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The Logic of Atomic Spectral Calculations in Atomic Mechanics ALFRED PHILLIPS JR, Source Institute-Cornell University — We show that the mathematical method used in calculating atomic spectra in Atomic Mechanics is a variational technique. In atomic spectral calculations, for which special relativity need not be used, we treat spin in a phenomenological manner not unlike Pauli's model. The value of Atomic Mechanics is the ease of atomic spectral calculations, as previously demonstrated for helium (see Part Two on the web page sourceinstitute dot org). Atomic mechanics calculations had the same accuracy as that of the Schroedinger Theory but without the mathematical tedium. We proffer that a comparison be made of the accuracy, the clear physical model, and mathematical simplicity of Atomic Mechanics and Schroedinger Theory for atoms at least as complicated as lithium.

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