Project for Computational Physics Course

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1 Proposal

The proposed problem for this project is given below in brief.

• Specification of the problem

To determine the ground-state correlation energy between two electrons in Helium atom, the following six-dimensional integral is needed to be evaluated,

$$\int d\overrightarrow{r_1} d\overrightarrow{r_2} e^{-2(r_1+r_2)} \frac{1}{|\overrightarrow{r_1} - \overrightarrow{r_2}|}, where \overrightarrow{r_1}, \overrightarrow{r_2}$$
(1)

are position vectors of two electrons of helium atom.

• Numerical techniques to be used

To perform this integration the following methods,

- 1.Gauss-Legendre quadrature
- 2. Monte Carlo integration

will be used.

To learn those Numerical techniques, necessarily the

- 1. Numerical stability
- 2. Error propagation during evaluation
- 3. The CPU time taken

etc. will be checked in both the methods.