

### 35. CLEBSCH-GORDAN COEFFICIENTS, SPHERICAL HARMONICS, AND $d$ FUNCTIONS

Note: A square-root sign is to be understood over every coefficient, e.g., for  $-8/15$  read  $-\sqrt{8/15}$ .

Notation:

$J$	$J$	$\dots$
$M$	$M$	$\dots$
$m_1$	$m_2$	$\dots$
$m_1$	$m_2$	$\dots$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
<b>Coefficients</b>		

$1/2 \times 1/2$

1
+1/2 +1/2
+1/2 -1/2
-1/2 +1/2
-1/2 -1/2

$Y_1^0 = \sqrt{\frac{3}{4\pi}} \cos \theta$

$Y_1^1 = -\sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi}} \sin \theta e^{i\phi}$

$2 \times 1/2$

5/2
+5/2
5/2 3/2
+2 -1/2
+1 +1/2
1/5 4/5
4/5 -1/5
5/2 3/2
+1/2 +1/2

$Y_2^0 = \sqrt{\frac{5}{4\pi}} \left( \frac{3}{2} \cos^2 \theta - \frac{1}{2} \right)$

$Y_2^1 = -\sqrt{\frac{15}{8\pi}} \sin \theta \cos \theta e^{i\phi}$

$Y_2^2 = \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{15}{2\pi}} \sin^2 \theta e^{2i\phi}$

$3/2 \times 1/2$

2
+2
2 1
+3/2 +1/2
+1 +1
1/4 3/4
3/4 -1/4
2 1
0 0
+1/2 -1/2
1/2 -1/2
-1 -1
-1/2 -1/2
3/4 1/4
1/4 -3/4
-3/2 -1/2
1

$Y_\ell^{-m} = (-1)^m Y_\ell^{m*}$

$d_{m,0}^\ell = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{2\ell+1}} Y_\ell^m e^{-im\phi}$

$(j_1 j_2 m_1 m_2 | j_1 j_2 J M)$   
 $= (-1)^{J-j_1-j_2} (j_2 j_1 m_2 m_1 | j_2 j_1 J M)$

$d_{m',m}^j = (-1)^{m-m'} d_{m,m'}^j = d_{-m,-m'}^j$

$3/2 \times 3/2$

3
+3
3 2
+3/2 +3/2
+1/2 +3/2
1/2 1/2
+1 +1 +1
+3/2 -1/2
+1/2 +1/2
1/5 1/2 3/10
3/5 0 -2/5
-1/2 +3/2
1/5 -1/2 3/10

$d_{0,0}^1 = \cos \theta$

$d_{1/2,1/2}^{1/2} = \cos \frac{\theta}{2}$

$d_{1/2,-1/2}^{1/2} = -\sin \frac{\theta}{2}$

$d_{1,1}^1 = \frac{1 + \cos \theta}{2}$

$d_{1,0}^1 = -\frac{\sin \theta}{\sqrt{2}}$

$d_{1,-1}^1 = \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{2}$

$2 \times 3/2$

7/2
+7/2
7/2 5/2
+2 +3/2
+1 +3/2
3/7 4/7
4/7 -3/7
+3/2 +3/2
+2 -1/2
+1 +1/2
0 +3/2
1/7 16/35 2/5
4/7 1/35 -2/5
2/7 -18/35 1/5
+1/2 +1/2 +1/2
+2 -3/2
+1 -1/2
0 +1/2
-1 +3/2
1/35 6/35 2/5 2/5
12/35 5/14 0 -3/10
18/35 -3/35 -1/5 1/5
4/35 -27/70 2/5 -1/10
7/2 5/2 3/2 1/2
-1/2 -1/2 -1/2 -1/2
+3/2 -3/2
1/20 1/4 9/20 1/4
+1/2 -1/2
-1/2 +1/2
-3/2 +3/2
9/20 1/4 -1/20 -1/4
9/20 -1/4 -1/20 1/4
1/20 -1/4 9/20 -1/4
3 2 1
-1 -1 -1
+1/2 -3/2
-1/2 -1/2
-3/2 +1/2
1/5 1/2 3/10
3/5 0 -2/5
1/5 -1/2 3/10
-2 -2
+1 -3/2
-1 +1/2
-2 +3/2
4/35 27/70 2/5 1/10
0 -1/2
-1 +1/2
-2 +3/2
18/35 3/35 -1/5 -1/5
12/35 -5/14 0 3/10
1/35 -6/35 2/5 -2/5
7/2 5/2 3/2
-3/2 -3/2 -3/2
-1/2 -3/2
3/5 0 -2/5
1/5 -1/2 3/10
-3/2 -1/2
1/2 1/2 3/10
3 2
-2 -2
-1/2 -3/2
1/2 1/2 3/10
3 2
-3/2 -1/2
1/2 -1/2 -3
-3/2 -3/2 1

$2 \times 2$

4
+4
4 3
+2 +2
+1 +3
1/2 1/2
1/2 -1/2
+2 2
+2 +2
+2 0
+1 +1
0 +2
3/14 1/2 2/7
4/7 0 -3/7
3/14 -1/2 2/7
+2 -1
+1 0
0 +1
-1 +2
1/14 3/10 3/7 1/5
3/7 1/5 -1/14 -3/10
3/7 -1/5 -1/14 3/10
1/14 -3/10 3/7 -1/5
4 3 2 1 0
0 0 0 0 0
+2 -2
+1 -1
0 0
-1 +1
-2 +2
1/70 1/10 2/7 2/5 1/5
8/35 2/5 1/14 -1/10 -1/5
18/35 0 -2/7 0 1/5
8/35 -2/5 1/14 1/10 -1/5
1/70 -1/10 2/7 -2/5 1/5
4 3 2 1
-1 -1 -1 -1
+1 -2
0 -1
-1 0
-2 +1
1/14 3/10 3/7 1/5
3/7 1/5 -1/14 -3/10
3/7 -1/5 -1/14 3/10
1/14 -3/10 3/7 -1/5
4 3 2
-2 -2 -2
0 -2
-1 -1
-2 0
3/14 1/2 2/7
4/7 0 -3/7
3/14 -1/2 2/7
4 3
-3 -3
-1 -2
-2 -1
1/2 1/2 4
1/2 -1/2 -4
-2 -2 1

$d_{3/2,3/2}^{3/2} = \frac{1 + \cos \theta}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2}$

$d_{3/2,1/2}^{3/2} = -\sqrt{3} \frac{1 + \cos \theta}{2} \sin \frac{\theta}{2}$

$d_{3/2,-1/2}^{3/2} = \sqrt{3} \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2}$

$d_{3/2,-3/2}^{3/2} = -\frac{1 - \cos \theta}{2} \sin \frac{\theta}{2}$

$d_{1/2,1/2}^{3/2} = \frac{3 \cos \theta - 1}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2}$

$d_{1/2,-1/2}^{3/2} = -\frac{3 \cos \theta + 1}{2} \sin \frac{\theta}{2}$

$d_{2,2}^2 = \left( \frac{1 + \cos \theta}{2} \right)^2$

$d_{2,1}^2 = -\frac{1 + \cos \theta}{2} \sin \theta$

$d_{2,0}^2 = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4} \sin^2 \theta$

$d_{2,-1}^2 = -\frac{1 - \cos \theta}{2} \sin \theta$

$d_{2,-2}^2 = \left( \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{2} \right)^2$

$d_{1,1}^2 = \frac{1 + \cos \theta}{2} (2 \cos \theta - 1)$

$d_{1,0}^2 = -\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \sin \theta \cos \theta$

$d_{1,-1}^2 = \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{2} (2 \cos \theta + 1)$

$d_{0,0}^2 = \left( \frac{3}{2} \cos^2 \theta - \frac{1}{2} \right)$

**Figure 35.1:** The sign convention is that of Wigner (*Group Theory*, Academic Press, New York, 1959), also used by Condon and Shortley (*The Theory of Atomic Spectra*, Cambridge Univ. Press, New York, 1953), Rose (*Elementary Theory of Angular Momentum*, Wiley, New York, 1957), and Cohen (*Tables of the Clebsch-Gordan Coefficients*, North American Rockwell Science Center, Thousand Oaks, Calif., 1974). The coefficients here have been calculated using computer programs written independently by Cohen and at LBNL.