

Home work #5

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① Given

$$|-\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \sin(\frac{\theta}{2}) e^{-i\varphi} \\ -\cos(\frac{\theta}{2}) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|+\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\frac{\theta}{2}) e^{-i\varphi} \\ \sin(\theta/2) \end{pmatrix}$$

a) Prove that the expressions above indeed represent eigenstates obeying $H|\pm\rangle = \pm\hbar|\pm\rangle$ for $H = \vec{h} \cdot \vec{\sigma} = \sum_{j=1}^3 h_j \sigma_j$

b) Show that the spin polarization is parallel (antiparallel) to the magnetic field:

$$\langle \pm | \vec{\sigma} | \pm \rangle = \pm \frac{\hbar}{\hbar}$$

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② Prove that Berry curvature for adiabatic transport of the states:

$$|-\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \sin(\theta/2) e^{-i\varphi} \\ -\cos(\theta/2) \end{pmatrix} e^{i\Theta_-(\theta, \varphi)}$$

$$|+\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta/2) e^{-i\varphi} \\ \sin(\theta/2) \end{pmatrix} e^{i\Theta_+(\theta, \varphi)}$$

{ where $\Theta_{\pm}(\theta, \varphi)$ are smooth functions. }

is independent of the gauge choice determined by the arbitrary function $\Theta_{\pm}(\theta, \varphi)$.

③ Calculate the Berry curvature $\omega_{\theta\phi}$ of the state $|+\rangle$ and show that it is the opposite of that of $|-\rangle$; thus the sum of the Berry curvatures of these two states is zero everywhere in the parameter space.

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