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(*Variational-method-m6*)
(*Description:

Reproduction of variational principle findings from Physical Chemistry: A Molecular Approach (1997)
with demonstrated trial functions.

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(*Date: 11/18/2020*)
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(*Question 1: Approximate Solution to Particle in 1D-box*)
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Print["(1) Find the normalization constant A and assume L = 1"]
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$$\int_0^L |\phi|^2 dx = 1 \text{ where } \phi = Ax(x-L)"]
Print["(3) Substituting  $\phi$  into step (2),

$$\int_0^L (Ax(x-L))^2 dx = A^2 \int_0^L x^2 (x-L)^2 dx = 1"]

(*Definite integral calculation*)
L = 1; (*Length of box*)
phi = A*x*(x-L); (*Phi trial function without normalization const*)
closedIntegralPhiSquare = Integrate[phi^2, {x, 0, L}]; (*Result of integral*)
(*Definite integral calculation*)

Print["(4) Using Mathematica to calculate the definite integral
where L = 1, ", closedIntegralPhiSquare, " = 1"]
Print["(5) Normalization constant A therefore is A =  $\pm\sqrt{30}$ "]
Print["(6) The Hamiltonian for a harmonic oscillator (particle
in a 1D-box) is given by  $\hat{H} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V(x)$  where  $V(x) = 0$ 
in the bounds of the box 0 to L (L = 1)."]

Print["(7)  $E_\phi = \frac{\langle \phi | \hat{H} | \phi \rangle}{\langle \phi | \phi \rangle} = \frac{\int_0^L \phi^* \hat{H} \phi dx}{\int_0^L |\phi|^2 dx} =$ 

$$= \frac{\int_0^L Ax(x-L) - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} Ax(x-L) dx}{1} = \frac{-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \int_0^L Ax(x-L) \frac{d^2}{dx^2} Ax(x-L) dx}{1}"]

(*Second derivative of  $\phi$  with respect to x and integral of phi*)
secondDerivPhi = D[phi, {x, 2}];$$$$$$

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closedIntegralPhi = Integrate[phi, {x, 0, L}];
(*Second derivative of  $\phi$  with respect to x*)

Print["(8) The second derivative with respect to x of the integral
in the denominator of step (6) is ", secondDerivPhi, "
then  $E_\phi = \frac{-2A\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\int_0^L Ax(x-L) dx}{1}$  where the integral is ",
closedIntegralPhi, " then  $E_\phi = \frac{A^2\hbar^2}{6m} = \frac{30\hbar^2}{24m\pi^2}$ "]

(*Calculation of  $E_\phi$  and  $E_0$ *)
h = Quantity["PlanckConstant"]; (*J/s*)
electronMass = Quantity["ElectronMass"]; (*kg*)
ePhi =  $\frac{30*(h)^2}{24*(electronMass)*\pi^2}$ ;
eNaught =  $\frac{(h)^2}{8*(electronMass)}$ ;
(*Calculation of  $E_\phi$  and  $E_0$ *)

Print["(9) Using mathematica,  $E_\phi =$ ", N[ePhi, 4]]

Print["(10) This is a reasonable answer because  $E_\phi > E_0$ , where  $E_0 = \frac{\pi^2\hbar^2}{2mL^2} =$ ", N[eNaught, 4] ]

(*Calculation of percent error*)
percentError = N[ $\frac{ePhi - eNaught}{eNaught} * 100$ , 4];
(*Calculation of percent error*)

Print["(11) Therefore,  $E_\phi =$ ", ePhi, " with ", percentError, "% error."]

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(*Question 2: One parameter trial function*)
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Print["(1) First normalizing the function  $\phi(\alpha) = A(L^2 - x^2)(L^2 - \alpha x^2)$  and using
 $\int_0^L |\phi|^2 dx = 1$ , therefore  $\int_0^L (A(L^2 - x^2)(L^2 - \alpha x^2))^2 dx = 1$ "]

(*Normalization integral*)
phiAlpha = A*(L^2-x^2)*(L^2- $\alpha$ x^2); (*Without A*)
normIntegralPhiAlpha = Integrate[phiAlpha^2, {x, 0, L}];
(*Normalization integral*)

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Print["(2) Using Mathematica, the result of integration is
", normIntegralPhiAlpha, " = 1"]

(*Solve for A*)
normConstant = Solve[normIntegralPhiAlpha == 1, A];
positiveNormConstant = A/.normConstant[[2]];
phiAlphaOnly = positiveNormConstant*(L^2-x^2)*(L^2-α*x^2); (*In terms of alpha, x, and L only*)
(*Solve for A*)

Print["(3) Using Mathematica, the normalization constant
is A = ", positiveNormConstant]
Print["(4) Knowing the normalization constant,


$$E(\alpha) = \frac{\langle \phi(\alpha) | \hat{H} | \phi(\alpha) \rangle}{\langle \phi(\alpha) | \phi(\alpha) \rangle} = \frac{\int_0^L (\phi(\alpha))^* \hat{H} \phi(\alpha) dx}{\int_0^L |\phi(\alpha)|^2 dx} = \int_0^L (\phi(\alpha))^* \hat{H} \phi(\alpha) dx"]

Print["(5)  $\hat{H} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V(x)$  but  $V(x) = 0$  in the 1D box, so substituting
 $\hat{H}$  and  $\phi(\alpha)$  into step (4),  $E(\alpha) = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \int_0^L$ ", phiAlphaOnly, "  $\frac{d^2}{dx^2}$ ", phiAlphaOnly, " dx"]

(*Second derivative of  $\phi$  with respect to x and integral of phiAlpha*)
secondDerivPhiAlpha = D[phiAlphaOnly, {x, 2}];
(*Second derivative of  $\phi$  with respect to x and integral of phiAlpha*)

Print["(5) Second derivative inside the integrand is
 $\frac{d^2}{dx^2}$ ", phiAlphaOnly, " = ", Simplify[secondDerivPhiAlpha], " The integral now becomes

 $E(\alpha) = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \int_0^L$ ", Simplify[phiAlphaOnly*secondDerivPhiAlpha], "dx"]

(*Solution to integral*)
phiAlphaIntegrand = phiAlphaOnly*secondDerivPhiAlpha;
integralPhiAlpha = Integrate[phiAlphaIntegrand, {x, 0, L}];
(*Solution to integral*)

Print["(6) The result of that integral is  $E(\alpha) =$ ", Simplify[ $\frac{-\hbar^2}{8*electronMass*\pi^2}$ * integralPhiAlp

(*Derivative ePhi with respect to  $\alpha$  set to 0*)
eAlpha =  $\frac{-\hbar^2}{8*electronMass*\pi^2}$  * integralPhiAlpha;
eAlphaFunc[α_] =  $\frac{-\hbar^2}{8*electronMass*\pi^2}$  * integralPhiAlpha;
derivEAlpha = D[eAlpha, {α, 1}];
optimizedEAlpha = NSolve[derivEAlpha == 0, α];
alphaOne = α/.optimizedEAlpha[[1]];
alphaTwo = α/.optimizedEAlpha[[2]];
(*Derivative ePhi with respect to  $\alpha$  set to 0*)$$

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Print["(7) Then optimizing the parameter  $\alpha$ ,  $\frac{\partial E(\alpha)}{\partial \alpha} = 0$ ", Simplify[derivEAlpha], " = 0"]
Print["(8)  $\alpha_1 =$ ", N[alphaOne, 3], " or  $\alpha_2 =$ ", N[alphaTwo, 3]];
Print["(9) For  $\alpha_1 =$ ", N[alphaOne, 3], "  $E(\alpha_1) =$ ", eAlphaFunc[alphaOne]]
Print["    For  $\alpha_2 =$ ", N[alphaTwo, 3], "  $E(\alpha_1) =$ ", eAlphaFunc[alphaTwo]]

(*%error both instances*)
percentErrorAlpha1 =  $\frac{eAlphaFunc[alphaOne] - eNaught}{eNaught} * 100$ ;
(*/%error both instances*)

Print["(10) The optimal parameter value for this function must therefore be
 $\alpha_1 =$ ", alphaOne, " with corresponding energy  $E(\alpha_1) =$ ", eAlphaFunc[alphaOne]]

(*Residual Plot*)
exactPsi = Sqrt[2]*Sin[Pi*x];
phiOptimalAlphaOnly = phiAlphaOnly/.alpha->alphaOne;
Plot[
  {exactPsi-phiOptimalAlphaOnly, phiOptimalAlphaOnly,
   exactPsi},
  {x, 0, L}, PlotLabel->"Residual plot",
  AxesLabel->{"Length"}, PlotRange->Full, ImageSize->Large,
  PlotLegends->{" $\psi_1 - \phi(\alpha_1, x)$ ", " $\phi(\alpha_1, x)$ ", " $\psi_1$ "}
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(*Question 3: Gaussian Trial Function*)
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Print["(1) Find normalization constant A of  $\phi(r, \alpha) = Ae^{-\alpha r^2}$  using procedures
in previous steps (i.e. Denominator is  $\langle \phi | \phi \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\phi|^2 r^2 dr = 1$ "]

(*Normalize the Gaussian*)
gaussian = A*Exp[-1*alpha*r^2]; (*Gaussian trial function*)
gaussianNormalizationIntegral = Normal[Integrate[r^2*gaussian^2, {r, 0, Infinity}]];
gaussianNormalizationConst = Simplify[A/.(Solve[gaussianNormalizationIntegral == 1, A])[[2]]];
normalizedGaussian = gaussian/.A->gaussianNormalizationConst;
(*/Normalize the Gaussian*)

Print["(2) The normalization constant A therefore is A = ", gaussianNormalizationConst]
Print["(3) Numerator of  $E(\alpha) = \int_0^{\infty} \phi^* \hat{H} \phi r^2 dr$  where  $\hat{H} = -\frac{1}{2}(\frac{d}{dr^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{d}{dr}) - \frac{1}{r}$ "]

(*Hamiltonian operator*)
secondDerivGaussian = D[normalizedGaussian, {r, 2}];

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firstDerivGaussian = D[normalizedGaussian, {r, 1}];
divRGaussian = normalizedGaussian/r;
hamiltonianOnGaussian =  $-\frac{1}{2} * \left( \text{secondDerivGaussian} + \frac{2}{r} * \text{firstDerivGaussian} \right) - \text{divRGaussian};$ 
(*Hamiltonian operator*)

Print["(4)  $\hat{H}\phi = -\frac{A}{2} \left( \frac{d}{dr^2}\phi + \frac{2}{r} \frac{d}{dr}\phi \right) - \frac{\phi}{r} =$ ", Simplify[hamiltonianOnGaussian]]
Print["(5) Then  $E(\alpha) = \int_0^\infty$ ", Simplify[normalizedGaussian*hamiltonianOnGaussian], "  $r^2 dr$ "]

(*Evaluate Hamiltonian with L = Infinity for hydrogen*)
eHAtom = Simplify[Normal[Integrate[normalizedGaussian*hamiltonianOnGaussian*r^2, {r, 0, Infinity}]]
(*Evaluate Hamiltonian with L = Infinity for hydrogen*)

Print["(6)  $E(\alpha) =$ ", eHAtom]

(*Optimize E(α)*)
firstDerivEAtom = D[eHAtom, {α, 1}];
optimizedEAtom = NSolve[firstDerivEAtom == 0, α];
alphaEAtom = α/.optimizedEAtom[[1]];
functionEAtom[a_] = -2*Sqrt[2/Pi]*Sqrt[a] + (3*a/2);
(*Optimize E(α)*)

Print["(7) Optimization of  $E(\alpha) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial E(\alpha)}{\partial \alpha} =$ ", firstDerivEAtom, " = 0"]
Print["(8) Optimal parameter for  $\alpha =$ ", alphaEAtom]
Print["(9) Minimum energy is  $E(\alpha) =$ ", functionEAtom[alphaEAtom], ". This
is a reasonable value since  $E_{\min}$  in the textbook is the same constant (-0.424) times
 $\frac{m_e e^4}{16\pi^2 \epsilon_0^2 \hbar^2}$  and  $E_0$ 's constant is -0.500 times the  $\frac{m_e e^4}{16\pi^2 \epsilon_0^2 \hbar^2}$  for Gaussian trial function
for H-atom"]

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(*Question 1: Approximate Solution to Particle in 1D-box*)
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(1) Find the normalization constant A and assume $L = 1$

(2) Normalization constant can be found by

$$\int_0^L |\phi|^2 dx = 1 \text{ where } \phi = Ax(x-L)$$

(3) Substituting ϕ into step (2),

$$\int_0^L (Ax(x-L))^2 dx = A^2 \int_0^L x^2 (x-L)^2 dx = 1$$

(4) Using Mathematica to calculate the definite integral

where $L = 1$, $\frac{A^2}{30} = 1$

(5) Normalization constant A therefore is $A = \pm\sqrt{30}$

(6) The Hamiltonian for a harmonic oscillator (particle in a 1D-box) is given by $\hat{H} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V(x)$ where $V(x) = 0$ in the bounds of the box 0 to L (L = 1).

$$(7) E_\phi = \frac{\langle \phi | \hat{H} | \phi \rangle}{\langle \phi | \phi \rangle} = \frac{\int_0^L \phi^* \hat{H} \phi dx}{\int_0^L |\phi|^2 dx} = \frac{\int_0^L A x (x-L) - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} A x (x-L) dx}{1} = \frac{-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \int_0^L A x (x-L) \frac{d^2}{dx^2} A x (x-L) dx}{1}$$

(8) The second derivative with respect to x of the integral in the denominator of step (6) is 2A

$$\text{then } E_\phi = \frac{-2A \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \int_0^L A x (x-L) dx}{1} \text{ where the integral is } -\frac{A}{6} \text{ then } E_\phi = \frac{A^2 \hbar^2}{6m} = \frac{30 \hbar^2}{24 m \pi^2}$$

(9) Using mathematica, $E_\phi = 0.1267 \hbar^2/m_e$

(10) This is a reasonable answer because $E_\phi > E_0$, where $E_0 = \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2mL^2} = 0.1250 \hbar^2/m_e$

(11) Therefore, $E_\phi = \frac{5}{4\pi^2} \hbar^2/m_e$ with 1.321% error.

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(*Question 2: One parameter trial function*)

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(1) First normalizing the function $\phi(\alpha) = A(L^2 - x^2)(L^2 - \alpha x^2)$ and using

$$\int_0^L |\phi|^2 dx = 1, \text{ therefore } \int_0^L (A(L^2 - x^2)(L^2 - \alpha x^2))^2 dx = 1$$

(2) Using Mathematica, the result of integration is

$$\frac{8}{315} A^2 (21 - 6\alpha + \alpha^2) = 1$$

(3) Using Mathematica, the normalization constant

$$\text{is } A = \frac{3 \sqrt{\frac{35}{2}}}{2 \sqrt{21 - 6\alpha + \alpha^2}}$$

(4) Knowing the normalization constant,

$$E(\alpha) = \frac{\langle \phi(\alpha) | \hat{H} | \phi(\alpha) \rangle}{\langle \phi(\alpha) | \phi(\alpha) \rangle} = \frac{\int_0^L (\phi(\alpha))^* \hat{H} \phi(\alpha) dx}{\int_0^L |\phi(\alpha)|^2 dx} = \int_0^L (\phi(\alpha))^* \hat{H} \phi(\alpha) dx$$

(5) $\hat{H} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V(x)$ but $V(x) = 0$ in the 1D box, so substituting

$$\hat{H} \text{ and } \phi(\alpha) \text{ into step (4), } E(\alpha) = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \int_0^L \frac{3 \sqrt{\frac{35}{2}} (1-x^2)(1-x^2\alpha)}{2 \sqrt{21-6\alpha+\alpha^2}} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \frac{3 \sqrt{\frac{35}{2}} (1-x^2)(1-x^2\alpha)}{2 \sqrt{21-6\alpha+\alpha^2}} dx$$

(5) Second derivative inside the integrand is

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} \frac{3 \sqrt{\frac{35}{2}} (1-x^2) (1-x^2 \alpha)}{2 \sqrt{21-6\alpha+\alpha^2}} = \frac{3 \sqrt{\frac{35}{2}} (-1 + (-1+6x^2) \alpha)}{\sqrt{21-6\alpha+\alpha^2}}$$

The integral now becomes

$$E(\alpha) = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \int_0^1 \frac{315 (-1+x^2) (-1+x^2 \alpha) (-1 + (-1+6x^2) \alpha)}{4 (21-6\alpha+\alpha^2)} dx$$

(6) The result of that integral is $E(\alpha) = \frac{(35-14\alpha+11\alpha^2) \left(-\frac{3}{16\pi^2} \hbar^2/m_e \right)}{21-6\alpha+\alpha^2}$

(7) Then optimizing the parameter α , $\frac{\partial E(\alpha)}{\partial \alpha} =$

$$\left(\left((-3+\alpha) (35-14\alpha+11\alpha^2) \left(-\frac{3}{2\pi^2} \hbar^2/m_e \right) + (-7+11\alpha) (21-6\alpha+\alpha^2) \left(\frac{3}{2\pi^2} \hbar^2/m_e \right) \right) \right) / (42+2(-6+\alpha)\alpha^2) = 0$$

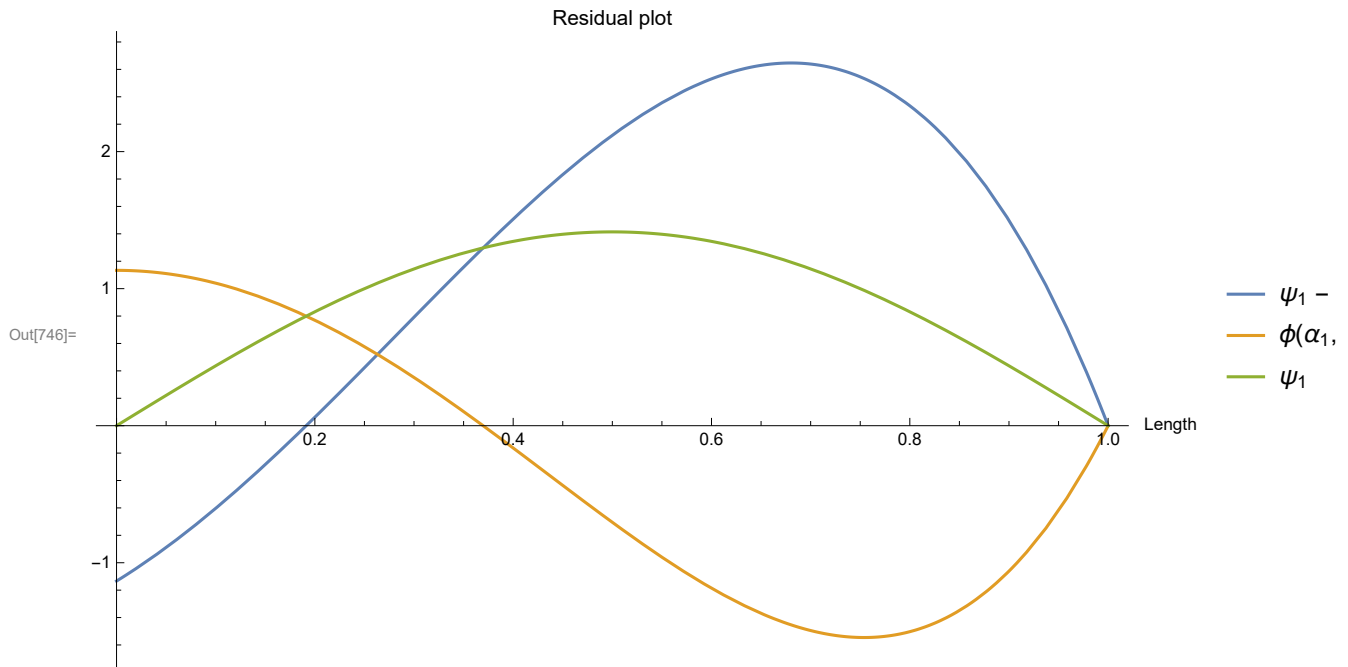
(8) $\alpha_1 = 7.32$ or $\alpha_2 = 0.221$

(9) For $\alpha_1 = 7.32$ $E(\alpha_1) = 0.323374 \hbar^2/m_e$

For $\alpha_2 = 0.221$ $E(\alpha_2) = 0.03125046 \hbar^2/m_e$

(10) The optimal parameter value for this function must therefore be

$\alpha_1 = 7.31771$ with corresponding energy $E(\alpha_1) = 0.323374 \hbar^2/m_e$



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(*Question 3: Gaussian Trial Function*)

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(1) Find normalization constant A of $\phi(r, \alpha) = Ae^{-\alpha r^2}$ using procedures in previous steps (i.e. Denominator is $\langle \phi | \phi \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\phi|^2 r^2 dr = 1$

(2) The normalization constant A therefore is $A = \frac{2 \times 2^{3/4} \alpha^{3/4}}{\pi^{1/4}}$

(3) Numerator of $E(\alpha) = \int_0^{\infty} \phi^* \hat{H} \phi r^2 dr$ where $\hat{H} = -\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{d}{dr^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{d}{dr} \right) - \frac{1}{r}$

(4) $\hat{H}\phi = -\frac{A}{2} \left(\frac{d}{dr^2} \phi + \frac{2}{r} \frac{d}{dr} \phi \right) - \frac{\phi}{r} = -\frac{2 \times 2^{3/4} e^{-r^2 \alpha} \alpha^{3/4} (1 - 3 r \alpha + 2 r^3 \alpha^2)}{\pi^{1/4} r}$

(5) Then $E(\alpha) = \int_0^{\infty} -\frac{8 e^{-2 r^2 \alpha} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \alpha^{3/2} (1 - 3 r \alpha + 2 r^3 \alpha^2)}{r} r^2 dr$

(6) $E(\alpha) = -2 \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \sqrt{\alpha} + \frac{3 \alpha}{2}$

(7) Optimization of $E(\alpha) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial E(\alpha)}{\partial \alpha} = \frac{3}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}}}{\sqrt{\alpha}} = 0$

(8) Optimal parameter for $\alpha = 0.282942$

(9) Minimum energy is $E(\alpha) = -0.424413$. This

is a reasonable value since E_{\min} in the textbook is the same constant (-0.424) times

$\frac{m_e e^4}{16 \pi^2 \epsilon_0^2 \hbar^2}$ and E_0 's constant is -0.500 times the $\frac{m_e e^4}{16 \pi^2 \epsilon_0^2 \hbar^2}$ for Gaussian trial function

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