Solutions to Molecular Vibration Potentials in *D*-dimensions using the Asymptotic Iteration Method.

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Abstract

We study the bound-state solutions of some molecular vibration potentials-harmonic oscillator, pseudoharmonic oscillator and the Kratzer-Fues - by solving the D-dimensional Schrödinger equation using the Asymptotic Iteration Method (AIM). The eigenvalues and the corresponding eigenfunctions are also obtained using the AIM. It was found that the asymptotic iteration method gives the eigenvalues directly by some transformation of the radial Schrödinger equation; likewise, the asymptotic iteration method yields exact analytical solutions for exactly solvable problems and provides the closed-forms for the energy eigenvalues as well as the corresponding eigenfunctions.

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1. Introduction

Since its introduction [1], the asymptotic iterative method (AIM) has been widely applied in solving many eigenvalue problems in both the relativistic [2-4] and non-relativistic [5-18] quantum mechanics. The AIM has been used in solving the Schrödinger equation for hydrogen-like atom[11] exponential-type potentials such as the Hulthén potential [13], the Morse Potential [10,14, 16], and some singular potentials like the generalized spiked harmonic potential [6]. Recently, an iterative treatment of the relativistic Dirac equation with the Coloumbic potential was presented using the AIM [3].

However, over the decades, a thorough research has been carried out on some molecular vibration potentials. For instance, some quantum mechanical properties of the Kratzer-Fues potential have been presented in *N*-dimensions by Oyewumi [22]. Likewise, the exact solutions of the Mie-type Potentials in *D*-dimension have been discussed by Ikhdair and Server [23]. Recently, Agboola [29] gave a *D*-dimensional study of the Hulthén potential using the Nikiforov-Uvarov method.

The aim of this paper is to give the bound-state solutions of the Schrödinger equation with some molecular potentials in *D*-dimensions using the AIM. The paper is organized as follows: Section 2 gives a brief description of the AIM, while in the following three sections we obtain the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions of some molecular potentials using the AIM. Finally, we conclude in section 6 by discussing the various result obtained.

2. The Asymptotic Iterative Method

In this section, we give a brief description of the AIM; details of the method can be obtained in Refs [1, 18]. Suppose we wish to solve the homogenous linear second-order differential equation

$$y'' = f_{o}(x)y' + g_{o}(x)y, \quad f_{o}(x) \neq 0$$
 (1)

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 $f_o(x)$ and $g_o(x)$ have sufficiently many continuous derivatives and defined in some interval which are not necessarily bounded. Due to the symmetric structure of the right hand side of Eq. (1), we can have the (n+1)th and (n+2)th derivatives of (1) as follows:

$$y^{(n+1)} = f_{n-1}(x)y' + g_{n-1}(x)y$$
⁽²⁾

$$y^{(n+2)} = f_n(x)y' + g_n(x)y$$
(3)

with the relation

$$f_n = f'_{n-1} + g_{n-1} + f_0 f_{n-1} \text{ and } g_n = g'_{n-1} + g_0 f_{n-1}$$
(4)

From the ratio of the $(n+1)^{\text{th}}$ and $(n+2)^{\text{th}}$ derivatives, we have

$$\frac{d}{dx}\log_{e} y^{(n+1)} = \frac{y^{(n+2)}}{y^{(n+1)}} = \frac{f_{n}\left(y' + \frac{g_{n}}{f_{n}}y\right)}{f_{n-1}\left(y' + \frac{g_{n-1}}{f_{n-1}}y\right)}$$
(5)

For a sufficiently large n, we can have the following asymptotic expression

$$\frac{g_n}{f_n} = \frac{g_{n-1}}{f_{n-1}} = \alpha(x)$$
(6)

with the termination condition given as

$$\Delta_k(x) = \begin{vmatrix} g_k & f_k \\ g_{k-1} & f_{k-1} \end{vmatrix} = g_k f_{k-1} - f_k g_{k-1} = 0 \quad k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$
(7)

We also note that the energy eigenvalues are obtained from the roots of the Eq. (7) if the problem is exactly solvable. However, for a specific n principal quantum number, we choose a suitable x0 point, determined generally as the maximum value of the asymptotic wave function or the minimum value of the potential [3, 18, 19, 20], and the approximate energy eigenvalues are obtained from the roots of this equation for sufficiently great values of k with iteration.

Using Eq. (6), Equation (5) reduces to

$$\frac{d}{dx}\log_{e} y^{(n+1)} = \frac{f_{n}}{f_{n-1}}$$
(8)

which yields

$$y^{(n+1)}(x) = C_{1} \exp\left(\int_{x} \frac{f_{n}(t)}{f_{n-1}(t)} dt\right) = C_{1} \exp f_{n-1}\left(\int_{x} (\alpha + f_{0}) dt\right)$$
(9)

Note that we have used the relations (4) and (6) in obtaining the right hand side of Eq. (9) and C_1 is the integration constant. Substituting Eq. (9) into Eq. (2), we have the first order differential equation

$$y' + \alpha y = C_1 \exp\left(\int_x (\alpha + f_0) dt\right)$$
⁽¹⁰⁾

Solving Eq. (10), we have the general solution to Eq. (1) as follows:

$$y(x) = \exp\left(-\int_{x} \alpha dt\right) \left[C_{2} + C_{1} \int_{x} \exp\left(\int_{x} (f_{0}(\tau) + 2\alpha(\tau)) d\tau\right) dt\right]$$
(11)

3. The Harmonic Oscillator potential in D-Dimensions

First, we start by studying the harmonic oscillator potential in *D*-dimensions [26]. The Schrödinger equation for the oscillator can be written as:

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$$H\Psi_{n,\ell,m}(r,\Omega) = E\Psi_{n,\ell,m}(r,\Omega)$$
⁽¹²⁾

where *E* is the energy eigenvalue, $\Psi_{n,\ell,m}(r,\Omega)$ is the wave function and *H* is the Hamiltonian given as:

$$H = \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \left[r^{1-D} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^{D-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{\Lambda_D^2}{r^2} \right] + \frac{\mu \omega^2 r^2}{2}$$
(13)

where μ is the mass and ω is the angular frequency. Inserting Eq. (13) into Eq. (12) and separating the variables as follows

$$\Psi_{n,\ell,m}(r,\Omega) = R_{n,\ell}(r)Y_{\ell}^{m}(\Omega), \qquad (14)$$

Eq. (12) reduces to two separate equations namely:

$$R''(r) + \frac{D-1}{r}R'(r) - \frac{\ell(\ell+D-2)}{r^2}R(r) + \frac{2\mu}{\hbar^2} \left[E - \frac{\mu\omega^2 r^2}{2}\right]R(r) = 0$$
(15)

and

$$\Lambda_{D}^{2}(\Omega)Y_{\ell}^{m}(\Omega) + \beta Y_{\ell}^{m}(\Omega) = 0$$
(16)

where β is the separation constant given as

$$\beta = \ell (\ell + D - 2) , \ \ell = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$
(17)

and ℓ is the angular momentum quantum number.

However, with the behavior of the radial function at zero and infinity, we can have the asymptotic solution to Eq. (15) as follows

$$R_{n,\ell}(r) = r^{\ell} \exp\left(-\frac{\mu \omega r^2}{2\hbar}\right) U_{n,\ell}(r)$$
(18)

With this, Eq. (15) becomes

$$U_{n,\ell}''(r) = \left[2\gamma r - \frac{2\ell + D - 1}{r}\right] U_{n,\ell}'(r) + \left[\gamma(2\ell + D) + \varepsilon^2\right] U_{n,\ell}(r)$$

$$(19)$$

where $\gamma = \frac{\mu\omega}{\hbar}$ and $-\varepsilon^2 = \frac{2\mu E}{\hbar^2}$.

We now apply the AIM in solving Eq. (19). Comparing Eqs. (1) and (19), we have

$$f_{o}(r) = 2\gamma r - \frac{2\ell + D - 1}{r} a_{and} g_{o}(r) = \gamma(2\ell + D) + \varepsilon^{2}$$

$$\tag{20}$$

with the use for the relation (4), we have the following derivatives:

$$f_{1}(r) = 4\gamma^{2}r^{2} + \frac{(2\ell + D - 1)(2\ell + D)}{r^{2}} + 4\gamma(\gamma + 2\ell + D - 1) + \gamma(2\ell + D) + \varepsilon^{2}$$

$$g_{1}(r) = \left[2\gamma r + \frac{(2\ell + D - 1)}{r^{2}}\right] [\gamma(2\ell + D) + \varepsilon^{2}]$$

$$f_{2}(r) = 8\gamma^{2}r - \frac{2(2\ell + D - 1)(2\ell + D)}{r^{3}} + \left[2\gamma r + \frac{(2\ell + D - 1)}{r^{2}}\right] [\gamma(2\ell + D) + \varepsilon^{2}] + \left[2\gamma r + \frac{(2\ell + D - 1)}{r}\right] f_{1}$$

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$$g_{2}(r) = \left(\gamma(2\ell+D) + \varepsilon^{2}\right) \left[2\gamma + \frac{(2\ell+D-1)}{r^{3}}\right] + \left(\gamma(2\ell+D) + \varepsilon^{2}\right) f_{1}$$
...... etc.
(21)

Employing the terminating condition (7), we arrive at the following eigenvalue expression:

$$for \mathbf{k} = 1: g_1 f_0 - g_0 f_1 = 0 \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad -\varepsilon_0^2 = \gamma (2\ell + D)$$

$$for \mathbf{k} = 2: g_2 f_1 - g_1 f_2 = 0 \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad -\varepsilon_1^2 = \gamma (2\ell + D + 2)$$

$$for \mathbf{k} = 3: g_3 f_2 - g_2 f_3 = 0 \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad -\varepsilon_2^2 = \gamma (2\ell + D + 4)$$

$$gram etc.$$

$$(22)$$

Generalizing the above expressions and using the identities in Eq. (19), we have the energy eigenvalues as follows:

$$E_{n,\ell} = \hbar \omega \left(\ell + n + \frac{D}{2} \right) \quad n,\ell = 0,1,2,3,...$$
(23)

With $\ell = 0$ and D = 1, the energy values becomes

$$E_n = \hbar \omega \left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right) \qquad n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$
(24)

which is in agreement with the values obtained for *s*-state [28].

Furthermore, we obtain the eigenfunctions using the AIM. Generally speaking, to obtain the eigenfunctions using AIM, the differential equation we wish to solve is of the form [19]:

$$y''(x) = 2\left(\frac{ax^{N+1}}{1-bx^{N+2}} - \frac{t+1}{x}\right)y'(x) - \frac{Wx^{N}}{1-bx^{N+2}}y(x) \qquad 0 < x < \infty$$
(25)

where a and b are constants and w can be determined from the condition (6) for k = 0, 1, 2, 3, ... and N=-1,0,1,2,3,...the general solution of (25) is given as

$$y_{n}(x) = (-1)^{n} C_{1} (N+2)^{n} (\sigma)_{n-2} F_{1}(-n, \rho+n; \sigma; bx^{N+2})$$
(26)

where

$$(\sigma)_n = \frac{\Gamma(\sigma+n)}{\Gamma(\sigma)}$$
 $\sigma = \frac{2t+N+3}{N+2}$ and $\rho = \frac{(2t+1)b+2a}{(N+2)b}$ (27)

Comparing Eqs. (19) and (25) we have N = 0, $a = \gamma$, b = 0 and $t = (2\ell + D - 3)/2$. Therefore, we find

$$\rho = \frac{2\ell + D - 2}{2} + \frac{\gamma}{b} \text{ and } \sigma = \frac{2\ell + D}{2}. \text{ Thus, the solution to Eqs. (19) is given as follows:}$$

$$U_{n\ell}(r) = (-1)^n 2^n \frac{\Gamma(n + \frac{2\ell + D}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{2\ell + D}{2})} F_1\left(-n; \frac{2\ell + D}{2}; \frac{\mu\omega r^2}{\hbar}\right) \tag{28}$$

Note that we have use the following limit expression of the hypergeometric function:

$$\lim_{b \to 0} {}_{2}F_{1}\left(-n, \frac{\gamma}{b} + a; c; zb\right) = {}_{1}F_{1}\left(-n; c; z\right)$$
(29)

Eqs. (18) and (28) give the eigenfunctions as

$$R_{n,\ell}(r) = C_{n,\ell}(-1)^n 2^n \frac{\Gamma\left(n + \frac{2\ell+D}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{2\ell+D}{2}\right)} r^\ell \exp\left(-\frac{\mu\omega r^2}{2\hbar}\right)_1 F_1\left(-n;\frac{2\ell+D}{2};\frac{\mu\omega r^2}{\hbar}\right)$$
(30)

Where $C_{n,\ell}$ is the normalization constant.

4. The Pseudoharmonic Potential in *D*-Dimensions

In this section, we study the bound state solution of the pseudoharmonic potential given as [29-32]:

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$$V(r) = \frac{1}{8} \kappa r_{\rm e}^2 \left(\frac{r}{r_e} - \frac{r_e}{r}\right)^2$$
(31)

where r_e is the equilibrium bond length and κ is the force constant. The hyperradial part of the Schrödinger equation with the pseudoharmonic oscillator in D-dimensions can be written as:

$$R_{n,\ell}''(r) + \frac{D-1}{r}R_{n,\ell}'(r) + \left[-\varepsilon^{2} + \frac{\mu\kappa t_{e}}{2\hbar^{2}} - \frac{\mu\kappa t^{2}}{4\hbar^{2}} - \frac{\nu(\nu+D-2)}{r^{2}}\right]R_{n,\ell}(r) = 0$$
(32)
the reduced mass $-\varepsilon^{2} = \frac{2\mu E}{r^{2}}$ and $\nu(\nu+D-2) - \ell(\ell+D-2) + \frac{\mu\kappa t_{e}^{4}}{r^{4}}$

where μ is the reduced mass, $-\varepsilon^2 = \frac{2\mu \omega}{\hbar^2}$ and $v(v+D-2) = \ell(\ell+D-2) + \frac{r}{4\hbar^2}$.

According to the asymptotic behaviors of the wave function as $r \to 0$ and $r \to \infty$, one can express the solution as

$$R_{n,\ell}(r) = r^{\nu} \exp\left(-\sqrt{\frac{\mu\kappa}{16\hbar^2}}r^2\right) U_{n\ell}(r)$$
(33)

With the use of Eq. (33), Eq. (32) becomes

$$U_{n\ell}''(r) = \left[\sqrt{\frac{\mu\kappa}{\hbar^2}}r - \frac{(2\nu + D - 1)}{r}\right]U_{n\ell}'(r) + \left[\frac{1}{2}(2\nu + D)\sqrt{\frac{\mu\kappa}{\hbar^2}} - \frac{\mu\kappa_0^2}{2\hbar^2} + \varepsilon^2\right]U_{n\ell}(r)$$
(34)

We now solve Equation (34) using the AIM. Comparing Eqs. (1) and (34), and using the recursion relation (4), we obtain the following:

$$\begin{split} f_{0}(r) &= \sqrt{\frac{\mu\kappa}{\hbar^{2}}} r - \frac{(2\nu + D - 1)}{r} \\ g_{0}(r) &= \frac{1}{2} (2\nu + D) \sqrt{\frac{\mu\kappa}{\hbar^{2}}} - \frac{\mu\kappa_{0}^{2}}{2\hbar^{2}} + \varepsilon^{2} \\ f_{1}(r) &= \frac{\mu\kappa}{\hbar^{2}} r^{2} + \frac{(2\nu + D - 1)(2\nu + D)}{r^{2}} - \frac{3}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\mu\kappa}{\hbar^{2}}} (2\nu + D - 2) - \frac{\mu\kappa_{0}^{2}}{2\hbar^{2}} + \varepsilon^{2} \\ g_{1}(r) &= \left[\sqrt{\frac{\mu\kappa}{\hbar^{2}}} r - \frac{(2\nu + D - 1)}{r} \right] \left[\frac{1}{2} (2\nu + D) \sqrt{\frac{\mu\kappa}{\hbar^{2}}} - \frac{\mu\kappa_{0}^{2}}{2\hbar^{2}} + \varepsilon^{2} \right] \\ f_{2}(r) &= \frac{2\mu\kappa}{\hbar^{2}} r - \frac{(2\nu + D - 1)(2\nu + D)}{r^{3}} + \\ \left[\sqrt{\frac{\mu\kappa}{\hbar^{2}}} r - \frac{(2\nu + D - 1)}{r} \right] \left[\frac{\mu\kappa}{\hbar^{2}} r^{2} + \frac{(2\nu + D - 1)(2\nu + D)}{r^{2}} - \sqrt{\frac{\mu\kappa}{\hbar^{2}}} (2\nu + D - 3) - \frac{\mu\kappa_{0}^{2}}{\hbar^{2}} + 2\varepsilon^{2} \right] \\ g_{2}(r) &= \left[\frac{\mu\kappa}{\hbar^{2}} r^{2} + \frac{(2\nu + D - 1)(2\nu + D + 1)}{r^{2}} - \frac{3}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\mu\kappa}{\hbar^{2}}} (2\nu + D - 2) + \sqrt{\frac{\mu\kappa}{\hbar^{2}}} - \frac{\mu\kappa_{0}^{2}}{2\hbar^{2}} + \varepsilon^{2} \right] \left[\frac{1}{2} (2\nu + D) \sqrt{\frac{\mu\kappa}{\hbar^{2}}} - \frac{\mu\kappa_{0}^{2}}{2\hbar^{2}} + \varepsilon^{2} \right] \end{split}$$

.....etc.

(35)In similar fashion with the previous section, using the termination condition (7), gives the following expressions:

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$$for k = 1: -\varepsilon_0^2 = \frac{1}{2} (2\nu + D) \sqrt{\frac{\mu\kappa}{\hbar^2}} - \frac{\mu\kappa_0^2}{2\hbar^2}$$

$$for k = 2: -\varepsilon_1^2 = \frac{1}{2} (4 + 2\nu + D) \sqrt{\frac{\mu\kappa}{\hbar^2}} - \frac{\mu\kappa_0^2}{2\hbar^2} etc.$$
(36)

$$for k = 3: -\varepsilon_2^2 = \frac{1}{2} (8 + 2\nu + D) \sqrt{\frac{\mu\kappa}{\hbar^2}} - \frac{\mu\kappa_0^2}{2\hbar^2}$$

Generalizing the above expression and using the identities in Eq. (32), we have the energy eigenvalues for the Pseudoharmonic potential

$$E_{n,\ell} = \frac{1}{4} \left(4n + 2\nu + D \right) \sqrt{\frac{\kappa \hbar^2}{\mu} - \frac{\kappa r_0^2}{4}} \qquad n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$
(37)

and

$$v = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{(2-D)}{2} + \sqrt{(2\ell + D - 2)^2 + \frac{\mu\kappa r_0^4}{\hbar^2}} \right]$$
(38)

By comparing Eqs. (25) and (34), we have the relations: N = 0, b = 0, $a = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\mu\kappa}{\hbar^2}}$ and $t = (2\nu + D - 3)/2$. Using of Eqs. (26), (27) and (29), we have

$$U_{n\ell}(r) = (-1)^{n} 2^{n} \frac{\Gamma\left(n + \frac{2\nu + D}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{2\nu + D}{2}\right)^{1}} F_{1}\left(-n; \frac{2\nu + D}{2}; \sqrt{\frac{\mu\kappa}{4\hbar^{2}}} r^{2}\right)$$
(39)

Eqs. (33) with (39) give the unnormalized eigenfunctions

$$R_{n,\ell}(r) = C_{n,\ell}(-1)^n 2^n \frac{\Gamma(n + \frac{2\nu + D}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{2\nu + D}{2})} r^{\nu} \exp\left(-\sqrt{\frac{\mu\kappa}{16\hbar^2}}r^2\right)_1 F_1\left(-n; \frac{2\nu + D}{2}; \sqrt{\frac{\mu\kappa}{4\hbar^2}}r^2\right)$$
(40)

where $C_{n,\ell}$ is the normalization constant.

5. The Kratzer-Fues Potential in *D*-Dimensions.

We now turn our attention to the Mie-type potential-the Kratzer-Fues potential [33]. Although the bound state of this potential has been discuss in *D*-dimensions using the polynomial method [22, 23] and the Nikiforov-Uvarov method [24]. However, in this section, we wish to obtain the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions of the potential using the AIM. Following the notations in [22], we write the Kratzer-Fues potential as:

$$V(r) = -\frac{A}{r} + \frac{B}{r^2}$$
⁽⁴¹⁾

Where $A = 2D_e r_0$ and $B = D_e r_0^2$, D_e is the interaction energy between two atoms in a molecular system at distance $r = r_0$. The eigenvalue equation for the potential in D-dimension is given as:

$$R_{nl}''(r) + \frac{D-1}{r}R_{nl}'(r) + \left[-\varepsilon^{2} + \frac{\alpha}{r} - \frac{v(v+D-2)}{r^{2}}\right]R_{nl}(r) = 0$$
(42)

where we have define $-\varepsilon^2 = \frac{2\mu E}{\hbar^2}$, $\alpha = \frac{2\mu A}{\hbar^2}$ and $v(v+D-2) = \ell(\ell+D-2) + \frac{2\mu B}{\hbar^2}$. If one defines a new

variable $z = 2\varepsilon r$ and then assume the solution is of the form

$$R_{nl}(z) = z^{\nu} \exp(-z/2) U_{nl}(z) \quad , \tag{43}$$

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Eq. (42) becomes

$$U_{nl}''(z) = \left[1 + \frac{(2\nu + D - 1)}{z}\right]U_{nl}'(z) + \left[\frac{2\nu + D - 1}{2} - \frac{\alpha}{2\varepsilon}\right]\frac{U_{nl}(z)}{z}$$
(44)

Comparing Eqs. (1) and (44), and using the relation (4) we have the following:

$$f_{0} = \left[1 + \frac{(2\nu + D - 1)}{z}\right]$$

$$g_{0} = \frac{1}{2z} \left[(2\nu + D - 1) + \alpha/\varepsilon\right]$$

$$f_{1} = \frac{(2\nu + D - 1)(2\nu + D - 2)}{z^{2}} + \frac{1}{2z} \left[5(2\nu + D - 1) + \alpha/\varepsilon\right] + 1$$

$$g_{1} = \frac{(2\nu + D - 2)}{2z^{2}} \left[(2\nu + D - 1) - \alpha/\varepsilon\right] + \frac{1}{2z} \left[(2\nu + D - 1) + \alpha/\varepsilon\right]$$
(45)

The termination condition (7) therefore yields

for k = 1:
$$\varepsilon_0 = \frac{\alpha}{2\nu + D - 1}$$

for k = 2: $\varepsilon_1 = \frac{\alpha}{2 + 2\nu + D - 1}$ etc (46)
for k = 3: $\varepsilon_2 = \frac{\alpha}{4 + 2\nu + D - 1}$

Generalizing Eq. (46) and with the use of $-\varepsilon^2 = \frac{2\mu E}{\hbar^2}$ and $\alpha = \frac{2\mu A}{\hbar^2}$, we get the energy eigenvalue of the

Kratzer-Fues potential as follows

$$E_{n\ell} = \frac{-2\mu A^2}{\hbar^2 [2n+2\nu+D-1]^2} \qquad n = 0,1,2,3,\dots$$
(47)

where

$$v = \frac{1}{2} \left[(2-D) + \sqrt{(2\ell + D - 2)^2 + \frac{8\mu B}{\hbar^2}} \right]$$
(48)

Following the argument presented in the previous sections, if we comparing Eqs. (25) and (44), we can define $N = -1, a = \frac{1}{2}, b = 0$ and $t = \frac{2v + D - 3}{2}$. Consequently, using Eqs. (26), (27) and (29) we have the solution to (44) as

$$U_{n\ell}(z) = (-1)^n \frac{\Gamma(n+2\nu+D)}{\Gamma(2\nu+D)} {}_1F_1(-n;2\nu+D;z)$$
(49)

Finally, Eq. (43) with (49) gives the wavefunction of the Kratzer-Fues potential

$$R_{nl}(r) = C_{n\ell}(-1)^n \frac{\Gamma(n+2\nu+D)}{\Gamma(2\nu+D)} (2\varepsilon r)^{\nu} \exp(-\varepsilon r)_1 F_1(-n;2\nu+D;2\varepsilon r)$$
(50)

 $C_{n\ell}$ is the normalization constant.

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6. Conclusion

In this paper, some quantum mechanical potentials describing the vibrations in a molecular system has been discussed in *D*-dimensions within the work frame of the asymptotic iteration method. The energy eigenvalues were found to be in good agreement with those obtained using the direct integration method and the Nikiforov-Uvarov method. The eigenfunctions were also obtained in terms of the hypergeometric function using the AIM.

It is pertinent to note that the asymptotic iteration method gives the eigenvalues directly by transforming the radial Schrödinger equation into a form of $y'' = f_0(x)y' + g_0(x)y$.

In comparison, the asymptotic iteration method yields exact analytical solutions for exactly solvable problems and provides the closed-forms for the energy eigenvalues as well as the corresponding eigenfunctions. However, where there is no such a solution, the energy eigenvalues are obtained by using an iterative approach [34-37].

Moreover, AIM puts no constraint on the potential parameter values involved and it is easy to implement. The results are sufficiently accurate for practical purposes.

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