

PROBLEMS (II)

- ① TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE FOLLOWING EQUATIONS (POSTULATES):

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{S}_x \alpha &= \frac{1}{2} \hbar \beta & \hat{S}_y \alpha &= \frac{i}{2} \hbar \beta & S_z \alpha &= \frac{1}{2} \hbar \alpha \\ \hat{S}_x \beta &= \frac{1}{2} \hbar \alpha & \hat{S}_y \beta &= -\frac{i}{2} \hbar \alpha & S_z \beta &= -\frac{1}{2} \hbar \beta\end{aligned}$$

SHOW THAT AN EXPERIMENTAL FACT

$$|\mathbf{S}|^2 = s(s+1)\hbar^2 = \frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}+1)\hbar^2$$

IS REPRODUCED WITHIN THE FORMALISM OF QUANTUM MECHANICS

- ② IN THE CASE OF TWO ELECTRON SYSTEM IDENTIFY THE SPIN FUNCTIONS $\chi_1, \chi_2, \chi_3, \chi_4$ (SEE TRANSP. I 18) AS EIGENFUNCTIONS OF \hat{S}^2 AND \hat{S}_z

- ③ CONSTRUCT FUNCTIONS THAT ARE **OF GOOD SYMMETRY** (AND NORMALIZED) IN THE CASE OF THE EXCITED CONFIGURATION OF He ATOM

$$1s^1 2s^1$$

- ④ IN THE CASE OF EXCITED CONFIG. $1s^1 2s^1$ OF He ATOM SHOW THAT REQUIRED ANTISYMMETRY OF THE FUNCTIONS LEADS TO AN EXPERIMENTAL FACT THAT **TRIPLET IS OF LOWER ENERGY THAN SINGLET** (ASSUME THAT THE **EXCHANGE TERM IS POSITIVE**); WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THE FUNCTIONS WOULD BE SYMMETRIC?

HAMILTONIAN FOR He ATOM:

$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^2 \nabla_i^2 - \sum_{i=1}^2 \frac{e^2}{r_i} + \frac{e^2}{r_{12}}$$

- ⑤ **L-S COUPLING**. FIND TOTAL S, L, J AND CONSTRUCT THE SPECTROSCOPIC TERMS FOR CONFIGURATION

$$1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3d^3$$