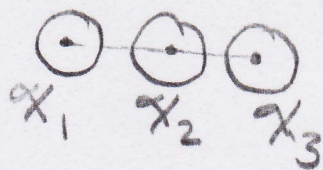


# Answers - Chapter 1

1a) secular equations:



recall  $S_{pp} = 1$   
 $S_{pv} = S_{vp}$   
 $H_{pv} = H_{vp}$

$$(H_{11} - e_i) c_{1i} + (H_{12} - e_i S_{12}) c_{2i} + (H_{13} - e_i S_{13}) c_{3i} = 0$$

$$(H_{12} - e_i S_{12}) c_{1i} + (H_{22} - e_i) c_{2i} + (H_{23} - e_i S_{23}) c_{3i} = 0$$

$$(H_{13} - e_i S_{13}) c_{1i} + (H_{23} - e_i S_{23}) c_{2i} + (H_{33} - e_i) c_{3i} = 0$$

since these are all hydrogen atoms  $H_{11} = H_{22} = H_{33}$  therefore,

$$(H_{11} - e_i) c_{1i} + (H_{12} - e_i S_{12}) c_{2i} + (H_{13} - e_i S_{13}) c_{3i} = 0$$

$$(H_{12} - e_i S_{12}) c_{1i} + (H_{11} - e_i) c_{2i} + (H_{23} - e_i S_{23}) c_{3i} = 0$$

$$(H_{13} - e_i S_{13}) c_{1i} + (H_{23} - e_i S_{23}) c_{2i} + (H_{11} - e_i) c_{3i} = 0$$

secular determinant:

$$\begin{vmatrix} H_{11} - e_i & H_{12} - e_i S_{12} & H_{13} - e_i S_{13} \\ H_{12} - e_i S_{12} & H_{11} - e_i & H_{23} - e_i S_{23} \\ H_{13} - e_i S_{13} & H_{23} - e_i S_{23} & H_{11} - e_i \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

b) if  $r_{12} = r_{23}$  then  $H_{12} = H_{23}$  and  $S_{12} = S_{23}$

and the secular determinant from a) becomes:

$$\begin{vmatrix} H_{11} - e_i & H_{12} - e_i S_{12} & H_{13} - e_i S_{13} \\ H_{12} - e_i S_{12} & H_{11} - e_i & H_{12} - e_i S_{12} \\ H_{13} - e_i S_{13} & H_{12} - e_i S_{12} & H_{11} - e_i \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

c) If  $r_{13}$  is very long then  $S_{13} \rightarrow 0$  and  $H_{13} \rightarrow 0$ , therefore:

$$\begin{vmatrix} H_{11} - e_i & H_{12} - e_i S_{12} & 0 \\ H_{12} - e_i S_{12} & H_{11} - e_i & H_{12} - e_i S_{12} \\ 0 & H_{12} - e_i S_{12} & H_{11} - e_i \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

note: the form of this secular determinant can now be easily solved since it contains two  $2 \times 2$  determinants.

d)  $e_1 = -33.657 \text{ eV}$

$e_2 = -13.600 \text{ eV} \leftarrow$  rigorously nonbonding!

$e_3 = 6.457 \text{ eV}$

$\psi_1: c_{11} = c_{31} = 0.500 \quad c_{21} = 0.707$

$\psi_2: c_{12} = 0.707, c_{32} = -0.707, c_{22} = 0.000$

$\psi_3: c_{13} = c_{33} = -0.500 \quad c_{23} = 0.707$

The parameters,  $H_{12}$  and  $S_{12}$  come from using an STO for H and the Wolfsberg-Helmholtz approximation — Eq (1.19). The solution here is equivalent to doing

a Hückel calculation (discussed in Section 12.2).

Notice that the bonding MO,  $\psi_1$ , is stabilized as much as the antibonding MO,  $\psi_3$ , is destabilized using this approximation.

e). since  $r_{12} = r_{23} = r_{13}$  then  $H_{12} = H_{23} = H_{13} \neq S_{12} = S_{23} = S_{13}$   
 secular equations:

$$(H_{11} - e_i)C_{1i} + (H_{12} - e_i S_{12})C_{2i} + (H_{12} - e_i S_{12})C_{3i} = 0$$

$$(H_{12} - e_i S_{12})C_{1i} + (H_{11} - e_i)C_{2i} + (H_{12} - e_i S_{12})C_{3i} = 0$$

$$(H_{12} - e_i S_{12})C_{1i} + (H_{12} - e_i S_{12})C_{2i} + (H_{11} - e_i)C_{3i} = 0$$

secular determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} H_{11} - e_i & H_{12} - e_i S_{12} & H_{12} - e_i S_{12} \\ H_{12} - e_i S_{12} & H_{11} - e_i & H_{12} - e_i S_{12} \\ H_{12} - e_i S_{12} & H_{12} - e_i S_{12} & H_{11} - e_i \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$e_1 = -41.964 \text{ eV}$$

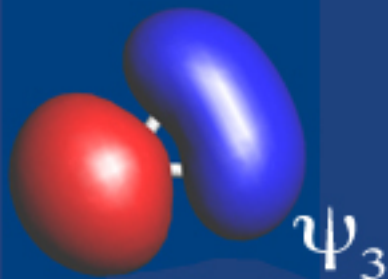
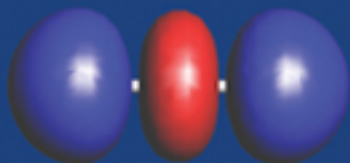
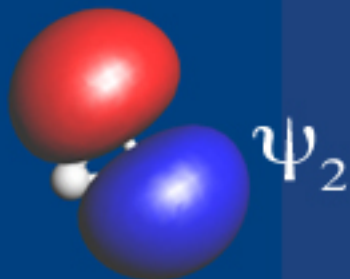
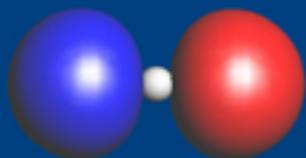
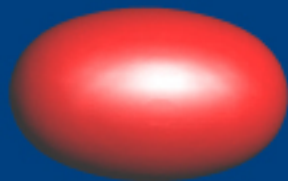
$$e_2 = e_3 = 0.582 \text{ eV}$$

$$\psi_1: c_{11} = c_{21} = c_{31} = 0.577$$

$$\psi_2: c_{12} = 0.707 \quad c_{22} = -0.707 \quad c_{32} = 0.000$$

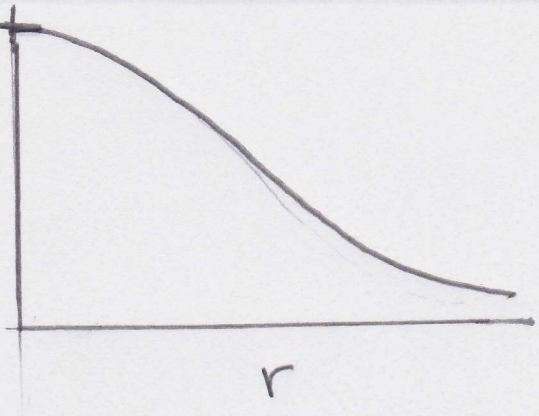
$$\psi_3: c_{13} = c_{23} = -0.408 \quad c_{33} = 0.817$$

Notice that  $\psi_2 \neq \psi_3$  are degenerate. We will see the pattern of fully bonding, nonbonding, antibonding for linear combinations and that just derived for many triangular combinations. A picture of both sets is shown at the end of the problem set.

$\psi_3$  $\psi_3$  $\psi_2$  $\psi_2$  $\psi_1$  $\psi_1$

2.

a) S

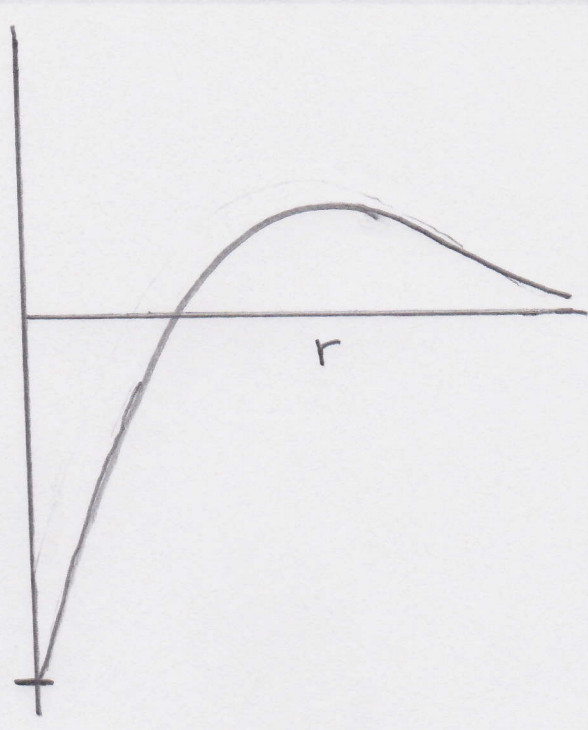


b)

S

-1

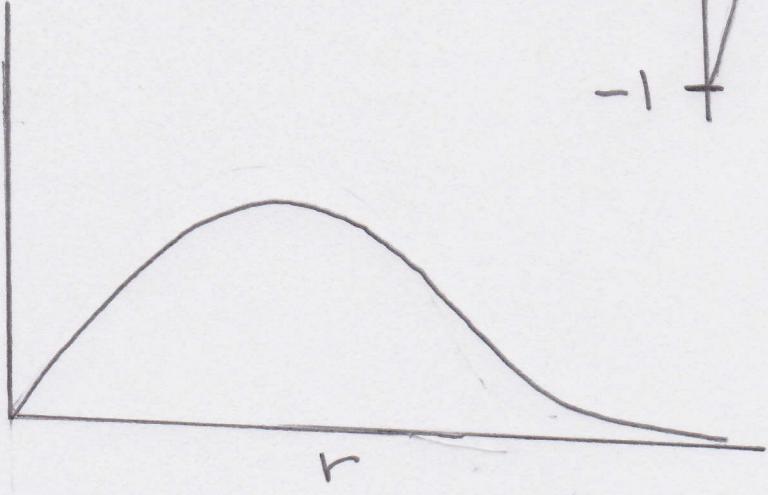
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c)

S

r

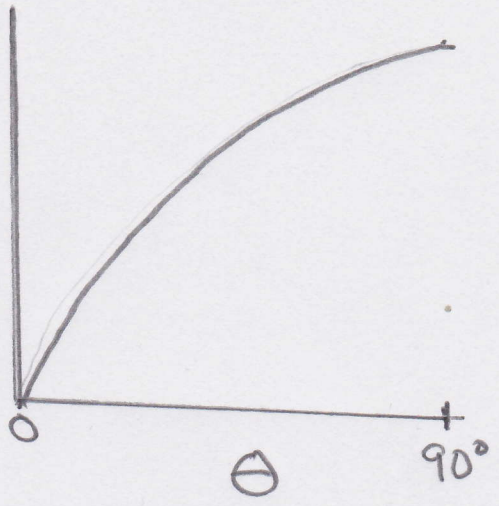


d) S

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$\theta$

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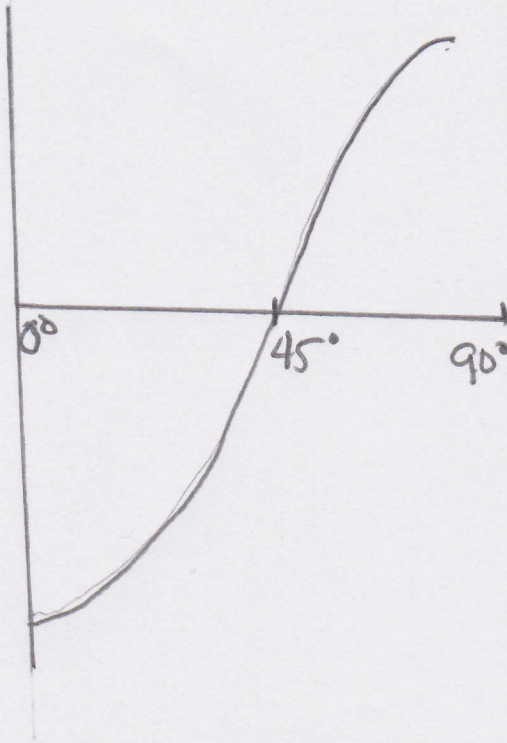


S

$0^\circ$

$45^\circ$

$90^\circ$



3. (a)  $\mathbf{HC} = \mathbf{SCe}$

$$(b) \tilde{\mathbf{H}} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{e}_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{e}_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tilde{\mathbf{S}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(c) Diagonalization