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The Hubbard Dimer: A Complete DFT Solution to a Many-Body Problem¹ JUSTIN SMITH, Univ of California - Irvine, DIEGO CARRASCAL, JAIME FERRER, Universidad de Oviedo, KIERON BURKE, Univ of California -Irvine — In this work we explain the relationship between density functional theory and strongly correlated models using the simplest possible example, the two-site asymmetric Hubbard model. We discuss the connection between the lattice and realspace and how this is a simple model for stretched H_2 . We can solve this elementary example analytically, and with that we can illuminate the underlying logic and aims of DFT. While the many-body solution is analytic, the density functional is given only implicitly. We overcome this difficulty by creating a highly accurate parameterization of the exact function. We use this parameterization to perform benchmark calculations of correlation kinetic energy, the adiabatic connection, etc. We also test Hartree-Fock and the Bethe Ansatz Local Density Approximation. We also discuss and illustrate the derivative discontinuity in the exchange-correlation energy and the infamous gap problem in DFT.

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