PHY484 : Week 3
Spin, Angular Momentum

Noether's Theorem: Every symmetry corresponds to a conserved quantity.

Translations in time $\longrightarrow$ conservation of energy

Translations in space $\longrightarrow$ conservation of linear momentum

Rotations in space $\longrightarrow$ conservation of angular momentum

Gauge transformations $\longrightarrow$ conservation of charge

$\psi \to e^{i\alpha}\psi$

Spin in QM:

- spin quantized in half-integer units of $\hbar$
- orbital ang. momentum quantized in integer units of $\hbar$
- QM forbids simultaneously specifying more than 1 component of $\vec{L}$, but can specify magnitude and one other component:

$$L^2 = \vec{L}\cdot\vec{L} = \ell(\ell+1)\hbar^2$$

and $L_z = m_\ell \hbar \qquad [m_\ell = -\ell, -\ell+1, \dots, \ell-1, \ell]$

$2\ell+1$ values

- Intrinsic spin in SM:
  - Fermions (spin $\frac{1}{2}$)
  - Gauge Bosons (spin 1)
  - Higgs (spin 0)

* Composite particles have a total spin J that has contributions from the spins of the fundamental constituents.

Any relative orbital angular momentum also adds, hence

$$J = L + S.$$

orbital intrinsic spin

Mesons: either spin 1 or 0.

Baryons: all spin $\frac{1}{2}$ (Fermions)

- Addition of Angular Momentum: $J = J_1 + J_2$

arbitrary angular momentum vector

→ z components add but magnitudes (J^2) do not:

$$J_z = J_{1z} + J_{2z} \,;$$

$$J^2 = j(j+1)\hbar^2 \quad (j \text{ runs from } |j_1 - j_2| \text{ to } |j_1 + j_2|)$$

→ For states with $L>0$, there are 3 angular momentum vectors to add (2 spins + 1 orbital):

ie. $q\bar{q}$ states with $L>0$, mesons with spins $j=\ell+1$

$j=\ell$

$j=\ell-1$

Rules are well established:

$$|j_1 m_1\rangle\,|j_2 m_2\rangle = \sum_{j=|j_1-j_2|}^{|j_1+j_2|} C^{j\;j_1\;j_2}_{m\;m_1\;m_2}\,|j\,m\rangle \qquad (m = m_1+m_2)$$

↑ Clebsch–Gordon coefficients (see below)

→ The square of the CG coefficient gives the probability of getting a state of total spin j from a system of two angular momentum states $|j_1 m_1\rangle\,|j_2 m_2\rangle$.

34. CLEBSCH-GORDAN COEFFICIENTS, SPHERICAL HARMONICS, AND d FUNCTIONS

Note: A square-root sign is to be understood over *every* coefficient, *e.g.*, for $-8/15$ read $-\sqrt{8/15}$.

Notation:

		J	J	...
		M	M	...
m_1	m_2	Coefficients		
m_1	m_2			
.	.			
.	.			
.	.			

1/2×1/2

		1
		+1
+1/2	+1/2	1

		1	0
		0	0
+1/2	−1/2	1/2	1/2
−1/2	+1/2	1/2	−1/2

		1
		−1
−1/2	−1/2	1

these are the corresponding eigenvalue weights corresponding to eigenstates $2\hbar^2(1,1,0,1)$

get this by plugging in the total J state

these are the eigenstates of the S^2 operator

1×1/2

		3/2
		+3/2
+1	+1/2	1

		3/2	1/2
		+1/2	+1/2
+1	−1/2	1/3	2/3
0	+1/2	2/3	−1/3

		3/2	1/2
		−1/2	−1/2
0	−1/2	2/3	1/3
−1	+1/2	1/3	−2/3

		3/2
		−3/2
−1	−1/2	1

2×1/2

		5/2
		+5/2
+2	+1/2	1

		5/2	3/2
		+3/2	+3/2
+2	−1/2	1/5	4/5
+1	+1/2	4/5	−1/5

		5/2	3/2
		+1/2	+1/2
+1	−1/2	2/5	3/5
0	+1/2	3/5	−2/5

		5/2	3/2
		−1/2	−1/2
0	−1/2	3/5	2/5
−1	+1/2	2/5	−3/5

		5/2	3/2
		−3/2	−3/2
−1	−1/2	4/5	1/5
−2	+1/2	1/5	−4/5

		5/2
		−5/2
−2	−1/2	1

$$Y_1^0 = \sqrt{\frac{3}{4\pi}}\cos\theta$$

$$Y_1^1 = -\sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi}}\sin\theta\, e^{i\phi}$$

$$Y_2^0 = \sqrt{\frac{5}{4\pi}}\Big(\frac{3}{2}\cos^2\theta - \frac{1}{2}\Big)$$

$$Y_2^1 = -\sqrt{\frac{15}{8\pi}}\sin\theta\cos\theta\, e^{i\phi}$$

$$Y_2^2 = \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{\frac{15}{2\pi}}\sin^2\theta\, e^{2i\phi}$$

3/2×1/2

		2
		+2
+3/2	+1/2	1

		2	1
		+1	+1
+3/2	−1/2	1/4	3/4
+1/2	+1/2	3/4	−1/4

		2	1
		0	0
+1/2	−1/2	1/2	1/2
−1/2	+1/2	1/2	−1/2

		2	1
		−1	−1
−1/2	−1/2	3/4	1/4
−3/2	+1/2	1/4	−3/4

		2
		−2
−3/2	−1/2	1

2×1

		3
		+3
+2	+1	1

		3	2
		+2	+2
+2	0	1/3	2/3
+1	+1	2/3	−1/3

		3	2	1
		+1	+1	+1
+2	−1	1/15	1/3	3/5
+1	0	8/15	1/6	−3/10
0	+1	2/5	−1/2	1/10

		3	2	1
		0	0	0
+1	−1	1/5	1/2	3/10
0	0	3/5	0	−2/5
−1	+1	1/5	−1/2	3/10

		3	2	1
		−1	−1	−1
0	−1	2/5	1/2	1/10
−1	0	8/15	−1/6	−3/10
−2	+1	1/15	−1/3	3/5

		3	2
		−2	−2
−1	−1	2/3	1/3
−2	0	1/3	−2/3

		3
		−3
−2	−1	1

3/2×1

		5/2
		+5/2
+3/2	+1	1

		5/2	3/2
		+3/2	+3/2
+3/2	0	2/5	3/5
+1/2	+1	3/5	−2/5

		5/2	3/2	1/2
		+1/2	+1/2	+1/2
+3/2	−1	1/10	2/5	1/2
+1/2	0	3/5	1/15	−1/3
−1/2	+1	3/10	−8/15	1/6

		5/2	3/2	1/2
		−1/2	−1/2	−1/2
+1/2	−1	3/10	8/15	1/6
−1/2	0	3/5	−1/15	−1/3
−3/2	+1	1/10	−2/5	1/2

		5/2	3/2
		−3/2	−3/2
−1/2	−1	3/5	2/5
−3/2	0	2/5	−3/5

		5/2
		−5/2
−3/2	−1	1

1×1

		2
		+2
+1	+1	1

		2	1
		+1	+1
+1	0	1/2	1/2
0	+1	1/2	−1/2

		2	1	0
		0	0	0
+1	−1	1/6	1/2	1/3
0	0	2/3	0	−1/3
−1	+1	1/6	−1/2	1/3

		2	1
		−1	−1
0	−1	1/2	1/2
−1	0	1/2	−1/2

		2
		−2
−1	−1	1

$$Y_\ell^{-m} = (-1)^m Y_\ell^{m*}$$

$$d^{\,\ell}_{m,0} = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{2\ell+1}}\, Y_\ell^m\, e^{-im\phi}$$

$$\langle j_1 j_2 m_1 m_2 | j_1 j_2 J M\rangle = (-1)^{J-j_1-j_2}\langle j_2 j_1 m_2 m_1 | j_2 j_1 J M\rangle$$

$$d^{\,j}_{m',m} = (-1)^{m-m'} d^{\,j}_{m,m'} = d^{\,j}_{-m,-m'}$$

3/2×3/2

		3
		+3
+3/2	+3/2	1

		3	2
		+2	+2
+3/2	+1/2	1/2	1/2
+1/2	+3/2	1/2	−1/2

		3	2	1
		+1	+1	+1
+3/2	−1/2	1/5	1/2	3/10
+1/2	+1/2	3/5	0	−2/5
−1/2	+3/2	1/5	−1/2	3/10

		3	2	1	0
		0	0	0	0
+3/2	−3/2	1/20	1/4	9/20	1/4
+1/2	−1/2	9/20	1/4	−1/20	−1/4
−1/2	+1/2	9/20	−1/4	−1/20	1/4
−3/2	+3/2	1/20	−1/4	9/20	−1/4

		3	2	1
		−1	−1	−1
+1/2	−3/2	1/5	1/2	3/10
−1/2	−1/2	3/5	0	−2/5
−3/2	+1/2	1/5	−1/2	3/10

		3	2
		−2	−2
−1/2	−3/2	1/2	1/2
−3/2	−1/2	1/2	−1/2

		3
		−3
−3/2	−3/2	1

$$d^{\,1}_{0,0} = \cos\theta \qquad d^{\,1/2}_{1/2,1/2} = \cos\frac{\theta}{2} \qquad d^{\,1}_{1,1} = \frac{1+\cos\theta}{2}$$

$$d^{\,1/2}_{1/2,-1/2} = -\sin\frac{\theta}{2} \qquad d^{\,1}_{1,0} = -\frac{\sin\theta}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$d^{\,1}_{1,-1} = \frac{1-\cos\theta}{2}$$

2×3/2

		7/2
		+7/2
+2	+3/2	1

		7/2	5/2
		+5/2	+5/2
+2	+1/2	3/7	4/7
+1	+3/2	4/7	−3/7

		7/2	5/2	3/2
		+3/2	+3/2	+3/2
+2	−1/2	1/7	16/35	2/5
+1	+1/2	4/7	1/35	−2/5
0	+3/2	2/7	−18/35	1/5

		7/2	5/2	3/2	1/2
		+1/2	+1/2	+1/2	+1/2
+2	−3/2	1/35	6/35	2/5	2/5
+1	−1/2	12/35	5/14	0	−3/10
0	+1/2	18/35	−3/35	−1/5	1/5
−1	+3/2	4/35	−27/70	2/5	−1/10

		7/2	5/2	3/2	1/2
		−1/2	−1/2	−1/2	−1/2
+1	−3/2	4/35	27/70	2/5	1/10
0	−1/2	18/35	3/35	−1/5	−1/5
−1	+1/2	12/35	−5/14	0	3/10
−2	+3/2	1/35	−6/35	2/5	−2/5

		7/2	5/2	3/2
		−3/2	−3/2	−3/2
0	−3/2	2/7	18/35	1/5
−1	−1/2	4/7	−1/35	−2/5
−2	+1/2	1/7	−16/35	2/5

		7/2	5/2
		−5/2	−5/2
−1	−3/2	4/7	3/7
−2	−1/2	3/7	−4/7

		7/2
		−7/2
−2	−3/2	1

2×2

		4
		+4
+2	+2	1

		4	3
		+3	+3
+2	+1	1/2	1/2
+1	+2	1/2	−1/2

		4	3	2
		+2	+2	+2
+2	0	3/14	1/2	2/7
+1	+1	4/7	0	−3/7
0	+2	3/14	−1/2	2/7

		4	3	2	1
		+1	+1	+1	+1
+2	−1	1/14	3/10	3/7	1/5
+1	0	3/7	1/5	−1/14	−3/10
0	+1	3/7	−1/5	−1/14	3/10
−1	+2	1/14	−3/10	3/7	−1/5

		4	3	2	1	0
		0	0	0	0	0
+2	−2	1/70	1/10	2/7	2/5	1/5
+1	−1	8/35	2/5	1/14	−1/10	−1/5
0	0	18/35	0	−2/7	0	1/5
−1	+1	8/35	−2/5	1/14	1/10	−1/5
−2	+2	1/70	−1/10	2/7	−2/5	1/5

		4	3	2	1
		−1	−1	−1	−1
+1	−2	1/14	3/10	3/7	1/5
0	−1	3/7	1/5	−1/14	−3/10
−1	0	3/7	−1/5	−1/14	3/10
−2	+1	1/14	−3/10	3/7	−1/5

		4	3	2
		−2	−2	−2
0	−2	3/14	1/2	2/7
−1	−1	4/7	0	−3/7
−2	0	3/14	−1/2	2/7

		4	3
		−3	−3
−1	−2	1/2	1/2
−2	−1	1/2	−1/2

		4
		−4
−2	−2	1

$$d^{\,3/2}_{3/2,3/2} = \frac{1+\cos\theta}{2}\cos\frac{\theta}{2}$$

$$d^{\,3/2}_{3/2,1/2} = -\sqrt{3}\,\frac{1+\cos\theta}{2}\sin\frac{\theta}{2} \qquad d^{\,2}_{2,2} = \Big(\frac{1+\cos\theta}{2}\Big)^2$$

$$d^{\,3/2}_{3/2,-1/2} = \sqrt{3}\,\frac{1-\cos\theta}{2}\cos\frac{\theta}{2} \qquad d^{\,2}_{2,1} = -\frac{1+\cos\theta}{2}\sin\theta$$

$$d^{\,3/2}_{3/2,-3/2} = -\frac{1-\cos\theta}{2}\sin\frac{\theta}{2} \qquad d^{\,2}_{2,0} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4}\sin^2\theta \qquad d^{\,2}_{1,1} = \frac{1+\cos\theta}{2}(2\cos\theta - 1)$$

$$d^{\,3/2}_{1/2,1/2} = \frac{3\cos\theta - 1}{2}\cos\frac{\theta}{2} \qquad d^{\,2}_{2,-1} = -\frac{1-\cos\theta}{2}\sin\theta \qquad d^{\,2}_{1,0} = -\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\sin\theta\cos\theta$$

$$d^{\,3/2}_{1/2,-1/2} = -\frac{3\cos\theta + 1}{2}\sin\frac{\theta}{2} \qquad d^{\,2}_{2,-2} = \Big(\frac{1-\cos\theta}{2}\Big)^2 \qquad d^{\,2}_{1,-1} = \frac{1-\cos\theta}{2}(2\cos\theta + 1) \qquad d^{\,2}_{0,0} = \Big(\frac{3}{2}\cos^2\theta - \frac{1}{2}\Big)$$

Figure 34.1: The sign convention is that of Wigner (*Group Theory*, Academic Press, New York, 1959), also used by Condon and Shortley (*The Theory of Atomic Spectra*, Cambridge Univ. Press, New York, 1953), Rose (*Elementary Theory of Angular Momentum*, Wiley, New York, 1957), and Cohen (*Tables of the Clebsch-Gordan Coefficients*, North American Rockwell Science Center, Thousand Oaks, Calif., 1974). The coefficients here have been calculated using computer programs written independently by Cohen and at LBNL.

• Review of the Spin-$\frac{1}{2}$ Formalism:

Write as 2-component spinors: $\left|\frac{1}{2}\ \frac{1}{2}\right\rangle \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$; $\left|\frac{1}{2}\ -\frac{1}{2}\right\rangle \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

→ Most general state: $\begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

α^2 prob. yields $+\frac{\hbar}{2}$ S_z

β^2 prob. yields $-\frac{\hbar}{2}$ S_z.

Pauli Matrices:

$$\hat{S}_x = \frac{\hbar}{2}\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \hat{S}_y = \frac{\hbar}{2}\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \hat{S}_z = \frac{\hbar}{2}\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(each has eigenvalues $\pm\frac{\hbar}{2}$)

Example: adding angular momentum:

An electron occupies the orbital state $|2,-1\rangle$ and the spin state $\left|\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right\rangle$.

What are the possible measurements of J^2 and with what probability do they occur?

- z components add: $m = -1 + \frac{1}{2} = -\frac{1}{2}$.

- Magnitude is either $\frac{3}{2}$ or $\frac{5}{2}$ $\left(2 \pm \frac{1}{2}\right)$.

$$|2,-1\rangle \left|\tfrac{1}{2},\tfrac{1}{2}\right\rangle = A\left|\tfrac{5}{2},-\tfrac{1}{2}\right\rangle + B\left|\tfrac{3}{2},-\tfrac{1}{2}\right\rangle.$$

(A, B CG coefficients).

On coefficient table, $2 \times \frac{1}{2}$ with $m_1, m_2 = -1, \frac{1}{2}$

and $+\frac{5}{2}, +\frac{3}{2}$ yields

$A = \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}}$, $B = -\sqrt{\frac{3}{5}}$

Thus $|2,-1\rangle\left|\tfrac{1}{2},\tfrac{1}{2}\right\rangle = \sqrt{\tfrac{2}{5}}\left|\tfrac{5}{2},-\tfrac{1}{2}\right\rangle + \sqrt{\tfrac{3}{5}}\left|\tfrac{3}{2},-\tfrac{1}{2}\right\rangle$.