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## Quantum Coding Challenges

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### 5. Hi, Hydrogen!

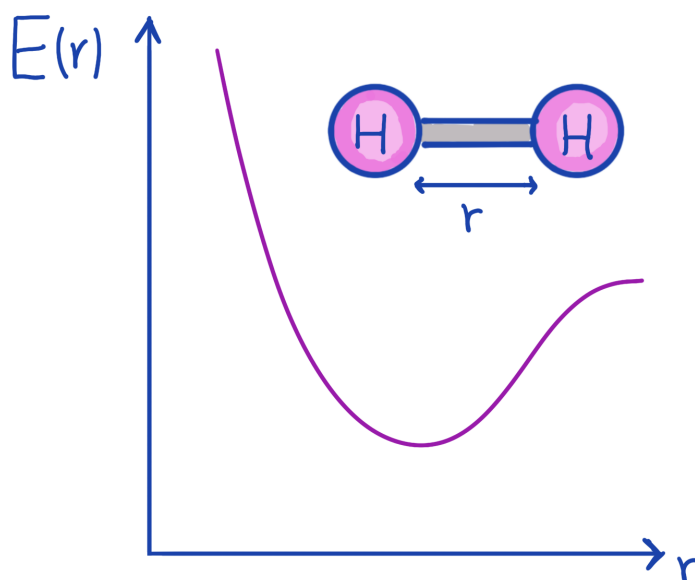
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Welcome to the QHack 2023 daily challenges! Every day for the next four days, you will receive two new challenges to complete. These challenges are worth no points — they are specifically designed to get your brain active and into the right mindset for the competition. You will also learn about various aspects of PennyLane that are essential to quantum computing, quantum machine learning, and quantum chemistry. Have fun!

#### **Tutorial #5 — Hi, Hydrogen!**

The Variational Quantum Eigensolver (VQE) algorithm has been touted as a game-changing near-term quantum algorithm. In particular, VQE is able to

efficiently simulate low-energy properties of small molecules. In this challenge, you will calculate the energy of the hydrogen molecule for various molecular charges and bond length combinations.



## Challenge code

In the code below, you are given a few functions:

- `hydrogen_hamiltonian`: This function will return the qubit Hamiltonian of the hydrogen molecule,  $H_2$ , given the `coordinates` of both hydrogen atoms and the net molecular `charge`. You'll usually find  $H_2$  with a charge of 0, but here we'll spice it up with a non-zero charge!
- `num_electrons`: In subsequent functions, we'll need the total number of electrons in the hydrogen molecule we're looking at. With a charge of 0,  $H_2$  usually has just 2 electrons, one per hydrogen atom. Given the `charge`, how many electrons should  $H_2$  have? **You must complete this function.**
- `hf`: The "HF" stands for Hartree-Fock. This function's purpose is calculate the HF approximation — treat every electron as independent, electrons move under a Coulomb potential from the positively charged nuclei, and there's a mean field from the other electrons — for the ground state of the hydrogen molecule we're interested in. We'll use this later, so **you must complete this function.**
- `run_VQE`: This function takes the `coordinates`, `charge`, generates the HF state, defines a `cost` function and minimizes it. **You must complete this**

**function** by:

- defining the gates within the `cost` function, using the `qml.AllSinglesDoubles` template with `singles` and `doubles` arguments defined below; and
- returning what we want to minimize, namely the expectation value of the hydrogen Hamiltonian!

Here are some helpful resources:

- [Building molecular Hamiltonians](#)
- [A brief overview of VQE](#)
- [Variational Quantum Eigensolver](#)
- [Quantum Chemistry documentation](#)

## Input

As input to this problem, you are given:

- `coordinates` (`list(float)`): the  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  coordinates of each hydrogen atom
- `charge` (`int`): the charge of the hydrogen molecule. It could be positive, negative, or zero!

## Output

This code must output the ground state `energy` (`float`) of the hydrogen molecule in question.

If your solution matches the correct one within the given tolerance specified in `check` (in this case it's a `1e-3` relative error tolerance), the output will be `"Correct!"` Otherwise, you will receive a `"Wrong answer"` prompt.

Good luck!

## Code

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1 import json
2 import pennylane as qml
3 import pennylane.numpy as np
```



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4 ▾ def hydrogen_hamiltonian(coordinates, charge):
5     """Calculates the qubit Hamiltonian of the hydrogen molecule
6
7     Args:
8         coordinates (list(float)): Cartesian coordinates of each
9         charge (int): The electric charge given to the hydrogen
10
11     Returns:
12         (qml.Hamiltonian): A PennyLane Hamiltonian.
13     """
14     return qml.qchem.molecular_hamiltonian(
15         ["H", "H"], coordinates, charge, basis="STO-3G"
16     )[0]
17
18 ▾ def num_electrons(charge):
19     """The total number of electrons in the hydrogen molecule.
20
21     Args:
22         charge (int): The electric charge given to the hydrogen
23
24     Returns:
25         (int): The number of electrons.
26     """
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28     # Put your solution here #
29     return
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31 ▾ def hf(electrons, num_qubits):
32     """Calculates the Hartree-Fock state of the hydrogen molecule
33
34     Args:
35         electrons (int): The number of electrons in the hydrogen
36         num_qubits (int): The number of qubits needed to represent
37
38     Returns:
39         (numpy.tensor): The HF state.
40     """
41

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42     # Put your solution here #
43     return
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45 v def run_VQE(coordinates, charge):
46     """Performs a VQE routine for the given hydrogen molecule.
47
48     Args:
49         coordinates (list(float)): Cartesian coordinates of each
50         charge (int): The electric charge given to the hydrogen
51
52     Returns:
53         (float): The expectation value of the hydrogen Hamiltoni
54     """
55
56     hamiltonian = hydrogen_hamiltonian(np.array(coordinates), ch
57
58     electrons = num_electrons(charge)
59     num_qubits = len(hamiltonian.wires)
60
61     hf_state = hf(electrons, num_qubits)
62     # singles and doubles are used to make the AllSinglesDoubles
63     singles, doubles = qml.qchem.excitations(electrons, num_qubi
64
65     dev = qml.device("default.qubit", wires=num_qubits)
66
67     @qml.qnode(dev)
68 v def cost(weights):
69     """A circuit with tunable parameters/weights that measur
70
71     Args:
72         weights (numpy.array): An array of tunable parameter
73
74     Returns:
75         (float): The expectation value of the hydrogen Hamil
76     """
77

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78         # Put your solution here #
79         return
80

```

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81     np.random.seed = 1234
82     weights = np.random.normal(
83         0, np.pi, len(singles) + len(doubles), requires_grad=True
84     )
85     opt = qml.AdamOptimizer(0.5)
86
87 v for _ in range(200):
88     weights = opt.step(cost, weights)
89
90     return cost(weights)
91

```

92 *# These functions are responsible for testing the solution.*

93 **def** **run**(test\_case\_input: str) -> str:

94 coordinates, charge = json.loads(test\_case\_input)

95 energy = run\_VQE(coordinates, charge)

96

97 **return** str(energy)

98

99 **def** **check**(solution\_output: str, expected\_output: str) -> None:

100 solution\_output = json.loads(solution\_output)

101 expected\_output = json.loads(expected\_output)

102 **assert** np.allclose(solution\_output, expected\_output, rtol=1e

103

104 test\_cases = [['[0.0, 0.0, -0.8, 0.0, 0.0, 0.8], -1]', '-0.5:

105 **for** i, (input\_, expected\_output) **in** enumerate(test\_cases):

106 **print**(f"Running test case {i} with input '{input\_}'...")

107

108 **try**:

109 output = run(input\_)

110

111 **except** Exception **as** exc:

112 **print**(f"Runtime Error. {exc}")

113

114 **else**:

115 **if** message := check(output, expected\_output):

116 **print**(f"Wrong Answer. Have: '{output}'. Want: '{expe

117

118 **else**:

119 **print**("Correct!")

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