

④ Show that  $l_x = -i\hbar \left( y \frac{\partial}{\partial z} - z \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right)$  in cartesian equals  $+i\hbar \left( \sin\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \cot\theta \cos\phi \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right)$  in spherical polar coordinates

$$y = r \sin\theta \sin\phi$$

$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$$

$$z = r \cos\theta$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}(z/r)$$

$$x = r \sin\theta \cos\phi$$

$$\phi = \tan^{-1}(y/x)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} = \left( \frac{\partial r}{\partial z} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \left( \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial z} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} = \left( \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \left( \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}$$

the coefficients:

$$\frac{\partial r}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{2} (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-1/2} (2z) = \frac{z}{r} = \cos\theta$$

$$\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial z} = \frac{-r}{\sqrt{r^2 - z^2}} \frac{r^2 - z^2}{r^3}$$

$$= -\frac{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}{r^2} = -\frac{r \sin\theta}{r^2} = -\frac{\sin\theta}{r}$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial r}{\partial y} = \frac{y}{r} = \sin\theta \sin\phi$$

$$\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-z^2/r^2}} \cdot -\frac{1}{2} z (x^2+y^2+z^2)^{-3/2} 2y$$

$$= \frac{r}{\sqrt{r^2-z^2}} \cdot \frac{yz}{r^3}$$

$$= \frac{r}{r \sin \theta} \cdot \frac{r^2 \cos \theta \sin \theta \sin \phi}{r^3}$$

$$= \frac{\cos \theta \sin \phi}{r}$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{1+y^2/x^2} \cdot \frac{1}{x} = \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} = \frac{r \sin \theta \cos \phi}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta}$$

$$= \frac{\cos \phi}{r \sin \theta}$$

$$\text{so, } l_x = -i\hbar \left\{ r \sin \theta \sin \phi \left[ \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right] \right.$$

$$\left. - r \cos \theta \left[ \sin \theta \sin \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\cos \theta \sin \phi}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\cos \phi}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right] \right\}$$

$$l_x = -i\hbar \left\{ \cancel{r \sin^2 \theta} \sin^2 \theta \sin \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} - \cos^2 \theta \sin \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\cos \theta \cos \phi}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right\}$$

$$= i\hbar \left[ \sin \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \cot \theta \cos \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right] \quad \checkmark$$