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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Off-diagonal hydrogenic and generalized Kepler $r^k e^{-qr \frac{\sin}{\cos}(pr)}$ integrals in closed form

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Abstract. Closed-form expressions of the off-diagonal $\langle n'l\gamma|r^k e^{-qr \frac{\sin}{\cos}(pr)}|n'l'\gamma'\rangle$ matrix elements ($n \neq n', l \neq l', \gamma \neq \gamma'$) between generalized Kepler $R_{n+\gamma}^{l+\gamma}(\mu r)$ functions have been obtained from ladder operator considerations. As a particular case ($\gamma = \gamma' = 0$), these integrals reduce to the off-diagonal $r^k e^{-qr \frac{\sin}{\cos}(pr)}$ hydrogenic integrals.

It is known (Infeld and Hull 1951) that the generalized Kepler functions $R_{n+\gamma}^{l+\gamma}(\mu r)$, where γ is any constant, are solutions of a factorizable equation. For $\gamma = 0$, they reduce to the usual hydrogenic functions $R_n^l(Zr/n)$. As a consequence of the factorizability, one can apply the 'multi-step' or 'accelerated' operator procedure (Hadinger *et al* 1974) to obtain a closed-form expression of any matrix element in terms of one unique integral which, in most cases of interest in physics, is easily found.

Recently Kumei (1974), using a group theoretic argument, has paid special attention to the hydrogenic $r^k e^{-qr \frac{\sin}{\cos}(pr)}$ integrals and closed-form expressions of the diagonal integrals have been obtained for special cases. As it has been shown elsewhere (Hadinger *et al* 1974), the use of the Infeld–Hull 'artificial' factorization enables one to deal with the current matrix element without having to discriminate between diagonal and off-diagonal cases. In this paper, closed-form expressions for the off-diagonal $r^k e^{-qr \frac{\sin}{\cos}(pr)}$ Kepler integrals are derived.

The Kepler functions are solutions of the (type F) factorizable equation

$$\left(\frac{d^2}{dr^2} - \frac{(l+\gamma)(l+\gamma+1)}{r^2} + \frac{2a}{r} - \frac{a^2}{(n+\gamma)^2} \right) R_{n+\gamma}^{l+\gamma} = 0$$

where a is a parameter. The associated ladder operators and factorization function are

$$H_{l+\gamma}^{\pm} = \frac{l+\gamma}{r} - \frac{a}{l+\gamma} \mp \frac{d}{dr} \tag{1}$$

$$L(l+\gamma) = -a^2/(l+\gamma)^2$$

with the quantification condition (class I)

$$n-l-1 = v = \text{integer} \geq 0.$$

Consequently, the generalized Kepler functions are solutions of the following pair of differential-difference equations:

$$\left(\frac{l+\gamma+1}{r} - \frac{a}{l+\gamma+1} - \frac{d}{dr} \right) R_{n+\gamma}^{l+\gamma} = N_{l+\gamma+1} R_{n+\gamma}^{l+\gamma+1}$$

$$\left(\frac{l+\gamma}{r} - \frac{a}{l+\gamma} + \frac{d}{dr} \right) R_{n+\gamma}^{l+\gamma} = N_{l+\gamma} R_{n+\gamma}^{l+\gamma-1}$$

with

$$N_{l+\gamma} = [a^2(n-l)(n+2\gamma+l)]^{1/2}/(n+\gamma)(l+\gamma).$$

In the same way as for the hydrogenic functions, starting from the one-step ladders (1), one can build up a 'v-step' or 'accelerated ladder' operator, involving the artificial parameter $\mu = a/(n+\gamma)$. This operator, when applied to the key function ($v = 0$) generates any Kepler function, and consequently, any matrix element of an operator Q can be expressed in terms of a 'key' parametric integral (see Hadinger *et al* 1974, table 1 for type F)

$$\mathcal{I}_{lr} = \int_0^\infty r^{l+\gamma+\gamma'+l'+2+t+t'} e^{-(\mu+\mu')r} Q \, dr.$$

Hence, for $Q = r^k e^{-qr} \frac{\sin(pr)}{\cos(pr)}$, one can write

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle nl\gamma | r^k e^{-qr} \frac{\sin(pr)}{\cos(pr)} | n'l'\gamma' \rangle \\ &= CC' \sum_{t=0}^v \binom{v}{t} \frac{(-2\mu)^t}{\Gamma(2l+2\gamma+2+t)} \sum_{t'=0}^{v'} \binom{v'}{t'} \frac{(-2\mu')^{t'}}{\Gamma(2l'+2\gamma'+t'+1)} \\ & \quad \times \int_0^\infty r^{K+t+t'-1} e^{-(\mu+q+\mu')r} \frac{\sin(pr)}{\cos(pr)} \, dr \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where

$$K = l+\gamma+l'+\gamma'+k+3$$

$$C = (-1)^{l'+1} (2\mu)^{l+\gamma+\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{\Gamma(n+l+2\gamma+1)}{v!2(n+\gamma)} \right)^{1/2}. \quad (3)$$

The integral in (2) can be found in Gradshteyn and Ryzhik (1965). Finally, one gets the following expression:

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle nl\gamma | r^k e^{-qr} \frac{\sin(pr)}{\cos(pr)} | n'l'\gamma' \rangle \\ &= CC' \sum_{t=0}^{n-l-1} \binom{n-l-1}{t} \frac{1}{\Gamma(2l+2\gamma+2+t)} \left(\frac{-2\mu}{\mu+q+\mu'} \right)^t \\ & \quad \times \sum_{t'=0}^{n'-l'-1} \binom{n'-l'-1}{t'} \frac{(-2\mu')^{t'}}{\Gamma(2l'+2\gamma'+2+t')} \frac{\Gamma(K+t+t')}{[(\mu+q+\mu')^2+p^2]^{(K+t+t')/2}} \\ & \quad \times \frac{\sin}{\cos} \left[(K+t+t') \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{p}{\mu+q+\mu'} \right) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

This result is valid for complex q and p if $\text{Re}(\mu + q + \mu') > |\text{Im } p|$. The associated conditions for k are:

$$l + \gamma + l' + \gamma' + 1 > \begin{cases} -k - 3 & \text{for the } r^k e^{-qr} \sin(pr) \text{ integral} \\ -k - 2 & \text{for the } r^k e^{-qr} \cos(pr) \text{ integral.} \end{cases}$$

C and K are given by (3).

Of course, when setting $\gamma = 0$, $\mu = Z/n$, one readily obtains the $\langle n || r^k e^{-qr} \frac{\sin(pr)}{\cos(pr)} || n' l' \rangle$ off-diagonal hydrogenic integral.

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