

# Chem231B: Quiz #4

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1. What is the spin multiplicity of the ground state of  $\text{H}_2$  and of  $\text{H}_2^+$ ?

$\text{H}_2$  spin multiplicity is 1;  $\text{H}_2^+$  is 2.

2. Give the electronic Hamiltonian for  $\text{H}_2$ .

$H_{\text{el}} = \hat{h}(1) + \hat{h}(2) + V_{ee}$  where  $\hat{h}(i)$  is the one electron Hamiltonian for  $i$ -th electron and  $V_{ee}$  is the coulombic interaction:

$$\hat{h}(i) = -\frac{\nabla_i^2}{2} - \frac{1}{|r_i - R|} - \frac{1}{|r_i|} \text{ and } V_{ee} = \frac{1}{|r_1 - r_2|}$$

$r$  is the position of the electron and  $R$  is the position of the nucleus. The  $\text{H}_2$  is placed along the  $z$ -axis where a proton is at the origin.

3. Which one of the following changes significantly when going from  $\text{H}_2$  to  $\text{D}_2$ :  $R_e$ ,  $D_e$ ,  $\omega$ ?

$\omega$ .

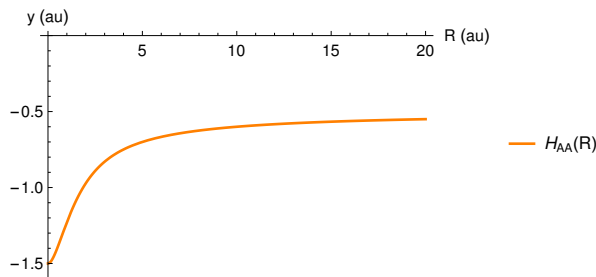
4. Within the harmonic approximation, say how your answer to the previous question will change?

Still  $\omega$ .

5. Give an expression for the matrix element  $H_{AA}$  in  $\text{H}_2^+$  for 1s orbitals ( $\gamma = 1$ ).

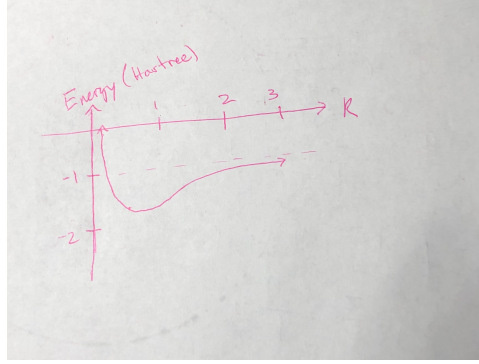
$$h_{AA} = \gamma^2/2 - \gamma f(x) = 1/2 - f(x), \text{ where } f(x) = 1 - \frac{(1+x)e^{-2x}-1}{x}.$$

6. Sketch how the matrix element  $H_{AA}$  should depend on  $R$ , giving its value as  $R \rightarrow \infty$ .



$H_{AA}$  should go to -0.5 Hartree as  $R \rightarrow \infty$ .

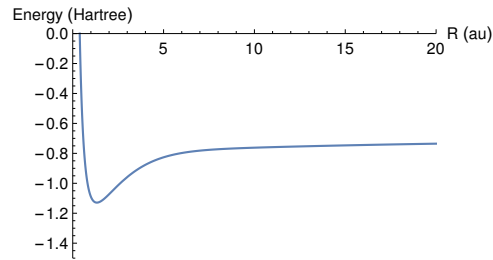
7. Sketch a molecular energy curve for  $\text{H}_2$  as a function of  $R$ , giving its value as  $R \rightarrow \infty$ .



-1 Hartree as  $R \rightarrow \infty$

8. Sketch the curve within the Hartree-Fock approximation. What qualitative error does it make?

*Sketch which curve within HF?  $H_2$ ?*



-11/16 or -0.6875 Hartree as  $R \rightarrow \infty$

9. For a molecule with  $y_e = 0$ , deduce a formula for the number of states it will bind in terms of  $D_e$ ,  $\omega$ , and  $x_e$ .

$$E_{\text{vib}}(\nu) = \nu_e[(\nu + 1/2) - x_e(\nu + 1/2)^2]$$

Dissociation is when  $E_{\text{vib}} = D_e$  and hence, solve for  $\nu$  which will yield the max number of bounded

$$\text{states } \nu_{\text{max}} \approx \frac{1}{2x_e} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{(1-x_e)^2 - 4x_e D_e/\nu_e}}{2x_e}$$

10. Deduce an expression for  $x_e$  in terms of  $D_e$  and  $\omega$  for the Morse potential, for which  $\epsilon_n = -V_0 \left(1 - \frac{\alpha(n + \frac{1}{2})}{\sqrt{2\mu V_0}}\right)^2$

$$x_e = \frac{\omega}{8D_e}$$