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Prelims

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$$1) a. \text{ Let } \alpha = \frac{4e^2}{m^2 c^2 L^3}$$

$$(\vec{S}_1 + \vec{S}_2)^2 = S_1^2 + S_2^2 + 2\vec{S}_1 \cdot \vec{S}_2 \quad \vec{S}_1 + \vec{S}_2 = \vec{J}$$

$$(S_{1z} + S_{2z})^2 = S_{1z}^2 + S_{2z}^2 + 2S_{1z}S_{2z} \quad S_{1z} + S_{2z} = J_z$$

$$\vec{S}_1 \cdot \vec{S}_2 = \frac{1}{2}(J^2 - S_1^2 - S_2^2)$$

$$3S_{1z}S_{2z} = \frac{3}{2}(J_z^2 - S_{1z}^2 - S_{2z}^2)$$

$$H = \frac{\alpha}{2}(J^2 - 3J_z^2) - \frac{\alpha}{2}(S_1^2 + S_2^2 - 3S_{1z}^2 - 3S_{2z}^2)$$

$$\text{use basis } |j, m_j\rangle \quad S_1^2 = S_2^2 = \hbar^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{2} = \frac{3}{4}\hbar^2$$

$$S_{1z} = S_{2z} = \left(\pm \frac{\hbar}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{\hbar^2}{4}$$

$$\therefore H = \frac{\alpha}{2}(J^2 - 3J_z^2)$$

$$\text{At } t=0 \quad |j, m_j\rangle = |1, 1\rangle \quad (S_{1z} = S_{2z} = \frac{\hbar}{2})$$

Since this is an eigenstate of the hamiltonian, time evolution simply introduces a phase factor that does not affect the probability. Thus at a later time, $S_{1z} + S_{2z} = \hbar$ with probability 1.

$$b. |S_1\rangle = |\uparrow_{x1}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\uparrow\rangle + |\downarrow\rangle)$$

$$|S_2\rangle = |\uparrow_{x2}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\uparrow\rangle + |\downarrow\rangle)$$

$$|S_1\rangle \otimes |S_2\rangle = \frac{1}{2}(|\uparrow, \uparrow\rangle + |\uparrow, \downarrow\rangle + |\downarrow, \uparrow\rangle + |\downarrow, \downarrow\rangle)$$

$$|j, m_j\rangle = \frac{1}{2}|1, 1\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|1, 0\rangle + \frac{1}{2}|1, -1\rangle$$

$$|j, m_j\rangle_t = \frac{1}{2}e^{-iHt/\hbar}|1, 1\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}e^{-iHt/\hbar}|1, 0\rangle + \frac{1}{2}e^{-iHt/\hbar}|1, -1\rangle$$

$$H|1, 1\rangle = \frac{\alpha}{2}(2\hbar^2 - 3\hbar^2) = -\frac{\alpha}{2}\hbar^2$$

$$H|1, 0\rangle = \frac{\alpha}{2}(2\hbar^2 - 0) = \alpha\hbar^2$$

$$H|1, -1\rangle = \frac{\alpha}{2}(2\hbar^2 - 3(-\hbar)^2) = -\frac{\alpha}{2}\hbar^2$$

$$|j, m_j\rangle_t = \frac{1}{2}e^{i\alpha\hbar t/2}|1, 1\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}e^{-i\alpha\hbar t}|1, 0\rangle + \frac{1}{2}e^{i\alpha\hbar t/2}|1, -1\rangle$$

$$|1, 1\rangle = |\uparrow, \uparrow\rangle = \frac{1}{2}(|\uparrow_{x1}\rangle + |\downarrow_{x1}\rangle)(|\uparrow_{x2}\rangle + |\downarrow_{x2}\rangle)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(|\uparrow_{x1}\uparrow_{x2}\rangle + |\uparrow_{x1}\downarrow_{x2}\rangle + |\downarrow_{x1}\uparrow_{x2}\rangle + |\downarrow_{x1}\downarrow_{x2}\rangle)$$

$$|1, 1\rangle = \frac{1}{2}|1, 1\rangle_x + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|1, 0\rangle_x + \frac{1}{2}|1, -1\rangle_x$$

$$|1, -1\rangle = |\downarrow, \downarrow\rangle = \frac{1}{2}(|\uparrow_{x1}\rangle - |\downarrow_{x1}\rangle)(|\uparrow_{x2}\rangle - |\downarrow_{x2}\rangle)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(|\uparrow_{x1}\uparrow_{x2}\rangle - |\uparrow_{x1}\downarrow_{x2}\rangle - |\downarrow_{x1}\uparrow_{x2}\rangle + |\downarrow_{x1}\downarrow_{x2}\rangle)$$

$$|1, -1\rangle = \frac{1}{2}|1, 1\rangle_x - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|1, 0\rangle_x + \frac{1}{2}|1, -1\rangle_x$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 |1, 0\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\uparrow, \downarrow_2\rangle + |\downarrow, \uparrow_2\rangle) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} [(|\uparrow_{x_1}\rangle + |\downarrow_{x_1}\rangle)(|\uparrow_{x_2}\rangle - |\downarrow_{x_2}\rangle) \\
 &\quad + (|\uparrow_{x_1}\rangle - |\downarrow_{x_1}\rangle)(|\uparrow_{x_2}\rangle + |\downarrow_{x_2}\rangle)] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} [2|\uparrow_{x_1}\uparrow_{x_2}\rangle - 2|\downarrow_{x_1}\downarrow_{x_2}\rangle]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$|1, 0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|1, 1\rangle_x + |1, -1\rangle_x)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 |j, m_j\rangle_t &= \frac{1}{2} e^{i\alpha kt/2} \left[\frac{1}{2} |1, 1\rangle_x + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1, 0\rangle_x + \frac{1}{2} |1, -1\rangle_x \right] \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2} e^{i\alpha kt/2} \left[\frac{1}{2} |1, 1\rangle_x - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1, 0\rangle_x + \frac{1}{2} |1, -1\rangle_x \right] \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-i\alpha kt} \left[\frac{1}{2} |1, 1\rangle_x + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1, -1\rangle_x \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{2} e^{i\alpha kt/2} (|1, 1\rangle_x + |1, -1\rangle_x) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2} e^{-i\alpha kt} (|1, 1\rangle_x + |1, -1\rangle_x)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= e^{-i\alpha kt/4} \left[\frac{1}{2} (e^{3i\alpha kt/4} + e^{-3i\alpha kt/4}) |1, 1\rangle_x \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + i \frac{1}{2i} (e^{3i\alpha kt/4} - e^{-3i\alpha kt/4}) |1, -1\rangle_x \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$|j, m_j\rangle_t = e^{-i\alpha kt/4} \left[\cos\left(\frac{3}{4}\alpha kt\right) |1, 1\rangle_x + i \sin\left(\frac{3}{4}\alpha kt\right) |1, -1\rangle_x \right]$$

$$\frac{3}{4}\alpha = \frac{3\hbar e^2}{m^2 c^2 L^3}$$

∴ $S_{1x} + S_{2x}$ value

\hbar

$-\hbar$

0

Probability

$$\cos^2\left(\frac{3\hbar e^2}{m^2 c^2 L^3} t\right)$$

$$\sin^2\left(\frac{3\hbar e^2}{m^2 c^2 L^3} t\right)$$

0

c. Classical dipoles will precess about the z axis with continuous spin values, i.e. energy. At

a) spins aligned with z-axis

min $S_{1z} + S_{2z} = \hbar$ with probability 1 as in the non quantum case would be aligned in the $+\hat{z}$ or

-b) $S_{1x} + S_{2x} = \hbar \cos\left(\frac{3\hbar e^2}{m^2 c^2 L^3} t\right)$. Unlike the quantum

a) case the spins can take on continuous values as they precess. Case b) $\cos^2 < 1$

b) In part (b) the spins align at $+\hat{z}$ or $-\hat{z}$, meaning

that $S_{1x} + S_{2x}$ is measured to be 0 with probability 1.

At finite but low temperature the actual measurement

of the classical spins should be expected to fluctuate