

Example of a Floquet matrix calculation for angular momentum

The Hamiltonian is

$$H = \hbar \omega_L L_z + \hbar e \cos(\omega t) L_x$$

The fixed precession frequency around the z-axis is taken as unity. The driving frequency is ω and the driving strength is e .

We will assume that the total angular momentum eigenvalue is $l=1$, so all matrices are only 3×3 .

Below, the prob. amplitudes for L_z measurements to give $(+1, 0, -1)$ are respectively $(a_p(t), a_0(t), a_m(t))$.

We first initialise the driving strength and the frequency, and consider an initial eigenstate $L_z = +1$, so that $(a_p(0)=1, a_0(0)=0, a_m(0)=0)$

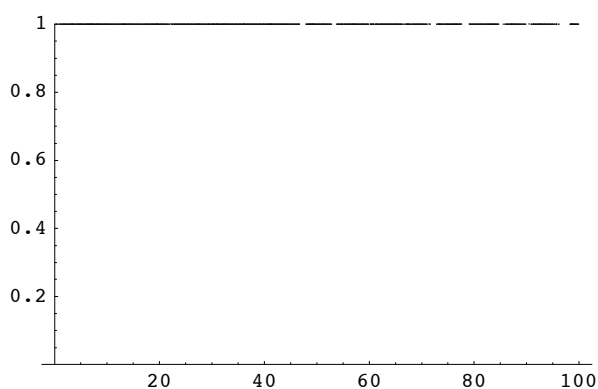
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{e = 0.1, w = 1.0};

NDSolve[{ap'[t] == -I * ap[t] - I * (e / Sqrt[2]) * Cos[w * t] * a0[t],
        a0'[t] == -I * (e / Sqrt[2]) * Cos[w * t] * (ap[t] + am[t]),
        am'[t] == I * am[t] - I * (e / Sqrt[2]) * Cos[w * t] * a0[t],
        ap[0] == 1.0, a0[0] == 0.0, am[0] == 0.0}, {ap, a0, am}, {t, 0.0, 100.0}]

{ap -> InterpolatingFunction[{{0., 100.}}, <>],
 a0 -> InterpolatingFunction[{{0., 100.}}, <>],
 am -> InterpolatingFunction[{{0., 100.}}, <>]}
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First check that state remains normalised for all time by adding the probabilities $|a_p(t)|^2 + |a_0(t)|^2 + |a_m(t)|^2$ and check to see that it is unity for all time.

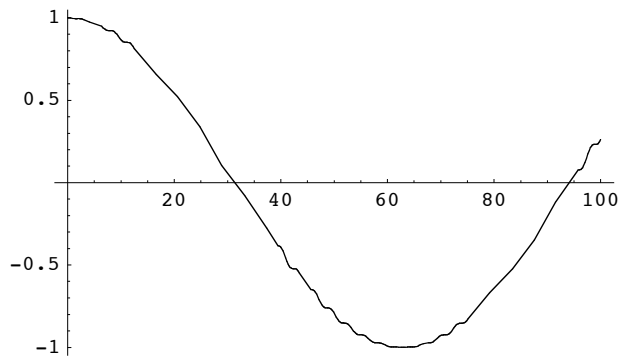
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Plot[(Abs[ap[x]]^2 + Abs[a0[x]]^2 + Abs[am[x]]^2) /. %,
      {x, 0.0, 100.0}, PlotRange -> {0.0, 1.0}]
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Next, compute average value of $L_z(t)$: $\langle L_z(t) \rangle = (+1)|a_p(t)|^2 + (-1)|a_m(t)|^2$.

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Plot[(Abs[ap[x]]^2 - Abs[am[x]]^2) /. %, {x, 0.0, 100.0}, PlotRange -> All]
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This oscillation is what we expect. The system is driven into a periodic oscillation so that the angular momentum vector is rotating around the L_x axis. This is called a "Rabi oscillation".

We now compute the Floquet matrix. First top row, then second row then last row.

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In[9]:= {e = 0.1, w = 1.0};
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In[13]:= NDSolve[{ap'[t] == -I * ap[t] - I * (e / Sqrt[2]) * Cos[w * t] * a0[t],
  a0'[t] == -I * (e / Sqrt[2]) * Cos[w * t] * (ap[t] + am[t]),
  am'[t] == I * am[t] - I * (e / Sqrt[2]) * Cos[w * t] * a0[t],
  ap[0] == 1.0, a0[0] == 0.0, am[0] == 0.0}, {ap, a0, am}, {t, 0.0, 100.0}]
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Out[13]= {{ap -> InterpolatingFunction[{{0., 100.}}, <>],
  a0 -> InterpolatingFunction[{{0., 100.}}, <>],
  am -> InterpolatingFunction[{{0., 100.}}, <>]}}
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In[14]:= top = {ap[2 * Pi], a0[2 * Pi], am[2 * Pi]} /. %
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Out[14]= {{0.975528 + 0.00386514 i, 0.000432766 - 0.218474 i, -0.0244641 - 1.0882 × 10-9 i}}
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Now we find the middle row.

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In[15]:= NDSolve[{ap'[t] == -I * ap[t] - I * (e / Sqrt[2]) * Cos[w * t] * a0[t],
  a0'[t] == -I * (e / Sqrt[2]) * Cos[w * t] * (ap[t] + am[t]),
  am'[t] == I * am[t] - I * (e / Sqrt[2]) * Cos[w * t] * a0[t],
  ap[0] == 0.0, a0[0] == 1.0, am[0] == 0.0}, {ap, a0, am}, {t, 0.0, 100.0}]
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Out[15]= {{ap -> InterpolatingFunction[{{0., 100.}}, <>],
  a0 -> InterpolatingFunction[{{0., 100.}}, <>],
  am -> InterpolatingFunction[{{0., 100.}}, <>]}}
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In[16]:= mid = {ap[2 * Pi], a0[2 * Pi], am[2 * Pi]} /. %
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Out[16]= {{0.000432724 - 0.218474 i, 0.951072 + 0. i, -0.000432724 - 0.218474 i}}
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And finally the bottom row,

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In[17]:= NDSolve[{ap'[t] == -I * ap[t] - I * (e / Sqrt[2]) * Cos[w * t] * a0[t],
                 a0'[t] == -I * (e / Sqrt[2]) * Cos[w * t] * (ap[t] + am[t]),
                 am'[t] == I * am[t] - I * (e / Sqrt[2]) * Cos[w * t] * a0[t],
                 ap[0] == 0.0, a0[0] == 0.0, am[0] == 1.0}, {ap, a0, am}, {t, 0.0, 100.0}]

Out[17]= {{ap → InterpolatingFunction[{{0., 100.}}, <>],
           a0 → InterpolatingFunction[{{0., 100.}}, <>],
           am → InterpolatingFunction[{{0., 100.}}, <>]}}

In[18]:= bot = {ap[2 * Pi], a0[2 * Pi], am[2 * Pi]} /. %

Out[18]= {{-0.0244641 + 1.0882 × 10-9 i, -0.000432766 - 0.218474 i, 0.975528 - 0.00386514 i}}

In[19]:= F = {top[[1]], mid[[1]], bot[[1]]}

Out[19]= {{0.975528 + 0.00386514 i, 0.000432766 - 0.218474 i, -0.0244641 - 1.0882 × 10-9 i},
           {0.000432724 - 0.218474 i, 0.951072 + 0. i, -0.000432724 - 0.218474 i},
           {-0.0244641 + 1.0882 × 10-9 i, -0.000432766 - 0.218474 i, 0.975528 - 0.00386514 i}}

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Compute eigenvalues of F:

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In[20]:= Eigenvalues[F]

Out[20]= {1. - 1.03216 × 10-16 i, 0.951064 - 0.308993 i, 0.951064 + 0.308993 i}

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Check that they all lie on the unit circle.

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In[21]:= Abs[%]^2

Out[21]= {1., 1., 1.}

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We can also find the eigenvectors (remember we are working in the Lz basis)

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In[22]:= Eigenvectors[F]

Out[22]= {{-0.707051 - 5.18475 × 10-7 i, -0.0125088 - 4.58628 × 10-9 i, 0.707051 + 0. i},
           {0.493746 - 1.68137 × 10-7 i, 0.707051 + 0. i, 0.506255 + 1.43245 × 10-8 i},
           {-0.506255 + 1.43245 × 10-8 i, 0.707051 + 0. i, -0.493746 - 1.68137 × 10-7 i}}

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The very small imaginary components here can be approximated as zero so that all eigenvectors are real.