

## Building basis states

Suppose you had three particles and three “building block” levels (say the orthonormal levels  $\eta_1(x)$ ,  $\eta_3(x)$ , and  $\eta_7(x)$ ). Construct and count the possible three-particle states representing (a) three non-identical particles; (b) three identical bosons; and (c) three identical fermions.

For three non-identical particles, the  $3^3 = 27$  states are [[2 points]]

$\eta_1(x_A)\eta_1(x_B)\eta_1(x_C)$   
 $\eta_1(x_A)\eta_1(x_B)\eta_3(x_C)$   
 $\eta_1(x_A)\eta_1(x_B)\eta_7(x_C)$   
 $\eta_1(x_A)\eta_3(x_B)\eta_1(x_C)$   
 $\eta_1(x_A)\eta_3(x_B)\eta_3(x_C)$   
 $\eta_1(x_A)\eta_3(x_B)\eta_7(x_C)$   
 $\eta_1(x_A)\eta_7(x_B)\eta_1(x_C)$   
 $\eta_1(x_A)\eta_7(x_B)\eta_3(x_C)$   
 $\eta_1(x_A)\eta_7(x_B)\eta_7(x_C)$   
 $\eta_3(x_A)\eta_1(x_B)\eta_1(x_C)$   
 $\eta_3(x_A)\eta_1(x_B)\eta_3(x_C)$   
 $\eta_3(x_A)\eta_1(x_B)\eta_7(x_C)$   
 $\eta_3(x_A)\eta_3(x_B)\eta_1(x_C)$   
 $\eta_3(x_A)\eta_3(x_B)\eta_3(x_C)$   
 $\eta_3(x_A)\eta_3(x_B)\eta_7(x_C)$   
 $\eta_3(x_A)\eta_7(x_B)\eta_1(x_C)$   
 $\eta_3(x_A)\eta_7(x_B)\eta_3(x_C)$   
 $\eta_3(x_A)\eta_7(x_B)\eta_7(x_C)$   
 $\eta_7(x_A)\eta_1(x_B)\eta_1(x_C)$   
 $\eta_7(x_A)\eta_1(x_B)\eta_3(x_C)$   
 $\eta_7(x_A)\eta_1(x_B)\eta_7(x_C)$   
 $\eta_7(x_A)\eta_3(x_B)\eta_1(x_C)$   
 $\eta_7(x_A)\eta_3(x_B)\eta_3(x_C)$   
 $\eta_7(x_A)\eta_3(x_B)\eta_7(x_C)$   
 $\eta_7(x_A)\eta_7(x_B)\eta_1(x_C)$   
 $\eta_7(x_A)\eta_7(x_B)\eta_3(x_C)$   
 $\eta_7(x_A)\eta_7(x_B)\eta_7(x_C)$

For three identical bosons, the 10 states are [[3 points]]

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \eta_1(x_A)\eta_1(x_B)\eta_1(x_C) \\
 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}[\eta_1(x_A)\eta_1(x_B)\eta_3(x_C) + \eta_1(x_A)\eta_3(x_B)\eta_1(x_C) + \eta_3(x_A)\eta_1(x_B)\eta_1(x_C)] \\
 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}[\eta_1(x_A)\eta_1(x_B)\eta_7(x_C) + \eta_1(x_A)\eta_7(x_B)\eta_1(x_C) + \eta_7(x_A)\eta_1(x_B)\eta_1(x_C)] \\
 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}[\eta_1(x_A)\eta_3(x_B)\eta_3(x_C) + \eta_3(x_A)\eta_1(x_B)\eta_3(x_C) + \eta_3(x_A)\eta_3(x_B)\eta_1(x_C)] \\
 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}[\eta_1(x_A)\eta_3(x_B)\eta_7(x_C) + \eta_1(x_A)\eta_7(x_B)\eta_3(x_C) + \eta_7(x_A)\eta_1(x_B)\eta_3(x_C) \\
 & \quad + \eta_7(x_A)\eta_3(x_B)\eta_1(x_C) + \eta_3(x_A)\eta_7(x_B)\eta_1(x_C) + \eta_3(x_A)\eta_1(x_B)\eta_7(x_C)] \\
 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}[\eta_1(x_A)\eta_7(x_B)\eta_7(x_C) + \eta_7(x_A)\eta_1(x_B)\eta_7(x_C) + \eta_7(x_A)\eta_7(x_B)\eta_1(x_C)] \\
 & \eta_3(x_A)\eta_3(x_B)\eta_3(x_C) \\
 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}[\eta_3(x_A)\eta_3(x_B)\eta_7(x_C) + \eta_3(x_A)\eta_7(x_B)\eta_3(x_C) + \eta_7(x_A)\eta_3(x_B)\eta_3(x_C)] \\
 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}[\eta_3(x_A)\eta_7(x_B)\eta_7(x_C) + \eta_7(x_A)\eta_3(x_B)\eta_7(x_C) + \eta_7(x_A)\eta_7(x_B)\eta_3(x_C)] \\
 & \eta_7(x_A)\eta_7(x_B)\eta_7(x_C)
 \end{aligned}$$

For three identical fermions, the 1 state is [[3 points]]

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}[\eta_1(x_A)\eta_3(x_B)\eta_7(x_C) - \eta_1(x_A)\eta_7(x_B)\eta_3(x_C) + \eta_7(x_A)\eta_1(x_B)\eta_3(x_C) \\
 & \quad - \eta_7(x_A)\eta_3(x_B)\eta_1(x_C) + \eta_3(x_A)\eta_7(x_B)\eta_1(x_C) - \eta_3(x_A)\eta_1(x_B)\eta_7(x_C)]
 \end{aligned}$$

For three particles with  $M$  levels — make counts using “3 balls in  $M$  buckets” ideas. [[2 points]]

	number of 3-particle states		
case	general	$M = 3$	$M = 4$
non-identical particles	$M^3$	27	64
identical bosons	$\frac{M(M+1)(M+2)}{3!}$	10	20
identical fermions	$\frac{M(M-1)(M-2)}{3!}$	1	4