

A Hartree–Fock–Roothaan analogon using the principle of variance minimization

I. A Roothaan-like equation minimizing variance

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The variance expression $\|\mathbf{H}\Psi - \lambda^* \cdot \Psi\|^2$, which gives an upper bound for the distance between the real number λ^* and the spectrum of the Schrödinger operator \mathbf{H} , is computed for a closed-shell Slater determinant Ψ . A Roothaan-like matrix equation is deduced for the determination of variance-minimizing orbitals.

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1. Introduction

Variance Minimization [1, 2] has been shown to provide good lower bounds for the lower eigenvalues of $^{\infty}\text{He}$ [3, 4], ^4He [5], and some other three-particle systems [6]. The procedure does not yield absolute lower bounds, but rather an interval enclosing at least one eigenvalue; on the other hand it has the advantages of a variational procedure, where basis functions may be chosen arbitrarily.

It seems desirable to extend this method to many-particle systems, with the wavefunction expressed in terms of Slater determinants. In this paper, as one step towards this goal, the variance expression, $\|\mathbf{H}\Psi - \lambda^* \cdot \Psi\|$, will be computed for Ψ as a single closed-shell Slater determinant. Minimization of this expression with respect to a given basis will lead to a matrix equation similar to the Roothaan equation, but yielding variance-minimizing rather than energy-minimizing orbitals.

2. $\|\mathbf{H}\Psi\|^2$ for Slater determinants

The distance between an arbitrary real number λ^* (e.g. a Ritz or Hartree–Fock value) and the spectrum σ of the Schrödinger operator \mathbf{H} may be estimated by

$$\inf_{\lambda \in \sigma(\mathbf{H})} |\lambda - \lambda^*|^2 \leq \|\mathbf{H}\Psi - \lambda^* \cdot \Psi\|^2,$$

where Ψ may be any normalized function in the domain of \mathbf{H} . Thus the first step of Variance Minimization consists in minimizing $\|\mathbf{H}\Psi - \lambda^* \cdot \Psi\|^2$ with respect to a given λ^* by varying Ψ .

Since, for a normalized Ψ ,

$$\|\mathbf{H}\Psi - \lambda^* \cdot \Psi\|^2 = \langle \mathbf{H}\Psi | \mathbf{H}\Psi \rangle - 2\lambda^* \langle \mathbf{H}\Psi | \Psi \rangle + \lambda^{*2},$$

we see that, in order to calculate $\|\mathbf{H}\Psi - \lambda^* \cdot \Psi\|^2$ for a Slater determinant, we have to express not only the energy value $\langle \mathbf{H}\Psi | \Psi \rangle$, but also $\langle \mathbf{H}\Psi | \mathbf{H}\Psi \rangle = \|\mathbf{H}\Psi\|^2$ as a functional of the occupied orbitals.

As in the Hartree–Fock calculation of $\langle \mathbf{H}\Psi | \Psi \rangle$ (see, e.g. [7]) we start decomposing \mathbf{H} into a sum of one- and two-electron operators.

For the considered closed-shell atomic system of $2n$ electrons and nuclear charge Z ,

$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{H}_1 + \mathbf{H}_2$$

with

$$\mathbf{H}_1 = \sum_{p=1}^{2n} \mathbf{H}_p, \quad \mathbf{H}_p = -\frac{1}{2}\nabla_p^2 - \frac{Z}{r_p},$$

$$\mathbf{H}_2 = \sum_{p < q} \sum \frac{1}{r_{pq}}.$$

In this way, $\langle \mathbf{H}\Psi | \mathbf{H}\Psi \rangle$ decomposes into

$$\underbrace{\langle \mathbf{H}_1\Psi | \mathbf{H}_1\Psi \rangle}_{(\mathcal{A})} + 2 \underbrace{\langle \mathbf{H}_1\Psi | \mathbf{H}_2\Psi \rangle}_{(\mathcal{B})} + \underbrace{\langle \mathbf{H}_2\Psi | \mathbf{H}_2\Psi \rangle}_{(\mathcal{C})}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathbf{H}_1\Psi | \mathbf{H}_1\Psi \rangle &= \sum_{p,q=1}^{2n} \langle H_p\Psi | H_q\Psi \rangle = 2n \cdot \sum_{q=1}^{2n} \langle H_1\Psi | H_q\Psi \rangle \\ &= 2n \cdot \langle H_1\Psi | H_1\Psi \rangle \end{aligned} \quad (\mathcal{A}1)$$

$$+ 2n(2n-1) \cdot \langle H_1\Psi | H_2\Psi \rangle \quad (\mathcal{A}2);$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathbf{H}_1\Psi | \mathbf{H}_2\Psi \rangle &= \sum_{p=1}^{2n} \sum_{q < s} \left\langle H_p\Psi \left| \frac{1}{r_{qs}} \Psi \right. \right\rangle = 2n \cdot \sum_{q < s} \left\langle H_1\Psi \left| \frac{1}{r_{qs}} \Psi \right. \right\rangle \\ &= 2n(2n-1) \cdot \left\langle H_1\Psi \left| \frac{1}{r_{12}} \Psi \right. \right\rangle \end{aligned} \quad (\mathcal{B}1)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2n(2n-1)(2n-2) \cdot \left\langle H_1\Psi \left| \frac{1}{r_{23}} \Psi \right. \right\rangle \quad (\mathcal{B}2);$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathbf{H}_2 \Psi | \mathbf{H}_2 \Psi \rangle &= \sum_{p < q} \sum_{s < t} \sum \left\langle \frac{1}{r_{pq}} \Psi \left| \frac{1}{r_{st}} \Psi \right. \right\rangle = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2n(2n-1) \cdot \sum_{s < t} \left\langle \frac{1}{r_{12}} \Psi \left| \frac{1}{r_{st}} \Psi \right. \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2n(2n-1) \cdot \left\langle \frac{1}{r_{12}} \Psi \left| \frac{1}{r_{12}} \Psi \right. \right\rangle \end{aligned} \quad (\mathcal{E}1)$$

$$+ 2n(2n-1)(2n-2) \cdot \left\langle \frac{1}{r_{12}} \Psi \left| \frac{1}{r_{23}} \Psi \right. \right\rangle \quad (\mathcal{E}2)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{4} \cdot 2n(2n-1)(2n-1)(2n-2)(2n-3) \cdot \left\langle \frac{1}{r_{12}} \Psi \left| \frac{1}{r_{34}} \Psi \right. \right\rangle \quad (\mathcal{E}3).$$

On inserting for Ψ a normalized Slater determinant,

$$\Psi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2n)!}} \cdot \sum_{\mu} p_{\mu} \cdot \mathbf{P}_{\mu} \{ \psi_1 \alpha(1) \psi_1 \beta(2) \psi_2 \alpha(3) \cdots \psi_n \beta(2n) \},$$

$$p_{\mu} = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{for odd permutations } \mathbf{P}_{\mu} \text{ and} \\ +1 & \text{for even ones,} \end{cases}$$

$\langle \mathbf{H} \Psi | \mathbf{H} \Psi \rangle$ decomposes into a double sum over the permutations:

$$\langle \mathbf{H} \Psi | \mathbf{H} \Psi \rangle = \frac{1}{(2n)!} \cdot \sum_{\mu} \sum_{\nu} p_{\mu} p_{\nu} \cdot \langle \mathbf{H} \mathbf{P}_{\mu} \{ \psi_1 \alpha \cdots \psi_n \beta \} | \mathbf{H} \mathbf{P}_{\nu} \{ \psi_1 \alpha \cdots \psi_n \beta \} \rangle,$$

and so do all the summands $\mathcal{A}1$ – $\mathcal{E}3$.

In each of these double sums, in the same way as in the Hartree–Fock calculation of $\langle \mathbf{H} \Psi | \Psi \rangle$, terms will vanish on account of the orthogonality of the spinorbitals. They vanish if \mathbf{P}_{μ} and \mathbf{P}_{ν} assign different orbitals to an electron which, in this very term, is not affected by an operator, or if \mathbf{P}_{μ} and \mathbf{P}_{ν} assign different spins to any electron.

This means that, in each of the summands $\mathcal{A}1$ – $\mathcal{E}3$, \mathbf{P}_{μ} and \mathbf{P}_{ν} may differ only by a permutation of those electrons affected by an operator. In case they differ by any such permutation at all, the “permuted” electrons must have the same spin.

In $\mathcal{A}1$, the permutations \mathbf{P}_{μ} and \mathbf{P}_{ν} have to be the same:

$$\mathcal{A}1 = 2n \cdot \frac{1}{(2n)!} \cdot \sum_{\mu} \langle H_1 \mathbf{P}_{\mu} \{ \psi_1 \alpha \cdots \psi_n \beta \} | H_1 \mathbf{P}_{\mu} \{ \psi_1 \alpha \cdots \psi_n \beta \} \rangle.$$

The $(2n-1)!$ permutations assigning the same spinorbital $\psi_i \sigma_i$ to electron 1 all lead to the same value, thus making up for the normalization factor. The summands in which electron 1 is assigned $\psi_i \alpha$ and $\psi_i \beta$ are equal; so

$$\mathcal{A}1 = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \int |H_1 \psi_i(1)|^2 d\tau_1.$$

Let us introduce the following inner product notation for integrals over the coordinates of one or more electrons:

Each orbital ψ_i will be represented by its index i , the LCAO basis functions ϕ_i in the next chapter by an index i_1 ; thus an integral

$$\int \bar{\psi}_i(1)\bar{\psi}_j(2)\cdots A\psi_k(1)\psi_l(2)\cdots d\tau_1 d\tau_2\cdots$$

will be written

$$\langle ij\cdots |Akl\cdots\rangle$$

or, if the operator A is symmetric,

$$\langle ij\cdots |A|kl\cdots\rangle.$$

Operators signed by an index 1, 2, ... are meant to act upon the first, second, ... electron of the product in which they are written. Thus an integral

$$\int \bar{\psi}_i(3)\bar{\psi}_j(4) \cdot \frac{1}{r_{34}} \cdot \psi_k(3)\psi_l(4) d\tau_3 d\tau_4$$

will be abbreviated as

$$\langle ij|\frac{1}{r_{12}}|kl\rangle.$$

Variation will be indicated by a circumflex; e.g.

$$\langle i\hat{j}|\frac{1}{r_{12}}|kl\rangle$$

will denote a Coulomb-type product involving a variation of the orbital $\psi_j(2)$.

In this notation, our first summand is

$$\mathcal{A}1 = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \langle i|H^2|i\rangle.$$

In $\mathcal{A}2$, $\mathcal{B}2$, and $\mathcal{C}1$, \mathbf{P}_μ and \mathbf{P}_ν may be the same, or differ by the permutation (12). If $\mathbf{P}_\mu = \mathbf{P}_\nu$, there are 4 possible spin combinations if the electrons 1 and 2 are assigned different orbitals $\psi_i \neq \psi_j$, or 2 spin combinations if they are assigned the same orbital ψ_i . In case $\mathbf{P}_\nu = (12) \cdot \mathbf{P}_\mu$, electrons 1 and 2 must have the same spin (2 possibilities) and different orbitals; these "exchange-type" terms enter with negative sign since $p_\mu \cdot p_\nu = -1$.

There are $(2n-2)!$ permutations assigning to the electrons 1 and 2 the same combination of spinorbitals (thus the normalization factor cancels out again):

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}2 &= 4 \sum_{i \neq j} \langle i|H|i\rangle \cdot \langle j|H|j\rangle + 2 \sum_i \langle i|H|i\rangle^2 - 2 \sum_{i \neq j} \langle i|H|j\rangle^2 \\ &= \sum_{i,j=1}^n (4\langle i|H|i\rangle \cdot \langle j|H|j\rangle - 2\langle i|H|j\rangle^2); \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{B}1 = \sum_{i,j=1}^n \left(4 \left\langle \frac{H_1}{r_{12}} ij \middle| ij \right\rangle - 2 \left\langle \frac{H_1}{r_{12}} ij \middle| ji \right\rangle \right)$$

(H_1/r_{12}) here means: apply the one-electron hamiltonian H on the first orbital, then divide by r_{12});

$$\mathcal{C}1 = \sum_{i,j=1}^n \left(2 \langle ij | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | ij \rangle - \langle ij | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | ji \rangle \right).$$

In $\mathcal{B}2$ and $\mathcal{C}2$, \mathbf{P}_μ and \mathbf{P}_ν may

* be the same

giving at most 8 spin combinations, with $p_\mu \cdot p_\nu = +1$ or

* differ by an interchange (12), (13), or (23)

giving at most 4 spin combinations, with $p_\mu \cdot p_\nu = -1$ or

* differ by (123) or (132)

giving 2 spin combinations (provided all ψ are different) with $p_\mu \cdot p_\nu = +1$.

Note that the three interchanges (12), (13), and (23) do not give the same results; for example, in

$$\left\langle H_1 \Psi \middle| \frac{1}{r_{23}} \Psi \right\rangle$$

(12) and (13) are equivalent, while (23) will give a different result.

Noting well the reduction of possible spin combinations in case two orbitals are equal, we find

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B}2 = & \sum_{i,j,k=1}^n \sum 4 \langle i | H | i \rangle \cdot \langle jk | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | jk \rangle - 4 \langle i | H | j \rangle \cdot \langle jk | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | ik \rangle \\ & - 2 \langle i | H | i \rangle \cdot \langle jk | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | kj \rangle + 2 \langle i | H | j \rangle \cdot \langle jk | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | ki \rangle \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}2 = & \sum_{i,j,k=1}^n \sum 8 \langle ijk | \frac{1}{r_{12}} \cdot \frac{1}{r_{23}} | ijk \rangle - 8 \langle ijk | \frac{1}{r_{12}} \cdot \frac{1}{r_{23}} | jik \rangle \\ & - 4 \langle ijk | \frac{1}{r_{12}} \cdot \frac{1}{r_{23}} | kji \rangle + 4 \langle ijk | \frac{1}{r_{12}} \cdot \frac{1}{r_{23}} | kij \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

In $\mathcal{C}3$, the last summand of $\|\mathbf{H}\Psi\|^2$, \mathbf{P}_μ and \mathbf{P}_ν may differ by any of the 24 possible permutations of electrons 1-4:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}3 = & \sum_{i,j,k,l=1}^n \sum 4 \langle ij | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | ij \rangle \cdot \langle kl | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | kl \rangle - 4 \langle ij | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | ji \rangle \cdot \langle kl | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | kl \rangle \\ & - 8 \langle ij | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | kj \rangle \cdot \langle kl | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | il \rangle + 8 \langle ij | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | ki \rangle \cdot \langle kl | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | jl \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \langle ij | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | ji \rangle \cdot \langle kl | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | lk \rangle + 2 \langle ij | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | kl \rangle^2 \\
& - 2 \langle ij | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | ki \rangle \cdot \langle kl | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | lj \rangle - \langle ij | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | kl \rangle \cdot \langle kl | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | ji \rangle.
\end{aligned}$$

3. Minimization of $\|H\Psi - \lambda^* \cdot \Psi\|^2$

Combining the results $\mathcal{A}1$ – $\mathcal{C}3$ with the familiar Hartree–Fock energy expression, we get the variance expression for a closed-shell Slater determinant,

$$\begin{aligned}
F^2(\Psi; \lambda^*) &= \|H\Psi\|^2 - 2\lambda^* \cdot \langle H\Psi | \Psi \rangle + \lambda^{*2} \\
&= \sum_{i,j,k,l=1}^n \sum \sum 4 \langle ij | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | ij \rangle \cdot \langle kl | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | kl \rangle \\
&\quad - 4 \langle ij | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | ji \rangle \cdot \langle kl | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | kl \rangle \\
&\quad - 8 \langle ij | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | kj \rangle \cdot \langle kl | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | il \rangle + 8 \langle ij | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | ki \rangle \cdot \langle kl | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | jl \rangle \\
&\quad + \langle ij | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | ji \rangle \cdot \langle kl | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | lk \rangle + 2 \langle ij | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | kl \rangle^2 \\
&\quad - 2 \langle ij | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | ki \rangle \cdot \langle kl | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | lj \rangle - \langle ij | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | kl \rangle \cdot \langle kl | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | ji \rangle \\
&\quad + \sum_{i,j,k=1}^n \sum 8 \langle ijk | \frac{1}{r_{12}} \cdot \frac{1}{r_{23}} | ijk \rangle - 8 \langle ijk | \frac{1}{r_{12}} \cdot \frac{1}{r_{23}} | jik \rangle \\
&\quad - 4 \langle ijk | \frac{1}{r_{12}} \cdot \frac{1}{r_{23}} | kji \rangle + 4 \langle ijk | \frac{1}{r_{12}} \cdot \frac{1}{r_{23}} | kij \rangle \\
&\quad + 8 \langle i | H | i \rangle \cdot \langle jk | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | jk \rangle \\
&\quad - 8 \langle i | H | j \rangle \cdot \langle jk | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | ik \rangle - 4 \langle i | H | i \rangle \cdot \langle jk | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | kj \rangle \\
&\quad + 4 \langle i | H | j \rangle \cdot \langle jk | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | ki \rangle \\
&\quad + \sum_{ij=1}^n \sum 2 \langle ij | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | ij \rangle - \langle ij | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | ji \rangle \\
&\quad + 8 \langle \frac{H_1}{r_{12}} | ij | ij \rangle - 4 \langle \frac{H_1}{r_{12}} | ij | ji \rangle + 4 \langle i | H | i \rangle \cdot \langle j | H | j \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -2\langle i|H|j\rangle^2 - 4\lambda^* \cdot \langle ij|\frac{1}{r_{12}}|ij\rangle + 2\lambda^* \cdot \langle ij|\frac{1}{r_{12}}|ji\rangle \\
& + \sum_{i=1}^n 2\langle i|H^2|i\rangle - 4\lambda^* \cdot \langle i|H|i\rangle + \lambda^{*2}.
\end{aligned}$$

This has to be minimized by varying the orbitals ψ , with the constraints that the orbitals stay orthonormal.

As in the Hartree–Fock procedure, the constraints are introduced by means of Lagrange multipliers [8]; let us call them $-2\chi_{ij}$. We get an auxiliary functional

$$\Phi = F^2 - 2 \sum_i \sum_j \chi_{ij} \cdot (\langle i|j\rangle - \delta_{ij}) \quad (\delta_{ij}: \text{Kronecker delta})$$

to be minimized without constraints.

On the same reasons as in Hartree–Fock calculation, we may choose the orbitals such that the χ_{ij} vanish for $i \neq j$.

For the following calculations, let us assume that all inner products are real—as it is the case for atomic systems if we use orbitals composed of spherical harmonics and real-valued functions.

The variation $\hat{\Phi}$ of the auxiliary functional is formed by varying, one after the other, each orbital ψ_i, ψ_j, \dots in each of the products:

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{\Phi} = & \sum_{ijkl} \sum_{ijkl} \sum_{ijkl} 4 \langle \hat{ij}|\frac{1}{r_{12}}|ij\rangle \cdot \langle kl|\frac{1}{r_{12}}|kl\rangle + 4 \langle \hat{ij}|\frac{1}{r_{12}}|ij\rangle \cdot \langle kl|\frac{1}{r_{12}}|kl\rangle \\
& + 4 \langle ij|\frac{1}{r_{12}}|\hat{ij}\rangle \cdot \langle kl|\frac{1}{r_{12}}|kl\rangle + \dots
\end{aligned}$$

and renaming the sums in such a way that the orbital which is being varied is given the index i .

Note that, different from the corresponding Hartree–Fock calculations, variation of different orbitals in the same partial sum does not always lead to equal results; e.g.

$$\sum_{ijkl} \sum_{ijkl} \sum_{ijkl} \langle \hat{ij}|\frac{1}{r_{12}}|ji\rangle \cdot \langle kl|\frac{1}{r_{12}}|kl\rangle \neq \sum_{ijkl} \sum_{ijkl} \sum_{ijkl} \langle ij|\frac{1}{r_{12}}|ji\rangle \cdot \langle \hat{kl}|\frac{1}{r_{12}}|kl\rangle.$$

In terms involving H_1/r_{12} , we must further be aware that this operator is not symmetric (only $(H_1 + H_2)/r_{12}$ will be); for example,

$$\left\langle \frac{H_1}{r_{12}} \hat{ij} \right\rangle \neq \left\langle \frac{H_1}{r_{12}} ij \middle| \hat{ij} \right\rangle.$$

The condition that $\hat{\Phi}$ has to be zero for any variation $\hat{\psi}_i$ of any orbital ψ_i leads to a Hartree–Fock-like equation

$$Q\psi_i = \chi_i \cdot \psi_i$$

with the one-electron operator Q itself depending on the occupied orbitals ψ_i in a similar (though more complicated) way as the Fock operator F in the Hartree-Fock equation.

4. Linear ansatz of the orbitals

By an ansatz of the orbitals as linear combinations of m basis functions ϕ_i ,

$$\psi_i = \sum_{i_1=1}^m c_{i,i_1} \cdot \phi_{i_1},$$

the functional $\|\mathbf{H}\Psi - \lambda^* \cdot \Psi\|^2$ becomes an ordinary function of the coefficient vectors \mathbf{c}_i , and minimization leads to a Roothaan-like matrix equation

$$Q\mathbf{c}_i = \chi_i \cdot S\mathbf{c}_i,$$

where S is the overlap matrix with the element

$$S_{i_1, i_2} = \langle i_1 | i_2 \rangle$$

and the element of Q is

$$Q_{i_1, i_2} = Q_{i_1, i_2}^{(1)} + Q_{i_1, i_2}^{(2)} + Q_{i_1, i_2}^{(3)} + Q_{i_1, i_2}^{(4)}$$

with

$$Q_{i_1, i_2}^{(1)} = \langle i_1 | H^2 | i_2 \rangle - 2\lambda^* \cdot \langle i_1 | H | i_2 \rangle,$$

$$Q_{i_1, i_2}^{(2)} = \sum_{j_1=1}^m \sum_{j_2=1}^m P_{j_1 j_2}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} & \langle i_1 j_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | i_2 j_2 \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle i_1 j_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | j_2 i_2 \rangle + \left\langle \frac{H_1}{r_{12}} i_1 j_1 \left| i_2 j_2 \right. \right\rangle \\ & + \left\langle \frac{H_1}{r_{12}} j_1 i_1 \left| j_2 i_2 \right. \right\rangle + \left\langle i_1 j_1 \left| \frac{H_1}{r_{12}} i_2 j_2 \right. \right\rangle + \left\langle j_1 i_1 \left| \frac{H_1}{r_{12}} j_2 i_2 \right. \right\rangle \\ & \times -\frac{1}{2} \left\langle \frac{H_1}{r_{12}} i_1 j_1 \left| j_2 i_2 \right. \right\rangle - \frac{1}{2} \left\langle \frac{H_1}{r_{12}} j_1 i_1 \left| i_2 j_2 \right. \right\rangle - \frac{1}{2} \left\langle i_1 j_1 \left| \frac{H_1}{r_{12}} j_2 i_2 \right. \right\rangle \\ & - \frac{1}{2} \left\langle j_1 i_1 \left| \frac{H_1}{r_{12}} i_2 j_2 \right. \right\rangle \\ & + 2 \langle i_1 | H | i_2 \rangle \cdot \langle j_1 | H | j_2 \rangle - \langle i_1 | H | j_2 \rangle \cdot \langle j_1 | H | i_2 \rangle \\ & - 2\lambda^* \cdot \langle i_1 j_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | i_2 j_2 \rangle + \lambda^* \cdot \langle i_1 j_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | j_2 i_2 \rangle, \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$Q_{i_1, i_2}^{(3)} = \sum_{j_1, k_1=1}^m \sum_{j_2, k_2=1}^m P_{j_1, j_2} \cdot P_{k_1, k_2}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} & 2\langle i_1 j_1 k_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} \cdot \frac{1}{r_{23}} | i_2 j_2 k_2 \rangle \\ & - \langle i_1 j_1 k_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} \cdot \frac{1}{r_{23}} | j_2 i_2 k_2 \rangle - \langle i_1 j_1 k_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} \cdot \frac{1}{r_{23}} | i_2 k_2 j_2 \rangle \\ & - \langle i_1 j_1 k_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} \cdot \frac{1}{r_{23}} | k_2 j_2 i_2 \rangle \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \langle i_1 j_1 k_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} \cdot \frac{1}{r_{23}} | k_2 i_2 j_2 \rangle \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \langle i_1 j_1 k_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} \cdot \frac{1}{r_{23}} | j_2 k_2 i_2 \rangle + \langle j_1 i_1 k_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} \cdot \frac{1}{r_{23}} | j_2 i_2 k_2 \rangle \\ & - \langle j_1 i_1 k_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} \cdot \frac{1}{r_{23}} | i_2 j_2 k_2 \rangle \\ & - \frac{1}{2} \langle j_1 i_1 k_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} \cdot \frac{1}{r_{23}} | k_2 i_2 j_2 \rangle \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \langle j_1 i_1 k_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} \cdot \frac{1}{r_{23}} | k_2 j_2 i_2 \rangle + \langle i_1 | H | i_2 \rangle \cdot \langle j_1 k_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | j_2 k_2 \rangle \\ & - \langle i_1 | H | j_2 \rangle \cdot \langle j_1 k_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | i_2 k_2 \rangle \\ & - \frac{1}{2} \langle i_1 | H | i_2 \rangle \cdot \langle j_1 k_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | k_2 j_2 \rangle \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \langle i_1 | H | j_2 \rangle \cdot \langle j_1 k_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | k_2 j_2 \rangle \\ & + 2 \langle i_1 j_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | i_2 j_2 \rangle \cdot \langle k_1 | H | k_2 \rangle \\ & - \langle i_1 j_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | k_2 j_2 \rangle \cdot \langle k_1 | H | i_2 \rangle - \langle i_1 j_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | i_2 k_2 \rangle \cdot \langle k_1 | H | j_2 \rangle \\ & - \langle i_1 j_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | j_2 i_2 \rangle \cdot \langle k_1 | H | k_2 \rangle \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \langle i_1 j_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | j_2 k_2 \rangle \cdot \langle k_1 | H | i_2 \rangle \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \langle i_1 j_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | k_2 i_2 \rangle \cdot \langle k_1 | H | j_2 \rangle, \end{aligned} \right.$$

and

$$Q_{i_2, i_2}^{(4)} = \sum_{j_1, k_1, l_1=1}^m \sum_{j_2, k_2, l_2=1}^m P_{j_1, j_2} \cdot P_{k_1, k_2} \cdot P_{l_1, l_2}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \langle i_1 j_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | i_2 j_2 \rangle \cdot \langle k_1 l_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | k_2 l_2 \rangle \\ -\frac{1}{2} \langle i_1 j_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | j_2 i_2 \rangle \cdot \langle k_1 l_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | k_2 l_2 \rangle \\ -\frac{1}{2} \langle i_1 j_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | i_2 j_2 \rangle \cdot \langle k_1 l_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | l_2 k_2 \rangle - \langle i_1 j_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | k_2 l_2 \rangle \cdot \langle k_1 l_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | i_2 l_2 \rangle \\ -\langle i_1 j_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | i_2 k_2 \rangle \cdot \langle k_1 l_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | j_2 l_2 \rangle \\ +\frac{1}{2} \langle i_1 j_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | k_2 j_2 \rangle \cdot \langle k_1 l_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | j_2 l_2 \rangle \\ +\frac{1}{2} \langle i_1 j_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | j_2 k_2 \rangle \cdot \langle k_1 l_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | i_2 l_2 \rangle \\ +\frac{1}{2} \langle i_1 j_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | k_2 j_2 \rangle \cdot \langle k_1 l_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | l_2 i_2 \rangle \\ +\frac{1}{2} \langle i_1 j_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | i_2 k_2 \rangle \cdot \langle k_1 l_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | l_2 j_2 \rangle \\ +\frac{1}{4} \langle i_1 j_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | j_2 i_2 \rangle \cdot \langle k_1 l_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | l_2 k_2 \rangle \\ +\frac{1}{2} \langle i_1 j_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | k_2 l_2 \rangle \cdot \langle k_1 l_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | i_2 j_2 \rangle \\ -\frac{1}{4} \langle i_1 j_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | k_2 i_2 \rangle \cdot \langle k_1 l_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | l_2 j_2 \rangle \\ -\frac{1}{4} \langle i_1 j_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | j_2 k_2 \rangle \cdot \langle k_1 l_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | l_2 i_2 \rangle \\ -\frac{1}{4} \langle i_1 j_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | k_2 l_2 \rangle \cdot \langle k_1 l_1 | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | j_2 i_2 \rangle, \end{array} \right.$$

where P_{i_1, i_2} is the element of the usual density matrix,

$$P_{i_1, i_2} = \sum_{i=1}^n 2c_{i, i_1} \cdot c_{i, i_2},$$

with c_{i, i_1} the i_1 th component of the coefficient vector c_i (i.e. the i_1 th LCAO coefficient of orbital ψ_i).

The eigenvalues χ_i are

$$\chi_i = \langle i|Q|i \rangle = \sum_{i_1, i_2=1}^m c_{i, i_1} c_{i, i_2} \cdot (Q_{i_1, i_2}^{(4)} + Q_{i_1, i_2}^{(3)} + Q_{i_1, i_2}^{(2)} + Q_{i_1, i_2}^{(1)}),$$

whereas the F^2 value of the Slater determinant, by comparing the formulae for Q and F^2 , turns out to be

$$\begin{aligned} F^2 &= 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{i_1, i_2=1}^m c_{i, i_1} c_{i, i_2} \left(\frac{1}{4} Q_{i_1, i_2}^{(4)} + \frac{1}{3} Q_{i_1, i_2}^{(3)} + \frac{1}{2} Q_{i_1, i_2}^{(2)} + Q_{i_1, i_2}^{(1)} \right) + \lambda^*{}^2 \\ &= \sum_{i_1, i_2=1}^m P_{i_1, i_2} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{4} Q_{i_1, i_2}^{(4)} + \frac{1}{3} Q_{i_1, i_2}^{(3)} + \frac{1}{2} Q_{i_1, i_2}^{(2)} + Q_{i_1, i_2}^{(1)} \right) + \lambda^*{}^2. \end{aligned}$$

In a subsequent paper, the iteration procedure arising from the equation deduced here will be discussed and tested by application on some simple atomic systems.

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