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2 Many-electron Wave Functions and Operators

2.1 The Electronic Problem

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- 2.2.1 Spin Orbitals and Spatial Orbitals
- Ex 2.1 Consider $\langle \chi_k | \chi_m \rangle$. If k = m,

$$\langle \chi_{2i-1} | \chi_{2i-1} \rangle = \langle \psi_i^{\alpha} | \psi_i^{\alpha} \rangle \langle \alpha | \alpha \rangle = 1 \tag{2.2.1}$$

$$\langle \chi_{2i} | \chi_{2i} \rangle = \left\langle \psi_i^{\beta} | \psi_i^{\beta} \right\rangle \langle \alpha | \alpha \rangle = 1$$
 (2.2.2)

thus

$$\langle \chi_k \, | \, \chi_k \rangle = 1 \tag{2.2.3}$$

If $k \neq m$, three cases may occur as below

$$\langle \chi_{2i-1} | \chi_{2j-1} \rangle = \langle \psi_i^{\alpha} | \psi_j^{\alpha} \rangle \langle \alpha | \alpha \rangle = 0 \cdot 1 = 0 \qquad (i \neq j)$$
 (2.2.4)

$$\langle \chi_{2i-1} | \chi_{2j} \rangle = \langle \psi_i^{\alpha} | \psi_j^{\beta} \rangle \langle \alpha | \beta \rangle = S_{ij} \cdot 0 = 0$$
 (2.2.5)

$$\langle \chi_{2i} | \chi_{2j} \rangle = \left\langle \psi_i^{\beta} | \psi_j^{\beta} \right\rangle \langle \beta | \beta \rangle = 0 \cdot 1 = 0 \qquad (i \neq j)$$
 (2.2.6)

thus

$$\langle \chi_k \, | \, \chi_m \rangle = 0 \qquad (k \neq m) \tag{2.2.7}$$

Overall,

$$\langle \chi_k \, | \, \chi_m \rangle = \delta_{km} \tag{2.2.8}$$

2.2.2 Hartree Products

Ex 2.2

$$\mathcal{H}\Psi^{HP} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} h(i)\chi_{i}(\mathbf{x}_{1})\chi_{j}(\mathbf{x}_{2})\cdots\chi_{k}(\mathbf{x}_{N})$$

$$= \varepsilon_{i}\chi_{i}(\mathbf{x}_{1})\chi_{j}(\mathbf{x}_{2})\cdots\chi_{k}(\mathbf{x}_{N}) + \chi_{i}(\mathbf{x}_{1})[\varepsilon_{j}\chi_{j}(\mathbf{x}_{2})]\cdots\chi_{k}(\mathbf{x}_{N}) + \cdots + \chi_{i}(\mathbf{x}_{1})\chi_{j}(\mathbf{x}_{2})\cdots[\varepsilon_{k}\chi_{k}(\mathbf{x}_{N})]$$

$$= (\varepsilon_{i} + \varepsilon_{j} + \cdots + \varepsilon_{k})\Psi^{HP}$$
(2.2.9)

2.2.3 Slater Determinants

Ex 2.3

$$\langle \Psi | \Psi \rangle = \frac{1}{2} (\langle \chi_i | \chi_i \rangle \langle \chi_j | \chi_j \rangle - \langle \chi_i | \chi_j \rangle \langle \chi_j | \chi_i \rangle - \langle \chi_j | \chi_i \rangle \langle \chi_i | \chi_j \rangle + \langle \chi_j | \chi_j \rangle \langle \chi_i | \chi_i \rangle)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (1 + 0 + 0 + 1) = 1$$
(2.2.10)

Ex 2.4 According to Ex. 2.2, we know that $\chi_i(\mathbf{x}_1)\chi_j(\mathbf{x}_2)$ are an eigenfunction of \mathcal{H} and has the eigenvalue $\varepsilon_i\varepsilon_j$. Similarly, we have the same conclusion for $\chi_i(\mathbf{x}_2)\chi_j(\mathbf{x}_1)$. For the antisymmetrized wave function,

$$\langle \Psi | \mathcal{H} | \Psi \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \left(\langle \chi_{i}(\mathbf{x}_{1}) \chi_{j}(\mathbf{x}_{2}) | \mathcal{H} | \chi_{i}(\mathbf{x}_{1}) \chi_{j}(\mathbf{x}_{2}) \rangle - \langle \chi_{i}(\mathbf{x}_{1}) \chi_{j}(\mathbf{x}_{2}) | \mathcal{H} | \chi_{j}(\mathbf{x}_{1}) \chi_{i}(\mathbf{x}_{2}) \rangle - \langle \chi_{i}(\mathbf{x}_{1}) \chi_{j}(\mathbf{x}_{2}) | \mathcal{H} | \chi_{j}(\mathbf{x}_{1}) \chi_{i}(\mathbf{x}_{2}) \rangle - \langle \chi_{j}(\mathbf{x}_{1}) \chi_{i}(\mathbf{x}_{2}) | \mathcal{H} | \chi_{j}(\mathbf{x}_{1}) \chi_{i}(\mathbf{x}_{2}) \rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\varepsilon_{i} + \varepsilon_{j} - 0 - 0 + \varepsilon_{i} + \varepsilon_{j})$$

$$= \varepsilon_{i} + \varepsilon_{j}$$

$$(2.2.11)$$

Ex 2.5

$$\langle K | L \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \langle \chi_{i}(\mathbf{x}_{1}) \chi_{j}(\mathbf{x}_{2}) - \chi_{j}(\mathbf{x}_{1}) \chi_{i}(\mathbf{x}_{2}) | \chi_{k}(\mathbf{x}_{1}) \chi_{l}(\mathbf{x}_{2}) - \chi_{l}(\mathbf{x}_{1}) \chi_{k}(\mathbf{x}_{2}) \rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\langle \chi_{i} | \chi_{k} \rangle \langle \chi_{j} | \chi_{l} \rangle - \langle \chi_{i} | \chi_{l} \rangle \langle \chi_{j} | \chi_{k} \rangle - \langle \chi_{j} | \chi_{k} \rangle \langle \chi_{i} | \chi_{l} \rangle + \langle \chi_{j} | \chi_{l} \rangle \langle \chi_{i} | \chi_{k} \rangle)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\delta_{ik} \delta_{jl} - \delta_{il} \delta_{jk} - \delta_{jk} \delta_{il} + \delta_{jl} \delta_{ik})$$

$$= \delta_{ik} \delta_{jl} - \delta_{il} \delta_{jk}$$

$$(2.2.12)$$

- 2.2.4 The Hartree-Fock Approximation
- 2.2.5 The Minimal Basis H_2 Model

Ex 2.6

$$\langle \psi_1 | \psi_1 \rangle = \frac{1}{2(1 + S_{12})} (\langle \phi_1 | \phi_1 \rangle + 2 \langle \phi_1 | \phi_2 \rangle + \langle \phi_2 | \phi_2 \rangle) = \frac{2 + 2S_{12}}{2(1 + S_{12})} = 1$$
 (2.2.13)

$$\langle \psi_2 | \psi_2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2(1 - S_{12})} (\langle \phi_1 | \phi_1 \rangle - 2 \langle \phi_1 | \phi_2 \rangle + \langle \phi_2 | \phi_2 \rangle) = \frac{2 - 2S_{12}}{2(1 - S_{12})} = 1$$
 (2.2.14)

$$\langle \psi_1 | \psi_2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{1 + S_{12}}\sqrt{1 - S_{12}}} (\langle \phi_1 | \phi_1 \rangle - \langle \phi_2 | \phi_2 \rangle) = 0$$
 (2.2.15)

- 2.2.6 Excited Determinants
- 2.2.7 Form of the Exact Wfn and CI