

**P26.1** Define  $J_{\pm} = J_x \pm iJ_y$ ,

then  $[J_x, J_y] = iJ_z \Rightarrow [J_+, J_-] = 2J_z$

Let  $|A j m\rangle \equiv |j_1 j_2 (j_{12}) j_3 j m\rangle$

$|B j m\rangle \equiv |j_1 j_3 (j_{13}) j_2 j m\rangle$ .

Then  $C_m \equiv \langle A j m | B j m \rangle$

$$= \frac{1}{2m} \langle A j m | 2J_z | B j m \rangle = \frac{1}{2m} \langle A j m | [J_+, J_-] | B j m \rangle.$$

Now let  $m = j$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle A j j | [J_+, J_-] | B j j \rangle &= \langle A j j | J_+ J_- | B j j \rangle - \overbrace{\langle A j j | J_- J_+ | B j j \rangle}^{=0} \\ &= \langle A j j | J_+ J_- | B j j \rangle \end{aligned}$$

But  $J_- |B j j\rangle = \sqrt{j(j+1) - j(j-1)} |B j, j-1\rangle = \sqrt{2j} |B j, j-1\rangle$ ,

thus  $\langle A j j | J_+ = \sqrt{2j} \langle A j, j-1 |$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore C_j &= \langle A j j | B j j \rangle = \frac{1}{2j} \sqrt{2j} \sqrt{2j} \langle A j, j-1 | B j, j-1 \rangle \\ &= \langle A j, j-1 | B j, j-1 \rangle = C_{j-1} \end{aligned}$$

For  $m < j$

$$\begin{aligned} C_m &= \frac{1}{2m} [\langle A j m | J_+ J_- | B j m \rangle - \langle A j m | J_- J_+ | B j m \rangle] \\ &= \frac{1}{2m} [\{j(j+1) - m(m-1)\} C_{m-1} - \{j(j+1) - m(m+1)\} C_{m+1}], \text{ i.e.} \end{aligned}$$

$C_m$  satisfies the recursion relation

$$2m C_m = \{j(j+1) - m(m-1)\} C_{m-1} - \{j(j+1) - m(m+1)\} C_{m+1}$$

This equation is satisfied identically for  $C_m = \text{constant}$  (independent of  $m$ ). We already know that  $C_j = C_{j-1}$ . Hence

$C_m = \text{constant for } m = j, j-1, \dots, -j$ .

Prob. 26.1 cont'd

$$|\hat{j}_1 \hat{j}_2 (\hat{j}_{12}) \hat{j}_3 ; j m\rangle = |\hat{j}_{12} \hat{j}_3 ; j m\rangle$$

$$= \sum_{m_{12} m_3} |\hat{j}_{12} m_{12} ; \hat{j}_3 m_3\rangle \langle \hat{j}_{12} m_{12} ; \hat{j}_3 m_3 | j m \rangle$$

↓ write as C.G. coefficient

$$\langle \hat{j}_{12} \hat{j}_3 ; m_{12} m_3 | j m \rangle$$

$$= \sum_{m_{12} m_3} |\hat{j}_{12} m_{12}\rangle |\hat{j}_3 m_3\rangle \langle \hat{j}_{12} \hat{j}_3 ; m_{12} m_3 | j m \rangle$$

$$= \sum_{\substack{m_{12} m_3 \\ m_1 m_2}} |\hat{j}_1 m_1 ; \hat{j}_2 m_2\rangle \langle \hat{j}_1 m_1 ; \hat{j}_2 m_2 | \hat{j}_{12} m_{12} \rangle |\hat{j}_3 m_3\rangle$$

$$\times \langle \hat{j}_{12} \hat{j}_3 ; m_{12} m_3 | j m \rangle$$

$$= \sum_{\substack{m_{12} m_3 \\ m_1 m_2}} |\hat{j}_1 m_1\rangle |\hat{j}_2 m_2\rangle |\hat{j}_3 m_3\rangle$$

$$\times \langle \hat{j}_1 \hat{j}_2 ; m_1 m_2 | \hat{j}_{12} m_{12} \rangle \langle \hat{j}_{12} \hat{j}_3 ; m_{12} m_3 | j m \rangle$$


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