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- \* Angular momentum in  $\mathcal{Q}M$
- \* Spin &  $SU(2)$
- \* C-G coefficients  
(Clebsch-Gordan)

HW: chap 4:

- { 11, 12 ← angular momentum adding
- { 19, 20, 21, 23 ←  $SU(2)$  properties

orbital

\* Angular momentum in  $\mathcal{Q}M$ .

$$\hat{L} = \hat{r} \times \hat{p}, \quad \hat{p} = -i\hbar \vec{\partial}$$

eg.  $L_x = \hat{y}\hat{p}_z - \hat{z}\hat{p}_y = -i\hbar (z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} - z \frac{\partial}{\partial y})$

properties:

①.  $L^2$  &  $L_z$  ~~to be~~ commute with hamiltonian.

② eigenvalues

$$l(l+1)\hbar^2 \quad m_l \hbar$$

$$m_l = -l, -l+1, \dots, -1, 0, +1, \dots, l-1, l$$

total  $(2l+1)$  possibilities

$$S^2, S_z$$

↓

$$s(s+1)\hbar^2, m_s \hbar$$

$$m_s = -s, -s+1, \dots, -1, 0, +1, \dots, s$$

$(2s+1)$  possibilities

\* Spin: An intrinsic angular momentum degrees of freedom.

The classical picture of spinning sphere is helpful but can't go very far.

eg. consider the spin of an electron ( $s = \frac{\hbar}{2}$ ) by a dimensional analysis:

$$m_e r_e v \sim \hbar \quad \leftarrow \text{angular momentum}$$

$$E = m_e c^2 \sim \frac{e^2}{r_e} \quad \leftarrow \text{mass} \sim \text{EM field.}$$

$$\alpha \approx \frac{e^2}{4\pi} \approx \frac{1}{137}$$

$$\Rightarrow r_e \sim \frac{e^2}{m_e c^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{e^2 v}{c^2} \sim \hbar$$

$$v \sim \frac{c^2 \hbar}{e^2} \sim 137 c \gg c$$

⇒ the <sup>origin of</sup> spin: ?

⊙ when you get an electron by quantizing an electron field, the field already carries spin.

~~total angular momentum  $\vec{J} = \vec{L} + \vec{S}$~~

				pseudo scalar mesons.
Bosons	spin-0 :	Higgs	$\pi, \eta, \dots$	
	spin-1 :	force mediators	vector mesons $\rho, \omega, \dots$	
	spin-2 :	graviton	—	can't find a renormalizable theory
Fermions	spin-1/2 :	quarks, leptons	Baryon octet	classically, can't find a field theory for $S > 2$
	spin-3/2 :	gravitino	Baryon decuplet	

\* Addition of angular momenta.

labeled by a ket:  $|l m\rangle$  or  $|s m_s\rangle$

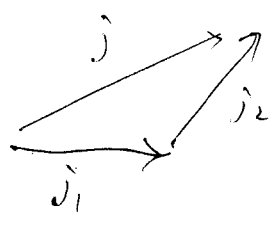
total angular momentum,  $\vec{J} = \vec{L} + \vec{S}$

How to add? classically, just add up the  $\vec{L}$  vectors.

In QM,

$$|j_1, m_1\rangle + |j_2, m_2\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow m \text{ still add, } \Rightarrow m = m_1 + m_2$$



$$j_1 \parallel j_2 \Rightarrow j = j_1 + j_2$$

$$j_1 \perp j_2 \Rightarrow j = |j_1 - j_2|$$

but again  $j$  still need to be quantized:

$$j = |j_1 - j_2|, |j_1 - j_2| + 1, \dots, (j_1 + j_2)$$

More than 2  $\vec{j}_i$ , Add them up one by one -

C-G coefficients

$$|j_1 m_1\rangle |j_2 m_2\rangle = \sum_{j=|j_1-j_2|}^{(j_1+j_2)} C_{m_1 m_2}^j |j m\rangle, \quad \text{with } m = m_1 + m_2$$

eg. ~~the~~ <sup>an</sup>  $e^-$  in a hydrogen atom occupies the orbital state  $|2, -1\rangle$  and one spin state  $|\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\rangle$ .

$$l+s = 2 + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{5}{2} \quad m = -1 + \frac{1}{2} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$|1, -1\rangle |\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}} |\frac{5}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} |\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\rangle$$

$\uparrow$   $\uparrow\uparrow$   
 40%  $J = \frac{5}{2}$  60%  $J = \frac{3}{2}$

read horizontally  $\Rightarrow$

read vertically  $\Downarrow$

$$|j, m\rangle = |\frac{5}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} |2, 0\rangle |\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}} |2, -1\rangle |\frac{1}{2}, +\frac{1}{2}\rangle$$

eg. 2 spins  $-\frac{1}{2}$  state,  $\frac{1}{2} \otimes \frac{1}{2} = 0 \oplus 1$

$$\begin{aligned} |\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\rangle |\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\rangle &= |1, 1\rangle \\ |\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\rangle |\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1, 0\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |0, 0\rangle \\ |\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\rangle |\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1, 0\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |0, 0\rangle \\ |\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\rangle |\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\rangle &= |1, -1\rangle \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} |1, 1\rangle &= |\uparrow\rangle |\uparrow\rangle & |0, 0\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle \\ |1, 0\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle \\ |1, -1\rangle &= |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle \end{aligned}$$

spin -  $\frac{1}{2}$

$|\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad |\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow$  called spinor

$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad |\alpha|^2 = \uparrow \quad |\beta|^2 = \downarrow$   
 $|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1$

$\vec{S}_x = \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{S}_y = \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{S}_z = \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

eigenvalues of  $\vec{S}_x = \pm \frac{\hbar}{2}$ , eigenvectors:  $\chi_{\pm} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = a \chi_+ + b \chi_- \quad , \quad a = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\alpha + \beta) \quad b = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\alpha - \beta)$

$\vec{S}_x^2 = \frac{\hbar^2}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow$  eigenvalues is always  $\frac{\hbar^2}{4}$ .

same for  $\vec{S}_y^2$  and  $\vec{S}_z^2 \Rightarrow \vec{S}^2 = \vec{S}_x^2 + \vec{S}_y^2 + \vec{S}_z^2 = \frac{3}{4} \hbar^2 = \frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2} + 1) \hbar^2$

$\Rightarrow$  Pauli matrices

$\sigma_x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma_y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma_z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

and  $\vec{S} = \frac{\hbar}{2} \vec{\sigma}$

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Spinor under rotation

$$U(\phi)^\dagger \vec{S} U(\phi) = R_{ij} \vec{S}$$

$$R_{ij} = \delta_{ij} + \epsilon_{mij} \delta\phi_m$$

recall  $(x, y) \rightarrow (x - y\delta\phi_z, y + x\delta\phi_z)$

$$U(\phi) = \exp\left(-\frac{i}{\hbar} \phi \cdot \hat{a}\right)$$

$$\text{or } R_{ji} = \sigma_{ji} + \epsilon_{mji} \delta\phi_m$$

$$U(\delta\phi) \approx \mathbb{1} - \frac{i}{\hbar} \delta\phi \cdot \hat{a}$$

$$(\delta_{ji} + \epsilon_{mji} \delta\phi_m) \left( \mathbb{1} + \frac{i}{\hbar} \delta\phi \cdot \hat{a} \right) \hat{\sigma}_i \left( \mathbb{1} - \frac{i}{\hbar} \delta\phi \cdot \hat{a} \right) \approx \hat{\sigma}_j$$

$$\Rightarrow (\delta_{ji} + \epsilon_{mji} \delta\phi_m) \left( \hat{\sigma}_i + \frac{i}{\hbar} \delta\phi_\alpha [\hat{a}_\alpha, \hat{\sigma}_i] \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\sigma}_j + \epsilon_{mji} \delta\phi_m \hat{\sigma}_i + \frac{i}{\hbar} \delta\phi_\alpha [\hat{a}_\alpha, \hat{\sigma}_j] \approx \hat{\sigma}_j$$

$$\text{or } \frac{i}{\hbar} [\hat{a}_\alpha, \hat{\sigma}_j] = -\epsilon_{\alpha ji} \hat{\sigma}_i, \quad \frac{i}{\hbar} [\hat{a}_\alpha, \hat{\sigma}_j] = \lambda \epsilon_{\alpha ji} \hat{\sigma}_i$$

$$\text{the only solution } \Rightarrow \hat{a}_\alpha = \frac{\hbar}{2} \sigma_\alpha$$

$$\text{recall } \left[ \frac{\sigma_i}{2}, \frac{\sigma_j}{2} \right] = \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{\sigma_k}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow U(\phi) = \underbrace{U_L(\phi)}_{\text{Rotation}} \underbrace{U_{\text{spin}}(\phi)}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{intrinsic angular}}} = \exp\left[-\frac{i}{\hbar} \vec{\phi} \cdot \left(\vec{L} + \frac{\hbar}{2} \vec{\sigma}\right)\right]$$

$$\vec{J} = \vec{L} + \vec{S}$$

or spinor alone

$$U(\phi) = \exp\left(-\frac{i}{\hbar} \vec{\phi} \cdot \vec{\sigma}\right)$$

rotate  $4\pi$  to return the original one.

$$L_x = y p_z - z p_y = -i\hbar \left( y \frac{\partial}{\partial z} - z \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$[L_x, L_j] = i \epsilon_{ijk} L_k$$

$$L_{\pm} = L_x \pm i L_y, \quad [L_+, L_-] = 2L_z, \quad [L_z, L_{\pm}] = \pm L_{\pm}$$

$$L^2 = \frac{1}{2} (L_+ L_- + L_- L_+) + L_z^2 \\ = L_- L_+ + L_z (L_z + 1) = L_+ L_- + L_z (L_z - 1)$$

$$[L^2, L_z] = [L^2, L_+] = [L^2, L_-] = 0$$

$$L_z L_+ - L_+ L_z = L_+ \quad \text{or} \quad L_z L_+ = L_+ (L_z + 1)$$

$$L_z |j, m\rangle = m |j, m\rangle, \quad L_z L_+ |j, m\rangle = (m+1) L_+ |j, m\rangle \\ \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{|j, m+1\rangle}$$

$L^2$  acts on  $|j, j\rangle$

$$\Rightarrow L^2 |j, j\rangle = L_- L_+ + L_z (L_z + 1) |j, j\rangle = (0 + j(j+1)) |j, j\rangle$$

$\Rightarrow L^2$  has an eigenvalue  $j(j+1)$

$$L_+ L_- |j, m\rangle = (L^2 - L_z (L_z - 1)) |j, m\rangle = [j(j+1) - m(m-1)] |j, m\rangle$$

$$L_- L_+ |j, m\rangle = (L^2 - L_z (L_z + 1)) |j, m\rangle = [j(j+1) - m(m+1)] |j, m\rangle$$

$$|L_+ |j, m\rangle|^2 = \langle j, m | L_- L_+ |j, m\rangle = [j(j+1) - m(m-1)] \langle j, m | j, m\rangle \geq 0$$

$$|L_- |j, m\rangle|^2 = [j(j+1) - m(m+1)] \langle j, m | j, m\rangle \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -j \leq m \leq j, \quad \text{and} \quad L_+ |j, j\rangle = L_- |j, -j\rangle = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow L_+ |j, m\rangle = \sqrt{j(j+1) - m(m-1)} |j, m+1\rangle$$

$$L_- |j, m\rangle = \sqrt{j(j+1) - m(m+1)} |j, m-1\rangle$$

An example of calculating the CG coefficients for  $1 \times \frac{1}{2}$  ⑦

$$1 \otimes \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$L_- = L_{1-} + L_{2-}$$

$$L_- \downarrow \left| \frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{2} \right\rangle = \left| 1, 1 \right\rangle \left| \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}(\frac{3}{2}+1) - \frac{3}{2}(\frac{3}{2}-1)} \left| \frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle = \sqrt{1(1+1) - 1(1-1)} \left| 1, 0 \right\rangle \left| \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}+1) - \frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}-1)} \left| 1, 1 \right\rangle \left| \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle$$

$$\sqrt{3} \left| \frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle = \sqrt{2} \left| 1, 0 \right\rangle \left| \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle + \left| 1, 1 \right\rangle \left| \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \left| 1, 0 \right\rangle \left| \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} \left| 1, 1 \right\rangle \left| \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}(\frac{3}{2}+1) - \frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}-1)} \left| \frac{3}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \sqrt{1(1+1) - 0(0-1)} \left| 1, -1 \right\rangle \left| \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle + \left| 1, 0 \right\rangle \left| \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle \right) + \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \sqrt{2} \left| 1, 0 \right\rangle \left| \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle + 0 \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{3}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} \left( \sqrt{2} \left| 1, -1 \right\rangle \left| \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle + \left| 1, 0 \right\rangle \left| \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle \right) + \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \left| 1, 0 \right\rangle \left| \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{3}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} \left| 1, -1 \right\rangle \left| \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \left| 1, 0 \right\rangle \left| \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}(\frac{3}{2}+1) - (-\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{1}{2}-1)} \left| \frac{3}{2}, -\frac{3}{2} \right\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \left( 0 + \left| 1, -1 \right\rangle \left| \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle \right) + \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \sqrt{1(1+1) - 0(0-1)} \left| 1, -1 \right\rangle \left| \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle + 0 \right) = \sqrt{3} \left| 1, -1 \right\rangle \left| \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{3}{2}, -\frac{3}{2} \right\rangle = \left| 1, -1 \right\rangle \left| \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle$$

$$\left| \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle = a \left| 1, 1 \right\rangle \left| \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle + b \left| 1, 0 \right\rangle \left| \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle \Rightarrow \text{must be orthogonal to}$$

$$\left| \frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle$$

$$\text{and } |a|^2 + |b|^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle = -\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \left| 1, 1 \right\rangle \left| \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} \left| 1, 0 \right\rangle \left| \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle$$

$$\left| \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle = -\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \left( \sqrt{2} \left| 1, 0 \right\rangle \left| \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle \right) + \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} \left( \sqrt{2} \left| 1, -1 \right\rangle \left| \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle + \left| 1, 0 \right\rangle \left| \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle \right)$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \left| 1, -1 \right\rangle \left| \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle - \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} \left| 1, 0 \right\rangle \left| \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle$$

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