

metric function can now be expressed as:

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

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

be transformed to sums of Bessel functions  $a_{\nu}^{k,l}$  are written in a convenient form. It functions  $\Phi_{l,\nu}$  are, when the abbreviation

$$(2l+1)! (\frac{1}{2}z)^{-2l-1} J_{2l+1}(z), \quad (31)$$

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

$$-2l-1 (8l^3 + 12l^2 + 4l) + (\frac{1}{2}z)^{-2l+1} (2l+2) + \\ - (\frac{1}{2}z)^{-2l} (4l^2 + 4l) - 2(\frac{1}{2}z)^{-2l+2} J_{2l}(z)]. \quad (33)$$

ons,  $a_{\nu}^{k,l}/k!$  should be written down as a sum of g. the form

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

currence formulae for the Bessel func-

electronic levels, studied in this note, are the

$$(z), \quad (35)$$

$$+ 1/8 (1/2 z)^3 J_1(z) - 1/12 (1/2 z)^2 J_0(z), \quad (36)$$

$$(37)$$

$$J_3(z), \quad (38)$$

$$J_3(z), \quad (39)$$

$$+ 3/4 (1/2 z) J_3(z) + \{-2(1/2 z)^{-2} - 1/3\} J_2(z). \quad (40)$$

the  $(E, r_0)$ -curve in the neighbourhood of sary to consider the nodes  $r_0$  of  $F$  or, by way ain number of terms of the development (29)

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

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

nd  $r_{01}$  and  $r_{02}$  of first and second order in  $n^{-1}$ , the function  $\Phi$  in Taylor series and equa-

$$\Phi_{l,0}(r_{00}) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad J_{l+1}(2\sqrt{2r_{00}}) = 0 \quad \text{gives } r_{00}, \quad (43)$$

$$r_{01} = 0, \quad (44)$$

$$\Phi'_{l,0}(r_{00}) r_{02} + n^{-2} \Phi_{l,2}(r_{00}) = 0 \quad \text{gives } r_{02}. \quad (45)$$

It follows by using some relations between Bessel functions and their derivatives, that for  $s$ -levels ( $l = 0$ ):

$$r_{02} = \frac{1}{8} n^{-2} r_{00}^2, \quad (46)$$

so that, in total:

$$r_0 = r_{00} + \frac{1}{8} n^{-2} r_{00}^2 = r_{00} - \frac{1}{8} E r_{00}^2; \quad (47)$$

this being the equation of the tangent in  $E = 0$  at the  $(E, r_0)$  curve for a  $s$ -level, with  $r_{00}$  following from the nodes of the Bessel function  $J_1$ .

The first node gives the tangent of the  $1s$ -level:

$$r_0 = 1.835 - 1.123 E, \quad (48)$$

whereas the second node gives the tangent of the  $2s$ -level:

$$r_0 = 6.153 - 12.620 E. \quad (49)$$

For the  $p$ -levels ( $l = 1$ ) it is found after a simple calculus that

$$r_{02} = n^{-2} (\frac{1}{8} r_{00} + \frac{1}{8} r_{00}^2), \quad (50)$$

and so for the tangent

$$r_0 = r_{00} + n^{-2} (\frac{1}{8} r_{00} + \frac{1}{8} r_{00}^2), \quad (51)$$

$$r_0 = r_{00} - E (\frac{3}{8} r_{00} + \frac{1}{8} r_{00}^2), \quad (52)$$

with  $r_{00}$  from  $J_3(2\sqrt{2r_{00}}) = 0$ .

For the  $2p$ -level we need the first node of  $J_3$ , so that the tangent is

$$r_0 = 5.086 - 12.015 E. \quad (53)$$

The tangents (49) and (53) are indicated in figure 2.

d)  $E > 0$ . In the region of positive energies  $^*)$ , the confluent hypergeometric function (6) has imaginary parameters  $n$  and  $\rho$  (v.(2)). No tables for this region being available for  $l = 0$  and  $l = 1$ , zero points have been calculated by using for the confluent hypergeometric function the series expansion of Buchholz  $^4)$ . The results are given in tables II-IV and plotted in figure 3.

e)  $E \rightarrow \infty$ . For the asymptotic case of small radii  $r_0$  and thus large positive energies in the problem of the encaged hydrogen atom the influence of the proton on the electron can be neglected in

$^*)$  The curve of reference 2 is only roughly sketched in that region and numerically not reliable.