

phys522: HW #8

1. Work out the Hamiltonian matrix for the complete $n = 2$ Zeeman effect. Take the external magnetic field B^{ext} to be in the z-direction. The full perturbation Hamiltonian for $n = 2$ is $H^Z = H^{SO} + H^B$ where

$$H^{SO} = A \left[3 - \frac{8}{j + \frac{1}{2}} \right]$$

And with $b \equiv e\hbar B^{ext}/2mc$

$$H^B = b(m_\ell + 2m_s)$$

In the notation L_{j,m_j} choose the basis order $|i\rangle, i = 1, 8$

$$S_{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}}, S_{\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}}, P_{\frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{2}}, P_{\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}}, P_{\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}}, P_{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}}, P_{\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}}, P_{\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}}$$


So for example $P_{\frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{2}} = |3\rangle = |3/2, 3/2\rangle = |1, 1\rangle |1/2, 1/2\rangle$


Write the matrix $\langle i | (H^{SO} + H^B) | j \rangle$.

You will need Clebsch-Gordon coefficients which you can look up here in the [table](#). Two pairs of states are mixed by the external magnetic field. Which pairs are they?

2. Determine the spectroscopic term for the ground state of Carbon. First, make a table of all possible values of ℓ, s and j . Include a column for the symmetry of the spatial part and the spin part as \pm . Eliminate the rows of the table that are excluded by the Pauli principle. Add a column for the spectroscopic term $^{2S+1}L_J$ for all Pauli allowed rows. Finally, apply Hund's rules to determine the ground state.

You can get the same result using a short-cut (from Gasiorowicz). Make a drawing with horizontal lines ("shelves") corresponding to the values of m_ℓ for the L of the sub-shell. Distribute the electrons as up or down arrows on the shelves, only doubling up on an m_ℓ when necessary and using Hund's rule 1 to maximize the sum of s_z which gives S. Sum the m_ℓ for the shelves to get L as $L = \sum n_i \cdot m_i$ where n_i is the number of electrons on the shelf. Use Hund's rule 3 to give J. For Carbon the diagram would be,

m=1 

m=0 

m=-1 

$$S = 1/2 + 1/2 = 1$$

$$L = \sum n_i m_i = 1(1) + 1(0) + 0(-1) = 1$$

Use this technique to find the spectroscopic term for oxygen and manganese.