

Principles and Applications of Electron Paramagnetic Resonance Spectroscopy

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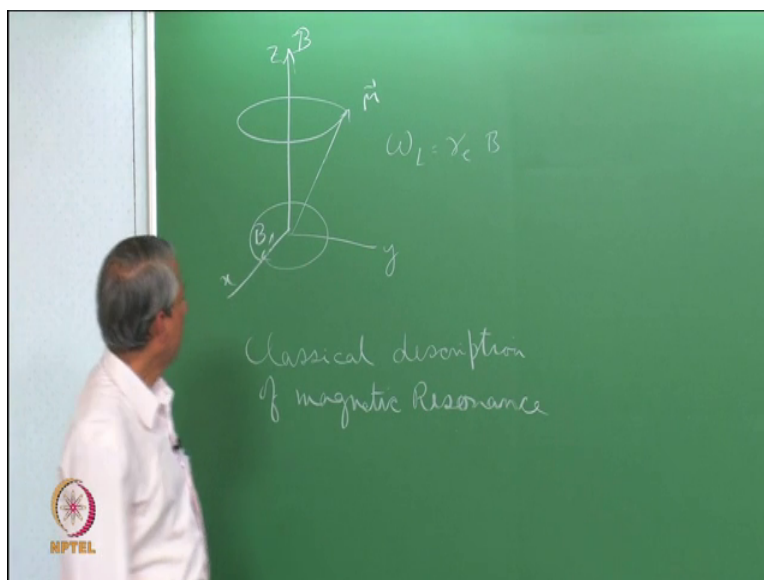
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Quantum Mechanical Description of EPR – 1

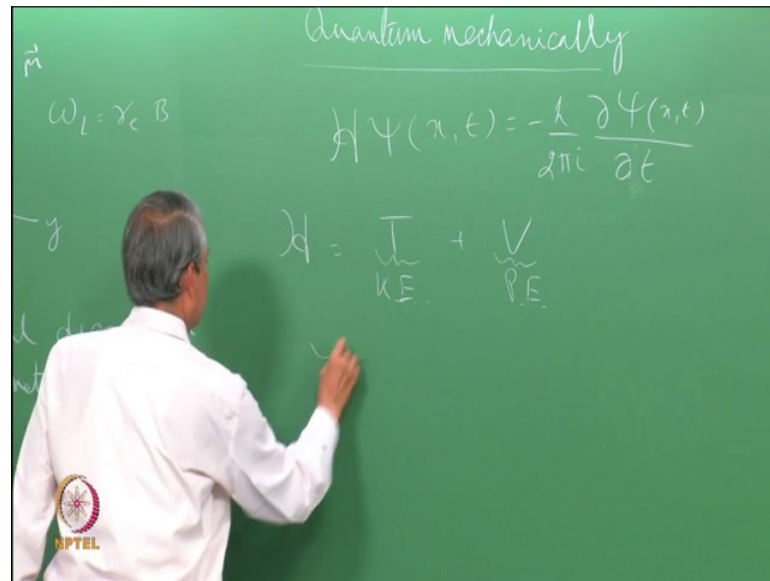
Hello there, we have seen in our earlier class how a magnetic resonance transition take place. Today we are going to see the same thing from a quantum mechanical perspective, what we had seen earlier is something like this we keep a magnetic movement in a magnetic field.

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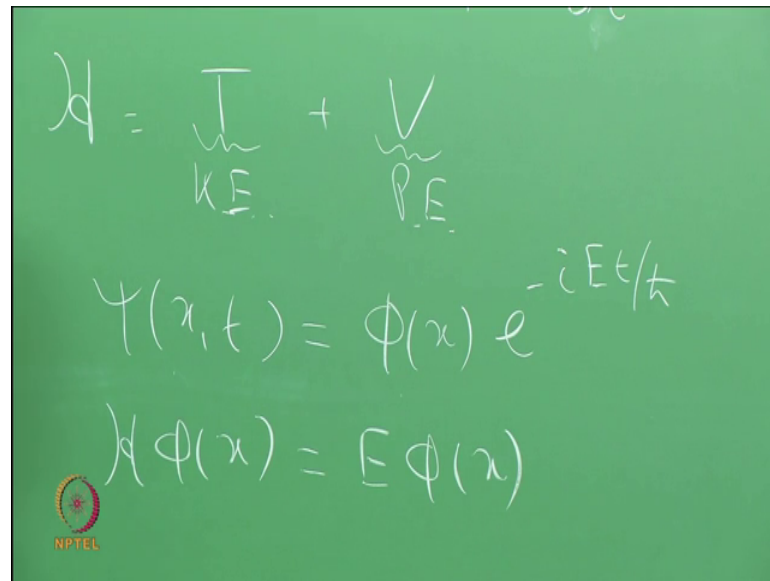
Magnetic field pointing on Z direction then the magnetic movement (Refer Time:00:53) around this magnetic field, this at the coordinate system and then we apply another magnetic field that is B_1 which rotates in the x y plane and then if the rotation of frequency of this is the same as the frequency of it is precision. Then the magnetic moment vector transform this to this and that is the transition. So, here the frequency of precision is given by normal frequency $\omega_L = \gamma_e B$ is the field. So, when this frequency same as this we get the resonance condition. So, this is the classical description of magnetic resonance.

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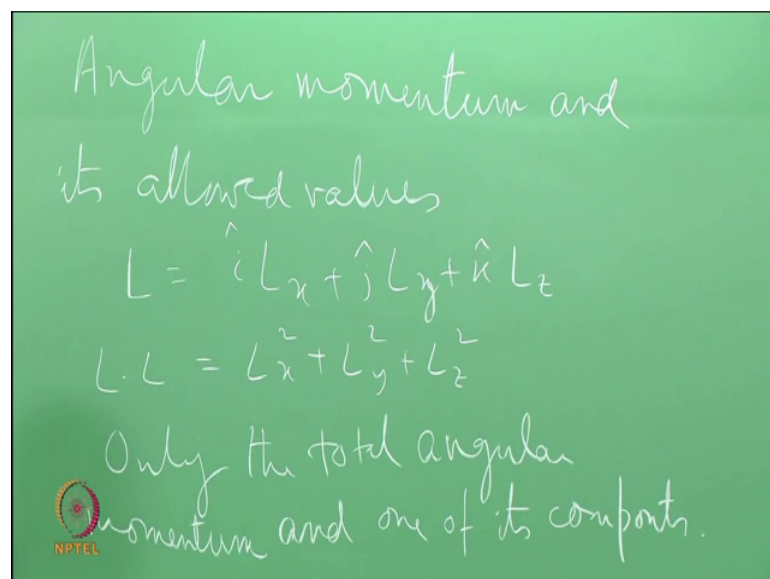
Today we will see what happens quantum mechanically. So, to get into the magnetic resonance from the quantum angle perspective let us review some basics of quantum mechanics. In quantum mechanics this the wave function which is a function of all coordinates and time this is a one (Refer Time: 02:32) coordinate expert one can have all the possible coordinate of the all the particles there. These has information that is that you can think of about the system and these follows this (Refer Time: 02:45) equation, this is the time dependent (Refer Time: 03:00) equation, where H is Hamiltonian operator because the kinetic energy operator plus potential energy operator. Now when the potential energy is not a function of time it depends only on coordinates.

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$$H = \underbrace{T}_{KE} + \underbrace{V}_{PE}$$
$$\Psi(x, t) = \Phi(x) e^{-iEt/\hbar}$$
$$H\Phi(x) = E\Phi(x)$$

Then this wave functions ψ can be written as function of only the space coordinate say ϕ of x and the energy term comes in this fashion, this is a time dividend part here and this ϕ satisfies the same type of (Refer Time:03:46) equation, this called the time independent (Refer Time:03:55) equation. these the basis of quantum mechanics now this a particular case when the potential energy is independent of time then we get equation of this kind and the total wave function is a product of the space part and the time part and appears in this fashion and E is the energy of the system .

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Angular momentum and
its allowed values

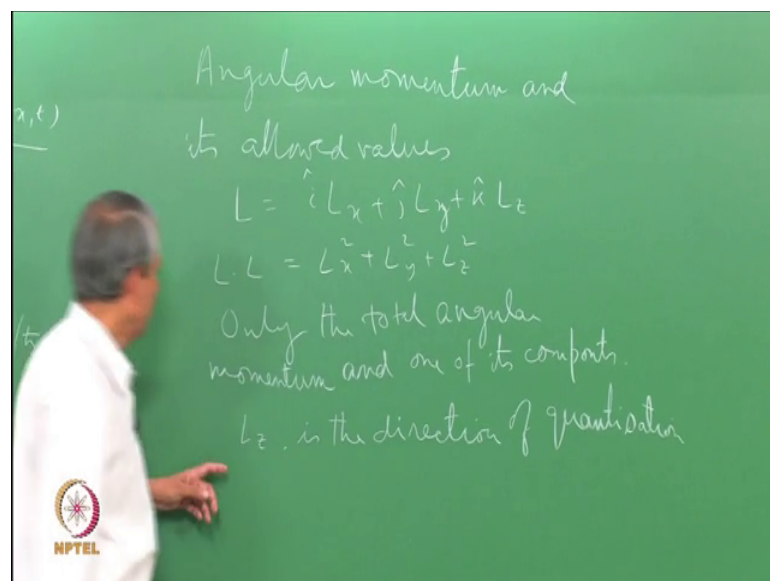
$$L = i\hat{L}_x + j\hat{L}_y + k\hat{L}_z$$
$$L \cdot L = L_x^2 + L_y^2 + L_z^2$$

Only the total angular
momentum and one of its componts.

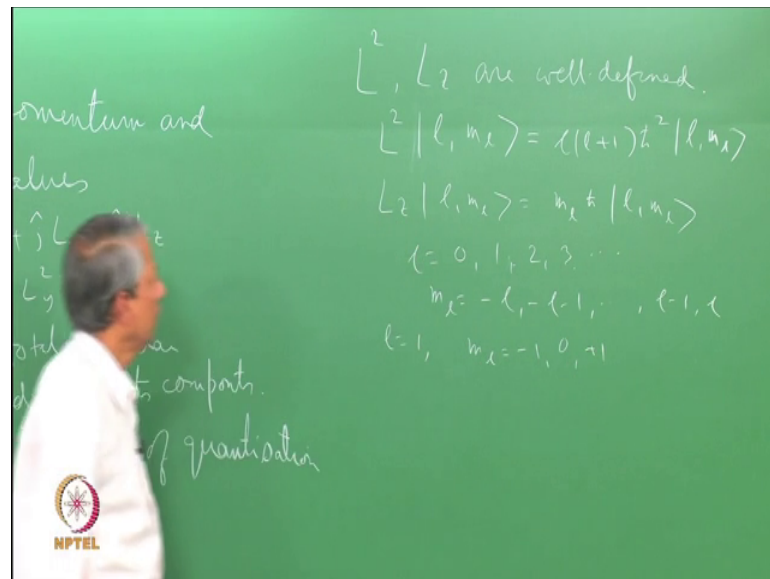
Now the other concept we need to revise is the angular momentum and it is allowed values, in quantum mechanics the L is the operator corresponding angular momentum, this is written as components i, j, k these three component angular momentum operator and magnitude of this is given as the product of this, which is L^2 . It is so happened that the property of this three components of the operator and the total angular momentum square there are restrictions that restrict allowed values in this fashion, that we can have only the total angular momentum and one of its components. So, you can choose whatever component you think of L_x, L_y, L_z and the total magnitude of this is given by L^2 and that and all the components can be measured at the same time or these can have values of the same time that is a very important restriction here.

For example when we have a picture of this kind it shows that any instant time the magnetic moment is pointing this extend. So, it has values of the magnetic moment in all possible directions M_x, M_y and M_z and this in turn should be related to the corresponding component of the angular momentum. Now this restriction says that that is not possible you can have only one component of the angular momentum and the total value of this. So, that puts a limit. So, this picture is not there for quite applicable if we strictly follow the quantum mechanical principles.

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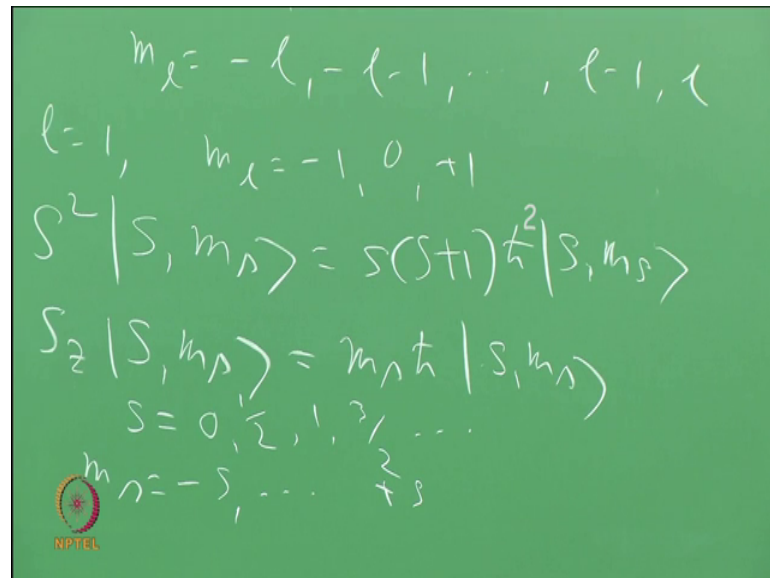
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So, conventionally L_z is taken to with the direction of quantisation is the. So, we can therefore, get a L^2 values and L_z value, these are well define. For angular momentum the corresponding wave function or rather than again function of this operator written symbolically by that allowed values, let say L and m_l such that L^2 operator gives the value of l into $l + 1$, this the shorthand notation of saying that this represent a particular again function for a given L and given m_l .

Similarly, L_z gives the value m_l , the restriction comes in this fashion that L can take value of this kind integral values and m_l a takes again value integral values l . So, if l is equal to 1, then m_l will minus 1 0 plus 1, see if you are dealing with spin angular momentum exactly similar properties hold there and we could write.

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$$m_l = -l, -l+1, \dots, l-1, l$$

$$l=1, \quad m_l = -1, 0, +1$$

$$S^2 |S, m_s\rangle = S(S+1) \hbar^2 |S, m_s\rangle$$

$$S_z |S, m_s\rangle = m_s \hbar |S, m_s\rangle$$

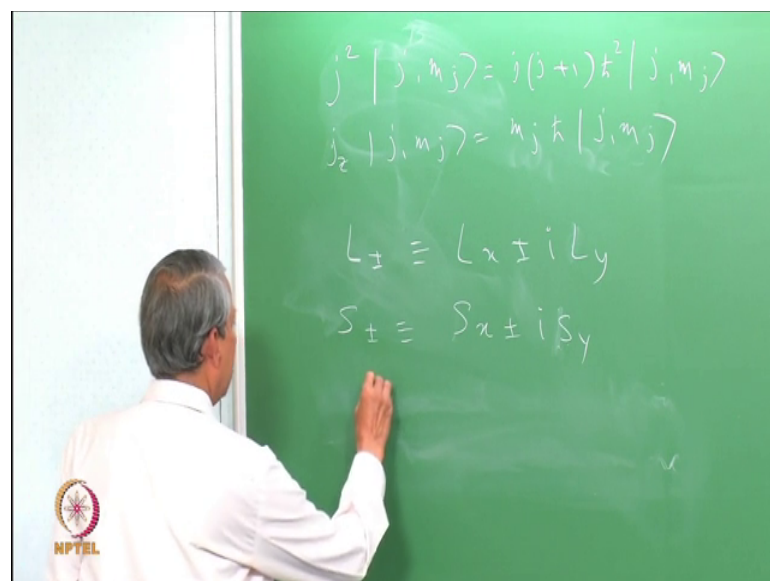
$$S = 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1, \frac{3}{2}, \dots$$

$$m_s = -S, \dots, +S$$

S square is the total angular momentum square and I can write S m s gives S into S plus 1, and S z is here there the restriction is that the quantum number S can take 0 half 1 3 by etcetera.

So, here half integral values are also allowed on then for L this will be strictly integral values, m s change from minus S to plus S in steps of 1.

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$$j^2 |j, m_j\rangle = j(j+1) \hbar^2 |j, m_j\rangle$$

$$j_z |j, m_j\rangle = m_j \hbar |j, m_j\rangle$$

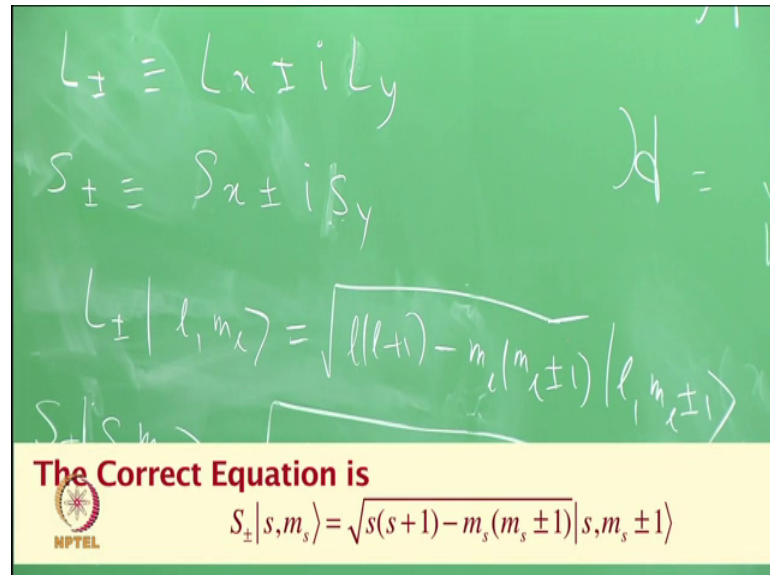
$$L_{\pm} = L_x \pm i L_y$$

$$S_{\pm} = S_x \pm i S_y$$

See in general if the angular momentum is let us take j then j square will give a value j into j plus 1 h square m j and j z gives m j. So, this is a very general expression, now we

define another pair of operator in for angular momentum for example L, L plus minus is define to be $L_x \pm i L_y$, similarly for spin angular momentum S plus minus define to be $S_x \pm i S_y$.

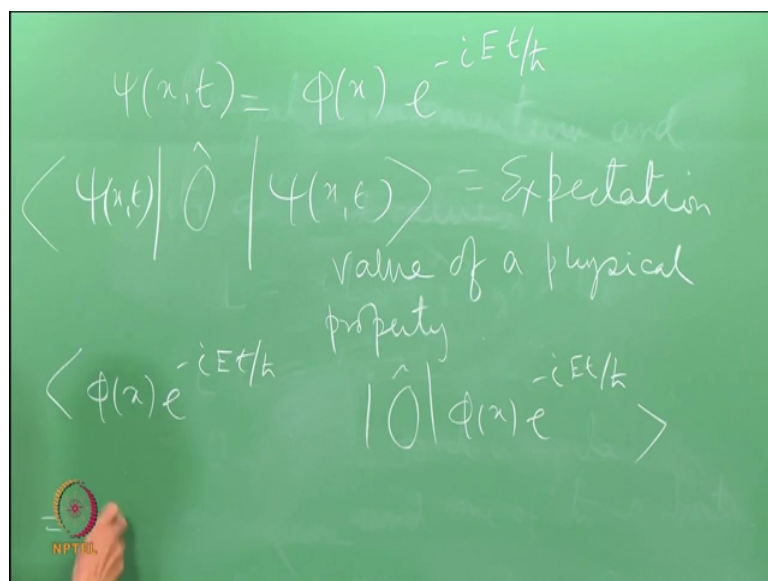
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The image shows a green chalkboard with handwritten equations for the raising and lowering operators. The first two equations are $L_{\pm} = L_x \pm i L_y$ and $S_{\pm} = S_x \pm i S_y$. The third equation is $L_{\pm} |l, m_l\rangle = \sqrt{l(l+1) - m_l(m_l \pm 1)} |l, m_l \pm 1\rangle$. Below the chalkboard is a yellow banner with the text "The Correct Equation is" and the correct equation $S_{\pm} |s, m_s\rangle = \sqrt{s(s+1) - m_s(m_s \pm 1)} |s, m_s \pm 1\rangle$. The NPTEL logo is visible on the left side of the banner.

These are useful when you need to find out some integral that involves $L_x L_y$ or $S_x S_y$. These are property of these are defined in terms of their behavior with respect to the again function of L square operator that is I have got l, m_l , this will give plus minus 1 similarly S plus minus S, m_s will be plus minus 1, Will find this expression is useful in deriving certain expressions. one importance consequence of this form of the wave function, that is when the potential energy does not depend on time, then the functional form of this is the product of the only space part times the energy part in this fashion this special properties is this.

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The image shows a green chalkboard with handwritten mathematical expressions and text. At the top, the wave function is given as $\psi(x,t) = \phi(x) e^{-iEt/\hbar}$. Below this, the expectation value of an operator \hat{O} is defined as $\langle \psi(x,t) | \hat{O} | \psi(x,t) \rangle = \text{Expectation value of a physical property}$. At the bottom, the expression is repeated for the specific wave function: $\langle \phi(x) e^{-iEt/\hbar} | \hat{O} | \phi(x) e^{-iEt/\hbar} \rangle$. A hand is visible at the bottom left, pointing towards the text.

$$\psi(x,t) = \phi(x) e^{-iEt/\hbar}$$
$$\langle \psi(x,t) | \hat{O} | \psi(x,t) \rangle = \text{Expectation value of a physical property}$$
$$\langle \phi(x) e^{-iEt/\hbar} | \hat{O} | \phi(x) e^{-iEt/\hbar} \rangle$$

That, if you want to measure the physical property of any type that the system has in (Refer Time:13:09) variable, let us say kinetic energy, potential energy some other properties like, let us say now for moment for molecular bond length, bond angle all this properties is each of them there is a operator say operator, find out what the possible value that this particular system has the prescription is that we put the wave function in this fashion and then evaluate this integral where the operator is in the middle of that, this is called the expectation value of the of the physical quantity described by this operation \hat{O} . Now here if the wave function of this kind then you see what happens this will look like, now this is just too many times here yes this is better.

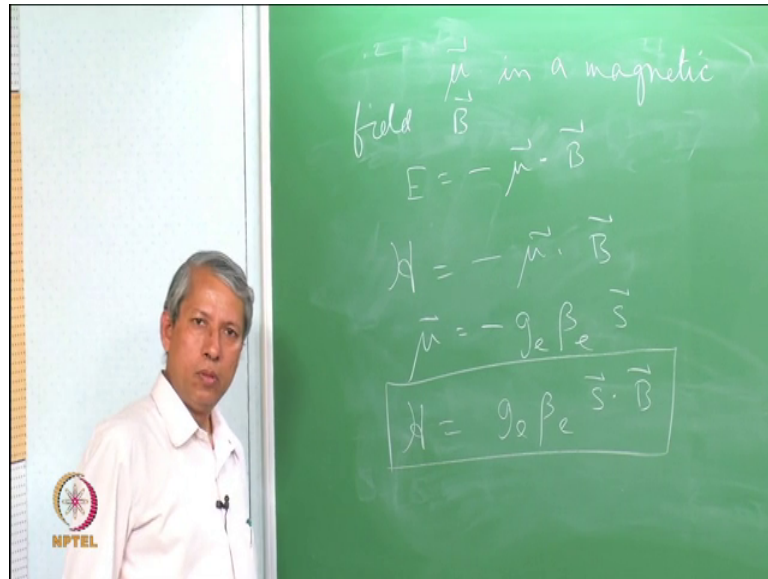
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$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle \psi(x,t) | \hat{O} | \psi(x,t) \rangle &= \text{Expectation value of a physical property} \\
 \langle \phi(x) e^{-iEt/\hbar} | \hat{O} | \phi(x) e^{-iEt/\hbar} \rangle \\
 &= \left(e^{+iEt/\hbar} \quad e^{-iEt/\hbar} \right) \langle \phi(x) | \hat{O} | \phi(x) \rangle \\
 &= \langle \phi(x) | \hat{O} | \phi(x) \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$


Now, here this is a (Refer Time: 14:58) of this. So, this can be taken out of the integral. So, this will be exponential plus i, this is a an allowed operation I can take this term out of the integral because this integral is respect to only the space coordinate, it does not involve indicator respected to time, this is a function of time, this is a function of time. So, this can come out of the integral to give rise to this term, now here see this accomplish consider to each other. So, this give raise to just one this is actually call to therefore, phi x to phi x. So, here there for these expectation value of any property that you can think of that becomes a function of only this kind (Refer Time:16:03) all special coordinate this become quantity which does not have any more time dependence.

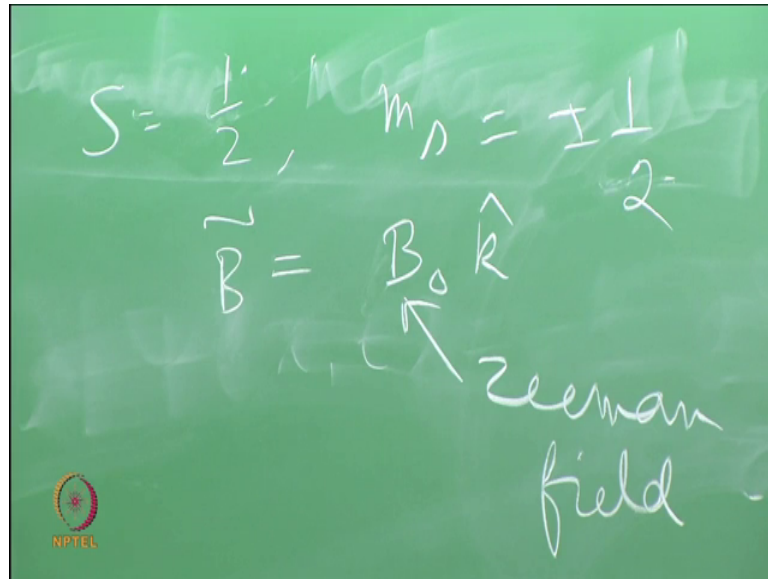
So, that means that all physical properties of the system that you can think of for a wave function which is described by this becomes independent of time. So that means the system does not evolve does not change, we call that it has it is in a stationary state. So, all the properties therefore become independent of time. The key to that is that wave function, which function of space and time is a product of space part and time part and this is possible only if you go back this potential energy is independent of time then only such thing is possible. With this back ground now we try to see how much you can describe the magnetic resonance transition in terms of quantum principle.

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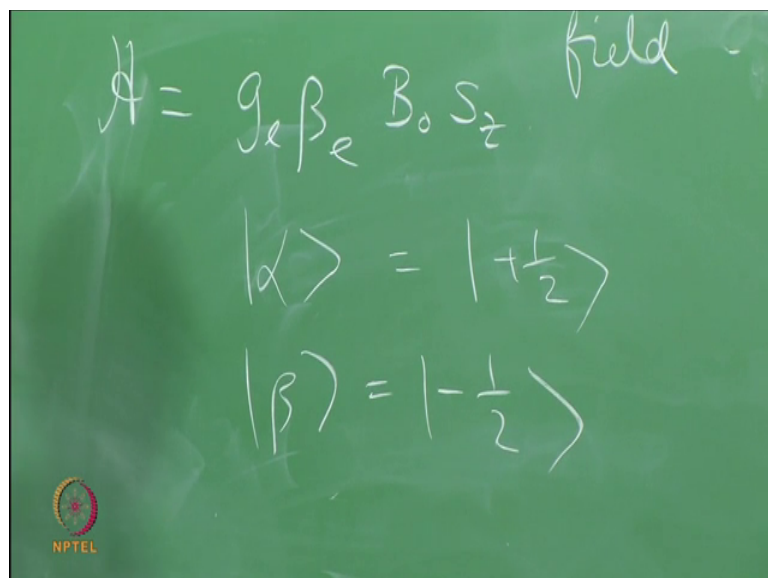
So, we start with this that magnetic moment let us say μ is placed in a magnetic field B . So, its energy is given as minus μ dot B . So, here for quantum mechanics we replace all these by their corresponding operators, the Hamilton operator for this interaction could be given as similar to this, now the magnetic moment of an electron spin arises from its angular momentum and that is given by minus $g_e \beta_e S$. So, here then the Hamilton operator becomes $g_e \beta_e S \cdot B$. So, this is the Hamilton operator for the electron spin S put in a magnetic field. If there is only one electron then its allowed component of the spin angular momentum is S equal to half and m_s is equal to plus minus half, now if the magnetic field is applied along the Z direction, then B is let us say $B_0 \hat{k}$ this is what Zeeman field.

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$$S = \frac{1}{2}, \quad m_s = \pm \frac{1}{2}$$
$$\vec{B} = B_0 \hat{k}$$

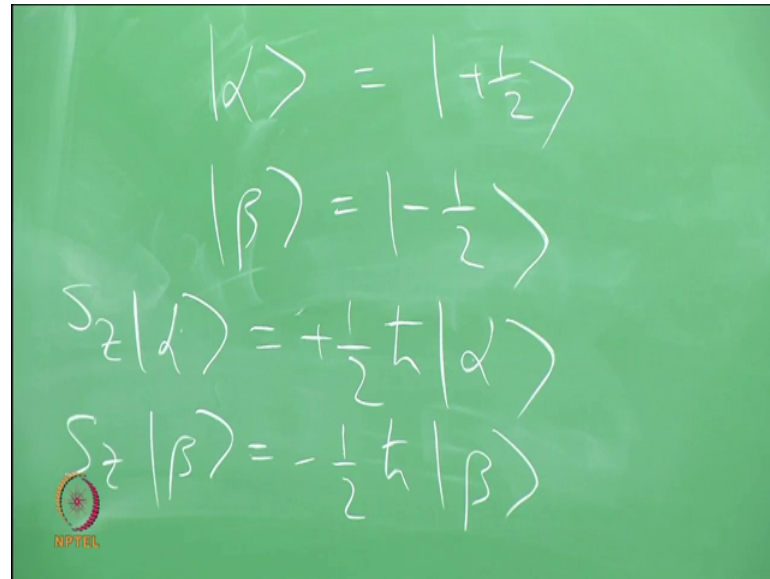
Zeeman field

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$$H = g_e \beta_e B_0 S_z \quad \text{field}$$
$$|\alpha\rangle = |+\frac{1}{2}\rangle$$
$$|\beta\rangle = |-\frac{1}{2}\rangle$$

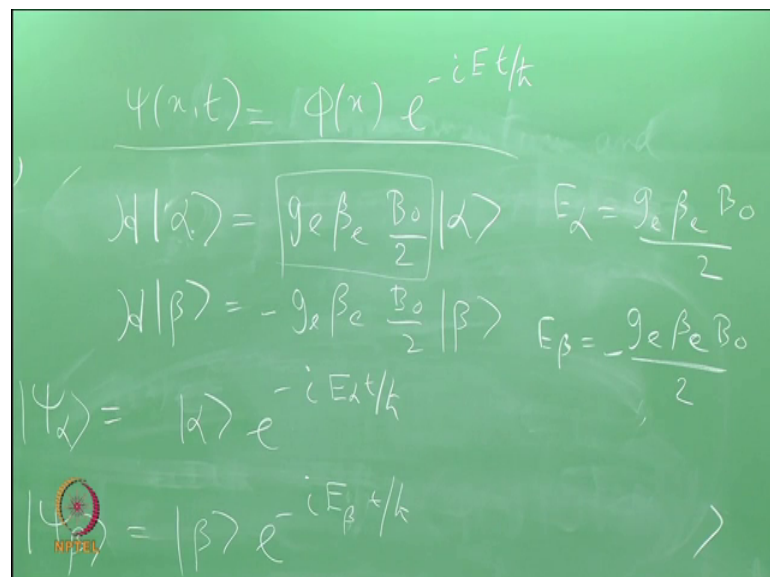
Then Hamilton becomes $g_e \beta_e B_0 S_z$. So, this is the Hamiltonian here the two component of the angular momentum is given by plus minus half I could design at the state of this by this symbol α which corresponds to plus half and β which corresponds to minus half.

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$$\begin{aligned} |\alpha\rangle &= |+\frac{1}{2}\rangle \\ |\beta\rangle &= |-\frac{1}{2}\rangle \\ S_z |\alpha\rangle &= +\frac{1}{2} \hbar |\alpha\rangle \\ S_z |\beta\rangle &= -\frac{1}{2} \hbar |\beta\rangle \end{aligned}$$

So, here there for S_z alpha gives plus half \hbar cross alpha, S_z beta corresponds to minus half \hbar cross beta. Then the energy can be now found out easy by operating H on these two states.

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$$\begin{aligned} \psi(x,t) &= \phi(x) e^{-iEt/\hbar} \\ H|\alpha\rangle &= \left[g_e \beta_e \frac{B_0}{2} \right] |\alpha\rangle \quad E_\alpha = \frac{g_e \beta_e B_0}{2} \\ H|\beta\rangle &= -g_e \beta_e \frac{B_0}{2} |\beta\rangle \quad E_\beta = -\frac{g_e \beta_e B_0}{2} \\ |\psi_\alpha\rangle &= |\alpha\rangle e^{-iE_\alpha t/\hbar} \\ |\psi_\beta\rangle &= |\beta\rangle e^{-iE_\beta t/\hbar} \end{aligned}$$

So, alpha gives this and similarly beta state gives minus B_0 by $2\beta_e$. So, this is of course, something like a spatial part of this, space part symbolically spin is not quite any physical space, but we take it to the spine coordinate of the electron. So, to the total wave function which is of these kind will therefore look like, let us call it ψ of alpha subscript

alpha will be this. Alpha (Refer Time: 21:18) minus i E alpha by t h, where what is energy is given by this one. See again I can write E of alpha is equal to similarly energy for the beta state this. So, this is the total wave function for the alpha state similarly total (Refer Time: 21:57) beta state will be given by this is the subscript beta.

I hope there should be no confusion between the subscript beta and this beta E, this is (Refer Time: 22:19) beta subscript E this is the this alpha and beta corresponds to the spin state plus half and minus half. Just keep in mind that these two should not cause any confusion and no mix up takes place alright. So, there are the wave function that you found out for a spin which is kept in magnetic field and whose Hamiltonian is given by this fashion. These are against it of the Hamiltonian and also there are stationary states nothing pretty much happens there that is system does not involve. So, we can write this in terms of energy level diagram.

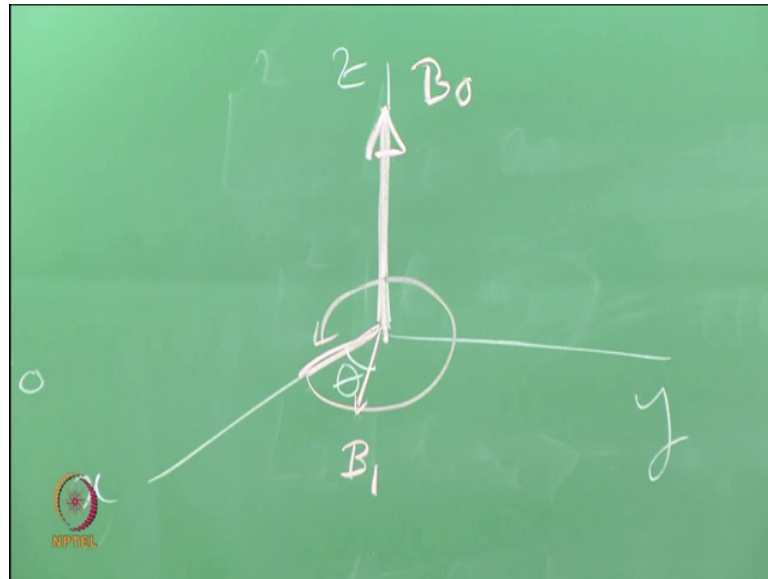
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The Correct Equation is

$$E_{\alpha} = \frac{g_e \beta_e B_0}{2}$$

This is where psi alpha psi beta corresponding to m s equal to minus half, m s equal to plus half and this energy is given by this is alpha here beta here and E of alpha is g e beta e minus and here this is alpha beta is g e beta e by 2, this way you got complete description of the spin in a magnetic field.

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Now let us apply the small magnetic field along the x y plane, this x y z this is B_0 applied ground z direction, now we apply a small magnetic field which is moving in the x y plane this is magnitude is given B_1 , and B_1 is very small compare to this one, how do we describe that suppose at time t called 0 the B_1 was exactly along the x direction then after sometime it is come here. So, this angle is theta and this angular velocity of B_1 around this z axis is omega, then omega will be omega times t is equal to theta t equal to 0 this was here now at a time t it has come here.

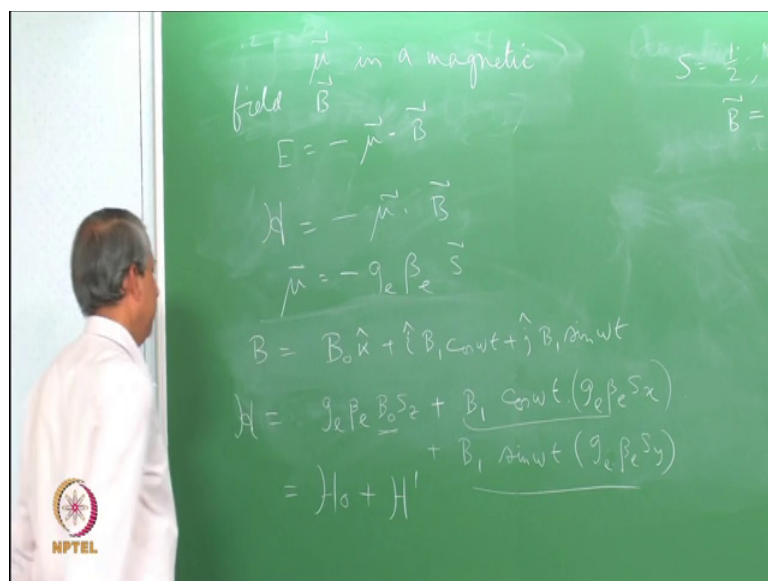
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$$\begin{aligned}\omega t &= \theta \\ \text{x component } B_x &= B_1 \cos \omega t \\ \text{y component } B_y &= B_1 \sin \omega t \\ \vec{B}_1 &= B_1 \cos \omega t \hat{i} + B_1 \sin \omega t \hat{j}\end{aligned}$$

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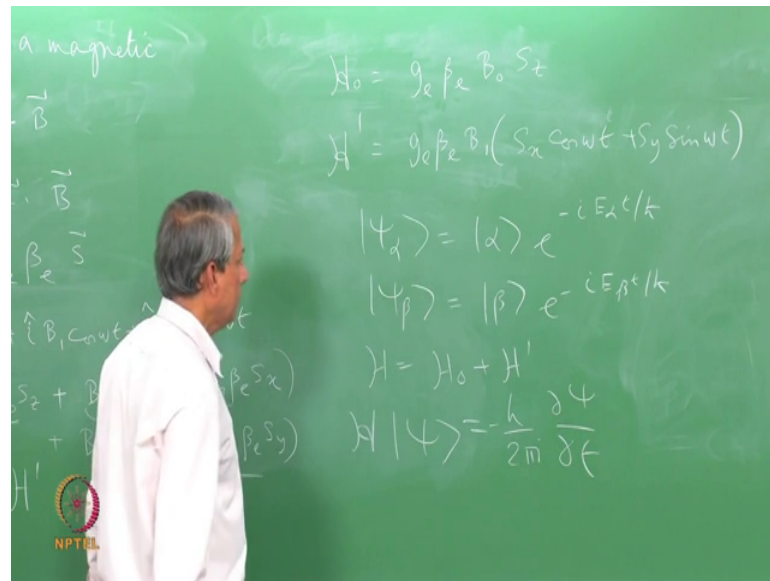
So, the component here is X component and this is the Y component. So, X component becomes this is B_x becomes $B_0 \cos \omega t$ y component, B_y is $B_0 \sin \omega t$. So, the this rotating magnetic field can be describe by this B vector it is B vector is $B_0 \cos \omega t \hat{i} + B_0 \sin \omega t \hat{j}$ unit vector, this is the vector which describes the rotation of this B_0 field in x y plane with the angle of velocity ω . This is present what will be the Hamilton of the system we go back to this again here the B now total magnetic field that the spin is given by say B_0 in the z direction this Zeeman field, here plus i times $B_0 \cos \omega t$ plus j times $B_0 \sin \omega t$.

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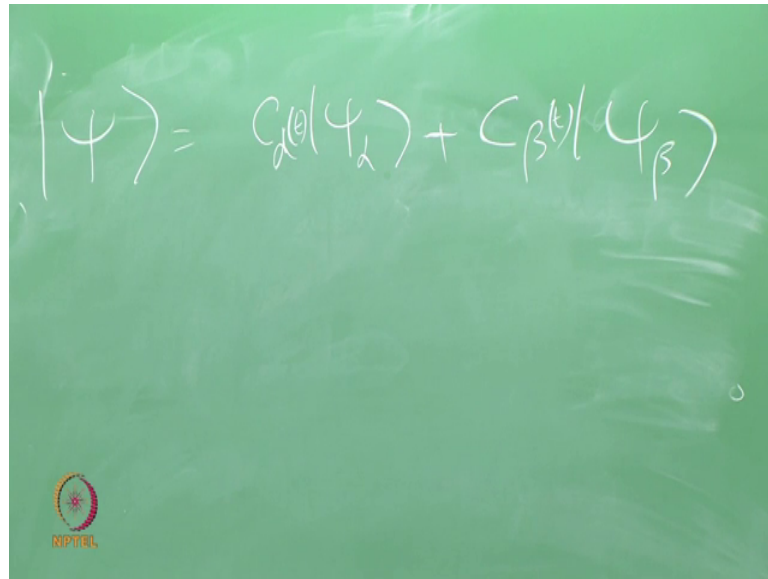
So, Hamilton becomes same way as this. So, this Hamilton becomes new Hamilton now in the presents of this B_0 field will be $g_e \beta_e B_0 S_z$ which is a product of this and the z component of this, plus $B_0 \cos \omega t$ x component and then $g_e \beta_e S_x$ of $B_0 \sin \omega t$ $g_e \beta_e S_y$. This comes from the x component and y component of this one. So, this is the magnetic interaction that gives raise to this Hamilton of this kind. Now here as I said earlier that B_0 is Zeeman field which is much bigger than B_1 very small, we can treat this as a perturbation and this is the main Hamilton this could be written as the H_0 plus let us say H_1 . H_0 is the $g_e \beta_e B_0 S_z$ H_1 is $g_e \beta_e B_1 S_x \cos \omega t + S_y \sin \omega t$.

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So, this is the perturbation this is the main unperturbed Hamilton, we know the solution to the time dependent (Refer Time: 29:36) equation gives this ψ_α is equal to α these are the solution for this unperturbed Hamilton, this is unperturbed wave function therefore, now we want to find out the wave function that satisfies this total Hamilton now, H equal to H_0 plus H' . So, here see this is a perturbation and these are the unperturbed wave function we can think of the wave function which satisfy this Hamilton, that this could be written as a linear combination of these two. In other words we take these two with the basis wave function and we expand the wave function corresponding to the total wave function total Hamilton in terms of these two basic.

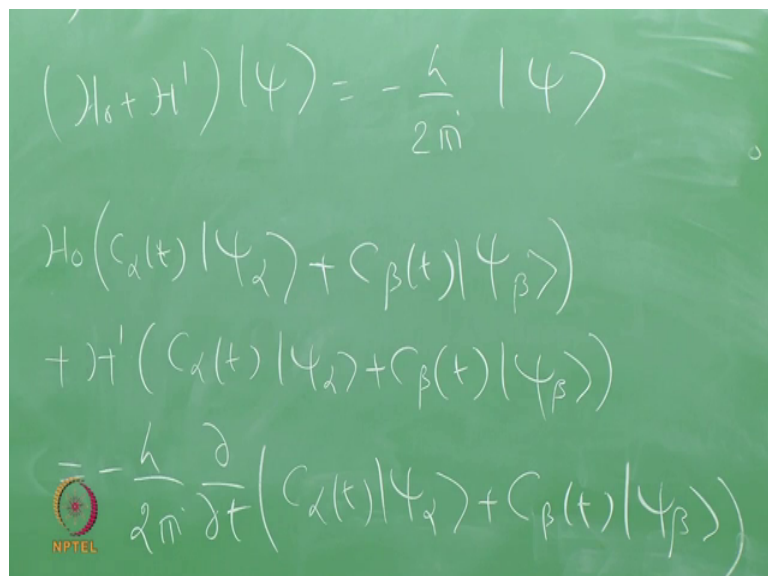
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$$|\psi\rangle = C_\alpha(t)|\psi_\alpha\rangle + C_\beta(t)|\psi_\beta\rangle$$

So, this becomes process $C_1 C_\alpha$ these and these are these and these, now these (Refer Time:31:12) now time independent (Refer Time:31:14) equation and particular you see there is a time dependent part which is present here now, we expect this to be in general function of time. So, how to solve this we simply put this here and see what happens, put it here so this will give me $H_0 C_\alpha(t)|\psi_\alpha\rangle + H'(t) C_\alpha(t)|\psi_\alpha\rangle$ is equal to in the right hand side.

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$$(H_0 + H')|\psi\rangle = -\frac{\hbar}{2m} |\psi\rangle$$

$$H_0(C_\alpha(t)|\psi_\alpha\rangle + C_\beta(t)|\psi_\beta\rangle) + H'(C_\alpha(t)|\psi_\alpha\rangle + C_\beta(t)|\psi_\beta\rangle)$$

$$= -\frac{\hbar}{2m} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (C_\alpha(t)|\psi_\alpha\rangle + C_\beta(t)|\psi_\beta\rangle)$$

Here, now we noticed that this unperturbed wave function, ψ_α and H_0 the unperturbed Hamiltonian this operating on this gives $H_0 \psi_\alpha = E_\alpha \psi_\alpha$ directly. Now this is a function of time this also could be a function of time. So, we can write in this fashion that $\psi_\alpha(t)$ that is too much down.

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} [C_\alpha(t) \psi_\alpha + C_\beta(t) \psi_\beta] = [C_\alpha(t) H_0 \psi_\alpha + C_\beta(t) H_0 \psi_\beta] + [C_\alpha(t) H' \psi_\alpha + C_\beta(t) H' \psi_\beta] \\
 & = \left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \right] [C_\alpha(t) \psi_\alpha + C_\beta(t) \psi_\beta] + [C_\alpha(t) H' \psi_\alpha + C_\beta(t) H' \psi_\beta]
 \end{aligned}$$

So, what we get here H_0 . So, this term derivative will operate on this as well on this one. So, this gives, here so here this term is exactly equal to this term this comes from the unperturbed (Refer Time: 35:09) equation and unperturbed wave function. Similarly this term is exactly equal to this term we can therefore, cancel this from the two sides of the equation.

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{d}{dt} \left(C_\beta(t) \langle \psi_\alpha | H | \psi_\beta \rangle + C_\alpha(t) \langle \psi_\alpha | H | \psi_\alpha \rangle \right) \\
 &= -\frac{\hbar}{2\pi i} \frac{dC_\alpha}{dt} \langle \psi_\alpha | \psi_\alpha \rangle - \frac{\hbar}{2\pi i} \frac{dC_\beta}{dt} \langle \psi_\alpha | \psi_\beta \rangle \\
 &= -\frac{\hbar}{2\pi i} \frac{dC_\alpha}{dt} \langle \psi_\alpha | \psi_\alpha \rangle - \frac{\hbar}{2\pi i} \frac{dC_\beta}{dt} \langle \psi_\alpha | \psi_\beta \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

So, this gives me, ok now your aim is to find out these coefficients $C_\beta(t)$ and $C_\alpha(t)$ because that tells me how the system is revolving with time. To do that suppose we multiply on this side by ψ_α here. So, what I find here is that because of the orthogonality of these two wave functions ψ_α and ψ_β this term goes to 0 and this is equal to 1. So, what I get is that minus \hbar by $2\pi i$ this is one which is this can be taken out of integral.

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{d}{dt} \left(C_\beta(t) \langle \psi_\alpha | H | \psi_\beta \rangle + C_\alpha(t) \langle \psi_\alpha | H | \psi_\alpha \rangle \right) \\
 &= -\frac{\hbar}{2\pi i} \frac{dC_\alpha}{dt} \langle \psi_\alpha | \psi_\alpha \rangle - \frac{\hbar}{2\pi i} \frac{dC_\beta}{dt} \langle \psi_\alpha | \psi_\beta \rangle \\
 &= -\frac{\hbar}{2\pi i} \frac{dC_\alpha}{dt} \langle \psi_\alpha | \psi_\alpha \rangle - \frac{\hbar}{2\pi i} \frac{dC_\beta}{dt} \langle \psi_\alpha | \psi_\beta \rangle \\
 &= -\frac{\hbar}{2\pi i} \frac{dC_\alpha}{dt} = \langle \psi_\alpha | C_\beta(t) H | \psi_\beta \rangle + \langle \psi_\alpha | C_\alpha(t) H | \psi_\alpha \rangle \\
 &= C_\beta(t) \langle \psi_\alpha | H | \psi_\beta \rangle + C_\alpha(t) \langle \psi_\alpha | H | \psi_\alpha \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\frac{dc_\alpha}{dt} = \frac{c_\beta}{i\hbar} \langle \alpha | H' | \beta \rangle e^{-i(E_\beta - E_\alpha)t/\hbar}$$

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$$H' = g \mu_B B_1 (S_x \cos \omega t + S_y \sin \omega t)$$

$$\frac{dc_\alpha}{dt} = \frac{c_\beta}{i\hbar} \frac{g \mu_B B_1}{2} \exp\left(-\frac{i(E_\beta - E_\alpha)t}{\hbar}\right) e^{i\omega t}$$

$$\frac{dc_\beta}{dt} = \frac{c_\alpha}{i\hbar} \frac{g \mu_B B_1}{2} \exp\left(-\frac{i(E_\alpha - E_\beta)t}{\hbar}\right) e^{-i\omega t}$$

Ok, now these psi alpha and psi beta we know their form which we have it here this can be now simplified to write in this fashion. Similarly the coefficient d beta can be written as C alpha by these are very general form of equation, where C alpha is couple to C beta Cc beta is couple to alpha and a particular case. Now the Hamilton H is given as, so you put it here and then evaluate the integral with respect to the alpha and beta state.

So, that gives me and similar for beta it is ok; here you see that again that these are two couple differential equation and the way it this two energy levels alpha and beta comes is the energy different that comes in the picture here this omega is the frequency of the B 1 rotating around the x y plane.

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$$-|\alpha\rangle$$

$$-|\beta\rangle$$

$$t \rightarrow 0$$

$$c_\alpha(0) = 0$$

$$c_\beta(0) = 1$$

Now to solve this we can use the perturbation technique such that we assume that time t equal to 0 the system was in the beta state, t equal to 0 it was here (Refer Time:42:30) into C alpha at 0 was 0 and C beta time t equal to 1. So, we want to find out there for what is the probability that this will make a transfer here to there, that is C alpha becomes non 0. So, we will continue this derivation of this one in the subsequent lecture we stop at this moment now.