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How to write your own *ab initio* electronic structure program.



Prerequisites

- Linear algebra
 - matrix diagonalization, eigenvalues and eigenvectors
 - matrix multiplication arithmetic
- Basic quantum chemistry
 - Basis sets, linear combination of molecular orbitals
- Basic programming skills
 - *For* and *while* loops, vectors (or other type of container), functions, variables



Learning goals

- **Understand** the SCF algorithm in Hartree-Fock theory
- **Identify** the building blocks underlying the HF-SCF code
- **Build** critical pieces of the routine from scratch
- Effectively **use** pre-built libraries to avoid re-inventing the wheel



What is not included...

- A detailed derivation of the Roothaan equations
- **Complex mathematics** (I try to make things as simple as possible, though I will probably abysmally fail to do that...)
- **How to write a proper, user-friendly and efficient electronic structure program** (that in itself is like 3 PhD degrees)

What makes the self-consistent field algorithm?

- The Schrödinger equation
- Born-Oppenheimer approximation
- Slater determinant
- Minimization principle
- (Gaussian) Basis set



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I. Hartree-Fock Equation



The Schrödinger equation

$$\hat{H}\psi = E\psi$$

OK, this one we know, we just inventorize all relevant interactions for the Hamiltonian and plug them in.

$$\hat{H} = -\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{2} \nabla_i^2 - \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{A=1}^M \frac{Z_A}{r_{iA}} + \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j>1}^N \frac{1}{r_{ij}}$$

↑
kinetic energy

↑
nuclear attraction

↑
electron-electron
repulsion

! Here, I applied the Born-Oppenheimer approximation. I don't consider the motion of the nuclei, they are much heavier than the electrons...



Wave function

We have a molecule with multiple electrons, so we need a wave function that can handle that...

Let's use this:

$$\psi = \chi_i(x_1) \chi_j(x_2) \cdots \chi_N(x_N)$$

! This thing is termed the Hartree Product

Cool! If we plug this in the Schrödinger equation

$$\hat{H} = -\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{2} \nabla_i^2 - \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{A=1}^M \frac{Z_A}{r_{iA}} + \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j>1}^N \frac{1}{r_{ij}}$$

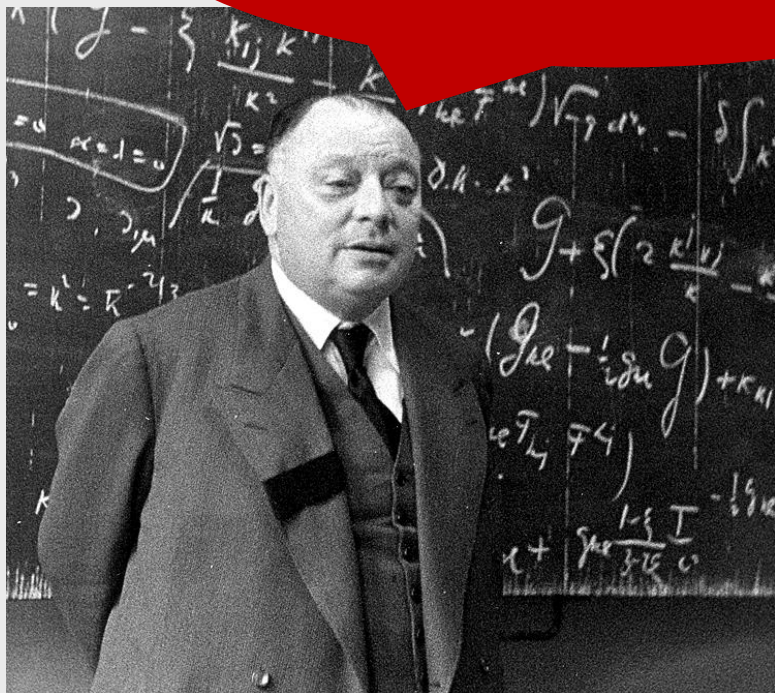
! I have assumed that the χ 's form an orthonormal set, because I am lazy

we get: $E = \epsilon_i + \epsilon_j + \dots + \epsilon_N$

And we're done, right?



WRONG!!!



$$|\psi|^2 = |\chi_i(x_1)|^2 |\chi_j(x_2)|^2 \cdots |\chi_N(x_N)|^2$$

The above is simply the chance to find a particular electron. That chance does not depend on the position of the other electrons. That cannot be right!



The Slater determinant

$$\hat{H}\psi = E\psi \quad \hat{H} = -\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{2} \nabla_i^2 - \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{A=1}^M \frac{Z_A}{r_{iA}} + \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j>1}^N \frac{1}{r_{ij}}$$

! Remember: the x 's are electrons and the χ 's are the spin-orbitals.

$$\psi = (N!)^{-1/2} \begin{vmatrix} \chi_i(x_1) & \chi_j(x_1) & \cdots & \chi_N(x_1) \\ \chi_i(x_2) & \chi_j(x_2) & \cdots & \chi_N(x_2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \chi_i(x_N) & \chi_j(x_N) & \cdots & \chi_N(x_N) \end{vmatrix}$$



The Slater determinant

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- Satisfies anti-symmetry principle (try swapping two x's, the thing gets a minus sign!)
- Electrons become (exchange)-correlated!
- Nevertheless, we call this an uncorrelated wave function because electrons with opposite spin remains uncorrelated...



The Hartree-Fock approximation

$$E = \langle \psi | \hat{H} | \psi \rangle = \underbrace{\sum_i^N \langle \chi_i | -\frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 | \chi_i \rangle}_{\text{kinetic energy}} + \underbrace{\sum_i^N \langle \chi_i | \sum_{A=1}^M \frac{Z_A}{r_{iA}} | \chi_i \rangle}_{\text{nuclear attraction}} \dots$$
$$\dots + \underbrace{\sum_i^N \langle \chi_i | \frac{1}{r_{ij}} \sum_{j \neq i}^N \langle \chi_j | \chi_j \rangle | \chi_i \rangle}_{\text{coulomb repulsion}} - \underbrace{\sum_i^N \langle \chi_i | \frac{1}{r_{ij}} \sum_{j \neq i}^N \langle \chi_j | \chi_i \rangle | \chi_j \rangle}_{\text{exchange}}$$



The Hartree-Fock approximation

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$$\dots + \sum_i^N \sum_{j>i}^N \langle \chi_i \chi_j | \frac{1}{r_{ij}} | \chi_i \chi_j \rangle - \sum_i^N \sum_{j>i}^N \langle \chi_i \chi_j | \frac{1}{r_{ij}} | \chi_j \chi_i \rangle$$

We can transform the above to the eigenvalue form:

$$\left[-\frac{1}{2} \nabla_1^2 - \sum_{A=1}^M \frac{Z_A}{r_{1A}} + \frac{1}{r_{ij}} \sum_{j \neq i}^N \langle \chi_j | \chi_j \rangle - \frac{1}{r_{ij}} \sum_{j \neq i}^N \langle \chi_j | \chi_i \rangle \right] | \chi_i(1) \rangle = \varepsilon_i | \chi_i(1) \rangle$$

And by introducing a couple additional operators:

$$\left[h(1) + \sum_{j \neq i}^N J_j(1) - \sum_{j \neq i}^N K_j(1) \right] | \chi_i(1) \rangle = \varepsilon_i | \chi_i(1) \rangle$$



Interim summary

Hamiltonian + Slater Determinant =
Hartree-Fock equation

$$\left[h(1) + \sum_{j \neq i}^N J_j(1) - \sum_{j \neq i}^N K_j(1) \right] |\chi_i(1)\rangle = \varepsilon_i |\chi_i(1)\rangle$$

This is an integro-differential equation, as J and K depend on all the other spin-orbitals. Thus, the equation cannot be solved exactly, and we resort to numerical methods.



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II. Energy minimization

Basis sets & energy minimization

Each spin-orbital is given by a linear expansion of a set of known basis functions

$$|\chi_\alpha(1)\rangle = \sum_i^N c_i |\varphi_i\rangle$$

We want to find the **best set of coefficients** that minimizes the energy

“WE have THE BEST coefficients that minimize the energy!”



The linear variational principle

Let's start simple...

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_i^N c_i |\varphi_i\rangle$$

Minimize a single-electron wave function which is a linear expansion of a set of known basis functions.

$$E = \langle \psi | H | \psi \rangle \quad \text{subject to the constraint that} \quad \langle \psi | \psi \rangle - 1 = 0$$

i.e., that the wave function
remains normalized

 Notice: the $\{\varphi_i\}$ does not need to be an orthonormalized set

The linear variational principle

Great, this we recognize!

$$\sum_i H_{ij} c_j = E \sum_i S_{ij} c_j$$

$$\mathbf{Hc} = E\mathbf{Sc} \leftarrow \text{Coefficient vector}$$

\uparrow
 \swarrow Overlap matrix

Hamiltonian matrix

But instead of a single-electron wave function, we have a **single determinant**. How do we minimize this?

The linear variational principle

$$f |\chi_i\rangle = \sum_{j=1}^N \varepsilon_{ji} |\chi_j\rangle$$



But in Quantum Chemistry 101 I learned this:

$$f |\chi_i\rangle = \varepsilon_i |\chi_i\rangle$$



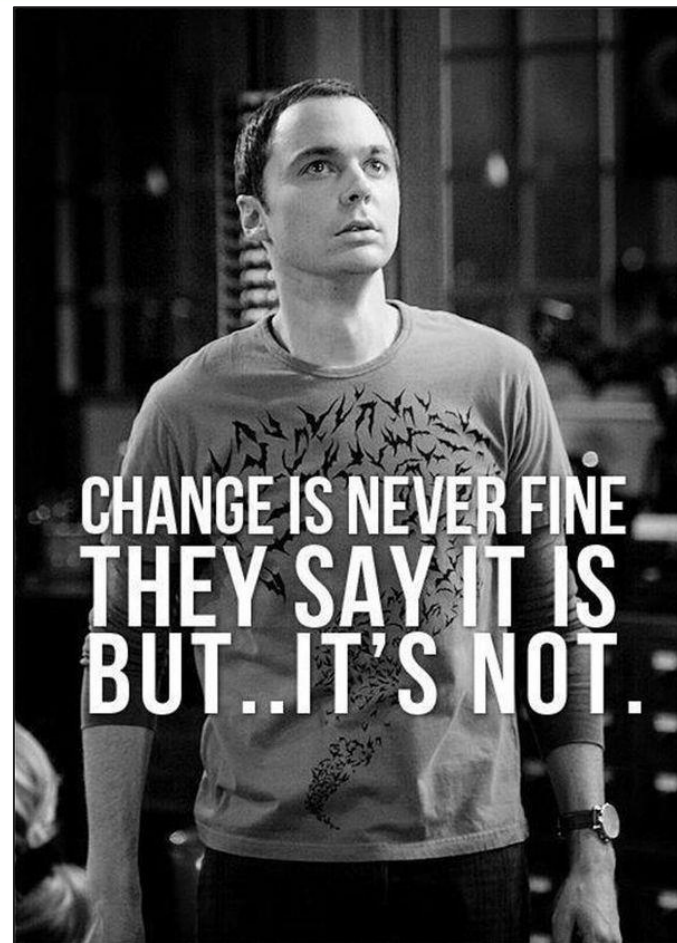
Unitary transformations

This solution says that there are an infinite number of solutions. This is not OK, because we do not like change and would like to have a **unique solution**.

$$f |\chi_i\rangle = \sum_{b=1}^N \varepsilon_{ji} |\chi_j\rangle$$

Solution: Introduce a **unitary matrix**

$$f |\chi_i\rangle = \varepsilon_i |\chi_i\rangle$$





Unitary transformations

$$\chi_i' = \sum_j \chi_j U_{ji}$$

Introduce a **unitary matrix**...

... to obtain a new set of spin-orbitals from a given set.

$$U^\dagger = U^{-1}$$

$$UU^{-1} = UU^\dagger = \mathbf{1}$$

Such a unitary transformation does not affect J or K , as they depend purely on the sums of the spin-orbitals. Hence, the Fock operator f is **invariant** to an **arbitrary unitary transformation**.

$$f |\chi_i\rangle = \sum_{b=1}^N \varepsilon_{ji} |\chi_j\rangle$$

Note that ε_{ji} forms a Hermitian matrix.



Unitary transformations

$$f |\chi_i\rangle = \sum_{b=1}^N \varepsilon_{ji} |\chi_j\rangle$$

$$\langle \chi_a | f | \chi_b \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^N \varepsilon_{ib} \langle \chi_a | \chi_i \rangle = \varepsilon_{ab}$$

The energies are matrix elements of the Fock operator

$$\langle \chi_c' | f | \chi_d' \rangle = \varepsilon'_{cd}$$

$$\langle \chi_c' | f | \chi_d' \rangle = \sum_{cd} U_{ca}^* U_{db} \langle \chi_a | f | \chi_b \rangle = \varepsilon'_{cd}$$

$$\varepsilon'_{cd} = \sum_{cd} U_{ca}^* \varepsilon_{ab} U_{db}$$

$$\varepsilon' = \mathbf{U}^\dagger \varepsilon \mathbf{U}$$

In words, I can introduce a unitary transformation \mathbf{U} such that ε becomes a **diagonal matrix**.



Interim summary

$$f |\chi_i\rangle = \sum_{b=1}^N \varepsilon_{ji} |\chi_j\rangle$$

$$f |\chi_i'\rangle = \varepsilon_i' |\chi_i'\rangle$$

$$f |\chi_i\rangle = \varepsilon_i |\chi_i\rangle$$

I choose a unitary transformation such that ε diagonalizes

And I drop the primes



Roothaan equations

Last step: how to **minimize the energy** of a **single determinant** that is constructed from a **known basis set**?

$$f |\chi_i\rangle = \varepsilon_i |\chi_i\rangle \quad \text{and} \quad |\chi_i\rangle = \sum_{j=1}^N C_{ji} \varphi_j$$

$$f(1) \sum_{j=1}^N C_{ji} \varphi_j(1) = \varepsilon_i \sum_{j=1}^N C_{ji} \varphi_j(1)$$

$$\mathbf{FC} = \mathbf{SC}\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$$

These are the Roothaan equations

Plug linear expansion into eigenvalue equation

Multiply by φ_j on the left and change into matrix equation



Interim summary

By applying the linear variational principle to a single-determinant wave function, we obtain the Roothaan equations:

$$\text{Fock-matrix} \rightarrow \boxed{\mathbf{FC} = \mathbf{SC}\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}} \leftarrow \text{Energy matrix (diagonal)}$$

Coefficient matrix Overlap matrix



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III. The SCF procedure



$$\mathbf{FC} = \mathbf{SC}\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$$

$$S_{ij} = \langle \varphi_i | \varphi_j \rangle$$

$$F_{ij} = \langle \varphi_i | f | \varphi_j \rangle = \langle \varphi_i | h + \sum_{b=1}^N J_b - \sum_{b=1}^N K_b | \varphi_j \rangle$$

$$\chi_i = \sum_{j=1}^K C_j \varphi_j$$



Auxiliary matrices

$$P_{ij} = 2 \sum_a^{N/2} C_{ia} C_{ja}^*$$

$$T_{ij} = \langle \varphi_i | -\frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 | \varphi_j \rangle$$

$$V_{ij} = \langle \varphi_i | -\sum_A \frac{Z_A}{|r - R_A|} | \varphi_j \rangle$$

$$H_{ij}^{\text{core}} = T_{ij} + V_{ij}$$

$$F_{ij} = H_{ij}^{\text{core}} + \sum_{kl} P_{kl} \left[\langle ik | lj \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle il | kj \rangle \right]$$

$$F_{ij} = H_{ij}^{\text{core}} + G_{ij}$$

$$S_{ij} = \langle \varphi_i | \varphi_j \rangle$$

$$F_{ij} = \langle \varphi_i | f | \varphi_j \rangle = \langle \varphi_i | h + \sum_{b=1}^N J_b - \sum_{b=1}^N K_b | \varphi_j \rangle$$

$$\chi_i = \sum_{j=1}^K C_j \varphi_j$$

We introduce a density matrix **P** and separate **F** into an one-electron **H^{core}** and two-electron **G** part.



The SCF procedure: Step 1

Step 1: The system

- M nuclei at positions $\{R_M\}$
- N electrons
- K basis function $\{\varphi_i\}$

The SCF procedure : Step 2

Step 2: Calculate matrices which do not change over the course of the SCF algorithm

$$S_{ij} = \langle \varphi_i | \varphi_j \rangle$$

$$T_{ij} = \langle \varphi_i | -\frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 | \varphi_j \rangle$$

$$V_{ij} = \langle \varphi_i | -\sum_A \frac{Z_A}{|r - R_A|} | \varphi_j \rangle$$

$$H_{ij}^{\text{core}} = T_{ij} + V_{ij}$$

$$\langle \varphi_i \varphi_j | \varphi_k \varphi_l \rangle = \langle \varphi_i \varphi_j | r_{kl}^{-1} | \varphi_k \varphi_l \rangle$$

- Overlap
- Kinetic energy
- Nuclear attraction
- Core hamiltonian
- Two-electron integrals

Step 3: Orthonormalize the basis set

Construct a transformation X that the basis functions form an orthonormal set

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{XC}' \quad \langle \varphi_i' | \varphi_j' \rangle = \delta_{ij}$$

We can apply this transformation to F to get F' , which we can solve and always back-transform to our original basis set.

$$\mathbf{F}'\mathbf{C}' = \mathbf{C}'\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \quad \mathbf{F}' = \mathbf{X}^\dagger\mathbf{F}\mathbf{X}$$

Step 3: Orthonormalize the basis set

Typically, a **canonical transformation** is used for this purpose, which is defined as

$$\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{s}\mathbf{U}^\dagger$$

1. We **diagonalize** the overlap matrix \mathbf{S} , which gives us the diagonal matrix \mathbf{s} (eigenvalues) and a unitary matrix \mathbf{U} (eigenvectors).

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{s}^{-1/2}$$

2. We construct the transformation \mathbf{X} from the eigenvalues and eigenvectors.

The SCF procedure : Step 4

Step 4: Obtain a guess for the density matrix P

$$P = 0$$

We simply use the null (zero) matrix


The SCF procedure : Step 5

Step 5: Calculate G and F and F'

$$G_{ij} = \sum_{kl} P_{kl} \left[\langle ik | lj \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle il | kj \rangle \right]$$

$$F_{ij} = H_{ij}^{\text{core}} + G_{ij}$$

$$\mathbf{F}' = \mathbf{X}^\dagger \mathbf{F} \mathbf{X}$$

 Recall: we already obtained the values for all two-electron integrals in step 2 and \mathbf{X} in step 3.

Step 6: Diagonalize F' to obtain C' and ϵ

$$F' = C' \epsilon C'^{\dagger}$$

We obtain the eigenvectors, i.e. the linear coefficients, and the energies of the molecular orbitals in the orthonormalized basis.

 Notice: This is the same diagonalization algorithm as employed in step 3.

Step 7: Calculate C from C'

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{C}'$$

To get the linear coefficients in our **regular base**, we simply use the transformation matrix \mathbf{X} . Because \mathbf{X} is a unitary matrix, we know that the energies of the molecular orbitals in the regular basis are the **same** as in the orthonormalized basis!

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}'$$

The SCF procedure : Step 8

Step 8: Form a new density matrix P from C

$$P_{ij} = 2 \sum_a^{N/2} C_{ia} C_{ja}^*$$

Determine whether this new matrix P is the same as the old matrix P (within some margin). If it is, self-convergence is achieved, if not, go back to step 5.

Instead of checking whether the density matrices are converged, you can also probe the total energy.

The SCF procedure : Overview

$$S_{ij} = \langle \varphi_i | \varphi_j \rangle$$

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$$H_{ij}^{\text{core}} = T_{ij} + V_{ij}$$

$$\langle \varphi_i \varphi_j | \varphi_k \varphi_l \rangle = \langle \varphi_i \varphi_j | r_{kl}^{-1} | \varphi_k \varphi_l \rangle$$

Calculating the two-electron integrals is the most time-consuming step and scales with N^4 . (step 2)

1 Define nuclei and basis functions

2 Calculate S, T, V, H and TE-integrals. 

3 Calculate transformation matrix

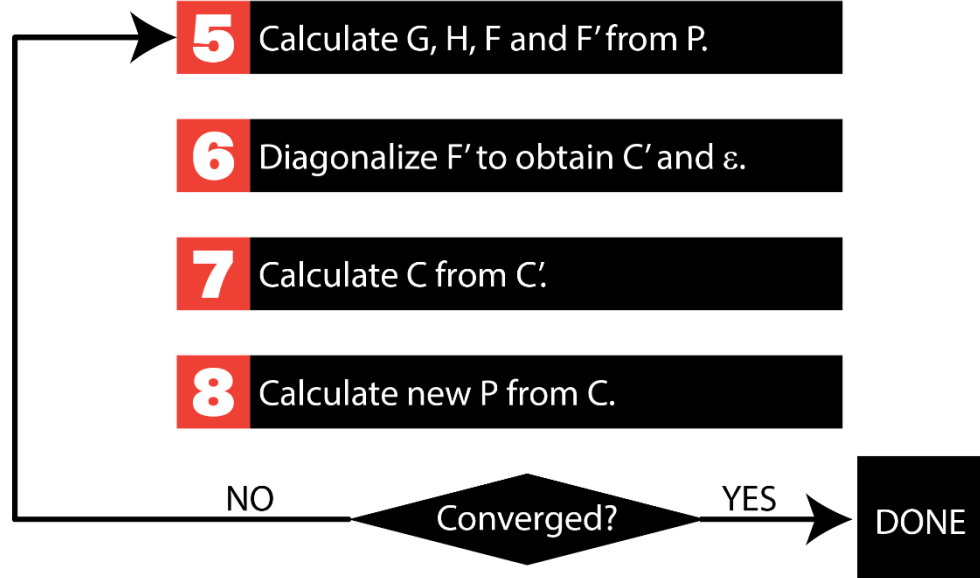
4 Obtain initial guess for density matrix

5 Calculate G, H, F and F' from P.

6 Diagonalize F' to obtain C' and ϵ .

7 Calculate C from C'.

8 Calculate new P from C.





Example: H₂O @ STO-3G (1/5)

- 3 atoms
- 7 CGF (2 for H, 5 for O)

$$\mathbf{S} = \begin{bmatrix}
 & \varphi_{1s}^{\text{O}} & \varphi_{2s}^{\text{O}} & \varphi_{2p_x}^{\text{O}} & \varphi_{2p_y}^{\text{O}} & \varphi_{2p_z}^{\text{O}} & \varphi_{1s}^{\text{H1}} & \varphi_{1s}^{\text{H2}} \\
 \varphi_{1s}^{\text{O}} & 1 & 0.23114 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.15239 & 0.15239 \\
 \varphi_{2s}^{\text{O}} & & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.79121 & 0.79121 \\
 \varphi_{2p_x}^{\text{O}} & & & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0.35345 & -0.35345 \\
 \varphi_{2p_y}^{\text{O}} & & & & 1 & 0 & 0.27361 & 0.27361 \\
 \varphi_{2p_z}^{\text{O}} & & & & & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
 \varphi_{1s}^{\text{H1}} & & & & & & 1 & 0.61996 \\
 \varphi_{1s}^{\text{H2}} & & & & & & & 1
 \end{bmatrix}$$



Example: H₂O @ STO-3G (2/5)

- Canonical orthogonalization of S gives X

(can you perhaps identify symmetry aspects here...)

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix}
 & \varphi_{1s}^{\text{O}} & \varphi_{2s}^{\text{O}} & \varphi_{2p_x}^{\text{O}} & \varphi_{2p_y}^{\text{O}} & \varphi_{2p_z}^{\text{O}} & \varphi_{1s}^{\text{H1}} & \varphi_{1s}^{\text{H2}} \\
 \varphi_{1s}^{\text{O}} & 1.02259 & -0.14215 & 0 & -0.00769 & 0 & 0.00666 & 0.00666 \\
 \varphi_{2s}^{\text{O}} & & 2.26169 & 0 & 0.42701 & 0 & -0.90516 & -0.90516 \\
 \varphi_{2p_x}^{\text{O}} & & & 1.41635 & 0 & 0 & -0.67573 & 0.67573 \\
 \varphi_{2p_y}^{\text{O}} & & & & 1.14695 & 0 & -0.31189 & -0.31189 \\
 \varphi_{2p_z}^{\text{O}} & & & & & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
 \varphi_{1s}^{\text{H1}} & & & & & & 2.13618 & -0.46540 \\
 \varphi_{1s}^{\text{H2}} & & & & & & & 2.13618
 \end{bmatrix}$$



Example: H₂O @ STO-3G (3/5)

Integral evaluation yields (for example) the following H matrix:

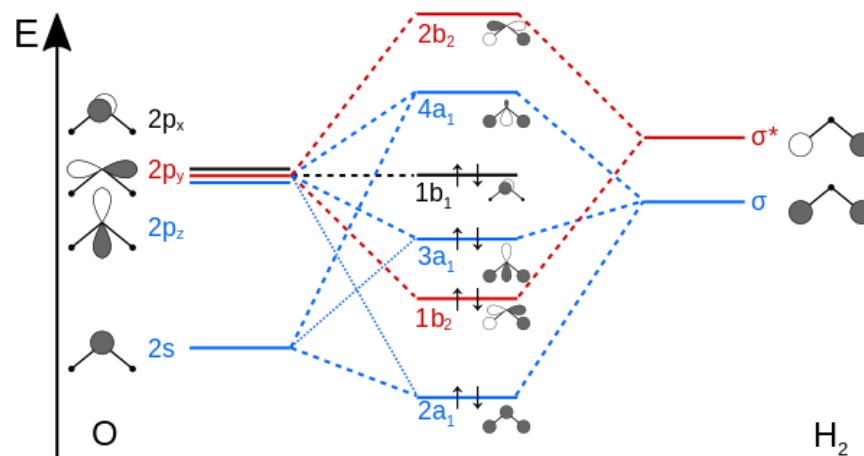
$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix}
 & \varphi_{1s}^{\text{O}} & \varphi_{2s}^{\text{O}} & \varphi_{2p_x}^{\text{O}} & \varphi_{2p_y}^{\text{O}} & \varphi_{2p_z}^{\text{O}} & \varphi_{1s}^{\text{H1}} & \varphi_{1s}^{\text{H2}} \\
 \varphi_{1s}^{\text{O}} & -34.02030 & -7.52954 & 0 & -0.07106 & 0 & -5.00637 & -5.00637 \\
 \varphi_{2s}^{\text{O}} & & -9.90374 & 0 & -0.45101 & 0 & -7.39309 & -7.39309 \\
 \varphi_{2p_x}^{\text{O}} & & & -8.38763 & 0 & 0 & -2.72350 & 2.72350 \\
 \varphi_{2p_y}^{\text{O}} & & & & -8.23916 & 0 & -2.36381 & -2.36381 \\
 \varphi_{2p_z}^{\text{O}} & & & & & -8.01716 & 0 & 0 \\
 \varphi_{1s}^{\text{H1}} & & & & & & -7.74241 & -5.31508 \\
 \varphi_{1s}^{\text{H2}} & & & & & & & -7.74241
 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example: H₂O @ STO-3G (4/5)

Solutions (eigenvectors and eigenvalues)

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} -20.7292555611 & -1.6971769512 & -0.9543621271 & -0.5943021376 & -0.5560416689 & 1.0154742617 & 1.5060329764 \\ \varphi_{1s}^O & -0.9959 & 0.2284 & 0 & -0.0984 & 0 & 0.1112 & -0.0000 \\ \varphi_{2s}^O & -0.0324 & -0.8682 & 0 & 0.4427 & 0 & -2.4506 & -0.0000 \\ \varphi_{2p_x}^O & -0.0000 & -0.0000 & 0.7151 & 0 & 0 & -0.0000 & -1.5517 \\ \varphi_{2p_y}^O & -0.0099 & -0.3737 & 0 & -0.9056 & 0 & -0.8559 & 0.0000 \\ \varphi_{2p_z}^O & -0.0000 & -0.0000 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \varphi_{1s}^{H1} & 0.0115 & -0.0461 & 0.3766 & -0.0201 & 0 & 1.5198 & 1.9232 \\ \varphi_{1s}^{H2} & 0.0115 & -0.0461 & -0.3766 & -0.0201 & 0 & 1.5198 & -1.9232 \end{bmatrix}$$

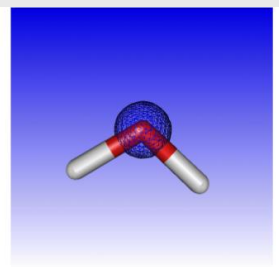
From the solution you can
(for instance) generate an
MO diagram



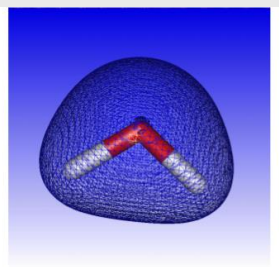


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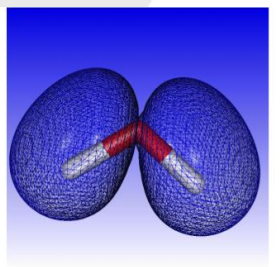
Visualize orbitals



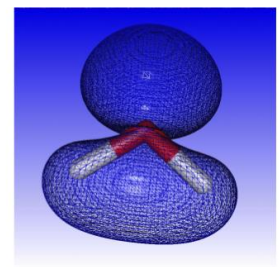
1 (A₁): O1s



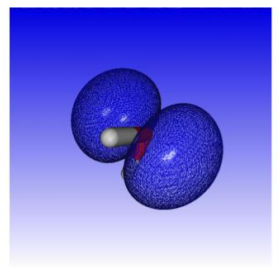
2 (A₁): O2s+H₂σ_g



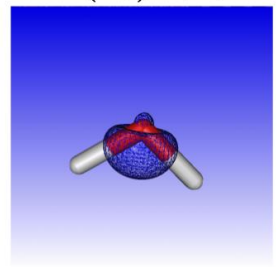
3 (B₂): O2p_y+H₂σ_u



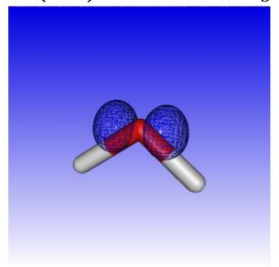
4 (A₁): O2p_z+H₂σ_g



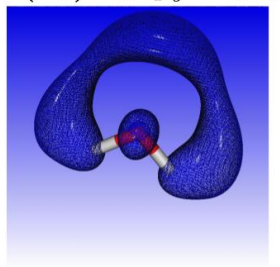
1 (B₁): O2p_x



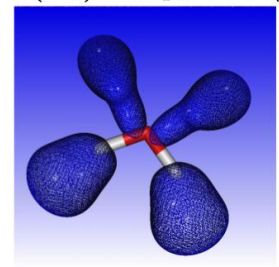
6 (A₁): H₂σ_g



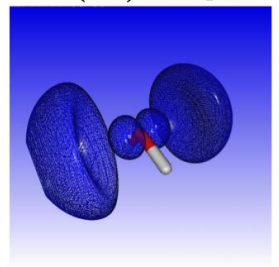
7 (B₂): H₂σ_u



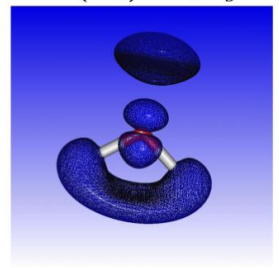
8 (A₁): H₂σ_g



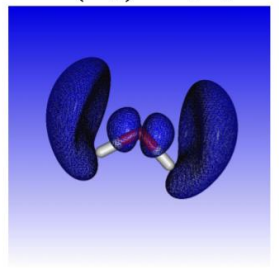
9 (B₂): O p_y+H₂σ_u



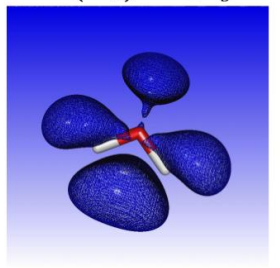
1 (B₁): O p_x



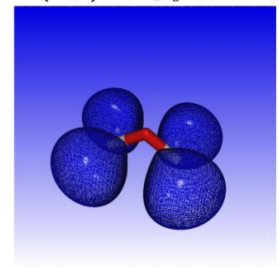
11 (A₁): O p_z+H₂σ_g



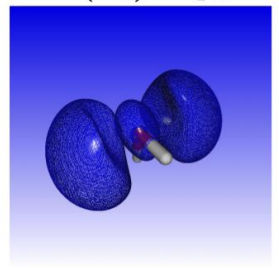
12 (B₂): O p_y



13 (A₁): H₂σ_g + p_y + p_z



14 (A₁): H₂p_x



15 (A₁): O1s+H₂σ_g



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IV. Building the code



Basis functions

For the basis functions, we are going to use
Gaussian Type Orbitals (GTOs)

$$\phi_{\text{GTO}} = d \cdot (x - X_A)^l \cdot (y - Y_A)^m \cdot (z - Z_A)^n \cdot \exp\left(-\alpha |r - R_A|^2\right)$$

Which in turn can form **Contracted Gaussian Orbitals (CGFs)** as:

$$\varphi_{\text{CGF}} = \sum_{i=1}^L c_i \phi_i(\alpha, l, m, n, \vec{R})$$



Example: STO-3G for H at (0,0,0)

$$\varphi_{\text{CGF}} = \sum_{i=1}^L c_i \phi_i(\alpha, l, m, n, \vec{R})$$

$$L = 3$$

$$l = m = n = 0$$

$$R_A = (0, 0, 0)$$

1S (H)	α	c_i
1	3.425251	0.154329
2	0.623914	0.535328
3	0.168855	0.444635

C++ code

```
// construct cgf
const vec3 pos1(0.0, 0.0, 0.0);
CGF cgf1(pos1);
cgf1.add_gto(CGF::GTO_S, 3.4252509099999999, 0.15432897000000001, pos1);
cgf1.add_gto(CGF::GTO_S, 0.623913730000000006, 0.535328139999999995, pos1);
cgf1.add_gto(CGF::GTO_S, 0.168855399999999999, 0.444634540000000002, pos1);
```



Integral library (integrals.cpp)

Types of integrals

- Overlap integrals
- Kinetic
- Nuclear
- Two-electron integrals

One class that solves all types of integrals given a set of CGFs (which are also a class).

C++ code

```
// overlap integrals
integrator.overlap(cgf1, cgf2);

// kinetic energy integrals
integrator.kinetic(cgf1, cgf2);

// nuclear attraction integrals
integrator.nuclear(cgf1, cgf2, pos, charge);

// two-electron integrals
integrator.repulsion(cgf1, cgf2, cgf3, cgf4);
```



Integral library (integrals.cpp)

Gaussian Type Orbital Integral evaluation is **non-trivial**. It relies on a relatively complex set of routines. Nevertheless, it is fast (relatively speaking) and can be (rather) trivially parallelized.

$$\varphi_{i,\text{CGF}} \cdot \varphi_{j,\text{CGF}} = \varphi_{p,\text{CGF}}$$

The product of two GTOs, is a **new** GTOs. And the product of four GTOs is by extension also a new GTOs. Hence, all type of integral evaluations can be back-transformed to **single-GTO** integrals.



Integral library: Overlap integrals

$$\langle \varphi_i | \varphi_j \rangle = \exp \left(\frac{\alpha_i a_j |\vec{R}_i - \vec{R}_j|^2}{\alpha_i + a_j} \right) S_x S_y S_z$$

$$S_x = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\alpha_i + a_j}} \sum_{n=0}^{\frac{l_i+l_j}{2}} f_{2n} \left(l_i, l_j, |X_P - X_i|, |X_P - X_j| \right) \frac{(2n-1)!!}{\left(2(\alpha_i + a_j) \right)^n}$$

$$f_n(l, m, a, b) = \sum_{k=\max(0, n-m)}^{\min(j, l)} \binom{l}{k} \binom{m}{n-k} a^{l-k} b^{m+k-n}$$

! Don't focus too much on this. I just want to show how it's done.



Integral library: Kinetic integrals

$$-\frac{1}{2}\nabla^2|\varphi\rangle = \alpha(2(l+m+n)+3)\varphi(\alpha, l, m, n, \vec{R})$$

$$-2\alpha^2 \left[\underbrace{\varphi(\alpha, l+2, m, n, \vec{R}) + \varphi(\alpha, l, m+2, n, \vec{R}) + \varphi(\alpha, l, m, n+2, \vec{R})}_{\text{overlap integrals of two orders higher}} \right]$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} \left[\underbrace{l(l-1)\varphi(\alpha, l-2, m, n, \vec{R}) + m(m-1)\varphi(\alpha, l, m-2, n, \vec{R}) + n(n-1)\varphi(\alpha, l, m, n-2, \vec{R})}_{\text{overlap integrals of two orders lower}} \right]$$

In other words: the kinetic integral can be expanded as a **set of overlap integrals**.

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Integral library: Nuclear integrals

$$\langle \varphi_i | \frac{1}{\vec{R}_C} | \varphi_j \rangle = \frac{2\pi}{\alpha_i + \alpha_j} \exp\left(\frac{\alpha_i \alpha_j |\vec{R}_i - \vec{R}_j|^2}{\alpha_i + \alpha_j} \right).$$

$$\underbrace{\sum_{l=0}^{l_i+l_j} \sum_{r=0}^l \sum_{i=0}^{l-2r} A_{l,r,i}(l_i, l_j, X_i, X_j, X_C, \alpha_i + \alpha_j)}_{\text{x-component}}.$$

$$\underbrace{\sum_{m=0}^{m_i+m_j} \sum_{s=0}^m \sum_{j=0}^{m-2s} A_{m,s,j}(l_i, l_j, Y_i, Y_j, Y_C, \alpha_i + \alpha_j)}_{\text{y-component}}.$$

$$\underbrace{\sum_{n=0}^{n_i+n_j} \sum_{t=0}^n \sum_{k=0}^{n-2t} A_{n,t,k}(l_i, l_j, Z_i, Z_j, Z_C, \alpha_i + \alpha_j)}_{\text{z-component}}.$$

$$F_{l+m+n-2(r+s+t)-(i+j+k)}(\alpha_i + \alpha_j |\vec{P} - \vec{C}|^2)$$

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where

$$A_{l,r,i}(l_i, l_j, X_i, X_j, X_C, \gamma) = (-1)^i f_l(l_i, l_j, |X_P - X_i|, |X_P - X_j|) \cdot \frac{(-1)^i l! |X_P - X_C|^{l-2r-2i} \varepsilon^{r+i}}{r! i! (l-2r-2i)!}$$

and

$$\varepsilon = \frac{1}{4\gamma}$$

and

$$\gamma = \alpha_i + \alpha_j$$

Object-oriented programming

In the earliest programming languages, functionality was captured in functions (makes sense...). In object-oriented programming, we can have another level of abstraction by encapsulating similar functions into a class. The instantiation of that class, is called an object. Here, the *integral evaluation* are encapsulated inside such a class. The user only has to use a simple interface in order to leverage the complex functionality.

TL;DR

I have made complex stuff easy by putting it inside class.





Matrix library (eigen3)

We need a library that defines matrices and is able to do matrix **diagonalization**. Here, we will use the **eigen3** library (open source).

Technical note: There are a plethora of matrix-diagonalization algorithms. They are typically classified by the type of matrix to diagonalize. We will solely diagonalize real (i.e. non-complex) self-adjoint matrices. In other words: **symmetric** matrices.

C++ code

```
// calculate eigenvalues and eigenvectors
Eigen::SelfAdjointEigenSolver<Eigen::MatrixXd> es(A);
Eigen::MatrixXd D = es.eigenvalues().real().asDiagonal();
Eigen::MatrixXd U = es.eigenvectors().real();
```



Matrix library (eigen3)

A very important note which will save you a lot of headache

A matrix diagonalization routine will typically solve this:

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{VDV}^{-1} \quad (\text{unless specified otherwise})$$

But, you need this for **canonical orthogonalization**:

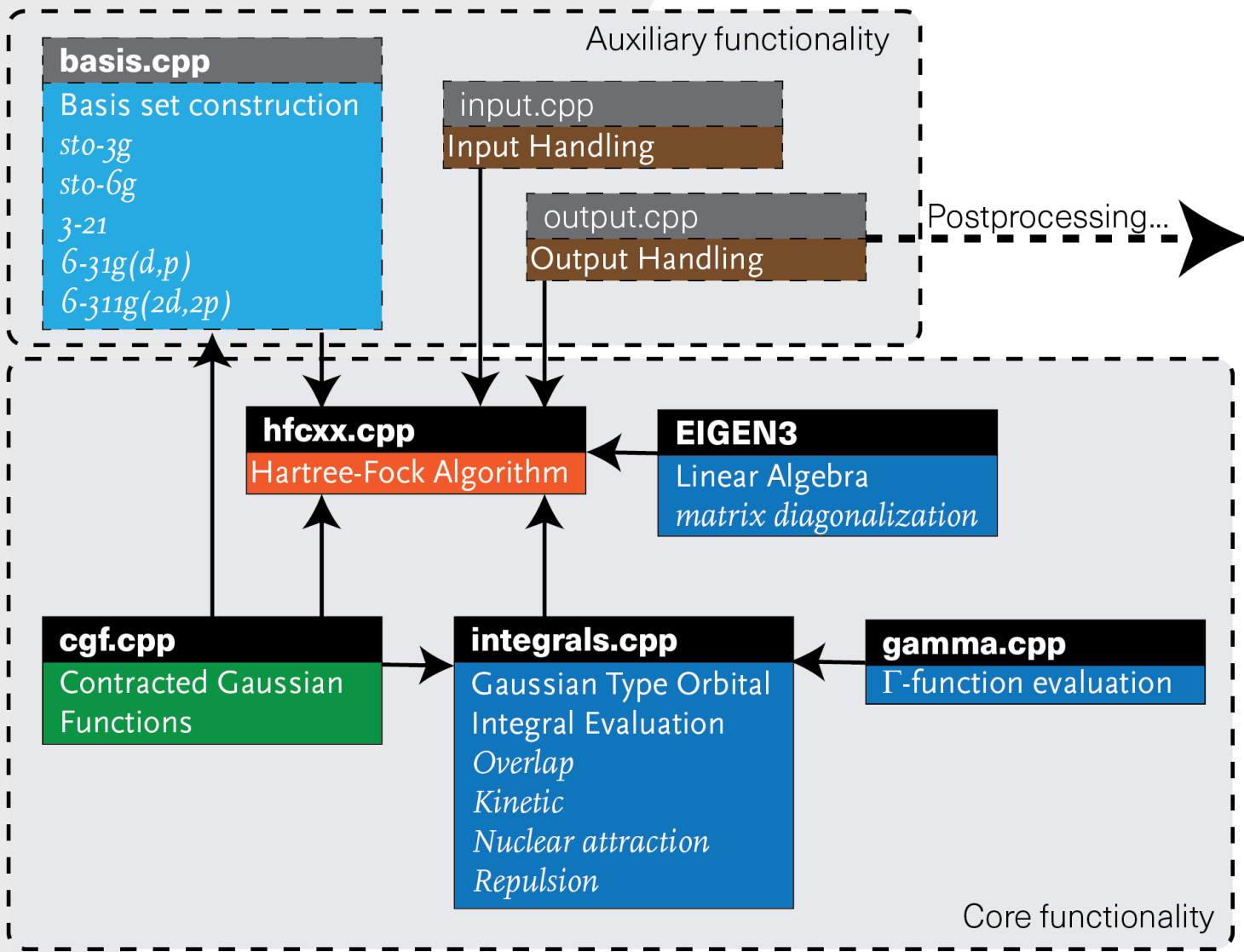
$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{UDU}^\dagger \quad U \text{ is here unitary}$$

Hence, make absolutely sure that your matrix diagonalization library does this. The default *EigenSolver* from Eigen3 does **not** do this, you need the **SelfAdjointEigenSolver** for this.

So check it! (exercise 4)



Program architecture





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V. The exercises



Assumptions

- This is a very heterogeneous class (some with abundant programming / math skills, others will only basics)
- You are at least comfortable with reading code
- You are proficient with abstraction and *ok* with loosing details to gain conceptual understanding
- You want to be in charge of your own learning trajectory



Learning strategy

- Collaborative learning: Not everyone is an expert. **Learn from your neighbor.** Even if your neighbor is complete and utter expert in the field, you can still help him/her in conveying knowledge.
- Learn by example: There are no good programming courses. There are only good programmers and programs. Learn by copying. Next: **Improvise. Adapt. Overcome.**





Exercises

1. H atom
Calculate the electronic energy using a basis function
2. He atom
Explore two-electron integrals
3. H₂ atom
Construct S , T , V matrices and two-electron integrals using the integral library
4. Transformation matrix
Calculate the transformation matrix to orthonormalize your basis set
5. Self-consistent field calculation
Perform a self-consistent field calculation on H₂ and adapt the algorithm to accommodate a larger basis set

Challenge for the fast learners

For the fast learners, there is a **bonus** exercise:

Adapt the H₂ algorithm to calculate the carbon monoxide (CO) molecule.

However, since the solution for this exercise is given, I **challenge** you to calculate **methane** (CH₄) at the STO-3G level of theory.

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED.

