## CIS equations

## Derivation in KM tensor notation

The electronic Hamiltonian can be expressed as follows.

$$H_e = E_{HF} + H_c \qquad E_{HF} = \langle \Phi | H_e | \Phi \rangle \qquad H_c = f_p^q \tilde{a}_q^p + \frac{1}{4} \overline{g}_{pq}^{rs} \tilde{a}_{rs}^{pq} \qquad (1)$$

Assuming Brillouin's theorem is satisfied and  $\langle \Phi | H_e | \Phi_i^a \rangle = f_i^a = 0$ , the CIS ground state eigenpair is simply the Hartree-Fock solution: the root is  $E_{\rm HF}$  and the wavefunction is  $\Phi$ . Therefore, excitation energies from the ground state are eigenvalues of the matrix  $\langle \Phi_i^a | H_e - E_{\rm HF} | \Phi_j^b \rangle = \langle \Phi_i^a | H_c | \Phi_j^b \rangle$ . Applying Wick's theorem in  $\Phi$ -normal ordering gives

$$\langle \Phi_i^a | H_c | \Phi_j^b \rangle = f_p^q \langle \Phi | \tilde{a}_a^i \tilde{a}_q^p \tilde{a}_j^b | \Phi \rangle + \frac{1}{4} \overline{g}_{pq}^{rs} \langle \Phi | \tilde{a}_a^i \tilde{a}_{rs}^{pq} \tilde{a}_j^b | \Phi \rangle$$

$$= f_p^q (\tilde{a}_a^i \tilde{a}_q^p \tilde{a}_j^b)_{\text{f.c.}} + \frac{1}{4} \overline{g}_{pq}^{rs} (\tilde{a}_a^i \tilde{a}_{rs}^{pq} \tilde{a}_j^b)_{\text{f.c.}}$$
(2)

where the subscript f.c. denotes the sum over fully contracted terms in these Wick expansions.

$$(\tilde{a}_{a}^{i}\tilde{a}_{q}^{p}\tilde{a}_{j}^{b})_{\text{f.c.}} = \mathbf{i}a_{a^{\circ}}^{i\bullet}a_{q^{\circ\circ}}^{p^{\circ}}a_{j\bullet}^{b^{\circ\circ}}\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{i}a_{a^{\circ}}^{i\bullet}a_{q\bullet}^{p^{\bullet\bullet}}a_{j\bullet\bullet}^{b^{\circ}}\mathbf{i} = \kappa_{j}^{i}\eta_{a}^{p}\eta_{q}^{b} - \kappa_{q}^{i}\kappa_{j}^{p}\eta_{a}^{b}$$

$$(3)$$

$$(\tilde{a}_{a}^{i}\tilde{a}_{rs}^{pq}\tilde{a}_{j}^{b})_{\mathrm{f.c.}} = \mathbf{i}\tilde{a}_{a^{\circ}}^{i\bullet}\tilde{a}_{r\bullet s^{\circ\circ}}^{p^{\circ}q^{\bullet\bullet}}\tilde{a}_{j\bullet\bullet}^{b^{\circ\circ}}\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{i}\tilde{a}_{a^{\circ}}^{i\bullet}\tilde{a}_{r\circ s^{\bullet}}^{p^{\circ}q^{\bullet\bullet}}\tilde{a}_{j\bullet\bullet}^{b^{\circ\circ}}\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{i}\tilde{a}_{a^{\circ}}^{i\bullet}\tilde{a}_{r\circ s^{\bullet}}^{p^{\bullet\bullet}q^{\circ}}\tilde{a}_{j\bullet\bullet}^{b^{\circ\circ}}\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{i}\tilde{a}_{a^{\circ}}^{i\bullet}\tilde{a}_{r\circ s^{\bullet}}^{p^{\bullet\bullet}q^{\circ}}\tilde{a}_{j\bullet\bullet}^{b^{\circ\circ}}\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{i}\tilde{a}_{a^{\circ}}^{i\bullet}\tilde{a}_{r\circ s^{\bullet}}^{p^{\bullet\bullet}q^{\circ}}\tilde{a}_{j\bullet\bullet}^{b^{\circ\circ}}\mathbf{i} = \hat{P}_{(r/s)}^{(p/q)}\kappa_{r}^{i}\eta_{s}^{p}\kappa_{j}^{q}\eta_{s}^{b}$$

Plugging equations 3 and 4 into equation 2 gives the final working equation for the CIS matrix elements.

$$\langle \Phi_i^a | H_c | \Phi_j^b \rangle = f_a^b \kappa_j^i - f_j^i \eta_a^b + \overline{g}_{aj}^{ib} = f_a^b \delta_j^i - f_j^i \delta_a^b + \overline{g}_{aj}^{ib}$$
 (5)

For a canonical Hartree-Fock reference, the Fock matrix is diagonal:  $f_a^b = \epsilon_a \delta_a^b$  and  $f_j^i = \epsilon_j \delta_j^i$ .

## Derivation in diagrammatic notation

In diagrammatic notation,  $H_c$  is given by the following.

$$H_c = \otimes - - - + + + - - - + \otimes - - + = \sum_{pq} f_{pq} \mathbf{i} a_p^{\dagger} a_q \mathbf{i} \qquad \qquad + - - + = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{pqrs} \langle pq | |rs \rangle \mathbf{i} a_p^{\dagger} a_q^{\dagger} a_s a_r \mathbf{i} \qquad (6)$$

Expanding the one- and two-electron compnents in terms of quasiparticle operators  $\{b_p\} = \{a_i^{\dagger}\} \cup \{a_a\}$  and  $\{b_p^{\dagger}\} = \{a_i\} \cup \{a_a^{\dagger}\}$ , indicated by black interaction points, gives

whose algebraic expressions are shown in the appendix (equations 13 and 14). The matrix elements  $\langle \Phi_i^a | : f : | \Phi_j^b \rangle$  and  $\langle \Phi_i^a | : \overline{g} : | \Phi_j^b \rangle$  are given by the following diagrammatic and algebraic expressions.

The matrix element of the one-electron interaction evaluates as follows

$$\begin{pmatrix}
a & i \\
\vdots & \downarrow \downarrow \\
\vdots & j
\end{pmatrix} = \bigotimes - \frac{1}{2} \downarrow + \downarrow \downarrow - \bigotimes = f_{ab}\delta_{ij} - f_{ji}\delta_{ab} \tag{11}$$

where the signs can be determined by translating each diagram into its algebraic form.

$$\bigotimes -\frac{1}{4} \int_{b-j}^{a-i} = \sum_{cd} f_{cd} \mathbf{i} \overline{b_i b_a b_c^{\dagger} b_d b_b b_j^{\dagger}} \mathbf{i} = +f_{ab} \delta_{ij}$$

$$\int_{b-j}^{a-i} -- \otimes = \sum_{kl} f_{kl} \mathbf{i} \overline{b_i b_a b_k b_l^{\dagger} b_b^{\dagger} b_j^{\dagger}} \mathbf{i} = -f_{ji} \delta_{ab}$$

For the two-electron interaction, one finds

$$\begin{pmatrix}
a & i \\
\downarrow \downarrow & \downarrow \\
b & j
\end{pmatrix} = 
\begin{pmatrix}
a & i \\
\downarrow & \downarrow \\
b & j
\end{pmatrix} = -\langle aj||bi\rangle$$
(12)

where the sign can be determined from the algebraic expression.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
a & i \\
& & \\
\downarrow & & \\
b & i \\
\end{array} = \sum_{ckdl} \langle ck || dl \rangle \mathbf{i} \overline{b_i} \overline{b_a} \overline{b_c^{\dagger}} \overline{b_k} \overline{b_l^{\dagger}} \overline{b_d} \overline{b_b^{\dagger}} \overline{b_j} \mathbf{i} = -\langle aj || bi \rangle$$

Putting these results together gives

$$\langle \Phi_i^a | H_c | \Phi_j^b \rangle = \bigotimes - \frac{1}{b} \int_j^a + \int_b^a \int_j^a - \bigotimes + \int_b^a \int_j^a - 1 = f_{ab} \delta_{ij} - f_{ji} \delta_{ab} - \langle aj | | bi \rangle$$

which is the same as equation 5.

## Appendix: Quasiparticle expansion of one- and two-electron operators

$$\sum_{pq} f_{pq} \mathbf{i} a_p^{\dagger} a_q \mathbf{i} = \sum_{ab} f_{ab} \mathbf{i} b_a^{\dagger} b_b \mathbf{i} + \sum_{ai} f_{ai} \mathbf{i} b_a^{\dagger} b_i^{\dagger} \mathbf{i} + \sum_{ia} f_{ia} \mathbf{i} b_i b_a \mathbf{i} + \sum_{ij} f_{ij} \mathbf{i} b_i b_j^{\dagger} \mathbf{i}$$

$$\tag{13}$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \sum_{pqrs} \langle pq | |rs \rangle \mathbf{i} a_p^{\dagger} a_q^{\dagger} a_s a_r \mathbf{i} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{abcd} \langle ab | |cd \rangle \mathbf{i} b_a^{\dagger} b_b^{\dagger} b_d b_c \mathbf{i} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{abci} \langle ab | |ci \rangle \mathbf{i} b_a^{\dagger} b_b^{\dagger} b_i^{\dagger} b_c \mathbf{i} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{aibc} \langle ai | |bc \rangle \mathbf{i} b_a^{\dagger} b_i b_c b_b \mathbf{i} \\
+ \frac{1}{4} \sum_{abij} \langle ab | |ij \rangle \mathbf{i} b_a^{\dagger} b_b^{\dagger} b_j^{\dagger} b_i^{\dagger} \mathbf{i} + \sum_{aibj} \langle ai | |bj \rangle \mathbf{i} b_a^{\dagger} b_i b_j^{\dagger} b_b \mathbf{i} + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{ijab} \langle ij | |ab \rangle \mathbf{i} b_i b_j b_b b_a \mathbf{i} \\
+ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{iajk} \langle ia | |jk \rangle \mathbf{i} b_i b_a^{\dagger} b_k^{\dagger} b_j^{\dagger} \mathbf{i} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ijka} \langle ij | |ka \rangle \mathbf{i} b_i b_j b_a b_k^{\dagger} \mathbf{i} + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{ijkl} \langle ij | |kl \rangle \mathbf{i} b_i b_j b_l^{\dagger} b_k^{\dagger} \mathbf{i}$$
(14)