

Lecture summary

- Helium
 1. Spin singlet and triplet
 2. Exchange symmetry
 3. Variational method
 4. Ground and first excited state of Helium

Homework (due on 4/9)

1. Find out the ground state energy of helium atom with variational method. Assume the wave function has the form

$$\psi = \psi_{1s}(r_1)\psi_{1s}(r_2)$$

where $\psi_{1s}(r)$ is the hydrogen like 1s state wave function with an effective charge Z^* as the variational parameter. Compare the result with the experimental result (-79.0eV) and the first order perturbation result (-74.8eV).