

In Quantum Mechanics, it is commonly said that angular momentum ‘generates’ rotations, and in this exercise we will show this statement, starting from definitions:

- We say that  $H$  generates  $U$  if:  $e^{-i\varphi H} = U$  for some parameter  $\varphi$ .
- The Taylor expansion of a function  $f$  around a point  $a$  is defined as

$$\mathcal{T}(f) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(k)}(a)}{k!} (x - a)^k.$$

- 1 (a) Find the Taylor expansions around  $a = 0$  for the functions:  $e^x$ ,  $\sin(x)$ ,  $\cos(x)$ . (From now on, you may assume that the Taylor expansions of these functions are equivalent to the functions themselves.)
- 2 (b) Given that  $\hat{L}_z = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , compute  $(\hat{L}_z)^{2k}$  and  $(\hat{L}_z)^{2k+1}$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .
- 3 (c) Using b) and the Taylor expansions from a), show by summing explicitly that

$$e^{-i\varphi \hat{L}_z} = \mathcal{R}_z(\varphi).$$

*Recall:* From multiple choice questions we know that rotations around the  $z$ -axis are given by  $\mathcal{R}_z(\varphi) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \varphi & -\sin \varphi & 0 \\ \sin \varphi & \cos \varphi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .