

A spin-1/2 particle has a magnetic moment  $\mu$  and is placed in a uniform magnetic field  $\mathbf{B}$ , which is aligned with the z-axis, so  $\mathbf{B} = B \hat{z}$ . It is known that the Hamiltonian operator for this system commutes with the spin component operator in the z direction (z basis?) but not with spin component operators in the x and y directions. The following argument should prove that hypothesis.

The Hamiltonian  $\hat{H} = \mu B \hat{S}_z$