

Angular Momentum Addition

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Class Eval: Dec. 5 (M) 8am ends

We discussed both spin \vec{S} and orbital angular momentum \vec{L} .
In realistic case, we often have to deal with both \vec{S} and \vec{L} .
Typically, we get the total angular momentum $\vec{J} = \vec{S} + \vec{L}$.
In general, we need to discuss how one may add ^{two} different angular momenta, \vec{J}_1 and \vec{J}_2 . $\boxed{\vec{J} = \vec{J}_1 + \vec{J}_2}$ as Total Ang. Mom.

Ex. electron-positron system with $H = A \vec{S}(e^-) \cdot \vec{S}(e^+)$.

$$j_1 \otimes j_2 = j_1 + j_2, j_1 + j_2 - 1, \dots, |j_1 - j_2|$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \otimes \frac{1}{2} = \underline{1 \oplus 0}$$

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outer product of two Hilbert spaces.
Total j allowed
irreducible representations of the total Hilbert space.

e^- (electron)	e^+ (positron)
$ \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\rangle = +\rangle$	$ \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\rangle = +\rangle$
$ \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\rangle = -\rangle$	$ \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\rangle = -\rangle$

$$(2j_1 + 1) \times (2j_2 + 1)$$

$$\parallel$$

$$2 \times 2$$

$$\parallel$$

$$4$$

$|++\rangle, |+-\rangle, |-+\rangle, |--\rangle$: 4 degrees of freedom.

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Irreducible representation of total space.

$$j_1 + j_2 = 1$$

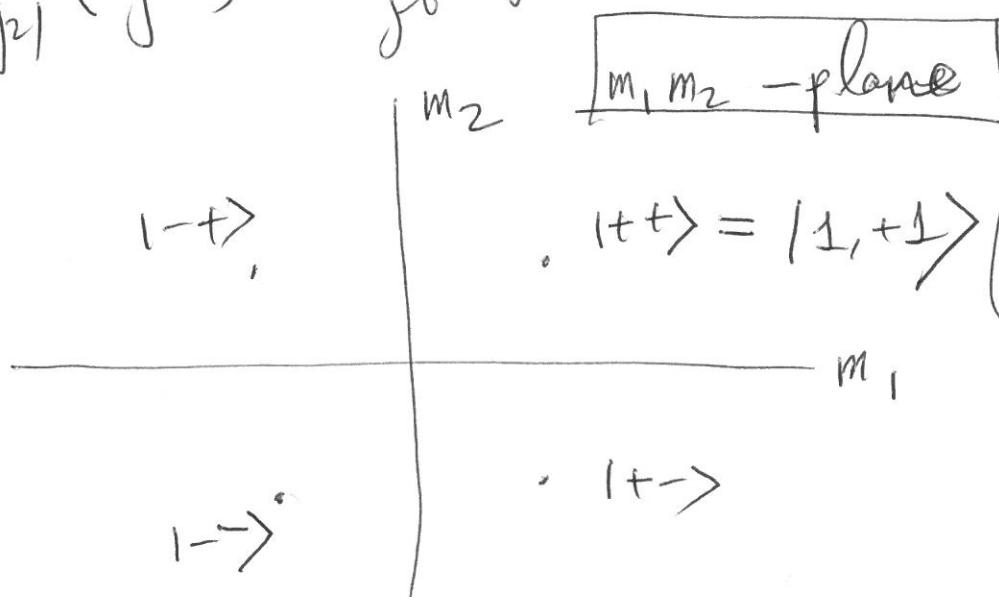
$$|j_1 - j_2| = 0$$

$$\text{Triplet } \begin{cases} |1, +1\rangle \\ |1, 0\rangle \\ |1, -1\rangle \end{cases}$$

$$|0, 0\rangle \text{ } \} \text{ singlet}$$

4 degrees of freedom.

$$\sum_{j=1}^{j_1+j_2} (2j+1) = \sum_{j=0}^1 (2j+1) = 1+3 = 4.$$



Convention
positive real
coefficient.
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Since $\vec{J} = \vec{J}_1 + \vec{J}_2$, $J_z = J_{1z} + J_{2z}$ or $m = m_1 + m_2$
 $J_{\pm} = J_{1\pm} + J_{2\pm}$.

$$J_- |1, +1\rangle = (J_{1-} + J_{2-}) |1, +1\rangle$$

\hbar factors are cancelled between left and right sides.

$$\sqrt{1(1+1) - 1(1-1)} |1, 0\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}+1) - \frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}-1)} |1, -+\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}+1) - \frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}-1)} |1, +-\rangle$$

Thus, one gets

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$$|1, 0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1+\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1-\rangle$$

Clebsch-Gordon Coefficient
(CG)

$$J_- |1, 0\rangle = (J_{1-} + J_{2-}) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1+\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1-\rangle \right)$$

$$\sqrt{1(1+1)-0(0-1)} |1, -1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}+1) - \frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}-1)} |1-\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}+1) - \frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}-1)} |1-\rangle$$

$$\text{or } \sqrt{2} |1, -1\rangle = 2 \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1-\rangle$$

$$\text{i.e. } |1, -1\rangle = |1-\rangle \text{ as expected!}$$

Now, how do we get a singlet state?

$$|00\rangle = a |1+\rangle + b |1-\rangle$$

$$J_- |00\rangle = (J_{1-} + J_{2-}) (a |1+\rangle + b |1-\rangle)$$

$$0 = a \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}+1) - \frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}-1)} |1-\rangle + b \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}+1) - \frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}-1)} |1-\rangle$$

$$= (a+b) |1-\rangle$$

$$\text{or } a+b=0; \text{ If we applied } J_+ |00\rangle=0, \text{ then we get } (a+b) |1++\rangle=0.$$

In any case, using the normalization $a^2 + b^2 = 1$, we get

$$a = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} > 0, \quad b = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

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Condon - Shortley's convention.

i.e. $|00\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|+-\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|-+\rangle$

Note that $\langle 10 | 00 \rangle = 0$.

The essential factor in Hamiltonian $H = A \vec{S}_1 \cdot \vec{S}_2$ is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{S}_1 \cdot \vec{S}_2 &= \frac{\vec{S}^2 - \vec{S}_1^2 - \vec{S}_2^2}{2} = \frac{S(S+1) - \frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}+1) - \frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}+1)}{2} \hbar^2 \\ &= \left[\frac{S(S+1)}{2} - \frac{3}{4} \right] \hbar^2 \end{aligned}$$

[Triplet; states	;	$S=1,$	$E = \frac{A}{4} \hbar^2$
]	Singlet; state	;	$S=0,$	$E = -\frac{3}{4} A \hbar^2$ (lower energy) <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">more stable</div>

Ex. $\hat{j}_1 = \frac{3}{2} > \hat{j}_2 = 1$; $\hat{j} = \frac{5}{2}$ $\frac{3}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$

$$(2j_1+1) \times (2j_2+1) = \sum_{\hat{j}_1, \hat{j}_2}^{j_1+j_2} (2j+1)$$

$$4 \times 3 = 6 + 4 + 2$$

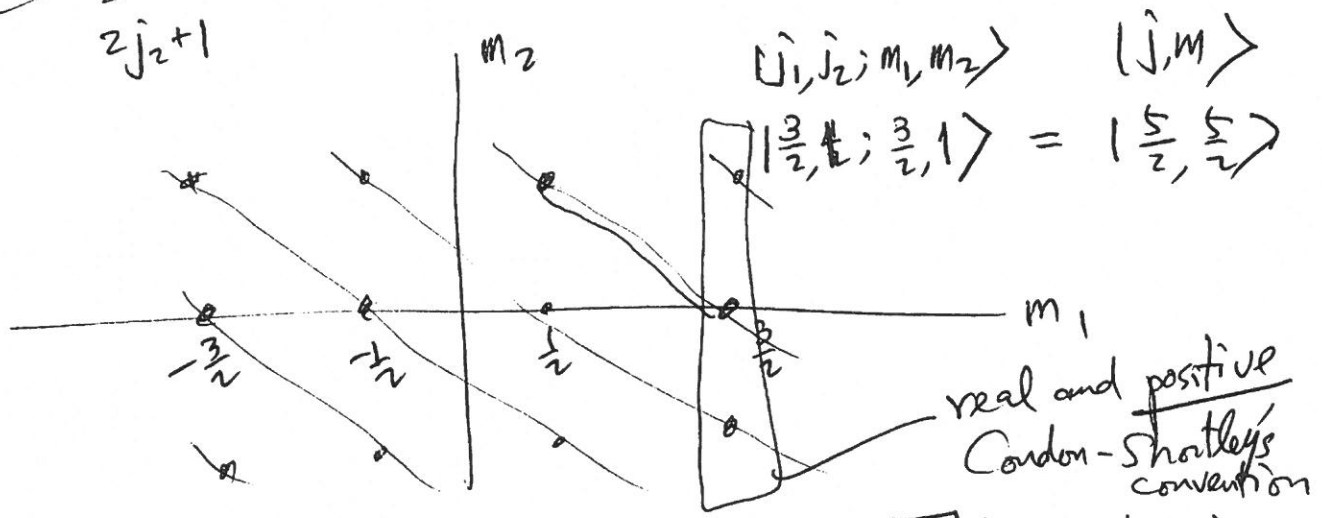
proof in general

$$2 \sum_{\hat{j}_1, \hat{j}_2}^{j_1+j_2} j + \sum_{\hat{j}_1, \hat{j}_2}^{j_1+j_2} 1 = (2j_2+1)(2j_1) + (2j_2+1)$$

$$= (2j_2+1)(2j_1+1)$$

$$\frac{(\hat{j}_1 \hat{j}_2) + (\hat{j}_1 \hat{j}_2 + 1) + \dots + (j_1 j_2)}{2j_1 + 2j_1 + \dots + 2j_1}$$

$$\frac{j_1(j_2+1)}{2j_2+1}$$



$$m_1 + m_2 = \frac{3}{2}; \quad | \frac{5}{2}, \frac{3}{2} \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}} | \frac{3}{2}, 1; \frac{3}{2}, 0 \rangle + \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} | \frac{3}{2}, 1; \frac{1}{2}, 1 \rangle$$

$$| \frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{2} \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} | \frac{3}{2}, 1; \frac{3}{2}, 0 \rangle - \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}} | \frac{3}{2}, 1; \frac{1}{2}, 1 \rangle$$

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$$m_1 + m_2 = \frac{1}{2};$$

$$|\frac{5}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{1}{10}} |\frac{3}{2}, 1; \frac{3}{2}, 1\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} |\frac{3}{2}, 1; \frac{1}{2}, 0\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{3}{10}} |\frac{3}{2}, 1; -\frac{1}{2}, 1\rangle$$

$$|\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}} |\frac{3}{2}, 1; \frac{3}{2}, -1\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{1}{15}} |\frac{3}{2}, 1; \frac{1}{2}, 0\rangle - \sqrt{\frac{8}{15}} |\frac{3}{2}, 1; -\frac{1}{2}, 1\rangle$$

$$|\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} |\frac{3}{2}, 1; \frac{3}{2}, -1\rangle - \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} |\frac{3}{2}, 1; \frac{1}{2}, 0\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{1}{6}} |\frac{3}{2}, 1; -\frac{1}{2}, 1\rangle$$

$$m_1 + m_2 = -\frac{1}{2};$$

$$|\frac{5}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{3}{10}} |\frac{3}{2}, 1; \frac{1}{2}, -1\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} |\frac{3}{2}, 1; -\frac{1}{2}, 0\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{1}{10}} |\frac{3}{2}, 1; -\frac{3}{2}, 1\rangle$$

$$|\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{8}{15}} |\frac{3}{2}, 1; \frac{1}{2}, -1\rangle - \sqrt{\frac{1}{15}} |\frac{3}{2}, 1; -\frac{1}{2}, 0\rangle - \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}} |\frac{3}{2}, 1; -\frac{3}{2}, 1\rangle$$

$$|\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{1}{6}} |\frac{3}{2}, 1; \frac{1}{2}, -1\rangle - \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} |\frac{3}{2}, 1; -\frac{1}{2}, 0\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} |\frac{3}{2}, 1; -\frac{3}{2}, 1\rangle$$

$$m_1 + m_2 = -\frac{3}{2};$$

$$|\frac{5}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} |\frac{3}{2}, 1; -\frac{1}{2}, -1\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}} |\frac{3}{2}, 1; -\frac{3}{2}, 0\rangle$$

$$|\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}} |\frac{3}{2}, 1; -\frac{1}{2}, -1\rangle - \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} |\frac{3}{2}, 1; -\frac{3}{2}, 0\rangle$$

$$m_1 + m_2 = -\frac{5}{2};$$

$$|\frac{5}{2}, -\frac{5}{2}\rangle = |\frac{3}{2}, 1; -\frac{3}{2}, -1\rangle$$

Formal Theory of Angular-Momentum Addition

pp. 221-224 (Section 3.8)

$$|j_1 j_2; j m\rangle = \underbrace{\sum_{m_1} \sum_{m_2} |j_1 j_2; m_1 m_2\rangle}_{\text{closure Relation}} \underbrace{\langle j_1 j_2; m_1 m_2 |}_{\text{CG-Coefficients}} |j_1 j_2; j m\rangle$$

Convention: ① $j_1 \geq j_2$

② $\langle j_1 j_2; j m | j_1 j_2; m_1 m_2 \rangle = \langle j_1 j_2; m_1 m_2 | j_1 j_2; j m \rangle$

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real

$m_1 = j_1$ case is taken to be positive
Condon-Shortley's convention

Orthogonality conditions:

$$\sum_j \sum_m \langle j_1 j_2; m_1 m_2 | j_1 j_2; j m \rangle \langle j_1 j_2; m'_1 m'_2 | j_1 j_2; j m \rangle = \delta_{m_1 m'_1} \delta_{m_2 m'_2}$$

$$\sum_{m_1} \sum_{m_2} \langle j_1 j_2; m_1 m_2 | j_1 j_2; j m \rangle \langle j_1 j_2; m_1 m_2 | j_1 j_2; j m' \rangle = \delta_{j j'} \delta_{m m'}$$

e.g. $\sum_{m_1} \sum_{m_2} |\langle j_1 j_2; m_1 m_2 | j_1 j_2; j m \rangle|^2 = 1.$

	j	$+5/2$	$3/2$	$1/2$
m_1	m_2	$+1/2$	$+1/2$	$+1/2$
$+3/2$	-1	$\sqrt{\frac{1}{10}}$	$\sqrt{\frac{2}{5}}$	$\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}$
$+1/2$	0	$\sqrt{\frac{3}{5}}$	$\sqrt{\frac{1}{15}}$	$-\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}$
$-1/2$	$+1$	$\sqrt{\frac{3}{10}}$	$-\sqrt{\frac{8}{15}}$	$\sqrt{\frac{1}{6}}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{\frac{1}{10}} & \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} & \sqrt{\frac{3}{10}} \\ \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}} & \sqrt{\frac{1}{15}} & -\sqrt{\frac{8}{15}} \\ \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} & -\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} & \sqrt{\frac{1}{6}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$RR^T = I$
Orthogonal Matrix

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Recursion Relations Among the CG-Coefficients

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$$J_{\pm} |j_1 j_2; j m\rangle = (J_{1\pm} + J_{2\pm}) \sum_{m_1} \sum_{m_2} |j_1 j_2; m_1 m_2\rangle \langle j_1 j_2; m_1 m_2 | j j m\rangle$$

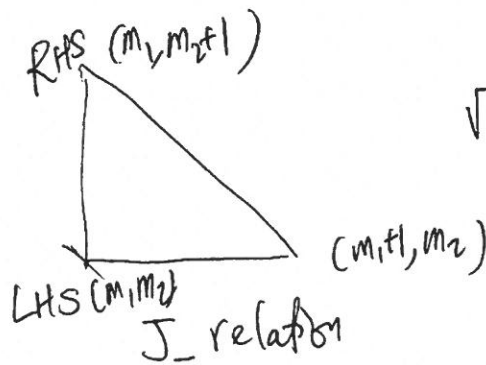
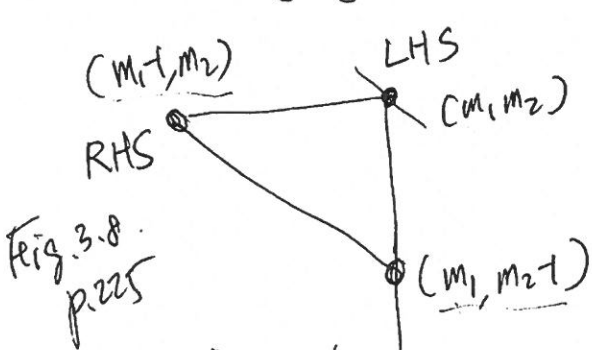
\hbar cancels

$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{j(j+1)-m(m\pm 1)} |j_1 j_2; j m\pm 1\rangle \\ &= \sum_{m_1'} \sum_{m_2'} \left(\sqrt{j_1(j_1+1)-m_1'(m_1'\pm 1)} |j_1 j_2; m_1'\pm 1, m_2'\rangle \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \sqrt{j_2(j_2+1)-m_2'(m_2'\pm 1)} |j_1 j_2; m_1', m_2'\pm 1\rangle \right) \\ & \quad \times \langle j_1 j_2; m_1' m_2' | j_1 j_2; j m\rangle \end{aligned}$$

Taking an inner product with $\langle j_1 j_2; m_1 m_2 |$ yields.

$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{j(j+1)-m(m\pm 1)} \langle j_1 j_2; m_1 m_2 | j_1 j_2; j m\pm 1\rangle \\ &= \sqrt{j_1(j_1+1)-m_1^*(m_1\mp 1)} \langle j_1 j_2; m_1\mp 1, m_2 | j_1 j_2; j m\rangle \\ & \quad + \sqrt{j_2(j_2+1)-m_2(m_2\mp 1)} \langle j_1 j_2; m_1, m_2\mp 1 | j_1 j_2; j m\rangle \end{aligned}$$

From $\langle j_1 j_2; m_1 m_2 | j_1 j_2; m_1'\pm 1, m_2'\rangle$
we get $m_1'\pm 1 = m_1$ $\delta_{m_1, m_1'\pm 1} \delta_{m_2, m_2'}$
or $m_1' = m_1 \mp 1$ and $m_2' = m_2$



$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{5} \times 1 &= \sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} \\ &+ \sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}} \\ &= \frac{3+2}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{5}{\sqrt{5}} \end{aligned}$$

J_+ relation

$$\begin{aligned} & j = \frac{5}{2}, m = \frac{3}{2} \\ & \left(\frac{5}{2}, \frac{3}{2} \right) \left(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right) \left(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right) \left(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right) \\ & \left(\frac{5}{2}, m+1 = \frac{5}{2} \right) \left(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right) \left(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right) \left(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right) \\ & = \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}(\frac{5}{2}+1)-\frac{3}{2}(\frac{3}{2}+1)} \langle \frac{3}{2}, 1; \frac{3}{2}, 1 | \frac{3}{2}, 1; \frac{5}{2}, \frac{3}{2} \rangle \\ & \quad + \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}(\frac{3}{2}+1)-\frac{3}{2}(\frac{3}{2}+1)} \langle \frac{3}{2}, 1; \frac{3}{2}, 1 | \frac{3}{2}, 1; \frac{5}{2}, \frac{3}{2} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

