The SCF Workshop Notes 2

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2.1. How to Gaussian Integrate

Let's take a quick step back and ask the very same question that dawned on me when learning about this stuff "What is the actual mathematical form of the thing we're solving? I mean TF do I actually put into a code to compute this stuff". Let's first refamiliarize ourselves with Gaussian basis sets, and then derive our expressions using Gaussian orbitals.

In molecular calculations, you generally use a fixed molecular coordinate system, so that the basis functions are centered at position vectors \mathbf{R}_A . The value at a position vector \mathbf{r} , of a function centered at \mathbf{R}_A will depend on $\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_A$, thus we write a general basis function as $\phi_{\mu}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_A)$ to denote that it is centered at \mathbf{R}_A

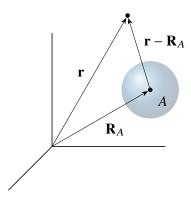


Figure 1. Coordinate system representation for the atom centered Gaussian

Our typical unnormalized Gaussian friend looks like

$$\tilde{g}_{1s}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_A) = e^{-\alpha |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_A|^2}$$
(2.1)

The normalized 1s Gaussian-type function, centered at \mathbf{R}_A , can be written as

$$\phi_{1s}^{GF}(\alpha, \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_A) = \left(\frac{2\alpha}{\pi}\right)^{3/4} e^{-\alpha|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_A|^2}$$
(2.2)

The integrals take the generic form

$$(\mu_A \nu_B | \lambda_C \sigma_D) = \int \phi_\mu^{A*}(\mathbf{r}_1) \phi_\nu^B(\mathbf{r}_1) r_{12}^{-1} \phi_\lambda^{C*}(\mathbf{r}_2) \phi_\sigma^D(\mathbf{r}_2) d\mathbf{r}_1 d\mathbf{r}_2$$
(2.3)

which will involve taking the product of Gaussian functions, fortunately this product is just another Gaussian centered at the midpoint between the two other centers

$$\phi_{1s}^{GS}(\alpha, \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_A)\phi_{1s}^{GS}(\beta, \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_B) = K_{AB}\phi_{1s}^{GS}(p, \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_p)$$
(2.4)

where this constant K_{AB} is

$$K_{AB} = \left(\frac{2\alpha\beta}{(\alpha+\beta)\pi}\right)^{3/4} \exp\left(-\frac{\alpha\beta}{\alpha+\beta}\right) \exp\left(|\mathbf{R}_A - \mathbf{R}_B|^2\right)$$
(2.5)

The new exponent of the Gaussian centered at \mathbf{R}_P is

$$p = \alpha + \beta \tag{2.6}$$

and the third center P is on a line joining the centers A and B

$$\mathbf{R}_P = (\alpha \mathbf{R}_A + \beta \mathbf{R}_B)/(\alpha + \beta) \tag{2.7}$$

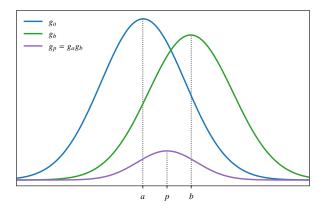


Figure 2. Product of two Gaussian

$$(\mu_A \nu_B | \lambda_C \sigma_D) = K_{AB} K_{CD} \int \phi_{1s}^{GS}(p, \mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{R}_p) r_{12}^{-1} \phi_{1s}^{GS}(q, \mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{R}_Q) d\mathbf{r}_1 d\mathbf{r}_2$$
 (2.8)

The formula for a series of Gaussian, known as contracted GFs is

$$\phi_{\mu}^{\text{CGF}}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_A) = \sum_{p=1}^{L} d_{p\mu} \phi_p^{\text{GF}}(\alpha_{p\mu}, \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_A)$$
(2.9)

where $d_{p\mu}$ are the contraction coefficients

2.1.1 Integral Forms of 1s Gaussians

The S overlap matrix has the basic form that when integrated gives us the following equation

$$S = (A|B) = \int \tilde{g}_{1s}(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{R}_A)\tilde{g}_{1s}(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{R}_B) d\mathbf{r}_1$$
$$= \left(\frac{\pi}{(\alpha + \beta)}\right)^{3/2} \exp\left(-\frac{\alpha\beta}{(\alpha + \beta)}|\mathbf{R}_A - \mathbf{R}_B|^2\right)$$

Kinetic energy integral will give us this expression

$$\left(A \left| -\frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 \right| B\right) = \int \tilde{g}_{1s}(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{R}_A) (-\frac{1}{2} \nabla^2) \tilde{g}_{1s}(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{R}_B) d\mathbf{r}_1
= \frac{\alpha \beta}{(\alpha + \beta)} \left[3 - \frac{2\alpha \beta}{(\alpha + \beta)} |\mathbf{R}_A - \mathbf{R}_B|^2 \right] \left[\frac{\pi}{(\alpha + \beta)} \right]^{3/2} \exp\left(-\frac{\alpha \beta}{(\alpha + \beta)} |\mathbf{R}_A - \mathbf{R}_B|^2 \right)$$

For the nuclear attraction integral, I'm going to have to pull a Cukier and refer you to pg. 412–414 of S&O for the exact derivation.

During the derivation (which involves Fourier transforms!—you'll never escape them, submit to their study or perish), we end up needing to introduce the F_0 function, defined as

$$F_0(t) = t^{-1/2} \int_0^{t^{1/2}} e^{-y^2} dy$$
 (2.10)

It is related to the error function by

$$F_0(t) = \frac{1}{2} (\pi/t)^{1/2} \operatorname{erf}(t^{1/2})$$
(2.11)

which itself is related to the Gamma function and so on, anyway, our nuclear attraction integral then becomes

$$\left(A\left|-\frac{Z_C}{r_{1C}}\right|B\right) = -\frac{2\pi}{(\alpha+\beta)}Z_C \exp\left(-\frac{\alpha\beta}{(\alpha+\beta)}|\mathbf{R}_A - \mathbf{R}_B|^2\right)F_0\left((\alpha+\beta)|\mathbf{R}_P - \mathbf{R}_C|^2\right)$$
(2.12)

Now consider the horrid two-electron repulsion integral

$$(AB|CD) = \exp\left(-\frac{\alpha\beta}{(\alpha+\beta)}|\mathbf{R}_{A} - \mathbf{R}_{B}|^{2} - \frac{\gamma\delta}{(\gamma+\delta)}|\mathbf{R}_{C} - \mathbf{R}_{D}|^{2}\right)$$

$$\times \int \exp\left(-p|\mathbf{r}_{1} - \mathbf{R}_{P}|^{2}\right)r_{12}^{-1}\exp\left(-q|\mathbf{r}_{2} - \mathbf{R}_{Q}|^{2}\right)d\mathbf{r}_{1}d\mathbf{r}_{2}$$

$$= \frac{2\pi^{5/2}}{(\alpha+\beta)(\gamma+\delta)(\alpha+\beta+\gamma+\delta)^{1/2}}$$

$$\times \exp\left(-\frac{\alpha\beta}{(\alpha+\beta)}|\mathbf{R}_{A} - \mathbf{R}_{B}|^{2} - \frac{\gamma\delta}{(\gamma+\delta)}|\mathbf{R}_{C} - \mathbf{R}_{D}|^{2}\right)F_{0}\left(\frac{(\alpha+\beta)(\gamma+\delta)}{(\alpha+\beta+\gamma+\delta)}|\mathbf{R}_{P} - \mathbf{R}_{Q}|^{2}\right)$$

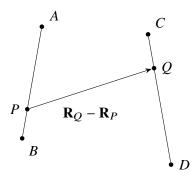


Figure 3. The six centers involved in the two-electron repulsion integral.