

Angular Momentum – Levine Ch 5 – all the arithmetic for rotational syst

We have worked out several problems whose energy eigen functions were also eigen functions of the angular momentum operators:

$$L_z e^{im\phi} = m\hbar e^{im\phi}$$

$$L_z Y_{lm} = m\hbar Y_{lm}$$

$$L^2 Y_{lm} = l(l+1)\hbar^2 Y_{lm}$$

Angular momentum is a natural conserved quantity of “spherical” systems central force ( ) (as rotation of rigid body, electro static attire) just as linear momentum natural property of linear syst (e.g. Newton’s laws)

We have seen that  $[L^2, L_z] = 0$  because they have a set of simultaneous eigen functions and also noted  $[L_x, L_y] = i\hbar L_z$  (etc., x,y,z rotate) where  $\vec{L}$  is a vector operator:

$$\vec{L} = \hat{L}_x \vec{i} + \hat{L}_y \vec{j} + \hat{L}_z \vec{k} \quad \vec{i}, \vec{j}, \vec{k} \text{ unit vector}$$

note parallel:

$$\vec{\nabla} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \vec{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \vec{j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \vec{k} \quad \text{gradient operator}$$

vector properties:

$$\text{data on scalar prod: } \vec{L} \cdot \vec{L} = L_x^2 + L_y^2 + L_z^2 \quad \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = a_x b_x + a_y b_y + a_z b_z$$

$$\vec{L}_1 \cdot \vec{L}_2 = 0, \quad \vec{L}_1 \times \vec{L}_2 = \vec{i}(L_{y1} L_{z2} - L_{z1} L_{y2}) + \vec{j}(L_{z1} L_{x2} - L_{x1} L_{z2}) + \vec{k}(L_{x1} L_{y2} - L_{y1} L_{x2})$$

Classically vector on cross prod:

$$\vec{L} = \vec{r} \times \vec{p} = \vec{i}(y p_z - z p_y) + \vec{j}(z p_x - x p_z) + \vec{k}(x p_y - y p_x)$$

converting to q.m.

$$L_x = -i\hbar \left( y \frac{\partial}{\partial z} - z \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right), \quad L_y = -i\hbar \left( z \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - x \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right), \quad L_z = -i\hbar \left( x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)$$

Plugging these into eqn for  $L^2$  can demonstrate:

$$[L^2, L_x] = 0 = [L^2, L_y] \quad \text{see Levine p 89}$$

so why don’t we specialize on  $L_x$ ? We can

totally arbitrary to use  $L_z$ , but arith convert it

but cannot do  $L_x$  and  $L_z$  etc because  $[L_x, L_z] = -i\hbar L_y$  etc (note order)

In  $(r, \theta, \phi)$  coordinates this is cleaner — by definition choose  $\phi$  to be rotation about  $z$  (arb) but now one axis differs from other 2:

$$\hat{L}^2 = -\hbar^2 \nabla^2 = -\hbar^2 \left( \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right)$$

see that only  $z$  rotation is singled out and

$$[\hat{L}^2, \hat{L}_z] = -\hbar^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2}, \quad -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} = 0 \quad \text{since} \quad \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad f(\theta), \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} = 0$$

#### Levine 5.4

So what we have here are a number of operators with very well-defined relationships — turns out that alone sufficient to define ang mom and do not need form of operator to understand:

Assume here vector operator  $\hat{M} = \hat{M}_x \hat{i} + \hat{M}_y \hat{j} + \hat{M}_z \hat{k}$  with these properties:

$$[\hat{M}_x, \hat{M}_y] = i\hbar \hat{M}_z, \quad [\hat{M}_y, \hat{M}_z] = i\hbar \hat{M}_x, \quad [\hat{M}_z, \hat{M}_x] = i\hbar \hat{M}_y$$

now can write:  $\hat{M}^2 = \hat{M} \cdot \hat{M} = \hat{M}_x^2 + \hat{M}_y^2 + \hat{M}_z^2$

$$\text{solve: } [\hat{M}^2, M_z] = [M_x^2, M_z] + [M_y^2, M_z] + [M_z^2, M_z]$$

$$= M_x M_x M_z - M_z M_x M_x + M_y M_y M_z - M_z M_y M_y$$

$$= M_x [M_x, M_z] + [M_x, M_z] M_x + M_y [M_y, M_z] + [M_y, M_z] M_y$$

$$[\hat{M}^2, \hat{M}_z] = (-i\hbar M_y) M_x + (-i\hbar M_y) M_x + (i\hbar M_x) M_y + i\hbar M_x M_y = 0$$

See that can do same bit for:  $[M^2, M_x] = [M^2, M_y] = 0$

so knew that  $M^2$  and  $M_x$  or  $M_y$  or  $M_z$

will have simultaneous eigen functions

Levine calls these  $Y$ : 
$$\begin{aligned} \hat{M}^2 Y &= aY \\ \hat{M}_z Y &= bY \end{aligned}$$

Now define a new operator  $M_+ = M_x + iM_y$

$$M_- = M_x - iM_y$$

Investigate:  $M_x M_- = (M_x + iM_y)(M_x - iM_y)$

$$= M_x^2 + M_y^2 + i[M_y, M_x]$$

$$= M^2 - M_z^2 + i[M_y, M_x](-i\hbar M_y)$$

$$= M^2 - M_z^2 + i\hbar M_z$$

$$\text{same method: } M_- M_+ = M^2 - M_z^2 + \hbar M_z$$

$$\text{Also: } [M_+, M_-] = M_+ M_- - M_- M_+ = 2\hbar M_z$$

$$[M_+, M_z] = [M_x, M_z] + i[M_y, M_z]$$

$$= -i\hbar M_y - \hbar M_x$$

$$= -\hbar M_+$$

$$\text{or } M_+ M_z = M_z M_+ - \hbar M_+$$

$$\text{similarly } M_- M_z = M_z M_- + \hbar M_-$$

$$\text{Now operate both sides on } Y: M_+ M_z Y = (M_z M_+ - \hbar M_+) Y$$

$$b M_+ Y = M_+ (b Y) = M_z (M_+ Y) - \hbar (M_+ Y) = (M_z - \hbar) (M_+ Y)$$

$$\text{rearrange: } M_z (M_+ Y) = (b + \hbar) (M_+ Y)$$

$$\text{so } (M_+ Y) \text{ is eigen fct of } M_z \text{ with eigen value } (b + \hbar)$$

Raising a Lowery operator effect:

$$M_z (M_+ Y) = (b + \hbar) M_+ Y \quad \text{or} \quad M_+ |jk\rangle = c_{jk}^+ \hbar |p, k + 1\rangle$$

$$\text{if repeat: } M_z (M_+^2 Y) = (b + 2\hbar) (M_+^2 Y) \quad \text{or} \quad M_- |pk\rangle = c_{jk}^- \hbar |p, k - 1\rangle$$

$$M_z (M_-^n Y) = (b - n\hbar) (M_-^n Y)$$

Now we have a set of eigen values and eigen functions of  $M_z$  that are all  $\hbar$  apart:

$b - 2\hbar, b - \hbar, b, b + \hbar, \dots$  and since  $[M^2, M_z] = 0$  must also be eigen fct  $M^2$  but can show all same eigen value of  $M^2$

$$M^2 [M_\pm^n Y] = a [M_\pm^n Y] \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\text{Know: } [M^2, M_\pm] = 0 = [M^2, M_x] + i[M^2, M_y] = 0 + 0$$

$$\text{can also show } [M^2, M_\pm^n] = 0$$

$$\text{Now: } \text{prones all same } L^2 \text{ eigen value } a: M^2 (M_\pm^n Y) = M_\pm^n (M^2 Y) = M_\pm^n a Y = a (M_\pm^n Y)$$

$$\text{or } M^2 M_\pm^n |p, k\rangle = a_{jk+n} c_{jkn}^\pm \hbar^2 |p, k \pm n\rangle$$

So here sets of eigen fct and set eigen values but so far infinite. Must be same sine same eigen value

$$\text{call then } Y_n^\pm = M_\pm^n Y \quad M_z Y_n^\pm = b_n^\pm Y_n^\pm \quad b_n^\pm = b_n \hbar$$

Bounds from  $M^2 = M_x^2 + M_y^2 + M_z^2$  (intrinsically positive quant)

$$M^2 - M_z^2 = M_x^2 + M_y^2$$

operate on  $Y_n$ :  $(M^2 - M_z^2)Y_n = (M_x^2 + M_y^2)Y_n$

$$(a_p - \hbar^2 k^2) \hbar^2 / n \quad 0$$

$$b_K^2 \quad a \quad b_K \quad \sqrt{a_p} \quad \text{or} \quad a_p^{n/2} \quad b_K \quad a_p^{1/2}$$

Now know that  $|b_K|$  limited  $< \sqrt{a_p}$  but what is it

one of these is max  $b_{\max}$  ?  $M_+ |p, k_{\max}\rangle = 0$

so similarly  $M_- M_+ |p, k_{\max}\rangle = 0$

$M_- M_+$  established as:  $(M^2 - M_z^2 - \hbar M_z) |p, k_{\max}\rangle = 0$

$$M^2 |p, k_{\max}\rangle = (M^2 + \hbar M_z) |p, k_{\max}\rangle$$

$$\text{therefore } a_{pk} \hbar^2 = (b_{K_{\max}}^2 + b_K^2) \hbar^2 =$$

$$a_{jk} = b_{K_{\max}} (b_{K_{\max}}^2 + 1)$$

Know that operate  $M_-$  on  $|p, k_{\max}\rangle$

get new fct  $\sim |p, k_{\max} - 1\rangle$

repeat n times  $|p, k_{\max} - n\rangle$  in steps of 1

so looks like  $k_{\max}$  special call it "j"

$$b_K = j, j-1, j-2, \dots \quad \text{and } a_{pK} = j(j+1)$$

Also a minimum for  $|b_K| < a$

same idea:  $M_+ M_- |p, k_{\min}\rangle = 0$

$$(M^2 - M_z^2 - \hbar M_z) |p, k_{\min}\rangle = 0$$

$$M^2 |p, k_{\min}\rangle = b_{K_{\min}} (b_{K_{\min}} - 1) \hbar^2 = a_{pK} \hbar^2 =$$

$$\text{or } b_{K_{\min}} (b_{K_{\min}} - 1) = j(j+1)$$

$$\text{solu } b_{K_{\min}} = -j$$

Now see something special ladder operators shift

$$M_- |j, k_{\max}\rangle = c_{jk} |j, k_m - 1\rangle \dots \text{ in steps of } k = 1$$

but minimum and max are same magnitude

so  $b_k = j, j-1, j-2, \dots, -j+1, -j = M$  an integer or half integer

means M has possibilities of being  $M = 0, \pm 1/2, \pm 1, \pm 3/2 \dots$  integer (ang mom), half integer (sum)

$$\text{So now: } M^2 |j, m\rangle = j(j+1)\hbar^2 |j, m\rangle$$

$$M_z |j, m\rangle = m\hbar |j, m\rangle$$

But what is result of M?

$$M_- M_+ |j, m\rangle = (M^2 - M_z^2 - \hbar M_z) |j, m\rangle$$

$$c_{j, m+1}^- c_{j, m}^+ \hbar^2 |j, m\rangle = [j(j+1) - m(m+1)] \hbar^2 |j, m\rangle$$

Know product but not each one so:

$$\langle j, m | M_- |j, m+1\rangle = c_{j, m+1}^- \hbar \langle j, m | j, m+1\rangle = c_{j, m+1}^- \hbar$$

$$= \langle j, m | M_x |j, m+1\rangle - i \langle j, m | M_y |j, m+1\rangle$$

$$= \langle j, m+1 | M_x |j, m\rangle^* - i \langle j, m+1 | M_y |j, m\rangle^*$$

$$= \left\{ \langle j, m+1 | M_x |j, m\rangle + i \langle j, m+1 | M_y |j, m\rangle \right\}^* \quad M_x, M_y \text{ hermitian: (not } M_+, M_- \text{ not observable)}$$

$$= \langle j, m+1 | M_+ |j, m\rangle^* = c_{j, m}^+$$

$$\text{so } (c_{j, m+1}^-)^* = (c_{j, m+1}^+)^* \quad \text{since } \langle a | M_+ | b \rangle = \langle b | M_- | a \rangle^* \quad \text{call: hermitian conjugate}$$

$$c_{j, m+1}^- c_{j, m}^+ = j(j+1) - m(m+1)$$

$$(c_{j, m+1}^-)^* c_{j, m}^+ = [j(j+1) - m(m+1)]$$

$$(c_{j, m+1}^-)^* c_{j, m}^+ = [j(j+1) - m(m+1)]^{1/2}$$

$$\text{similarly } (c_{j, m}^-)^* = [j(j+1) - m(m-1)]^{1/2}$$

$$\text{result: } M_\pm |j, m\rangle = [j(j+1) - m(m \pm 1)]^{1/2} \hbar |j, m \pm 1\rangle$$

$$\text{Note: try now: } M_+ |j, m_{\max}\rangle = [j(j+1) - m_m(m_n \pm 1)]^{1/2} \hbar |j, m+1\rangle = 0$$

$$- m_{\max} = j$$

$$\text{similarly } M_- |j, m_{\min}\rangle = [j(j+1) - m_m(m_n \pm 1)]^{1/2} \hbar = 0? \quad m_{\min} = -j$$

Form of the eigen fct – all above was abstract and totally general but if we want the solution (fct form) of  $|jm\rangle$  we need to get rep for  $M_+$ ,  $M_-$ ,  $M_z$

but having those only med  $|j, j\rangle$  all rest available by  $M^k |j, j\rangle = (\text{const}) |j, j-k\rangle$

$$(\text{const}) = (c_{j-m}^- c_{j-m-1}^- \dots c_{j-m-(k-1)}^-)$$

try:  $M_z = -i\hbar \frac{f}{f}$

$$M_x = -i\hbar \sin \frac{f}{f} + \cot \cos \frac{f}{f} ?$$

$$M_y = -i\hbar \cos \frac{f}{f} - \cot \sin \frac{f}{f} ?$$

$$M_+ = \hbar e^i \frac{f}{f} + i \cot \frac{f}{f} ?$$

$$M_- = -\hbar e^{-i} \frac{f}{f} - i \cot \frac{f}{f} ?$$

since  $M_+ |jj\rangle = 0 = \hbar e^i \frac{f}{f} + i \cot \frac{f}{f} ?$   $jj(, )$

so subst  $(, ) = ( ) ( )$

can show  $\frac{\tan}{d} \frac{d}{d} = -i \frac{1}{d} \frac{d}{d}$  separates so each = m (1st order diff)

$$\tan \frac{d}{d} = m \quad \frac{d}{d} = im$$

$$\sim \sin^m \quad = e^{im} \quad \text{solve } M_z |jj\rangle = j\hbar |jj\rangle$$

$$jj(, ) = N \sin^m e^{im} \quad \text{here } m = j$$

all the rest:  $Y_{jm}$  by operate  $M_-$   $jj$  successively

Spin – Uhlenbeck & Goudsmit realized that if electron had intrinsic angular momentum and assoc. magnetic moment with 2 states =  $j = \frac{1}{2}$   $m = \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}$   
 so  $S_z |1/2, \pm 1/2\rangle = \pm 1/2 \hbar |1/2, \pm 1/2\rangle$

Then could explain atomic spectra and Zeeman perturbation of spectra

Half-integer spin (intrinsic magnetic moment) came about naturally from the Dirac equation which accounted for relativistic effects

Electron "spin" so important define:  $= |1/2, 1/2\rangle$   
 $S_z = \frac{1}{2}\hbar$        $S^2 = \frac{3}{4}\hbar^2$        $= |1/2, -1/2\rangle$   
 $S_z = -\frac{1}{2}\hbar$        $S^2 = \frac{3}{4}\hbar^2$   
 and  $S_+ = 0$        $S_- = \hbar$        $S_+ = \hbar$        $S_- = 0$

See to connect , :  $\langle |S^+| \rangle = \hbar$ ,  $\langle |S^-| \rangle = \hbar$

Note – no functional form needed yet now all we need to describe angular momentum and Zeeman perturbation

energy of field  $B^+$  magnetic dipole  $\mu_m$   
 $E = -\vec{\mu}_m \cdot \vec{B}$  ?  $H = -\vec{\mu}_m \cdot \vec{B} = +g \frac{\mu_B}{\hbar} \vec{S} \cdot \vec{B}$        $g_e \sim 2.0023$

$\mu_s = g_e \mu_B$        $\mu_B = 1\hbar/2m_e = 9.27 \times 10^{-24} \text{ J/T}$

if  $B = B_z$  (i.e., unique axis)       $H_{B_z} = +g \frac{\mu_B}{\hbar} B_z \hat{M}_z$

Bohr magneton mag of mag mom for elect with ang mom

$\mu_L = \mu_B (L(L+1))^{1/2}$

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More than one particle with angular momentum:

if 2 particles  $j_1, j_2$  with ang mom  $\vec{j}_1, \vec{j}_2$

what can we know about them (simultaneously)

since  $[j_{1x}, j_{2x}] = 0$  and same for all x,y,z

since  $\vec{j}_1, \vec{j}_2$  depend on diff coord syst

similarly  $[j_1^2, j_2^2] = 0$  and all combine with x,y,z

so state:  $|j_1, m_1; j_2, m_2\rangle$  should satisfy syst, i.e. each fully specified

This should tell us the quantum numbers of state for each particle independently

? can we discuss total angular momentum?

$$\vec{j} = \vec{j}_1 + \vec{j}_2 \text{ and } \vec{j}_x = \vec{j}_{1x} + \vec{j}_{2x}, \text{ etc.}$$

natural way to write but is it an ang. mom?

yes since:  $[j_x, j_y] = [j_{1x} + j_{2x}, j_{1y} + j_{2y}]$

$$= [j_{1x}, j_{2x}] + [j_{1y}, j_{2y}] + \text{zeros}$$

$$= i\hbar(j_{1z} + j_{2z}) = i\hbar j_z$$

(neat aspect of general prop:)

so know:  $[j^2, j_z] = 0$

total ang mom:  $\sqrt{j(j+1)\hbar^2}$

$j=0, \frac{1}{2}, 1, \frac{3}{2}, \dots$

$m_j = -j, -j+1, \dots, j$

but what are j, m if know  $j_1, j_2, m_1, m_2$ ?

Show:  $[j_2, j_1^2] = [j_2, j_2^2] = 0$  so  $j_2 + j_2^2$  simult.

$$j^2 |j_1 m_1, j_2 m_2\rangle = j(j+1)\hbar^2 |j_1 m_1, j_2 m_2\rangle$$

and  $[j^2, j_z] = [j_z^2, j_z] = 0$  simult.

So know that can specify total ang mom, component totals, and projection on z of tot on

$$j^2 |j_1 j_2 j m\rangle = j(j+1)\hbar^2 |j_1 j_2 j m\rangle$$

$$j_z |j_1 j_2 j m\rangle = m\hbar |j_1 j_2 j m\rangle$$

But cannot specify  $m_1, m_2$ , with all the above because

$$[j^2, j_{1z}] = 2i\hbar(j_{1y}j_{2x} - j_{1x}j_{2y}) \neq 0$$

So can choose:  $|j_1 j_2 j m\rangle$  or  $|j_1 m_1, j_2 m_2\rangle$

as rep of 2 coupled angular momentor

now must know how to go back and forth and know what are values for j,m?

$$j_z |j_1 m_1, j_2 m_2\rangle = (j_{z_1} + j_{z_2}) |j_1 m_1, j_2 m_2\rangle$$

$$m\hbar |j_1 m_1, j_2 m_2\rangle = (m_1 + m_2)\hbar |j_1 m_1, j_2 m_2\rangle$$

so:  $m = m_1 + m_2$

makes sense, projection of each on z add up

now each  $m_1, m_2$  have maxima:  $j_1, j_2$

So maximum  $m = j_1 + j_2$

But this must be  $j = j_1 + j_2$  (one allowed value)

i.e. expect  $j$  must not be bigger than  $j_1 + j_2$

but incomplete since  $(2j_1 + 1)$  states  $|j_1 m_1; m\rangle$ ?  $(2j_1 + 2j_2 + 1)$

but  $(2j_1 + 1)(2j_2 + 1)$  states  $|j_1 m_1; j_2 m_2\rangle$ ?  $2j_1 + 2j_2 + 4j_1 j_2$

so  $4j_1 j_2$  states need to be found, must have different  $j$ -value

Test: Max 75/most in 50-35 range     A – 60, B – 40, C

Memorize proofs – ok; need work on physical concepts, lots of errors on #3.

Problem is during appropriate work to answer question -- matter of experience

Review- coupling independent angular momentum

Established that  $[M_x, M_y] = i\hbar M_z$  for  $\vec{M} = \hat{M}_{\bar{x}\bar{i}} + \hat{M}_{\bar{y}\bar{j}} + \hat{M}_{\bar{z}\bar{k}}$

Makes an ang mom  $M_z |j m\rangle = m\hbar |j m\rangle$

$M^2 |j m\rangle = j(j+1)\hbar^2 |j m\rangle$

$M_{\pm} |j m\rangle = \{j(j+1)m(m\pm 1)\}^{1/2} |j m \pm 1\rangle$       $m = j, j-1, \dots, -j$

all done without recourse to any functional form  $|j m\rangle$

### Levine Ch 11

With multiple particles can have coupling of angular momentum--total is variable in question

since independent coord all op commute so state  $|j_1 m_1, j_2 m_2\rangle$

$\vec{j} = \vec{j}_1 + \vec{j}_2$  is ang mom since  $[j_x, j_y] = i\hbar j_z = i\hbar(j_{z1} + j_{z2})$

show also:  $[j^2, j_2] = 0$  and  $m = -j, -j+1, \dots, j$ ;  $j = 0, 1/2, 1, 3/2, \dots$

$[j^2, j_1^2] = [j^2, j_2^2] = 0$       $|j_1 j_2 j m\rangle$      should rep step

$j^2 |j_1 m_1 j_2 m_2\rangle = j(j+1)\hbar^2 |j_1 j_2 j m\rangle$

$$j_2 |j m j_2 j m\rangle = m \hbar |j_1 j_2 j m\rangle$$

choose between:  $|j_1 m_1, j_2 m_2\rangle$  and  $|j_1 j_2 j m\rangle$

as representations – diff situation each more ???

$$\begin{aligned} \text{since } j_2 |j_1 m_1 j_1 m_1\rangle &= (j_{12} + j_{22}) |j_1 m_1, j_2 m_2\rangle = (m_1 + m_2) \hbar |j_1 m_1, j_2 m_2\rangle \\ &= m \hbar |j_1 m_1, j_2 m_2\rangle \end{aligned}$$

Then  $m = m_1 + m_2$  – projection on z sum

$$m_1(\text{max}) = j_1, \quad m_2(\text{max}) = j_2 \quad m(\text{max}) = j_1 + j_2 \quad j = j_1 + j_2$$

account for degeneracy –  $(2j_1 + 1)(2j_2 + 1)(2j_2 + 1) =$

$$(2j_1 + 2j_2 + 1) < 4j_1 j_2 + (2j_1 + 2j_2 + 1)$$

so need more than one j value

Next Ch. 8, 9 Approx methods Part Theory (9), Variation (8)

Consider m again:  $\max m \quad m_m = m_1 + m_2$

next one down:  $|j, m_m - 1\rangle = |j_1(m_1 - 1), j_2 m_2\rangle$  or  $|j_1 m_1, j_2(m_2 - 1)\rangle$

so 2 possibilities, one is  $|j, m_m - 1\rangle$

and other is  $|j, m_m - 1\rangle$

now no other higher m than m-1 for j'

so  $j = m - 1$

continue and get:  $j = j_1 + j_2, j_1 + j_2 - 1, \dots, |j_1 - j_2$

limited since j must be positive

ex:  $j_1 = 1, j_2 = 1 \quad j = 2, 1, 0$

$(2 \cdot 1 + 1)(2 \cdot 1 + 1) = \underline{9 \text{ states}}$   $5 + 3 + 1 = \underline{9 \text{ states}}$

or  $j_1 = 1, j_2 = 1/2$  for p-elect

3·2 = 6 states      j = 3/2, 1/2      4+2 = 6 states

Sometimes called the triangle condition (vector addition)  
 sides must match up with  $j_1, j_2, j$  all integers

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leads to the vector model of angular momentum particularly used a lot for spin

a) length  $\sqrt{j(j+1)}$ , same for components:  $\sqrt{j(j+1)}$ , etc.

b) lie on a core of height m,

spin -  $|S_1 m_1, S_2 m_2\rangle : |1/2 1/2, 1/2 1/2\rangle = 1 2, |1/2 1/2, 1/2 -1/2\rangle = 1 2, 1, 1, 1 2$   
 $|S_1 m_2, S m\rangle : |1/2 1/2, 1, 1\rangle = 1 2 \quad |1/2 1/2, 1, 0\rangle = 1/\sqrt{2} (1 2 + 2 1)$

in phase - triplet

triplet/single:  $|1/2 1/2, 1, -1\rangle = 1 2 \quad |1/2 1/2, 0, 0\rangle = 1/\sqrt{2} (1 2 - 2 1)$

So have established by inspection

$$|j, j_2, j m\rangle = c_{m_1 m_2} |j_1, j m_1, j_2 m_2\rangle$$

For case  $j_1 = j_2 = j$

How do it formally:

Know  $m_{max} = m_{1max} + m_{2max}$  -- one way

operate lowers op

$$M_- |j_1, j_2, j_1 + j_2, j_1 + j_2\rangle = (M_- M_-) |j_1, j_2, j_2\rangle$$

$$\{j(j+1) - m(m-1)\}^{1/2} \hbar |j, j-1\rangle = \{j_1(j_1+1) - m_1(m_1-1)\}^{1/2} \hbar |j, j_1-1, j_2, j_2\rangle$$

$$+ \{j_2(j_2+1) - m_2(m_2-1)\}^{1/2} \hbar |j_1, j_1, j_2, j_2-1\rangle$$

This gives you an expression for  $C_{m_1 m_2}$

ex:  $S_- |1 2\rangle = S_- |11\rangle = \{2+1\}^{1/2} \hbar |10\rangle$

$$(S_1 + S_2) |1 2\rangle = \hbar |1 2\rangle = \hbar |1 2\rangle$$

$$|1 0\rangle = 1/\sqrt{2} (|1 2\rangle + |1 2\rangle) \text{ as before}$$

what about  $|0 0\rangle$  - must be orthogonal to  $|1 0\rangle$

$$\text{so } 1/\sqrt{2} [ |1 1\rangle - |1 2\rangle ] = |0 0\rangle$$

More?

general concept: multiply equation above by  $\langle j_1 m_1, j_2 m_2 |$

$$\underline{\langle j_1 m_1, j_2 m_2 | j_1 m_2, j m \rangle = C_{m_1 m_2}}$$

Terms:

Coupling of orbital angular momentum for two electrons

$$l_1 + l_2 = l_{\max} = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 \quad |1, 1, 2, M\rangle$$

$$S \ P \ D \ F \ G \ H \quad |1, 1, 2, D, M\rangle$$

Multiple electrons:

Couple  $j_1 + j_2 = j_{12}$  then all  $j_{12} + j_3 = j_{123}$ , etc.

$$j_{12} = (j_1 + j_2), (j_1 + j_2 - 1), \dots, |j_1 - j_2|; \quad j_{123} = (j_{12} + j_3), \dots, |j_{12} - j_3| \quad \text{for all}$$