

### 3. Hyperfine Splittings

An isolated hydrogen atom has a hyperfine interaction between the spins  $\vec{S}_1$  of the proton and  $\vec{S}_2$  of the electron of the form  $J\vec{S}_1 \cdot \vec{S}_2$ ,  $J > 0$ . The two spins also have magnetic moments  $\alpha\vec{S}_1$  and  $\beta\vec{S}_2$ , and a uniform static magnetic field  $\vec{B}$  is present. Assume that the electron is in its  $1s$  orbital ground state, and ignore the effects of orbital motion.

- (a) Find the exact energy eigenvalues of this system and sketch the hyperfine-splitting spectrum as a function of magnetic field.
- (b) In the basis of states  $|S_1^z, S_2^z\rangle$ , find the eigenstates associated with each level.