

The confluent hypergeometric function can now be expressed as:

$$F(l+1-n, 2l+2, 2rn^{-1}) = \sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} n^{-\nu} \Phi_{l,\nu}(r), \quad (29)$$

with

$$\Phi_{l,\nu} = (-1)^{\nu} (2l+1)! \sum_{k=\nu}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k a_{\nu}^{k,l} (2r)^k}{k! (2l+1+k)!}. \quad (30)$$

The functions $\Phi_{l,\nu}$ can be transformed to sums of Bessel functions, when the coefficients $a_{\nu}^{k,l}$ are written in a convenient form. It follows then that the first functions $\Phi_{l,\nu}$ are, when the abbreviation $z = 2\sqrt{2r}$ is used:

$$\Phi_{l,0}(z) = (2l+1)! \left(\frac{1}{2}z\right)^{-2l-1} J_{2l+1}(z), \quad (31)$$

$$\Phi_{l,1}(z) = \frac{1}{2}(2l+1)! \left(\frac{1}{2}z\right)^{-2l+1} J_{2l+1}(z), \quad (32)$$

$$\Phi_{l,2}(z) = \frac{1}{24}(2l+1)! \left[\left(\frac{1}{2}z\right)^{-2l-1} (8l^3 + 12l^2 + 4l) + \left(\frac{1}{2}z\right)^{-2l+1} (2l+2) + 3\left(\frac{1}{2}z\right)^{-2l+3} \right] J_{2l+1}(z) + \left\{ -\left(\frac{1}{2}z\right)^{-2l} (4l^2 + 4l) - 2\left(\frac{1}{2}z\right)^{-2l+2} \right\} J_{2l}(z). \quad (33)$$

To obtain these expressions, $a_{\nu}^{k,l}/k!$ should be written down as a sum of reciprocal factorials; so is e.g. the form

$$\frac{a_2^{k,l}}{k!} = \frac{1/2 l^2 + 3/2 l + 1}{(k-2)!} + \frac{1/2 l + 5/6}{(k-3)!} + \frac{1/6}{(k-4)!} \quad (34)$$

appropriate. After that, recurrence formulae for the Bessel functions should be applied.

Of special interest for the electronic levels, studied in this note, are the cases $l = 0$:

$$\Phi_{0,0}(z) = \left(\frac{1}{2}z\right)^{-1} J_1(z), \quad (35)$$

$$\Phi_{0,1}(z) = \frac{1}{4}z J_1(z), \quad (36)$$

$$\Phi_{0,2}(z) = \left\{ \frac{1}{12} \left(\frac{1}{2}z\right) + \frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{1}{2}z\right)^3 \right\} J_1(z) - \frac{1}{12} \left(\frac{1}{2}z\right)^2 J_0(z), \quad (37)$$

and $l = 1$:

$$\Phi_{1,0}(z) = 6 \left(\frac{1}{2}z\right)^{-3} J_3(z), \quad (38)$$

$$\Phi_{1,1}(z) = 3 \left(\frac{1}{2}z\right)^{-1} J_3(z), \quad (39)$$

$$\Phi_{1,2}(z) = \left\{ 6 \left(\frac{1}{2}z\right)^{-3} + \left(\frac{1}{2}z\right)^{-1} + \frac{3}{4} \left(\frac{1}{2}z\right) \right\} J_3(z) + \left\{ -2 \left(\frac{1}{2}z\right)^{-2} - \frac{1}{2} \right\} J_2(z). \quad (40)$$

To find the character of the (E, r_0) -curve in the neighbourhood of $E = 0$ or $n^{-1} = 0$ it is necessary to consider the nodes r_0 of F or, by way of approximation, of a certain number of terms of the development (29). When we take:

$$\Phi_{l,0} + n^{-1} \Phi_{l,1} + n^{-2} \Phi_{l,2} = 0, \quad (41)$$

and put

$$r_0 = r_{00} + r_{01} + r_{02}, \quad (42)$$

where r_{00} is of zeroth order and r_{01} and r_{02} of first and second order in n^{-1} , it is found after expanding the function Φ in Taylor series and equating terms of equal order ²⁾: