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given  $H = -\left(\frac{e\mathcal{B}}{mc}\right) S_z = \omega S_z$

First write the equations of motion:

$$\frac{dS_x(t)}{dt} = \frac{1}{i\hbar} [S_x(t), \omega S_z] = \frac{\omega}{i\hbar} [S_x, S_z] = \frac{\omega}{i\hbar} (-i\hbar S_y) = -\omega S_y(t)$$

$$\frac{dS_y(t)}{dt} = \frac{1}{i\hbar} [S_y(t), \omega S_z] = \frac{\omega}{i\hbar} [S_y, S_z] = \frac{\omega}{i\hbar} (i\hbar S_x) = \omega S_x(t)$$

$$\frac{dS_z(t)}{dt} = \frac{1}{i\hbar} [S_z(t), \omega S_z] = 0$$

The best way to solve this coupled system of ODEs (namely, the  $S_x$  and  $S_y$  equations) is to differentiate again...

$$\frac{d^2 S_x(t)}{dt^2} = \frac{1}{i\hbar} [-\omega S_y(t), \omega S_z] = \frac{-\omega^2}{i\hbar} (i\hbar S_x(t)) = \omega^2 S_x(t)$$

Now we have  $S_x'' - \omega^2 S_x = 0$  which has solutions  $S_x(t) = C_1 \sin(\omega t) + C_2 \cos(\omega t)$

$$\Rightarrow S_x(t) = C_1 \sin(\omega t) + C_2 \cos(\omega t)$$

Now use the initial condition  $S_x(t=0) = S_{x0}$  which implies  $C_2 = S_{x0}$

Now use the condition found above:  $\frac{dS_x(t)}{dt} = -\omega S_y(t)$

$$\frac{dS_x(t)}{dt} = \omega C_1 \cos(\omega t) - \omega S_{x0} \sin(\omega t) = -\omega S_y(t)$$

And finally,  $S_y(t=0) = S_{y0} \Rightarrow \omega C_1 - 0 = -\omega S_{y0} \Rightarrow C_1 = -S_{y0}$

$$\boxed{S_x(t) = -S_{y0} \sin(\omega t) + S_{x0} \cos(\omega t)} \quad \checkmark$$

Now for  $S_y(t)$ , proceed as before:

$$\frac{d^2 S_y(t)}{dt^2} = -\omega^2 S_y(t) \Rightarrow S_y(t) = C_1 \sin(\omega t) + C_2 \cos(\omega t)$$

Use  $S_y(t=0) = S_{y0} \Rightarrow C_2 = S_{y0}$

and  $\frac{dS_y(t)}{dt} = \omega S_x \Rightarrow \omega S_x(t) = C_1 \omega \cos(\omega t) - C_2 \sin(\omega t)$

Then finally  $S_x(t=0) = S_{x0} \Rightarrow S_{x0} = C_1$

$$\boxed{S_y(t) = S_{x0} \sin(\omega t) + S_{y0} \cos(\omega t)} \quad \checkmark$$

For the  $S_z(t)$  case, clearly, the derivative of a constant is zero, and

$$S_z(t=0) = S_{z0} \text{ . Thus } \boxed{S_z(t) = S_{z0}} \quad \checkmark$$