

The Hamiltonian is:

$$\mathcal{H} = a\vec{S}_1 \cdot \vec{S}_2$$

Which we can rewrite using the **dot product** of the **spin operator**:

$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{a}{2} [J^2 - S_1^2 - S_2^2]$$

Particle 1 has spin S , particle 2 has spin $1/2$, so we will get:

$$E = \frac{a}{2} \left[j(j+1)\hbar^2 - S(S+1)\hbar^2 - \frac{3\hbar^2}{4} \right]$$

The total spin $j = S \pm 1/2$:

$$E = \frac{a\hbar^2}{2} \left[\left(S \pm \frac{1}{2} \right) \left(S \pm \frac{1}{2} + 1 \right) - S(S+1) - \frac{3}{4} \right]$$

$$E = \frac{a\hbar^2}{2} \left[S^2 \pm \frac{S}{2} + S \pm \frac{S}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \pm \frac{1}{2} - S^2 - S - \frac{3}{4} \right] = \frac{a\hbar^2}{2} \left[\pm S \pm \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \right]$$

The energy $S + \frac{1}{2}$ (thus taking on $2S+2$ states), while $j = S - \frac{1}{2}$, so it takes on $2S$ states.

Since we have two spin $1/2$ particles, we can express every state as the up or down of each of the two particles:

$$\begin{aligned} |1, 1\rangle &= |++\rangle \\ |1, 0\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|+-\rangle + |-+\rangle) \\ |1, -1\rangle &= |--\rangle \\ |0, 0\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|+-\rangle - |-+\rangle) \end{aligned}$$

We apply the hamiltonian (and use our knowledge of **Pauli Matrices** to apply S_x and S_y to S_z eigenstates):

$$\mathcal{H}|1, 1\rangle = a(S_1^x S_2^x + S_1^y S_2^y + S_1^z S_2^z)|1, 1\rangle$$

$$\mathcal{H}|1, 1\rangle = a \left(\frac{\hbar^2}{4} |--\rangle - \frac{\hbar^2}{4} |--\rangle + \frac{\hbar^2}{4} |++\rangle \right) = \frac{a\hbar^2}{4} |1, 1\rangle$$

And:

$$\mathcal{H}|1, -1\rangle = a \left(\frac{\hbar^2}{4} |++\rangle - \frac{\hbar^2}{4} |++\rangle + \frac{\hbar^2}{4} |--\rangle \right) = \frac{a\hbar^2}{4} |1, -1\rangle$$

Next:

$$\mathcal{H}|1, 0\rangle = \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{\hbar^2}{4} |-+\rangle + \frac{\hbar^2}{4} |+-\rangle + \frac{\hbar^2}{4} |-+\rangle + \frac{\hbar^2}{4} |+-\rangle - \frac{\hbar^2}{4} |+-\rangle - \frac{\hbar^2}{4} |-+\rangle \right)$$

$$\mathcal{H}|1, 0\rangle = \frac{a\hbar^2}{4} |1, 0\rangle$$

Lastly:

$$\mathcal{H}|0,0\rangle = \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{\hbar^2}{4} | - + \rangle - \frac{\hbar^2}{4} | + - \rangle + \frac{\hbar^2}{4} | - + \rangle - \frac{\hbar^2}{4} | + - \rangle - \frac{\hbar^2}{4} | + - \rangle + \frac{\hbar^2}{4} | - + \rangle \right)$$

$$\mathcal{H}|0,0\rangle = -\frac{3a\hbar^2}{4} |0,0\rangle$$

So the eigenvalue $|1, -1\rangle$, while the eigenvalue $|0, 0\rangle$.

We use the same eigenvectors as they are all eigenvectors of S^z . Finding eigenvalues:

$$\mathcal{H}_B |1,1\rangle = \left(\frac{a\hbar^2}{4} + b(S_1^z - S_2^z) \right) |++\rangle = \left(\frac{a\hbar^2}{4} + b \left(\frac{\hbar}{2} - \frac{\hbar}{2} \right) \right) |++\rangle$$

$$\mathcal{H}_B |1,1\rangle = \frac{a\hbar^2}{4} |1,1\rangle$$

Similarly:

$$\mathcal{H}_B |1,-1\rangle = \left(\frac{a\hbar^2}{4} + b \left(-\frac{\hbar}{2} + \frac{\hbar}{2} \right) \right) |1,-1\rangle = \frac{a\hbar^2}{4} |1,-1\rangle$$

For $|1, 0\rangle$:

$$\mathcal{H}_B |1,0\rangle = \frac{a\hbar^2}{4} |1,0\rangle + \frac{b}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\left(\frac{\hbar}{2} |+-\rangle - \frac{\hbar}{2} |-+\rangle \right) - \left(-\frac{\hbar}{2} |+-\rangle + \frac{\hbar}{2} |-+\rangle \right) \right)$$

$$\mathcal{H}_B |1,0\rangle = \frac{a\hbar^2}{4} |1,0\rangle + b\hbar |0,0\rangle$$

For $|0, 0\rangle$:

$$\mathcal{H}_B |0,0\rangle = -\frac{3a\hbar^2}{4} |0,0\rangle + \frac{b}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\left(\frac{\hbar}{2} |+-\rangle + \frac{\hbar}{2} |-+\rangle \right) - \left(-\frac{\hbar}{2} |+-\rangle - \frac{\hbar}{2} |-+\rangle \right) \right)$$

$$\mathcal{H}_B |0,0\rangle = -\frac{3a\hbar^2}{4} |0,0\rangle + b\hbar |1,0\rangle$$

If we only consider these two states, then:

$$\mathcal{H}_B = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{a\hbar^2}{4} & b\hbar \\ b\hbar & -\frac{3a\hbar^2}{4} \end{pmatrix}$$

Which gives us the determinant:

$$\begin{vmatrix} \lambda - \frac{a\hbar^2}{4} & b\hbar \\ -b\hbar & \lambda + \frac{3a\hbar^2}{4} \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\left(\lambda - \frac{a\hbar^2}{4} \right) \left(\lambda + \frac{3a\hbar^2}{4} \right) - b^2\hbar^2 = 0$$

Which has solutions $\lambda_{\pm} = -a\hbar^2/4 \pm \hbar\sqrt{b^2 + a^2\hbar^2/4}$. I will not find the normalized eigenstates because it is not fun.