

Wigner Eckart Theorem

Consider rank- $j$  spherical operator  $\hat{O}_{j,m}$  [of  $SU(2)$ ]  
with components  $m = \{-j, \dots, +j\}$

$$[J_z, \hat{O}_{j,m}] = m \hat{O}_{j,m}$$

$$[J_{\pm}, \hat{O}_{j,m}] = \sqrt{(j \mp m)(j \pm m + 1)} \hat{O}_{j, m \pm 1}$$

Theorem:

$$\langle \alpha_2; j_2 m_2 | \hat{O}_{j,m} | \alpha_1; j_1 m_1 \rangle = \frac{C_{j_2 m_2, j_1 m_1, j m}^{\leftarrow \text{Clebsch-Gordan}}}{\sqrt{2j_2 + 1}} \langle \alpha_2 j_2 || \hat{O}_j || \alpha_1 j_1 \rangle$$

or, in terms of Wigner 3j symbol

$$= (-1)^{m_2 + j_1 - j} \begin{pmatrix} j_1 & j & j_2 \\ m_1 & m & -m_2 \end{pmatrix} \langle \alpha_2 j_2 || \hat{O}_j || \alpha_1 j_1 \rangle$$

Wigner 3j symbol:

$$\begin{pmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & j_3 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{(-1)^{j_1 - j_2 - m_3}}{\sqrt{2j_3 + 1}} C_{j_1 m_1, j_2 m_2, j_3 - m_3}$$

inverse relation

$$C_{j_1 m_1, j_2 m_2, j_3 m_3} = (-1)^{j_1 - j_2 - m_3} \sqrt{2j_3 + 1} \begin{pmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & j_3 \\ m_1 & m_2 & -m_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

See de Shalit & Feshbach (1974)

or Varshavich (1980s) for more identities