

Q1. Eigenvalues of \hat{J}_z are $\hbar, 0, -\hbar$.

Eigenvalues of \hat{J}_z^2 are $\hbar^2, 0, \hbar^2$.

$$(a) \quad \hat{H} = -\frac{D}{\hbar} \begin{pmatrix} \hbar^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \hbar^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= -D\hbar \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(b) If $D > 0$, ground state energy is $-D\hbar$.
 If $D < 0$, ground state energy is 0 .

(c) Eigenstates of \hat{J}_z can be labeled as $|1, 1\rangle, |1, 0\rangle, |1, -1\rangle$, with $j=1$, $m_j = 1, 0, -1$.

Let's find \hat{J}_+ in the $\{ |1,1\rangle, |1,0\rangle, |1,-1\rangle \}$ basis.

$$\hat{J}_+ = \begin{pmatrix} \langle 1,1 | \hat{J}_+ | 1,1 \rangle & \langle 1,1 | \hat{J}_+ | 1,0 \rangle & \langle 1,1 | \hat{J}_+ | 1,-1 \rangle \\ \langle 1,0 | \hat{J}_+ | 1,1 \rangle & \langle 1,0 | \hat{J}_+ | 1,0 \rangle & \langle 1,0 | \hat{J}_+ | 1,-1 \rangle \\ \langle 1,-1 | \hat{J}_+ | 1,1 \rangle & \langle 1,-1 | \hat{J}_+ | 1,0 \rangle & \langle 1,-1 | \hat{J}_+ | 1,-1 \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hat{J}_+ |1,0\rangle = \sqrt{2} \hbar |1,1\rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{J}_+ |1,-1\rangle &= \sqrt{2 - (-1)(0)} \hbar |1,0\rangle \\ &= \sqrt{2} \hbar |1,0\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

~~$$\hat{J}_+ |1,-1\rangle = \sqrt{2} \hbar |1,0\rangle$$~~

$$\therefore \hat{J}_+ = \hbar \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hat{J}_- = \hat{J}_+^\dagger = \hbar \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

