

Phys 438/538 Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics

Second Midterm Examination

19 April 2016

Duration: 110 Minutes, Closed notes/books

1) (25 points) Wigner-Eckart theorem for electric dipole transitions

Consider the dipole pumping from the $2p$, $m = -1$ state upward to all possible $3d$ sub-levels (no spins involved). Using Wigner-Eckart theorem, determine the relative probabilities (branching ratios) for the available transitions, and the associated absorbed photon polarizations for each case (show on a level diagram). Use the Clebsch-Gordan coefficient table supplied at the back.

2) (30 points) f -sum Rule

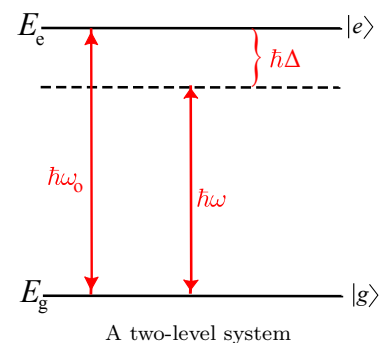
For an atom governed by the Hamiltonian, $H_0 = \frac{p^2}{2\mu} + V(r)$, having eigenenergies E_i , derive the f -sum rule $\sum_f f_{fi} = 1$, where

$$f_{fi} = \frac{2\mu(E_f - E_i)}{3\hbar^2} |\langle f | \vec{r} | i \rangle|^2.$$

Give all the details of your work.

3) (45 points) Light Shift (AC Stark Effect)

A two-level atom having an energy separation $\hbar\omega_0 = E_e - E_g$ is illuminated with an electromagnetic field of angular frequency ω , giving rise to a detuning of $\Delta \equiv \omega_0 - \omega$. This forms manifolds of the form [n photons and the atom in the excited state, $|e\rangle$] and the [$n+1$ photons and the atom in the ground state, $|g\rangle$]: the uncoupled part of the manifolds can be expressed with the Hamiltonian $H_0 = \hbar\Delta|e\rangle\langle e|$, and their interaction with $H' = -\frac{\mathcal{V}}{2}(|e\rangle\langle g| + |g\rangle\langle e|)$, in terms of the resonant Rabi energy, \mathcal{V} . Here, we suppress the photonic states and neglect any decay terms (spontaneous emission etc).



- Determine the *exact* energy eigenvalues for the so-called *dressed atom*, and plot them as a function of Δ .
- Determine the corresponding eigenvectors using θ , where $\tan(\theta) \equiv \frac{\mathcal{V}}{\hbar\Delta}$.

Simplify your final expressions. If you like, you can set $\hbar \rightarrow 0$.

Some useful trigonometric identities:

$$\cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = \pm\sqrt{\frac{1+\cos(\theta)}{2}}, \quad \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = \pm\sqrt{\frac{1-\cos(\theta)}{2}}, \quad \sin(\theta) = 2\sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right).$$

43. CLEBSCH-GORDAN COEFFICIENTS, SPHERICAL HARMONICS, AND d FUNCTIONS

Note: A square-root sign is to be understood over every coefficient, e.g., for $-8/15$ read $-\sqrt{8/15}$.

Notation:

J	J	...
M	M	...
m_1	m_2	
m_1	m_2	Coefficients
\vdots	\vdots	
\vdots	\vdots	

$1/2 \times 1/2$

1		
+1/2	-1/2	
-1/2	+1/2	
-1/2	-1/2	

 $Y_1^0 = \sqrt{\frac{3}{4\pi}} \cos \theta$
 $2 \times 1/2$

5/2		
+5/2		
+2	-1/2	
+1	+1/2	

 $Y_1^1 = -\sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi}} \sin \theta e^{i\phi}$
 $1 \times 1/2$

3/2		
+3/2		
+1	+1/2	
+1	-1/2	
0	+1/2	

 $Y_2^0 = \sqrt{\frac{5}{4\pi}} \left(\frac{3}{2} \cos^2 \theta - \frac{1}{2} \right)$
 $3/2 \times 1/2$

2		
+2		
+3/2	-1/2	
+1	+1/2	

 $Y_2^1 = -\sqrt{\frac{15}{8\pi}} \sin \theta \cos \theta e^{i\phi}$
 2×1

3		
+3		
+2	0	
+1	+1	

 $Y_2^2 = \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{15}{2\pi}} \sin^2 \theta e^{2i\phi}$
 $3/2 \times 1$

5/2		
+5/2		
+3/2	+1	
+1/2	+1	

 $Y_\ell^{-m} = (-1)^m Y_\ell^{m*}$
 $d_{\ell m,0}^\ell = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{2\ell+1}} Y_\ell^m e^{-im\phi}$

$$\langle j_1 j_2 m_1 m_2 | j_1 j_2 JM \rangle = (-1)^{J-j_1-j_2} \langle j_2 j_1 m_2 m_1 | j_2 j_1 JM \rangle$$

$d_{m',m}^j = (-1)^{m-m'} d_{m,m'}^j = d_{-m,-m'}^j$
 $3/2 \times 3/2$

3		
+3		
+3/2	+3/2	
+1/2	+3/2	

 $d_{1,0}^1 = \cos \theta$
 $d_{1/2,1/2}^{1/2} = \cos \frac{\theta}{2}$
 $d_{1,1}^1 = \frac{1 + \cos \theta}{2}$
 $d_{1/2,-1/2}^{1/2} = -\sin \frac{\theta}{2}$
 $d_{1,0}^1 = -\frac{\sin \theta}{\sqrt{2}}$
 $d_{1,-1}^1 = \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{2}$

$2 \times 3/2$

7/2		
+7/2		
+2	+3/2	
+1	+5/2	

 $d_{3/2,3/2}^{3/2} = \frac{1 + \cos \theta}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2}$
 $d_{3/2,1/2}^{3/2} = -\sqrt{3} \frac{1 + \cos \theta}{2} \sin \frac{\theta}{2}$
 $d_{3/2,-1/2}^{3/2} = \sqrt{3} \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2}$
 $d_{3/2,-3/2}^{3/2} = -\frac{1 - \cos \theta}{2} \sin \frac{\theta}{2}$
 $d_{1/2,1/2}^{3/2} = \frac{3 \cos \theta - 1}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2}$
 $d_{1/2,-1/2}^{3/2} = -\frac{3 \cos \theta + 1}{2} \sin \frac{\theta}{2}$

2×2

4		
+4		
+2	+2	
+1	+2	

 $d_{2,2}^2 = \left(\frac{1 + \cos \theta}{2} \right)^2$
 $d_{2,1}^2 = -\frac{1 + \cos \theta}{2} \sin \theta$
 $d_{2,0}^2 = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4} \sin^2 \theta$
 $d_{2,-1}^2 = -\frac{1 - \cos \theta}{2} \sin \theta$
 $d_{2,-2}^2 = \left(\frac{1 - \cos \theta}{2} \right)^2$

Figure 43.1: The sign convention is that of Wigner (Group Theory, Academic Press, New York, 1959), also used by Condon and Shortley (The Theory of Atomic Spectra, Cambridge Univ. Press, New York, 1953), Rose (Elementary Theory of Angular Momentum, Wiley, New York, 1957), and Cohen (Tables of the Clebsch-Gordan Coefficients, North American Rockwell Science Center, Thousand Oaks, Calif., 1974).

Wigner-Eckart theorem for electric dipole transitions

Stating the theorem:

$$\langle j', m' | \hat{T}_q^{(K)} | j, m \rangle = \frac{\langle j', m' | \hat{T}^{(K)} | j, m \rangle}{\sqrt{2j'+1}} \underbrace{\langle j', m' | K, q; j, m \rangle}_{\text{C-G part det's the branching ratios}}$$

For our case $\hat{T}_q^{(K)} \xrightarrow[K=1, q=0, \pm 1]{\vec{r} \cdot \hat{\epsilon}} \sum_{q=-1}^1 r_{-q} \hat{\epsilon}_q$ det's light pol.

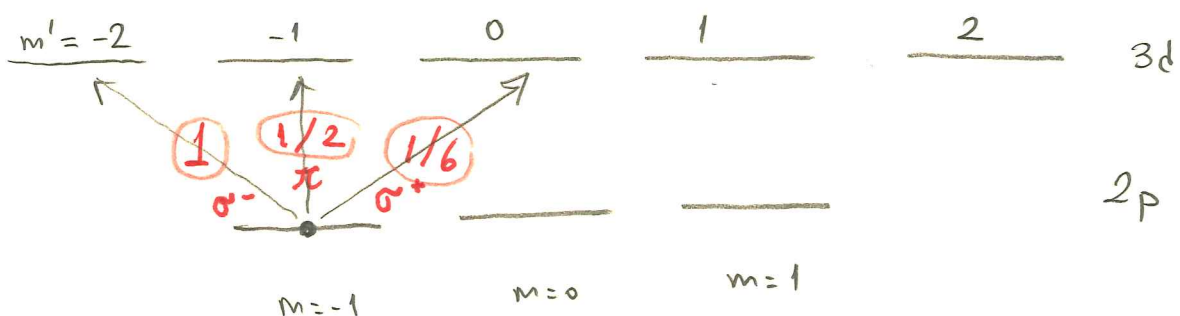
For d states, $l=2 \Rightarrow j'=2$,
 p " $l=1 \Rightarrow j=1$

Relative Branching Ratios: $|\langle j'=2, m' | 1, q; j=1, m=-1 \rangle|^2$

According to addition of angular momenta (C-G) only possibilities:

Use 1×1 sector in C-G table: $\langle 2, -2 | 1, -1; 1, -1 \rangle = 1$

$\langle 2, -1 | 1, 0; 1, -1 \rangle = 1/\sqrt{2}$, $\langle 2, 0 | 1, 1; 1, -1 \rangle = 1/\sqrt{6}$



Thomas-Reiche-Kuhn Sum Rule

Without loss of generality, let the polarization of incident field be in the x-dir., i.e., $\hat{\mathbf{e}} = \hat{\mathbf{x}}$.

$$\hat{H} = \hat{H}_0 + \hat{H}_{\text{rad}}(t)$$

$$= \left(\frac{\hat{\mathbf{p}}^2}{2\mu} + V(r) \right) - \frac{e\vec{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{p}}}{\mu}$$

Within the standard perturbative framework, the atomic states are due to H_0 part, $H_0 |i\rangle = \hbar\omega_i |i\rangle$, and the time-dependent $H_{\text{rad}}(t)$ part leads to transitions among these $\{|i\rangle\}$ states.

Using H_0 we shall show that

$$\left[x, \frac{i\hbar}{\mu} p_x \right] = -\frac{\hbar^2}{\mu}$$

Thus, $\langle i | [x, [x, H_0]] | i \rangle = \langle i | \overset{\rightarrow E_i}{x^2 H_0 + H_0 x^2 - 2x H_0 x} | i \rangle$

$$\langle i | -\frac{\hbar^2}{\mu} | i \rangle = 2 \left[\overset{\leftarrow E_i}{\sum_f |f\rangle \langle f|} \langle i | x \cdot x | i \rangle - \langle i | x \cdot H_0 \cdot x | i \rangle \right]$$

and $\langle f | f' \rangle = \delta_{ff'}$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{\hbar^2}{\mu} = 2 \sum_f \left[\underbrace{\langle i | x | f \rangle E_i \langle f | x | i \rangle}_{E_i |\langle i | x | f \rangle|^2} - \underbrace{\langle i | x | f \rangle E_f \langle f | x | i \rangle}_{E_f |\langle i | x | f \rangle|^2} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2\mu}{\hbar} \sum_f \omega_{fi} |\langle f|x|i\rangle|^2 = 1 \quad \dots \text{Thomas-Reiche-Kuhn Sum Rule}$$

$$\text{As } |\langle f|\hat{r}|i\rangle|^2 = |\langle f|x|i\rangle \hat{x} + \langle f|y|i\rangle \hat{y} + \langle f|z|i\rangle \hat{z}|^2 = |\langle f|x|i\rangle|^2 + |\langle f|y|i\rangle|^2 + |\langle f|z|i\rangle|^2$$

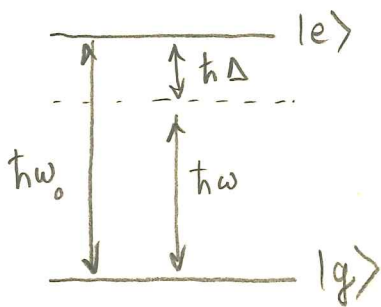
$$\text{So } |\langle f|z|i\rangle|^2 = \frac{1}{3} |\langle f|x|i\rangle|^2, \text{ Let } f_{fi} = \omega_{fi} \frac{\frac{1}{3} |\langle f|\hat{r}|i\rangle|^2}{\frac{\hbar}{2\mu}} \quad \dots \text{Oscillator Strength of transition } i \rightarrow f$$

This is a measure of spatial overlap bet. $|i\rangle$ & $|f\rangle$

$$\therefore \text{ we have } \sum_f f_{fi} = 1 \quad \dots \text{ also known as } \overset{\text{osc. str.}}{f\text{-sum rule}}$$

Light Shift (AC Stark Effect)

Here, we consider the coupling bet. a 2-level atom $\{|g\rangle, |e\rangle\}$ with the photon states $\{|n+1\rangle, |n\rangle\}$. Due to coupling bet. them, a so-called **dressed-atom** emerges with different energies.



$$\Delta = \omega_0 - \omega$$

For this definition, $\Delta > 0 \Rightarrow$ red detuned radiation

bare atom under red-detuned light

Considering also the photon energies, under no coupling ($\gamma = 0$)

$$|e\rangle|n\rangle \longrightarrow E_e + n\hbar\omega$$

$$|g\rangle|n+1\rangle \longrightarrow E_g + (n+1)\hbar\omega$$

$$\frac{(E_e - E_g) - \hbar\omega}{\hbar\omega_0} = \hbar\Delta$$

Under light-atom coupling the atomic subspace (i.e., suppressing photonic part)

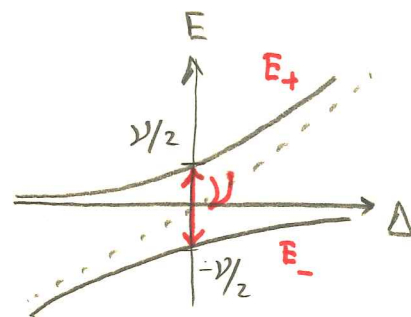
($\hbar \rightarrow 1$)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta & -\gamma/2 \\ -\gamma/2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_e \\ c_g \end{bmatrix}$$

a) Eigenvalues:
$$\begin{vmatrix} \Delta - E & -\nu/2 \\ -\nu/2 & -E \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$E^2 - \Delta E - \frac{\nu^2}{4} = 0$$

$$E_{\pm} = \frac{\Delta \pm \sqrt{\Delta^2 + \nu^2}}{2}$$



b) Eigenvectors: $|+\rangle, |-\rangle$

$$|+\rangle = C_{e+}|e\rangle + C_{g+}|g\rangle$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta - E_+ & -\nu/2 \\ -\nu/2 & -E_+ \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C_{e+} \\ C_{g+} \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\Delta - \sqrt{\Delta^2 + \nu^2}}{2} C_{e+} = \frac{\nu}{2} C_{g+} \quad \& \quad |C_{e+}|^2 + |C_{g+}|^2 = 1 \quad (\text{Normalization})$$

$$\text{Let } \tan\theta = \frac{\nu}{\Delta}, \quad \Rightarrow \left(1 - \frac{\nu}{\sec\theta}\right) C_{e+} = \tan\theta C_{g+}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\cos\theta - 1}{\sin\theta} C_{e+} = C_{g+}, \quad \text{combine with normalization} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} |C_{e+}| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\cos\theta - 1}{\sin\theta}\right)^2}}$$

Taking C_{e+} as purely real,

$$C_{e+} = \frac{\sin\theta}{\sqrt{2 - 2\cos\theta}} = \frac{2 \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \cdot \cos\frac{\theta}{2}}{2 \cdot \sin\frac{\theta}{2}} = \cos\frac{\theta}{2} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} |+\rangle = \cos\frac{\theta}{2}|e\rangle - \sin\frac{\theta}{2}|g\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow C_{g+} = -\cos\frac{\theta}{2} \cdot \frac{1 - \cos\theta}{\sin\theta} = -\sin\frac{\theta}{2}$$

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$$|-\rangle = C_{e-} |e\rangle + C_{g-} |g\rangle$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta - E_- & -\gamma/2 \\ -\gamma/2 & -E_- \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C_{e-} \\ C_{g-} \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\Delta + \sqrt{\Delta^2 + \gamma^2}}{2} C_{e-} = \frac{\gamma}{2} C_{g-} \\ |C_{e-}|^2 + |C_{g-}|^2 = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$(1 + \sqrt{1 + \tan^2 \theta}) C_{e-} = \tan \theta C_{g-}$$

$$|C_{e-}| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\cos \theta + 1}{\sin \theta}\right)^2}} = \frac{2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2}}{2 \cos \frac{\theta}{2}}$$

Taking C_{e-} as real

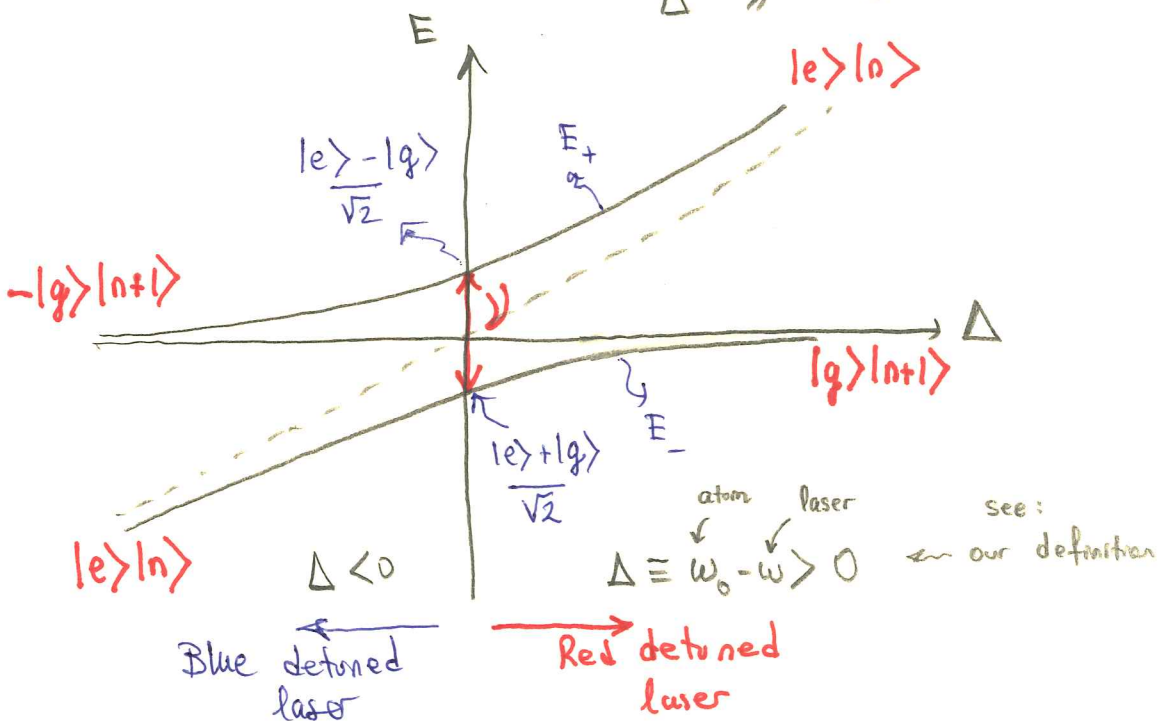
$$C_{e-} = \sin \frac{\theta}{2} ; \quad C_{g-} = \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cdot \frac{1 + \cos \theta}{\sin \theta} = \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cdot \frac{2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}{2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2}} = \cos \frac{\theta}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow |-\rangle = \sin \frac{\theta}{2} |e\rangle + \cos \frac{\theta}{2} |g\rangle ; \quad \text{Check that } \langle + | - \rangle = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

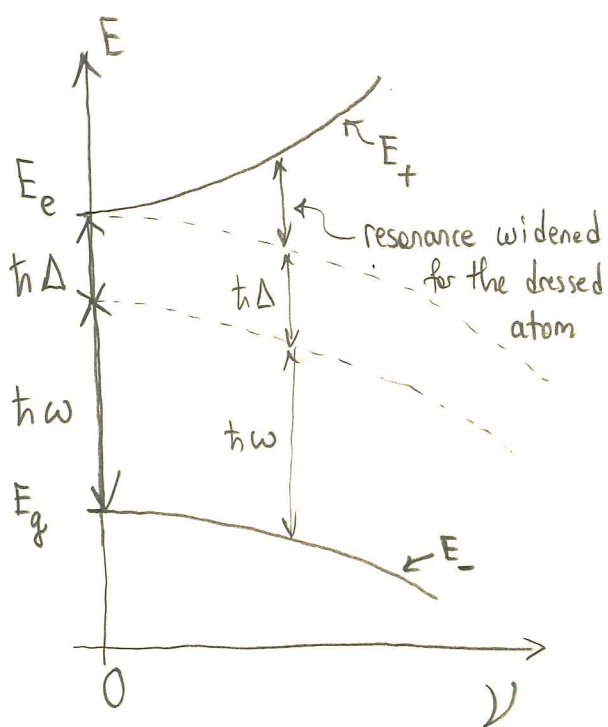
Since $\tan \theta \equiv \frac{\gamma}{\Delta}$



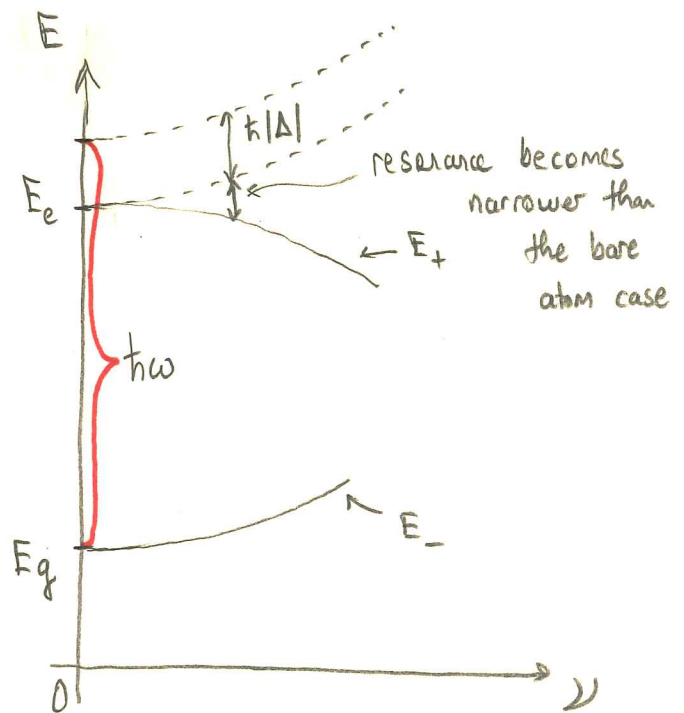
For a given γ value, as θ runs from $0 \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2} \rightarrow \pi$
 Δ " " $+\infty \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow -\infty$



Physical Consequences of AC Stark Effect



red-detuned laser
 $\Delta > 0$ (in our case)



blue-detuned laser
 $\Delta < 0$

So, strong light coupling redresses the atom (a non-perturbative phenomenon) such that resonance becomes wider (narrower) than that wrt bare atom case under light-coupling ($\nu \neq 0$) for the case of red-detuned (blue-detuned) cases.