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Abstract

Motivation. Molecular three–center electronic integrals over Slater–type orbitals are required for *ab initio* and density functional theory (DFT) molecular structure calculations. They occur in many millions of terms, even for small molecules and require rapid and accurate evaluation.

Method. In this work, we present a very efficient approach based on properties of Bessel and sine functions and on nonlinear transformations for accurate numerical evaluation of integrals under consideration.

Results. Numerical results are obtained for three–center nuclear and three–center two–electron Coulomb and hybrid integrals over Slater–type orbitals for HCN, C₂H₂, Zn₃, BH₃, and CH₄ molecules. We also performed the same calculations using existing codes to show the accuracy of the new algorithm.

Conclusions. The results obtained in this work illustrate the efficiency of the algorithm based on the \overline{SD} approach, which will lead to a definitive suite of *ab initio* Slater software.

Keywords. Molecular electronic integrals; Slater type orbitals; B functions; nonlinear transformations; convergence accelerators; numerical integration.

Abbreviations and notations

STO, Slater–type orbital

ETO, exponential–type orbital

GTO, Gaussian–type orbital

1 INTRODUCTION

Three–center nuclear attraction, hybrid and three–center two–electron Coulomb integrals contribute to the total energy of the molecule which is required to a precision sufficient for small fractional changes to be evaluated reliably. In practice, the precision threshold for the total energy is of order 10^{-3} atomic units and therefore individual integrals must be accurate to 10^{-8} to 10^{-10} au.

STOs [1,2] are chosen for the expansion of atomic orbitals. These functions have a dominating position among ETOs, due to the fact that their analytical expression is very simple. STOs are better

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suited than GTOs to represent electron wave functions near the nucleus and at long range, provided that multicenter integrals using such functions could be computed efficiently.

STOs can be expressed as finite linear combinations of B functions [3,4,5]. The Fourier transforms of these B functions are exceptionally simple [6,7] and well adapted to the Fourier transform method [8,9], which led to analytical expressions for multicenter electronic integrals over B functions. These analytical expressions involve two–dimensional integral representations, which present severe numerical and computation difficulties. The integrand of the inner semi–infinite integral is a very oscillating function due to the presence of spherical Bessel function.

The molecular integrals under consideration are to be evaluated via a numerical quadrature of integral representations in terms of nonphysical integration variables. These integral representations were derived with the help of the Fourier transformation method.

The semi–infinite integrals can be transformed into infinite series of integrals of alternating sign. These series are slowly convergent and this is why their use is prohibitively long for sufficient accuracy. The epsilon algorithm of Wynn or Levin's u transform, accelerate the convergence of infinite series but in the case of the semi–infinite integrals involved in the analytical expressions of molecular integrals, the calculation times for a sufficient accuracy still long. Therefore new numerical integration techniques are required.

Recently, we developed an efficient and rapid algorithm based on the $S\bar{D}$ approach [10,11]. It is shown that the $S\bar{D}$ approach is much more efficient and rapid compared with the alternative cited above. The application of the nonlinear \bar{D} transformation of Sidi [12,13] is greatly simplified with the introduction of the $S\bar{D}$ approach. Recurrence relations were developed to control the degree of the accuracy and for a better stability of the algorithm [14,15].

In the present work, we performed calculation for HCN, C₂H₂, Zn₃, BH₃, and CH₄ molecules, to show that the progress represented by the $S\bar{D}$ approach is another useful step in developing software for evaluating molecular integrals over STOs.

2 Definitions and Properties

Slater–type orbital (STOs) are given by [1,2]:

$$\chi_{n,l}^m(\xi,r) = \sqrt{\frac{(2\xi)^{2n+1}}{(2n)!}} r^{n-1} e^{-\xi r} Y_l^m(\theta_r, \varphi_r) \quad (1)$$

where $Y_l^m(\theta_r, \varphi_r)$ stands for the spherical harmonic.

The B function is defined as follows [4,5]:

$$B_{n,l}^m(\xi,r) = \frac{(\xi r)^l}{2^{n+l}(n+l)!} \hat{k}_{n-\frac{1}{2}}(\xi r) Y_l^m(\theta_r, \varphi_r) \quad (2)$$

where $\hat{k}_{n-\frac{1}{2}}(\xi r)$ stands for the reduced Bessel function.

The three-center nuclear attraction integral over STOs is defined by :

$$I_a = \left\langle \chi_{n_1,l_1}^{m_1}(\xi_1,r) \left| \frac{1}{|r-R_1|} \right| \chi_{n_2,l_2}^{m_2}(\xi_2,r-R_2) \right\rangle \quad (3)$$

The three-center two-electron Coulomb integral over STOs is defined by :

$$I_r = \left\langle \chi_{m_1,l_1}^{m_1}(\xi_1,r-R_1) \chi_{m_3,l_3}^{m_3}(\xi_3,r-R_3) \left| \frac{1}{|r-R_2|} \right| \chi_{m_2,l_2}^{m_2}(\xi_2,r-R_1) \chi_{m_4,l_4}^{m_4}(\xi_4,r-R_4) \right\rangle \quad (4)$$

The hybrid integral over STOs is defined by :

$$I_h = \left\langle \chi_{m_1,l_1}^{m_1}(\xi_1,r-R_1) \chi_{m_3,l_3}^{m_3}(\xi_3,r-R_1) \left| \frac{1}{|r-R_2|} \right| \chi_{m_2,l_2}^{m_2}(\xi_2,r-R_1) \chi_{m_4,l_4}^{m_4}(\xi_4,r-R_4) \right\rangle \quad (5)$$

3 Analytical and Numerical Evaluations of Molecular Integrals

STOs can be expressed as finite linear combination in terms of B functions. From this, it follows that the molecular integrals over STOs can be expressed as finite linear combinations of integrals over B functions.

The Fourier transformation method allowed the development of analytic expressions for molecular multicenter integrals over B functions [8,9]. The obtained analytic expressions turned out to be extremely difficult to evaluate because of the presence of two-dimensional integral representations. These integral representations are the principal source of severe numerical and computation difficulties in the evaluation of molecular integrals. The inner semi-infinite integrals, which are highly oscillatory because of the presence of spherical Bessel functions, are of the form :

$$\int_0^\infty h(x) \frac{\hat{k}(R \gamma(s,x))}{\gamma(s,x)^{n_r}} j_\lambda(vx) dx \quad (6)$$

where $h(x)$ is a non-oscillating function.

Recently, we developed a very efficient, rapid and simple algorithm for the numerical evaluation of the above semi-infinite integrals [14,15]. This algorithm is based on the \overline{SD} approach [10,11], which consists on transforming the semi-infinite integrals involving spherical Bessel functions into

semi-infinite integrals involving the simple sine function as follows:

$$\frac{1}{v^{\lambda+1}} \int_0^{\infty} \left(\frac{d}{x dx} \right)^{\lambda} \left[x^{\lambda-1} h(x) \frac{\hat{k}(R \gamma(s, x))}{\gamma(s, x)^{n\gamma}} \right] \sin(vx) dx \quad (7)$$

The strong oscillations of the integrands are thus reduced. Once the semi-infinite integral involving the spherical Bessel function is transformed into a semi-infinite integral involving the sine function, we apply the nonlinear \bar{D} transformation of Sidi [12,13] using Cramer's rule as suggested in [12].

The approximation of the semi-infinite integral (7) is given by:

$$S\bar{D}_n^{(2,j)} = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^{n+1} C_{n+1}^i (1+i+j)^n F(x_{i+j}) / [x_{i+j}^2 G(x_{i+j})]}{\sum_{i=0}^{n+1} C_{n+1}^i (1+i+j)^n / [x_{i+j}^2 G(x_{i+j})]} \quad (8)$$

where the functions F(x) and G(x) are given by :

$$F(t) = \int_0^t \left(\frac{d}{x dx} \right)^{\lambda} \left[x^{\lambda-1} h(x) \frac{\hat{k}(R \gamma(s, x))}{\gamma(s, x)^{n\gamma}} \right] \sin(vx) dx \quad (9)$$

and

$$G(x) = \left(\frac{d}{x dx} \right)^{\lambda} \left[x^{\lambda-1} h(x) \frac{\hat{k}(R \gamma(s, x))}{\gamma(s, x)^{n\gamma}} \right] \quad (10)$$

For the computation of Eq. (8), we developed recurrence relations for both the numerator and the denominator [14]. This result led to a better control of the degree of accuracy and to a better stability of the algorithm [14,15].

Table 1. Exponents of STOs for a series of orbitals

Orbitals	Zn	S	B	C	N	F	H
1s	28.979194	15.396775	4.649767	5.636105	6.621925	8.593356	1.00000
2s	9.212368	4.468108	1.076139	1.346562	1.612481	2.154463	
2p	13.015418	5.987867	1.226030	1.581274	1.929475	2.561510	
3s	4.615722	1.723750					
3p	4.754359	1.684294					
3d	4.660219	1.584294					
4s	0.966290						

Table 2. The Geometry used for the molecular calculations

Molecules	Geometry	Cartesian Coordinates
HCN	Linear	H(0.0, 0.0, -a)
	H-C = a = 2.000 a.u.	C(0.0, 0.0, 0.0)
	C-N = b = 2.187 a.u.	N(0.0, 0.0, b)
C ₂ H ₂	Linear	H ¹ (0.0, 0.0, -a-b/2)
	H-C = a = 2.002 a.u.	C ¹ (0.0, 0.0, -b/2)
	C-C = b = 2.281 a.u.	C ² (0.0, 0.0, b/2)
		H ² (0.0, 0.0, a+b/2)
Zn ₃	Equilateral Triangle, Planar	Zn ¹ (b, 0.0, 0.0)
	Zn-Zn = a = 5.03593 a.u.	Zn ² (-b/2, a/2, 0.0)
	b = 2.90749 a.u.	Zn ³ (-b/2, -a/2, 0.0)
BH ₃	Equilateral Triangle, Planar	B (0.0, 0.0, 0.0)
	B-H = a = 2.250 a.u.	H ¹ (0.0, 0.0, a)
	b = 3.897 a.u.	H ² (b/2, 0.0, -a/2)
		H ³ (-b/2, 0.0, -a/2)
CH ₄	Regular Tetrahedron	C (0.0, 0.0, 0.0)
	C-H = a = 2.0665 a.u.	H ¹ (b, b, b)
	b = 1.1931 a.u.	H ² (b,-b, -b)
		H ³ (-b,b, -b)
		H ⁴ (-b,-b, b)

4 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

For the computation of the function G(x), we used useful properties of the reduced Bessel function which are given by :

$$\hat{k}_{n+\frac{1}{2}}(x) = (2n-1)\hat{k}_{n-\frac{1}{2}}(x) + x^2\hat{k}_{(n-1)-\frac{1}{2}}(x) \quad (11)$$

and

$$\left(\frac{d}{xdx}\right)^n \left[\frac{\hat{k}_{n+\frac{1}{2}}(x)}{x^{2n+1}} \right] = (-1)^m \left[\frac{\hat{k}_{n+m+\frac{1}{2}}(x)}{x^{2(n+m)+1}} \right] \quad (12)$$

For the computation of the function F(x), we transform the finite integral as follows :

$$F(x_i) = \sum_{l=0}^{i-1} \int_{x^l}^{x^{l+1}} \left(\frac{d}{xdx}\right)^l \left[x^{\lambda-1} h(x) \frac{\hat{k}(R\gamma(s,x))}{\gamma(s,x)^{n\gamma}} \right] \sin(vx) dx \quad (13)$$

For the numerical evaluation of each term of the finite sum in the right hand side of equation (13), we used the following procedure :

When $v \geq 1$, we used Gauss–Legendre quadrature of order 20.

Table 3. Values obtained for the three–center nuclear attraction integrals over STOs

Molecules	Integrals	Values
HCN	$\langle 1s^N 1/R_{NH} 1s^C \rangle$	0.381875917(–4)
	$\langle 2s^N 1/R_{NH} 1s^C \rangle$	0.343932422(–1)
	$\langle 2p_z^N 1/R_{NH} 1s^C \rangle$	–0.460301915(–1)
	$\langle 2p_z^N 1/R_{NH} 2p_z^C \rangle$	–0.846763083(–1)
	$\langle 2p_{+1}^N 1/R_{NH} 2p_{+1}^C \rangle$	0.908692109(–1)
C ₂ H ₂	$\langle 1s^{C1} 1/R_{C1H1} 1s^{C2} \rangle$	0.588771147(–4)
	$\langle 1s^{C1} 1/R_{C1H1} 2s^{C2} \rangle$	0.360164917(–1)
	$\langle 2s^{C1} 1/R_{C1H1} 2s^{C2} \rangle$	0.197610020(0)
	$\langle 2p_z^{C1} 1/R_{C1H1} 2s^{C2} \rangle$	0.883417584(–1)
	$\langle 2p_z^{C1} 1/R_{C1H1} 2p_z^{C2} \rangle$	–0.663963358(–1)
	$\langle 2p_{+1}^{C1} 1/R_{C1H1} 2p_{+1}^{C2} \rangle$	0.104661604(0)
Zn ₃	$\langle 3s^{Zn1} 1/R_{Zn1Zn3} 3s^{Zn2} \rangle$	0.256568979(–5)
	$\langle 3p_z^{Zn1} 1/R_{Zn1Zn3} 3p_z^{Zn2} \rangle$	0.208995809(–6)
	$\langle 3d_z^{Zn1} 1/R_{Zn1Zn3} 3d_z^{Zn2} \rangle$	0.182968766(–5)
BH ₃	$\langle 1s^B 1/R_{BH2} 1s^{H1} \rangle$	0.360887086(–1)
	$\langle 2s^B 1/R_{BH2} 1s^{H1} \rangle$	0.188340741(0)
	$\langle 2p_z^B 1/R_{BH2} 1s^{H1} \rangle$	0.135277743(0)
CH ₄	$\langle 1s^C 1/R_{CH2} 1s^{H1} \rangle$	0.358308926(–1)
	$\langle 2s^C 1/R_{CH2} 1s^{H1} \rangle$	0.226630147(0)
	$\langle 2p_z^C 1/R_{CH2} 1s^{H1} \rangle$	0.583812120(–1)

When $10^{-15} \leq \nu < 1$, we divided the finite interval $[x_i, x_{i+1}]$ into M subintervals, where $M = \min(\nu^{-2}, N)$. The finite integral, which occur in the right hand side of equation (13), can be re–written as :

$$\sum_{k=1}^M \int_{\tilde{x}_{k-1}}^{\tilde{x}_k} \left(\frac{d}{x dx} \right)^\lambda \left[x^{\lambda-1} h(x) \frac{\hat{k}(R \gamma(s, x))}{\gamma(s, x)^{n\gamma}} \right] \sin(\nu x) dx \quad (14)$$

For the evaluation of each finite integral involving in the above finite sum, we used Gauss–Legendre quadrature of order 20.

The value of M was determined after a series of numerical tests on different values of ν . In the case of three–center nuclear attraction integrals $N = 100$, and in the case of hybrid and three–center two–electron Coulomb integrals $N = 200$.

Table 1 contains values of screening parameters that occur in the analytic expression of STOs. Table 2 contains the geometry used for the calculations that we performed in the present work. Table 3 contains values obtained for three–center nuclear attraction integrals over STOs. Table 4 contains values obtained for hybrid integrals over STOs. Table 5 contains values obtained for two–electron three–center Coulomb integrals over STOs. In Tables 4 and 5, ValuesSTOnG are obtained using ADGGSTNGINT code developed by Rico *et al.* [17].

Table 4. Values obtained for the hybrid integrals over STOs

Molecules	Integrales	Values	Values STOnG
HCN	$\langle 1s^N 1s^N 1s^N 1s^C \rangle$	0.189680244(-3)	0.189611087(-3)
	$\langle 2s^N 2s^N 1s^N 1s^C \rangle$	0.887205039(-4)	0.887224163(-4)
	$\langle 2p_z^N 2p_z^N 1s^N 1s^C \rangle$	0.111238306(-3)	0.110883723(-3)
	$\langle 2p_{+1}^N 2p_{+1}^N 1s^N 1s^C \rangle$	0.953438610(-4)	0.955261424(-4)
	$\langle 2p_z^N 2p_z^N 1s^N 2p_z^C \rangle$	0.924888121(-1)	0.924884562(-1)
	$\langle 2p_{+1}^N 2p_{+1}^N 1s^N 2p_z^C \rangle$	0.918988732(-1)	0.918985099(-1)
C ₂ H ₂	$\langle 1s^{H1} 1s^{H1} 1s^{H1} 1s^{C1} \rangle$	0.394551433(-1)	0.394551427(-1)
	$\langle 1s^{H1} 1s^{H1} 1s^{H1} 2s^{C1} \rangle$	0.336441046(0)	0.336441060(0)
	$\langle 1s^{H1} 1s^{H1} 1s^{H1} 2p_z^{C1} \rangle$	-0.331044695(0)	-0.331044702(0)
	$\langle 1s^{C1} 1s^{C1} 1s^{C1} 1s^{C2} \rangle$	0.191531264(-3)	0.191349811(-3)
	$\langle 1s^{C1} 1s^{C1} 1s^{C1} 2p_z^{C2} \rangle$	-0.263608734(0)	-0.263607524(0)
	$\langle 2p_z^{C1} 1s^{C1} 1s^{C1} 2p_z^{C2} \rangle$	-0.248837120(-2)	-0.248839248(-2)
	$\langle 2p_z^{C1} 2p_z^{C1} 1s^{C1} 2p_z^{C2} \rangle$	-0.869945452(-1)	-0.869943801(-1)
	$\langle 2p_z^{C1} 2p_z^{C1} 2p_z^{C1} 2p_z^{C2} \rangle$	-0.199708012(0)	-0.199708010(0)
Zn ₃	$\langle 4s^{Zn1} 4s^{Zn1} 4s^{Zn1} 4s^{Zn2} \rangle$	0.118817489(0)	0.118817489(0)
	$\langle 4s^{Zn1} 4s^{Zn1} 4s^{Zn1} 4s^{Zn2} \rangle$	-0.327900521(-3)	-0.327844315(-3)
	$\langle 3p_z^{Zn1} 3d_z^{Zn1} 3p_z^{Zn1} 3d_z^{Zn2} \rangle$	-0.113150435(-6)	-0.105624731(-6)
BH ₃	$\langle 1s^B 1s^B 1s^B 1s^{H1} \rangle$	0.159929779(0)	0.159928754(0)
	$\langle 2s^B 2s^B 2s^B 1s^{H1} \rangle$	0.233221831(0)	0.233221808(0)
	$\langle 2p_z^B 2p_z^B 2p_z^B 1s^{H1} \rangle$	0.240407770(0)	0.240407770(0)
CH ₄	$\langle 1s^C 1s^{H1} 1s^{H1} 1s^{H1} \rangle$	0.361522242(-1)	0.361522237(-1)
	$\langle 2s^C 1s^{H1} 1s^{H1} 1s^{H1} \rangle$	0.325746729(0)	0.325746742(0)
	$\langle 2p_z^C 1s^{H1} 1s^{H1} 1s^{H1} \rangle$	0.186412471(0)	0.186412475(0)

Table 5. Values obtained for the two–electron three–center Coulomb integrals over STOs

Molecules	Integrals	Values	Values STOnG
HCN	$\langle 1s^N 1s^N 1s^C 1s^H \rangle$	0.350683920(-1)	0.350683917(-1)
	$\langle 2s^N 2s^N 1s^C 1s^H \rangle$	0.340387248(-1)	0.340387246(-1)
	$\langle 2p_z^N 2p_z^N 1s^C 1s^H \rangle$	0.391235521(-1)	0.391235519(-1)
	$\langle 2p_{+1}^N 2p_{+1}^N 1s^C 1s^H \rangle$	0.323982101(-1)	0.323982100(-1)
	$\langle 2p_z^N 2p_z^N 2p_z^C 1s^H \rangle$	-0.108226943(0)	-0.108226943(0)
	$\langle 2p_z^N 2p_{+1}^N 2p_{+1}^C 1s^H \rangle$	-0.590789136(-2)	-0.590789136(-2)
	$\langle 2p_{+1}^N 2p_{+1}^N 2p_z^C 1s^H \rangle$	-0.100877778(0)	-0.100877777(0)
C ₂ H ₂	$\langle 1s^{H1} 1s^{H1} 1s^{C1} 1s^{C2} \rangle$	0.580191754(-4)	0.580191863(-4)
	$\langle 1s^{H1} 1s^{H1} 1s^{C1} 2s^{C2} \rangle$	0.340731246(-1)	0.340731242(-1)
	$\langle 1s^{H1} 1s^{H1} 2s^{C1} 2s^{C2} \rangle$	0.189880723(0)	0.189880723(0)
	$\langle 1s^{H1} 1s^{H1} 2p_z^{C1} 2s^{C2} \rangle$	0.965493985(-1)	0.965493984(-1)
	$\langle 1s^{H1} 1s^{H1} 2p_z^{C1} 2p_z^{C2} \rangle$	-0.747697058(-1)	-0.747697057(-1)
	$\langle 1s^{H1} 1s^{H1} 2p_{+1}^{C1} 2p_{+1}^{C2} \rangle$	0.103010386(0)	0.103010385(0)
	$\langle 3s^{Zn1} 3s^{Zn1} 3s^{Zn2} 3s^{Zn3} \rangle$	0.256043336(-5)	0.254437595(-5)
Zn ₃	$\langle 3p_z^{Zn1} 3p_z^{Zn1} 3p_z^{Zn2} 3p_z^{Zn3} \rangle$	0.207524636(-6)	0.206357464(-6)
	$\langle 3d_z^{Zn1} 3d_z^{Zn1} 3d_z^{Zn2} 3d_z^{Zn3} \rangle$	0.184579771(-5)	0.183796183(-5)
	$\langle 1s^B 1s^B 1s^{H1} 1s^{H2} \rangle$	0.107790849(0)	0.107790849(0)
BH ₃	$\langle 2s^B 2s^B 1s^{H1} 1s^{H2} \rangle$	0.784265327(-1)	0.784265327(-1)
	$\langle 2p_z^B 2p_z^B 1s^{H1} 1s^{H2} \rangle$	0.839837472(-1)	0.839837472(-1)
	CH ₄	$\langle 1s^C 1s^C 1s^{H1} 1s^{H2} \rangle$	0.153132818(0)
$\langle 2s^C 2s^C 1s^{H1} 1s^{H2} \rangle$		0.121381978(0)	0.121381978(0)
$\langle 2p_z^C 2p_z^C 1s^{H1} 1s^{H2} \rangle$		0.126914672(0)	0.126914672(0)

The numerical results listed in Tables 3–5 are obtained with HCN, C₂H₂, Zn₃, BH₃, and CH₄ molecules. The molecular integrals over STOs are expressed as finite linear combinations of integrals over the so–called B functions. These integrals over B functions are transformed into analytical expressions in terms of the semi–infinite integrals given by Eq. (6) [8,9]. The \overline{SD} approach was used for the numerical evaluation of these semi–infinite integrals. Note that this approach was demonstrated to be more accurate and more rapid compared with alternatives using the \overline{D} transformation [13], Levin’s u transform [18] or the epsilon algorithm of Wynn [19].

For the computation of $\overline{SD}_n^{(2,j)}$, we used the recurrence relations developed in [14], which allowed a better control of the degree of accuracy, that we set to 10 correct decimals in the present work. For the numerical evaluation of Gaunt coefficients which occur in the analytic expressions of the molecular integrals, we used the subroutine GAUNT.F developed by Weniger [16]. The spherical harmonics $Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)$ are computed using the recurrence formulae presented in [16].

The numerical results obtained in the present work are in complete agreement with those obtained using ADGGSTNGINT code developed by Rico *et al.* [17] (more than 7 similar decimals in Table 4 and more than 9 similar decimals in Table 5). Numerical results obtained for three–center nuclear attraction integrals over B functions [14] are in complete agreement with those obtained by Grotendorst *et al.* [9]. A comparison with values obtained using the Alchemy package [20] for three–center nuclear attraction integrals over STOs showed that in most cases we obtained 10 similar decimals [14].

The abbreviations 2p_z, 2p₊₁, 3p_z and 3d_z refer to orbitals defined with the quantum numbers: $n = 2, l = 1, m = 0$, $n = 2, l = 1, m = 1$, $n = 3, l = 1, m = 0$ and $n = 3, l = 2, m = 0$ respectively. Numbers in parentheses represent powers of 10. All the calculations were performed on a PC–Workstation with an Intel Xeon Processor with 2.4GHz.

4 CONCLUSIONS

Three–center nuclear attraction, hybrid and three–center two–electron Coulomb integrals over STOs are expressed as finite linear combination of integrals over the so–called B functions. With the help of the Fourier transform method, one can express the molecular integrals under consideration in terms of semi–infinite integrals. These semi–infinite integrals turned out to be highly oscillatory and difficult to evaluate to a high pre–determined accuracy.

It was shown that these semi–infinite integrals are suitable to apply the \overline{SD} approach. The spherical Bessel function is replaced by the simple sine function, and this helped the extrapolation process.

A very simple algorithm is now developed and it is now shown to be very efficient. Great simplifications are obtained with the help of the recurrence relations satisfied by the terms that occur in the expression of the approximations $\overline{SD}_n^{(2,j)}$. The numerical and computational study showed that the use of \overline{SD} , combined with quadrature rules can also give accurate results in certain regions corresponding to the case where the value of ν is very small.

Numerical results are obtained for HCN, C₂H₂, Zn₃, BH₃, and CH₄ molecules. All are precise. These results confirm that this \overline{SD} approach, represents another most significant advance on the road to routine precise and rapid evaluation of these molecular electronic integrals.

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