

Central Forces Quantum Calculations on a Ring I

Your group will be given one of the following normalized abstract quantum states on a ring:

$$\begin{aligned} |\Phi_a\rangle &= \frac{\sqrt{8}}{3} |0\rangle + \frac{1}{3} |2\rangle & |\Phi_b\rangle &= \frac{\sqrt{8}}{3} |2\rangle + \frac{1}{3} |-3\rangle \\ |\Phi_c\rangle &= \frac{\sqrt{7}}{3} |2\rangle + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} |-2\rangle & |\Phi_d\rangle &= \frac{\sqrt{7}}{3} |0\rangle + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} |-3\rangle \\ |\Phi_e\rangle &= \frac{\sqrt{6}}{3} |0\rangle + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} |2\rangle & |\Phi_f\rangle &= \frac{\sqrt{6}}{3} |2\rangle + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} |-3\rangle \\ |\Phi_g\rangle &= \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3} |2\rangle + \frac{\sqrt{4}}{3} |-2\rangle & |\Phi_h\rangle &= \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3} |0\rangle + \frac{\sqrt{4}}{3} |-3\rangle \end{aligned}$$

- 1) If you measured the z -component of angular momentum, what is the probability that you would obtain $2\hbar$? $-3\hbar$?
- 2) If you measured the z -component of angular momentum, what other possible values could you obtain with non-zero probability?
- 3) If you measured the energy, what possible values could you obtain with non-zero probability?
- 4) What is the expectation value of \hat{L}_z in this state? the expectation value of energy?

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