

1. What are the eigenvalues of S^2 and S_z for the spin function

$$(\alpha(1)\alpha(2)\beta(3) + \alpha(1)\beta(2)\alpha(3) + \beta(1)\alpha(2)\alpha(3))/\sqrt{3} \quad \text{** normalization function wrong in question}$$

| S | M_S | Spin Adapted Configuration |
|-----|-------|---|
| 3/2 | + 3/2 | ${}^4\Phi_{3/2} = \alpha\alpha\alpha$ |
| 3/2 | + 1/2 | ${}^4\Phi_{1/2} = 1/3^{1/2} (\alpha\beta\alpha + \beta\alpha\alpha + \alpha\alpha\beta)$ |
| 3/2 | - 1/2 | ${}^4\Phi_{-1/2} = 1/3^{1/2} (\alpha\beta\beta + \beta\alpha\beta + \beta\beta\alpha)$ |
| 3/2 | - 3/2 | ${}^4\Phi_{-3/2} = \beta\beta\beta$ |
| 1/2 | + 1/2 | ${}^2\Phi_{1/2} = 1/6^{1/2} (\alpha\beta\alpha + \beta\alpha\alpha - 2\alpha\alpha\beta)$ |
| 1/2 | + 1/2 | ${}^2\Phi_{1/2} = 1/2^{1/2} (\beta\alpha\alpha - \alpha\beta\alpha)$ |
| 1/2 | - 1/2 | ${}^2\Phi_{-1/2} = 1/6^{1/2} (\beta\alpha\beta + \beta\beta\alpha - 2\alpha\beta\beta)$ |
| 1/2 | - 1/2 | ${}^2\Phi_{-1/2} = 1/2^{1/2} (\beta\beta\alpha - \beta\alpha\beta)$ |

are the set of spin functions for 3 electrons which are in separate space orbitals (e.g. $1s^1 2s^1 2p^1$ configuration of excited Li)

The goal of the problem is to show that the values of S , M_S for the ${}^4\Phi_{1/2}$ spin state are $(3/2, +1/2)$ i.e. $S^2 {}^4\Phi_{1/2} = S(S+1) {}^4\Phi_{1/2} = (3/2)(5/2) {}^4\Phi_{1/2} = 15/4 {}^4\Phi_{1/2}$ and

$$S_z {}^4\Phi_{1/2} = M_S {}^4\Phi_{1/2} = (+1/2) {}^4\Phi_{1/2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} S^2 &= (S_1 + S_2 + S_3) \cdot (S_1 + S_2 + S_3) = S_1^2 + S_2^2 + S_3^2 + 2(S_1 \cdot S_2 + S_1 \cdot S_3 + S_2 \cdot S_3) \\ &= S_1^2 + S_2^2 + S_3^2 + 2(S_{1x} \cdot S_{2x} + S_{1y} \cdot S_{2y} + S_{1z} \cdot S_{2z} + S_{1x} \cdot S_{3x} + S_{1y} \cdot S_{3y} + S_{1z} \cdot S_{3z} \\ &\quad + S_{2x} \cdot S_{3x} + S_{2y} \cdot S_{3y} + S_{2z} \cdot S_{3z}) \end{aligned}$$

And one can show using ladder operators (see Levine, Quantum Chem. (1991) p277)

$$S_x \alpha = +1/2 \beta \quad \text{and} \quad S_y \alpha = +1/2 \beta \quad \text{and} \quad S_x \beta = +1/2 \alpha \quad \text{and} \quad S_y \beta = -1/2 \alpha$$

using these results and applying the operators for the i^{th} spin ONLY to the i^{th} spin function gives

$$\Phi = \{ \alpha(1)\alpha(2)\beta(3) + \alpha(1)\beta(2)\alpha(3) + \beta(1)\alpha(2)\beta(3) \} / \sqrt{3}$$

Q1 $S^2 = (\hat{S}_1 + \hat{S}_2 + \hat{S}_3) \cdot (\hat{S}_1 + \hat{S}_2 + \hat{S}_3)$ where S_i act only on spin i

$$= S_1^2 + S_2^2 + S_3^2 + 2(S_1 \cdot S_2 + S_1 \cdot S_3 + S_2 \cdot S_3)$$

and $S_i \cdot S_j = S_i^x S_j^x + S_i^y S_j^y + S_i^z S_j^z$

and $S_x \alpha = \beta/2$, $S_x \beta = \alpha/2$, $S_z \alpha = \alpha/2$
 $S_y \alpha = -i\beta/2$, $S_y \beta = i\alpha/2$, $S_z \beta = -\beta/2$

here $i = \sqrt{-1}$
 $\hbar = 1$

$S(\alpha\alpha\beta + \alpha\beta\alpha + \beta\alpha\alpha)$
 12 TERMS each 3 particles

- use position to identify spin index

| | $\alpha\alpha\beta$ | $\alpha\beta\alpha$ | $\beta\alpha\alpha$ | TOTAL |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| S_1^2 | $3/4 \alpha\alpha\beta$ | $3/4 \alpha\beta\alpha$ | $3/4 \beta\alpha\alpha$ | $3/4 \Psi$ |
| S_2^2 | $3/4 \alpha\alpha\beta$ | $3/4 \alpha\beta\alpha$ | $3/4 \beta\alpha\alpha$ | $3/4 \Psi$ |
| S_3^2 | $3/4 \alpha\alpha\beta$ | $3/4 \alpha\beta\alpha$ | $3/4 \beta\alpha\alpha$ | $3/4 \Psi$ |
| $S_{1x} S_{2x}$ | $(\beta/2)(\beta/2)\beta$ | $(\beta/2)(\alpha/2)\alpha$ | $(\alpha/2)(\beta/2)\beta$ | $1/4 (\beta\beta\beta + \beta\alpha\alpha + \alpha\beta\beta)$ |
| $S_{1y} S_{2y}$ | $(i\beta/2)(-i\beta/2)\beta$ | $(-i\beta/2)(i\alpha/2)\alpha$ | $(-i\alpha/2)(i\beta/2)\beta$ | $1/4 (-\beta\beta\beta + \beta\alpha\alpha - \alpha\beta\beta)$ |
| $S_{1z} S_{2z}$ | $(\alpha/2)(\alpha/2)\beta$ | $(\alpha/2)(\beta/2)\alpha$ | $(\beta/2)(\alpha/2)\beta$ | $1/4 \Psi$ |
| $S_{1x} S_{3x}$ | $(\beta/2)\alpha(\alpha/2)$ | $(\beta/2)\beta(\beta/2)$ | $(\alpha/2)\alpha(\alpha/2)$ | $1/4 (\beta\alpha\alpha + \beta\beta\beta + \alpha\alpha\alpha)$ |
| $S_{1y} S_{3y}$ | $(-i\beta/2)\alpha(-i\alpha/2)$ | $(-i\beta/2)\beta(i\beta/2)$ | $(-i\alpha/2)\alpha(-i\alpha/2)$ | $1/4 (-\beta\alpha\alpha - \beta\beta\beta + \alpha\alpha\alpha)$ |
| $S_{1z} S_{3z}$ | $(\alpha/2)\alpha(\beta/2)$ | $(\alpha/2)\beta(\alpha/2)$ | $(\beta/2)\alpha(\beta/2)$ | $1/4 \Psi$ |
| $S_{2x} S_{3x}$ | $\alpha(\beta/2)(\alpha/2)$ | $\alpha(\alpha/2)(\beta/2)$ | $\beta(\beta/2)(\alpha/2)$ | $1/4 (\alpha\beta\alpha + \alpha\alpha\beta + \beta\beta\alpha)$ |
| $S_{2y} S_{3y}$ | $\alpha(-i\beta/2)(-i\alpha/2)$ | $\alpha(-i\alpha/2)(i\beta/2)$ | $\beta(-i\beta/2)(-i\alpha/2)$ | $1/4 (-\alpha\beta\alpha - \alpha\alpha\beta + \beta\beta\alpha)$ |
| $S_{2z} S_{3z}$ | $\alpha(\alpha/2)(\beta/2)$ | $\alpha(\beta/2)(\alpha/2)$ | $\beta(\alpha/2)(\beta/2)$ | $1/4 \Psi$ |

$$S^2 \Psi = \frac{9}{4} \Psi + 2\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) \Psi = \frac{15}{4} \Psi = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)\left(\frac{5}{2}\right) \Psi \Rightarrow S = 3/2$$

Spin states of QUARTET $|3/2, 1/2\rangle$ ($|S, M_s\rangle$)
 The $(S_{ix} S_{ix} \text{ or } S_{iy} S_{iy})$ general transform spin state that CANCEL

1a) What is the conserved component S_z ?

$S_z = s_{z1} + s_{z2} + s_{z3}$ where the small s_z act only on the spin of the i^{th} electron

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so } S_z [(\alpha(1)\alpha(2)\beta(3) + \alpha(1)\beta(2)\alpha(3) + \beta(1)\alpha(2)\alpha(3))/\sqrt{3}] &= \\ S_z = s_{z1}(\alpha(1)\alpha(2)\beta(3) + \alpha(1)\beta(2)\alpha(3) + \beta(1)\alpha(2)\alpha(3)) &+ \\ + s_{z2}(\alpha(1)\alpha(2)\beta(3) + \alpha(1)\beta(2)\alpha(3) + \beta(1)\alpha(2)\alpha(3)) &+ \\ + s_{z3}(\alpha(1)\alpha(2)\beta(3) + \alpha(1)\beta(2)\alpha(3) + \beta(1)\alpha(2)\alpha(3)) &= \\ = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\alpha(1)\alpha(2)\beta(3) + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\alpha(1)\beta(2)\alpha(3) + \left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)\beta(1)\alpha(2)\alpha(3) &+ \\ + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\alpha(1)\alpha(2)\beta(3) + \left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)\alpha(1)\beta(2)\alpha(3) + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\beta(1)\alpha(2)\alpha(3) &+ \\ + \left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)\alpha(1)\alpha(2)\beta(3) + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\alpha(1)\beta(2)\alpha(3) + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\beta(1)\alpha(2)\alpha(3) &= \\ = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)(\alpha(1)\alpha(2)\beta(3) + \alpha(1)\beta(2)\alpha(3) + \beta(1)\alpha(2)\alpha(3)) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 \Phi_2 \end{aligned}$$

1b) See additional page for solution of $S^2 \Phi_{1/2} = S(S+1) \Phi_{1/2} = (3/2)(5/2) \Phi_{1/2} = 15/4 \Phi_{1/2}$

2. Of the atoms with $Z < 11$ which have ground states of odd parity ?

② PARITY is symmetry w.r.t inversion
 $(x_i, y_i, z_i) \rightarrow (-x_i, -y_i, -z_i)$
 if $\pi_i \Psi(\vec{r}_i) = +1 \Psi(\vec{r}_i)$ - state is even (gerade)
 if $\pi_i \Psi(\vec{r}_i) = -1 \Psi(\vec{r}_i)$ - state is odd (ungerade)

For ATOMIC TERMS, the eigenvalue for $\sum l_i$ is $(-1)^{\sum l_i}$
 where l_i is the orbital angular momentum of unpaired spin 2

Thus if all EVEN number of unpaired e^- 's \rightarrow EVEN
 system with ODD \rightarrow ODD

| | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| H $1s^1$ $\sum l_i = 0$ g | He $1s^2$ g |
| Li $1s^2 2s^1$ $\sum l_i = 0$ g | Be $1s^2 2s^2$ g |
| B $2p^1$ $\sum l_i = 1$ u | C $2p^2$ $\sum l_i = 2$ g |
| N $2p^3$ $\sum l_i = 3$ u | O $2p^4$ $\sum l_i = 2$ g |
| F $2p^5$ $\sum l_i = 1$ u | Ne $2p^6$ $\sum l_i = 0$ g |

3. Why is it incorrect to calculate the experimental ground state energy of lithium as $E_{2s} + 2 \cdot E_{1s}$, where E_{2s} and E_{1s} are the experimental binding energies of the 1s and 2s electrons?

ANSWER: Because after removing the outermost 2s electron the remaining two electrons are more tightly bound. Similarly, after removing 2 electrons the last electron is more tightly bound.

E_{2s} is energy of $\text{Li } 1s^2 2s^1 \rightarrow \text{Li } 1s^2 2s^0 + e^-$ ($\sim 5 \text{ eV}$)

E_{1s} is energy of $\text{Li } 1s^2 2s^1 \rightarrow \text{Li } 1s^1 2s^1 + e^-$ ($\sim 55 \text{ eV}$)

But true experimental ground state energy is energy for the process $\text{Li } 1s^2 2s^1 \rightarrow \text{Li}^{3+} + 3 e^-$

4a. Show that the commutation relations:

$$[L_x, L_y] = i\hbar L_z \text{ with } x, y, z \text{ cyclically permuted}$$

are equivalent to the single relationship $\mathbf{L} \times \mathbf{L} = i\hbar \mathbf{L}$

$$\hat{\mathbf{L}} \times \hat{\mathbf{L}} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ L_x & L_y & L_z \\ L_x & L_y & L_z \end{vmatrix} = (L_y L_z - L_z L_y) \hat{i} + (L_z L_x - L_x L_z) \hat{j} + (L_x L_y - L_y L_x) \hat{k}$$

(hats left off)
(for clarity)

$$= [L_y, L_z] \hat{i} + [L_z, L_x] \hat{j} + [L_x, L_y] \hat{k}$$

Since $[L_x, L_y] = i\hbar L_z$ cyclically then

$$\hat{\mathbf{L}} \times \hat{\mathbf{L}} = i\hbar [L_x \hat{i} + L_y \hat{j} + L_z \hat{k}] = i\hbar \hat{\mathbf{L}} \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

4.b Evaluate $[L_x^2, L_y]$.

$$4) \quad [L_x^2, L_y] = (L_x L_x L_y - L_y L_x L_x) \rightarrow \text{evaluate from commutation}$$

$$\text{and } [L_x, L_y] = i\hbar L_z = L_x L_y - L_y L_x$$

$$\text{so } L_x L_y = i\hbar L_z + L_y L_x \quad \text{and } L_y L_x = L_x L_y - i\hbar L_z$$

thus

$$[L_x^2, L_y] = \{ L_x (i\hbar L_z + L_y L_x) - (L_x L_y - i\hbar L_z) L_x \}$$

$$= i\hbar L_x L_z + L_x L_y L_x - L_x L_y L_x + i\hbar L_z L_x$$

$$= i\hbar (L_x L_z + L_z L_x)$$

5. Show that $|n, t\rangle = e^{-iE_n t/\hbar} |n\rangle$ is a valid solution of the time dependent Schroedinger equation.

$$\hat{H}(t) |n, t\rangle = -\frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial |n, t\rangle}{\partial t}$$

$$\hat{H}(t) e^{-iE_n t/\hbar} |n\rangle = -\frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[e^{-iE_n t/\hbar} |n\rangle \right]$$

$$e^{-iE_n t/\hbar} \hat{H} |n\rangle = -\frac{\hbar}{i} |n\rangle \frac{d}{dt} (e^{-iE_n t/\hbar})$$

$$e^{-iE_n t/\hbar} \hat{H} |n\rangle = -\frac{\hbar}{i} |n\rangle \left(\frac{-iE_n}{\hbar} \right) e^{-iE_n t/\hbar}$$

$$\hat{H} |n\rangle = E_n |n\rangle \quad \text{time independent S.E.}$$

and $|n\rangle$ is not f(A)
 $e^{-iE_n t/\hbar}$ is a phase
 so $\hat{H}(t)$ does not depend

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} e^{ax} = \left(\frac{da}{dx} \right) e^{ax}$$