

Announcements

- Homework 8 is due next Wednesday, March 29.
- Exam 2 is on April 5 (schedule updated since the beginning of the semester).
- DRC test accommodation should be requested this week, if you haven't done it yet.
- Homework 9 is due April 3, **Monday**. Grader Mr. Sinha will finish grading HW9 before 3 pm on April 4.

Last time

- Probability densities (radial and angular)

Today's class

- Spin

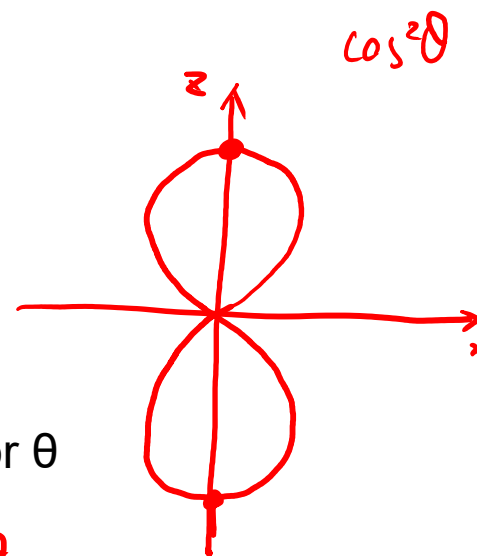
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$$P(\theta, \phi) = |\Theta(\theta)\Phi(\phi)|^2 = \frac{3}{4\pi} \cos^2 \theta$$

$$\frac{dP}{d\theta} = \frac{3}{4\pi} (-2 \cos \theta \sin \theta) = 0$$

$$\cos \theta = 0, \quad \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

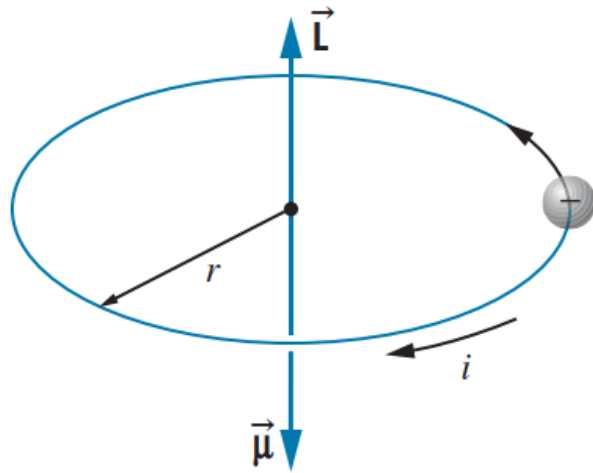
$$\sin \theta = 0, \quad \boxed{\theta = 0 \text{ or } \pi}$$

$$\frac{d^2P}{d\theta^2} = \frac{3}{2\pi} (1 - 2 \cos^2 \theta)$$

$$\sin \theta = 0, \quad \cos^2 \theta = 1, \quad \frac{d^2P}{d\theta^2} = -\frac{3}{2\pi} < 0, \quad \text{maximum}$$

$$\underline{P(r) = r^2 |R(r)|^2}$$

Orbital magnetic dipole moment



$$T = \frac{2\pi r}{v} = \frac{2\pi r m}{p}$$

$$\mu = iA = \frac{q}{T} A = \frac{q p}{2\pi r m} \cdot \pi r^2 = \frac{q p r}{2m} = \frac{q L}{2m} \quad (L = r p)$$

$$\vec{\mu} = -\frac{e}{2m} \vec{L}$$

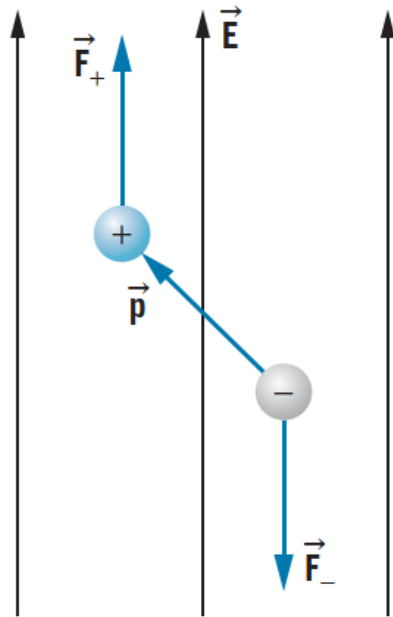
$$\mu_{L_z} = -\frac{e}{2m} L_z = -\frac{e}{2m} m_l \hbar = -\frac{e \hbar}{2m} m_l = -\mu_B m_l$$

$$\mu_B \equiv \frac{e \hbar}{2m} \quad \text{Bohr magneton}$$

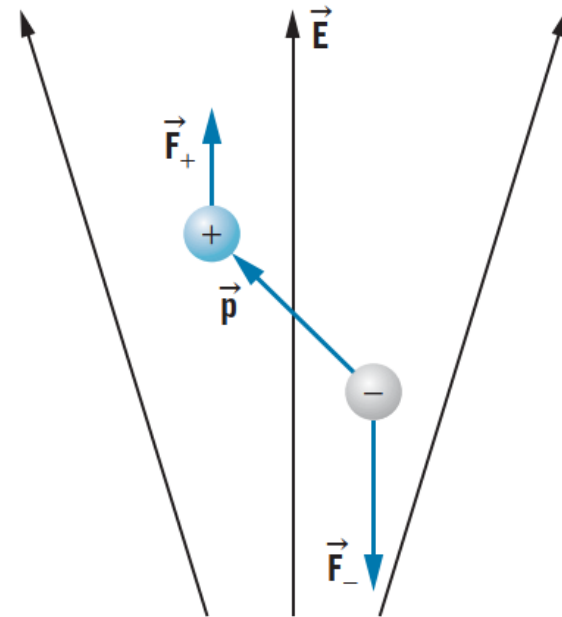
$$= 9.274 \times 10^{-24} \text{ J/T}$$

^ Tesla

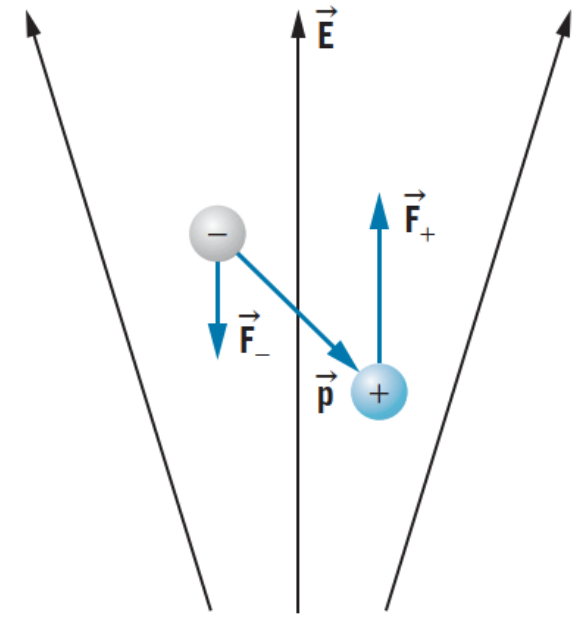
Dipole in a non-uniform field



$$F_{\text{net}} = 0$$

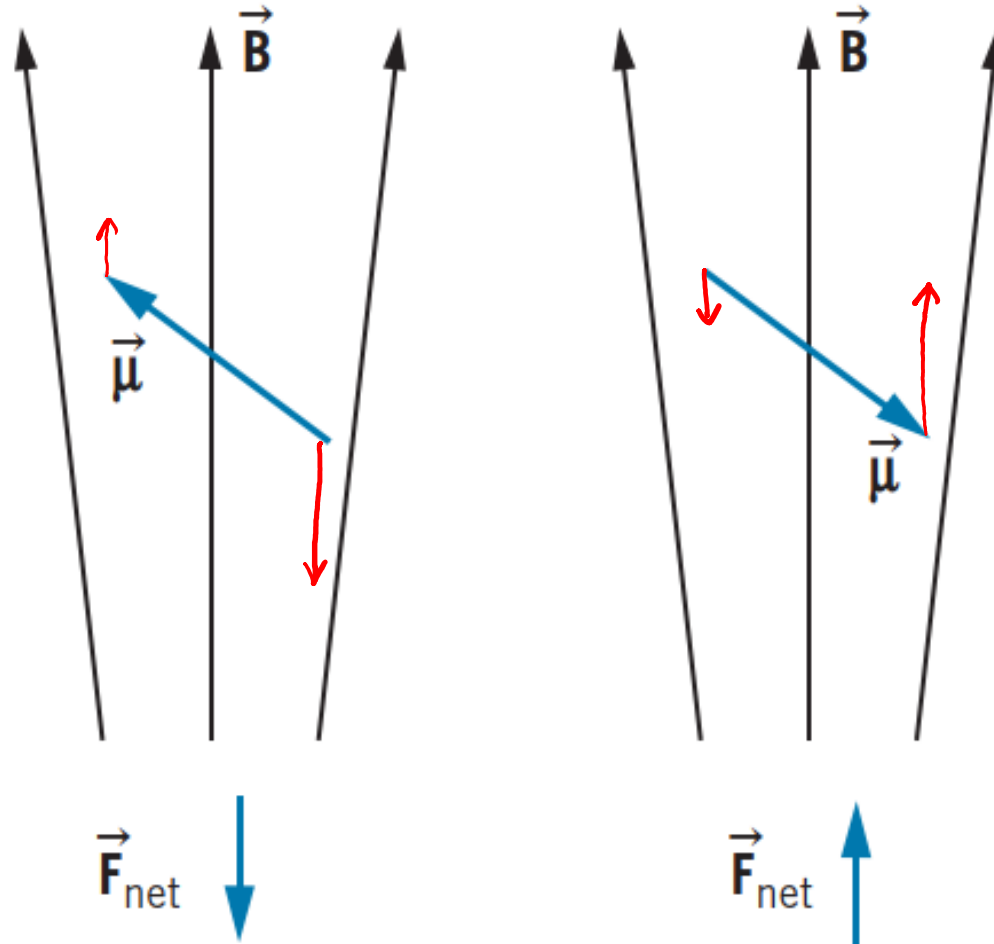


$$F_{\text{net}} \downarrow$$



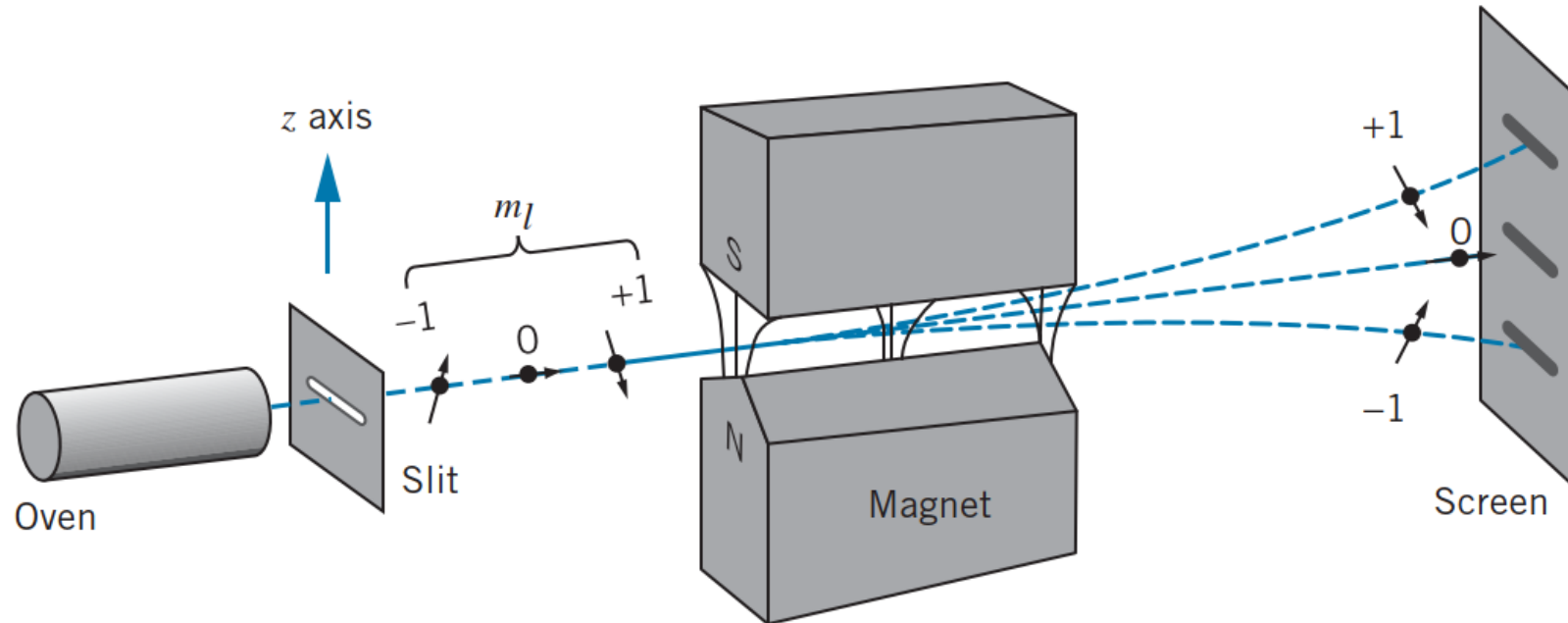
$$F_{\text{net}} \uparrow$$

Dipole in a non-uniform field



$$\vec{F} = \vec{\mu} \cdot \frac{d\vec{B}}{dz} \hat{z}$$

The Stern-Gerlach Experiment



Predictions:

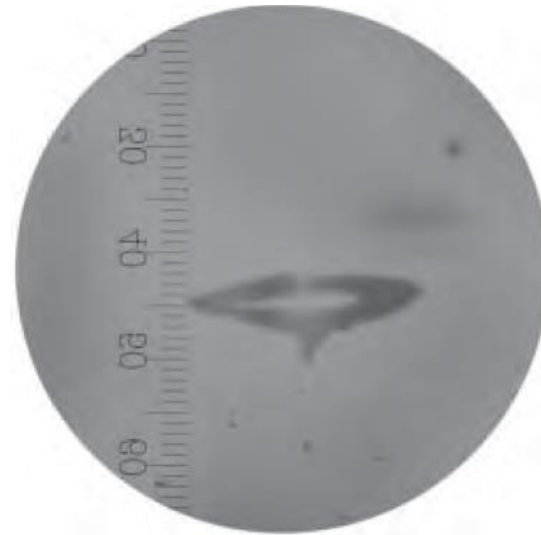
1. $2l+1$ positions – number of different m_l values. *(2l+1) positions → all possible m_l values.
 $m_l = 0, \pm 1, \dots, \pm l$*
2. no deflection for $l = 0$ (i.e. $m_l = 0$). *$l=0, m_l=0$*

The Stern-Gerlach Experiment

Field off



Field on



Observations:

1. the first conclusive evidence of spatial quantization
 - atomic magnetic moments can take only certain discrete orientations in space
2. Silver, $l=0$, not ONE position as $(2l+1)$, but split into TWO.
 - Introduce “spin” - intrinsic angular momentum $(2s+1)$ and set $s=1/2$.



Photo from the Nobel Foundation archive.

Otto Stern

The Nobel Prize in Physics 1943

Born: 17 February 1888, Sorau, Germany (now Zory, Poland)

Died: 17 August 1969, Berkeley, CA, USA

Affiliation at the time of the award: Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, PA, USA

Prize motivation: “for his contribution to the development of the molecular ray method and his discovery of the magnetic moment of the proton”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LGQdoK7OSWk>



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Quantum Spin and the Stern-Gerlach Experiment

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Spin: Intrinsic Angular Momentum

- **Spin** = intrinsic angular momentum of a particle. It is *not* a spinning ball of charge. it's an internal QM property with no classical analog.

like l and m_l , the spin state of a particle is described by S and m_s

$$|\vec{L}| = \sqrt{l(l+1)} \hbar, \quad L_z = m_l \hbar, \quad m_l = -l, -l+1, \dots, 0, \dots, l-1, l$$

$$|\vec{S}| = \sqrt{s(s+1)} \hbar, \quad S_z = m_s \hbar, \quad m_s = -s, -s+1, \dots, s-1, s$$

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total of $2s+1$ states

difference: l, m_l only integer numbers

s, m_s integer or half-integer

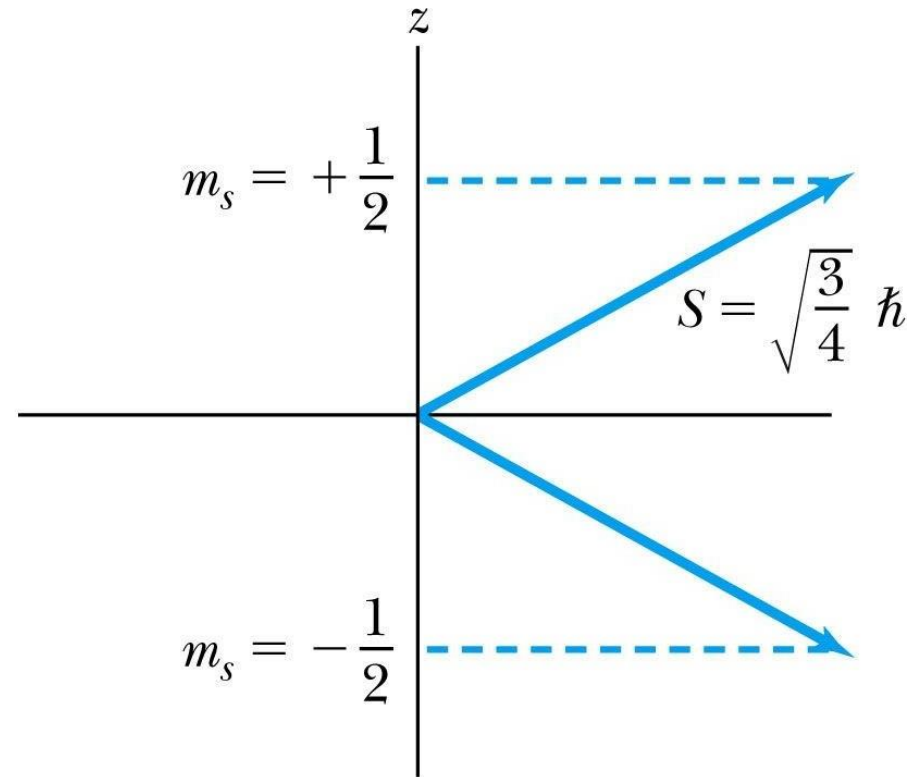
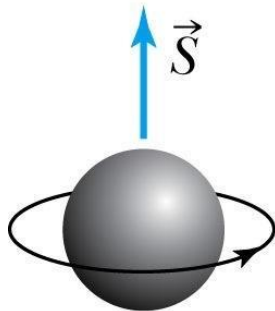
e^- : spin $s = \frac{1}{2}$, because in the S-G experiments, we only observed two states

Two Spin States for $s = \frac{1}{2}$

$$|\vec{S}| = \sqrt{s(s+1)} \hbar = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{2}} \hbar = \sqrt{\frac{3}{4}} \hbar$$

$$S_z = m_s \hbar = -\frac{1}{2} \hbar \text{ or } \frac{1}{2} \hbar$$

$$m_s = -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$$



Spin examples

- Examples
 - Electrons, positrons, protons, neutrons, neutrinos, quarks are spin $\frac{1}{2}$
 - Photon is spin 1
 - π , K mesons are spin 0
 - Atoms are half-integral spin if $N_p + N_n + N_e$ is odd
 - Hydrogen atom has spin 0 or 1, depending on spin alignment

Four quantum numbers (n, l, m_l, m_s)

- n : principle quantum number , $n = 1, 2, \dots$
- l : orbital angular momentum quantum number: $0 \leq l \leq n - 1$
- m_l : magnetic quantum number, $|m_l| \leq l$
- m_s : spin quantum number

degeneracy n^2 (n, l, m_l)
 $2n^2$ $(n, l, m_l, \frac{1}{2})$
 $(n, l, m_l, -\frac{1}{2})$

Spectroscopic notation

$l =$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
	<i>s</i>	<i>p</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>g</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>i</i>

(Note: In the original image, the 'l=' and the first four letters 's', 'p', 'd', 'f' are circled in red.)

Selection rule $\Delta l = \pm 1$ is most likely.