

10. Apply linear variation procedure ~~to~~ using orthonormal basis set to non-degenerate perturbation theory. Derive first order and second order correction to energy.

$$\hat{H} = \hat{H}^{(0)} + \hat{H}' \quad \Phi = \sum a_i \Psi_i^{(0)}$$

This leads to the secular determinant,

$$\begin{vmatrix} H_{11}' - (E - E_1^0) & H_{12}' & H_{13}' & \dots \\ H_{21}' & H_{22}' - (E - E_2^0) & H_{23}' & \dots \\ H_{31}' & H_{32}' & H_{33}' - (E - E_3^0) & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Show how!

The corrected energy for the ground state = E_1 .

This will be closer to E_1^0 than to any other zeroth order level. Therefore, we make the

approximations: $E_1 - E_k^0 \gg H_{kk}'$ for $k \neq 1$.

Further, neglect all off-diagonal elements other than those in the first row and first column:

$$\begin{vmatrix} H_{11}' - \Delta E_1 & H_{12}' & H_{13}' & \dots \\ H_{21}' & E_2^0 - E_1^0 & 0 & \dots \\ H_{31}' & 0 & E_3^0 - E_1^0 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Subtracting appropriate multiples of the second and ~~higher~~ lower ~~low~~ rows from the first row (row transformations) we can solve for ΔE_1 :

$$\left| \begin{array}{ccccccc} H_{11}' - \Delta E_1 - \frac{H_{21}' H_{12}'}{E_2^0 - E_1^0} - \frac{H_{31}' H_{13}'}{E_3^0 - E_1^0} - \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & & & \\ & & E_2^0 - E_1^0 & 0 & \dots & & \\ & H_{21}' & & & & & \\ & H_{31}' & & 0 & E_3^0 - E_1^0 & \dots & \\ & \dots & & \dots & \dots & \dots & \\ & \dots & & \dots & \dots & \dots & \end{array} \right| = 0$$

$$\therefore \Delta E_1 = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{First order}}}{H_{11}'} - \sum_{i=2}^n \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{Second order}}}{|H_{1i}'|^2 / (E_i^0 - E_1^0)}$$

5) Generalise this result to the k^{th} ~~th~~ energy level.

Suggest a way to obtain higher order

corrections -