

Calculation of the Ground State Energy of the hydrogen molecular ion using scaling wavelets as basis set

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- ▶ Using three dimensional basis functions based on shifted and scaled scaling sym8 wavelet function

$$f_i(x) = \phi(x/h + x_{\max}/h - i) / \sqrt{h} \quad (1)$$

- ▶ Here $h = x_{\max}/N$, h is also the distance between the scaling functions, and N is the number of intervals from the origin to $x_{\max}$.
- ▶ We however modify the functions by giving it periodic boundary conditions via

$$g_i(x) = \sum_{k=-K_{\max}}^{K_{\max}-1} f_i(x + kL) \quad (2)$$

with $L = 2x_{\max}$, $K_{\max} = 1$.

- ▶ The three dimensional basis functions are given by

$$F_{ijk}(x, y, z) = g_i(x)g_j(y)g_k(z) \quad (3)$$

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- ▶ Symlet8 or sym8 wavelets are specialized wavelets within wavelet theory valued for their near-symmetry, smoothness, and high-order vanishing moments.
- ▶ Used frequently to balance accuracy and smoothness in denoising and decomposition.
- ▶ Used in detecting slow-changing trends and feature extraction applications, such as seen in EEG, ECG, and seismic data analysis.
- ▶ The sym8 wavelet is applied within the Discrete Wavelet Transform (DWT) to split signals into detailed and approximation components.
- ▶ The improved symmetry of sym8 is preferred over db8 in image processing, edge detection, and analysis where signal phase information is important.

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- Hamiltonian for H_2^+ is

$$H = -\nabla^2 - \frac{2}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_1|} - \frac{2}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_2|}, \quad (4)$$

with $\mathbf{R}_1 = (-1, 0, 0)$ and $\mathbf{R}_2 = (1, 0, 0)$, the positions of the two protons.

- In order to mitigate the Coulomb cusps of the wave function at the positions of the nuclei we use the method described in
M. Braun, K.O. Obodo, Finite element density functional calculations for light molecules using a cusp factor to mitigate the Coulomb potential, Eur. Phys. J. (230) (2019) 100310-6.

- ▶ Let t_{ijk} the index function that maps the three 1D indices to a single index enumerating the 3D array with the original dimensions.
- ▶ Wherever you see three indices like ijk they actually stand for a single index. Inserting the index function everywhere would make the notation totally cumbersome.
- ▶ We define the generalized overlap matrix,

$$u_{ijk,lmn} = \int F_{ijk} W F_{lmn} d\mathcal{V} \quad (5)$$

- ▶ the generalized potential matrix

$$v_{ijk,lmn} = \int F_{ijk} V_{\text{eff}} W F_{lmn} d\mathcal{V} \quad (6)$$

- and the generalized kinetic energy matrix,

$$q_{ijk,lmn} = \int d\mathcal{V} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} F_{ijk} W \frac{\partial}{\partial x} F_{lmn} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} F_{ijk} W \frac{\partial}{\partial y} F_{lmn} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} F_{ijk} W \frac{\partial}{\partial z} F_{lmn} \right) \quad (7)$$

- With $d\mathcal{V} = dx dy dz$
- The weight function for this molecule is $W = G^2$ with

$$G = 1 + c \exp(-2|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_1|) + c \exp(-2|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_2|) \quad (8)$$

with $c = 1.01865736\dots$ resulting from the cusp condition for the ansatz in the paper.

- The effective potential is

$$V_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{2}{r_1} - \frac{2}{r_2} - \frac{\nabla^2 G}{G} \quad (9)$$

- The generalized eigenvalue problem then is

$$H\mathbf{v} = EU\mathbf{v} \quad (10)$$

and

$$H = Q + V.$$

- Here W is the weight function matrix , Q is the kinetic energy matrix and V the effective potential matrix.

- ▶ We evaluate matrix elements using repeated Gauss Legendre Integration on the grid, and evaluate W and V_{eff} on a three-dimensional GL grid based on the 1D GL grid $y_i, i = 1 \cdots N_{\text{GL}}$ with weights ω_i .
- ▶ Denote these values by

$$w_{ijk} = W((y_i, y_j, y_k)) \quad (11)$$

$$v_{ijk} = V_{\text{eff}}((y_i, y_j, y_k))W((y_i, y_j, y_k)) \quad (12)$$

- ▶ Using orthonormality of basis functions obtain expansion of W and WV_{eff} in terms of F_{ijk}
- ▶ Since the 3D basis functions are products of 1D ones, we must calculate the integrals of triple products of basis functions as well as those mixed with derivatives.

- ▶ We define h_{ij} by the values of the basis functions at the 1D GL points, i.e.

$$h_{ij} = g_i(y_j). \quad (13)$$

- ▶ We define r_{ij} by the derivatives of the basis functions at the 1D GL points, i.e.

$$r_{ij} = g'_i(y_j). \quad (14)$$

- ▶ Summation of basis function products and their weights give integrals over the product of three basis functions

$$p_{ijk} = \sum_I h_{iI} h_{jI} h_{kI} \omega_I. \quad (15)$$

- ▶ Summation as above except first and third basis functions replaced by derivative

$$s_{ijk} = \sum_I r_{iI} h_{jI} r_{kI} \omega_I. \quad (16)$$

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The expansion coefficients of W and WV_{eff} are evaluated via three dimensional Gauss Legendre integration:

$$W_{abc} = \sum_i \sum_j \sum_k \omega_i \omega_j \omega_k w_{ijk} h_{ai} h_{bj} h_{bk} \quad (17)$$

Substituting these corresponding expansions into the expressions for the matrix elements we obtain.

$$U_{ijk,lmn} = \sum_a \sum_b \sum_c W_{abc} \int F_{ijk} F_{abc} F_{lmn} d\mathcal{V}. \quad (18)$$

For the generalized potential this becomes

$$V_{abc} = \sum_i \sum_j \sum_k \omega_i \omega_j \omega_k v_{ijk} h_{ai} h_{bj} h_{bk}. \quad (19)$$

and

$$v_{ijk,lmn} = \sum_a \sum_b \sum_c V_{abc} \int F_{ijk} F_{abc} F_{lmn} d\mathcal{V}. \quad (20)$$

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and finally the generalized kinetic energy is obtained via

$$q_{ijk,lmn} = \int dV \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} F_{ijk} W \frac{\partial}{\partial x} F_{lmn} + \right. \quad (21)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} F_{ijk} W \frac{\partial}{\partial y} F_{lmn} + \quad (22)$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial}{\partial z} F_{ijk} W \frac{\partial}{\partial z} F_{lmn} \right] \quad (23)$$

After inserting the expansions for W this yields

$$\begin{aligned} q_{ijk,lmn} = & \sum_a \sum_b \sum_c W_{abc} \int dV \frac{\partial}{\partial x} F_{ijk} F_{abc} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} F_{lmn} + \\ & \sum_a \sum_b \sum_c W_{abc} \int dV \frac{\partial}{\partial y} F_{ijk} F_{abc} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} F_{lmn} + \\ & \sum_a \sum_b \sum_c W_{abc} \int dV \frac{\partial}{\partial z} F_{ijk} F_{abc} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} F_{lmn} . \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

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Substituting the form of the global basis functions we obtain

$$u_{ijk,lmn} = \sum_a \sum_b \sum_c W_{abc} p_{ial} p_{jbm} p_{kcn} \quad (25)$$

$$v_{ijk,lmn} = \sum_a \sum_b \sum_c V_{abc} p_{ial} p_{jbm} p_{kcn} \quad (26)$$

$$q_{ijk,lmn} = \sum_{a,b,c} W_{abc} s_{ial} p_{jbm} p_{kcn} + \sum_{a,b,c} W_{abc} p_{ial} s_{jbm} p_{kcn} + \sum_{a,b,c} W_{abc} p_{ial} p_{jbm} s_{kcn} \quad (27)$$

► Results for Ground state energy

$x_{\max}$	N	h	N_{gl}	E_{gs}	ΔE
6	6	1.0	12	-2.19939455	5.87×10^{-3}
6	8	0.75	12	-2.20347204	1.80×10^{-3}
6	10	0.60	12	-2.20461436	6.54×10^{-4}

Literature value = -2.20526843 to 9 digits

► where N_{gl} is the order of Gauss-Legendre integration.

- ▶ Code is written in Python
- ▶ Numpy, scipy, pywt and numba for speedup were used in this code.
- ▶ primme eigensolver used.

- Ground state energy can be calculated to reasonable accuracy with wavelets scaling functions basis set.

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