

The variation of the functional with respect to the linear parameters  $a_n$  and  $\tan \delta$  leads to the following equations

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \phi_n | H - E | \Psi_t \rangle &= 0 \\ \langle \tilde{G} | H - E | \Psi_t \rangle &= 0 \quad . \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

To obtain the last equation, the normalization relation of Eq. (9) has been used. From these two equations,  $\Psi_c$  and the first order estimate of the phase shift  $(\tan \delta)^{1st}$  can be determined. It should be noted that the first equation implies  $\langle \Psi_c | H - E | \Psi_t \rangle = 0$ . Furthermore, from the general relation for  $A$  in Eq. (4), and using the second equation in Eq. (16), the following integral relation results

$$\frac{m}{\hbar^2} \langle \Psi_t | H - E | \tilde{G} \rangle = A \quad . \tag{17}$$

Replacing the two relations of Eq.(16) into the functional of Eq.(14), a second order estimate of the phase shift is obtained

$$[\tan \delta]^{2nd} = (\tan \delta)^{1st} - \frac{m}{\hbar^2} \langle F | H - E | (1/A) \Psi_t \rangle \quad . \tag{18}$$

Multiplying Eq. (18) by  $A$  one gets

$$B^{2nd} = B^{1st} - \frac{m}{\hbar^2} \langle F | H - E | \Psi_t \rangle \quad . \tag{19}$$

On the other hand, a first order estimate for the coefficient  $B$  can be obtained from the general relation in Eq. (4), i.e.,

$$\frac{m}{\hbar^2} [\langle F | H - E | \Psi_t \rangle - \langle \Psi_t | H - E | F \rangle] = B^{1st} \quad . \tag{20}$$

Therefore, replacing Eq.(20) in Eq.(19), a second order integral relation for  $B$  is obtained.

The above results can be summarized as follow

$$\begin{aligned} B^{2nd} &= -\frac{m}{\hbar^2} \langle \Psi_t | H - E | F \rangle \\ A &= \frac{m}{\hbar^2} \langle \Psi_t | H - E | \tilde{G} \rangle \\ [\tan \delta]^{2nd} &= B^{2nd} / A \quad . \end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

These equations extend the validity of the integral relations, given in Eq.(6) for the exact wave functions, to trial wave functions. To be noticed that  $F, \tilde{G}$  are solutions of the Schrödinger equation in the asymptotic region, therefore  $(H - E)F \rightarrow 0$  and  $(H - E)\tilde{G} \rightarrow 0$  as the distance between the particles increases. As a consequence the decomposition of