

# Slater-Condon Rules

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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Slater-Condon Rules

The goal of this handout is to prove the following 7 statements about the expectation values of 1- and 2- particle operators with respect to an arbitrary Slater determinant  $|\Phi\rangle$ . We'll prove them in two different formalisms - first quantization (11 pages) and second quantization (1 page).

**For 1-particle operators:**

Let  $\hat{\mathbf{h}}$  be a 1-particle operator,  $\hat{\mathbf{h}} = \sum_i^n \hat{h}_i$ .

1. Same determinant

$$\langle \Phi | \hat{\mathbf{h}} | \Phi \rangle = \sum_i \langle \psi_i | \hat{h} | \psi_i \rangle \quad (1)$$

2. Singly excited determinant

$$\langle \Phi | \hat{\mathbf{h}} | \Phi_i^a \rangle = \langle \psi_i | \hat{h} | \psi_a \rangle \quad (2)$$

3. Doubly excited determinant

$$\langle \Phi | \hat{\mathbf{h}} | \Phi_{ij}^{ab} \rangle = 0 \quad (3)$$

**For 2-particle operators:**

Let  $\hat{\mathbf{g}}$  be a 2-particle operator,  $\hat{\mathbf{g}} = \sum_{i < j}^n \hat{g}_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j}^n \hat{g}_{ij}$ .

1. Same determinant

$$\langle \Phi | \hat{\mathbf{g}} | \Phi \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} (\langle \psi_i \psi_j | \hat{g}_{ij} | \psi_i \psi_j \rangle - \langle \psi_i \psi_j | \hat{g}_{ij} | \psi_j \psi_i \rangle) \quad (4)$$

2. Singly excited determinant

$$\langle \Phi | \hat{\mathbf{g}} | \Phi_i^a \rangle = \sum_j (\langle \psi_i \psi_j | \hat{g}_{ij} | \psi_a \psi_j \rangle - \langle \psi_i \psi_j | \hat{g}_{ij} | \psi_j \psi_a \rangle) \quad (5)$$

3. Doubly excited determinant

$$\langle \Phi | \hat{\mathbf{g}} | \Phi_{ij}^{ab} \rangle = \langle \psi_i \psi_j | \hat{g}_{ij} | \psi_a \psi_b \rangle - \langle \psi_i \psi_j | \hat{g}_{ij} | \psi_b \psi_a \rangle \quad (6)$$

4. Triply excited determinant

$$\langle \Phi | \hat{\mathbf{g}} | \Phi_{ijk}^{abc} \rangle = 0 \quad (7)$$

## 1.2 Important Notation for First Quantization

$\Phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n!}} \sum_{i=1}^{n!} (-1)^{p_i} \mathcal{P}_i (\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_n(n))$  is a Slater determinant. (By convention,  $\langle \psi_i | \psi_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}$ .)

$\mathcal{P}_i$  is a permutation operator that runs over all  $n!$  permutations of electrons 1 ... n.

$p_i$  is the number of transpositions required to restore a given permutation to its natural order 1 ... n.

## 2 Useful Lemmata

Here we prove two Lemmata that follow from the fact that electrons are indistinguishable.

### 2.1 Lemma for 1-particle operators

*Statement:* For a one-electron operator  $\hat{\mathbf{h}}$ ,

$$\langle \Phi_P | \sum_{k=1}^n \hat{h}_k | \Phi_Q \rangle = n \langle \Phi_P | \hat{h}_1 | \Phi_Q \rangle \quad \forall P, Q. \quad (8)$$

*Proof:*

Since dummy variables are interchangeable in integration,

$$\int d(1\dots k\dots n) \Phi_P^*(1\dots k\dots n) \hat{h}_k \Phi_Q(1\dots k\dots n) = \int d(k\dots 1\dots n) \Phi_P^*(k\dots 1\dots n) \hat{h}_1 \Phi_Q(k\dots 1\dots n)$$

Furthermore, since the order of the differential elements themselves does not matter,

$$= \int d(1\dots k\dots n) \Phi_P^*(k\dots 1\dots n) \hat{h}_1 \Phi_Q(k\dots 1\dots n)$$

Now applying the antisymmetry property of determinants,

$$\begin{aligned} &= (-1) \int d(1\dots k\dots n) \Phi_P^*(1\dots k\dots n) \hat{h}_1 \Phi_Q(k\dots 1\dots n) \\ &= (-1)^2 \int d(1\dots k\dots n) \Phi_P^*(1\dots k\dots n) \hat{h}_1 \Phi_Q(1\dots k\dots n) \\ &= \int d(1\dots k\dots n) \Phi_P^*(1\dots k\dots n) \hat{h}_1 \Phi_Q(1\dots k\dots n) \end{aligned}$$

Rewriting in Dirac notation, what we have shown is that

$$\langle \Phi_P | \hat{h}_k | \Phi_Q \rangle = \langle \Phi_P | \hat{h}_1 | \Phi_Q \rangle.$$

We can easily apply this result to the sum over all electrons in the system:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Phi_P | \sum_{k=1}^n \hat{h}_k | \Phi_Q \rangle &= \sum_{k=1}^n \langle \Phi_P | \hat{h}_k | \Phi_Q \rangle \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n \langle \Phi_P | \hat{h}_1 | \Phi_Q \rangle \\ &= n \langle \Phi_P | \hat{h}_1 | \Phi_Q \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

To recapitulate, this lemma states that since determinants do not distinguish between identical electrons, matrix elements of  $\hat{h}(1)$  will be indistinguishable from  $\hat{h}(2)$ ,  $\hat{h}(3)$ , etc. So if  $\hat{\mathbf{h}}$  is a one-electron operator acting on electrons  $1, \dots, n$ , we need only calculate the expectation value of  $\hat{h}_1$  and multiply times  $n$ .

## 2.2 Lemma for 2-particle operators

*Statement:* For a two-electron operator  $\hat{\mathbf{g}}$ ,

$$\langle \Phi_P | \sum_{j < k}^n \hat{g}_{jk} | \Phi_Q \rangle = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \langle \Phi_P | \hat{g}_{12} | \Phi_Q \rangle \quad \forall P, Q. \quad (9)$$

*Proof:*

By the same logic as 1.1.1, we use the interchangeability of dummy variables and antisymmetry of determinants.

$$\begin{aligned} \int d(1, 2 \dots j, k \dots n) \Phi_P^*(1, 2 \dots j, k \dots n) \hat{g}(j, k) \Phi_Q(1, 2 \dots j, k \dots n) &= \\ &= \int d(j, k \dots 1, 2 \dots n) \Phi_P^*(j, k \dots 1, 2 \dots n) \hat{g}_{12} \Phi_Q(j, k \dots 1, 2 \dots n) \end{aligned}$$

Since dummy variables are interchangeable in integration,

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int d(1, 2 \dots j, k \dots n) \Phi_P^*(j, k \dots 1, 2 \dots n) \hat{g}_{12} \Phi_Q(j, k \dots 1, 2 \dots n) \\ &= - \int d(1, 2 \dots j, k \dots n) \Phi_P^*(j, 2 \dots 1, k \dots n) \hat{g}_{12} \Phi_Q(j, k \dots 1, 2 \dots n) \\ &= \int d(1, 2 \dots j, k \dots n) \Phi_P^*(1, 2 \dots j, k \dots n) \hat{g}_{12} \Phi_Q(j, k \dots 1, 2 \dots n) \\ &= \int d(1, 2 \dots j, k \dots n) \Phi_P^*(1, 2 \dots j, k \dots n) \hat{g}_{12} \Phi_Q(1, 2 \dots j, k \dots n) \end{aligned}$$

Rewriting in Dirac notation, what we have shown is that

$$\langle \Phi_P | \hat{g}_{jk} | \Phi_Q \rangle = \langle \Phi_P | \hat{g}_{12} | \Phi_Q \rangle.$$

We can easily apply this result to the sum over all distinct pairs of electrons in the system:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Phi_P | \sum_{j < k}^n \hat{g}_{jk} | \Phi_Q \rangle &= \sum_{j < k}^n \langle \Phi_P | \hat{g}_{jk} | \Phi_Q \rangle \\ &= \sum_{j < k}^n \langle \Phi_P | \hat{g}_{12} | \Phi_Q \rangle \\ &= \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \langle \Phi_P | \hat{g}_{12} | \Phi_Q \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

In words, this lemma states that since the electrons in a determinant are indistinguishable, each of the terms in the sum over pairs of indices  $j$  and  $k$  will give the same result. Therefore we can replace  $\hat{g}_{ij}$  with  $\hat{g}_{12}$  and multiply times the total number of pairs of electrons, which is  $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$ .

### 3 1-particle operator proofs (1st quantization)

#### 3.1 Same determinant

To show:  $\langle \Phi | \hat{h} | \Phi \rangle = \sum_i \langle \psi_i | \hat{h} | \psi_i \rangle$ .

Expanding the determinants  $\Phi$  in terms of the permutation operator,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Phi | \hat{h} | \Phi \rangle &= \frac{1}{n!} \left\langle \sum_{\pi} (-1)^{p_{\pi}} \mathcal{P}_{\pi} (\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_n(n)) \left| \sum_{k=1}^n \hat{h}(k) \right| \sum_{\sigma} (-1)^{p_{\sigma}} \mathcal{P}_{\sigma} (\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_n(n)) \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{\pi, \sigma} (-1)^{p_{\pi} + p_{\sigma}} \langle \mathcal{P}_{\pi} (\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_n(n)) | \sum_{k=1}^n \hat{h}(k) | \mathcal{P}_{\sigma} (\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_n(n)) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

By lemma 2.1,

$$= \frac{n}{n!} \sum_{\pi, \sigma} (-1)^{p_{\pi} + p_{\sigma}} \langle \mathcal{P}_{\pi} (\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_n(n)) | \hat{h}_1 | \mathcal{P}_{\sigma} (\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_n(n)) \rangle$$

Next apply orthogonality of the spin orbitals: In the integration over electrons 2,3,...n, we will obtain zero unless all  $n-1$  of these electrons occupy the same spin orbitals in  $\mathcal{P}_{\pi}$  as they do in  $\mathcal{P}_{\sigma}$ . By the pigeon-hole principle, then, electron 1 must occupy the same spin orbital in both permutations as well. In other words,  $\mathcal{P}_{\sigma} = \mathcal{P}_{\pi}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \sum_{\pi, \sigma} \delta_{\pi, \sigma} (-1)^{p_{\pi} + p_{\sigma}} \langle \mathcal{P}_{\pi} (\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_n(n)) | \hat{h}_1 | \mathcal{P}_{\sigma} (\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_n(n)) \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \sum_{\pi} (-1)^{2p_{\pi}} \langle \mathcal{P}_{\pi} (\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_n(n)) | \hat{h}_1 | \mathcal{P}_{\pi} (\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_n(n)) \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \sum_{k=1}^n \left\langle \psi_k(1) \left| \hat{h}_1 \right| \psi_k(1) \right\rangle \sum_{\rho}^{(n-1)!} \langle \mathcal{P}_{\rho} (\psi_1(2) \dots \cancel{\psi_k(1)} \dots \psi_n(n)) | \mathcal{P}_{\rho} (\psi_1(2) \dots \cancel{\psi_k(1)} \dots \psi_n(n)) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Since the basis is orthonormal, all of the nonzero overlap integrals will introduce a factor of 1.

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \sum_{k=1}^n \langle \psi_k(1) | \hat{h}_1 | \psi_k(1) \rangle \sum_{i=1}^{(n-1)!} \mathcal{P}_{\rho} (\delta_{11} \delta_{22} \dots \cancel{\delta_{kk}} \dots \delta_{nn}) \\ &= \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \sum_{k=1}^n \langle \psi_k(1) | \hat{h}_1 | \psi_k(1) \rangle \sum_{i=1}^{(n-1)!} (1) \\ &= \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \sum_{k=1}^n \langle \psi_k(1) | \hat{h}_1 | \psi_k(1) \rangle (n-1)! \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n \langle \psi_k | \hat{h} | \psi_k \rangle \end{aligned}$$

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### 3.2 Singly excited determinant

To show:  $\langle \Phi | \hat{\mathbf{h}} | \Phi_i^a \rangle = \langle \psi_i | \hat{h} | \psi_a \rangle$ .

Expanding  $\Phi$  in terms of the permutation operator,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Phi | \hat{\mathbf{h}} | \Phi_i^a \rangle &= \frac{1}{n!} \left\langle \sum_{\pi} (-1)^{p_{\pi}} \mathcal{P}_{\pi} (\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_i(i) \dots \psi_n(n)) \left| \sum_{k=1}^n \hat{h}(k) \right| \sum_{\sigma} (-1)^{p_{\sigma}} \mathcal{P}_{\sigma} (\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_a(i) \dots \psi_n(n)) \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{\pi, \sigma} (-1)^{p_{\pi} + p_{\sigma}} \langle \mathcal{P}_{\pi} (\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_i(i) \dots \psi_n(n)) | \sum_{k=1}^n \hat{h}(k) | \mathcal{P}_{\sigma} (\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_a(i) \dots \psi_n(n)) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

By lemma 2.1,

$$= \frac{n}{n!} \sum_{\pi, \sigma} (-1)^{p_{\pi} + p_{\sigma}} \langle \mathcal{P}_{\pi} (\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_i(i) \dots \psi_n(n)) | \hat{h}_1 | \mathcal{P}_{\sigma} (\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_a(i) \dots \psi_n(n)) \rangle$$

Now we employ orthogonality of the spin orbitals. Note that spin orbitals  $\psi_i$  in the first determinant and  $\psi_a$  in the second determinant are each orthogonal to every other spin orbital in the opposite determinant. This means that any integral containing the overlap  $\langle \psi_i(j) | \psi_k(j) \rangle$  or  $\langle \psi_k(j) | \psi_a(j) \rangle$  will vanish for electron  $j$  in any possible  $\psi_k$ . The only way to avoid this is to have electron 1 in orbital  $\psi_i$  in the first determinant and  $\psi_a$  in the second determinant.

$$= \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \sum_{\pi, \sigma}^{(n-1)!} (-1)^{p_{\pi} + p_{\sigma}} \langle \mathcal{P}_{\pi} (\psi_1(2) \dots \cancel{\psi_i(1)} \dots \psi_n(n)) | \mathcal{P}_{\sigma} (\psi_1(2) \dots \cancel{\psi_a(1)} \dots \psi_n(n)) \rangle \langle \psi_i(1) | \hat{h}_1 | \psi_a(1) \rangle$$

Because the spin orbitals are orthonormal, each integral will vanish unless  $\mathcal{P}_{\pi} = \mathcal{P}_{\sigma}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} &= \langle \psi_i(1) | \hat{h}_1 | \psi_a(1) \rangle \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \sum_{r=1}^{(n-1)!} (-1)^{2p_{\pi}} \langle \mathcal{P}_{\pi} (\psi_1(1) \dots \cancel{\psi_i(i)} \dots \psi_n(n)) | \mathcal{P}_{\pi} (\psi_1(1) \dots \cancel{\psi_a(i)} \dots \psi_n(n)) \rangle \\ &= \langle \psi_i(1) | \hat{h}_1 | \psi_a(1) \rangle \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \sum_{r=1}^{(n-1)!} \mathcal{P}_{\pi} (\delta_{11} \delta_{22} \dots \cancel{\delta_{ia}} \dots \delta_{nn}) \\ &= \langle \psi_i(1) | \hat{h}_1 | \psi_a(1) \rangle \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \sum_{r=1}^{(n-1)!} 1 \\ &= \langle \psi_i(1) | \hat{h}_1 | \psi_a(1) \rangle \frac{1}{(n-1)!} (n-1)! \\ &= \langle \psi_i | \hat{h} | \psi_a \rangle \end{aligned}$$

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### 3.3 Doubly excited determinant

To show:  $\langle \Phi | \hat{\mathbf{h}} | \Phi_{ij}^{ab} \rangle = 0$ .

Expanding  $\Phi$  in terms of the permutation operator,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Phi | \hat{\mathbf{h}} | \Phi_{ij}^{ab} \rangle &= \\ &= \frac{1}{n!} \left\langle \sum_{\pi}^{n!} (-1)^{p_{\pi}} \mathcal{P}_{\pi}(\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_i(i) \dots \psi_j(j) \dots \psi_n(n)) \left| \sum_{\pi}^n \hat{h}(k) \right| \sum_{\sigma}^{n!} (-1)^{p_{\sigma}} \mathcal{P}_{\sigma}(\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_a(i) \dots \psi_b(j) \dots \psi_n(n)) \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{\pi, \sigma}^{n!} (-1)^{p_{\pi} + p_{\sigma}} \langle \mathcal{P}_{\pi}(\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_i(i) \dots \psi_j(j) \dots \psi_n(n)) | \sum_{\pi}^n \hat{h}(k) | \mathcal{P}_{\sigma}(\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_a(i) \dots \psi_b(j) \dots \psi_n(n)) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

By lemma 2.1,

$$= \frac{n}{n!} \sum_{\pi, \sigma}^{n!} (-1)^{p_{\pi} + p_{\sigma}} \langle \mathcal{P}_{\pi}(\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_i(i) \dots \psi_j(j) \dots \psi_n(n)) | \hat{h}_1 | \mathcal{P}_{\sigma}(\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_a(i) \dots \psi_b(j) \dots \psi_n(n)) \rangle$$

Now by the same logic used in section 3.2, any integral containing the overlap  $\langle \psi_i(j) | \psi_k(j) \rangle$  or  $\langle \psi_k(j) | \psi_a(j) \rangle$  will vanish for electron  $j$  in any possible  $\psi_k$ . Again the only way to avoid this is to have electron 1 in orbital  $\psi_i$  in the first determinant and  $\psi_a$  in the second determinant.

$$= \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \sum_{\pi, \sigma}^{n!} (-1)^{p_{\pi} + p_{\sigma}} \langle \mathcal{P}_{\pi}(\psi_1(3) \dots \cancel{\psi_i(1)} \dots \psi_j(2) \dots \psi_n(n)) | \mathcal{P}_{\sigma}(\psi_1(3) \dots \cancel{\psi_a(1)} \dots \psi_b(2) \dots \psi_n(n)) \rangle \langle \psi_i | \hat{h} | \psi_a \rangle$$

However, this time there are still two spin orbitals  $\psi_j$  in  $\mathcal{P}_{\pi}$  and  $\psi_b$  in  $\mathcal{P}_{\sigma}$  such that  $\langle \psi_j(j) | \psi_k(j) \rangle$  or  $\langle \psi_k(j) | \psi_b(j) \rangle$  will vanish for electron  $j$  in any other  $\psi_k$  in the determinant. Therefore, no matter how we permute these two determinants, all  $(n-1)!$  integrals will have at least one zero overlap that causes it to vanish.

$$= 0$$

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## 4 2-particle operator proofs (1st quantization)

### 4.1 Same determinant

To show:  $\langle \Phi | \hat{\mathbf{g}}(i, j) | \Phi \rangle = \sum_{i < j} (\langle \psi_i \psi_j | \hat{g}_{ij} | \psi_i \psi_j \rangle - \langle \psi_i \psi_j | \hat{g}_{ij} | \psi_j \psi_i \rangle)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Phi | \hat{\mathbf{g}} | \Phi \rangle &= \frac{1}{n!} \left\langle \sum_{\pi} (-1)^{p_{\pi}} \mathcal{P}_{\pi}(\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_n(n)) \left| \sum_{i < j} \hat{g}_{ij} \right| \sum_{\sigma} (-1)^{p_{\sigma}} \mathcal{P}_{\sigma}(\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_n(n)) \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{\pi, \sigma} (-1)^{p_{\pi} + p_{\sigma}} \langle \mathcal{P}_{\pi}(\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_n(n)) | \sum_{i < j} \hat{g}_{ij} | \mathcal{P}_{\sigma}(\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_n(n)) \rangle \\ &= \frac{n(n-1)}{2n!} \sum_{\pi, \sigma} (-1)^{p_{\pi} + p_{\sigma}} \langle \mathcal{P}_{\pi}(\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_n(n)) | \hat{g}_{12} | \mathcal{P}_{\sigma}(\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_n(n)) \rangle \quad (\text{by lemma 2.2}). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\hat{g}$  only acts on electrons 1 and 2, we can separate this integral into the sum over all permutations of electrons 1 and 2 multiplied times the sum over all permutations of electrons 3...n in the remaining orbitals:

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{2(n-2)!} \sum_{i < j} \left\langle \sum_{\mu} (-1)^{p_{\mu}} \mathcal{P}_{\mu}(\psi_i(1) \psi_j(2)) \left| \hat{g}_{12} \right| \sum_{\nu} (-1)^{p_{\nu}} \mathcal{P}_{\nu}(\psi_i(1) \psi_j(2)) \right\rangle \\ &\quad \cdot \sum_{\pi, \sigma}^{(n-2)!} (-1)^{p_{\pi} + p_{\sigma}} \langle \mathcal{P}_{\pi}(\psi_1(3) \dots \cancel{\psi_i(1)} \dots \cancel{\psi_j(2)} \dots \psi_n(n)) | \mathcal{P}_{\sigma}(\psi_1(3) \dots \cancel{\psi_i(1)} \dots \cancel{\psi_j(2)} \dots \psi_n(n)) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Because the basis set is orthonormal, each overlap integral after the last two summands will vanish unless the permutations  $\mathcal{P}_{\pi}$  and  $\mathcal{P}_{\sigma}$  are identical, so let  $\pi = \sigma$ .

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{2(n-2)!} \sum_{i < j} \sum_{\mu, \nu}^4 (-1)^{p_{\mu} + p_{\nu}} \langle \mathcal{P}_{\mu}(\psi_i(1) \psi_j(2)) | \hat{g}_{12} | \mathcal{P}_{\nu}(\psi_i(1) \psi_j(2)) \rangle \sum_{\pi}^{(n-2)!} (-1)^{2p_{\pi}} \mathcal{P}_{\pi}(\delta_{11} \dots \cancel{\delta_{ii}} \dots \cancel{\delta_{jj}} \dots \delta_{nn}) \\ &= \frac{(n-2)!}{2(n-2)!} \sum_{i < j} \sum_{\mu, \nu}^4 (-1)^{p_{\mu} + p_{\nu}} \langle \mathcal{P}_{\mu}(\psi_i(1) \psi_j(2)) | \hat{g}_{12} | \mathcal{P}_{\nu}(\psi_i(1) \psi_j(2)) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Now let's write explicitly the two permutations introduced by  $\mathcal{P}_{\mu}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i < j} \sum_{\nu}^2 (-1)^{p_{\nu}} [\langle \psi_i(1) \psi_j(2) | \hat{g}_{12} | \mathcal{P}_{\nu}(\psi_i(1) \psi_j(2)) \rangle - \langle \psi_i(2) \psi_j(1) | \hat{g}_{12} | \mathcal{P}_{\nu}(\psi_i(1) \psi_j(2)) \rangle] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i < j} \sum_{\nu}^2 (-1)^{p_{\nu}} [\langle \psi_i(1) \psi_j(2) | \hat{g}_{12} | \mathcal{P}_{\nu}(\psi_i(1) \psi_j(2)) \rangle - \langle -\psi_i(1) \psi_j(2) | \hat{g}_{12} | \mathcal{P}_{\nu}(\psi_i(1) \psi_j(2)) \rangle] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i < j} \sum_{\nu}^2 (-1)^{p_{\nu}} \cdot 2 \langle \psi_i(1) \psi_j(2) | \hat{g}_{12} | \mathcal{P}_{\nu}(\psi_i(1) \psi_j(2)) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Now let's write explicitly the two permutations introduced by  $\mathcal{P}_{\nu}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{i < j}^n \langle \psi_i(1) \psi_j(2) | \hat{g}_{12} | \psi_i(1) \psi_j(2) \rangle - \langle \psi_i(1) \psi_j(2) | \hat{g}_{12} | \psi_i(2) \psi_j(1) \rangle \\ &= \sum_{i < j}^n \langle \psi_i \psi_j | \hat{g}_{12} | \psi_i \psi_j \rangle - \langle \psi_i \psi_j | \hat{g}_{12} | \psi_j \psi_i \rangle \end{aligned}$$

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## 4.2 Singly excited determinant

To show:  $\langle \Phi | \hat{\mathbf{g}} | \Phi_i^a \rangle = \sum_j^n (\langle \psi_i \psi_j | \hat{g}_{ij} | \psi_a \psi_j \rangle - \langle \psi_i \psi_j | \hat{g}_{ij} | \psi_j \psi_a \rangle)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Phi | \hat{\mathbf{g}} | \Phi_i^a \rangle &= \frac{1}{n!} \left\langle \sum_{\pi}^{n!} (-1)^{p_{\pi}} \mathcal{P}_{\pi}(\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_i(i) \dots \psi_n(n)) \left| \sum_{i < j}^n \hat{g}_{ij} \right| \sum_{\sigma}^{n!} (-1)^{p_{\sigma}} \mathcal{P}_{\sigma}(\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_a(i) \dots \psi_n(n)) \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{\pi, \sigma}^{n!} (-1)^{p_{\pi} + p_{\sigma}} \langle \mathcal{P}_{\pi}(\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_i(i) \dots \psi_n(n)) | \sum_{i < j}^n \hat{g}_{ij} | \mathcal{P}_{\sigma}(\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_a(i) \dots \psi_n(n)) \rangle \\ &= \frac{n(n-1)}{2n!} \sum_{\pi, \sigma}^{n!} (-1)^{p_{\pi} + p_{\sigma}} \langle \mathcal{P}_{\pi}(\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_i(i) \dots \psi_n(n)) | \hat{g}_{12} | \mathcal{P}_{\sigma}(\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_a(i) \dots \psi_n(n)) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

First we apply the orthogonality condition of the spin orbitals. Since  $\psi_i$  and  $\psi_a$  are orthogonal, it must be that either electron 1 or 2 occupies both  $\psi_i$  on the left and  $\psi_a$  on the right. Suppose electron 1 is occupying  $\psi_i$  on the left side of the integral. Then electron 2 can occupy any other  $\psi_j$  in the determinant, or vice versa.

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{2(n-2)!} \sum_j^n \langle \mathcal{P}_{12} \psi_i(1) \psi_j(2) | \hat{g}_{12} | \mathcal{P}_{12} \psi_a(1) \psi_j(2) \rangle \\ &\quad \cdot \sum_{\pi, \sigma}^{(n-2)!} (-1)^{p_{\pi} + p_{\sigma}} \langle \mathcal{P}_{\pi}(\psi_1(3) \dots \cancel{\psi_i(1)} \dots \cancel{\psi_j(2)} \dots \psi_n(n)) | \mathcal{P}_{\sigma}(\psi_1(3) \dots \cancel{\psi_a(1)} \dots \cancel{\psi_j(2)} \dots \psi_n(n)) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Now this second term is simply a product of overlap integrals of  $(n-2)$  electrons; these will vanish except in the permutations which integrate over identical spin orbitals, i.e., when  $\mathcal{P}_{\pi} = \mathcal{P}_{\sigma}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{2(n-2)!} \sum_j^n \sum_{\mu, \nu}^4 (-1)^{p_{\mu} + p_{\nu}} \langle \mathcal{P}_{\mu}(\psi_i(1) \psi_j(2)) | \hat{g}_{12} | \mathcal{P}_{\nu}(\psi_a(1) \psi_j(2)) \rangle \sum_r^{(n-2)!} (-1)^{2p_r} \mathcal{P}_r(\delta_{11} \dots \cancel{\delta_{ia}} \dots \delta_{nn}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2(n-2)!} \sum_j^n \sum_{\mu, \nu}^4 (-1)^{p_{\mu} + p_{\nu}} \langle \mathcal{P}_{\mu}(\psi_i(1) \psi_j(2)) | \hat{g}_{12} | \mathcal{P}_{\nu}(\psi_a(1) \psi_j(2)) \rangle \sum_r^{(n-2)!} (1) \\ &= \frac{1}{2(n-2)!} (n-2)! \sum_j^n \sum_{\mu, \nu}^4 (-1)^{p_{\mu} + p_{\nu}} \langle \mathcal{P}_{\mu}(\psi_i(1) \psi_j(2)) | \hat{g}_{12} | \mathcal{P}_{\nu}(\psi_a(1) \psi_j(2)) \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_j^n \sum_{\mu, \nu}^4 (-1)^{p_{\mu} + p_{\nu}} \langle \mathcal{P}_{\mu}(\psi_i(1) \psi_j(2)) | \hat{g}_{12} | \mathcal{P}_{\nu}(\psi_a(1) \psi_j(2)) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Now let's write out explicitly all the permutations introduced by  $\mathcal{P}_{\mu}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_j^n \sum_{\nu}^2 (-1)^{p_{\nu}} [\langle \psi_i(1) \psi_j(2) | \hat{g}_{12} | \mathcal{P}_{\nu}(\psi_a(1) \psi_j(2)) \rangle - \langle \psi_i(2) \psi_j(1) | \hat{g}_{12} | \mathcal{P}_{\nu}(\psi_a(1) \psi_j(2)) \rangle] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_j^n \sum_{\nu}^2 (-1)^{p_{\nu}} [\langle \psi_i(1) \psi_j(2) | \hat{g}_{12} | \mathcal{P}_{\nu}(\psi_a(1) \psi_j(2)) \rangle - \langle -\psi_i(1) \psi_j(2) | \hat{g}_{12} | \mathcal{P}_{\nu}(\psi_a(1) \psi_j(2)) \rangle] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_j^n \sum_{\nu}^2 (-1)^{p_{\nu}} \cdot 2 \langle \psi_i(1) \psi_j(2) | \hat{g}_{12} | \mathcal{P}_{\nu}(\psi_a(1) \psi_j(2)) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Now we can write out explicitly all the permutations introduced by  $\mathcal{P}_\nu$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_j^n [\langle \psi_i(1) \psi_j(2) | \hat{g}_{12} | \psi_a(1) \psi_j(2) \rangle - \langle \psi_i(1) \psi_j(2) | \hat{g}_{12} | \psi_a(2) \psi_j(1) \rangle] \\
&= \sum_j^n (\langle \psi_i \psi_j | \hat{g}_{ij} | \psi_a \psi_j \rangle - \langle \psi_i \psi_j | \hat{g}_{ij} | \psi_j \psi_a \rangle)
\end{aligned}$$

### 4.3 Doubly excited determinant

To show:  $\langle \Phi | \hat{\mathbf{g}} | \Phi_{ij}^{ab} \rangle = \langle \psi_i \psi_j | \hat{g}_{12} | \psi_a \psi_b \rangle - \langle \psi_i \psi_j | \hat{g}_{12} | \psi_b \psi_a \rangle$ .

Expanding  $\Phi$  in terms of the permutation operator,

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \Phi | \hat{\mathbf{g}} | \Phi_{ij}^{ab} \rangle &= \frac{1}{n!} \left\langle \sum_{\pi} (-1)^{p_{\pi}} \mathcal{P}_{\pi}(\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_i(i) \dots \psi_j(j) \dots \psi_n(n)) \left| \sum_{i < j} \hat{g}_{ij} \right| \sum_{\sigma} (-1)^{p_{\sigma}} \mathcal{P}_{\sigma}(\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_a(i) \dots \psi_b(j) \dots \psi_n(n)) \right\rangle \\
&= \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{\pi, \sigma} (-1)^{p_{\pi} + p_{\sigma}} \langle \mathcal{P}_{\pi}(\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_i(i) \dots \psi_j(j) \dots \psi_n(n)) | \sum_{i < j} \hat{g}_{ij} | \mathcal{P}_{\sigma}(\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_a(i) \dots \psi_b(j) \dots \psi_n(n)) \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

By lemma 2.2,

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{n(n-1)}{2n!} \sum_{\pi, \sigma} (-1)^{p_{\pi} + p_{\sigma}} \langle \mathcal{P}_{\pi}(\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_i(i) \dots \psi_j(j) \dots \psi_n(n)) | \hat{g}_{12} | \mathcal{P}_{\sigma}(\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_a(i) \dots \psi_b(j) \dots \psi_n(n)) \rangle \\
&= \frac{1}{2(n-2)!} \sum_{\pi, \sigma} (-1)^{p_{\pi} + p_{\sigma}} \langle \mathcal{P}_{\pi}(\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_i(i) \dots \psi_j(j) \dots \psi_n(n)) | \hat{g}_{12} | \mathcal{P}_{\sigma}(\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_a(i) \dots \psi_b(j) \dots \psi_n(n)) \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

Now  $\psi_i$  and  $\psi_j$  in  $\mathcal{P}_{\pi}$  have a zero overlap with each orbital in  $\mathcal{P}_{\sigma}$ . Likewise, orbitals  $\psi_a$  and  $\psi_b$  in  $\mathcal{P}_{\sigma}$  have a zero overlap with each orbital in  $\mathcal{P}_{\pi}$ . Therefore it must be that electrons 1 and 2 must occupy  $\psi_i$  and  $\psi_j$  in  $\mathcal{P}_{\pi}$  and  $\psi_a$  and  $\psi_b$  in  $\mathcal{P}_{\sigma}$ , in no particular order.

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{2(n-2)!} \sum_{\mu, \nu}^4 \langle \mathcal{P}_{\mu} \psi_i(1) \psi_j(2) | \hat{g}_{12} | \mathcal{P}_{\nu} \psi_a(1) \psi_b(2) \rangle \\
&\quad \cdot \sum_{\pi, \sigma}^{(n-2)!} (-1)^{p_{\pi} + p_{\sigma}} \langle \mathcal{P}_{\pi}(\psi_1(1) \dots \cancel{\psi_i(i)} \dots \cancel{\psi_j(j)} \dots \psi_n(n)) | \hat{g}_{12} | \mathcal{P}_{\sigma}(\psi_1(1) \dots \cancel{\psi_a(i)} \dots \cancel{\psi_b(j)} \dots \psi_n(n)) \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

Because of orthormality, we again let  $\mathcal{P}_{\pi} = \mathcal{P}_{\sigma}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{2(n-2)!} \sum_{\mu, \nu}^4 (-1)^{p_{\mu} + p_{\nu}} \langle \mathcal{P}_{\mu} \psi_i(1) \psi_j(2) | \hat{g}_{12} | \mathcal{P}_{\nu} \psi_a(1) \psi_b(2) \rangle \sum_{\pi, \sigma}^{(n-2)!} \mathcal{P}_{\pi}(\delta_{11} \dots \delta_{ia} \dots \delta_{jb} \dots \delta_{nn}) \\
&= \frac{1}{2(n-2)!} \sum_{\mu, \nu}^4 (-1)^{p_{\mu} + p_{\nu}} \langle \mathcal{P}_{\mu} \psi_i(1) \psi_j(2) | \hat{g}_{12} | \mathcal{P}_{\nu} \psi_a(1) \psi_b(2) \rangle \sum_{\pi, \sigma}^{(n-2)!} (1) \\
&= \frac{1}{2(n-2)!} \sum_{\mu, \nu}^4 (-1)^{p_{\mu} + p_{\nu}} \langle \mathcal{P}_{\mu} \psi_i(1) \psi_j(2) | \hat{g}_{12} | \mathcal{P}_{\nu} \psi_a(1) \psi_b(2) \rangle (n-2)!
\end{aligned}$$

Now let's write out explicitly all the permutations introduced by  $\mathcal{P}_\mu$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\nu}^2 (-1)^{p_\nu} [\langle \psi_i(1) \psi_j(2) | \hat{g}_{12} | \mathcal{P}_\nu(\psi_a(1) \psi_b(2)) \rangle - \langle \psi_i(2) \psi_j(1) | \hat{g}_{12} | \mathcal{P}_\nu(\psi_a(1) \psi_b(2)) \rangle] \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\nu}^2 (-1)^{p_\nu} [\langle \psi_i(1) \psi_j(2) | \hat{g}_{12} | \mathcal{P}_\nu(\psi_a(1) \psi_b(2)) \rangle - \langle -\psi_i(1) \psi_j(2) | \hat{g}_{12} | \mathcal{P}_\nu(\psi_a(1) \psi_b(2)) \rangle] \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\nu}^2 (-1)^{p_\nu} \cdot 2 \langle \psi_i(1) \psi_j(2) | \hat{g}_{12} | \mathcal{P}_\nu(\psi_a(1) \psi_b(2)) \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

Now we can write out explicitly all the permutations introduced by  $\mathcal{P}_\nu$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \langle \psi_i(1) \psi_j(2) | \hat{g}_{12} | \psi_a(1) \psi_b(2) \rangle - \langle \psi_i(1) \psi_j(2) | \hat{g}_{12} | \psi_a(2) \psi_b(1) \rangle \\
&= \langle \psi_i \psi_j | \hat{g}_{12} | \psi_a \psi_b \rangle - \langle \psi_i \psi_j | \hat{g}_{12} | \psi_a \psi_b \rangle \quad \blacksquare.
\end{aligned}$$

#### 4.4 Triply excited determinant

To show:  $\langle \Phi | \hat{\mathbf{g}} | \Phi_{ijk}^{abc} \rangle = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
&\langle \Phi | \hat{\mathbf{g}} | \Phi_{ijk}^{abc} \rangle = \\
&= \frac{1}{n!} \left\langle \sum_{\pi}^{n!} (-1)^{p_\pi} \mathcal{P}_\pi(\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_i(i) \dots \psi_j(j) \dots \psi_k(k) \dots \psi_n(n)) \left| \sum_{i < j}^n \hat{g}_{ij} \right| \sum_{\sigma}^{n!} (-1)^{p_\sigma} \mathcal{P}_\sigma(\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_a(i) \dots \psi_b(j) \dots \psi_c(k) \dots \psi_n(n)) \right\rangle \\
&= \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{\pi, \sigma}^{n!} (-1)^{p_\pi + p_\sigma} \langle \mathcal{P}_\pi(\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_i(i) \dots \psi_j(j) \dots \psi_k(k) \dots \psi_n(n)) | \sum_{i < j}^n \hat{g}_{ij} | \mathcal{P}_\sigma(\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_a(i) \dots \psi_b(j) \dots \psi_c(k) \dots \psi_n(n)) \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

By lemma 2.2,

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{n(n-1)}{2n!} \sum_{\pi, \sigma}^{n!} (-1)^{p_\pi + p_\sigma} \langle \mathcal{P}_\pi(\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_i(i) \dots \psi_j(j) \dots \psi_k(k) \dots \psi_n(n)) | \sum_{i < j}^n \hat{g}_{ij} | \mathcal{P}_\sigma(\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_a(i) \dots \psi_b(j) \dots \psi_c(k) \dots \psi_n(n)) \rangle \\
&= \frac{1}{2(n-2)!} \sum_{\pi, \sigma}^{n!} (-1)^{p_\pi + p_\sigma} \langle \mathcal{P}_\pi(\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_i(i) \dots \psi_j(j) \dots \psi_k(k) \dots \psi_n(n)) | \sum_{i < j}^n \hat{g}_{ij} | \mathcal{P}_\sigma(\psi_1(1) \dots \psi_a(i) \dots \psi_b(j) \dots \psi_c(k) \dots \psi_n(n)) \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\psi_i$  and  $\psi_j$  in  $\mathcal{P}_\pi$  have a zero overlap with each orbital in  $\mathcal{P}_\sigma$  and  $\psi_a$  and  $\psi_b$  in  $\mathcal{P}_\sigma$  have a zero overlap with each orbital in  $\mathcal{P}_\pi$ , it must be that electrons 1 and 2 must occupy  $\psi_i$  and  $\psi_j$  in  $\mathcal{P}_\pi$  and  $\psi_a$  and  $\psi_b$  in  $\mathcal{P}_\sigma$ , in no particular order.

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{2(n-2)!} \sum_{\mu, \nu}^4 (-1)^{p_\mu + p_\nu} \langle \mathcal{P}_\mu(\psi_i(1) \psi_j(2)) | \hat{g}_{12} | \mathcal{P}_\nu(\psi_a(1) \psi_b(2)) \rangle \\
&\quad \cdot \sum_{\pi, \sigma}^{(n-2)!} (-1)^{p_\pi + p_\sigma} \langle \mathcal{P}_\pi(\psi_1(1) \dots \cancel{\psi_i(i)} \dots \cancel{\psi_j(j)} \dots \psi_k(k) \dots \psi_n(n)) | \hat{g}_{12} | \mathcal{P}_\sigma(\psi_1(1) \dots \cancel{\psi_a(i)} \dots \cancel{\psi_b(j)} \dots \psi_c(k) \dots \psi_n(n)) \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

However, this time there are still two spin orbitals  $\psi_k$  in  $\mathcal{P}_\pi$  and  $\psi_c$  in  $\mathcal{P}_\sigma$  that  $\langle \psi_k(i) | \psi_i(i) \rangle$  or  $\langle \psi_i(i) | \psi_c(i) \rangle$  will vanish for electron in any  $\psi_i$  in the opposite determinant. Therefore, no matter how we permute these two determinants, all  $(n-1)!$  integrals will have at least one zero overlap that causes it to vanish.

$$= 0 \quad \blacksquare.$$