

**Lecture summary**

- Angular momentum basics
- Coupling of angular momenta
  - The hyperfine structure of the hydrogen groundlevel
- Clebsch-Gordan coefficients
- Wigner's 3j symbol
- Rotation d-matrix
- Representation of vector in the spherical coordinates
- Polarization of light
- E1 transition
  - Lifetime
  - Oscillator strength
  - Selection rules
- Examples of the Wigner-Eckart Theorem
- Two-photon transition
- E2 transition
- Fluorescence, angular distribution and polarization

**Homework**

1. **Angular momentum coupling.** A system of two angular momenta  $j_1 m_1$  and  $j_2 m_2$  has a total number of  $(2j_1 + 1)(2j_2 + 1)$  states. The two couple to form a combined system of angular momentum  $J$ , whose maximum value is  $J_{\max} = j_1 + j_2$ . Find the minimum value for  $J$  based on the expectation that the total number of states in the coupled system should equal to that of the original uncoupled system.
2. The **3j symbols** satisfy the following exchange properties:

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

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

Express these two types of relations in terms of C-G coefficients.

3. In the table of **Clebsch-Gordan coefficients** (Figure 35.1), find each case of the C-G coefficient being equal to zero, and show that it should be zero based on symmetry properties.
4. Textbook Exercise (2.10) Transitions

5. Textbook Exercise (2.13) Selection rules in hydrogen

**Reading Assignments:**

Textbook, Appendix E, Raman and two-photon transitions