

# CHAPTER 5

## Pair and Coupled-Pair Theories

### 5.1 The Independent Electron Pair Approximation (IEPA)

#### Exercise 5.1

The application of pair theory to minimal basis  $H_2$  is trivial since we are dealing with a two-electron system for which the IEPA is exact, i.e., it gives the full CI result obtained in the last chapter, viz.

$${}^1E_{\text{corr}} = \Delta - (\Delta^2 + K_{12}^2)^{1/2}$$

where (see Eq.(4.20))

$$\Delta = (\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_1) + \frac{1}{2}(J_{11} + J_{22} - 4J_{12} + 2K_{12}).$$

- a. Calculate the correlation energy using first-order pairs. Remember that the summations in Eq.(5.19) go over spin orbitals (i.e.,  $a = 1, \bar{1}$ , and  $r = 2, \bar{2}$ ). Show that

$${}^1E_{\text{corr}}(\text{FO}) = \frac{K_{12}^2}{2(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2)}.$$

- b. Approximate  $\Delta$  in the exact correlation energy by  $\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_1$  and recover the first-order pair correlation energy by expanding the exact answer to first order using the relation  $(1 + x)^{1/2} \approx 1 + x/2$ .

#### Solution 5.1

- a. At this time, there is only one pair of electrons and one pair of virtual spin orbitals. Thus,

$$E_{\text{corr}}(\text{FO}) = \sum_{\substack{a \leq b \\ r \leq s}} \frac{|\langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{rs} \rangle|^2}{\varepsilon_a + \varepsilon_b - \varepsilon_r - \varepsilon_s} = \frac{|\langle 1\bar{1} | 2\bar{2} \rangle|^2}{\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_{\bar{1}} - \varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_{\bar{2}}} = -\frac{K_{12}^2}{2(\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_1)}. \quad (5.1-1)$$

- b. As  $K_{12} \ll \Delta$ , we find that

$${}^1E_{\text{corr}} = \Delta \left[ 1 - \sqrt{1 + \frac{K_{12}^2}{\Delta^2}} \right] = \Delta \left[ 1 - \left( 1 + \frac{K_{12}^2}{2\Delta^2} + \dots \right) \right] = -\frac{K_{12}^2}{2\Delta} + \dots$$

Here, the truth that when  $|x| \ll 1$ ,

$$(1 + x)^{\frac{1}{2}} \approx 1 + \frac{x}{2},$$

has been used.

After substitute  $\Delta = \varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_1$ , we obtain

$${}^1E_{\text{corr}}(\text{FO}) = -\frac{K_{12}^2}{2(\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_1)} = \frac{K_{12}^2}{2(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2)}. \quad (5.1-2)$$

#### Exercise 5.2

Derive Eqs.(5.22a) and (5.22b).

**Solution 5.2**

From (5.9a), with  $\langle \Psi_{1_i \bar{1}_i}^{2_i \bar{2}_i} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_0 \rangle = \langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{1_i \bar{1}_i}^{2_i \bar{2}_i} \rangle = \langle 1_i \bar{1}_i | 2_i \bar{2}_i \rangle = K_{12}$ , we obtain

$$K_{12} c_{1_i \bar{1}_i}^{2_i \bar{2}_i} = e_{1_i \bar{1}_i}, \quad (5.2-1)$$

which is (5.22a). Similarly, with (4.20), we obtain

$$K_{12} + \langle \Psi_{1_i \bar{1}_i}^{2_i \bar{2}_i} | \mathcal{H} - E_0 | \Psi_{1_i \bar{1}_i}^{2_i \bar{2}_i} \rangle = e_{1_i \bar{1}_i} c_{1_i \bar{1}_i}^{2_i \bar{2}_i} \quad (5.2-2)$$

which is (5.22b).

**Exercise 5.3**

Calculate the total first-order pair correlation energy for the dinner using Eq.(5.19) and show that it is twice the result obtained in Exercise 5.1.

**Solution 5.3**

Note that only  $|2_1 \bar{2}_1 1_2 \bar{1}_2\rangle$  and  $|1_1 \bar{1}_1 2_2 \bar{2}_2\rangle$  can interact with  $\langle \Phi_0 |$  via the Hamiltonian  $\mathcal{H}$ , thus

$$E_{\text{corr}}(\text{FO}, 2\text{H}_2) = \frac{\langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | 2_1 \bar{2}_1 1_2 \bar{1}_2 \rangle}{\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_{\bar{1}} - \varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_{\bar{2}}} + \frac{\langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | 1_1 \bar{1}_1 2_2 \bar{2}_2 \rangle}{\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_{\bar{1}} - \varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_{\bar{2}}} = -\frac{K_{12}^2}{2(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2)} - \frac{K_{12}^2}{2(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2)} = 2E_{\text{corr}}(\text{FO}, \text{H}_2). \quad (5.3-1)$$

It is twice the result obtained in Exercise 5.1.

**5.1.1 Invariance under Unitary Transformations: An Example****Exercise 5.4**

Show that  $|a\bar{a}b\bar{b}\rangle = |1_1 \bar{1}_1 1_2 \bar{1}_2\rangle$ . *Hint:* use Eq.(1.40) repeatedly. Eq.(1.40) for Slater determinants is

$$|\chi_1 \chi_2 \cdots \left( \sum_k c_k \chi'_k \right) \cdots \chi_N\rangle = \sum_k c_k |\chi_1 \chi_2 \cdots \chi'_k \cdots \chi_N\rangle.$$

**Solution 5.4**

Note that if any two rows (or columns) of a determinant are equal, the value of the determinant is zero. Therefore, we find that

$$\begin{aligned} |a\bar{a}b\bar{b}\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|1_1 \bar{a} b \bar{b}\rangle + |1_2 \bar{a} b \bar{b}\rangle) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1_1 \bar{a} 1_1 \bar{b}\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1_1 \bar{a} 1_2 \bar{b}\rangle \right) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1_2 \bar{a} 1_1 \bar{b}\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1_2 \bar{a} 1_2 \bar{b}\rangle \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} |1_1 \bar{a} 1_2 \bar{b}\rangle + \frac{1}{2} |1_2 \bar{a} 1_1 \bar{b}\rangle = -|1_1 \bar{a} 1_2 \bar{b}\rangle \\ &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|1_1 \bar{1}_1 1_2 \bar{b}\rangle + |1_1 \bar{1}_2 1_2 \bar{b}\rangle) \\ &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1_1 \bar{1}_1 1_2 \bar{1}_1\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1_1 \bar{1}_1 1_2 \bar{1}_2\rangle \right) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1_1 \bar{1}_2 1_2 \bar{1}_1\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1_1 \bar{1}_2 1_2 \bar{1}_2\rangle \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} |1_1 \bar{1}_1 1_2 \bar{1}_2\rangle - \frac{1}{2} |1_1 \bar{1}_2 1_2 \bar{1}_1\rangle = |1_1 \bar{1}_1 1_2 \bar{1}_2\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Concisely,

$$|a\bar{a}b\bar{b}\rangle = |1_1 \bar{1}_1 1_2 \bar{1}_2\rangle. \quad (5.4-1)$$

**Exercise 5.5**

Derive Eqs.(5.31a) and (5.31b).

**Solution 5.5**

With (5.28a), (5.28b), and (5.29), we find that

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{aa}^{**} \rangle &= \langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |\Psi_{aa}^{r\bar{r}}\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |\Psi_{aa}^{s\bar{s}}\rangle \right) \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{aa}^{r\bar{r}} \rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{aa}^{s\bar{s}} \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{K_{12}}{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{K_{12}}{2} = \frac{K_{12}}{\sqrt{2}}.\end{aligned}$$

This is (5.31a). From (4.17a) and (4.17d), we know that

$$E_0 = \langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_0 \rangle = \langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{O}_1 | \Psi_0 \rangle + \langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{O}_2 | \Psi_0 \rangle = 2(2h_{11} + J_{11}) = 4\varepsilon_1 - 2J_{11}.$$

And it is evident that

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \Psi_{aa}^{**} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{aa}^{**} \rangle &= \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle \Psi_{aa}^{r\bar{r}} | + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle \Psi_{aa}^{s\bar{s}} | \right) \mathcal{H} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |\Psi_{aa}^{r\bar{r}}\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |\Psi_{aa}^{s\bar{s}}\rangle \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \langle \Psi_{aa}^{r\bar{r}} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{aa}^{r\bar{r}} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \Psi_{aa}^{r\bar{r}} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{aa}^{s\bar{s}} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \Psi_{aa}^{s\bar{s}} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{aa}^{r\bar{r}} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \Psi_{aa}^{s\bar{s}} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{aa}^{s\bar{s}} \rangle.\end{aligned}$$

We have to calculate  $\langle \Psi_{aa}^{r\bar{r}} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{aa}^{r\bar{r}} \rangle$ ,  $\langle \Psi_{aa}^{r\bar{r}} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{aa}^{s\bar{s}} \rangle$  and  $\langle \Psi_{aa}^{s\bar{s}} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{aa}^{s\bar{s}} \rangle$ . Before their formal derivation, note that

$$h_{rr} = h_{ss} = h_{22}, \quad h_{aa} = h_{bb} = h_{11}.$$

With (5.26a)-(5.26d), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \Psi_{aa}^{r\bar{r}} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{aa}^{r\bar{r}} \rangle &= \langle \Psi_{aa}^{r\bar{r}} | \mathcal{O}_1 | \Psi_{aa}^{r\bar{r}} \rangle + \langle \Psi_{aa}^{r\bar{r}} | \mathcal{O}_2 | \Psi_{aa}^{r\bar{r}} \rangle \\ &= \langle r|h|r \rangle + \langle \bar{r}|h|\bar{r} \rangle + \langle b|h|b \rangle + \langle \bar{b}|h|\bar{b} \rangle \\ &\quad + \langle r\bar{r}||r\bar{r} \rangle + \langle r\bar{b}||r\bar{b} \rangle + \langle r\bar{b}||r\bar{b} \rangle + \langle \bar{r}b||\bar{r}b \rangle + \langle \bar{r}\bar{b}||\bar{r}\bar{b} \rangle + \langle b\bar{b}||b\bar{b} \rangle \\ &= 2h_{rr} + 2h_{bb} + J_{rr} + (J_{rb} - K_{rb}) + J_{rb} + J_{rb} + (J_{rb} - K_{rb}) + J_{bb} \\ &= 2h_{11} + 2h_{22} + \frac{1}{2}J_{11} + \frac{1}{2}J_{22} + 2J_{12} - K_{12} \\ &= 2\varepsilon_1 + 2\varepsilon_2 - \frac{3}{2}J_{11} + \frac{1}{2}J_{22} - 2J_{12} + K_{12}.\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we obtain that

$$\langle \Psi_{aa}^{r\bar{r}} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{aa}^{s\bar{s}} \rangle = \langle r\bar{r}||s\bar{s} \rangle = J_{rs} = \frac{1}{2}J_{22},$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \Psi_{aa}^{s\bar{s}} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{aa}^{s\bar{s}} \rangle &= 2h_{ss} + 2h_{aa} + J_{ss} + J_{sb} - K_{sb} + J_{sb} + J_{sb} + J_{sb} - K_{sb} + J_{bb} \\ &= 2h_{11} + 2h_{22} + \frac{1}{2}J_{11} + \frac{1}{2}J_{22} + 2J_{12} - K_{12}, \\ &= 2\varepsilon_1 + 2\varepsilon_2 - \frac{3}{2}J_{11} + \frac{1}{2}J_{22} - 2J_{12} + K_{12}.\end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \Psi_{aa}^{**} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{aa}^{**} \rangle &= 2\varepsilon_1 + 2\varepsilon_2 - \frac{3}{2}J_{11} + \frac{1}{2}J_{22} - 2J_{12} + K_{12} + \frac{1}{2}J_{22} \\ &= 2\varepsilon_1 + 2\varepsilon_2 - \frac{3}{2}J_{11} + J_{22} - 2J_{12} + K_{12}, \\ \langle \Psi_{aa}^{**} | \mathcal{H} - E_0 | \Psi_{aa}^{**} \rangle &= 2\varepsilon_1 + 2\varepsilon_2 - \frac{3}{2}J_{11} + J_{22} - 2J_{12} + K_{12} - (4\varepsilon_1 - 2J_{11}) \\ &= 2(\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_1) + \frac{1}{2}J_{11} + J_{22} - 2J_{12} + K_{12}.\end{aligned}$$

In conclusion, we obtain

$$\langle \Psi_{aa}^{**} | \mathcal{H} - E_0 | \Psi_{aa}^{**} \rangle = 2(\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_1) + J_{22} + \frac{1}{2}(J_{11} - 4J_{12} + 2K_{12}) \equiv 2\Delta'. \quad (5.5-1)$$

This is (5.31b).

**Exercise 5.6**

Show that  $e_{a\bar{b}} = e_{\bar{a}b} = e_{a\bar{a}}$ .

**Solution 5.6**

The key point is to prove that the equations which determine  $e_{a\bar{b}}$  are identical to that of  $e_{a\bar{a}}$ . Note that similar to Exercise 5.5, we can obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{**} \rangle &= \frac{K_{12}}{\sqrt{2}}, \\ \langle \Psi_{ab}^{**} | \mathcal{H} - E_0 | \Psi_{ab}^{**} \rangle &= 2\Delta'.\end{aligned}$$

Thus the equations of  $e_{a\bar{b}}$  are

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{K_{12}}{\sqrt{2}}c &= e_{a\bar{b}}, \\ \frac{K_{12}}{\sqrt{2}} + 2\Delta'c &= e_{a\bar{b}}c.\end{aligned}$$

They are identical to that of  $e_{a\bar{a}}$ , thus  $e_{a\bar{b}} = e_{a\bar{a}}$  and so does  $e_{\bar{a}b}$ .

**Exercise 5.7**

Show that DCI is invariant to unitary transformations for the above model.

a. The DCI wave function is

$$|\Psi_{\text{DCI}}\rangle = |\Psi_0\rangle + c_1|\Psi_{a\bar{a}}^{**}\rangle + c_2|\Psi_{b\bar{b}}^{**}\rangle + c_3|\Psi_{a\bar{b}}^{**}\rangle + c_4|\Psi_{\bar{a}b}^{**}\rangle.$$

Show that the corresponding eigenvalue problem which determines the DCI correlation energy of the dimer ( ${}^2E_{\text{corr}}(\text{DCI})$ ) is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}K_{12} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}K_{12} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}K_{12} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}K_{12} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}K_{12} & 2\Delta' & \frac{1}{2}J_{11} & \frac{1}{2}K_{12} - J_{12} & \frac{1}{2}K_{12} - J_{12} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}K_{12} & \frac{1}{2}J_{11} & 2\Delta' & \frac{1}{2}K_{12} - J_{12} & \frac{1}{2}K_{12} - J_{12} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}K_{12} & \frac{1}{2}K_{12} - J_{12} & \frac{1}{2}K_{12} - J_{12} & 2\Delta' & \frac{1}{2}J_{11} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}K_{12} & \frac{1}{2}K_{12} - J_{12} & \frac{1}{2}K_{12} - J_{12} & \frac{1}{2}J_{11} & 2\Delta' \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ c_4 \end{pmatrix} = {}^2E_{\text{corr}}(\text{DCI}) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ c_4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

b. Show that  $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = c_4 = c$  and then solve the equations to show

$${}^2E_{\text{corr}}(\text{DCI}) = \Delta - (\Delta^2 + 2K_{12}^2)^{1/2},$$

which is the same result as found in the last chapter (see Eq.(4.60)).

**Solution 5.7**

a. Some matrix elements have been solved in Exercise 5.5 and Exercise 5.6, and they are listed as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} - E_0 | \Psi_0 \rangle &= 0, \\ \langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{a\bar{a}}^{**} \rangle &= \langle \Psi_{a\bar{a}}^{**} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_0 \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}K_{12}, \\ \langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{b\bar{b}}^{**} \rangle &= \langle \Psi_{b\bar{b}}^{**} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_0 \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}K_{12}, \\ \langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{a\bar{b}}^{**} \rangle &= \langle \Psi_{a\bar{b}}^{**} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_0 \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}K_{12}, \\ \langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{\bar{a}b}^{**} \rangle &= \langle \Psi_{\bar{a}b}^{**} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_0 \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}K_{12}, \\ \langle \Psi_{a\bar{a}}^{**} | \mathcal{H} - E_0 | \Psi_{a\bar{a}}^{**} \rangle &= 2\Delta', \\ \langle \Psi_{b\bar{b}}^{**} | \mathcal{H} - E_0 | \Psi_{b\bar{b}}^{**} \rangle &= 2\Delta',\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \Psi_{ab}^{**} | \mathcal{H} - E_0 | \Psi_{ab}^{**} \rangle &= 2\Delta', \\ \langle \Psi_{ab}^{**} | \mathcal{H} - E_0 | \Psi_{ab}^{**} \rangle &= 2\Delta'.\end{aligned}$$

Now we pay attention to calculate other matrix elements.

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \Psi_{aa}^{**} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{bb}^{**} \rangle &= \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle \Psi_{aa}^{r\bar{r}} | + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle \Psi_{aa}^{s\bar{s}} | \right) \mathcal{H} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} | \Psi_{bb}^{r\bar{r}} \rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} | \Psi_{bb}^{s\bar{s}} \rangle \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \langle \Psi_{aa}^{r\bar{r}} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{bb}^{r\bar{r}} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \Psi_{aa}^{r\bar{r}} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{bb}^{s\bar{s}} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \Psi_{aa}^{s\bar{s}} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{bb}^{r\bar{r}} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \Psi_{aa}^{s\bar{s}} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{bb}^{s\bar{s}} \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\langle \bar{b}\bar{b} | a\bar{a} \rangle + 0 + 0 + \langle \bar{b}\bar{b} | a\bar{a} \rangle) = \frac{1}{2} (K_{ab} + K_{ab}) = K_{ab} = \frac{1}{2} J_{11}, \\ \langle \Psi_{bb}^{**} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{aa}^{**} \rangle &= (\langle \Psi_{aa}^{**} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{bb}^{**} \rangle)^* = \frac{1}{2} J_{11}, \\ \langle \Psi_{aa}^{**} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{**} \rangle &= \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle \Psi_{aa}^{r\bar{r}} | + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle \Psi_{aa}^{s\bar{s}} | \right) \mathcal{H} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} | \Psi_{ab}^{r\bar{s}} \rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} | \Psi_{ab}^{s\bar{r}} \rangle \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \langle \Psi_{aa}^{r\bar{r}} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{r\bar{s}} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \Psi_{aa}^{r\bar{r}} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{s\bar{r}} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \Psi_{aa}^{s\bar{s}} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{r\bar{s}} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \Psi_{aa}^{s\bar{s}} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{s\bar{r}} \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\langle \bar{r}\bar{b} | \bar{a}\bar{s} \rangle - \langle \bar{r}\bar{b} | s\bar{a} \rangle - \langle \bar{s}\bar{b} | r\bar{a} \rangle + \langle \bar{s}\bar{b} | \bar{a}\bar{r} \rangle) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} ((ra|bs) - (rs|ba) - (rs|ba) - (sr|ba) + (sa|br) - (sr|ba)) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{K_{12}}{2} - \frac{J_{12}}{2} - \frac{J_{12}}{2} - \frac{J_{12}}{2} + \frac{K_{12}}{2} - \frac{J_{12}}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} K_{12} - J_{12}, \\ \langle \Psi_{ab}^{**} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{aa}^{**} \rangle &= (\langle \Psi_{aa}^{**} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{**} \rangle)^* = \frac{1}{2} K_{12} - J_{12}, \\ \langle \Psi_{aa}^{**} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{**} \rangle &= \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle \Psi_{aa}^{r\bar{r}} | + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle \Psi_{aa}^{s\bar{s}} | \right) \mathcal{H} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} | \Psi_{ab}^{s\bar{r}} \rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} | \Psi_{ab}^{r\bar{s}} \rangle \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \langle \Psi_{aa}^{r\bar{r}} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{s\bar{r}} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \Psi_{aa}^{r\bar{r}} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{r\bar{s}} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \Psi_{aa}^{s\bar{s}} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{s\bar{r}} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \Psi_{aa}^{s\bar{s}} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{r\bar{s}} \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (-\langle \bar{r}\bar{b} | \bar{s}a \rangle + \langle \bar{r}\bar{b} | as \rangle + \langle \bar{s}\bar{b} | ar \rangle - \langle \bar{s}\bar{b} | \bar{r}a \rangle) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (-(rs|ba) + (ra|bs) - (rs|ba) + (sa|br) - (sr|ba) - (sr|ba)) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( -\frac{J_{12}}{2} + \frac{K_{12}}{2} - \frac{J_{12}}{2} + \frac{K_{12}}{2} - \frac{J_{12}}{2} - \frac{J_{12}}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} K_{12} - J_{12}, \\ \langle \Psi_{ab}^{**} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{aa}^{**} \rangle &= (\langle \Psi_{aa}^{**} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{**} \rangle)^* = \frac{1}{2} K_{12} - J_{12}, \\ \langle \Psi_{bb}^{**} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{**} \rangle &= \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle \Psi_{bb}^{r\bar{r}} | + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle \Psi_{bb}^{s\bar{s}} | \right) \mathcal{H} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} | \Psi_{ab}^{r\bar{s}} \rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} | \Psi_{ab}^{s\bar{r}} \rangle \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \langle \Psi_{bb}^{r\bar{r}} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{r\bar{s}} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \Psi_{bb}^{r\bar{r}} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{s\bar{r}} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \Psi_{bb}^{s\bar{s}} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{r\bar{s}} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \Psi_{bb}^{s\bar{s}} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{s\bar{r}} \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (-\langle a\bar{r} | b\bar{s} \rangle + \langle ar | sb \rangle + \langle as | rb \rangle - \langle a\bar{s} | b\bar{r} \rangle) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (-(ab|rs) + (as|rb) - (ab|rs) + (ar|sb) - (ab|sr) - (ab|sr)) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( -\frac{J_{12}}{2} + \frac{K_{12}}{2} - \frac{J_{12}}{2} + \frac{K_{12}}{2} - \frac{J_{12}}{2} - \frac{J_{12}}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} K_{12} - J_{12}, \\ \langle \Psi_{ab}^{**} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{bb}^{**} \rangle &= (\langle \Psi_{bb}^{**} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{**} \rangle)^* = \frac{1}{2} K_{12} - J_{12}, \\ \langle \Psi_{bb}^{**} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{**} \rangle &= \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle \Psi_{bb}^{r\bar{r}} | + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle \Psi_{bb}^{s\bar{s}} | \right) \mathcal{H} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} | \Psi_{ab}^{s\bar{r}} \rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} | \Psi_{ab}^{r\bar{s}} \rangle \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \langle \Psi_{bb}^{r\bar{r}} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{s\bar{r}} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \Psi_{bb}^{r\bar{r}} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{r\bar{s}} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \Psi_{bb}^{s\bar{s}} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{s\bar{r}} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \Psi_{bb}^{s\bar{s}} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{r\bar{s}} \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\langle \bar{a}\bar{r} | \bar{s}\bar{b} \rangle - \langle \bar{a}\bar{r} | \bar{b}s \rangle - \langle \bar{a}s | \bar{b}r \rangle + \langle \bar{a}\bar{s} | \bar{r}\bar{b} \rangle) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} ((as|rb) - (ab|rs) - (ab|rs) - (ab|sr) + (ar|sb) - (ab|sr))\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{K_{12}}{2} - \frac{J_{12}}{2} - \frac{J_{12}}{2} - \frac{J_{12}}{2} + \frac{K_{12}}{2} - \frac{J_{12}}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} K_{12} - J_{12}, \\
\langle \Psi_{ab}^{**} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{bb}^{**} \rangle &= (\langle \Psi_{bb}^{**} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{**} \rangle)^* = \frac{1}{2} K_{12} - J_{12}, \\
\langle \Psi_{ab}^{**} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{**} \rangle &= \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle \Psi_{ab}^{r\bar{s}} | + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle \Psi_{ab}^{s\bar{r}} | \right) \mathcal{H} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} | \Psi_{ab}^{r\bar{s}} \rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} | \Psi_{ab}^{s\bar{r}} \rangle \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \langle \Psi_{ab}^{r\bar{s}} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{r\bar{s}} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \Psi_{ab}^{r\bar{s}} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{s\bar{r}} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \Psi_{ab}^{s\bar{r}} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{r\bar{s}} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \Psi_{ab}^{s\bar{r}} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{s\bar{r}} \rangle \\
&= \frac{1}{2} (\langle \bar{a}b | \bar{b}a \rangle + 0 + 0 + \langle \bar{a}b | \bar{b}a \rangle) = \frac{1}{2} (K_{ab} + K_{ab}) = \frac{1}{2} J_{11}, \\
\langle \Psi_{ab}^{**} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{**} \rangle &= (\langle \Psi_{ab}^{**} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{**} \rangle)^* = \frac{1}{2} J_{11}.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, the corresponding DCI eigenvalue problem is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} K_{12} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} K_{12} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} K_{12} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} K_{12} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} K_{12} & 2\Delta' & \frac{1}{2} J_{11} & \frac{1}{2} K_{12} - J_{12} & \frac{1}{2} K_{12} - J_{12} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} K_{12} & \frac{1}{2} J_{11} & 2\Delta' & \frac{1}{2} K_{12} - J_{12} & \frac{1}{2} K_{12} - J_{12} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} K_{12} & \frac{1}{2} K_{12} - J_{12} & \frac{1}{2} K_{12} - J_{12} & 2\Delta' & \frac{1}{2} J_{11} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} K_{12} & \frac{1}{2} K_{12} - J_{12} & \frac{1}{2} K_{12} - J_{12} & \frac{1}{2} J_{11} & 2\Delta' \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ c_4 \end{pmatrix} = {}^2E_{\text{corr}}(\text{DCI}) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ c_4 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (5.7-1)$$

b. From (5.7-1), we know that

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{K_{12}}{\sqrt{2}} + 2\Delta' c_1 + \frac{J_{11}}{2} c_2 + \frac{K_{12} - J_{12}}{2} c_3 + \frac{K_{12} - J_{12}}{2} c_4 &= {}^2E_{\text{corr}}(\text{DCI}) c_1, \\
\frac{K_{12}}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{J_{11}}{2} c_1 + 2\Delta' c_2 + \frac{K_{12} - J_{12}}{2} c_3 + \frac{K_{12} - J_{12}}{2} c_4 &= {}^2E_{\text{corr}}(\text{DCI}) c_2.
\end{aligned}$$

The first equation can be subtracted by the second one, viz.,

$$(2\Delta' - \frac{J_{11}}{2} - {}^2E_{\text{corr}}(\text{DCI}))(c_1 - c_2) = 0.$$

Assume that  ${}^2E_{\text{corr}}(\text{DCI}) \neq 2\Delta' - \frac{J_{11}}{2}$  (in fact, this holds true), we find that

$$c_1 = c_2.$$

In this way, we can prove  $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = c_4$ . In fact, we can permute 1 and 2 of the second equation of (5.7-1), then we will find that the third equation of (5.7-1) is obtained, and vice versa. Thus  $c_1 = c_2$ . This method is suitable for not only  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ , but also  $c_1$  and  $c_3$ ,  $c_1$  and  $c_4$ . Hence we can also conclude that  $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = c_4$ .

Thus, we set  $c_1 = c$ , thus

$$\begin{aligned}
{}^2E_{\text{corr}}(\text{DCI}) &= 2\sqrt{2}K_{12}c, \\
{}^2E_{\text{corr}}(\text{DCI})c &= \frac{K_{12}}{\sqrt{2}} + (2\Delta' + \frac{1}{2}J_{11} + \frac{1}{2}K_{12} - J_{12} + \frac{1}{2}K_{12} - J_{12})c = \frac{K_{12}}{\sqrt{2}} + 2\Delta c.
\end{aligned}$$

In fact, they can be converted to a quadratic equation,

$$({}^2E_{\text{corr}}(\text{DCI}))^2 - 2\Delta({}^2E_{\text{corr}}(\text{DCI})) - 2K_{12}^2 = 0,$$

The discriminant  $\Delta_E$  of this quadratic equation is

$$\Delta_E = (-2\Delta)^2 - 4 \times 1 \times (-2K_{12}^2) = 4(\Delta^2 + 2K_{12}^2) > 0,$$

and the root are

$$E_1 = \Delta + \sqrt{\Delta^2 + 2K_{12}^2}, \quad E_2 = \Delta - \sqrt{\Delta^2 + 2K_{12}^2}.$$

Therefore, the lowest root is the correlation energy, viz.,

$${}^2E_{\text{corr}} = \Delta - \sqrt{\Delta^2 + 2K_{12}^2}. \quad (5.7-2)$$

which is the same result as found in the last chapter (see Eq.(4.60)).

**Exercise 5.8**

Show directly from Eq.(5.19) using delocalized orbitals and the two-electron integrals in Eq.(5.26) that the total first-order pair correlation energy (which is the same as the many-body second-order perturbation energy) of the dimer is given by Eq.(5.46).

**Solution 5.8**

In fact, from Eq.(5.18) using delocalized orbitals and the two-electron integrals in Eq.(5.26), it is also easy to derive the the total first-order pair correlation energy. However, I think this method is much better because it shows the absence of  $e_{aa}^{\text{FO}}$  and  $e_{bb}^{\text{FO}}$  as their corresponding configurations are *ungerade* while  $\Psi_0$  is *gerade*. Thus I will firstly show  $e_{ab}^{\text{FO}}$ ,  $e_{a\bar{b}}^{\text{FO}}$ ,  $e_{b\bar{a}}^{\text{FO}}$ ,  $e_{b\bar{b}}^{\text{FO}}$  and then calculate  ${}^2E_{\text{corr}}(\text{FO}(D))$ . Note that the integrals, which have three *gerade* orbitals and one *ungerade* orbital, or three *ungerade* orbitals and one *gerade* orbital, vanish. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} e_{a\bar{a}}^{\text{FO}} &= \frac{|\langle a\bar{a}||r\bar{r}\rangle|^2}{\varepsilon_a + \varepsilon_{\bar{a}} - \varepsilon_r - \varepsilon_{\bar{r}}} + \frac{|\langle a\bar{a}||s\bar{s}\rangle|^2}{\varepsilon_a + \varepsilon_{\bar{a}} - \varepsilon_s - \varepsilon_{\bar{s}}} + \frac{|\langle a\bar{a}||r\bar{s}\rangle|^2}{\varepsilon_a + \varepsilon_{\bar{a}} - \varepsilon_r - \varepsilon_{\bar{s}}} + \frac{|\langle a\bar{a}||s\bar{r}\rangle|^2}{\varepsilon_a + \varepsilon_{\bar{a}} - \varepsilon_s - \varepsilon_{\bar{r}}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2)} \left( \frac{1}{4}K_{12}^2 + \frac{1}{4}K_{12}^2 + 0 + 0 \right) = \frac{K_{12}^2}{4(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2)}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} e_{a\bar{b}}^{\text{FO}} &= \frac{|\langle a\bar{b}||r\bar{r}\rangle|^2}{\varepsilon_a + \varepsilon_{\bar{b}} - \varepsilon_r - \varepsilon_{\bar{r}}} + \frac{|\langle a\bar{b}||s\bar{s}\rangle|^2}{\varepsilon_a + \varepsilon_{\bar{b}} - \varepsilon_s - \varepsilon_{\bar{s}}} + \frac{|\langle a\bar{b}||r\bar{s}\rangle|^2}{\varepsilon_a + \varepsilon_{\bar{b}} - \varepsilon_r - \varepsilon_{\bar{s}}} + \frac{|\langle a\bar{b}||s\bar{r}\rangle|^2}{\varepsilon_a + \varepsilon_{\bar{b}} - \varepsilon_s - \varepsilon_{\bar{r}}} = \frac{K_{12}^2}{4(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2)}, \\ e_{b\bar{a}}^{\text{FO}} &= \frac{|\langle b\bar{a}||r\bar{r}\rangle|^2}{\varepsilon_b + \varepsilon_{\bar{a}} - \varepsilon_r - \varepsilon_{\bar{r}}} + \frac{|\langle b\bar{a}||s\bar{s}\rangle|^2}{\varepsilon_b + \varepsilon_{\bar{a}} - \varepsilon_s - \varepsilon_{\bar{s}}} + \frac{|\langle b\bar{a}||r\bar{s}\rangle|^2}{\varepsilon_b + \varepsilon_{\bar{a}} - \varepsilon_r - \varepsilon_{\bar{s}}} + \frac{|\langle b\bar{a}||s\bar{r}\rangle|^2}{\varepsilon_b + \varepsilon_{\bar{a}} - \varepsilon_s - \varepsilon_{\bar{r}}} = \frac{K_{12}^2}{4(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2)}, \\ e_{b\bar{b}}^{\text{FO}} &= \frac{|\langle b\bar{b}||r\bar{r}\rangle|^2}{\varepsilon_b + \varepsilon_{\bar{b}} - \varepsilon_r - \varepsilon_{\bar{r}}} + \frac{|\langle b\bar{b}||s\bar{s}\rangle|^2}{\varepsilon_b + \varepsilon_{\bar{b}} - \varepsilon_s - \varepsilon_{\bar{s}}} + \frac{|\langle b\bar{b}||r\bar{s}\rangle|^2}{\varepsilon_b + \varepsilon_{\bar{b}} - \varepsilon_r - \varepsilon_{\bar{s}}} + \frac{|\langle b\bar{b}||s\bar{r}\rangle|^2}{\varepsilon_b + \varepsilon_{\bar{b}} - \varepsilon_s - \varepsilon_{\bar{r}}} = \frac{K_{12}^2}{4(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2)}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$${}^2E_{\text{corr}}(\text{FO}(D)) = e_{a\bar{a}}^{\text{FO}} + e_{a\bar{b}}^{\text{FO}} + e_{b\bar{a}}^{\text{FO}} + e_{b\bar{b}}^{\text{FO}} = \frac{K_{12}^2}{\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2} = 2 \left( \frac{K_{12}^2}{2(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2)} \right). \quad (5.8-1)$$

**Exercise 5.9**

Show that the total correlation energy obtained using Epstein-Nesbet pairs is not invariant to unitary transformations.

a. Show, using localized orbitals, that

$${}^2E_{\text{corr}}(\text{EN}(L)) = -\frac{K_{12}^2}{\Delta}.$$

b. Show, using delocalized spin-orbital pairs, that

$${}^2E_{\text{corr}}(\text{EN}(D)) = -\frac{K_{12}^2}{\Delta'}.$$

c. Show, using delocalized spin-adapted pairs, that

$${}^2E_{\text{corr}}^{\text{singlet}}(\text{EN}(D)) = -\frac{K_{12}^2}{2\Delta'} - \frac{K_{12}^2}{2\Delta''}.$$

d. Using the STO-3G integrals for  $\text{H}_2$  in Appendix D compare the numerical values of the above expressions at  $R = 1.4$  a.u..

**Solution 5.9**

a. From Exercise 5.2, we know

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{1_1\bar{1}_1}^{2_1\bar{2}_1} \rangle &= \langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{1_2\bar{1}_2}^{2_2\bar{2}_2} \rangle = K_{12}, \\ \langle \Psi_{1_1\bar{1}_1}^{2_1\bar{2}_1} | \mathcal{H} - E_0 | \Psi_{1_1\bar{1}_1}^{2_1\bar{2}_1} \rangle &= \langle \Psi_{1_2\bar{1}_2}^{2_2\bar{2}_2} | \mathcal{H} - E_0 | \Psi_{1_2\bar{1}_2}^{2_2\bar{2}_2} \rangle = 2\Delta, \end{aligned}$$

thus we obtain that

$$e_{1_1\bar{1}_1}^{\text{EN}} = -\frac{|\langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{1_1\bar{1}_1}^{2_1\bar{2}_1} \rangle|^2}{\langle \Psi_{1_1\bar{1}_1}^{2_1\bar{2}_1} | \mathcal{H} - E_0 | \Psi_{1_1\bar{1}_1}^{2_1\bar{2}_1} \rangle} = -\frac{K_{12}^2}{2\Delta},$$

$$e_{1_2\bar{1}_2}^{\text{EN}} = -\frac{|\langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{1_2\bar{1}_2}^{2_2\bar{2}_2} \rangle|^2}{\langle \Psi_{1_2\bar{1}_2}^{2_2\bar{2}_2} | \mathcal{H} - E_0 | \Psi_{1_2\bar{1}_2}^{2_2\bar{2}_2} \rangle} = -\frac{K_{12}^2}{2\Delta}.$$

Therefore, with (5.16), we find that

$${}^2E_{\text{corr}}(\text{EN}(L)) = e_{1_1\bar{1}_1}^{\text{EN}} + e_{1_2\bar{1}_2}^{\text{EN}} = -\frac{K_{12}^2}{\Delta}. \quad (5.9-1)$$

b. From Exercise 5.5, we know

$$\langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{a\bar{a}}^{**} \rangle = \langle \Psi_{a\bar{a}}^{**} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_0 \rangle = \frac{K_{12}}{\sqrt{2}},$$

$$\langle \Psi_{a\bar{a}}^{**} | \mathcal{H} - E_0 | \Psi_{a\bar{a}}^{**} \rangle = 2(\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_1) + J_{22} + \frac{1}{2}(J_{11} - 4J_{12} + 2K_{12}) \equiv 2\Delta',$$

thus we obtain that

$$e_{a\bar{a}}^{\text{EN}} = -\frac{|\langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{a\bar{a}}^{**} \rangle|^2}{\langle \Psi_{a\bar{a}}^{**} | \mathcal{H} - E_0 | \Psi_{a\bar{a}}^{**} \rangle} = -\frac{K_{12}^2}{4\Delta'}.$$

As described in the textbook,  $e_{b\bar{b}}^{\text{EN}}$  equals  $e_{a\bar{a}}^{\text{EN}}$  due to the high symmetry of this problem. Besides, in Exercise 5.6, we know that

$$\langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{a\bar{b}}^{**} \rangle = \langle \Psi_{a\bar{b}}^{**} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_0 \rangle = \frac{K_{12}}{\sqrt{2}},$$

$$\langle \Psi_{a\bar{b}}^{**} | \mathcal{H} - E_0 | \Psi_{a\bar{b}}^{**} \rangle = 2\Delta',$$

and thus

$$e_{a\bar{b}}^{\text{EN}} = -\frac{|\langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{a\bar{b}}^{**} \rangle|^2}{\langle \Psi_{a\bar{b}}^{**} | \mathcal{H} - E_0 | \Psi_{a\bar{b}}^{**} \rangle} = -\frac{K_{12}^2}{4\Delta'}.$$

Similarly, we know  $e_{\bar{a}b}^{\text{EN}} = e_{a\bar{b}}^{\text{EN}}$ . Hence, we find that

$${}^2E_{\text{corr}}(\text{EN}(D)) = e_{a\bar{a}}^{\text{EN}} + e_{a\bar{b}}^{\text{EN}} + e_{\bar{a}b}^{\text{EN}} + e_{b\bar{b}}^{\text{EN}} = -\frac{K_{12}^2}{\Delta'}. \quad (5.9-2)$$

c. From (5.42a) and (5.42b), we know that

$$\langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | {}^B\Psi_{a\bar{b}}^{rs} \rangle = \langle {}^B\Psi_{a\bar{b}}^{rs} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_0 \rangle = K_{12},$$

$$\langle {}^B\Psi_{a\bar{b}}^{rs} | \mathcal{H} - E_0 | {}^B\Psi_{a\bar{b}}^{rs} \rangle = 2(\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_1) + J_{11} + J_{22} - 2J_{12} + K_{12} \equiv 2\Delta'',$$

and thus,

$$e_{a\bar{b}}^{\text{singlet,EN}} = -\frac{|\langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | {}^B\Psi_{a\bar{b}}^{rs} \rangle|^2}{\langle {}^B\Psi_{a\bar{b}}^{rs} | \mathcal{H} - E_0 | {}^B\Psi_{a\bar{b}}^{rs} \rangle} = -\frac{K_{12}^2}{2\Delta''}.$$

Therefore, we obtain that

$${}^2E_{\text{corr}}^{\text{singlet}}(\text{EN}(D)) = e_{a\bar{a}}^{\text{EN}} + e_{b\bar{b}}^{\text{EN}} + e_{a\bar{b}}^{\text{singlet,EN}} = -\frac{K_{12}^2}{2\Delta'} - \frac{K_{12}^2}{2\Delta''}. \quad (5.9-3)$$

d. As  $R = 1.4$  a.u., we know that

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_1 &= -0.5782 \text{ a.u.}, & \varepsilon_2 &= 0.6703 \text{ a.u.}, & J_{11} &= 0.6746 \text{ a.u.}, \\ J_{12} &= 0.6636 \text{ a.u.}, & J_{22} &= 0.6975 \text{ a.u.}, & K_{12} &= 0.1813 \text{ a.u.} \end{aligned}$$



Thus, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta &= \varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_1 + \frac{1}{2}J_{11} + \frac{1}{2}J_{22} - 2J_{12} + K_{12} = 0.78865 \text{ a.u.}, \\ \Delta' &= \varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_1 + \frac{1}{4}J_{11} + \frac{1}{2}J_{22} - J_{12} + \frac{1}{2}K_{12} = 1.19295 \text{ a.u.}, \\ \Delta'' &= \varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_1 + \frac{1}{2}J_{11} + \frac{1}{2}J_{22} - J_{12} + \frac{1}{2}K_{12} = 1.3616 \text{ a.u.},\end{aligned}$$

Finally, we get that

$$\begin{aligned}{}^2E_{\text{corr}}(\text{EN}(L)) &= -0.04168 \text{ a.u.}, \\ {}^2E_{\text{corr}}(\text{EN}(D)) &= -0.02755 \text{ a.u.}, \\ {}^2E_{\text{corr}}^{\text{singlet}}(\text{EN}(D)) &= -0.02585 \text{ a.u.}\end{aligned}$$

Now we conclude that the Epstein-Nesbet pair theory is not only variant to unitary transformations of degenerate HF orbitals, but also gives different answers depending on whether one uses spin-orbital or spin-adapted pair functions.

### Exercise 5.10

The DCI wave function for the  $\text{H}_2$  dimer using spin-adapted configurations is

$$|\Psi_{\text{DCI}}\rangle = |\Psi_0\rangle + c_1|\Psi_{a\bar{a}}^{**}\rangle + c_2|\Psi_{b\bar{b}}^{**}\rangle + c_3|{}^B\Psi_{ab}^{rs}\rangle.$$

Show that the corresponding DCI eigenvalue problem is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}K_{12} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}K_{12} & K_{12} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}K_{12} & 2\Delta' & \frac{1}{2}J_{11} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(K_{12} - 2J_{12}) \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}K_{12} & \frac{1}{2}J_{11} & 2\Delta' & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(K_{12} - 2J_{12}) \\ K_{12} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(K_{12} - 2J_{12}) & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(K_{12} - 2J_{12}) & 2\Delta'' \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{pmatrix} = {}^2E_{\text{corr}}(\text{DCI}) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

and then solve the resulting equations to show that

$${}^2E_{\text{corr}}(\text{DCI}) = \Delta - (\Delta^2 + 2K_{12}^2)^{1/2}.$$

### Solution 5.10

From Exercise 5.7 and Exercise 5.9, we know that

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} - E_0 | \Psi_0 \rangle &= 0, \\ \langle \Psi_{a\bar{a}}^{**} | \mathcal{H} - E_0 | \Psi_{a\bar{a}}^{**} \rangle &= 2\Delta', \\ \langle \Psi_{b\bar{b}}^{**} | \mathcal{H} - E_0 | \Psi_{b\bar{b}}^{**} \rangle &= 2\Delta', \\ \langle {}^B\Psi_{ab}^{rs} | \mathcal{H} - E_0 | {}^B\Psi_{ab}^{rs} \rangle &= 2(\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_1) + J_{11} + J_{22} - 2J_{12} + K_{12} = 2\Delta'', \\ \langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{a\bar{a}}^{**} \rangle &= \langle \Psi_{a\bar{a}}^{**} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_0 \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}K_{12}, \\ \langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{b\bar{b}}^{**} \rangle &= \langle \Psi_{b\bar{b}}^{**} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_0 \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}K_{12}, \\ \langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | {}^B\Psi_{ab}^{rs} \rangle &= \langle {}^B\Psi_{ab}^{rs} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_0 \rangle = K_{12}.\end{aligned}$$

Thus, we pay attention to calculating  $\langle \Psi_{a\bar{a}}^{**} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{b\bar{b}}^{**} \rangle$ ,  $\langle \Psi_{a\bar{a}}^{**} | \mathcal{H} | {}^B\Psi_{ab}^{rs} \rangle$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \Psi_{a\bar{a}}^{**} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{b\bar{b}}^{**} \rangle &= \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\langle \Psi_{a\bar{a}}^{r\bar{r}} | + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\langle \Psi_{a\bar{a}}^{s\bar{s}} | \right) \mathcal{H} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}| \Psi_{b\bar{b}}^{r\bar{r}} \rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}| \Psi_{b\bar{b}}^{s\bar{s}} \rangle \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\langle \Psi_{a\bar{a}}^{r\bar{r}} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{b\bar{b}}^{r\bar{r}} \rangle + \frac{1}{2}\langle \Psi_{a\bar{a}}^{r\bar{r}} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{b\bar{b}}^{s\bar{s}} \rangle + \frac{1}{2}\langle \Psi_{a\bar{a}}^{s\bar{s}} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{b\bar{b}}^{r\bar{r}} \rangle + \frac{1}{2}\langle \Psi_{a\bar{a}}^{s\bar{s}} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{b\bar{b}}^{s\bar{s}} \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(\langle b\bar{b} | | a\bar{a} \rangle + 0 + 0 + \langle b\bar{b} | | a\bar{a} \rangle) = \frac{1}{2}(K_{ba} + K_{ba}) = K_{ab} = \frac{1}{2}J_{11},\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \Psi_{aa}^{**} | \mathcal{H} |^B \Psi_{ab}^{rs} \rangle &= \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle \Psi_{aa}^{r\bar{r}} | + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle \Psi_{aa}^{s\bar{s}} | \right) \mathcal{H} \left( \frac{1}{2} | \Psi_{ab}^{s\bar{r}} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} | \Psi_{ab}^{\bar{r}s} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} | \Psi_{ab}^{r\bar{s}} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} | \Psi_{ab}^{s\bar{s}} \rangle \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} [\langle \Psi_{aa}^{r\bar{r}} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{s\bar{r}} \rangle + \langle \Psi_{aa}^{r\bar{r}} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{\bar{r}s} \rangle + \langle \Psi_{aa}^{r\bar{r}} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{r\bar{s}} \rangle + \langle \Psi_{aa}^{r\bar{r}} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{s\bar{s}} \rangle \\
&\quad + \langle \Psi_{aa}^{s\bar{s}} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{s\bar{r}} \rangle + \langle \Psi_{aa}^{s\bar{s}} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{\bar{r}s} \rangle + \langle \Psi_{aa}^{s\bar{s}} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{r\bar{s}} \rangle + \langle \Psi_{aa}^{s\bar{s}} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{s\bar{s}} \rangle] \\
&= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} (-\langle \bar{r}b | | \bar{s}a \rangle + \langle rb | | as \rangle + \langle \bar{r}\bar{b} | | \bar{a}\bar{s} \rangle - \langle r\bar{b} | | s\bar{a} \rangle \\
&\quad + \langle sb | | ar \rangle - \langle \bar{s}b | | \bar{r}a \rangle - \langle s\bar{b} | | r\bar{a} \rangle + \langle \bar{s}\bar{b} | | \bar{a}\bar{r} \rangle) \\
&= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} (-\langle rs | ba \rangle + \langle ra | bs \rangle - \langle rs | ba \rangle + \langle ra | bs \rangle - \langle rs | ba \rangle - \langle rs | ba \rangle \\
&\quad + \langle sa | br \rangle - \langle sr | ba \rangle - \langle sr | ba \rangle - \langle sr | ba \rangle + \langle sa | br \rangle - \langle sr | ba \rangle) \\
&= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \left( -8 \times \frac{J_{12}}{2} + 4 \times \frac{K_{12}}{2} \right) = -\sqrt{2}J_{12} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}K_{12} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(K_{12} - 2J_{12}).
\end{aligned}$$

Due to the high symmetry of this problem, we find that

$$\langle \Psi_{bb}^{**} | \mathcal{H} |^B \Psi_{ab}^{rs} \rangle = \langle \Psi_{aa}^{**} | \mathcal{H} |^B \Psi_{ab}^{rs} \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(K_{12} - 2J_{12}).$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \Psi_{bb}^{**} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{aa}^{**} \rangle &= (\langle \Psi_{aa}^{**} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{bb}^{**} \rangle)^* = \frac{1}{2}J_{11}, \\
\langle {}^B \Psi_{ab}^{rs} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{aa}^{**} \rangle &= (\langle \Psi_{aa}^{**} | \mathcal{H} |^B \Psi_{ab}^{rs} \rangle)^* = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(K_{12} - 2J_{12}). \\
\langle {}^B \Psi_{ab}^{rs} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{bb}^{**} \rangle &= (\langle \Psi_{bb}^{**} | \mathcal{H} |^B \Psi_{ab}^{rs} \rangle)^* = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(K_{12} - 2J_{12}).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, we obtain the corresponding DCI eigenvalue problem is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}K_{12} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}K_{12} & K_{12} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}K_{12} & 2\Delta' & \frac{1}{2}J_{11} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(K_{12} - 2J_{12}) \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}K_{12} & \frac{1}{2}J_{11} & 2\Delta' & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(K_{12} - 2J_{12}) \\ K_{12} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(K_{12} - 2J_{12}) & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(K_{12} - 2J_{12}) & 2\Delta'' \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{pmatrix} = {}^2E_{\text{corr}}(\text{DCI}) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

In the same way, it is evident that  $c_1 = c_2$ . Let  $c_1 = c$  and then, the matrix can be converted into

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2}K_{12} & K_{12} \\ 2\Delta - {}^2E_{\text{corr}}(\text{DCI}) & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(2\Delta - {}^2E_{\text{corr}}(\text{DCI})) \\ \sqrt{2}(K_{12} - 2J_{12}) & 2\Delta'' - {}^2E_{\text{corr}}(\text{DCI}) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c \\ c_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} {}^2E_{\text{corr}}(\text{DCI}) \\ -\sqrt{2}K_{12} \\ -K_{12} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Note that a minor of the coefficient matrix is zero, viz.,

$$\begin{vmatrix} \sqrt{2}K_{12} & K_{12} \\ 2\Delta - {}^2E_{\text{corr}}(\text{DCI}) & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(2\Delta - {}^2E_{\text{corr}}(\text{DCI})) \end{vmatrix} = 0,$$

and we conclude that the first two equations are linearly dependent if  $c$  and  $c_3$  exist. Thus,

$$\frac{{}^2E_{\text{corr}}(\text{DCI})}{\sqrt{2}K_{12}} = -\frac{\sqrt{2}K_{12}}{2\Delta - {}^2E_{\text{corr}}(\text{DCI})} \Leftrightarrow ({}^2E_{\text{corr}}(\text{DCI}))^2 - 2\Delta({}^2E_{\text{corr}}(\text{DCI})) - 2K_{12}^2 = 0.$$

The discriminant  $\Delta_E$  of this quadratic equation is

$$\Delta_E = (-2\Delta)^2 - 4 \times 1 \times (-2K_{12}^2) = 4(\Delta^2 + 2K_{12}^2) > 0$$

and the lowest root is

$${}^2E_{\text{corr}}(\text{DCI}) = \Delta - \sqrt{\Delta^2 + 2K_{12}^2}. \quad (5.10-1)$$

As the textbook mentioned, the DCI gives the same answer regardless of using spin-orbital or spin-adapted pair functions.

### 5.1.2 Some Illustrative Calculations

## 5.2 Coupled-Pair Theories

### 5.2.1 The Coupled Cluster Approximation (CCA)

### 5.2.2 The Cluster Expansion of the Wave Function

#### Exercise 5.11

Show that the wave function two independent H<sub>2</sub> molecules in Eqs.(5.49) and (5.50) can be written as

$$|\Phi\rangle = \exp(c_{1_1\bar{1}_1}^{2_1\bar{2}_1} a_{2_1}^\dagger a_{\bar{2}_1}^\dagger a_{\bar{1}_1} a_{1_1} + c_{1_2\bar{1}_2}^{2_2\bar{2}_2} a_{2_2}^\dagger a_{\bar{2}_2}^\dagger a_{\bar{1}_2} a_{1_2}) |1_1\bar{1}_1 1_2\bar{1}_2\rangle.$$

#### Solution 5.11

It is evident that

$$\begin{aligned} |\Phi\rangle &= \exp(c_{1_1\bar{1}_1}^{2_1\bar{2}_1} a_{2_1}^\dagger a_{\bar{2}_1}^\dagger a_{\bar{1}_1} a_{1_1} + c_{1_2\bar{1}_2}^{2_2\bar{2}_2} a_{2_2}^\dagger a_{\bar{2}_2}^\dagger a_{\bar{1}_2} a_{1_2}) |1_1\bar{1}_1 1_2\bar{1}_2\rangle \\ &= (1 + c_{1_1\bar{1}_1}^{2_1\bar{2}_1} a_{2_1}^\dagger a_{\bar{2}_1}^\dagger a_{\bar{1}_1} a_{1_1} + c_{1_2\bar{1}_2}^{2_2\bar{2}_2} a_{2_2}^\dagger a_{\bar{2}_2}^\dagger a_{\bar{1}_2} a_{1_2} + c_{1_1\bar{1}_1}^{2_1\bar{2}_1} c_{1_2\bar{1}_2}^{2_2\bar{2}_2} a_{2_1}^\dagger a_{\bar{2}_1}^\dagger a_{\bar{1}_1} a_{1_1} a_{2_2}^\dagger a_{\bar{2}_2}^\dagger a_{\bar{1}_2} a_{1_2}) |1_1\bar{1}_1 1_2\bar{1}_2\rangle \\ &= |1_1\bar{1}_1 1_2\bar{1}_2\rangle + c_{1_1\bar{1}_1}^{2_1\bar{2}_1} |2_1\bar{2}_1 1_2\bar{1}_2\rangle + c_{1_2\bar{1}_2}^{2_2\bar{2}_2} |1_1\bar{1}_1 2_2\bar{2}_2\rangle + c_{1_1\bar{1}_1}^{2_1\bar{2}_1} c_{1_2\bar{1}_2}^{2_2\bar{2}_2} |2_1\bar{2}_1 2_2\bar{2}_2\rangle, \end{aligned}$$

which equals (5.49) and (5.50).

### 5.2.3 Linear CCA and the Coupled Electron Pair Approximation (CEPA)

#### Exercise 5.12

- Show that if the matrix  $\mathbf{D}$  is approximated by its diagonal elements, the L-CCA correlation energy is identical to the result obtained using Epstein-Nesbet pairs (i.e., Eqs.(5.15) and (5.16)).
- Show that linear CCA is invariant under unitary transformations for the problem of two independent H<sub>2</sub> molecules. First show that for this model the correlation energy of the dimer using localized orbitals is the same as that obtained in Exercise 5.9a. Then show using delocalized spin orbitals that, in contrast to the results of Exercise 5.9, one gets the same correlation energy. You will find the DCI matrix given in Exercise 5.7 useful.

#### Solution 5.12

- If the matrix  $\mathbf{D}$  is approximated by its diagonal elements, their mathematical expression will be

$$(\mathbf{D})_{rasb,tcud} = \delta_{rs,tu} \delta_{ab,cd} \langle \Psi_{ab}^{rs} | \mathcal{H} - E_0 | \Psi_{ab}^{rs} \rangle.$$

It is evident that the mathematical expression of matrix elements of  $\mathbf{D}^{-1}$  is

$$(\mathbf{D}^{-1})_{rasb,tcud} = \frac{\delta_{rs,tu} \delta_{ab,cd}}{\langle \Psi_{ab}^{rs} | \mathcal{H} - E_0 | \Psi_{ab}^{rs} \rangle}.$$

Thus, at this time, the L-CCA correlation energy is

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\text{corr}}(\text{L-CCA}(\text{diagonal } \mathbf{D})) &= - \sum_{\substack{a < b \\ r < s}} \sum_{\substack{c < d \\ t < u}} \mathbf{B}_{rasb}^\dagger (\mathbf{D}^{-1})_{rasb,tcud} \mathbf{B}_{tcud} \\ &= - \sum_{\substack{a < b \\ r < s}} \sum_{\substack{c < d \\ t < u}} \langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{rs} \rangle \frac{\delta_{rs,tu} \delta_{ab,cd}}{\langle \Psi_{ab}^{rs} | \mathcal{H} - E_0 | \Psi_{ab}^{rs} \rangle} \langle \Psi_{cd}^{tu} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_0 \rangle \\ &= - \sum_{\substack{a < b \\ r < s}} \frac{\langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{rs} \rangle \langle \Psi_{ab}^{rs} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_0 \rangle}{\langle \Psi_{ab}^{rs} | \mathcal{H} - E_0 | \Psi_{ab}^{rs} \rangle}. \end{aligned}$$

However, the (5.15) and (5.16) gives

$$E_{\text{corr}}(\text{EN}) = \sum_{a < b} e_{ab}^{\text{EN}} = \sum_{a < b} \left( - \sum_{r < s} \frac{|\langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{rs} \rangle|^2}{\langle \Psi_{ab}^{rs} | \mathcal{H} - E_0 | \Psi_{ab}^{rs} \rangle} \right) = - \sum_{\substack{a < b \\ r < s}} \frac{\langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{rs} \rangle \langle \Psi_{ab}^{rs} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_0 \rangle}{\langle \Psi_{ab}^{rs} | \mathcal{H} - E_0 | \Psi_{ab}^{rs} \rangle}.$$

In conclusion, if the matrix  $\mathbf{D}$  is approximated by its diagonal elements, the L-CCA correlation energy is identical to the result obtained using Epstein-Nesbet pairs.

b. When localized orbitals are used, based on  $|2_1\bar{2}_11_2\bar{1}_2\rangle$  and  $|1_1\bar{1}_12_2\bar{2}_2\rangle$ , its  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{D}$  are

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} K_{12} \\ K_{12} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 2\Delta & 0 \\ 0 & 2\Delta \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{D}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2\Delta} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2\Delta} \end{pmatrix}.$$

From (5.65), we obtain that

$$E_{\text{corr}}(\text{L-CCA}(L)) = - (K_{12} \quad K_{12}) \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2\Delta} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2\Delta} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} K_{12} \\ K_{12} \end{pmatrix} = -\frac{K_{12}^2}{\Delta}. \quad (5.12-1)$$

When delocalized orbitals are used, based on  $|\Psi_{a\bar{a}}^{**}\rangle$ ,  $|\Psi_{b\bar{b}}^{**}\rangle$ ,  $|\Psi_{a\bar{b}}^{**}\rangle$ ,  $|\Psi_{\bar{a}b}^{**}\rangle$ , its  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{D}$  are

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{K_{12}}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{K_{12}}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{K_{12}}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{K_{12}}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 2\Delta' & \frac{1}{2}J_{11} & \frac{1}{2}K_{12} - J_{12} & \frac{1}{2}K_{12} - J_{12} \\ \frac{1}{2}J_{11} & 2\Delta' & \frac{1}{2}K_{12} - J_{12} & \frac{1}{2}K_{12} - J_{12} \\ \frac{1}{2}K_{12} - J_{12} & \frac{1}{2}K_{12} - J_{12} & 2\Delta' & \frac{1}{2}J_{11} \\ \frac{1}{2}K_{12} - J_{12} & \frac{1}{2}K_{12} - J_{12} & \frac{1}{2}J_{11} & 2\Delta' \end{pmatrix}.$$

In fact, it is difficult to calculate the inverse of  $\mathbf{D}$  directly. Here I will introduce how to calculate it. Notations are listed as follows.

$$a = 2\Delta' + \frac{1}{2}J_{11}, \quad c = \frac{1}{2}K_{12} - J_{12}, \quad A \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 2\Delta' & \frac{1}{2}J_{11} \\ \frac{1}{2}J_{11} & 2\Delta' \end{pmatrix}, \quad \delta \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Thus, the matrix  $\mathbf{D}$  can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} A & c\delta\delta^T \\ c\delta\delta^T & A \end{pmatrix}.$$

Due to the symmetry of  $\mathbf{D}$ , its inverse  $\mathbf{D}^{-1}$  can be set in the form of

$$\begin{pmatrix} M & N \\ N & M \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $M$  and  $N$  are  $2 \times 2$  matrices and  $M$  is symmetric. Then,

$$\mathbf{D}\mathbf{D}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} A & c\delta\delta^T \\ c\delta\delta^T & A \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} M & N \\ N & M \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{1}_2 & 0_2 \\ 0_2 & \mathbf{1}_2 \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $\mathbf{1}_2$  is a 2-order identity matrix and  $0_2$  is a  $2 \times 2$  zero matrix. Thus, two matrix equations are obtained, viz.,

$$AM + c\delta\delta^T N = \mathbf{1}_2, \quad (a)$$

$$AN + c\delta\delta^T M = 0_2. \quad (b)$$

Note that

$$\delta^T A = (1, 1) \begin{pmatrix} 2\Delta' & \frac{1}{2}J_{11} \\ \frac{1}{2}J_{11} & 2\Delta' \end{pmatrix} = (a, a) = a\delta^T, \quad \delta^T \delta = (1, 1) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 2.$$

The equation (a) can be left-multiplied by  $\delta^T$ ,

$$\delta^T = \delta^T \mathbf{1}_2 = \delta^T AM + c\delta^T \delta \delta^T N = a\delta^T M + 2c\delta^T N,$$

so does the equation (b),

$$0_2 = \delta^T 0_2 = \delta^T AN + c\delta^T \delta \delta^T M = a\delta^T N + 2c\delta^T M.$$

In other words, we obtain a new equation.

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & 2c \\ 2c & a \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta^T M \\ \delta^T N \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \delta^T \\ \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix}$$

The determinant of the coefficient matrix is

$$a^2 - 4c^2 = (a + 2c)(a - 2c) = 2\Delta(a - 2c) = 2\Delta \left[ 2(\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_1) + \frac{1}{2}J_{11} + J_{22} \right] \neq 0,$$

thus the coefficient matrix is reversible. With the truth that for a general  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $\mathbf{C}$ , if its determinant  $|\mathbf{C}| \neq 0$ , its inverse

$$\mathbf{C}^{-1} = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{C}|} \begin{pmatrix} c_{22} & -c_{12} \\ -c_{21} & c_{11} \end{pmatrix},$$

we find that

$$\begin{pmatrix} \delta^T M \\ \delta^T N \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{a^2 - 4c^2} \begin{pmatrix} a & -2c \\ -2c & a \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta^T \\ \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{a^2 - 4c^2} \begin{pmatrix} a\delta^T \\ -2c\delta^T \end{pmatrix}.$$

Now we know that

$$\begin{aligned} \delta^T M &= \frac{a}{a^2 - 4c^2} \delta^T, \\ \delta^T N &= -\frac{2c}{a^2 - 4c^2} \delta^T. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we take it into the equation (a),

$$\begin{aligned} M &= A^{-1}(\mathbf{1}_2 - c\delta\delta^T N) \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\Delta')^2 - (\frac{1}{2}J_{11})^2} \begin{pmatrix} 2\Delta' & -\frac{1}{2}J_{11} \\ -\frac{1}{2}J_{11} & 2\Delta' \end{pmatrix} \left[ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - c \times \frac{-2c}{a^2 - 4c^2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{a(a - J_{11})} \begin{pmatrix} 2\Delta' & -\frac{1}{2}J_{11} \\ -\frac{1}{2}J_{11} & 2\Delta' \end{pmatrix} \times \frac{1}{2\Delta(a - 2c)} \begin{pmatrix} a^2 - 2c^2 & 2c^2 \\ 2c^2 & a^2 - 2c^2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\Delta(a - 2c)(a - J_{11})} \begin{pmatrix} 2(\Delta'a - c^2) & 2c^2 - \frac{1}{2}J_{11}a \\ 2c^2 - \frac{1}{2}J_{11}a & 2(\Delta'a - c^2) \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

and the equation (b),

$$N = -A^{-1}c\delta\delta^T M = -c(A^{-1}\delta)(\delta^T M) = -c \frac{a - J_{11}}{a(a - J_{11})} \delta \times \frac{a}{a^2 - 4c^2} \delta^T = -\frac{c}{a^2 - 4c^2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

In conclusion, the inverse of  $\mathbf{D}$  is

$$\mathbf{D}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} M & N \\ N & M \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{a^2 - 4c^2} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2(\Delta'a - c^2)}{a - J_{11}} & \frac{2c^2 - \frac{1}{2}J_{11}a}{a - J_{11}} & -c & -c \\ \frac{2c^2 - \frac{1}{2}J_{11}a}{a - J_{11}} & \frac{2(\Delta'a - c^2)}{a - J_{11}} & -c & -c \\ -c & -c & \frac{2(\Delta'a - c^2)}{a - J_{11}} & \frac{2c^2 - \frac{1}{2}J_{11}a}{a - J_{11}} \\ -c & -c & \frac{2c^2 - \frac{1}{2}J_{11}a}{a - J_{11}} & \frac{2(\Delta'a - c^2)}{a - J_{11}} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Now, it is turn to calculate the correlation energy, note that  $a + 2c = \Delta$  and  $2\Delta' - \frac{1}{2}J_{11} = a - J_{11}$ , we find that

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\text{corr}}(\mathbf{L} - \text{CCA}(D)) &= -\mathbf{B}^\dagger \mathbf{D} \mathbf{B} \\ &= -\frac{1}{a^2 - 4c^2} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{K_{12}}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{K_{12}}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{K_{12}}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{K_{12}}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2(\Delta'a - c^2)}{a - J_{11}} & \frac{2c^2 - \frac{1}{2}J_{11}a}{a - J_{11}} & -c & -c \\ \frac{2c^2 - \frac{1}{2}J_{11}a}{a - J_{11}} & \frac{2(\Delta'a - c^2)}{a - J_{11}} & -c & -c \\ -c & -c & \frac{2(\Delta'a - c^2)}{a - J_{11}} & \frac{2c^2 - \frac{1}{2}J_{11}a}{a - J_{11}} \\ -c & -c & \frac{2c^2 - \frac{1}{2}J_{11}a}{a - J_{11}} & \frac{2(\Delta'a - c^2)}{a - J_{11}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{K_{12}}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{K_{12}}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{K_{12}}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{K_{12}}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= -\frac{1}{a^2 - 4c^2} \left( \frac{K_{12}}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 \left[ -8c + 4 \times \frac{2(\Delta'a - c^2)}{a - J_{11}} + 4 \times \frac{2c^2 - \frac{1}{2}J_{11}a}{a - J_{11}} \right] \\ &= -\frac{1}{2\Delta(a - 2c)} \times \frac{K_{12}^2}{2} \left[ -8c + 4 \times \frac{2\Delta'a - 2c^2 + 2c^2 - \frac{1}{2}J_{11}a}{a - J_{11}} \right] \\ &= -\frac{K_{12}^2}{4\Delta(a - 2c)} \times 4 \left( -2c + \frac{(2\Delta' - J_{11})a}{a - J_{11}} \right) \\ &= -\frac{K_{12}^2}{\Delta(a - 2c)} \times (a - 2c) = -\frac{K_{12}^2}{\Delta}. \end{aligned}$$

This states that one gets the same correlation energy using delocalized orbitals.

### 5.2.4 Some Illustrative Calculations

## 5.3 Many-Electron Theories with Single Particle Hamiltonians

#### Exercise 5.13

For the  $2 \times 2$  matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{H}_{AA} & \mathbf{H}_{AB} \\ \mathbf{H}_{BA} & \mathbf{H}_{BB} \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} H_{11} & H_{12} \\ H_{21} & H_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $H_{11} < H_{22}$  and  $H_{12} > 0$ . Equation (5.96) simplifies to

$$E_R = \varepsilon_1 - H_{11} = H_{12}C$$

and

$$H_{21} + H_{22}C - CH_{11} - C^2H_{12} = 0.$$

Solve this quadratic equation for the lowest  $C$  and then show that  $\varepsilon_1$  thus obtained is the lowest eigenvalue of the matrix.

#### Solution 5.13

The quadratic equation is

$$H_{12}C^2 + (H_{11} - H_{22})C - H_{21} = 0,$$

and its discriminant  $\Delta_C$  equals

$$(H_{11} - H_{22})^2 - 4 \times H_{12} \times (-H_{21}) = (H_{11} - H_{22})^2 + 4H_{12}H_{21} > 0.$$

Thus, we obtain that the lowest root is

$$C = \frac{1}{2H_{12}} \left[ H_{22} - H_{11} - \sqrt{(H_{11} - H_{22})^2 + 4H_{12}H_{21}} \right],$$

and the relaxation energy is

$$E_R = \varepsilon_1 - H_{11} = H_{12}C = \frac{1}{2} \left[ H_{22} - H_{11} - \sqrt{(H_{11} - H_{22})^2 + 4H_{12}H_{21}} \right].$$

Thus, we obtain that

$$\varepsilon_1 = H_{11} + H_{12}C = \frac{1}{2} \left[ H_{11} + H_{22} - \sqrt{(H_{11} - H_{22})^2 + 4H_{12}H_{21}} \right].$$

For the  $2 \times 2$  matrix, its eigen polynomial is

$$\det(\mathbf{H} - \varepsilon \mathbf{1}) = \begin{vmatrix} H_{11} - \varepsilon & H_{12} \\ H_{21} & H_{22} - \varepsilon \end{vmatrix} = (\varepsilon - H_{11})(\varepsilon - H_{22}) - H_{12}H_{21},$$

which is a quadratic equation of  $\varepsilon$ , viz.,

$$\varepsilon^2 - (H_{11} + H_{22})\varepsilon + (H_{11}H_{22} - H_{12}H_{21}) = 0.$$

Its discriminant  $\Delta_\varepsilon$  equals

$$\Delta_\varepsilon = (H_{11} + H_{22})^2 - 4 \times 1 \times (H_{11}H_{22} - H_{12}H_{21}) = (H_{11} - H_{22})^2 + 4H_{12}H_{21} > 0,$$

and the lowest root of is

$$\frac{1}{2} \left[ (H_{11} + H_{22}) - \sqrt{(H_{11} - H_{22})^2 + 4H_{12}H_{21}} \right],$$

which equals  $\varepsilon_1$  obtained by solving (5.96) and (5.98).

In fact, for a general square matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , if it has an eigenvector  $a$  which belongs to the eigenvalue  $\lambda$ , for a general constant  $c$ ,  $\mathbf{A} + c\mathbf{1}$  will have the same eigenvector  $a$  which belongs to the eigenvalue  $\lambda + c$ , and vice versa, viz.,

$$\mathbf{A}a = \lambda a \Leftrightarrow (\mathbf{A} + c\mathbf{1})a = \mathbf{A}a + ca = \lambda a + ca = (\lambda + c)a,$$

Thus, the lowest eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A} + c\mathbf{1}$  is the sum of  $c$  and the lowest eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

## 5.3.1 The Relaxation Energy via CI, IEPA, CEPA, and CCA

## Exercise 5.14

Show that

a.  $\langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_b^s \rangle = v_{bs}$ .

b.  $\langle \Psi_a^r | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_0 \rangle = v_{ra}$ .

c.  $\langle \Psi_a^r | \mathcal{H} - E_0 | \Psi_b^s \rangle = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } a \neq b, r \neq s, \\ v_{rs}, & \text{if } a = b, r \neq s, \\ -v_{ba}, & \text{if } a \neq b, r = s, \\ \varepsilon_r^{(0)} + v_{rr} - \varepsilon_a^{(0)} - v_{aa} & \text{if } a = b, r = s. \end{cases}$

d.  $\langle \Psi_a^r | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{rs} \rangle = \begin{cases} v_{bs}, & \text{if } a \neq b, r \neq s, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

## Solution 5.14

a. With (5.72) and (5.75),

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_b^s \rangle &= \langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H}_0 | \Psi_b^s \rangle + \langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{V} | \Psi_b^s \rangle \\ &= \left( \sum_a \varepsilon_a^{(0)} \right) \langle \Psi_0 | \Psi_b^s \rangle + \langle \Psi_0 | \sum_{i=1}^N v(i) | \Psi_b^s \rangle = 0 + \langle \chi_b^{(0)} | v | \chi_s^{(0)} \rangle = v_{bs}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we obtain that

$$\langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_b^s \rangle = v_{bs}. \quad (5.14-1)$$

b. Similarly, we find that

$$\langle \Psi_a^r | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_0 \rangle = \langle \Psi_a^r | \Psi_0 \rangle \sum_a \varepsilon_a^{(0)} + \langle \Psi_a^r | \sum_{i=1}^N v(i) | \Psi_0 \rangle = 0 + \langle \chi_r^{(0)} | v | \chi_a^{(0)} \rangle = v_{ra}. \quad (5.14-2)$$

c. Firstly, we inspect  $\langle \Psi_a^r | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_a^r \rangle$ . With (5.73), (5.74), we know that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Psi_a^r | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_a^r \rangle &= \langle \Psi_a^r | \mathcal{H}_0 | \Psi_a^r \rangle + \langle \Psi_a^r | \mathcal{V} | \Psi_a^r \rangle = \left( \sum_{b \neq a} \varepsilon_b + \varepsilon_r \right) \langle \Psi_a^r | \Psi_a^r \rangle + \sum_{b \neq a} v_{bb} + v_{rr} \\ &= \sum_b \varepsilon_b + \varepsilon_r - \varepsilon_a + \sum_b v_{bb} - v_{aa} + v_{rr} = E_0 + \varepsilon_r^{(0)} + v_{rr} - \varepsilon_a^{(0)} - v_{aa}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\langle \Psi_a^r | \mathcal{H} - E_0 | \Psi_a^r \rangle = \langle \Psi_a^r | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_a^r \rangle - E_0 = \varepsilon_r^{(0)} + v_{rr} - \varepsilon_a^{(0)} - v_{aa}.$$

Then, we inspect  $\langle \Psi_a^r | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_a^s \rangle$ . When  $r \neq s$ , we get that

$$\langle \Psi_a^r | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_a^s \rangle = \langle \Psi_a^r | \mathcal{H}_0 | \Psi_a^s \rangle + \langle \Psi_a^r | \mathcal{V} | \Psi_a^s \rangle = \left( \sum_{b \neq a} \varepsilon_b + \varepsilon_r \right) \langle \Psi_a^r | \Psi_a^s \rangle + v_{rs} = v_{rs}.$$

Similarly, when  $a \neq b$ , we find that

$$\langle \Psi_a^r | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_b^r \rangle = \langle \Psi_a^r | \mathcal{H}_0 | \Psi_b^r \rangle + \langle \Psi_a^r | \mathcal{V} | \Psi_b^r \rangle = \left( \sum_{c \neq a} \varepsilon_c + \varepsilon_r \right) \langle \Psi_a^r | \Psi_b^r \rangle - v_{ba} = -v_{ba}.$$

Otherwise, the matrix element of a Hamiltonian between  $\Psi_a^r$  and  $\Psi_b^s$  vanishes as the number of their different spin orbitals is more than one ( $r \neq s$  and  $a \neq b$ ). In conclusion, we find that

$$\langle \Psi_a^r | \mathcal{H} - E_0 | \Psi_b^s \rangle = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } a \neq b, r \neq s, \\ v_{rs}, & \text{if } a = b, r \neq s, \\ -v_{ba}, & \text{if } a \neq b, r = s, \\ \varepsilon_r^{(0)} + v_{rr} - \varepsilon_a^{(0)} - v_{aa} & \text{if } a = b, r = s. \end{cases} \quad (5.14-3)$$

This conclusion can be reached using the results of Exercise 2.13, too.

d . As  $a = b$  or  $r = s$ ,  $\Psi_{ab}^{rs}$  vanishes and thus  $\langle \Psi_a^r | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{rs} \rangle = 0$ . Otherwise, namely,  $a \neq b$  and  $r \neq s$ , the number of their different spin orbitals is one, at this time,  $\langle \Psi_a^r | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{rs} \rangle = \langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_b^s \rangle = v_{bs}$ . Finally, we get that

$$\langle \Psi_a^r | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_{ab}^{rs} \rangle = \begin{cases} v_{bs}, & \text{if } a \neq b, r \neq s, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (5.14-4)$$

### Exercise 5.15

Repeat the above analysis using

$$\begin{aligned} |\chi_1\rangle &= a_1|\chi_1^{(0)}\rangle + a_2|\chi_2^{(0)}\rangle + a_3|\chi_3^{(0)}\rangle + a_4|\chi_4^{(0)}\rangle, \\ |\chi_2\rangle &= b_1|\chi_1^{(0)}\rangle + b_2|\chi_2^{(0)}\rangle + b_3|\chi_3^{(0)}\rangle + b_4|\chi_4^{(0)}\rangle \end{aligned}$$

instead of Eqs.(5.121a,b).

a. By repeated use of Eq.(1.40) show that

$$\begin{aligned} |\Phi_0\rangle &= (a_1b_2 - b_1a_2)|\chi_1^{(0)}\chi_2^{(0)}\rangle + (a_1b_3 - b_1a_3)|\chi_1^{(0)}\chi_3^{(0)}\rangle + (a_1b_4 - b_1a_4)|\chi_1^{(0)}\chi_4^{(0)}\rangle \\ &\quad + (a_3b_2 - b_3a_2)|\chi_3^{(0)}\chi_2^{(0)}\rangle + (a_4b_2 - b_4a_2)|\chi_4^{(0)}\chi_2^{(0)}\rangle + (a_3b_4 - b_3a_4)|\chi_3^{(0)}\chi_4^{(0)}\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Intermediate normalize this wave function by dividing the right-hand side by  $a_1b_2 - b_1a_2$  and then explicitly verify that Eq.(5.123) is satisfied.

b. To make contact with the general formalism, note that

$$\mathbf{U}_{AA} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{U}_{BA} = \begin{pmatrix} a_3 & b_3 \\ a_4 & b_4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Note that  $|\mathbf{U}_{AA}| = a_1b_2 - b_1a_2$  as required to make Eq.(5.120a) consistent with the result obtained in part (a). Use the result of Exercise 1.4(f) to evaluate  $\mathbf{U}_{AA}^{-1}$  and then verify the general result given in Eq.(5.120b) by calculating

$$(\mathbf{U}_{BA}\mathbf{U}_{AA}^{-1})_{11} = c_1^3$$

and showing that it is identical to the coefficient of  $|\chi_3^{(0)}\chi_2^{(0)}\rangle$  obtained in part (a).

### Solution 5.15

a. Using (1.40) and  $|\chi_i^{(0)}\chi_i^{(0)}\rangle = 0$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ , we find that

$$\begin{aligned} |\Phi_0\rangle &= (a_1\chi_1^{(0)} + a_2\chi_2^{(0)} + a_3\chi_3^{(0)} + a_4\chi_4^{(0)})(b_1\chi_1^{(0)} + b_2\chi_2^{(0)} + b_3\chi_3^{(0)} + b_4\chi_4^{(0)}) \\ &= a_1b_2|\chi_1^{(0)}\chi_2^{(0)}\rangle + a_1b_3|\chi_1^{(0)}\chi_3^{(0)}\rangle + a_1b_4|\chi_1^{(0)}\chi_4^{(0)}\rangle + a_2b_1|\chi_2^{(0)}\chi_1^{(0)}\rangle \\ &\quad + a_2b_3|\chi_2^{(0)}\chi_3^{(0)}\rangle + a_2b_4|\chi_2^{(0)}\chi_4^{(0)}\rangle + a_3b_1|\chi_3^{(0)}\chi_1^{(0)}\rangle + a_3b_2|\chi_3^{(0)}\chi_2^{(0)}\rangle \\ &\quad + a_3b_4|\chi_3^{(0)}\chi_4^{(0)}\rangle + a_4b_1|\chi_4^{(0)}\chi_1^{(0)}\rangle + a_4b_2|\chi_4^{(0)}\chi_2^{(0)}\rangle + a_4b_3|\chi_4^{(0)}\chi_3^{(0)}\rangle \\ &= (a_1b_2 - a_2b_1)|\chi_1^{(0)}\chi_2^{(0)}\rangle + (a_1b_3 - a_3b_1)|\chi_1^{(0)}\chi_3^{(0)}\rangle + (a_1b_4 - a_4b_1)|\chi_1^{(0)}\chi_4^{(0)}\rangle \\ &\quad + (a_2b_3 - a_3b_2)|\chi_2^{(0)}\chi_3^{(0)}\rangle + (a_2b_4 - a_4b_2)|\chi_2^{(0)}\chi_4^{(0)}\rangle + (a_3b_4 - a_4b_3)|\chi_3^{(0)}\chi_4^{(0)}\rangle \\ &= (a_1b_2 - a_2b_1)|\Psi_0\rangle + (a_1b_3 - a_3b_1)|\Phi_2^3\rangle + (a_1b_4 - a_4b_1)|\Phi_2^4\rangle \\ &\quad - (a_2b_3 - a_3b_2)|\Psi_1^3\rangle - (a_2b_4 - a_4b_2)|\Psi_1^4\rangle + (a_3b_4 - a_4b_3)|\Psi_{12}^{34}\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

After the intermediate normalization (namely,  $|\Phi_0\rangle$  divided by  $a_1b_2 - a_2b_1$ ), we get that

$$\begin{aligned} |\Phi_0'\rangle &= \frac{1}{a_1b_2 - a_2b_1}|\Phi_0\rangle \\ &= |\Psi_0\rangle + \frac{1}{a_1b_2 - a_2b_1} [(a_1b_3 - a_3b_1)|\Phi_2^3\rangle + (a_1b_4 - a_4b_1)|\Phi_2^4\rangle \\ &\quad - (a_2b_3 - a_3b_2)|\Psi_1^3\rangle - (a_2b_4 - a_4b_2)|\Psi_1^4\rangle + (a_3b_4 - a_4b_3)|\Psi_{12}^{34}\rangle]. \end{aligned}$$



Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} c_2^3 &= \frac{a_1 b_3 - a_3 b_1}{a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1}, & c_2^4 &= \frac{a_1 b_4 - a_4 b_1}{a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1}, & c_1^3 &= -\frac{a_2 b_3 - a_3 b_2}{a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1}, \\ c_1^4 &= -\frac{a_2 b_4 - a_4 b_2}{a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1}, & c_{12}^{34} &= \frac{a_3 b_4 - a_4 b_3}{a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1}. \end{aligned}$$

We can find that

$$\begin{aligned} c_1^3 c_2^4 - c_1^4 c_2^3 &= \left( -\frac{a_2 b_3 - a_3 b_2}{a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1} \right) \left( \frac{a_1 b_4 - a_4 b_1}{a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1} \right) - \left( -\frac{a_2 b_4 - a_4 b_2}{a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1} \right) \left( \frac{a_1 b_3 - a_3 b_1}{a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1} \right) \\ &= -\frac{a_2 a_3 b_1 b_4 + a_1 a_4 b_2 b_3 - a_2 a_4 b_1 b_3 - a_1 a_3 b_2 b_4}{(a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1)^2} = -\frac{(a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1)(a_4 b_3 - a_3 b_4)}{(a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1)^2} \\ &= -\frac{a_4 b_3 - a_3 b_4}{a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1} = \frac{a_3 b_4 - a_4 b_3}{a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1} = c_{12}^{34}. \end{aligned}$$

b. The inverse of  $\mathbf{U}_{AA}$  is

$$\mathbf{U}_{AA}^{-1} = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{U}_{AA}|} \begin{pmatrix} b_2 & -b_1 \\ -a_2 & a_1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{a_1 b_2 - b_1 a_2} \begin{pmatrix} b_2 & -b_1 \\ -a_2 & a_1 \end{pmatrix},$$

and thus

$$\mathbf{U}_{BA} \mathbf{U}_{AA}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} a_3 & b_3 \\ a_4 & b_4 \end{pmatrix} \times \frac{1}{a_1 b_2 - b_1 a_2} \begin{pmatrix} b_2 & -b_1 \\ -a_2 & a_1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{a_1 b_2 - b_1 a_2} \begin{pmatrix} a_3 b_2 - a_2 b_3 & a_1 b_3 - a_3 b_1 \\ a_4 b_2 - a_2 b_4 & a_1 b_4 - a_4 b_1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We know that

$$(\mathbf{U}_{BA} \mathbf{U}_{AA}^{-1})_{11} = \frac{a_3 b_2 - a_2 b_3}{a_1 b_2 - b_1 a_2} = c_1^3. \quad (5.15-1)$$

It is identical to the coefficient of  $|\chi_3^{(0)} \chi_2^{(0)}\rangle$  obtained in part (a).

### 5.3.2 The Resonance Energy of Polyenes in Hückel Theory

#### Exercise 5.16

Set up the Hückel matrix for benzene and find its eigenvalues. Remember that if the carbon atoms are labeled clockwise from 1 to 6, then atoms 1 and 6 are nearest neighbors. Show that the six eigenvalues are identical to those given by Eq.(5.131). Find the total energy and compare it with the result given by Eq.(5.132).

#### Solution 5.16

The Hückel matrix for benzene is

$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta & 0 & 0 & 0 & \beta \\ \beta & \alpha & \beta & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \beta & \alpha & \beta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \beta & \alpha & \beta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \beta & \alpha & \beta \\ \beta & 0 & 0 & 0 & \beta & \alpha \end{pmatrix},$$

whose eigen polynomial is a sixth-degree equation in one variable  $\varepsilon$ , viz.,

$$\det(\mathbf{H} - \varepsilon \mathbf{1}) = (\alpha - \varepsilon - 2\beta)(\alpha - \varepsilon - \beta)^2(\alpha - \varepsilon + \beta)^2(\alpha - \varepsilon + 2\beta) = 0.$$

This equation has six roots,

$$\varepsilon_1 = \alpha + 2\beta, \quad \varepsilon_2 = \varepsilon_3 = \alpha + \beta, \quad \varepsilon_4 = \varepsilon_5 = \alpha - \beta, \quad \varepsilon_6 = \alpha - 2\beta.$$

And thus

$$\mathcal{E}_0 = \sum_{i=1}^{6/2} \varepsilon_i = \varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2 + \varepsilon_3 = 6\alpha + 8\beta. \quad (5.16-1)$$

Note that the cosine function is an even function. Using Eq.(5.131), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_0 &= \alpha + 2\beta \cos \frac{0 \times \pi}{3} = \alpha + 2\beta \times 1 = \alpha + 2\beta, \\ \varepsilon_{\pm 1} &= \alpha + 2\beta \cos \frac{\pm 1 \times \pi}{3} = \alpha + 2\beta \times \frac{1}{2} = \alpha + \beta, \\ \varepsilon_{\pm 2} &= \alpha + 2\beta \cos \frac{\pm 2 \times \pi}{3} = \alpha + 2\beta \times \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = \alpha - \beta, \\ \varepsilon_3 &= \alpha + 2\beta \cos \frac{3 \times \pi}{3} = \alpha + 2\beta \times (-1) = \alpha - 2\beta, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\mathcal{E}_0 = 6\alpha + \frac{4\beta}{\sin \frac{\pi}{6}} = 6\alpha + \frac{4\beta}{\frac{1}{2}} = 6\alpha + 8\beta.$$

It is evident that they are identical to my results before.

### Exercise 5.17

Verify Eqs.(5.139) and (5.140).

### Solution 5.17

The verification of all equations is as follows.

- For (5.139a):

$$\begin{aligned} \langle i|j \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} [\langle \phi_{2i-1} | \phi_{2j-1} \rangle + \langle \phi_{2i-1} | \phi_{2j} \rangle + \langle \phi_{2i} | \phi_{2j-1} \rangle + \langle \phi_{2i} | \phi_{2j} \rangle] = \frac{1}{2} [\delta_{ij} + 0 + 0 + \delta_{ij}] = \delta_{ij}, \\ \langle i^* | j^* \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} [\langle \phi_{2i-1} | \phi_{2j-1} \rangle - \langle \phi_{2i-1} | \phi_{2j} \rangle - \langle \phi_{2i} | \phi_{2j-1} \rangle + \langle \phi_{2i} | \phi_{2j} \rangle] = \frac{1}{2} [\delta_{ij} - 0 - 0 + \delta_{ij}] = \delta_{ij}. \end{aligned}$$

- For (5.139b):

$$\begin{aligned} \langle i | j^* \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} [\langle \phi_{2i-1} | \phi_{2j-1} \rangle - \langle \phi_{2i-1} | \phi_{2j} \rangle + \langle \phi_{2i} | \phi_{2j-1} \rangle - \langle \phi_{2i} | \phi_{2j} \rangle] = \frac{1}{2} [\delta_{ij} - 0 + 0 - \delta_{ij}] = 0, \\ \langle i^* | j \rangle &= (\langle i | j^* \rangle)^* = 0^* = 0. \end{aligned}$$

- For (5.140a):

$$\begin{aligned} \langle i | h_{\text{eff}} | i \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} [\langle \phi_{2i-1} | h_{\text{eff}} | \phi_{2i-1} \rangle + \langle \phi_{2i-1} | h_{\text{eff}} | \phi_{2i} \rangle + \langle \phi_{2i} | h_{\text{eff}} | \phi_{2i-1} \rangle + \langle \phi_{2i} | h_{\text{eff}} | \phi_{2i} \rangle] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [\alpha + \beta + \beta + \alpha] = \alpha + \beta. \end{aligned}$$

- For (5.140b):

$$\begin{aligned} \langle i^* | h_{\text{eff}} | i^* \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} [\langle \phi_{2i-1} | h_{\text{eff}} | \phi_{2i-1} \rangle - \langle \phi_{2i-1} | h_{\text{eff}} | \phi_{2i} \rangle - \langle \phi_{2i} | h_{\text{eff}} | \phi_{2i-1} \rangle + \langle \phi_{2i} | h_{\text{eff}} | \phi_{2i} \rangle] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [\alpha - \beta - \beta + \alpha] = \alpha - \beta. \end{aligned}$$

- For (5.140c):

$$\begin{aligned} \langle i | h_{\text{eff}} | i - 1 \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} [\langle \phi_{2i-1} | h_{\text{eff}} | \phi_{2i-3} \rangle + \langle \phi_{2i-1} | h_{\text{eff}} | \phi_{2i-2} \rangle + \langle \phi_{2i} | h_{\text{eff}} | \phi_{2i-3} \rangle + \langle \phi_{2i} | h_{\text{eff}} | \phi_{2i-2} \rangle] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [0 + \beta + 0 + 0] = \frac{1}{2}\beta, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\langle i|h_{\text{eff}}|i+1\rangle &= \frac{1}{2} [\langle \phi_{2i-1}|h_{\text{eff}}|\phi_{2i+1}\rangle + \langle \phi_{2i-1}|h_{\text{eff}}|\phi_{2i+2}\rangle + \langle \phi_{2i}|h_{\text{eff}}|\phi_{2i+1}\rangle + \langle \phi_{2i}|h_{\text{eff}}|\phi_{2i+2}\rangle] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [0 + 0 + \beta + 0] = \frac{1}{2}\beta.\end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\langle i|h_{\text{eff}}|i\pm 1\rangle = \frac{\beta}{2}.$$

- For (5.140d):

$$\begin{aligned}\langle i^*|h_{\text{eff}}|(i-1)^*\rangle &= \frac{1}{2} [\langle \phi_{2i-1}|h_{\text{eff}}|\phi_{2i-3}\rangle - \langle \phi_{2i-1}|h_{\text{eff}}|\phi_{2i-2}\rangle - \langle \phi_{2i}|h_{\text{eff}}|\phi_{2i-3}\rangle + \langle \phi_{2i}|h_{\text{eff}}|\phi_{2i-2}\rangle] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [0 - 0 - \beta + 0] = -\frac{1}{2}\beta, \\ \langle i^*|h_{\text{eff}}|(i+1)^*\rangle &= \frac{1}{2} [\langle \phi_{2i-1}|h_{\text{eff}}|\phi_{2i+1}\rangle - \langle \phi_{2i-1}|h_{\text{eff}}|\phi_{2i+2}\rangle - \langle \phi_{2i}|h_{\text{eff}}|\phi_{2i+1}\rangle + \langle \phi_{2i}|h_{\text{eff}}|\phi_{2i+2}\rangle] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [0 - 0 - \beta + 0] = -\frac{1}{2}\beta.\end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\langle i^*|h_{\text{eff}}|(i\pm 1)^*\rangle = -\frac{\beta}{2}.$$

- For (5.140e):

$$\begin{aligned}\langle i|h_{\text{eff}}|(i-1)^*\rangle &= \frac{1}{2} [\langle \phi_{2i-1}|h_{\text{eff}}|\phi_{2i-3}\rangle - \langle \phi_{2i-1}|h_{\text{eff}}|\phi_{2i-2}\rangle + \langle \phi_{2i}|h_{\text{eff}}|\phi_{2i-3}\rangle - \langle \phi_{2i}|h_{\text{eff}}|\phi_{2i-2}\rangle] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [0 - \beta + 0 - 0] = -\frac{1}{2}\beta, \\ \langle i|h_{\text{eff}}|(i+1)^*\rangle &= \frac{1}{2} [\langle \phi_{2i-1}|h_{\text{eff}}|\phi_{2i+1}\rangle - \langle \phi_{2i-1}|h_{\text{eff}}|\phi_{2i+2}\rangle + \langle \phi_{2i}|h_{\text{eff}}|\phi_{2i+1}\rangle - \langle \phi_{2i}|h_{\text{eff}}|\phi_{2i+2}\rangle] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [0 - 0 + \beta - 0] = \frac{1}{2}\beta, \\ \langle (i-1)|h_{\text{eff}}|i^*\rangle &= \frac{1}{2} [\langle \phi_{2i-3}|h_{\text{eff}}|\phi_{2i-1}\rangle - \langle \phi_{2i-3}|h_{\text{eff}}|\phi_{2i}\rangle + \langle \phi_{2i-2}|h_{\text{eff}}|\phi_{2i-1}\rangle - \langle \phi_{2i-2}|h_{\text{eff}}|\phi_{2i}\rangle] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [0 - 0 + \beta - 0] = \frac{1}{2}\beta, \\ \langle (i+1)|h_{\text{eff}}|i^*\rangle &= \frac{1}{2} [\langle \phi_{2i+1}|h_{\text{eff}}|\phi_{2i-1}\rangle - \langle \phi_{2i+1}|h_{\text{eff}}|\phi_{2i}\rangle + \langle \phi_{2i+2}|h_{\text{eff}}|\phi_{2i-1}\rangle - \langle \phi_{2i+2}|h_{\text{eff}}|\phi_{2i}\rangle] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [0 - \beta + 0 - 0] = -\frac{1}{2}\beta.\end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\langle i|h_{\text{eff}}|(i\pm 1)^*\rangle = \langle (i\mp 1)|h_{\text{eff}}|i^*\rangle = \pm \frac{\beta}{2}.$$

Now we have proved all equations.

### Exercise 5.18

Evaluate the matrix elements given in Eq.(5.149) and fill in the remaining steps leading to Eq.(5.150).

### Solution 5.18

The verification of (5.149) is easy, viz.,

$$\langle \Psi_0|\mathcal{H}|_1^*\rangle = \langle \Psi_0|\mathcal{H}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|\Psi_1^{2*}\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|\Psi_1^{3*}\rangle\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\langle \Psi_0|\mathcal{H}|\Psi_1^{2*}\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\langle \Psi_0|\mathcal{H}|\Psi_1^{3*}\rangle = \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

And now we pay attention to calculating  $\langle {}_1^*|\mathcal{H}|_1^*\rangle$ , which is

$$\langle {}_1^*|\mathcal{H}|_1^*\rangle = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\langle \Psi_1^{2*}| - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\langle \Psi_1^{3*}| \right) \mathcal{H} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|\Psi_1^{2*}\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|\Psi_1^{3*}\rangle\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{2} (\langle \Psi_1^{2*} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_1^{2*} \rangle - \langle \Psi_1^{2*} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_1^{3*} \rangle - \langle \Psi_1^{3*} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_1^{2*} \rangle + \langle \Psi_1^{3*} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_1^{3*} \rangle) \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left( E_0 + \varepsilon_{2*}^{(0)} - \varepsilon_1^{(0)} - \left( -\frac{\beta}{2} \right) - \left( -\frac{\beta}{2} \right) + E_0 + \varepsilon_{2*}^{(0)} - \varepsilon_1^{(0)} \right) \\
&= E_0 + \varepsilon_{2*}^{(0)} - \varepsilon_1^{(0)} + \frac{\beta}{2} = E_0 + (\alpha - \beta) - (\alpha + \beta) + \frac{\beta}{2} = E_0 - \frac{3\beta}{2}.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, we find that

$$\langle {}_1^* | \mathcal{H} - E_0 | {}_1^* \rangle = \langle {}_1^* | \mathcal{H} | {}_1^* \rangle - E_0 = E_0 - \frac{3\beta}{2} - E_0 = -\frac{3\beta}{2}.$$

Finally, from (5.148), we obtain the corresponding “particle” equations, viz.,

$$\frac{\beta}{\sqrt{2}} c = e_1, \quad (a)$$

$$\frac{\beta}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{3\beta}{2} c = e_1 c. \quad (b)$$

The equation (b) can be subtracted by the equation (a) multiplied by  $c$ , thus we obtain a quadratic equation of  $c$ , viz.,

$$\frac{\beta}{\sqrt{2}} c^2 + \frac{3\beta}{2} c - \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{2}} = 0.$$

Its discriminant is

$$\Delta_c = \left( \frac{3\beta}{2} \right)^2 - 4 \times \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{2}} \times \left( -\frac{\beta}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = \frac{17\beta^2}{4},$$

and the root of  $c$  are

$$c_{\pm} = \frac{-\frac{3\beta}{2} \mp \frac{\sqrt{17}}{2}\beta}{2 \times \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{2}}} = -\frac{3 \pm \sqrt{17}}{2\sqrt{2}}.$$

Here, note that  $\beta$  is negative, and thus  $\sqrt{\beta^2} = -\beta$ ! Thus, from the equation (a), we know that

$$e_{\pm} = \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{2}} c_{\pm} = -\frac{3 \pm \sqrt{17}}{4} \beta = \frac{\mp \sqrt{17} - 3}{4} \beta$$

In fact, only the minus root makes physical sense as the relaxation energy is negative, hence,

$$e_1 = e_- = \frac{-3 + \sqrt{17}}{4} \beta \approx 0.2808\beta,$$

and

$$E_R(\text{IEPA}) = 6e_1 = 6 \times 0.2808\beta = 1.6848\beta \approx 1.685\beta, \quad (5.18-1)$$

which is (5.150).

### Exercise 5.19

- a) Extend the above analysis to calculate the IEPA resonance energy for a cyclic polyene with  $N = 2n$  ( $N > 6$ ) carbon atoms. As before, argue that all “particle” energies are the same so that

$$E_R = N e_1.$$

Consider only single excitations that mix with  $|\Psi_0\rangle$ . Show that the “particle” function  $|\Psi_1\rangle$  is

$$|\Psi_1\rangle = |\Psi_0\rangle + c|{}_1^*\rangle,$$

where  $|{}_1^*\rangle$  is obtained from Eq.(5.146),

$$|{}_1^*\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\Psi_1^{2*}\rangle - |\Psi_1^{n*}\rangle).$$

Now show that

$$\langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | {}_1^* \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \beta$$

as before, but that here

$$\langle {}^*|_1 \mathcal{H} - E_0 |_1^* \rangle = -2\beta,$$

instead of the result in Eq.(5.149b). Why the difference? Finally, solve the resulting “particle” equations to show that

$$E_R(\text{IEPA}) = N \left( \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} - 1 \right) \beta = 0.2247N\beta.$$

Note that the IEPA is indeed size consistent and that in the limit of large  $N$  it gives 82% of the exact resonance energy.

- b) The above result is not really exact within the IEPA. The reason for this is that there exist single excitations involving orbital  $|1\rangle$  that do not mix with  $|\Psi_0\rangle$  but do mix with  $|_1^*\rangle$  and thus have some effect on the “particle” energy  $e_1$ . These excitations are analogous to single excitations in CI for a real many-particle system in the sense that although single excitations do not mix with the HF wave function because of Brillouin’s theorem, they do mix indirectly through the double excitations. Investigate the effect of such excitations for the case  $N = 10$ . Show that the exact “particle” function  $|\Psi_1\rangle$  is

$$|\Psi_1\rangle = |\Psi_0\rangle + c_1|_1^*\rangle + c_3|\Psi_1^{3*}\rangle + c_4|\Psi_1^{4*}\rangle.$$

Now show that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_1^{3*} \rangle &= \langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_1^{4*} \rangle = 0, \\ \langle \Psi_1^{3*} | \mathcal{H} - E_0 | \Psi_1^{3*} \rangle &= \langle \Psi_1^{4*} | \mathcal{H} - E_0 | \Psi_1^{4*} \rangle = -2\beta, \\ \langle \Psi_1^{3*} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_1^{4*} \rangle &= -\frac{1}{2}\beta, \\ \langle {}^*|_1 \mathcal{H} | \Psi_1^{3*} \rangle &= -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}\beta, \\ \langle {}^*|_1 \mathcal{H} | \Psi_1^{4*} \rangle &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}\beta. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, show from the resulting “particle” equations that  $e_1$  is the solution of

$$4e_1^3 + 14\beta e_1^2 + 9\beta^2 e_1 - 3\beta^3 = 0.$$

The cubic equation can be solved to yield  $e_1 = 0.2387\beta$  so that the exact IEPA resonance energy for  $N = 10$  is  $2.387\beta$ , which is to be compared with the approximate result of  $2.247\beta$  obtained in part (a), so that there is a 6% difference. The exact resonance energy found from Eq.(5.135) is  $2.944\beta$  for this case.

### Solution 5.19

- a) Similar to Exercise 5.18, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} |_1^* \rangle &= \langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |\Psi_1^{2*}\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |\Psi_1^{n*}\rangle \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_1^{2*} \rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_1^{n*} \rangle = \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{2}}. \\ \langle {}^*|_1 \mathcal{H} |_1^* \rangle &= \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle \Psi_1^{2*} | - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle \Psi_1^{n*} | \right) \mathcal{H} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |\Psi_1^{2*}\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |\Psi_1^{n*}\rangle \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\langle \Psi_1^{2*} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_1^{2*} \rangle - \langle \Psi_1^{2*} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_1^{n*} \rangle - \langle \Psi_1^{n*} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_1^{2*} \rangle + \langle \Psi_1^{n*} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_1^{n*} \rangle) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (E_0 + \varepsilon_{2^*}^{(0)} - \varepsilon_1^{(0)} - 0 - 0 + E_0 + \varepsilon_{2^*}^{(0)} - \varepsilon_1^{(0)}) \\ &= E_0 + \varepsilon_{2^*}^{(0)} - \varepsilon_1^{(0)} + \frac{\beta}{2} = E_0 + (\alpha - \beta) - (\alpha + \beta) = E_0 - 2\beta. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we find that

$$\langle {}^*|_1 \mathcal{H} - E_0 |_1^* \rangle = \langle {}^*|_1 \mathcal{H} |_1^* \rangle - E_0 = E_0 - 2\beta - E_0 = -2\beta.$$

Hence, we obtain the corresponding “particle” equations, viz.,

$$\frac{\beta}{\sqrt{2}}c = e_1, \quad (a)$$

$$\frac{\beta}{\sqrt{2}} - 2\beta c = e_1 c. \quad (b)$$

The equation (b) can be subtracted by the equation (a) multiplied by  $c$ , thus we obtain a quadratic equation of  $c$ , viz.,

$$\frac{\beta}{\sqrt{2}}c^2 + 2\beta c - \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{2}} = 0.$$

Its discriminant is

$$\Delta_c = (2\beta)^2 - 4 \times \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{2}} \times \left(-\frac{\beta}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = 6\beta^2,$$

and the root of  $c$  are

$$c_{\pm} = \frac{-2\beta \mp \sqrt{6}\beta}{2 \times \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{2}}} = -\sqrt{2} \mp \sqrt{3}.$$

Thus, from the equation (a), we know that

$$e_{\pm} = \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{2}}c_{\pm} = \frac{-\sqrt{2} \mp \sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}}\beta = \left(\mp\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} - 1\right)\beta.$$

In fact, only the minus root makes physical sense as the relaxation energy is negative, hence,

$$e_1 = e_- = \left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} - 1\right)\beta \approx 0.2247\beta,$$

and

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{E_R(\text{IEPA})}{N} = e_1 = 0.2247\beta. \quad (5.19-1)$$

In the limit of large  $N$ , the propotion of relaxation energy IEPA delivers is

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{E_R(\text{IEPA})}{E_R} = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{E_R(\text{IEPA})}{N} \frac{N}{E_R(\text{IEPA})} = \frac{0.2247\beta}{0.2732\beta} = 0.822. \quad (5.19-2)$$

In other words, the IPEA is size consistent and that in the limit of large  $N$  it gives 82% of the exact resonance energy. In my opinion, the differences between Exercise 5.18 and Exercise 5.19(a) are that  $\langle \Psi_1^{2*} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_1^{n*} \rangle$  vanishes when  $N > 6$ . This corresponds the truth that in the Hückel theory, when the larger the system is, the less the proportion of other electrons, which interact with electrons in a given occupied orbital, in all electrons is, as  $|\Psi_1\rangle = |\Psi_0\rangle + c|\Psi_1^*\rangle$  described.

- b) When  $N = 10$ ,  $n = 5$  and neither the orbital 3 nor the orbital 4 is the nearest-neighbor ones of the orbital 1. Hence,

$$\langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_1^{3*} \rangle = \langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_1^{4*} \rangle = 0.$$

Moreover, other matrix elements are

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Psi_1^{3*} | \mathcal{H} - E_0 | \Psi_1^{3*} \rangle &= \langle \Psi_1^{3*} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_1^{3*} \rangle - E_0 = E_0 + \varepsilon_{3*} - \varepsilon_1 - E_0 = \alpha - \beta - (\alpha + \beta) = -2\beta, \\ \langle \Psi_1^{4*} | \mathcal{H} - E_0 | \Psi_1^{4*} \rangle &= \langle \Psi_1^{4*} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_1^{4*} \rangle - E_0 = E_0 + \varepsilon_{4*} - \varepsilon_1 - E_0 = \alpha - \beta - (\alpha + \beta) = -2\beta, \\ \langle \Psi_1^{3*} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_1^{4*} \rangle &= \langle 3^* | v(1) | 4^* \rangle = -\frac{\beta}{2}, \\ \langle {}^*1 | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_1^{3*} \rangle &= \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle \Psi_1^{2*} | - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle \Psi_1^{5*} | \right) \mathcal{H} | \Psi_1^{3*} \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle \Psi_1^{2*} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_1^{3*} \rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle \Psi_1^{5*} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_1^{3*} \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \times \left(-\frac{\beta}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \times 0 = -\frac{\beta}{2\sqrt{2}}, \\ \langle {}^*1 | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_1^{4*} \rangle &= \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle \Psi_1^{2*} | - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle \Psi_1^{5*} | \right) \mathcal{H} | \Psi_1^{4*} \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle \Psi_1^{2*} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_1^{4*} \rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle \Psi_1^{5*} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_1^{4*} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \times 0 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \times \left(-\frac{\beta}{2}\right) = \frac{\beta}{2\sqrt{2}}.$$

Thus, the corresponding matrix is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\beta & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\beta & -2\beta & -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}\beta & \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}\beta \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}\beta & -2\beta & -\frac{1}{2}\beta \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}\beta & -\frac{1}{2}\beta & -2\beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{pmatrix} = e_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The eigen equation is

$$\det(\mathbf{H} - e\mathbf{1}) = \frac{1}{8} (2e + 5\beta) (4e^3 + 14\beta e^2 + 9\beta^2 e - 3\beta^3) = 0,$$

whose four roots are

$$e_1 = -2.5\beta, \quad e_2 \approx -2.46271\beta, \quad e_3 \approx -1.27596\beta, \quad e_4 \approx 0.23876\beta.$$

Thus,  $e = e_4 \approx 0.2387\beta$ .

$$E'_R(\text{IEPA}) = 10e = 2.387\beta.$$

Compared with the approximate result of  $2.247\beta$  obtained in part (a), so that there is a

$$\frac{2.387\beta - 2.247\beta}{2.247\beta} = 6.2\%$$

difference.

#### Exercise 5.20

Verify Eq.(5.152c), derive Eq.(5.153a,b), and solve them to obtain the result shown in Eq.(5.154).

#### Solution 5.20

The verification of (5.152c) is listed as following:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle {}^*_1 | \mathcal{H} | {}^*_2 \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} [\langle \Psi_1^{2*} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_2^{3*} \rangle - \langle \Psi_1^{2*} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_2^{1*} \rangle - \langle \Psi_1^{3*} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_2^{3*} \rangle + \langle \Psi_1^{3*} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_2^{1*} \rangle] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [0 - 0 - (-v_{21}) + 0] = \frac{1}{2} v_{21} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\beta}{2} = \frac{\beta}{4}, \\ \langle {}^*_1 | \mathcal{H} | {}^*_3 \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} [\langle \Psi_1^{2*} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_3^{1*} \rangle - \langle \Psi_1^{2*} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_3^{2*} \rangle - \langle \Psi_1^{3*} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_3^{1*} \rangle + \langle \Psi_1^{3*} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_3^{2*} \rangle] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [0 - (-v_{31}) - 0 + 0] = \frac{1}{2} v_{31} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\beta}{2} = \frac{\beta}{4}, \\ \langle {}^*_2 | \mathcal{H} | {}^*_3 \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} [\langle \Psi_2^{3*} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_3^{1*} \rangle - \langle \Psi_2^{3*} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_3^{2*} \rangle - \langle \Psi_2^{1*} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_3^{1*} \rangle + \langle \Psi_2^{1*} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_3^{2*} \rangle] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [0 - 0 - (-v_{32}) + 0] = \frac{1}{2} v_{32} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\beta}{2} = \frac{\beta}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the first two equations of the corresponding DCI eigenvalue problem are

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} - E_0 | \Psi_0 \rangle + \sum_{i=1}^3 \langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_i^* \rangle c_i + \sum_{i=1}^3 \langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_i^{\bar{*}} \rangle \bar{c}_i &= E_R(\text{SCI}), \\ \langle \Psi_1^* | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_0 \rangle + \langle \Psi_1^* | \mathcal{H} - E_0 | \Psi_1^* \rangle c_1 + \sum_{i=2}^3 \langle \Psi_1^* | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_i^* \rangle c_i + \sum_{i=1}^3 \langle \Psi_1^* | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_i^{\bar{*}} \rangle \bar{c}_i &= E_R(\text{SCI})c_1. \end{aligned}$$

As  $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = \bar{c}_1 = \bar{c}_2 = \bar{c}_3 = c$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} 0 + \sqrt{2}\beta c + \sqrt{2}\beta c + \sqrt{2}\beta c + \sqrt{2}\beta c + \sqrt{2}\beta c + \sqrt{2}\beta c &= E_R(\text{SCI}), \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\beta - \frac{3}{2}\beta c + \frac{\beta}{4}c + \frac{\beta}{4}c + 0 + 0 + 0 &= E_R(\text{SCI})c. \end{aligned}$$

These two equations are (5.153a) and (5.153b), which equals

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3\sqrt{2}\beta \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\beta & -\beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ c \end{pmatrix} = E_R(\text{SCI}) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ c \end{pmatrix}.$$

The eigen equation is a quadratic equation of  $\varepsilon$ , viz.,

$$\det(\mathbf{H} - \varepsilon \mathbf{1}) = -\varepsilon(-\beta - \varepsilon) - 3\beta^2 = \varepsilon^2 + \beta\varepsilon - 3\beta^2 = 0.$$

The discriminant  $\Delta_\varepsilon$  is

$$\beta^2 - 4 \times 1 \times (-3\beta^2) = 13\beta^2,$$

and the lowest root is

$$E_R(\text{SCI}) = \frac{1}{2} \left( -\beta + \sqrt{13}\beta \right) = \frac{\sqrt{13} - 1}{2} \beta \approx 1.3028\beta. \quad (5.20-1)$$

### Exercise 5.21

Extend the above analysis to calculate the SCI resonance energy for a cyclic polyene with  $N = 2n$  ( $N > 6$ ) carbon atoms. If we restrict ourselves to only those configurations which interact with  $|\Psi_0\rangle$ , then the appropriate generalization of Eq.(5.151) is

$$|\Psi_{\text{SCI}}\rangle = |\Psi_0\rangle + \sum_{i=1}^n c_i |i^*\rangle + \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{c}_i |\bar{i}^*\rangle.$$

As discussed in Exercise 5.19b, this is not the complete SCI wave function because there exist additional singly excited configurations which, although they do not mix with  $|\Psi_0\rangle$ , they do mix with  $|i^*\rangle$ . The omission of these does not affect our qualitative conclusions. Show that the required matrix elements are

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | i^* \rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \beta, \\ \langle i^* | \mathcal{H} - E_0 | j^* \rangle &= (-2\beta) \delta_{ij}. \end{aligned}$$

Why are Eqs.(5.152b) and Eqs.(5.152c) different? Using these matrix elements, show that the SCI equations are

$$\begin{aligned} E_R(\text{SCI}) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} N c \beta, \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \beta - 2c\beta &= E_R(\text{SCI})c. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, solve them to obtain

$$E_R(\text{SCI}) = \left( \sqrt{1 + \frac{N}{2}} - 1 \right) \beta$$

which is proportional to  $N^{1/2}$  as  $N$  becomes large.

### Solution 5.21

Similar to Exercise 5.20, we find that

$$\langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | i^* \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_i^{(i+1)*} \rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_i^{(i-1)*} \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \frac{\beta}{2} \right) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( -\frac{\beta}{2} \right) = \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

However, note that though  $i \neq j \Leftrightarrow i \pm 1 \neq j \neq 1$ ,  $i \neq j$  cannot guarantee  $i \pm 1 \neq j \mp 1$ , and we find that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Psi_i^{(i+1)*} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_j^{(j+1)*} \rangle &= \delta_{ij} (E_0 + \varepsilon_{(i+1)*} - \varepsilon_i) = \delta_{ij} [E_0 + (\alpha - \beta) - (\alpha + \beta)] = \delta_{ij} (E_0 - 2\beta), \\ \langle \Psi_i^{(i+1)*} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_j^{(j-1)*} \rangle &= \delta_{i+2,j} \langle i | v(i) | (i+2) \rangle = 0, \\ \langle \Psi_i^{(i-1)*} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_j^{(j+1)*} \rangle &= \delta_{i,j+2} \langle (j+2) | v(j) | j \rangle = 0, \end{aligned}$$



$$\langle \Psi_i^{(i-1)*} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_j^{(j-1)*} \rangle = \delta_{ij} (E_0 + \varepsilon_{(i-1)*} - \varepsilon_i) = \delta_{ij} [E_0 + (\alpha - \beta) - (\alpha + \beta)] = \delta_{ij} (E_0 - 2\beta).$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle {}^*_i | \mathcal{H} - E_0 | {}^*_j \rangle &= \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle \Psi_i^{(i+1)*} | - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle \Psi_i^{(i-1)*} | \right) \mathcal{H} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} | \Psi_j^{(j+1)*} \rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} | \Psi_j^{(j-1)*} \rangle \right) - E_0 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \langle \Psi_i^{(i+1)*} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_j^{(j+1)*} \rangle - \langle \Psi_i^{(i+1)*} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_j^{(j-1)*} \rangle \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \langle \Psi_i^{(i-1)*} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_j^{(j+1)*} \rangle + \langle \Psi_i^{(i-1)*} | \mathcal{H} | \Psi_j^{(j-1)*} \rangle \right) - E_0 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (E_0 - 2\beta - 0 - 0 + E_0 - 2\beta) - E_0 = E_0 - 2\beta - E_0 = -2\beta, \end{aligned}$$

which is different from (5.152b) because when  $N > 6$ , there exist other occupied orbitals which are not located in nearest-neighbor carbon atoms. This is the same as my opinion in Exercise 5.19(a).

Similarly, due to the symmetry of benzene, it follows that  $c_i = \bar{c}_i = c$ . The first two equations of SCI equations are

$$\begin{aligned} 0 + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{2}} c + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{2}} c &= E_R(\text{SCI}), \\ \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{2}} + (-2\beta) + \sum_{j=2}^n (-2\beta) \delta_{1j} c + (-2\beta) + \sum_{j=1}^n 0 \times c &= E_R(\text{SCI})c, \end{aligned}$$

which can be simplified to

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{N\beta}{\sqrt{2}} c &= E_R(\text{SCI}), \\ \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{2}} - 2\beta c &= E_R(\text{SCI})c. \end{aligned}$$

In the same way, we obtain a quadratic equation of  $c$ ,

$$\frac{N\beta}{\sqrt{2}} c^2 + 2\beta c - \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{2}} = 0.$$

Its discriminant  $\Delta_c$  is

$$(2\beta)^2 - 4 \times \left( \frac{N\beta}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \times \left( -\frac{\beta}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = (4 + 2N)\beta^2 = 4\left(1 + \frac{N}{2}\right)\beta^2,$$

and the lowest root is

$$c_{\min} = \frac{-2\beta + 2\sqrt{1 + \frac{N}{2}}\beta}{2 \times \frac{N\beta}{\sqrt{2}}} = \frac{1}{N} \left( \sqrt{2 + N} - \sqrt{2} \right).$$

Thus, the correlation energy of SCI is

$$E_R(\text{SCI}) = \frac{N\beta}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{N} \left( \sqrt{2 + N} - \sqrt{2} \right) = \left( \sqrt{1 + \frac{N}{2}} - 1 \right) \beta,$$

which is proportional to  $N^{1/2}$  as  $N$  becomes large.