

Accurate Analytical Self-Consistent Field Functions for Atoms. IV. Ground States and Several Excited States for Atoms and Ions of Al and Cu^{††}

MIROSLAV SYNEK*

Laboratory of Molecular Structure and Spectra, Department of Physics, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

(Received 4 April 1963)

Self-consistent field calculations by the expansion method were carried out for the ground states and several excited states of atoms and ions of Al and Cu. The results for the total energies of the states computed represent very accurately the absolute Hartree-Fock solutions. The wave functions were calculated with the requirement to satisfy identically the cusp condition so that they can be considered to be particularly accurate in the immediate vicinity of the nucleus. Comparison with experiment is carried out in particular for the calculated energy levels.

INTRODUCTION

QUANTUM-MECHANICAL laws of nature permit the calculation of all properties of atoms and molecules from their wave functions. Therefore, the calculation of such wave functions has become of great importance. However, approximate methods are necessary for many-particle systems.

An important method which has wide applicability is the self-consistent field (SCF) method using the factorization of the total wave function into one-electron wave functions. This method was originally developed for atoms by Hartree and Fock using the numerical integration procedure.¹ In this paper we shall use the name Hartree-Fock orbitals for the solutions of the numerical Hartree-Fock equations. More recently another method has proved very successful, namely, the SCF expansion method.²⁻⁴

The present paper is the fourth in a series of applications of this method aimed at obtaining high accuracy.⁵⁻⁷ The calculations were carried out with a program written for the IBM 7090 computer.⁴

THEORETICAL REMARKS

The n -electron wave functions are constructed from antisymmetrized products, which are built from one-electron wave functions called orbitals. For closed-shell configurations one antisymmetrized product is sufficient to represent the total wave function. For open-shell

configurations the total wave functions are, in general, represented by linear combinations of antisymmetrized products. To a total wave function constructed in this way, the variational principle is applied and the self-consistent field equations for the orbitals are obtained.

The orbitals are denoted by $\varphi_{i\lambda\alpha}(r, \vartheta, \varphi)$, where λ and α stand for the symmetry species and subspecies, respectively, and i distinguishes occupied orbitals of the same symmetry. Each orbital $\varphi_{i\lambda\alpha}$ is expanded in terms of basis functions of the same symmetry. The expansion then reads

$$\varphi_{i\lambda\alpha} = \sum_p \chi_{p\lambda\alpha} C_{i\lambda p}, \quad (1)$$

where $C_{i\lambda p}$ are coefficients of the expansion. The basis functions used are given by

$$\chi_{p\lambda\alpha}(r, \vartheta, \varphi) = R_{\lambda p}(r) Y_{\lambda\alpha}(\vartheta, \varphi), \quad (2)$$

where $R_{\lambda p}$ is a normalized Slater-type function

$$R_{\lambda p}(r) = [(2n_{\lambda p})!]^{-1/2} (2\zeta_{\lambda p})^{n_{\lambda p} + \frac{1}{2}} r^{n_{\lambda p} - 1} e^{-\zeta_{\lambda p} r}; \quad (3)$$

$n_{\lambda p}$ is the principal quantum number, $\zeta_{\lambda p}$ is the orbital exponent, and $Y_{\lambda\alpha}$ is the usual normalized spherical harmonic. One can use other functions for the radial parts of the basis functions; however, Slater-type functions are sufficiently flexible and at the same time computationally manageable, and we see no merit in using more complicated radial functions.

It is well known that the Hartree-Fock orbitals satisfy the cusp condition⁵

$$(\lambda + 1) \left(\frac{1}{f_\lambda} \frac{df_\lambda}{dr} \right)_{r=0} = -Z; \quad (4)$$

TABLE I. Comparison with other calculations.

Quantity \ Source of calculation	Other authors	This work
Al, 3s ² 3p, ² P; $E[\text{au}]$	-241.8692 ^a	-241.8762
Cu ⁺ , 3d ¹⁰ , ¹ S; $E[\text{au}]$	-1638.7049 ^b	-1638.7215
Cu, 3d ⁹ 4s ² , ² D; $E[\text{au}]$	-1638.9310 ^c	-1638.9438
Al;	$R_{4s, 3p}^2$	5.17 ^d
Al;	$R_{3p, 3d}^2$	6.43

^a See Ref. 12.

^b See Ref. 16.

^c See Ref. 18.

^d See Ref. 15.

[†] This work was submitted to the Department of Physics, University of Chicago, as a thesis in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

^{††} This work was assisted by the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, under contract No. AF 33(657)-8891, with the University of Chicago.

* Present address: Department of Physics, De Paul University, Chicago, Illinois.

¹ D. R. Hartree, *The Calculation of Atomic Structures* (John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York, 1957).

² C. C. J. Roothaan, *Rev. Mod. Phys.* **23**, 69 (1951).

³ C. C. J. Roothaan, *Rev. Mod. Phys.* **32**, 179 (1960).

⁴ C. C. J. Roothaan and P. S. Bagus, *Methods in Computational Physics* (Pergamon Press, Inc., New York), Vol. 1 (to be published).

⁵ C. C. J. Roothaan, L. M. Sachs and A. W. Weiss, *Rev. Mod. Phys.* **32**, 186 (1960).

⁶ E. Clementi, C. C. J. Roothaan, and M. Yoshimine, *Phys. Rev.* **127**, 1618 (1962).

⁷ C. C. J. Roothaan and P. S. Kelley, *Phys. Rev.* **131**, 1177 (1963).

TABLE II. Optimized exponents ζ of the basis functions for Al⁺, Al and its excited states.

Atom and state Basis function	Al ⁺	Al	Al	Al	Al	Al	Al	Al	Al	Al	Al
	3s ² , ¹ S	3s ² 3p, ² P	3s ² 3d, ² D	3s ² 4s, ² S	3s ² 4p, ² P	3s ² 4f, ² F	3s3p ² , ⁴ P	3s3p ² , ² D	3s3p ² , ² P	3s3p ² , ² S	3p ³ , ⁴ S
1s	13.00000	13.00000	13.00000	13.00000	13.00000	13.00000	13.00000	13.00000	13.00000	13.00000	13.00000
3s	14.81882	14.81882	14.81882	14.81882	14.81882	14.81882	14.81882	14.81882	14.81882	14.81882	14.81882
3s	10.95967	10.95967	10.95967	10.95967	10.95967	10.95967	10.95967	10.95967	10.95967	10.95967	10.95967
3s	7.03850	7.03975	7.03975	7.03975	7.03850	7.03850	6.84073	6.84073	6.84073	6.84073	6.94000
3s	4.45427	4.45008	4.45008	4.45008	4.45427	4.45427	4.34600	4.34600	4.34600	4.34600	4.38000
3s	1.73891	1.74739	1.75275	1.75275	1.73891	1.73891	1.69500	1.72801	1.79372	1.74000	1.80276
3s	1.24151	1.09143	1.22688	1.22423	1.22988	1.22365	1.13585	1.12451	1.19261	1.13000	
3s	0.68000	0.44922	0.67199	0.86184 ^a	0.68566	0.67841	0.47000	0.46000	0.49000	0.47000	
4s				0.56059							
4s				0.30586							
2p	6.50000	6.50000	6.50000	6.50000	6.50000	6.50000	6.50000	6.50000	6.50000	6.50000	6.50000
4p	15.62221	15.71772	15.62737	15.60893	15.62221	15.62221	15.80000	15.80000	15.80000	15.80000	15.80000
4p	7.01039	7.34587	7.01267	7.00440	7.01039	7.01039	7.38884	7.38884	7.38884	7.38884	7.43962
4p	4.36248	4.62878	4.36365	4.35712	4.36248	4.36248	4.65954	4.65954	4.65954	4.65954	4.77264
4p	1.70240	2.01378	1.70286	1.70031	2.92882	1.70240	2.04374	1.99006	1.96055	1.95787	2.27957
4p		1.52000			1.49395		1.57000	1.50000	1.45000	1.44000	1.56017
4p		1.05599			0.96361		1.14302	1.03570	0.97133	0.96276	1.04478
4p		0.50615			0.42256		0.55000	0.50000	0.47000	0.46000	0.53740
4p					0.21400						
3d			4.33333								
5d			2.78673								
5d			1.24807								
5d			0.61618								
5d			0.39284								
5d			0.21000								
4f						3.25000					
6f						1.50759					
6f						0.60985					
6f						0.33227					

^a Corresponds to basis function 4s.

where $r^\lambda f_\lambda(r)$ is the radial part of the orbital, and Z is the nuclear charge. However, if we expand the orbitals $\varphi_{i\lambda\alpha}$ in terms of known basis functions, they would generally not satisfy the cusp condition. Nevertheless, for a special choice⁷ of basis functions the cusp condition can be identically satisfied, namely, if

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta_{\lambda 1} &= Z/(\lambda+1), \\ n_{\lambda 1} &= \lambda+1, \\ n_{\lambda p} &\geq \lambda+3, \quad p > 1. \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

It is also well known that for the Hartree-Fock solution the virial theorem is satisfied, namely,

$$E_p/E_k = -2, \tag{6}$$

where E_p and E_k are the potential and kinetic energies, respectively. The total energy E is, of course, given by

$$E = E_p + E_k. \tag{7}$$

When the orbitals $\varphi_{i\lambda\alpha}$ are given by Eqs. (1)–(3), it can be shown that there exists a common scale factor by which all the orbital exponents can be multiplied so that the virial theorem (6) is identically satisfied.

Clearly the identical satisfaction of the cusp conditions by imposing the restrictions (5) is incompatible with adjusting the exponents by a common scale factor to satisfy the virial theorem. In this work we enforce the cusp conditions so that we can use the value of

E_p/E_k as compared with -2 as a guide for the accuracy of the results obtained by the expansion method with respect to the Hartree-Fock solutions.

TABLE III. Optimized exponents ζ of the basis functions for Cu⁺, Cu, and its excited states.

Atom and state Basis function	Cu ⁺	Cu	Cu	Cu
	3d ¹⁰ , ¹ S	3d ¹⁰ 4s, ² S	3d ¹⁰ 4p, ² P	3d ⁹ 4s ² , ² D
1s	29.00000	29.00000	29.00000	29.00000
3s	35.96083	35.96083	35.96083	35.96083
3s	24.96766	24.96766	24.96766	24.96766
3s	16.50784	16.50784	16.50784	16.50784
3s	11.89243	11.89243	11.89243	11.89243
3s	6.40248	6.40248	6.40248	6.40248
3s	4.12887	4.12887	4.12887	4.12887
4s		2.10931		2.19823
4s		1.11020		1.17860
2p	14.50000	14.50000	14.50000	14.50000
4p	33.47662	33.47662	33.47662	33.47662
4p	15.81620	15.81620	15.81620	15.81620
4p	10.75110	10.75110	10.75110	10.75110
4p	6.82655	6.82655	6.82655	6.82655
4p	4.07204	4.06941	4.07204	4.07204
4p			1.42000	
4p			0.70134	
3d	9.66667	9.66667	9.66667	9.66667
5d	13.93533	13.88335	13.93533	14.23703
5d	7.87939	7.85000	7.87939	8.05000
5d	4.28000	4.25312	4.28000	4.42710
5d	3.68321	3.72000	3.68321	3.91000
5d	2.28675	2.18421	2.28675	2.42755

TABLE IV. Eigenvectors of coefficients $C_{\lambda\mu}$ for Al^+ , Al , and its excited states.

Atom and state Basis function	Al^+ $3s^2 1S$	Al $3s^2 3P, 2P$	Al $3s^2 3d, 2D$	Al $3s^2 4s, 2S$	Al $3s^2 4p, 2P$	Al $3s^2 4f, 2F$	Al $3s^2 4f, 4P$	Al $3s^2 4f, 2D$	Al $3s^2 4f, 2P$	Al $3s^2 4f, 2S$	Al $3s^2 4f, 2P$	Al $3s^2 4f, 2S$	Al $3p^2, 4S$
1s	0.96745	0.96744	0.96745	0.96745	0.96745	0.96745	0.96741	0.96742	0.96743	0.96743	0.96743	0.96742	1s
3s	0.03196	0.03193	0.03196	0.03196	0.03196	0.03196	0.03186	0.03186	0.03188	0.03188	0.03186	0.03186	3s
3s	0.01650	0.01658	0.01650	0.01651	0.01650	0.01650	0.01697	0.01677	0.01673	0.01673	0.01676	0.01676	3s
3s	0.00149	0.00147	0.00149	0.00149	0.00149	0.00149	0.00143	0.00144	0.00144	0.00144	0.00144	0.00144	3s
3s	0.00023	0.00023	0.00021	0.00021	0.00021	0.00021	0.00018	0.00018	0.00018	0.00018	0.00018	0.00018	3s
3s	0.00008	0.00004	0.00008	0.00008	0.00008	0.00008	0.00004	0.00003	0.00002	0.00002	0.00002	0.00003	3s
3s	-0.00007	-0.00003	-0.00006	-0.00011	-0.00007	-0.00007	-0.00002	-0.00003	-0.00002	-0.00002	-0.00002	-0.00003	3s
3s	0.00002	0.00001	0.00006*	0.00006*	0.00002	0.00002	0.00001	0.00001	0.00001	0.00001	0.00001	0.00001	3s
4s			-0.00003	-0.00003									4s
4s			0.00001	0.00001									4s
2s	-0.25149	-0.25130	-0.25149	-0.25149	-0.25146	-0.25149	-0.25096	-0.25097	-0.25100	-0.25100	-0.25100	-0.25100	2s
3s	-0.01036	-0.01031	-0.01036	-0.01038	-0.01038	-0.01037	-0.01317	-0.01315	-0.01311	-0.01311	-0.01314	-0.01314	3s
3s	0.08624	0.08597	0.08549	0.08533	0.08629	0.08626	0.09932	0.09926	0.09917	0.09925	0.09925	0.09925	3s
3s	0.49005	0.48970	0.49144	0.49172	0.48979	0.49002	0.52205	0.52236	0.52290	0.52290	0.52250	0.52250	3s
3s	0.51903	0.51906	0.51844	0.51844	0.51925	0.51906	0.47956	0.47911	0.47830	0.47830	0.47899	0.47899	3s
3s	0.00935	0.00743	0.00831	0.00916	0.00926	0.00914	0.00348	0.00354	0.00366	0.00339	0.00339	0.00339	3s
3s	-0.00506	-0.00265	-0.00416	-0.00519	-0.00495	-0.00491	-0.00663	0.00001	0.00095	0.00095	0.00011	0.00011	3s
3s	0.00083	0.00043	0.00069	0.00158*	0.00085	0.00087	0.00002	0.00000	-0.00010	-0.00010	-0.00001	-0.00001	3s
4s			-0.00062	-0.00062									4s
4s			0.00012	0.00012									4s
3s	0.06254	0.05799	0.06234	0.06241	0.06219	0.06254	0.05901	0.06100	0.06649	0.06649	0.06153	0.06153	3s
3s	0.00340	0.00361	0.00376	0.00391	0.00336	0.00365	0.00408	0.00459	0.00655	0.00655	0.00513	0.00513	3s
3s	-0.02517	-0.02459	-0.02613	-0.02654	-0.02589	-0.02589	-0.02734	-0.02935	-0.03634	-0.03634	-0.03095	-0.03095	3s
3s	-0.12841	-0.11661	-0.12616	-0.12564	-0.12775	-0.12715	-0.12967	-0.13168	-0.13490	-0.13490	-0.13032	-0.13032	3s
3s	-0.17457	-0.16482	-0.17707	-0.17826	-0.17338	-0.17629	-0.15390	-0.16438	-0.19548	-0.19548	-0.16975	-0.16975	3s
3s	0.58538	0.58879	0.58215	0.58034	0.58209	0.60115	0.61266	0.64007	0.68597	0.68597	0.64470	0.64470	3s
3s	0.48636	0.52051	0.49330	0.49968	0.49260	0.47633	0.46461	0.44612	0.41452	0.41452	0.44385	0.44385	3s
3s	0.00078	0.00095	0.00094	-0.00730*	-0.00260	-0.00435	0.00041	0.00110	-0.01173	-0.01173	0.00116	0.00116	3s
4s			0.00521	0.00521									4s
4s			-0.00048	-0.00048									4s
2p	0.53784	0.53907	0.53785	0.53773	0.53823	0.53784	0.53968	0.53972	0.53980	0.53980	0.53975	0.53975	2p
4p	0.00624	0.00400	0.00622	0.00629	0.00623	0.00624	0.00973	0.00975	0.00377	0.00377	0.00376	0.00376	4p
4p	0.27219	0.27191	0.27191	0.27315	0.27008	0.27219	0.21339	0.21322	0.21308	0.21308	0.21304	0.21304	4p
4p	0.32703	0.36920	0.32730	0.32628	0.33292	0.32703	0.37372	0.37402	0.37424	0.37424	0.37439	0.37439	4p
4p	0.00558	0.03045	0.00561	0.00556	-0.00674	0.00558	0.03169	0.03248	0.03203	0.03203	0.03165	0.03165	4p
4p	-0.01722	-0.01722	0.00561	0.00556	0.01314	0.00558	-0.01949	-0.02105	-0.02090	-0.02090	-0.02046	-0.02046	4p
4p	0.00418	0.00418	0.00418	0.00418	0.00683	0.00435	0.00435	0.00599	0.00682	0.00682	0.00656	0.00656	4p
4p	-0.00031	-0.00031	-0.00031	-0.00031	0.00179	-0.00031	-0.00022	-0.00057	-0.00075	-0.00075	-0.00075	-0.00075	4p
4p			-0.00068	-0.00068									4p
3p	-0.09649	-0.09649	0.00464	0.00464	0.03385	0.00018	-0.10567	-0.09907	-0.08440	-0.08440	-0.09651	-0.09651	3p
4p	-0.00038	-0.00038	0.03428	0.03428	0.00089	0.00054	0.00054	0.00029	0.00014	0.00014	0.00019	0.00019	4p
4p	-0.04149	-0.04149	0.17653	0.17653	0.00680	0.01503	0.04336	0.04246	0.03748	0.03748	0.04269	0.04269	4p
4p	-0.03076	-0.03076	0.59782	0.59782	0.03535	0.02719	-0.03720	-0.02960	-0.02124	-0.02124	-0.02536	-0.02536	4p
4p	0.39807	0.39807	0.36928	0.36928	0.04877	0.06157	0.43003	0.44019	0.35966	0.35966	0.45573	0.45573	4p
4p	0.06282	0.06282	0.00052	0.00052	0.15745	0.022004	0.05066	0.05247	0.06123	0.06123	0.06128	0.06128	4p
4p	0.62389	0.62389	0.18874	0.18874	0.14620	0.12829	0.59788	0.59911	0.66773	0.66773	0.58426	0.58426	4p
4p	0.03384	0.03384	0.91553	0.91553	0.103517	0.103517	0.02108	0.03079	0.04101	0.04101	0.04452	0.04452	4p
4p			0.02922	0.02922	0.01017	0.01017							4p

* Corresponds to basis function 4s.

For an open-shell configuration of an atom, the total energy E depends upon so-called vector-coupling coefficients $J_{\lambda\mu\nu}$ and $K_{\lambda\mu\nu}$ which characterize the particular state.^{4,8} For all the states treated in this paper $J_{\lambda\mu\nu} \equiv 0$.

COMPUTATIONAL PROCEDURE

The radial part of an SCF orbital is characterized by $i-\lambda-1$ nodes; the $i-\lambda$ regions separated by the nodes we call loops. Usually two to three basis functions are adequate to describe such a loop, *if the exponents are properly adjusted*. For a particular orbital we shall call the loop closest to the origin the first one, and continue numbering them in outward direction. For two functions of the same symmetry, the n th loops cover approximately the same region of r , and can usually be described by the same basis functions. In view of these facts the total number of basis functions necessary is about two to three times the number of occupied orbitals.

The optimum values of the exponents are, of course, dependent on the electron occupation, that is, on the configuration, and to a lesser extent, on the state. For instance, the optimum exponents for the states of the configuration $1s^2 2s^2 2p^2$ of C are significantly different from those for the configuration $1s^2 2s^2 2p$ of C^+ , while the best exponents for the 3P , 1D , and 1S states of the first configuration do not differ significantly.

It is, of course, desirable to subject *all* the exponents of a basis set to a simultaneous optimization. Such a procedure, however, would be very time consuming even for the fastest computers currently available. Furthermore, it was found that strong "coupling" exists only between those basis functions which cover the same region of r , and which have also sizeable expansion coefficients for at least one of the occupied orbitals. Therefore, it is usually possible to reach optimization of the basis set by optimizing only two or three exponents simultaneously.

When the Hartree-Fock energy has been approached within a few units in the last significant figure of the computation, further optimization would be meaningless because of masking by the round-off error. Further improvements can be obtained by using additional basis functions. These additional functions are inserted one at a time, and are retained if they yield a small improvement. A final saturation computation is performed with all those additional functions which gave a contribution. This procedure works well for ground states and such excited states where orbitals have no more nodes than required by orthogonality.

The initial vectors should always describe orbitals which are reasonable approximations to the orbitals sought, and in particular they should have the required number of nodes. Even so, the program we used did not prevent a highly excited orbital from "plunging down" to an orbital with less nodes, and often rather accurate

TABLE V. Eigenvectors of coefficients $C_{i\lambda p}$ for Cu^+ , Cu , and its excited states.

Atom and state Basis function	Cu				
	$3d^{10}, ^1S$	$3d^{10}4s, ^2S$	$3d^{10}4p, ^2P$	$3d^9 4s^2, ^2D$	
	1s	1s	1s	1s	
1s	0.98283	0.98283	0.98283	0.98282	
3s	0.00970	0.00967	0.00970	0.00967	
3s	0.01990	0.02000	0.01991	0.02003	
3s	-0.00517	-0.00537	-0.00518	-0.00539	
3s	0.00279	0.00298	0.00279	0.00301	
3s	-0.00079	-0.00095	-0.00079	-0.00098	
3s	0.00025	0.00038	0.00025	0.00040	
4s		-0.00008		-0.00009	
4s		0.00003		0.00003	
	2s	2s	2s	2s	
1s	-0.30216	-0.30218	-0.30216	-0.30217	
3s	-0.00553	-0.00547	-0.00553	-0.00545	
3s	0.10201	0.10180	0.10200	0.10171	
3s	0.58900	0.58952	0.58900	0.58960	
3s	0.38813	0.38758	0.38813	0.38754	
3s	0.01014	0.01060	0.01014	0.01071	
3s	-0.00048	-0.00090	-0.00048	-0.00105	
4s		0.00029		0.00032	
4s		-0.00011		-0.00012	
	3s	3s	3s	3s	
1s	0.11288	0.11302	0.11291	0.11366	
3s	0.00259	0.00263	0.00260	0.00311	
3s	-0.04277	-0.04301	-0.04285	-0.04514	
3s	-0.23336	-0.23304	-0.23319	-0.22908	
3s	-0.31494	-0.31635	-0.31533	-0.32592	
3s	0.69371	0.69708	0.69445	0.71432	
3s	0.51423	0.51178	0.51367	0.50085	
4s		-0.00079		-0.00653	
4s		0.00129		0.00285	
	2p	2p	2p	2p	
2p	0.76443	0.76441	0.76443	0.76430	
4p	0.00314	0.00314	0.00315	0.00314	
4p	0.20244	0.20248	0.20233	0.20261	
4p	0.10609	0.10606	0.10636	0.10607	
4p	-0.00869	-0.00869	-0.00906	-0.00869	
4p	0.00321	0.00319	0.00353	0.00308	
4p			-0.00047		
4p			0.00020		
	3p	3p	3p	3p	
2p	-0.28156	-0.28176	-0.28162	-0.28379	
4p	-0.00035	-0.00034	-0.00037	-0.00049	
4p	-0.06730	-0.06739	-0.06699	-0.06627	
4p	0.12789	0.12799	0.12704	0.12407	
4p	0.63988	0.64119	0.64163	0.65697	
4p	0.36590	0.36458	0.36383	0.34954	
4p			0.00370		
4p			-0.00072		
	3d	3d	3d	3d	
3d	0.19927	0.19852	0.19900	0.20875	
5d	0.05283	0.05390	0.05302	0.04744	
5d	0.43087	0.43272	0.42980	0.43166	
5d	0.44391	0.43276	0.45224	0.47494	
5d	-0.00859	0.00697	-0.02102	-0.04022	
5d	0.19472	0.19726	0.20192	0.16843	
	4s	4p	4s	4s	
1s	-0.01960	2p	0.02610	1s	-0.02318
3s	-0.00095	4p	0.00022	3s	-0.00084
3s	0.00963	4p	0.00405	3s	0.01022
3s	0.03413	4p	-0.00685	3s	0.04354
3s	0.06984	4p	-0.07911	3s	0.07861
3s	-0.16445	4p	-0.00216	3s	-0.18875
3s	-0.06445	4p	0.38918	3s	-0.08744
4s	0.42003	4p	0.72314	4s	0.50926
4s	0.69249			4s	0.61378

⁸ G. L. Malli and C. C. J. Roothaan (to be published).

TABLE VI. Comparison of calculated energies with experimental energies.^a

Atom or ion	State	Calculated total energy	Energies relative to ground state		
			Calculated	Experimental	Calculated minus experimental
Al ⁺	3s ² , 1S	-241.67379	0.20244	0.21972	-0.01728
Al	3s ² 3p, 2P	-241.87623	0	0	0
	3s ² 3d, 2D	-241.73174	0.14449	0.14753	-0.00304
	3s ² 4s, 2S	-241.77080	0.10543	0.11524	-0.00981
	3s ² 4p, 2P	-241.73947	0.13676	0.14991	-0.01315
	3s ² 4f, 2F	-241.70504	0.17119	0.18801	-0.01682
	3s3p ² , 4P	-241.79037	0.08586	0.13223	-0.04637
	3s3p ² , 2D	-241.69111	0.18512
	3s3p ² , 2P	-241.60543	0.27080	0.25802 ^b	0.01278 ^b
	3s3p ² , 2S	-241.64455	0.23168	0.23555 ^b	-0.00387 ^b
	3p ³ , 4S	-241.52175	0.35448
Cu ⁺	3d ¹⁰ , 1S	-1638.7215	0.2347	0.2839	-0.0492
Cu	3d ¹⁰ 4s, 2S	-1638.9562	0	0	0
	3d ¹⁰ 4p, 2P	-1638.8445	0.1117	0.1397	-0.0280
	3d ⁹ 4s ² , 2D	-1638.9438	0.0124	0.0557	-0.0433

^a See Ref. 19.^b Experimental energies are not certain.

approximations to the answers sought were necessary in order to make the run converge.

As an example, let us consider the excited configuration 3s²4p of Al. We constructed a trial 4p orbital by

selecting basis functions and expansion coefficients as follows:

(1) For the first two loops: (a) the same basis functions and ratios of vector components as they were found for the 3p orbital in the ground state; (b) the magnitudes of vector components reduced by a factor of 3 or 4 with respect to those for the 3p orbital.

(2) For the outer loop: only one basis function with initial exponent 0.25, and expansion coefficient unity. The initial exponent is taken 0.25 because the outer loop of the excited 4p orbital is expected to be hydrogen-like. Further refinement may be obtained by adding one additional basis function at a time for the outer loop of such an excited orbital.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The units used are the atomic units of Hartree.¹ According to Cohen, Crowe, and DuMond,⁹ our atomic units for length and energy are 0.529172 Å and 27.20976 eV, respectively.

Some of the important results are presented in Tables I–VIII of this article. Some other results are deposited elsewhere.¹⁰ The eigenvalues, sometimes called orbital energies, are denoted by ϵ . The radial

TABLE VII. Orbital energies ϵ .

	Al ⁺ 3s ² , 1S	Al 3s ² 3p, 2P	Al 3s ² 3d, 2D	Al 3s ² 4s, 2S	Al 3s ² 4p, 2P	
1s	-58.81417	-58.50242	-58.69293	-58.66459	-58.69726	
2s	-5.21853	-4.91139	-5.09697	-5.07045	-5.10301	
3s	-0.65231	-0.39347	-0.53100	-0.51208	-0.54317	
4s				-0.09704		
2p	-3.52340	-3.21890	-3.40194	-3.37481	-3.40840	
3p		-0.20991				
4p					-0.06558	
3d			-0.05797			
	Al 3s ² 4f, 2F	Al 3s3p ² , 4P	Al 3s3p ² , 2D	Al 3s3p ² , 2P	Al 3s3p ² , 2S	Al 3p ³ , 4S
1s	-58.75153	-58.53783	-58.57792	-58.62849	-58.60015	-58.62686
2s	-5.15591	-4.94320	-4.98043	-5.02798	-5.00161	-5.02400
3s	-0.58970	-0.51928	-0.47296	-0.40245	-0.48656	
2p	-3.46078	-3.25808	-3.28483	-3.34103	-3.31582	-3.34678
3p		-0.25995	-0.20142	-0.18182	-0.16129	-0.25250
4f	-0.03124					
	Cu ⁺ 3d ¹⁰ , 1S	Cu 3d ¹⁰ 4s, 2S	Cu 3d ¹⁰ 4p, 2P	Cu 3d ⁹ 4s ² , 2D		
1s	-329.10962	-328.79186	-328.88714	-329.03747		
2s	-41.12940	-40.81754	-40.90846	-41.08758		
3s	-5.32560	-5.00999	-5.10331	-5.26250		
4s		-0.23774		-0.28499		
2p	-35.92971	-35.61628	-35.70865	-35.88168		
3p	-3.64229	-3.32286	-3.41975	-3.55875		
4p			-0.12302			
3d	-0.81002	-0.48885	-0.58692	-0.74196		

⁹ E. R. Cohen, K. M. Crowe, J. W. M. DuMond, *Fundamental Constants of Physics* (Interscience Publishers, Inc., New York, 1957).¹⁰ Tables IX–XIII and Figs. 1–5 are deposited as Document No. 7583 with the American Documentation Institute, Auxiliary Publications Project, Photoduplication Service, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C. These tables and figures contain some numerical tabulations and graphs of the orbital wave functions.

part of the orbital $\varphi_{i\lambda\alpha}(r, \vartheta, \varphi)$ multiplied by r is denoted by $P_{i\lambda}(r)$. For each orbital of the states computed, the cusp condition is exactly satisfied so that it is not necessary to present the cusp values in the tables. In the numerical tabulations¹⁰ of the orbital wave functions only representative cases are included, although such tables were computed for all the states considered in this work.

As to the accuracy of the results, it is believed that the values computed represent the Hartree-Fock values to six significant figures for total energies, and to three decimal places for the radial functions $P_{i\lambda}(r)$.

We compared our results with other SCF calculations wherever possible; the comparisons are summarized in Table I.

The ground state of Al^+ was calculated by Biermann and Harting¹¹ using a numerical procedure. Their orbitals disagree with ours in the second decimal place. Clearly, their numerical scheme must have been quite different from the customary Hartree-Fock method.

Analytic (i.e., expansion method) Hartree-Fock wave functions for the ground state of Al were calculated by Watson and Freeman.¹² These authors used approximations based upon the methods of Nesbet¹³ for treating open shells.

Some excited orbitals and the $3p$ orbital of Al were calculated by Biermann,¹⁴ and Biermann and Lübeck,¹⁵ who used a numerical procedure. Comparing the tabulation, e.g., for $3p$, $4s$, and $3d$, presented by these authors¹⁵ with ours, considerable differences were found. The squares of some transition integrals

$$R_{i\lambda, j\mu} = \int_0^{\infty} P_{i\lambda}(r) r P_{j\mu}(r) dr, \quad (9)$$

also yielded considerable discrepancies (see Table I).

Analytic Hartree-Fock functions for the ground state of Cu^+ were computed by Watson.¹⁶ We recalculated Watson's results with our program, so that we obtained numerically tabulated functions to compare with ours. Generally, the orbitals agreed to about three

¹¹ L. Biermann and H. Harting, *Z. Astrophys.* **22**, 81 (1943).

¹² R. E. Watson and A. J. Freeman, *Phys. Rev.* **123**, 521 (1961).

¹³ R. K. Nesbet, *Proc. Roy. Soc. (London)* **A230**, 312 (1955); and subsequent articles.

¹⁴ L. Biermann, *Nachr. Akad. Wiss. Göttingen, Math. Physik. Kl. IIa*, **H. 2**, 116 (1946).

¹⁵ L. Biermann and K. Lübeck, *Z. Astrophys.* **25**, 325 (1948).

¹⁶ For review and further reference see R. E. Watson, *Phys. Rev.* **118**, 1036 (1960).

TABLE VIII. Virial theorem. (Values of E_p/E_k)

Atom or ion	State	E_p/E_k
Al^+	$3s^2, ^1S$	-2.0001377
Al	$3s^23p, ^2P$	-2.0001188
	$3s^23d, ^2D$	-2.0001375
	$3s^24s, ^2S$	-2.0001351
	$3s^24p, ^2P$	-2.0000817
	$3s^24f, ^2F$	-2.0001363
	$3s3p^2, ^4P$	-2.0001314
	$3s3p^2, ^2D$	-2.0001323
	$3s3p^2, ^2P$	-2.0001212
	$3s3p^2, ^2S$	-2.0001282
	$3p^2, ^4S$	-2.0000611
Cu^+	$3d^{10}, ^1S$	-2.0000744
Cu	$3d^{10}4s, ^2S$	-2.0000667
	$3d^{10}4p, ^2P$	-2.0000763
	$3d^{10}4s^2, ^2D$	-2.0000719

decimal places, except for the $3d$ orbitals, which agreed to about two decimal places.

Numerical Hartree-Fock procedure for Cu^+ was carried out by Piper.¹⁷ His orbitals agree to about three decimal places with the orbitals of this work.

Analytic Hartree-Fock functions for the excited state $3d^94s^2, ^2D$ of Cu were calculated by Watson.¹⁸ The author used approximation by Nesbet¹³ for treating open shells.

Finally, our computed energies are compared with experimental energies in Table VI. Since total experimental energies are not available, we have compared energy differences between excited states and ground states. Since we neglected spin-orbit interaction in the calculations, we averaged the experimental energies as obtained from Moore's tables¹⁹ over the multiplet components.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The author expresses his indebtedness to Professor C. C. J. Roothaan, who sponsored this research, for many stimulating suggestions and discussions.

The author also appreciates the cooperation of the staff of the Laboratory of Molecular Structure and Spectra, and the personnel of the IBM 7090 computing facilities at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

¹⁷ W. W. Piper, *Phys. Rev.* **123**, 1281 (1961).

¹⁸ R. E. Watson, *Phys. Rev.* **119**, 1934 (1960).

¹⁹ C. E. Moore, *U. S. Nat. Bur. Std. Circular No. 467* (U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., 1949).