

$$32. \hat{L}_+ = \hat{L}_x + i\hat{L}_y \quad \hat{L}_- = \hat{L}_x - i\hat{L}_y$$

$$\begin{aligned} a) [\hat{L}_+, \hat{L}_z] &= [\hat{L}_x + i\hat{L}_y, \hat{L}_z] = [\hat{L}_x, \hat{L}_z] + i[\hat{L}_y, \hat{L}_z] \\ &= -i\hbar\hat{L}_y + i(i\hbar\hat{L}_x) = -i\hbar\hat{L}_y - \hbar\hat{L}_x \\ &= -\hbar\hat{L}_+ \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [\hat{L}_+, \hat{L}_-] &= [\hat{L}_x + i\hat{L}_y, \hat{L}_x - i\hat{L}_y] \\ &= [\hat{L}_x, \hat{L}_x] - i[\hat{L}_x, \hat{L}_y] + i[\hat{L}_y, \hat{L}_x] + [\hat{L}_y, \hat{L}_y] \\ &= 0 - i(i\hbar\hat{L}_z) + i(-i\hbar\hat{L}_z) + 0 \\ &= 2\hbar\hat{L}_z \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [\hat{L}_+, \hat{L}^2] &= [\hat{L}_x + i\hat{L}_y, \hat{L}_x^2 + \hat{L}_y^2 + \hat{L}_z^2] \\ &= [L_x, L_x^2] + [L_x, L_y^2] + [L_x, L_z^2] + i[L_y, L_x^2] + i[L_y, L_y^2] + i[L_y, L_z^2] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [L_x, L_y^2] &= L_y[L_x, L_y] + [L_x, L_y]L_y \\ &= L_y(i\hbar L_z) + (i\hbar L_z)L_y = i\hbar(L_y L_z + L_z L_y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [L_x, L_z^2] &= L_z[L_x, L_z] + [L_x, L_z]L_z \\ &= L_z(-i\hbar L_y) + (-i\hbar L_y)L_z = -i\hbar(L_z L_y + L_y L_z) \end{aligned}$$

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$$[\hat{L}_+, \hat{L}^2] = i\hbar(L_y L_z + L_z L_y - L_z L_y - L_y L_z) + i(i\hbar)(L_z L_x + L_x L_z - L_x L_z - L_z L_x)$$

$$[\hat{L}_+, \hat{L}^2] = 0$$

b)  $\hat{L}_x, \hat{L}_y, \hat{L}_z$  and  $\hat{L}^2$  are hermitian.

$\hat{L}_+$  and  $\hat{L}_-$  are not hermitian:

$$(\hat{L}_+)^{\dagger} = L_x - iL_y = \hat{L}_-$$

$$(\hat{L}_-)^{\dagger} = \hat{L}_+$$