

Example 3: adding $j_1 = 1$ and $j_2 = 1$.

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In the $\{j_1, j_2, m_1, m_2\}$ basis we have $3 \times 3 = 9$ states.

$$|j_1 - j_2| \leq j \leq j_1 + j_2$$

$$\Rightarrow j \in \{0, 1, 2\}$$

$$j = 2 \Rightarrow 2j + 1 = 5 \text{ states } m \in \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\}$$

$$j = 1 \Rightarrow 3 \text{ states}$$

$$j = 0 \Rightarrow 1 \text{ state}$$

We start with the highest $|1, 1; 2, 2\rangle$ and observe that this is obtained as

$$\begin{matrix} |1, 1; 2, 2\rangle \\ j_1, j_2, j, m \end{matrix} = |j_1, j_2; m_1, m_2\rangle = |1, 1; 1, 1\rangle$$

We apply \hat{J}_- and use $\hat{J}_- = \hat{J}_{1-} + \hat{J}_{2-}$ with the corresponding eigenvalues

$$\sqrt{(2+2)(2-2+1)} \begin{matrix} j_1, j_2 \\ \downarrow \\ j, m-1 \end{matrix} |1, 1; 2, 1\rangle = \sqrt{(1+1)(1-1+1)} |1, 1; 0, 1\rangle + \sqrt{(1+1)(1-1+1)} |1, 1; 1, 0\rangle$$

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

We apply \hat{J}_- again on $|1, 1; 2, 1\rangle \Rightarrow$

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

Let's obtain $m = -2, -1$. We further apply \hat{J}_- to $|11; 20\rangle$. To get $|m = -1\rangle$ we do: (2/a)

$$\hat{J}_- |11; 20\rangle = (\hat{J}_{1-} + \hat{J}_{2-}) \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} [|11; 1, -1\rangle + 2 |11; 0, 0\rangle + |11; -1, 1\rangle] =$$

$$\sqrt{6} |11; 2, -1\rangle = \left[\sqrt{2} |11; 0, -1\rangle + 2\sqrt{2} |11; -1, 0\rangle \right] \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} +$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} [2\sqrt{2} |11; 0, -1\rangle + \sqrt{2} |11; -1, 0\rangle] =$$

$$|11; 2, -1\rangle = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{6} [3 |11; 0, -1\rangle + 3 |11; -1, 0\rangle] =$$

$$|11; 2, -1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|11; 0, -1\rangle + |11; -1, 0\rangle]$$

To obtain $|m = -2\rangle$ we further apply \hat{J}_-

$$\hat{J}_- |11; 2, -1\rangle = (\hat{J}_{1-} + \hat{J}_{2-}) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|11; 0, -1\rangle + |11; -1, 0\rangle]$$

$$2 |11; 2, -2\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [\sqrt{2} |11; -1, -1\rangle + \sqrt{2} |11; -1, -1\rangle]$$

$$\Rightarrow |11; 2, -2\rangle = |11; -1, -1\rangle \text{ uniquely}$$

Therefore we have that:

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$$|1,1;2,0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} [|1,1;1,-1\rangle + 2|1,1;0,0\rangle + |1,1;-1,1\rangle] \quad (*)$$

Let's now consider the state with $j=1$ and $m=1$:

Using orthonormality and the Condon-shortley convention

$$|1,1;\overset{s}{1},\overset{m}{1}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1,1;1,0\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1,1;0,1\rangle$$

which is obtained by observing that this state is orthogonal to $|1,1;2,1\rangle$

We apply $\hat{J}_- = \hat{J}_{1-} + \hat{J}_{2-}$ on $|1,1;1,1\rangle$ and get

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

We now observe that the state $j=0, m=0$, that is

$|1,1;0,0\rangle$ is orthogonal to both $|1,1;2,0\rangle$ & $|1,1;1,0\rangle$:

$$|1,1;0,0\rangle \perp |1,1;2,0\rangle = (*)$$

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We parametrize $|1,1;0,0\rangle$ as follows

$$|1,1;0,0\rangle = a|1,1;1,-1\rangle + b|1,1;0,0\rangle + c|1,1;-1,1\rangle$$

We must determine a, b, c using orthonormality.

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$$|1, 1; 1, -1\rangle = \vec{v}_1$$

$$|1, 1; 0, 0\rangle = \vec{w}_1$$

$$|1, 1; 0, 0\rangle = \vec{v}_2$$

$$|1, 1; 2, 0\rangle = \vec{w}_2$$

$$|1, 1; -1, 1\rangle = \vec{v}_3$$

$$|1, 1; 1, 0\rangle = \vec{w}_3$$

$$\vec{w}_1 \perp \vec{w}_2 \wedge \vec{w}_1 \perp \vec{w}_3 \Rightarrow$$

$$\vec{v}_i \cdot \vec{v}_j = \delta_{ij}$$

$$\vec{w}_1 \cdot \vec{w}_2 = 0 \wedge \vec{w}_1 \cdot \vec{w}_3 = 0$$

$$\vec{w}_1 = a \vec{v}_1 + b \vec{v}_2 + c \vec{v}_3$$

$$\vec{w}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \vec{v}_1 + \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \vec{v}_2 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \vec{v}_3$$

$$\vec{w}_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \vec{v}_1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \vec{v}_3$$

$$\vec{w}_1 \cdot \vec{w}_3 = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{c}{\sqrt{2}} = 0 \Leftrightarrow a = c$$

$$\vec{w}_1 \cdot \vec{w}_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{a}{\sqrt{6}} + \frac{2b}{\sqrt{6}} + \frac{c}{\sqrt{6}} = 0 \Rightarrow b = -c$$

$$\Rightarrow |1, 1; 0, 0\rangle = a [|1, 1; 1, -1\rangle - |1, 1; 0, 0\rangle + |1, 1; -1, 1\rangle]$$

$$|\langle 1, 1; 0, 0 | 1, 1; 0, 0 \rangle|^2 = 1 \Rightarrow a = 1/\sqrt{3}$$

Collecting all the results we obtain that the Clebsch-Gordan coefficients for

$$|M = 2, 1\rangle$$

$$\langle 1, 1; 2, 2 | 1, 1; 1, 1 \rangle = 1$$

$$\langle 1, 1; 2, 1 | 1, 1; 1, 0 \rangle = 1/\sqrt{2}$$

$$\langle 1, 1; 2, 1 | 1, 1; 0, 1 \rangle = 1/\sqrt{2}$$

$$\langle 1, 1; 1, 1 | 1, 1; 1, 0 \rangle = 1/\sqrt{2}$$

$$\langle 1, 1; 1, 1 | 1, 1; 0, 1 \rangle = -1/\sqrt{2}$$

$$|M = 0\rangle$$

$$\langle 1, 1; 2, 0 | 1, 1; 1, 1 \rangle = 1/\sqrt{6}$$

$$\langle 1, 1; 2, 0 | 1, 1; 1, 0 \rangle = \sqrt{2}/3$$

$$\langle 1, 1; 2, 0 | 1, 1; 0, 1 \rangle = 1/\sqrt{6}$$

$$\langle 1, 1; 1, 0 | 1, 1; 1, 1 \rangle = 1/\sqrt{2}$$

$$\langle 1, 1; 1, 0 | 1, 1; 1, 0 \rangle = -1/\sqrt{2}$$

$$\langle 1, 1; 1, 0 | 1, 1; 0, 1 \rangle = 1/\sqrt{3}$$

$$\langle 1, 1; 0, 0 | 1, 1; 1, 1 \rangle = -1/\sqrt{3}$$

$$\langle 1, 1; 0, 0 | 1, 1; 0, 1 \rangle = 1/\sqrt{3}$$

The negative values of m can be obtained by symmetry or using the same machinery (e.g. applying \hat{J}_- several times) like in (21/a)