

Proof for the left-to-reader exercise:

To avoid the confusion,

$$\hat{h} \rightarrow \hat{h}_j$$

\hat{h}_j is the noninteracting Hamiltonian acting on j th particle.

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H}_0 |n_1 \dots n_N\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{N!}} \left(\sum_j \hat{h}_j |n_1\rangle |n_2\rangle \dots |n_N\rangle + \sum_j \hat{h}_j |n_2\rangle |n_1\rangle \dots |n_N\rangle \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \dots + \sum_j \hat{h}_j |n_N\rangle |n_{N-1}\rangle \dots |n_1\rangle \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{N!}} (\epsilon_{n_1} + \epsilon_{n_2} + \dots + \epsilon_{n_N}) (|n_1\rangle |n_2\rangle \dots |n_N\rangle + |n_2\rangle |n_1\rangle \dots |n_N\rangle \\ &\quad + \dots + |n_N\rangle |n_{N-1}\rangle \dots |n_1\rangle) \\ &= (\epsilon_{n_1} + \epsilon_{n_2} + \dots + \epsilon_{n_N}) |n_1 \dots n_N\rangle \end{aligned}$$