

$$1. a) \quad 2\vec{S}_1 \cdot \vec{S}_2 = \overbrace{2\hat{S}_{1x}\hat{S}_{2x} + 2\hat{S}_{1y}\hat{S}_{2y}}^{**} + 2\hat{S}_{1z}\hat{S}_{2z}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{S}_{1+}\hat{S}_{2-} &= (\hat{S}_{1x} + i\hat{S}_{1y})(\hat{S}_{2x} - i\hat{S}_{2y}) \\ &= \hat{S}_{1x}\hat{S}_{2x} - i\hat{S}_{1x}\hat{S}_{2y} + i\hat{S}_{1y}\hat{S}_{2x} + \hat{S}_{1y}\hat{S}_{2y}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{S}_{1-}\hat{S}_{2+} &= (\hat{S}_{1x} - i\hat{S}_{1y})(\hat{S}_{2x} + i\hat{S}_{2y}) \\ &= \hat{S}_{1x}\hat{S}_{2x} - i\hat{S}_{1y}\hat{S}_{2x} + i\hat{S}_{1x}\hat{S}_{2y} + \hat{S}_{1y}\hat{S}_{2y}\end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{*} \quad \hat{S}_{1+}\hat{S}_{2+} + \hat{S}_{1-}\hat{S}_{2-} = 2\hat{S}_{1x}\hat{S}_{2x} + 2\hat{S}_{1y}\hat{S}_{2y}$$

Subbing * at ** we get

$$\textcircled{***} \quad 2\vec{S}_1 \cdot \vec{S}_2 = \hat{S}_{1+}\hat{S}_{2-} + \hat{S}_{1-}\hat{S}_{2+} + 2\hat{S}_{1z}\hat{S}_{2z}$$

$$b) \quad \langle 3 | \hat{H} | 3 \rangle = \frac{A}{\hbar^2} \langle -z, +z | 2\vec{S}_1 \cdot \vec{S}_2 | -z, +z \rangle$$

Acting with a raising or lowering operator after plugging in *** will yield 0 since it will raise or lower the ket making it different from the bra. This is why writing the x & y operators as + & - is so helpful. You know what they do to the z states whereas you don't easily know what \hat{S}_x does.

This leaves

operators, pulls out eigenvalue $\frac{\hbar}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned}&= \frac{A}{\hbar^2} \langle -z, +z | 2\hat{S}_{1z}\hat{S}_{2z} | -z, +z \rangle \\ &= \frac{A}{\hbar^2} 2 \left(-\frac{\hbar}{2}\right) \left(\frac{\hbar}{2}\right)\end{aligned}$$

$$= -\frac{A}{2} \quad \checkmark$$

c) Let's name the eigenstates ^{of \hat{H}} as follows and add

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

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

So now we have the $|3\rangle$ state in terms of the eigenstates of \hat{H} so we now know how \hat{H} acts on $|3\rangle$

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = e^{-i\hat{H}t/\hbar} |3\rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-i\frac{At}{2\hbar}} |1,0\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{3i\frac{At}{2\hbar}} |0,0\rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(e^{-i\frac{At}{2\hbar}} (|2\rangle + |3\rangle) - e^{3i\frac{At}{2\hbar}} (|2\rangle - |3\rangle) \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (e^{-i\frac{At}{2\hbar}} - e^{3i\frac{At}{2\hbar}}) |2\rangle$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} (e^{-i\frac{At}{2\hbar}} + e^{3i\frac{At}{2\hbar}}) |3\rangle$$

$$= e^{i\frac{At}{2\hbar}} \left[\frac{e^{-i\frac{At}{\hbar}} - e^{i\frac{At}{\hbar}}}{2} |2\rangle + \frac{(e^{-i\frac{At}{\hbar}} + e^{i\frac{At}{\hbar}})}{2} |3\rangle \right]$$

$$= e^{i\frac{At}{2\hbar}} \left(i \sin \frac{At}{\hbar} |2\rangle + \cos \frac{At}{\hbar} |3\rangle \right)$$

So at $t=0$ it's the $|3\rangle$ state (up to a phase) and at $t = \pi\hbar/A$ it's $|2\rangle$, then at $2\pi\hbar/A$, it's back to $|3\rangle$. The freq of oscillations is

$$\omega = \frac{A}{\hbar} \quad \text{or} \quad \nu = \frac{A}{h}$$

But the freq of oscillations of probability is $\frac{2A}{h}$ since.

$$|\langle 2 | \psi(t) \rangle|^2 = \sin^2 \frac{A t}{h} = \frac{1}{2} (1 - \cos \frac{2A t}{h})$$

2 a) when $B_x = 0$, 4.38 is diagonal making the basis states $|\pm z\rangle$ eigenstates of \hat{H} .

b) Looking at what we did to get the Rabi formula

$$\frac{\omega_1^2/4}{(\omega_0 - \omega)^2 + \omega_1^2/4} \sin^2 \frac{\sqrt{(\omega_0 - \omega)^2 + \omega_1^2/4}}{2} t$$

↑
difference between energy states before the oscillating field is turned on over \hbar . For NH_3
 $\frac{1}{\hbar} |E_0 - A - E_0 - A| = 2A/\hbar$

ω is the drive frequency in both cases

$$\frac{\hbar}{2} \omega_1 \rightarrow \mu_e |\vec{E}_0| \quad \text{so} \quad \omega_1 \rightarrow \frac{2\mu_e |\vec{E}_0|}{\hbar}$$

So the analogue of Rabi for NH_3 is

$$\frac{\mu_e^2 |\vec{E}_0|^2}{(2A - \omega\hbar)^2 + \mu_e^2 |\vec{E}_0|^2} \sin^2 \left[t \frac{\sqrt{(2A - \omega\hbar)^2 + \mu_e^2 |\vec{E}_0|^2}}{2\hbar} \right]$$

c) These are transitions between the $|I\rangle$ and $|II\rangle$ states, the eigenstates of the NH_3 molecule when $\vec{E} = 0$. If we start in state $|II\rangle$, the answer in (b) is the probability to be found in $|I\rangle$.

d) The basis used in 4.57, $|1\rangle$, $|2\rangle$ correspond to N above and N below the H_3 plane respectively, fig 4.9.

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$$e) \begin{pmatrix} \langle I|1\rangle & \langle I|2\rangle \\ \langle \#|1\rangle & \langle \#|2\rangle \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \langle 1|\hat{H}|1\rangle & \langle 1|\hat{H}|2\rangle \\ \langle 2|\hat{H}|1\rangle & \langle 2|\hat{H}|2\rangle \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \langle 1|I\rangle & \langle 1|\# \rangle \\ \langle 2|I\rangle & \langle 2|\# \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \langle I|1\rangle & \langle I|2\rangle \\ \langle \#|1\rangle & \langle \#|2\rangle \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \langle 1|\hat{H}|1\rangle \langle 1|I\rangle + \langle 1|\hat{H}|2\rangle \langle 2|I\rangle & \langle 1|\hat{H}|1\rangle \langle 1|\# \rangle + \langle 1|\hat{H}|2\rangle \langle 2|\# \rangle \\ \langle 2|\hat{H}|1\rangle \langle 1|I\rangle + \langle 2|\hat{H}|2\rangle \langle 2|I\rangle & \dots \end{pmatrix}$$

In each case we have a complete set of states which is I

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \langle I|1\rangle & \langle I|2\rangle \\ \langle \#|1\rangle & \langle \#|2\rangle \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \langle 1|\hat{H}|I\rangle & \langle 1|\hat{H}|\# \rangle \\ \langle 2|\hat{H}|I\rangle & \langle 2|\hat{H}|\# \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \langle I|1\rangle \langle 1|I\rangle + \langle I|2\rangle \langle 2|I\rangle & \langle I|1\rangle \langle 1|\# \rangle + \langle I|2\rangle \langle 2|\# \rangle \\ \langle \#|1\rangle \langle 1|I\rangle + \langle \#|2\rangle \langle 2|I\rangle & \langle \#|1\rangle \langle 1|\# \rangle + \langle \#|2\rangle \langle 2|\# \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

once again, we get complete sets of states that we can turn into identities.

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \langle I|\hat{H}|I\rangle & \langle I|\hat{H}|\# \rangle \\ \langle \#|\hat{H}|I\rangle & \langle \#|\hat{H}|\# \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

$$f) \begin{pmatrix} \langle 1|I\rangle & \langle 1|\# \rangle \\ \langle 2|I\rangle & \langle 2|\# \rangle \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E_0 + \mu|\vec{E}| & -A \\ -A & E_0 - \mu|\vec{E}| \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E_0 + \mu|\vec{E}| - A & E_0 + \mu|\vec{E}| + A \\ E_0 - \mu|\vec{E}| - A & -(E_0 - \mu|\vec{E}| + A) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 2(E_0 - A) & 2\mu|\vec{E}| \\ 2\mu|\vec{E}| & 2(E_0 + A) \end{pmatrix} \quad \checkmark$$

$$3) a) [\hat{p}_{+z}, \hat{H}] = \omega_0 (\hat{p}_{+z} \hat{S}_x - \hat{S}_x \hat{p}_{+z})$$

$$= \frac{\hbar \omega_0}{2} \left[\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\hbar \omega_0}{2} \left[\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\hbar \omega_0}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \neq 0 \quad \checkmark$$

b) For any commutator

$$\Delta p_{+z} \Delta E \geq \frac{\hbar}{2} |\langle \psi | [\hat{p}_{+z}, \hat{H}] | \psi \rangle|$$

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uncertainty in the probability to find the particle in the $|+\hat{z}\rangle$ state. Recall we showed that the observable corresponding to \hat{p}_{+z} was this probability back in Hw 1.

$$(*) \quad \Delta p_{+z} \Delta E \geq \frac{\hbar}{2} \left| \frac{d\langle \hat{p}_{+z} \rangle}{dt} \right|$$

$$\frac{\Delta p_{+z}}{|d\langle \hat{p}_{+z} \rangle / dt|} \Delta E \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

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Δt Time for the expectation value of \hat{p}_{+z} to change by an amount equal to the uncertainty in this quantity.

c) For $|+\hat{x}\rangle$, ΔE will be 0 since it's an eigen state of H . $\Delta p_{+z} = \text{finite}$ since we have a 50/50 chance of $+\hat{z}$. $d\langle \hat{p}_{+z} \rangle / dt = 0$ since it's a stationary state. So we have \rightarrow

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So we have at line ②
finite $\cdot 0 \geq \frac{\pi}{2} \cdot 0 \checkmark$

If you want to work out ΔP_{+z}

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta P_{+z}^2 &= \langle +x | \hat{p}_z \hat{p}_z | +x \rangle - \langle P_{+z} \rangle^2 \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \overset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{50\% prob to be } +z}}{-\frac{1}{4}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4}\end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta P_{+z} = \frac{1}{2}$$

4. a) m_1 is an element of $\{\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}\}$
 m_2 " " " " $\{\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\}$

b) The total angular momentum will be 2, or 1
 so the states are
 $|2, 2\rangle$ $|2, 1\rangle$ $|2, 0\rangle$ $|2, -1\rangle$ $|2, -2\rangle$
 $|1, 1\rangle$ $|1, 0\rangle$ $|1, -1\rangle$

These are circled on the CG table on the next page

c) $|1, -1\rangle = \frac{1}{2} |\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\rangle - \sqrt{\frac{3}{4}} |\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\rangle$

Look under the circled $\frac{1}{2}$ column to find the $\frac{1}{4} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$ and $-\frac{3}{4} \rightarrow -\sqrt{\frac{3}{4}}$ due to the root convention started at the top of the CG.

d) $\hat{S}_{1z} + \hat{S}_{2z} (\frac{1}{2} |\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\rangle - \sqrt{\frac{3}{4}} |\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\rangle)$
 $= (-\frac{\hbar}{2} + -\frac{\hbar}{2}) \frac{1}{2} |\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\rangle$
 $\quad - (-\frac{3\hbar}{2} + \frac{\hbar}{2}) \sqrt{\frac{3}{4}} |\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\rangle$
 $= -\hbar (\frac{1}{2} |\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\rangle - \sqrt{\frac{3}{4}} |\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\rangle)$

So we got the state back w/ $-\hbar$ out front ✓

e) $\vec{S}^2 = \vec{S}_1^2 + \vec{S}_2^2 + 2 \vec{S}_1 \cdot \vec{S}_2$
 $= \vec{S}_1^2 + \vec{S}_2^2 + \hat{S}_{1+} \hat{S}_{2-} + \hat{S}_{1-} \hat{S}_{2+} + 2 \hat{S}_{1z} \hat{S}_{2z}$

That's 5 operators and 2 states, so let's just work out the 10 combos in the chart to follow

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

Note: A square-root sign is to be understood over every coefficient, e.g., for $-8/15$ read $-\sqrt{8/15}$.

Notation:

J	J	...
M	M	...
m_1	m_2	
m_1	m_2	Coefficients
.	.	.
.	.	.
.	.	.

$1/2 \times 1/2$	1	0
$+1/2 + 1/2$	1	0
$+1/2 - 1/2$	$1/2$	$1/2$
$-1/2 + 1/2$	$1/2$	$-1/2$
$-1/2 - 1/2$	1	0

$$Y_1^0 = \sqrt{\frac{3}{4\pi}} \cos \theta$$

$$Y_1^1 = -\sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi}} \sin \theta e^{i\phi}$$

$$Y_2^0 = \sqrt{\frac{5}{4\pi}} \left(\frac{3}{2} \cos^2 \theta - \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$Y_2^1 = -\sqrt{\frac{15}{8\pi}} \sin \theta \cos \theta e^{i\phi}$$

$$Y_2^2 = \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{15}{2\pi}} \sin^2 \theta e^{2i\phi}$$

$$2 \times 1/2$$

$$+2 + 1/2$$

$$+1 + 1/2$$

$$0 + 1/2$$

$$-1 + 1/2$$

$$-2 + 1/2$$

$$-3 + 1/2$$

$$-4 + 1/2$$

$$-5 + 1/2$$

$$-6 + 1/2$$

$$-7 + 1/2$$

$$-8 + 1/2$$

$$-9 + 1/2$$

$$-10 + 1/2$$

$$-11 + 1/2$$

$$-12 + 1/2$$

$$-13 + 1/2$$

$$-14 + 1/2$$

$$-15 + 1/2$$

$$-16 + 1/2$$

$$-17 + 1/2$$

$$-18 + 1/2$$

$$-19 + 1/2$$

$$-20 + 1/2$$

$$-21 + 1/2$$

$$-22 + 1/2$$

$$-23 + 1/2$$

$$-24 + 1/2$$

$$-25 + 1/2$$

$$-26 + 1/2$$

$$-27 + 1/2$$

States in part b

Info for part c

$1 \times 1/2$	$3/2$	$1/2$
$+1 + 1/2$	1	$+1/2 + 1/2$
$+1 - 1/2$	$1/3$	$2/3$
$0 + 1/2$	$2/3$	$-1/3$
$0 - 1/2$	$2/3$	$1/3$
$-1 + 1/2$	$1/3$	$-2/3$
$-1 - 1/2$	1	$-1/2$

2×1	3	2
$+2 + 1$	1	$+2 + 2$
$+2 0$	$1/3$	$2/3$
$+1 + 1$	$2/3$	$-1/3$
$+1 0$	$2/3$	$1/3$
$0 + 1$	$1/3$	$-2/3$
$0 0$	1	0
$-1 + 1$	$1/3$	$2/3$
$-1 0$	$2/3$	$-1/3$
$-2 + 1$	1	$-1/2$
$-2 0$	1	$-1/2$

1×1	2	1
$+1 + 1$	1	$+1 + 1$
$+1 0$	$1/2$	$1/2$
$0 + 1$	$1/2$	$-1/2$
$0 0$	1	0
$-1 + 1$	$1/2$	$1/2$
$-1 0$	$1/2$	$-1/2$
$-2 + 1$	1	$-1/2$
$-2 0$	1	$-1/2$

$Y_\ell^m = (-1)^m Y_\ell^{m*}$	$0 - 1$	$1/2$	$1/2$	2
	-1	0	$1/2 - 1/2$	-2
	$-1 - 1$	1	1	1

$$3/2 \times 1$$

$$+3/2 + 1$$

$$+3/2 0$$

$$+1/2 + 1$$

$$+1/2 0$$

$$0 + 1$$

$$-1 + 1$$

$$-1 0$$

$$-2 + 1$$

$$-2 0$$

$$-3 + 1$$

$$-3 0$$

$$-4 + 1$$

$$-4 0$$

$$-5 + 1$$

$$-5 0$$

$$-6 + 1$$

$$-6 0$$

$$-7 + 1$$

$$-7 0$$

$$-8 + 1$$

$$-8 0$$

$$-9 + 1$$

$$-9 0$$

$$-10 + 1$$

$$-10 0$$

$$\langle j_1 j_2 m_1 m_2 | j_1 j_2 J M \rangle = (-1)^{J-j_1-j_2} \langle j_2 j_1 m_2 m_1 | j_2 j_1 J M \rangle$$

$$d_{m',m}^j = (-1)^{m-m'} d_{m,m'}^j = d_{-m,-m'}^j$$

$$3/2 \times 3/2$$

$$+3/2 + 3/2$$

$$+3/2 1/2$$

$$+1/2 + 3/2$$

$$+3/2 - 1/2$$

$$+1/2 - 1/2$$

$$0 + 3/2$$

$$-1 + 3/2$$

$$-1 1/2$$

$$-2 + 3/2$$

$$-2 1/2$$

$$-3 + 3/2$$

$$-3 1/2$$

$$-4 + 3/2$$

$$-4 1/2$$

$$-5 + 3/2$$

$$-5 1/2$$

$$-6 + 3/2$$

$$-6 1/2$$

$$d_{0,0}^1 = \cos \theta$$

$$d_{1/2,1/2}^{1/2} = \cos \frac{\theta}{2}$$

$$d_{1,1}^1 = \frac{1 + \cos \theta}{2}$$

$$d_{1/2,-1/2}^{1/2} = -\sin \frac{\theta}{2}$$

$$d_{1,0}^1 = -\frac{\sin \theta}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$d_{1,-1}^1 = \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{2}$$

$2 \times 3/2$	$7/2$	$5/2$
$+2 + 3/2$	1	$+5/2 + 5/2$
$+2 1/2$	$3/7$	$4/7$
$+1 + 3/2$	$4/7$	$-3/7$
$+1 1/2$	$4/7$	$3/7$
$0 + 3/2$	$2/7$	$-18/35$
$0 1/2$	$16/35$	$2/5$
$-1 + 3/2$	$4/7$	$1/35$
$-1 1/2$	$2/7$	$-18/35$
$-2 + 3/2$	1	$-5/2$
$-2 1/2$	$3/7$	$4/7$
$-3 + 3/2$	1	$-5/2$

2×2	4	3
$+2 + 2$	1	$+3 + 3$
$+2 1$	$1/2$	$1/2$
$+1 + 2$	$1/2$	$-1/2$
$+1 1$	$1/2$	$1/2$
$0 + 2$	$3/14$	$1/2$
$0 1$	$4/7$	$0 - 3/7$
$-1 + 2$	$3/14$	$-1/2$
$-1 1$	$1/2$	$1/2$
$-2 + 2$	1	$-3/2$
$-2 1$	$1/2$	$-1/2$
$-3 + 2$	1	$-3/2$

2×1	$3/2$	$1/2$
$+2 + 1$	1	$+1/2 + 1/2$
$+2 0$	$1/2$	$1/2$
$+1 + 1$	$1/2$	$-1/2$
$+1 0$	$1/2$	$1/2$
$0 + 1$	$1/2$	$-1/2$
$0 0$	1	0
$-1 + 1$	$1/2$	$1/2$
$-1 0$	$1/2$	$-1/2$
$-2 + 1$	1	$-1/2$
$-2 0$	1	$-1/2$

2×0	1	0
$+2 + 0$	1	0
$+2 0$	1	0
$+1 + 0$	1	0
$+1 0$	1	0
$0 + 0$	1	0
$0 0$	1	0
$-1 + 0$	1	0
$-1 0$	1	0
$-2 + 0$	1	0
$-2 0$	1	0

2×-1	$3/2$	$1/2$
$+2 - 1$	1	$+1/2 + 1/2$
$+2 - 0$	$1/2$	$1/2$
$+1 - 1$	$1/2$	$-1/2$
$+1 - 0$	$1/2$	$1/2$
$0 - 1$	$1/2$	$-1/2$
$0 - 0$	1	0
$-1 - 1$	$1/2$	$1/2$
$-1 - 0$	$1/2$	$-1/2$
$-2 - 1$	1	$-1/2$
$-2 - 0$	1	$-1/2$

2×-2	$3/2$	$1/2$
$+2 - 2$	1	$+1/2 + 1/2$
$+2 - 1$	$1/2$	$1/2$
$+1 - 2$	$1/2$	$-1/2$
$+1 - 1$	$1/2$	$1/2$
$0 - 2$	$1/2$	$-1/2$
$0 - 1$	1	0
$-1 - 2$	$1/2$	$1/2$
$-1 - 1$	$1/2$	$-1/2$
$-2 - 2$	1	$-1/2$
$-2 - 1$	1	$-1/2$

2×-3	$3/2$	$1/2$
$+2 - 3$	1	$+1/2 + 1/2$
$+2 - 2$	$1/2$	$1/2$
$+1 - 3$	$1/2$	$-1/2$
$+1 - 2$	$1/2$	$1/2$
$0 - 3$	$1/2$	$-1/2$
$0 - 2$	1	0
$-1 - 3$	$1/2$	$1/2$
$-1 - 2$	$1/2$	$-1/2$
$-2 - 3$	1	$-1/2$
$-2 - 2$	1	$-1/2$

2×-4	$3/2$	$1/2$
$+2 - 4$	1	$+1/2 + 1/2$
$+2 - 3$	$1/2$	$1/2$
$+1 - 4$	$1/2$	$-1/2$
$+1 - 3$	$1/2$	$1/2$
$0 - 4$	$1/2$	$-1/2$
$0 - 3$	1	0
$-1 - 4$	$1/2$	$1/2$
$-1 - 3$	$1/2$	$-1/2$
$-2 - 4$	1	$-1/2$
$-2 - 3$	1	$-1/2$

Figure 42.1: 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).

→ acting on

operator	$ \frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{2} -\frac{1}{2} -\frac{1}{2}\rangle$	$ \frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{2} -\frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{2}\rangle$
\hat{S}_1^2	$\frac{3}{2}(\frac{3}{2}+1)\hbar^2$	$\frac{3}{2}(\frac{3}{2}+1)\hbar^2$
\hat{S}_2^2	$\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}+1)\hbar^2$	$\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}+1)\hbar^2$
$\hat{S}_1 + \hat{S}_2$	0	$\sqrt{3} \hbar^2$
$\hat{S}_1 - \hat{S}_2$	$\sqrt{\frac{15}{4}} \hbar^2$	0
$2\hat{S}_{1z}\hat{S}_{2z}$	$\frac{1}{2} \hbar^2$	$-\frac{3}{2} \hbar^2$

Notes:

- Column 1, row 3: It's 0 because you can't lower $-\frac{1}{2}$ for particle 2.

- Work out column 1, row 4

$$\hat{S}_2^+ |\frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{2} -\frac{1}{2} -\frac{1}{2}\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}+1) - (-\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{1}{2}+1)} \hbar |\frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{2} -\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2}\rangle$$

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$$\hat{S}_1^- \hbar |\frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{2} -\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2}\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}(\frac{3}{2}+1) - (-\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{1}{2}-1)} \hbar |\frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{2} -\frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{2}\rangle$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{15}{4} + \frac{3}{4}} \hbar |\frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{2} -\frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{2}\rangle$$

$$\hat{S}_2^- |\frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{2} -\frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{2}\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}-1)} \hbar |\frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{2} -\frac{3}{2} -\frac{1}{2}\rangle$$

$$= \hbar |\frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{2} -\frac{3}{2} -\frac{1}{2}\rangle$$

$$\hat{S}_1^+ \hbar |\frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{2} -\frac{3}{2} -\frac{1}{2}\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{15}{4} - (-\frac{3}{2})(-\frac{3}{2}+1)} \hbar |\frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{2} -\frac{1}{2} -\frac{1}{2}\rangle$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{15}{4} - \frac{3}{4}} \hbar |\frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{2} -\frac{1}{2} -\frac{1}{2}\rangle$$

Add all coefficients of $|\frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{2} -\frac{1}{2} -\frac{1}{2}\rangle$

$$\frac{15}{4} \hbar^2 + \frac{3}{4} \hbar^2 + \frac{1}{4} \hbar^2 - \sqrt{3} \hbar^2 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{3}{4}} \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$

$$2 \hbar^2 = 1(1+1) \hbar^2 \checkmark$$

Add all coefficients of $|\frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{2} -\frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{2}\rangle$

$$\frac{15}{4} \hbar^2 + \frac{3}{4} \hbar^2 - \frac{3}{4} \hbar^2 - \sqrt{\frac{15}{4}} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{3}{4}} \hbar^2 = -\hbar^2$$

$$2 \hbar^2 \checkmark$$

$$15 + 3 - 6 - 4 = 8$$

5. (T 5.4)

$$\begin{aligned}
 |1, 1\rangle &= |+\hbar, +\hbar\rangle = |+\hbar\rangle_1 |+\hbar\rangle_2 \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|+\hbar\rangle_1 + |-\hbar\rangle_1) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|+\hbar\rangle_2 + |-\hbar\rangle_2) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} (|+\hbar+\hbar\rangle + |+\hbar-\hbar\rangle + |-\hbar+\hbar\rangle + |-\hbar-\hbar\rangle)
 \end{aligned}$$

We need

$$|1, 1\rangle_x = |+\hbar, +\hbar\rangle$$

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

$$|-1, -1\rangle_x = |-\hbar, -\hbar\rangle$$

$$|{}_x\langle 1, 1 | 1, 1\rangle|^2 = \left|\frac{1}{2}\right|^2 = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 |{}_x\langle 1, 0 | 1, 1\rangle|^2 &= \left|\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} (\langle +\hbar-\hbar | +\hbar-\hbar\rangle + \langle -\hbar+\hbar | -\hbar+\hbar\rangle)\right|^2 \\
 &= \frac{1}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$|{}_x\langle -1, -1 | 1, 1\rangle|^2 = \frac{1}{4}$$

so the idea was to write the states as eigenstates of \hat{S}_{1x} and \hat{S}_{2x} , then work out the projections.