

Because  $\Phi_n^E$  are normalized,  $\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} |b_{nm}|^2 = 1$ .

To test  $E = 0$ , we form the operator  $\hat{H}_{sho} - 0\hat{1} = \hat{H}_{sho}$

$$\therefore \eta_n^0 = \hat{H}_{sho} \Phi_n^E = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} b_{nm} \hat{H}_{sho} \psi_m = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} b_{nm} E_m \psi_m$$

$$\therefore c_n^0 = \left( \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} b_{nm} E_m \psi_m, \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} b_{nr} E_r \psi_r \right)$$

$$\therefore c_n^0 = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} |b_{nm}|^2 |E_m|^2$$

Smallest possible value of  $E_m = \frac{1}{2} \hbar \omega_0$

$$\therefore c_n^0 \geq \frac{1}{2} \hbar \omega_0 \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} |b_{nm}|^2$$

$$\therefore c_n^0 \geq \frac{1}{2} \hbar \omega_0 \text{ for any } n.$$

$$\therefore 0 \text{ is not in } \text{Sp}(\hat{H}_{sho}).$$

**Q.2-6 (i)**

$$S_x = \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S_z = \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S_x S_z = \frac{\hbar^2}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\hbar^2}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$S_x S_z - S_z S_x = \frac{\hbar^2}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \neq 0$$

$\therefore S_x$  and  $S_z$  do not commute.

(ii)

$$S_x^2 = S_x S_x = \frac{\hbar^2}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\hbar^2}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\Delta(S_x) = (\langle S_x^2 \rangle - \langle S_x \rangle^2)^{1/2}$$

$$\langle S_x^2 \rangle = \frac{\hbar^2}{4} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) [1 \ 1] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{\hbar^2}{8} [1 \ 1] \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\hbar^2}{4}$$

$$\langle S_x \rangle = \frac{\hbar}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) [1 \ 1] \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{\hbar}{4} [1 \ 1] \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

$$\therefore \Delta(S_x) = 0$$

$$\langle S_z^2 \rangle = \langle S_z^2 \rangle = \frac{\hbar^2}{4}$$

$$\langle S_z \rangle = \frac{\hbar}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) [1 \ 1] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{\hbar}{4} [1 \ 1] \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = 0.$$

$$\therefore \Delta(S_z) = (\langle S_z^2 \rangle - \langle S_z \rangle^2)^{1/2} = \left( \frac{\hbar^2}{4} \right)^{1/2} = \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

$$(iii) \text{ Left hand side is } 0 \times \frac{\hbar}{2} = 0$$

$$\text{Right hand side is } \frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{1}{2} \frac{\hbar^2}{2} [1 \ 1] \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right|^2 = \frac{\hbar^2}{8} [1 \ 1] \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$\therefore$  the generalized uncertainty principle is satisfied.

## PART III

**Q.3-1** A good answer would include the following points:

(i) Oven to produce a beam of neutral Cs or Ag (unpaired electron) atoms.

(ii) Magnet with shaped pole pieces to produce

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{a magnetic field and} \\ \text{a magnetic field gradient} \end{array} \right\}$  perpendicular to beams

(iii) Beam deflection proportional to component of magnetic moment;  $F = \mu_z \partial B_z / \partial z$  where  $F$  is the force on the beam,  $\mu_z$  is the component of the magnetic dipole moment of each atom in the  $z$ -direction and  $B_z$  is the component of the magnetic field in the  $z$ -direction.

(iv) Deflected beam detected by hot wire detector.

(v) Diagrams:

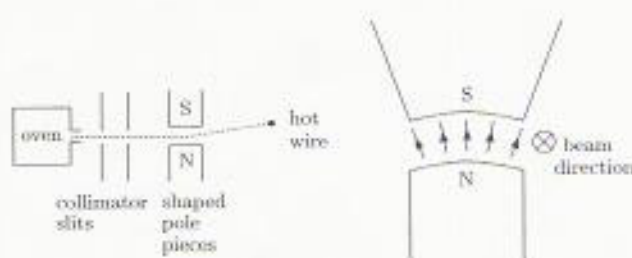


Figure 1