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Tight-Binding formalism

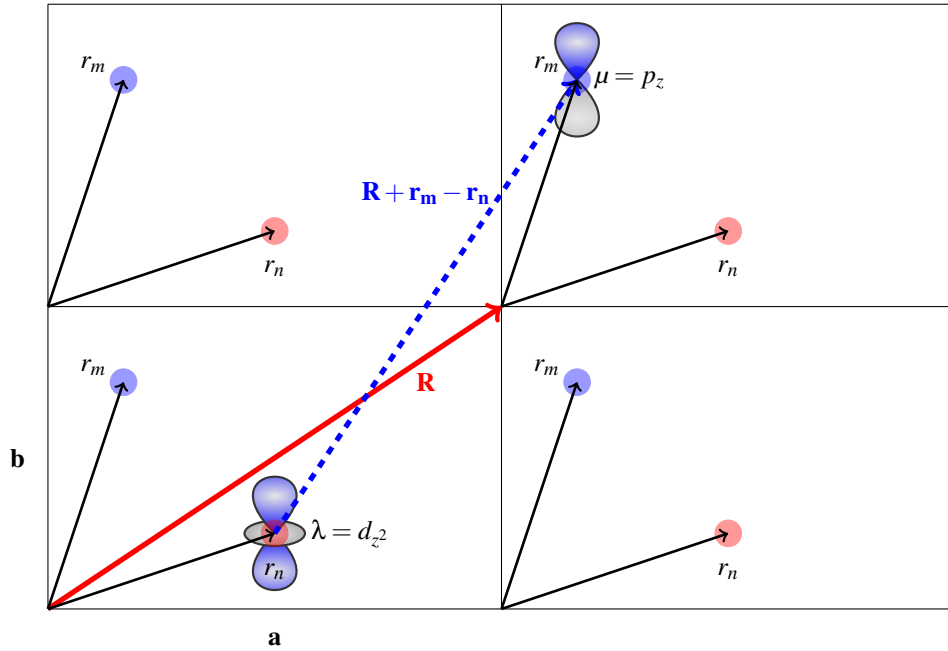


Figure 1: geometry of the unit-cell and its periodicity

1 notations

1.1 Geometry

Born von Karman (BVK) conditions are used. BVK: $L_a = N_a \times a$, $L_b = N_b \times b$, $L_c = N_c \times c$.

$N = N_a \times N_b \times N_c$: Total number of cells.

Periodicity along **a**, **b** et **c**. volume of the unit-cell $\omega = \mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c})$

$$\mathbf{R} = n_a \mathbf{a} + n_b \mathbf{b} + n_c \mathbf{c}.$$

Reciprocal vectors \mathbf{a}^* , \mathbf{b}^* and \mathbf{c}^* . volume of Brillouin zone $\omega^* = \frac{2\pi^3}{\omega}$

$$\mathbf{g} = h\mathbf{a}^* + k\mathbf{b}^* + l\mathbf{c}^*.$$

scalar product: $\mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{g} = 2\pi(n_a h + n_b k + n_c l)$

If $\mathbf{R} \in$ Bravais lattice and $\mathbf{g} \in$ Reciprocal lattice then $\mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{g} = 2\pi n \Rightarrow e^{i\mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{g}} = 1$

n_{at} : number of atoms in the unit-cell.

\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{R}' : periodic vectors of the Bravais lattice

$\mathbf{r}_n, \mathbf{r}_m$: position of the atoms in the unit-cell $n = 1 \dots, n_{at}$.

1.2 Orbitals

λ, μ, ν : orbitals $|s\rangle, |p_x\rangle, |p_y\rangle, |p_z\rangle, |d_{xy}\rangle, |d_{yz}\rangle, |d_{zx}\rangle, |d_{x^2-y^2}\rangle, |d_{3z^2-r^2}\rangle$. l orbitals.
Atomic wave functions of orbital λ centered on site (R, n) .

$$\langle \mathbf{r} | R, n, \lambda \rangle = \phi_\lambda(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R} - \mathbf{r}_n)$$

1.3 Hamiltonian

\hat{H} Hamiltonian operator.

H Hamiltonian matrix:

$$H_{R,n,R',m}^{\lambda,\mu} = \langle R, n, \lambda | \hat{H} | R', m, \mu \rangle \quad ; \quad S_{R,n,R',m}^{\lambda,\mu} = \langle R, n, \lambda | \hat{I} | R', m, \mu \rangle$$

2 Bloch Theorem

2.1 notations

$|\alpha, \mathbf{k}\rangle$ Bloch function of index α ($\alpha = 1, \dots, n_{at} \times l$) and wave-vector $\mathbf{k} \in 1BZ$

$\mathbf{k} = k_a \mathbf{a}^* + k_b \mathbf{b}^* + k_c \mathbf{c}^* \quad k_{i=a,b,c} = (2 \times n_i - N_i - 1) / (2N_i) \quad (n_i = 1, \dots, N_i) \in 1BZ$.

We recall some relations:

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{\mathbf{R}} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{R}} = \delta_{\mathbf{k}} \quad ; \quad \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{R}'} e^{i(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}') \cdot (\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{R}')} = \delta_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}'}$$

2.2 Bloch Functions

Expansion of wave functions on atomic orbitals

$$|\Psi_\alpha\rangle = \sum_{\mathbf{R}, n, \lambda} C_{Rn\lambda}^\alpha |\mathbf{R}, n, \lambda\rangle$$

According to Bloch theorem the function solutions of the Shrodinger equations can be labeled by two indices α, \mathbf{k} :

$$C_{R,n\lambda}^\alpha = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{R}} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}_n} C_{n\lambda}^\alpha(\mathbf{k})$$

So:

$$|\alpha, \mathbf{k}\rangle = \sum_{n, \lambda} C_{n\lambda}^\alpha(\mathbf{k}) \frac{e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}_n}}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{\mathbf{R}} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{R}} |\mathbf{R}, n, \lambda\rangle$$

Introducing a TB basis adapted to periodicity $|n, \lambda, \mathbf{k}\rangle$ one gets:

$$|\alpha, \mathbf{k}\rangle = \sum_{n, \lambda} C_{n\lambda}^\alpha(\mathbf{k}) |n, \lambda, \mathbf{k}\rangle \quad \text{with} \quad |n, \lambda, \mathbf{k}\rangle = \frac{e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}_n}}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{\mathbf{R}} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{R}} |\mathbf{R}, n, \lambda\rangle$$

The closure relation reads

$$\sum_{\alpha, \mathbf{k}} |\alpha, \mathbf{k}\rangle \langle \alpha, \mathbf{k}| = \hat{I}$$

And the Hamiltonian:

$$\sum_{\alpha, \mathbf{k}} |\alpha, \mathbf{k}\rangle \varepsilon_\alpha(\mathbf{k}) \langle \alpha, \mathbf{k}| = \hat{H}$$

If the Bloch coefficient $C_{n\lambda}^\alpha(\mathbf{k})$ are normalized correctly:

$$\langle \alpha, \mathbf{k} | \beta, \mathbf{k} \rangle = \sum_{n\lambda, m\mu} (C_{n\lambda}^\alpha(\mathbf{k}))^* S_{a,b}^{\lambda,\mu}(\mathbf{k}) C_{m\mu}^\beta(\mathbf{k}) = \delta_{\alpha\beta} \quad \forall \mathbf{k}$$

3 Schrödinger Equation

Schrödinger Equation:

$$\hat{H}|\alpha, \mathbf{k}\rangle = \varepsilon_\alpha(\mathbf{k})|\alpha, \mathbf{k}\rangle$$

Generalized eigenvalue problem:.

$$\begin{aligned} H(\mathbf{k})C^\alpha(\mathbf{k}) &= \varepsilon_\alpha(\mathbf{k})S(\mathbf{k})C^\alpha(\mathbf{k}) \\ H_{n,m}^{\lambda,\mu}(\mathbf{k}) &= \langle n, \lambda, \mathbf{k} | \hat{H} | m, \mu, \mathbf{k} \rangle = \sum_{\mathbf{R}} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot (\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{r}_m - \mathbf{r}_n)} \langle 0, n, \lambda | \hat{H} | \mathbf{R}, m, \mu \rangle \\ S_{n,m}^{\lambda,\mu}(\mathbf{k}) &= \langle n, \lambda, \mathbf{k} | \hat{I} | m, \mu, \mathbf{k} \rangle = \sum_{\mathbf{R}} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot (\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{r}_m - \mathbf{r}_n)} \langle 0, n, \lambda | \hat{I} | \mathbf{R}, m, \mu \rangle \\ \begin{pmatrix} (\hat{H}_{11}) & \cdots & (\hat{H}_{1m}) & \cdots & (\hat{H}_{1n_{\text{at}}}) \\ \vdots & \ddots & & & \\ (\hat{H}_{n1}) & \cdots & (\hat{H}_{nm}) & \cdots & \\ \vdots & & & \ddots & \\ (\hat{H}_{n_{\text{at}}1}) & & & & (\hat{H}_{n_{\text{at}},n_{\text{at}}}) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} (C_1^\alpha) \\ \vdots \\ (C_a^\alpha) \\ \vdots \\ (C_{n_a}^\alpha) \end{pmatrix} &= \varepsilon_\alpha(\mathbf{k}) \begin{pmatrix} (S_{11}) & \cdots & (S_{1b}) & \cdots & (S_{1n_a}) \\ \vdots & \ddots & & & \\ (S_{a1}) & \cdots & (S_{ab}) & \cdots & \\ \vdots & & & \ddots & \\ (S_{n_a1}) & & & & (S_{n_a n_a}) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} (C_1^\alpha) \\ \vdots \\ (C_a^\alpha) \\ \vdots \\ (C_{n_a}^\alpha) \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

(H_{nm}) matrix $l \times l$ with $(H_{nm})_{\lambda,\mu} = H_{nm}^{\lambda,\mu}(\mathbf{k})$. $H(\mathbf{k})$ matrix of size $(ln_{\text{at}}) \times (ln_{\text{at}})$.

The wave-vector should be normalized:

$$\sum_{n\lambda, m\mu} C_{n\lambda}^{\alpha*}(\mathbf{k}) S_{n,m}^{\lambda,\mu}(\mathbf{k}) C_{m\mu}^\beta(\mathbf{k}) = \delta_{\alpha\beta} \quad \forall \mathbf{k}$$

In matrix form:

$${}^t C^{\alpha*}(\mathbf{k}) S(\mathbf{k}) C^\beta(\mathbf{k}) = \delta_{\alpha\beta} \quad \forall \mathbf{k}$$

Setting $\tilde{C}^\alpha = S(\mathbf{k})C^\alpha(\mathbf{k})$, one gets:

$${}^t C^{\alpha*}(\mathbf{k}) \tilde{C}^\beta(\mathbf{k}) = \delta_{\alpha\beta} \quad \forall \mathbf{k}$$

4 Remarks on non-orthogonal basis in Quantum Mechanics

4.1 Dual basis

Let's ignore λ and \mathbf{k} indices. One consider a non-orthogonal basis $|a\rangle$. One defines its dual $|\tilde{a}\rangle$

$$|\tilde{a}\rangle = \sum_b (S^{-1})_{a,b} |b\rangle$$

the following orthogonality relation holds

$$\langle \tilde{b} | a \rangle = \delta_{a,b}$$

And two closure relations:

$$\sum_a |\tilde{a}\rangle \langle a| = \hat{I} \quad ; \quad \sum_a |a\rangle \langle \tilde{a}| = \hat{I}$$

The eigenstates $|\alpha\rangle$ can be decomposed on the $|a\rangle$ basis:

$$|\alpha\rangle = \sum_a C_a^\alpha |a\rangle$$

And the coefficient C_a^α are obtained:

$$C_a^\alpha = \langle \tilde{a} | \alpha \rangle$$

4.2 Matrix expression of an operator in a non-orthogonal basis

Let \hat{A} be an operator. One can define 4 different matrices: A, \tilde{A}, \tilde{A}' , and \bar{A} :

$$A_{ab} = \langle a | \hat{A} | b \rangle \quad ; \quad \tilde{A}_{ab} = \langle \tilde{a} | \hat{A} | b \rangle \quad ; \quad \tilde{A}'_{ab} = \langle a | \hat{A} | \tilde{b} \rangle \quad ; \quad \bar{A}_{ab} = \langle \tilde{a} | \hat{A} | \tilde{b} \rangle$$

One then easily shows that

$$\hat{A} | b \rangle = \sum_a \tilde{A}_{ab} | a \rangle \quad ; \quad \hat{A} | \tilde{b} \rangle = \sum_a \tilde{A}'_{ab} | \tilde{a} \rangle$$

and

$$\hat{A} = \sum_{ab} | a \rangle \bar{A}_{ab} \langle b |$$

The following matrix relations can be easily derived:

$$A = S \bar{A} S \quad ; \quad \bar{A} = S^{-1} A S^{-1} \quad ; \quad \tilde{A} = S^{-1} A = \bar{A} S \quad ; \quad \tilde{A}' = A S^{-1} = S \bar{A}$$

A and \bar{A} are Hermitian contrary to \tilde{A} et \tilde{A}' . However \tilde{A} et \tilde{A}' are the matrix representation of the linear operator in basis $|a\rangle$ and $|\tilde{a}\rangle$ respectively. Hence, they have the property of composition of operators:

$$\widetilde{AB} = \tilde{A} \tilde{B} \quad \text{and} \quad \widetilde{AB}' = \tilde{A}' \tilde{B}'$$

Let us also note that the trace of the operator \hat{A} is obtained from the trace of \tilde{A} or \tilde{A}' matrix:

$$\text{Tr}(\hat{A}) = \text{Tr}(\tilde{A}) = \text{Tr}(\tilde{A}') = \sum_a \tilde{A}_{aa} = \sum_a \tilde{A}'_{aa}$$

However the trace of the operator is NOT the trace of A or \bar{A}

$$\text{Tr}(\hat{A}) = \text{Tr}(S^{-1} A) = \text{Tr}(A S^{-1}) = \text{Tr}(\bar{A} S) = \text{Tr}(S \bar{A})$$

Let us consider an operator of the form $\hat{A} = F(\hat{H})^1$. \hat{H} can be diagonalized in eigen-state basis $|\alpha\rangle$:

$$\hat{A} = \sum_{\alpha} |\alpha\rangle F(\epsilon_{\alpha}) \langle \alpha|$$

Using the expression of $|\alpha\rangle$ in the $|a\rangle$ basis:

$$|\alpha\rangle = \sum_a C_a^{\alpha} |a\rangle$$

we get

$$\hat{A} = \sum_{ab} |a\rangle \bar{A}_{ab} \langle b| \quad \text{with} \quad \bar{A}_{ab} = \sum_{\alpha} F(\epsilon_{\alpha}) C_a^{\alpha} (C_b^{\alpha})^*$$

Let's consider two important operator, the density operator $\hat{\rho} = f(\hat{H})$ and the Green function operator $\hat{G}(z) = (z\hat{I} - \hat{H})^{-1}$:

$$\bar{\rho}_{ab} = \sum_{\alpha} f(\epsilon_{\alpha}) C_a^{\alpha} (C_b^{\alpha})^*$$

And for $\hat{G}(z)$ using the identity $(z\hat{I} - \hat{H})\hat{G}(z) = \hat{I}$ we have:

$$\langle a | (z\hat{I} - \hat{H}) \sum_b |b\rangle \langle \tilde{b}| \hat{G}(z) | \tilde{c} \rangle = \delta_{a,c}$$

Hence we have the following matrix relation

$$(zS - H)\tilde{G}(z) = Id$$

¹if F is the Fermi function then \hat{A} the density operator $\hat{\rho}$, or if $F(x) = 1/(z-x)$ then \hat{A} is the Green function $G(z)$, or if Dirac $F(x) = \delta(E-x)$ then we get the density of states

4.3 Tensorial notation

The tensorial can be very useful in some cases:

$$|\phi_a\rangle = |a\rangle \quad ; \quad |\phi^a\rangle = |\bar{a}\rangle$$

we then have:

$$A_{ab} = \langle \phi_a | \hat{A} | \phi_b \rangle = A_{ab} \quad ; \quad A^{ab} = \langle \phi^a | \hat{A} | \phi^b \rangle = \bar{A}_{ab} \quad ; \quad A^a_b = \langle \phi^a | \hat{A} | \phi_b \rangle = \tilde{A}_{ab} \quad ; \quad A_a^b = \langle \phi_a | \hat{A} | \phi^b \rangle = (G A b_a)^*$$

And for the overlaps:

$$I_{ab} = \langle \phi_a | \hat{I} | \phi_b \rangle = S_{ab} \quad ; \quad I^{ab} = \langle \phi^a | \hat{I} | \phi^b \rangle = (S^{-1})_{ab} \quad ; \quad I^a_b = \langle \phi^a | \hat{I} | \phi_b \rangle = \delta_b^a \quad ; \quad I_a^b = \langle \phi_a | \hat{I} | \phi^b \rangle = \delta_a^b$$

With Einstein convention the closure relations reads:

$$|\phi^a\rangle \langle \phi_a| = \hat{I} \quad ; \quad |\phi_a\rangle \langle \phi^a| = \hat{I}$$

The trace of operator \hat{A} reads:

$$\text{Tr}(\hat{A}) = \langle \phi^a | \hat{A} | \phi_a \rangle = A^a_a = \langle \phi_a | \hat{A} | \phi^a \rangle = A_a^a$$

The trace of the product of two operators $\hat{A}.\hat{B}$

$$\text{Tr}(\hat{A}.\hat{B}) = \langle \phi_a | \hat{A}.\hat{B} | \phi^a \rangle = \langle \phi_a | \hat{A} | \phi_b \rangle \langle \phi^b | \hat{B} | \phi^a \rangle = A_{ab} B^{ba}$$

5 Definition of local quantities in a non-orthogonal basis

5.1 Definition of operators

Let's consider the density operator $\hat{\rho} = f(\hat{H})^2$ and the density operator $\hat{D}(E) = \delta(E - \hat{H})$:

$$\hat{\rho} = \sum_{\alpha} |\alpha\rangle f_{\alpha} \langle \alpha| \quad ; \quad \hat{D}(E) = \sum_{\alpha} |\alpha\rangle \delta(E - \epsilon_{\alpha}) \langle \alpha|$$

The trace of $\hat{\rho}$ is equal to the number of electrons:

$$\text{Tr}(\hat{\rho}) = N_e = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(E) D(E) dE = \sum_{\alpha} f_{\alpha}$$

while the trace of $\hat{D}(E)$ is the density of states:

$$D(E) = \text{Tr}(\hat{D}(E)) = \sum_{\alpha} \delta(E - \epsilon_{\alpha})$$

Let's write the trace of the operator with the TB coefficients $|\alpha\rangle = \sum_a C_a^{\alpha} |a\rangle$.

$$\text{Tr}(\hat{\rho}) = \sum_a \sum_{\alpha} \langle \bar{a} | \alpha \rangle f_{\alpha} \langle \alpha | a \rangle = \left[\sum_{ab} \left(\sum_{\alpha} f_{\alpha} C_a^{\alpha} (C_b^{\alpha})^* \right) S_{a,b} \right] = \text{Tr}(\bar{\rho} S)$$

One recognizes the general result obtained previously for the trace of an operator applied to $\hat{\rho} = f(\hat{H})$ and its matricial expression $\bar{\rho}$

$$\bar{\rho}_{ab} = \sum_{\alpha} f_{\alpha} C_a^{\alpha} (C_b^{\alpha})^*$$

² $f(x) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(\frac{x - E_f}{k_B T})}$

5.2 Local decomposition of density operator

One notes that the previous sum can be decomposed as a sum of partial sums

$$\text{Tr}(\hat{\rho}) = \sum_a \rho_a$$

with:

$$\rho_a = \frac{1}{2} \left[\sum_{\alpha} f_{\alpha} \left(\sum_b C_a^{\alpha*} S_{a,b} C_b^{\alpha} + C_a^{\alpha} S_{a,b}^* C_b^{\alpha*} \right) \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[\langle \tilde{a} | \hat{\rho} | a \rangle + \langle a | \hat{\rho} | \tilde{a} \rangle \right]$$

Or:

$$\rho_a = \Re \left[\sum_{\alpha} f_{\alpha} \sum_b C_a^{\alpha*} S_{a,b} C_b^{\alpha} \right] = \Re \left[\bar{\rho} S \right]_{a,a}$$

Setting $\tilde{C}_a^{\alpha} = \sum_b S_{ab} C_b^{\alpha}$ one finally obtains:

$$\rho_a = \Re \left(\sum_{\alpha} f_{\alpha} C_a^{\alpha*} \tilde{C}_a^{\alpha} \right)$$

In matrix form:

$$\tilde{C}^{\alpha} = S C^{\alpha}$$

And the trace of $\hat{\rho}$ gives the total number of electrons:

$$\text{Tr}(\hat{\rho}) = \sum_{\alpha} f_{\alpha} \underbrace{C^{\alpha*} \tilde{C}^{\alpha}}_{=1} = N_e$$

5.3 Average operator

5.3.1 Average of any operator \hat{A}

The average of \hat{A} reads:

$$\langle \hat{A} \rangle = \text{Tr}(\hat{\rho} \cdot \hat{A}) = \sum_{\alpha} f_{\alpha} \langle \alpha | \hat{A} | \alpha \rangle$$

Writing the Bloch $|\alpha\rangle$ in the basis $|a\rangle$ one gets:

$$\langle \hat{A} \rangle = \sum_{ab} \left(\sum_{\alpha} f_{\alpha} C_a^{\alpha} (C_b^{\alpha})^* \right) \langle b | \hat{A} | a \rangle$$

$\langle \hat{A} \rangle$ can be written in matrix form:

$$\langle \hat{A} \rangle = \text{Tr}[\bar{\rho} A]$$

with as usual:

$$\bar{\rho}_{ab} = \sum_{\alpha} f_{\alpha} C_a^{\alpha} (C_b^{\alpha})^*$$

Note that the summation can be re-organized in a different manner:

$$\langle \hat{A} \rangle = \sum_{\alpha} f_{\alpha} {}^t C^{\alpha*} A C^{\alpha}$$

5.4 Average of an operator of the form $\hat{A} = g(\hat{H})$

If $\hat{A} = g(\hat{H})$, using $\hat{H}|\alpha\rangle = \epsilon_\alpha|\alpha\rangle$ one gets:

$$\langle \hat{A} \rangle = \text{Tr}(\hat{\rho}g(\hat{H})) = \sum_{ab} \left(\sum_{\alpha} f_{\alpha} g(\epsilon_{\alpha}) C_b^{\alpha} (C_a^{\alpha})^* \right) S_{a,b}$$

In matrix form:

$$\langle \hat{A} \rangle = \text{Tr} [\bar{\rho} A S]$$

with:

$$\bar{\rho} A_{ab} = \sum_{\alpha} f_{E_f}(\epsilon_{\alpha}) g(\epsilon_{\alpha}) C_a^{\alpha} (C_b^{\alpha})^*$$

Reorganizing the sum one obtains the "trivial" result:

$$\langle \hat{A} \rangle = \sum_{\alpha} f_{\alpha} g(\epsilon_{\alpha}) \underbrace{C_a^{\alpha*} C_b^{\alpha}}_{=1} = \sum_{\alpha} f_{\alpha} g(\epsilon_{\alpha})$$

One can as-well define the local component

$$A_a = \frac{1}{2} \left[\sum_{\alpha} f_{\alpha} g(\epsilon_{\alpha}) \left(\sum_b C_a^{\alpha*} S_{a,b} C_b^{\alpha} + \sum_b C_a^{\alpha} S_{a,b}^* C_b^{\alpha*} \right) \right]$$

or

$$A_a = \Re \left[\sum_{\alpha} f_{\alpha} g(\epsilon_{\alpha}) \sum_b C_a^{\alpha*} S_{a,b} C_b^{\alpha} \right]$$

In a more compact form:

$$A_a = \Re \left[\sum_{\alpha} f_{\alpha} g(\epsilon_{\alpha}) C_a^{\alpha*} \tilde{C}_a^{\alpha} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[\langle \tilde{a} | \hat{\rho} \cdot \hat{G} | a \rangle + \langle a | \hat{\rho} \cdot \hat{G} | \tilde{a} \rangle \right]$$

5.4.1 Total energy

In the case of the total energy $\hat{A} = \hat{H}$ so $G(x) = x$

$$E^{tot} = \langle \hat{H} \rangle = \sum_{\alpha} f_{\alpha} \epsilon_{\alpha} \underbrace{C_a^{\alpha*} \tilde{C}_a^{\alpha}}_{=1} = \sum_{\alpha} f_{\alpha} \epsilon_{\alpha}$$

Using previous section one can define the local decomposition of the energy:

$$E_a^{tot} = \Re \left[\sum_{\alpha} f_{\alpha} \epsilon_{\alpha} C_a^{\alpha*} \tilde{C}_a^{\alpha} \right]$$

6 Back to the periodic case, Bloch theorem

6.1 TB basis in "real" space and its dual

$|\widetilde{R, n, \lambda}\rangle = \sum_{R', m, \mu} (S^{-1})_{Rn, R'm}^{\lambda, \mu} |R', m, \mu\rangle$ dual basis verifying the relation $\langle \widetilde{R', m, \mu} | R, n, \lambda \rangle = \delta_{R, R'} \delta_{n, m} \delta_{\lambda, \mu}$

Closure relation: $\sum_{R, n, \lambda} |\widetilde{R, n, \lambda}\rangle \langle R, n, \lambda| = \hat{I}$

$$|\Psi_{\alpha}\rangle = \sum_{\mathbf{R}, n, \lambda} C_{Rn\lambda}^{\alpha} |\mathbf{R}, n, \lambda\rangle$$

TB coefficients: $\langle \widetilde{R, n, \lambda} | \alpha, \mathbf{k} \rangle = C_{Rn\lambda}^{\alpha} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{R}} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}_n} C_{n\lambda}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{k})$

6.2 TB Bloch basis and its dual

We recall

$$|n, \lambda, \mathbf{k}\rangle = \frac{e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}_n}}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{\mathbf{R}} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{R}} |\mathbf{R}, n, \lambda\rangle$$

The dual basis is naturally defined as:

$$|\widetilde{n, \lambda, \mathbf{k}}\rangle = \sum_{m, \mu} (S^{-1}(\mathbf{k}))_{n, m}^{\lambda, \mu} |m, \mu, \mathbf{k}\rangle$$

the orthogonality relation holds: $\langle \widetilde{n, \mu, \mathbf{k}} | m, \lambda, \mathbf{k} \rangle = \delta_{n, m} \delta_{\lambda, \mu}$. As well as the closure relation: $\sum_{n, \lambda, \mathbf{k}} |\widetilde{n, \lambda, \mathbf{k}}\rangle \langle n, \lambda, \mathbf{k}| = \hat{I}$

And the TB coefficients $\langle \widetilde{n, \lambda, \mathbf{k}} | \alpha, \mathbf{k} \rangle = C_{n, \lambda}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{k})$

6.3 Charge and local density

6.3.1 Density operator

The density operator $\hat{\rho}$ and the density of states operator $\hat{D}(E)$ (which trace gives the density of stats):

$$\hat{\rho} = f(\hat{H}) \quad [^3] \quad ; \quad \hat{D}(E) = \delta(E - H) \quad ; \quad D(E) = \text{Tr} \hat{D}(E)$$

$$\rho = \sum_{\alpha \mathbf{k}} |\alpha, \mathbf{k}\rangle w_{\mathbf{k}} f_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) \langle \alpha, \mathbf{k}| \quad ; \quad D(E) = \sum_{\alpha \mathbf{k}} |\alpha, \mathbf{k}\rangle w_{\mathbf{k}} \delta(E - \varepsilon_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k})) \langle \alpha, \mathbf{k}| \quad ; \quad D(E) = \sum_{\alpha \mathbf{k}} w_{\mathbf{k}} \delta(E - \varepsilon_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}))$$

$w_{\mathbf{k}}$ is the weight of wave-vector \mathbf{k} , in practice the summation over \mathbf{k} is discrete and involves special \mathbf{k} points. The summation is normalized such that:

$$\sum_{\mathbf{k}} w_{\mathbf{k}} = 1 = \frac{\omega}{8\pi^3} \int_{\text{BZ}} d\mathbf{k}$$

By definition the trace of $\hat{\rho}$ is equal to the number of electrons:

$$\text{Tr}(\hat{\rho}) = N_e = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(E) D(E) dE = \sum_{\alpha} (\mathbf{k}) w_{\mathbf{k}} f_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k})$$

Let's write the trace of $\hat{\rho}$ using the TB coefficient:

$$\text{Tr}(\hat{\rho}) = \sum_{\alpha \mathbf{k}} w_{\mathbf{k}} \langle \alpha, \mathbf{k} | f_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) | \alpha, \mathbf{k} \rangle = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} w_{\mathbf{k}} \left[\sum_{\substack{n\lambda \\ m\mu}} \left(\sum_{\alpha} f_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) C_{m\mu}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) (C_{n\lambda}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}))^* \right) S_{n, m}^{\lambda, \mu}(\mathbf{k}) \right]$$

One recognize the result of the previous section in matricial form of $\hat{\rho} = f(\hat{H})$ in TB basis:

$$\text{Tr}(\hat{\rho}) = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} w_{\mathbf{k}} \text{Tr} [\bar{\rho}(\mathbf{k}) S(\mathbf{k})]$$

With

$$\bar{\rho}_{nm}^{\lambda\mu}(\mathbf{k}) = \sum_{\alpha} f_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) C_{n\lambda}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) (C_{m\mu}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}))^*$$

³ $f(x) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(\frac{x - E_f}{k_B T})}$

6.3.2 Local decomposition

One notes that the previous summation can be decomposed in local components:

$$\text{Tr}(\hat{\rho}) = \sum_{n\lambda} \rho_{n\lambda}$$

where $\rho_{n\lambda}$ is the charge on site n and orbital λ :

$$\rho_{n\lambda} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\sum_{\alpha, \mathbf{k}} w_{\mathbf{k}} f_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) \sum_{m\mu} C_{n\lambda}^{\alpha*}(\mathbf{k}) S_{n,m}^{\lambda,\mu}(\mathbf{k}) C_{m\mu}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) + \sum_{\alpha, \mathbf{k}} w_{\mathbf{k}} f_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) \sum_{m\mu} C_{n\lambda}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) S_{n,m}^{\lambda,\mu*}(\mathbf{k}) C_{m\mu}^{\alpha*}(\mathbf{k}) \right]$$

Or:

$$\rho_{n\lambda} = \Re \left[\sum_{\alpha, \mathbf{k}} w_{\mathbf{k}} f_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) \sum_{m\mu} C_{n\lambda}^{\alpha*}(\mathbf{k}) S_{n,m}^{\lambda,\mu}(\mathbf{k}) C_{m\mu}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) \right]$$

Setting $\tilde{C}_{n\lambda}^{\alpha} = \sum_{m\mu} S_{nm}^{\lambda,\mu}(\mathbf{k}) C_{m\mu}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{k})$ One gets

$$\rho_{n,\lambda} = \Re \left(\sum_{\alpha, \mathbf{k}} f_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) w_{\mathbf{k}} C_{n\lambda}^{\alpha*}(\mathbf{k}) \tilde{C}_{n\lambda}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) \right)$$

Or in matrix form:

$$\tilde{C}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) = S(\mathbf{k}) C^{\alpha}(\mathbf{k})$$

Hence the trace of the operator $\hat{\rho}$ reads:

$$\text{Tr}(\hat{\rho}) = \sum_{\alpha \mathbf{k}} w_{\mathbf{k}} f_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k})^t C^{\alpha*}(\mathbf{k}) \tilde{C}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) = N_e$$

6.4 Average operator

6.4.1 Average value of the operator \hat{A}

The average of \hat{A} reads:

$$\langle \hat{A} \rangle = \text{Tr}(\hat{\rho} \hat{A}) = \sum_{\alpha, \mathbf{k}} w_{\mathbf{k}} f_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) \langle \alpha, \mathbf{k} | \hat{A} | \alpha, \mathbf{k} \rangle$$

Unsing the expansion of the Bloch $|\alpha, \mathbf{k}\rangle$ on the TB basis $|n, \lambda, \mathbf{k}\rangle$ gives:

$$\langle \hat{A} \rangle = \sum_{\substack{n\lambda \\ m\mu}} \left(\sum_{\alpha, \mathbf{k}} w_{\mathbf{k}} f_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) C_{n\lambda}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) (C_{m\mu}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}))^* \right) \langle m\mu, \mathbf{k} | \hat{A} | n\lambda, \mathbf{k} \rangle$$

$\langle \hat{A} \rangle$ can be written as the trace of a matrix product:

$$\langle \hat{A} \rangle = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} w_{\mathbf{k}} \text{Tr}[\tilde{\rho}(\mathbf{k}) A(\mathbf{k})]$$

With:

$$\tilde{\rho}_{nm}^{\lambda\mu}(\mathbf{k}) = \sum_{\alpha} f_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) C_{n\lambda}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) (C_{m\mu}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}))^*$$

Note that the summation can be re-organized in a slightly different way:

$$\langle \hat{A} \rangle = \sum_{\alpha \mathbf{k}} w_{\mathbf{k}} f_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k})^t C^{\alpha*}(\mathbf{k}) A(\mathbf{k}) C^{\alpha}(\mathbf{k})$$

6.4.2 Average of an operator of the form $\hat{A} = g(\hat{H})$

Let's consider $\hat{A} = g(\hat{H})$ then:

$$\langle \hat{A} \rangle = \text{Tr}(\hat{\rho} F(\hat{H})) = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \sum_{\substack{n\lambda \\ m\mu}} \left(\sum_{\alpha} w_{\mathbf{k}} f_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) g(\varepsilon_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k})) C_{m\mu}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) (C_{n\lambda}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}))^* \right) S_{n,m}^{\lambda,\mu}(\mathbf{k})$$

In matrix form:

$$\langle \hat{A} \rangle = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} w_{\mathbf{k}} \text{Tr} \left[(\overline{FG})(\mathbf{k}) S(\mathbf{k}) \right]$$

with

$$\overline{FG}_{nm}^{\lambda\mu}(\mathbf{k}) = \sum_{\alpha} f_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) g(\varepsilon_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k})) C_{n\lambda}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) (C_{m\mu}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}))^*$$

Reorganizing the summation gives:

$$\langle \hat{A} \rangle = \sum_{\alpha \mathbf{k}} w_{\mathbf{k}} f_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) g(\varepsilon_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}))^t C^{\alpha*}(\mathbf{k}) \tilde{C}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{k})$$

And the local component

$$A_{n\lambda} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\sum_{\alpha, \mathbf{k}} w_{\mathbf{k}} f_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) g(\varepsilon_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k})) \left(\sum_{m\mu} C_{n\lambda}^{\alpha*}(\mathbf{k}) S_{nm}^{\lambda,\mu}(\mathbf{k}) C_{m\mu}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) + \sum_{m\mu} C_{n\lambda}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) S_{n,m}^{\lambda,\mu*}(\mathbf{k}) C_{m\mu}^{\alpha*}(\mathbf{k}) \right) \right]$$

So that

$$A_{n\lambda} = \Re \left[\sum_{\alpha, \mathbf{k}} w_{\mathbf{k}} f_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) g(\varepsilon_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k})) \sum_{m\mu} C_{n\lambda}^{\alpha*}(\mathbf{k}) S_{n,m}^{\lambda,\mu}(\mathbf{k}) C_{m\mu}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) \right]$$

Or in a more compact form:

$$A_{n\lambda} = \Re \left[\sum_{\alpha, \mathbf{k}} w_{\mathbf{k}} f_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) g(\varepsilon_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k})) C_{n\lambda}^{\alpha*}(\mathbf{k}) \tilde{C}_{n\lambda}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) \right]$$

6.4.3 Total energy

In the case of the total energy $\hat{A} = \hat{H}$ so that $g(x) = x$

$$E_{tot} = \langle \hat{H} \rangle = \sum_{\alpha \mathbf{k}} w_{\mathbf{k}} f_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) \varepsilon_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k})^t C^{\alpha*}(\mathbf{k}) \tilde{C}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{k})$$

The local component of the energy is defined as:

$$E_{n\lambda}^{\text{tot}} = \Re \left[\sum_{\alpha, \mathbf{k}} w_{\mathbf{k}} f_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) \varepsilon_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) C_{n\lambda}^{\alpha*}(\mathbf{k}) \tilde{C}_{n\lambda}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) \right]$$

6.4.4 Group velocity

Let's consider the groupe velocity $\mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{k},\alpha}$, of band α at \mathbf{k} :

$$\hbar \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{k},\alpha} = \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \varepsilon_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k})$$

For component $d = x, y, z$

$$\hbar v_{\mathbf{k},\alpha}^d = \frac{\partial}{\partial k_d} \langle \alpha \mathbf{k} | \hat{H} | \alpha \mathbf{k} \rangle$$

Using the expansion of the Bloch function in TB basis as well as the generalized eigenvalue equation and normalization of eigenvectors one gets:

$$\hbar v_{\mathbf{k},\alpha}^d = C^{\alpha*}(\mathbf{k}) \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial k_d} H(\mathbf{k}) - \varepsilon_\alpha(\mathbf{k}) \frac{\partial}{\partial k_d} S(\mathbf{k}) \right] C^\alpha(\mathbf{k})$$

Hence we have to calculate the derivative the Hamiltonian matrix

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial k_d} H_{n,m}^{\lambda,\mu}(\mathbf{k}) = i \sum_{\mathbf{R}} (\mathbf{R}^d + \mathbf{r}_m^d - \mathbf{r}_n^d) e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot (\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{r}_m - \mathbf{r}_n)} \langle 0, n, \lambda | \hat{H} | \mathbf{R}, m, \mu \rangle$$

and overlap

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial k_d} S_{n,m}^{\lambda,\mu}(\mathbf{k}) = i \sum_{\mathbf{R}} (\mathbf{R}^d + \mathbf{r}_m^d - \mathbf{r}_n^d) e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot (\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{r}_m - \mathbf{r}_n)} \langle 0, n, \lambda | \hat{I} | \mathbf{R}, m, \mu \rangle$$

7 What about spin!

7.1 Local and global basis

One can choose a global spin basis linked to the crystal lattice or a local basis linked to the orientation of the spin magnetization. For the global basis $\sigma = \uparrow, \downarrow$ diagonalize σ_z operator while for the local basis $\sigma'' = \uparrow, \downarrow$ diagonalize $\sigma_{z''}$. The global basis is identical for each atom of the system, while in case of non-collinear magnetization the local basis can change from site to site! We will use the global basis in the following.

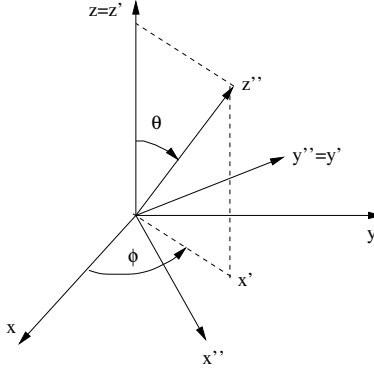


Figure 2: Definition of the spin basis in spherical coordinates

7.2 TB basis and Bloch theorem with spinors

Let's introduce the spin variable σ , we define the TB basis with an additional index:

$$|\mathbf{R}, n, \lambda, \sigma\rangle = |\mathbf{R}, n, \lambda\rangle \otimes |\sigma\rangle$$

In the TB basis adapted to the periodic conditions $|n, \lambda, \sigma, \mathbf{k}\rangle$

$$|n, \lambda, \sigma, \mathbf{k}\rangle = \frac{e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}_n}}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{\mathbf{R}} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{R}} |\mathbf{R}, n, \lambda, \sigma\rangle$$

And the Bloch function:

$$|\alpha, \mathbf{k}\rangle = \sum_{n, \lambda, \sigma} C_{n\lambda\sigma}^\alpha(\mathbf{k}) |n, \lambda, \sigma, \mathbf{k}\rangle$$

Note that if the Hamiltonian does NOT possess term that "mix" up and down spins the coefficients $C_{a\lambda\sigma}^\alpha(\mathbf{k})$ can be separated in "up" ($\sigma = \uparrow$) and "down" ($\sigma = \downarrow$). This situation occurs when the magnetization is collinear without spin-orbit coupling.

7.3 Expression of an operator in the TB basis

\hat{A} hermitian operator can be written in the TB basis $|n, \lambda, \sigma, \mathbf{k}\rangle$:

$$A_{n,m}^{\lambda\sigma,\mu\sigma'}(\mathbf{k}) = \langle n, \lambda, \sigma, \mathbf{k} | \hat{A} | m, \mu, \sigma' \mathbf{k} \rangle = \sum_{\mathbf{R}} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot (\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{r}_m - \mathbf{r}_n)} \langle 0, n, \lambda, \sigma | \hat{A} | \mathbf{R}, m, \mu, \sigma' \rangle$$

If \hat{A} is independent of spin:

$$A_{n,m}^{\lambda\sigma,\mu\sigma'}(\mathbf{k}) = A_{n,m}^{\lambda,\mu}(\mathbf{k}) \otimes \sigma_0$$

This result applies to the component of the Hamiltonian that does not depend on spin H_0 :

$$H_{n,m}^{0,\lambda\sigma,\mu\sigma'}(\mathbf{k}) = H_{n,m}^{0,\lambda,\mu}(\mathbf{k}) \otimes \sigma_0 \quad \text{and} \quad S_{n,m}^{\lambda\sigma,\mu\sigma'}(\mathbf{k}) = S_{n,m}^{\lambda,\mu}(\mathbf{k}) \otimes \sigma_0$$

The TB magnetic Hamiltonian contains four terms H_0 , H_{LCN} , H_{Stoner} and H_{SOC} ⁴:

$$H = H_0 \otimes \sigma_0 + \sum_{\substack{n,\lambda \\ m\mu}} U_{n,\lambda} (\rho_{n,\lambda} - \rho_{n,\lambda}^0) \delta_{n,\lambda,b\mu} \otimes \sigma_0 - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{n,\lambda \\ m\mu}} I_{n,\lambda} \delta_{n,\lambda,m\mu} \mathbf{m}_{n\lambda} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} + \sum_{\substack{n,\lambda,\sigma \\ m,\mu,\sigma'}} \xi_{n,\lambda} \delta_{n,m} \langle \lambda, \sigma | \mathbf{l} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} | \mu, \sigma' \rangle$$

7.4 Average operators

7.4.1 Pauli operator

The average of the spin operator is expressed as follows $\langle \boldsymbol{\sigma} \rangle$ ⁵:

$$\langle \boldsymbol{\sigma} \rangle = \sum_{\alpha, \mathbf{k}} w_{\mathbf{k}} f_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) \langle \alpha, \mathbf{k} | \boldsymbol{\sigma} | \alpha, \mathbf{k} \rangle$$

Let's use the definition of $|\alpha, \mathbf{k}\rangle$ and the fact that $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ acts only on spin variables:

$$\begin{aligned} |\alpha, \mathbf{k}\rangle &= \sum_{n,\lambda,\sigma} C_{n\lambda\sigma}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) |n, \lambda, \sigma, \mathbf{k}\rangle \quad ; \quad \boldsymbol{\sigma} |n, \lambda, \sigma', \mathbf{k}\rangle = \sum_{\sigma''} \sigma_{\sigma\sigma'} |n, \lambda, \sigma'', \mathbf{k}\rangle \\ \langle \boldsymbol{\sigma} \rangle &= \text{Tr}(\hat{\rho} \boldsymbol{\sigma}) = \sum_{\sigma\sigma'} \left[\sum_{\substack{n\lambda \\ m\mu}} \left(\sum_{\alpha, \mathbf{k}} w_{\mathbf{k}} f_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) C_{m\mu\sigma'}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) (C_{n\lambda\sigma}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}))^* \right) S_{a,b}^{\lambda,\mu}(\mathbf{k}) \right] \sigma_{\sigma\sigma'} \end{aligned}$$

Let's introduce the density matrix $\bar{\rho}$ de:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\rho}^{\sigma\sigma'} &= \sum_{\mathbf{k}} w_{\mathbf{k}} \sum_{\substack{a\lambda \\ b\mu}} \left(\sum_{\alpha} f_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) C_{m\mu\sigma}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) (C_{n\lambda\sigma'}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}))^* \right) S_{a,b}^{\lambda,\mu}(\mathbf{k}) \\ \bar{\rho} &= \begin{pmatrix} \rho^{\uparrow\uparrow} & \rho^{\uparrow\downarrow} \\ \rho^{\downarrow\uparrow} & \rho^{\downarrow\downarrow} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have:

$$\langle \boldsymbol{\sigma} \rangle = \sum_{\sigma\sigma'} \bar{\rho}^{\sigma'\sigma} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\sigma\sigma'} = \text{Tr}(\bar{\rho} \boldsymbol{\sigma})$$

Le calcul montre donc que:

⁴For more details about the Hamiltonian see "Comptes Rendus Physique 17 406-429 (2016)."

⁵ $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = (\sigma_x, \sigma_y, \sigma_z)$ est formé des 3 matrices de Pauli et $\sigma_{\sigma\sigma'}$ représente les coefficients de ces matrices:

$$\sigma_x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \sigma_y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \sigma_z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \sigma_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \sigma_x \rangle &= \bar{\rho}^{\downarrow\uparrow} + \bar{\rho}^{\uparrow\downarrow} = 2\Re(\bar{\rho}^{\uparrow\downarrow}) \\
\langle \sigma_y \rangle &= i(\bar{\rho}^{\uparrow\downarrow} - \bar{\rho}^{\downarrow\uparrow}) = -2\Im(\bar{\rho}^{\uparrow\downarrow}) \\
\langle \sigma_z \rangle &= \bar{\rho}^{\uparrow\uparrow} - \bar{\rho}^{\downarrow\downarrow} \\
\langle \sigma_0 \rangle &= \bar{\rho}^{\uparrow\uparrow} + \bar{\rho}^{\downarrow\downarrow}
\end{aligned}$$

Inverting these formula one gets:

$$\begin{aligned}
\bar{\rho}^{\uparrow\uparrow} &= \frac{1}{2}[\langle \sigma_0 \rangle + \langle \sigma_z \rangle] \\
\bar{\rho}^{\downarrow\downarrow} &= \frac{1}{2}[\langle \sigma_0 \rangle - \langle \sigma_z \rangle] \\
\bar{\rho}^{\uparrow\downarrow} &= \frac{1}{2}[\langle \sigma_x \rangle - i\langle \sigma_y \rangle] \\
\bar{\rho}^{\downarrow\uparrow} &= \frac{1}{2}[\langle \sigma_x \rangle + i\langle \sigma_y \rangle]
\end{aligned}$$

7.4.2 Local quantities

One can définie a local density:

$$\bar{\rho}_{n\lambda}^{\sigma\sigma'} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\sum_{\alpha, \mathbf{k}} w_{\mathbf{k}} f_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) \left(\sum_{m\mu} C_{n\lambda\sigma'}^{\alpha*}(\mathbf{k}) S_{n,m}^{\lambda,\mu}(\mathbf{k}) C_{m\mu\sigma}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) + \sum_{m\mu} C_{n\lambda\sigma}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) S_{n,m}^{\lambda,\mu*}(\mathbf{k}) C_{m\mu\sigma'}^{\alpha*}(\mathbf{k}) \right) \right]$$

It is useful to introduce $C_{\sigma}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{k})$ as a sub-vector of $C^{\alpha}(\mathbf{k})$. Similarly one defines $\tilde{C}_{\sigma}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) = S(\mathbf{k})C_{\sigma}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{k})$. The local density reads:

$$\begin{aligned}
\bar{\rho}_{n\lambda}^{\sigma\sigma'} &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\sum_{\alpha, \mathbf{k}} w_{\mathbf{k}} f_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) \left(C_{n\lambda\sigma'}^{\alpha*}(\mathbf{k}) \tilde{C}_{n\lambda\sigma}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) + C_{n\lambda\sigma}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) \tilde{C}_{n\lambda\sigma'}^{\alpha*}(\mathbf{k}) \right) \right] \\
\bar{\rho}_{n,\lambda} &= \begin{pmatrix} \rho_{n\lambda}^{\uparrow\uparrow} & \rho_{n\lambda}^{\uparrow\downarrow} \\ \rho_{n\lambda}^{\downarrow\uparrow} & \rho_{n\lambda}^{\downarrow\downarrow} \end{pmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

and we have :

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \sigma_x \rangle_{n\lambda} &= \rho_{n\lambda}^{\downarrow\uparrow} + \rho_{n\lambda}^{\uparrow\downarrow} = 2\Re(\rho_{n\lambda}^{\uparrow\downarrow}) \\
\langle \sigma_y \rangle_{n\lambda} &= i(\rho_{n\lambda}^{\uparrow\downarrow} - \rho_{n\lambda}^{\downarrow\uparrow}) = -2\Im(\rho_{n\lambda}^{\uparrow\downarrow}) \\
\langle \sigma_z \rangle_{n\lambda} &= \rho_{n\lambda}^{\uparrow\uparrow} - \rho_{n\lambda}^{\downarrow\downarrow} \\
\langle \sigma_0 \rangle_{n\lambda} &= \rho_{n\lambda}^{\uparrow\uparrow} + \rho_{n\lambda}^{\downarrow\downarrow}
\end{aligned}$$

7.5 Average of an operator

7.5.1 General case

\hat{A} Hermitian operator:

$$A_{nm}^{\lambda\sigma,\mu\sigma'}(\mathbf{k}) = \langle n, \lambda, \sigma, \mathbf{k} | \hat{A} | m, \mu, \sigma' \mathbf{k} \rangle$$

Its average reads:

$$\langle A \rangle = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} w_{\mathbf{k}} \text{Tr}[\bar{\rho}(\mathbf{k}) A(\mathbf{k})]$$

Where $\hat{\rho}(\mathbf{k})$:

$$\bar{\rho}_{n\lambda m\mu}^{\sigma\sigma'}(\mathbf{k}) = \sum_{\alpha} f_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) C_{n\lambda\sigma}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) (C_{m\mu\sigma'}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}))^{*}$$

7.5.2 Orbital moment

Let \hat{L}_d be the orbital moment operator ($d = x, y, z$). Its expression in the TB basis $|\mathbf{R}, n, \mu, \sigma\rangle$ is:

$$\hat{L}_d |\mathbf{R}, n, \lambda, \sigma\rangle = \sum_{\mu} L_d^{\lambda\mu} |\mathbf{R}, n, \mu, \sigma\rangle$$

This is a "local" operator that do not depend on spin its expression in the $|n, \lambda, \mathbf{k}\rangle$ basis reads:

$$L_{d,nm}^{\lambda\sigma,\mu\sigma'} = \langle n, \lambda, \sigma, \mathbf{k} | \hat{L}_d | m, \mu, \sigma', \mathbf{k} \rangle = \sum_{\mathbf{v}} S_{nm}^{\lambda\mathbf{v}}(\mathbf{k}) L_d^{\mathbf{v}\mu} \delta_{\sigma\sigma'}$$

The local component of the orbital moment is:

$$\langle \hat{L}_d \rangle_n = \Re \left[\sum_{\alpha\mathbf{k}} f_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) w_{\mathbf{k}} \sum_{m\lambda\mu\sigma} C_{n\lambda\sigma}^{\alpha*}(\mathbf{k}) L_d^{\lambda\mu} S_{nm}^{\lambda\mu}(\mathbf{k}) C_{m\mu\sigma}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) \right]$$

Let us give the expression of the orbital operator in the p and d orbital basis.

- p orbitals: $\lambda = \{p_x, p_y, p_z\}$

$$L_x^{(p)} = \hbar \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -i \\ 0 & i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad L_y^{(p)} = \hbar \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -i & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad L_z^{(p)} = \hbar \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- d orbitals $\lambda = \{d_{xy}, d_{yz}, d_{xz}, d_{x^2-y^2}, d_{z^2}\}$

$$L_x^{(d)} = \hbar \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -i & -i\sqrt{3} \\ i & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & i & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & i\sqrt{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad L_y^{(d)} = \hbar \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -i & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -i & i\sqrt{3} \\ 0 & 0 & i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -i\sqrt{3} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad L_z^{(d)} = \hbar \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 2i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -i & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -2i & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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