

Addition of angular momentum: two spin-1/2

Read McIntyre 11.4,5,6

PH451/551

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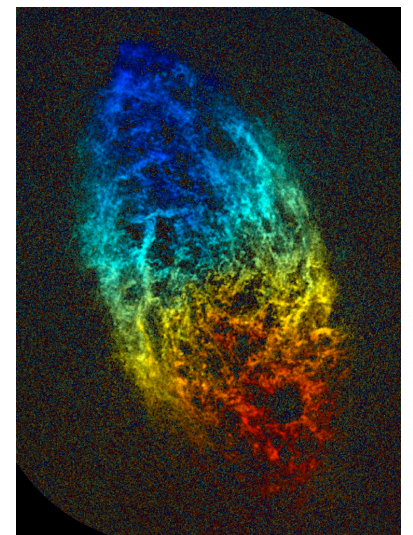
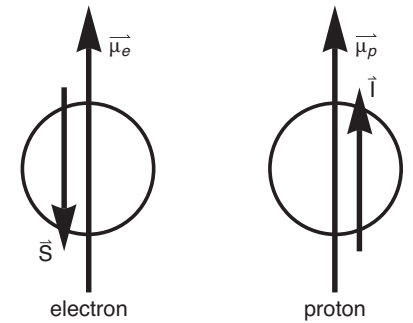
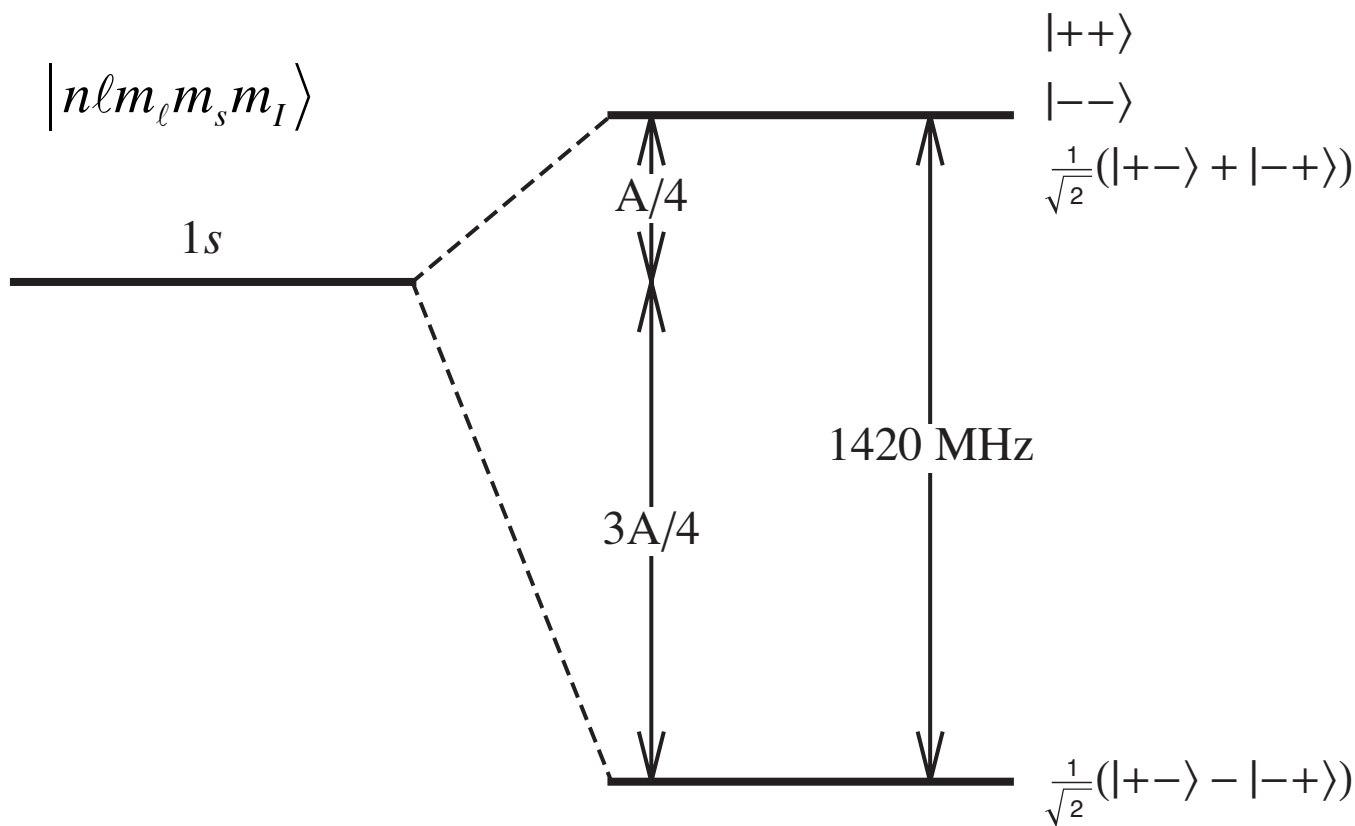
2. How do we label eigenstates of S^2 , S_z , I^2 , I_z

$$|S, m_S, I, m_I\rangle = \left| \frac{1}{2}, m_S, \frac{1}{2}, m_I \right\rangle = |m_S, m_I\rangle$$

$$= |+, +\rangle, |-, +\rangle, |+, -\rangle, |-, -\rangle, \left| \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle \text{ etc}$$

The hyperfine interaction lifts the degeneracy of the H ground state

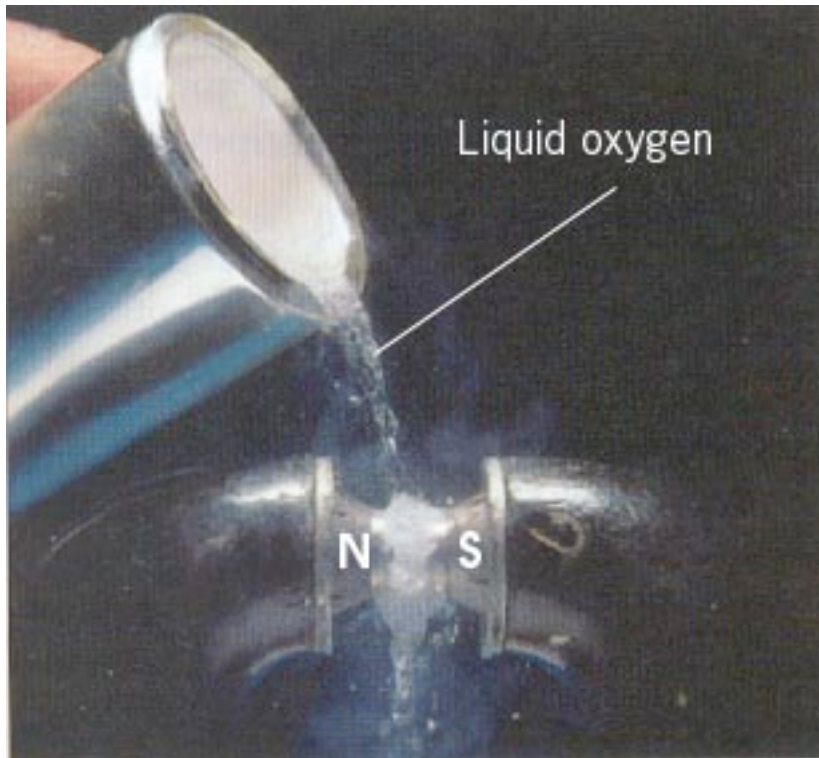
1. Hyperfine interaction:
$$H'_{hf} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{g_e \mu_B g_p \mu_N}{\hbar^2} \frac{8\pi}{3} \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{I} \delta(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{A}{\hbar^2} \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{I}$$



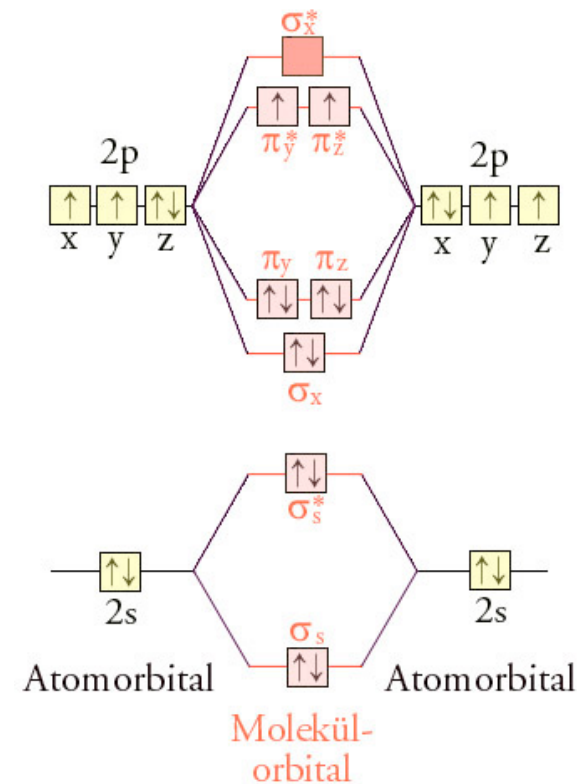
Aside: another singlet/triplet example

1. Oxygen stability & magnetism:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Triplet_oxygen



<http://coe.kean.edu/~afonarev/Physics/Magnetism/Magnetic%20Fields%20and%20Forces-eL.htm>



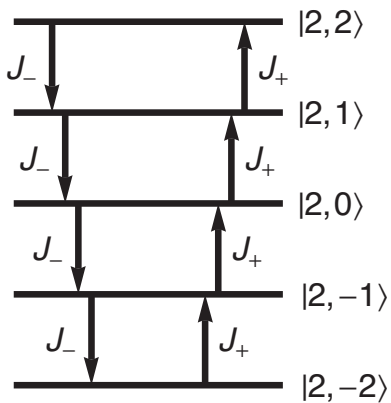
Two unpaired electrons => 4 degen. states. Degen. lifted by exchange interaction to give lower energy triplet ($S=1$, paramagnetic) and higher energy singlet ($S=0$, non magnetic).

Recap- system of 2 spin-1/2: e and p

Uncoupled basis

1. Hyperfine interaction: $|++\rangle$ $|+-\rangle$ $| -+\rangle$ $|--\rangle$

$$S \cdot I = S_+ I_- + S_- I_+ + S_z I_z \doteq \frac{\hbar^2}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \langle ++| \\ \langle +-| \\ \langle -+| \\ \langle --| \end{matrix}$$



$$J_+ = (J_x + iJ_y)$$

$$J_- = (J_x - iJ_y)$$

$$[J_+, J_-] = 2\hbar J_z$$

$$J_{\pm} |j, m_j\rangle = \hbar [j(j+1) - m_j(m_j \pm 1)]^{1/2} |j, m_j \pm 1\rangle$$

$$J_+ |j, j\rangle = 0; \quad J_- |j, -j\rangle = 0$$

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$$E_1 = A/4, \quad |E_1\rangle = |++\rangle$$

$$E_3 = A/4, \quad |E_3\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|+-\rangle + |-+\rangle]$$

$$E_2 = A/4, \quad |E_2\rangle = |--\rangle$$

$$E_4 = -3A/4, \quad |E_4\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|+-\rangle - |-+\rangle]$$

Another way to look at two spin $\frac{1}{2}$:

1. Two magnetic dipoles exert torques on each other and change direction of a.m. of the other =>
 - (a) z-comp. of a.m. of each particle is NOT conserved
QM: S_z and I_z do not commute with H_{hf}
We say, " m_s and m_l are bad quantum numbers"
 - (b) but magnitude of a.m. of each particle is conserved.
QM: S^2 and I^2 commute with H_{hf}
We say, " S and I are good quantum numbers"
2. To find other good quantum numbers for this problem and hence the "correct" or convenient basis, we must look for a conserved quantity. It will be total angular momentum:

$$F = S + I$$

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2. How do these "coupled" basis states relate to the "uncoupled" states?
3. How do the quantum numbers F, m_F relate to quantum numbers S, m_S, I, m_I ?

F_z in uncoupled basis:

1. Z-cmpt angular momentum: $F_z = S_z + I_z$

$$F_z \doteq \hbar \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{0 & 0} & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{0 & 0} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} ++ \\ +- \\ -+ \\ -- \end{matrix}$$

$$S_z \doteq \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{matrix} |++\rangle & |+-\rangle & |-+\rangle & |--\rangle \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & +1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \langle ++| \\ \langle +-| \\ \langle -+| \\ \langle --| \end{matrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$I_z \doteq \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{matrix} |++\rangle & |+-\rangle & |-+\rangle & |--\rangle \\ \begin{pmatrix} +1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & +1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \langle ++| \\ \langle +-| \\ \langle -+| \\ \langle --| \end{matrix} \end{matrix}$$

2. Diagonal! Uncoupled states $|m_S m_I\rangle$ are eigenstates of F_z ! (but ambiguity about $+-, -+$ states)

$$\begin{aligned} F_z |m_S m_I\rangle &= (S_z + I_z) |m_S m_I\rangle & F_z |FM_F\rangle &= M_F \hbar |FM_F\rangle \\ &= (m_S + m_I) \hbar |m_S m_I\rangle & M_F &= m_S + m_I \end{aligned}$$

F^2 in uncoupled basis:

1. Square of ang. Momentum: $F^2 = S^2 + I^2 + 2S \cdot I$

$$\mathbf{F}^2 \doteq \hbar^2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{1 & 1} & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{1 & 1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} ++ \\ +- \\ -+ \\ -- \end{matrix} \quad 2S \cdot I \doteq \frac{\hbar^2}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \langle ++ | \\ \langle +- | \\ \langle -+ | \\ \langle -- | \end{matrix}$$

2. Not diagonal! Uncoupled states $|m_s m_l\rangle$ are not eigenstates of F^2 in general! But $|++\rangle$ and $|--\rangle$ are.

$$\mathbf{F}^2 |FM_F\rangle = F(F+1)\hbar^2 |FM_F\rangle$$

$$\mathbf{F}^2 |++\rangle = 2\hbar^2 |++\rangle \Rightarrow F = 1$$

$$\mathbf{F}^2 |--\rangle = 2\hbar^2 |--\rangle \Rightarrow F = 1$$

coupled basis | uncoupled basis

$$|F=1, M_F=1\rangle = |++\rangle$$

$$|F=1, M_F=-1\rangle = |--\rangle$$

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2. Diagonalize subspace (HW)

coupled basis | uncoupled basis

$$|F = 1, M_F = 0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|+-\rangle + |-+\rangle]$$

$$|F = 0, M_F = 0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|+-\rangle - |-+\rangle]$$

Two ways to look at the same system

1. Square of ang. Momentum:

coupled basis | uncoupled basis

$$\left. \begin{aligned} |11\rangle &= |++\rangle \\ |10\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|+-\rangle + |-+\rangle] \\ |1,-1\rangle &= |--\rangle \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \textit{Triplet state} \\ F=1, m_F = 1,0,-1 \end{array} \quad F = |S + I|$$
$$\left. \begin{aligned} |00\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|+-\rangle - |-+\rangle] \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \textit{Singlet state} \\ F=0, m_F = 0 \end{array} \quad F = |S - I|$$

Clebsch-Gordan Coefficients

1.

$s = \frac{1}{2}$	F	1	1	1	0
	$l = \frac{1}{2}$	M_F	1	0	-1
m_s	m_l				
$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	0	0
$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	0	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$
$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	0	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$
$-\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	1	0

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$$|JM\rangle = \sum_{m_1=-j_1}^{j_1} \sum_{m_2=-j_2}^{j_2} C_{m_1 m_2 M}^{j_1 j_2 J} |j_1 j_2 m_1 m_2\rangle$$

Hyperfine interaction in coupled basis

1. HI

$$H'_{hf} \doteq \frac{A}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 11 \\ 10 \\ 1,-1 \\ 00 \end{matrix}$$

2. Pity we didn't know about the coupled basis in the first place?!
3. But we learned how to add angular momentum (for the easiest case of just two spin states per particle)

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Clebsch-Gordan coefficients for $j_1=j_2=1$

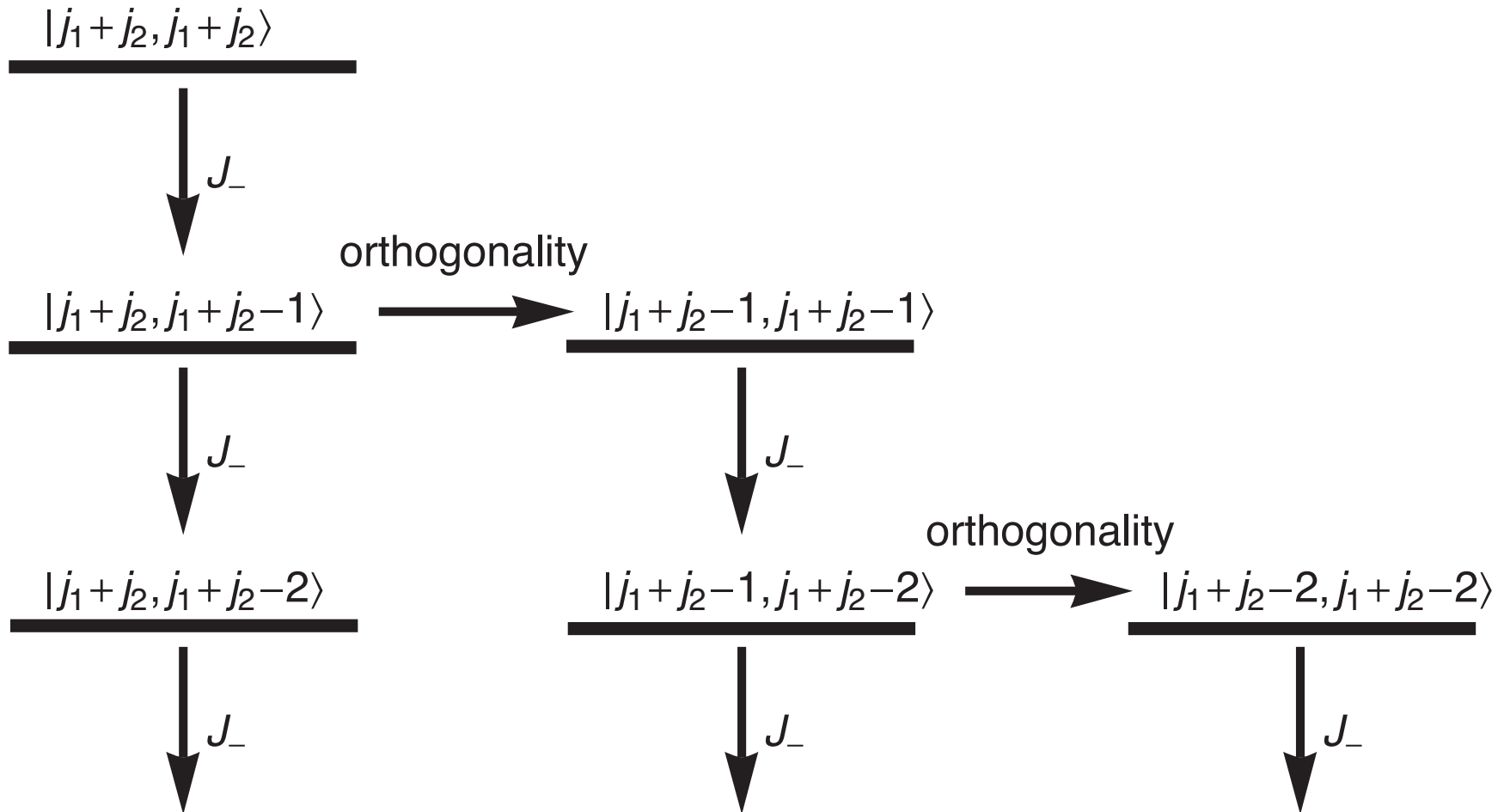
$j_1=1$	j	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	0
$j_2=1$	m	2	1	0	-1	-2	1	0	-1	0
m_1	m_2									
1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	0	0	0
1	-1	0	0	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	0	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$
0	1	0	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	0	0	0	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	$\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$	0	0	0	0	0	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$
0	-1	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	0
-1	1	0	0	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$	0	0	0	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	0	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$
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-1	-1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

Clebsch-Gordan coefficients: "forward and backward"

$$|JM\rangle = \sum_{m_1=-j_1}^{j_1} \sum_{m_2=-j_2}^{j_2} C_{m_1 m_2 M}^{j_1 j_2 J} |j_1 j_2 m_1 m_2\rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} |j_1 j_2 m_1 m_2\rangle &= \sum_{J=|j_1-j_2|}^{j_1+j_2} |JM\rangle \langle JM | j_1 j_2 m_1 m_2\rangle \\ &= \sum_{J=|j_1-j_2|}^{j_1+j_2} C_{m_1 m_2 M}^{j_1 j_2 J} |JM\rangle \end{aligned}$$

Calculating Clebsch-Gordan coefficients



Commutators (unperturbed)

$$[H_0, S^2] = 0$$

$$[H_0, I^2] = 0$$

$$[H_0, L^2] = 0$$

$$[H_0, S_z] = 0$$

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$$|n, \ell, m_\ell, s, m_s, I, m_I\rangle \xrightarrow{\text{often}} |n, \ell, m_\ell, m_s, m_I\rangle$$

Commutators (perturbed)

$$H_{hf} = S \cdot I$$

$$\left[H_{hf}, S^2 \right] = 0 \quad \left[H_{hf}, I^2 \right] = 0$$

$$\left[H_{hf}, F^2 \right] = 0$$

$$\left[H_{hf}, S_z \right] \neq 0 \quad \left[H_{hf}, I_z \right] \neq 0$$

$$\left[H_{hf}, S_z + I_z \right] = 0$$

$$\left[H_{hf}, L^2 \right] = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \left[H_{hf}, L_z \right] = 0 \quad (\text{wait!})$$

$$\left| n, \ell, m_\ell, s, I, F, m_F \right\rangle$$

Commutators & conserved quantities

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle \psi | A | \psi \rangle = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \langle \psi | \{ A | \psi \rangle \} + \langle \psi | \frac{\partial}{\partial t} A | \psi \rangle + \langle \psi | A \frac{\partial}{\partial t} | \psi \rangle$$

$$H | \psi \rangle = i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} | \psi \rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{-i\hbar} \langle \psi | HA | \psi \rangle + \frac{1}{i\hbar} \langle \psi | AH | \psi \rangle + \langle \psi | \frac{\partial}{\partial t} A | \psi \rangle$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle \psi | A | \psi \rangle = \frac{1}{i\hbar} \langle \psi | AH - HA | \psi \rangle + \langle \psi | \frac{\partial}{\partial t} A | \psi \rangle$$

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