

2. exam (2. välikoe): 4 problems, 4 hours

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**Regarding all problems:**

**Consult the *collection of formulae* in the end of the problem sheet!**

1. The SU(2) rotation matrices in the  $j = \frac{1}{2}$  representation are known to be given in terms of the Pauli spin matrices, rotation angle and rotation axis as

$$\mathcal{D}^{(\frac{1}{2})} = e^{-i\frac{1}{2}\alpha\mathbf{n}\cdot\vec{\sigma}}.$$

a) Show that  $\mathcal{D}^{(\frac{1}{2})} = \mathbf{1}_2 \cos(\alpha/2) - i(\mathbf{n} \cdot \vec{\sigma}) \sin(\alpha/2)$

b) Verify that indeed  $\mathcal{D}^{(\frac{1}{2})} \in \text{SU}(2)$ .

Consider then a matrix  $U = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\mathbf{1}_2 + i\sigma_x)$ .

c) Show that  $U \in \text{SU}(2)$ .

d) Write down the SO(3) rotation matrix  $R$  in 3-dimensional coordinate space which corresponds to  $U$  above.

e) Show that the matrices  $\{\mathbf{1}_2, U^2, U^4, U^6\}$  form a group (i.e. a subgroup of  $\text{SU}(2)$ ).

2. Let's put a spinless hydrogen atom in a weak external constant electric field, i.e. perturb the hydrogen atom with a potential

$$V = e\mathcal{E}z = e\mathcal{E}r \cos \theta = e\mathcal{E}\sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{3}}rY_{10}(\theta, \varphi),$$

where the product  $e\mathcal{E}$  is a positive constant. Using the Gaunt's formula, consider the Stark effect on a spinless hydrogen atom in the case  $n = 2$ , i.e. determine how such a perturbation changes the hydrogen energy levels  $\epsilon_2$ . Sketch also a figure of the obtained energy level splitting. A table of the Clebsch-Gordan coefficients and related material is attached.

3. Let's consider a nonrelativistic gas of  $N$  identical noninteracting spin- $s$  fermions, whose Hamilton operator in terms of 1-particle operators is

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{i=1}^N \hat{H}_i^{(1)} = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\hat{\mathbf{p}}_i^2}{2m}.$$

The 1-particle wave functions, when putting the free particles in a box of volume  $V = L^3$  and requiring periodic boundary conditions, are known to be

$$\phi_{\mathbf{p},s_z}(\mathbf{x},\sigma) = \langle \mathbf{x},\sigma | \mathbf{p}, s_z \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{x}} \delta_{\sigma s_z}$$

with  $\langle \mathbf{p}_1, s_{1z} | \mathbf{p}_2, s_{2z} \rangle = \delta_{\mathbf{p}_1 \mathbf{p}_2} \delta_{s_{1z} s_{2z}}$  and discrete momentum values  $\mathbf{p} = \frac{2\pi\hbar}{L}(n_x, n_y, n_z)$  where  $n_i = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$

**a)** Form the Hamilton operator of this system in the Fock space. Consult the collection of formulae for the needed generic form of the Fock space operator.

**b)** The ground state of this system is

$$|F\rangle = \prod_{\substack{\mathbf{p}, s_z \\ |\mathbf{p}| \leq p_F}} a_{\mathbf{p}, s_z}^\dagger |0\rangle.$$

Show explicitly the effect of the total particle number operator  $\hat{N}$  (see again the collection of the formulae) on the ground state  $|F\rangle$ .

**c)** Compute the Fermi momentum,  $p_F$ , of such a gas in the limit  $N, V \rightarrow \infty$ . Express  $p_F$  in terms of the particle spin  $s$  and the average particle density  $n \equiv N/V$ . In the continuum limit  $V \rightarrow \infty$  use  $\rho(\mathbf{p}) = \frac{V}{(2\pi\hbar)^3}$  as the density of the momentum states.

**d)** Compute the single-particle correlation function for our fermion gas,

$$G_\sigma(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}') \equiv \frac{2s+1}{n} \langle F | \psi^\dagger(\mathbf{x}, \sigma) \psi(\mathbf{x}', \sigma) | F \rangle$$

in the limit  $N, V \rightarrow \infty$ . For the field operators, consult the collection of formulae. You should also identify the spherical Bessel function  $j_1$  in your answer and show that the answer depends only on  $k_F |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|$ .

4. a) Substituting an ansatz

$$\Psi(x) = u(p)e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}p \cdot x}$$

into the Dirac equation

$$(i\hbar\gamma^\mu\partial_\mu - mc)\Psi(x) = 0,$$

and using the Clifford algebra for the gamma-matrices, show that the Dirac equation has both positive-energy and negative-energy solutions. Which are the allowed values of energy?

b) Using the Dirac-Pauli representation and considering the positive energy case, find an explicit 4-component form for the momentum-space spinor  $u^{(1)}(p)$  which in the limit  $\mathbf{p} \rightarrow 0$  becomes an eigenspinor of  $\Sigma_z$  with an eigenvalue  $+\frac{\hbar}{2}$ . You don't have to consider the normalization of  $u^{(1)}(p)$ . In the end, show explicitly that indeed  $\Sigma_z u^{(1)}(\mathbf{p} = 0) = +\frac{\hbar}{2}u^{(1)}(\mathbf{p} = 0)$  for the 4-spinor you obtained.

c) Derive the Dirac Hamilton operator  $\hat{H}_D$  from the Dirac equation above, and using the 4-spinor  $u^{(1)}(p)$  which you obtained (in its block form), show explicitly that indeed  $\hat{H}_D\psi(\mathbf{x}) = E\psi(\mathbf{x})$ , where  $\psi(\mathbf{x})$  is the stationary part of the spinor  $\Psi(x)$  above.

## Collection of formulae:

### Spherical coordinates and spherical harmonics:

$$\nabla^2 = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) - \frac{1}{\hbar^2 r^2} \hat{L}^2 \quad d^3 r = r^2 dr d\Omega = r^2 dr \sin \theta d\theta d\varphi \quad \int d\Omega = 4\pi$$

$$\hat{L}^2 Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) = \hbar^2 l(l+1) Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) \quad \hat{L}_z Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) = \hbar m Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)$$

$$\hat{L}^2 = -\hbar^2 \left[ \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \varphi^2} \right] \quad \int d\Omega Y_{l'm'}^*(\theta, \varphi) Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) = \delta_{ll'} \delta_{mm'}$$

$$Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) = (-1)^{\frac{m+|m|}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{2l+1}{4\pi}} \sqrt{\frac{(l-|m|)!}{(l+|m|)!}} P_l^{|m|}(\cos \theta) e^{im\varphi} \quad Y_{l,-m}(\theta, \varphi) = (-1)^m Y_{l,m}^*(\theta, \varphi)$$

$$P_l^k(z) = (1-z^2)^{k/2} \frac{d^k}{dz^k} P_l(z) \quad P_l(z) = \frac{1}{2^l l!} \frac{d^l}{dz^l} (z^2 - 1)^l$$

$$Y_{00}(\theta, \varphi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}} \quad Y_{10}(\theta, \varphi) = \sqrt{\frac{3}{4\pi}} \cos \theta \quad Y_{1\pm 1}(\theta, \varphi) = \mp \sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi}} \sin \theta e^{\pm i\varphi}$$

$$Y_{20}(\theta, \varphi) = \sqrt{\frac{5}{16\pi}} (3 \cos^2 \theta - 1) \quad Y_{2\pm 1}(\theta, \varphi) = \mp \sqrt{\frac{15}{8\pi}} \cos \theta \sin \theta e^{\pm i\varphi} \quad Y_{2\pm 2}(\theta, \varphi) = \sqrt{\frac{15}{32\pi}} \sin^2 \theta e^{\pm 2i\varphi}$$

### Transition probability, lowest order, $i \neq f$ :

$$P_{fi}(t, t_0) \equiv |\langle \phi_f | \psi(t) \rangle|^2 \approx \frac{1}{\hbar^2} \left| \int_{t_0}^t dt_1 \langle \phi_f | \hat{V}_S(t_1) | \phi_i \rangle e^{i(E_f - E_i)t_1/\hbar} \right|^2$$

### Hydrogen-like atom wave-functions:

$$\Psi_{nlm}(\mathbf{x}) = R_{nl}(r) Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) \quad \kappa = \frac{Z}{na} \quad a = \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0\hbar^2}{\mu e^2}$$

$$R_{nl}(r) = \sqrt{(2\kappa)^3 \frac{(n-l-1)!}{2n(n+l)!}} (2\kappa r)^l e^{-\kappa r} L_{n-l-1}^{2l+1}(2\kappa r) \quad L_p^q(x) = \sum_{k=0}^p (-1)^k \frac{(p+q)!x^k}{(p-k)!(q+k)!k!}$$

$$R_{10} = 2 \left( \frac{Z}{a} \right)^{3/2} e^{-Zr/a} \quad R_{20} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \frac{Z}{a} \right)^{3/2} \left( 1 - \frac{Zr}{2a} \right) e^{-Zr/2a} \quad R_{21} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{6}} \left( \frac{Z}{a} \right)^{5/2} r e^{-Zr/2a}$$

### Spherical Bessel & Neumann functions:

$$r^2 \frac{d^2 R(r)}{dr^2} + 2r \frac{dR(r)}{dr} + [(kr)^2 - l(l+1)] R(r) = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad R(r) = A j_l(kr) + B n_l(kr)$$

$$j_l(x) = 2^l x^l \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^s (s+l)!}{s!(2s+2l+1)!} x^{2s} \quad n_l(x) = \frac{(-1)^{l+1}}{2^l x^{l+1}} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^s (s-l)!}{s!(2s-2l)!} x^{2s}$$

$$j_0(x) = \frac{\sin x}{x} \quad j_1(x) = \frac{\sin x}{x^2} - \frac{\cos x}{x} \quad n_0(x) = -\frac{\cos x}{x} \quad n_1(x) = -\frac{\cos x}{x^2} - \frac{\sin x}{x}$$

For integrations:

$$\int_0^\infty dx x^n e^{-ax} = \frac{n!}{a^{n+1}}, \quad \int_{-\infty}^\infty dx e^{-ax^2} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a}}, \quad \text{Res } f(z) \Big|_{z=z_0} = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \left(\frac{d}{dz}\right)^{n-1} [(z-z_0)^n f(z)]$$

$$\oint_C dz f(z) = 2\pi i \sum_{j=1}^n \text{Res } f(z) \Big|_{z=z_j}.$$

Trigonometry:  $\cos 2x = \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x, \quad \cos^2 x + \sin^2 x = 1$

Angular momentum:

$$\hat{\mathbf{J}}^2 |j, m\rangle = \hbar^2 j(j+1) |j, m\rangle, \quad \hat{J}_z |j, m\rangle = \hbar m |j, m\rangle$$

$$\hat{J}_\pm = \hat{J}_x \pm i \hat{J}_y, \quad \hat{J}_\pm |j, m\rangle = \hbar \sqrt{(j \mp m)(j \pm m+1)} |j, m \pm 1\rangle$$

$$[\hat{J}_i, \hat{J}_j] = i\hbar \sum_{k=1}^3 \epsilon_{ijk} \hat{J}_k, \quad [\hat{\mathbf{J}}^2, \hat{J}_i] = 0$$

Power series:

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} \quad \cos x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!} \quad \sin x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}$$

Pauli spin matrices:

$$\sigma_x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \sigma_y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \sigma_z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$[\sigma_i, \sigma_j] = 2i\epsilon_{ijk}\sigma_k \quad \{\sigma_i, \sigma_j\} = 2\delta_{ij}\mathbf{1}_2$$

$$(\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{a})(\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{b}) = (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})\mathbf{1}_2 + i(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{\sigma}$$

Wignert-Eckart theorem:

$$\langle \xi' j' m' | \hat{T}_q^{(k)} | \xi j m \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2j'+1}} {}_u \langle j k m q | j k j' m' \rangle_c \langle \xi' j' || T^{(k)} || \xi j \rangle$$

where

$$\langle \xi' j' || T^{(k)} || \xi j \rangle \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2j'+1}} \sum_{m_1, m_2, q'} \langle \xi' j' m_1 | \hat{T}_{q'}^{(k)} | \xi j m_2 \rangle \langle j k m_2 q' | j k j' m_1 \rangle$$

$SU(2)$  tensor operator:

$$[\hat{J}_z, \hat{T}_q^{(k)}] = q \hat{T}_q^{(k)} \quad [\hat{J}_\pm, \hat{T}_q^{(k)}] = \sqrt{k(k+1) - q(q \pm 1)} \hat{T}_{q \pm 1}^{(k)},$$

where  $q$  refers to the spherical components, which for a vector operator are

$$\hat{V}_{+1} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\hat{V}_x + i\hat{V}_y), \quad \hat{V}_0 = \hat{V}_z \quad \hat{V}_{-1} = +\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\hat{V}_x - i\hat{V}_y)$$

Spherical unit vectors:

$$\hat{e}_{\pm 1} = \mp \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\hat{e}_x \pm i\hat{e}_y), \quad \hat{e}_0 = \hat{e}_z$$

Scalar products in spherical basis:  $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} = -A_{+1}B_{-1} - A_{-1}B_{+1} + A_0B_0$

Basic rotations:

$$R_{\mathbf{e}_x}(\alpha) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ 0 & \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix} \quad R_{\mathbf{e}_y}(\alpha) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & 0 & \sin \alpha \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \alpha & 0 & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix} \quad R_{\mathbf{e}_z}(\alpha) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha & 0 \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Gaunt's formula

$$\int d\Omega Y_{lm}^*(\Omega)Y_{l_1m_1}(\Omega)Y_{l_2m_2}(\Omega) = \sqrt{\frac{(2l_1+1)(2l_2+1)}{4\pi(2l+1)}} {}_u\langle l_1l_2m_1m_2|l_1l_2lm\rangle_c {}_u\langle l_1l_200|l_1l_2l0\rangle_c.$$

Fermionic operators in the Fock space:

$$\begin{aligned} a_\nu |n_1 n_2 \dots 1_\nu \dots\rangle &= (-1)^{\sum_{\mu=1}^{\nu-1} n_\mu} |n_1 n_2 \dots 0_\nu \dots\rangle \\ a_\nu^\dagger |n_1 n_2 \dots 0_\nu \dots\rangle &= (-1)^{\sum_{\mu=1}^{\nu-1} n_\mu} |n_1 n_2 \dots 1_\nu \dots\rangle \\ \{a_\mu, a_\nu\} &= 0 \quad \{a_\mu^\dagger, a_\nu^\dagger\} = \delta_{\mu\nu} \\ \hat{F} &= \sum_{\mu,\nu} \langle \mu | \hat{f} | \nu \rangle a_\mu^\dagger a_\nu \quad \hat{F} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mu,\mu',\nu,\nu'} \langle \mu\mu' | \hat{g} | \nu\nu' \rangle a_\mu^\dagger a_{\mu'}^\dagger a_{\nu'} a_\nu \\ \psi(\mathbf{x}, \sigma) &= \sum_\mu \phi_\mu(\mathbf{x}, \sigma) a_\mu \quad \psi^\dagger(\mathbf{x}, \sigma) = \sum_\mu \phi_\mu^*(\mathbf{x}, \sigma) a_\mu^\dagger \quad \hat{N} = \sum_\mu a_\mu^\dagger a_\mu \end{aligned}$$

Relativistic theory:

metric tensor  $g_{\mu\nu} = \text{diag}(1, -1, -1, -1) = g^{\mu\nu}$

scalar products  $a \cdot b = a_\mu b^\mu = g_{\mu\nu} a^\mu b^\nu$

4-vectors:  $x^\mu = (ct, \mathbf{x})$ ,  $p^\mu = (E/c, \mathbf{p})$ ,  $A^\mu = (\varphi/c, \mathbf{A})$

derivatives:  $\partial_\mu = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} = (\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \nabla)$ , and  $\partial^\mu = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\mu}$

Clifford algebra for the Dirac gamma-matrices:  $\{\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu\} = 2g^{\mu\nu}\mathbf{1}_4$

Dirac-Pauli representation:

$$\gamma^0 = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{1}_2 & 0 \\ 0 & -\mathbf{1}_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \gamma^i = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma^i \\ -\sigma^i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{\Sigma} = \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \vec{\sigma} & 0 \\ 0 & \vec{\sigma} \end{pmatrix}$$

Taylor series expansions:

$$\sqrt{1+x} = 1 + \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{8}x^2 + \dots \quad \ln(1+x) = x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \dots$$

Clebsch-Gordan coefficients,  $3j$  symbols and some properties thereof:

$$\begin{pmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & j \\ m_1 & m_2 & m \end{pmatrix} \equiv \frac{(-1)^{j_1-j_2-m}}{\sqrt{2j+1}} {}_u\langle j_1 j_2 m_1 m_2 | j_1 j_2 j - m \rangle_c$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & j_3 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} j_2 & j_3 & j_1 \\ m_2 & m_3 & m_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} j_3 & j_1 & j_2 \\ m_3 & m_1 & m_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} j_2 & j_3 & j_1 \\ m_3 & m_1 & m_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} j_3 & j_1 & j_2 \\ m_2 & m_3 & m_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(-1)^{j_1+j_2+j_3} \begin{pmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & j_3 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} j_2 & j_1 & j_3 \\ m_2 & m_1 & m_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} j_1 & j_3 & j_2 \\ m_1 & m_3 & m_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} j_3 & j_2 & j_1 \\ m_3 & m_2 & m_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & j_3 \\ -m_1 & -m_2 & -m_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sum_{m_1 m_2} \begin{pmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & j_3 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & j'_3 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m'_3 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\delta_{j_3 j'_3} \delta_{m_3 m'_3}}{2j_3 + 1}$$

$$\sum_{j_3 m_3} (2j_3 + 1) \begin{pmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & j_3 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & j_3 \\ m'_1 & m'_2 & m_3 \end{pmatrix} = \delta_{m_1 m'_1} \delta_{m_2 m'_2}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & j_3 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad \text{unless } m_1 + m_2 + m_3 = 0 \text{ and } \Delta(j_1, j_2, j_3)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & j_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad \text{if } j_1 + j_2 + j_3 \text{ is odd}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} j + \frac{1}{2} & j & \frac{1}{2} \\ m & -m - \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} = (-1)^{j-m-\frac{1}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{j-m+\frac{1}{2}}{(2j+2)(2j+1)}}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} j+1 & j & 1 \\ m & -m-1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = (-1)^{j-m-1} \sqrt{\frac{(j-m)(j-m+1)}{(2j+3)(2j+2)(2j+1)}}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} j+1 & j & 1 \\ m & -m & 0 \end{pmatrix} = (-1)^{j-m-1} \sqrt{\frac{(j+m+1)(j-m+1)}{(2j+3)(j+1)(2j+1)}}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} j & j & 1 \\ m & -m-1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = (-1)^{j-m} \sqrt{\frac{(j-m)(j+m+1)}{(j+1)(2j+1)(2j)}}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} j & j & 1 \\ m & -m & 0 \end{pmatrix} = (-1)^{j-m} \frac{m}{\sqrt{(2j+1)(j+1)j}}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} j & j & 0 \\ m & -m & 0 \end{pmatrix} = (-1)^{j-m} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2j+1}}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} j & j & 2 \\ m & -m & 0 \end{pmatrix} = (-1)^{j-m} \frac{3m^2 - j(j+1)}{\sqrt{(2j+3)(j+1)(2j+1)2j(2j-1)}}$$

