

Phys 402: Final Exam

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- You have 2 hours and 45 minutes.
- You must show the details of all your work. Illegible and ambiguous explanations and calculations will lead to deductions from your grade.

Problem 1 (10 points) Consider a quantum system consisting of a particle of mass m that is described by the Hilbert space $L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$ and the Hamiltonian operator: $\hat{H} = \frac{\vec{P}^2}{2m} + \hat{v}(\vec{x})$, where v is a real-valued potential. Let ψ_1 and ψ_2 are solutions of the time-dependent Schrödinger equation for this system, and $\rho := \psi_1^* \psi_2$. Find a vector field $\vec{J} : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$, that satisfies the continuity equation

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J} = 0.$$

You need to give the explicit formula for \vec{J} in terms of ψ_1 and ψ_2 .

Problem 2 Let \mathcal{H}_1 and \mathcal{H}_2 be the Hilbert spaces of a pair of quantum systems that realize the spin- s_1 and spin- s_2 representations of the algebra $so(3)$, i.e., we can identify \mathcal{H}_ℓ with the span of $\{|s_\ell, -s_\ell\rangle, |s_\ell, -s_\ell + 1\rangle, \dots, |s_\ell, s_\ell\rangle\}$, where $|s_\ell, m_\ell\rangle$ are the normalized common eigenvectors of the spin operators \hat{S}^2 and \hat{S}_3 in their spin- s_ℓ representation, $\ell \in \{1, 2\}$, and we use the subscripts 1, 2, and 3 to label the Cartesian coordinates x, y , and z . Suppose that we have a two-particle system where \mathcal{H}_1 and \mathcal{H}_2 represent the Hilbert spaces of the first and second particle, respectively. Let us denote the spin operators acting in \mathcal{H}_ℓ by $\hat{S}_j^{(\ell)}$ and the spin operators for the two-particle system by $\hat{\mathcal{S}}_j := \hat{S}_j^{(1)} \otimes \hat{I}^{(2)} + \hat{I}^{(1)} \otimes \hat{S}_j^{(2)}$, where $j \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $\hat{I}^{(\ell)}$ is the identity operator acting in \mathcal{H}_ℓ .

2.a (10 points) Show that $[\hat{\mathcal{S}}_i, \hat{\mathcal{S}}_j] = i\hbar \sum_{k=1}^3 \epsilon_{ijk} \hat{\mathcal{S}}_k$ for all $i, j \in \{x, y, z\}$. To get full credit you should show the details of every step of your calculation.

2.b (15 points) Find the eigenvalues of $\hat{\mathcal{S}}_3$ and the corresponding eigenvectors.

2.c (10 points) Find a necessary and sufficient condition on s_1 and s_2 under which at least one of the eigenvalues of $\hat{\mathcal{S}}_3$ is degenerate.

Note: According to the statement of Problem 2a, $\hat{\mathcal{S}}_j$ provide a representation of the algebra $so(3)$. This is a unitary representation because $\hat{\mathcal{S}}_j$ are Hermitian. If $\hat{\mathcal{S}}_3$ has degenerate eigenvalues, this representation is reducible. Therefore your response to this problem is a sufficient condition for the reducibility of this representation.

Problem 3 Consider the two-particle system of Problem 2 with $s_1 = s_2 = 1/2$. Let $|m_1, m_2\rangle := |s_1, m_1\rangle \otimes |s_2, m_2\rangle$. Then $\mathcal{B} := \{|\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\rangle, |\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\rangle, |-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\rangle, |-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\rangle\}$ is an orthonormal basis of $\mathcal{H}_1 \otimes \mathcal{H}_2$.

3.a (10 points) Construct an operator $\hat{\mathcal{S}}_+ : \mathcal{H}_1 \otimes \mathcal{H}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_1 \otimes \mathcal{H}_2$ with the following properties:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathcal{S}}_+|\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\rangle &= 0, & \hat{\mathcal{S}}_+|\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\rangle &= \sqrt{2}\hbar|\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\rangle, \\ \hat{\mathcal{S}}_+|-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\rangle &= \sqrt{2}\hbar|\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\rangle, & \hat{\mathcal{S}}_+|-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\rangle &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

You are asked to express $\hat{\mathcal{S}}_+$ as a linear combination of $|m_1, m_2\rangle\langle m'_1, m'_2|$, with $m_1, m_2, m'_1, m'_2 \in \{-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\}$.

3.b (10 points) Let

$$|e_1\rangle := |\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\rangle, \quad |e_2\rangle := |\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\rangle, \quad |e_3\rangle := |-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\rangle, \quad |e_4\rangle := |-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\rangle,$$

so that $\mathcal{B} = \{|e_1\rangle, |e_2\rangle, |e_3\rangle, |e_4\rangle\}$. Find the matrix representation of $\hat{\mathcal{S}}_+$ in the basis \mathcal{B} , i.e., compute the matrix \mathbf{S}_+ with entries $S_{+ij} := \langle e_i|\hat{\mathcal{S}}_+|e_j\rangle$.

3.c (15 points) Let $\hat{\mathcal{S}}_1 := \frac{1}{2}(\hat{\mathcal{S}}_+ + \hat{\mathcal{S}}_+^\dagger)$, $\hat{\mathcal{S}}_2 := \frac{1}{2i}(\hat{\mathcal{S}}_+ - \hat{\mathcal{S}}_+^\dagger)$, and $\hat{\mathcal{S}}_3 := \hat{\mathcal{S}}_3$, where $\hat{\mathcal{S}}_3$ is defined in Problem 2, i.e., $\hat{\mathcal{S}}_3 = \hat{S}_3^{(1)} \otimes \hat{I}^{(2)} + \hat{I}^{(1)} \otimes \hat{S}_3^{(2)}$. Find the matrix representation of $\hat{\mathcal{S}}_1$, $\hat{\mathcal{S}}_2$, and $\hat{\mathcal{S}}_3$ in the basis \mathcal{B} .

3.d (20 points) Show that $[\hat{\mathcal{S}}_i, \hat{\mathcal{S}}_j] = i\hbar \sum_{k=1}^3 \epsilon_{ijk} \hat{\mathcal{S}}_k$, i.e., $\hat{\mathcal{S}}_j$ define a representation of $so(3)$ in the Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}_1 \otimes \mathcal{H}_2$. Is this an irreducible representation? Why?

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Sol. for Problem 1:

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi_1 + V \psi_1 = i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi_1}{\partial t} \Rightarrow -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi_1^* + V \psi_1^* = -i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi_1^*}{\partial t}$$

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi_2 + V \psi_2 = i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi_2}{\partial t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\psi_1^* \psi_2) = \frac{\partial \psi_1^*}{\partial t} \psi_2 + \psi_1^* \frac{\partial \psi_2}{\partial t}$$

$$= \frac{i}{\hbar} \left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi_1^* + V \psi_1^* \right] \psi_2 + \psi_1^* \left[-\frac{i}{\hbar} \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi_2 + V \psi_2 \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{-i\hbar}{2m} \left[\psi_2 \nabla^2 \psi_1^* - \psi_1^* \nabla^2 \psi_2 \right]$$

$$= -\frac{i\hbar}{2m} \left[\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\psi_2 \vec{\nabla} \psi_1^*) - \vec{\nabla} \psi_2 \cdot \vec{\nabla} \psi_1^* - \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\psi_1^* \vec{\nabla} \psi_2) + \vec{\nabla} \psi_1^* \cdot \vec{\nabla} \psi_2 \right]$$

$$= -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \left[\frac{i\hbar}{2m} (\psi_2 \vec{\nabla} \psi_1^* - \psi_1^* \vec{\nabla} \psi_2) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{J} := \frac{i\hbar}{2m} (\psi_2 \vec{\nabla} \psi_1^* - \psi_1^* \vec{\nabla} \psi_2)}$$

Problem # 2

2.a)

$$[\hat{S}_i, \hat{S}_j] = [\hat{S}_i^{(1)} \otimes \hat{I}^{(2)} + \hat{I}^{(1)} \otimes \hat{S}_i^{(2)}, \hat{S}_j^{(1)} \otimes \hat{I}^{(2)} + \hat{I}^{(1)} \otimes \hat{S}_j^{(2)}]$$

$$= [\hat{S}_i^{(1)} \otimes \hat{I}^{(2)}, \hat{S}_j^{(1)} \otimes \hat{I}^{(2)}] + [\hat{I}^{(1)} \otimes \hat{S}_i^{(2)}, \hat{S}_j^{(1)} \otimes \hat{I}^{(2)}]$$

$$[\hat{S}_i^{(1)} \otimes \hat{I}^{(2)}, \hat{I}^{(1)} \otimes \hat{S}_j^{(2)}] + [\hat{I}^{(1)} \otimes \hat{S}_i^{(2)}, \hat{I}^{(1)} \otimes \hat{S}_j^{(2)}]$$

$$= \hat{S}_i^{(1)} \hat{S}_j^{(1)} \otimes \hat{I}^{(2)} - \hat{S}_j^{(1)} \hat{S}_i^{(1)} \otimes \hat{I}^{(2)} +$$

$$\hat{S}_j^{(1)} \otimes \hat{S}_i^{(2)} - \hat{S}_j^{(1)} \otimes \hat{S}_i^{(2)} +$$

$$\hat{S}_i^{(1)} \otimes \hat{S}_j^{(2)} - \hat{S}_i^{(1)} \otimes \hat{S}_j^{(2)} +$$

$$\hat{I}^{(1)} \otimes \hat{S}_i^{(2)} \hat{S}_j^{(2)} - \hat{I}^{(1)} \otimes \hat{S}_j^{(2)} \hat{S}_i^{(2)}$$

$$= [\hat{S}_i^{(1)}, \hat{S}_j^{(1)}] \otimes \hat{I}^{(2)} + \hat{I}^{(1)} \otimes [\hat{S}_i^{(2)}, \hat{S}_j^{(2)}]$$

$$= \left(\sum_{k=1}^3 \epsilon_{ijk} \hat{S}_k^{(1)} \right) \otimes \hat{I}^{(2)} + \hat{I}^{(1)} \otimes \left(\sum_{k=1}^3 \epsilon_{jkh} \hat{S}_k^{(2)} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^3 \epsilon_{ijk} \left(\hat{S}_k^{(1)} \otimes \hat{I}^{(2)} + \hat{I}^{(1)} \otimes \hat{S}_k^{(2)} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^3 \epsilon_{ijk} \hat{S}_k$$

$$2. b) \quad \hat{S}_3 = \hat{S}_3^{(1)} \otimes \mathbb{I}^{(2)} + \mathbb{I}^{(1)} \otimes \hat{S}_3^{(2)}$$

Let $|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_1 \otimes \mathcal{H}_2$ be an eigenvector of \hat{S}_3

$$\Rightarrow \exists \alpha_{ij} \in \mathbb{C}, \quad |\psi\rangle = \sum_{ij} \alpha_{ij} |S_1, m_{1i}\rangle \otimes |S_2, m_{2j}\rangle$$

$$\& \exists \beta \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \hat{S}_3 |\psi\rangle = \beta |\psi\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{S}_3 \sum_{ij} \alpha_{ij} |S_1, m_{1i}\rangle \otimes |S_2, m_{2j}\rangle = \beta \sum_{ij} \alpha_{ij} |S_1, m_{1i}\rangle \otimes |S_2, m_{2j}\rangle$$

$$\sum_{ij} \alpha_{ij} \left[\left(\hat{S}_3^{(1)} |S_1, m_{1i}\rangle \right) \otimes |S_2, m_{2j}\rangle + |S_1, m_{1i}\rangle \otimes \left(\hat{S}_3^{(2)} |S_2, m_{2j}\rangle \right) \right]$$

$$\equiv \sum_{ij} \alpha_{ij} \left[\hbar(m_{1i} + m_{2j}) |S_1, m_{1i}\rangle \otimes |S_2, m_{2j}\rangle \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{ij} \alpha_{ij} [\hbar(m_{1i} + m_{2j}) - \beta] |S_1, m_{1i}\rangle \otimes |S_2, m_{2j}\rangle = 0$$

Because $\{|S_1, m_{1i}\rangle \otimes |S_2, m_{2j}\rangle\}$ is linearly independent,

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_{ij} [\hbar(m_{1i} + m_{2j}) - \beta] = 0 \quad \text{for all } ij$$

$$|\psi\rangle \neq 0 \Rightarrow \exists (ij) \text{ such that } \alpha_{ij} \neq 0$$

$$\boxed{\beta = \hbar(m_{1i} + m_{2j})}$$

$$m_{1i} \in \{-s_1, -s_1+1, \dots, s_1\}$$

$$m_{2j} \in \{-s_2, -s_2+1, \dots, s_2\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta \in \{-s_1 - s_2, -s_1 - s_2 + 1, \dots, s_1 + s_2\}$$

2.c) $\beta = \hbar(m_1 + m_2)$ when

$$m_1 \in \{-s_1, -s_1+1, \dots, s_1\}$$

$$m_2 \in \{-s_2, -s_2+1, \dots, s_2\}$$

clearly $\beta = \pm \hbar(s_1 + s_2)$ are nondegenerate

$\beta = \pm \hbar(s_1 + s_2 - 1)$ corresponds to

$$(m_1 = \pm s_1 \text{ \& } m_2 = \pm(s_2 - 1)) \text{ and}$$

$$(m_1 = \pm(s_1 - 1) \text{ \& } m_2 = \pm s_2)$$

These two cases are possible if both s_1 & s_2 are nonzero. So for $s_1 \neq 0$ & $s_2 \neq 0$, \hat{S}_3 has a degenerate eigenvalue.

If $s_1 = 0$, $m_1 = 0 \Rightarrow \beta = \hbar m_2$ is nondegenerate.

If $s_2 = 0$, $m_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \beta = \hbar m_1$ " " "

So the necessary and sufficient condition is that both s_1 and s_2 must be nonzero.

Problem # 3 :

3. a)

$$\hat{\sigma}_+ = \sqrt{2} \hbar \left(\left| \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle \left\langle -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \right| + \left| \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle \left\langle \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \right| \right)$$

3. b)

$$\hat{\sigma}_+ = \sqrt{2} \hbar \left(|e_2\rangle \langle e_3| + |e_1\rangle \langle e_{m2}| \right)$$

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matrix elements

$$S_{ij} = \left[\langle e_i | \hat{\sigma}_+ | e_j \rangle \right]$$

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \sqrt{2} \hbar & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2} \hbar & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \sqrt{2} \hbar \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

3.c

$$\Phi_+^\dagger = \sqrt{2} \hbar \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let Φ_j denote the matrix rep. of $\hat{\sigma}_j$. Then

$$\Phi_1 = \frac{1}{2} (\Phi_+ + \Phi_+^\dagger) = \frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Phi_2 = \frac{1}{2i} (\Phi_+ - \Phi_+^\dagger) = \frac{-i\hbar}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Phi_3 = [\langle e_i | \hat{\sigma}_3 | e_j \rangle]$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_3 |e_1\rangle = \hat{\sigma}_3 |\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\rangle = \hbar |\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\rangle = \hbar |e_1\rangle$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_3 |e_2\rangle = \hat{\sigma}_3 |\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\rangle = 0$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_3 |e_3\rangle = \hat{\sigma}_3 |-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\rangle = -\hbar |-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\rangle = -\hbar |e_3\rangle$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_3 |e_4\rangle = \hat{\sigma}_3 |-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\rangle = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \Phi_3 = \begin{bmatrix} \hbar & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\hbar & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \hbar \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

3.d) It is sufficient to show that the matrix rep. of \hat{O}_j in the basis Φ satisfy

$$[\Phi_i, \Phi_j] = i\hbar \sum_{n=1}^3 \epsilon_{ijn} \Phi_n$$

For $i=1, j=2$ & $i=2, j=3$, & $i=3, j=1$. Other cases follow from properties of ϵ_{ijn} and the antisymmetry of the commutator

$i=1, j=2$:

$$\begin{aligned} [\Phi_1, \Phi_2] &= \left[\frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \frac{-i\hbar}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right] \\ &= \frac{-i\hbar^2}{2} \left(\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \frac{-i\hbar^2}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= i\hbar^2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = i\hbar \Phi_3 = i\hbar \sum_{n=1}^3 \epsilon_{12n} \Phi_n \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

$i=2, j=3$:

$$\begin{aligned} [\Phi_2, \Phi_3] &= \left[\frac{-i\hbar}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \hbar \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right] \\ &= \frac{-i\hbar^2}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= \frac{-i\hbar^2}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = i\hbar \left(\frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = i\hbar \Phi_1 \\ &= i\hbar \sum_{n=1}^3 \epsilon_{23n} \Phi_n \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

$i=3, j=1$:

$$\begin{aligned} [\Phi_3, \Phi_1] &= \left[\hbar \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right] \\ &= \frac{\hbar^2}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \frac{\hbar^2}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= i\hbar \left(-\frac{i\hbar}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = i\hbar \Phi_2 = i\hbar \sum_{n=1}^3 \epsilon_{31n} \Phi_n \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

This rep. is clearly reducible as the matrix rep. of the \hat{J}_z is block diagonal with 3×3 and 1×1 blocks:

$$\hat{\Phi}_1 = \frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{\Phi}_2 = \frac{-i\hbar}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{\Phi}_3 = \hbar \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

This shows that this is the direct sum of a spin-1 and a spin-0 representation.