

PHYS852 Quantum Mechanics II, Spring 2010  
 HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT 3

Topics covered: Unitary transformations, translation, rotation, vector operators

1. [25]**Symmetry**: A quantum system is said to possess a ‘symmetry’ if the Hamiltonian operator,  $H$ , is invariant under the associated transformation. In other words, if  $H' = H$ , where  $H' := U^\dagger H U$ .

- (a) [5] Show that  $H' = H$  is equivalent to  $[H, U] = 0$

Start with  $U^\dagger H U = H$  Hit from the left with  $U$  and use  $U U^\dagger = I$  to get  $H U = U H$ . Put both terms on the l.h.s. to get  $H U - U H = 0$  or equivalently  $[H, U] = 0$ .

- (b) [5] Any hermitian operator can be used to generate a unitary operator via  $U = e^{-iG\phi}$ , where  $G^\dagger = G$  is the ‘generator’ of the symmetry transformation, and  $\phi$  is a free parameter. Show that  $[H, G] = 0$  is necessary and sufficient for  $H$  to be symmetric under  $U$ .

If  $[H, G] = 0$  then it follows that  $[H, f(G)] = 0$  for any single-variable function  $f(x)$ . As  $U$  is of this form, it follows that  $[H, U] = 0$  so that  $H$  is symmetric with respect to the  $U$ .

- (c) [5] Show that when  $[H, G] = 0$ , the probability distribution over the eigenvalues of  $G$  does not change in time. In QM this means that  $G$  is a ‘constant of motion’. Must a QM constant of motion have a well-defined value?

Since  $[H, G] = 0$  it follows that simultaneous eigenstates of  $H$  and  $G$  exist. We can label them  $|n, g\rangle$  so that  $H|n, g\rangle = E_n|n, g\rangle$  and  $G|n, g\rangle = g|n, g\rangle$ . The most general state is then  $|\psi(t)\rangle = \sum_n \sum_g c_{n,g}(t)|n, g\rangle$ . From Schrödinger’s equation we find that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}c_{n,g}(t) &= \frac{d}{dt}\langle n, g|\psi(t)\rangle \\ &= -\frac{i}{\hbar}\langle n, g|H|\psi(t)\rangle \\ &= -i\omega_n c_{n,g} \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

so that  $c_{n,g}(t) = e^{-i\omega_n t}c_{n,g}(0)$ , which gives

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = \sum_n \sum_g c_{n,m}(0)e^{-i\omega_n t}|n, g\rangle \tag{2}$$

The projector onto the subspace with eigenvalue  $g$  is  $I(g) = \sum_n |n, g\rangle\langle n, g|$ , so that the probability for the system to be in an eigenstate of  $G$  with eigenvalue  $g$  is

$$\begin{aligned} P(g, t) &= \langle \psi(t)|I(g)|\psi(t)\rangle \\ &= \sum_{n,n',n''} \sum_{g',g''} c_{n',g'}^*(0)e^{i\omega_{n'}t}c_{n'',g''}(0)e^{-i\omega_{n''}t}\langle n', g'|n, g\rangle\langle n, g|n'', g''\rangle \\ &= \sum_{n,n',n''} \sum_{g',g''} c_{n',g'}^*(0)e^{i\omega_{n'}t}c_{n'',g''}(0)e^{-i\omega_{n''}t}\delta_{n',n}\delta_{g',g}\delta_{n'',n}\delta_{g'',g} \\ &= \sum_n |c_{n,g}(0)|^2 \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

which we see is independent of time.

- (d) [5] If a system possesses ‘translational symmetry’ what operator is a constant of motion?

The translation operator is  $U_T(d) = e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}dP}$  so that  $P$  is the generator of translation. Thus in a system with translational symmetry, momentum will be conserved.

(e) [5] Consider a particle described by the Hamiltonian

$$H = \frac{P^2}{2M} + V(X). \quad (4)$$

What operator is the generator of translation? Show that  $H$  has translational symmetry only if  $V(x) = V_0$ .

For  $H$  to possess translational symmetry required  $[H, P] = 0$ . This then requires  $[V(X), P] = 0$ . We know that  $[V(X), P] = i\hbar V'(X)$ , so translational symmetry requires  $\frac{d}{dx}V(x) = 0$ , or equivalently  $V(x) = V_0$ .

2. [25] Consider a system described by the Hamiltonian

$$H = \frac{P^2}{2M} + \frac{1}{2}M\omega^2 X^2 + MgX, \quad (5)$$

where  $g$  has units of acceleration.

(a) [5] Show that  $U_T^\dagger(d)XU_T(d) = X + d$  and  $U_T^\dagger(d)PU_T(d) = P$ .

We have

$$\begin{aligned} X' &= U_T^\dagger(d)XU_T(d) \\ &= \int dx U_T^\dagger(d)|x\rangle x \langle x| U_T(d) \\ &= \int dx |x-d\rangle x \langle x-d| \\ &= \int dx |x\rangle (x+d) \langle x| \\ &= \int dx |x\rangle x \langle x| + d \int dx |x\rangle \langle x| \\ &= X + d \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

We know that  $P' = P$  because  $[U_T(d), P] = 0$ , given that  $U_T(d)$  is a function of  $P$ .

(b) [5] Solve for  $d$  and  $E_0$  such that  $H' := U_T^\dagger(d)HU_T(d)$  satisfies

$$H' = E_0 + \frac{P^2}{2M} + \frac{1}{2}M\omega^2 X^2 \quad (7)$$

We start from

$$\begin{aligned} H' &= U_T^\dagger(d)HU_T(d) \\ &= \frac{U_T^\dagger(d)PU_T(d)U_T^\dagger(d)PU_T(d)}{2M} + \frac{1}{2}M\omega^2 U_T^\dagger(d)XU_T(d)U_T^\dagger(d)XU_T(d) + MgU_T^\dagger(d)XU_T(d) \\ &= \frac{P'^2}{2M} + \frac{1}{2}M\omega^2 X'^2 + MgX' \\ &= \frac{P^2}{2M} + \frac{1}{2}M\omega^2 (X+d)^2 + MG(X+d) \\ &= \frac{P^2}{2M} + \frac{1}{2}M\omega^2 X^2 + (M\omega^2 d + MG)X + \frac{1}{2}M\omega^2 d^2 + MGd \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Therefore the linear term will cancel for

$$d = -\frac{G}{\omega^2} \quad (9)$$

giving

$$\begin{aligned} H' &= \frac{P^2}{2M} + \frac{1}{2}M\omega^2 X^2 + \frac{1}{2}\frac{MG^2}{\omega^2} - \frac{MG^2}{\omega^2} \\ &= \frac{P^2}{2M} + \frac{1}{2}M\omega^2 X^2 - \frac{MG^2}{2\omega^2} \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

so we see that

$$E_0 = -\frac{MG^2}{2\omega^2} \quad (11)$$

- (c) [5] Let  $|\phi'_n\rangle$ ,  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  be the  $n^{\text{th}}$  eigenstate of  $H'$ , with corresponding eigenvalue  $E'_n$ . What are  $E'_n$  and  $\phi'_n(x) = \langle x | \phi'_n \rangle$ ?

We have

$$H'|\phi'_n\rangle = E'_n|\phi'_n\rangle \quad (12)$$

Because  $H'$  is just an SHO plus a constant, we know that

$$E'_n = \hbar\omega \left( n + \frac{1}{2} \right) - \frac{MG^2}{2\omega^2} \quad (13)$$

As a constant shift in the zero-point energy doesn't change the shape of the wavefunction, we have

$$\phi'_n(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sqrt{\pi}2^n n! \lambda}} H_n(x/\lambda) e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x/\lambda)^2} \quad (14)$$

where  $\lambda = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{M\omega}}$ .

- (d) [5] Show that  $|\phi_n\rangle := U_T(d)|\phi'_n\rangle$  is an eigenstate of  $H$  with eigenvalue  $E_n$ . What is the relationship between  $E_n$  and  $E'_n$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} H|\phi_n\rangle &= HU_T(d)|\phi'_n\rangle \\ &= U_T(d)U_T^\dagger(d)HU_T(d)|\phi'_n\rangle \\ &= U_T(d)H'|\phi'_n\rangle \\ &= U_T(d)E'_n|\phi'_n\rangle \\ &= E'_nU_T(d)|\phi'_n\rangle \\ &= E'_n|\phi_n\rangle \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

with the definition  $H|\phi_n\rangle = E_n|\phi_n\rangle$  we see that  $E_n = E'_n$ .

- (e) [5] What is the relationship between  $\phi_n(x) := \langle x | \phi_n \rangle$  and  $\phi'_n(x)$ ? What is  $\phi_n(x)$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_n(x) &= \langle x | \phi_n \rangle \\ &= \langle x | U_T(d) | \phi'_n \rangle \\ &= \langle x - d | \phi'_n \rangle \\ &= \phi'_n(x - d) \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

this gives

$$\phi_n(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sqrt{\pi}2^n n! \lambda}} H_n((x + G/\omega^2)/\lambda) e^{-\frac{1}{2}((x+G/\omega^2)/\lambda)^2} \quad (17)$$

3. [10] Show explicitly that the momentum operator of a particle  $\vec{P}$  is a vector operator with respect to rotation. Show that the operator  $P^2 = \vec{P} \cdot \vec{P}$  is invariant under rotation about any axis (hint: chose a coordinate system where the axis of rotation is the z-axis).

To show that  $\vec{P}$  is a vector, we can consider an infinitesimal rotation about the z axis.

$$\begin{aligned}
P'_x &= e^{\frac{i}{\hbar}\epsilon L_z} P_x e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}\epsilon L_z} \\
&= \left(1 + \frac{i}{\hbar}\epsilon(XP_y - YP_x)\right) P_x \left(1 - \frac{i}{\hbar}\epsilon(ZP_y - YP_x)\right) \\
&= P_x + \frac{i}{\hbar}\epsilon[XP_y - YP_x, P_x] \\
&= P_x - \epsilon P_y
\end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
P'_y &= e^{\frac{i}{\hbar}\epsilon L_z} P_y e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}\epsilon L_z} \\
&= \left(1 + \frac{i}{\hbar}\epsilon(XP_y - YP_x)\right) P_y \left(1 - \frac{i}{\hbar}\epsilon(ZP_y - YP_x)\right) \\
&= P_y + \frac{i}{\hbar}\epsilon[XP_y - YP_x, P_y] \\
&= P_y + \epsilon P_x
\end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
P'_z &= e^{\frac{i}{\hbar}\epsilon L_z} P_z e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}\epsilon L_z} \\
&= \left(1 + \frac{i}{\hbar}\epsilon(XP_y - YP_x)\right) P_z \left(1 - \frac{i}{\hbar}\epsilon(ZP_y - YP_x)\right) \\
&= P_z + \frac{i}{\hbar}\epsilon[XP_y - YP_x, P_z] \\
&= P_z
\end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

so that

$$\begin{pmatrix} P'_x \\ P'_y \\ P'_z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\epsilon & 0 \\ \epsilon & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} P_x \\ P_y \\ P_z \end{pmatrix} \tag{21}$$

for a finite rotation this becomes

$$\begin{pmatrix} P'_x \\ P'_y \\ P'_z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) & 0 \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} P_x \\ P_y \\ P_z \end{pmatrix} \tag{22}$$

which is the same as

$$\vec{P}' = M(\theta)\vec{P} \tag{23}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
P^{2'} &= P_x'^2 + P_y'^2 + P_z'^2 \\
&= (\cos\theta P_x - \sin\theta P_y)^2 + (\cos\theta P_y + \sin\theta P_x)^2 + P_z^2 \\
&= \cos^2\theta P_x^2 - \cos\theta \sin\theta(P_x P_y + P_y P_x) + \sin^2\theta P_y^2 + \cos^2\theta P_y^2 + \cos\theta \sin\theta(P_y P_x + P_x P_y) \\
&\quad + \sin^2\theta P_x^2 + P_z^2 \\
&= (\cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta)(P_x^2 + P_y^2) + P_z^2 \\
&= P_x^2 + P_y^2 + P_z^2 \\
&= P^2
\end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

4. [40/35] Consider an infinitesimal rotation about an arbitrary axis, described by the unitary operator

$$U_R(\vec{\epsilon}) = e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}\vec{L}\cdot\vec{\epsilon}} = 1 - \frac{i}{\hbar}L_1\epsilon_1 - \frac{i}{\hbar}L_2\epsilon_2 - \frac{i}{\hbar}L_3\epsilon_3. \quad (25)$$

where  $\vec{L} = \sum_j L_j \vec{e}_j$  and  $\vec{\epsilon} = \sum_j \epsilon_j \vec{e}_j$ , with  $\{\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \vec{e}_3\}$  being a right-handed set of orthogonal unit vectors. Using this notation, the angular momentum components are given by  $L_j = \sum_{k,\ell} \epsilon_{j,k,\ell} R_k P_\ell$ , with  $\epsilon_{j,k,\ell}$  being the totally antisymmetric Levi-Cevita tensor,

$$\epsilon_{jkl} = \begin{cases} 0; & \text{any index repeated} \\ 1; & \text{cyclic permutations of } \{j, k, \ell\} = \{1, 2, 3\} \\ -1; & \text{cyclic permutations of } \{j, k, \ell\} = \{3, 2, 1\} \end{cases}. \quad (26)$$

The components of  $\vec{R}$  and  $\vec{P}$  satisfy the commutation relation  $[R_j, P_k] = i\hbar\delta_{j,k}$ .

(a) [10] Evaluate  $R'_j = U_R^\dagger(\vec{\epsilon})R_jU_R(\vec{\epsilon})$  for each component of the position operator  $\vec{R} = \sum_j R_j \vec{e}_j$ , and use this to deduce the  $3 \times 3$  matrix,  $M(\vec{\epsilon})$  that rotates an ordinary vector by the infinitesimal angle  $\vec{\epsilon}$ .

In the infinitesimal limit, we have  $U_R(\vec{\epsilon}) = 1 - \frac{i}{\hbar} \sum_j \epsilon_j L_j$ , so that

$$\begin{aligned} R'_j &= \left(1 + \frac{i}{\hbar} \sum_k \epsilon_k L_k\right) R_j \left(1 + \frac{i}{\hbar} \sum_\ell \epsilon_\ell L_\ell\right) \\ &= R_j + \frac{i}{\hbar} \sum_k \epsilon_k [L_k, R_j] \\ &= R_j + \frac{i}{\hbar} \sum_{klm} \epsilon_k \epsilon_{klm} [R_\ell P_m, R_j] \\ &= R_j + \frac{i}{\hbar} \sum_{klm} \epsilon_k \epsilon_{klm} R_\ell (-i\hbar) \delta_{m,j} \\ &= R_j + \sum_{k\ell} \epsilon_k \epsilon_{k\ell j} R_\ell \\ &= \sum_\ell \left( \delta_{j,\ell} + \sum_k \epsilon_k \epsilon_{k\ell j} \right) R_\ell \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

This tells us that

$$\begin{aligned} M_{jk} &= \delta_{jk} + \sum_\ell \epsilon_{\ell kj} \epsilon_\ell \\ &= \delta_{jk} - \sum_\ell \epsilon_{j k \ell} \epsilon_\ell \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

so that

$$M(\vec{\epsilon}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\epsilon_3 & \epsilon_2 \\ \epsilon_3 & 1 & -\epsilon_1 \\ -\epsilon_2 & \epsilon_1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (29)$$

- (b) [5] Show that  $M(-\vec{\epsilon}) = M^T(\vec{\epsilon})$ , then show that  $M^T(\vec{\epsilon}) = M^{-1}(\vec{\epsilon})$  by showing that  $M^T(\vec{\epsilon})M(\vec{\epsilon}) = I$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
M_{jk}(-\vec{\epsilon}) &= \delta_{jk} + \sum_{\ell} \epsilon_{jkl}\epsilon_{\ell} \\
&= \delta_{kj} - \sum_{\ell} \epsilon_{kjl}\epsilon_{\ell} \\
&= M_{kj}(\vec{\epsilon}) \\
&= M_{jk}^T(\vec{\epsilon})
\end{aligned} \tag{30}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(M^T(\vec{\epsilon})M(\vec{\epsilon}))_{jk} &= \sum_{\ell} M_{j\ell}^T(\vec{\epsilon})M_{\ell k}(\vec{\epsilon}) \\
&= \sum_{\ell} \left( \delta_{j\ell} + \sum_m \epsilon_{j\ell m}\epsilon_m \right) \left( \delta_{\ell k} - \sum_n \epsilon_{\ell kn}\epsilon_n \right) \\
&= \sum_{\ell} \delta_{j\ell}\delta_{\ell k} - \sum_{\ell n} \delta_{j\ell}\epsilon_{\ell kn}\epsilon_n + \sum_{\ell m} \epsilon_{j\ell m}\epsilon_m\delta_{\ell k} \\
&= \delta_{jk} - \sum_n \epsilon_{jkn}\epsilon_n + \sum_m \epsilon_{jkm}\epsilon_m \\
&= \delta_{jk}
\end{aligned} \tag{31}$$

- (c) [5] Now consider a finite rotation by  $\vec{\delta} = \sum_j \delta_j \vec{e}_j$ , described by the  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $M(\vec{\delta})$ . Clearly we must have  $M(\vec{\delta}) = M^N(\vec{\delta}/N)$ . Take the limit as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ , and use your result to part (a) to show that we can put  $M(\vec{\delta})$  into the form:

$$M(\vec{\delta}) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{N} \Lambda(\vec{\delta}) \right)^N = e^{-\Lambda(\vec{\delta})} \tag{32}$$

where  $\Lambda(\vec{\delta})$  is a  $3 \times 3$  antisymmetric matrix, whose components are given by  $\Lambda_{j,k}(\vec{\delta}) = \sum_{\ell} \epsilon_{j,k,\ell} \delta_{\ell}$ .

$$M(\vec{\delta}) = \left( M \left( \frac{\vec{\delta}}{N} \right) \right)^N \tag{33}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
M_{jk}(\vec{\delta}/N) &= \delta_{jk} - \sum_{\ell} \epsilon_{jkl} \frac{\delta_{\ell}}{N} \\
&= \delta_{jk} - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\ell} \epsilon_{jkl} \delta_{\ell} \\
&= \delta_{jk} - \frac{1}{N} \Lambda_{jk}(\vec{\delta})
\end{aligned} \tag{34}$$

- (d) [5] Show that the eigenvalues of  $\Lambda(\vec{\delta})$  are  $\omega_0 = 0$ , and  $\omega_{\pm} = \pm i\delta$ , where  $\delta = |\vec{\delta}|$ .  
The eigenvalues of  $\Lambda(\vec{\delta})$  are solutions to

$$\det \begin{vmatrix} -\omega & \delta_3 & -\delta_2 \\ -\delta_3 & -\omega & \delta_1 \\ \delta_2 & -\delta_1 & -\omega \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (35)$$

which gives the characteristic equation

$$-\omega^3 - \omega\delta_1^2 + \delta_1\delta_2\delta_3 - \omega\delta_3^2 - \delta_1\delta_2\delta_3 - \omega\delta_2^2 = 0 \quad (36)$$

which simplifies to

$$\omega(\omega^2 + \delta^2) = 0 \quad (37)$$

so that the solutions are  $\omega_0 = 0$ , and  $\omega_{\pm} = \pm i\delta$ .

- (e) Show that the eigenvectors of  $\Lambda(\vec{\delta})$  are

$$\vec{u}_0 = \frac{\vec{\delta}}{\delta} \quad (38)$$

$$\vec{u}_{\pm} = \frac{(\delta_1\delta_2 \pm i\delta\delta_3)\vec{e}_1 + (\delta_2^2 - \delta^2)\vec{e}_2 + (\delta_2\delta_3 \mp i\delta\delta_1)\vec{e}_3}{\sqrt{2\delta^2(\delta^2 - \delta_2^2)}} \quad (39)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\Lambda(\vec{\delta})\vec{u}_0 - \omega_0\vec{u}_0\right)_j &= \sum_k \Lambda_{jk}(\vec{\delta})u_{0,k} \\ &= \sum_{k\ell} \epsilon_{j k \ell} \delta_{\ell} u_{0,k} \\ &= \frac{1}{\delta} \sum_{k\ell} \epsilon_{j k \ell} \delta_{\ell} \delta_k \\ &= \left(\vec{\delta} \times \vec{\delta}\right)_j \\ &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (40)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\Lambda(\vec{\delta})\vec{u}_{\pm} - \omega_{\pm}\vec{u}_{\pm}\right)_j &= \sum_k (\Lambda_{jk} - \omega_{\pm}\delta_{jk}) u_{\pm,k} \\ &= \sum_{k\ell} \epsilon_{j k \ell} u_{\pm,k} \delta_{\ell} \mp i\delta u_{\pm,j} \\ &= \left(\vec{u}_{\pm} \times \vec{\delta} \mp i\delta\vec{u}_{\pm}\right)_j \\ &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

where we have used

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{u}_{\pm} \times \vec{\delta} &= \vec{e}_1 (u_{\pm,2}\delta_3 - \delta_2 u_{\pm,3}) + \vec{e}_2 (u_{\pm,3}\delta_1 - \delta_3 u_{\pm,1}) + \vec{e}_3 (u_{\pm,1}\delta_2 - \delta_1 u_{\pm,2}) \\ &= \vec{e}_1 (\delta_2^2\delta_3 - \delta^2\delta_3 - \delta_2^2\delta_3 \pm i\delta\delta_1\delta_2) + \vec{e}_2 (\delta_1\delta_2\delta_3 \mp i\delta\delta_1^2 - \delta_1\delta_2\delta_3 \mp i\delta\delta_3^2) \\ &\quad + \vec{e}_3 (\delta_1\delta_2^2 \pm i\delta\delta_2\delta_3 - \delta_1\delta_2^2 + \delta^2\delta_1) \\ &= \pm i\delta [\vec{e}_1 (\delta_1\delta_2 \pm i\delta\delta_3) + \vec{e}_2 (-\delta_1^2 - \delta_3^2) + \vec{e}_3 (\delta_2\delta_3 \mp i\delta\delta_1)] \\ &= \pm i\delta\vec{u}_{\pm} \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$



(f) [5] Based on your result to part (e), show that

$$M(\vec{\delta})\vec{V} = \vec{u}_0(\vec{u}_0 \cdot \vec{V}) + \vec{u}_-e^{i\delta}(\vec{u}_+ \cdot \vec{V}) + \vec{u}_+e^{-i\delta}(\vec{u}_- \cdot \vec{V}) \quad (43)$$

where  $\vec{V}$  is an arbitrary vector.

We start from

$$M(\vec{\delta}) = e^{-\Lambda(\vec{\delta})} \quad (44)$$

Using Dirac notation, we have

$$\Lambda(\vec{\delta}) = |u_0\rangle\omega_0\langle u_0| + |u_+\rangle\omega_+\langle u_+| + |u_-\rangle\omega_-\langle u_-| \quad (45)$$

so that

$$M(\vec{\delta}) = |u_0\rangle e^{-\omega_0}\langle u_0| + |u_+\rangle e^{-\omega_+}\langle u_+| + |u_-\rangle e^{-\omega_-}\langle u_-| \quad (46)$$

switching back to standard notation, this gives

$$M(\vec{\delta})\vec{V} = \vec{u}_0(\vec{u}_0^* \cdot \vec{V}) + \vec{u}_+e^{-i\delta}(\vec{u}_+^* \cdot \vec{V}) + \vec{u}_-e^{i\delta}(\vec{u}_-^* \cdot \vec{V}) \quad (47)$$

noting that  $\vec{u}_0^* = \vec{u}_0$ , and  $\vec{u}_\pm^* = \vec{u}_\mp$ , this gives

$$M(\vec{\delta})\vec{V} = \vec{u}_0(\vec{u}_0 \cdot \vec{V}) + \vec{u}_+e^{-i\delta}(\vec{u}_- \cdot \vec{V}) + \vec{u}_-e^{i\delta}(\vec{u}_+ \cdot \vec{V}) \quad (48)$$

(g) [5+5 bonus] Based on your results to parts (e) and (f), show that

$$\vec{V}' = U_R^\dagger(\vec{\delta})\vec{V}U_R(\vec{\delta}) = M(\vec{\delta})\vec{V} = \frac{\vec{\delta}(\vec{\delta} \cdot \vec{V})}{\delta^2} + \left[ \vec{V} - \frac{\vec{\delta}(\vec{\delta} \cdot \vec{V})}{\delta^2} \right] \cos(\delta) + \frac{\vec{\delta} \times \vec{V}}{\delta} \sin(\delta) \quad (49)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{V}' &= M(\vec{\delta})\vec{V} \\ &= \frac{\vec{\delta}(\vec{\delta} \cdot \vec{V})}{\delta^2} + \cos(\delta) \left[ \vec{u}_+ (\vec{u}_- \cdot \vec{V}) + \vec{u}_- (\vec{u}_+ \cdot \vec{V}) \right] \\ &\quad - i \sin(\delta) \left[ \vec{u}_+ (\vec{u}_- \cdot \vec{V}) - \vec{u}_- (\vec{u}_+ \cdot \vec{V}) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (50)$$

$$\vec{u}_+ \cdot \vec{V} = \frac{(\delta_1\delta_2 + i\delta\delta_3)V_1 + (\delta_2^2 - \delta^2)V_2 + (\delta_2\delta_3 - i\delta\delta_1)V_3}{\sqrt{2\delta^2(\delta^2 - \delta_2^2)}} \quad (51)$$

$$\vec{u}_- \cdot \vec{V} = \frac{(\delta_1\delta_2 - i\delta\delta_3)V_1 + (\delta_2^2 - \delta^2)V_2 + (\delta_2\delta_3 + i\delta\delta_1)V_3}{\sqrt{2\delta^2(\delta^2 - \delta_2^2)}} \quad (52)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \vec{u}_+ (\vec{u}_- \cdot \vec{V}) + \vec{u}_- (\vec{u}_+ \cdot \vec{V}) \right]_1 &= \frac{(\delta_1\delta_2 + i\delta\delta_3) [(\delta_1\delta_2 - i\delta\delta_3)V_1 + (\delta_2^2 - \delta^2)V_2 + (\delta_2\delta_3 + i\delta\delta_1)V_3]}{2\delta^2(\delta^2 - \delta_2^2)} \\ &\quad + \frac{(\delta_1\delta_2 - i\delta\delta_3) [(\delta_1\delta_2 + i\delta\delta_3)V_1 + (\delta_2^2 - \delta^2)V_2 + (\delta_2\delta_3 - i\delta\delta_1)V_3]}{2\delta^2(\delta^2 - \delta_2^2)} \\ &= \frac{(\delta_1^2\delta_2^2 + \delta^2\delta_3^2)}{\delta^2(\delta_1^2 + \delta_3^2)} V_1 - \frac{\delta_1\delta_2}{\delta^2} V_2 + \frac{\delta_1\delta_2^2\delta_3 - \delta_1\delta^2\delta_3}{\delta^2(\delta^2 - \delta_2^2)} V_3 \\ &= \frac{\delta^2(\delta_1^2 + \delta_3^2) - \delta_1^2(\delta_1^2 + \delta_3^2)}{\delta^2(\delta_1^2 + \delta_3^2)} V_1 - \frac{\delta_1\delta_2}{\delta^2} V_2 - \frac{\delta_1\delta_3}{\delta^2} V_3 \\ &= V_1 - \frac{\delta_1}{\delta^2} (\vec{\delta} \cdot \vec{V}) \end{aligned} \quad (53)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\left[ \vec{u}_+ (\vec{u}_- \cdot \vec{V}) - \vec{u}_- (\vec{u}_+ \cdot \vec{V}) \right]_1 &= \frac{(\delta_1 \delta_2 + i \delta \delta_3) [(\delta_1 \delta_2 - i \delta \delta_3) V_1 + (\delta_2^2 - \delta^2) V_2 + (\delta_2 \delta_3 + i \delta \delta_1) V_3]}{2\delta^2(\delta^2 - \delta_2^2)} \\
&- \frac{(\delta_1 \delta_2 - i \delta \delta_3) [(\delta_1 \delta_2 + i \delta \delta_3) V_1 + (\delta_2^2 - \delta^2) V_2 + (\delta_2 \delta_3 - i \delta \delta_1) V_3]}{2\delta^2(\delta^2 - \delta_2^2)} \\
&= i \frac{\delta_3(\delta_2^2 - \delta^2)}{\delta(\delta^2 - \delta_2^2)} V_2 + i \frac{\delta_1^2 \delta_2 + \delta_2 \delta_3^2}{\delta(\delta^2 - \delta_2^2)} V_3 \\
&= -i \frac{\delta_3 V_2}{\delta} + i \frac{\delta_2 V_3}{\delta} \\
&= \frac{i}{\delta} (\vec{\delta} \times \vec{V})_1
\end{aligned} \tag{54}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\left[ \vec{u}_+ (\vec{u}_- \cdot \vec{V}) + \vec{u}_- (\vec{u}_+ \cdot \vec{V}) \right]_2 &= -\frac{(\delta^2 - \delta_2^2) [(\delta_1 \delta_2 - i \delta \delta_3) V_1 + (\delta_2^2 - \delta^2) V_2 + (\delta_2 \delta_3 + i \delta \delta_1) V_3]}{2\delta^2(\delta^2 - \delta_2^2)} \\
&- \frac{(\delta^2 - \delta_2^2) [(\delta_1 \delta_2 + i \delta \delta_3) V_1 + (\delta_2^2 - \delta^2) V_2 + (\delta_2 \delta_3 - i \delta \delta_1) V_3]}{2\delta^2(\delta^2 - \delta_2^2)} \\
&= -\frac{\delta_1 \delta_2}{\delta^2} V_1 + \frac{\delta^2 - \delta_2^2}{\delta^2} V_2 - \frac{\delta_2 \delta_3}{\delta^2} V_3 \\
&= V_2 - \frac{\delta_2}{\delta^2} (\vec{\delta} \cdot \vec{V})
\end{aligned} \tag{55}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\left[ \vec{u}_+ (\vec{u}_- \cdot \vec{V}) - \vec{u}_- (\vec{u}_+ \cdot \vec{V}) \right]_2 &= -\frac{(\delta^2 - \delta_2^2) [(\delta_1 \delta_2 - i \delta \delta_3) V_1 + (\delta_2^2 - \delta^2) V_2 + (\delta_2 \delta_3 + i \delta \delta_1) V_3]}{2\delta^2(\delta^2 - \delta_2^2)} \\
&+ \frac{(\delta^2 - \delta_2^2) [(\delta_1 \delta_2 + i \delta \delta_3) V_1 + (\delta_2^2 - \delta^2) V_2 + (\delta_2 \delta_3 - i \delta \delta_1) V_3]}{2\delta^2(\delta^2 - \delta_2^2)} \\
&= i \frac{\delta_3 V_1}{\delta} - i \frac{\delta_1 V_3}{\delta} \\
&= \frac{i}{\delta} (\vec{\delta} \times \vec{V})_2
\end{aligned} \tag{56}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\left[ \vec{u}_+ (\vec{u}_- \cdot \vec{V}) + \vec{u}_- (\vec{u}_+ \cdot \vec{V}) \right]_3 &= \frac{(\delta_1 \delta_2 - i \delta \delta_3) [(\delta_1 \delta_2 - i \delta \delta_3) V_1 + (\delta_2^2 - \delta^2) V_2 + (\delta_2 \delta_3 + i \delta \delta_1) V_3]}{2\delta^2(\delta^2 - \delta_2^2)} \\
&+ \frac{(\delta_1 \delta_2 + i \delta \delta_3) [(\delta_1 \delta_2 + i \delta \delta_3) V_1 + (\delta_2^2 - \delta^2) V_2 + (\delta_2 \delta_3 - i \delta \delta_1) V_3]}{2\delta^2(\delta^2 - \delta_2^2)} \\
&= V_3 - \frac{\delta_3}{\delta^2} (\vec{\delta} \cdot \vec{V})
\end{aligned} \tag{57}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\left[ \vec{u}_+ (\vec{u}_- \cdot \vec{V}) - \vec{u}_- (\vec{u}_+ \cdot \vec{V}) \right]_3 &= \frac{(\delta_1 \delta_2 - i \delta \delta_3) [(\delta_1 \delta_2 - i \delta \delta_3) V_1 + (\delta_2^2 - \delta^2) V_2 + (\delta_2 \delta_3 + i \delta \delta_1) V_3]}{2\delta^2(\delta^2 - \delta_2^2)} \\
&- \frac{(\delta_1 \delta_2 + i \delta \delta_3) [(\delta_1 \delta_2 + i \delta \delta_3) V_1 + (\delta_2^2 - \delta^2) V_2 + (\delta_2 \delta_3 - i \delta \delta_1) V_3]}{2\delta^2(\delta^2 - \delta_2^2)} \\
&= \frac{i}{\delta} (\vec{\delta} \times \vec{V})_3
\end{aligned} \tag{58}$$

Putting these pieces together gives

$$\vec{V}' = \frac{\vec{\delta}(\vec{\delta} \cdot \vec{V})}{\delta^2} + \left[ \vec{V} - \frac{\vec{\delta}(\vec{\delta} \cdot \vec{V})}{\delta^2} \right] \cos(\delta) + \frac{\vec{\delta} \times \vec{V}}{\delta} \sin(\delta) \quad (59)$$