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# THE THREE-DIMENSIONAL HYDROGEN ATOM IN CROSSED MAGNETIC AND ELECTRIC FIELDS

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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

One of the basic quantum-mechanical problems, namely the hydrogen atom in electromagnetic fields, has been of great importance for the progress of quantum theory and is still of significant interest because of its numerous physical applications. A large number of publications dealt with partial aspects of the problem. The present paper is devoted to the solving of the three-dimensional Schrödinger equation for the electron of the hydrogen atom in external magnetic  $\vec{B}$  and electric  $\vec{F}$  fields of arbitrary mutual orientation. Although the problem has a history as long as quantum mechanics itself, only a few quantitative results have been obtained for the special cases of mutually parallel and orthogonal weak fields in the framework of perturbation theory. Initially, the problem was studied within the old quantum theory by Epstein ( cf [1]) and its quantal treatment was given in [2]. In both papers the first order of perturbation theory was considered for weak fields  $\vec{B}$  and  $\vec{F}$  of arbitrary mutual orientation. The second-order formulae for the cases of parallel  $\vec{B} \parallel \vec{F}$  and orthogonal  $\vec{B} \perp \vec{F}$  fields were obtained in [3] and an equation for an additional second-order correction, which may completely lift the residual degeneracy of hydrogen levels for the case  $\vec{B} \perp \vec{F}$ , was analyzed [4]. The higher-order corrections  $B^2F^2$  and  $B^2F^4$  to the ground state of the two examples  $\vec{B} \parallel \vec{F}$  and  $\vec{B} \perp \vec{F}$  were computed in [5]. We also have to mention a quasi-classical analysis of the problem for  $\vec{B} \perp \vec{F}$ [6]; this work offers a qualitative investigation of an interesting possibility where within the hydrogen atom the electron may be localized separately of the nucleus at a certain distance from the center of the Coulomb well, which gives rise to a large dipole moment of the ground state of the system.

In the general case of arbitrary mutual orientation of the fields the separation of variables is not possible. To solve this three-dimensional problem we use a method suggested by us in an earlier paper [7]. This approach has been applied to a number of two-dimensional examples, both for scattering and for the discrete spectrum of the Schrödinger equation. In particular, it has been demonstrated that the method converges quickly for the two-dimensional problem of a hydrogen atom in a homogeneous magnetic field [7]. An extension to a three-dimensional case, taking as an example a bound state of the helium atom, has been considered in [8].

In Section 2, the formulation of the problem and the essence of the applied method are presented. In Section 3, we consider a two-dimensional special case which is at present being investigated extensively, namely the hydrogen atom in a strong magnetic field  $(|\vec{B}| \ge 10^9 G, \vec{F} = 0)$ . Apart from the known applications in astrophysics, solid state physics and in chaotic studies (discussions of physical applications may be found in [9-11] and references therein), the problem has recently attracted attention as a convenient way of calibrating different approaches for solving the Schrödinger equation without separation of variables. By modifying the strength of the magnetic field  $|\vec{B}|$  it is possible to change dramatically the wave function of the system, from Coulomb ( $|\vec{B}| = 0$ ) to Landau

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 $(|\vec{B}| = \infty)$  limit. For solving the problem, variational methods ([12], and references therein), adiabatic approach [13], modified Hartree-Fock approach [14], finite element methods [15],[16] and Kato's method [17], have been applied recently. Only a few of the most successful analyses using different approaches are mentioned here. A complete list of publications devoted to this problem one can find in the papers quoted above. The accuracy achieved by a recent, more refined method [12] for the ground state is better than 1 part in 10<sup>7</sup> for fields  $|\vec{B}| \simeq 10^{19}G$  and better than 1 part in 10<sup>16</sup> for  $|\vec{B}| \le 10^8 G$ , which allows one to take into consideration relativistic corrections as well. We demonstrate that our approach is comparable in accuracy with the advanced variational finite-basis method [12] for the ground state of the problem and that it is more accurate for some of the low-lying states to be analyzed here.

An extension of the approach to the general three-dimensional case of nonzero fields  $\vec{B}$  and  $\vec{F}$  arbitrary oriented one to another is given in Section 4, where the evolution of the electron state n = 2 as a function of the angle  $\alpha \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$  between the fields and the relative strength  $\eta = \frac{3n|\vec{F}|}{|\vec{B}|}$  of the fields is analyzed. For the limited cases  $\alpha = 0$  ( $\vec{F} \parallel \vec{B}$ ) and  $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{2}$  ( $\vec{F} \perp \vec{B}$ ) the obtained results agree with perturbation theory [3], [4]. The convergence of the method is demonstrated for these two mutual orientations and for different relative strengths ( $\eta < 1, \eta = 1$  and  $\eta > 1$ ) of the fields.

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In Section 5, possible applications of the obtained results and a possible extension of the usage of the method are discussed.

# 2. FORMULATION OF THE PROBLEM AND METHOD OF CALCULATION

The nonrelativistic Hamiltonian of a hydrogen electron in external electric  $\vec{F}$  and magnetic  $\vec{B}$  fields has a form:

$$H(R,\theta,\phi) = -\frac{1}{2} \,\Delta_{\vec{R}} - \frac{1}{R} + \frac{1}{2} (\vec{B} \cdot \vec{L}) + \frac{1}{8} [\vec{B} \cdot \vec{R}]^2 + (\vec{F} \cdot \vec{R}), \tag{1}$$

where  $\hat{R} = \{R \sin \theta \cos \phi, R \sin \theta \sin \phi, R \cos \theta\}$  is the radius-vector of the electron and  $\tilde{L}$  is its orbital angular momentum. The Hamiltonian is written in atomic units,  $\hbar = c = m_e = 1$ ; the units of the electric and magnetic fields strengths are equal to  $F_0 = \frac{e^2 m_e^2}{\hbar^2} \simeq 5.14 \cdot 10^9 V/cm$ ,  $B_0 = (\frac{e}{\hbar})^3 m_e^2 c \simeq 2.35 \cdot 10^9 G$ .

We introduce a coordinate frame in such a way that the vectors  $\vec{B}$  and  $\vec{F}$ , which form an arbitrary angle  $\alpha$ , determine the plane y = 0 and the z-axis coincides with the direction of the field  $\vec{B}$ :

$$\vec{B} = \beta \cdot \vec{n}_B \quad , \quad \vec{F} = \gamma \cdot \vec{n}_F,$$

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where  $\vec{n}_B = \{0, 0, 1\}$  and  $\vec{n}_F = \{\sin \alpha, 0, \cos \alpha\}$  are unit vectors, and  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  are the strengths of the magnetic and electric field, respectively. In this case the Hamiltonian is

reduced to the form:

$$H(R,\theta,\phi) = -\frac{1}{2R^2}\frac{\partial}{\partial R}R^2\frac{\partial}{\partial R} + U(R,\theta,\phi) + \frac{1}{2R^2} \cdot L(\theta,\phi), \qquad (2)$$

where

$$L(\theta,\phi) = \frac{1}{\sin\theta} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} \sin\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} + \frac{1}{\sin\theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial\phi^2} \right),$$
  

$$U(R,\theta,\phi) = -\frac{1}{R} - i \cdot \frac{\beta}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial\phi} + \frac{(\beta R)^2}{8} \cdot \sin^2\theta + \gamma R \cdot (\sin\theta\cos\phi\sin\alpha - \cos\theta\cos\alpha).$$

An essential point of the method [7] for solving the Schrödinger equation with the Hamiltonian (2) is the reduction of the partial differential equation

$$\{H(X) - \varepsilon\}\psi(X) = 0 \tag{3}$$

in the multidimensional space  $X = \{R, \Omega\}$  to a system of differential-difference equations in terms of one of the variables R. To make the procedure more efficient we have exploited the idea ( has been developed in collocation [18], [19] and pseudospectral methods [20], [21]): for approximating the unknown wave function  $\psi(X)$  that is to be calculated, we use a set of global basis functions on a difference grid  $\Omega_k$  (and not a local pointwise basis as used in the standard discrete analysis of finite differences or finite elements). This idea has already been successfully applied in quantum chemistry to solve Schrödinger type equations ("discrete variable representation" of J.C. Light et al. [22 - 24]) and Hartree-Fock equations ("pseudospectral method" of R.A. Friesner [25], [26]), where hybrid computational schemes based on manipulating a basis set and a physical space grid have been developed to increase the efficiency of computations.

Below we give a brief account of approach [7] with more detailed consideration of the peculiarities of problem (2). In space X subspace  $\Omega$  is defined and from the the *D*dimensional Hamiltonian (3) a D-1-dimensional Hamiltonian  $h_0(\Omega)$  with an orthogonal set of eigenfunctions  $\varphi_{\mu}(\Omega)$  is extracted:

$$H(X) = -\frac{1}{2R^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} R^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial R} + U(R,\Omega) + f(R) \cdot h_0(\Omega).$$
(4)

In subspace  $\Omega$  a difference grid  $\Omega_k$  (k=1,2,...,N) is introduced, in whose nodes the values of the wave function that is to be calculated are

$$\psi(R,\Omega) \Rightarrow \psi(R,\Omega_k) = \frac{1}{R} \cdot \psi_k(R).$$
 (5)

Furthermore, a discrete index  $\nu$  ( $\nu=1,2,...,\infty$ ) is introduced, which corresponds to the set { $\mu$ } of quantum numbers that characterize the system of basis functions  $\varphi_{\mu}(\Omega)$ . Now the set of the first N eigenfunctions  $\varphi_{\nu}(\Omega)$ , ( $\nu=1,2,...,N$ ) of the Hamiltonian  $h_0(\Omega)$  at the nodal points  $\Omega_k$  forms a square matrix  $\varphi_{k\nu} = \{\varphi_{\nu}(\Omega_k)\}$  of dimension  $N \times N$ . Assuming

the system  $\varphi_{\nu}(\Omega)$  to be a Chebyshev set on  $\Omega$  [27] we introduce the inverse matrix  $\varphi_{kj}^{-1}$ and represent the wave function  $\psi(R, \Omega)$  we want to calculate as an expansion

$$\psi(R,\Omega) = \frac{1}{R} \sum_{j=1}^{N} (\sum_{\nu=1}^{N} \varphi_{\nu}(\Omega) \varphi_{\nu j}^{-1}) \psi_{j}(R)$$
(6)

in terms of the basis functions  $\varphi_{\nu}(\Omega)$ .

For this expansion relation (5) is fulfilled automatically, and the following relations

$$(h_0(\Omega)\psi(R,\Omega))_{\Omega=\Omega_k} = \frac{1}{R} \sum_{j=1}^N (\sum_{\nu=1} \varphi_{k\nu} \epsilon_\nu \varphi_{\nu j}^{-1}) \psi_j(R)$$
(7)

$$(U(R,\Omega)\psi(R,\Omega))_{\Omega=\Omega_k} = \frac{1}{R} \sum_{j=1}^N U(R,\Omega_k) (\sum_{\nu=1}^N \varphi_{k\nu} \varphi_{\nu j}^{-1}) \psi_j(R) = \frac{1}{R} U(R,\Omega_k) \psi_k(R)$$
(8)

are valid. Here  $\epsilon_{\nu}$  is the eigenvalue of the Hamiltonian  $h_0$  that corresponds to the eigen function  $\varphi_{\nu}(\Omega)$ . By substituting expansion (6) into the Schrödinger equation (3) and using relations (7) and (8) we obtain a system of N differential-difference equations:

$$F_{i}(z) = \sum_{j=1}^{N} \{ \delta_{kj} \frac{d^{2}}{dR^{2}} + 2 \cdot (\delta_{kj} \varepsilon - V_{kj}(R)) \} \psi_{j}(R) = 0, \qquad (9)$$

where

$$V_{kj}(R) = U(R, \Omega_k) \cdot \delta_{kj} + \sum_{\nu=1}^{N} \varphi_{k\nu} \epsilon_{\nu} \varphi_{\nu j}^{-1}$$

In [7] it was shown for the two-dimensional case how equations (9) may be transformed to the equations of the "discrete variable representation" [22].

Following paper [28], we formulate the eigenvalue problem for the system of Eqs. (9) as a nonlinear equation F(z) = 0 for an unknown eigenvalue  $\varepsilon$  and eigenfunctions  $\psi_k(R)$ ,  $z = \{\varepsilon, \psi_k(R)\}$ , by adding to the equation  $F_1(z) = 0$  boundary conditions at R = 0 and  $R = R_m \to \infty$  and a normalization condition:

$$F_{2}(z) = \psi_{k}(0) = 0, \qquad F_{3}(z) = \psi_{k}(R_{m}) = 0,$$
  

$$F_{4}(z) = \sum_{k_{j}}^{N} \int \psi_{k}(R)\psi_{j}(R)dR - 1 = 0.$$
(10)

In approach [28] both the eigenvalue and the scattering problem for the system of equations (9) are formulated as a functional equation F(z) = 0, which is solved by Newton's method. So, the same computing technique can be applied for calculating the bound states as well as the ionization of a hydrogen atom by the electric field.

Let as formulate problem (9),(10) for a hydrogen atom in arbitrary oriented magnetic and electric fields (2). For this case it is convenient to define subspace  $\Omega$  as a rectangle  $\Omega = \{x, \phi\}$ , where  $x = -\cos \theta \in [-1, 1]$ ,  $\phi \in [0, 2\pi]$ , and to choose the Hamiltonian  $h_0(\Omega)$ as  $L(x, \phi)$  with basis functions  $\varphi_{\nu}(\Omega)$  defined by

$$\varphi_{\nu}(\Omega) = P_l^m(x) \begin{cases} \cos m\phi, & m \ge 0\\ \sin \mid m\phi \mid, & m < 0, \end{cases}$$
(11)

where  $P_l^m(x)$  are the associated Legendre polynomials,  $\nu = \{l, m\}$ .

We will look for the wave function  $\psi(R,\Omega)$  as an expansion

$$\psi(R,\Omega) = \frac{1}{R} \sum_{j=1}^{N} (\sum_{\nu=1}^{N} \varphi_{\nu}(\Omega) \varphi_{\nu j}^{-1}) \cdot (\psi_{j}(R) + i \bar{\psi}_{j}(R))$$
(12)

containing both real  $\psi_j(R)$  and imaginary  $\bar{\psi}_j(R)$  parts.

By substituting this expansion into the Schrödinger equation (3) with Hamiltonian (2) we obtain a system of differential-difference equations

$$F_{1}(z) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \{\delta_{kj} \frac{d^{2}}{dR^{2}} + 2(\delta_{kj}\varepsilon - V_{kj}(R))\}\psi_{j}(R) + \sum_{j=1}^{N} \tilde{V}_{kj}(R)\bar{\psi}_{j}(R) \\ \sum_{j=1}^{N} \{\delta_{kj} \frac{d^{2}}{dR^{2}} + 2(\delta_{kj}\varepsilon - V_{kj}(R))\}\bar{\psi}_{j}(R) - \sum_{j=1}^{N} \tilde{V}_{kj}(R)\psi_{j}(R) \end{array} \right\} = 0, \quad (13)$$

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$$V_{kj}(R) = \{-\frac{1}{R} + \frac{(\beta R)^2}{8} \cdot (1 - x_k^2) - \gamma R \cdot (\sqrt{1 - x_k^2} \cdot \cos \phi_k \sin \alpha - x_k \cos \alpha)\} \cdot \delta_{kj} + \frac{1}{2R^2} \cdot \sum_{\nu=\{l,m\}=1}^N l(l+1) \cdot \varphi_{k\nu} \cdot \varphi_{\nu j}^{-1},$$
(14)  
$$\bar{V}_{kj}(R) = \beta \cdot \sum_{\nu=1}^N \frac{\partial \varphi_{\nu}(\Omega)}{\partial \phi}|_{\Omega = \Omega_k} \cdot \varphi_{\nu j}^{-1}.$$

In those equations the summation indices take the following values:

$$\begin{split} &k = \{k_{\theta}, k_{\phi}\}, \quad k_{\theta} = 1, ..., N_{\theta}, \quad k_{\phi} = 1, ..., N_{\phi}; \\ &j = \{j_{\theta}, j_{\phi}\}, \quad j_{\theta} = 1, ..., N_{\theta}, \quad j_{\phi} = 1, ..., N_{\phi}; \\ &\nu = \{l, m\}, \quad l = 0, 1, ..., N_{\theta} - 1, \quad m = -(N_{\phi} - 1), ..., (N_{\phi} - 1); \\ &N_{\theta} = N_{\phi}, \qquad N = N_{\theta} \cdot N_{\phi}. \end{split}$$

#### 3. THE HYDROGEN ATOM IN A STRONG MAGNETIC FIELD

We start the analysis of problem (13),(14) from a special case  $\beta \ge 1, \gamma = 0$ , i.e. a hydrogen atom in a strong magnetic field. Also, we do not include the term  $-i\frac{\beta}{2}\frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}$ , which is linear in the magnetic field strength  $\beta$ , in the Hamiltonian (2) in order to have the possibility of direct comparison with the analyses of other authors. As in this instance the variable  $\phi$  may be separated, the initial three-dimensional problem is reduced to the problem on the plane  $X = \{R, x\}$ , which allows one to use as the basis set  $\varphi_{\nu}(\Omega)$ in expansion (12) the Legendre polynomials  $P_{l}(x)$  instead of the two-dimensional basis functions (11). And, as the Hamiltonian defined in such a way does not keep the terms that violate the wave function symmetry relative to inversion  $(x \to -x)$ , one may use either even or odd polynomials  $P_{l}(x)$ , depending on the z-parity of the state one is looking for. Now the imaginary part of expansion (12) is equal to zero, and the effective potentials  $V_{kj}(R)$  (14) of the system of equations (13) are reduced to :

$$V_{kj}(R) = \left(-\frac{1}{R} + \frac{(\beta R)^2}{8}(1 - x_k^2)\right) \cdot \delta_{kj} + \frac{1}{2R^2} \cdot \sum_{\nu=1} \nu(\nu - 1) \cdot P_{\nu-1}(x_k) \cdot P_{kj}^{-1}, \quad (15)$$

where the summation index  $\nu$  takes the values  $\nu = 1, 3..., 2N_x - 1$  or  $\nu = 2, 4, ..., 2N_x$ for the respective states with positive or negative z-parity, and the negative nodes of the  $2N_x$ -point Gauss quadrature on [-1, 1] are used as  $N_x$  grid points  $\Omega_k = x_k \in [-1, 0]$ . For solving problem (13),(10) we use the computational scheme successfully applied to a number of various multichannel problems of muon-catalyzed fusion [29],[30] and atomic physics [31-33]. Here we will not discuss the details of this scheme, which may be found in [7],[28], but turn directly to the analysis of the obtained results.

In Tables 1 and 2 the evaluated quantities  $E_{\nu} = -2(\varepsilon_{\nu} - \gamma)$  are presented for the ground state and for several low-lying excited states of the problem together with more accurate results obtained recently by other authors using different approaches. We performed the calculations for several field strengths in the the region  $1 \le \beta \le 2 \cdot 10^3$ , which is usually tested. For numbering the states the classification of paper [14] was used,  $\nu = (nl_m/n'm\nu)$ , with the set of asymptotic quantum numbers  $(nl_m)$  and  $(n'm\nu)$  of the boundary cases  $\beta = 0$  and  $\beta = \infty$ .

There are two sources of computational errors in our approach :  $\Delta(N_x)$  caused by the truncation of expansion (12) and  $\Delta(N_R)$  caused by numerical integration of system (13) over R,  $N_x$  and  $N_R$  being the numbers of grid points for x and R, respectively. Notice that the number  $N_x$  of grid points for x is equal to the number of terms in expansion (12). It has been shown in [7] that the accuracy of expansion (12) is of the order  $\sim \frac{1}{N_x}$  for  $N_x > \tilde{N}_x$  (where  $\tilde{N}_x$  depends on  $\beta$ ), and this estimate was proved by "numerical experiment" for fields  $\beta \leq 1$ . It allows us to expect that expansion (12) will converge quite fast for stronger fields as well. The convergence of the method for  $1 \leq \beta \leq 2 \cdot 10^3$  with respect to  $N_x$  is demonstrated in Table 3 for the ground state and in Fig.1 for several excited states. The

calculations were performed on the quasi-uniform grids  $\{0...R_{i-1}(h_i)R_i...R_m\}$  for R given in Table 4 with finite-difference approximation of equations (13) of the order  $\sim h_i^4 \sim N_R^{-4}$ . Estimating the accuracy  $\Delta(N_R)$  of the approximation of problem (13),(10) for variable R is quite standard procedure if the order of the approximation is known. The cutoff values  $R_m$  were selected by requiring that the error due to the truncation of infinite R should be at least one order of magnitude smaller then the errors  $\Delta(N_x)$  and  $\Delta(N_R)$ . Some technical details concerning the integration of the problem over R for fixed  $N_x$  may be found in [7], [28].

The error analysis of the computation is illustrated in Table 5, which shows, as an example, the binding energy  $E_v(N_x, N_R)$  of the ground state  $v = (10_0/000)$  for a field  $\beta = 2$ . An evaluation of the quantity  $E_v(N_x, N_R)$  on a sequence of converging grids for both variables x ( $N_x = 8, 12, 24, 32$ ) and R ( $N_R = 350, 700, 1400$ ) yields an estimate of the resulting computational error:  $\Delta(N_x) + \Delta(N_R)$ . Furthermore, since the computed quantities  $\delta(N_R) \mid_{N_x=16} = \frac{E(\frac{1}{4}N_R) - E(\frac{1}{4}N_R)}{E(\frac{1}{4}N_R) - E(N_R)} \simeq 14$  and  $\delta(N_R) \mid_{N_x=24} \simeq 14$ , which characterize the order of the convergence over  $N_R$ , agree with the theoretical value  $\delta_{th} = 16$  for the  $h_i^4$ -order numerical integration, this allows one to suppress the error  $\Delta(N_R = 1400)$  at least on the order of magnitude by the extrapolation to  $h_i \rightarrow 0(N_R \rightarrow \infty)$  (see last column in Table 5):

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$$E(N_R \to \infty) = E(N_R) - \frac{1}{15} \cdot (E(\frac{1}{2}N_R) - E(N_R)).$$

Concerning the convergence of the results to  $N_x \to \infty$ , the following fact should be noted. It may be seen from Tables 3 and 5 that the quantity  $\delta(N_x) = \frac{E(\frac{1}{4}N_x)-E(\frac{1}{4}N_x)}{E(\frac{1}{4}N_x)-E(N_x)}$  is large enough and grows fast with increasing  $N_x$ , which shows quite high order of the convergence over  $N_x$ . However, for examining how the order of the convergence of expansion (12) for the fields  $1 \le \beta \le 2 \cdot 10^3$  agrees with an estimation  $\Delta(N_x) \sim \frac{1}{N_x}$  given in [7] for weak fields  $\beta \le 1$  we would have to increase the accuracy of integration over R and to carry out the evaluation with more significant digits than we used here (all calculations were performed in double precision on a RISC/320h work-station ).

In Tables 1 and 2 we give the calculated quantities  $E_{\nu}$ . For the ground states of the hydrogen atom in the fields  $\beta < 2 \cdot 10^3$  the extrapolation to  $N_R \to \infty$  has been performed to suppress the errors  $\Delta(N_R)$ . For the rest binding energies given in Tables 1 and 2 only the estimation of the errors  $\Delta(N_R)$  has been done, and the grid points  $\{0...R_{i-1}(h_i)R_{i...}R_m\}$  (see Table 4) were selected by requiring that the value  $\Delta(N_R)$  should be the same order as the error  $\Delta(N_R)$  due to the truncation of expansion (12). An analysis of the spread of computational errors allows us to guarantee the correctness of all digits given in the quantities  $E_{\nu}$  except for the last one, which may be subject to computational errors. This analysis and the comparison with advanced evaluations by other authors using different approaches, which are given in Tables 1 and 2, allows us to come to the following conclusion: our approach agrees with very accurate variational calculations of the ground states [12] and yields more accurate binding energies for the low-lying excited states with different z-parities which are considered here for fields  $\beta < 2 \cdot 10^2$ .

It is also interesting to note that we have used the same expansion (12) over the

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whole range of field strengths  $1 \le \beta \le 2 \cdot 10^3$  while other approaches normally use two separate expansions for the wave functions to be calculated and suppose either a spherical symmetry of the Coulomb states ( $\beta = 0$ ) for weak to moderate fields or a cylindrical symmetry of Landau states ( $\beta = \infty$ ) for strong to very strong fields. The exceptions are the finite-difference analysis of [16] with the local pointwise basis and the finite-basismethod [12], where the basis set of trial functions contains both terms with spherical and cylindrical symmetry.

We have obtained a rather fast convergence of our approach over  $N_x$  and  $N_R$ , although the problem of finding the optimum distribution of grid points  $\{x_k\}$  for given  $N_x$  has not been investigated. By carrying out such optimization and by using more accurate approximation formulae for R, the computational efficiency of the present method may be further increased.

#### 4. THE HYDROGEN ATOM IN ARBITRARY ORIENTED MAGNETIC AND ELECTRIC FIELDS

Now, as an efficiency of our approach has been tested on a particularly well investigated two-dimensional example, we turn to the general three-dimensional case of nonzero magnetic and electric fields of arbitrary mutual orientation:  $\alpha \neq 0, \beta \neq 0, \gamma \neq 0$ . To make the analysis clearer we consider a well-known example, the evolution of the n = 2multiplet in external fields, which is usually used in courses on quantum mechanics as an illustration of the development of the classical Stark and Zeeman effects. Now we have the possibility of considering both effects simultaneously. We will analyze rather weak fields  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  in order to separately investigate the states of the neighbor multiplets nand  $n \neq 1$ .

For the three-dimensional Schrödinger equation with Hamiltonian (2) the set of twodimensional basis functions  $\varphi_{\nu}(\Omega)$  in expansion (12) is defined by formula (11) on the rectangle  $\Omega = \{x, \phi\}$ , where  $x \in [-1, 1], \phi \in [0, 2\pi]$ , and the index  $\nu = \{l, m\}$  takes the values:  $l = 0, 1, ..., N_x - 1$  and  $m = -(N_{\phi} - 1), ..., (N_{\phi} - 1)$ . Here the numbers  $N_x = N_{\phi}$ have to be equal to the sums of the nodes in the  $N_x$ -point Gauss quadratures over the variables x and  $\phi$  on the intervals  $x \in [1, 1]$  and  $\phi \in [0, 2\pi]$ . The total number of grid points  $\Omega_k$  in the rectangle  $\Omega = \{x, \phi\}$  is equal to  $N = N_x \cdot N_\phi$  and the summation indices j and k in equations (13) take the values  $j = \{j_{\theta}, j_{\phi}\} = 1, ..., N$  and  $k = \{k_{\theta}, k_{\phi}\} = 1, ..., N$ . The  $x_{k_{\theta}}$  and  $\phi_{k_{\theta}}$  coordinates of the grid points  $\Omega_{k} = \{x_{k_{\theta}}, \phi_{k_{\theta}}\}$  are determined as the nodes of the Gauss quadrature formulae over the variables x and  $\phi$ . Notice that now the bound states of problem (13),(10) do not have a definite symmetry relative to inversion  $(z \rightarrow -z)$ any more because in the Hamiltonian of the problem there are terms proportional to  $\beta$ and  $\gamma$  that violate the symmetry. Therefore, in expansion (12) one has to keep both even and odd basis functions  $P_l^m(x)$  (relative to inversion  $x \to -x$ ), which are defined in the whole interval  $x \in [-1, 1]$ , and the functions  $\sin m\phi$  and  $\cos m\phi$  as well. The abscissas  $\phi_{k_{\phi}}$  of the grid points  $\Omega_k$  have been chosen as the nodes  $\phi_{k_{\phi}} = \frac{\pi}{N_{\phi}} (2k_{\phi} - 1)$  (with odd  $N_{\phi}$ )

of a quadrature on the whole interval  $[0, 2\pi]$  being two times larger than the standard intervals of the definition for orthogonal polynomials  $\sin m\phi$  and  $\cos m\phi$ .

We start the analysis from the case of parallel fields ( $\alpha = 0$ ) where the problem still has cylindrical symmetry, which permits one to classify the bound states with parabolic quantum numbers ( $\{n, n_1, n_2, m\}, n = n_1 + n_2 + |m| + 1$ ). For small fields  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$ the second-order perturbation formulae are known [3]. According to these analysis the degeneracy of n multiplet is removed completely by the fields:

$$\varepsilon_n(\beta = \gamma = 0) \Rightarrow \varepsilon_n Q_m = \begin{cases} \varepsilon_n + \Delta \varepsilon_n^2 Q_m & \beta \neq 0, \gamma = 0\\ \varepsilon_n + \Delta \varepsilon_n^2 Q_m & \beta = 0, \gamma \neq 0\\ \varepsilon_n + \Delta \varepsilon_n^2 Q_m & \beta \neq 0, \gamma \neq 0. \end{cases}$$

Here  $Q = n_1 - n_2$ ,  $\Delta \varepsilon_{nQm}^z$  and  $\Delta \varepsilon_{nQm}^s$  are the splittings of the Coulomb level *n* by magnetic and electric fields expressed as power series in  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$ , respectively. If both fields are applied to the system simultaneously, the splitting  $\Delta \varepsilon_{nQm}^{SZ}$  is not equal to the sum of  $\Delta \varepsilon_{nQm}^s$  and  $\Delta \varepsilon_{nQm}^z$ :

$$\Delta \varepsilon_{nQm}^{SZ} = \Delta \varepsilon_{nQm}^{S} + \Delta \varepsilon_{nQm}^{Z} + \Delta E_{nQm}^{SZ},$$

where the additional shift  $\Delta E_{nQm}^{SZ}$  contains cross terms of  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$ . However, the cross terms do not arise in the second-order perturbation theory yet [3]:

$$\varepsilon_{nQm}^{(2)} = \varepsilon_n + \Delta \varepsilon_{nQm}^{SZ(2)} = \varepsilon_n + \Delta \varepsilon_{nQ}^{S(1)} + \Delta \varepsilon_{nQm}^{S(2)} + \Delta \varepsilon_{nm}^{Z(1)} + \Delta \varepsilon_{nQm}^{Z(2)}.$$
 (16)

The shift  $\Delta E_{nQm}^{SZ}$  has been analyzed only for the ground state n=1 in [5].

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The results of our evaluation of the binding energies  $-2\varepsilon_{nQm}$  of the (nQm) states of the multiplet n = 2 are given in Table 6 together with the quantities obtained with first- and second- order perturbation formulae [3]. We have performed calculations on a sequence of converging grids  $\{\Omega_k\}$  with N=9( $N_x = N_{\phi} = 3$ ), 25(5) and 49(7) grid points to examine the convergence of expansion (12). Note that the number of terms in the expansion is equal to the number of grid points  $\{\Omega_k\}$  while the number of terms in the expansion is system (13) is twice as large because the expansion contains both real and imaginary parts. We have chosen a quasi-uniform grid  $\{0(0.04)4(0.08)8(0.16)28\}$  for R in such a way that the error of numerical integration over R would give a contribution in the last digit of the values given in Table 6. The evaluation has been done for three possible relative strengths of the fields,  $\eta = \frac{3n\gamma}{\beta} < 1$ ,  $\eta = 1$  and  $\eta > 1$ , with respect to the critical point  $\eta = 1$ , where the first-order perturbation corrections due to  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$ fields are identical. The magnetic field strength was fixed  $\beta = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 10^{-2}$  and the strength of the electric field was varied:  $\gamma = \frac{1}{6} \cdot 10^{-3}$ ,  $\frac{1}{12} \cdot 10^{-2}$  and  $\frac{1}{6} \cdot 10^{-2}$  ( $\eta = 0.2$ , 1 and 2).

The performed numerical analysis permits one to estimate the computational errors  $\Delta \varepsilon(N_R, N)$  of the values  $-2\varepsilon_{nQ_m}(N = 49)$ , given in Table 6, as  $\Delta \varepsilon(N_R, N) \leq 10^{-7}$  for  $\eta = 0.2$ , and  $\Delta \varepsilon(N_R, N) \leq 10^{-5}$  for  $\eta \geq 1$ . As in the investigated range of field strengths  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$ , our numerical evaluation of the binding energy  $\varepsilon_{nQ_m}$  is more accurate than the value  $\varepsilon_{nQ_m}^{(2)}$  (16) given by second-order perturbation formulae [3], we have a possibility of estimating the main cross term in  $\Delta \varepsilon_{2Q_0}^{2Q_0} = \varepsilon_{2Q_0} - \varepsilon_{2Q_0}^{(2)}$ . From Fig. 2 one sees that

the main term may be approximated as  $\Delta E_{2QQ}^{ZS} \simeq A_{2QQ}\beta^2\gamma + ...$  in the limit  $\gamma \to 0$  with the coefficient  $A_{2Q0}$  estimated as  $A_{2Q0} \simeq Q \cdot 170$ . For more accurate evaluation of this coefficient one can do the calculation with more significant digits and for smaller field strengths ( $\gamma \sim 0.0001$ ), where perturbation theory is applicable with a higher degree of accuracy.

In Table 6 the convergence of the method over N is analyzed for orthogonal fields  $(\alpha = \frac{\pi}{2})$  too by analogy with the case of parallel fields  $(\alpha = 0)$ . For  $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{2}$  the first- and second-order perturbation formulae [2], [4] give the following:

$$\varepsilon_{nq\lambda}^{(2)} = \varepsilon_n + \Delta \varepsilon_{nq}^{(1)} + \Delta \varepsilon_{nq\lambda}^{(2)};$$
  

$$\Delta \varepsilon_{nq}^{(1)} = \frac{1}{2} q \sqrt{(3n\gamma)^2 + \beta^2};$$
(17)  

$$\Delta \varepsilon_{nq\lambda}^{(2)} = \frac{\beta^2 n^2}{16} (3n^2 + 1 - q^2 + \lambda) + \frac{\gamma^2 n^4}{16} (3q^2 - 17n^2 - 19 - \frac{6}{1 + \eta^2} (n^2 - 3q^2 - 1)).$$

Here the quantum number q takes the values q = -(n-1), ..., (n-1) = -1, 0, 1 and  $\lambda$  is the eigenvalue of the operator that removes (n-q) degeneracy remained in the first-order correction  $\Delta \varepsilon_{nq}^{(1)}[2]$ . The values  $\varepsilon_{nqa}^{(2)} = \varepsilon_n + \Delta \varepsilon_{nq}^{(1)} + \Delta \varepsilon_{nqa}^{(2)}$  given in Table 6 were evaluated with formulae (17) without contribution of terms  $\sim \lambda$ . The eigenvalue problem for  $\lambda$ (which does not allow an analytical solution) has been analyzed in [4] as a function of parameters  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  and  $\eta$ . According to this analysis the removal of the (n-q) degeneracy for the states with q = 0 does not take place for the fields considered here with the parameters:  $\beta = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 10^{-2}, \gamma = \frac{1}{6} \cdot 10^{-2} (\eta = 2)$ . But one may see an "artificial" removal of the (n-q) degeneracy at N=9, which is, however, suppressed as the number of terms in expansion (12) is increased to N = 25 and the approximation of the initial Hamiltonian is improved.

The performed numerical analysis shows that the same accuracy of the method has been achieved for the both considered cases,  $\alpha = 0$  and  $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

While analyzing the n=2 multiplet for the two limiting cases  $\alpha = 0$  and  $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{2}$  we observed a total change in the structure of the spectrum due to changing in the mutual orientation of the fields  $\vec{F}$  and  $\vec{B}$ . The rearrangement of the spectrum of an electron in a hydrogen atom in crossed electric and magnetic fields as a function of their mutual orientation

$$\varepsilon_{nQm}(\alpha=0) \Rightarrow \varepsilon_{nq\lambda}(\alpha=\frac{\pi}{2})$$

is illustrated by the example of the n=2 multiplet shown in Fig. 3. The calculated curves are plotted as functions of  $\alpha$  for fixed  $\beta = \frac{1}{6} \cdot 10^{-2}$  and  $\gamma$  varying over three possible relative strengths of the fields:  $\eta = 0.2, 1$  and 2 ( $\gamma = \frac{1}{6} \cdot 10^{-3}, \frac{1}{12} \cdot 10^{-2}$  and  $\frac{1}{6} \cdot 10^{-2}$ ). The calculated binding energies  $-2\varepsilon_{nQm}(\alpha)$  are also given for several values of  $\alpha$  in Table 7. The calculations were performed with N = 25. Computational errors may give a contribution to the last decimal digits of the values  $-2\varepsilon_{nQm}(\alpha)$  presented in Table 7.

Mention also that, according to the analysis performed in [4] in the framework of perturbation theory, the (n-q)-degeneracy of the states with q = 0 for  $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{2}$  may be

removed only in one of the cases being considered here,  $\eta = 1$ , although the splitting of  $\Delta \varepsilon_{nq\lambda}^{(2)}$  in the second-order of perturbation theory due to  $\lambda$  does not exceed by the order of magnitude the computational errors (see Table 7). To analyze a removal of the (n-q) degeneracy due to the term  $\lambda$  one has to carry out the calculation with more significant digits and a higher value of N for various values of  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$ .

For classifying the states we used the quantum numbers (nQm) and  $\{nqm\}$  of the limiting cases of parallel  $(\alpha = 0)$  and orthogonal  $(\alpha = \frac{\pi}{2})$  fields but it is not clear if this classification is also useful for stronger fields where the application of perturbation theory becomes questionable. It seems that in this case only a classification by the number of nodal surfaces of the three-dimensional wave function, the form of the surfaces and the possible symmetry of the wave function with respect to the  $\{\vec{B}\vec{F}\}$  plane would be meaningful.

It should be noted that the results presented in Table 6,7 and in Fig.2,3 do not depend on the space orientation of the  $\{\vec{B}\vec{F}\}$  plane. As the applied approach allows to carry out the calculations for different plane orientations, this yields an additional test of the consistency of the calculations.

#### 5. CONCLUSION

Our interest in the problem considered here was aroused by two circumstances: we wanted to examine the efficiency of the method [7] in an application to a real threedimensional physical problem whose solutions are known with high accuracy for certain special cases, and we tried to give a new point of view on the well-known classical problem usually analyzed with some additional conditions imposed upon its parameters, which has allowed to use conventional methods of quantum theory ( such as separation of variables, perturbation theory, quasi-classical approximations etc.).

In solving the Schrödinger equation for the electron of the hydrogen atom in external magnetic  $\vec{B}$  and electric  $\vec{F}$  fields as a three-dimensional problem without separation of variables we have calculated the rearrangement of the spectrum due to changing in the mutual orientations of the fields. As any interaction is introduced in addition to the Hamiltonian (2) and projected into the space  $\{R, \theta, \phi\}$  is diagonal in our approach (see Eqs.(13),(14)), this allows one to include into a consideration in a natural way the effects of finite mass and finite size of nucleus, relativistic and QED effects etc., and yields a background for an experimental analysis of the rearrangement phenomena.

Our approach may also be applied for analyzing the ionization of hydrogen atom which occurs when an electric field is added to the system [34] because equations (9),(10) have been formulated in [7] both for eigenvalue and the scattering problem.

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It seems interesting to analyze the possibilities for bounding of the electror away from the hydrogen nucleus, at a certain distance from the center of the Coulomb well and with another, deeper effective potential well, which gives rise to a large dipole moment of the ground state in the crossed fields [6]

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Table 1: Binding energies  $E_{\nu}$  of the ground state  $\nu = (1s_0/000)$  of the hydrogen atom in a magnetic field  $\beta$ .

	$\beta = 1$	$\beta = 2$	$\beta = 20$	$\beta = 200$	$\beta = 2000$
Ref.[13]*)	J	$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} 1.6364\\ 2.1200 \end{array} \right\}$		$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} 2.2924 \\ 2.4774 \end{array} \right\}$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} 18.5508 \\ 18.6204 \end{array} \right\}$
Ref. [14]*)	1.662338	2.044428	4.430797	9.4531/50	18.60896/986
Ref.[16]c)		2.044426	4.430786	9.45416	18.60928
Ref.[17] <sup>4)</sup>	$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} 1.6623377932 \\ 1.6623377946 \end{array} \right\}$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} 2.044427816 \\ 2.044427820 \end{array}  ight\}$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} 4.430792 \\ 4.431826 \end{array} \right\}$		
Ref.[12] <sup>1</sup> )	1.66233779346	2.04442781532	4.430797030	9.454290216	18.6095300
Present work	1.66233779349	2.04442781536	4.430797031	9.45429022	18.60952

a) Adiabatic approximation of C.Liu and A.F.Starace giving both lower and upper limits for binding energies.

b) Modified Hartree-Fock approach of W.Rösner et al. The value calculated with maximum number of expansion terms being used  $(n_c)$  is given before the slash, after the slash there are the last figures of the value still ' using if the two binding energies last computed are linearly extrapolated to  $\frac{1}{n_c} \rightarrow 0$ .

c) Finite-element analysis of J.Shertzer.

d) Lower and upper bounds obtained using Kato's method by G.Fonte et al.

f) Variational finite-basis-set evaluation of S.P.Goldman and Z.Chen.

We would also like to mention a possible, quite unusual application of the problem of the hydrogen atom in crossed fields for describing the Coulomb interaction of a particle colliding with the hydrogen atom as an effective electromagnetic field in the rotating coordinate frame [3].

It is obvious that our approach may be applicable for investigating some particular aspects of the problem that are being actual at present, such as the Stark effect in strong fields and the Zeeman effect in hydrogen-like atom (or, exiton in magnetic field) with finite mass of the nucleus (it is known [35] that the hydrogen Zeeman Hamiltonian with finite nuclear mass is equivalent to the  $\vec{B} \perp \vec{F}$  Hamiltonian for hydrogen with infinitely heavy nucleus).

Concerning the efficiency of the method, the following should be noted. All computations were performed on a conventional RISC/320h workstation, which limited the number of terms in expansion (12) to  $N \simeq 100$ . However, for the special case of a hydrogen atom in a strong magnetic field we obtained highly accurate binding energies for the low-lying excited states that were investigated, and for the ground state the results we obtained are in agreement with advanced variational calculations. This allows us to expect an important increase in the accuracy of the calculations when more powerful computers will be used. Possible optimization by an adequate distribution of the grid points  $\Omega_k$  may give an additional increase in the efficiency of the calculations.

The rather good convergence of our method for the low-lying excited states we considered suggests that it might also be used for higher excitations, in the energy region where the application of quasi-classical analysis is still questionable.

The high order of smoothness of the calculated wave function (12) allows one to expect highly accurate calculations for matrix elements with wave functions such as mean-square radii, multiple moments, transition probabilities etc.



Fig. 1: Two examples illustrating the convergence behavior of energy values  $E_v(N_r)$  of excited states v as  $N_x \to \infty$ .

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Fig. 2: Deviation  $\Delta E_{2Q0}^{SZ}$  of the calculated binding energy  $\varepsilon_{2Q0}$  from the value  $\varepsilon_{2Q0}^{(2)}$  given by the second-order perturbation formulae as a function of  $\gamma$  for fixed  $\beta = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 10^{-2}$  ( $\vec{B} \parallel \vec{F}$  case).

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Fig. 3: The rearrangement  $\varepsilon_{(Q,m)}(\alpha = 0) \Rightarrow \varepsilon_{\{q\}}(\alpha = \frac{\pi}{2})$  of the structure of the n = 2 multiplet due to changing of the angle  $\alpha$  between fields  $\vec{B}$  and  $\vec{F}$  for three possible relative strengths  $\eta = \frac{3\pi \eta}{\beta}$  of the fields  $(\beta = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 10^{-2})$ .

		$\beta = 1$	$\beta = 2$	$\beta = 20$	$\beta = 200$
(2p <sub>0</sub> /001)	Ref.[13] <sup>a)</sup>	$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} 0.5114\\ 0.5244 \end{array} \right\}$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} 0.5900\\ 0.5982 \end{array} \right\}$		$\left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} 0.9548 \\ 0.9550 \end{smallmatrix} \right\}$
	Ref.[14]*)	0.5200132	0.5954219	0.8267545/72	0.9530640/1
	Present work	0.520013779	0.595422153	0.826756	0.9530
$(2s_0/002)$	Ref.[13]a)	$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} 0.2714\\ 0.3188 \end{array} \right\}$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} 0.3148\\ 0.3488 \end{array} \right\}$		$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} 0.5380\\ 0.5400 \end{array} \right\}$
	Ref.[14]6)	0.3209379	0.3478880	0.44762/73	0.537921/45
	Present work	0.320938144	0.34788941	0.447678	0.537
$(3d_0/004)$	Ref.[14] <sup>5)</sup>	0.13202/63	0.13841/66	0.160647/74	
	Present work	0.13246593	0.1385510	0.16065	
$(3s_0/006)$	Ref.[14] <sup>5)</sup>	0.07128/53	0.073658/753		
	Present work	0.0714645	0.0737219		

Table 2: Binding energies  $E_v$  of the low-lying excited states  $v = (nl_m/n'mv)$  of the hydrogen atom in a magnetic field  $\beta$ .

c) Adiabatic approximation of C.Liu and A.F.Starace.

b) Modified Hartree-Fock approach of W.Rösner et al.

Table 3: The convergence of the ground-state energy values  $E_v$  as function of the number of terms  $N_x$  included in expansion (12) for various magnetic fields  $\beta$ .

	$\beta = 1$	$\beta = 20$	$\beta = 200$	$\beta = 2000$
N = 8	1.662337793449		[	
N = 12		4.430773182		[
$N = \overline{16}$	1.662337793593			1
N = 24	1.662337793593	4.430797011		1
N = 32		4.430797012	9.454276938	
N = 40			9.454289557	
N = 48			9.454290139	
N = 60			9.454290169	18.608963
N = 70			9.454290172	18.609424
N = 80				18.609506
N = 90				18.60952

Table 4: Parameters of the method used for each calculation: quasi-uniform grid  $\{0...R_{i-1}(h_i)R_{i...}R_m\}$  over R with the total number of the points  $N_R$  and the maximum number  $N_x$  of the terms used in expansion (12). The steps of integration  $h_i$  are given in units h=0.000625.

	β	$0R_{i-1}(h_i)R_iR_m;$	N <sub>R</sub>	N <sub>x</sub>
$(1s_0/000)$	1	0(h)0.125(2h)0.25(4h)0.5(8h)2(16h)6(32h)10(64h)14;	1400	24
	2	0(h)0.125(2h)0.25(4h)0.5(8h)2(16h)6(32h)10(64h)14;	1400	32
	20	0(h)0.125(2h)0.25(4h)0.5(8h)2(16h)6(32h)8;	1200	32
	200	0(h)0.125(2h)0.25(4h)0.5(8h)2(16h)4;	900	60
	2000	0(2h)0.25(8h)0.5(16h)1(32h)2;	350	90
$(2p_0/001)$	1	0(h)0.125(2h)0.25(4h)2(8h)6(16h)10(32h)22;	2800	24
	2	0(h)0.125(2h)0.25(4h)2(8h)6(16h)10(32h)22;	2800	32
	20	0(2h)0.125(4h)0.25(8h)0.5(16h)2(32h)4(64h)16;	750	60
	200	0(4h)0.125(8h)0.25(16h)0.5(32h)2(64h)6(128h)14;	250	100
$(2s_0/002)$	1	0(h)0.125(2h)0.25(4h)0.5(8h)2(16h)6(32h)16(128h)28;	1750	32
	2	0(32h)4(64h)8(128h)16(256h)32;	500	40
	20	0(16h)1(32h)3(64h)5(128h)15;	375	70
	200	0(32h)1(64h)3(128h)5(256h)9;	150	120
$(3d_0/004)$ .	1	0(32h)4(64h)8(128h)30(256h)42;	650	48
	2	0(32h)4(64h)8(128h)16(256h)32;	500	60
	20	0(32h)1(64h)3(128h)5(256h)13(512h)37;	250	120
$(3s_0/006)$	1	0(32h)4(64h)8(128h)30(256h)42;	650	60
	2	0(32h)3(64h)6(128h)12(256h)32(512h)56;	500	90

Table 5: The convergence of the method over  $N_x$  and  $N_R$  for the example of the groundstate binding energy  $E_v(N_x, N_R)$  for a magnetic field  $\beta = 2$ .

	$N_R = 350$	$N_{R} = 700$	$N_R = 1400$	$N_R \rightarrow \infty$
$N_x = 8$			2.044427793139	
$N_x = 12$	2.044427836258	2.044427816799	2.044427815429	2.04442781532
$N_x = 24$	2.044427836284	2.044427816826	2.044427815455	2.04442781536
$N_x = 32$			2.044427815456	

Table 6: The convergence of the binding energies  $-2\epsilon_{2Qm}(\alpha = 0)$  and  $-2\epsilon_{2q\lambda}(\alpha = \frac{\pi}{2})$  over N for various relative strengths  $\eta$  of the fields  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$ :  $\beta = \frac{10^{-2}}{2}$ ;  $\gamma = \frac{10^{-2}}{6}$ ,  $\frac{10^{-2}}{12}$ ,  $\frac{10^{-2}}{6}$ .

			Present work		Perturbat	Perturbation theory	
		N=9	N = 25	N = 49	2 – order	1 – order	$\{q\}$
$\eta = 0.2$	$\alpha = 0$	0.2451529	0.2448539	0.2448545	0.2448543	0.2450000	(0,1)
		0.2488783	0.2488783	0.2488783	0.2488797	0.2490000	(1.0)
[	[	0.2508811	0.2508811	0.2508811	0.2508797	0.2510000	(1,0)
		0.2551531	0.2548539	0.2548544	0.2548543	0.2550000	(0, -1)
$\eta = 1$	$\alpha = 0$	0.2449887	0.244960	0.244960	0.2449583	1	(0,1)
	1	0.2459894	0.2449885	0.244983	0.2449917	0.2450000	(1,0)
	1	0.2549943	0.254960	0.254960	0.2549583	0.2550000	(0, -1)
		0.2559926	0.2549942	0.254995	0.2549917		(-1,0)
$\eta = 2$	$\alpha = 0$	0.2403263	0.2403285	0.2403289	0.2403417	0.2400000	(1,0)
		0.2485911	0.2452326	0.2452872	0.2452833	0.2450000	(0,1)
		0.2585638	0.2552318	0.2552872	0.2552833	0.2550000	(0,-1)
		0.2603586	0.2603612	0.2603620	0.2603417	0.260000	(-1,0)
		0.2383266	0.2391239	0.2391307	0.2391364	0.2388197	{1}
	$\alpha = \frac{\pi}{2}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.2498502 \\ 0.2503353 \end{array}$	0.2502591	0.2502591	0.2503408	0.2500000	{0}
	-	0.2603199	0.2614999	0.2615078	0.2614970	0.2611803	{-1}

Table 7: Evolution of the n = 2 multiplet in crossed magnetic and electric fields as a function of the mutual orientation  $\alpha$  for various relative strengths  $\eta$  of the fields  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$ :  $\beta = \frac{10^{-2}}{2}; \gamma = \frac{10^{-3}}{12}, \frac{10^{-2}}{12}, \frac{10^{-2}}{6}.$ 

	(Q,m)	$\alpha = 0$	$\alpha = \frac{1}{8} \cdot \pi$	$\alpha = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \pi$	$\alpha = \frac{3}{8} \cdot \pi$	$\alpha = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \pi$	$  \{q\}$
$\eta = 0.2$	(0,1)	0.244854	0.244839	0.244804	0.244769	0.244756	{1}
	(1,0) (-1,0)	0.248878	0.248957 0.250802	0.249178 0.250582	0.249500 0.250259	0.249830	{0}
]	(0, -1)	0.254854	0.254869	0.254905	0.254939	0.254953	{-1}
$\eta = 1$	(0,1)	0.24496	0.24409	0.24344	0.24303	0.24290	{1}
	(1,0) (0,-1)	0.24499 0.25496	0.24605 0.25391	0.24726 0.25269	0.24860 0.25137	.24993	{0}
	(-1,0)	0.25500	0.25585	0.25650	0.25690	0.25704	$\{-1\}$
$\eta = 2$	(1,0)	0.2403	0.2401	0.2396	0.2393	0.2391	{1}
	(0,1) (0,-1)	0.2452 0.2552	0.2458 0.2548	0.2470 0.2536	0.2486 0.2520	0.2503	{0}
	(-1,0)	0.2604	0.2606	0.2610	0.2614	0.2615	{-1}

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