

# Quantum Fysica B

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Maak gebruik van de bijgevoegde formulelijst waar dat nodig lijkt.

## Opgave 1

The electron in a hydrogen atom occupies the combined position and spin state:

$$\Psi = R_{32} \left( i \sqrt{\frac{4}{5}} Y_2^{-1} \chi_- + \sqrt{\frac{1}{5}} Y_2^{-2} \chi_+ \right)$$

- 5 pnts a. Suppose that you can only measure the polar angles of the electron. What is the probability density for finding it at a certain  $(\theta, \phi)$ ?
- 5 pnts b. What values might you get and with what probability if the following quantities are measured:
- (a)  $S^2$ .
  - (b)  $S_z$ .
  - (c)  $J_z$  (where  $\vec{J} = \vec{L} + \vec{S}$ ).
  - (d)  $J^2$  (you do NOT have to give probabilities for  $J^2$ ).
- 5 pnts c. Calculate the expectation value of:
- (a)  $L_z$ .
  - (b)  $J^2$ .
  - (c)  $S_x + iS_y$ .
  - (d)  $r$ .
- d. (Really difficult, only for bonus points, only if you have time left)  
Suppose you were able to measure the y-component of the spin of the electron at any place in space. At what polar angles is the probability unity for measuring  $S_y = +\frac{1}{2}\hbar$ .

## Opgave 2

The matrices representing  $S_x$ ,  $S_y$  and  $S_z$  for a particle of spin 1 (in the basis  $\chi_+$ ,  $\chi_0$  and  $\chi_-$  eigenstates of  $S_z$ ) are:

$$S_x = \frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad S_y = \frac{i\hbar}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad S_z = \hbar \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- 5 pnts      a. Write the commutation rules that these operators should obey. Use one of them to obtain  $S_z$  from  $S_x$  and  $S_y$ .
- b. Suppose that the particle is placed in a magnetic field of magnitude  $B_0$  which is parallel to the  $z$ -axis. At  $t=0$  the the particle is the state  $\begin{pmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$ .
- 5 pnts      (a) Calculate the state of the system at a time  $t > 0$  (the Hamiltonian in this case is given by  $H = \gamma \vec{B} \cdot \vec{S}$ ).
- 5 pnts      (b) Calculate  $t$  dependence of the expectation value of  $S_x$ .