

1. Show that (by expanding in Taylor series)

$$e^{i\theta\sigma_1} = 1 \cos \theta + i\sigma_1 \sin \theta.$$

Convince yourself that similar result also holds for  $\sigma_2$  and  $\sigma_3$ . Show then

$$e^{i\theta_k\sigma_k} = 1 \cos |\theta| + i\hat{\theta}_k\sigma_k \sin |\theta|,$$

where  $|\theta| = \sqrt{\sum_i \theta_i^2}$  and  $\hat{\theta}_k = \theta_k/|\theta|$ . (Hint: show that  $(\hat{\theta}_k\sigma_k)^2 = 1$ .)

2. Using the operators

$$J_{\pm} = J_x \pm iJ_y$$

and the relations

$$J_{\pm}|jm\rangle = \sqrt{j(j+1) - m(m\pm 1)}|j(m\pm 1)\rangle, \quad J_z|jm\rangle = m|jm\rangle,$$

construct the spin  $j = 1$  generator matrices

$$(\lambda_k)_{m'm} = \langle 1m'|J_k|1m\rangle.$$

Show that this is consistent with the identification

$$|11\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad |10\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad |1-1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

or  $\lambda_z$ ,  $\lambda_{\pm}$  operate on these vectors as they should.

3. In a *collider* experiment 2 protons move to opposite directions with the same speed and collide head-on; in a *fixed target* experiment the other proton is at rest (as seen in the laboratory frame). Let us assume that the total energy of the protons in the collider experiment is  $2T$  ( $T$ : beam energy). What should the energy of the moving proton be in the fixed target experiment in order for the center-of-mass energy to be equal to the collider experiment? Calculate this for  $T = 10 \text{ GeV}$  and  $T = 10 \text{ TeV}$ . This shows the advantage of doing collider experiments.