

Exam: 4 problems, 4 hours

1. (a) (3p.) An infinitesimal rotation by angle ϵ around the z -axis is represented by the operator

$$R_z(\epsilon) = 1 - \frac{i\epsilon}{\hbar} J_z.$$

Starting from this, derive the operator representing a finite rotation by angle θ around the z -axis. You can assume known that

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{x}{N}\right)^N = e^x.$$

- (b) (3p.) Consider the operator $T(a) = e^{-iPa/\hbar}$. Using series expansion, show that operating on a wavefunction $\psi(x)$ with $T(a)$ gives

$$T(a)\psi(x) = \psi(x - a).$$

Why does this result show that $T(a)$ represents a translation by a to right (i.e. to the direction of positive x -axis)?

2. Consider angular momentum operator \vec{J} , whose components satisfy the commutation relations

$$[J_x, J_y] = i\hbar J_z, \quad [J_y, J_z] = i\hbar J_x, \quad [J_z, J_x] = i\hbar J_y.$$

- (a) (2p.) The square of the angular momentum is

$$J^2 = J_x^2 + J_y^2 + J_z^2.$$

Show that each component of \vec{J} commutes with J^2 .

- (b) (2p.) Define operators

$$J_{\pm} = J_x \pm iJ_y.$$

Show, that

$$[J_z, J_{\pm}] = \pm\hbar J_{\pm}, \quad [J^2, J_{\pm}] = 0$$

and

$$J_+ J_- = J^2 - J_z^2 - \hbar J_z, \quad J_- J_+ = J^2 - J_z^2 + \hbar J_z.$$

- (c) (2p.) On the basis of the result obtained in part (a) we know that J^2 and one component of \vec{J} – let this component be J_z – have common eigenstates. Denote these eigenstates by $|jm\rangle$ and assume that they satisfy

$$J^2 |jm\rangle = j(j+1)\hbar^2 |jm\rangle, \quad J_z |jm\rangle = m\hbar |jm\rangle.$$

Show that J_+ raises and J_- lowers the eigenvalue of J_z by the amount \hbar . Show also that J_+ and J_- do not change the eigenvalue of J^2 . In other words, show that

$$J_z J_{\pm} |jm\rangle = (m \pm 1)\hbar J_{\pm} |jm\rangle, \quad J^2 J_{\pm} |jm\rangle = j(j+1)\hbar^2 J_{\pm} |jm\rangle.$$

3. Consider a system consisting of a spin-1 particle (particle 1) and a spin-1/2 particle (particle 2).

(a) (2p.) Write all the states in the coupled basis in terms of the uncoupled states. (You may look up the Clebsch–Gordan coefficients from the table.)

(b) (2p.) Let the Hamiltonian of the system be

$$H = \frac{E_0}{\hbar^2} \vec{S}_1 \cdot \vec{S}_2,$$

where E_0 is a constant, and \vec{S}_1 and \vec{S}_2 are the spin operators of particles 1 and 2. If the energy of the system is measured, what results can be obtained?

(c) (2p.) Suppose that the spins of both particles have been measured along the z -axis, and the results $+\hbar$ for particle 1 and $+\hbar/2$ for particle 2 have been found. If the energy of the system is measured immediately after this, what are the probabilities for obtaining each possible value of the energy?

4. (a) (3p.) Consider a harmonic oscillator placed on a weak electric field. Then the unperturbed Hamiltonian is $H_0 = P^2/2m + \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2x^2$ and the perturbation is $V = -q|\vec{E}|x$. Using perturbation theory, calculate the first- and second-order corrections to the energy of the ground state $|0\rangle$.

(b) (3p.) Use the variational method to estimate the ground state energy of the one-dimensional potential $V(x) = \lambda x^4$. Choose the function $\psi_\alpha(x) = e^{-\alpha x^2}$ as your trial function.

Hyötytietoa:

$$\begin{aligned}
 e^{ix} &= \cos x + i \sin x & e^{i\pi} + 1 &= 0 \\
 \sin x &= \frac{1}{2i} (e^{ix} - e^{-ix}) & \cos x &= \frac{1}{2} (e^{ix} + e^{-ix}) \\
 \sin(2x) &= 2 \sin x \cos x & \cos(2x) &= \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x \\
 \frac{1}{2} (1 - \cos x) &= \sin^2 \frac{x}{2} & \frac{1}{2} (1 + \cos x) &= \cos^2 \frac{x}{2} \\
 f(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \frac{d^n f(x_0)}{dx^n} (x - x_0)^n & e^x &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} \\
 \int_0^{\infty} dx x^n e^{-cx} &= \frac{n!}{c^{n+1}} & \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{-cx^2} &= \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{c}} \\
 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx x^2 e^{-cx^2} &= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{c^3}} & \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx x^4 e^{-cx^2} &= \frac{3}{4} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{c^5}} \\
 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \delta(x - x_0) f(x) &= f(x_0) & \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \delta(x - x_0) &= 1 \\
 \tilde{f}(k) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{-ikx} f(x) & f(x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{ikx} \tilde{f}(k)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} |\psi(t)\rangle &= H |\psi(t)\rangle \\
 U(t) &= e^{-iHt/\hbar} \\
 \Delta A &= \sqrt{\langle A^2 \rangle - \langle A \rangle^2} & \Delta A \Delta B &\geq \frac{1}{2} |\langle [A, B] \rangle| \\
 \Delta x \Delta p &\geq \frac{\hbar}{2} & \Delta E \Delta t &\geq \frac{\hbar}{2} \\
 \frac{d\langle A \rangle}{dt} &= -\frac{i}{\hbar} \langle [A, H] \rangle + \left\langle \frac{\partial A}{\partial t} \right\rangle \\
 H &= \frac{P^2}{2m} + V(x) & [X, P] &= i\hbar \\
 \psi(x) &= \langle x | \psi \rangle & X = x & \quad P = -i\hbar \frac{d}{dx} \\
 H &= -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V(x) \\
 i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi(x, t)}{\partial t} &= -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \psi(x, t)}{\partial x^2} + V(x) \psi(x, t) \\
 -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2 \psi(x)}{dx^2} &+ V(x) \psi(x) = E \psi(x)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 c &= 2.998 \cdot 10^8 \text{ m/s} & \hbar &= 1.055 \cdot 10^{-34} \text{ Js} & q_e &= 1.602 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ C} \\
 \epsilon_0 &= 8.854 \cdot 10^{-12} \frac{\text{C}^2}{\text{Nm}^2} & \mu_0 &= 4\pi \cdot 10^{-7} \frac{\text{N}}{\text{A}^2} & m_e &= 9.109 \cdot 10^{-31} \text{ kg}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
U(t) &= e^{-iHt/\hbar} & T(\vec{a}) &= e^{-i\vec{P}\cdot\vec{a}/\hbar} & R_{\vec{n}}(\theta) &= e^{-i\theta\vec{n}\cdot\vec{J}/\hbar} \\
[J_x, J_y] &= i\hbar J_z & [J_y, J_z] &= i\hbar J_x & [J_z, J_x] &= i\hbar J_y \\
J^2 &= J_x^2 + J_y^2 + J_z^2 & J_{\pm} &= J_x \pm iJ_y \\
[J_z, J^2] &= 0 & [J_z, J_{\pm}] &= \pm\hbar J_{\pm} & [J_+, J_-] &= 2\hbar J_z \\
J^2|jm\rangle &= \hbar^2 j(j+1)|jm\rangle & J_z|jm\rangle &= m\hbar|jm\rangle \\
J_{\pm}|jm\rangle &= \hbar\sqrt{j(j+1) - m(m\pm 1)}|j, m\pm 1\rangle \\
\vec{S} &= \frac{\hbar}{2}\vec{\sigma} & \sigma_x &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & \sigma_y &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} & \sigma_z &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \\
\sigma_i\sigma_j - \sigma_j\sigma_i &= 2i \sum_k \epsilon_{ijk}\sigma_k & \sigma_i\sigma_j + \sigma_j\sigma_i &= 2\delta_{ij} \\
H &= -\vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{B} & \vec{\mu} &= \gamma\vec{S} = g\frac{q}{2m}\vec{S} & g_e &\simeq 2 \\
|j_1j_2, jm\rangle &= \sum_{m_1, m_2} \langle j_1m_1, j_2m_2|jm\rangle|j_1m_1\rangle|j_2m_2\rangle \\
E_n^{(1)} &= \langle \psi_n^{(0)}|V|\psi_n^{(0)}\rangle \\
E_n^{(2)} &= \sum_{m\neq q} \frac{|\langle \psi_m^{(0)}|V|\psi_n^{(0)}\rangle|^2}{E_n^{(0)} - E_m^{(0)}} & |\psi_n^{(1)}\rangle &= \sum_{m\neq q} \frac{\langle \psi_m^{(0)}|V|\psi_n^{(0)}\rangle^2}{E_n^{(0)} - E_m^{(0)}} |\psi_m^{(0)}\rangle
\end{aligned}$$

Spin-1 -hiukkasen spinoperaattorin komponentit:

$$S_x = \frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad S_y = \frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i & 0 \\ i & 0 & -i \\ 0 & i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad S_z = \hbar \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Harmoninen oskillaattori:

$$\begin{aligned}
H &= \frac{P^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 X^2 = \hbar\omega(a^\dagger a + \frac{1}{2}) \\
a &= \sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar}}X + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2\hbar m\omega}}P & a^\dagger &= \sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar}}X - \frac{i}{\sqrt{2\hbar m\omega}}P \\
a|n\rangle &= \sqrt{n}|n-1\rangle & a^\dagger|n\rangle &= \sqrt{n+1}|n+1\rangle & H|n\rangle &= \hbar\omega(n + \frac{1}{2})|n\rangle
\end{aligned}$$

Vetyatomi:

$$a_0 = \frac{\hbar^2}{me^2} = 5.29 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m} \quad E_0 = \frac{me^4}{2\hbar^2} = 13.6 \text{ eV}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\psi_{100}(r) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi a_0^3}} e^{-r/a_0} \\
\psi_{200}(r) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{32\pi a_0^3}} \left(2 - \frac{r}{a_0}\right) e^{-r/2a_0} \\
\psi_{210}(r, \theta) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{32\pi a_0^3}} \frac{r}{a_0} e^{-r/2a_0} \cos \theta \\
\psi_{21\pm 1}(r, \theta, \phi) &= \mp \frac{1}{\sqrt{32\pi a_0^3}} \frac{r}{a_0} e^{-r/2a_0} \sin \theta e^{\pm i\phi}
\end{aligned}$$

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

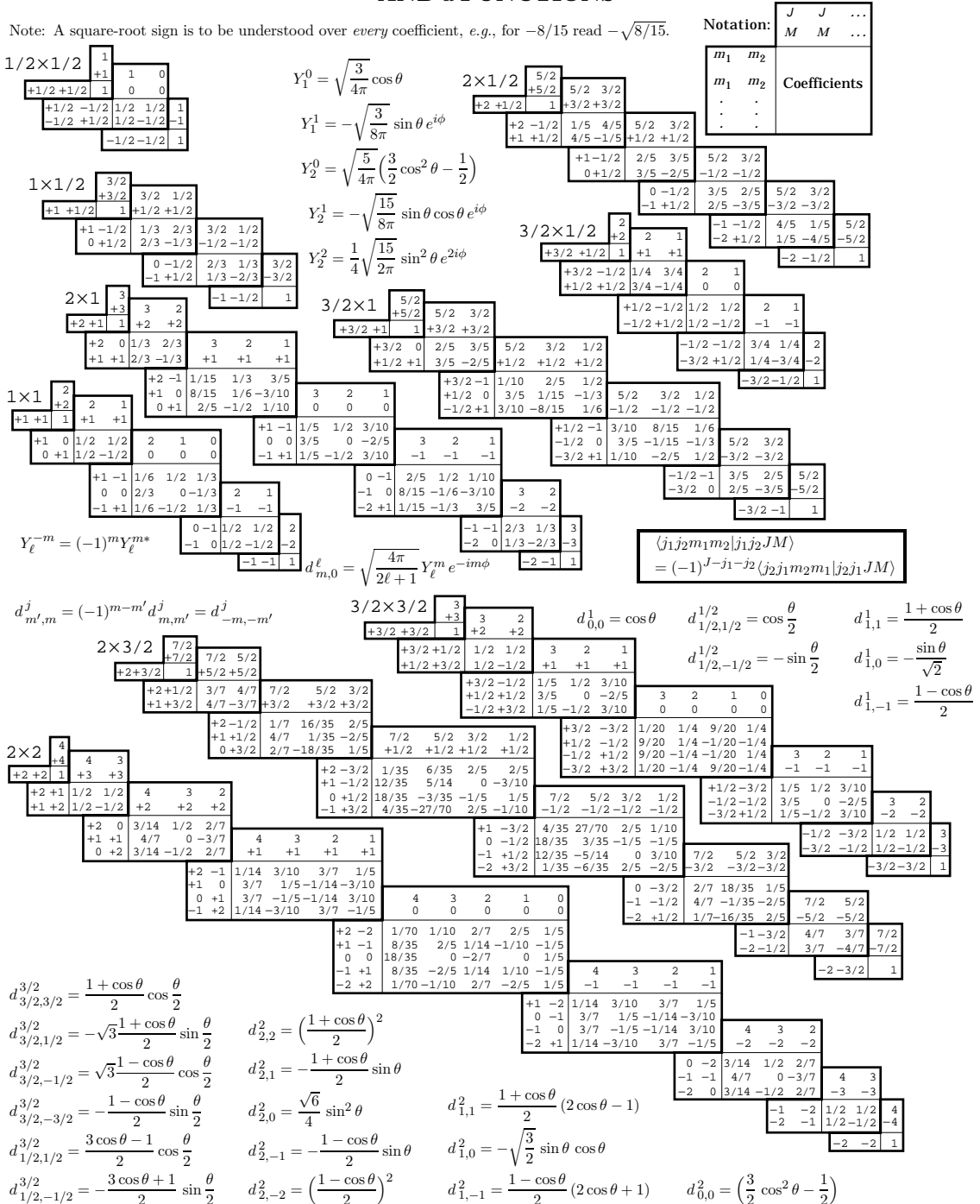


Figure 34.1: The sign convention is that of Wigner (*Group Theory*, Academic Press, New York, 1959), also used by Condon and Shortley (*The Theory of Atomic Spectra*, Cambridge Univ. Press, New York, 1953), Rose (*Elementary Theory of Angular Momentum*, Wiley, New York, 1957), and Cohen (*Tables of the 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.