

**Q1.** Suppose an assignment question asks you to give the orbital and spin angular momentum for an atom in a  $^2D_1$  state. Why should you email your instructor to see if there is a misprint in the question?

[1]

**Q2.** The partial term symbols for nickel ( $[Ar]4s^23d^8$ ) are  $^1S$ ,  $^1D$ ,  $^1G$ ,  $^3P$  and  $^3F$ .

a) Calculate the J values for each of these states and give the complete term symbols.

[3] b) Give the term symbol for the ground state.

**Q3.** The trial wave function  $\psi = c_1 1s_A + c_2 1s_B$  for the  $H_2^+$  molecule ion gives the overlap integral ( $S$ ), Coulomb integral ( $J$ ) and exchange integral ( $K$ ).

a) Why is  $S = \int 1s_A 1s_A d\tau = \left(1 + R + \frac{R^2}{3}\right) e^{-R}$  called the **overlap integral**?

b) Show  $S \rightarrow 0$  as  $R \rightarrow \infty$ .

c) Why is  $J = \int 1s_A \left(\frac{1}{R} - \frac{1}{r_A}\right) 1s_A d\tau = \left(1 + \frac{1}{R}\right) e^{-R}$  called the **Coulomb integral**?

[5] d) Why is  $K = \int 1s_A \left(\frac{1}{R} - \frac{1}{r_A}\right) 1s_B d\tau = (1 + R) e^{-R}$  called the **exchange integral**?

e) The exchange integral has no classical interpretation. Explain.

**Q4.** In the treatment of the  $H_2^+$  molecule ion, the trial wave function  $\psi = c_1 1s_A + c_2 1s_B$  gives the determinantal equation

$$\begin{vmatrix} H_{AA} - E & H_{AB} - SE \\ H_{AB} - SE & H_{BB} - E \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

with (in atomic units with energies in Hartrees: 1 Hartree = 27.20 eV)

$$H_{AA} = H_{BB} = \int 1s_A \hat{H} 1s_A d\tau = -\frac{1}{2} + J$$

$$H_{AB} = H_{Ba} = \int 1s_A \hat{H} 1s_B d\tau = -\frac{S}{2} + K$$

(Q4. cont.)

a) Use the determinantal equation to show the variational energies of  $H_2^+$  are

$$E_- = \frac{H_{AA} - H_{AB}}{1 - S} \qquad E_+ = \frac{H_{AA} + H_{AB}}{1 + S}$$

b) In terms of the overlap, Coulomb and exchange integrals, show

$$E_- = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{J - K}{1 - S} \qquad E_+ = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{J + K}{1 + S}$$

[6] c) For the energy state  $E_-$ , show  $c_1 = -c_2$  and

$$\psi_- = \frac{1s_A - 1s_B}{\sqrt{2(1 - S)}} \qquad (\text{hint: } \psi_- \text{ is normalized})$$

d) For the state with energy  $E_+$ , show  $c_1 = c_2$  and

$$\psi_+ = \frac{1s_A + 1s_B}{\sqrt{2(1 + S)}} \qquad (\text{hint: } \psi_+ \text{ is normalized})$$

Q6. Without actually performing the calculations, explain how the energy expression for  $H_2^+$

to calculate: 
$$E_+ = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{J + K}{1 + S}$$

[2] a) the force constant  $k$  of the  $H_2^+$  bond

b) the fundamental vibration frequency  $\nu$  of  $H_2^+$ .

Q7. a) Is the bond in the  $H_2^+$  molecule ion weaker than the bond in the  $H_2$  molecule? Explain.

[2] b) Is the bond length of  $H_2^+$  longer than the bond length of  $H_2$ ? Explain.

Q8. The trial wave function  $\psi = c_1 1s_A + c_2 1s_B$  gives 1.77 eV and 0.132 nm for the dissociation energy and bond length of  $H_2^+$ , which are not in very good agreement with the measured values (2.78 eV and 0.106 nm). This treatment is useful, however, to illustrate how a linear combination of atomic orbitals can be used to estimate the wave functions of molecules. Describe how a more accurate quantum mechanical treatment of  $H_2^+$  could be developed.

[1]

Q1  ${}^2D_1$  state has  $L = 2$

from the spin multiplicity  $= 2 = 2S + 1$ , get  $S = \frac{1}{2}$

for  $L = 2$ ,  $M$  values are  $-2, -1, 0, 1, 2$

for  $S = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $M_S$  values are  $-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$

$M_J = M + M_S$ , so  $M_J$  values range from  
 $L + S$  to  $|L - S|$   $J = \frac{5}{2}, \frac{3}{2}$  for  ${}^2D$

indicating  $J = 5/2$

${}^2D_1$  is a misprint

the term symbol should be  ${}^2D_{5/2}$  or  ${}^2D_{3/2}$

Q2 as shown in Q1,  $M_J$  values range from  
 $-M - M_S$  to  $M + M_S$

${}^1S$  has  $L = 0, M = 0$   
 $2S + 1 = 1, S = 0, M_S = 0$

$\Rightarrow {}^1S_0$

$J$  can only  
be 0

( $-M - M_S = 0$   
to  $M + M_S = 0$ )

for the  
total  
angular  
momentum

${}^1D$  has  $L = 2, M_S = -2, -1, 0, 1, 2$   
 $2S + 1 = 1, S = 0, M_S = 0$

$M_J$  from  $-M - M_S = -2$  to  $M + M_S = 2$

$J = 2$

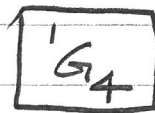
$\Rightarrow {}^1D_2$

(Q2 cont.)

$$\begin{pmatrix} S & P & D & F & G & H & \dots \\ L = 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & \dots \end{pmatrix}$$

${}^1G$  has  $L=4$ ,  $M = -4, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$

$$2S+1=1, S=0, M_S=0$$



$M + M_S = M_J$  ranged from  $-4$  to  $+4$   $J=4$

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has  $L=1$ ,  $S=1$

$$M = -1, 0, 1 \quad M_S = -1, 0, 1$$

adding  $M$  and  $M_S$  gives  $M_J$  values

The largest  $J$  value corresponds to  $\vec{L}$  and  $\vec{S}$  pointing in the same direction, which gives  $J=L+S$

The smallest value of  $J$  corresponds to  $\vec{L}$  and  $\vec{S}$  pointing in opposite directions, which gives  $J=|L-S|$

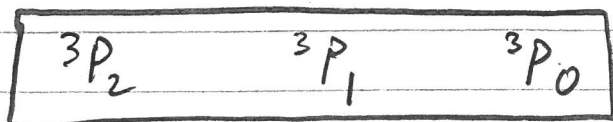
So the possible  $J$  values range from:

$$L+S, L+S-1, L+S-2, \dots, |L-S|$$

Here, with  $L=1$  and  $S=1$ , the  $J$  values for  ${}^3P$  states are:

$$L+S=2 \quad L+S-1=1 \quad \text{and} \quad |L-S|=2-2=0$$

and the complete term symbols are



(illustrated in the course notes for carbon atoms with  $2p^2$ )

(Q2 cont.)

$3F$  has  $L=3, S=1$

J values range from  $L+S, L+S-1, L+S-2, \dots, |L-S|$   
 $\Rightarrow 4, 3, 2$

$3F_4, 3F_3, 3F_2$

b) term symbols for the nickel  $[Ar] 3s^2 3d^8$  configuration:

$1S_0, 1D_2, 1G_4, 3P_2, 3P_1, 3P_0, 3F_4, 3F_3, 3F_2$

Hund Rule #1 triplets  $3P_2, 3P_1, 3P_0, 3F_4, 3F_3, 3F_2$

have lower energy than the singlets (higher spin multiplicity)

Hund's Rule #2 triplet F states  $3F_4, 3F_3, 3F_2$

have lower energy than the triplet D states

(why? F states have larger orbital angular momentum than D states)

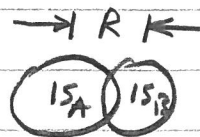
Hund's Rule #3 The Ni  $[Ar] 4s^2 3d^8$  electronic configuration  $\Rightarrow$  3d subshell is more than half full

so the  $3F_4$  state (largest J value) is the ground state

Q3

Our treatment of bonding for the hydrogen molecule ion  $H_2^+$  used the simple, but reasonable, trial wave function

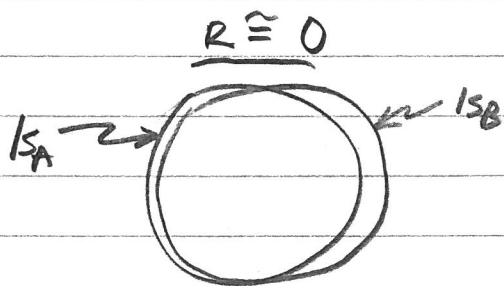
$$\psi_{H_2^+} = c_1 \psi_A + c_2 \psi_B$$



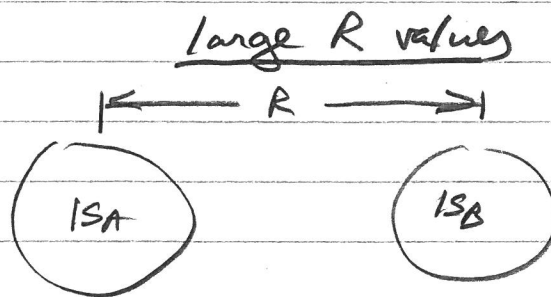
with a  $1s$  atomic orbital centered on proton A and a  $1s$  atomic orbital centered on proton B

a) The overlap integral  $S = \int \psi_A \psi_B d\tau$

indicates how much of the electron density in the  $1s_A$  atomic orbital centered on proton A overlaps the electron density in the  $1s_B$  atomic orbital centered on proton B

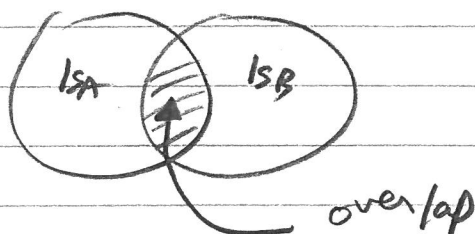


almost complete overlap,  $S \approx 1$   
( $1s$  orbitals are normalized)



almost zero overlap  
 $S \approx 0$

intermediate  $R$  values



overlap integral  $> 0$   
 $< 1$

(Q3 cont.)

$$b) \quad S = \left(1 + R + \frac{R^2}{3}\right) e^{-R}$$

$R$  and  $R^2/3$  increase as  $R$  increases,  
but  $e^{-R}$  decreases much more rapidly

so the exponential term "wins" as  $R \rightarrow \infty$

and  $S \rightarrow 0$  in this limit no overlap at  $R = \infty$

(use l'Hopital's rule or plot  $S$  against  $R$  to show this)

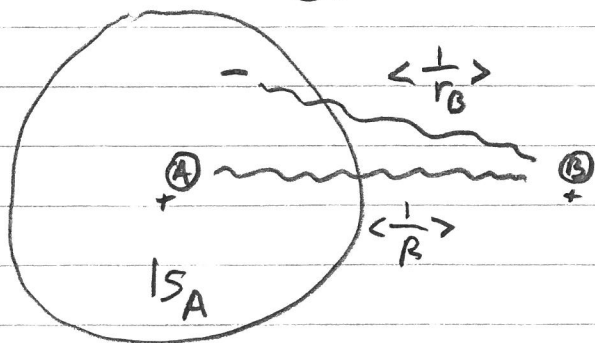
$$\text{also, as } R \rightarrow 0, \quad S \rightarrow \left(1 + 0 + \frac{0^2}{3}\right) e^{-0} = 1$$

complete overlap at  $R = 0$

$$c) \quad J = \int \psi_A \left(\frac{1}{R} - \frac{1}{r_B}\right) \psi_A d\tau \Rightarrow \left\langle \frac{1}{R} - \frac{1}{r_B} \right\rangle$$

is called the Coulomb integral because

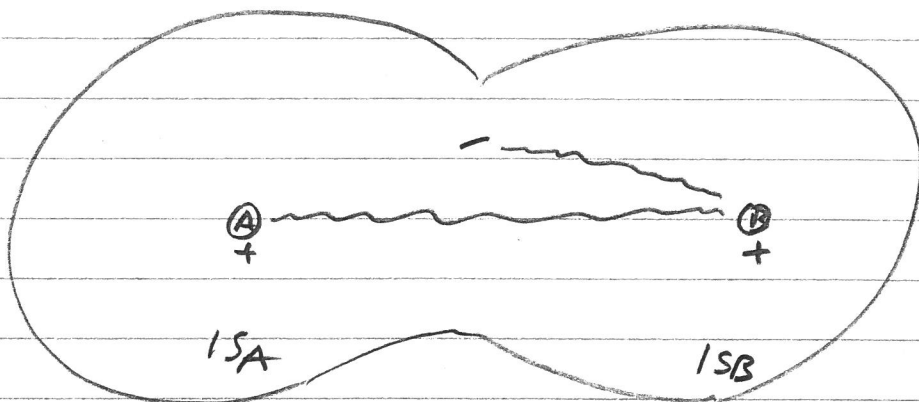
it gives the electric potential (Coulomb) energy  
localized  
for the interaction of the electron in the  $1s_A$   
orbital with proton B, and the proton-proton  
potential energy



(Q3 cont.)

$$d) \quad K = \int \psi_A \left( \frac{1}{R} - \frac{1}{r_A} \right) \psi_B d\tau$$

is called the exchange integral because it gives the electric potential energy when the electron in  $H_2^+$  is "exchanged" between both proton A (in the  $1s_A$  atomic orbital) and proton B (in the  $1s_B$  atomic orbital)



e) the exchange integral is "non-classical" because the electron is simultaneously located ("delocalized") in different places: the  $1s_A$  and  $1s_B$  orbitals

(Q4) a) the secular determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} H_{AA} - E & H_{AB} - SE \\ H_{AB} - SE & H_{BB} - E \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

gives

$\downarrow$   
(=  $H_{AA}$ )

$$(H_{AA} - E)^2 - (H_{AB} - SE)^2 = 0$$

$$(H_{AA} - E)^2 = (H_{AB} - SE)^2 \quad \therefore H_{AA} - E = \pm (H_{AB} - SE)$$



(Q4 cont.)

b) positive root  $H_{AA} - E = +(H_{AB} - SE)$

$$E - SE = H_{AA} - H_{AB}$$

$$E = \frac{H_{AA} - H_{AB}}{1 - S} = \frac{-\frac{1}{2} + J - (-\frac{S}{2} + K)}{1 - S}$$

$$= \frac{(S-1)\frac{1}{2} + \cancel{(K-S)}\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} + J + \frac{S}{2} - K}{1 - S}$$

$$E = \boxed{-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{J - K}{1 - S}} \equiv E_- \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{due to the} \\ \text{minus signs} \end{array} \right)$$

negative root  $H_{AA} - E = -(H_{AB} - SE)$

$$E + SE = H_{AA} + H_{AB}$$

$$E = \frac{H_{AA} + H_{AB}}{1 + S} = \frac{-\frac{1}{2} + J + \frac{-S}{2} + K}{1 + S}$$

$$= \frac{-(1+S)\frac{1}{2} + \cancel{(K+S)}\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} + J - \frac{S}{2} + K}{1 + S}$$

$$= \boxed{-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{J + K}{1 + S}} \equiv E_+ \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{due to the} \\ \text{"+" signs} \end{array} \right)$$

note: as  $R \rightarrow \infty$ , we have a 1sA hydrogen atom and proton B infinitely far away (no interaction)

as  $R \rightarrow 0$ :  $S \rightarrow 0$ ,  $J \rightarrow 0$ ,  $K \rightarrow 0$

and  $E \rightarrow -\frac{1}{2}$  ( $= -\frac{1}{2}$  Hartree  $= -13.60$  eV)

(QA cont.)

c) the trial wave function for  $H_2^+$  is

$$\psi = c_1 \psi_A + c_2 \psi_B$$

but what are  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ ?

the secular equation gives  $(H_{AA} - E)c_1 + (H_{AB} - SE)c_2 = 0$

for energy  $E_-$   $(H_{AA} - E_-)c_1 = -(H_{AB} - SE_-)c_2$

$$\left(-\frac{1}{2} + J - \left[-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{J-K}{1-S}\right]\right)c_1 = -\left(-\frac{S}{2} + K - S\left[-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{J-K}{1-S}\right]\right)c_2$$

$$\left(J - \frac{J-K}{1-S}\right)c_1 = -\left(K - S\frac{J-K}{1-S}\right)c_2$$

$$\frac{J(1-S) - J + K}{1-S} c_1 = -\frac{K - KS - SJ + SK}{1-S}$$

$$\frac{K-SJ}{1-S} c_1 = -\frac{K-SJ}{1-S} c_2$$

$$\boxed{c_1 = -c_2} \quad \text{for } E = E_-$$

similarly,

for energy  $E_+$   $(H_{AA} - E_+)c_1 = -(H_{AB} - SE_+)c_2$

$$\left(-\frac{1}{2} + J - \left[-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{J+K}{1+S}\right]\right)c_1 = -\left(-\frac{S}{2} + K - S\left[-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{J+K}{1+S}\right]\right)c_2$$

$$\frac{K-SJ}{1+S} c_1 = \frac{K-SJ}{1+S} c_2$$

$$\boxed{c_1 = c_2} \quad \text{for } E = E_+$$

(QA conti.)

wave function for  $E = E_-$   
( $c_1 = -c_2$ )

$$\psi_- = c_1 \psi_A - c_1 \psi_B$$

normalization requirement  $1 = \int \psi_-^* \psi_- d\tau$

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} c_1, \psi_- \text{ are real} \\ c_1^* = c_1 \\ \psi_-^* = \psi_- \end{array} \right)$$

$$1 = \int (c_1 \psi_A - c_1 \psi_B)^* (c_1 \psi_A - c_1 \psi_B) d\tau$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= c_1^2 \int \overset{\uparrow=1}{\psi_A \psi_A} d\tau - c_1^2 \int \overset{\uparrow=S}{\psi_A \psi_B} d\tau - c_1^2 \int \overset{\uparrow=S}{\psi_B^* \psi_A} d\tau + c_1^2 \int \overset{\uparrow=1}{\psi_B^* \psi_B} d\tau \\ &= c_1^2 - c_1^2 S - c_1^2 S + c_1^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$1 = c_1^2 (2 - 2S)$$

$$c_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(1-S)}}$$

$$\psi_- = \frac{\psi_A - \psi_B}{\sqrt{2(1-S)}}$$

d) wave function for  $E = E_+$   
( $c_1 = c_2$ )

$$\psi_+ = c_1 \psi_A + c_1 \psi_B$$

$$1 = \int (c_1 \psi_A + c_1 \psi_B)^* (c_1 \psi_A + c_1 \psi_B) d\tau$$

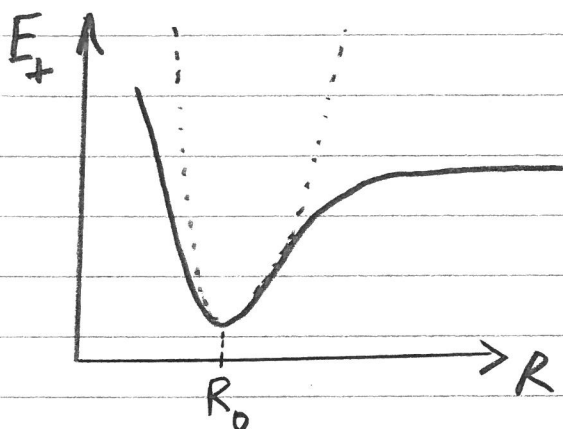
$$= c_1^2 + c_1^2 S + c_1^2 S + c_1^2$$

$$1 = c_1^2 (2 + 2S)$$

$$c_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(1+S)}}$$

$$\psi_+ = \frac{\psi_A + \psi_B}{\sqrt{2(1+S)}}$$

- Q6) The variational treatment of  $H_2^+$  gives the energy of the molecule as a function of the internuclear distance  $R$ .



To find the equilibrium bond length  $R_0$ ,

$$\text{solve } \frac{dE_+}{dR} = 0$$

define  $x = R - R_0$  as the displacement of the nuclei from the equilibrium bond length

for a harmonic oscillator, the potential energy is  $E_+ = \frac{1}{2} kx^2$  (accurate near  $R=R_0$ )

$$\frac{dE_+}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} 2kx = kx$$

$k$  is the force constant

for the vibration of  $H_2^+$

$$\frac{d^2E_+}{dx^2} = \frac{d(kx)}{dx} = k$$

- a) Evaluate the force constant by taking the second derivative of  $E_+$  at  $R=R_0$

- b) vibration frequency

$$\nu_{\text{calc}} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{k}{\mu}}$$

can test the accuracy of  $\psi_+$  by comparing  $\nu_{\text{calc}}$  to  $\nu_{\text{measured}}$

Q7

$H_2^+$  molecule ion

one bonding electron



$\approx \frac{1}{2}$  bond

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} R_0 = 0.132 \text{ nm} \\ E_+ = -1.77 \text{ eV} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{variational} \\ \text{calculation} \end{array}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} R_0 = 0.106 \text{ nm} \\ E_+ = -2.78 \text{ eV} \end{array} \right\} \text{measured}$$

$H_2$  molecule

two bonding electrons



$\approx 1$  bond

(stronger bond than  $H_2^+$ ,  
shorter bond length)

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} R_0 = 0.087 \text{ nm} \\ E_+ = 3.15 \text{ eV} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{variational} \\ \text{calculation} \end{array}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} R_0 = 0.074 \text{ nm} \\ E_+ = 4.75 \text{ eV} \end{array} \right\} \text{measured}$$

a)  $H_2^+$  has a longer bond  
length than  $H_2$

b)  $H_2^+$  has a weaker  
bond than  $H_2$

"makes sense"

$H_2^+$  has only one  
bonding electron,  
but  $H_2$  has two

Q8

to improve our  $\psi = c_1 1s_A + c_2 1s_B$   
variational treatment of  $H_2^+$ :

i) treat the nuclear charge ( $Z_A = Z_B = 1$ ) as a  
variational parameter

ii) include additional atomic orbitals ( $2s, 2p, \dots$ )

iii) use additional basis set functions (Gaussians)  
e.g.