

# Exam 1

Chemistry 539  
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This is the mid term exam. You can use your notes or a textbook but cannot discuss anything with other students. You have 1 hour to complete the exam. Write ALL your derivations, especially if you wish to get partial credit.

## Question 1 (10 points)

Construct the matrix representation of the operators  $S^2$ ,  $S_z$ , and  $S_x$  for spin  $S=3/2$  in the basis set defined by its projections,  $m_s$ . **Hint:** Use algebraic relations for these operators to derive the corresponding  $4 \times 4$  matrices.

$$\hat{S}^2 = \frac{15}{4} \hbar^2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}; \hat{S}_z = \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix}; \hat{S}_x = \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sqrt{3} & 0 & 0 \\ \sqrt{3} & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & \sqrt{3} \\ 0 & 0 & \sqrt{3} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hat{S}_+ = \hbar \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \sqrt{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sqrt{3} & 0 \end{pmatrix}; \hat{S}_- = \hbar \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sqrt{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \sqrt{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}; \hat{S}_x = \frac{1}{2} (\hat{S}_+ + \hat{S}_-)$$

## Question 2 (30 points)

Dipole moment of HCl molecule is 1.05 D (1 electron  $\times$  1  $\text{\AA}$  = 4.8 D) and the bond length is 1.274  $\text{\AA}$ . Take  $m(^1\text{H}) = 1.007825 \text{ amu}$  and  $m(^{35}\text{Cl}) = 34.96885 \text{ amu}$

Can the state  $J=2$  radiatively go into the states  $J=1$ ,  $J=0$ ?

What is the energy of photon emitted for  $J=1 \rightarrow J=0$  transition?

What is the radiative lifetime of  $J=1$  state?

**Reminder:** The Einstein coefficients A and B are:  $A_{i \rightarrow f} = \frac{16\pi^3}{3\epsilon_0 \hbar c^3} \nu_{fi}^3 |\mu_{if}|^2$

Spherical harmonics  $Y_l^m(\theta, \varphi) = (-1)^m \sqrt{\frac{2l+1}{4\pi} \frac{(l-m)!}{(l+m)!}} e^{im\varphi} P_l^m(\cos\theta)$ :

1) The selection rules allow only  $J=2 \rightarrow J=1$  transition, while  $J=2 \rightarrow J=0$  is forbidden

2) Expressed in wavenumbers,  $\nu_{1 \rightarrow 0} = 2B = 2 \frac{16.8576314}{1.5900(\text{amu} \text{\AA}^2)} \text{ cm}^{-1} = 21.205 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

where the moment of inertia was calculated:  $I = \frac{1.007825 \times 34.96885}{1.007825 + 34.96885} 1.274^2 = 1.5900 \text{ amu} \text{\AA}^2$

3) First, the numeric value for:

$$A_{i \rightarrow f} = \frac{16\pi^3}{3\epsilon_0 \hbar c^3} \nu_{fi}^3 |\mu_{if}|^2 = b \frac{32\pi^3}{3 \times 137} (21.205)^3 3 \times 10^{10} \times 10^{-16} \left( \frac{1.05}{4.8} \right)^2 = b 3.3043 \times 10^{-3} s$$

where the coefficient  $b$  should be on the order of unity and evaluates just the angular part of the integral for the transition moment. The transition corresponds to tilting the dipole moment  $\mu_o$  to change its rotational state.

$$\vec{\mu} = \mu_o (\vec{e}_x \sin \theta \cos \varphi + \vec{e}_y \sin \theta \sin \varphi + \vec{e}_z \cos \theta)$$

The states involved are:

$$Y_0^0(\theta, \varphi) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4\pi}}; Y_1^0(\theta, \varphi) = \sqrt{\frac{3}{4\pi}} (\cos \theta); Y_1^1(\theta, \varphi) = -\sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi}} e^{i\varphi} \sin \theta$$

Let us choose the light polarization along z axis. Then only the z projection of  $\mu_{if}$  needs to be evaluated. The answer should not vary if we chose x or y instead.

$$\frac{1}{\mu_o} \langle Y_1^0 | \mu_z | Y_0^0 \rangle = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4\pi} \int d\cos \theta \times \cos^2 \theta \int d\varphi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \Rightarrow \frac{\mu_z^2}{\mu_o^2} = \frac{1}{3} = b$$

$$A_{J=1 \rightarrow J=0} = 1.1 \times 10^{-3} s \text{ or } \tau_{J=1 \rightarrow J=0} = 900 s - \text{very sloooooow process.}$$

### Question 3 (10 points)

How many cycles of light are in a 10 fs (0.01ps) pulse of light of nominal frequency corresponding to  $\lambda = 600 \text{ nm}$ ? How long (in space) is this pulse? How precisely can this light's wavelength be specified? Is it enough to distinguish red and green?

$$l \sim c \Delta t \sim 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s} * 10^{-14} \text{ s} = 3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}$$

$$\Delta E \Delta t \sim h \Rightarrow \Delta \nu \Delta t \sim 1 \Rightarrow \Delta \lambda \sim \lambda^2 \frac{\Delta \nu}{c} \sim \frac{\lambda^2}{l} = \frac{(600 \times 10^{-9})^2}{3 \times 10^{-6}} = 1.2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m} = 120 \text{ nm}$$

Thus it spreads from  $\sim 540 \text{ nm}$  and  $660 \text{ nm}$ , barely enough to make the distinction between green and red.

### Question 4 (20 points)

Identify point symmetry groups for the following molecules

Molecule	Point Group
CH <sub>3</sub> Cl	C <sub>3v</sub>
CH <sub>4</sub>	T <sub>d</sub>
CO <sub>2</sub>	D <sub>∞h</sub>
H <sub>2</sub> C=C=CH <sub>2</sub>	D <sub>2d</sub>
C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	D <sub>6h</sub>
H-C≡N	C <sub>∞v</sub>
trans dichloroethylene	C <sub>2h</sub>
cis dichloroethylene	C <sub>2v</sub>
PF <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>3v</sub>
NH <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>3v</sub>

### Question 5 (25 points)

Identify molecules with observable microwave transitions and sketch their microwave spectra (neglect centrifugal distortion).  $B_e = \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu r_e^2} = \frac{16.8576314}{\mu r_e^2 (\text{amu } \text{Å}^2)} \text{ cm}^{-1}$

Molecule	Symmetric top? What kind?	*Estimate B
H <sub>2</sub>	linear	no $\mu W$
H <sub>2</sub> C=CH <sub>2</sub>	-	no $\mu W$
C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	oblate top	no $\mu W$
C <sub>60</sub>	spherical top	no $\mu W$
CH <sub>4</sub>	spherical top	no $\mu W$
HCl	linear	**
CH <sub>3</sub> Cl	prolate top	**
H <sub>2</sub> C=C=CH <sub>2</sub>	prolate top	no $\mu W$
trans dichloroethylene	-	no $\mu W$

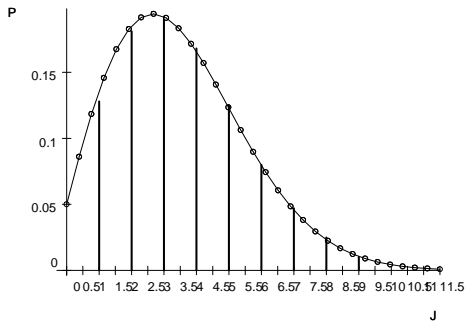
\*- Estimate B **only for the molecules that do show rotational spectra**. Otherwise, indicate 'no  $\mu W$  absorption'. Take the bond lengths very approximately. Describe or sketch the microwave spectra at room temperature in the gas phase with indication of the splitting(s) and approximate relative intensities.

\*\* - the spectra without centrifugal distortion should have equally spaced lines with  $2B$  and intensities reaching maximum at  $J_{max} \sim \sqrt{\frac{kT}{2B}} - 1/2$

$2B$  for HCl for estimated above  $21.2 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

The moment of inertia  $I_B$  for CH<sub>3</sub>Cl can be estimated as  $\frac{m_{CH_3} \cdot m_{Cl}}{m_{CH_3} + m_{Cl}} R_{CCl}^2 \sim \frac{15 \cdot 35}{50} 1.77^2 =$

$$32.9 \text{ amu } \text{\AA}^2 \text{ i.e. } 2B = 2 \frac{16.8576314}{32.9} \sim 1 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$



### Question 6 (5 points)

In how many lines will the transition  $4 \leftarrow 3$  in microwave absorption of HCl split in the electric field ?

Selection rules are  $\Delta M_J = 0, \pm 1$ . In electric field the degeneracy is lifted with respect to  $|M_J|$ . Thus transitions from :

$J = 3, M_J = 0 \rightarrow J = 4, M_J = 0, \pm 1$  - 2 lines.

$J = 3, M_J = \pm 1 \rightarrow J = 4, M_J = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2$  - 3 lines.

$J = 3, M_J = \pm 2 \rightarrow J = 4, M_J = \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3$  - 3 lines.

$J = 3, M_J = \pm 3 \rightarrow J = 4, M_J = \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 4$  - 3 lines.

Total - 11 lines

## 'Cheating' Sheet

### Postulates:

1)  $\int \Psi^*(\vec{r}, t) \Psi(\vec{r}, t) d\tau = 1$

2) For every **observable** → **Hermitian operator** in QM.  $x \rightarrow \hat{x}$ ;  $p_x \rightarrow \hat{p}_x = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ .

3) For any observable  $A$ :  $\hat{A}\psi_k = \lambda_k \psi_k$  and any

$$\Psi = \sum_k c_k \psi_k \Leftrightarrow |\Psi\rangle = \left( \sum_k \right) |k\rangle \langle k| \Psi\rangle.$$

4)  $\langle A \rangle \equiv \frac{\langle \Psi | \hat{A} | \Psi \rangle}{\langle \Psi | \Psi \rangle} = \frac{\int \Psi^* \hat{A} \Psi d\tau}{\int \Psi^* \Psi d\tau} = \int \Psi^* \hat{A} \Psi d\tau$  (if  $\langle \Psi | \Psi \rangle = 1$ );

$$\langle A \rangle = \sum_k \lambda_k |c_k|^2 = \left( \sum_k \right) \lambda_k \langle k | \Psi \rangle^2$$

5) Time dependent Schrödinger equation:  $i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t} = \hat{H} \Psi(\vec{r}, t)$ ,

where nonrelativistic **Hamiltonian**:  $\hat{H} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V$

For time independent  $V(x)$  :

$\hat{H}\psi_n(x) = E_n \psi_n(x)$
$\Psi_n(x, t) = \psi_n(x) e^{-iE_n t/\hbar}$

### 1D systems:

**PIB:**  $|n\rangle = \psi_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}$      $E_n = \frac{n^2 \hbar^2}{8mL^2}$

**HO:**

$ n\rangle = \psi_n(x) = \left(\frac{m\omega}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{1/4} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n!2^n}} H_n(\xi) e^{-\xi^2/2}$	$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$ ; $\xi = \sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{\hbar}} x$
$E_n = (n + \frac{1}{2})\hbar\omega = (n + \frac{1}{2})h\nu$	$\nu = \frac{\omega}{2\pi}$
$\hat{a} = \sqrt{\frac{m\omega\hbar}{2}} x + i\sqrt{\frac{1}{2\hbar m\omega}} \hat{p}$ ; $\hat{a}^+ = \sqrt{\frac{m\omega\hbar}{2}} x - i\sqrt{\frac{1}{2\hbar m\omega}} \hat{p}$	
$\hat{a} n\rangle = \sqrt{n} n-1\rangle$ ; $\hat{a}^+ n\rangle = \sqrt{n+1} n+1\rangle$	

$\psi_0$	$\left(\frac{1}{\pi}\right)^{1/4} e^{-\xi^2/2}$
$\psi_1$	$\left(\frac{4}{\pi}\right)^{1/4} \xi e^{-\xi^2/2}$
$\psi_2$	$\frac{2\xi^2-1}{\sqrt{4\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\xi^2}$
$\psi_3$	$\frac{2\xi^3-3\xi}{\sqrt{3}\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\xi^2}$

**POR:**  $\psi_n(\varphi) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\pi}} e^{in\varphi}$      $E_n = \frac{n^2 \hbar^2}{2I}$      $I = \sum m_i r_i^2$  ( $\frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2} R_e^2$  for diatomic)

### 3D systems:

#### Hamiltonian in spherical coordinates:

$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left[ \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \varphi^2} \right] + V(r)$$

**Angular momentum (and spin):**

$\vec{L}$	$= -i\hbar[\vec{r} \times \vec{\nabla}]$
$\hat{L}^2$	$= \hat{L}_x^2 + \hat{L}_y^2 + \hat{L}_z^2 = \frac{-\hbar^2}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) - \frac{\hbar^2}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \varphi^2}$
$\hat{L}_z$	$= \frac{\hbar}{i} \left( x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi}$
$\hat{L}_x$	$= \frac{\hbar}{i} \left( y \frac{\partial}{\partial z} - z \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) = i\hbar \left( \sin \varphi \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \cos \varphi \cot \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} \right)$
$\hat{L}_y$	$= \frac{\hbar}{i} \left( z \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - x \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) = i\hbar \left( \sin \varphi \cot \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} - \cos \varphi \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right)$
$\hat{L}_{\pm}$	$= L_x \pm iL_y = \pm \hbar e^{\pm i\varphi} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \pm i \cot \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} \right)$

$\hat{L}^2$	$= (L_+L_- + L_z^2 - \hbar L_z)$
$\hat{L}^2  l, m\rangle$	$= \hbar^2 l(l+1)  l, m\rangle$
$\hat{L}_z  l, m\rangle$	$= \hbar m  l, m\rangle$
$\hat{L}_{\pm}  l, m\rangle$	$= \hbar \sqrt{l(l+1) - m(m \pm 1)}  l, m \pm 1\rangle$

$Y_0^0$	$\sqrt{1/4\pi}$
$Y_1^0$	$\sqrt{\frac{3}{4\pi}} \cos \theta$
$Y_1^{\pm 1}$	$\sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi}} e^{\pm i\varphi} \sin \theta$
$Y_2^0$	$\sqrt{\frac{5}{\pi}} \frac{3 \cos^2 \theta - 1}{4}$
$Y_2^{\pm 1}$	$\sqrt{\frac{15}{2\pi}} e^{\pm i\varphi} \sin 2\theta$
$Y_2^{\pm 2}$	$\sqrt{\frac{15}{32\pi}} e^{\pm 2i\varphi} \sin^2 \theta$

Linear Combinations:	Names	Linear Combinations:	Names
$Y_0^0$	$s$	$Y_2^0$	$d_{z^2}$
$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (Y_1^1 + Y_1^{-1})$	$p_x$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (Y_2^1 + Y_2^{-1})$	$d_{xz}$
$\frac{1}{i\sqrt{2}} (Y_1^1 - Y_1^{-1})$	$p_y$	$\frac{1}{i\sqrt{2}} (Y_2^1 - Y_2^{-1})$	$d_{yz}$
$Y_1^0$	$p_z$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (Y_2^2 + Y_2^{-2})$	$d_{x^2-y^2}$
$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (Y_2^1 + Y_2^{-1})$		$\frac{1}{i\sqrt{2}} (Y_2^2 - Y_2^{-2})$	$d_{xy}$

**Hydrogen-like atom:**  $V(r) = -\frac{Ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$

$\Psi_{nlm}(r, \theta, \varphi) = R_{nl} Y_l^m(\theta, \varphi) = \sqrt{\left(\frac{2}{na}\right)^3 \frac{(n-l)!}{2n[(n+1)!]^3}} e^{-Zr/na} \left(\frac{2r}{na}\right)^l L_{n-l-1}^{2l+1} \left(\frac{2Zr}{na}\right) Y_l^m(\theta, \varphi)$	$E_n = -\frac{1}{2n^2} \frac{Z^2 e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 a_0}$
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$R_{10}$	$2\left(\frac{Z}{a}\right)^{3/2}e^{-Zr/a}$
$R_{20}$	$\left(\frac{Z}{2a}\right)^{3/2}\left(2 - \frac{Zr}{a}\right)e^{-Zr/2a}$
$R_{21}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\left(\frac{Z}{2a}\right)^{3/2}\left(\frac{Zr}{a}\right)e^{-Zr/2a}$
$R_{30}$	$\frac{2}{81\sqrt{3}}\left(\frac{Z}{a}\right)^{3/2}\left(27-18\frac{Zr}{a} + 2\frac{Z^2r^2}{a^2}\right)e^{-\frac{Zr}{3a}}$
$R_{31}$	$\frac{4}{81\sqrt{6}}\left(\frac{Z}{a}\right)^{3/2}\left(\frac{Zr}{a}\right)\left(6 - \frac{Zr}{a}\right)e^{-Zr/3a}$
$R_{32}$	$\frac{4}{81\sqrt{30}}\left(\frac{Z}{a}\right)^{3/2}\left(\frac{Zr}{a}\right)^2e^{-Zr/3a}$

$$\frac{s+1}{n^2}\langle r^s \rangle - (2s+1)a\langle r^{s-1} \rangle + \frac{s}{4}\left((2l+1)^2 - s^2\right)a^2\langle r^{s-2} \rangle$$

**Constants :**

Electron charge	$e$	$1.602177 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
Planck's constant	$h$	$6.6260755 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}$
Electron mass	$m_e$	$9.1093897 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$ or $0.511 \text{ MeV}$
Proton mass	$m_p$	$1.672623 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$ or $938.27 \text{ MeV}$
Speed of light	$c$	$2.997924 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$
Bohr radius	$a_0 = \hbar^2 \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0}{me^2}$	$0.52918 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$
Rydberg constant	$R_\infty = \frac{m}{2\hbar^2} \left(\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0}\right)^2$	$2.17987 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J}$ or $3.28984 \times 10^{15} \text{ Hz}$
Hartree energy	$E_h = 2R_\infty$	$4.35975 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J}$ or $27.2114 \text{ eV}$
Fine-structure constant	$\alpha = \frac{e^2}{2\epsilon_0\hbar c}$	$7.29735 \times 10^{-3} = 1/137.04$
Boltzmann constant	$k$	$1.380658 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$
Bohr magneton	$\mu_B$	$9.274 \times 10^{-24} \text{ J/T}$
Nuclear magneton	$\mu_N$	$5.051 \times 10^{-27} \text{ J/T}$
Mag. permeability of free space	$\mu_o$	$1.25664 \times 10^{-6} \text{ N}\cdot\text{A}^{-2}$
Permeability of free space	$\epsilon_o = 1/c^2\mu_o$	$8.854187817 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F/m}$
Avogadro's number	$N_A$	$6.0221367 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$

**Virial theorem:** for  $V(x) = ax^s, \langle K \rangle = \frac{s}{2} \langle V \rangle$