

Lecture Wednesday 3. October 2007

Topics: Configuration Interaction, Configuration Mixing

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Preliminary version

Expansion of a function (Q.M. - or Fourier Series) Two "variables"

Configuration mixing $\Psi(1,2) \equiv \Psi(r_1, r_2)$

any $\varphi(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} c_i \varphi_i(x)$ $\varphi(a,x) = \sum c_i^{(a)} \varphi_i(x)$
 $\varphi_a(x) = \sum c_i^{(a)} \varphi_i(x)$

$\Psi(1,2)$ (atomic problem; $\varphi_{nl}(\vec{r})$ are known orbitals (H-F, or SCF))

ANALOGY

$\Psi(1,2) = \sum_{nl} c_{nl}^{(1)} \varphi_{nl}(2)$ ----- \vec{r}_1
 (SCHEMATIC) \swarrow function of \vec{r}_1

Expansion "technique" thus leads to $c_{nl}(\vec{r}_1) = \sum d_{n'l'}^{(nl)} \varphi_{n'l'}(\vec{r}_1)$

$\Psi(1,2) = \sum_{(nl)} \sum_{(n'l')} d_{n'l'}^{(nl)} \underbrace{\varphi_{n'l'}(\vec{r}_1) \varphi_{nl}(\vec{r}_2)}_{\text{configurations}}$

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$$\Psi(1,2) = \sum_{\alpha, \beta} a_{\alpha\beta} \varphi_{\alpha}(1) \varphi_{\beta}(2) \quad \alpha \equiv (n, l, m)$$

$$\Psi(1,2,3) = \sum_{\alpha\beta\gamma} a_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \varphi_{\alpha}(1) \varphi_{\beta}(2) \varphi_{\gamma}(3)$$

[should be properly
antisymmetrized
Angular momentum must be
done consistently

How to find $a_{\alpha, \beta, \dots, \omega}$?

$$\Psi(\dots) = \sum c_k \Phi_k \quad \Phi_k = \varphi_\alpha(1) \dots \varphi_\nu(N)$$

$$H = T_i + V_i + \sum_{\substack{\text{pairs} \\ 1, j}} \frac{e^2}{|r_i - r_j|} \quad \text{orbitals obtained from this !!}$$

To obtain the orbitals, WE ASSUMED that

$$\Psi \equiv \Phi_0 \quad (\text{the lowest state} \dots)$$

And this is the basis of "mixing"
— but how to mix?

$|k\rangle \dots H \dots \langle k' | H | k \rangle$ a matrix
finite number (includes a cut-off)

$$\begin{pmatrix} \langle k' | H | k \rangle & \dots \\ \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \vdots \\ c_k \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = E \begin{pmatrix} \vdots \\ c_k \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

Diagonalization
of the
Hamilton
matrix

Nuclear Phys. Atomic Phys, Quant Chemistry

Comment ... the $e^{i\alpha}$ is an eigenvalue ... $\alpha\beta\gamma\delta$