

Density operator

Exercise 1:

If $\rho = \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & D \end{pmatrix}$ then,

a) if ρ is to be a density matrix we must have

$$A + D = 1$$

$$A, D \in \mathbb{R} \quad (\text{since } \rho = \rho^\dagger)$$

$$\text{and } A \geq 0, D \geq 0$$

since ρ must be positive semidefinite

b) If ρ is to be a pure density matrix then $\text{Tr}(\rho^2) = 1$

So we must have

$$A^2 + D^2 = 1$$

Exercise 2)

$$\rho = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}$$

a) if ρ is a density matrix
then $A + D = 1$,

$$A, D \in \mathbb{R}$$

and $C = B^*$ since ρ must
be Hermitian.

We also must have

$$\lambda_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1 - 4 \det(\rho)} \geq 0$$

$$\text{So } \det \rho = AD - |B|^2 \geq 0$$

b) If ρ is to be a pure density matrix then we must also have

$$\text{Tr}(\rho^2) = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \text{Tr} \begin{pmatrix} A^2 + |B|^2 & B \\ B^* & D^2 + |B|^2 \end{pmatrix} \\ = A^2 + D^2 + 2|B|^2 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 1:

$$H_{int} = - \int d^3 r \vec{j} \cdot \vec{A}$$

$$\vec{j}(\vec{k}) = \int d^3 r \vec{j}(\vec{r}) e^{-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}}$$

$$\vec{A}(\vec{k}) = \int d^3 r \vec{A}(\vec{r}) e^{-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}}$$

$$\vec{j}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int d^3 k \vec{j}(\vec{k}) e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}}$$

$$\vec{A}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int d^3 k \vec{A}(\vec{k}) e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}}$$

$$H_{int} = -\frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int d^3 r \int d^3 k \vec{j}(\vec{k}) e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}} \int d^3 k' \vec{A}(\vec{k}') e^{i\vec{k}' \cdot \vec{r}}$$

$$H_{int} = -\frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int d^3 k \int d^3 k' \int d^3 r \vec{j}(\vec{k}) \cdot \vec{A}(\vec{k}') e^{i(\vec{k} + \vec{k}') \cdot \vec{r}}$$

$$H_{int} = -\frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int d^3 k d^3 k' \vec{j}(\vec{k}) \cdot \vec{A}(\vec{k}') \int d^3 r e^{i(\vec{k} + \vec{k}') \cdot \vec{r}}$$

$$H_{int} = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \int d^3 k d^3 k' \vec{j}(\vec{k}) \vec{A}(\vec{k}') \delta^3(\vec{k} + \vec{k}')$$

$$H_{int} = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \int d^3 k' \vec{j}(-\vec{k}') \vec{A}(\vec{k}')$$

Exercise 2:

$$A_q = \hat{e}_q \cdot \vec{A}$$

$$(A^*)_q = \hat{e}_q \cdot \vec{A}^*$$

$$(A^*)_{\pm} = -(\hat{e}_{\mp})^* \cdot \vec{A}^*$$

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$$(A^*)_{\pm} = (-1)^{\pm 1} (\vec{A}_{\mp})^*$$

$$(A^*)_0 = \hat{e}_0^* \cdot \vec{A}^* = A_0^*$$

$$\rightarrow (A^*)_q = (-1)^q A_{-q}^*$$

Exercise 3:

The tensor elements in (31) correspond to the integral of $j_{q''}(\vec{r})$.

The state $|\alpha' j' m'\rangle$ corresponds to $Y_{\ell}^{m''}(\hat{r})$.

The CG coefficients correspond to each other.

Exercise 4:

$$\nabla \cdot (r_{m'} \vec{j}') = \vec{j}' \cdot \nabla r_{m'} + r_{m'} \nabla \cdot \vec{j}'$$

$$\text{and} \quad \vec{j}' \cdot \nabla r_{m'} = j_{m'}$$

$$\text{so} \quad j_{m'} = \nabla (r_{m'} \vec{j}') - r_{m'} \nabla \cdot \vec{j}'$$

$$\mathcal{J}_{m'}^{(l'=1)}(l=0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}} \int d^3r j_{m'}(\vec{r})$$

$$\mathcal{J}_{m'}^{(l'=1)}(l=0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}} \int d^3r (\vec{j}' \cdot \nabla r_{m'})$$

$$\mathcal{J}_{m'}^{(l'=1)}(l=0) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}} \int d^3r (r_{m'} \cdot \nabla \vec{j}')$$

$$\text{since} \quad \nabla \cdot (r_{m'} \vec{j}') = 0 \quad \text{at} \quad \infty.$$

Exercise 5:

For an octupole $l' = 3$

so J' may change by at most 3.

We also know that since

$m_J = M_J' + m'$, m_J may change
by at most l' .

Since $l' = 3$ is odd, $m_J = m_J' = 0$

and $J \neq J'$.

Exercise 6:

If $l' = 3$ then the parity of the initial and final states differ

by -1 so $\pi_J \pi_{J'} = -1$.