

This assignment is divided in two parts: **i)** in the first part you have to derive the KS equations (see instructions below); **ii)** in the second part you have to write the total energy as a function of the KS eigenvalues.

i) Derive the KS equations We have the following minimization problem :

$$\frac{\delta [E[n] - \lambda_i \int d\mathbf{r} \psi_i^*(\mathbf{r}) \psi_i(\mathbf{r})]}{\delta \psi_i^*} = 0. \quad (1)$$

Let's replace the functional $E[n]$ by its full expression :

$$\frac{\delta [T_s[n] + \int d\mathbf{r} n(\mathbf{r}) V_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}) + \frac{1}{2} \int d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \frac{n(\mathbf{r})n(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|} + E_{\text{xc}}[n] - \lambda_i \int d\mathbf{r} \psi_i^*(\mathbf{r}) \psi_i(\mathbf{r})]}{\delta \psi_i^*} = 0. \quad (2)$$

We expand it (by additivity of the operator) and pass the last term of the left hand side to the right hand side :

$$\frac{\delta T_s[n]}{\delta \psi_i^*} + \frac{\delta [\int d\mathbf{r} n(\mathbf{r}) V_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r})]}{\delta \psi_i^*} + \frac{\delta [\frac{1}{2} \int d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \frac{n(\mathbf{r})n(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|}]}{\delta \psi_i^*} + \frac{\delta E_{\text{xc}}[n]}{\delta \psi_i^*} = \frac{\delta [\lambda_i \int d\mathbf{r} \psi_i^*(\mathbf{r}) \psi_i(\mathbf{r})]}{\delta \psi_i^*}. \quad (3)$$

We compute the i-th part of $\frac{\delta T_s[n]}{\delta \psi_i^*}$:

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta \psi_i^*} \left[\int d\mathbf{r} \psi_i^*(\mathbf{r}) \frac{-\nabla^2}{2} \psi_i(\mathbf{r}) \right] = -\frac{\nabla^2}{2} \psi_i(\mathbf{r}). \quad (4)$$

Now, the problem is that the ψ_i^* does not explicitly appear in the expression of the other terms of the left hand side. Let's multiply ingeniously by a quantity equal to one each term :

$$\frac{\delta [\int d\mathbf{r} n(\mathbf{r}) V_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r})]}{\delta \psi_i^*} = \frac{\delta [\int d\mathbf{r} n(\mathbf{r}) V_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r})]}{\delta n(\mathbf{r})} \frac{\delta n(\mathbf{r})}{\delta \psi_i^*} \quad (5)$$

In a previous lecture we found that $\frac{\delta n(\mathbf{r})}{\delta \psi_i^*} = \psi_i(\mathbf{r})$. And, by definition the first fraction of the right hand side is equal to $V_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r})$. We repeat the exact same process

to compute $\frac{\delta [\frac{1}{2} \int d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \frac{n(\mathbf{r})n(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|}]}{\delta \psi_i^*}$ and find : $\int d\mathbf{r}' \frac{n(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|} \times \psi_i(\mathbf{r})$.

The right hand side is equal to $\lambda_i \psi_i(\mathbf{r})$.

So, if we conclude, we found the following expression :

$$\left[-\frac{\nabla^2}{2} + V_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}) + \int d\mathbf{r}' \frac{n(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} + \frac{\delta E_{\text{xc}}[n]}{\delta n(\mathbf{r})} \right] \psi_i(\mathbf{r}) = \lambda_i \psi_i(\mathbf{r}) \quad (6)$$

2) Total energy as function of KS eigenvalues

We want to make the formula $\sum_i \lambda_i$ appears, i.e. the sum of the eigenvalues. We think about the sum because we want to have the total energy.

A fundamental postulate of quantum mechanics is that, for orthonormalized wavefunctions ψ , $\int_{\text{whole space}} d\mathbf{r} \psi_i^*(\mathbf{r}) \psi_i(\mathbf{r}) = 1$. So, a good move would be to multiply by the complex conjugate, integrate over the whole space and then sum for all i . Let's do that for the right hand side first :

$$\sum_i \int d\mathbf{r} \psi_i^*(\mathbf{r}) \lambda_i \psi_i(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_i \lambda_i. \quad (7)$$

Now, repeat the same process on the left hand side of the Kohn-Sham equations:

$$\sum_i \int d\mathbf{r} \psi_i^*(\mathbf{r}) \left[-\frac{\nabla^2}{2} + V_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}) + \int d\mathbf{r}' \frac{n(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} + \frac{\delta E_{\text{xc}}[n]}{\delta n(\mathbf{r})} \right] \psi_i(\mathbf{r}). \quad (8)$$

The first part is equal to :

$$\sum_i \int d\mathbf{r} \psi_i^*(\mathbf{r}) \frac{-\nabla^2}{2} \psi_i(\mathbf{r}) = T_s[n]. \quad (9)$$

The second part is equal to :

$$\sum_i \int d\mathbf{r} \psi_i^*(\mathbf{r}) V_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}) \psi_i(\mathbf{r}) = \int d\mathbf{r} n(\mathbf{r}) V_{\text{ext, total}}(\mathbf{r}). \quad (10)$$

The third part is equal to :

$$\sum_i \int d\mathbf{r} \psi_i^*(\mathbf{r}) \int d\mathbf{r}' \frac{n(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} \psi_i(\mathbf{r}) = \int d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \frac{n(\mathbf{r}) n(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}. \quad (11)$$

And the last part is equal to :

$$\sum_i \int d\mathbf{r} \psi_i^*(\mathbf{r}) \frac{\delta E_{\text{xc}}[n]}{\delta n(\mathbf{r})} \psi_i(\mathbf{r}) = \int d\mathbf{r} n(\mathbf{r}) \frac{\delta E_{\text{xc}}[n]}{\delta n(\mathbf{r})}. \quad (12)$$

At last, the following expression was derived :

$$\sum_i \lambda_i = T_s[n] + \int d\mathbf{r} n(\mathbf{r}) V_{\text{ext, total}}(\mathbf{r}) + \int d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \frac{n(\mathbf{r})n(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} + \int d\mathbf{r} n(\mathbf{r}) \frac{\delta E_{\text{xc}}[n]}{\delta n(\mathbf{r})}. \quad (13)$$

We, finally, recall the definition of the total energy :

$$E[n] = T_s[n] + \int d\mathbf{r} n(\mathbf{r}) V_{\text{ext, total}}(\mathbf{r}) + \frac{1}{2} \int d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \frac{n(\mathbf{r})n(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} + E_{\text{xc}}[n]. \quad (14)$$

Then, substituting $T_s[n]$ from equation (13) to equation (14) :

$$E[n] = \sum_i \lambda_i - \frac{1}{2} \int d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \frac{n(\mathbf{r})n(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} + E_{\text{xc}}[n] - \int d\mathbf{r} n(\mathbf{r}) \frac{\delta E_{\text{xc}}[n]}{\delta n(\mathbf{r})}. \quad (15)$$