Problem Set #12 (Last one: Congratulations!): Due Sunday, April 28, 11:59pm

- 1. Please fill out the course evaluation for 137A. (No points for this one just gratitude.)
- 2. Three-particle spin states, via an angular momentum coupling scheme: One coupling scheme for defining 3-particle states of total S is given by

$$\begin{split} |\frac{1}{2}, (\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2})S_{23}, SM\rangle & \equiv \sum_{m_1M_{23}} \langle \frac{1}{2}m_1 \ S_{23}M_{23} | (\frac{1}{2}S_{23})SM_{\rangle} \ |\frac{1}{2}m_1\rangle \ | (\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2})S_{23}M_{23} \rangle \\ & = \sum_{m_1M_{23}} \langle \frac{1}{2}m_1 \ S_{23}M_{23} | (\frac{1}{2}S_{23})SM \rangle \sum_{m_2m_3} \langle \frac{1}{2}m_2 \ \frac{1}{2}m_3 | (\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2})S_{23}M_{23} \rangle |\frac{1}{2}m_1\rangle |\frac{1}{2}m_2\rangle |\frac{1}{2}m_3\rangle \end{split}$$

Don't be intimidated by this: it just says we couple states 2 and 3 of spin $\frac{1}{2}$ to form a state of total S_{23} , then we couple state 1 to the two-particle state with S_{23} to form a three-particle state with total S.

- a) What are the three possible values for S_{23} and S? For each such of the three possibilities, evaluate the expression above by looking up the Clebsch-Gordan coefficients (or by asking Mathematica to do so). Compare to the results in Problem 3, Problem Set 11, parts b), c), d). What determines whether a state is symmetric or antisymmetric under the exchange $2 \leftrightarrow 3$?
- b) What basis of coupled states analogous to $|\frac{1}{2}, (\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2})S_{23}, SM\rangle$ would you use to create threeparticle states of good S and M that have definite symmetry under $m_1 \leftrightarrow m_2$? What would be the quantum number analogous to S_{23} and what choices would yield states even or odd under $m_1 \leftrightarrow m_2$?
- 3. Enumerating antisymmetric states: We have a system consisting of the single-particle states labeled by the quantum numbers $\ell = 1$, m_{ℓ} , $s = \frac{1}{2}$, m_s , $\tau = \frac{1}{2}$, m_{τ} . The particles we place in these states are indistinguishable fermions.
- a) How many single-particle states are there? Show that these states can be represented as bits is a computer word, where the location of the bit corresponding to a given choice of m_{ℓ} , m_s , m_{τ} is provided by the index

$$I = 4(m_{\ell} + 1) + 2\left(m_s + \frac{1}{2}\right) + \left(m_{\tau} + \frac{1}{2}\right) + 1$$

- b) How many two-fermion, three-fermion, and four-fermion states can be formed in this basis? (Remember how we count many-fermion states in the m-scheme, as bits that are occupied or not, 1 or 0, in a computer word.)
- c) Suppose we form two-particle states in the coupled scheme (which we like to do because it makes the exchange symmetry clear),

$$|(11)LM_L;(\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2})SM_S;(\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2})TM_T\rangle$$

Here L is obtain by coupling $\ell_1 = 1$ and $\ell_2 = 1$; and similarly for $s_1 = \frac{1}{2}$ and $s_2 = \frac{1}{2}$ (S); and similarly for $\tau_1 = \frac{1}{2}$ and $\tau_2 = \frac{1}{2}$ (T). Make a table in which the first column gives the allowed $\{L, S, T\}$ values, the second column gives the exchange symmetry of each of the three components (e.g., $\{+, +, -\}$), the third column gives the total exchange symmetry, and the fourth column gives the number of states (2L + 1)(2S + 1)(2T + 1). Use this table to identify the total number of states that are antisymmetric and thus can be two-particle fermionic states, and compared the total number of such states to the two-particle result of a).

- d) What is the constraint on L + S + T that determines whether a two-particle state describes fermions?
- 4. Laughlin's fractional quantum Hall wave function (a variation of problem 5.11 of Griffiths): Noninteracting electrons move on a 2D surface. We can pick an origin and measure electron positions by their x, y coordinates. Perpendicular to the surface is a strong magnetic field, $-\mathbf{B}\hat{z}$, that forces all of the electron spins to align. As the spins are all in the same state, we can ignore spin as it plays no role in the anti-symmetry. That is, anti-symmetry must come about through the spatial part of the wave function. Provided the density of electrons is not too large, non-interacting electron states labeled by $|\kappa\rangle$, $\kappa=0,1,2,\cdots$, provide the single-particle basis from which we can construct many-body wave functions, where

$$\langle z|\kappa\rangle = Nz^{\kappa}e^{-|z|^2/2}$$
 $z \equiv \frac{x+iy}{a_0\sqrt{2}}$ $a_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar c}{e|B|}}$

where z is a dimensionless complex coordinate that we can use to identify any point in the plane,

and a_0 is the radius of the cyclotron orbits the electrons execute in the magnetic field. We agree to measure all distances in a_0 units, thereby making z dimensionless.

a) Calculate the normalization N by demanding

$$\int \frac{dx}{a_0} \frac{dy}{a_0} |\langle z|k\rangle|^2 = 1$$

It may be easiest to do this using circular coordinates $z = re^{i\theta}$, where r = |z| is the dimensionless radial coordinate.

b) Show that the wave function

$$\Psi_1(z_1, z_2, \cdots, z_N) = N_N \left[\prod_{j < k}^N (z_j - z_k) \right] exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^N |z_k|^2 \right]$$

has the correct antisymmetry to describe fermions. Use this result to show that all single-particle states are occupied and thus that this wave function is a single Slater determinant.

c) Consider the set of N-electron wave functions indexed by m

$$\Psi_m(z_1, z_2, \cdots, z_N) = N_N \left[\prod_{j < k}^N (z_j - z_k)^m \right] exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^N |z_k|^2 \right]$$

where m is a positive integer. For what ms will this wave function have the proper antisymmetry for fermions? If you were to expand and re-express this wave function in terms of single-particle states (do not actually do this) what is the maximum value of κ in $\langle z|\kappa\rangle$ that could appear? If we define the "filling" of the state Ψ_m as the number of particles N divided by the number of single-particle states that are available for filling, what filling does the wave function Ψ_m represent? Evaluate the filling as $N \to \infty$, to simplify your result. Are states with m > 1 expressible as single Slater determinants (that is, a simple product states, anti-symmetrized)?

d) Laughlin argued that wave functions of the form of c) for small m might be very good approximate wave functions for electrons that interact with each other, repelling each other, through their mutual Coulomb interaction. Recalling work we did in class on the allowed short-distance behavior of the relative wave functions, explain why Laughlin's conjecture might be reasonable.

- e) Compute the N=2 Laughlin wave function for the m=3 case (the 1/3rd filling case), expressing it as sum of Slater determinants of the single particle wave functions $\langle z|\kappa\rangle$. (You need not worry about the overall many-particle wave function normalization.) Thus, unlike the m=1 case, this wave functions cannot be expressed as a single anti-symmeterized product state, but instead requires a sum over such states. It can be shown that the m=3 wave functions are the exact solutions of the interacting problem when N=2,3.
- 5. States of the He atom: We can make a reasonable model of the two-electron He atom as two electrons occupying hydrogen-atom-like orbits around a helium nucleus, but with the charge of the He nucleus reduced from its true value Z=2 to a somewhat value we will call $Z_{\rm eff}$. This phenomenological charge takes into account the fact that each electron sometimes see the other electron interior to it, reducing the central charge from 2 to something ~ 1 . That is, we can take into account some of the electron-electron interactions by using a screened nuclear charge. One might guess that $Z_{\rm eff} \sim 1.5$.
- a) Hydrogen-like single-electron orbits can be labeled by the quantum numbers $n \ell m_{\ell} m_{s}$. The available $n\ell$ single-particle states are 1s, 2s and 2p. How many single-electron states $n \ell m_{\ell} m_{s}$ are there?
- b) We make a simple model of the lowest energy electronic states of He by requiring the two electrons to occupy n=1 and n=2 levels, with the additional constraint that there must be at least one electron in the 1s state. This defines our Hilbert space. Remembering that at most on fermion can occupy each quantum state, how many two-electron fermion states can be made by occupying the m-scheme states $n \ell m_{\ell} m_{s}$?
- c) We can couple the spins, $\vec{S} = \vec{s}_1 + \vec{s}_2$ states. Under exchange of spin labels, what is the symmetry of the S = 1 (triplet) and S = 0 (singlet) states? Likewise what are the allowed symmetric and antisymmetric spatial wave functions that can be formed from two electrons occupying the 1s-1s, 1s-2s, and 1s-2p orbitals. Defining $\vec{L} = \vec{\ell}_1 + \vec{\ell}_2$, associate an L with each of these states.

d) Form all possible two-electron antisymmetric wave functions of the form $|\alpha(LS)JM_J\rangle$. Here α is an energy quantum number that distinguishes states where all of the other quantum numbers are equal: in the present case it can be the number of electrons in the 1s state. Make a table where the columns are labeled by α , $^{2S+1}L_J$, the radial wave function and its symmetry (e.g., 1s2s-2s1s: antisym), and the number of magnetic substates M_J . Note that L is typically denote as \mathcal{S} for L=0, \mathcal{P} for L=1, \mathcal{D} for L=2, etc How many total antisymmetric states are there? How do these predictions compare with the figure from Lecture 34 showing the low-lying levels of the He atom?

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