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi = \hat{H} \psi$$

$$\psi(t) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left(\mathbb{1} - \frac{i\hat{H}t}{\hbar N} \right)^N = e^{-\frac{i\hat{H}t}{\hbar}}$$

$$\underline{H} = -\underline{\vec{\mu}} \cdot \underline{\vec{B}} = + \frac{ge}{2mc} \underline{\vec{S}} \cdot \underline{\vec{B}} \quad (\text{electron})$$

but $\underline{\vec{B}} = B \hat{n}$ $\hat{n} \rightarrow$ direction of $\underline{\vec{B}}$

$$\underline{H} = \frac{geB}{2mc} \hat{n} \cdot \underline{\vec{S}} = \frac{geB\hbar}{4mc} \hat{n} \cdot \underline{\vec{\sigma}}$$

$$\underline{U}(t) = e^{-\frac{igeB\hbar}{4mc} \hat{n} \cdot \underline{\vec{\sigma}} t}$$

note: $\omega_0 = g\gamma B = \frac{ge}{2mc} B$

$$\underline{U}(t) = e^{-\frac{i}{2}(\omega_0 t) \hat{n} \cdot \underline{\vec{\sigma}}}$$

$\rightarrow \underline{U}(t)$ causes a rotation by angle $\omega_0 t$ about the direction of the $\underline{\vec{B}}$ field. This is exactly the same as precession!