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2 Many-electron Wave Functions and Operators

2.1 The Electronic Problem

- 2.1.1 Atomic Units
- 2.1.2 The B-O Approximation
- 2.1.3 The Antisymmetry or Pauli Exclusion Principle

2.2 Orbitals, Slater Determinants, and Basis Functions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$(2.2.11)$$

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

Ex 2.7 Size of full CI matrix

$$C_{72}^{42} = 164307576757973059488 \approx 1.64 \times 10^{20}$$
 (2.2.16)

The number of singly excited determinants

$$42 \times 30 = 1260 \tag{2.2.17}$$

The number of doubly excited determinants

$$C_{42}^2 C_{30}^2 = 374535 (2.2.18)$$

2.3 Operators and Matrix Elements

2.3.1 Minimal Basis H_2 Matrix Elements

Ex 2.8

$$\langle \Psi_{12}^{34} | h(1) | \Psi_{12}^{34} \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \langle \chi_{3}(\mathbf{x}_{1}) \chi_{4}(\mathbf{x}_{2}) - \chi_{3}(\mathbf{x}_{2}) \chi_{4}(\mathbf{x}_{1}) | h(1) | \chi_{3}(\mathbf{x}_{1}) \chi_{4}(\mathbf{x}_{2}) - \chi_{3}(\mathbf{x}_{2}) \chi_{4}(\mathbf{x}_{1}) \rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\langle \chi_{3} | h(1) | \chi_{3} \rangle - 0 - 0 + \langle \chi_{4} | h(1) | \chi_{4} \rangle)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\langle \chi_{3} | h(1) | \chi_{3} \rangle + \langle \chi_{4} | h(1) | \chi_{4} \rangle)$$
(2.3.1)

thus

$$\langle \Psi_{12}^{34} | \mathcal{O}_1 | \Psi_{12}^{34} \rangle = \langle 3 | h | 3 \rangle + \langle 4 | h | 4 \rangle$$
 (2.3.2)

$$\langle \Psi_0 \mid h(1) \mid \Psi_{12}^{34} \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \langle \chi_1(\mathbf{x}_1) \chi_2(\mathbf{x}_2) - \chi_2(\mathbf{x}_2) \chi_1(\mathbf{x}_1) \mid h(1) \mid \chi_3(\mathbf{x}_1) \chi_4(\mathbf{x}_2) - \chi_3(\mathbf{x}_2) \chi_4(\mathbf{x}_1) \rangle$$

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

$$= 0$$
(2.3.3)

thus

$$\langle \Psi_0 \mid \mathcal{O}_1 \mid \Psi_{12}^{34} \rangle = 0 \tag{2.3.4}$$

Similarly, we get

$$\left\langle \Psi_{12}^{34} \left| \mathcal{O}_1 \right| \Psi_0 \right\rangle = 0 \tag{2.3.5}$$

Ex 2.9 From Eq. (2.92) in textbook, we get

$$\langle \Psi_0 \mid \mathcal{H} \mid \Psi_0 \rangle = \langle 1 \mid h \mid 1 \rangle + \langle 2 \mid h \mid 2 \rangle + \langle 12 \mid 12 \rangle - \langle 12 \mid 21 \rangle \tag{2.3.6}$$

From Ex 2.8, we get

$$\langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{O}_1 | \Psi_{12}^{34} \rangle = \langle \Psi_{12}^{34} | \mathcal{O}_1 | \Psi_0 \rangle = 0$$
 (2.3.7)

thus

$$\langle \Psi_0 \mid \mathcal{H} \mid \Psi_{12}^{34} \rangle = \langle \Psi_0 \mid \mathcal{O}_2 \mid \Psi_{12}^{34} \rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left\langle \chi_1(\mathbf{x}_1) \chi_2(\mathbf{x}_2) - \chi_1(\mathbf{x}_2) \chi_2(\mathbf{x}_1) \mid \frac{1}{r_{12}} \mid \chi_3(\mathbf{x}_1) \chi_4(\mathbf{x}_2) - \chi_3(\mathbf{x}_2) \chi_4(\mathbf{x}_1) \right\rangle$$

$$= \langle 12 \mid 34 \rangle - \langle 12 \mid 43 \rangle$$
(2.3.8)

$$\begin{aligned}
\left\langle \Psi_{12}^{34} \middle| \mathcal{H} \middle| \Psi_{0} \right\rangle &= \left\langle \Psi_{12}^{34} \middle| \mathcal{O}_{2} \middle| \Psi_{0} \right\rangle \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left\langle \chi_{3}(\mathbf{x}_{1}) \chi_{4}(\mathbf{x}_{2}) - \chi_{3}(\mathbf{x}_{2}) \chi_{4}(\mathbf{x}_{1}) \middle| \frac{1}{r_{12}} \middle| \chi_{1}(\mathbf{x}_{1}) \chi_{2}(\mathbf{x}_{2}) - \chi_{2}(\mathbf{x}_{2}) \chi_{1}(\mathbf{x}_{1}) \right\rangle \\
&= \left\langle 34 \middle| 12 \right\rangle - \left\langle 34 \middle| 21 \right\rangle
\end{aligned} (2.3.9)$$

$$\langle \Psi_{12}^{34} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{12}^{34} \rangle = \left\langle \Psi_{12}^{34} \middle| h(1) + h(2) + \frac{1}{r_{12}} \middle| \Psi_{12}^{34} \right\rangle$$

$$= 2 \times \frac{1}{2} \left\langle \chi_{3}(\mathbf{x}_{1}) \chi_{4}(\mathbf{x}_{2}) - \chi_{3}(\mathbf{x}_{2}) \chi_{4}(\mathbf{x}_{1}) \middle| h(1) \middle| \chi_{3}(\mathbf{x}_{1}) \chi_{4}(\mathbf{x}_{2}) - \chi_{3}(\mathbf{x}_{2}) \chi_{4}(\mathbf{x}_{1}) \right\rangle$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \left\langle \chi_{3}(\mathbf{x}_{1}) \chi_{4}(\mathbf{x}_{2}) - \chi_{3}(\mathbf{x}_{2}) \chi_{4}(\mathbf{x}_{1}) \middle| \frac{1}{r_{12}} \middle| \chi_{3}(\mathbf{x}_{1}) \chi_{4}(\mathbf{x}_{2}) - \chi_{3}(\mathbf{x}_{2}) \chi_{4}(\mathbf{x}_{1}) \right\rangle$$

$$= \langle 3 \middle| h \middle| 3 \rangle + \langle 4 \middle| h \middle| 4 \rangle + \langle 34 \middle| 34 \rangle - \langle 34 \middle| 43 \rangle$$

$$(2.3.10)$$

2.3.2 Notations for 1- and 2-Electron Integrals

2.3.3 General Rules for Matrix Elements

Ex 2.10

$$\langle K \, | \, \mathcal{H} \, | \, K \rangle = \sum_{m}^{N} [m | h | m] + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m}^{N} \sum_{n}^{N} \langle mn \, | \, mn \rangle = \sum_{m}^{N} [m | h | m] + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m}^{N} \sum_{n}^{N} \left([mm | nn] - [mn | nm] \right) \tag{2.3.11}$$

When m = n,

$$[mm|mm] - [mm|mm] = 0$$
 (2.3.12)

thus

$$\langle K \, | \, \mathcal{H} \, | \, K \rangle = \sum_{m}^{N} [m|h|m] + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m}^{N} \sum_{n \neq m}^{N} \left([mm|nn] - [mn|nm] \right) = \sum_{m}^{N} [m|h|m] + \sum_{m}^{N} \sum_{n > m}^{N} \left([mm|nn] - [mn|nm] \right)$$

$$(2.3.13)$$

Ex 2.11

$$\langle K \mid \mathcal{H} \mid K \rangle = \langle K \mid \mathcal{O}_1 + \mathcal{O}_2 \mid K \rangle = \sum_{m}^{N} [m|h|m] + \sum_{m}^{N} \sum_{n>m}^{N} \langle mn \parallel mn \rangle$$

$$= \langle 1 \mid h \mid 1 \rangle + \langle 2 \mid h \mid 2 \rangle + \langle 3 \mid h \mid 3 \rangle + \langle 12 \parallel 12 \rangle + \langle 13 \parallel 13 \rangle + \langle 23 \parallel 23 \rangle$$

$$(2.3.14)$$

Ex 2.12

$$\langle \Psi_0 \mid \mathcal{H} \mid \Psi_0 \rangle = \langle 1 \mid h \mid 1 \rangle + \langle 2 \mid h \mid 2 \rangle + \langle 12 \mid 12 \rangle$$

$$= \langle 1 \mid h \mid 1 \rangle + \langle 2 \mid h \mid 2 \rangle + \langle 12 \mid 12 \rangle - \langle 12 \mid 21 \rangle$$
(2.3.15)

$$\langle \Psi_0 \mid \mathcal{H} \mid \Psi_{12}^{34} \rangle = \langle 12 \mid 34 \rangle = \langle 12 \mid 34 \rangle - \langle 12 \mid 43 \rangle$$
 (2.3.16)

$$\langle \Psi_{12}^{34} \mid \mathcal{H} \mid \Psi_0 \rangle = \langle 34 \mid 12 \rangle = \langle 34 \mid 12 \rangle - \langle 34 \mid 21 \rangle \tag{2.3.17}$$

$$\langle \Psi_{12}^{34} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{12}^{34} \rangle = \langle 3 | h | 3 \rangle + \langle 4 | h | 4 \rangle + \langle 34 | 34 \rangle$$

$$= \langle 3 | h | 3 \rangle + \langle 4 | h | 4 \rangle + \langle 34 | 34 \rangle - \langle 34 | 43 \rangle$$
(2.3.18)

Which are exactly the same with Ex 2.9.

Ex 2.13 if a = b, r = s

$$\langle \Psi_a^r \mid \mathcal{O} \mid \Psi_b^s \rangle = \langle \Psi_a^r \mid \mathcal{O}_1 \mid \Psi_a^r \rangle = \sum_{c}^{N} \langle c \mid h \mid c \rangle - \langle a \mid h \mid a \rangle + \langle r \mid h \mid r \rangle$$
 (2.3.19)

if $a = b, r \neq s$

$$\langle \Psi_a^r \mid \mathcal{O} \mid \Psi_b^s \rangle = \langle \Psi_a^r \mid \mathcal{O}_1 \mid \Psi_a^s \rangle = \langle r \mid h \mid s \rangle \tag{2.3.20}$$

if $a \neq b$, r = s

$$\langle \Psi_a^r \mid \mathcal{O} \mid \Psi_b^s \rangle = \langle \Psi_a^r \mid \mathcal{O}_1 \mid \Psi_b^r \rangle = \langle \Psi_a^r \mid \mathcal{O}_1 \mid -(\Psi_a^r)_b^a \rangle = -\langle b \mid h \mid a \rangle \tag{2.3.21}$$

if $a \neq b$, $r \neq s$

$$\langle \Psi_a^r \mid \mathcal{O} \mid \Psi_b^s \rangle = \langle \Psi_a^r \mid \mathcal{O}_1 \mid (\Psi_a^r)_{rb}^{as} \rangle = 0 \tag{2.3.22}$$

Ex 2.14

$$^{N}E_{0} = \sum_{m}^{N} \langle m | h | m \rangle + \sum_{m}^{M} \sum_{n>m}^{M} \langle mn || mn \rangle$$
 (2.3.23)

$${}^{N-1}E_0 = \sum_{m \neq a}^{N} \langle m \mid h \mid m \rangle + \sum_{m \neq a}^{M} \sum_{n > m, n \neq a}^{M} \langle mn \parallel mn \rangle$$
 (2.3.24)

$${}^{N}E_{0} - {}^{N-1}E_{0} = \langle a \mid h \mid a \rangle + \sum_{b \neq a}^{N} \langle ab \parallel ab \rangle$$
 (2.3.25)

2.3.4 Derivation of the Rules for Matrix Elements

Ex 2.15

$$\langle \Psi | \mathcal{H} | \Psi \rangle = \frac{1}{N!} \left\langle \sum_{n=1}^{N!} (-1)^{p_n} \mathscr{P}_n \{ \chi_i(1) \chi_j(2) \cdots \chi_k(N) \} \left| \sum_{c=1}^{N} h(c) \right| \sum_{m=1}^{N!} (-1)^{p_m} \mathscr{P}_m \{ \chi_i(1) \chi_j(2) \cdots \chi_k(N) \} \right\rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{N!} \sum_{n=1}^{N!} \sum_{m=1}^{N!} (-1)^{p_n + p_m} \sum_{c=1}^{N} \left\langle \mathscr{P}_n \{ \chi_i(1) \chi_j(2) \cdots \chi_k(N) \} | h(c) | \mathscr{P}_m \{ \chi_i(1) \chi_j(2) \cdots \chi_k(N) \} \right\rangle$$
(2.3.26)

Since the integral inside equals 0 when $\mathscr{P}_n \neq \mathscr{P}_m$,

$$\langle \Psi \,|\, \mathcal{H} \,|\, \Psi \rangle = \frac{1}{N!} \sum_{n=1}^{N!} (-1)^{p_n + p_n} (\varepsilon_i + \varepsilon_j + \dots + \varepsilon_k) = \varepsilon_i + \varepsilon_j + \dots + \varepsilon_k \tag{2.3.27}$$

Ex 2.16 Suppose

$$c = \left\langle K^{HP} \mid \mathcal{H} \mid L \right\rangle = \left\langle K^{HP} \mid \mathcal{H} \mid \sum_{m=1}^{N!} (-1)^{p_m} \mathscr{P}_m L^{HP} \right\rangle \tag{2.3.28}$$

thus

$$\langle K \mid \mathcal{H} \mid L \rangle = \sum_{n=1}^{N!} (-1)^{p_n} \left\langle \mathscr{P}_n K^{HP} \mid \mathcal{H} \mid \sum_{m=1}^{N!} (-1)^{p_m} \mathscr{P}_m L^{HP} \right\rangle$$
 (2.3.29)

2.3.5 Transition from Spin Orbitals to Spatial Orbitals

Ex 2.17

$$|1\rangle = |\psi_1 \alpha\rangle \quad |2\rangle = |\psi_1 \beta\rangle |3\rangle = |\psi_2 \alpha\rangle \quad |4\rangle = |\psi_2 \beta\rangle$$
 (2.3.30)

thus

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$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{pmatrix} \langle 1 | h | 1 \rangle + \langle 2 | h | 2 \rangle + \langle 12 | 12 \rangle - \langle 12 | 21 \rangle & \langle 12 | 34 \rangle - \langle 12 | 43 \rangle \\
\langle 34 | 12 \rangle - \langle 34 | 21 \rangle & \langle 3 | h | 3 \rangle + \langle 4 | h | 4 \rangle + \langle 34 | 34 \rangle - \langle 34 | 43 \rangle \end{pmatrix} \\
= \begin{pmatrix} 2(1|h|1) + (11|11) & (12|12) \\
(21|21) & 2(2|h|2) + (22|22) \end{pmatrix} (2.3.31)$$

Ex 2.18