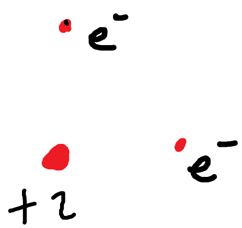
LAST TIME: Variational method

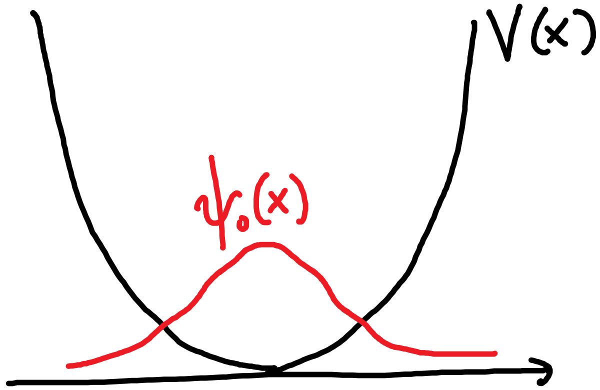
Q: Which of the following is true about the ground state energy of helium?



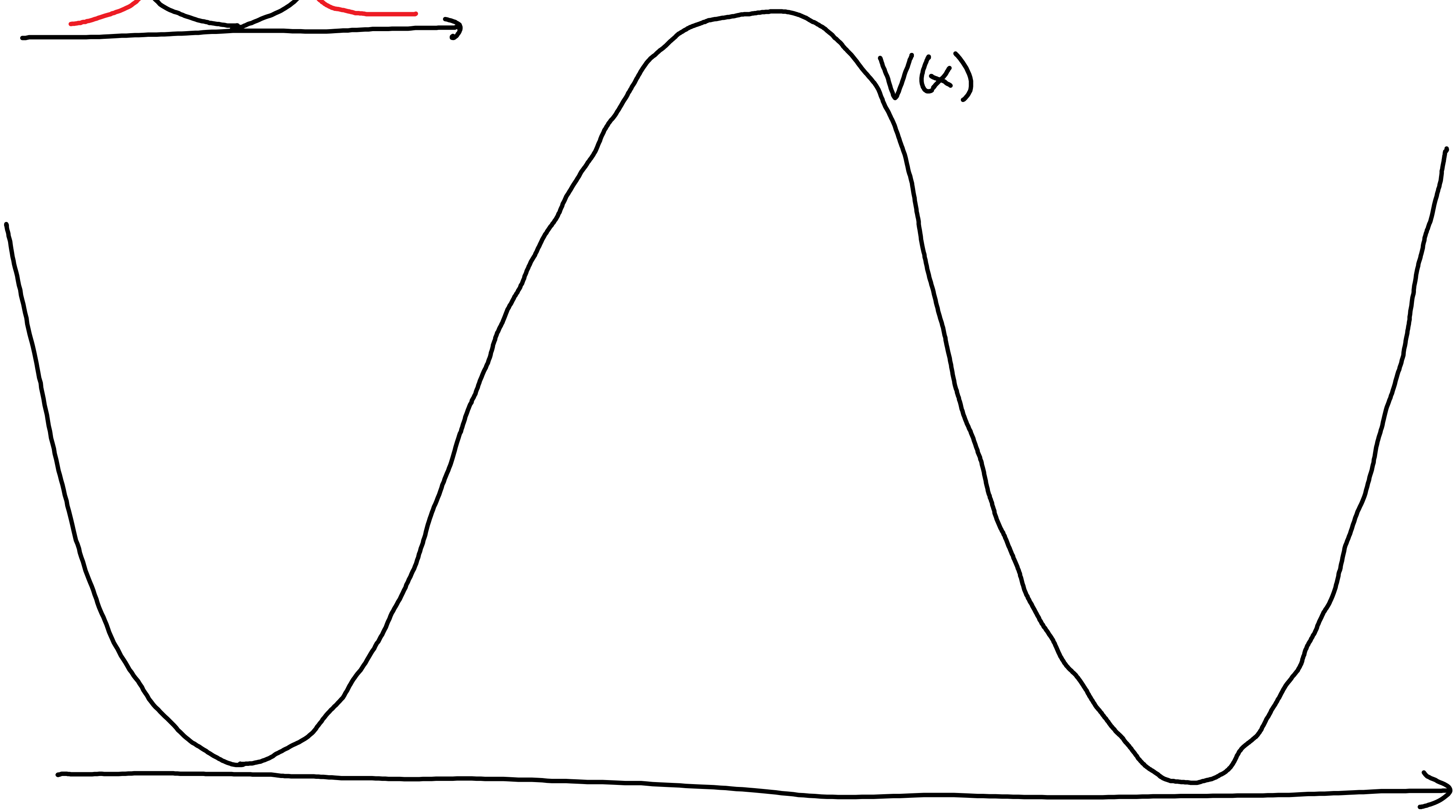
① $E_0 = -2 \times (13.6\,eV \times 4)$

② $E_0 > -2 \times (13.6\,eV \times 4)$

③ $E_0 < -2 \times (13.6\,eV \times 4)$



Q: The picture at the left shows the ground state wavefunction for a Harmonic oscillator potential. What do you think the ground state wavefunction looks like for the potential below?



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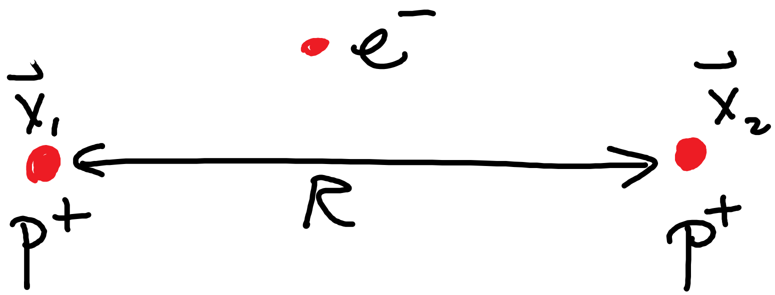

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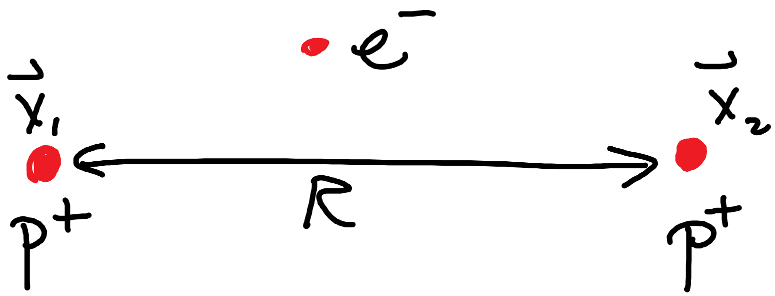

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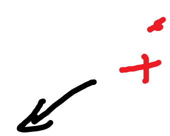
Useful quantity: $E_e^0(R)$: minimum electron energy for fixed R

Q: What is $E_e^0(R)$ for $R \to 0$ and $R \to \infty$

(discussion)



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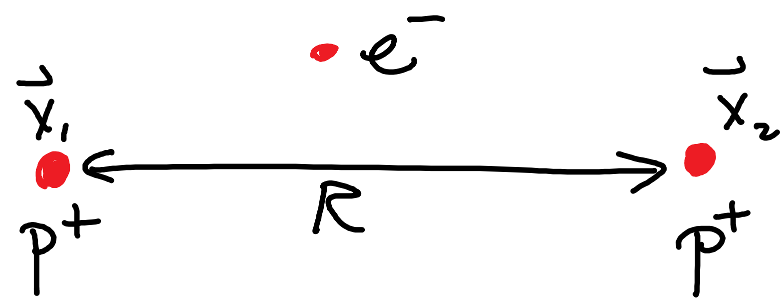

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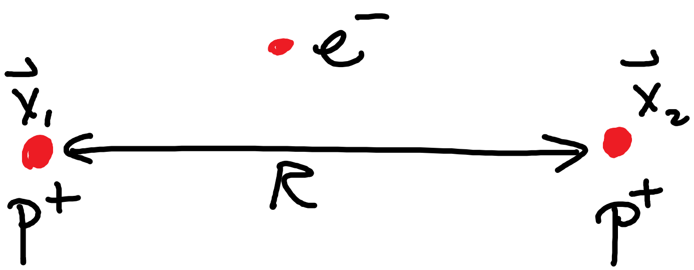

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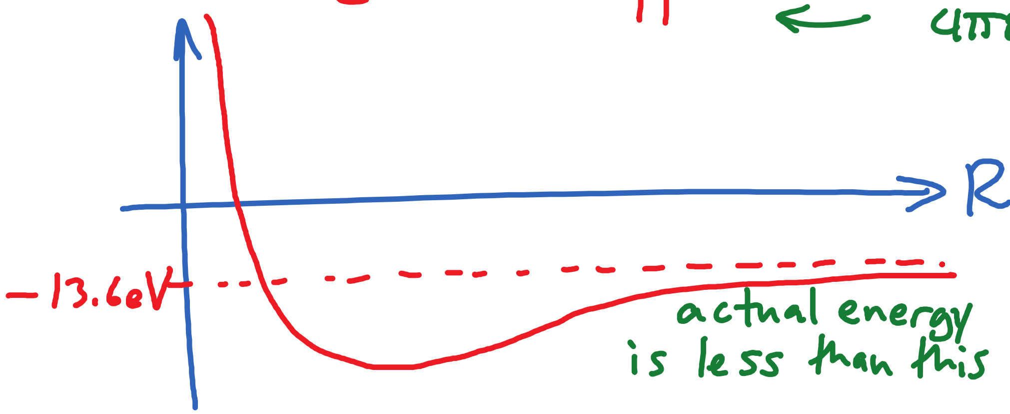

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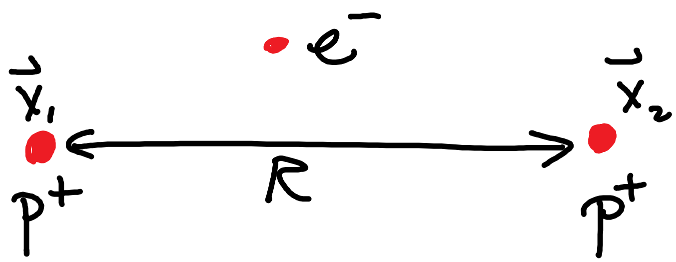

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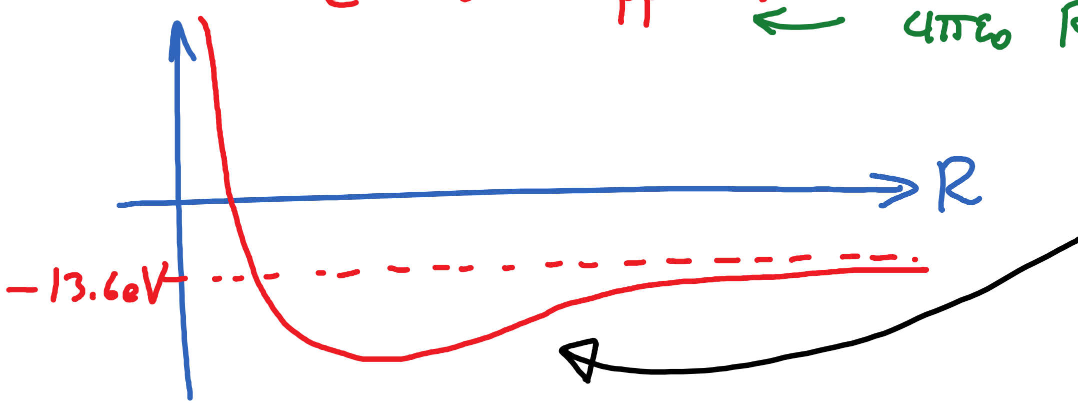

This is $< -13.6\text{eV}$ for some range of R, so there is a bound state

Time-Dependent Perturbation Theory

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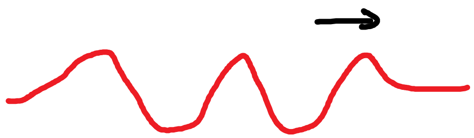

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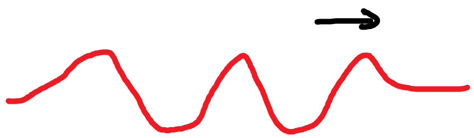

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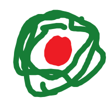

ground state of hydrogen

An electromagnetic wave interacts with a hydrogen atom in its ground state. After the wave passes, we expect that:

1. The electron will still be in its ground state
2. The electron will be in one of its excited states
3. The electron will have left the atom
4. The electron will be in a superposition of some of the above possibilities

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want to find this

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A: For $\varepsilon = 0$, get $\frac{dc}{dt} = 0$ so $c(t) = c(0)$

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Discussion questions:

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Real equation:

$$\frac{dc_m}{dt} = -\frac{i}{\hbar} \sum_n e^{i(E_m - E_n)t/\hbar} H'_{mn}(t) \, c_n(t)$$

Same method gives

$$c_m(t) = c_m(0) - \frac{i}{\hbar} \sum_n \left[\int_0^t dt_1 \, e^{i(E_m - E_n)t_1/\hbar} H'_{mn}(t_1) \right] c_n(0)$$

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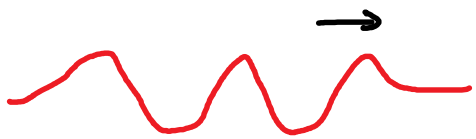

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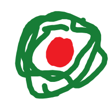

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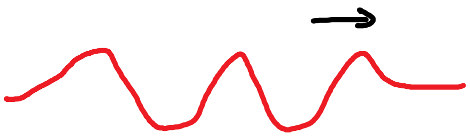

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$c_{100}(0) = 1$ all others 0

$$P_{nlm}(t) = |c_{nlm}(t)|^2 = \frac{1}{\hbar^2}\left|\int_0^t dt_1\, e^{-i(E_n - E_1)t/\hbar} \langle n\,l\,m|H'(t)|100\rangle\right|^2$$