

Quantum 521: Final Exam

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possibly useful info:

Time dependence of expectation value for arbitrary state $|\Psi(t)\rangle$

$$\frac{d}{dt}\langle\hat{A}\rangle = \frac{i}{\hbar}\langle[\hat{H}, \hat{A}]\rangle + \left\langle\frac{\partial\hat{A}}{\partial t}\right\rangle$$

The Pauli spin matrices:

$$\hat{\sigma}_x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \hat{\sigma}_y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \hat{\sigma}_z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Rotation of spinor about \hat{n} direction by an angle ϕ :

$$\hat{R}(\phi\hat{n}) = \cos\left(\frac{\phi}{2}\right)\hat{I} - i\vec{\sigma}\cdot\hat{n}\sin\left(\frac{\phi}{2}\right);$$

For the simple harmonic oscillator define the constants $x_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{m\omega}}$ and $p_0 = \sqrt{\hbar m\omega}$. The Hamiltonian is

$$H = \hbar\omega\left(N + \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

where $N = a^\dagger a$,

$$\frac{x}{x_0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(a^\dagger + a)$$

$$\frac{p}{p_0} = i\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(a^\dagger - a)$$

and the commutators $[a, a^\dagger] = 1$, $[N, a] = -a$, $[N, a^\dagger] = a^\dagger$

Formula for raising and lowering operators,

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

34. CLEBSCH-GORDAN COEFFICIENTS, SPHERICAL HARMONICS, AND d FUNCTIONS

Note: A square-root sign is to be understood over every coefficient, e.g., for $-8/15$ read $-\sqrt{8/15}$.

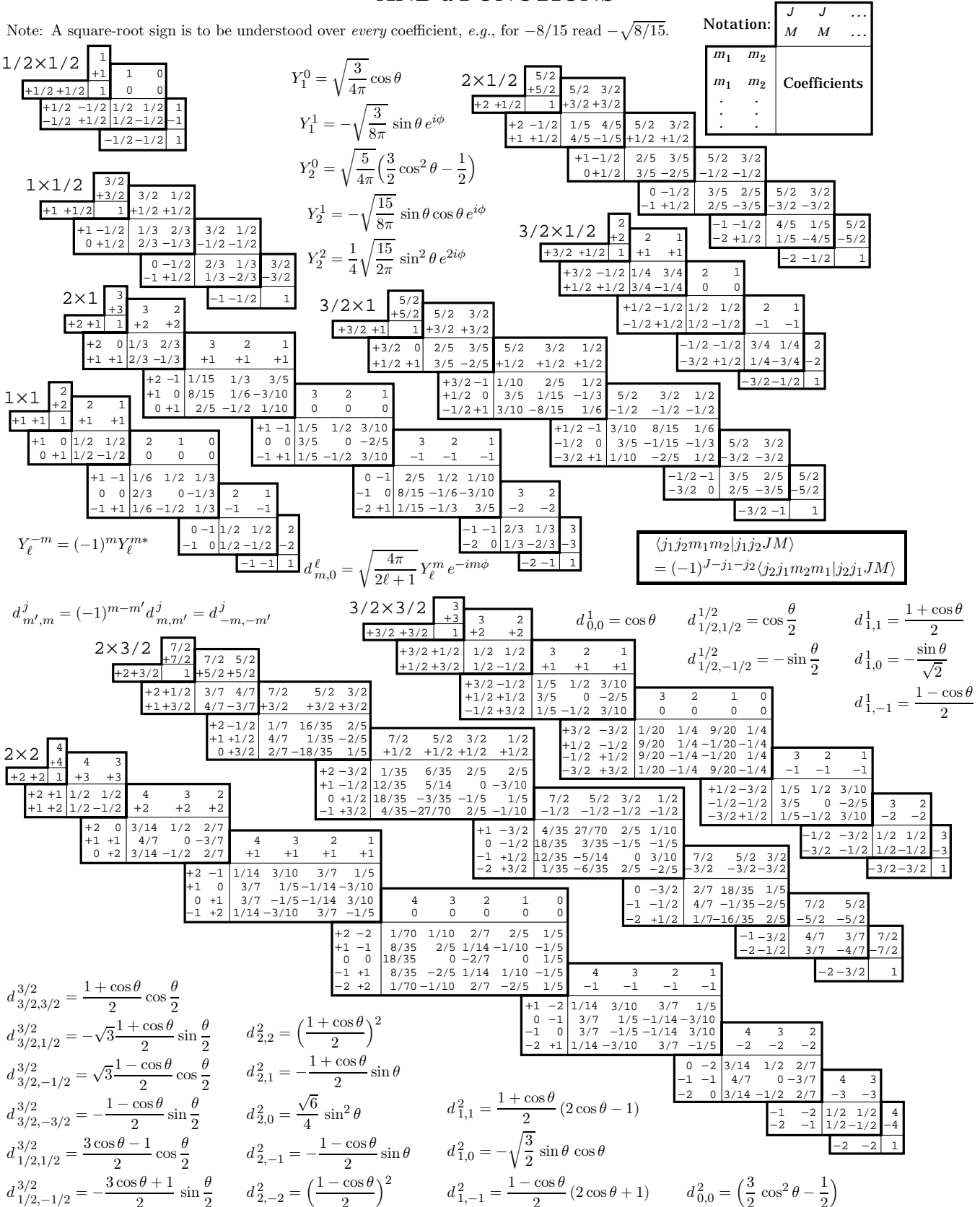


Figure 34.1: The sign convention is that of Wigner (*Group Theory*, Academic Press, New York, 1959), also used by Condon and Shortley (*The Theory of Atomic Spectra*, Cambridge Univ. Press, New York, 1953), Rose (*Elementary Theory of Angular Momentum*, Wiley, New York, 1957), and Cohen (*Tables of the Clebsch-Gordan Coefficients*, North American Rockwell Science Center, Thousand Oaks, Calif., 1974). The coefficients here have been calculated using computer programs written independently by Cohen and at LBNL.

#1) In a Bell-type experiment, two electrons are produced in the spin-0 state and are analyzed by SG devices measuring the spin along the directions \hat{a} for electron 1 and \hat{b} for electron 2 where $\hat{a} \cdot \hat{b} = \cos \theta$. Derive the probability to measure both particle's spin components to be $+\hbar/2$.

#2) a) Use the properties of the spherical harmonics to determine the time-reversed state $\hat{\tau}|j, m\rangle$. (Hint: the essential property is listed on the "Clebsch-Gordan coefficients" page of this exam.)

b) What is the time-reversed state corresponding to the rotated state $e^{-i\vec{J} \cdot \vec{\theta}/\hbar}|j, m\rangle$?

#3) a) Consider electric multiple operators of rank k , T_k^q . Prove that the multiple moment of any state with angular momentum $j < k/2$ has zero expectation value.

b) Now consider the vector operators V_1^q and states of a spherically symmetric potential $|n, \ell, m\rangle$. For the expectation values, $\langle n', \ell', m' | V_1^q | n, \ell, m \rangle$ what are the relations between m, m', q and ℓ, ℓ' ?

c) For $\ell = \ell' = 1$, find all the non-zero ratios

$$\frac{\langle n', 1, m'_1 | V_1^{\pm 1} | n, 1, m_1 \rangle}{\langle n', 1, m'_2 | V_1^0 | n, 1, m_2 \rangle}$$

Be specific on values of m_1, m'_1, m_2, m'_2 .

#4) The Hamiltonian for a spin 1 system in crystal physics is given by,

$$H = \frac{A}{\hbar^2} S_z^2 + \frac{B}{\hbar^2} (S_x^2 - S_y^2)$$

where A and B are real constants.

a) Find the normalized energy eigenstates and eigenvalues.

b) Prove that H is invariant under time reversal. Prove that therefore the energy eigenstates must have definite time reversal parity.

c) How do the normalized eigenstates transform under time reversal?