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Fourier transform of the multicenter product of $1s$ hydrogenic orbitals and Coulomb or Yukawa potentials and the analytically reduced form for subsequent integrals that include plane waves

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The Fourier transform of the multicenter product of N $1s$ hydrogenic orbitals and M Coulomb or Yukawa potentials is given as a $(M + N - 1)$ -dimensional Feynman integral with external momenta and shifted coordinates appearing as quadratic forms P and S in $(P/S)^{\nu} K_{\nu}(PS)$, where K_{ν} is a modified Bessel function of the second kind. This is accomplished through the introduction of an integral transformation, in addition to the standard Feynman transformation for the denominators of the momentum representation of the terms in the product, which moves the resulting denominator into an exponential. This allows the angular dependence of the denominator to be combined with the angular dependence in the plane waves. All angular dependence is then removed by invoking an orthogonal transformation that does not need to be explicitly calculated. The extension to excited states is outlined. The class of integrals over the shifted coordinates, containing plane waves in addition to this product of orbitals and potentials, is given in analytically reduced form, with the external momenta appearing as $S^{-\nu}$.

I. INTRODUCTION

A large class of problems in atomic and molecular physics depends on the evaluation of integrals composed of a product of hydrogenic orbitals, Coulomb or Yukawa potentials, and (possibly) plane waves. One of the central techniques in reducing such matrix elements to tractable numerical form has been to Fourier transform parts of the integrand and then to combine the angular dependence using Feynman parametrization.¹ The tedium and the possibilities for error of this approach grow with the increasing complexity of the problem, so it would be helpful to have a unified prescription for carrying out both the Fourier and Feynman transformations as a systematic intermediate step for subsequent integration over arbitrary functions. The present paper not only gives the Fourier transform for a general multicenter product of $1s$ hydrogenic orbitals, Coulomb or Yukawa potentials, including the necessary Feynman parametrization, but also succeeds in carrying out the subsequent integration, once and for all, for the entire class of integrals in which these arbitrary functions are plane waves.

The general formula for the Fourier transform of a hydrogenic orbital of an arbitrary state was first found by Podolsky and Pauling.² Recently, Straton³ has found an analytic form for the Fourier transform of a one-center product of N orbitals (of an arbitrary state), required for calculating matrix elements involving bound-state projection operators such as orthogonalization corrections in charge transfer.⁴ An analytic form for three-electron integrals, a special case of the Fourier transform with the momentum variable equal to zero, has been found by Fromm and Hill.⁵ Fourier transforms of pairs of orbitals centered at different points have been given in various

forms containing one-dimensional integrals.⁶⁻¹⁰ or in infinite series.¹¹ Of particular note is the technique of representing hydrogenic orbitals by a finite sum of B functions,^{9,12-14} which have exceedingly simple Fourier transforms.¹⁵

In this paper the integral transform method is extended to the calculation of the Fourier transform of a multicenter product of N hydrogenic orbitals of the ground state and M Coulomb or Yukawa potentials,

$$I_{1s, \dots, 1s}^{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N; \eta_1, \dots, \eta_M}(\mathbf{K}, \mathbf{R}_1, \dots, \mathbf{R}_M, \mathbf{R}_{M+1}, \dots, \mathbf{R}_{M+N}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \int d^3r e^{-i\mathbf{K}\cdot\mathbf{r}} V_{\eta_1}(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{R}_1) \cdots V_{\eta_M}(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{R}_M) \times u_{1s}^{\lambda_1}(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{R}_{M+1}) \cdots u_{1s}^{\lambda_N}(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{R}_{M+N}), \tag{1}$$

and the modifications required to extend this to products including excited states are discussed. Note that the symmetrical normalization is used so that the inverse transform is

$$I \cdots (\mathbf{r}, \dots) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \int d^3K e^{i\mathbf{K}\cdot\mathbf{r}} I \cdots (\mathbf{K}, \dots). \tag{1'}$$

The final number of Feynman integrals depends on the number of products in (1), so if any of the \mathbf{R}_j are identical, the product of these terms should be rewritten as an orbital or potential with λ or η being the sum of the constituent λ_i and η_j . This transform is a useful intermediate step in the analytical reduction of the general class of atomic and molecular integrals¹⁶ in which the atoms are centered at different points so that the \mathbf{R}_j are linear combinations of the variables of integration \mathbf{x}_j ,

$$M_{\sigma_1 \sigma_2 \dots \sigma_N}^{\lambda_1 \dots \lambda_N; \eta_1 \dots \eta_M}(\mathbf{K}, \mathbf{p}_1, \dots, \mathbf{p}_m) = \int d^3x_1 \dots d^3x_m e^{-i(\mathbf{p}_1 \cdot \mathbf{x}_1 + \dots + \mathbf{p}_m \cdot \mathbf{x}_m)} I_{\sigma_1 \sigma_2 \dots \sigma_N}^{\lambda_1 \dots \lambda_N; \eta_1 \dots \eta_M} \times (\mathbf{K}, \mathbf{R}_1, \dots, \mathbf{R}_M, \mathbf{R}_{M+1}, \dots, \mathbf{R}_{M+N}) T(\mathbf{K}, \mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_m, \mathbf{p}_1, \dots, \mathbf{p}_m), \quad (2)$$

where K and the p 's may be zero, T is an arbitrary function, and $m \leq N+M$ [otherwise some of the \mathbf{R}_j must be identical and (1) could be rewritten with a smaller value for $M+N$].

In Sec. II an orthogonal transformation method for integrating a product of Feynman propagators¹⁷ is generalized to allow integrals containing angular dependence in both plane waves and in a product of denominators that are quadratic in the integration variables. This transformation is invoked as a systematic method equivalent to completing the square simultaneously in all momentum integrals. But since the final form, after the three-dimensional momentum integrals are evaluated (like their four-dimensional counterparts in the original application), depends only on the determinant of the transformed quadratic form, which is equal to the determinant of the original quadratic form, the transformation does not need to be explicitly calculated.

This result is used in Sec. III to calculate (1), and the extension to products containing excited states is outlined in Sec. IV. Finally, Sec. V includes a discussion of how to treat the angular dependence of any subsequent integrals over the vectors \mathbf{R}_j . The integrals in (2) are evaluated ex-

PLICITLY for the common class of problems in which $T \equiv 1$ and $\sigma_j = 1s$ by again invoking an orthogonal transformation that does not need to be actually computed.

II. GENERAL CLASS OF INTEGRALS

The Fourier transform of the product (1) may be evaluated by convolution methods. One first introduces the Fourier transforms of the individual terms (in atomic units)

$$u_{1s}^\lambda(\mathbf{x}) = \left(\frac{\lambda}{\pi} \right)^{5/2} \int d^3k \frac{e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}}}{(\lambda^2 + k^2)^2}, \quad (3)$$

where

$$\lambda = \frac{Z}{a_0}, \quad (4)$$

in which a_0 is the Bohr radius, and¹⁸

$$V_\eta(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{e^{-\eta x}}{x} = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int d^3k \frac{e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}}}{(\eta^2 + k^2)}, \quad \eta \geq 0. \quad (5)$$

Then

$$I = \left(\frac{\lambda_1}{\pi} \frac{\lambda_2}{\pi} \dots \frac{\lambda_N}{\pi} \right)^{5/2} \frac{(2\pi)^{3/2}}{(2\pi^2)^M} e^{-i\mathbf{K} \cdot \mathbf{R}_{M+N}} \times \int d^3k_1 d^3k_2 \dots d^3k_M d^3k_{M+1} d^3k_{M+2} \dots d^3k_{M+N-1} \frac{e^{-i[\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot (\mathbf{R}_1 - \mathbf{R}_{M+N}) + \mathbf{k}_2 \cdot (\mathbf{R}_2 - \mathbf{R}_{M+N}) + \dots + \mathbf{k}_M \cdot (\mathbf{R}_M - \mathbf{R}_{M+N})]}}{(\eta_1^2 + k_1^2)(\eta_2^2 + k_2^2) \dots (\eta_M^2 + k_M^2)} \times \frac{e^{-i[\mathbf{k}_{M+1} \cdot (\mathbf{R}_{M+1} - \mathbf{R}_{M+N}) + \mathbf{k}_{M+2} \cdot (\mathbf{R}_{M+2} - \mathbf{R}_{M+N}) + \dots + \mathbf{k}_{M+N-1} \cdot (\mathbf{R}_{M+N-1} - \mathbf{R}_{M+N})]}}{(\lambda_1^2 + k_{M+1}^2) \dots (\lambda_{M+N-1}^2 + k_{M+N-1}^2) [\lambda_{M+N}^2 + (\mathbf{k}_1 + \dots + \mathbf{k}_{M+N-1} - \mathbf{K})^2]^2}. \quad (6)$$

This is a special case of a more general class of integrals

$$J_L(\mathbf{B}_i, \mathbf{p}_i, s_i) = \int d^3k_1 d^3k_2 \dots d^3k_L \frac{e^{-i(\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \mathbf{B}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 \cdot \mathbf{B}_2 + \dots + \mathbf{k}_L \cdot \mathbf{B}_L)}}{(s_1 + q_1^2)^{1+m_1} (s_2 + q_2^2)^{1+m_2} \dots (s_n + q_n^2)^{1+m_n}}, \quad (7)$$

where \mathbf{q}_i is a linear combination of external momenta \mathbf{p}_j and at least one internal momentum vector \mathbf{k}_j .

To integrate over the k_j , first introduce the standard integral transform for the denominators¹⁹ generalized to allow arbitrary powers of the denominators,

$$\frac{1}{D_1^{1+m_1} D_2^{1+m_2} \dots D_n^{1+m_n}} = \frac{(n + \sum_i m_i - 1)!}{(m_1)!(m_2)! \dots (m_n)!} \int_0^1 d\alpha_1 \int_0^1 d\alpha_2 \dots \int_0^1 d\alpha_n \alpha_1^{m_1} \alpha_2^{m_2} \dots \alpha_n^{m_n} \frac{\delta \left[1 - \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \right]}{\left[\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i D_i \right]^{n + \sum_i m_i}}. \quad (8)$$

This allows the angular dependence in the denominators to be combined into a single quadratic form. This technique has been used extensively in atomic and molecular problems in the simpler case of $n=2$,²⁰ and in particular for the Fourier transforms of the B functions, in which other exponential type functions may be expanded.⁶

Chisholm¹⁷ analyzed integrals over four-dimensional analogues of these denominators, arising from Feynman propagators, and developed a systematic approach, useful in the present three-dimensional case, that will be extended to in-

clude the angular dependence of the plane waves in the numerator of (7). This is done by introducing the additional transformation²¹

$$(v-1)!D^{-v} = \int_0^\infty d\rho \rho^{v-1} e^{-\rho D} \tag{9}$$

which moves the angular dependence of the denominator in (8) into an exponential so that the angular dependence of the plane waves in (7) may be included.

At this stage one could complete the square for each \mathbf{k}_i in D , change variables in $D, \mathbf{k}_i \cdot \mathbf{B}_i$, and $\int d^3k_i$, and then integrate. But this iterative process is tedious and error prone. An additional complication is that in succeeding integrals the coefficient of k_j^2 is no longer simply α_j but contains subtractions that may be large enough to make the coefficient negative for some values of α . In such a case the integral (17) is no longer well defined.

Instead, multiply and divide the B 's by ρ so that all k dependence may be written in terms of a single quadratic form Q in

$$J_L(\mathbf{B}_i, \mathbf{p}_i, s_i) = \frac{1}{(m_1)!(m_2)! \cdots (m_n)!} \int_0^1 d\alpha_1 \int_0^1 d\alpha_2 \cdots \int_0^1 d\alpha_n \alpha_1^{m_1} \alpha_2^{m_2} \cdots \alpha_n^{m_n} \delta \left[1 - \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \right] \times \int_0^\infty d\rho \rho^{n+\sum m_i-1} \int d^3k_1 d^3k_2 \cdots d^3k_L e^{-\rho Q} . \tag{10}$$

The quadratic form may be written in a compact form

$$Q = \underline{V}^T \underline{W} \underline{V} , \tag{11}$$

where

$$\underline{V}^T = (\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \dots, \mathbf{k}_L, 1) , \tag{12}$$

and

$$\underline{W} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1L} & \mathbf{b}_1 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2L} & \mathbf{b}_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{L1} & a_{L2} & \cdots & a_{LL} & \mathbf{b}_L \\ \mathbf{b}_1 & \mathbf{b}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{b}_L & C \end{pmatrix} . \tag{13}$$

In this compact notation the a_{ij} are just linear combinations of the Feynman parameters α_j ,

$$\mathbf{b}_j \equiv \mathbf{v}_j + i \frac{\mathbf{B}_j}{2\rho} , \tag{14}$$

where \mathbf{v}_j is a linear combination of the \mathbf{p}_j , and C contains those parts of the denominator on the right-hand side of (8) that are independent of the variables \mathbf{k}_i .

A simple example is

$$J_1(\mathbf{B}; \mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2; s_1, s_2) = \int d^3k \frac{e^{-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{B}}}{(s_1 + q_1^2)(s_2 + q_2^2)} , \tag{7'}$$

where

$$\mathbf{q}_j = \mathbf{k} - \mathbf{p}_j .$$

Then \underline{W} is a 2×2 matrix with

$$\mathbf{b}_1 = -\alpha_1 \mathbf{p}_1 - \alpha_2 \mathbf{p}_2 + i \frac{\mathbf{B}}{2\rho} , \tag{14'}$$

$$a_{11} = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \equiv \Lambda$$

and

$$C = \alpha_1(s_1 + p_1^2) + \alpha_2(s_2 + p_2^2) .$$

Now if one can find an *orthogonal transformation* that reduces \underline{Q} to diagonal form

$$Q' = a'_1 k_1'^2 + a'_2 k_2'^2 + \cdots + a'_L k_L'^2 + c' , \tag{16}$$

then, as shown by Chisholm,¹⁷ the a'_j are positive. Then after a *simple translation* in $\{\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \dots, \mathbf{k}_N\}$ space (with Jacobian = 1), the k' integrals may be done using

$$\int d^3k' e^{-\rho a' k'^2} = 4\pi \int_0^\infty dk' k'^2 e^{-\rho a' k'^2} = \left[\frac{\pi}{\rho a'} \right]^{3/2} . \tag{17}$$

Then L integrations yield

$$\int d^3k'_1 \cdots d^3k'_L e^{-\rho(a'_1 k_1'^2 + \cdots + a'_L k_L'^2)} = \left[\frac{\pi^L}{\rho^L \Lambda'} \right]^{3/2} , \tag{18}$$

where

$$\Lambda' = a'_1 a'_2 \cdots a'_L . \tag{19}$$

But the orthogonal transformation leading to (16) leaves the determinants

$$\Omega = \det \underline{W} \tag{20}$$

and

$$\Lambda = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1L} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2L} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{L1} & a_{L2} & \cdots & a_{LL} \end{vmatrix} \tag{21}$$

invariant,¹⁷ so

$$\Lambda' = \Lambda \tag{22}$$

and

$$\Omega = a'_1 a'_2 \cdots a'_L c' . \tag{23}$$

It is seen in the present case, as with the four-dimensional case studied by Chisholm,¹⁷ that one does not need to know the individual a'_j of (16), only the product (19) that is completely determined by the known determinant (21). The remaining quantity in (16) is also given by the invariant matrices,

$$c' = \Omega / \Lambda . \quad (24)$$

Thus, the transformation that diagonalizes (13) never has to be explicitly calculated.

Before doing the final integral,

$$P = \int_0^\infty d\rho \rho^{n + \sum_i m_i - 3L/2 - 1} e^{-\rho c'} , \quad (25)$$

the ρ dependence of c' must be made explicit. The only ρ -dependent quantities are in Ω , in the single term $i(\mathbf{B}_j/2\rho)$ of each \mathbf{b}_j . Expanding Ω by minors gives

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \det \underline{W} \\ &= C\Lambda + \sum_{i=1}^L \sum_{j=1}^L \mathbf{b}_i \cdot \mathbf{b}_j (-1)^{i+j+1} \Lambda_{ij} \\ &= \chi + \frac{G}{4\rho^2} + i \frac{F}{2\rho} , \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

where, from (14),

$$\chi = C\Lambda - E , \quad (27)$$

$$G = \sum_{i=1}^L \sum_{j=1}^L \mathbf{B}_i \cdot \mathbf{B}_j (-1)^{i+j} \Lambda_{ij} , \quad (28)$$

$$E = \sum_{i=1}^L \sum_{j=1}^L \mathbf{v}_i \cdot \mathbf{v}_j (-1)^{i+j} \Lambda_{ij} , \quad (29)$$

$$F = 2 \sum_{i=1}^L \sum_{j=1}^L \mathbf{B}_i \cdot \mathbf{v}_j (-1)^{i+j+1} \Lambda_{ij} , \quad (30)$$

and where the minor Λ_{ij} is Λ with the i th row and j th column deleted. For the example given in (7)–(15), for which one defines $\Lambda_{11} \equiv 1$ since $L = 1$,

$$G = B^2 , \quad (28')$$

$$E = (\alpha_1 \mathbf{p}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{p}_2)^2 , \quad (29')$$

and

$$F = 2(\alpha_1 \mathbf{p}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{p}_2) \cdot \mathbf{B} . \quad (30')$$

Chisholm's analysis of quadratic forms resulting from integrals over products of Feynman propagators¹⁷ applies to the present case with a few modifications due to the introduction of the following complex terms in (14): The determinant Λ (21) is positive; if the k 's and p 's are not imaginary and if some s is nonzero, so that the denominator in (7) is positive definite (nonzero if not all \mathbf{k}_j are zero), then χ (27) is positive definite; E and G are non-negative.

The ρ integral may now be done,²²

$$\begin{aligned} P &= e^{-iF/2\Lambda} \int_0^\infty d\rho \rho^{n + \sum_i m_i - 3L/2 - 1} e^{-\rho\chi/\Lambda - G/(4\Lambda\rho)} \\ &= 2e^{-iF/2\Lambda} \left[\frac{G}{4(C\Lambda - E)} \right]^{(n + \sum_i m_i - 3L/2)/2} \\ &\quad \times K_{n + \sum_i m_i - 3L/2} \left[\frac{\sqrt{G(C\Lambda - E)}}{\Lambda} \right] . \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

Note that (31) is true only for G/Λ and χ/Λ positive. In the present case χ/Λ will be zero only if $\alpha_i = 0$ for all i . But this is prevented by the δ function in (10). However, if all \mathbf{B}_i are zero, G and F will be zero so instead of (31) one has

$$P = \frac{\Gamma(n + \sum_i m_i - 3L/2)}{\chi^{n + \sum_i m_i - 3L/2}} , \quad (32)$$

with the restriction $n + \sum_i m_i > 3L/2$, which will hold if the original integral (7) is convergent. But this corresponds to the Fourier transform of a product of one-center hydrogenic orbitals for which an analytical result exists.³

The final result is found by integrating one of the α 's, using the δ function, in

$$\begin{aligned} J_L(\mathbf{B}_i, \mathbf{p}_i, s_i) &= \frac{2\pi^{3L/2}}{(m_1)!(m_2)! \cdots (m_n)!} \\ &\quad \times \int_0^1 d\alpha_1 \int_0^1 d\alpha_2 \cdots \int_0^1 d\alpha_n \alpha_1^{m_1} \alpha_2^{m_2} \cdots \alpha_n^{m_n} \delta \left[1 - \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \right] e^{-iF/2\Lambda} \frac{1}{\Lambda^{3/2}} \\ &\quad \times \left[\frac{G}{4(C\Lambda - E)} \right]^{(n + \sum_i m_i - 3L/2)/2} K_{n + \sum_i m_i - 3L/2} \left[\frac{\sqrt{G(C\Lambda - E)}}{\Lambda} \right] . \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

For the example (7)–(15) and (28')–(30') one integrates α_2 , using the δ function, so that $\Lambda = 1$. Then defining

$$\mu^2 = C - E = \alpha s_1 + (1 - \alpha) s_2 + \alpha(1 - \alpha)(\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_2)^2 ,$$

one has

$$\begin{aligned}
J_1(\mathbf{B}; \mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2; s_1, s_2) &= 2\pi^{3/2} \frac{\sqrt{B}}{2} e^{-i\mathbf{B}\cdot\mathbf{p}_2} \int_0^1 d\alpha e^{-i\alpha\mathbf{B}\cdot(\mathbf{p}_1-\mathbf{p}_2)} \frac{K_{1/2}(B\mu)}{\sqrt{\mu}} \\
&= \pi^2 e^{-i\mathbf{B}\cdot\mathbf{p}_2} \int_0^1 d\alpha e^{-i\alpha\mathbf{B}\cdot(\mathbf{p}_1-\mathbf{p}_2)} \frac{e^{-B\mu}}{\mu}. \tag{33'}
\end{aligned}$$

This is exactly the result obtained through bypassing the ρ integral (7) and completing the square in the denominator of (6),²³

$$\begin{aligned}
J_1(\mathbf{B}; \mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2; s_1, s_2) &= \int_0^1 d\alpha \int d^3k \frac{e^{-i\mathbf{B}\cdot\mathbf{k}}}{\{k^2 - 2[\alpha\mathbf{p}_1 - (1-\alpha)\mathbf{p}_2] \cdot \mathbf{k} + (1-\alpha)[\alpha\mathbf{p}_1 + (1-\alpha)\mathbf{p}_2]^2 + C\}^2} \\
&= e^{-i\mathbf{B}\cdot\mathbf{p}_2} \int_0^1 d\alpha e^{-i\alpha\mathbf{B}\cdot(\mathbf{p}_1-\mathbf{p}_2)} \int d^3k' \frac{e^{-i\mathbf{B}\cdot\mathbf{k}'}}{(k'^2 + \mu^2)^2} \\
&= e^{-i\mathbf{B}\cdot\mathbf{p}_2} \frac{4\pi}{B} \int_0^1 d\alpha e^{-i\alpha\mathbf{B}\cdot(\mathbf{p}_1-\mathbf{p}_2)} \int_0^\infty dk' \frac{k' \sin Bk'}{(k'^2 + \mu^2)^2}. \tag{33''}
\end{aligned}$$

Note that the latter reproduces Cheshire's technique²⁴ except that his μ^2 erroneously neglects the momentum cross term. However, since he only uses this integral in the case where one of the momenta is zero, this error does not alter his result.

III. FOURIER TRANSFORM OF THE PRODUCT

The Fourier transform of a product of N 1s hydrogenic orbitals and M Coulomb or Yukawa potentials is simply a special case of J_L . One has only to substitute into (33)

$$L = M + N - 1, \quad n = M + N, \tag{34}$$

$$s_i = \eta_i^2, \quad m_i = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, M \tag{35}$$

$$s_i = \lambda_i^2, \quad m_i = 1, \quad i = M + 1, M + 2, \dots, M + N, \tag{36}$$

$$\mathbf{B}_i = \mathbf{R}_i - \mathbf{R}_{M+N}, \quad q_i^2 = k_i^2, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, M + N - 1, \tag{37}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{q}_{M+N} &= \mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \dots + \mathbf{k}_M + \mathbf{k}_{M+1} \\
&\quad + \mathbf{k}_{M+2} + \dots + \mathbf{k}_{M+N-1} - \mathbf{K}, \tag{38}
\end{aligned}$$

which give

$$a_{ij} = \alpha_{M+N} + \delta_{ij} \alpha_i, \tag{39}$$

$$\mathbf{b}_j = -\alpha_{M+N} \mathbf{K} + i \frac{\mathbf{B}_j}{2\rho}, \tag{40}$$

and

$$C_{\text{FT}} = \sum_{i=1}^M \alpha_i \eta_i^2 + \sum_{i=M+1}^{M+N} \alpha_i \lambda_i^2 + \alpha_{M+N} K^2. \tag{41}$$

The determinants Λ and Ω are greatly simplified by subtracting the $(M+N-1)$ st row from the previous $M+N-2$ rows,

$$\Lambda_{\text{FT}} = \begin{vmatrix} \alpha_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & -\alpha_{M+N-1} \\ 0 & \alpha_2 & & 0 & -\alpha_{M+N-1} \\ \vdots & & & \vdots & \\ 0 & 0 & & \alpha_{M+N-2} & -\alpha_{M+N-1} \\ \alpha_{M+N} & \alpha_{M+N} & \cdots & \alpha_{M+N} & \alpha_{M+N} + \alpha_{M+N-1} \end{vmatrix} = \sum_{i=1}^{M+N} \left[\prod_{j \neq i} \alpha_j \right], \tag{42}$$

$$\Omega_{\text{FT}} = \begin{vmatrix} \alpha_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & -\alpha_{M+N-1} & \mathbf{b}_1 - \mathbf{b}_{M+N-1} \\ 0 & \alpha_2 & & 0 & -\alpha_{M+N-1} & \mathbf{b}_2 - \mathbf{b}_{M+N-1} \\ \vdots & & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & & \alpha_{M+N-2} & -\alpha_{M+N-1} & \mathbf{b}_{M+N-2} - \mathbf{b}_{M+N-1} \\ \alpha_{M+N} & \alpha_{M+N} & \cdots & \alpha_{M+N} & \alpha_{M+N} + \alpha_{M+N-1} & \mathbf{b}_{M+N-1} \\ \mathbf{b}_1 & \mathbf{b}_2 & & \mathbf{b}_{M+N-2} & \mathbf{b}_{M+N-1} & C_{\text{FT}} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= C_{\text{FT}} \Lambda_{\text{FT}} - E_{\text{FT}} + i \frac{F_{\text{FT}}}{2\rho} + \frac{G_{\text{FT}}}{4\rho^2}, \tag{43}$$

where

$$E_{\text{FT}} = \alpha_{M+N}^2 K^2 \sum_{i=1}^{M+N-1} \left[\prod_{j \neq i, n+N} \alpha_j \right], \tag{44}$$

$$F_{\text{FT}} = 2\alpha_{M+N}\mathbf{K} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{M+N-1} \left[\prod_{j \neq i, n+N} \alpha_j \right] \mathbf{B}_i, \quad (45)$$

$$G_{\text{FT}} = \sum_{i=1}^{M+N-1} \left[\sum_{j \neq i} \left[\prod_{m \neq i, j} \alpha_m \right] B_i^2 - 2 \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \left[\prod_{m \neq i, j} \alpha_m \right] \mathbf{B}_j \cdot \mathbf{B}_i \right]. \quad (46)$$

Substituting (34)–(46) into (33) and multiplying by

$$\left[\frac{\lambda_1}{\pi} \frac{\lambda_2}{\pi} \cdots \frac{\lambda_N}{\pi} \right]^{5/2} \frac{(2\pi)^{3/2}}{(2\pi^2)^M} \quad (47)$$

gives the final result for (1),

$$\begin{aligned} I_{1s, \dots, 1s}^{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N \eta_1, \dots, \eta_M}(\mathbf{K}, \mathbf{R}_1, \dots, \mathbf{R}_M, \mathbf{R}_{M+1}, \dots, \mathbf{R}_{M+N}) \\ = \frac{(\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \cdots \lambda_N)^{5/2} 2^{5/2 - M}}{\pi^{N+M/2}} \\ \times \int_0^1 d\alpha_1 \int_0^1 d\alpha_2 \cdots \int_0^1 d\alpha_{M+N} \alpha_{M+1} \alpha_{M+2} \cdots \alpha_{M+N} \delta \left[1 - \sum_{i=1}^{M+N} \alpha_i \right] e^{-iF_{\text{FT}}/2\Lambda_{\text{FT}}} \frac{1}{\Lambda_{\text{FT}}^{3/2}} \\ \times \left[\frac{G_{\text{FT}}}{4(C\Lambda_{\text{FT}} - E_{\text{FT}})} \right]^{(N-M+1)/4} K_{(N-M+1)/2} \left[\frac{\sqrt{G_{\text{FT}}(C_{\text{FT}}\Lambda_{\text{FT}} - E_{\text{FT}})}}{\Lambda_{\text{FT}}} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (48)$$

IV. EXCITED STATES

The present procedure may be extended to find the Fourier transform of products of orbitals including excited states in some cases. For s states the coordinate space radial wave function includes a polynomial in the coordinate multiplying an exponential that may be written as a polynomial of derivatives of the exponential with respect to λ_j [now containing the principal quantum number in the denominator of (4)], which is just a polynomial of derivatives of $1s$ orbitals. The final expression will then contain a polynomial of derivatives of (33) with respect to the λ_i in C . Alternatively, the momentum representation of s states in general contains a polynomial in k^2 in the numerator of the equivalent of (3). The equivalent of (33) is found by substituting into the equivalent of (3)

$$\frac{A + Bk^2 + Ck^4 + \cdots}{(\lambda + k^2)^n} = \frac{A}{(\lambda + \tau k^2)^n} - B \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \frac{1}{(n-1)(\lambda + \tau k^2)^{n-1}} + C \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \tau^2} \frac{1}{(n-1)(n-2)(\lambda + \tau k^2)^{n-2}} + \cdots, \quad (49)$$

resulting in $a_{jj} \rightarrow \tau_j a_{jj}$ in (13), (21), and (39). Then the final form is given by taking derivatives of (33) or (48) with respect to the τ 's, for each term in the polynomial, and then setting the τ 's equal to one.

States with $l > 0$ in the product are more difficult to handle. In some problems the product of orbitals includes a projector onto $2p$ -states,⁴

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{m=-1}^1 u_{2l_m}^{\lambda_j^*}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_j) u_{2l_{m+1}}^{\lambda_{j+1}}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_{j+1}) \\ = \sum_{m=-1}^1 \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} (i)(-i) \frac{4}{3\pi} (\lambda_j \lambda_{j+1})^{7/2} \int d^3 k_j \int d^3 k_{j+1} \frac{k_j Y_{1m}^*(\Omega_j)}{[(\lambda_j/2)^2 + k_j^2]^3} \frac{k_{j+1} Y_{1m}(\Omega_{j+1})}{[(\lambda_{j+1}/2)^2 + k_{j+1}^2]^3} \\ = \frac{(\lambda_j \lambda_{j+1})^{7/2}}{2^2 \pi^5} \int d^3 k_j \int d^3 k_{j+1} \frac{\mathbf{k}_j \cdot \mathbf{k}_{j+1}}{[(\lambda_j/2)^2 + k_j^2]^3 [(\lambda_{j+1}/2)^2 + k_{j+1}^2]^3}. \end{aligned} \quad (50)$$

By rewriting the last term in the denominator of the equivalent of (6),

$$\begin{aligned} D_{M+N} = \lambda_{M+N}^2 + (\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \cdots + \mathbf{k}_{j-1} + \mathbf{k}_{j+2} + \cdots + \mathbf{k}_{M+N-1} - \mathbf{K})^2 \\ + (\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \cdots + \mathbf{k}_{j-1} + \mathbf{k}_{j+2} + \cdots + \mathbf{k}_{M+N-1} - \mathbf{K}) \cdot (\mathbf{k}_j + \mathbf{k}_{j+1}) + k_j^2 + k_{j+1}^2 + 2\tau \mathbf{k}_j \cdot \mathbf{k}_{j+1} |_{\tau=1}, \end{aligned} \quad (51)$$

one may remove the vector product in the numerator by differentiation,

$$\frac{\mathbf{k}_j \cdot \mathbf{k}_{j+1}}{D_{M+N}^2} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \frac{1}{D_{M+N}}. \quad (52)$$

Then one may use the present technique by setting $m_{M+N}=0$ in (36), $a_{j,j+1}=\tau\alpha_{M+N}$ in (39), and the $j, j+1$ element of (42) and (43) equal to $(\tau-1)$ rather than 0, and by taking the derivative of (33) with respect to τ . If the product in the equivalent of (1) contains either more pairs of p states than the value of the principal quantum number of the N th orbital, or if it contains pairs of states with sufficiently high l , so that one has higher powers of $\cos\theta_{j,j+1}$ in the equivalent of (50), the transformation (9) may be performed first to allow sufficient powers of the denominator for multiple derivatives of the type (52).

V. SUBSEQUENT INTEGRALS

In developing (34)–(48), the solution for the Fourier transform (1), a three-dimensional integral has been replaced by an $(M+N-1)$ -dimensional integral. The utility of this intermediate step lies in the ease of evaluating a subsequent $3m$ -dimensional integral over the x_j 's (2), where $m \leq N+M$, so that the overall dimensionality is reduced by about 70%. Likewise, (7) may appear in integrals over the "external" momenta p_j .²⁵

First note that for the simple integral considered in (7') the final expression (33') allows a change of variables to $\mathbf{p}'=\mathbf{p}_1-\mathbf{p}_2$ in a subsequent integration over momenta. Alternatively, if the subsequent integration is over d^3B , one may treat the quantity μ in (33') as an inverse Bohr radius, rewrite

$$\frac{e^{-\mu B}}{\mu} = \left[\frac{\pi}{\mu^5} \right]^{1/2} u_{1s}^{\mu}(B), \quad (53)$$

and integrate over d^3B using the Fourier transform that is the inverse of (3). If the B integrand contains other hydrogenic orbitals one may use the sequence (1)–(48) recursively.

More generally, for $m > 1$, the subsequent integrals over the B 's (linear functions of the R 's that are in turn linear functions of the x 's) may contain other functions of the x 's than just the G and F of (33), such as T in (2). Such cases merit individual attention. But because many problems in atomic physics, particularly scattering problems,¹⁶ are a simple integral of $J_L(\mathbf{B}_i, \mathbf{p}_i, s_i)$ (7), multiplied by plane waves and integrated over the x_j , the $I \rightarrow J$ generalization of (2) in the case $T \equiv 1$,

$$N_{mL}(\mathbf{p}_i, s_i) = \int d^3x_1 \cdots d^3x_m J_L(\mathbf{B}_i, \mathbf{p}_i, s_i) \times e^{-i(\mathbf{p}_1 \cdot \mathbf{x}_1 + \cdots + \mathbf{p}_m \cdot \mathbf{x}_m)}, \quad (54)$$

will now be explicitly done.

It is clear from the form (7) that one could integrate first over the \mathbf{x}_i yielding a product of m δ functions inside the \mathbf{k}_j integrals, allowing these integrals to be evaluated before applying the transformations (8) and (9). However since

$$\mathbf{B}_i = \sum_{j=1}^m t_{ij} \mathbf{x}_j \quad (55)$$

the δ functions will be of the form

$$\delta \left[\mathbf{p}_j - \sum_{i=1}^m t_{ij} \mathbf{k}_i \right]. \quad (56)$$

As the first integral, d^3k_1 , is evaluated, one substitutes

$$\left[\mathbf{p}_1 - \sum_{i=2}^m t_{i1} \mathbf{k}_i \right] / t_{11} \quad (57)$$

for \mathbf{k}_1 in (56) for each $j > 1$ and in the denominator of (7), which appears in (54). Next, one substitutes

$$\frac{\mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}_1 / t_{11} - \sum_{i=3}^m (t_{i2} + t_{i1} / t_{11}) \mathbf{k}_i}{t_{22} + t_{12} / t_{11}} \quad (58)$$

for \mathbf{k}_2 in (56) for each $j > 2$ and in the denominator of (54), and so on. This process becomes unwieldy and prone to error as m becomes larger, increases the complexity of the angular parts of the x integrals, and does not decrease the number of products in the denominator (nor, hence, the number of Feynman integrals) except where an \mathbf{x}_i appears in only one \mathbf{B}_j of (55). But that case yields nothing new since one could do these integrals before the \mathbf{r} integral using the Fourier inverses of (3) and (5). Also, even when (55) is nontrivial, if all of the \mathbf{p}_i are zero and $m=L$ one may change variables of integration in (54) from \mathbf{x}_i to \mathbf{B}_i and one may again integrate directly.

Consider the more difficult case in which (55) is a nontrivial set or not all of the \mathbf{p}_i are zero. From (45) and (46) it is clear that F is a linear function and G is a quadratic function of the \mathbf{B}_i and, hence, of the \mathbf{x}_j . After integrating over the \mathbf{k}_i but before integrating over ρ , in order to group all angular dependence of the x 's together, one may append the $\rho(i\mathbf{p}_j \cdot \mathbf{x}_j / \rho)$ from the plane waves in (54) to the expanded form of G that appears in the exponential on the first line of (31). Then

$$\frac{G}{(2\rho)^2} + i \frac{F}{2\rho} \rightarrow H = \frac{G}{(2\rho)^2} + i \frac{F}{2\rho} + 2i \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{\mathbf{p}_j \cdot \mathbf{x}_j}{2\rho} = -\underline{\mathbf{X}}^T \underline{\mathbf{Z}} \underline{\mathbf{X}}, \quad (59)$$

where

$$\underline{\mathbf{X}}^T = \left[i \frac{\mathbf{x}_1}{2\rho}, i \frac{\mathbf{x}_2}{2\rho}, \dots, i \frac{\mathbf{x}_m}{2\rho}, -1 \right], \quad (60)$$

and

$$\underline{\mathbf{Z}} = \begin{bmatrix} z_{11} & z_{12} & \cdots & z_{1m} & \mathbf{h}_1 \\ z_{21} & z_{22} & & z_{2m} & \mathbf{h}_2 \\ \vdots & & & & \vdots \\ z_{m1} & z_{m2} & & z_{mm} & \mathbf{h}_m \\ \mathbf{h}_1 & \mathbf{h}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{h}_m & 0 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (61)$$

As with (13), the elements of (61) are completely known,

given by (59). The h 's are linear combinations of K and the p 's and the z_{ij} are functions of the α 's [for the Fourier transform, for example, they are linear combinations of the coefficients of the vectors in (45) and (46)].

As with (16), suppose one finds an orthogonal transformation that reduces H to diagonal form,

$$\begin{aligned} H' &= -i^2(z'_1 x_1'^2 + z'_2 x_2'^2 + \cdots + z'_m x_m'^2) / 4\rho^2 + g' \\ &\equiv \frac{\gamma}{4\rho^2} + g', \end{aligned} \quad (62)$$

where g' , the quadratic form in the external momenta \mathbf{p}_j , and z'_i are non-negative.²⁶ But the postulated transformation leaves the determinants of the quadratic form invariant so

$$z'_1 z'_2 \cdots z'_m \equiv \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} z_{11} & z_{12} & \cdots & z_{1m} \\ z_{21} & z_{22} & & z_{2m} \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ z_{m1} & z_{m2} & \cdots & z_{mm} \end{vmatrix}. \quad (63)$$

giving

$$\begin{aligned} &\int d^3 x'_m z'_m \left[-v + 3(m-1)/2 \right]^{1/2} x'_m \left[-v + 3(m-1)/2 \right]^{1/2} K_{v-3(m-1)/2} (\mu x'_m \sqrt{z'_m}) \\ &= 4\pi \int_0^\infty dx'_m z'_m \left[-v + 3(m-1)/2 \right]^{1/2} x'_m \left[-v + 3(m-1)/2 + 2 \right]^{1/2} K_{v-3(m-1)/2} (\mu x'_m \sqrt{z'_m}) \\ &= \frac{\pi^{3/2} 2^{-v+(3m+1)/2} \Gamma(-v+3m/2)}{z_m^{3/2} \mu^{-v+3(m+1)/2}}. \end{aligned} \quad (68)$$

The m integrations yield the factor

$$\frac{1}{(z'_1 z'_2 \cdots z'_m)^{3/2}} = \frac{1}{\Delta^{3/2}}, \quad (69)$$

and thus, as with (16), the z_{ij} in (61) do not need to be individually known; only the product Δ , which is invariant under this orthogonal transformation, is required. Therefore the transformation that diagonalizes (59) never has to be explicitly found. The final result is

$$\begin{aligned} N_{mL}(\mathbf{p}_i, s_i) &= \frac{2^{3m} \pi^{3(m+L)/2} \Gamma(n + \sum_i m_i - 3L/2 + 3m/2)}{(m_1)! (m_2)! \cdots (m_n)!} \\ &\times \int_0^1 d\alpha_1 \int_0^1 d\alpha_2 \cdots \int_0^1 d\alpha_n \alpha_1^{m_1} \alpha_2^{m_2} \cdots \alpha_n^{m_n} \delta \left(1 - \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \right) \frac{\Lambda^{3(m-1)/2 + n + \sum_i m_i - 3L/2}}{\Delta^{3/2} (C\Lambda - E + \zeta/\Delta)^{n + \sum_i m_i - 3L/2 + 3m/2}}. \end{aligned} \quad (70)$$

VI. CONCLUSION

This systematic method for calculating the Fourier transform of products of standard functions in atomic and molecular physics, and the reduced form of subsequent integrals, removes the time consumption and possibilities for error inherent in an individualized approach.

$$g' = |\mathbf{Z}| / \Delta \equiv \zeta / \Delta. \quad (64)$$

Then substituting (26), (59), (62), and (64) into (24) gives

$$\rho c' = \rho(\chi + \zeta/\Delta) / \Lambda + \gamma / (4\Lambda\rho), \quad (65)$$

yielding (33) with $F \rightarrow 0$, $C\Lambda - E \rightarrow C\Lambda - E + \zeta/\Delta$, and $G \rightarrow \gamma$. Finally one may integrate (7) over the x 's of γ , after a translation in $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_m\}$ space, using²⁷

$$\begin{aligned} &\int d^3 x [\sqrt{z} (x^2 + \beta/z)^{1/2}]^{-\nu} K_{-\nu} [\mu \sqrt{z} (x^2 + \beta/z)^{1/2}] \\ &= 4\pi \int_0^\infty dx x^2 [\sqrt{z} (x^2 + \beta/z)^{1/2}]^{-\nu} \\ &\quad \times K_{\nu} (\mu \sqrt{z} (x^2 + \beta/z)^{1/2}) \\ &= \frac{(2\pi)^{3/2}}{(\mu z)^{3/2} (\beta^{\nu-3/2})^{1/2}} K_{\nu-3/2} (\mu \sqrt{\beta}), \end{aligned} \quad (66)$$

where

$$-\nu = n + \sum_i m_i - 3L/2, \quad \mu = \frac{\sqrt{C\Lambda - E + \zeta/\Delta}}{\Lambda}, \quad (67)$$

except for the last integral, in which $\beta_m = 0$, that is given by²⁸

The reduction in the dimensionality of the integrals of individual problems differing only in the number of products, the indices λ and η , and in the relations between external momenta, must follow the same general path. In the present paper a method has been found that makes this generality explicit. The final form of the Fourier transform of the general product is given and the calculus

for finding the reduced form of subsequent integrals is done; one is left with just the algebraic operations of constructing (13) and then calculating its determinant (20) and the determinant (21). With the present result given once and for all, more complex theories and systems may be easily studied and more time can be devoted to understanding the physics of these systems.

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