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Two spin $1/2$ particles are prepared in the state $|\rightarrow\rightarrow\rangle$ that is, each spin is in an eigenstate of its S_x operator with eigenvalue $\hbar/2$. This is analogous to the notation $|\uparrow\uparrow\rangle$ representing each spin being in an eigenstate of its S_z operator with eigenvalue $\hbar/2$.

What is the probability that the system will be observed in the state $|sm\rangle$ where s is the total angular momentum and m is the total angular momentum in the z direction. Find the probabilities for all four possible states.

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(a) For the system is in ground state, we have, for H_0 ,

$$\hat{H}_0|\psi_0\rangle = E_0|\psi_0\rangle = \frac{1}{2}\hbar\omega_0|\psi_0\rangle, \quad H_0 = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2}m\omega_0^2 x^2$$

$$\therefore \langle E \rangle = E_0 = \frac{1}{2}\hbar\omega_0$$

(b) right after change, $|\psi\rangle = |\psi_0\rangle$, and,

$$\hat{H}'|\psi_0\rangle = (K + \frac{1}{2}m\omega_1^2 x^2)|\psi_0\rangle$$

$$\text{For } \langle H' \rangle = \langle \psi_0 | K + \frac{1}{2}m\omega_1^2 x^2 | \psi_0 \rangle$$

$$= 2 \langle \psi_0 | \frac{1}{2}m\omega_1^2 x^2 | \psi_0 \rangle = \langle E' \rangle$$

For before the change,

$$\hat{H}_0|\psi_0\rangle = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} |\psi_0\rangle + \frac{1}{2}m\omega_0^2 x^2 |\psi_0\rangle = E_0 |\psi_0\rangle$$

$$\therefore |\psi_0\rangle = \left(\frac{m\omega_0}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \exp\left(-\frac{m\omega_0}{2\hbar} x^2\right), \text{ satisfy this with } E_0 = \frac{1}{2}\hbar\omega_0$$

so after the change

$$\langle E' \rangle = 2 \langle \psi_0 | \frac{1}{2}m\omega_1^2 x^2 | \psi_0 \rangle$$

$$= 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi_0^* \frac{1}{2}m\omega_1^2 x^2 \cdot \psi_0 dx$$

$$= 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\frac{m\omega_0}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1}{2}m\omega_1^2 x^2 \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{m\omega_0}{\hbar} x^2\right) dx$$

$$= 2 \left(\frac{m\omega_0}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1}{2}m\omega_1^2 \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x^2 \exp\left(-\frac{m\omega_0}{\hbar} x^2\right) dx$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 2 \left(\frac{m\omega_0}{\pi\hbar} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1}{2} m\omega_0^2 \cdot \left(\frac{\Gamma \exp(\sqrt{a} x)}{4 a^{3/2}} - \frac{x}{2a} e^{-ax^2} \right) \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} \\
&= 2 \left(\frac{m\omega_0}{\pi\hbar} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1}{2} m\omega_0^2 \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2 \left(\frac{m\omega_0}{\hbar} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \\
&= \frac{\hbar \omega_0^2}{2 \omega_0 \sqrt{\pi}}
\end{aligned}$$

$$(c) \frac{d\langle E \rangle}{dt} = \frac{i}{\hbar} \langle \psi | \hat{H}, E \rangle + \langle \frac{\partial E}{\partial t} \rangle$$

$$\langle E \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi^*(x,t) \hat{H} \psi(x,t) dx$$

$$\text{For } \psi(x, t=0) = \psi_0 = \left(\frac{m\omega_0}{\pi\hbar} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \exp\left(-\frac{m\omega_0}{2\hbar} x^2\right),$$

$$\text{So, we have, given } \hat{H} \psi = i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t},$$

$$\psi(x,t) = e^{-\frac{i\hat{H}}{\hbar} t} \psi(x,0)$$

$$\text{For } \hat{H} = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2} m\omega_0^2 x^2, \text{ set } \hat{H} |\phi_i\rangle = \tilde{E}_i |\phi_i\rangle$$

$$\therefore \psi(x,0) = \sum_n c_n |\phi_n\rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{we have, } \psi(x,t) &= \sum_n c_n e^{-\frac{i\hat{H}}{\hbar} t} |\phi_n\rangle \\
&= \sum_n c_n e^{-\frac{i\tilde{E}_n t}{\hbar}} |\phi_n\rangle
\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \langle E \rangle = \langle \psi^*(x,t) | \hat{H} | \psi(x,t) \rangle$$

$$= \left(\sum_n c_n e^{-\frac{i\tilde{E}_n t}{\hbar}} |\phi_n\rangle \right)^* \hat{H} \left(\sum_n c_n e^{-\frac{i\tilde{E}_n t}{\hbar}} |\phi_n\rangle \right) dx$$

$$= \sum_n C_n^2 \tilde{E}_n = \text{const}, \text{ so,}$$

$$\langle E \rangle = \langle E \rangle|_{t=0} = \langle \psi_0 | H | \psi_0 \rangle = \frac{\hbar \omega^2}{2 \omega_0 \sqrt{\pi}},$$

does not depend on time

$$\text{also, } \frac{d\langle E \rangle}{dt} = \frac{i}{\hbar} \langle [H, E] \rangle + \langle \frac{\partial E}{\partial t} \rangle$$

$$= \frac{i}{\hbar} \langle [H, H] \rangle + \langle \frac{\partial H}{\partial t} \rangle, \quad \because H = \text{const}, \text{ so,}$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial t} = 0, \quad [H, H] = 0, \text{ so, } \frac{dE}{dt} = 0$$

$$E = \text{const} = E_{\text{initial}} = \frac{\hbar \omega^2}{2 \omega_0 \sqrt{\pi}}$$

(d)

$$\psi(x,0) = \sum_n C_n \phi_n(x,0), \quad \phi_n(x,0) \text{ is solution of } H \phi_n = \tilde{E}_n \phi_n$$

where, $H = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 x^2$, we can derive,

$$|\phi_1\rangle = \left(\frac{m\omega}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \exp\left(-\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar} x^2\right)$$

For

$$\psi(x,t) = e^{-\frac{iHt}{\hbar}} \psi(x,0) = e^{-\frac{iHt}{\hbar}} \sum_n C_n \phi_n(x,0)$$

$$= \sum_n C_n e^{-\frac{i\tilde{E}_n t}{\hbar}} \phi_n(x,0)$$

$$= \sum_n C_n e^{-\frac{i\tilde{E}_1 t}{\hbar}} \phi_1(x,0)$$

$$\therefore H \psi(x,t) = \sum_n \tilde{E}_1 C_n e^{-\frac{i\tilde{E}_1 t}{\hbar}} \phi_1(x,0)$$

So, the probability to measure $H = \tilde{E}_1$ is:

$$P(H = \tilde{E}_1) = C_1^2 = \langle \phi_1 | \psi(x,t) \rangle^2$$

$$= \langle \phi_1 | \psi(x,0) \rangle^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \langle \phi_1 | \phi_0 \rangle^2 \\
&= \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\frac{m\omega_1}{\pi\hbar} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \exp\left(-\frac{m\omega_1}{2\hbar}x^2\right) \left(\frac{m\omega_0}{\pi\hbar} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \exp\left(-\frac{m\omega_0}{2\hbar}x^2\right) dx \right)^2 \\
&= \left(\frac{m}{\pi\hbar} \right) (\omega_1\omega_0)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \left(\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\sqrt{\frac{m}{2\hbar}(\omega_1+\omega_0)}} \right)^2 \\
&= \left(\frac{2}{\pi} \right) (\omega_1\omega_0)^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\pi}{(\omega_1+\omega_0)} \\
&= \frac{2\sqrt{\omega_1\omega_0}}{\omega_1+\omega_0}
\end{aligned}$$

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&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{4\sigma^2}\right) \exp(-ikx) (-i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x}) \left(\exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{4\sigma^2}\right) \exp(ikx) \right) dx \\
&= -i\hbar \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{4\sigma^2}\right) \exp(-ikx) \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{4\sigma^2} + ikx\right) \left(-\frac{x}{2\sigma^2} + ik\right) dx \\
&= -i\hbar \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \left(-\frac{x}{2\sigma^2} + ik\right) dx \\
&= i\hbar \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \cdot \frac{x}{2\sigma^2} dx + \hbar \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) k dx \\
&= I_1 + I_2
\end{aligned}$$

For $I_1 = i\hbar \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \cdot \frac{x}{2\sigma^2} dx$, and,

$\frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \cdot \frac{x}{2\sigma^2}$ is odd function, so,

$$I_1 = i\hbar \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \cdot \frac{x}{2\sigma^2} dx = 0, \text{ so,}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle p \rangle &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi^* \left(-i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) \psi \, dx = \hbar \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(\sqrt{2\pi}b)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2b^2}\right) k \, dx \\
&= \hbar k \frac{1}{(\sqrt{2\pi}b)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2b^2}\right) dx \\
&= \hbar k \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}b^2} \cdot \int \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2b^2}\right) d\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{2}b}\right) \cdot \sqrt{2}b \\
&= \hbar k \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}b^2}{\sqrt{2\pi}b^2} = \hbar k
\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \langle p \rangle = \hbar k$$

(b) For,

$$\frac{d\langle p \rangle}{dt} = \frac{i}{\hbar} \langle [H, p] \rangle + \left\langle \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} \right\rangle, \quad H = \frac{p^2}{2m}$$

$$\therefore [H, p] = \left[\frac{p^2}{2m}, p \right] = 0 \quad \text{For free particle,}$$

$$\therefore \left\langle \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} \right\rangle = \frac{\partial \langle \hbar k \rangle}{\partial t} = 0, \quad \text{so,}$$

$$\langle p \rangle = \langle p \rangle_{\text{initial}} = \hbar k, \quad \langle p \rangle \text{ is conserved, so,}$$

we have for any time t ,

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(a) For $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $\det\left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \lambda E\right)$
 $= \det\begin{pmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & -\lambda \end{pmatrix} = \lambda^2 - 1 = 0$, λ is eigenvalue,
 so, $\lambda_1 = 1$, $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = 1 \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$, $|\psi_1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$

we get eigenstate, $|\psi_1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\psi_A + \psi_B)$

for $\lambda = -1$, we get,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a' \\ b' \end{pmatrix} = -1 \begin{pmatrix} a' \\ b' \end{pmatrix}, \text{ with } |\psi_2\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} a' \\ b' \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \begin{pmatrix} a' \\ b' \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = |\psi_2\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\psi_A - \psi_B)$$

For $H = \hbar\omega \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, we get,

	eigenvalue	eigenstate
①	$\hbar\omega$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\psi_A + \psi_B) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

②	$-\hbar\omega$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\psi_A - \psi_B) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$
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(b) For TISE: $i\hbar \frac{\partial |\psi\rangle}{\partial t} = \hat{H} |\psi\rangle$, so, we have,

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = e^{-\frac{iHt}{\hbar}} |\psi(0)\rangle$$

For $t=0$, set $|\psi_1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\psi_A + \psi_B)$, $|\psi_2\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\psi_A - \psi_B)$
are eigenfunction of H ,

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(0) = \psi_A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} &= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\psi_A + \psi_B) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\psi_A - \psi_B) \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\psi_1 + \psi_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \psi(t) &= e^{-\frac{iHt}{\hbar}} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\psi_1 + \psi_2) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-\frac{iHt}{\hbar}} \psi_1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-\frac{iHt}{\hbar}} \psi_2 \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-\frac{i\hbar\omega t}{\hbar}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{\frac{i\hbar\omega t}{\hbar}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

\therefore probability at time t to be on site B is: $\langle \psi_B | \psi(t) \rangle^2$

$$\begin{aligned} p(B) &= |\langle \psi_B | \psi(t) \rangle|^2 \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-\frac{i\hbar\omega t}{\hbar}} (0 \ 1) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{\frac{i\hbar\omega t}{\hbar}} (0 \ 1) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right)^2 \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-\frac{i\hbar\omega t}{\hbar}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{\frac{i\hbar\omega t}{\hbar}} \right)^2 \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot 2 \sin \omega t \right)^2 \\ &= 2 \sin^2 \omega t \end{aligned}$$

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(a) For static state, TISE is:

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi(x,y) = E \psi(x,y), \text{ at } \begin{cases} 0 < x < 2a \\ 0 < y < a \end{cases}$$

and, For else, $V \rightarrow \infty$, we

suppose, $\psi(x,y) \rightarrow 0$, so,

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left(\frac{\partial^2 \psi(x,y)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} \right) = E \psi(x,y)$$

set, $\psi(x,y) = X(x) Y(y)$, so, we

get,

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2 X(x)}{dx^2} = \epsilon_x X(x),$$

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2 Y(y)}{dy^2} = \epsilon_y Y(y),$$

$E = \epsilon_x + \epsilon_y$, and we

get general solution,

$$k_x = \sqrt{\frac{2m\epsilon_x}{\hbar^2}}, \quad k_y = \sqrt{\frac{2m\epsilon_y}{\hbar^2}}$$

$$X(x) = A_x \sin k_x x + B_x \cos k_x x$$

$$Y(y) = A_y \sin k_y y + B_y \cos k_y y$$

For $\psi(0, y) = \psi(x, 0) = \psi(2a, y) = \psi(x, a) = 0$, we get,

$$X(0) = X(2a) = 0,$$

$$Y(0) = Y(2a) = 0, \text{ so, we get,}$$

$$B_x = B_y = 0, \text{ and,}$$

$$\sin\left(\sqrt{\frac{2m\epsilon_x}{\hbar^2}} \cdot 2a\right) = \sin\left(\sqrt{\frac{2m\epsilon_y}{\hbar^2}} \cdot a\right) = 0$$

$$\therefore \sum n_x = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{8ma^2} n_x^2,$$

$$\sum n_y = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2ma^2} n_y^2, \quad n_x, n_y = 1, 2, \dots$$

we get) $\psi(x,y) = N \sin\left(\frac{n_x \pi x}{2a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n_y \pi y}{a}\right)$

$$\therefore \int |\psi(x,y)|^2 ds = 1,$$

$$\therefore N^2 \int_0^{2a} \sin^2\left(\frac{n_x \pi x}{2a}\right) dx \int_0^a \sin^2\left(\frac{n_y \pi y}{a}\right) dy = 1$$

$$\text{so, } N^2 \cdot \frac{2a}{2} \cdot \frac{a}{2} = 1$$

$$\therefore N = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{a}$$

$$\therefore \psi_{n_x, n_y} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{a} \cdot \sin\left(\frac{n_x \pi x}{2a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n_y \pi y}{a}\right)$$

the ground state, $n_x = n_y = 1$, so

$$\begin{aligned} E_{11} &= \epsilon_{1x} + \epsilon_{1y} \\ &= \frac{5\hbar^2 \pi^2}{8ma^2}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\psi_{11} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{a} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{2a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi y}{a}\right)$$

First excited state: $n_x=2, n_y=1$

$$E_{21} = \frac{4\hbar^2\pi^2}{8ma^2} + \frac{4\hbar^2\pi^2}{8ma^2} n_x^2$$

$$= \frac{\hbar^2\pi^2}{ma^2}$$

$$\therefore \psi_{n_x=2, n_y=1} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{a} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{2a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi y}{a}\right)$$

(b) For spin state $|s_\uparrow\rangle = \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ or $|s_\downarrow\rangle = \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$,

up and down, we get, total wave function is

$|\psi, s\rangle = \Psi = |\psi\rangle \otimes |s\rangle$, For particle 1 combined

with particle 2, we have,

$$|n_{x1}, n_{y1}, s_1, n_{x2}, n_{y2}, s_2\rangle = (|\psi_1\rangle \otimes |s_1\rangle) \otimes (|\psi_2\rangle \otimes |s_2\rangle)$$

and, For two fermion,

$$|n_{x2}, n_{y2}, s_2, n_{x1}, n_{y1}, s_1\rangle = -|n_{x1}, n_{y1}, s_1, n_{x2}, n_{y2}, s_2\rangle,$$

we get,

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(x_1, x_2) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\psi_{11}(x_1) |s_1\rangle - \psi_{11}(x_2) |s_2\rangle) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[\frac{\sqrt{2}}{a} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x_1}{2a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi y_1}{a}\right) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\hbar}{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{a} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x_2}{2a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi y_2}{a}\right) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{\hbar}{2} \end{pmatrix} \right] \end{aligned}$$

5. (20 points)

Two spin 1/2 particles are prepared in the state $|\rightarrow\rangle$ that is, each spin is in an eigenstate of its S_x operator with eigenvalue $\hbar/2$. This is analogous to the notation $|\uparrow\rangle$ representing each spin being in an eigenstate of its S_z operator with eigenvalue $\hbar/2$.

What is the probability that the system will be observed in the state $|sm\rangle$ where s is the total angular momentum and m is the total angular momentum in the z direction. Find the probabilities for all four possible states.

For state $|\rightarrow\rangle$, we have,

$$\hat{S}_x = \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ so, } |\rightarrow\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

so, we have $|\rightarrow, \rightarrow\rangle$ is

$$|\rightarrow, \rightarrow\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \otimes \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

we get, For $s = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$, so, $m = 0, \pm 1$

For $m = -1$, we have state $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = |1, -1\rangle$, with $p(m=-1) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{4}$

For $m = 0$, we have, $|1, 0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$p(m=0) = \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

For $m=1$, we have $|1,1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \binom{1}{0} \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \binom{1}{0}$,
with $p(m=1) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{4}$

(sm)	probability
$11 \rightarrow$	$\frac{1}{4}$
$110 \rightarrow$	$\frac{1}{2}$
$111 \rightarrow$	$\frac{1}{4}$