

Parity transformation for one-particle states

Helicity Plane waves

[NO INTRINSIC PARITY CONSIDERED]

Under reflection (mirror):

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{P}|\vec{k}, \lambda\rangle &= \hat{R}(\pi\hat{y}) \hat{P}|\vec{k}, \lambda\rangle \\ &= \hat{R}(\pi\hat{y}) |-\vec{k}, -\lambda\rangle \\ &= \hat{R}(\pi\hat{y}) \hat{R}(\phi, \theta, -\phi) | -k_z; s, m_s = \lambda \rangle \\ &= |\vec{k}\rangle \otimes \underbrace{\hat{R}_s(\pi\hat{y}) \hat{R}_s(\phi, \theta, -\phi)}_{\text{}} |s; m_s = -\lambda\rangle \\ &= |\vec{k}\rangle \otimes (-1)^{-s+\lambda} |s, -\lambda\rangle \\ &= (-1)^{-s+\lambda} |\vec{k}, -\lambda\rangle\end{aligned}$$

\therefore Under parity:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{P}|\vec{k}, \lambda\rangle &= \hat{R}^\dagger(\pi\hat{y}) \hat{P}|\vec{k}, \lambda\rangle \\ &= (-1)^{-s+\lambda} \hat{R}^\dagger(\pi\hat{y}) |\vec{k}, -\lambda\rangle\end{aligned}$$

Helicity spherical waves

[NO INTRINSIC PARITY CONSIDERED]

$$|E, j, m_j, \lambda\rangle = \mathcal{N} \int d\Omega_{\vec{k}} D_{m_j, \lambda}^{(j)*}(\phi, \theta, -\phi) |\vec{k}, \lambda\rangle$$

Parity:

$$\hat{P}|E, j, m_j, \lambda\rangle = \mathcal{N} \int d\Omega_{\vec{k}} D_{m_j, \lambda}^{(j)*}(\phi, \theta, -\phi) \hat{P}|\vec{k}, \lambda\rangle$$

\therefore Follow same steps

$$= (-1)^{-s+\lambda} (-1)^{j-\lambda} |E, j, m_j, -\lambda\rangle$$

$$= (-1)^{j-s} |E, j, m_j, -\lambda\rangle$$