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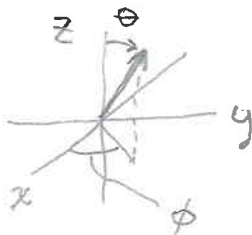
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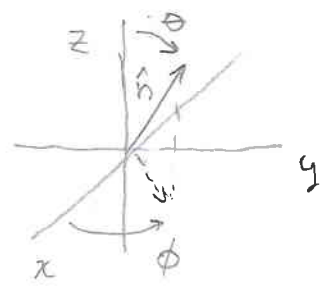
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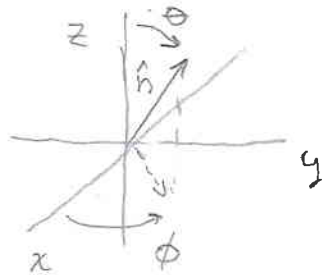
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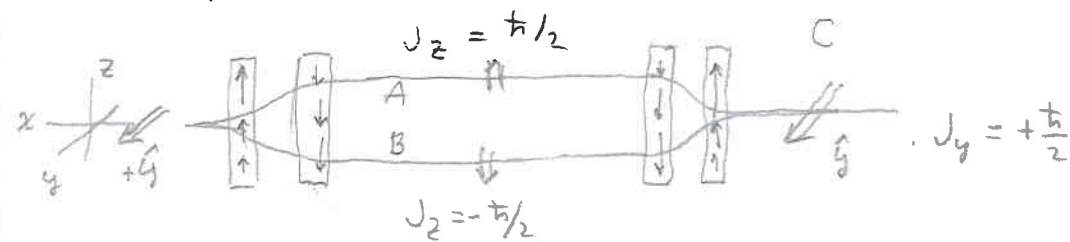
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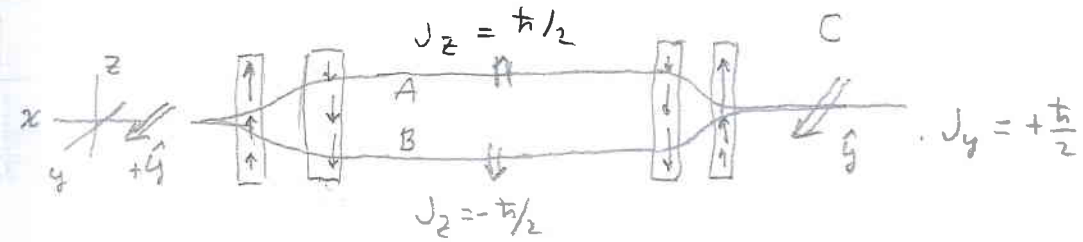
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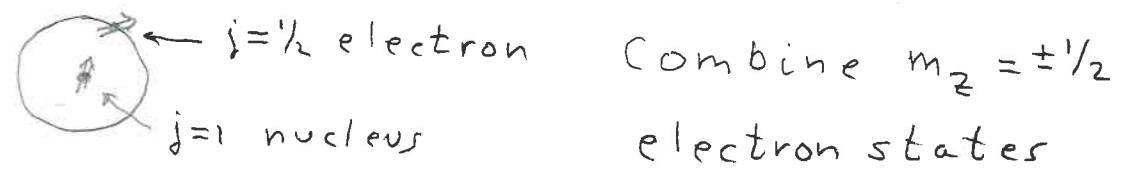
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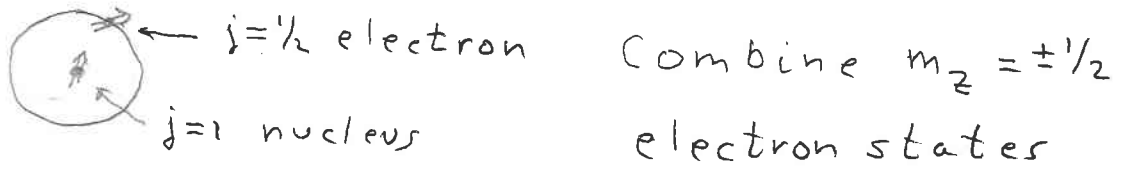
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6-dimensional

$|\psi_{m_z^D, m_z^e}\rangle^2 =$ prob to find m_z^D for deuteron and m_z^e for electron when independent measurements of deuteron and electrons J_z are made

$$J_i^{total} = J_i^D \otimes J_i^e \quad i = x, y, z$$

\uparrow acts only on deuteron \leftarrow acts only on electron

J_i^D and J_j^e are independent

$$[J_i^D, J_j^e] = 0$$