

Partial differential equations and graph theory from a perspective of a chemist

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Analytical form of helium
wave function

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Theory and applications of
Zhang-Zhang polynomials

Goal

- Solve analytically Schrödinger equation for the helium atom
 - Ground state only (the lowest S state)
 - Fixed, point-like nuclues
 - Non-relativistic regime

Questions

- Why to do it?
- Is it possible?
- How to do it?

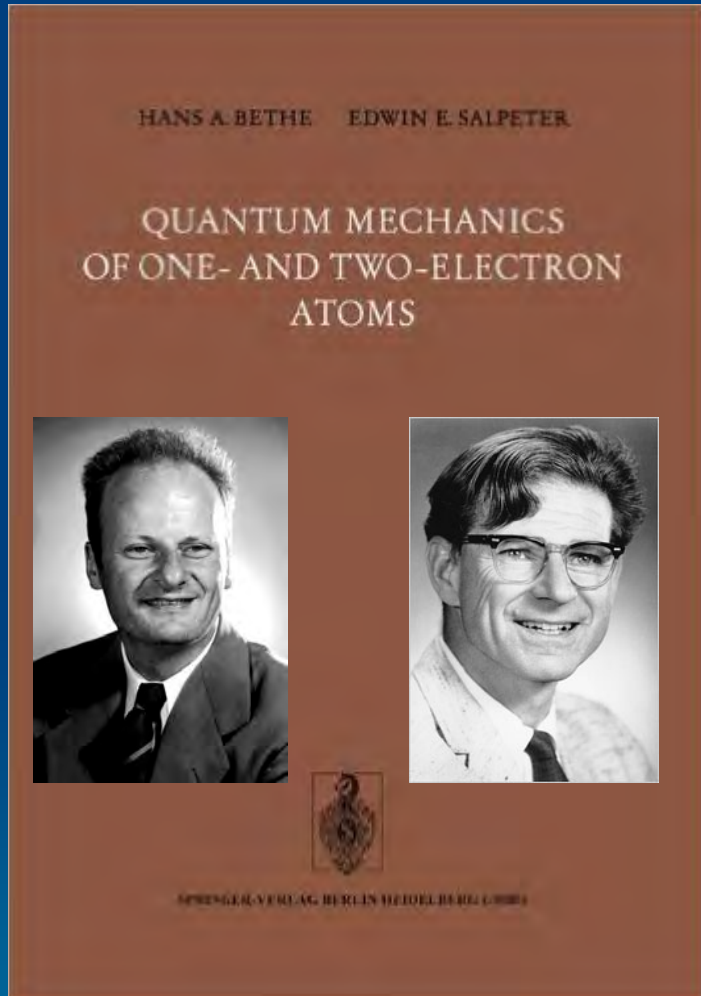
Motivation



Why to do it?

- An important problem per se
- Possible gateway to analytical theory of atoms and molecules
- New quantum chemistry can be built upon a compact and correlated two-electron orbitals
- Personal reasons

Perspectives of success



- “The differential equation for the two-electron system is not separable.”
- “Eigenfunctions and energy eigenvalues cannot be expressed in closed analytic form.”

Springer 1957

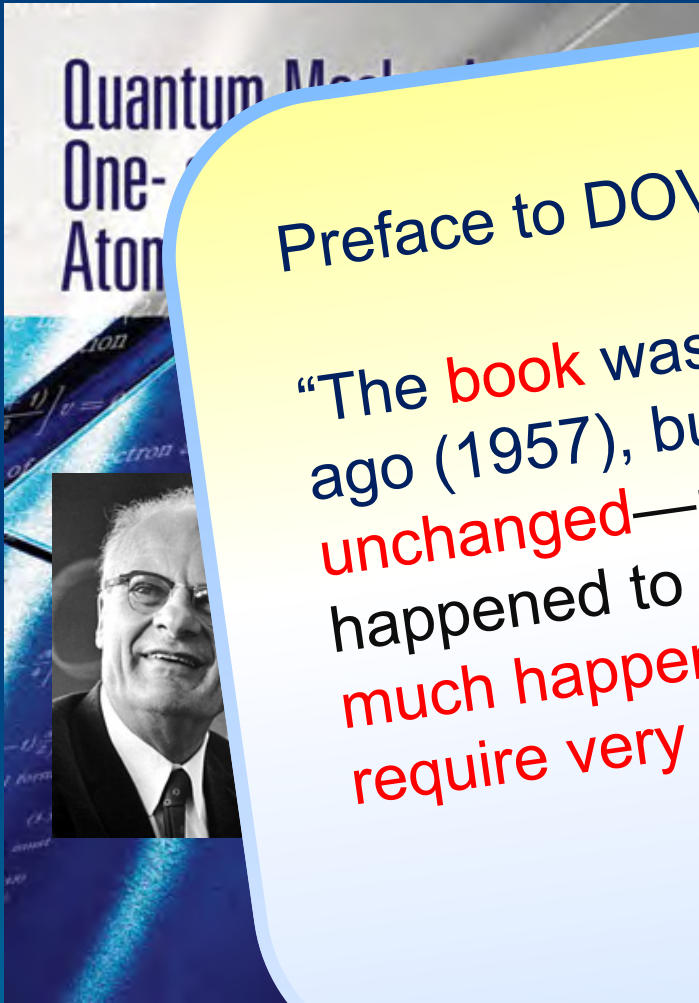
Perspectives of success

Preface to DOVER edition, Feb 2008

“The **book** was written just over fifty years ago (1957), but it **is left almost unchanged**—not because little has happened to the subject, but because **so much happened** that **any change would require very major rewriting.**”

E. Salpeter

print in 2008



Definition of the problem

$$\hat{H}\Psi = E\Psi$$

$$\hat{H} = -\frac{1}{2}\Delta_1 - \frac{1}{2}\Delta_2 + \hat{V}$$

$$\hat{V} = -\frac{Z}{\|\mathbf{r}_1\|} - \frac{Z}{\|\mathbf{r}_2\|} + \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2\|} \quad \mathbf{r}_i = \begin{bmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \\ z_i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Psi = \Psi(x_1, y_1, z_1, \sigma_1, x_2, y_2, z_2, \sigma_2)$$

Properties of the solution

$$\Psi = \Psi(x_1, y_1, z_1, \sigma_1, x_2, y_2, z_2, \sigma_2)$$

Boundary conditions

- Ψ antisymmetric (permutation symmetry $\hat{P}_{1\leftrightarrow 2}$)
- Ψ is an eigenfunction of operators $\hat{S}_z$, $\hat{S}^2$, $\hat{M}_z$, $\hat{L}^2$, and $\hat{\Pi}$
- Ψ finite and continuous everywhere
- Ψ' finite everywhere
- Ψ' continuous everywhere except for Coulomb singular points (so called Kato cusp conditions)
- Ψ square-integrable

Spin separation

$$\Psi = \Psi(x_1, y_1, z_1, \sigma_1, x_2, y_2, z_2, \sigma_2)$$

singlet states



$$\Psi = \underbrace{\Psi(x_1, y_1, z_1, x_2, y_2, z_2)}_{\text{symmetric wrt to the } 1 \leftrightarrow 2 \text{ interchange}} \cdot \underbrace{\Sigma^S(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)}_{\text{antisymmetric wrt } 1 \leftrightarrow 2}$$

triplet states



$$\Psi = \underbrace{\Psi(x_1, y_1, z_1, x_2, y_2, z_2)}_{\text{antisymmetric wrt to the } 1 \leftrightarrow 2 \text{ interchange}} \cdot \underbrace{\Sigma^T(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)}_{\text{symmetric wrt } 1 \leftrightarrow 2}$$

Angular momentum separation

$$\Psi = \Psi(x_1, y_1, z_1, x_2, y_2, z_2)$$

hyperspherical coordinates



$$\Psi = \Psi(r, \alpha, \theta, \underbrace{\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3}_{\text{Euler angles}})$$

Angular momentum eigenspace

(hyperspherical coordinates)

$$V_M^L = \text{Span}\{ \underbrace{D_{Mk}^L(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3)}_{\text{Wigner D matrices}} : k = -L, \dots, L \}$$

=

$$V_M^{Ln}$$



Natural parity subspace

$$\text{Span}\{ \Omega_{Mk}^{Ln} : k = 0, \dots, L \}$$

$L + 1$
generators

$$\oplus$$

$$V_M^{Lu}$$



Unnatural parity subspace

$$\text{Span}\{ \Omega_{Mk}^{Lu} : k = 1, \dots, L \}$$

L
generators

Angular momentum separation

natural parity subspace

$$\Psi_M^{Ln} = \sum_{k=0}^L \Phi_k^{Ln}(r, \alpha, \theta) \cdot \Omega_{Mk}^{Ln}(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3)$$

unnatural parity subspace

$$\Psi_M^{Lu} = \sum_{k=1}^L \Phi_k^{Lu}(r, \alpha, \theta) \cdot \Omega_{Mk}^{Lu}(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3)$$

Angular momentum separation

- Reduced Schrödinger equation for $\Phi^S(r, \alpha, \theta)$

E.A. Hylleraas, *Zeit. Phys.* **48**, 469 (1928)

- Reduced Schrödinger equations for $\Phi^P(r, \alpha, \theta)$, $\Phi_0^{P^\circ}(r, \alpha, \theta)$, and $\Phi_1^{P^\circ}(r, \alpha, \theta)$

G. Breit, *Phys. Rev.* **35**, 569 (1930)

- Reduced Schrödinger equations for general $\Phi_k^{Ln}(r, \alpha, \theta)$ and $\Phi_k^{Lu}(r, \alpha, \theta)$

A.K. Bhatia and A. Temkin, *Rev. Mod. Phys.* **36**, 1050 (1964)

Angular momentum separation

$$\Psi = \Psi(x_1, y_1, z_1, x_2, y_2, z_2)$$

hyperspherical coordinates

$$\Psi = \Psi(r, \alpha, \theta, \underbrace{\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3}_{\text{Euler angles}})$$

bipolar spherical coordinates

$$\Psi = \Psi(r_1, \theta_1, \phi_1, r_2, \theta_2, \phi_2)$$

Angular momentum eigenspace

(bipolar spherical coordinates)

natural parity subspace

$$d = 0$$

$$V_M^{Ln} = \text{Span}\{\Omega_{Mk}^{Ln}(\theta_1, \phi_1, \theta_2, \phi_2): k = d, \dots, L\}$$

unnatural parity subspace

$$d = 1$$

$$V_M^{Lu} = \text{Span}\{\Omega_{Mk}^{Lu}(\theta_1, \phi_1, \theta_2, \phi_2): k = d, \dots, L\}$$

$$\Omega_{Mk}^{L\pi}(\theta_1, \phi_1, \theta_2, \phi_2) = (-1)^{M+d} \sqrt{2L+1} \cdot$$

$\pi = n \text{ or } u$

$$\cdot \sum_{m=-k}^k \begin{pmatrix} k & L-k+d & L \\ m & M-m & -M \end{pmatrix} Y_m^k(\theta_1, \phi_1) Y_{M-m}^{L-k+d}(\theta_2, \phi_2)$$

bipolar harmonics

Angular momentum separation

natural parity subspace

$$\Psi_M^{Ln} = \sum_{k=0}^L \Phi_k^{Ln}(r_1, r_2, \theta) \cdot \Omega_{Mk}^{Ln}(\theta_1, \phi_1, \theta_2, \phi_2)$$

unnatural parity subspace

$$\Psi_M^{Lu} = \sum_{k=1}^L \Phi_k^{Lu}(r_1, r_2, \theta) \cdot \Omega_{Mk}^{Lu}(\theta_1, \phi_1, \theta_2, \phi_2)$$

$$\cos \theta = \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 + \sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2 \cos (\phi_2 - \phi_1)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left[L_{\theta_{12}} + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} (E - V) \right] F_l^\kappa - \left(\frac{1}{r_1^2} + \frac{1}{r_2^2} \right) \left[\left(\frac{l(l+1) - \kappa^2}{2 \sin^2 \theta_{12}} + \frac{\kappa^2}{4} \right) F_l^\kappa \right. \\
& \quad - \frac{\cot \theta_{12}}{4 \sin \theta_{12}} l(l+1) \delta_{1\kappa} \tilde{F}_l^\kappa + \frac{\cot \theta_{12}}{4 \sin \theta_{12}} B_l^{\kappa+2} \\
& \quad \times \{ F_l^{\kappa+2} - \frac{1}{2} \delta_{0\kappa} (F_l^{\kappa+2} - \tilde{F}_l^{\kappa+2}) \} \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{\cot \theta_{12}}{4 \sin \theta_{12}} (1 - \delta_{0\kappa} - \delta_{1\kappa}) B_{l\kappa} \{ F_l^{\kappa-2} + \delta_{2\kappa} \tilde{F}_l^{\kappa-2} \} \right] \\
& + \left(\frac{1}{r_1^2} - \frac{1}{r_2^2} \right) \left[\kappa \left(\frac{1}{2} \cot \theta_{12} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_{12}} \right) \tilde{F}_l^\kappa - \frac{l(l+1)}{4 \sin \theta_{12}} \delta_{1\kappa} F_l^\kappa \right. \\
& \quad + \frac{B_l^{\kappa+2}}{4 \sin \theta_{12}} \{ -\tilde{F}_l^{\kappa+2} + \frac{1}{2} \delta_{0\kappa} (F_l^{\kappa+2} + \tilde{F}_l^{\kappa+2}) \} \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{B_{l\kappa}}{4 \sin \theta_{12}} (1 - \delta_{0\kappa} - \delta_{1\kappa}) \{ \tilde{F}_l^{\kappa-2} + \delta_{2\kappa} F_l^{\kappa-2} \} \right] = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

l_1
 l_2

or

Resulting differential equation

the simplest case: even S state

$$\begin{aligned} & -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1,2} \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial r_i^2} - \sum_{i=1,2} \frac{1}{r_i} \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial r_i} - \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial r_{12}^2} - \frac{2}{r_{12}} \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial r_{12}} \\ & - \frac{r_1^2 - r_2^2 + r_{12}^2}{2r_1 r_{12}} \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial r_1 \partial r_{12}} - \frac{r_2^2 - r_1^2 + r_{12}^2}{2r_2 r_{12}} \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial r_2 \partial r_{12}} \end{aligned}$$

$$- \left(E + \frac{Z}{r_1} + \frac{Z}{r_2} - \frac{1}{r_{12}} \right) \Psi = 0$$

kinetic energy $\hat{T}$

potential energy $\hat{V}$

Very accurate numerical solutions



Is it possible?

- We may consider this problem solved
 - Hylleraas (1929) → E correct to 3-4 digits
 - Pekeris (1958) → E correct to 7 digits
 - Schwartz (2006) → E correct to 36 digits
 - Nakatsuji (2007) → E correct to 40 digits

Classical three-body problem

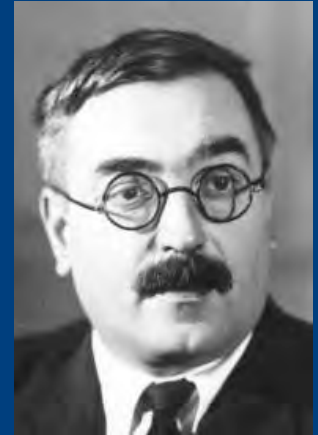
- 3-body problem was solved by Karl Sundman in 1912
 - K. Sundman, *Acta Mathematica* **36**, 105-179 (1912)
- n -body problem was solved by Quidong Wang in 1991
 - Q. Wang, *Celestial Mechanics* **50**, 73-88 (1991)
- Florin Diacu, “The solution of the n -body problem”, *The Mathematical Intelligencer*, **18**, 66-70 (1996)



Quantum three-body problem

➤ 3-body problem

- V.A. Fock, *Izv. Akad. Nauk SSSR Ser. Fiz.* **18**, 161 (1954)
- V. Fock, *Nor. Vidensk. Selsk. Forh.* **31**, 138 (1958)

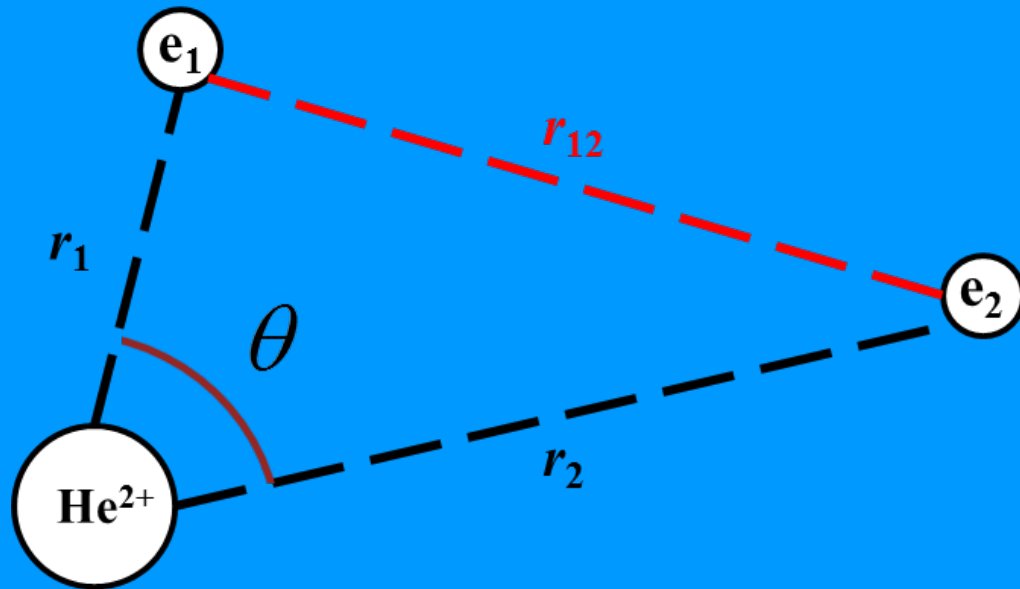


➤ Generalization to n bodies in a series of papers of Knirk

- D.L. Knirk, JCP 60, 66, 1974
- D.L. Knirk, JCP 60, 760, 1974
- D.L. Knirk, PNAS 71, 1291 (1974)
- D.L. Knirk, Phys. Rev. Lett. 32, 651 (1974)



Definition of the problem



Interparticle coordinates

Fock expansion

$$\Psi = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} r^l \sum_{m=0}^{\lfloor l/2 \rfloor} (\ln r)^m \cdot f_{lm}(\alpha, \theta)$$

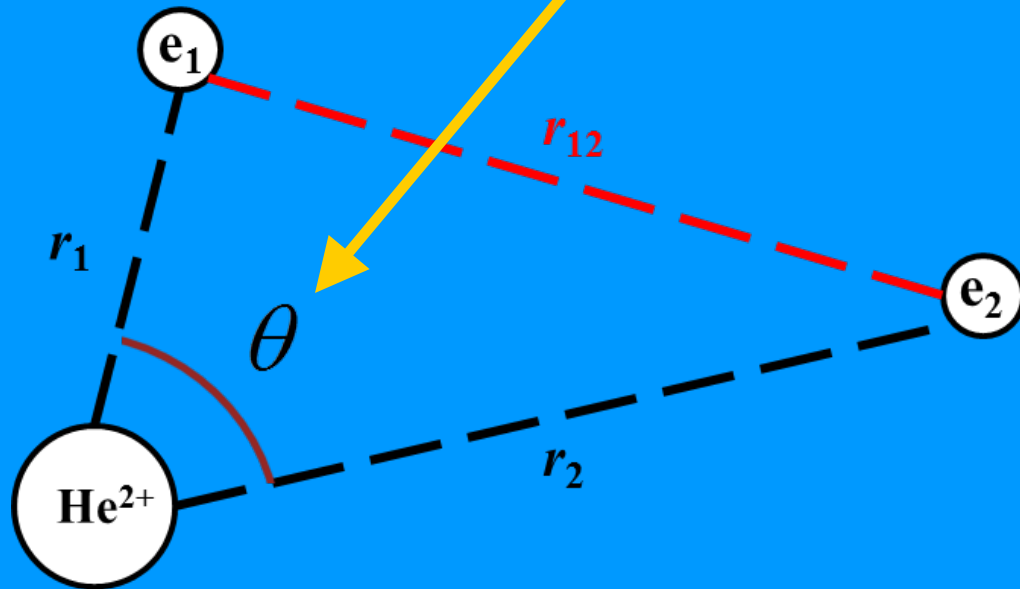
where

$$\alpha = \arccos \frac{r_1^2 - r_2^2}{r_1^2 + r_2^2}$$

$$r = \sqrt{r_1^2 + r_2^2}$$

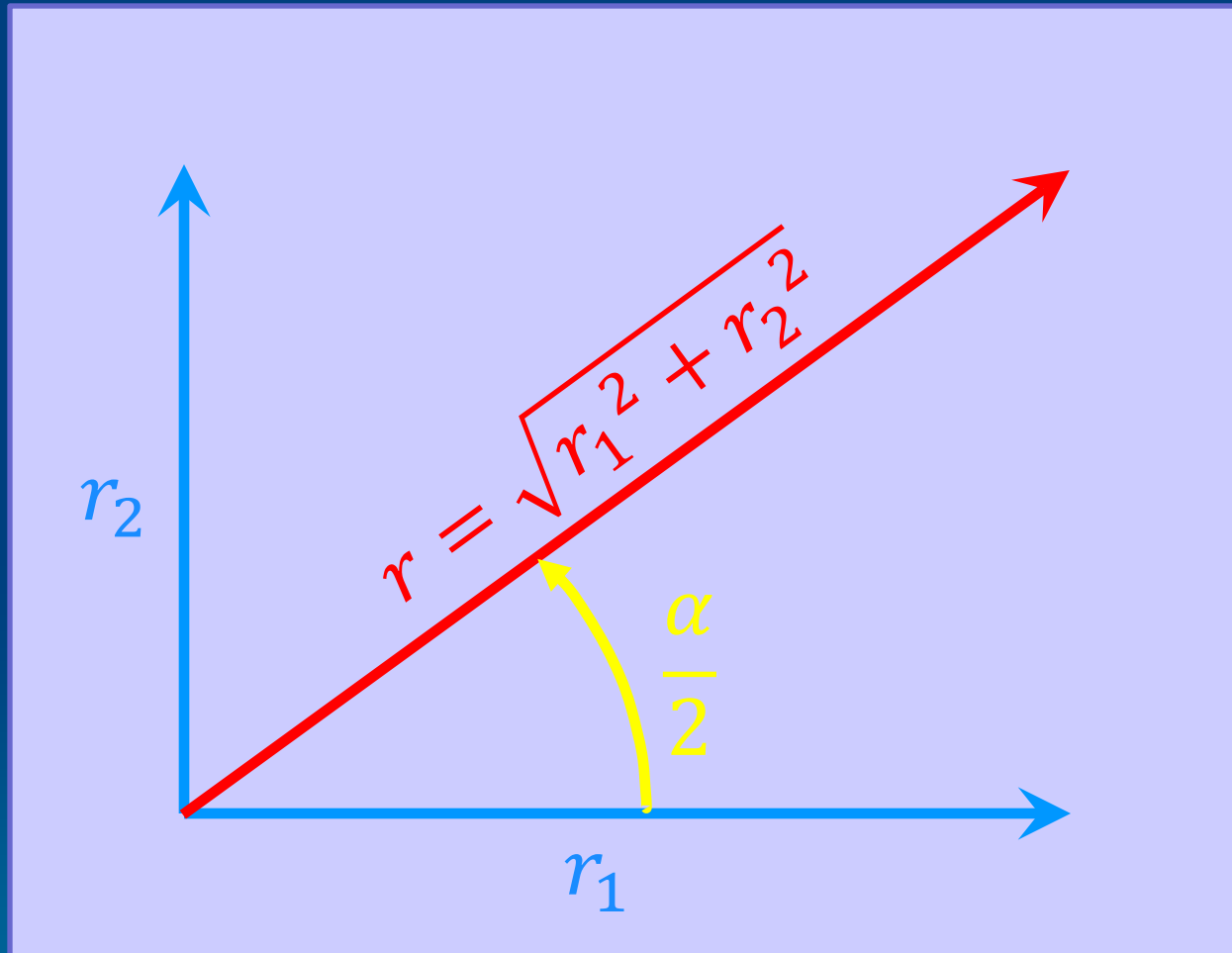
$$\theta = \arccos \frac{r_1^2 + r_2^2 - r_{12}^2}{2r_1 r_2}$$

Hyperangle θ



Interparticle coordinates

Hyperradius r and hyperangle α



Fock expansion

$$\Psi = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} r^l \sum_{m=0}^{\lfloor l/2 \rfloor} (\ln r)^m \cdot f_{lm}(\alpha, \theta)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi = & f_{00}(\alpha, \theta) + \\ & + r f_{10}(\alpha, \theta) + \\ & + r^2 f_{20}(\alpha, \theta) + r^2 \ln r f_{21}(\alpha, \theta) + \\ & + r^3 f_{30}(\alpha, \theta) + r^3 \ln r f_{31}(\alpha, \theta) + \\ & + r^4 f_{40}(\alpha, \theta) + r^4 \ln r f_{41}(\alpha, \theta) + r^4 (\ln r)^2 f_{42}(\alpha, \theta) + \\ & + r^5 f_{50}(\alpha, \theta) + r^5 \ln r f_{51}(\alpha, \theta) + r^5 (\ln r)^2 f_{52}(\alpha, \theta) + \\ & + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Coefficients in Fock expansion

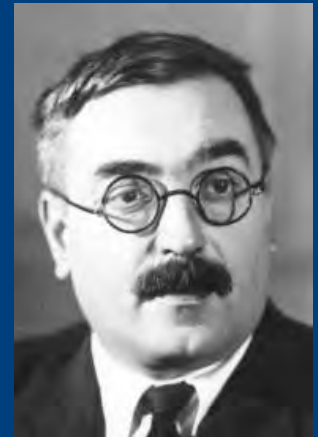
$$f_{00} = 1$$

$$r f_{10} = -Z(r_1 + r_2) + \frac{1}{2} r_{12}$$

Kato cusp parameters

$$r^2 \ln r f_{21} = Z \frac{\pi - 2}{12\pi} (r_{12}^2 - r_1^2 - r_2^2) \ln(r_1^2 + r_2^2)$$

Alexei Ermolaev (1964)



Vladimir Fock
(1954)



Tosio Kato
(1957)

$r^2 f_{20}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 12 \pi r^2 f_{20}(\alpha, \theta) = & (1 + 4 Z^2 - 2 E) r_{12}^2 \pi - 8 Z r_{12} (r_1 + r_2) \pi + 4 (Z + 3 Z^2) r_1 r_2 \pi \\
 & - 4 Z (r_1^2 + r_2^2 - r_{12}^2) \ln(r_1 + r_2 + r_{12}) \pi + 2 Z (r_1^2 - r_2^2) \ln(r_1 - r_2 + r_{12}) \pi \\
 & + 4 Z (r_1^2 + r_2^2 - r_{12}^2) \ln(r_1^2 + r_2^2) \\
 & + 2 Z \left(\pi + 2 \arcsin \left(\frac{r_1^2 + r_2^2 - r_{12}^2}{r_1^2 + r_2^2} \right) \right) r_{12} \sqrt{2 r_1^2 + 2 r_2^2 - r_{12}^2} \\
 & - Z (r_1^2 - r_2^2) \ln(r_{12} \sqrt{2 r_1^2 + 2 r_2^2 - r_{12}^2} + r_1^2 - r_2^2) \pi \\
 & + Z \arcsin \left(\frac{2 r_1 r_2}{r_1^2 + r_2^2} \right) \ln \left(\frac{(r_1 + r_2 + r_{12})(r_1 + r_2 - r_{12})}{(r_1 - r_2 + r_{12})(r_2 - r_1 + r_{12})} \right) (r_1^2 - r_2^2) \\
 & - Z (r_1^2 - r_2^2) \arcsin \left(\frac{r_1^2 + r_2^2 - r_{12}^2}{r_1^2 + r_2^2} \right) \ln \left(\frac{r_{12} \sqrt{2 r_1^2 + 2 r_2^2 - r_{12}^2} + r_1^2 - r_2^2}{r_{12} \sqrt{2 r_1^2 + 2 r_2^2 - r_{12}^2} + r_2^2 - r_1^2} \right) \\
 & + 2 Z (r_1^2 - r_2^2) \left(L \left(\frac{\alpha}{2} - \frac{\beta}{2} \right) - L \left(\frac{\alpha}{2} + \frac{\beta}{2} \right) + L \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\alpha}{2} + \frac{\beta}{2} \right) - L \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\alpha}{2} - \frac{\beta}{2} \right) \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Philip Pluvinae (1955,1982,1985)



Edward (Ted) Maslen

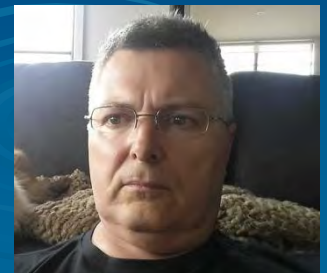


Paul Abbott (1986)

Chris Davis (1981)

John Gottschalk (1987)

Kevin McIsaac (1993)



$f_{20}(\alpha, \theta)$ (cont.)

where $L\left(\frac{\alpha-\beta}{2}\right)$, $L\left(\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}\right)$, $L\left(\frac{\pi-\alpha+\beta}{2}\right)$, and $L\left(\frac{\pi-\alpha-\beta}{2}\right)$ are Lobachevski functions

$$L(x) = -\int_0^x \ln(\cos t) dt$$

and

$$\alpha = \arcsin \frac{2r_1 r_2}{r_1^2 + r_2^2}$$
$$\beta = \arcsin \frac{r_1^2 + r_2^2 - r_{12}^2}{r_1^2 + r_2^2}$$

Closed form?

➤ Lobachevski function

$$L(x) = - \int_0^x \ln(\cos t) dt$$

can be expressed as dilogarithm

$$\text{Li}_2(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{k^2}$$

$$L(x) = \frac{i}{12} \pi^2 - \frac{1}{8} x^2 - x \frac{\ln 2}{2} + \frac{x}{2} \ln(1 - e^{ix}) - \frac{x}{2} \ln\left(\sin \frac{x}{2}\right) - \frac{i}{2} \text{Li}_2(e^{ix})$$

Closed form?

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$$\text{Li}_2(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{k^2}$$

$$\exp(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{k!} \quad \ln(1-z) = - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{k}$$



How to do it?

OUR APPROACH



Homogeneity

- x is homogeneous of order 1
- x^k is homogeneous of order k
- $r_1^i r_2^j r_{12}^k$ is homogeneous of order $i + j + k$
- $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ is homogeneous of order -1
- $\ln(x)$ is homogeneous of order 0
 - since $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \ln(x) = \frac{1}{x}$
- $\exp(x)$ has mixed homogeneity
 - since $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \exp(x) = \exp(x)$ and $\exp(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k!}$

Resulting differential equation

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1,2} \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial r_i^2} - \sum_{i=1,2} \frac{1}{r_i} \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial r_i} - \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial r_{12}^2} - \frac{2}{r_{12}} \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial r_{12}} \\
 & - \frac{r_1^2 - r_2^2 + r_{12}^2}{2r_1 r_{12}} \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial r_1 \partial r_{12}} - \frac{r_2^2 - r_1^2 + r_{12}^2}{2r_2 r_{12}} \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial r_2 \partial r_{12}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$- \left(E + \frac{Z}{r_1} + \frac{Z}{r_2} - \frac{1}{r_{12}} \right) \Psi = 0$$

kinetic energy $\hat{T}$

potential energy $\hat{V}$

Solution based on the concept of homogeneity

$$\hat{T}\Psi + \hat{V}\Psi = E\Psi$$

$$\underbrace{\hat{T}}_{-2} \Psi + \underbrace{\hat{V}}_{-1} \Psi = \underbrace{E}_{0} \Psi$$

Ψ must have mixed homogeneity

$$\Psi = \underbrace{\Psi_0}_0 + \underbrace{\Psi_1}_1 + \underbrace{\Psi_2}_2 + \underbrace{\Psi_3}_3 + \dots$$

E.A. Hylleraas, *Fest. til Prof. Bjorn Helland-Hansen* (Bergen) (1956)

E.A. Hylleraas, *Phys. Math. Univ. Osloensis Inst. Rep. No. 6* (1960)

Solution based on the concept of homogeneity

$$\underbrace{\hat{T}\Psi_0}_{-2} + \underbrace{\hat{T}\Psi_1 + \hat{V}\Psi_0}_{-1} + \underbrace{\hat{T}\Psi_2 + \hat{V}\Psi_1 - E\Psi_0}_0 + \underbrace{\hat{T}\Psi_3 + \hat{V}\Psi_2 - E\Psi_1}_1 + \dots = \underbrace{0}_{-2} + \underbrace{0}_{-1} + \underbrace{0}_0 + \dots$$

$$\hat{T}\Psi_0 = 0$$

$$\hat{T}\Psi_1 = -\hat{V}\Psi_0$$

$$\hat{T}\Psi_2 = -\hat{V}\Psi_1 + E\Psi_0$$

$$\hat{T}\Psi_{k+2} = -\hat{V}\Psi_{k+1} + E\Psi_k$$

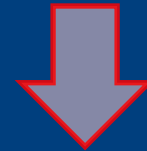
for $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

Ψ_0 and Ψ_1

$$\hat{T}\Psi_0 = 0 \qquad \hat{T}\Psi_1 = Z \left(\frac{1}{r_1} + \frac{1}{r_2} \right) - \frac{1}{r_{12}}$$



$$\Psi_0 = 1$$



$$\Psi_1 = -Z(r_1 + r_2) - \frac{1}{2}r_{12}$$

Space of polynomials of homogeneity 0

$$\mathcal{V}_0 = \text{Span}\{1\}$$

Space of polynomials of homogeneity 1

$$\mathcal{V}_1 = \text{Span}\{r_1, r_2, r_{12}\}$$

$$\Psi_2 \quad \hat{T}\Psi_2 = -\hat{V}\Psi_1 + E\Psi_0$$

$$\hat{T}\Psi_2 = \left(E - \frac{1}{2} - 2Z^2\right) - Z^2 \left(\frac{r_2}{r_1} + \frac{r_1}{r_2}\right) + Z \cancel{\frac{r_1+r_2}{r_{12}}} + \frac{Z}{2} \cancel{\left(\frac{r_{12}}{r_1} + \frac{r_{12}}{r_2}\right)}$$

Space of polynomials of homogeneity 2

$$\mathcal{V}_2 = \text{Span}\{r_1^2, r_2^2, r_{12}^2, r_1 r_2, r_1 r_{12}, r_2 r_{12}\}$$

Symmetric sector

$$\mathcal{V}_2^S = \text{Span}\{r_1^2 + r_2^2, r_{12}^2, r_1 r_2, r_1 r_{12} + r_2 r_{12}\}$$

Antisymmetric sector

$$\mathcal{V}_2^A = \text{Span}\{r_1^2 - r_2^2, r_1 r_{12} - r_2 r_{12}\}$$

$$\Psi_2$$

$$\hat{T}\Psi_2 = -\hat{V}\Psi_1 + E\Psi_0$$

$$\hat{T}\Psi_2 = \underbrace{\left(E - \frac{1}{2} - 2Z^2\right)}_{\text{blue}} - \underbrace{Z^2 \left(\frac{r_2}{r_1} + \frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)}_{\text{magenta}} + \underbrace{Z \frac{r_1+r_2}{r_{12}}}_{\Psi_{2c}} + \underbrace{\frac{Z}{2} \left(\frac{r_{12}}{r_1} + \frac{r_{12}}{r_2}\right)}_{\Psi_{2d}}$$

Since $\hat{T}(r_{12}^2) = -6$

$$\Psi_{2a} = \frac{1 + 4Z^2 - 2E}{12} r_{12}^2$$

Since

$$\hat{T}(r_1 \cdot r_2) = -\left(\frac{r_2}{r_1} + \frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)$$

$$\Psi_{2b} = Z^2 \cdot r_1 \cdot r_2$$

$$\Psi_{2c}$$

$$\hat{T}\Psi_{2c} = Z \frac{r_1 + r_2}{r_{12}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{T}(r_1^i r_2^j r_{12}^k) &= \\ &= -\frac{r_1^i r_2^j}{2} \cdot \left\{ \left[i(i+k+1) \frac{1}{r_1^2} + j(j+k+1) \frac{1}{r_2^2} \right] r_{12}^k \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left[-ik \frac{r_2^2}{r_1^2} - jk \frac{r_1^2}{r_2^2} + k(2k+i+j+2) \right] r_{12}^{k-2} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{T}(f_0 r_{12}^1) \rightarrow -g_1 r_{12}^1 + g_0 r_{12}^{-1}$$

$$\hat{T}(f_1 r_{12}^3) \rightarrow -g_2 r_{12}^3 + g_1 r_{12}^1$$

$$\hat{T}(f_2 r_{12}^5) \rightarrow -g_3 r_{12}^5 + g_2 r_{12}^3$$

$$\hat{T}(f_3 r_{12}^7) \rightarrow -g_4 r_{12}^7 + g_3 r_{12}^5$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\hat{T} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_k r_{12}^{2k+1} \right) = g_0 r_{12}^{-1}$$

$$\Psi_{2c}$$

$$\hat{T}\Psi_{2c} = Z(r_1 + r_2) \cdot \frac{1}{r_{12}}$$

$$\Psi_{2c} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_k(r_1, r_2) \cdot r_{12}^{2k+1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{T}\Psi_{2c} = & \left\{ -\frac{1}{2}(r_1^2 - r_2^2) \left[\frac{1}{r_1} \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial r_1} - \frac{1}{r_2} \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial r_2} \right] - 2f_0 \right\} \cdot \frac{1}{r_{12}} + \\ & + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left\{ -\frac{1}{2}(2k+1)(r_1^2 - r_2^2) \left[\frac{1}{r_1} \frac{\partial f_k}{\partial r_1} - \frac{1}{r_2} \frac{\partial f_k}{\partial r_2} \right] - (2k+1)(2k+2)f_k \right. \\ & \left. - \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\partial^2 f_{k-1}}{\partial r_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f_{k-1}}{\partial r_2^2} \right] - \frac{1}{2}(2k+1) \left[\frac{1}{r_1} \frac{\partial f_{k-1}}{\partial r_1} + \frac{1}{r_2} \frac{\partial f_{k-1}}{\partial r_2} \right] \right\} \cdot r_{12}^{2k-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Psi_{2c}$$

$$\text{for } k = 0 : \quad (r_1^2 - r_2^2) \left[\frac{1}{r_1} \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial r_1} - \frac{1}{r_2} \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial r_2} \right] + 4f_0 = -2Z(r_1 + r_2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{for } k \neq 0 : \quad & (r_1^2 - r_2^2) \left[\frac{1}{r_1} \frac{\partial f_k}{\partial r_1} - \frac{1}{r_2} \frac{\partial f_k}{\partial r_2} \right] + 4(k+1)f_k = \\ & = -\frac{1}{(2k+1)} \left[\frac{\partial^2 f_{k-1}}{\partial r_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f_{k-1}}{\partial r_2^2} \right] - \left[\frac{1}{r_1} \frac{\partial f_{k-1}}{\partial r_1} + \frac{1}{r_2} \frac{\partial f_{k-1}}{\partial r_2} \right] \end{aligned}$$

First-order differential equations!

$$\Psi_{2c}$$

$$\text{for } k = 0 : \quad (r_1^2 - r_2^2) \left[\frac{1}{r_1} \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial r_1} - \frac{1}{r_2} \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial r_2} \right] + 4f_0 = -2Z(r_1 + r_2)$$

$$f_0 = -\frac{2}{3}Z \frac{r_1^2 + r_1 r_2 + r_2^2}{r_1 + r_2} + \frac{F_0(r_1^2 + r_2^2)}{r_1^2 - r_2^2}$$

where F_0 is an arbitrary function of the argument $r_1^2 + r_2^2$

$$\lim_{r_1 \rightarrow r_2} \left\{ -\frac{2}{3}Z \frac{r_1^2 + r_1 r_2 + r_2^2}{r_1 + r_2} + \frac{F_0(r_1^2 + r_2^2)}{r_1^2 - r_2^2} \right\} = \begin{cases} -Zr_2 & \text{when } F_0 = 0 \\ \infty & \text{when } F_0 \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$f_0 = -\frac{2}{3}Z \frac{r_1^2 + r_1 r_2 + r_2^2}{r_1 + r_2}$$

Ψ_{2c}

for $k \neq 0$:

$$(r_1^2 - r_2^2) \left[\frac{1}{r_1} \frac{\partial f_k}{\partial r_1} - \frac{1}{r_2} \frac{\partial f_k}{\partial r_2} \right] + 4(k+1)f_k =$$

$$= -\frac{1}{(2k+1)} \left[\frac{\partial^2 f_{k-1}}{\partial r_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f_{k-1}}{\partial r_2^2} \right] - \left[\frac{1}{r_1} \frac{\partial f_{k-1}}{\partial r_1} + \frac{1}{r_2} \frac{\partial f_{k-1}}{\partial r_2} \right]$$

for $k = 1$:

$$(r_1^2 - r_2^2) \left[\frac{1}{r_1} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial r_1} - \frac{1}{r_2} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial r_2} \right] + 8f_1 = -\frac{1}{3} \left[\frac{\partial^2 f_0}{\partial r_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f_0}{\partial r_2^2} \right] - \left[\frac{1}{r_1} \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial r_1} + \frac{1}{r_2} \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial r_2} \right]$$

$$f_0 = -\frac{2}{3}Z \frac{r_1^2 + r_1 r_2 + r_2^2}{r_1 + r_2}$$

$$f_1 = \frac{2}{9}Z \frac{r_1^2 + 3r_1 r_2 + r_2^2}{(r_1 + r_2)^3} + \frac{F_1(r_1^2 + r_2^2)}{(r_1^2 - r_2^2)^3}$$

where F_1 is an arbitrary function of the argument $r_1^2 + r_2^2$

$$f_1 = \frac{2}{9}Z \frac{r_1^2 + 3r_1 r_2 + r_2^2}{(r_1 + r_2)^3}$$

$$\Psi_{2c}$$

$$f_0 = -\frac{2}{3}Z \frac{r_1^2 + r_1 r_2 + r_2^2}{(r_1 + r_2)^1}$$

$$f_1 = \frac{2}{9}Z \frac{r_1^2 + 3r_1 r_2 + r_2^2}{(r_1 + r_2)^3}$$

$$f_2 = \frac{2}{45}Z \frac{r_1^2 + 5r_1 r_2 + r_2^2}{(r_1 + r_2)^5}$$

$$f_3 = \frac{2}{105}Z \frac{r_1^2 + 7r_1 r_2 + r_2^2}{(r_1 + r_2)^7}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$f_k = \frac{2Z}{3(2k-1)(2k+1)} \frac{r_1^2 + (2k+1)r_1 r_2 + r_2^2}{(r_1 + r_2)^{2k+1}}$$

$$\Psi_{2c}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{T}\Psi_{2c} &= Z \frac{r_1+r_2}{r_{12}} \hat{T}(r_1^i r_2^j r_{12}^k) \\ &= -g_k(r_1, r_2; i, j, k) r_{12}^k \\ &\quad + g_{k+1}(r_1, r_2; i, j, k) r_{12}^{k-2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\Psi_{2c} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_k(r_1, r_2) \cdot r_{12}^{2k+1}$$

$$f_k(r_1, r_2) = \frac{2Z(r_1^2 + (2k+1)r_1r_2 + r_2^2)}{3(2k+1)(2k-1)(r_1+r_2)^{2k+1}}$$

$$\Psi_{2c} = \frac{2Z}{3} (r_1^2 + r_2^2) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{r_{12}}{r_1+r_2}\right)^{2k+1}}{(2k-1)(2k+1)} + \frac{2Z}{3} r_1 r_2 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{r_{12}}{r_1+r_2}\right)^{2k+1}}{(2k-1)}$$

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$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{r_{12}}{r_1 + r_2}\right)^{2k+1}}{(2k-1)(2k+1)} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{r_{12}^2}{(r_1 + r_2)^2} - 1 \right) \operatorname{arctanh} \left(\frac{r_{12}}{r_1 + r_2} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{r_{12}}{r_1 + r_2}$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{r_{12}}{r_1 + r_2}\right)^{2k+1}}{(2k-1)} = \frac{r_{12}^2}{(r_1 + r_2)^2} \operatorname{arctanh} \left(\frac{r_{12}}{r_1 + r_2} \right) - \frac{r_{12}}{r_1 + r_2}$$

$$\Psi_{2c} = \frac{Z}{3}(r_1^2 + r_2^2 - r_{12}^2) \operatorname{arctanh} \left(\frac{r_{12}}{r_1 + r_2} \right) - \frac{Z}{3}r_{12}(r_1 + r_2)$$

$$\Psi_{2c}$$

$$\hat{T}\Psi_{2c} = Z \frac{r_1 + r_2}{r_{12}}$$

$$\Psi_{2c} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_k(r_1, r_2) \cdot r_{12}^{2k+1}$$

$$f_k(r_1, r_2) = \frac{2Z(r_1^2 + (2k+1)r_1r_2 + r_2^2)}{3(2k+1)(2k-1)(r_1 + r_2)^{2k+1}}$$

$$\Psi_{2c} = \frac{Z}{3}(r_1^2 + r_2^2 - r_{12}^2) \operatorname{arctanh}\left(\frac{r_{12}}{r_1 + r_2}\right) - \frac{Z}{3}r_{12}(r_1 + r_2)$$

$$\Psi_{2d}$$

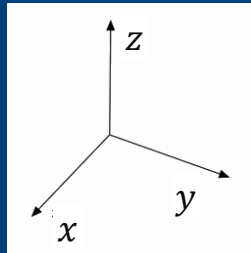
$$\begin{aligned}\hat{T}\Psi_{2d} &= \frac{Z}{2} \left(\frac{r_{12}}{r_2} + \frac{r_{12}}{r_1} \right) \hat{T}(r_1^i r_2^j r_{12}^k) \\ &= F_1(r_1, r_2; i, j, k) r_{12}^k \\ &\quad + F_2(r_1, r_2; i, j, k) r_{12}^{k-2} \\ \Psi_{2d} &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_k(r_1, r_2) \cdot r_{12}^{2k+3}\end{aligned}$$

$$f_k(r_1, r_2) = \frac{2Z(-1)^{k+1}}{3(2k+3)(r_1^2 + r_2^2)^{k+\frac{1}{2}}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{r_2^2 - r_1^2}{r_1^2 + r_2^2} \right)^n \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \binom{k + \frac{3}{2}}{m} \binom{\frac{m}{2}}{n+k+1}$$

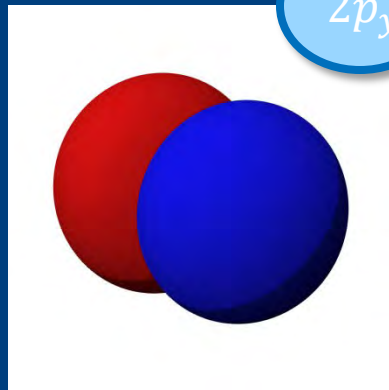
$$\begin{aligned}\Psi_{2d} &= \frac{2Z}{3} (r_1^2 - r_2^2) \operatorname{arctanh} \left(\frac{r_{12}(r_1 + r_2)}{r_1^2 - r_2^2} \right) - \frac{2Z}{3} r_{12}(r_1 + r_2) \\ &\quad - \frac{2Z}{3} (r_1^2 - r_2^2) \operatorname{arctanh} \left(\frac{r_{12} \sqrt{2r_1^2 + 2r_2^2 - r_{12}^2}}{r_1^2 - r_2^2} \right) + \frac{2Z}{3} r_{12} \sqrt{2r_1^2 + 2r_2^2 - r_{12}^2}\end{aligned}$$

Visualization of wave function

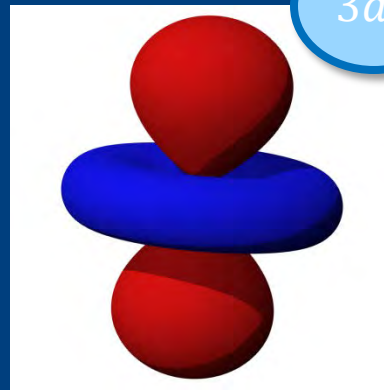
Hydrogenic orbitals (angular part)



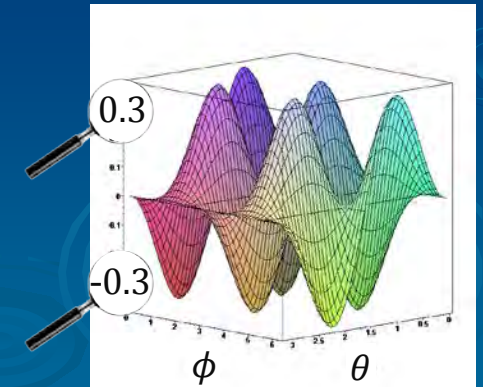
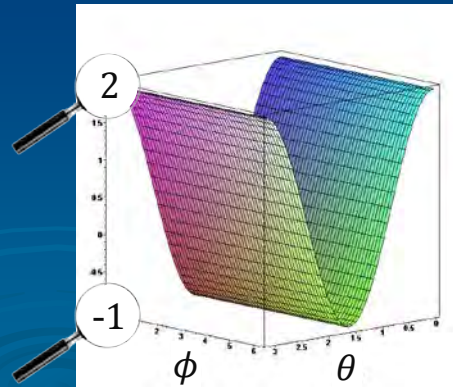
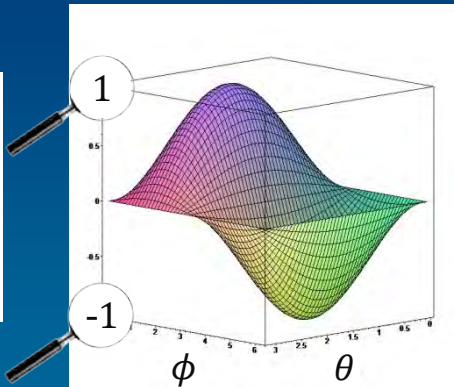
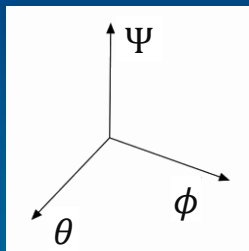
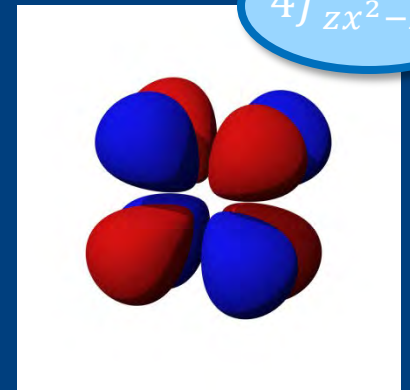
$2p_y$



$3d_{z^2}$



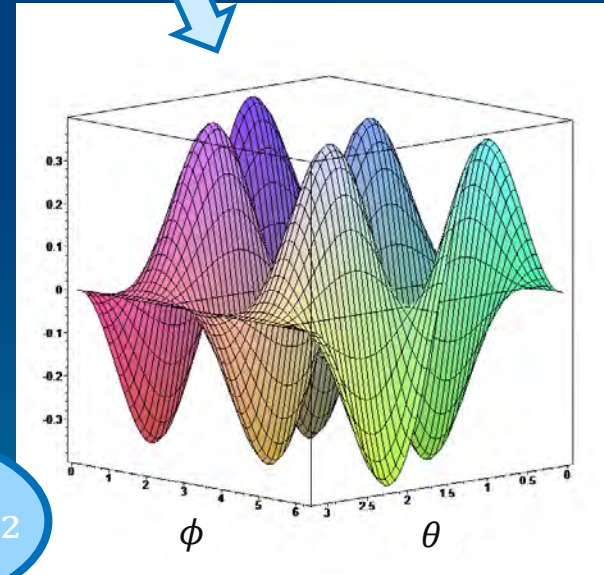
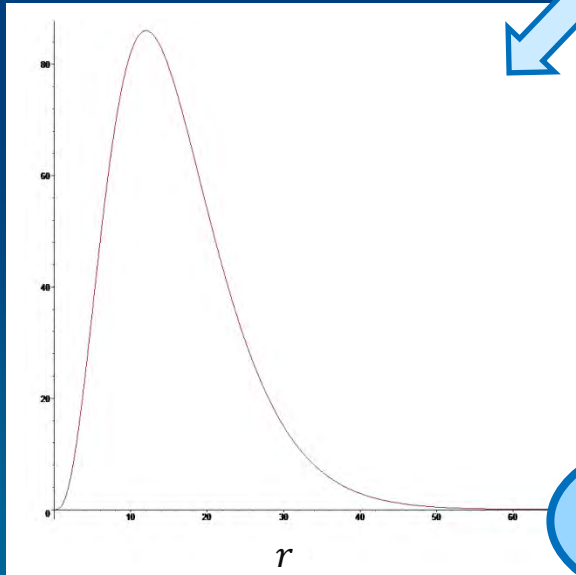
$4f_{zx^2-zy^2}$



Visualization of wave function

Hydrogenic wave functions

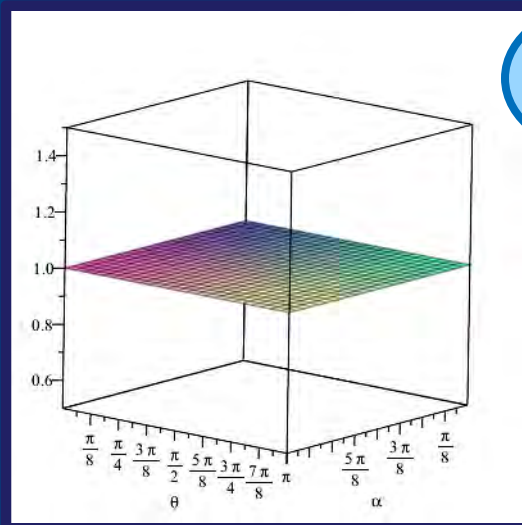
$$\Psi_{nlm}(r, \theta, \phi) = R_{nl}(r) \cdot Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)$$



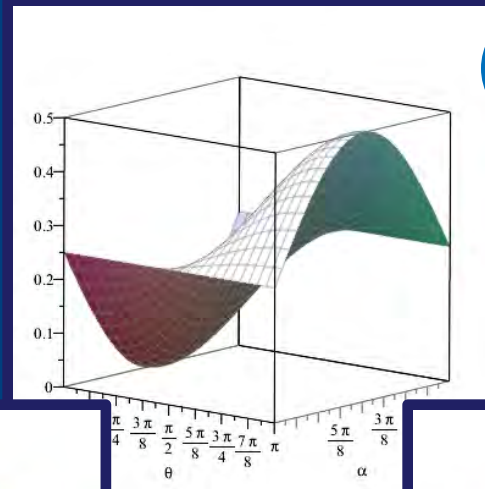
$$4f_{zx^2-zy^2}$$

Visualization of wave function

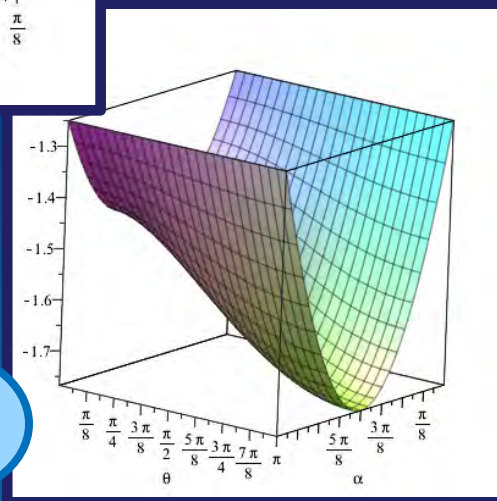
Components of helium wave functions



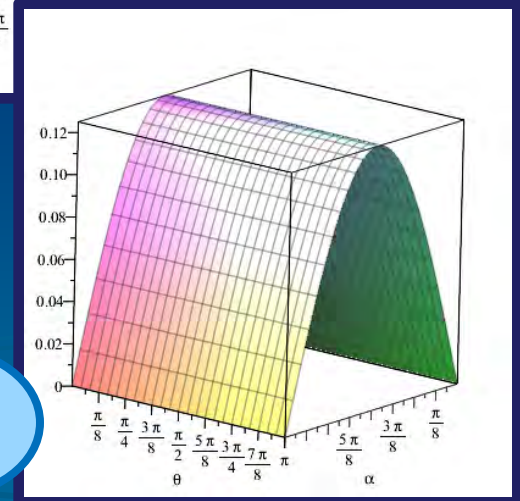
Ψ_0



Ψ_{2a}



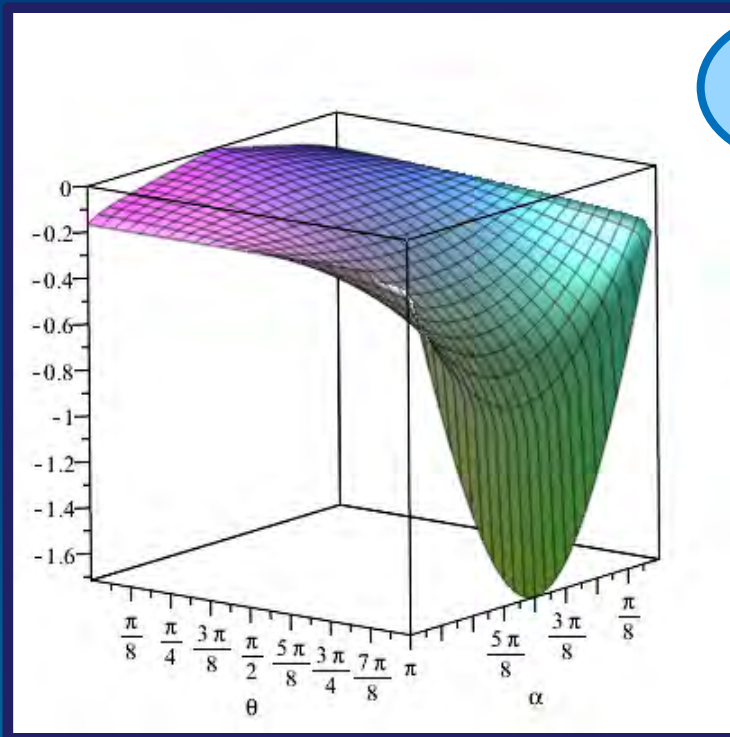
Ψ_1



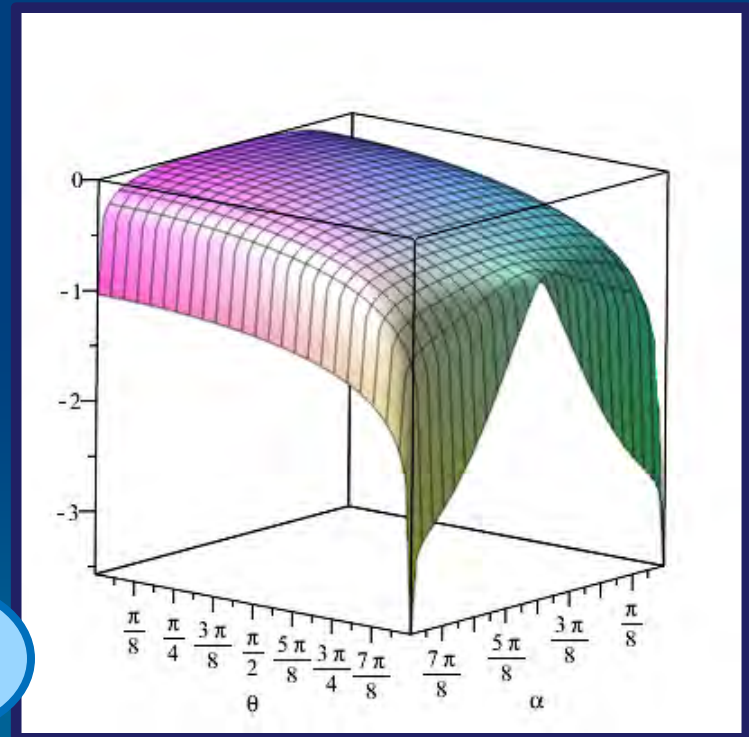
Ψ_{2b}

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$$\Psi_{2c}$$



$$\Psi_{2d}$$

$$\Psi_{2c}$$

$$\hat{T}\Psi_{2c} = Z \frac{r_1 + r_2}{r_{12}}$$

Only odd powers of r_{12}

$$\Psi_{2c} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_k(r_1, r_2) \cdot r_{12}^{2k+1}$$

$$f_k(r_1, r_2) = \frac{2Z(r_1^2 + (2k+1)r_1r_2 + r_2^2)}{3(2k+1)(2k-1)(r_1 + r_2)^{2k+1}}$$

$$\Psi_{2c} = \frac{Z}{3}(r_1^2 + r_2^2 - r_{12}^2) \operatorname{arctanh}\left(\frac{r_{12}}{r_1 + r_2}\right) - \frac{Z}{3}r_{12}(r_1 + r_2)$$

$$\Psi_{2c}$$

$$\hat{T}\Psi_{2c} = Z \frac{r_1 + r_2}{r_{12}}$$

$$\Psi_{2c} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_{2k+1}(r_1, r_2) \cdot r_{12}^{2k+1}$$

$$f_{2k+1}(r_1, r_2) = \frac{2Z(r_1^2 + (2k+1)r_1r_2 + r_2^2)}{3(2k+1)(2k+1-2)(r_1+r_2)^{2k+1}}$$

$$\Psi_{2c} = \frac{Z}{3}(r_1^2 + r_2^2 - r_{12}^2) \operatorname{arctanh}\left(\frac{r_{12}}{r_1 + r_2}\right) - \frac{Z}{3}r_{12}(r_1 + r_2)$$

Ψ_{2c}

not working for
 $k = 0$ and $k = 2$

$$f_0(r_1, r_2) = \frac{r_1 r_2}{3} - \frac{1}{3}(r_1^2 + r_2^2)$$

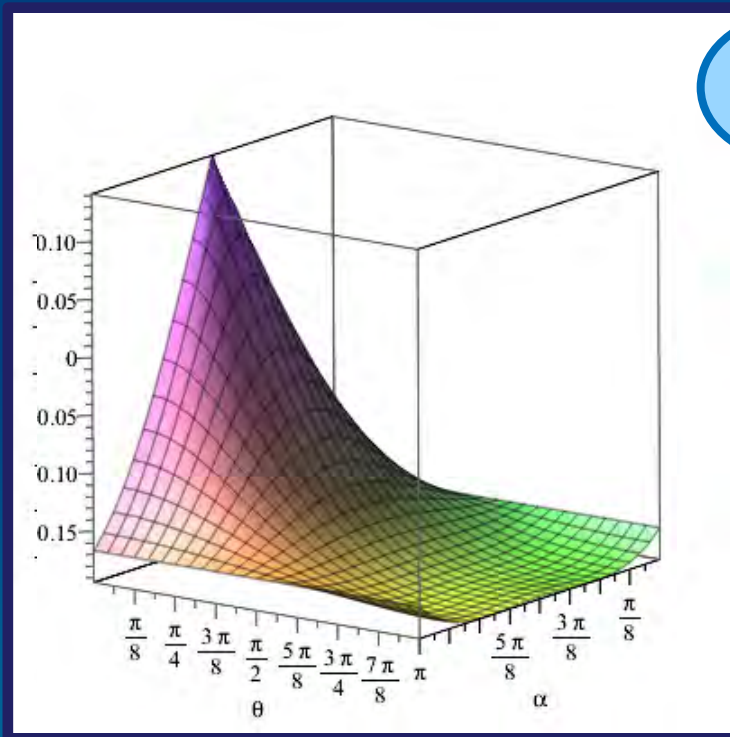
$$f_2(r_1, r_2) = \frac{1}{3} \ln(r_1 + r_2) + \frac{1}{6} \frac{(r_1^2 + r_2^2)}{(r_1 + r_2)^2} - C_1$$

$$f_k(r_1, r_2) = \frac{2Z(r_1^2 + kr_1 r_2 + r_2^2)}{3k(k-2)(r_1 + r_2)^k}$$

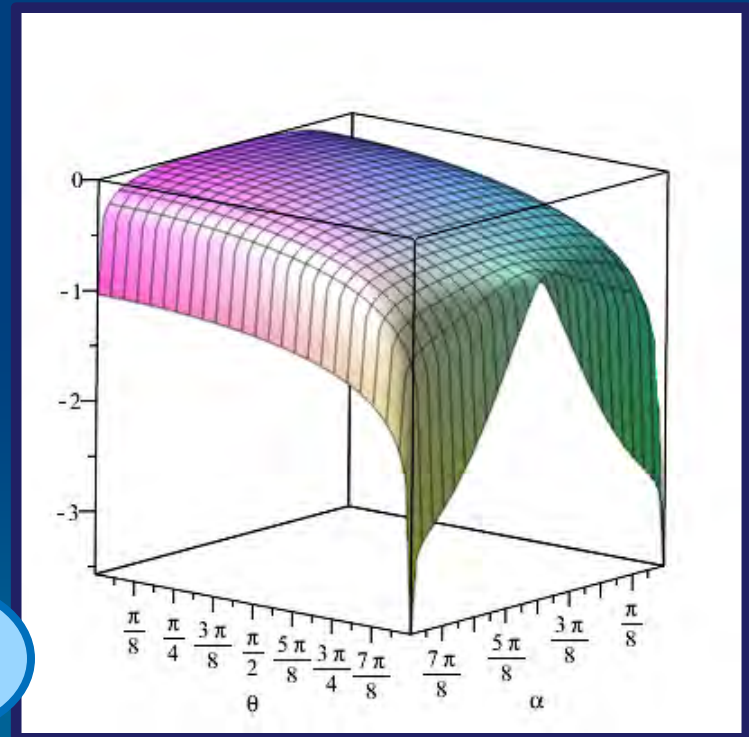
$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_{2c} = & \frac{Z}{3} r_1 r_2 - \frac{Z}{3} r_{12} (r_1 + r_2) - \frac{Z}{3} (r_1^2 + r_2^2 - r_{12}^2) \ln(r_1 + r_2 + r_{12}) \\ & + C_1 (r_1^2 + r_2^2 - r_{12}^2) \end{aligned}$$

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Ψ_{2c}



Ψ_{2d}

Summary

$$\Psi = \Psi_0 + \Psi_1 + \underbrace{\Psi_2 + \Psi_3 + \dots}_{\Psi_{2a} + \Psi_{2b} + \Psi_{2c} + \Psi_{2d}}$$

$$\Psi_0 = 1$$

$$\Psi_1 = -Z(r_1 + r_2) - \frac{1}{2}r_{12}$$

$$\Psi_{2a} = \frac{1 + 4Z^2 - 2E}{12} r_{12}^2$$

$$\Psi_{2b} = Z^2 \cdot r_1 \cdot r_2$$

$$\Psi_{2c} = Z \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k(r_1, r_2) r_{12}^k$$

$$\Psi_{2d} = \frac{Z}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} d_k(r_1, r_2) r_{12}^k$$

Summary

$$c_k = \begin{cases} \frac{r_1 r_2}{3} - \frac{1}{3} (r_1^2 + r_2^2) \ln(r_1 + r_2) & \text{for } k = 0 \\ \frac{1}{3} \ln(r_1 + r_2) + \frac{1}{6} \frac{(r_1^2 + r_2^2)}{(r_1 + r_2)^2} & \text{for } k = 2 \\ -\frac{(-1)^k (r_1^2 + r_2^2) (k+2)}{3 k (k-2) \sqrt{2r_1^2 + 2r_2^2}} {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} \frac{k}{4}, \frac{k}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{k}{2} + 1 \end{matrix}; \frac{(r_1^2 - r_2^2)^2}{(r_1^2 + r_2^2)^2} \right] & \text{for } k \geq 4 \end{cases}$$

$$\Psi_{2c} = Z \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k(r_1, r_2) r_{12}^k$$

$$\Psi_{2d} = \frac{Z}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} d_k(r_1, r_2) r_{12}^k$$

Summary

$$d_k = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{3\pi}(r_1^2 - r_2^2) \left[\int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{2 \arctan(\frac{r_2}{r_1})} \operatorname{arctanh}(\sin t) dt + \arcsin\left(\frac{r_1^2 - r_2^2}{r_1^2 + r_2^2}\right) \operatorname{arctanh}\left(\frac{2r_1 r_2}{r_1^2 + r_2^2}\right) \right] & \text{for } k = 0 \\ -\frac{2}{3\pi}(r_1^2 + r_2^2)(\ln(r_1^2 + r_2^2) - 1) & \text{for } k = 1 \\ 0 & \text{for } k = 1 \\ \frac{2}{3\pi} \ln(r_1^2 + r_2^2) + \frac{4r_1 r_2}{3\pi(r_1^2 - r_2^2)} \arcsin\left(\frac{r_1^2 - r_2^2}{r_1^2 + r_2^2}\right) & \text{for } k = 2 \\ -\frac{2(r_1^2 + r_2^2)\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{2} - 1\right)}{3\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\right)\sqrt{\pi}\sqrt{2r_1^2 + 2r_2^2}} {}_3F_2\left[1, \frac{k}{4}, \frac{k}{4} - \frac{1}{2}; \frac{(r_1^2 - r_2^2)^2}{(r_1^2 + r_2^2)^2}\right] & \text{for } k > 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\Psi_{2c} = Z \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k(r_1, r_2) r_{12}^k$$

$$\Psi_{2d} = \frac{Z}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} d_k(r_1, r_2) r_{12}^k$$

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- and many, many others....

Conclusions

- Three-body problem in QM is difficult but solvable
- The solution may not be easy but serious simplifications can be possible by re-summations
- Various approaches remain to be tested
 - Expansion and recurrence techniques
 - Lie group symmetries
 - Generating functions
 - and many, many others...
- A lot of work is left in the field and everybody is invited to join the collaboration or start its own activity
- I would be happy to share all the information

Warning from classical physics

- F. Diacu, “The solution of the n -body problem”, *The Mathematical Intelligencer*, **18**, 66-70 (1996)
- “Did this mean the end of the n -body problem? Paradoxically [...] not; [...] in fact we know nothing more than before having this solution. [...] These series solutions [...] have very slow convergence. One would have to sum up millions of terms to determine the motion of particles for insignificantly short intervals of time. [...] Hundred years later [...] solution presents only historical interest.”

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Analytical form of helium
wave function

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Theory and applications of
Zhang-Zhang polynomials

Plan of the talk

- Basic definitions
- Properties of ZZ polynomials
- Various techniques for computing ZZ polynomials
- Free software for ZZ polynomials manipulations
- Applications of ZZ polynomials
- List of open problems

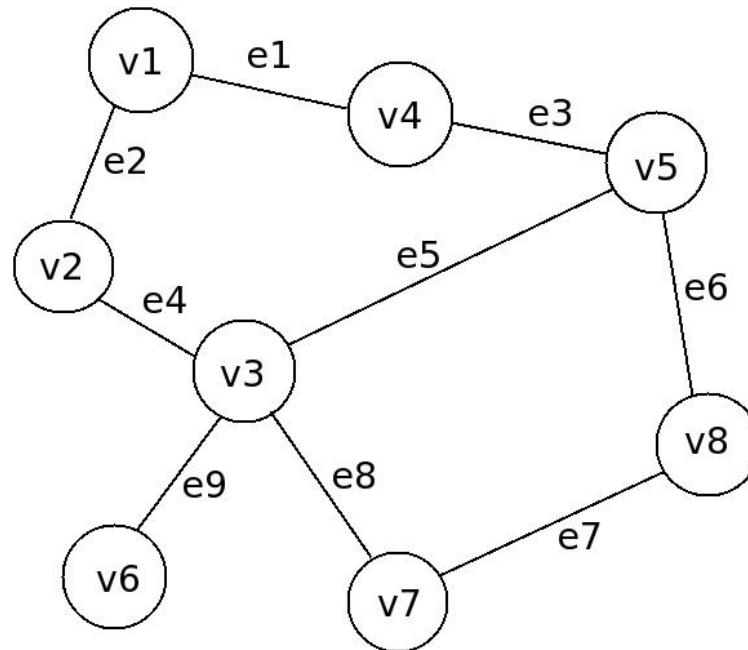
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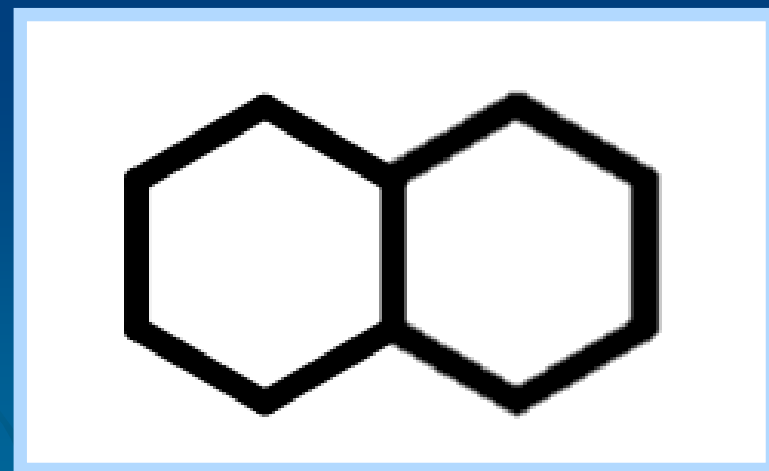
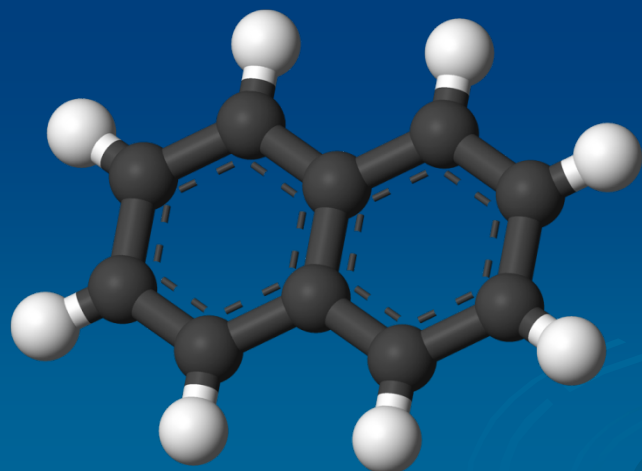
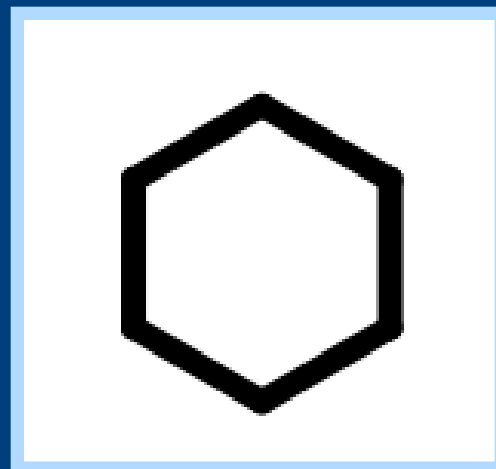
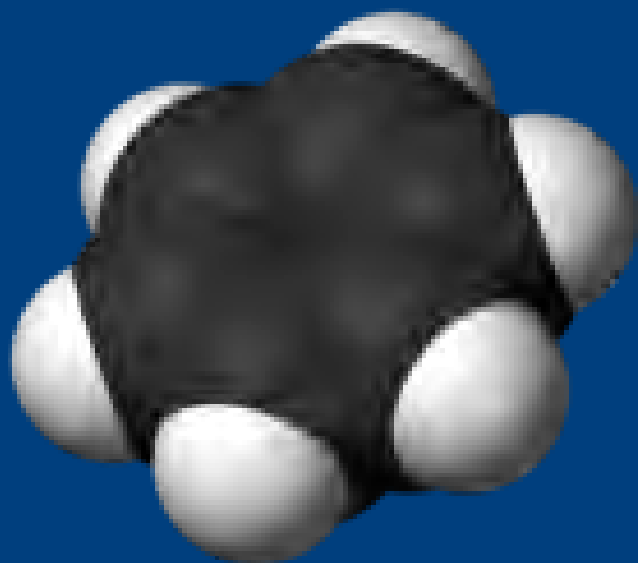
- Zhang & Zhang (6 papers)
- Gutman & collaborators (6 papers)
- Our group (8 papers)
- Other groups (~10 papers)

Concept of a graph

$$G = (V, E)$$


An undirected graph with 8
vertices and 9 edges

Graphs in chemistry

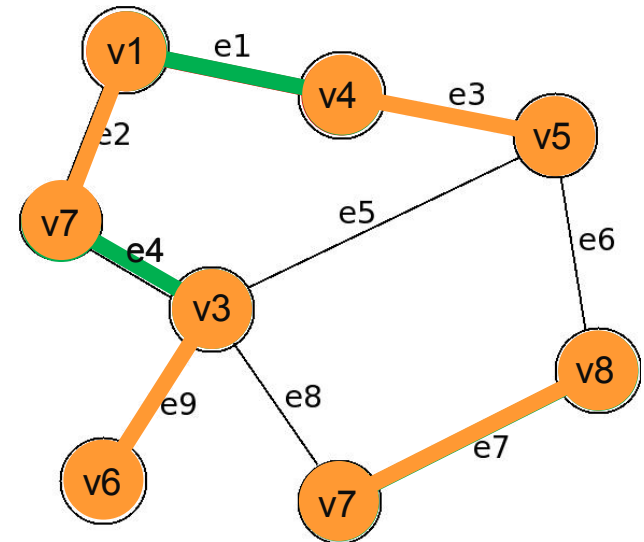


Definitions $G = (V, E)$

Does a graph G permit a perfect matching?

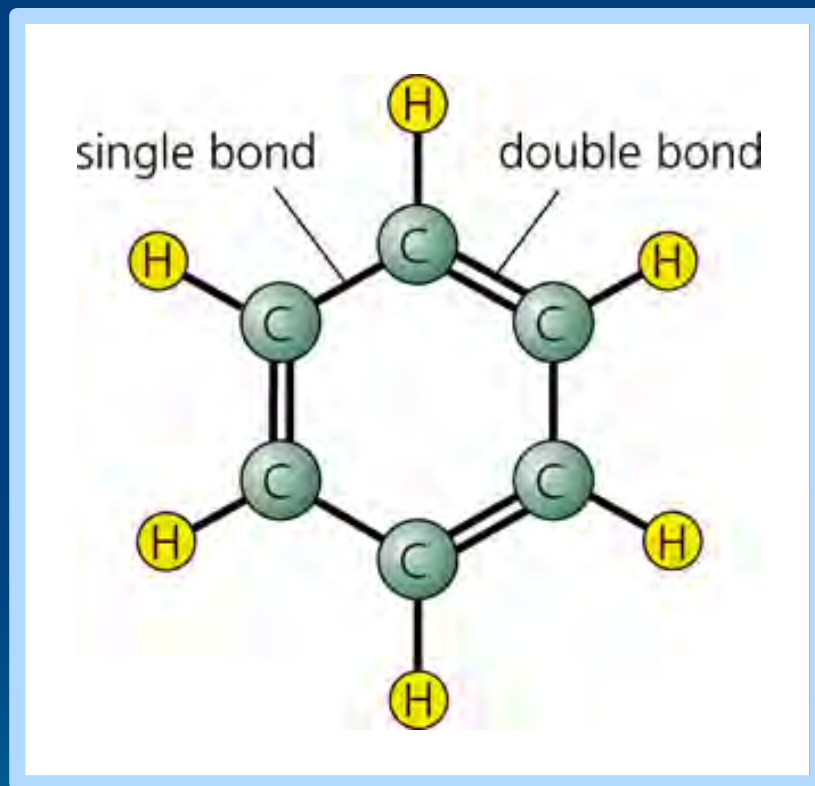
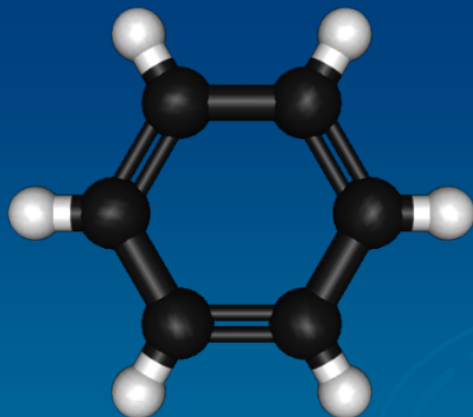
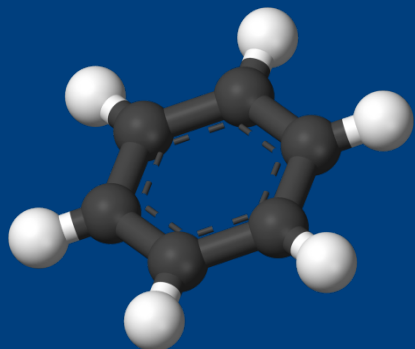
How many perfect matchings does a graph G permit?

- We say that $\{e_2, e_3, e_7, e_9\} \subset E$ is a **perfect matching** of G if every vertex is covered once and only once



An undirected graph with 8 vertices and 9 edges

Perfect matching in chemistry



Kekule structures
of benzenoid structures
(chemistry)

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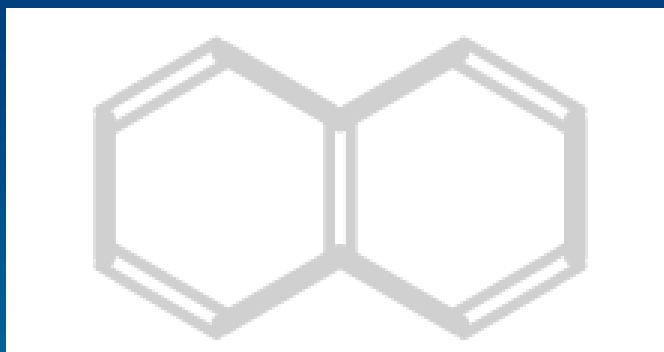
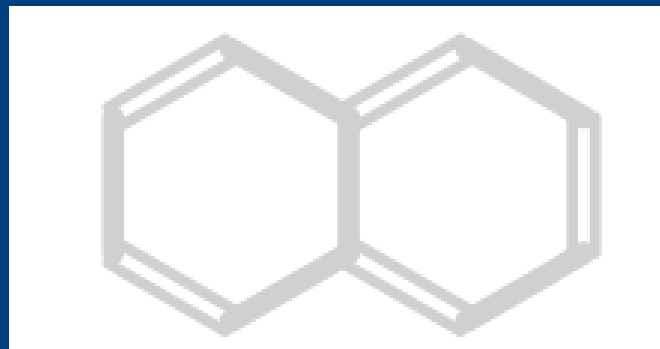
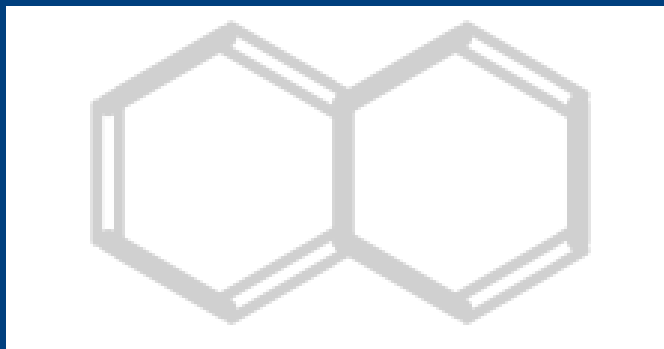
Perfect matchings
in polyhexes
(graph theory)

Kekule structures of benzene



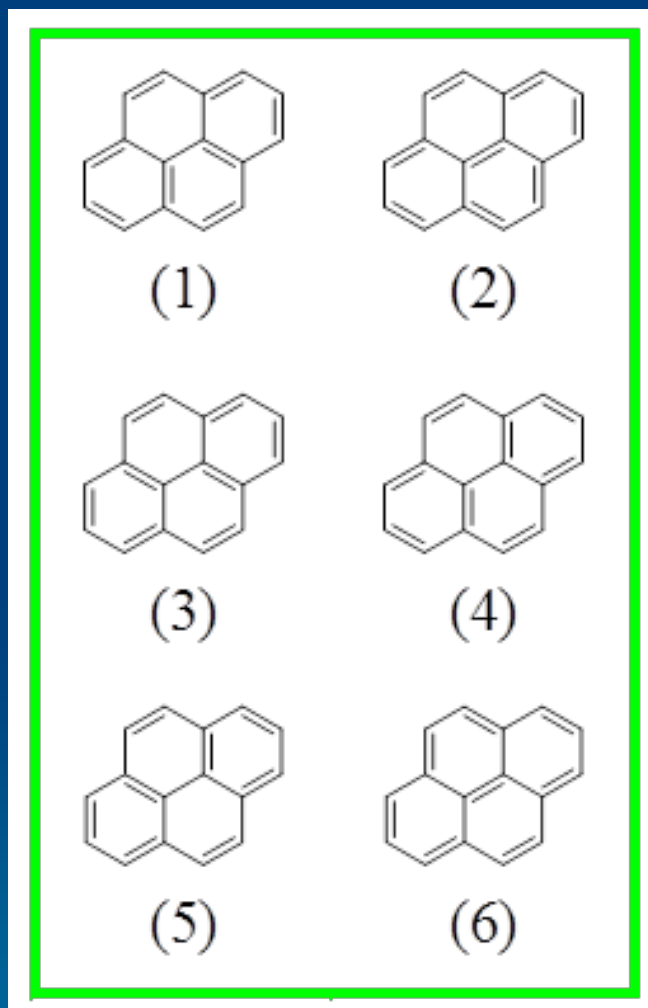
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Kekule structures of naphthalene



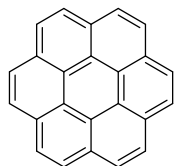
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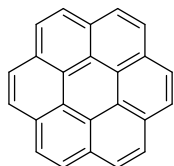


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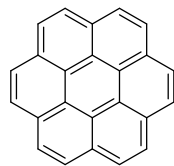
Kekule structures of coronene



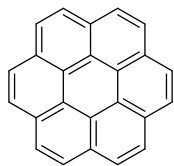
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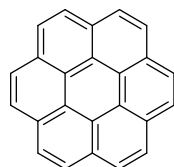
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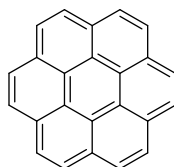
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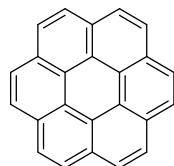
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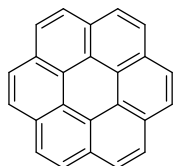
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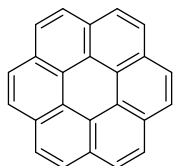
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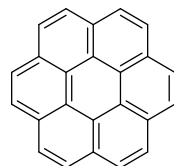
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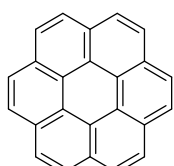
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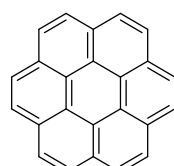
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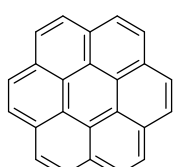
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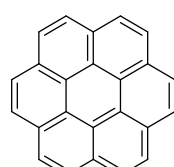
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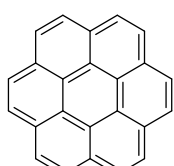
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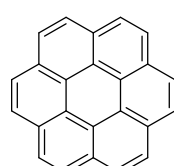
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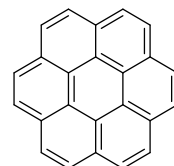
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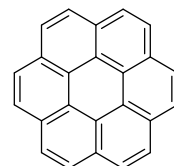
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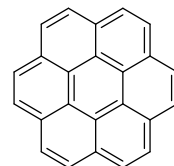
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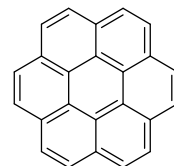
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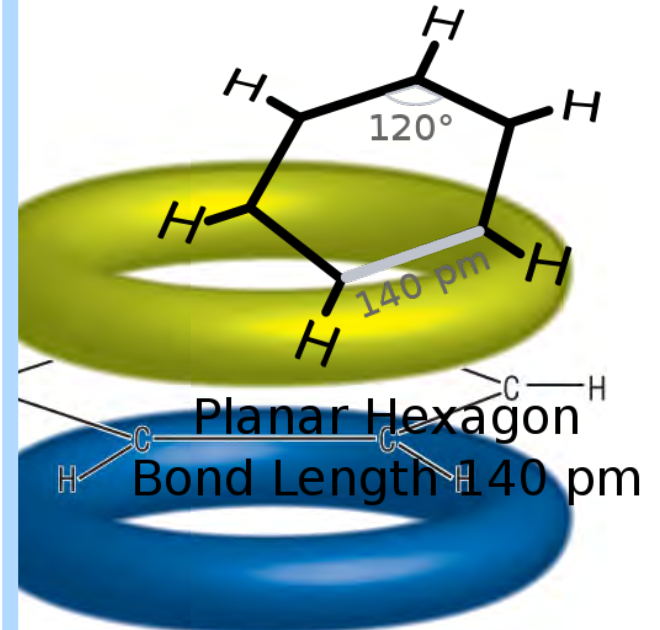
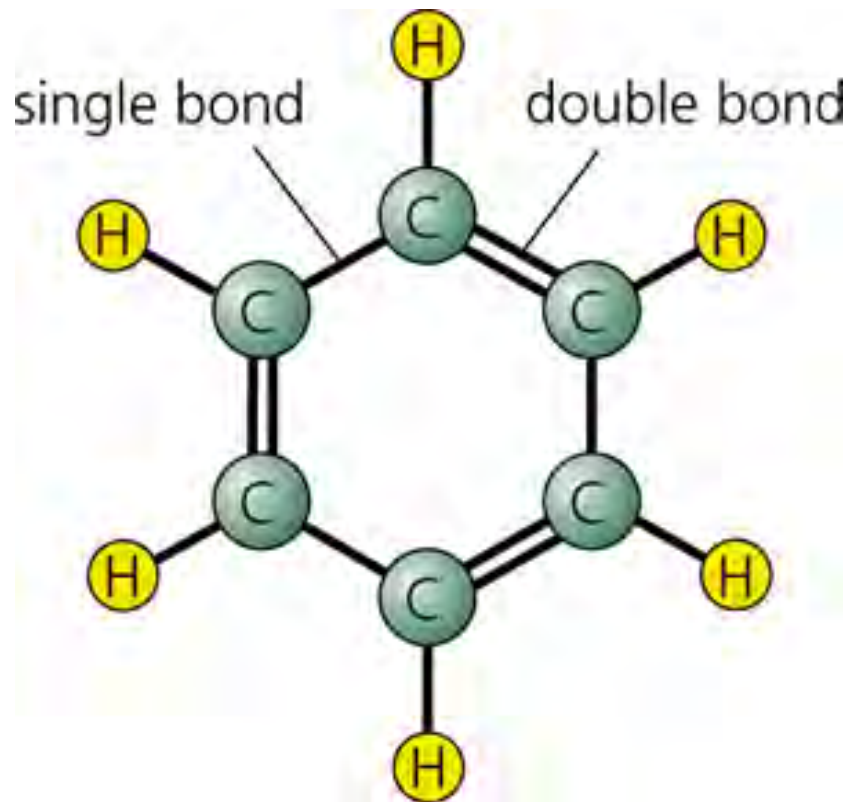
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Aromatic ring



Clar sextet



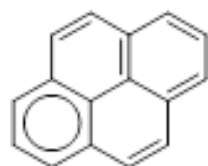
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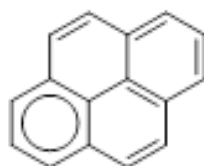
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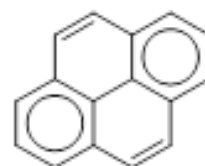
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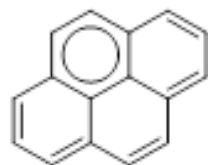
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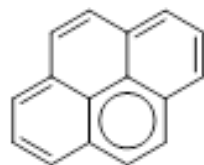
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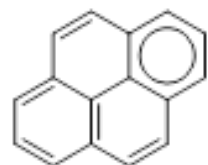
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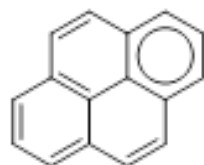
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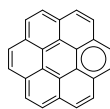


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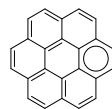


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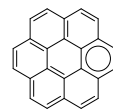
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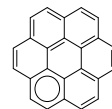
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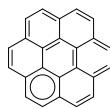
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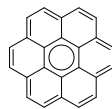
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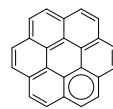
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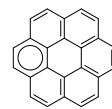
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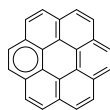
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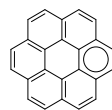
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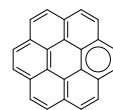
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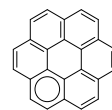
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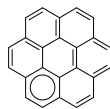
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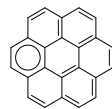
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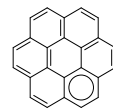
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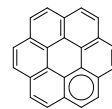
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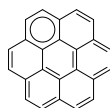
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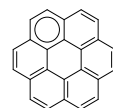
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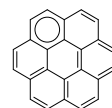
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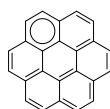
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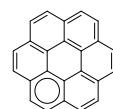
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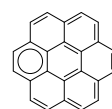
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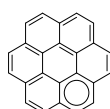
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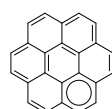
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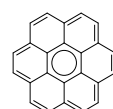
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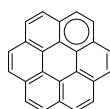
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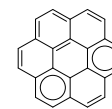
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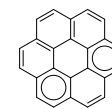
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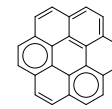
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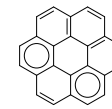
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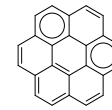
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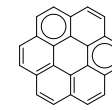
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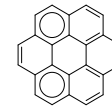
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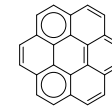
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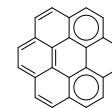
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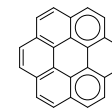
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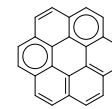
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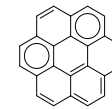
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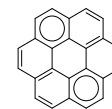
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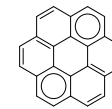
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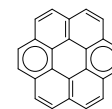
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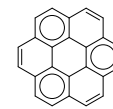
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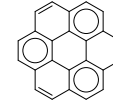
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Generalized Kekule structures
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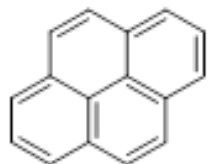
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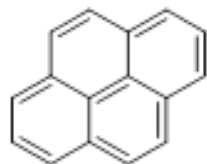
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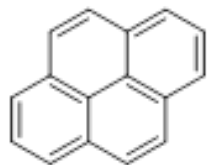
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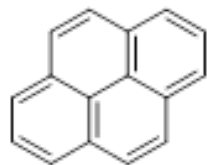
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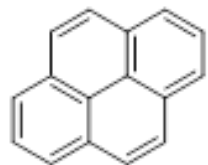
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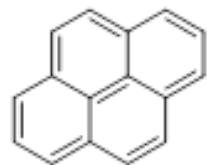
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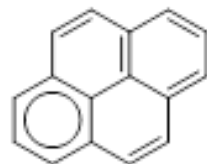
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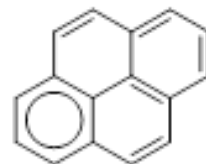
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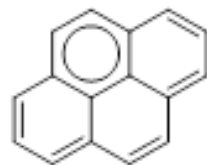
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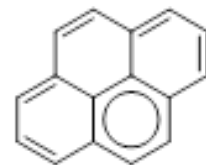
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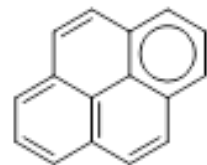
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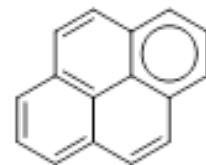
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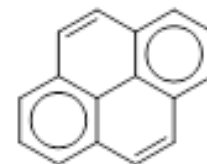
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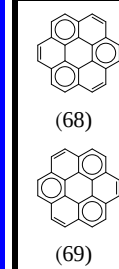
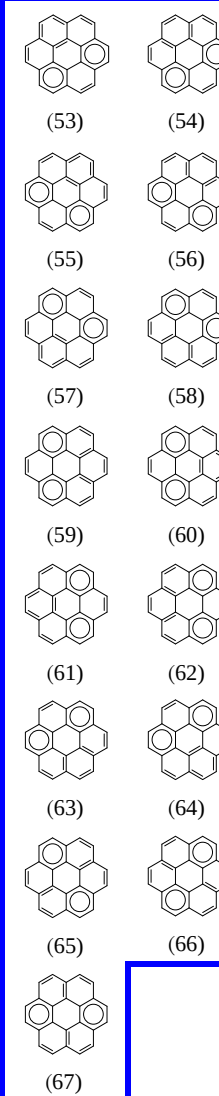
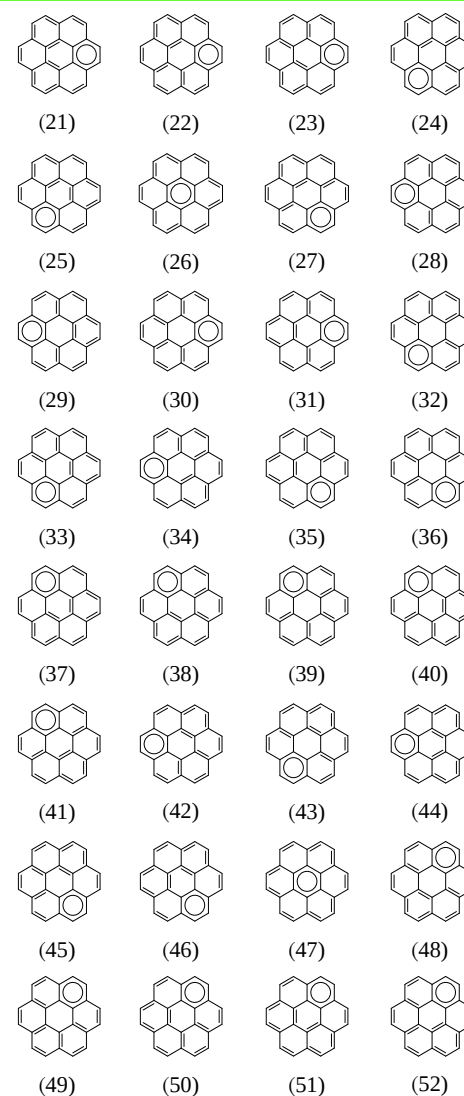
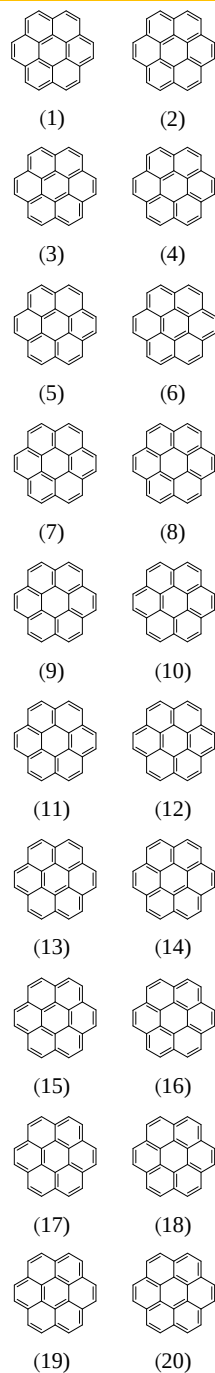


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Clar covers of coronene



Important questions

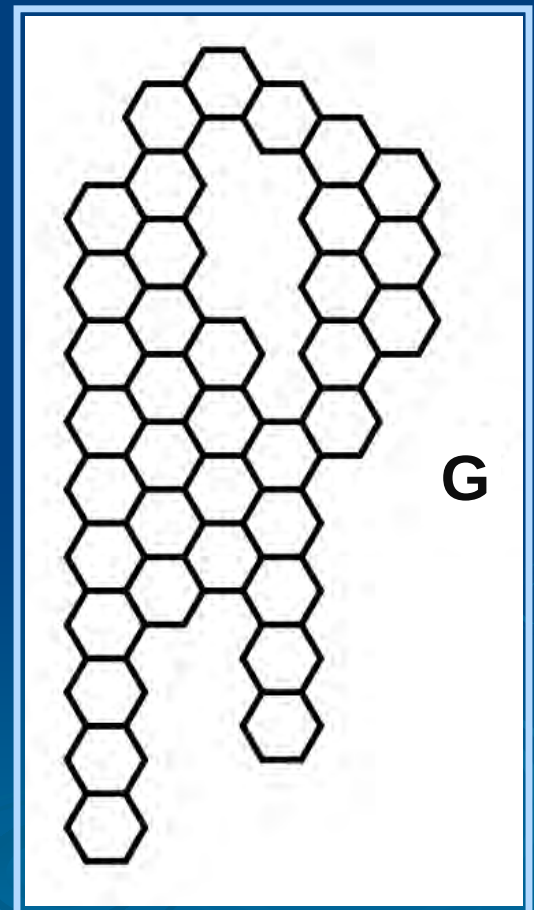
Does a graph G permit a generalized perfect matching?

How many generalized perfect matchings does a graph G permit?

What is the maximal permissible number of Clar sextets?

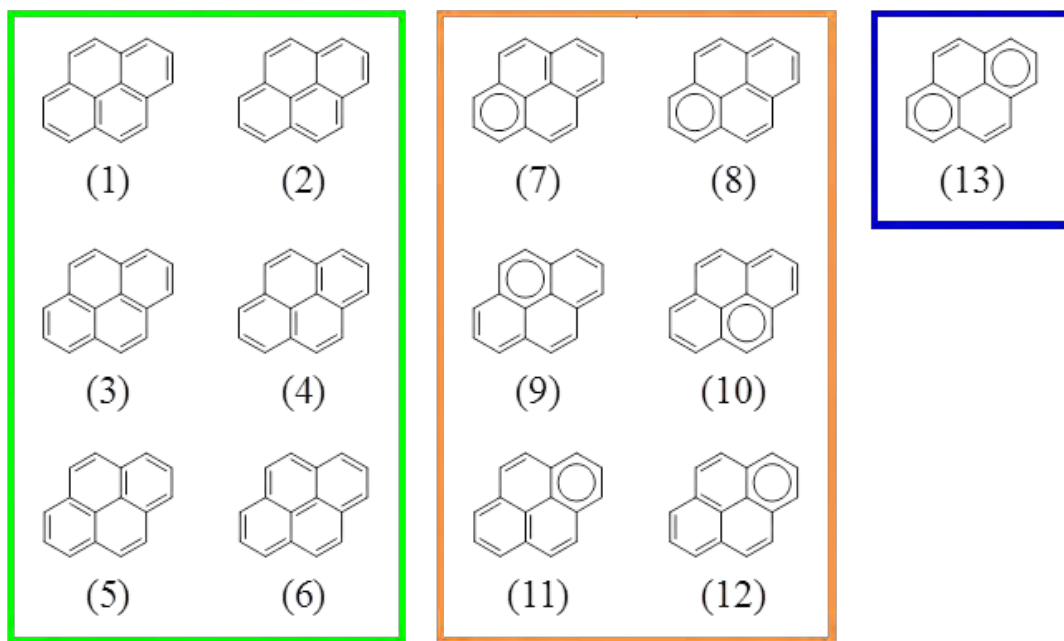
How many Clar covers with maximal number of Clar sextets does a graph G permit?

How to count Clar covers?



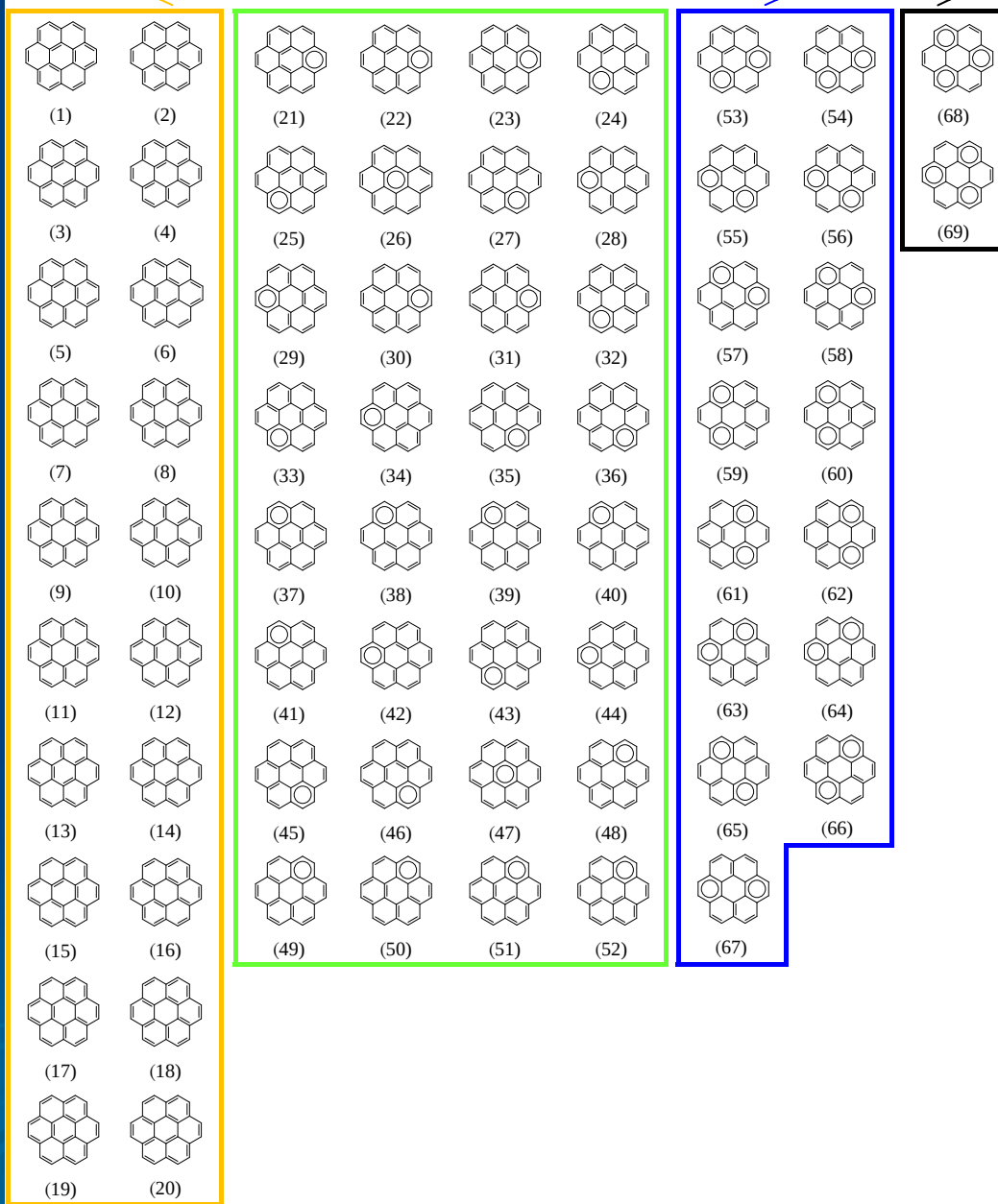
Zhang-Zhang (ZZ) polynomial of pyrene

$$ZZ(x) = 6 + 6x + 1x^2$$



ZZ polynomial of coronene

$$ZZ(x) = 20 + 32x + 15x^2 + 2x^3$$

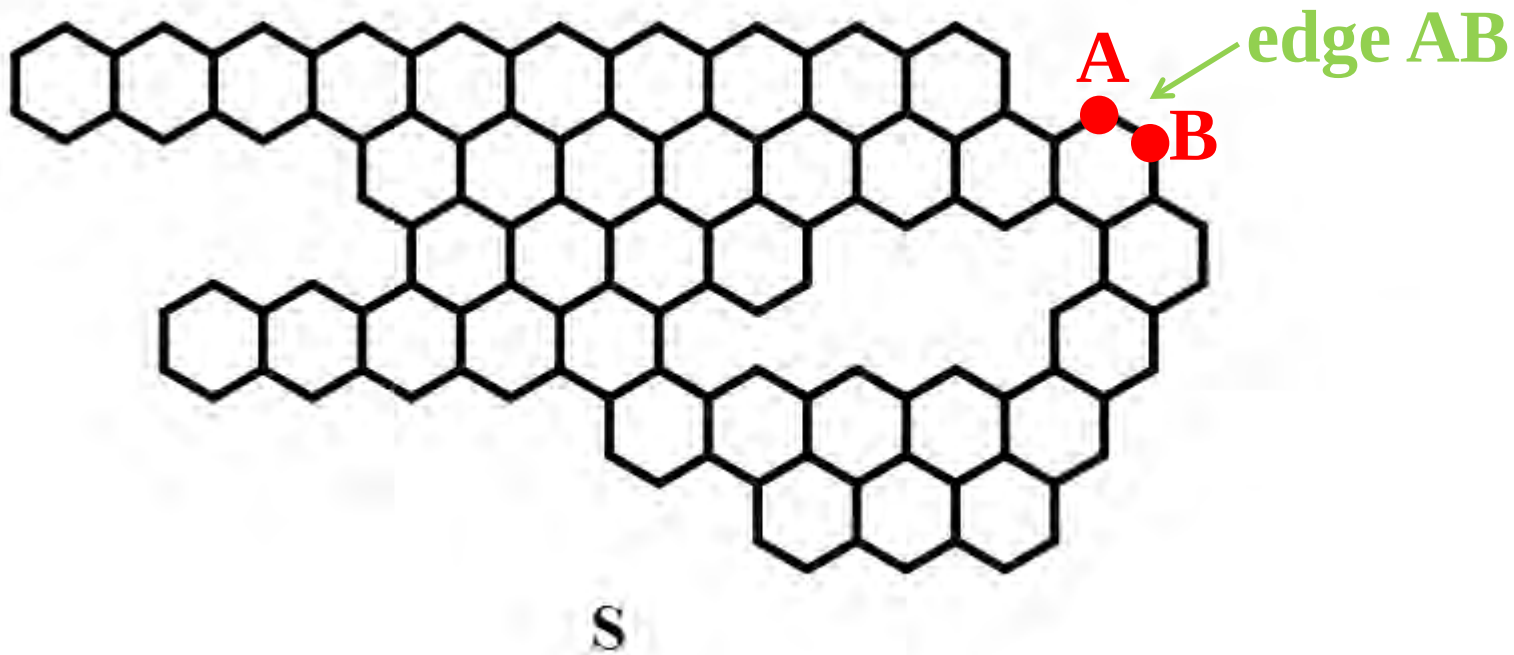


Generating Clar covers of S

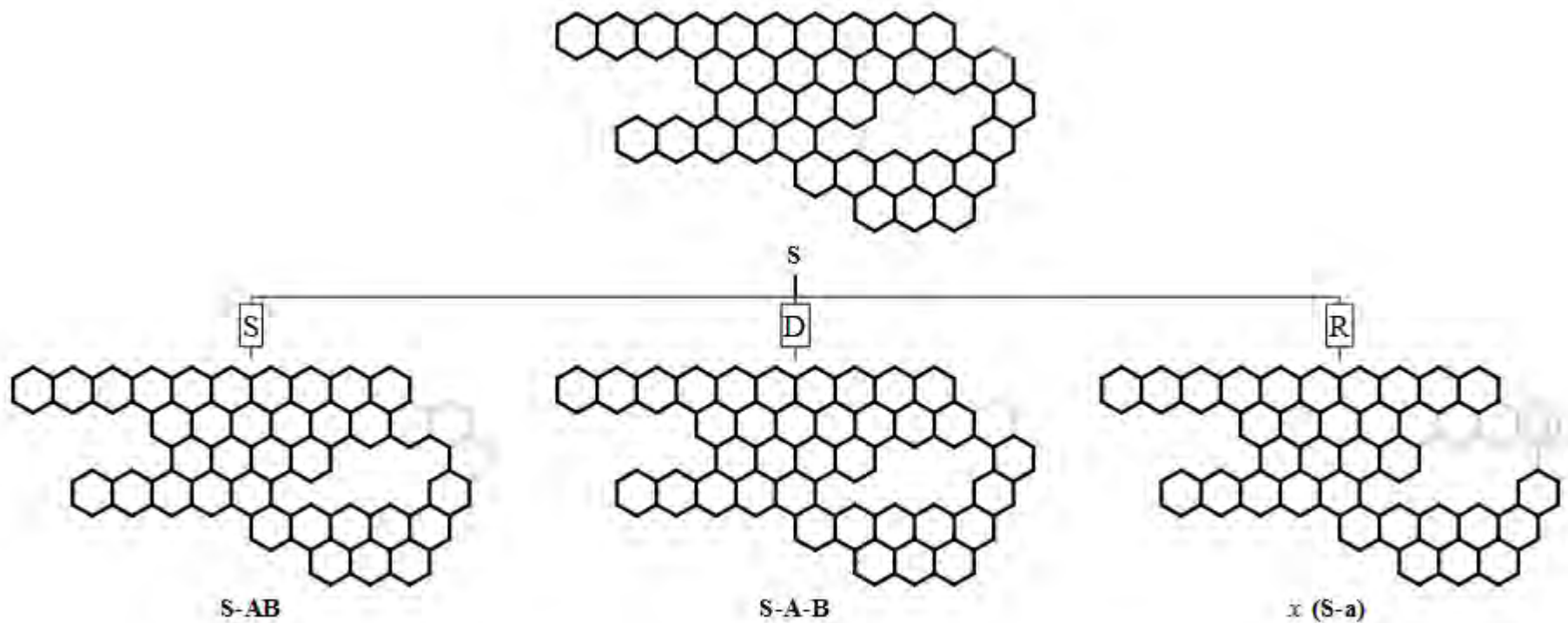
Recursive algorithm

- Choose a peripheral edge AB
- Make 3 copies of S and assign AB to
 - single bond or
 - double bond or
 - aromatic sextet
- Simplify the copies of S by removing single bonds and tetravalent atoms
- Enter next level of recursion

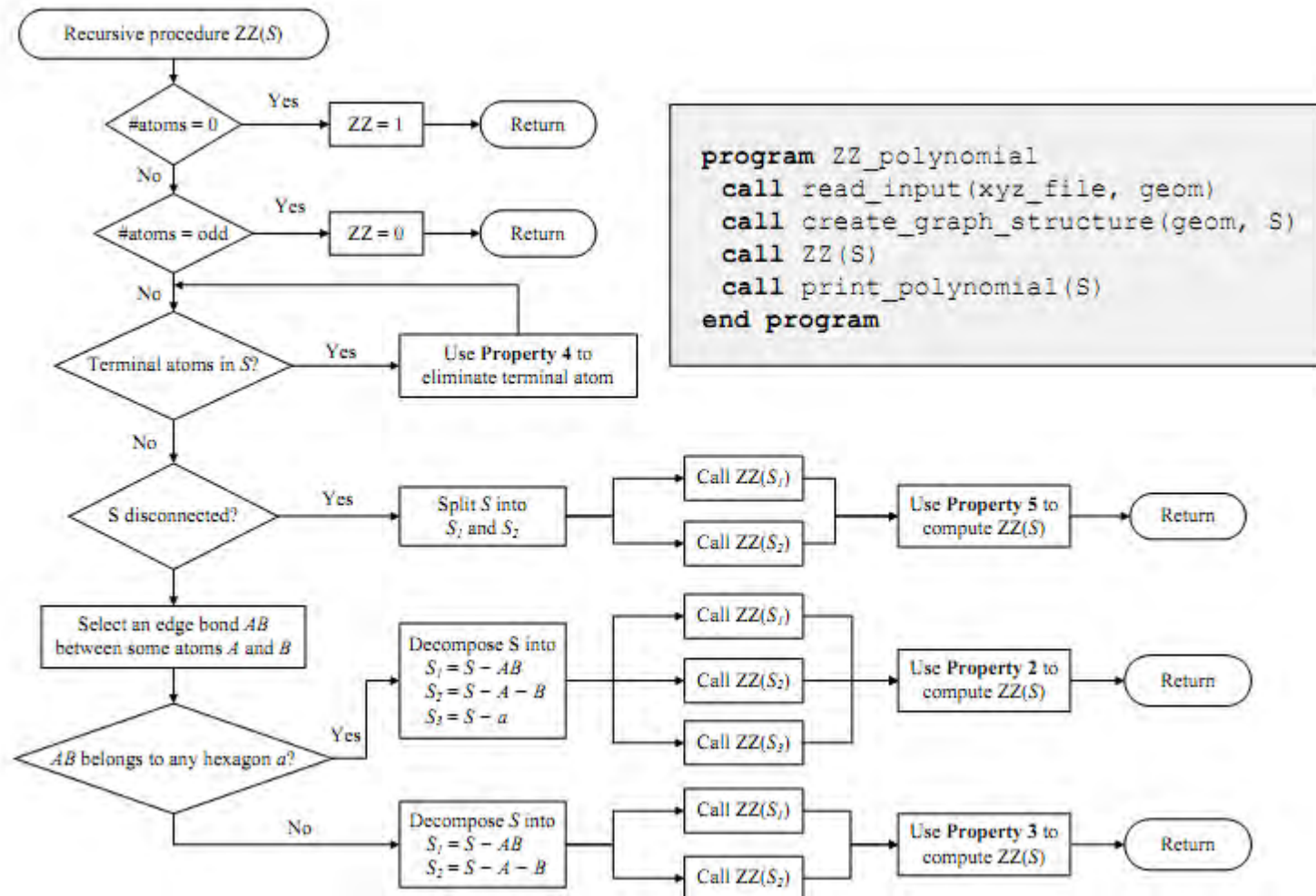
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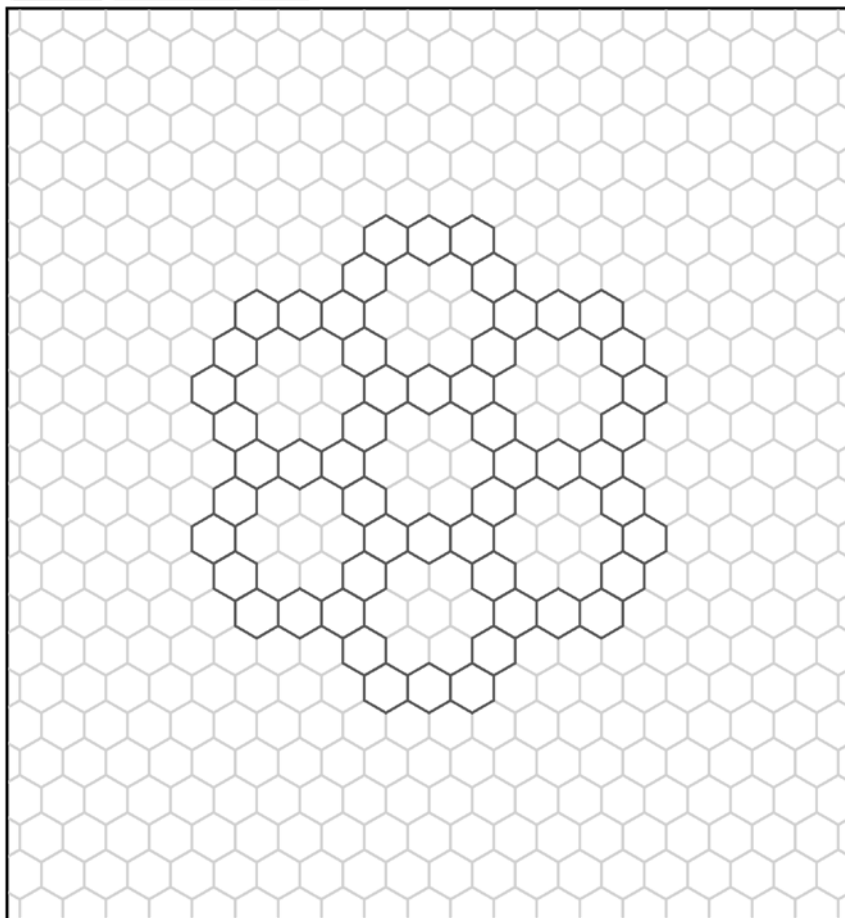
Computing ZZ polynomial



ZZ polynomial calculator

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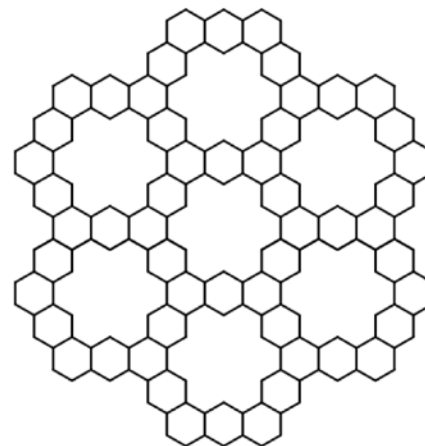
Compute! Define bondlist Clear ☐ Display Ring Class ☒ Implicit Connections



Zhang-Zhang Polynomial Calculator (v0.77)

Powered by Chien-Pin Chou and Henryk Witek

Input Structure:



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Zhang-Zhang polynomial:

$$\begin{aligned} &37164137472 + 537047870784x + 3728585584872x^2 + 16559760128580x^3 + \\ &52854720908976x^4 + 129131924383494x^5 + 251176638450621x^6 + 399456200027562x^7 + \\ &529334783957136x^8 + 592683334226170x^9 + 566627749107531x^{10} + 466230495947034x^{11} \\ &+ 332141506057977x^{12} + 205763723802558x^{13} + 111188359797711x^{14} + \\ &52504982747602x^{15} + 21682928446857x^{16} + 7828290155562x^{17} + 2467282156815x^{18} + \\ &677051680902x^{19} + 161113226883x^{20} + 33059723178x^{21} + 5805063738x^{22} + 863390064x^{23} \\ &+ 107280076x^{24} + 10928670x^{25} + 888840x^{26} + 55488x^{27} + 2496x^{28} + 72x^{29} + 1x^{30} \end{aligned}$$

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Total number of Clar covers:
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ZZ polynomial calculator

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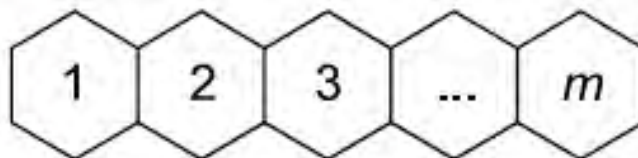
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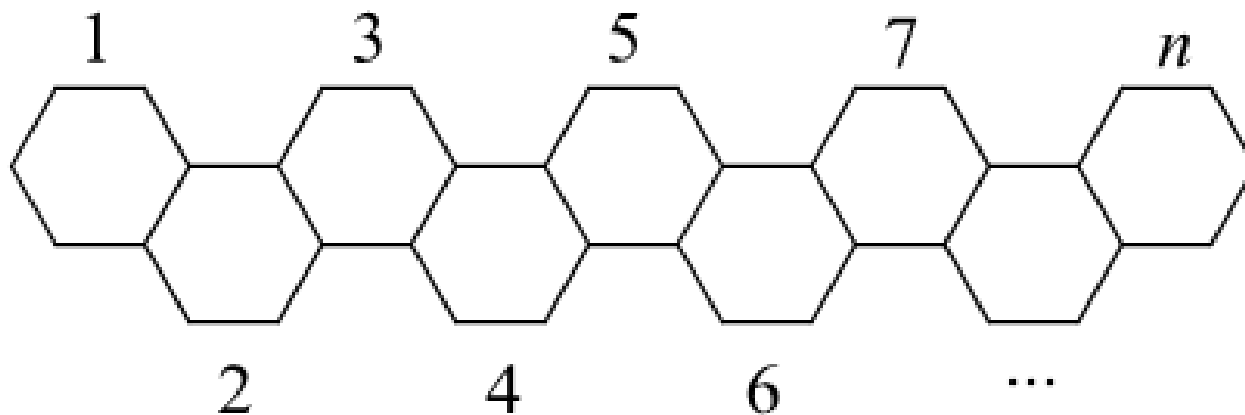
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ZZ polynomial of polyacenes (zigzag chains)

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} ZZ(L(1), x) = 2 + x \\ ZZ(L(2), x) = 3 + 2x \\ ZZ(L(3), x) = 4 + 3x \\ ZZ(L(4), x) = 5 + 4x \\ ZZ(L(5), x) = 6 + 5x \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow ZZ(L(m), x) = 1 + m(1 + x)$$



ZZ polynomial of armchair chains



ZZ polynomial of armchair chains

recursion
relation

$$ZZ(N(n), x) = ZZ(N(n-1), x) + (x+1) \cdot ZZ(N(n-2), x).$$

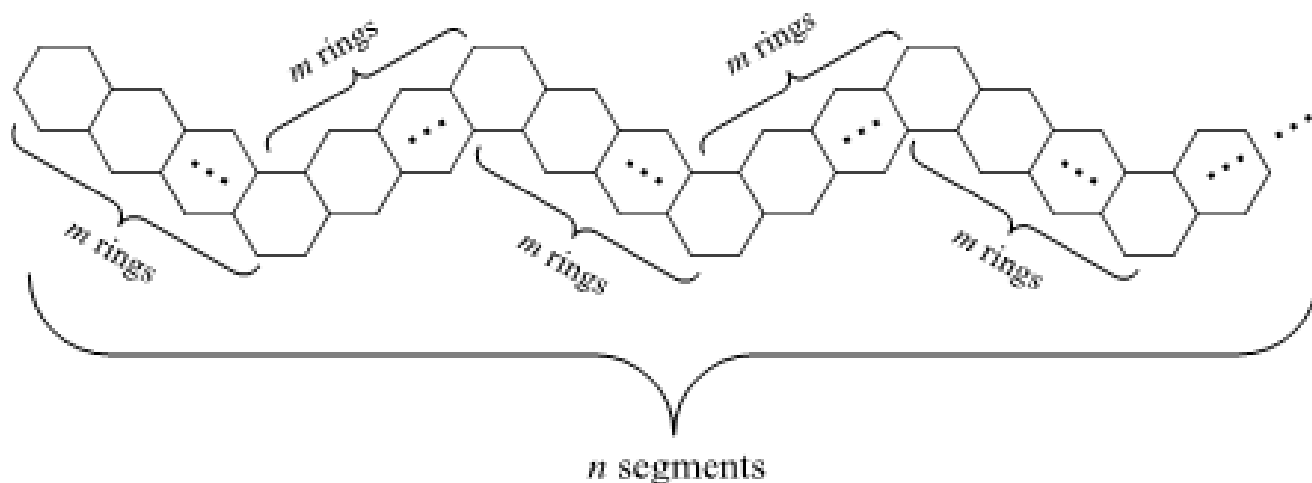
closed
form
solution

$$ZZ(N(n), x) = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{2x+3}{\sqrt{4x+5}} \right) \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{4x+5}}{2} \right)^n + \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{2x+3}{\sqrt{4x+5}} \right) \left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{4x+5}}{2} \right)^n.$$

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form

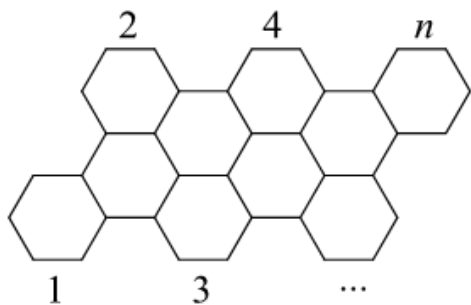
$$ZZ(N(n), x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n+1-k}{k} (1+x)^k,$$

Segmented polyacenes



$$\begin{aligned}
 ZZ(L(m,n),x) = & \frac{1}{2} \left((x+2) + \frac{(2-m)x^2 + (5-m)x + 4}{\sqrt{k}} \right) \left(\frac{(m-1) + (m-2)x + \sqrt{k}}{2} \right)^n \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} \left((x+2) - \frac{(2-m)x^2 + (5-m)x + 4}{\sqrt{k}} \right) \left(\frac{(m-1) + (m-2)x - \sqrt{k}}{2} \right)^n,
 \end{aligned}$$

ZZ polynomials of S_n structures



$$ZZ(S(n), x) = (2+x) ZZ(S(n-1), x) + (1+x) ZZ(S(n-2), x) - (1+x)^2 ZZ(S(n-3), x).$$

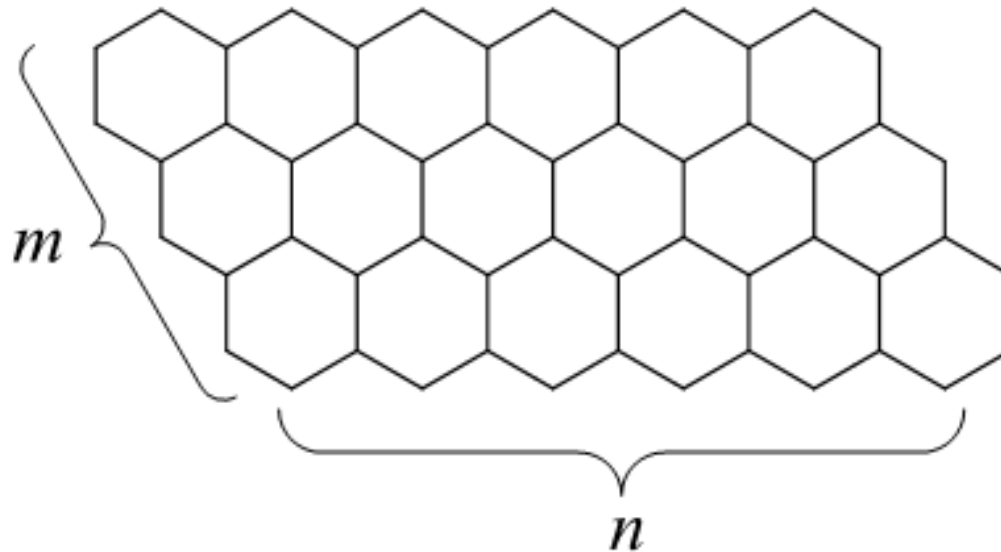
$$F(z) = \frac{1 - (x+1)z^2}{(x+1)^2 z^3 - (x+1)z^2 - (x+2)z + 1}.$$

$$\begin{cases} ZZ(S(1), x) = 2 + x \\ ZZ(S(2), x) = 4 + 4x + x^2 \\ ZZ(S(3), x) = 9 + 13x + 6x^2 + x^3 \\ ZZ(S(4), x) = 20 + 38x + 26x^2 + 8x^3 + x^4 \end{cases}$$

$$ZZ(S(n), x) = \frac{1}{n!} \frac{d}{dz^n} F(z) \Big|_{z=0}.$$

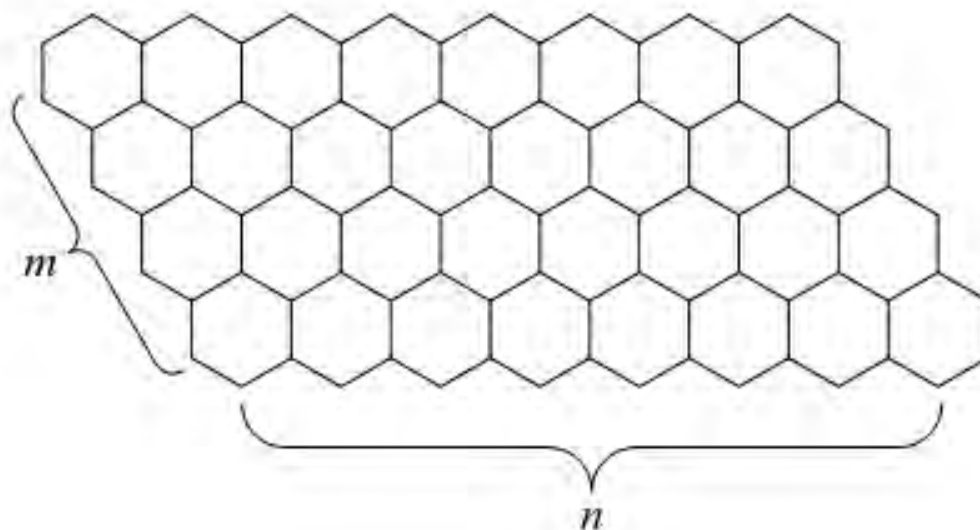
$$ZZ(S(n), x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor} \sum_{l=0}^{\left\lfloor \frac{n-2k}{3} \right\rfloor} (-1)^l (1+x)^{2l+k} (2+x)^{n-3l-2k} \frac{n-2l-2k}{n-2l-k} \binom{n-2l-k}{l} \binom{n-3l-k}{k}$$

ZZ polynomials of parallelograms



ZZ polynomials of parallelograms

$$ZZ(M(m, n), x) = \sum_{l=0}^m \binom{m}{l} \binom{n+m-l}{m} x^l$$



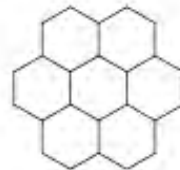
$$ZZ(M(m, n), x) = {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} -m, -n \\ 1 \end{matrix}; 1+x \right]$$

ZZ polynomials of hexagons



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$$2 + x$$



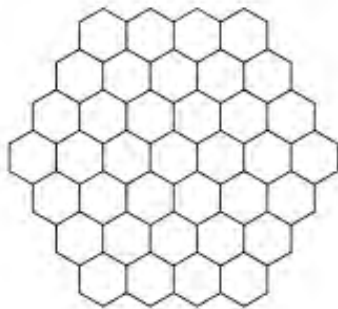
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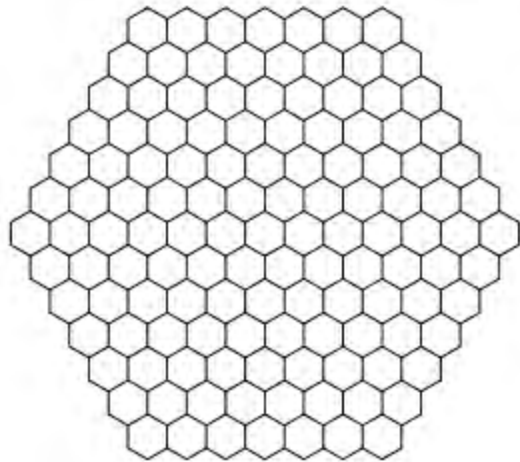
$$980 + 3308x + 4458x^2 + 3065x^3 + 1140x^4 + 225x^5 + 22x^6 + x^7$$



(3,0)

$$\begin{aligned} &232848 + 1355752x + 3482400x^2 + 5198238x^3 + 5001260x^4 \\ &+ 3252588x^5 + 1459605x^6 + 453642x^7 + 96753x^8 + 13860x^9 \\ &+ 1285x^{10} + 72x^{11} + 2x^{12} \end{aligned}$$

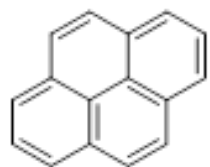
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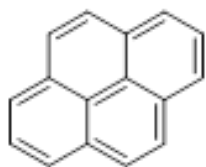
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 & + 753476142205657213552 x^6 + 1423546831882100497662 x^7 + 2241204903639039695772 x^8 \\
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 & + 167828541944588976642 x^{17} + 64977350064301487814 x^{18} + 22179798756859285180 x^{19} \\
 & + 6675097505741049492 x^{20} + 1770540600115722070 x^{21} + 413626748743836894 x^{22} \\
 & + 85027057142421642 x^{23} + 15362049506580008 x^{24} + 2436147310614634 x^{25} \\
 & + 338577307537590 x^{26} + 41164773295262 x^{27} + 4367930475858 x^{28} + 403064458752 x^{29} \\
 & + 32160857490 x^{30} + 2197642843 x^{31} + 126580890 x^{32} + 5991030 x^{33} + 223802 x^{34} + 6180 x^{35} \\
 & + 112 x^{36} + x^{37}
 \end{aligned}$$

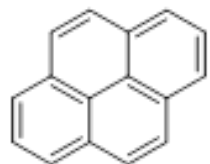
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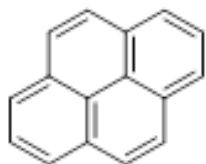
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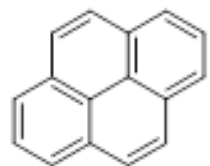
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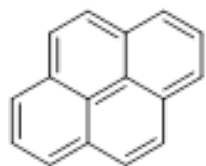
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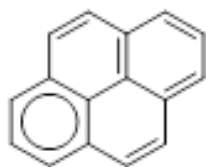
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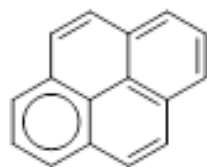
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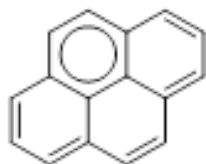
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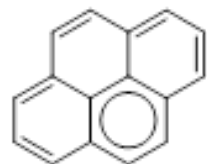
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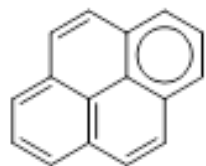
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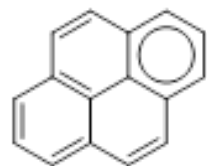
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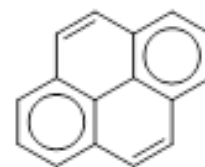
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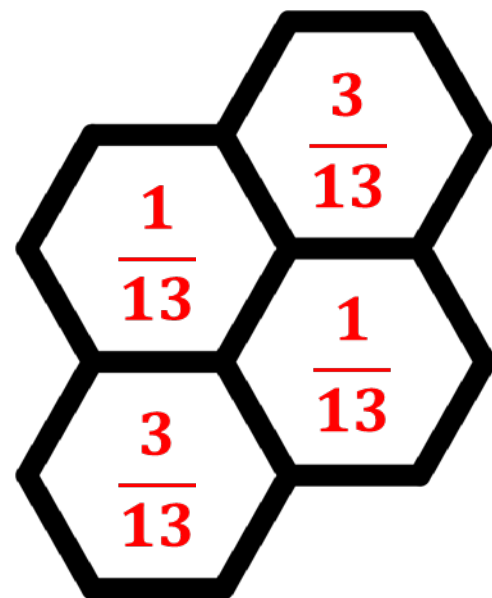
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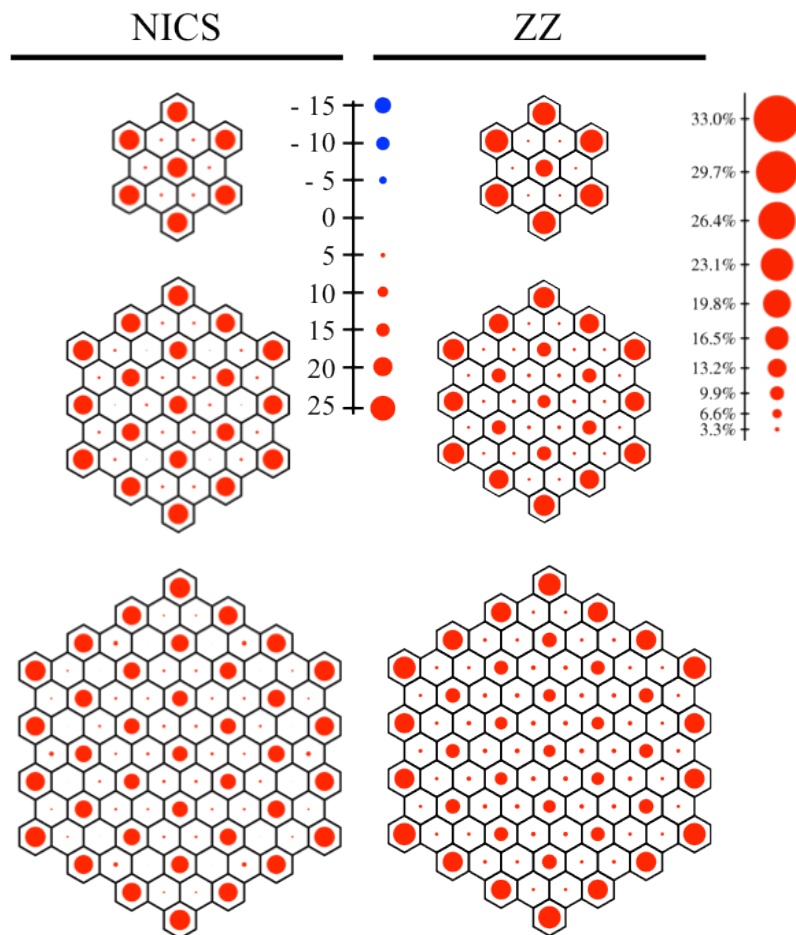
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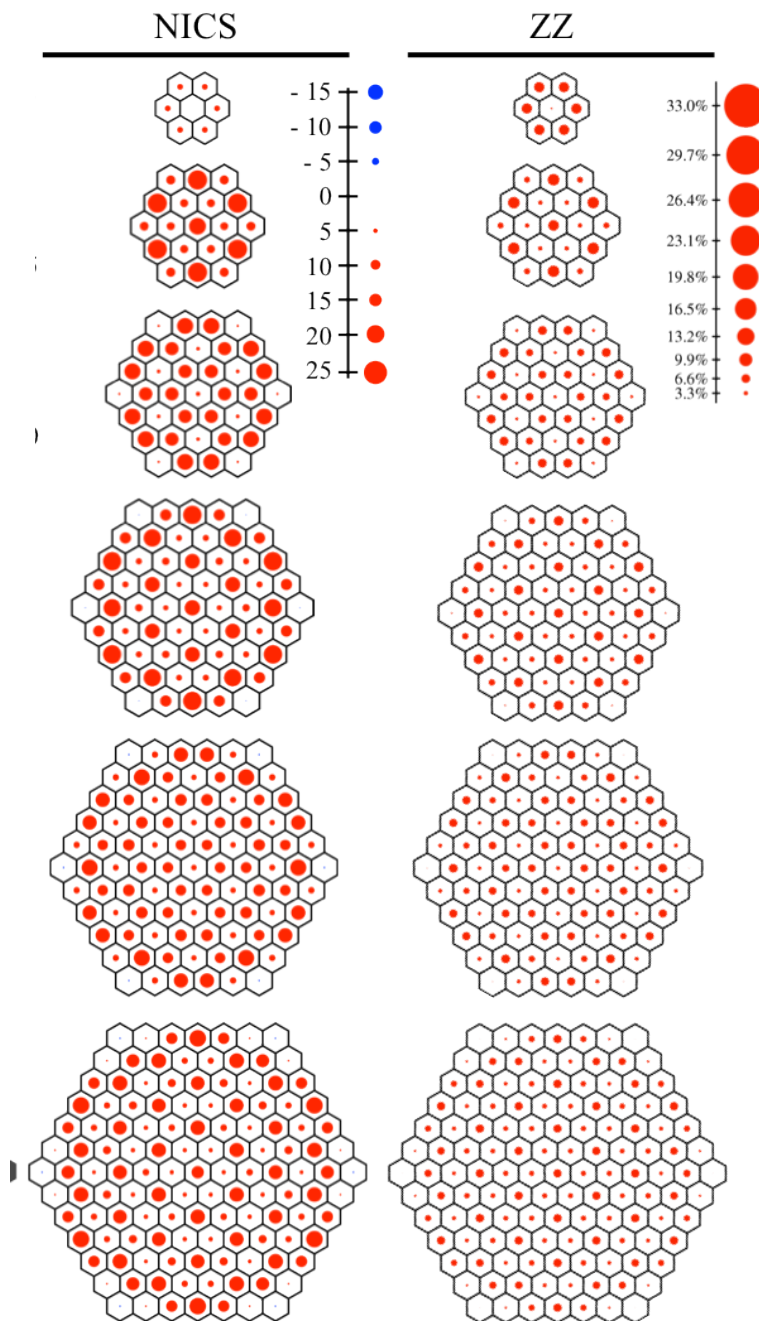


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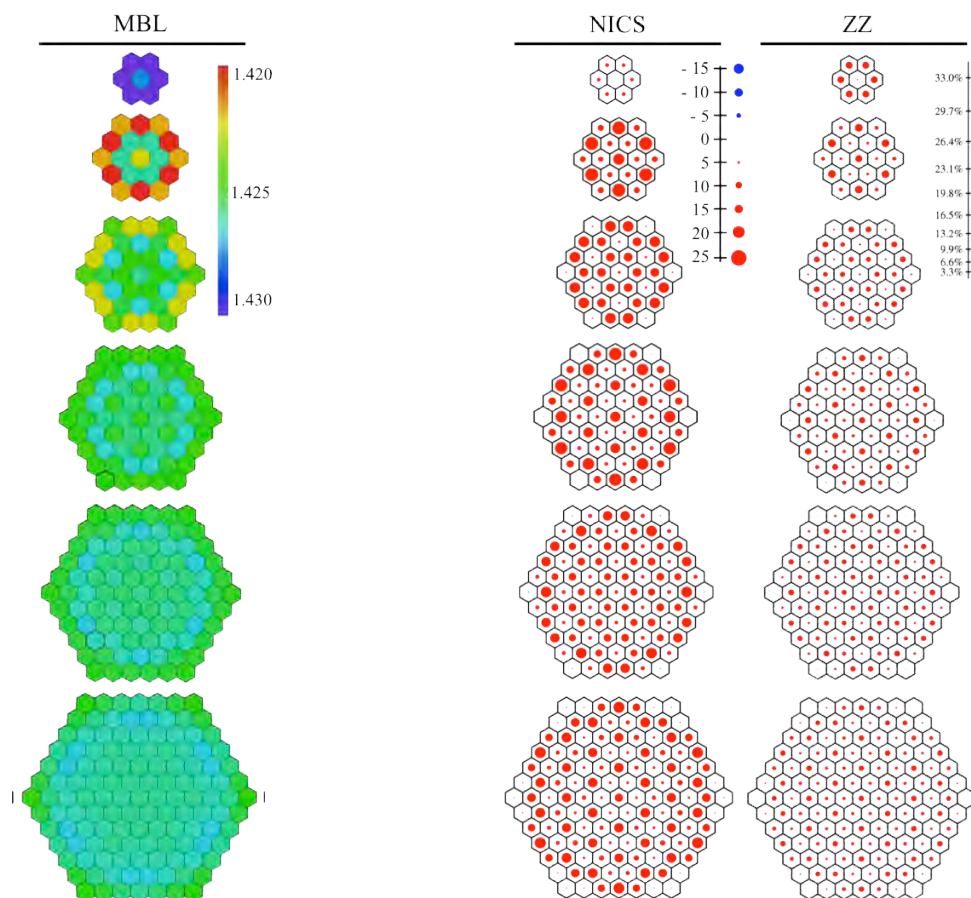


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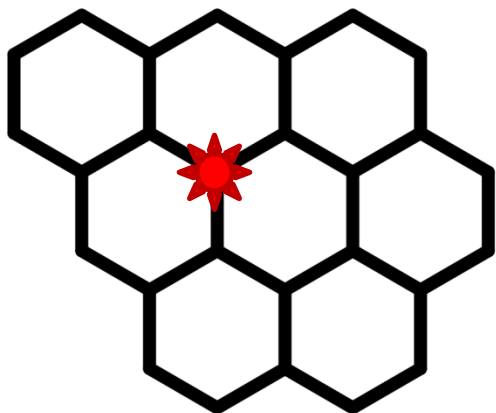
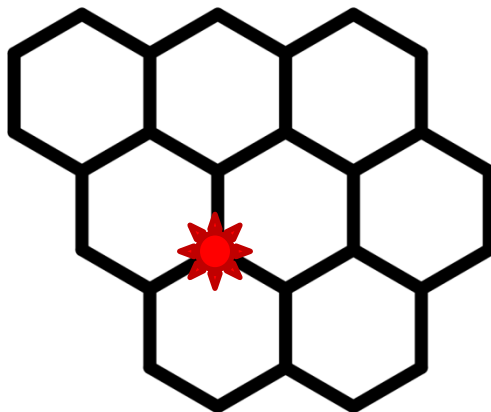
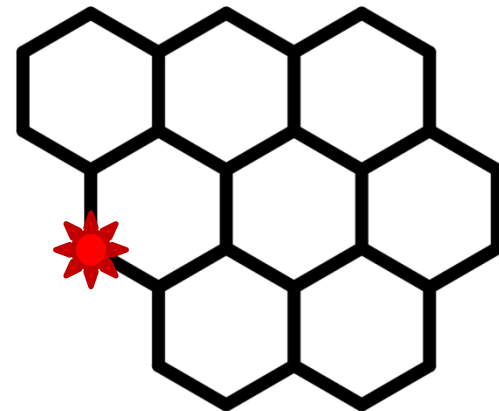
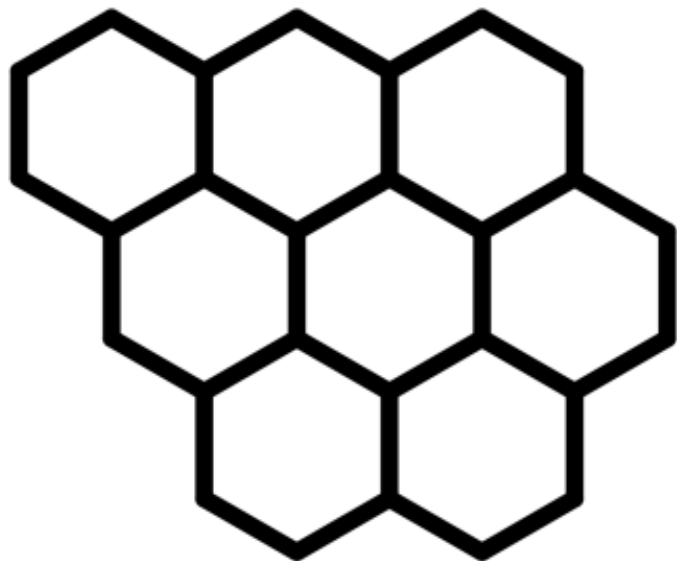
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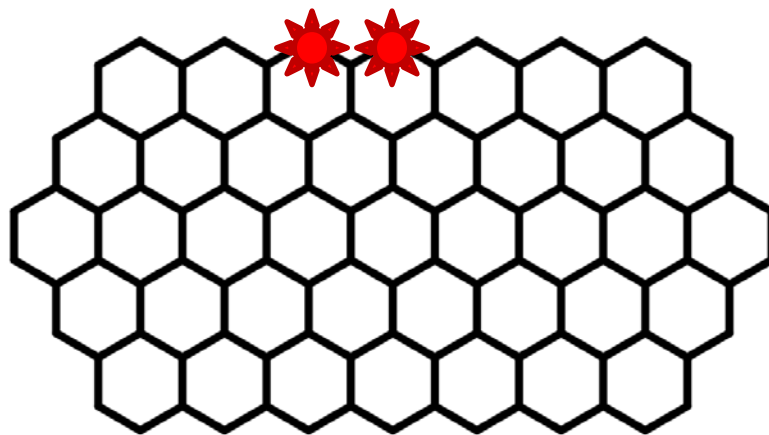
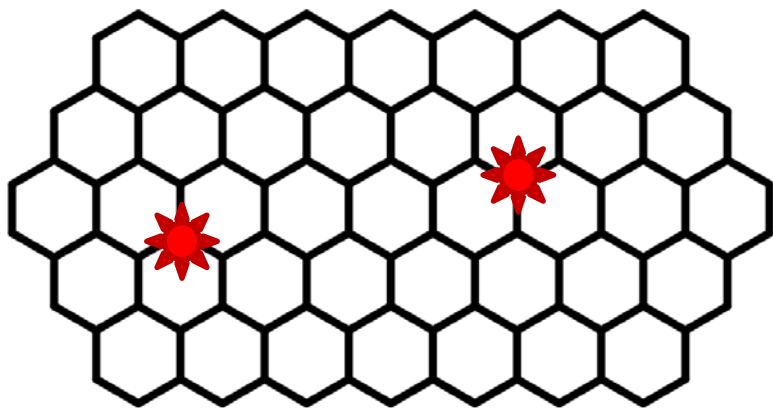
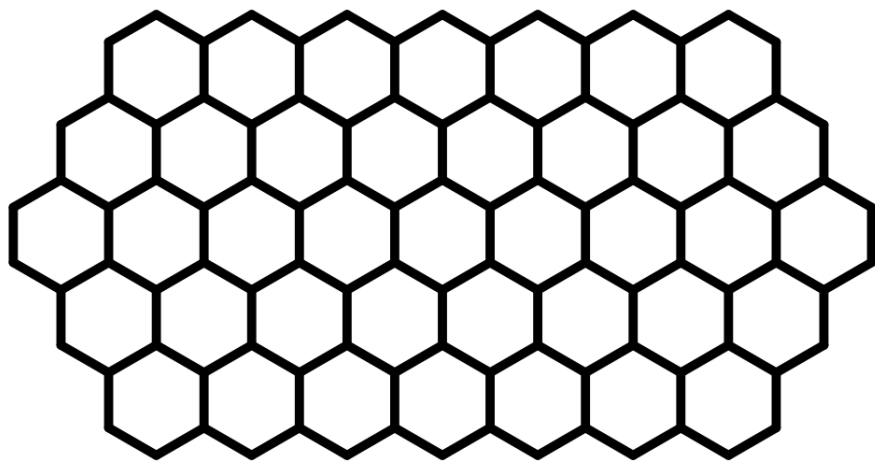
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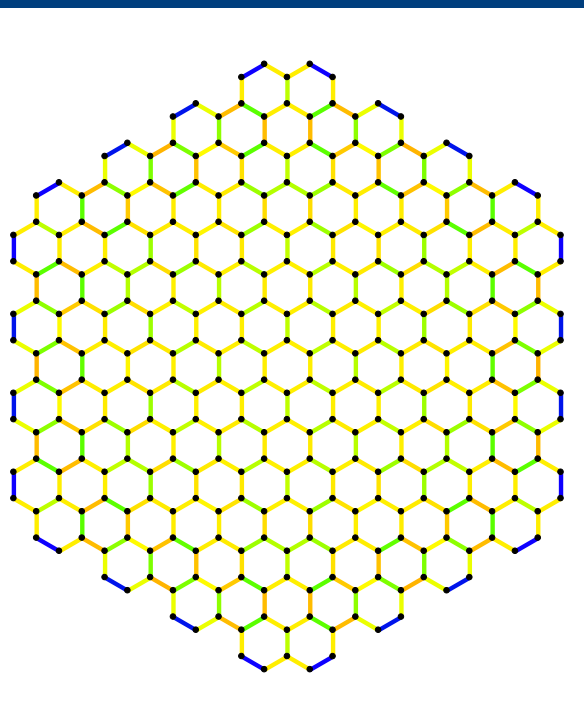


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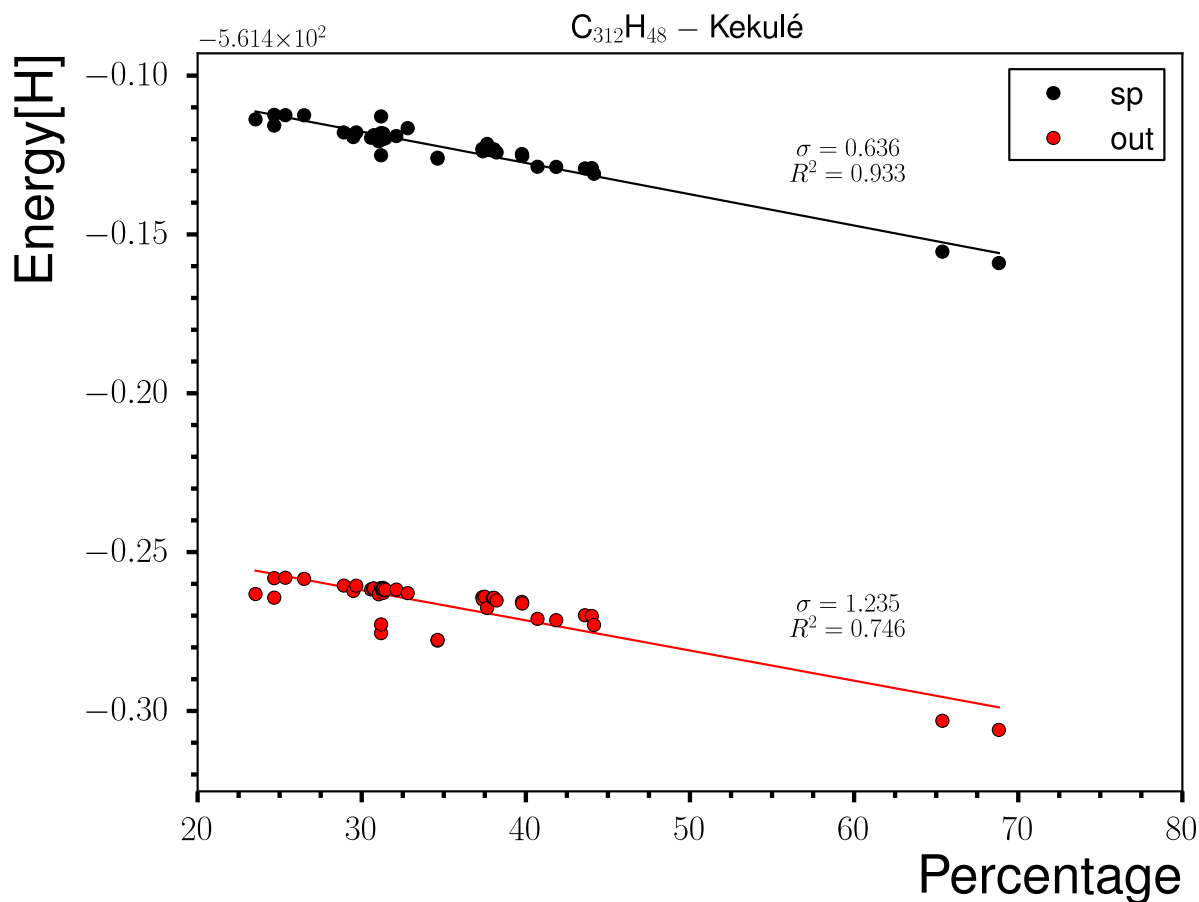


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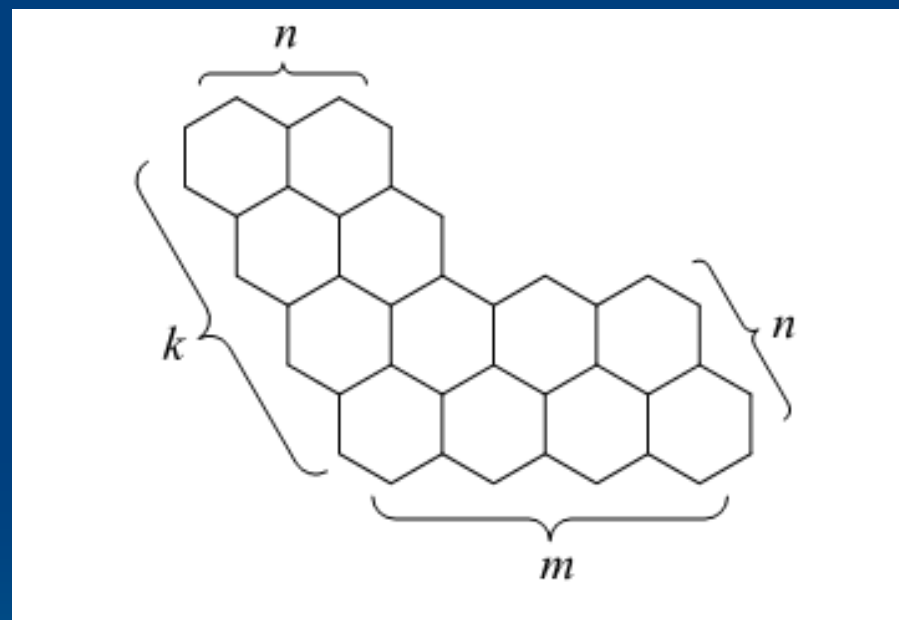
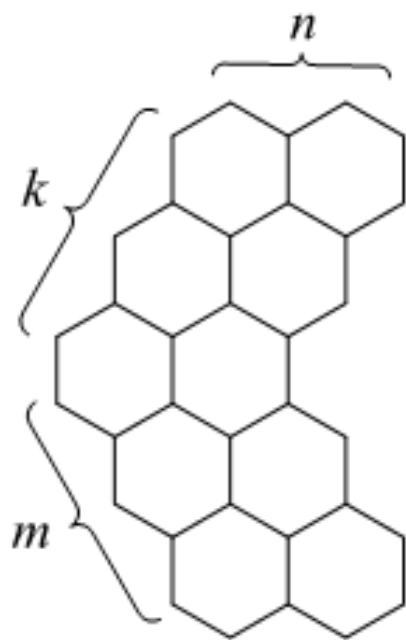
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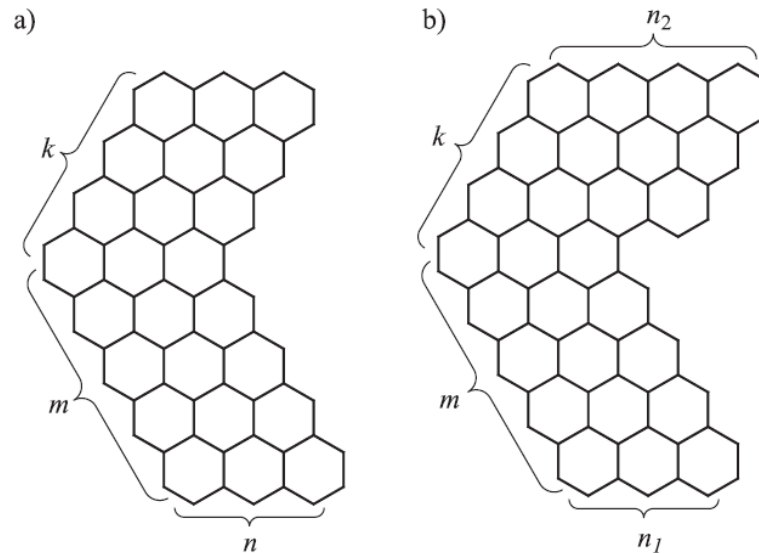
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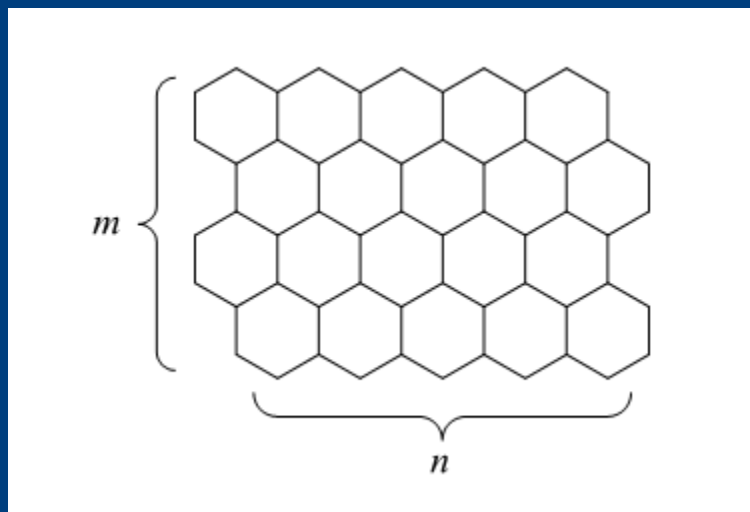
Chevrons



$$\begin{aligned} ZZ(Ch(k, m, n), x) = & \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (1+x) \cdot {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} 1-k, -i \\ 1 \end{matrix}; x+1 \right] \cdot {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} 1-m, -i \\ 1 \end{matrix}; x+1 \right] \\ & + {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} 1-k, -n \\ 1 \end{matrix}; x+1 \right] \cdot {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} 1-m, -n \\ 1 \end{matrix}; x+1 \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} ZZ(Ch(k, m, n_1, n_2), x) = & \sum_{i=1}^{\min(n_1, n_2)} (1+x) \cdot {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} 1-k, i-n_2 \\ 1 \end{matrix}; x+1 \right] \cdot {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} 1-m, i-n_1 \\ 1 \end{matrix}; x+1 \right] \\ & + {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} 1-k, -n_2 \\ 1 \end{matrix}; x+1 \right] \cdot {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} 1-m, -n_1 \\ 1 \end{matrix}; x+1 \right] \end{aligned}$$

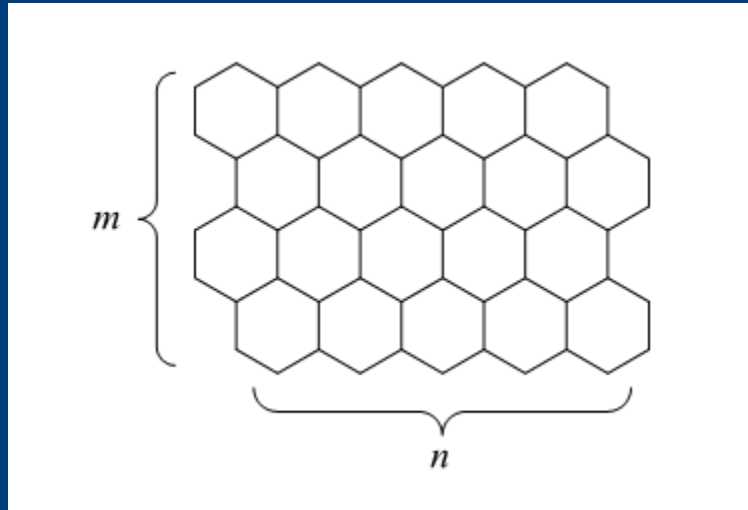
Multiple zigzag chains



$$\begin{aligned} ZZ(Z(4, n), x) = & 1 + 4n(1+x) + \frac{3}{2}n(3n-1)(1+x)^2 + \frac{1}{3}(n-1)n(5n-1)(1+x)^3 \\ & + \frac{1}{24}(n-1)n(5n^2-5n+2)(1+x)^4. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} ZZ(Z(5, n), x) = & 1 + 5n(1+x) + 2n(4n-1)(1+x)^2 + \frac{1}{2}n(1-9n+10n^2)(1+x)^3 \\ & + \frac{1}{6}(n-1)n(2n-1)(4n-1)(1+x)^4 \\ & + \frac{1}{30}(n-1)n(2n-1)(1-2n+2n^2)(1+x)^5. \end{aligned}$$

Multiple zigzag chains

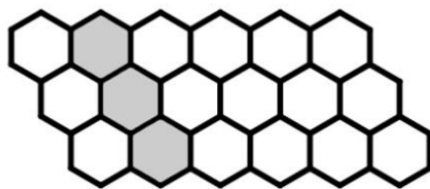


$$ZZ(Z(m, n), x) = \sum_{k=0}^m (-1)^{\lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor} (x+1)^k \left((x+1) \binom{\lfloor \frac{k+m}{2} \rfloor}{k+1} + \binom{\lfloor \frac{k+m}{2} \rfloor}{k} \right) \cdot ZZ(Z(m, n-k-1), x),$$

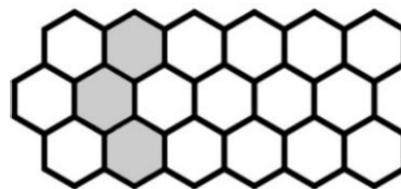
Regular 3 and 4-tier strips



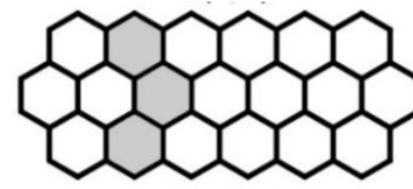
$Pr(2,n)$



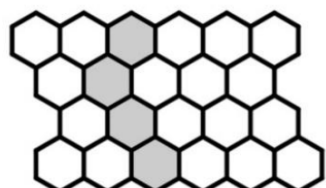
$M(3,n)$



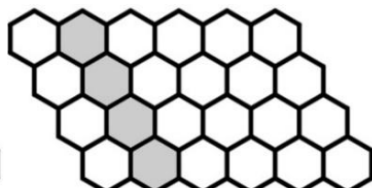
$Ch(2,2,n)$



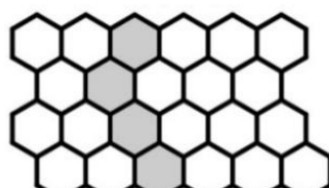
$O(2,2,n)$



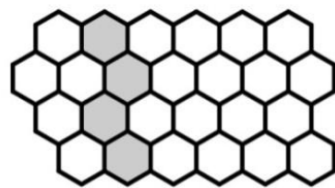
$X(2,3,n)$



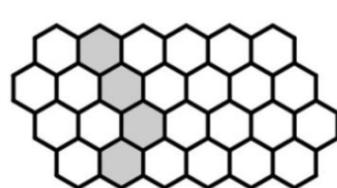
$M(4,n)$



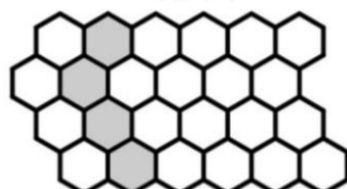
$\Sigma(2,3,n)$



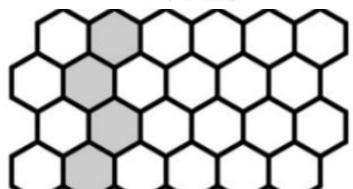
$D(2,3,n)$



$O(2,3,n)$



$Ch(2,3,n)$



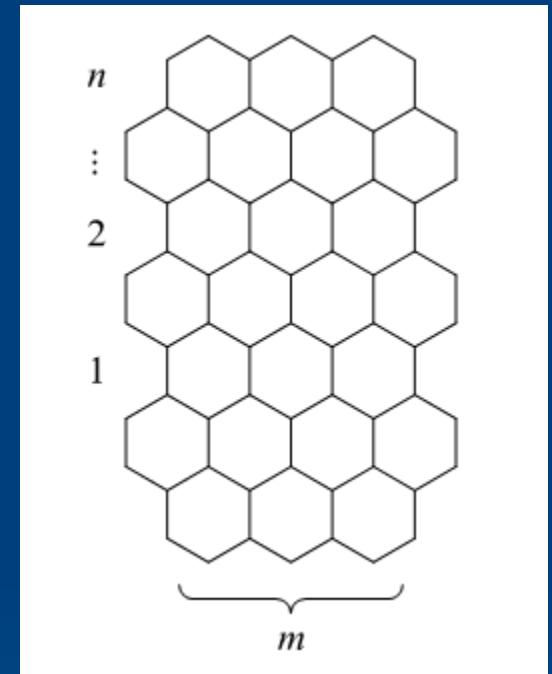
$Z(4,n)$

superfamily	B	Cl	a_1	a_2
1	$M(3,n)$	3	0	0
	$M(4,n)$	4	0	0
$M(1,n) \cdot M(1,n)$	$Pr(2,n)$	2	1	0
	$X(2,3,n)$	3	1	0
	$Ch(2,2,n)$	3	1	0
	$O(2,2,n)$	4	1	0
$M(1,n) \cdot M(2,n)$	$\Sigma(2,3,n)$	3	2	0
	$Ch(2,3,n)$	4	2	0
$Z(4,n)$	$Z(4,n)$	4	3	1
	$D(2,3,n)$	5	3	1
	$O(2,3,n)$	6	3	1

$$ZZ(B, x) = \sum_{k=0}^{Cl} \sum_{l=0}^2 a_l \binom{Cl - 2l}{k - 2l} \binom{n + l}{k} (1 + x)^k$$

Most important open problems

- Solve hexagons
- Solve oblate rectangle
- Solve catacondensed structures with a single hexagon removed
- Find complete set of recurrence equations
- Study asymptotics



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Conclusions

- Clar covers: new dimension in chemical graph theory
- Easy and pretty field for new results
- Programs are ready and available
- Wonderful MS projects for your students