

41 continued (end).

$$\langle Q \rangle = \text{value} \times \text{probability} = 1 \cdot \frac{1}{2}(1 - \sin t) + (-1) \cdot \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sin t) \\ = -\sin t.$$

On the other hand

$$[\hat{H}, \hat{Q}] = \frac{1}{2}\hbar \left[\begin{pmatrix} 3 & i \\ -i & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & i \\ -i & 3 \end{pmatrix} \right] = \frac{1}{2}\hbar \left(\begin{pmatrix} i & 3 \\ 3 & -i \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -i & 3 \\ 3 & i \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ = i\hbar \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Next we evaluate $\langle [\hat{H}, \hat{Q}] \rangle$ on our state $\psi(t)$.

$$\text{Put } \psi(t) = \begin{pmatrix} a(t) \\ b(t) \end{pmatrix} \quad \therefore \langle [\hat{H}, \hat{Q}] \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} a^*(t) & b^*(t) \end{pmatrix} i\hbar \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a(t) \\ b(t) \end{pmatrix} \\ = \begin{pmatrix} a^*(t) & b^*(t) \end{pmatrix} i\hbar \begin{pmatrix} a(t) \\ -b(t) \end{pmatrix} = i\hbar (|a(t)|^2 - |b(t)|^2)$$

$$\text{So } |a(t)|^2 - |b(t)|^2 = \frac{1}{4} \left[|e^{-it} + e^{-it}|^2 - |e^{-it} - e^{-it}|^2 \right] = \\ = \frac{1}{4} (2e^{it} + 2e^{-it}) = \cos t$$

The equation to be satisfied is

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle \hat{A} \rangle = \frac{1}{i\hbar} \langle [\hat{A}, \hat{H}] \rangle$$

$$\text{in our case } \langle \hat{A} \rangle = \langle \hat{Q} \rangle = -\sin t$$

$$\langle [\hat{A}, \hat{H}] \rangle = -\langle [\hat{H}, \hat{Q}] \rangle = -\cos t (i\hbar) \text{ so OK.}$$