

Given Hamiltonian

$$\mathbf{H} = A\mathbf{L}^2 + B\mathbf{L}_z + C\mathbf{L}_y \quad (1)$$

can be diagonalized by a rotation operator. Let  $\theta = \tan^{-1}(C/B)$  and  $\mathbf{U} = \exp(-i\mathbf{L}_x\theta/\hbar)$ .

$$\mathbf{U}^\dagger \mathbf{L}_z \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{L}_z \cosh(i\theta) + (-i\mathbf{L}_y) \sinh(i\theta) \quad (2)$$

$$= \mathbf{L}_z \cos(\theta) + \mathbf{L}_y \sin(\theta) \quad (3)$$

$$= \frac{B}{\sqrt{B^2 + C^2}} \mathbf{L}_z + \frac{C}{\sqrt{B^2 + C^2}} \mathbf{L}_y \quad (4)$$

Let  $\mathbf{H}' = A\mathbf{L}^2 + \sqrt{B^2 + C^2}\mathbf{L}_z$ . Then it is easy to see that  $\mathbf{U}^\dagger \mathbf{H}' \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{H}$ . Then eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{H}$  and  $\mathbf{H}'$  are same and are given by  $E_{lm} = Al(l+1)\hbar^2 + \sqrt{B^2 + C^2}m\hbar$ . Eigenfunctions of  $\mathbf{H}$  are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{U}^\dagger |lm\rangle &= \exp(i\mathbf{L}_x\theta/\hbar) |lm\rangle & (5) \\ &= \sum_{m'} |lm'\rangle \left[ \delta_{m,m'} - \frac{i\theta}{2} \sqrt{(l-m)(l+m+1)} \delta_{m',m+1} - \frac{i\theta}{2} \sqrt{(l+m)(l-m+1)} \delta_{m',m-1} \right] & (6) \\ &= |lm\rangle - \frac{i\theta}{2} \sqrt{(l-m)(l+m+1)} |l, m+1\rangle - \frac{i\theta}{2} \sqrt{(l+m)(l-m+1)} |l, m-1\rangle & (7) \end{aligned}$$

Some useful formulae:

$$\exp(\lambda A)B \exp(-\lambda A) = B + \lambda[A, B] + \frac{\lambda^2}{2!}[A, [A, B]] + \dots \quad (8)$$

If  $[A, [A, B]] = \beta B$  then

$$\exp(\lambda A)B \exp(-\lambda A) = B \cosh(\lambda\sqrt{\beta}) + [A, B] \sinh(\lambda\sqrt{\beta})/\sqrt{\beta} \quad (9)$$