



Intelligent states

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$su(2)$: the angular momentum algebra

- ▶ The angular momentum algebra contains three elements: \hat{L}_x , \hat{L}_y and \hat{L}_z .

- ▶ They have non-zero commutation relations

$$[\hat{L}_x, \hat{L}_y] = i\hat{L}_z, \quad [\hat{L}_y, \hat{L}_z] = i\hat{L}_x, \quad [\hat{L}_z, \hat{L}_x] = i\hat{L}_y \quad (1)$$

- ▶ It is convenient to introduce (non-hermitian) raising and lowering operators:

$$\hat{L}_+ = \hat{L}_x + i\hat{L}_y, \quad \hat{L}_- = \hat{L}_x - i\hat{L}_y \quad (2)$$

- ▶ We now have the non-zero commutation relations

$$[\hat{L}_z, \hat{L}_\pm] = \pm\hat{L}_\pm, \quad [\hat{L}_+, \hat{L}_-] = 2\hat{L}_0. \quad (3)$$

- ▶ We have the actions

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{L}_z|\ell, m\rangle &= m|\ell, m\rangle, \\ \hat{L}_\pm|\ell, m\rangle &= \sqrt{(\ell \mp m)(\ell \pm m + 1)}|\ell, m \pm 1\rangle \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

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Physical realization

- ▶ Let $a_1, a_2, a_1^\dagger, a_2^\dagger$ denote the usual creation and destruction operators.
- ▶ We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_1^\dagger a_2 |n_1, n_2\rangle &= \sqrt{(n_1 + 1)n_2} |n_1 + 1, n_2 - 1\rangle, \\
 a_2^\dagger a_1 |n_1, n_2\rangle &= \sqrt{n_1(n_2 + 1)} |n_1 - 1, n_2 + 1\rangle, \\
 \frac{1}{2} (a_1^\dagger a_1 - a_2^\dagger a_2) |n_1, n_2\rangle &= \frac{1}{2} (n_1 - n_2) |n_1, n_2\rangle \quad (5)
 \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Now look at

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left[\frac{1}{2} (a_1^\dagger a_1 - a_2^\dagger a_2), a_1^\dagger a_2 \right] &= a_1^\dagger a_2, \\
 \left[\frac{1}{2} (a_1^\dagger a_1 - a_2^\dagger a_2), a_2^\dagger a_1 \right] &= -a_2^\dagger a_1, \\
 \left[a_1^\dagger a_2, a_2^\dagger a_1 \right] &= 2 \times \frac{1}{2} (a_1^\dagger a_1 - a_2^\dagger a_2) \quad (6)
 \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Those are the commutation relations of \hat{L}_\pm, \hat{L}_z .

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$su(2)$ in quantum optics

Thus:

- ▶ We have the correspondence between operators

$$\hat{L}_z \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} (a_1^\dagger a_1 - a_2^\dagger a_2), \quad \hat{L}_+ = a_1^\dagger a_2, \quad \hat{L}_- = a_2^\dagger a_1 \quad (7)$$

- ▶ We have the correspondence between angular momentum and number labels:

$$j = \frac{1}{2}(n_1 + n_2), \quad m = \frac{1}{2}(n_1 - n_2), \quad n_1 = j + m, \quad n_2 = j - m \quad (8)$$

- ▶ These correspondences is central in quantum optics:
 - ▶ If the indices 1 and 2 denote arms of an interferometer, we can use $su(2)$ to describe passive lossless interferometers.
 - ▶ if the indices 1 and 2 denote horizontal or vertical polarization, we can describe polarization of light.

Review and setup for intelligent states

- ▶ Intelligent states of \hat{x} and \hat{p} satisfy $\Delta x \Delta p = \frac{1}{2}$.
- ▶ They are solutions to

$$(\hat{x} - i\alpha\hat{p})|\chi\rangle = \lambda|\chi\rangle \quad (9)$$

- ▶ Set $\alpha = -1$: $\hat{x} + i\hat{p} = a$. The solution to

$$a|\chi\rangle = \lambda|\chi\rangle \quad (10)$$

is the harmonic oscillator coherent state of quantum optics.

- ▶ Intelligent states $|\psi^\ell(\alpha)\rangle$ are states that satisfy ($\hbar = 1$)

$$\Delta L_x \Delta L_y = \frac{1}{2} |\langle \hat{L}_z \rangle|. \quad (11)$$

- ▶ They are solution to

$$(\hat{L}_x - i\alpha\hat{L}_y)|\psi^\ell(\alpha)\rangle = \lambda|\psi^\ell(\alpha)\rangle \quad (12)$$

- ▶ Set $\alpha = \mp 1$: $\hat{L}_x \pm i\hat{L}_y = \hat{L}_\pm$. The solutions to

$$L_\pm |\psi^\ell\rangle = \lambda |\psi^\ell\rangle \quad (13)$$

are the angular momentum kets $|\ell, \pm\ell\rangle$. These imply $\lambda = 0$.

Basic properties of angular momentum intelligent states

- ▶ Since \hat{L}_x and \hat{L}_y act in a finite dimensional space and are hermitian:
 - ▶ The minimum in the product $\Delta L_x \Delta L_y$ is 0,
 - ▶ This minimum is reached by using an eigenstate of either \hat{L}_x or \hat{L}_y .
 - ▶ intelligent states are **not** minimum uncertainty states.

- ▶ Intelligent states $|\psi^\ell(\alpha)\rangle$ satisfy (as always) the eigenvalue equation

$$(\hat{L}_x - i\alpha\hat{L}_y)|\psi^\ell(\alpha)\rangle = \lambda|\psi^\ell(\alpha)\rangle, \quad (14)$$

for the non-hermitian operators $\hat{L}_x - i\alpha\hat{L}_y$,

- ▶ $-\infty \leq \alpha \leq \infty$ is a real parameter.
- ▶ The eigenvalue λ is related to the average value of \hat{L}_x and \hat{L}_y and to the parameter α via:

$$\lambda = \langle L_x \rangle - i\alpha \langle L_y \rangle. \quad (15)$$

BCH and angular momentum operators

- Recall Baker-Campbell-Hausdorff:

$$e^{\hat{A}} \hat{B} e^{-\hat{A}} = \hat{B} + [\hat{A}, \hat{B}] + \frac{1}{2}[\hat{A}, [\hat{A}, \hat{B}]] + \dots \quad (16)$$

- Apply this to $e^{i\beta\hat{L}_y} \hat{L}_x e^{-i\beta\hat{L}_y}$:

$$\begin{aligned} [i\beta\hat{L}_y, \hat{L}_x] &= i\beta(-i)\hat{L}_z = \beta\hat{L}_z \\ [i\beta\hat{L}_y, [\hat{L}_x, i\beta\hat{L}_y]] &= [\hat{L}_x, \beta\hat{L}_z] = i\beta^2(i)\hat{L}_x = -\beta^2\hat{L}_x \end{aligned}$$

- Continue but we can already guess the result:

$$\begin{aligned} e^{i\beta\hat{L}_y} \hat{L}_x e^{-i\beta\hat{L}_y} &= \hat{L}_x \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\beta^2 + \dots\right) + \hat{L}_z (\beta + \dots) \\ &= \hat{L}_x \cos \beta + \hat{L}_z \sin \beta \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

- Similarly

$$e^{i\beta\hat{L}_y} \hat{L}_z e^{-i\beta\hat{L}_y} = \hat{L}_z \cos \beta - \hat{L}_x \sin \beta, \quad (18)$$

$$e^{i\beta\hat{L}_y} \hat{L}_y e^{-i\beta\hat{L}_y} = \hat{L}_y \quad (19)$$

Some angular momentum coherent states

Start with the intelligent state $|\ell, \ell\rangle$.

- Write

$$|\beta\rangle = e^{-i\beta\hat{L}_y}|\ell, \ell\rangle. \quad (20)$$

- $|\beta\rangle$ is a special case of the more general **angular momentum coherent states**

$$|\gamma, \beta\rangle \equiv e^{-i\gamma\hat{L}_z} e^{-i\beta\hat{L}_y}|\ell, \ell\rangle. \quad (21)$$

- Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle\beta|\hat{L}_z|\beta\rangle &= \langle\ell, \ell|e^{i\beta\hat{L}_y}\hat{L}_ze^{-i\beta\hat{L}_y}|\ell, \ell\rangle, \\ &= \cos\beta\langle\ell, \ell|\hat{L}_z|\ell, \ell\rangle - \sin\beta\langle\ell, \ell|\hat{L}_x|\ell, \ell\rangle, \\ &= \ell\cos\beta. \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\text{Also: } \langle \beta | \hat{L}_y | \beta \rangle &= \langle \ell, \ell | e^{i\beta \hat{L}_y} \hat{L}_y e^{-i\beta \hat{L}_y} | \ell, \ell \rangle, \\ &= \langle \ell, \ell | \hat{L}_y | \ell, \ell \rangle = 0,\end{aligned}\quad (23)$$

$$\langle \beta | (\hat{L}_y)^2 | \beta \rangle = \langle \ell, \ell | (\hat{L}_y)^2 | \ell, \ell \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \ell, \quad (24)$$

$$(\Delta L_y)^2 = \frac{1}{2} \ell \quad (25)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{while } \langle \beta | \hat{L}_x | \beta \rangle &= \langle \ell, \ell | e^{i\beta \hat{L}_y} \hat{L}_x e^{-i\beta \hat{L}_y} | \ell, \ell \rangle, \\ &= \cos \beta \langle \ell, \ell | \hat{L}_x | \ell, \ell \rangle + \sin \beta \langle \ell, \ell | \hat{L}_z | \ell, \ell \rangle, \\ &= \ell \sin \beta\end{aligned}\quad (26)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{and } \langle \beta | (\hat{L}_x)^2 | \beta \rangle &= \cos^2 \beta \langle \ell, \ell | (\hat{L}_x)^2 | \ell, \ell \rangle + \sin^2 \beta \langle \ell | (\hat{L}_z)^2 | \ell \rangle \\ &\quad + \sin \beta \cos \beta \langle \ell, \ell | (\hat{L}_x \hat{L}_z + \hat{L}_z \hat{L}_x) | \ell, \ell \rangle, \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ell \cos^2 \beta + \ell^2 \sin^2 \beta,\end{aligned}\quad (27)$$

$$\text{Hence } (\Delta L_x)^2 = \frac{1}{2} \ell \cos^2 \beta.$$

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- ▶ Collecting the results:

$$(\Delta L_y)^2 (\Delta L_x)^2 = \frac{1}{4} \ell^2 \cos \beta = \frac{1}{4} |\langle \hat{L}_z \rangle|^2. \quad (28)$$

- ▶ Conclusion: the coherent states $|\beta\rangle = e^{-i\beta\hat{L}_y}|\ell, \ell\rangle$ are intelligent.
- ▶ Alternatively:

$$\begin{aligned} (\hat{L}_x - i\alpha\hat{L}_y) e^{-i\beta\hat{L}_y}|\ell, \ell\rangle &= \lambda e^{-i\beta\hat{L}_y}|\ell, \ell\rangle, \\ &= e^{-i\beta\hat{L}_y} e^{i\beta\hat{L}_y} (\hat{L}_x - i\alpha\hat{L}_y) e^{-i\beta\hat{L}_y}|\ell, \ell\rangle \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

- ▶ which implies

$$e^{-i\beta\hat{L}_y} \left(\hat{L}_z \sin \beta + [\hat{L}_x \cos \beta - i\alpha\hat{L}_y] \right) |\ell, \ell\rangle \quad (30)$$

- ▶ Choose $\alpha = -\cos \beta$ so $\hat{L}_x \cos \beta - i\alpha\hat{L}_y = \hat{L}_+$. The eigenvalue is $\lambda = \ell \sin \beta$.

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Because the eigenvalue equation

$$(\hat{L}_x - i\alpha\hat{L}_y)|\psi^\ell(\alpha)\rangle = \lambda|\psi^\ell(\alpha)\rangle, \quad (31)$$

is **linear** in $\hat{L}_x - i\alpha\hat{L}_y$, we have the following property:

- ▶ Let $|\chi(\alpha)\rangle_A$ and $|\phi(\alpha)\rangle_B$ be intelligent:

$$(\hat{L}_x - i\alpha\hat{L}_y)|\chi(\alpha)\rangle_A = \lambda_A|\chi(\alpha)\rangle_A \quad (32)$$

$$(\hat{L}_x - i\alpha\hat{L}_y)|\phi(\alpha)\rangle_B = \nu_B|\phi(\alpha)\rangle_B, \quad (33)$$

- ▶ Then,

$$|\psi(\alpha)\rangle = |\chi(\alpha)\rangle_A \otimes |\phi(\alpha)\rangle_B \equiv |\chi(\alpha)\rangle_A |\phi(\alpha)\rangle_B \quad (34)$$

is intelligent.

Proof of compositeness

Define the total angular momentum projections as

$$\hat{L}_x = \hat{L}_{x,A} + \hat{L}_{x,B}, \quad \hat{L}_y = \hat{L}_{y,A} + \hat{L}_{y,B} \quad (35)$$

where $\hat{L}_{x,A}$ acts only on $|\chi(\alpha)\rangle_A$ and not on $|\phi(\alpha)\rangle_B$, etc.

$$\begin{aligned} (\hat{L}_x - i\alpha\hat{L}_y)|\psi(\alpha)\rangle \\ = \left[(\hat{L}_{x,A} - i\alpha\hat{L}_{y,A})|\chi(\alpha)\rangle_A \right] |\phi(\alpha)\rangle_B \\ + |\chi(\alpha)\rangle_A \left[(\hat{L}_{x,B} - i\alpha\hat{L}_{y,B})|\phi(\alpha)\rangle_B \right] \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

$$= (\lambda_A + \nu_B)|\chi(\alpha)\rangle_A |\phi(\alpha)\rangle_B. \quad (37)$$

In other words: the direct product of two intelligent states is also intelligent, provided that one thinks of the resulting state as a composite state constructed from two separate systems.

Intelligent states as coupled coherent states

- ▶ We can use the coupling property on coherent states (they are intelligent) to construct other intelligent (non-coherent) states.
- ▶ Example:

$$\left(e^{-i\beta\hat{L}_{y,A}}|\ell_A, \ell_A\rangle\right)\left(e^{-i\beta\hat{L}_{y,B}}|\ell_B, \ell_B\rangle\right) \quad (38)$$

is intelligent but...

- ▶ this is nothing new since

$$\begin{aligned} &\left(e^{-i\beta\hat{L}_{y,A}}|\ell_A, \ell_A\rangle\right)\left(e^{-i\beta\hat{L}_{y,B}}|\ell_B, \ell_B\rangle\right) \\ &= \left(e^{-i\beta(\hat{L}_{y,A}+\hat{L}_{y,B})}\right)|\ell_A, \ell_A\rangle|\ell_B, \ell_B\rangle, \end{aligned} \quad (39)$$

$$= e^{-i\beta\hat{L}_y}|\ell, \ell\rangle, \quad (40)$$

with $\ell = \ell_A + \ell_B$.

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- Consider instead

$$|\psi_{\ell_A, \ell_B}(\beta)\rangle = \left(e^{-i\beta \hat{L}_{y,A}} |\ell_A, \ell_A\rangle \right) \left(e^{+i\beta \hat{L}_{y,B}} |\ell_B, \ell_B\rangle \right). \quad (41)$$

- Since this is a product of intelligent states, it is also intelligent.
- Write

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi_{\ell_A, \ell_B}(\beta)\rangle &= \left[\sum_{m_A} |\ell_A, m_A\rangle \langle \ell_A, m_A| e^{-i\beta \hat{L}_{y,A}} |\ell_A, \ell_A\rangle \right] \\ &\times \left[\sum_{m_B} |\ell_B, m_B\rangle \langle \ell_B, m_B| e^{+i\beta \hat{L}_{y,B}} |\ell_B, \ell_B\rangle \right] \quad (42) \end{aligned}$$

and couple the angular momentum states using

$$\mathbb{1} = \sum_m |\ell, m\rangle \langle \ell, m| \quad (43)$$

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- Using

$$\langle \ell, m | e^{-i\beta \hat{L}_y} | \ell, \ell \rangle = d_{m,\ell}^{\ell}(\beta), \quad (44)$$

this yields the unnormalized closed form expression:

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi_{\ell_A, \ell_B}^{\ell}(\beta)\rangle &= \sum_m |\ell, m\rangle C_{\ell_A, m_A; \ell_B, m_B}^{\ell, m} \\ &\quad \times d_{m_A, \ell_A}^{\ell_A}(\beta) d_{m_B, \ell_B}^{\ell_B}(-\beta) \end{aligned} \quad (45)$$

where $C_{\ell_A, m_A; \ell_B, m_B}^{\ell, m}$ is an angular momentum coupling coefficient.

- The resulting states $|\psi_{\ell_A, \ell_B}^{\ell}(\beta)\rangle$ must be normalized “by hand”,

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Observations:

- ▶ The eigenvalue problem

$$\left(\hat{L}_x - i\alpha\hat{L}_y\right)|\psi\rangle = \lambda|\psi\rangle \quad (46)$$

has $2\ell + 1$ solution for angular momentum ℓ .

- ▶ Choosing $(\ell_A, \ell_B) = (\ell, 0), (\ell - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}), (\ell - 1, 1)$ etc yields the $2\ell + 1$ possible solutions.
- ▶ One can show $\lambda = \sqrt{1 - |\alpha|^2}(\ell_A - \ell_B)$.
- ▶ Assuming $|\alpha| \leq 1$,
 - ▶ λ is real and $\lambda_{\ell_A, \ell_B} = (\ell_A - \ell_B) \sin \beta$,
 - ▶ $\langle \hat{L}_x \rangle = \frac{1}{2}(\ell_B - \ell_A) \sin \beta$
 - ▶ $\langle \hat{L}_y \rangle = 0$
- ▶ For $|\alpha| > 1$, one must project from

$$|\psi_{\ell_A, \ell_B}(\beta)\rangle = \left(e^{-i\beta\hat{L}_{x,A}}|\ell_A, \ell_A\rangle\right) \left(e^{i\beta\hat{L}_{x,B}}|\ell_B, \ell_B\rangle\right) \quad (47)$$

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A possible implementation

- ▶ One can avoid the use of coupling technology by taking advantage of the bosonic nature of photons.
- ▶ It has been shown that one can write

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |\psi_{\ell_A, \ell_B}^{\ell}(\beta)\rangle \\
 & \sim \left[a_H^{\dagger} \cos\left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right) + a_V^{\dagger} \sin\left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right) \right]^{2\ell_A} \\
 & \quad \times \left[a_H^{\dagger} \cos\left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right) - a_V^{\dagger} \sin\left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right) \right]^{2\ell_B} |0\rangle \quad (48)
 \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Unfortunately, this is apparently very difficult to do in the lab.

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Recall that intelligent states satisfy

$$(\hat{L}_x - i\alpha\hat{L}_y) |\psi^\ell\rangle = \lambda |\psi^\ell\rangle \quad (49)$$

► Consider

$$|\ell, m; \nu\rangle \equiv e^{i\pi\hat{L}_y/2} e^{\nu\hat{L}_x} |\ell, m\rangle \quad (50)$$

► Note that, since \hat{L}_x is hermitian, $e^{\nu\hat{L}_x}$ is **not unitary**. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & (\hat{L}_x - i\alpha\hat{L}_y) e^{i\pi\hat{L}_y/2} e^{\nu\hat{L}_x} |\ell, m\rangle \\ &= e^{i\pi\hat{L}_y/2} e^{\nu\hat{L}_x} \\ & \times \left[e^{-\nu\hat{L}_x} e^{-i\pi\hat{L}_y/2} (\hat{L}_x - i\alpha\hat{L}_y) e^{i\pi\hat{L}_y/2} e^{\nu\hat{L}_x} \right] |\ell, m\rangle \quad (51) \end{aligned}$$

► Using BCH:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[e^{-\nu\hat{L}_x} e^{-i\pi\hat{L}_y/2} (\hat{L}_x - i\alpha\hat{L}_y) e^{i\pi\hat{L}_y/2} e^{\nu\hat{L}_x} \right] \\ &= (\cosh \nu + \alpha \sinh \nu) \hat{L}_z + i (\sinh \nu + \alpha \cosh \nu) \hat{L}_y \end{aligned}$$

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- Choose ν so that

$$\sinh \nu + \alpha \cosh \nu = 0 \Rightarrow \tanh \nu = -\alpha. \quad (52)$$

- Then

$$\begin{aligned} (\hat{L}_x - i\alpha \hat{L}_y) \left[e^{i\pi \hat{L}_y/2} e^{\nu \hat{L}_x} |\ell, m\rangle \right] \\ = m \sqrt{1 - \alpha^2} \left[e^{i\pi \hat{L}_y/2} e^{\nu \hat{L}_x} |\ell, m\rangle \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (53)$$

Compare with:

$$(\hat{L}_x - i\alpha \hat{L}_y) |\psi_{\ell_A, \ell_B}^\ell(\beta)\rangle = (\ell_B - \ell_A) \sin \beta |\psi_{\ell_A, \ell_B}^\ell(\beta)\rangle \quad (54)$$

- Recall $\cos \beta = -\alpha$ so $\sin \beta = \sqrt{1 - \alpha^2}$.
- Thus $m = \ell_B - \ell_A$

Normalizing $|\ell, m; \nu\rangle$

As the transformation is not unitary, the states $|\ell, m; \nu\rangle$ are not normalized.

- Start with

$$\langle \ell, m | e^{\nu \hat{L}_x} e^{-i\pi \hat{L}_y/2} e^{i\pi \hat{L}_y/2} e^{\nu \hat{L}_x} | \ell, m \rangle = \langle \ell, m | e^{2\nu \hat{L}_x} | \ell, m \rangle, \quad (55)$$

- Next, observe that

$$|\ell, m\rangle = e^{-im\pi/2} e^{i\pi \hat{L}_z/2} |\ell, m\rangle \quad (56)$$

so

$$\langle \ell, m | e^{2\nu \hat{L}_x} | \ell, m \rangle = \langle \ell, m | e^{-i\pi \hat{L}_z/2} e^{2\nu \hat{L}_x} e^{i\pi \hat{L}_z/2} | \ell, m \rangle, \quad (57)$$

$$= \langle \ell, m | e^{2\nu \hat{L}_y} | \ell, m \rangle, \quad (58)$$

$$= d_{m,m}^{\ell}(-2i\nu) \quad (59)$$

where $d_{m,m}^{\ell}(-2i\nu)$ is the Wigner little- d functions with imaginary argument.

- Thus

$$|\ell, m; \nu\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|d_{m,m}^{\ell}(-2i\nu)|}} |\ell, m; \nu\rangle. \quad (60)$$

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 $|\ell, m; \nu\rangle$

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Summary

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Putting it all together:

$$|\ell, m; \nu\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|d_{mm}^\ell(-2i\nu)|}} e^{i\pi\hat{L}_y/2} e^{\nu\hat{L}_x} |\ell, m\rangle, \quad (61)$$

which can be expanded as

$$\begin{aligned} |\ell, m; \nu\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{|d_{mm}^\ell(2i\nu)|}} e^{i\pi\hat{L}_y/2} e^{\nu\hat{L}_x} e^{-i\pi\hat{L}_y/2} \left[e^{i\pi\hat{L}_y/2} |\ell, m\rangle \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{|d_{mm}^\ell(-2i\nu)|}} e^{-\nu\hat{L}_z} \left[\sum_{m'} |\ell, m'\rangle d_{m'm}^\ell(-\pi/2) \right], \end{aligned} \quad (62)$$

and finally gives the closed form expression

$$|\ell, m; \nu\rangle = \sum_{m'} \frac{d_{m'm}^\ell(-\pi/2) e^{-\nu m'}}{\sqrt{|d_{mm}^\ell(-2i\nu)|}} |\ell, m'\rangle. \quad (63)$$

Summary

- ▶ Angular momentum coherent states are intelligent.
- ▶ Not all intelligent states are coherent.
- ▶ Two methods of construction:
 - ▶ Based on coupling and unitary transformations,
 - ▶ Based on non-unitary transformations but no coupling.

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