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**Zero-Point Energy of the Pullen-Edmonds Hamiltonian** JAY D. MANCINI, Kingsborough College of CUNY, VASSILIOS FESSATIDIS, MAURI-CIO CAMPUZANO, Fordham University, SAMUEL P. BOWEN, Chicago State University — Here we wish to apply the newly developed Generalized Moments Expansion (GMX) to the well-known potential

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \left( x^2 + y^2 \right) + \alpha x^2 y^2,$$

which is used to model such molecular systems as formamide and  $C_2O_3$ . Our motivation is to investigate the numerical accuracy as well as the viability of the GMX for evaluating ground-state energies of quantum Hamiltonian systems. The zeropoint energy of this potential is calculated and results are compared to an analogous Lanczos (tridiagonal) matrix truncation as well as to a Canonical Sequence Method approach.

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