

TRANSFORMATION BRACKETS BETWEEN CARTESIAN AND
ANGULAR MOMENTUM HARMONIC OSCILLATOR BASIS
FUNCTIONS WITH AND WITHOUT SPIN-ORBIT COUPLING
TABLES FOR THE 2s-1d NUCLEAR SHELL.

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ABSTRACT

Orbital wave functions of a single particle in a harmonic oscillator potential are given in terms of spherical components of a creation vector operator acting on the ground state. The wave functions are given in different bases. Numerical coefficients for transforming from one basis to another are given in tabular form for principal quantum $\nu = 2$. Wave functions for spin-orbit coupling are also considered.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The energy of a single particle in a harmonic oscillator well is

$$E = \left(\nu + \frac{3}{2}\right) \hbar\omega$$

where ν is the principal quantum number. The orbital degeneracy of the ν shell is given by

$$\tau = \frac{1}{2} (\nu + 1) (\nu + 2)$$

The spin-orbital degeneracy is then simply 2τ .

We wish to obtain the coefficients involved in the τ -dimensional transformation

$$|n_1 n_2 n_3\rangle = \sum_{lm} \langle \nu lm | n_1 n_2 n_3 \rangle | \nu lm \rangle$$

where the state on the left may be either $|n_+ n_0 n_-\rangle$ (eigenstate of H_+, H_0, H_-) or $|n_x n_y n_z\rangle$ (eigenstate of H_x, H_y, H_z) and in each case

$$n_+ + n_0 + n_- = \nu = n_x + n_y + n_z$$

Likewise, we want to determine the coefficients of the $2\tau \times 2\tau$ transformation between spin-orbital wave functions

$$|n_1 n_2 n_3 \sigma\rangle = \sum_{jl\mu} \langle \nu lj \mu | n_1 n_2 n_3 \sigma \rangle | \nu lj \mu \rangle$$

for both bases $\{n_+, n_0, n_-\}$ and $\{n_x, n_y, n_z\}$. The single-particle state $| \nu lj \mu \rangle$ is the usual starting point wave function in j - j coupling scheme problems, μ being the projection of j .

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For typographical convenience we shall denote by η_s the usual boson creation operators a_s^\dagger where $s = x, y, z$. The spherical components of this operator will then be

$$\eta_{\pm} = \mp \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\eta_x \pm i\eta_y), \quad \eta_0 = \eta_z, \quad (2.1)$$

and the square of the creation vector-operator is

$$\eta^2 = \vec{\eta} \cdot \vec{\eta} = \eta_x^2 + \eta_y^2 + \eta_z^2 = \eta_0^2 - 2\eta_+ \eta_- \quad (2.2)$$

The oscillator states $|\eta_+ \eta_0 \eta_- \rangle$ have the usual expression

$$|\eta_+ \eta_0 \eta_- \rangle = \frac{\eta_+^{n_+} \eta_0^{n_0} \eta_-^{n_-} |0\rangle}{\sqrt{n_+! n_0! n_-!}} \quad (2.3)$$

The states $|\eta_x n_y n_z \rangle$, by means the definitions (2.1), can be expressed in the following form:

$$\begin{aligned} |\eta_x n_y n_z \rangle &= \frac{\eta_x^{n_x} \eta_y^{n_y} \eta_z^{n_z} |0\rangle}{\sqrt{n_x! n_y! n_z!}} = \frac{(\eta_- - \eta_+)^{n_x} + i^{n_y} (\eta_+ + \eta_-)^{n_y} \eta_0^{n_z} |0\rangle}{\sqrt{(n_x! n_y! n_z! 2^{n_x + n_y})}} \\ &= i^{n_y} \sqrt{\frac{n_x! n_y!}{n_z! 2^{n_x + n_y}}} \sum_{\lambda=0}^{n_y} \sum_{\mu=0}^{n_z} \frac{(-)^{\mu} \eta_+^{\lambda + \mu} \eta_0^{n_z} \eta_-^{n_x + n_y - \lambda - \mu} |0\rangle}{(n_x - \mu)! (n_y - \lambda)! \mu! \lambda!} \quad (2.4) \end{aligned}$$

by the well-known binomial expansion theorem. Finally, the states $|\nu lm \rangle$ have the explicit form¹:

$$|\nu lm \rangle = A_{\nu l} (\eta^2)^{\frac{\nu-l}{2}} Y_{lm}(\vec{\eta}) |0\rangle \quad (2.5)$$

with $A_{\nu l} = (-)^{\frac{\nu-l}{2}} \sqrt{4\pi / (\nu+l+1)!! (\nu-l)!!}$, and $Y_{lm}(\vec{r})$ being a solid spherical harmonic in the components of a vector \vec{r} . Now²,

$$Y_{lm}(\vec{r}) = N_{lm} (-)^m r^l \sin^m \theta e^{im\theta} \frac{d^{l+m}}{d(\cos \theta)^{l+m}} (\cos^2 \theta - 1)^l \quad (2.7)$$

where N_{lm} is a normalization factor given by

$$N_{lm} = \frac{1}{2^l l!} \sqrt{\frac{(2l+1)(l-m)!}{4\pi(l+m)!}} \quad (2.8)$$

We can write $x + iy = r \sin \theta e^{i\phi}$, so the plus-component of the \vec{r} vector is then $x_+ = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} r \sin \theta e^{i\phi}$ and in (2.7) we can write

$$(-)^m r^l \sin^m \theta e^{im\phi} = \sqrt{2^m} x_+^m r^{l-m} \quad (\text{for } m > 0) \quad (2.9)$$

Making this replacement and calculating the derivatives in (2.7), we have

$$Y_{lm}(\vec{r}) = N_{lm} \sqrt{2^m} x_+^m \sum_{s=0}^l \frac{(-)^s l! (2l-2s)!}{(l-s)! s! (l-2s-m)!} (r^2)^s (r \cos \theta)^{l-2s-m} \quad (m \geq 0) \quad (2.10)$$

where furthermore we can put $r \cos \theta = X_0$ and $r^2 = (X_0^2 - 2X_+X_-)$, thus obtaining an expression for $Y_{lm}(\vec{r})$ solely in terms of the \vec{r} vector spherical components. Using this result in (2.5) and expanding the power of η^2 that appears we get the desired result in creation operators, namely

$$|\nu lm\rangle = \frac{(-)^{\frac{\nu-l}{2}}}{2^l l!} \sqrt{\frac{2^m (2l+1)(l-m)!}{(\nu+l+1)!! (\nu-l)!!}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \times \sum_{s=0}^l \sum_{r=0}^{\frac{\nu-l}{2}+s} \frac{(-)^{r+s} \left(\frac{\nu-l}{2}+s\right)! 2^r l! (2l-2s)!}{r! \left(\frac{\nu-l}{2}+s-r\right)! s! (l-s)! (l-2s-m)!} \eta_+^{r+m} \eta_0^{\nu-2r-m} \eta_-^r |0\rangle \\
& \qquad \qquad \qquad (m \geq 0) \qquad (2.11)
\end{aligned}$$

Taking the scalar product of (2.3) with this expression one obtains the closed formula

$$\langle n_+ n_0 n_- | \nu l m \rangle = (-)^{\frac{\nu-l}{2}} 2^{n_- - l} \sqrt{\frac{2^m (2l+1) (l-m)! (n_+)! (n_0)!}{(\nu+l+1)!! (\nu-l)!! (l+m)! (n_-)!}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \times \delta_{n_0, \nu-2n_- - m} \delta_{n_+, n_- + m} \sum_{s=0}^l \frac{(-)^s \left(\frac{\nu-l}{2}+s\right)! (2l-2s)!}{\left(\frac{\nu-l}{2}+s-n_-\right)! s! (l-s)! (l-2s-m)!} \qquad (m > 0) \\
& \qquad \qquad \qquad (2.12)
\end{aligned}$$

For the case $m < 0$ one uses the property of the spherical harmonics $Y_{l, -m} = (-)^m Y_{l, m}^*$ and the fact that $\eta_{\pm}^* = -\eta_{\mp}$, $\eta_0^* = \eta_0$ to obtain directly from (2.11) that

$$\langle n_+ n_0 n_- | \nu l, -m \rangle = \langle n_- n_0 n_+ | \nu l m \rangle \quad (m \geq 0) \qquad (2.13)$$

and so formula (2.12) can be used for negative values of m if one interchanges n_+ with ν_- and n_- with n_+ . Similarly, the scalar product of (2.4) with (2.11) yields the second working formula

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle n_x n_y n_z | \nu l m \rangle &= i^{n_y} [1 + (-)^{n_x + n_y - m}] (-)^{1/2(\nu-l-m+n_x-n_y)} \\
& \times \frac{\binom{n_x + n_y + m}{2}}{2^{l+1}} \sqrt{\frac{(2l+1) (l-m)! n_x! n_y! n_z!}{(\nu+l+1)!! (\nu-l)!! (l+m)!}} \delta_{n_z, \nu - n_x - n_y}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \times \sum_{s=0}^l \sum_{\mu=0}^{n_x} \frac{(-)^{\mu+s} \left(\frac{\nu-l}{2} + s\right)! (2l-2s)!}{(n_x - \mu)! \left(\frac{n_y - n_x - m}{2} + \mu\right)! \mu! \left(\frac{n_x + n_y + m}{2} - \mu\right)! \left(\frac{\nu-l+m-n_x-n_y}{2} + s\right)! s! (l-s)! (l-2s-m)!} \\
& \hspace{15em} \text{(for } m \geq 0) \quad (2.14)
\end{aligned}$$

For negative values of m in $|\nu lm\rangle$ one can use the above expression with an added phase of $(-)^{n_x}$ since

$$\langle n_x n_y n_z | \nu l - m \rangle = (-)^{n_x} \langle n_x n_y n_z | \nu lm \rangle \quad (m \geq 0) \quad (2.15)$$

Both brackets are very simple to evaluate for particular shells and the orbital state transformation brackets $\langle n_+ n_0 n_- | \nu lm \rangle$ and $\langle n_x n_y n_z | \nu lm \rangle$ for the $2s-1d$ nuclear shell are given in Tables I and II. They constitute unitary transformation matrices in both cases, so that orthonormality properties are given by

$$\sum_{\nu lm} \langle n'_1 n'_2 n'_3 | \nu lm \rangle^* \langle \nu lm | n_1 n_2 n_3 \rangle = \delta n'_1 n_1 \delta n'_2 n_2 \delta n'_3 n_3 \quad (2.16)$$

$$\sum_{n_1 n_2 n_3} \langle n_1 n_2 n_3 | \nu' l' m' \rangle^* \langle \nu lm | n_1 n_2 n_3 \rangle = \delta \nu' \nu \delta l' l \delta m' m.$$

The coefficients in Table II were calculated by Smirnov using a technique³ different from the creation-operator method used here.

The spin-orbit coupled states $|\nu lj\mu\rangle$ are constructed in the following way:

$$|\nu lj\mu\rangle = \sum_{m\sigma} \langle l \frac{1}{2} m\sigma | j\mu \rangle |\nu lm, \sigma\rangle \quad (2.17)$$

Using the orthonormality of Clebsch-Gordan coefficients this equation can be inverted to

$$| \nu l m, \sigma \rangle = \sum_{j\mu} \langle l \frac{1}{2} m \sigma | j \mu \rangle | \nu l j \mu \rangle \quad (2.18)$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} | n_1 n_2 n_3, \sigma \rangle &= \sum_{\nu l m} \langle \nu l m | n_1 n_2 n_3 \rangle | \nu l m, \sigma \rangle \\ &= \sum_{\nu l j \mu} \left\{ \sum_m \langle \nu l m | n_1 n_2 n_3 \rangle \langle l \frac{1}{2} m \sigma | j \mu \rangle \right\} | \nu l j \mu \rangle \end{aligned} \quad (2.19)$$

Thus our transformation coefficients for spin-orbital states in the $2s-1d$ shell can be constructed from Tables I and II with the help of Clebsch-Gordan coefficients since by definition

$$\sum_m \langle \nu l m | n_1 n_2 n_3 \rangle \langle l \frac{1}{2} m \sigma | j \mu \rangle \equiv \langle \nu l j \mu | n_1 n_2 n_3, \sigma \rangle . \quad (2.20)$$

These are tabulated in Tables III and IV and their orthonormality relations are given by

$$\sum_{n_1 n_2 n_3 \sigma} \langle \nu' l' j' \mu' | n_1 n_2 n_3, \sigma \rangle^* \langle n_1 n_2 n_3 \sigma | \nu l j \mu \rangle = \delta_{\nu' \nu} \delta_{l' l} \delta_{j' j} \delta_{\mu' \mu} , \quad (2.21)$$

$$\sum_{\nu l j \mu} \langle \nu l j \mu | n'_1 n'_2 n'_3, \sigma \rangle^* \langle n_1 n_2 n_3 \sigma | \nu l j \mu \rangle = \delta_{n'_1 n_1} \delta_{n'_2 n_2} \delta_{n'_3 n_3} \delta_{\sigma' \sigma} .$$

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$\frac{ vlm\rangle}{ n_+n_0n_-\rangle}$	$ 222\rangle$	$ 221\rangle$	$ 220\rangle$	$ 200\rangle$	$ 221\rangle$	$ 220\rangle$	$ 200\rangle$	$ 221\rangle$	$ 222\rangle$
$ 200\rangle$	1 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
$ 110\rangle$	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
$ 101\rangle$	0	0	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}$	0	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}$	0	0
$ 020\rangle$	0	0	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}$	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$	0	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}$	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$	0	0
$ 011\rangle$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
$ 002\rangle$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

TABLE I $\langle n_+n_0n_- | vlm \rangle$ $\nu = 2$

$\frac{ \nu lm \rangle}{ n_x n_y n_z \rangle}$	$ 222 \rangle$	$ 221 \rangle$	$ 220 \rangle$	$ 200 \rangle$	$ 221 \rangle$	$ 220 \rangle$	$ 200 \rangle$	$ 221 \rangle$	$ 222 \rangle$
$ 200 \rangle$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$	0	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$
$ 110 \rangle$	$\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}$
$ 101 \rangle$	0	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	0	0	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	0
$ 020 \rangle$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	0	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$	0	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$
$ 011 \rangle$	0	$-\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}$	0	0	$-\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}$	0	0	$-\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}$	0
$ 002 \rangle$	0	0	$\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}$	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$	0	$\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}$	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$	0	0

TABLE II $\langle n_x n_y n_z | \nu lm \rangle \quad \nu = 2$

$ n_+ n_0 n_- \sigma\rangle$ $ 2lj\mu\rangle$	$\sigma = 1/2$						$\sigma = -1/2$					
	$ 002\rangle$	$ 101\rangle$	$ 011\rangle$	$ 200\rangle$	$ 110\rangle$	$ 020\rangle$	$ 002\rangle$	$ 101\rangle$	$ 011\rangle$	$ 200\rangle$	$ 110\rangle$	$ 020\rangle$
$0 \frac{1}{2} -\frac{1}{2}$	0	$+\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}$	0	0	0	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$	0	0	0	0	0	0
$2 \frac{3}{2} \frac{3}{2}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	$+\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}$	0	0	0	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$
$2 \frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	0	0	0	0	$\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}$	0	0
$2 \frac{3}{2} -\frac{1}{2}$	0	$-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{15}}$	0	0	0	$\frac{-2}{\sqrt{15}}$	0	0	0	0	$+\frac{\sqrt{3}}{5}$	0
$2 \frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{2}$	0	0	$-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{5}$	0	0	0	0	$+\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{15}}$	0	0	0	$\frac{2}{\sqrt{15}}$
$2 \frac{3}{2} -\frac{3}{2}$	$-\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$	0	0	0
$2 \frac{5}{2} \frac{5}{2}$	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
$2 \frac{5}{2} \frac{3}{2}$	0	0	0	0	$+\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}$	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$	0	0
$2 \frac{5}{2} \frac{1}{2}$	0	$+\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$	0	0	0	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{5}$	0	0	0	0	$+\frac{\sqrt{2}}{5}$	0
$2 \frac{5}{2} -\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{5}$	0	0	0	0	$+\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$	0	0	0	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{5}$
$2 \frac{5}{2} -\frac{3}{2}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}$	0	0	0
$2 \frac{5}{2} -\frac{5}{2}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

TABLE III $\langle \nu lj\mu | n_+ n_0 n_- \sigma \rangle$ $\nu = 2$

$ n_x n_y n_z \sigma\rangle$ $ 2l\mu\rangle$	$\sigma = 1/2$						$\sigma = -1/2$					
	$ 002\rangle$	$ 101\rangle$	$ 011\rangle$	$ 200\rangle$	$ 110\rangle$	$ 020\rangle$	$ 002\rangle$	$ 101\rangle$	$ 011\rangle$	$ 200\rangle$	$ 110\rangle$	$ 020\rangle$
$0 \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}}$	0	0	$\frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}}$	0	$\frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}}$	0	0	0	0	0	0
$0 \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}}$	0	0	$\frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}}$	0	$\frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}}$
$2 \frac{3}{2} \frac{3}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}$	$\frac{-i}{\sqrt{10}}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$	$\frac{-i\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{5}}$	$\frac{-1}{\sqrt{5}}$
$2 \frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{-2}{\sqrt{15}}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{15}}$	0	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{15}}$	0	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{10}}$	$\frac{i\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{10}}$	0	0	0
$2 \frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{-\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{10}}$	$\frac{-i\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{10}}$	0	0	0	$\frac{2}{\sqrt{15}}$	0	0	$\frac{-1}{\sqrt{15}}$	0	$\frac{-1}{\sqrt{15}}$
$2 \frac{3}{2} \frac{3}{2}$	0	0	0	$\frac{-1}{\sqrt{5}}$	$\frac{-i\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{5}}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$	0	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}$	$\frac{i}{\sqrt{10}}$	0	0	0
$2 \frac{5}{2} \frac{5}{2}$	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{-i}{\sqrt{2}}$	$\frac{-1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	0	0
$2 \frac{5}{2} \frac{3}{2}$	0	$\frac{-\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{5}}$	$\frac{i\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{5}}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}}$	$\frac{-i}{\sqrt{10}}$	$\frac{-1}{2\sqrt{5}}$
$2 \frac{5}{2} \frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{5}}$	0	0	$\frac{-1}{\sqrt{10}}$	0	$\frac{-1}{\sqrt{10}}$	0	$\frac{-1}{\sqrt{5}}$	$\frac{i}{\sqrt{5}}$	0	0	0
$2 \frac{5}{2} \frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$	$\frac{i}{\sqrt{5}}$	0	0	0	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{5}}$	0	0	$\frac{-1}{\sqrt{10}}$	0	$\frac{-1}{\sqrt{10}}$
$2 \frac{5}{2} \frac{3}{2}$	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}}$	$\frac{i}{\sqrt{10}}$	$\frac{-1}{2\sqrt{5}}$	0	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{5}}$	$\frac{i\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{5}}$	0	0	0
$2 \frac{5}{2} \frac{5}{2}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}$	$\frac{-1}{2}$

TABLE IV $\langle \nu l \mu | n_x n_y n_z \sigma \rangle$ $\nu = 2$