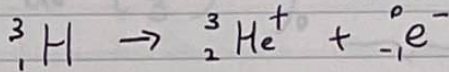


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Quantum Mechanics 7

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1 proton, 2 neutron, 1 electron
charge neutral

2 proton, 1 neutron, 1 electron
charge +1

speed of the departing electron:

$$E_1 = \frac{1}{2} m_e v_1^2 \rightarrow v_1 = \sqrt{\frac{2E_1}{m_e}} = \left(\frac{2 \times 16 \times 1000 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}}{9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$
$$= 7.5 \times 10^7 \text{ m/s}$$

Size of atom is on the scale of the Bohr radius

$$a_0 = 5.29 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m} \text{ for Hydrogen}$$

\therefore typical time taken for the electron to leave is

$$t_1 \sim \frac{a_0}{v_1} = \frac{5.29 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}}{7.5 \times 10^7 \text{ m/s}} \approx 7.1 \times 10^{-19} \text{ s}$$

Consider the Bohr Model: the orbital speed of the orbiting electron is

$$\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 a_0^2} = \frac{v_2^2}{a_0} m_e \rightarrow v_2 = \sqrt{\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 a_0 m_e}}$$
$$= \sqrt{\frac{(1.6 \times 10^{-19})^2}{4\pi \times 8.854 \times 10^{-12} \times 5.29 \times 10^{-11} \times 9.11 \times 10^{-31}}}$$

$$= 2.2 \times 10^6 \text{ m/s}$$

Period of orbit is

$$t_2 = \frac{2\pi a_0}{v_2} = \frac{2\pi \times 5.29 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}}{2.2 \times 10^6 \text{ m/s}} = 1.5 \times 10^{-16} \text{ s}$$

$$\frac{t_1}{t_2} = 0.147\% \quad \text{is very small}$$

\therefore As the departing electron leaves the atom, the orbiting ~~at~~ electron has not moved by a significant amount. ✓

\rightarrow The departure can be treated as sudden.

Use the sudden approximation:

\therefore The atom is in the ground state of ${}^3\text{H}$ $|1,0,0; z=1\rangle$ before the departure, it will remain in the state $|1,0,0; z=1\rangle$ after the departure.

\rightarrow Expand $|1,0,0; z=1\rangle$ in terms of the ~~states~~ energy eigenstates of ${}^3_2\text{He}^+$, then the modulus square of probability amplitude represents the probability

$$\therefore \langle 1,0,0; z=2 | 1,0,0; z=1 \rangle$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} r^2 dr U_{n=1}^{l=0}(r, z=2) \times U_{n=1}^{l=0}(r, z=1)$$

$$= \frac{2}{(a_0)^{3/2}} \times \frac{2}{\left(\frac{a_0}{2}\right)^{3/2}} \int_0^{\infty} dr r^2 e^{-r/a_0} e^{-2r/a_0}$$

$$= 2^{7/2} a_0^{-3} \int_0^{\infty} dr r^2 e^{-3r/a_0}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \frac{3}{a_0} r \\ du &= \frac{3}{a_0} dr \\ dr &= \frac{a_0}{3} du \\ r^2 &= \left(\frac{a_0}{3}\right)^2 u^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 2^{7/2} a_0^{-3} \left(\frac{a_0}{3}\right)^3 \int_0^\infty \underbrace{u^2}_{2!} e^{-u} du$$

$$= 2^{9/2} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 = \frac{2^9}{3^6}$$

$$P(\text{excited}) = 1 - P(\text{ground})$$

$$= 1 - \left| \langle 1,0,0; z=2 | 1,0,0; z=1 \rangle \right|^2$$

$$= 1 - \frac{2^9}{3^6} = \boxed{0.298}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
2. \quad \hat{L}^2 &= (\hat{x} \times \hat{p}) \cdot (\hat{x} \times \hat{p}) = \sum_{ijk} \epsilon_{ijk} \hat{x}_j \hat{p}_k \epsilon_{ilm} \hat{x}_l \hat{p}_m \\
&= \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{ilm} \hat{x}_j \hat{p}_k \hat{x}_l \hat{p}_m = (\delta_{jl} \delta_{km} - \delta_{jm} \delta_{kl}) \hat{x}_j \hat{p}_k \hat{x}_l \hat{p}_m \\
&= \hat{x}_j \hat{p}_k \hat{x}_j \hat{p}_k - \hat{x}_j \hat{p}_k \hat{x}_k \hat{p}_j \\
&= \hat{x}_j (\hat{x}_j \hat{p}_k - [\hat{x}_j, \hat{p}_k]) \hat{p}_k - \hat{x}_j \hat{p}_k (\hat{p}_j \hat{x}_k + [\hat{x}_k, \hat{p}_j]) \\
&= \hat{x}_j \hat{x}_j \hat{p}_k \hat{p}_k - \hat{x}_j (i\hbar \delta_{jk}) \hat{p}_k - \hat{x}_j \hat{p}_k \hat{p}_j \hat{x}_k - \hat{x}_j \hat{p}_k (i\hbar \delta_{kj}) \\
&= \hat{x}_j \hat{x}_j \hat{p}_k \hat{p}_k - i\hbar \hat{x}_j \hat{p}_j - \hat{x}_j \hat{p}_j \hat{x}_k \hat{p}_k \hat{x}_k \\
&\quad - i\hbar \hat{x}_j \hat{p}_j \\
&= \hat{x}_j \hat{x}_j \hat{p}_k \hat{p}_k - 2i\hbar \hat{x}_j \hat{p}_j - \hat{x}_j \hat{p}_j (\hat{x}_k \hat{p}_k - [\hat{x}_k, \hat{p}_k]) \\
&= \hat{x}_j \hat{x}_j \hat{p}_k \hat{p}_k - 2i\hbar \hat{x}_j \hat{p}_j - \hat{x}_j \hat{p}_j \hat{x}_k \hat{p}_k + 3i\hbar \hat{x}_j \hat{p}_j \\
&= \hat{x}_j \hat{x}_j \hat{p}_k \hat{p}_k - \hat{x}_j \hat{p}_j \hat{x}_k \hat{p}_k + i\hbar \hat{x}_j \hat{p}_j \\
&= \hat{r}^2 \hat{p}^2 - (\hat{r} \cdot \hat{p})(\hat{r} \cdot \hat{p}) + i\hbar (\hat{r} \cdot \hat{p}) \\
&= r^2 p^2 - (\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{p})^2 + i\hbar (\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{p})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow p^2 = \frac{L^2}{r^2} + \frac{1}{r^2} \{ (\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{p})^2 - i\hbar (\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{p}) \}$$

$$(\hat{x} = \mathbf{r})$$

$$\hat{r} = \frac{\mathbf{r}}{r}, \quad r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}, \quad \partial_i r = \frac{\partial r}{\partial x_i} = \frac{2x_i}{2r} = \frac{x_i}{r}$$

$$\partial_i x_j = \delta_{ij}, \quad x_i = x_i$$

$$\rightarrow \hat{p}_i \left(\frac{x_i}{r} \right) = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left(\frac{x_i}{r} \right) = -i\hbar \frac{1}{r} - i\hbar x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left(\frac{1}{r} \right)$$

$$= -3i\hbar \frac{1}{r} + i\hbar x_i \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{x_i}{r} = -\frac{2i\hbar}{r}$$

$$(\hat{p} \cdot \hat{r} - \hat{r} \cdot \hat{p}) \psi = \hat{p}_i \hat{r}_i \psi - \hat{r}_i \hat{p}_i \psi$$

$$= -i\hbar \partial_i \left(\frac{x_i}{r} \right) \psi + \frac{x_i}{r} i\hbar \partial_i \psi$$

could also use $\hat{p} = -i\hbar \nabla$

$$= -i\hbar \frac{x_i}{r} \partial_i \psi - i\hbar \partial_i \left(\frac{x_i}{r} \right) \psi + i\hbar \frac{x_i}{r} \partial_i \psi$$

$$= \left[-i\hbar \frac{1}{r} \partial_i x_i \stackrel{\delta_{ii}=3}{=} -i\hbar x_i \partial_i \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) \right] \psi$$

$$= \left[-\frac{3i\hbar}{r} - i\hbar x_i \left(-\frac{1}{r^2} \right) \partial_i r \right] \psi$$

$$= -\frac{3i\hbar}{r} \psi + i\hbar \frac{1}{r} \left(\frac{x_i x_i}{r^2} \right) \psi$$

$$= \left[-\frac{3i\hbar}{r} + \frac{i\hbar}{r} \right] \psi = -\frac{2i\hbar}{r} \psi$$

$$\rightarrow \hat{p} \cdot \hat{r} - \hat{r} \cdot \hat{p} = -\frac{2i\hbar}{r} \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$\hat{p}_r = \frac{1}{2} (\hat{r} \cdot \hat{p} + \hat{p} \cdot \hat{r}) \rightarrow \hat{p} \cdot \hat{r} + \hat{r} \cdot \hat{p} = 2\hat{p}_r \quad \textcircled{2}$$

$$\textcircled{2} - \textcircled{1} \rightarrow 2\hat{r} \cdot \hat{p} = 2\left(\hat{p}_r + \frac{i\hbar}{r}\right)$$

$$\rightarrow \hat{r} \cdot \hat{p} = \hat{p}_r + \frac{i\hbar}{r}$$

$$\rightarrow r \cdot \hat{p} = r\hat{p}_r + i\hbar$$

$$\hat{p}_r = \frac{1}{2} (\hat{r} \cdot \hat{p} + \hat{p} \cdot \hat{r}) = -i\hbar \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \right)$$

$$\hat{p}_r^2 = -\frac{\hbar^2}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) = -\hbar^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right)$$

$$\hat{p}^2 = \frac{L^2}{r^2} + \frac{1}{r^2} \{ (r \cdot \hat{p})^2 - i\hbar (r \cdot \hat{p}) \}$$

$$\rightarrow \hat{p}^2 - \frac{L^2}{r^2} = \frac{1}{r^2} \{ (r\hat{p}_r + i\hbar)(r\hat{p}_r + i\hbar) - i\hbar (r\hat{p}_r + i\hbar) \}$$

$$= \frac{1}{r^2} \{ r\hat{p}_r (r\hat{p}_r) + 2i\hbar r\hat{p}_r + (i\hbar)^2 - i\hbar r\hat{p}_r - (i\hbar)^2 \}$$

$$= \frac{1}{r^2} \left\{ r \hat{P}_r (r \hat{P}_r) + i \hbar r \hat{P}_r \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{r^2}$$

$$\rightarrow (P^2 - \frac{L^2}{r^2}) \psi = \frac{1}{r^2} \left\{ r \hat{P}_r (r \hat{P}_r) + i \hbar r \hat{P}_r \right\} \psi$$

$$= \frac{1}{r^2} \left\{ r (-i\hbar)^2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \right) \left(r \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} + \psi \right) + i \hbar (-i\hbar) \left(r \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} + \psi \right) \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{r^2} \left\{ \cancel{i\hbar}^2 r \left[r \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} + \frac{\psi}{r} \right] + \hbar^2 r \left[\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} + \frac{\psi}{r} \right] \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{r^2} \left\{ -\hbar^2 r \left[r \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial r^2} + 3 \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} - \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} + \frac{\psi}{r} - \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} - \frac{\psi}{r} \right] \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{r^2} \left\{ -\hbar^2 r \left[r \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial r^2} + 2 \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} \right] \right\}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{let } \psi = \frac{1}{r^2} \cdot r^2 \cdot \left[-\hbar^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} \right) \right]$$

$$= -\hbar^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} \right) = \hat{P}_r^2$$

$$\rightarrow \boxed{\hat{P}^2 = \hat{P}_r^2 + \frac{L^2}{r^2}}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\hat{P}^2}{2m} = \frac{\hat{P}_r^2}{2m} + \frac{L^2}{2mr^2}$$

→ This equation represents that the total kinetic energy equals to the radial kinetic energy plus the orbital (angular) kinetic energy.

3. An electron is in a magnetic field B along the z -axis.

→ The Hamiltonian $\hat{H} = -\gamma \hat{S} \cdot \hat{B}$

where $\gamma = g \frac{q}{2m} = 2 \times \frac{e}{2m_e} = \frac{e}{m_e}$
 for electrons

→ $\hat{H} = -\frac{e}{m_e} \hat{S} \cdot \hat{B} = -\frac{eB}{m_e} \hat{S}_z$

the eigenvalues $E_+ = -\frac{eB}{m_e} \frac{\hbar}{2} = -\frac{e\hbar B}{2m_e}$

with eigenstate $|+, z\rangle$

and $E_- = +\frac{e\hbar B}{2m_e}$ with eigenstate $|-, z\rangle$

At $t=0$ the ^{spin} state of electron is

$|\psi, t=0\rangle = |\uparrow, X\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |+, z\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |-, z\rangle$

let $\omega = \frac{eB}{2m_e}$, $E_+ = -\hbar\omega$, $E_- = \hbar\omega$

→ The evolution in time of this state is

$|\psi, t\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \exp(-iE_+t/\hbar) |+, z\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \exp(-iE_-t/\hbar) |-, z\rangle$

$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \exp(i\omega t) |+, z\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \exp(-i\omega t) |-, z\rangle$

(i) $P(+x, t) = |\langle +, X | \psi, t \rangle|^2$

$= \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \exp(i\omega t) \langle +, X | +, z \rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \exp(-i\omega t) \langle +, X | -, z \rangle \right|^2$

$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

$= \left| \frac{1}{2} [\exp(i\omega t) + \exp(-i\omega t)] \right|^2 = \boxed{\cos^2(\omega t)}$ ✓

$$(ii) P(-x, t) = |\langle -, x | \psi, t \rangle|^2$$

$$= \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \exp(i\omega t) \langle -, x | +, z \rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \exp(-i\omega t) \langle -, x | -, z \rangle \right|^2$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (1, -1) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (1, -1) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$= \left| \frac{1}{2} (\exp(i\omega t) - \exp(-i\omega t)) \right|^2 = |\sin(\omega t)|^2$$

$$= \boxed{\sin^2(\omega t)} \quad \checkmark$$

$$(iii) P(+z, t) = |\langle +, z | \psi, t \rangle|^2$$

$$= \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \exp(i\omega t) \langle +, z | +, z \rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \exp(-i\omega t) \langle +, z | -, z \rangle \right|^2$$

$$= \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \exp(i\omega t) \right|^2 = \boxed{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \checkmark$$

4. For $l=1$:

$$Y_1^{-1} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi}} \sin\theta e^{-i\phi} \quad Y_1^0 = \sqrt{\frac{3}{4\pi}} \cos\theta \quad Y_1^1 = -\sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi}} \sin\theta e^{i\phi}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \sum_{m=-1}^1 |Y_1^m|^2 &= \frac{3}{8\pi} \sin^2\theta + \frac{3}{4\pi} \cos^2\theta + \frac{3}{8\pi} \sin^2\theta \\ &= \frac{3}{4\pi} [\sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta] = \frac{3}{4\pi} \checkmark = \text{a constant} \end{aligned}$$

For $l=2$:

$$Y_2^{-2} = \sqrt{\frac{15}{32\pi}} \sin^2\theta e^{-2i\phi} \quad Y_2^{-1} = \sqrt{\frac{15}{32\pi}} \sin 2\theta e^{-i\phi}$$

$$Y_2^0 = \sqrt{\frac{5}{16\pi}} (3\cos^2\theta - 1) \quad Y_2^1 = -\sqrt{\frac{15}{32\pi}} \sin 2\theta e^{i\phi} \quad Y_2^2 = \sqrt{\frac{15}{32\pi}} \sin^2\theta e^{2i\phi}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \sum_{m=-2}^2 |Y_2^m|^2 &= \frac{15}{32\pi} \sin^4\theta \times 2 + \frac{15}{32\pi} \sin^2 2\theta \times 2 + \frac{19}{32\pi} \\ &\quad + \frac{10}{32\pi} (3\cos^2\theta - 1)^2 \\ &= \frac{15}{16\pi} (\sin^4\theta + 4\sin^2\theta \cos^2\theta) + \frac{19}{16\pi} (9\cos^4\theta - 6\cos^2\theta + 1) \\ &= \frac{5}{16\pi} [3\sin^4\theta + 12\sin^2\theta \cos^2\theta + 9\cos^4\theta - 6\cos^2\theta + 1] \\ &= \frac{5}{16\pi} [3(\sin^4\theta + 4\sin^2\theta \cos^2\theta + 4\cos^4\theta) \\ &\quad + 6\sin^2\theta \cos^2\theta + 6\cos^4\theta - 6\cos^2\theta + 1] \\ &= \frac{5}{16\pi} [3(\sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta)^2 + \underbrace{[6(\sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta) - 6]}_{=6-6=0} \cos^2\theta + 1] \\ &= \frac{5}{16\pi} \times 4 = \frac{5}{4\pi} \checkmark = \text{a constant} \end{aligned}$$

This result, $\sum_{m=-l}^l |Y_l^m|^2 = \text{a constant}$, shows that at a given radius r , the sum of probabilities of Hydrogen wavefunctions of the same l is independent of θ and ϕ .

This leads to the Unsöld's Theorem, which states that atoms containing only half-filled and fully filled orbitals are spherically symmetric.

$$5. \hat{J}_x = \frac{1}{2} (\hat{J}_+ + \hat{J}_-)$$

$$\langle j, j | \hat{J}_x | j, j \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \langle j, j | \hat{J}_+ | j, j \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle j, j | \hat{J}_- | j, j \rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \langle j, j | \hat{J}_+ | j, j \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle j, j | \hat{J}_- | j, j \rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{j(j+1) - j(j-1)} \langle j, j | j, j-1 \rangle$$

$$= 0$$

$$\hat{J}_y = \frac{1}{2i} (\hat{J}_+ - \hat{J}_-)$$

$$\langle j, j | \hat{J}_y | j, j \rangle = \frac{1}{2i} \langle j, j | \hat{J}_+ | j, j \rangle - \frac{1}{2i} \langle j, j | \hat{J}_- | j, j \rangle$$

$$= 0$$

$$\langle j, j | \hat{J}_x^2 + \hat{J}_y^2 | j, j \rangle = \langle j, j | \hat{J}^2 - \hat{J}_z^2 | j, j \rangle$$

$$= \langle j, j | \hat{J}^2 | j, j \rangle - \langle j, j | \hat{J}_z \cdot \hat{J}_z | j, j \rangle$$

$$= j(j+1)\hbar^2 \langle j, j | j, j \rangle - j^2 \hbar^2 \langle j, j | j, j \rangle$$

$$= j(j+1-j)\hbar^2 = j\hbar^2$$

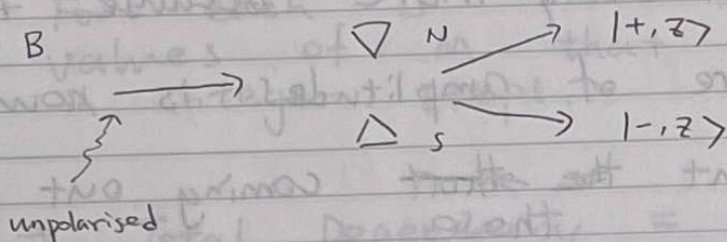
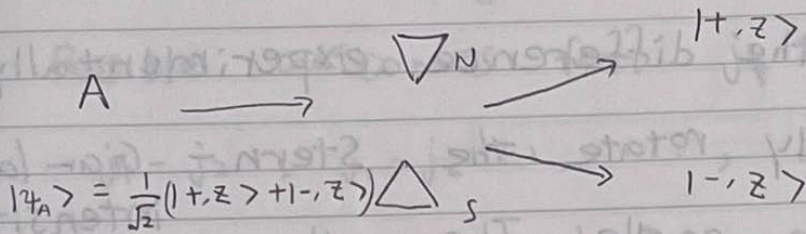
We don't know the orientation of the angular momentum component in the x-y plane

When the angular momentum vector \underline{J} is maximally aligned with z , the ~~per~~ proportion that is uncertain in orientation is given by

$$\frac{\sqrt{j\hbar^2}}{j(j+1)\hbar^2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{j+1}}$$

When j increases the uncertainty in orientation decreases.

6.



The outcome of the 2 cases is the same. \neq Two emerging beams have equal number of electrons (probabilities). One emerging beam has state $|+z\rangle$ and the other has state $|-z\rangle$. The difference is that in case A the beam A splits into two beams of equal intensity because the amplitude of $|+z\rangle$ and $|-z\rangle$ is the same, whereas in case B, the beam B splits into two beams of equal intensity because of the assumption of equal a priori probabilities based on maximisation of Shannon entropy.

To detect the difference experimentally, we can simply rotate the Stern-Gerlach filter by an angle. Then the ~~intensity~~ ^{intensities} of two beams coming out of beam A will not be equal any more because the ~~modulus~~ modulus square of amplitudes is now ~~different~~ different, but ~~the~~ ~~that~~ ^{those} coming out of beam B will ~~be~~ still be the same because equal a priori probability assumption does not care about the orientation of the filter.

What about detecting difference after beams passed through z-aligned SG filter?

See later.

7. Add 2 Angular Momenta j_1 and j_2 :

Possible outcomes for $j_1 \geq j_2$ are

$$j_1 - j_2, j_1 - j_2 + 1, \dots, j_1 + j_2$$

→ There are $j_1 + j_2 - (j_1 - j_2) + 1 = 2j_2 + 1$ number of possible values of J

For each J there are $2J + 1$ possible values of M that run from $-J$ to $+J$ in integer steps.

$$\rightarrow \text{Total Degeneracy} = \sum_{J=j_1-j_2}^{j_1+j_2} 2J + 1$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\text{first term} + \text{last term}) \times \text{number of terms}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times [2(j_1 - j_2) + 1 + 2(j_1 + j_2) + 1] \times [2j_2 + 1]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (4j_1 + 2) (2j_2 + 1)$$

$$= \cancel{(2j_1 + 1)} (2j_1 + 1) (2j_2 + 1)$$

Before the momenta were combined:

$$\text{Number of states of } j_1 = 2j_1 + 1$$

$$\text{Number of states of } j_2 = 2j_2 + 1$$

Total number of possible combinations of j_1 and j_2

$$= (2j_1 + 1) (2j_2 + 1)$$

→ Consistent

8. The lowering operator for angular momentum

$$\hat{J}_- = \hat{J}_x - i\hat{J}_y \quad \text{and}$$

$$\hat{J}_- |j, m\rangle = \hbar \sqrt{j(j+1) - m(m-1)} |j, m-1\rangle$$

For a box containing 2 spin-1 particles A and B, the state of the whole box with maximal alignment in z-direction, is:

$$|2, 2\rangle = |1, 1\rangle_A |1, 1\rangle_B$$

Apply the lowering operator of the combined angular momentum:

$$\hat{J}_- = \hat{J}_-^A + \hat{J}_-^B$$

$$\rightarrow \hat{J}_- |2, 2\rangle = (\hat{J}_-^A + \hat{J}_-^B) |1, 1\rangle_A |1, 1\rangle_B$$

$$\rightarrow \hbar \sqrt{2(3) - (2)(1)} |2, 1\rangle = \hbar \sqrt{7(2) - 7(0)} |1, 0\rangle_A |1, 1\rangle_B$$

$$+ \hbar \sqrt{7(2) - 7(0)} |1, 1\rangle_A |1, 0\rangle_B$$

$$\rightarrow 2 |2, 1\rangle = \sqrt{2} (|1, 0\rangle_A |1, 1\rangle_B + |1, 1\rangle_A |1, 0\rangle_B)$$

$$\rightarrow |2, 1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1, 0\rangle_A |1, 1\rangle_B + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1, 1\rangle_A |1, 0\rangle_B$$

and $|2, 1\rangle$ is the state corresponds to $J=2$ and $M=1$

$$\rightarrow P(A, m=1) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 = \boxed{\frac{1}{2}}, \text{ and}$$

$$P(A, m=0) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 = \boxed{\frac{1}{2}}, \text{ and}$$

$$P(A, m=-1) = \boxed{0}$$

9. Start with the state of combined system with maximal alignment in the z-direction

$$|1, 1\rangle = |+, e\rangle |+, p\rangle$$

Apply lowering operator $\hat{J}_- = \hat{J}_-^e + \hat{J}_-^p$ to the above equation

$$\rightarrow \hat{J}_- |1, 1\rangle = \hat{J}_-^e |+, e\rangle |+, p\rangle + \hat{J}_-^p |+, e\rangle |+, p\rangle$$

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

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

$$\rightarrow \boxed{|1, 0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |-, e\rangle |+, p\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |+, e\rangle |-, p\rangle}$$

$|+, e\rangle$ and $|-, e\rangle$ are eigenvectors of operator $\hat{S}_z^e = \frac{\hbar}{2} \hat{\sigma}_z^e = \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}_e$

$$\rightarrow |+, e\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}_e \quad \text{with eigenvalue } \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

$$|-, e\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}_e \quad \text{with eigenvalue } -\frac{\hbar}{2}$$

$|x+, e\rangle$ and $|x-, e\rangle$ are eigenvectors of operator $\hat{S}_x^e = \frac{\hbar}{2} \hat{\sigma}_x^e = \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}_e$

$$\rightarrow |x+, e\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}_e \quad \text{with eigenvalue } \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

$$\rightarrow |x-, e\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}_e \quad \text{with eigenvalue } -\frac{\hbar}{2}$$

Hence we have

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|+,e\rangle \pm |- ,e\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}_e \pm \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}_e \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \pm 1 \end{pmatrix}_e = |x_{\pm}, e\rangle$$

$$\rightarrow |x_{\pm}, e\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|+,e\rangle \pm |- ,e\rangle) \quad \text{QED.}$$

$$|1,0\rangle = |x+,e\rangle \langle x+,e|1,0\rangle + |x-,e\rangle \langle x-,e|1,0\rangle$$

$$= |x+,e\rangle$$

$$\text{Similarly } |x_{\pm}, p\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|+,p\rangle \pm |- ,p\rangle)$$

$$|1,0\rangle = |x+,e\rangle \langle x+,e|1,0\rangle + |x-,e\rangle \langle x-,e|1,0\rangle$$

$$= |x+,e\rangle \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\langle +,e| + \langle -,e|) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|-,e\rangle |+,p\rangle + |+,e\rangle |- ,p\rangle)$$

$$+ |x-,e\rangle \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\langle +,e| - \langle -,e|) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|-,e\rangle |+,p\rangle + |+,e\rangle |- ,p\rangle)$$

$$= |x+,e\rangle \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|+,p\rangle + |- ,p\rangle)$$

$$+ |x-,e\rangle \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|-,p\rangle - |+,p\rangle)$$

$$\rightarrow -|x-,p\rangle$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|x+,e\rangle |x+,p\rangle - |x-,e\rangle |x-,p\rangle)}$$

The physical significance of that is that in the state $|1,0\rangle$ the two particles have identical components of spin along x , so even the z components of spin are antiparallel, the state of atom still ~~have~~ has maximum angular momentum because the x components ~~is~~ are parallel.