Non-Degenerate Perturbation Theory

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Notation

$$V_{00} = \langle \psi_0 | V | \psi_0 \rangle$$

$$E_{0\alpha} = E_0 - E_{\alpha}$$

$$\Sigma_{x_1 x_2 \cdots x_n} = \sum_{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \cdots \alpha_n \neq 0} \frac{V_{0\alpha_1} V_{\alpha_1 \alpha_2} \cdots V_{\alpha_n 0}}{E_{0\alpha_1}^{x_1} E_{0\alpha_2}^{x_2} \cdots E_{0\alpha_n}^{x_n}}$$

Examples

$$\Sigma_{1} = \sum_{\alpha \neq 0} \frac{|V_{0\alpha}|^{2}}{E_{0\alpha}}$$

$$\Sigma_{12} = \sum_{\alpha_{1}, \alpha_{2} \neq 0} \frac{V_{0\alpha_{1}} V_{\alpha_{1}\alpha_{2}} V_{\alpha_{2}0}}{E_{0\alpha_{1}} E_{0\alpha_{2}}^{2}}$$

Energy Corrections

$$Tr[\Delta_1] = V_{00}$$

$$\mathrm{Tr}[\Delta_2] = \Sigma_1$$

$$\operatorname{Tr}[\Delta_3] = \sum_{1,1} -V_{00}\Sigma_2$$