

1 Partial wave expansion of the regularized Coulomb interaction

Using the more friendly modified Spherical Bessel functions,

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\text{erf}(\beta|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|)}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^\beta du e^{-u^2(r^2+r'^2)} \left[\sum_{l=0}^\infty (2l+1) i_l(2u^2 r r') P_l(\cos(\theta)) \right] \\
&= \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sum_{l=0}^\infty (2l+1) P_l(\cos(\theta)) \int_0^\beta du e^{-u^2(r^2+r'^2)} i_l(2u^2 r r') \\
&= 8\sqrt{\pi} \sum_{l=0}^\infty \sum_{m=-l}^l Y_{lm}(\cos(\theta), \phi) Y_{lm}^*(\cos(\theta'), \phi') \int_0^\beta du e^{-u^2(r^2+r'^2)} i_l(2u^2 r r') \\
&= \sum_{l=0}^\infty \sum_{m=-l}^l Y_{lm}(\cos(\theta), \phi) Y_{lm}^*(\cos(\theta'), \phi') \left[8\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2rr'}} \int_0^{\beta\sqrt{2rr'}} dx e^{-x^2\left(\frac{r^2+r'^2}{2rr'}\right)} i_l(x^2) \right] \\
&= \sum_{l=0}^\infty \sum_{m=-l}^l Y_{lm}(\cos(\theta), \phi) Y_{lm}^*(\cos(\theta'), \phi') \left(\frac{4\pi}{2l+1} \right) W_l^{(\text{erf})}(r, r'; \beta)
\end{aligned} \tag{1.1}$$

where

$$W_l^{(\text{erf})}(r, r'; \beta) = \left(\frac{2(2l+1)}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2rr'}} \right) \int_0^{\beta\sqrt{2rr'}} dx e^{-x^2\left(\frac{r^2+r'^2}{2rr'}\right)} i_l(x^2) \tag{1.2}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
i_0(x) &= \frac{\sinh(x)}{x} = \text{sinhc}(x) \\
i_1(x) &= \frac{x \cosh(x) - \sinh(x)}{x^2} = \frac{\cosh(x) - \text{sinhc}(x)}{x} = \\
i_2(x) &= \frac{(x^2 + 3) \sinh(x) - 3x \cosh(x)}{x^3} = \frac{(x^2 + 3) \text{sinhc}(x) - 3 \cosh(x)}{x^2} = \\
i_3(x) &= \frac{(x^3 + 15x) \cosh(x) - (6x^2 + 15) \sinh(x)}{x^4} = \frac{(x^2 + 15) \cosh(x) - (6x^2 + 15) \text{sinhc}(x)}{x^3}
\end{aligned} \tag{1.3}$$

The symbol W is employed for the interaction as opposed to ϕ due neglect of the prefactor $e^2/4\pi\epsilon_0$ (or just e^2 in a.u.) required for the unit of the interaction to be energy. The factor $4\pi/(2l+1)$ is introduced such that $\lim_{\beta \rightarrow \infty} W_l^{(\text{erf})}(r, r'; \beta) = r_{<}^l/r_{>}^{l+1}$, the familar partial wave expansion of the $1/|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|$, where $r_{>} = \max(r, r')$ and $r_{<} = \min(r, r')$.

The key limits for W are

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{\beta \rightarrow \infty} W_l^{(\text{erf})}(r, r') &= \frac{r_{<}^l}{r_{>}^{l+1}} \\
\lim_{r_{<} \rightarrow 0} W_l^{(\text{erf})}(r, r') &= \frac{\text{erf}(\beta r_{>})}{r_{>}} \delta_{l,0}
\end{aligned} \tag{1.4}$$

where $r_{>} = \max(r, r')$, $r_{<} = \min(r, r')$. The first limit is the partial wave expansion of $1/|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|$, the second

limit is derived as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
W_l^{(\text{erf})}(r, r') &= \left(\frac{2(2l+1)}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2rr'}} \right) \int_0^{\beta\sqrt{2rr'}} dx e^{-x^2 \left(\frac{r^2+r'^2}{2rr'} \right)} i_l(x^2) \\
&= \left(\frac{2(2l+1)}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right) \int_0^\beta dx e^{-x^2(r^2+r'^2)} i_l(2rr'x^2) \\
W_l^{(\text{erf})}(r, 0) &= \left(\frac{2(2l+1)}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right) \int_0^\beta dx e^{-x^2r^2} i_l(0) \\
&= \left(\frac{2(2l+1)}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right) \int_0^\beta dx e^{-x^2r^2} \delta_{l,0} \\
&= (2l+1) \frac{\text{erf}(\beta r_>)}{r_>} \delta_{l,0} \\
&= \frac{\text{erf}(\beta r_>)}{r_>} \delta_{l,0}
\end{aligned} \tag{1.5}$$

where the $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} i_l(x) = \delta_{l,0}$ which can be proved from Eq.1.3, or more generally, from the small argument expansion given by Abramowitz and Stegun's book with leading order term ($i_l(x) \sim x^l$) as x goes to 0.

The required indefinite integrals are

$$\int dx e^{-a^2 x^2} i_0(x^2) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi} \text{sgn}(x)}{2} [a_m \text{erfc}(a_m |x|) - a_p \text{erfc}(a_p |x|)] - x e^{-a^2 x^2} [\sinh(x^2)] \tag{1.6}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\int dx e^{-a^2 x^2} i_1(x^2) &= \frac{1}{6x^3} [\sqrt{\pi}(2a^2+1)a_m x^3 \text{erfc}(a_m |x|) - \sqrt{\pi}(2a^2-1)a_p x^3 \text{erfc}(a_p |x|) \\
&\quad - e^{-(a^2+1)x^2} (2a^2(e^{2x^2}-1)x^2 + (e^{2x^2}+1)x^2 - e^{2x^2}+1)] \\
&= \frac{1}{6x^3} [\sqrt{\pi}(2a^2+1)a_m x^3 \text{erfc}(a_m |x|) - \sqrt{\pi}(2a^2-1)a_p x^3 \text{erfc}(a_p |x|) \\
&\quad - 2e^{-a^2 x^2} [(2a^2 x^2 - 1) \sinh(x^2) + x^2 \cosh(x^2)]] \\
&= \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{6} [(2a^2+1)a_m \text{erfc}(a_m |x|) - (2a^2-1)a_p \text{erfc}(a_p |x|)] \\
&\quad - \frac{e^{-a^2 x^2}}{3x^3} [(2a^2 x^2 - 1) \sinh(x^2) + x^2 \cosh(x^2)] \\
&= \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{6} [(2a^2+1)a_m \text{erfc}(a_m |x|) - (2a^2-1)a_p \text{erfc}(a_p |x|)] \\
&\quad - \frac{e^{-a^2 x^2}}{3x} [(2a^2 x^2 - 1) \sinh(x^2) + \cosh(x^2)]
\end{aligned} \tag{1.7}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\int dx e^{-a^2 x^2} i_2(x^2) &= \frac{1}{10x^5} \left[-\sqrt{\pi}(4a^4 + 2a^2 - 1)x^4 a_m |x| \operatorname{erf}(a_m |x|) + \sqrt{\pi}(4a^4 - 2a^2 - 1)x^4 a_p |x| \operatorname{erf}(a_p |x|) \right. \\
&\quad + \sqrt{\pi}x^4 (2a^2(a_m |x| + a_p |x|) - a_m |x| + a_p |x| + 4a^4(a_m |x| - a_p |x|)) \\
&\quad + e^{-(a^2-1)x^2}((2a^2 + 3)x^2 + (-4a^4 - 2a^2 + 1)x^4 - 3) \\
&\quad \left. + e^{-(a^2+1)x^2}((3 - 2a^2)x^2 + (4a^4 - 2a^2 - 1)x^4 + 3) \right] \\
&= \frac{\operatorname{sgn}(x)}{10} \left[-\sqrt{\pi}(4a^4 + 2a^2 - 1)a_m \operatorname{erf}(a_m |x|) + \sqrt{\pi}(4a^4 - 2a^2 - 1)a_p \operatorname{erf}(a_p |x|) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \sqrt{\pi}(2a^2(a_m + a_p) - a_m + a_p + 4a^4(a_m - a_p)) \right] \\
&+ \frac{1}{5x^5} \left[+e^{-a^2 x^2}(2a^2 x^2 \sinh(x^2) + (-4a^4 + 1)x^4 \sinh(x^2) + (3x^2 - 2a^2 x^4) \cosh(x^2) - 3 \sinh(x^2)) \right] \\
&= \frac{\sqrt{\pi} \operatorname{sgn}(x)}{10} \left[(4a^4 + 2a^2 - 1)a_m \operatorname{erfc}(a_m |x|) - (4a^4 - 2a^2 - 1)a_p \operatorname{erfc}(a_p |x|) \right] \\
&+ \frac{e^{-a^2 x^2}}{5x^3} \left[((1 - 4a^4)x^4 + 2a^2 x^2 - 3) \operatorname{sinhc}(x^2) + (3 - 2a^2 x^2) \cosh(x^2) + 4a^4 x^4 \right] \\
&- \frac{4xa^4 e^{-a^2 x^2}}{5}
\end{aligned} \tag{1.8}$$

Here, the integrals are presented in a form in which is easier to check by differentiating wrt to x and ensuring that the limit $x \rightarrow 0$ is well defined.

$$\int dx e^{-a^2 x^2} i_3(x^2) = \tag{1.9}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
a_m &= \sqrt{a^2 - 1} \\
a_p &= \sqrt{a^2 + 1}
\end{aligned} \tag{1.10}$$

In order to evaluate the partial waves, we insert the definition of the a 's

$$\begin{aligned}
a &= \frac{\sqrt{r_{>}^2 + r_{<}^2}}{\sqrt{2r_{>}r_{<}}} \\
a_m &= \frac{r_{>} - r_{<}}{\sqrt{2r_{>}r_{<}}} \\
a_p &= \frac{r_{>} + r_{<}}{\sqrt{2r_{>}r_{<}}}
\end{aligned} \tag{1.11}$$

where as above $r_{>} = \max(r, r')$ and $r_{<} = \min(r, r')$. Furthermore, since the upper and lower limits of the integral are positive semi-definite ($x \geq 0$), we only need to be careful about the absolute value in the evaluation of a_p and a_m and not in x which is evaluated at the limits. Hence $\operatorname{sgn}(x) \equiv 1$ and $|x| \equiv x$. It is nonetheless convenient to introduce $r_{>}$ and $r_{<}$ everywhere rather have mixed notation of $r, r', r_{>}, r_{<}$

Using the simplified form of the integrals above and the definition of the a 's in terms of $r_{>}$ and $r_{<}$, the coefficients of the partial wave expansion of the regularized / cutoff Coulomb interaction can be written in a form in which the limits $r_{<} \rightarrow 0$, $\beta \rightarrow \infty$ and $r_{>} \rightarrow r_{<}$ can be evaluated by easily. For convenience functions,

$$\begin{aligned}
D_p^{(\operatorname{erf})}(r_{<}, r_{>}; \beta) &= \frac{1}{2} [\operatorname{erf}(\beta(r_{>} + r_{<})) + \operatorname{erf}(\beta(r_{>} - r_{<}))] \\
D_m^{(\operatorname{erf})}(r_{<}, r_{>}; \beta) &= \frac{1}{2} [\operatorname{erf}(\beta(r_{>} + r_{<})) - \operatorname{erf}(\beta(r_{>} - r_{<}))] \\
G_H(r_{<}, r_{>}, \beta) &= \left(\frac{2\beta}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right) e^{-\beta^2(r_{>}^2 + r_{<}^2)}
\end{aligned} \tag{1.12}$$

are defined. The partial wave are

$$\begin{aligned} W_0^{(\text{erf})}(r, r'; \beta) &= \left[D_p^{(\text{erf})}(r_<, r_>; \beta) \right] \left[\frac{1}{r_>} \right] + \left[D_m^{(\text{erf})}(r_<, r_>; \beta) - r_< G_H(r_<, r_>, \beta) \right] \left[\frac{1}{r_<} \right] \\ &- G_H(r_<, r_>, \beta) [\text{sinhc}(2\beta^2 r_> r_<) - 1] \end{aligned} \quad (1.13)$$

$$\begin{aligned} W_1^{(\text{erf})}(r, r'; \beta) &= \left[D_p^{(\text{erf})}(r_<, r_>; \beta) - r_> G_H(r_<, r_>, \beta) \right] \left[\frac{r_<}{r_>^2} \right] \\ &+ \left[D_m^{(\text{erf})}(r_<, r_>; \beta) - r_< G_H(r_<, r_>, \beta) \right] \left[\frac{r_>}{r_<^2} \right] \\ &- G_H(r_<, r_>, \beta) \left[\frac{(2\beta^2(r_>^2 + r_<^2) - 1)\text{sinhc}(2\beta^2 r_> r_<) + \cosh(2\beta^2 r_> r_<) - 2\beta^2(r_>^2 + r_<^2)}{2\beta^2 r_> r_<} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (1.14)$$

$$W_2^{(\text{erf})}(r, r'; \beta) = \quad (1.15)$$

$$W_3^{(\text{erf})}(r, r'; \beta) = \quad (1.16)$$

The alternative form of the integral is

$$\begin{aligned} \int dx \, e^{-a^2 x^2} i_1(b^2 x^2) &= \frac{1}{6b^4} \left[\sqrt{\pi} \left(-(a^2 + a_m^2) a_p \operatorname{erfc}(x a_p) + (a^2 + a_p^2) a_m \operatorname{erfc}(x a_m) \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{2b^2 e^{-x^2 a^2}}{x} \left((2a^2 x^2 - 1) \frac{\sinh(b^2 x^2)}{b^2 x^2} + \cosh(b^2 x^2) \right) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (1.17)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} a &= \sqrt{r_>^2 + r_<^2} \\ b &= \sqrt{2r_>r_<} \\ a_m &= r_> - r_< \\ a_p &= r_> + r_< \end{aligned} \quad (1.18)$$

To evaluate the partial wave, the limits are simple, 0 and β .

$$\begin{aligned}
I_2(x) &= \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{10} [(4a^4 + 2a^2 - 1)a_m \operatorname{erfc}(a_m x) - (4a^4 - 2a^2 - 1)a_p \operatorname{erfc}(a_p x)] \\
&+ \frac{e^{-a^2 x^2}}{5x^3} [(1 - 4a^4)x^4 + 2a^2 x^2 - 3] \operatorname{sinhc}(x^2) + (3 - 2a^2 x^2) \cosh(x^2) + 4a^4 x^4] \\
&- \frac{4xa^4 e^{-a^2 x^2}}{5}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{10}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{I_2(\beta\sqrt{2r_>r_<})}{\sqrt{2r_>r_<}} = \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{10} [(4a^4 + 2a^2 - 1)a_m \operatorname{erfc}(a_m x) - (4a^4 - 2a^2 - 1)a_p \operatorname{erfc}(a_p x)] \right. \\
\left. \frac{1}{\sqrt{2r_>r_<}} \right\}$$

(1.20)