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ABSTRACT

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1. INTRODUCTION

In a recent paper¹ (to which we shall refer as I), a proof was given that for a perfect crystal of hydrogen atoms, described within a certain model, the free energy corresponding to localized one-electron functions was less than that corresponding to spatially extended one-electron functions [eq. (I3.25), i.e. eq. (3.25) of I]. These terms were defined in the framework of a new variational approximation in statistical mechanics, the thermal single-determinant approximation,² and under certain specified limitations on the model discussed in detail in I. This result was a central one in that paper,¹ and therefore rigor in the proof was strived for. However, the proof given (Appendix A of I) depended on the assumption (made plausible there) that the summand a_ℓ appearing in the partition function for the extended solutions [eqs. (IA.9), (IA.10)] monotonically increases with ℓ for $\ell \geq 0$. The proof of this monotonicity is presented in this report.

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2. PROOF OF THE MONOTONICITY OF a_ℓ

For completeness we start with the definitions

$$a_\ell = \binom{N}{\frac{1}{2}N + \ell} \left(\cosh \frac{x\ell}{N} \right)^N \quad (2.1)$$

$$g_\ell \equiv \frac{a_{\ell+1}}{a_\ell} \quad (2.2)$$

ℓ is an integer. (N is used here in place of \mathcal{N} appearing in I.)
We shall prove $a_\ell \leq a_{\ell+1}$ for $0 \leq \ell \leq \frac{N}{2} - 1$. Thus putting

$$\frac{\ell}{N} = y \quad (2.3)$$

and

$$\ln g_\ell = h(y) \quad (2.4)$$

we need to show that $h(y) \geq 0$ for $0 \leq y \leq \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{N}$, in steps of $1/N$.
Equation (IA.12) gives

$$h(y) = N \ln \cosh \frac{x}{N} + N \ln (1 + \tanh \frac{x}{N} \tanh xy) + \ln \frac{1 - 2y}{1 + 2y + \frac{1}{N}} \quad (2.5)$$

But $\ln \cosh \frac{x}{N} \geq 0$, and, for $a \geq 0$,

$$\ln (1+a) \geq a - \frac{a^2}{2} \quad (2.6)$$

and

$$\ln(1+a) \leq a \quad (2.7)$$

Thus

$$h(y) \geq N \left(\tanh \frac{x}{N} \tanh xy - \frac{1}{2} \tanh^2 \frac{x}{N} \right) + \ln \frac{1-2y}{1+2y} - \frac{1}{N(1+2y)} \quad (2.8)$$

But

$$\tanh a \leq a, \quad a \geq 0 \quad (2.9)$$

so that (2.8) gives

$$h(y) \geq N \tanh \frac{x}{N} \tanh xy + \ln \frac{1-2y}{1+2y} - \frac{x^2}{2N} - \frac{1}{N(1+2y)} \quad (2.10)$$

Using (IA.27), then

$$h(y) \geq x \tanh xy - \ln \frac{1+2y}{1-2y} - \frac{x^2}{2N} - \frac{x^3}{3N^2} - \frac{1}{N} \quad (2.11)$$

or

$$h(y) \geq \gamma(y) - \varepsilon \equiv h_0(y) \quad (2.12)$$

where

$$\gamma(y) = x \tanh xy - \ln \frac{1+2y}{1-2y} \quad (2.13)$$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{x^2}{2N} + \frac{x^3}{3N^2} + \frac{1}{N} \quad (2.14)$$

The equation $\gamma(y) = 0$ arises in the thermal Hartree-Fock approximation. It is easy to see graphically (see Fig. 1) and one can show analytically that there are at most three roots $y = 0, \pm \tilde{y}$, for $|\tilde{y}| \leq 1/2$; also the condition for the occurrence of three

roots is $x > 2$. So if we could drop ε , then we would know that $h(y) > 0$ for all y in the range 0 to \tilde{y} . Furthermore, \tilde{y} turns out, for x as big as 100, to be extremely close to $1/2$, so close that $N(\frac{1}{2} - \tilde{y}) \ll 1$, so we would then have completed the proof. But we have $\varepsilon \neq 0$. The functions $x \tanh xy$ and $\ln \frac{1+2y}{1-2y}$ are shown qualitatively in Fig. 1, which is drawn for $x^2 > 4$.

Our argument is as follows. We will first show that $h(y) > 0$ for $y = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{N}$, i.e. for $l = \frac{N}{2} - 1$ (note that for $l = N/2$, i.e. $y = 1/2$, $h(\frac{1}{2}) = -\infty$); that is, at the first integral step (in l) towards the left from $y = 1/2$, one has passed the first crossing of $x \tanh xy$ and $\ln \frac{1+2y}{1-2y} + \varepsilon$. It is clear (from the figure) then that $h(y)$ will remain positive as y decreases until $y = y_0$, (small and positive) is reached. We will obtain an upper bound on y_0 of $2/N$. Finally we will show that g_0 and g_1 are > 1 and this will conclude the proof that $a_l \leq a_{l+1}$ for $0 \leq l \leq \frac{N}{2} - 1$.

Putting $y = 1/2 - 1/N$ into (2.11), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 h\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{N}\right) &\geq x \tanh x \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{N}\right) - \ln \frac{1 - \frac{1}{N}}{\frac{1}{N}} - \varepsilon \\
 &= x \frac{\tanh \frac{x}{2} - \tanh \frac{x}{N}}{1 - \tanh \frac{x}{2} \tanh \frac{x}{N}} - \ln N \left(1 - \frac{1}{N}\right) - \varepsilon \\
 &\geq x \left(\tanh \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x}{N}\right) - \ln N - \varepsilon
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.15}$$

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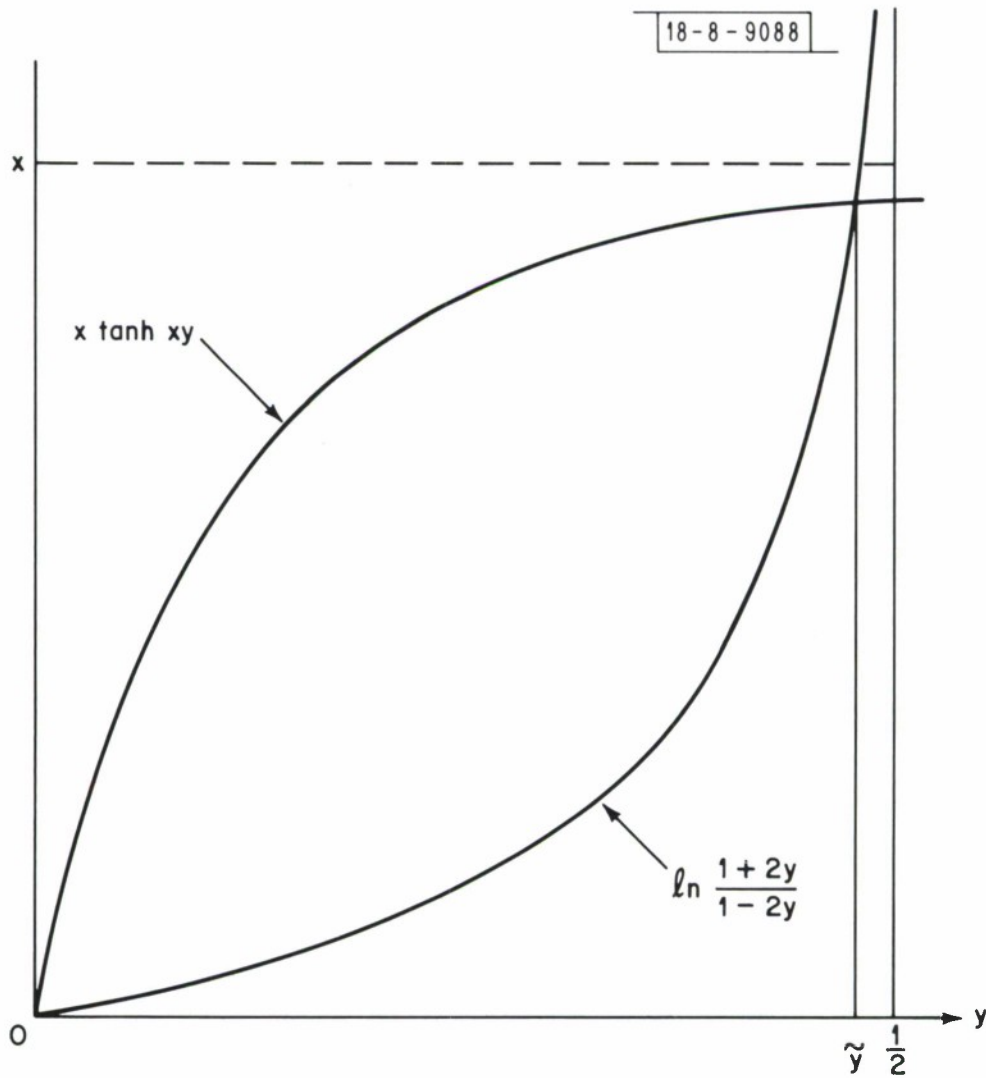


Fig. 1

For the last inequality we used $1 \geq \tanh \frac{x}{2} \tanh \frac{x}{N} \geq 0$,
 $\tanh \frac{x}{N} < \frac{x}{N}$. Clearly then

$$h\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{N}\right) > 0 \text{ for } x > 200 \text{ and } N < e^{199}, \text{ but } x^2/N \ll 1 \quad (2.16)$$

the range discussed below Eq. (IA.17).

We now find an upper bound to the other positive root, y_0 ,
of $h_0(y) = 0$. Put

$$\ln^{1+2y} + \varepsilon \equiv g(y) \quad (2.17)$$

so y_0 satisfies

$$x \tanh xy_0 = g(y_0) \quad (2.18)$$

and is, by definition, the smallest positive root. Now
 $g(0) = \varepsilon > 0$, $\tanh xy = 0$ at $y = 0$, and both $\tanh xy$ and $g(y)$
monotonically increase with y . Hence if we replace $\tanh xy$ by
 $\bar{t}(y) < \tanh xy$ and replace $g(y)$ by $\bar{g}(y) > g(y)$, then

$$x\bar{t}(y_u) = \bar{g}(y_u) \quad (2.19)$$

where

$$y_u > y_0 \quad (2.20)$$

(The latter may be seen very simply by graphical means.)

Using (IA.27), we will choose

$$\bar{t}(y) = xy - \frac{1}{3} x^3 y^3 \quad (2.21)$$

Also

$$-\ln(1-2y) \leq \frac{2y}{1-2y}, \quad y \gg 0 \quad (2.22)$$

Proof: $f(x) \equiv \frac{x}{1-x} + \ln(1-x)$; then $f(0) = 0$

$$f'(x) = \frac{x}{(1-x)^2} > 0 \text{ for } x > 0$$

$$\therefore f(x) \geq 0 \text{ for } x > 0$$

So, using in addition $\ln(1+2y) \leq 2y$, we can choose

$$\bar{g}(y) = 4y \frac{1-y}{1-2y} + \varepsilon \quad (2.23)$$

Thus y_u satisfies $x\bar{t}(y) = \bar{g}(y)$, which can be written

$$(x^2 - 4 + 2\varepsilon)y = (2x^2 - 4)y^2 + \frac{1}{3}x^4y^3 - \frac{2}{3}x^4y^4 + \varepsilon \equiv \bar{h}(y) \quad (2.24)$$

Again: the l.h.s. increases monotonically and is zero at $y = 0$, while $\bar{h}(0) = \varepsilon > 0$, so that increasing the r.h.s., $\bar{h}(y)$, will increase the smallest positive root. Clearly, for $y \leq 1$,

$$\bar{h}(y) \leq (2x^2 - 4)y^2 + \frac{1}{3}x^4y^2 + \varepsilon$$

so that y_u (actually bigger than the y_u satisfying (2.24)) satisfies

$$(2x^2 - 4 + \frac{1}{3}x^4)y^2 - (x^2 - 4 + 2\varepsilon)y + \varepsilon = 0 \quad (2.25)$$

We want the root that $\rightarrow 0$ as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$: So

$$Y_u = \frac{(x^2 - 4 + 2\epsilon)(1 - \sqrt{1 - \Gamma})}{2(2x^2 - 4 + \frac{1}{3}x^4)} \quad (2.26)$$

with

$$\Gamma \equiv \frac{4\epsilon (\frac{1}{3}x^4 + 2x^2 - 4)}{(x^2 - 4 + 2\epsilon)^2} < 1 \text{ for } x \gg 200, \epsilon \sim \frac{x^2}{N} \ll 1 \quad (2.27)$$

Also $\sqrt{1 - \Gamma} > 1 - \Gamma$ for $0 < \Gamma < 1$, and $x^2 - 4 + 2\epsilon > 0$ for our parameter range, so that

$$Y_u < \frac{x^2 - 4 + 2\epsilon}{2(\frac{1}{3}x^4 + 2x^2 - 4)} = \frac{2\epsilon}{x^2} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{4}{x^2} + \frac{2\epsilon}{x^2}} \equiv Y_o^u \quad (2.28)$$

So

$$2 - NY_o^u = \frac{1 - \frac{10}{x^2} + \frac{4\epsilon}{x^2} - \frac{2x}{3N}}{1 - \frac{4}{x^2} + \frac{2\epsilon}{x^2}} > 0 \text{ for the range of interest} \quad (2.29)$$

i.e.

$$NY_o^u < 2 \quad (2.30)$$

which is the desired upper bound on Y_o .

For g_o , we use $\cosh x > 1 + \frac{x^2}{2}$ and $\frac{x}{1+x} < \ln(1+x) < x$ for $x < 1$, and find that

$$g_0 = e^{N \ln \cosh \frac{x}{N} - \ln (1 + \frac{2}{N})} \geq e^{\frac{x^2/2N}{1 + x^2/2N^2} \left[1 - \frac{4}{x^2} \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{2N^2} \right) \right]}$$

(2.31)

so that $g_0 > 1$ for $x \geq 200$ and $x^2/N \ll 1$.

Again

$$\begin{aligned} g_1 &= (\cosh \frac{x}{N})^N (1 + \tanh^2 \frac{x}{N})^N \frac{\frac{N}{2} - 1}{\frac{N}{2} + 2} \\ &> (\cosh \frac{x}{N})^N (1 - \frac{6}{N}) \\ &> e^{\frac{x^2/2N}{1 + x^2/2N^2} - \frac{6/N}{1-6/N}} \\ &= e^{\frac{1}{N} \left[\left(\frac{x^2}{2} - 6 \right) - \frac{3x^2}{N} \left(1 + \frac{1}{N} \right) \right] / \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{2N^2} \right) (1 - \frac{6}{N})} \\ &> 1 \text{ for } x \geq 200, \frac{x^2}{N} \ll 1 \end{aligned}$$

(Actually, to a very good approximation,

$$g_1 \approx e^{\frac{x^2}{2N} + \frac{x^2}{N} - \frac{6}{N}} = e^{\frac{1}{N} \left(\frac{3x^2}{2} - 6 \right)} \quad (> 1 \text{ for } x > 2, \text{ which is the critical value in the THFA.})$$

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