

As a last argument of the course we take the 9th chapter which fits more naturally into the discussion.

## 9. Transition between electronic states

In this section we deal with selection rules. Given an interaction Hamiltonian  $H'$  we ask the question whether

$$\langle \psi_\alpha | H' | \psi_\beta \rangle$$

vanishes or not, where  $\psi_\alpha$  and  $\psi_\beta$  are eigenstates of the Hamiltonian  $H$ . In principle the answer is easy:  $\langle \psi_\alpha | H' | \psi_\beta \rangle$  is a number and if it does not transform as a number it must vanish.

### 9.1 Electromagnetic interaction as a perturbation.

The canonical way to insert electromagnetic fields into an Hamiltonian is

$$H = \frac{1}{2m} \left( p - \frac{e}{c} A \right)^2 + V$$

Expanding up to first order in  $\frac{eA}{c}$

$$H = \frac{p^2}{2m} + V - \frac{e}{mc} \vec{p} \cdot \vec{A} = H_0 + H'_{em}$$

The symmetry (properties) of  $H'_{em}$  is in general lower than the one of  $H_0$ . This ensures that transitions between eigenstates of  $H_0$  are possible due to perturbations.

### 9.2 Orthogonality of basis functions

$H_0$  defines a group: the group of the Hamiltonian of the Schrödinger equation.

The first point is to determine selection rules for  $H_0$ , namely the orthogonality of basis functions

$$H_0 \mapsto \text{Group of } H_0 \mapsto \Gamma^j \mapsto \boxed{\Psi_\alpha^{(j)}}$$

$\uparrow$   $\uparrow$   
 $\Gamma$  basis functions.

Theorem Two basis functions which belong either to different irreducible representations or to different columns (rows) of the same representation are orthogonal.

proof  $\Phi_\alpha^{(i)}$  and  $\Psi_{\alpha'}^{(i')}$  two basis functions for  $\Gamma$  ( $i$ ) and ( $i'$ ) and associated to the columns  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha'$  of their representation

$$\hat{P}_R \Phi_\alpha^{(i)} = \sum_{j=1}^{l_i} D^{(i)}(R)_{j\alpha} \Phi_j^{(i)}$$

$$\hat{P}_R \Psi_{\alpha'}^{(i')} = \sum_{j'=1}^{l_{i'}} D^{(i')}(R)_{j'\alpha'} \Psi_{j'}^{(i')}$$

For the scalar product

$$(\Phi_\alpha^{(i)}, \Psi_{\alpha'}^{(i')}) = (\hat{P}_R \Phi_\alpha^{(i)}, \hat{P}_R \Psi_{\alpha'}^{(i')}) = \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{the scalar product is} \\ \text{independent of the} \\ \text{coordinate system!} \end{array}$$

$$= \sum_{j, j'} D^{(i)}(R)_{j\alpha}^* D^{(i')}(R)_{j'\alpha'} (\Phi_j^{(i)}, \Psi_{j'}^{(i')})$$

$$= \frac{1}{h} \sum_R \sum_{j, j'} D^{(i)}(R)_{j\alpha}^* D^{(i')}(R)_{j'\alpha'} (\Phi_j^{(i)}, \Psi_{j'}^{(i')}) \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{The same argument} \\ \text{is valid for all} \\ \text{transformations } R \end{array}$$

$$\text{NOT} = \frac{1}{l_i} \delta_{ii'} \delta_{\alpha\alpha'} \sum_{j=1}^{l_i} (\Phi_j^{(i)}, \Phi_j^{(i)}) = \delta_{ii'} \delta_{\alpha\alpha'} \quad \text{if the basis functions are normalized.}$$

$H_0 \Psi_{\alpha'}^{(i')} = E_{\alpha'}^{(i')} \Psi_{\alpha'}^{(i')}$  due to Schur's lemma  $\Rightarrow$  the orthogonality relation is a selection rule for  $H_0$ . In general, though,  $\Psi$  does NOT transform like  $\Psi$ .

### 9.3 Direct product of two groups

$$G_A = \{E, A_2, \dots, A_{h_A}\} \quad \text{one of two groups of order } h_A \text{ and } h_B$$

$$G_B = \{E, B_2, \dots, B_{h_B}\}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Def: The direct product  $G_A \otimes G_B$  is defined as

$$G_A \otimes G_B = \{E, A_2, \dots, A_{h_A}, B_2, A_2 B_2, \dots, A_{h_A} B_2, \dots, A_{h_A} B_{h_B}\}$$

and has  $(h_A \times h_B)$  elements. It is easy to prove that  $G_A \otimes G_B$  is also a group. Examples  $D_{6h} = D_6 \otimes \{E, \sigma_h\} = D_6 \otimes \{E, \mathbb{Z}_2\}$ .

### 9.4 Direct product of two irreducible representations

The solution to the problem comes from algebra. The direct product of matrices has the following definition

$$C = A \otimes B \quad A_{ij} B_{kl} = C_{ik, jl}$$

$C$  has simply double indices and if  $A$  is  $(2 \times 2)$  and  $B$   $(3 \times 3)$  then  $C$  is  $(6 \times 6)$ .

Theorem: The direct product of the representations of the groups  $A$  and  $B$  forms a representation of the direct product group

proof: We need to prove that

$$D_{ij}^{(a)}(A_i) \otimes D_{pq}^{(b)}(B_j) \Big| \left( D^{(a \otimes b)}(A_i B_j) \right)_{ip, jq} \text{ is a good representation}$$

We know how to make the direct product of two matrices. But a representation is such if it respects the composition

$$D^{(a \otimes b)}(A_k B_l) D^{(a \otimes b)}(A_{k'} B_{l'}) = D^{(a \otimes b)}(A_i B_j)$$

where  $A_k A_{k'} = A_i$  and  $B_l B_{l'} = B_j$

$$D^{(a \otimes b)}(A_k B_l) D^{(a \otimes b)}(A_{k'} B_{l'}) = \left[ D^{(a)}(A_k) \otimes D^{(b)}(B_l) \right] \left[ D^{(a)}(A_{k'}) \otimes D^{(b)}(B_{l'}) \right]$$

now in elements

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ D^{(a \otimes b)}(A_k B_l) D^{(a \otimes b)}(A_{k'} B_{l'}) \right]_{ip, jq} = \\ &= \sum_{sr} \left[ D^{(a)}(A_k) \otimes D^{(b)}(B_l) \right]_{ip, sr} \left[ D^{(a)}(A_{k'}) \otimes D^{(b)}(B_{l'}) \right]_{sr, jq} \\ &= \sum_{sr} D^{(a)}(A_k)_{is} D^{(b)}(B_l)_{pr} D^{(a)}(A_{k'})_{sj} D^{(b)}(B_{l'})_{rq} = \\ &= \sum_s D^{(a)}(A_k)_{is} D^{(a)}(A_{k'})_{sj} \sum_r D^{(b)}(B_l)_{pr} D^{(b)}(B_{l'})_{rq} = \\ &= D^{(a)}(A_k A_{k'})_{ij} D^{(b)}(B_l B_{l'})_{pq} = D^{(a)}(A_i)_{ij} D^{(b)}(B_j)_{pq} = D^{(a \otimes b)}(A_i B_j)_{ip, jq} \end{aligned}$$

Further one can prove that: if  $A$  and  $B$  are different groups  
 $\Rightarrow D^{(a \otimes b)}$  is irreducible if (a) and (b) have this property. Further  
 notice that in the proof we never assumed that  $A; B_j$  could  
 not be performed.

If  $A$  and  $B$  belong to the same group

$$[D^{(l_1 \otimes l_2)}(A)]_{ip, jq} = D^{(l_1)}(A)_{ij} D^{(l_2)}(A)_{pq}$$

$$[D^{(l_1 \otimes l_2)}(B)]_{ip, jq} := D^{(l_1)}(B)_{ij} D^{(l_2)}(B)_{pq}$$

one has to prove that the composition is respected

$$D^{(l_1 \otimes l_2)}(AB) = D^{(l_1 \otimes l_2)}(A) D^{(l_1 \otimes l_2)}(B)$$

In components

$$[D^{(l_1 \otimes l_2)}(AB)]_{ip, jq} = D^{(l_1)}(AB)_{ij} D^{(l_2)}(AB)_{pq} =$$

$$= \sum_{rs} D^{(l_1)}(A)_{ir} D^{(l_1)}(B)_{rj} D^{(l_2)}(A)_{ps} D^{(l_2)}(B)_{sq} =$$

$$= \sum_{rs} D^{(l_1 \otimes l_2)}(A)_{ip, rs} D^{(l_1 \otimes l_2)}(B)_{rs, jq}$$

end of the proof  $\blacksquare$

Nevertheless if  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  are irreducible  $l_1 \otimes l_2$  is, in general, REDUCIBLE.

### 9.5 Characters for the direct product

Theorem

$$\bullet \chi^{(a \otimes b)}(A_k B_l) = \chi^{(a)}(A_k) \chi^{(b)}(B_l)$$

$$\bullet \chi^{(l_1 \otimes l_2)}(R) = \chi^{(l_1)}(R) \chi^{(l_2)}(R)$$

proof

$$- \chi^{(a \otimes b)}(A_k B_l) = \sum_{ip} [D^{(a \otimes b)}(A_k B_l)]_{ip, ip} = \sum_i D^{(a)}(A_k)_{ii} \sum_p D^{(b)}(B_l)_{pp} =$$

$$= \chi^{(a)}(A_k) \chi^{(b)}(B_l)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \chi^{(l_1 \otimes l_2)}(R) &= \sum_{i,p} [\chi^{(l_1 \otimes l_2)}(R)]_{ip} = \\
 &= \sum_i \chi^{(l_1)}(R)_{ii} \sum_p \chi^{(l_2)}(R)_{pp} = \chi^{(l_1)}(R) \chi^{(l_2)}(R)
 \end{aligned}$$

Since for both  $(l_1)$  and  $(l_2)$   $\chi$  is a class function  $\Rightarrow R \rightarrow C$ .

As we have already applied many times. We can check the reducibility of the character system for  $(l_1 \otimes l_2)$  using the reduction formula

$$\chi^{(\lambda)}(R) \chi^{(\mu)}(R) = \sum_{\nu} n_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu} \chi^{(\nu)}(R) \leftarrow \text{Clebsch-Gordan series}$$

$$n_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu} = \frac{1}{h} \sum_{G_{\alpha}} N_{G_{\alpha}} \chi^{(\nu)}(G_{\alpha})^* [\chi^{(\lambda)}(G_{\alpha}) \chi^{(\mu)}(G_{\alpha})]$$

for the simple examples like  $D_{4h} = D_4 \otimes \{E, \sigma\}$  we have already used this property for constructing character tables with associated gerade and ungerade representations.

### 9.6 Selection rules in group theoretical terms

$$(\psi_{\alpha}^{(i)}, H' \phi_{\alpha'}^{(i')})$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \Gamma^i & \otimes \left( \bigoplus_j \Gamma^j \right) & \otimes \Gamma^{i'}
 \end{array}$$

If this product of representations of the Schrödinger eq. group does NOT contain  $A_1 \Rightarrow ( , ) = 0$  !

Simpler  $\left( \bigoplus_j \Gamma^j \right) \otimes \Gamma^{i'}$  should contain  $\Gamma^i$ .

## 9.7 Examples of selection rules

$$H'_{em} = - \frac{e}{mc} \vec{p} \cdot \vec{A}$$

$\downarrow$  invariant under the group of the Hamiltonian  $H_0$ .  
 transforms like a vector

Let us consider the cubic group  $O_h$ . The vector  $\vec{p}$  transforms in  $O_h$  like  $T_{1u}$ . Now, if we assume a starting wave function of type  $T_{2g}$

$$\chi(T_{1u} \otimes T_{2g}) = \begin{bmatrix} E & 8C_3 & 3C_2 & 6C_2 & 6C_4 & i & 8iC_3 & 3iC_2 & 6iC_2 & 6iC_4 \\ 9 & 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -9 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The reduction formula finally implies:

$$T_{1u} \otimes T_{2g} = A_{2u} \oplus E_u \oplus T_{1u} \oplus T_{2u}$$

which sets the selection rules. If the system symmetry is lowered to  $D_{4h}$

$$z \rightarrow A_{2u}$$

$$(x, y) \rightarrow E_u$$

$\Rightarrow$  Here transform like  $A_{2u} \oplus E_u$  in  $D_{4h}$ . A state with symmetry  $T_{2g}$  goes to states with  $E_g \oplus B_{2g}$  in  $D_{4h}$  (see crystal field discussion)

$$E_g \otimes (A_{2u} \oplus E_u) = E_u \oplus (A_{1u} + A_{2u} + B_{1u} + B_{2u})$$

and analogously for the other term. In general one sees that the lower the symmetry the less restrictive the selection rules.

## 9.8 Wigner-Eckert theorem

Possibly it is the easiest to introduce the notion of Clebsch-Gordan coefficients and irreducible tensor operators for the case in which  $G$  is a group of coordinate transformations of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .  $\Rightarrow$  to state the Wigner-Eckert theorem in this context. The theorem has though a much more general validity.

Given a generic group  $G$  with irreducible representations  $\Gamma^p$  and  $\Gamma^q$  of dimension  $d_p$  and  $d_q$ , we can identify in  $\psi_j^p$  ( $j=1, 2, \dots, d_p$ ) and  $\psi_s^q$  ( $s=1, \dots, d_q$ ) the orthonormal bases associated to the two corresponding abstract inner product spaces  $V^p$  and  $V^q$ .

A  $d_p d_q$ -dimensional direct product space  $V^p \otimes V^q$  is defined by the set of all quantities  $\phi$ :

$$\phi = \sum_{j=1}^{d_p} \sum_{s=1}^{d_q} a_{js} \psi_j^p \otimes \psi_s^q$$

with  $a_{js} \in \mathbb{C}$  and the inner product defined as:

$$(\phi, \psi) = \sum_{j=1}^{d_p} \sum_{s=1}^{d_q} a_{js}^* b_{js}$$

where  $\psi = \sum_{j=1}^{d_p} \sum_{s=1}^{d_q} b_{js} \psi_j^p \otimes \psi_s^q$ .

$\forall T \in G$  one can construct the linear operators  $\bar{\Phi}^p(T)$  and  $\bar{\Phi}^q(T)$

$$\bar{\Phi}^p(T) \psi_j^p = \sum_{k=1}^{d_p} \Gamma^p(T)_{kj} \psi_k^p$$

$$\bar{\Phi}^q(T) \psi_s^q = \sum_{t=1}^{d_q} \Gamma^q(T)_{ts} \psi_t^q$$

A further linear operator acting on  $V^p \otimes V^q$  may be defined

$$\bar{\Phi}(T) \{ \psi_j^p \otimes \psi_s^q \} = \sum_{k=1}^{d_p} \sum_{t=1}^{d_q} (\Gamma^p(T) \otimes \Gamma^q(T))_{kt, js} \{ \psi_k^p \otimes \psi_t^q \}$$



Thus the operator  $\Phi(T)$  associated to the space  $V^p \otimes V^q$  are the linear operators corresponding to the direct product representation  $\Gamma^p \otimes \Gamma^q$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

Since  $\Gamma^p \otimes \Gamma^q$  is in general reducible  $\Gamma^p \otimes \Gamma^q \approx \bigoplus_{r=1}^r n_{pq}^r \Gamma^r$ , there must be  $n_{pq}^r$  linearly independent sets of  $n_r$  basis vectors  $\Theta_u^{r,\alpha}$   $\alpha=1, \dots, n_{pq}^r$   $u=1, \dots, n_r$  such that

$$\Phi(T) \Theta_u^{r,\alpha} = \sum_{u=1}^{d_r} \Gamma^r(T)_{ue} \Theta_u^{r,\alpha}$$

and

$$\Theta_u^{r,\alpha} = \sum_{j=1}^{d_p} \sum_{k=1}^{d_q} \underbrace{\left( \begin{matrix} p & q & | & r, \alpha \\ j & k & | & u \end{matrix} \right)}_{\text{Clebsch-Gordan coefficients}} \psi_j^p \otimes \psi_k^q$$

Clebsch-Gordan coefficients.

In other terms, the Clebsch-Gordan coefficients give the appropriate linear combinations that form bases for the various inep of  $\Gamma^p \otimes \Gamma^q$ .

In order to state the Wigner-Eckart theorem we have to introduce the concept of irreducible tensor operator.

Consider  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  linear mappings between  $V^p$  and  $V^r$ .

$Q_1 + Q_2$  and  $aQ_i$  are also linear mappings between  $V^p$  and  $V^r$

Moreover, all other properties defining a vector space are also satisfied  $L(V^p, V^r)$

An homomorphism of  $\mathfrak{g}$  to  $L(V^p, V^r)$  is given by the expression

$$\Phi'(T) Q = \Phi^r(T) Q \Phi^p(T)^{-1}$$

## Theorem The (generalized) Wigner-Eckart Theorem

Let  $G$  be a finite group (or a compact Lie group). Let  $\Gamma^p, \Gamma^q$  and  $\Gamma^r$  be unitary irreducible representations of  $G$  of dimensions  $d_p, d_q$ , and  $d_r$  respectively and suppose that  $\phi_j^p$  ( $j=1,2,\dots,d_p$ ) and  $\psi_l^r$  ( $l=1,2,\dots,d_r$ ) are basis vectors of orthonormal bases of the vector space  $V^p$  and  $V^r$  of  $\Gamma^p$  and  $\Gamma^r$  respectively. Finally, let  $Q_k^q$  ( $k=1,2,\dots,d_q$ ) be a set of irreducible tensor operators of  $\Gamma^q$ . Then

$$(\psi_l^r, Q_k^q \phi_j^p) = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{n_{pq}^r} \underbrace{\left( \begin{matrix} p & q & r \\ j & k & l \end{matrix} \middle| \alpha \right)^*}_{\text{reduced matrix element}} (r | Q_k^q | p)_\alpha$$

for all  $j=1,2,\dots,d_p$ ,  $k=1,2,\dots,d_q$  and  $l=1,2,\dots,d_r$  where  $(r | Q_k^q | p)_\alpha$  are a set of  $n_{pq}^r$  "reduced matrix elements" that are independent of  $j, k$  and  $l$ .

$$(r | Q_k^q | p)_\alpha = \frac{1}{d_j} \sum_{j=1}^{d_p} \sum_{k=1}^{d_q} \sum_{l=1}^{d_r} \left( \begin{matrix} p & q & r \\ s & t & u \end{matrix} \middle| \alpha \right) (\psi_l^r, Q_k^q \phi_j^p)$$

proof: As the operators  $\Phi^r(\tau)$  are unitary

$$\begin{aligned} (\psi_l^r, Q_k^q \phi_j^p) &= (\Phi^r(\tau) \psi_l^r, \Phi^r(\tau) Q_k^q \phi_j^p) \\ &= (\Phi^r(\tau) \psi_l^r, \{ \Phi^r(\tau) Q_k^q \Phi^p(\tau^{-1}) \} \Phi^p(\tau) \phi_j^p) \\ &= \sum_{j'=1}^{d_p} \sum_{k'=1}^{d_q} \sum_{l'=1}^{d_r} \Gamma^p(\tau)_{j'j} \Gamma^q(\tau)_{k'k} \Gamma^r(\tau)_{ll'}^* (\psi_{l'}^r, Q_{k'}^q \phi_{j'}^p) \end{aligned}$$

In general we can only say that  $\Gamma^p \otimes \Gamma^q$  is similar to the Clebsch-Gordan series  $\bigoplus_r n_{pq}^r \Gamma^r$ . Since, though all representations  $\Gamma^i$  can be chosen to be unitary, it follows that the Clebsch-Gordan coefficients may be chosen to be part of a unitary matrix  $\Rightarrow$

$$\left( \begin{matrix} r & \alpha \\ l & \end{matrix} \middle| \begin{matrix} p & q \\ j & k \end{matrix} \right) = \left( \begin{matrix} p & q \\ j & k \end{matrix} \middle| \begin{matrix} r & \alpha \\ l & \end{matrix} \right)^*$$

and we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_j^p \otimes \Psi_k^q &= \sum_r \sum_{\alpha=1}^{n_{pq}^r} \sum_{l=1}^{d_r} \begin{pmatrix} r & \alpha \\ l & \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p & q \\ j & k \end{pmatrix} \Theta_l^{r, \alpha} \\ &= \sum_r \sum_{\alpha=1}^{n_{pq}^r} \sum_{l=1}^{d_r} \begin{pmatrix} p & q \\ j & k \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} r & \alpha \\ l & \end{pmatrix}^* \Theta_l^{r, \alpha} \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, if we apply the projector  $\mathcal{P}_{e'l}^r$  to the tensor product  $\Phi_j^p \otimes \Psi_k^q$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}_{e'l}^r (\Phi_j^p \otimes \Psi_k^q) &= \sum_{\alpha=1}^{n_{pq}^r} \begin{pmatrix} p & q \\ j & k \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} r & \alpha \\ l & \end{pmatrix}^* \Theta_{e'}^{r, \alpha} \\ &= \sum_{\alpha=1}^{n_{pq}^r} \sum_{j'k'} \begin{pmatrix} p & q \\ j & k \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} r & \alpha \\ l & \end{pmatrix}^* \begin{pmatrix} p & q \\ j' & k' \end{pmatrix} \Theta_{e'}^{r, \alpha} \Phi_{j'}^p \otimes \Psi_{k'}^q \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, thanks to wOT,  $\mathcal{P}_{e'l}^r$  can also be written as

$$\mathcal{P}_{e'l}^r = \frac{d_r}{g} \sum_{T \in \mathcal{E}_f^r} \Gamma_{e'l}^r(T)^* \bar{\Phi}(T)$$

Thus:

$$\mathcal{P}_{e'l}^r (\Phi_j^p \otimes \Psi_k^q) = \frac{d_r}{g} \sum_{T \in \mathcal{E}_f^r} \Gamma_{e'l}^r(T)^* \sum_{j'=1}^{d_p} \sum_{k'=1}^{d_q} \Gamma_{j'j}^p(T) \Gamma_{k'k}^q(T) \Phi_{j'}^p \otimes \Psi_{k'}^q$$

By comparison we obtain:

$$\sum_{\alpha=1}^{n_{pq}^r} \begin{pmatrix} p & q \\ j & k \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} r & \alpha \\ l & \end{pmatrix}^* \begin{pmatrix} p & q \\ j' & k' \end{pmatrix} \Theta_{e'}^{r, \alpha} = \frac{d_r}{g} \sum_{T \in \mathcal{E}_f^r} \Gamma_{e'l}^r(T)^* \Gamma_{j'j}^p(T) \Gamma_{k'k}^q(T)$$

Thus we can write:

$$(\Psi_{e'}^r, \mathcal{Q}_{k'}^q \Phi_{j'}^p) = \frac{1}{d_r} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{n_{pq}^r} \sum_{e'j'k'} \begin{pmatrix} p & q \\ j & k \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} r & \alpha \\ l & \end{pmatrix}^* \begin{pmatrix} p & q \\ j' & k' \end{pmatrix} (\Psi_{e'}^r, \mathcal{Q}_{k'}^q \Phi_{j'}^p)$$

which is the final result with the identification

$$(r | \mathcal{Q}^q | p)_\alpha = \frac{1}{d_r} \sum_{j'k'} \begin{pmatrix} p & q \\ j & k \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} r & \alpha \\ l & \end{pmatrix}^* \begin{pmatrix} p & q \\ j' & k' \end{pmatrix} (\Psi_{e'}^r, \mathcal{Q}_{k'}^q \Phi_{j'}^p).$$

Notice:

- The  $j, k, l$  dependence of the matrix element  $(\psi_l^r, \alpha_k^q \phi_j^p)$  is completely given by the Clebsch-Gordan coefficients
- The whole set of  $d_p d_q d_r$  elements  $(\psi_l^r, \alpha_k^q \phi_j^p)$  depends only on  $n_{pq}^r$  reduced matrix elements
- Although the explicit expression of the reduced matrix element is given, the most common praxis is to obtain it from direct calculation of a simple matrix element.

The calculation of the Clebsch-Gordan coefficients for finite order groups and  $n_{pq}^r < 2$  is readily obtained. One starts from the equation (specialized to  $\alpha=1$ )

$$\left( \begin{matrix} p & q & | & r & \uparrow \\ s & t & | & l & \uparrow \end{matrix} \right) \left( \begin{matrix} r & \uparrow & | & p & q \\ l & \uparrow & | & j & k \end{matrix} \right) = \frac{d_r}{g} \sum_{T \in G} \Gamma^p(T)_{sj} \Gamma^q(T)_{tk} \Gamma^r(T)_{ul}^*$$

One looks for a set  $j, k, l$  such that

$$A = \frac{d_r}{g} \sum_{T \in G} \Gamma^p(T)_{jj} \Gamma^q(T)_{kk} \Gamma^r(T)_{ll}^* \neq 0$$

From the equations (\*) and the unitarity of the Clebsch-Gordan "matrix",  $A > 0$  and real. We can thus choose  $\left( \begin{matrix} p & q & | & r & \uparrow \\ j & k & | & l & \uparrow \end{matrix} \right)$  real and positive

$$\left( \begin{matrix} p & q & | & r & \uparrow \\ j & k & | & l & \uparrow \end{matrix} \right) = \left\{ \frac{d_r}{g} \sum_{T \in G} \Gamma^p(T)_{jj} \Gamma^q(T)_{kk} \Gamma^r(T)_{ll}^* \right\}^{1/2}$$

and finally obtain:

$$\begin{pmatrix} p & q & | & r, 1 \\ s & t & | & u \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\left(\frac{dr}{q}\right)^{1/2} \sum_{T \in \mathcal{G}_f} \pi^p(T)_{sj} \pi^q(T)_{tk} \pi^r(T)_{ul}^*}{\left\{ \sum_{T \in \mathcal{G}_f} \pi^p(T)_{ij} \pi^q(T)_{kk} \pi^r(T)_{ll}^* \right\}^{1/2}}$$