

Inverse Kohn-Sham using Moreau-Yosida proximal-point algorithm

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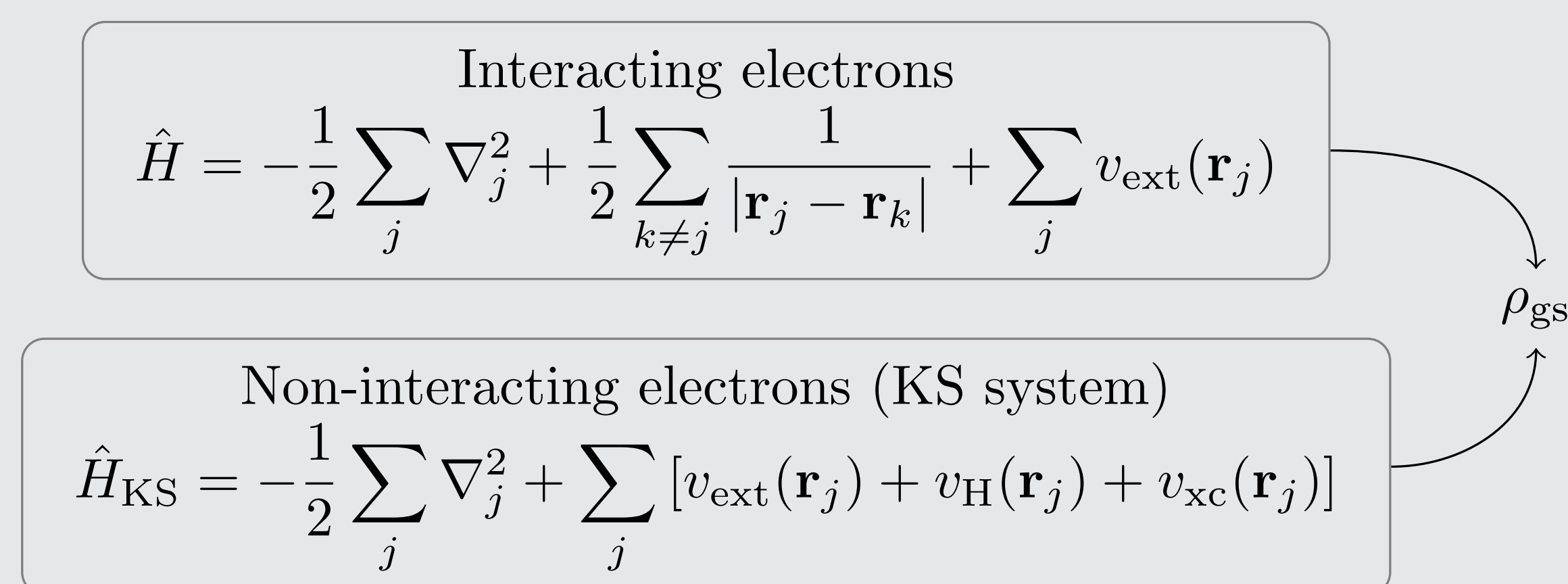
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Density-functional theory

$$\psi : \mathbb{R}^{3N} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \quad \rho_\psi = N \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3(N-1)}} |\psi|^2 \quad \langle v, \rho \rangle = \int v \rho$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(v) &= \inf_{\psi} \langle \psi | \hat{H}_0 + \sum_j v(\mathbf{r}_j) | \psi \rangle & F(\rho) &= \sup_v \{E(v) - \langle v, \rho \rangle\} \\ &= \inf_{\rho} \{F(\rho) + \langle v, \rho \rangle\} & &= \inf_{\Gamma \mapsto \rho} \text{Tr } \hat{H}_0 \Gamma \\ & & &= \inf_{\sum_j p_j \rho_{\psi_j} = \rho} \sum_j p_j \langle \psi_j | \hat{H}_0 | \psi_j \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Kohn–Sham (KS) scheme



Unknown: v_{xc}

Approximation: $\tilde{E}_{\text{xc}} \implies \tilde{v}_{\text{xc}} = \frac{\delta}{\delta \rho} \tilde{E}_{\text{xc}}$

Forward KS problem: Given approximate $\tilde{v}_{\text{xc}}$, obtain ρ_{gs}

Inverse KS problem: Given ρ_{gs} , obtain exact v_{xc}

Moreau–Yosida Regularisation

Duality mapping $J_{\text{dual}} : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$

$\mathcal{D}$ = density space, $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{D}^*$ potential space, $\mathcal{D} \ni \rho \mapsto J_{\text{dual}}[\rho] \in \mathcal{V}$

Moreau–Yosida regularisation:

- $\mathcal{D}$ uniformly convex, $F : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$ convex, lower semicontinuous

$$F^\varepsilon(\rho) = \inf_{\tilde{\rho} \in \mathcal{D}} \left\{ F(\tilde{\rho}) + \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} \|\tilde{\rho} - \rho\|^2 \right\}, \quad \varepsilon > 0$$

- $F^\varepsilon(\rho)$ is differentiable $\implies$

Every ρ is v -representable

$$\varepsilon\text{-HK mapping: } v^\varepsilon[\rho] = -\frac{\delta F^\varepsilon}{\delta \rho}[\rho]$$

- Lossless regularization:

$$E^\varepsilon(v) = \inf_{\rho \in \mathcal{D}} \{F^\varepsilon(\rho) + \langle v, \rho \rangle\} \implies E(v) = E^\varepsilon(v) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \|v\|^2$$

Quantitative Hohenberg–Kohn

$\mathcal{D}$ is p -smooth if $r(t) \leq ct^p$,

$$r(t) = \sup \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (\|\rho + \tilde{\rho}\| + \|\rho - \tilde{\rho}\|) - 1 : \|\rho\| = 1, \|\tilde{\rho}\| = t \right\}$$

Theorem. [1] $\mathcal{D}$ strictly convex, p -smooth with $p \leq 2$: The ε -HK mapping is Hölder continuous

$$\|v^\varepsilon[\rho] - v^\varepsilon[\tilde{\rho}]\| \leq \frac{C}{\varepsilon^{p-1}} \|\rho - \tilde{\rho}\|^{p-1}, \quad \varepsilon > 0$$

Proximal point

ρ^ε proximal point of density ρ

$$\rho^\varepsilon = \operatorname{argmin}_{\tilde{\rho} \in \mathcal{D}} \left\{ F(\tilde{\rho}) + \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} \|\tilde{\rho} - \rho\|^2 \right\}, \quad \varepsilon > 0$$

- $\rho^\varepsilon \rightarrow \rho$ as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+$, $\|\rho^\varepsilon - \rho\| = \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^{1/2})$ ($\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+$)
- Non-expansiveness:

$$\|\rho^\varepsilon - \tilde{\rho}^\varepsilon\|_{\mathcal{D}} \leq \|\rho - \tilde{\rho}\|_{\mathcal{D}}, \quad \forall \rho, \tilde{\rho} \in \mathcal{D}$$

Moreau–Yosida inverse KS

$T(\rho)$ kinetic energy, $E_{\text{H}}(\rho)$ Hartree energy

$$\mathcal{F}(\rho) = T(\rho) + E_{\text{H}}(\rho) + \langle v_{\text{ext}}, \rho \rangle$$

$\mathcal{F}^\varepsilon(\rho)$ differentiable $\implies$

$$v_{\text{xc}}^\varepsilon = -\frac{\delta}{\delta \rho} \mathcal{F}^\varepsilon(\rho_{\text{gs}}^\varepsilon) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} J_{\text{dual}}[\rho_{\text{gs}}^\varepsilon - \rho_{\text{gs}}]$$

Theorem. [2, 3] Exchange-correlation potential obtained from

$$v_{\text{xc}}(\mathbf{r}) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} v_{\text{xc}}^\varepsilon(\mathbf{r}) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{\varepsilon} J_{\text{dual}}[\rho_{\text{gs}}^\varepsilon - \rho_{\text{gs}}](\mathbf{r})$$

The form of J_{dual} depends on the choice of $\mathcal{D}$

Sketch of proof

Assumption: v_{KS} exists for given ρ_{gs}

$$\min_{\rho} (T(\rho) + \langle v_{\text{KS}}, \rho \rangle) \iff \underline{\partial} T(\rho_{\text{gs}}) + v_{\text{KS}} \ni 0$$

$$\min_{\rho} (\mathcal{F}(\rho) + \langle v_{\text{xc}}, \rho \rangle) \iff \underbrace{\underline{\partial} \mathcal{F}(\rho_{\text{gs}}) + v_{\text{xc}}}_{(1)} \ni 0$$

Moreau-Yosida regularisation:

$$\min_{\rho} \left\{ \mathcal{F}(\rho) + \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} \|\rho - \rho_{\text{gs}}\|_{\mathcal{D}}^2 \right\} \iff \underbrace{\underline{\partial} \mathcal{F}(\rho_{\text{gs}}^\varepsilon) + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} J_{\text{dual}}(\rho_{\text{gs}}^\varepsilon - \rho_{\text{gs}})}_{(2)} \ni 0$$

$$(1), (2) \text{ and } \rho_{\text{gs}}^\varepsilon \rightarrow \rho_{\text{gs}} \text{ as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+ \implies v_{\text{xc}} = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{\varepsilon} J_{\text{dual}}[\rho_{\text{gs}}^\varepsilon - \rho_{\text{gs}}]$$

Obtaining the proximal point

Minimise $\mathcal{E}(\rho; \rho_{\text{gs}}) = \mathcal{F}(\rho) + \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} \|\rho - \rho_{\text{gs}}\|_{\mathcal{D}}^2$ (ρ_{gs} fixed)

Iterative procedure:

- Fix $\{\varepsilon_k\}_k$, $\varepsilon_k \rightarrow 0$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$, mixing parameter $0 < \mu < 1$
- Determine (e.g., with $v_0^{(k)} = 0$)

$$\rho_i^{(k)} = \operatorname{argmin} \left\{ \mathcal{F}(\rho) + \langle v_i^{(k)}, \rho \rangle \right\}$$

and compute

$$v_{i+1}^{(k)} = (1 - \mu) v_i^{(k)} + \frac{\mu}{\varepsilon_k} J[\rho_i^{(k)} - \rho_{\text{gs}}]$$

- Extrapolate $k \rightarrow \infty$

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