

Suppose we choose to describe an atom in lowest order using a potential $U(r)$ other than the HF potential.

1. Show that the correction to the first-order energy from the single-particle part of the potential (V_1) for a one electron atom in a state v is

$$E_v^{(1)} = \Delta_{vv},$$

where $\Delta = V_{\text{HF}} - U$.

We use the fact that the contribution to the first-order energy from V_1 is

$$\begin{aligned} E^{(1)} &= \langle \Psi_0 | V_1 | \Psi_0 \rangle \\ &= \sum_{ij} \Delta_{ij} \langle 0_c | a_v : a_i^\dagger a_j : a_v^\dagger | 0_c \rangle \\ &= \sum_{ij} \Delta_{ij} \delta_{iv} \delta_{jv} \\ &= \Delta_{vv}. \end{aligned}$$

2. Show that the corresponding second-order correction is

$$E_v^{(2)} = \sum_{na} \frac{\Delta_{na} \tilde{g}_{avnv} + \tilde{g}_{nvnv} \Delta_{an}}{\epsilon_n - \epsilon_a} - \sum_{i \neq v} \frac{\Delta_{vi} \Delta_{iv}}{\epsilon_i - \epsilon_v}.$$

Here, i runs over a and n .

First, we note that if we add V_1 to the potential, then the expression for the correlation function becomes

$$\chi^{(1)} = \sum_{ma} \chi_{ma}^{(1)} a_m^\dagger a_a + \sum_m \chi_{mv}^{(1)} a_m a_v + \sum_{mnab} \chi_{mnab}^{(1)} a_m^\dagger a_n^\dagger a_b a_a + \sum_{mnb} \chi_{mnb}^{(1)} a_m^\dagger a_n^\dagger a_b a_v,$$

where,

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_{ma}^{(1)} &= - \frac{\Delta_{ma}}{\epsilon_m - \epsilon_a} \\ \chi_{va}^{(1)} &= - \frac{\Delta_{mv}}{\epsilon_m - \epsilon_v} \\ \chi_{mnab}^{(1)} &= - \frac{1}{2} \frac{g_{mnab}}{\epsilon_m + \epsilon_n - \epsilon_a - \epsilon_b} \\ \chi_{mnb}^{(1)} &= - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\tilde{g}_{mnb}}{\epsilon_m + \epsilon_n - \epsilon_v - \epsilon_b} \end{aligned}$$

The extra terms in the second-order energy from V_1 are

$$\begin{aligned}
E^{(2)} &= \langle 0_c | a_v V_1 \left(\sum_{abmn} \chi_{mnab}^{(1)} a_m^\dagger a_n^\dagger a_b a_a + \sum_{mnb} \chi_{mnbv}^{(1)} a_m^\dagger a_n^\dagger a_b a_v \right) a_v^\dagger | 0_c \rangle \\
&+ \langle 0_c | a_v V_1 \left(\sum_{am} \chi_{ma}^{(1)} a_m^\dagger a_a + \sum_m \chi_{mv}^{(1)} a_m^\dagger a_v \right) a_v^\dagger | 0_c \rangle \\
&+ \langle 0_c | a_v V_2 \left(\sum_{am} \chi_{ma}^{(1)} a_m^\dagger a_a + \sum_m \chi_{mv}^{(1)} a_m^\dagger a_v \right) a_v^\dagger | 0_c \rangle \\
&= \sum_{ij} \Delta_{ij} \sum_{mnab} \chi_{mnab}^{(1)} \langle 0_c | a_v : a_i^\dagger a_j : a_m^\dagger a_n^\dagger a_b a_a a_v^\dagger | 0_c \rangle \\
&+ \sum_{ij} \Delta_{ij} \sum_{mnb} \chi_{mnbv}^{(1)} \langle 0_c | a_v : a_i^\dagger a_j : a_m^\dagger a_n^\dagger a_b | 0_c \rangle \\
&+ \sum_{ij} \Delta_{ij} \sum_{ma} \chi_{ma}^{(1)} \langle 0_c | a_v : a_i^\dagger a_j : a_m^\dagger a_a a_v^\dagger | 0_c \rangle \\
&+ \sum_{ij} \Delta_{ij} \sum_m \chi_{mv}^{(1)} \langle 0_c | a_v : a_i^\dagger a_j : a_m^\dagger | 0_c \rangle \\
&+ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ijkl} g_{ijkl} \sum_{ma} \chi_{ma}^{(1)} \langle 0_c | a_v : a_i^\dagger a_j^\dagger a_l a_k : a_m^\dagger a_a a_v^\dagger | 0_c \rangle \\
&+ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ijkl} g_{ijkl} \sum_m \chi_{mv}^{(1)} \langle 0_c | a_v : a_i^\dagger a_j^\dagger a_l a_k : a_m^\dagger | 0_c \rangle.
\end{aligned}$$

The first and sixth terms above cannot contribute. The remaining terms give, in order,

$$E^{(2)} = \sum_{bn} \Delta_{bn} \tilde{\chi}_{vnvb}^{(1)} + \sum_{ma} \Delta_{am} \chi_{ma}^{(1)} - \sum_a \Delta_{av} \chi_{va}^{(1)} + \sum_m \Delta_{vm} \chi_{mv}^{(1)} + \sum_{ma} \tilde{g}_{vavm} \chi_{ma}^{(1)}.$$

Substituting the values of the correlation coefficients, we find

$$E^{(2)} = - \sum_{bn} \frac{\Delta_{bn} \tilde{g}_{vnvb}}{\epsilon_n - \epsilon_b} - \sum_{ma} \frac{\Delta_{am} \Delta_{ma}}{\epsilon_m - \epsilon_a} + \sum_a \frac{\Delta_{av} \Delta_{va}}{\epsilon_v - \epsilon_a} - \sum_m \frac{\Delta_{vm} \Delta_{mv}}{\epsilon_m - \epsilon_v} - \sum_{ma} \frac{\tilde{g}_{vavm} \Delta_{ma}}{\epsilon_m - \epsilon_a}.$$

The second term, which is independent of v is the contribution of Δ to the core energy. The remaining terms are contributions to the valence energy. We therefore find

$$E_v^{(2)} = - \sum_{bn} \frac{\Delta_{bn} \tilde{g}_{vnvb} + \tilde{g}_{vbvn} \Delta_{nb}}{\epsilon_n - \epsilon_b} - \sum_{i \neq v} \frac{\Delta_{vi} \Delta_{iv}}{\epsilon_i - \epsilon_v}.$$

n.b. The indices in the first factor Δ_{na} in the question were reversed; the factor should have been Δ_{an} . The result in the above equation is correct.