

CAS 741: Problem Statement

Equation-of-motion methods

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Table 1: Revision History

Date	Developer(s)	Change
21-09-2020	Sanchez-Diaz	Describe the problem statement
28-09-2020	Sanchez-Diaz	Clarify inputs/outputs

Equation-of-motion (EOM) methods are an alternative approach to the prediction of molecular spectroscopic properties (excitation energies, ionization potentials, electron affinities, and their corresponding oscillator strengths). In these methods, a transition operator transfers between two stationary states, and their energy difference is evaluated directly. As a result of the transition, the number of electrons in the initial reference system and the final one might differ.

In addition to spectroscopic applications of the EOMs, their solutions can be used to approximate the transition density matrices (TDMs). TDMs are an important ingredient in a recent method proposed by Katarzyna Pernal¹ for computing the electron correlation energy, which is the preeminent objective of electronic structure methods.

This code develops a common framework for implementing and solving EOM equations, taking as inputs the reduced density matrices (RDMs) and the 1- and 2-electron integrals for the reference N-electron system. The software’s main outcomes are the energies and TDMs of an "excitation" process (represented by an approximated transition operator), though future extensions will cover the evaluation of properties related to the TDMs, such as the oscillator strengths and the electron correlation energy.

This tool should be useful to students and researchers in the field of computational quantum chemistry. It will be developed for Linux based systems, however, compatibility with other environments such as Windows and Mac OS

¹Katarzyna Pernal. "Correlation energy from random phase approximations: A reduced density matrices perspective". In: *International Journal of Quantum Chemistry* 118.1 (2018), e25462.

should be possible inasmuch as it is a pure Python program using mostly standard libraries.