

# Perturbation Theory

In order to apply Rayleigh Schrödinger Perturbation Theory (RSPT) to the Schrödinger equation for electron correlation on top of some reference energy  $E_0$ , define the correlated Hamiltonian  $\hat{H}_c = \hat{H}_c^{(0)} + \hat{H}_c^{(1)}$ , where

$$\hat{H}_c^{(0)} = \hat{H}^{(0)} - \langle \Phi_0 | \hat{H}^{(0)} | \Phi_0 \rangle \quad \hat{H}_c^{(1)} = \hat{H}^{(1)} - \langle \Phi_0 | \hat{H}^{(1)} | \Phi_0 \rangle \quad \hat{H}_c^{(0)} | \Phi_P \rangle = \left( E_P^{(0)} - E_0^{(0)} \right) | \Phi_P \rangle$$

Define a basis set  $\Phi_0 \cup \{\Phi_P\}$ , where  $|\Phi_0\rangle$  is the reference state and  $\{\Phi_P\}$  is some complete, unique set of excitations from the reference.

$$|\Psi\rangle = |\Phi_0\rangle + \sum_P c_P |\Phi_P\rangle$$

It is conventional to assume that this basis is orthonormal, i.e., that

$$\langle \Phi_0 | \Phi_P \rangle = 0 \quad \forall P$$

## I. Energy expression

Left-project with the reference state  $|\Phi_0\rangle$  onto the Schrödinger equation:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Phi_0 | \hat{H}_c | \Psi \rangle &= \langle \Phi_0 | E_c | \Psi \rangle \\ \langle \Phi_0 | \hat{H}_c | \Phi_0 \rangle + \langle \Phi_0 | \hat{H}_c | \Psi \rangle &= E_c \langle \Phi_0 | \Phi_0 \rangle + E_c \sum_P \langle \Phi_0 | \Phi_P \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Equate terms of order 0.

$$\begin{aligned} E_c^{(0)} &= \langle \Phi_0 | \hat{H}_c^{(0)} | \Phi_0 \rangle \\ &= \langle \Phi_0 | \hat{H}^{(0)} | \Phi_0 \rangle - \langle \Phi_0 | \hat{H}^{(0)} | \Phi_0 \rangle \langle \Phi_0 | \Phi_0 \rangle \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Equate terms of order 1.

$$\begin{aligned} E_c^{(1)} &= \sum_P c_P^{(1)} \langle \Phi_0 | \hat{H}_c^{(0)} | \Phi_P \rangle + \langle \Phi_0 | \hat{H}_c^{(1)} | \Phi_0 \rangle \\ &= \sum_P c_P^{(1)} \left( \langle \Phi_0 | \hat{H}^{(0)} | \Phi_P \rangle - \langle \Phi_0 | \hat{H}^{(0)} | \Phi_0 \rangle \langle \Phi_0 | \Phi_P \rangle \right) + \langle \Phi_0 | \hat{H}^{(1)} | \Phi_0 \rangle - \langle \Phi_0 | \hat{H}^{(1)} | \Phi_0 \rangle \langle \Phi_0 | \Phi_0 \rangle \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Equate terms of order 2.

$$E_c^{(2)} = \sum_P \langle \Phi_0 | \hat{H}_c^{(1)} | \Phi_P \rangle c_P^{(1)} = \sum_P \langle \Phi_P | \hat{H}_c^{(1)} | \Phi_0 \rangle c_P^{(1)}$$

In order to evaluate the second-order energy, solve the first-order amplitude equations for coefficients  $\{c_P^{(1)}\}$ .

## II. Amplitude Equations

To solve for the first-order expansion coefficient of the state  $\Phi_Q$ , project onto the Schrödinger equation with  $\langle \Phi_Q |$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Phi_Q | \hat{H}_c^{(0)} + \hat{H}_c^{(1)} | \Phi_0 + \sum_P c_P \Phi_P \rangle &= E_c \sum_P c_P \langle \Phi_Q | \Phi_P \rangle \\ &= (E_c^{(2)} + \dots) \sum_P c_P \delta_{PQ} \\ &= c_Q (E_c^{(2)} + \dots) \end{aligned}$$

Equate terms of order 1.

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Phi_Q | \hat{H}_c^{(1)} | \Phi_0 \rangle + \sum_P c_P^{(1)} \langle \Phi_Q | \hat{H}_c^{(0)} | \Phi_P \rangle &= 0 \\ \langle \Phi_Q | \hat{H}_c^{(1)} | \Phi_0 \rangle + \sum_P c_P^{(1)} (E_P^{(0)} - E_0^{(0)}) d_{QP} &= 0 \\ \langle \Phi_Q | \hat{H}_c^{(1)} | \Phi_0 \rangle + c_Q^{(1)} (E_Q^{(0)} - E_0^{(0)}) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Rearrange to solve for the first-order coefficients:

$$c_Q^{(1)} = \frac{\langle \Phi_Q | \hat{H}_c^{(1)} | \Phi_0 \rangle}{E_0^{(0)} - E_Q^{(0)}} \quad (1)$$

Combine (1) and (2) to yield the general second-order energy expression.

$$E_c^{(2)} = \sum_P \frac{|\langle \Phi_P | \hat{H}_c^{(1)} | \Phi_0 \rangle|^2}{E_0^{(0)} - E_P^{(0)}} \quad (2)$$

This expression can be applied to any reference state  $\Phi_0$  and a basis set of excitations  $\{\Phi_P\}$ , as long as the Hamiltonian  $\hat{H}_c$  is expressed in that same basis, to obtain the perturbative second-order correction to the energy.

## III. Traditional MP2 Equations

$$|\Phi_0\rangle = |\Phi\rangle \quad \hat{H}_c = \hat{H}_c^{(0)} + \hat{H}_c^{(1)} = f_p^q \tilde{a}_q^p + \frac{1}{4} \bar{g}_{pq}^{rs} \tilde{a}_{rs}^{pq} \quad \{|\Phi_P\rangle\} = \{\tilde{a}_{ij}^{ab} |\Phi\rangle\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Phi | \tilde{a}_{ab}^{ij} \hat{H}_c^{(1)} | \Phi \rangle &= \frac{1}{4} \bar{g}_{pq}^{rs} \langle \Phi | \tilde{a}_{ab}^{ij} \tilde{a}_{rs}^{pq} | \Phi \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \bar{g}_{pq}^{rs} \hat{P}_{(rs)}^{(pq)} : \tilde{a}_{a \bullet b \bullet \bullet}^{i \circ j \circ \circ} \tilde{a}_{r \circ s \circ \circ}^{p \bullet q \bullet} : \\ &= \bar{g}_{pq}^{rs} \tilde{a}_{r \circ s \circ \circ a \bullet b \bullet \bullet}^{i \circ j \circ \circ p \bullet q \bullet} \\ &= \bar{g}_{pq}^{rs} \gamma_i^r \gamma_s^j \eta_a^p \eta_b^q \\ &= \bar{g}_{ab}^{ij} \end{aligned}$$

$$E_c^{(2)} = \sum_{\substack{i>j \\ a>b}} \frac{|\langle \Phi | \tilde{a}_{ab}^{ij} \hat{H}_c^{(1)} | \Phi \rangle|^2}{\epsilon_i + \epsilon_j - \epsilon_a - \epsilon_b}$$

$$\boxed{E_c^{(2)} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{ijab} \frac{|\bar{g}_{ab}^{ij}|^2}{\epsilon_i + \epsilon_j - \epsilon_a - \epsilon_b}} \quad (3)$$

## Canonically Transformed MP2 (CT-MP2) Equations

$$|\Phi_0\rangle = |\widetilde{\text{vac}}\rangle \quad \{|\Phi_P\rangle\} = \{\tilde{a}_p^\dagger \tilde{a}_q^\dagger \tilde{a}_r^\dagger \tilde{a}_s^\dagger |\widetilde{\text{vac}}\rangle\}$$

$$\hat{H}_c = \sum_{pq} (\tilde{t}_p^q \tilde{a}_p^\dagger \tilde{a}_q + \tilde{g}_p^q \tilde{a}_p^\dagger \tilde{a}_q^\dagger) + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{pqrs} (\tilde{v}_{pqrs} \tilde{a}_p^\dagger \tilde{a}_q^\dagger \tilde{a}_r \tilde{a}_s + \tilde{x}_{pqrs} \tilde{a}_p^\dagger \tilde{a}_q^\dagger \tilde{a}_r^\dagger \tilde{a}_s + \tilde{w}_{pqrs} \tilde{a}_p^\dagger \tilde{a}_q^\dagger \tilde{a}_r^\dagger \tilde{a}_s^\dagger + h.c.)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle pqr s | \hat{H}_c | \widetilde{\text{vac}} \rangle &= \frac{1}{4} \sum_{p'q'r's'} \tilde{w}_{p'q'r's'} \langle \widetilde{\text{vac}} | \tilde{a}_s \tilde{a}_r \tilde{a}_q \tilde{a}_p \tilde{a}_{p'}^\dagger \tilde{a}_{q'}^\dagger \tilde{a}_{r'}^\dagger \tilde{a}_{s'}^\dagger | \widetilde{\text{vac}} \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \sum_{p'q'r's'} \tilde{w}_{p'q'r's'} \langle \widetilde{\text{vac}} | \left[ \tilde{a}_s \tilde{a}_r \tilde{a}_q \tilde{a}_p \tilde{a}_{p'}^\dagger \tilde{a}_{q'}^\dagger \tilde{a}_{r'}^\dagger \tilde{a}_{s'}^\dagger : + (: \tilde{a}_s \tilde{a}_r \tilde{a}_q \tilde{a}_p \tilde{a}_{p'}^\dagger \tilde{a}_{q'}^\dagger \tilde{a}_{r'}^\dagger \tilde{a}_{s'}^\dagger : )_{F.C.} \right] | \widetilde{\text{vac}} \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \sum_{p'q'r's'} \tilde{w}_{p'q'r's'} (: \tilde{a}_s \tilde{a}_r \tilde{a}_q \tilde{a}_p \tilde{a}_{p'}^\dagger \tilde{a}_{q'}^\dagger \tilde{a}_{r'}^\dagger \tilde{a}_{s'}^\dagger : )_{F.C.} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \sum_{p'q'r's'} \tilde{w}_{p'q'r's'} \hat{P}_{(p/q/r/s)} \overbrace{\tilde{a}_s \tilde{a}_r \tilde{a}_q \tilde{a}_p \tilde{a}_{p'}^\dagger \tilde{a}_{q'}^\dagger \tilde{a}_{r'}^\dagger \tilde{a}_{s'}^\dagger} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \sum_{p'q'r's'} \tilde{w}_{p'q'r's'} \hat{P}_{(p/q/r/s)} (\delta_{pp'} \delta_{qq'} \delta_{rr'} \delta_{ss'}) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \hat{P}_{(p/q/r/s)} \left[ \sum_{p'q'r's'} \tilde{w}_{p'q'r's'} \delta_{pp'} \delta_{qq'} \delta_{rr'} \delta_{ss'} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \hat{P}_{(p/q/r/s)} (\tilde{w}_{pqrs}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow c_{pqrs}^{(1)} = \frac{\langle pqr s | \hat{H}_c | \widetilde{\text{vac}} \rangle}{\epsilon_p + \epsilon_q + \epsilon_r + \epsilon_s} = \frac{\frac{1}{4} \hat{P}_{(p/q/r/s)} (\tilde{w}_{pqrs})}{\epsilon_p + \epsilon_q + \epsilon_r + \epsilon_s}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow E_c^{(2)} &= \frac{1}{4!} \sum_{pqrs} \frac{|\langle pqr s | \hat{H}_c | \widetilde{\text{vac}} \rangle|^2}{-(\epsilon_p + \epsilon_q + \epsilon_r + \epsilon_s)} \\ E_c^{(2)} &= \frac{1}{4!} \sum_{pqrs} \frac{\left[ \frac{1}{4} \hat{P}_{(p/q/r/s)} (\tilde{w}_{pqrs}) \right]^2}{-(\epsilon_p + \epsilon_q + \epsilon_r + \epsilon_s)} \\ &= -\frac{1}{4!} \sum_{pqrs} \frac{\left[ \frac{1}{4} \cdot 4 (\tilde{w}_{pqrs} + \tilde{w}_{prsq} + \tilde{w}_{psqr} + \tilde{w}_{qrps} + \tilde{w}_{qsrp} + \tilde{w}_{rspq}) \right]^2}{\epsilon_p + \epsilon_q + \epsilon_r + \epsilon_s} \\ &= -\frac{1}{4!} \sum_{pqrs} \frac{(6\tilde{w}_{pqrs}^2 + \dots)}{\epsilon_p + \epsilon_q + \epsilon_r + \epsilon_s} \\ &= \boxed{-\frac{1}{4} \sum_{pqrs} \frac{\tilde{w}_{pqrs}^2}{\epsilon_p + \epsilon_q + \epsilon_r + \epsilon_s}} + \dots \end{aligned}$$