

# Use ACL2 to Verify the Correctness of Lowering Operator when $j = l + s$

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## Clebsch-Gordan Coefficient

### Ket notation

$|j, m_j\rangle, |l, m_l\rangle, |s, m_s\rangle$ , etc

$j, m_j, l, m_l, \dots$  are quantum numbers

The Ket notation represents the state when the particle as the corresponding quantum numbers

## The coefficient

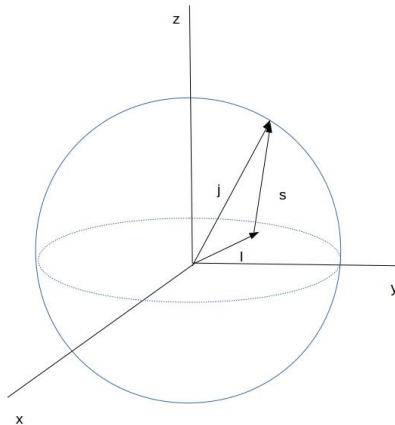
$$|j, m_j\rangle = \sum_{m_l+m_s=m_j} c_n |l, m_l\rangle |s, m_s\rangle$$

Here  $c_n$ s are called the Clebsch-Gordan Coefficients

$|c_n|^2 \equiv$  Given the combined state  $|j, m_l\rangle$  of a particle, we can know that the particle is in  $|l, m_l\rangle |s, m_s\rangle$  with probability  $|c_n|^2$

Therefore 
$$\sum_{m_l+m_s=m_j} |c_n|^2 = 1$$

# The Correctness of Lowering Operators



## Lowering-Operators

$$L_-|l \ m_l\rangle = \hbar\sqrt{l(l+1) - m_l(m_l \pm 1)}|l \ (m_l - 1)\rangle \quad (1)$$

$$S_-|s \ m_s\rangle = \hbar\sqrt{s(s+1) - m_s(m_s - 1)}|s \ (m_s - 1)\rangle \quad (2)$$

Since  $\vec{j} = \vec{l} + \vec{s}$ ,  $J_-$  obeys the following properties:

$$J_- = L_- + S_- \quad (3)$$

$$J_-|j \ m_j\rangle = \hbar\sqrt{j(j+1) - m_j(m_j - 1)}|j \ (m_j - 1)\rangle \quad (4)$$

## The Correctness of Lowering Operators

### Example

We have an electron with angular momentum  $l = 1$  and spin  $s = \frac{1}{2}$

Therefore  $m_l = -1, 0, 1$  and  $m_s = \pm\frac{1}{2}$

This means  $j = \frac{3}{2}$  and  $m_j = -\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}$

We know that the only possibility of forming  $|j\ m_j\rangle = |\frac{3}{2}\ \frac{3}{2}\rangle$  is  $|\frac{3}{2}\ \frac{3}{2}\rangle = |1\ 1\rangle|\frac{1}{2}\ \frac{1}{2}\rangle$ .

Applying the lowering operator on the above equation

$$J_-|\frac{3}{2}\ \frac{3}{2}\rangle = \hbar\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}(\frac{3}{2}+1) - \frac{3}{2}(\frac{3}{2}-1)}|\frac{3}{2}\ \frac{1}{2}\rangle = \sqrt{3}\hbar|\frac{3}{2}\ \frac{1}{2}\rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} J_-|1\ 1\rangle|\frac{1}{2}\ \frac{1}{2}\rangle &= (L_- + S_-)|1\ 1\rangle|\frac{1}{2}\ \frac{1}{2}\rangle = L_-|1\ 1\rangle|\frac{1}{2}\ \frac{1}{2}\rangle + |1\ 1\rangle S_-|\frac{1}{2}\ \frac{1}{2}\rangle = \\ &\hbar\sqrt{1(1+1) - 1(1-1)}|1\ 0\rangle|\frac{1}{2}\ \frac{1}{2}\rangle + \hbar\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}+1) - \frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}-1)}|1\ 1\rangle|\frac{1}{2}\ -\frac{1}{2}\rangle = \\ &\hbar\sqrt{2}|1\ 0\rangle|\frac{1}{2}\ \frac{1}{2}\rangle + \hbar|1\ 1\rangle|\frac{1}{2}\ -\frac{1}{2}\rangle \end{aligned}$$



## The Correctness of Lowering Operators

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

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

## My Model

$((A \cdot (j \cdot m_j)) \cdot ; j\text{-state}$   
 $(B \cdot ((l \cdot m_l) \cdot (s \cdot m_s))) ; \text{coupled-state}$   
 $(C \cdot ((l \cdot m_l) \cdot (s \cdot m_s)))$   
 $\dots)$

or

$(0 \cdot 0) ; \text{This happens when the lowering operators are}$   
 $\text{operated on the lowest states}$

## Properties of Quantum States

1.  $A = B + C + \dots$
2.  $j = |l - s|, |l - s| + 1, \dots, l + s$ . But here we only consider the case where  $j = l + s$
3.  $m_j = m_l + m_s$
4.  $m_l = -l, -l + 1, \dots, l, m_s = -s, -s + 1, \dots, s$
5. From the previous condition, we can know that  $m_j = -j, -j + 1, \dots, j$
6.  $l, s$  can be integers or half-integers (with denominator 2)
7.  $m_l, m_s$  can be integers or half-integers

## The Correctness of Lowering Operators

8. In my model,  $j$ -state and coupled-states are either both 0 or pairs and lists as shown in previous slides

## My Implementation

**j-state**

$$(A \cdot (j \cdot m_j))$$

# The Correctness of Lowering Operators

## Properties

```
(defun j-coefficient (x)
  (car x))
```

```
(defun quantum-j (x)
  (car (cdr x)))
```

```
(defun quantum-mj (x)
  (cdr (cdr x)))
```

```
(defun lower-or-lowest-jstate (x)
  (or (>= (- (quantum-mj x)) (quantum-j x))
      (equal (j-coefficient x) 0)))
```

## The Correctness of Lowering Operators

```
(defun half-or-full-integer (x)
  (xor (equal (denominator x) 1)
       (equal (denominator x) 2)))

(defun half-full-match (x y)
  (and (iff (equal (denominator x) 1)
             (equal (denominator y) 1))
       (iff (equal (denominator x) 2)
             (equal (denominator y) 2))))

(defun rational-pair (x)
  (if (atom x)
      nil
      (and (rationalp (car x))
```

## The Correctness of Lowering Operators

```
(< 0 (car x))  
(rationalp (cdr x))  
(natp (- (car x) (abs (cdr x))))  
(half-or-full-integer (car x))  
(half-or-full-integer (cdr x))  
(half-full-match (car x) (cdr x))  
(<= (abs (cdr x)) (car x))))
```

```
(defun true-jstate (a)  
  (if (atom a)  
    (equal a 0)  
    (and (rationalp (car a))  
          (<= 0 (car a))  
          (rational-pair (cdr a))))))
```



## J Lowering Operator

```
(defun j-lowering-operator (x)
  (if (atom x)
      0
      (if (lower-or-lowest-jstate x)
          0
          (cons (* (j-coefficient x)
                    (+ (expt (quantum-j x) 2)
                       (quantum-j x)
                       (- (expt (quantum-mj x) 2))
                       (quantum-mj x))))
                (cons (quantum-j x)
                      (- (quantum-mj x) 1)))))))
```

## j-state Theorem

```
(defthm j-lowering-valid
  (implies (true-jstate x)
    (true-jstate (j-lowering-operator x))))
: hints (( "Goal" :in-theory
  (disable same-denominator-add
    remove-strict-inequalities
    remove-weak-inequalities))))
```

## Coupled State

### Properties

```
(defun first-coupled-state (x)
  (car x))
```

```
(defun first-coupled-state-pair (x)
  (cdr (car x)))
```

```
(defun first-coupled-coefficient (x)
  (car (first-coupled-state x)))
```

```
(defun first-coupled-l-state (x)
  (car (cdr (first-coupled-state x))))
```

## The Correctness of Lowering Operators

```
(defun first-coupled-s-state (x)
  (cdr (cdr (first-coupled-state x))))
```

```
(defun first-coupled-l (x)
  (car (first-coupled-l-state x)))
```

```
(defun first-coupled-ml (x)
  (cdr (first-coupled-l-state x)))
```

```
(defun first-coupled-s (x)
  (car (first-coupled-s-state x)))
```

```
(defun first-coupled-ms (x)
  (cdr (first-coupled-s-state x)))
```

## The Correctness of Lowering Operators

```
(defun true-coupled-list (x)
  (if (atom x)
      t
      (and (rationalp (first-coupled-coefficient
                        x))
             (<= 0 (first-coupled-coefficient x))
             (rational-pair (first-coupled-l-state
                             x))
             (rational-pair (first-coupled-s-state
                             x))
             (true-coupled-list (cdr x)))))

(defun true-coupled-state (x)
  (if (atom x)
```

## The Correctness of Lowering Operators

```
(equal x 0)  
(true-coupled-list x))
```

### Clean up Zeros in the List

```
(defun clean-up-zero-list (x)
  (if (atom x)
      x
      (if (equal (car x) 0)
          (clean-up-zero-list (cdr x))
          (cons (car x)
                  (clean-up-zero-list (cdr x))))))

(defun clean-up-zero (x)
  (if (atom x)
      0
      (if (all-zeros x)
          0
          (clean-up-zero-list x))))
```

## clean-up-zero Theorem

```
(defthm clean-up-zero-valid
  (implies (true-coupled-state x)
    (true-coupled-state (clean-up-zero x))
  )
: hints (( "Goal" :in-theory
  (disable same-denominator-add
    remove-strict-inequalities
    remove-weak-inequalities))))
```



## The Correctness of Lowering Operators

### **l-lowering-operator**

```
(defun l-lowering-operator-helper (x)
  (if (atom x)
      nil
      (cons (l-lowering-to-state x)
              (l-lowering-operator-helper (cdr x)))
  ))
```

```
(defun l-lowering-operator (x)
  (if (atom x)
      0
      (clean-up-zero (l-lowering-operator-helper
                      x)))))
```

## **I-lowering Theorem**

```
(defthm l-lowering-valid
  (implies (true-coupled-state x)
    (true-coupled-state (
      l-lowering-operator x)))
: hints (( "Goal" :in-theory
  (disable same-denominator-add
    remove-strict-inequalities
    remove-weak-inequalities))))
```

## The Correctness of Lowering Operators

### s-lowering-operator

```
(defun s-lowering-operator-helper (x)
  (if (atom x)
      nil
      (cons (s-lowering-to-state x)
             (s-lowering-operator-helper (cdr x)))))
```

```
(defun s-lowering-operator (x)
  (if (atom x)
      0
      (clean-up-zero (s-lowering-operator-helper
                      x)))))
```

## s-lowering Theorem

```
(defthm s-lowering-valid
  (implies (true-coupled-state x)
    (true-coupled-state (
      s-lowering-operator x)))
: hints (( "Goal" :in-theory
  (disable same-denominator-add
    remove-strict-inequalities
    remove-weak-inequalities)))))
```

## Merge and Append

After l-lowering:

$$\begin{aligned} &((A \cdot ((l \cdot m_l) \cdot (s \cdot m_s))) \\ &(B \cdot ((l' \cdot m_l') \cdot (s' \cdot m_s')))) \end{aligned}$$

After s-lowering:

$$\begin{aligned} &((C \cdot ((l' \cdot m_l') \cdot (s' \cdot m_s')))) \\ &(D \cdot ((l'' \cdot m_l'') \cdot (s'' \cdot m_s'')))) \end{aligned}$$

# The Correctness of Lowering Operators

After append-and-merge-states

$((A \cdot ((l \cdot m_l) \cdot (s \cdot m_s)))$   
 $(E \cdot ((l' \cdot m_l') \cdot (s' \cdot m_s'))))$   
 $(D \cdot ((l'' \cdot m_l'') \cdot (s'' \cdot m_s''))))$

$$E = [(l+s)^2 - (m_l+m_s)^2 + l+s-m_l-m_s] * \frac{(2l)!(2s)!(l+s+m_l+m_s)!(l+s-m_l-m_s)!}{(2*(l+s))!(l+m_l)!(l-m_l)!(s+m_s)!(s-m_s)!} [?]$$

## Append and Merge Theorem

```
(defthm append-valid
  (implies (and (true-coupled-state x)
                 (true-coupled-state y))
    (true-coupled-state (
      append-and-merge-states x y))))
```

## Quantum State

```
(defun get-jstate (x)
  (car x))
```

```
(defun get-coupled-state (x)
  (cdr x))
```

```
(defun sum-of-coupled-coefficient (a)
  (if (atom a)
      0
      (+ (first-coupled-coefficient a)
          (sum-of-coupled-coefficient (cdr a)))))
```



```

(defun equal-j (x y)
  (if (atom y)
      t
      (and (equal (quantum-j x)
                    (+ (first-coupled-l y)
                       (first-coupled-s y)))
            (equal-j x (cdr y))))))

(defun equal-mj (x y)
  (if (atom y)
      t
      (and (equal (quantum-mj x)
                    (+ (first-coupled-m1 y)
                       (first-coupled-ms y)))
            (equal-mj x (cdr y))))))

```

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## What is a real Quantum state

```
(defun true-quantum-state (x)
  (xor (and (equal (get-jstate x) 0)
            (equal (get-coupled-state x) 0))
        (and (true-jstate (get-jstate x))
              (true-coupled-state (
                get-coupled-state x))
              (equal (sum-of-coupled-coefficient
                    (get-coupled-state x))
                    (caar x))
              (equal-j (get-jstate x)
                    (get-coupled-state x))
              (equal-mj (get-jstate x)
                    (get-coupled-state x))))))
```

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## Normalize

```
(defun normalize-state (x)
  (if (and (equal (get-jstate x) 0)
           (equal (get-coupled-state x) 0))
      x
      (if (< 0 (car (get-jstate x)))
          (cons (cons '1 (cdr (get-jstate x)))
                (normalize-helper (car (
                                         get-jstate x))
                                   (
                                         get-coupled-state
                                         x))))
          (cons '0 '0))))
```

## Normalize Theorem

```
(defthm normalize-valid
  (implies (true-quantum-state x)
    (true-quantum-state (normalize-state x)
      )))
```

## Quantum Operator

```
(defun quantum-operator-helper (x)
  (cons (j-lowering-operator (get-jstate x))
        (append-and-merge-states
          (l-lowering-operator (get-coupled-state
                                x))
          (s-lowering-operator (get-coupled-state
                                x))))))

(defun quantum-operator (x)
  (if (and (equal (get-jstate x) 0)
           (equal (get-coupled-state x) 0))
      x
      (quantum-operator-helper (normalize-state x))))
```

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## Initial State

1.  $((1 \cdot (j \cdot m_j)) \cdot ((1 \cdot ((l \cdot m_l) \cdot (s \cdot m_s))))))$
2.  $m_l = l, m_s = s, m_j = j$

For initial state, we can be sure that the coefficients on both sides are 1

# Main Theorem 1

(DEFTHM INITIAL-STATE-LOWERING-VALID  
 (IMPLIES (INITIAL-QUANTUM-STATE X)  
 (TRUE-QUANTUM-STATE (QUANTUM-OPERATOR  
 X))))

## Main Theorem 2 (To be proved in the future)

```
(skip-proofs
 (defun all-lowering-valid (x)
   (if (equal x (cons '0 '0))
       t
       (and (true-quantum-state
              (quantum-operator x))
            (all-lowering-valid
             (quantum-operator x))))))

(defthm all-quantum-lowering-valid
  (implies (inital-quantum-state x)
            (all-lowering-valid x)))
```



## References

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