

Recall

$$\hat{L}^2 |l m\rangle = l(l+1) \hbar^2 |l m\rangle \leftrightarrow Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)$$

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Consider a free particle of mass  $\mu$

$$\hat{T} = \text{kinetic energy} = \frac{p^2}{2\mu} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \nabla^2$$

$$p = -i\hbar \nabla$$

$$p^2 = -\hbar^2 \nabla^2$$

$$\hat{T} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \left[ \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} \right]$$

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$$= -\frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \left[ \underbrace{r^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial r})}_{\text{radial motion}} - \frac{\hat{L}^2}{\hbar^2 + 2} \right]$$

Consider a particle constrained to be  
on the surface of a sphere of  
radius  $a$  (i.e.  $r=a$ )

$$\hat{T} = \frac{\hat{L}^2}{2Ma^2}$$

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$\hat{V}$  indep of  $r$

$$\hat{H} = \frac{\hat{L}^2}{2I} + \hat{V}(\theta, \varphi)$$

$$\left[ \frac{\hat{L}^2}{2I} + \hat{V}(\theta, \varphi) \right] \psi(\theta, \varphi) = E \psi(\theta, \varphi)$$

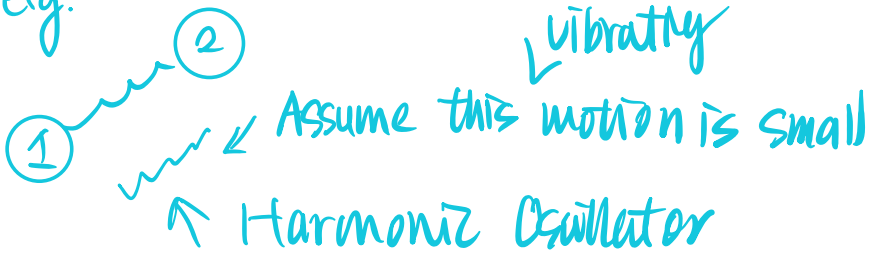
Consider  $V=0$  (Rigid Rotor)

$$\hat{H} = \frac{\hat{L}^2}{2I} =$$

eigenfunctions are  $Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)$

$$E_l = \frac{\hbar^2 l(l+1)}{2I} \quad l = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

e.g.



- Can describe rotational motion in diatomic molecules

Scalar:  $E$  (continuous, discrete)

Vector:  $\vec{p}$   
 $\vec{x}$  (continuous, discrete)  $[\hat{x}, \hat{p}] = i\hbar$

$\vec{L} = \vec{r} \times \vec{p}$  }  $\rightarrow$  quantized vector  $E, \hat{L}$

## Generalized Angular Momentum

$$\cdot \vec{J} = \vec{J}_x, \vec{J}_y, \vec{J}_z$$

$$\cdot [\hat{J}_x, \hat{J}_y] = i\hbar \hat{J}_z$$

$$[\hat{J}^2, \hat{J}_z] = 0$$

$$\cdot \hat{J}_+ = \hat{J}_x + i\hat{J}_y$$

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

$$\hat{J}_+^\dagger = \hat{J}_- \quad \hat{J}_-^\dagger = \hat{J}_+$$

$$\hat{J}^2 |jm\rangle = j(j+1)\hbar^2 |jm\rangle$$

$$\hat{J}_z |jm\rangle = m\hbar |jm\rangle$$

$$j(j+1) > m^2$$

↑                    ↑  
|length of the vector|<sup>2</sup>    (z projection of the vector)<sup>2</sup>

Assume we have a maximum or minimum of  $m$   $\begin{matrix} \rightarrow M_T \\ \rightarrow M_B \end{matrix}$   $\begin{matrix} \text{top of} \\ \text{ladder} \\ \text{bottom} \end{matrix}$

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

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

$$\hat{J}_\pm \hat{J}_\mp = \hat{J}^2 - \hat{J}_z^2 \pm \hbar \hat{J}_z$$

$$\hat{J}_+ |j, m_T\rangle = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{J}_- (\hat{J}_+ |j, m_T\rangle) &= (\hat{J}^2 - \hat{J}_z^2 - \hbar \hat{J}_z) |j, m_T\rangle \\ &= [j(j+1) - m_T^2 - m_T] \hbar^2 |j, m_T\rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\longrightarrow j(j+1) = m_T^2 + m_T$$

Similarly

$$\hat{J}_- |j, m_B\rangle = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{J}_+ (\hat{J}_- |j, m_B\rangle) &= (\hat{J}^2 - \hat{J}_z^2 + \hbar \hat{J}_z) |j, m_B\rangle \\ &= [j(j+1) - m_B^2 + m_B] \hbar^2 |j, m_B\rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$j(j+1) = m_B^2 - m_B$$

$$m_T^2 + m_T = m_B^2 - m_B$$

Either  $m_T = -m_B$

or  $m_T = m_B - 1$   $\times$  Contradicts the idea that  
 $m_T - m_B = n \in \text{integer}$

Let  $m_T = +j$

$$m_B = -j$$

$$m_T - m_B = 2j \rightarrow \text{positive integer}$$

$$\rightarrow j = 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1, \frac{3}{2}, \dots$$

$$j=0 \quad J^2=0$$

$$m=0 \quad J_z=0$$

$$j = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$m = -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \quad J^2 = \frac{3}{4} \hbar^2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad J_z = \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hat{j}=1 \quad \hat{J}^2 = 2\hbar^2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$m = +1, 0, -1$

$$\hat{J}_z = \hbar \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} (\bar{j}=0) \\ (\bar{j}=\frac{1}{2}) \\ (\bar{j}=1) \end{pmatrix}$$