

ALGORITHMIC PERSPECTIVE
ON STRONGLY CORRELATED
SYSTEMS

Last Time: Eat a wave-function, return a property

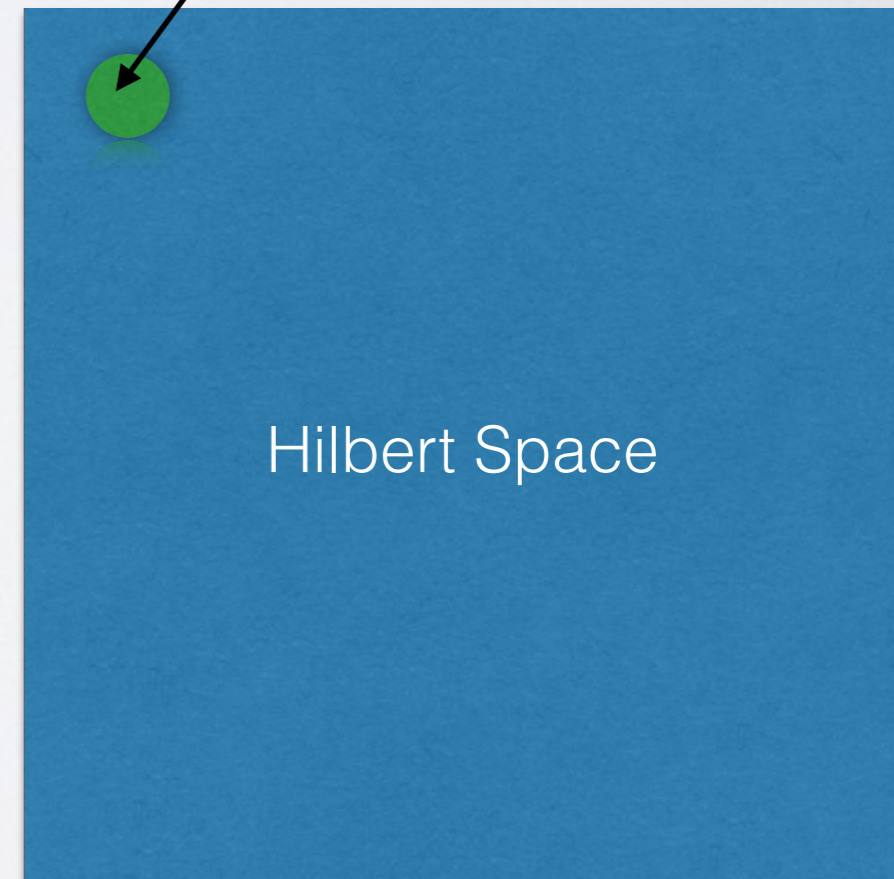
Today: What wave-function?

1. What is the class of wave-functions you might choose yours from?
2. How do you choose your wave-function from this set?

Q: Can you do anything useful with this little chunk of Hilbert space?

Q: Can you even represent a quantum fluid? A quantum solid?

Wave-functions for which you can
build an efficient code.



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Classical systems are liquids....

Classical systems are solids....

Classical partition function: $Z(R) = \int \exp[-\beta V(R)]$

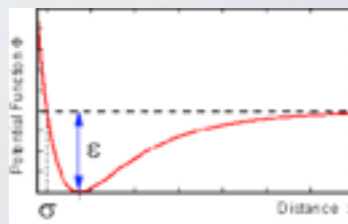
The classical partition function tells us the particles are at position R with probability

$$P(R) \equiv \frac{\exp[-\beta V(R)]}{Z(R)}$$

Let us set $\Psi(R) \propto \exp\left[-\frac{\beta V(R)}{2}\right]$

Now we just need to choose a value of V(R) that classically gives a liquid at high temperature. (*almost anything ... lennard-jones*)

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A quantum fluid (and solid) ...

$$\Psi(R) \propto \exp \left[-\frac{\beta V(R)}{2} \right]$$



Q: Does this wave-function have all the properties we want?

We essentially have all the “classical” stuff right. Let’s consider the “quantum” stuff.

For example, we want a boring solid not a supersolid. What do we have?

$$\lim_{|r_1 - r'_1| \rightarrow \infty} \rho_1(r_1, r'_1) = 0 \quad (\text{implies no supersolid})$$

$$\rho_1(r_1, r'_1) = \int dr_2 dr_3 \dots dr_n \underbrace{\Psi(r_1, r_2 \dots r_n)}_{\text{choose probable spot R}} \underbrace{\Psi^*(r'_1, r_2 \dots r_n)}_{\text{Is the configuration where one particle is moved far away also probable?}}$$

choose probable spot R

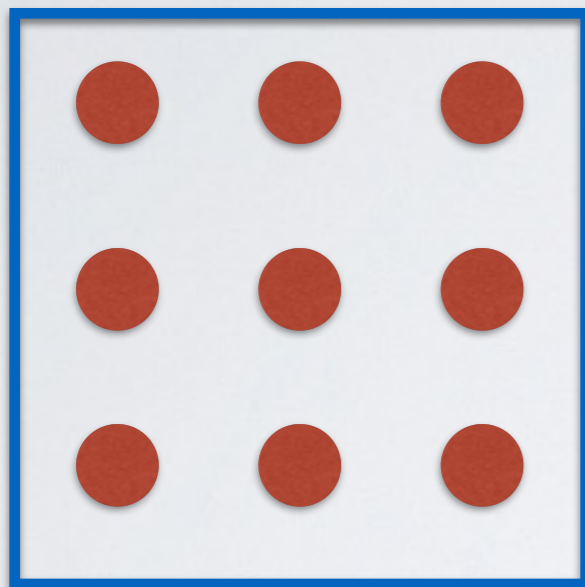
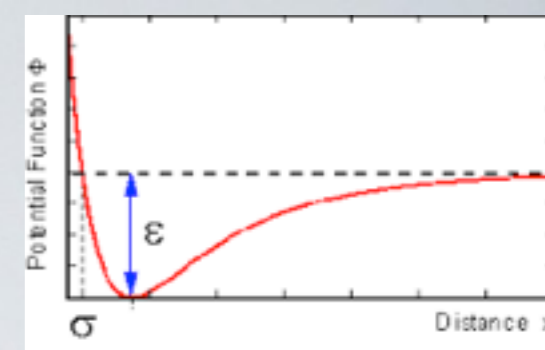
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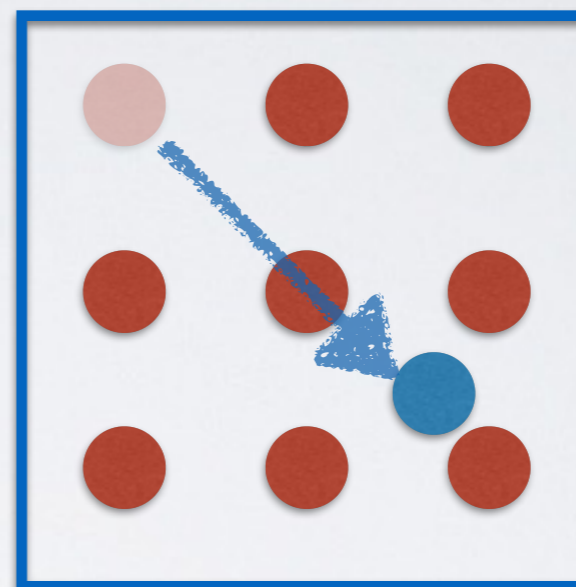
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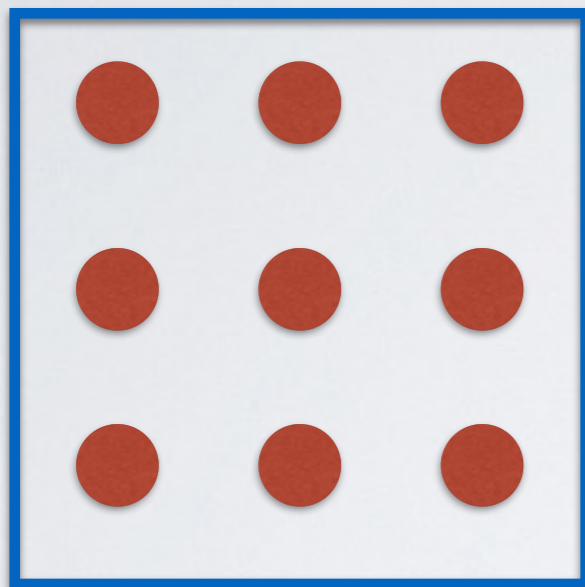
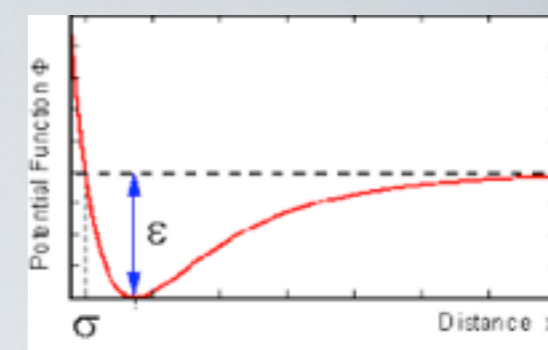
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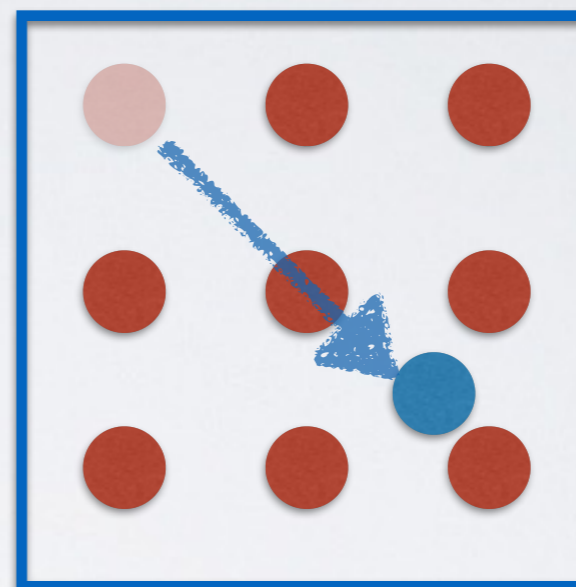
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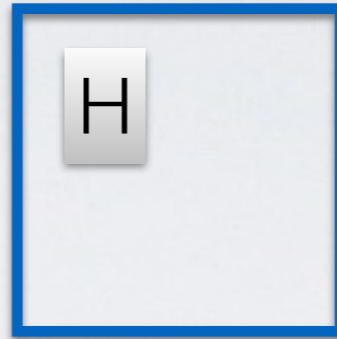
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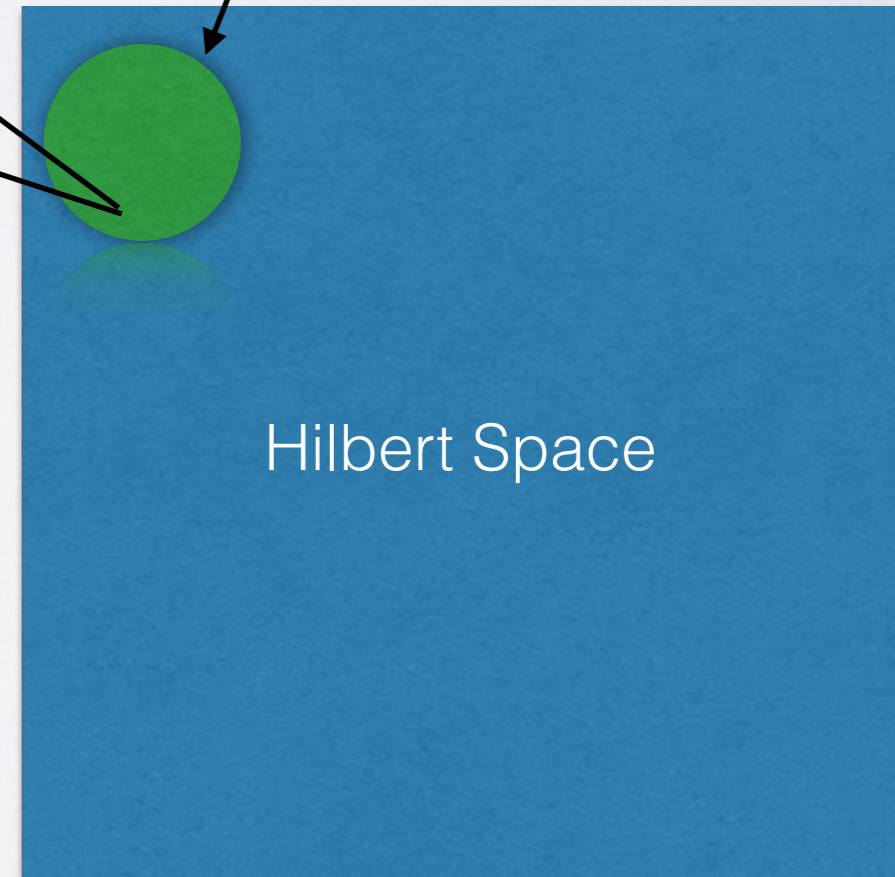
Ψ_A

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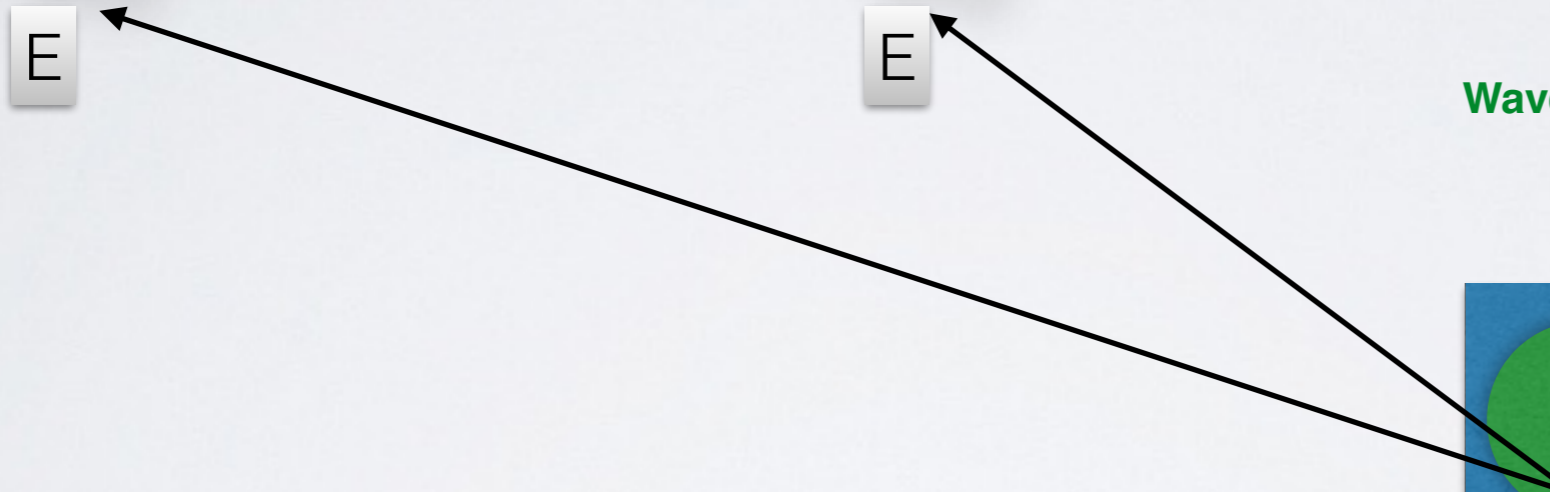
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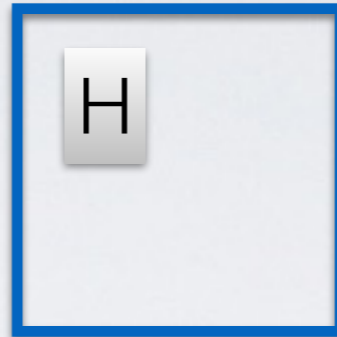
Hilbert Space



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$$\Psi_A \otimes \Psi_A \quad 2E$$



$$\Psi_A$$

$$E$$

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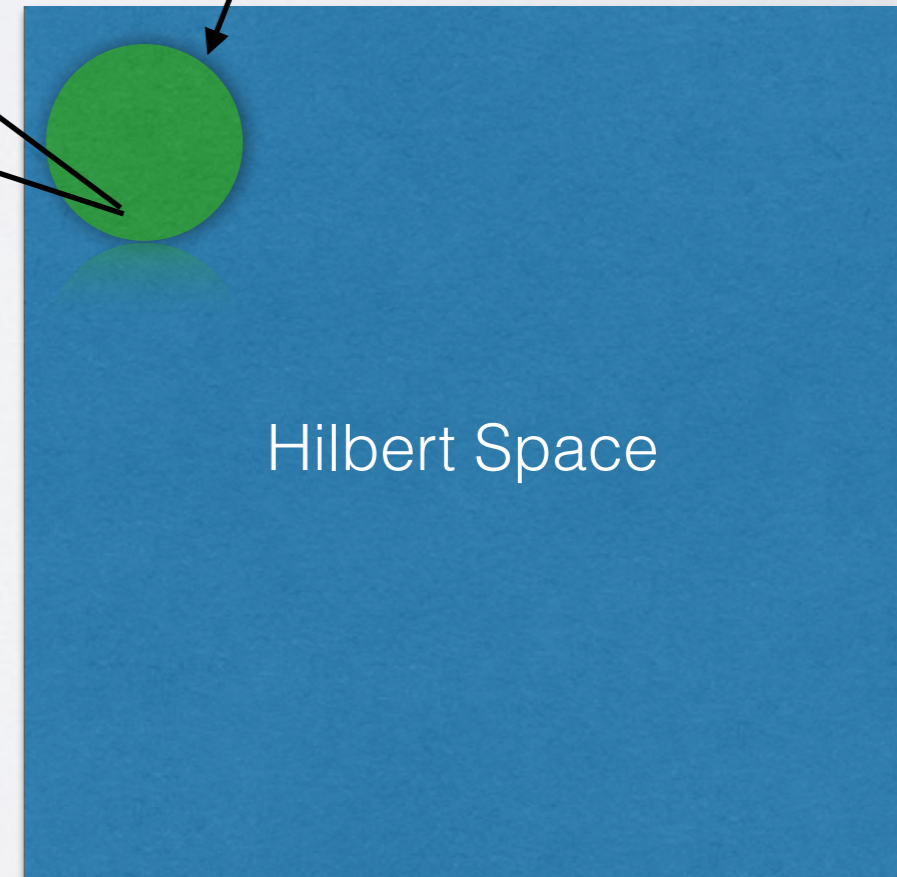
$$E$$

But is this in my green circle?

If it is, then I'm size consistent.
Otherwise, I am not.

Q: Is the set of wave-functions containing two-body potentials live in this class?

Wave-functions I'm allowed to use



Hilbert Space

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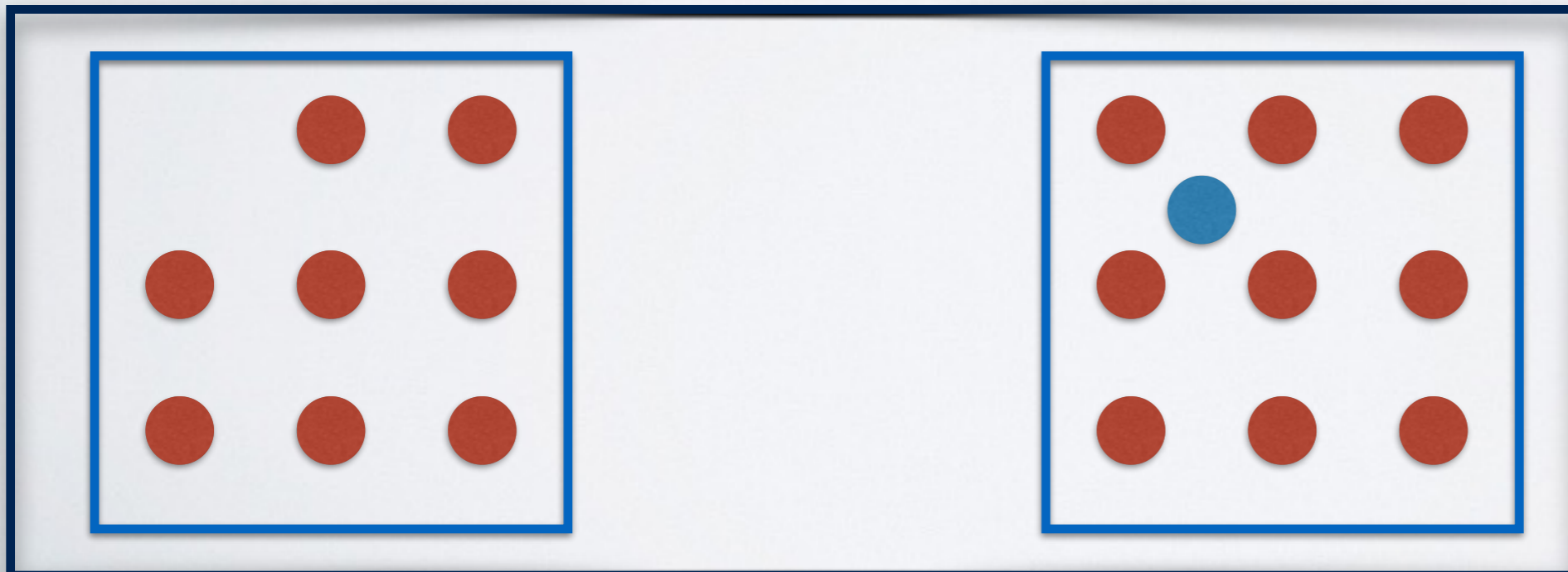


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This can be partially fixed by just forbidding double occupancy (*a bit of a hack*)

The upshot

By modeling a wave-function after the classical partition function, we can generate a wide set of “classical” phases via quantum wave functions: solids, liquids, etc. But such wave-functions get the “quantum mechanics” wrong. In particular, we always have

- **superflow**
- **failure to be size extensive**

These has all been with Bosons. Let's start again with fermions.

A more realistic view of (the fiction) of Hilbert Space

Ψ_6 Ψ_N

List of Codes

```
for i=1:20 println("${i}") end  
asfdscwe;fkja;khvasdfeff  
zxcvqqefposd;lknacdsa  
return exp[-beta * dot(r1,r2) ]
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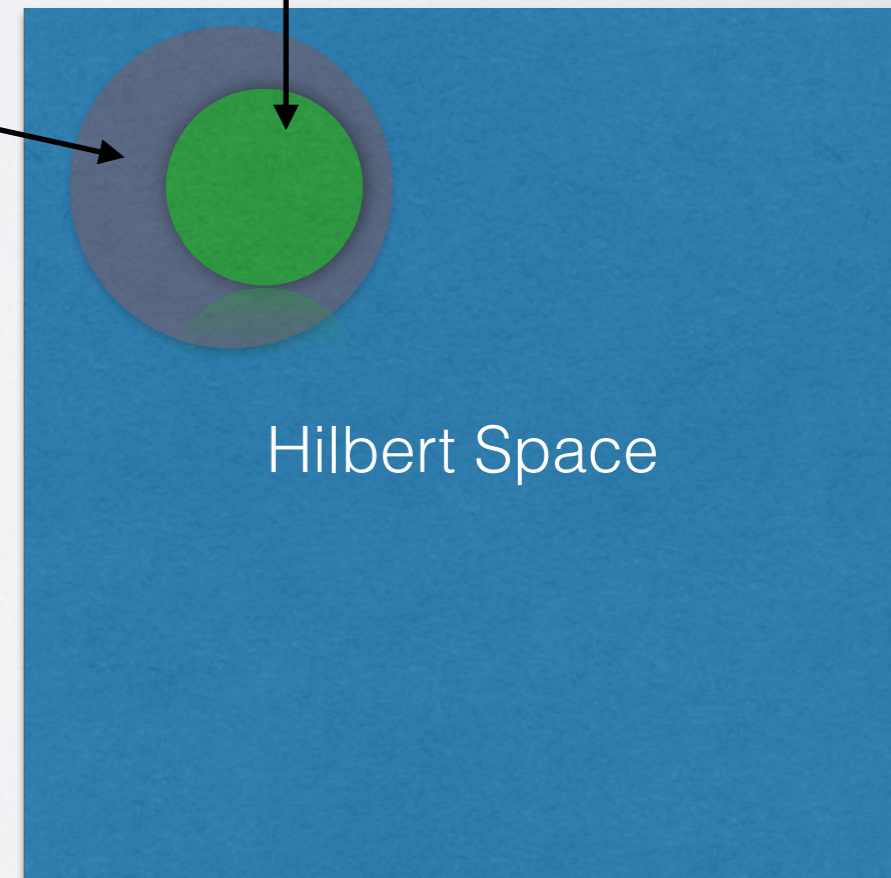
List of Wavefunctions

Ψ_1
 Ψ_2
 Ψ_3
 Ψ_4
 Ψ_5
 \vdots
 Ψ_N

Wave-functions for which you can build an inefficient code.

(also, wave-functions you can write a PRL about)

Wave-functions for which you can build an efficient code.



Fermions

Q: What is the difference between bosons and fermions?

Bosons commute with the symmetry operator S

Fermions commute with the anti-symmetrization operator A

$$H = -t \sum_{ij\sigma} c_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{j\sigma}$$

free fermions

We can solve this exactly. The ground state of this Hamiltonian is a product of Slater Determinants (one for spin up and one for spin down)

$$\Psi(R) = \det M_\uparrow[R] \det M_\downarrow[R]$$

$$M_{ij}[R] = \phi_i(r_j)$$

3-dimensional function

Good starting point (aside: why didn't we do use this as our starting point for fermions?)

Aside: Why not start with free bosons

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free bosons

$$\Psi(R) = \text{per } M_\uparrow[R] \text{per } M_\downarrow[R] \quad \times \text{ Not efficient}$$

$$M_{ij}[R] = \phi_i(r_j)$$

3-dimensional function

Back to fermions: Interactions

$$H = -t \sum_{ij\sigma} c_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{j\sigma} + \sum_{ijkl} V_{ijkl} c_i^\dagger c_j^\dagger c_k c_l$$

We need a set of wave-functions for these Hamiltonians.
Let's start by using the set of all Slater-determinants.

$$\Psi(R) = \det M_\uparrow[R] \det M_\downarrow[R]$$

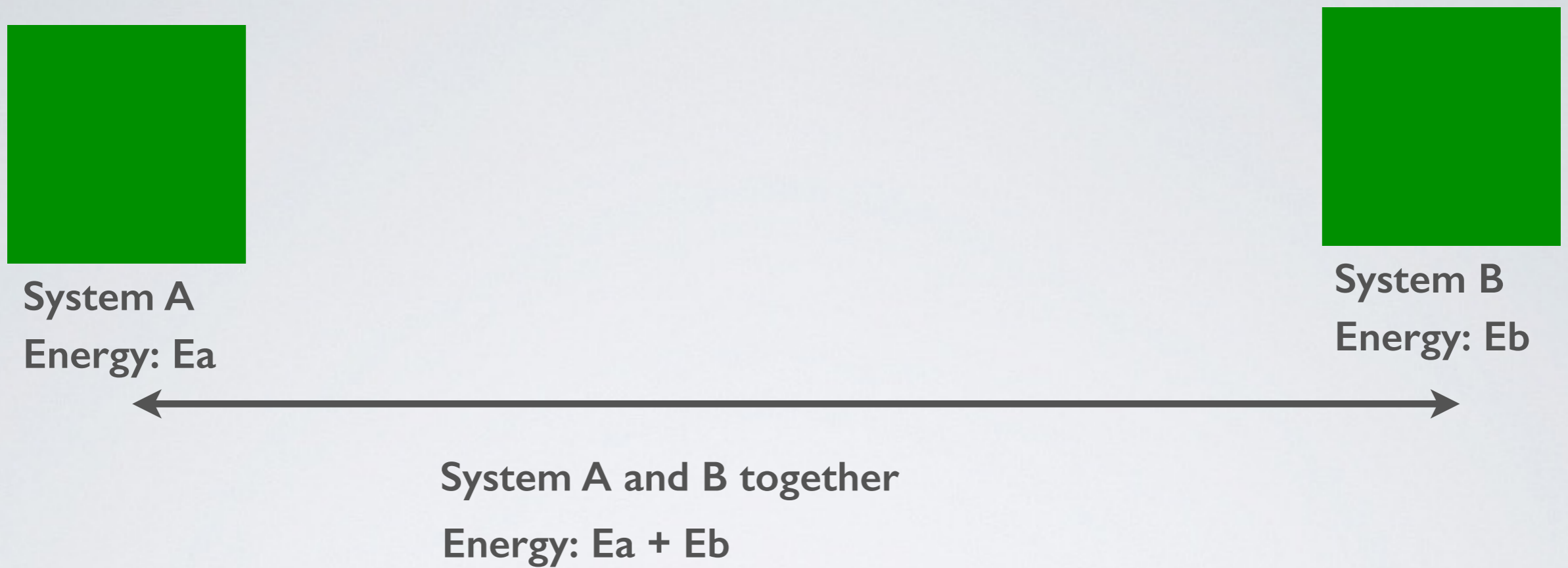
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(This is Hartree Fock)

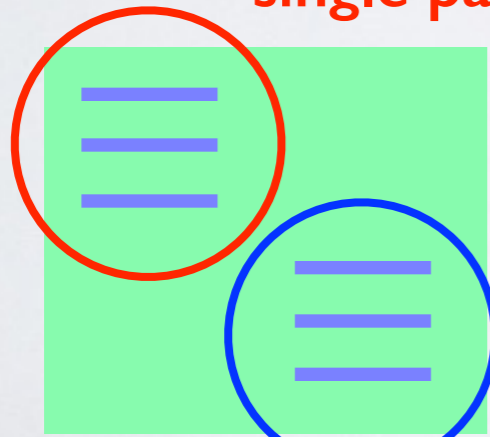
Q: Am I size-consistent?

Size consistency for Slater-Determinants



Single Slater determinant is size-consistent

single particle orbitals for A



single particle orbitals for B

Beyond Hartree Fock

- Quantum Chemistry:

Multi-determinants

Coupled Cluster

- Slater-Jastrow++

- Tensor Networks

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The right physics... beyond free-fermions:

$$H = -t \sum_{ij\sigma} c_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{j\sigma} + \sum_{ijkl} V_{ijkl} c_i^\dagger c_j^\dagger c_k c_l$$

Q: What's missing from $\Psi(R) = \det M_\uparrow[R] \det M_\downarrow[R]$

A: Correlation: Need to keep electrons apart!



$$\Psi(R) = \det M[R] \exp[-u(|r_i - r_j|)]$$

keep electrons apart

Further beyond free-fermions:

$$\Psi(R) = \det M[R] \exp[-U(R)]$$

$$\Psi(R) = \det M[R] \exp \left[- \sum_{i,j} u_2(r_i, r_j) - \sum_{i,j,k} u_3(r_i, r_j, r_k) + \dots \right]$$

arbitrary (bosonic) correlation

We can write a wave-function as
(fermion piece) * (boson piece)

Cusp conditions

At interparticle coalescence points, potential diverges:

$$\text{Electron-nucleus} \quad -\frac{Z}{r_{i\alpha}}$$

$$\text{Electron-electron} \quad \frac{1}{r_{ij}}$$

$$\text{Local energy} \quad \boxed{\frac{\mathcal{H}\Psi}{\Psi} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_i \frac{\nabla_i^2 \Psi}{\Psi} + V} \text{ must be finite}$$

⇒ Kinetic energy must have opposite divergence

⇒ Ψ must satisfy Kato's cusp conditions:

$$\boxed{\left. \frac{\partial \hat{\Psi}}{\partial r_{ij}} \right|_{r_{ij}=0} = \mu_{ij} q_i q_j \Psi(r_{ij} = 0)}$$

for two particles of masses m_i, m_j and charges q_i, q_j

Note: all other interparticle distances are > 0 ,

$$\hat{\Psi} \text{ is a spherical average, and } \mu_{ij} = \frac{m_i m_j}{m_i + m_j}$$

Cusp conditions: example

Consider $r_{ij} \rightarrow 0$ and all other particles well separated

The local energy close to $r = r_{ij} = 0$ is:

$$-\frac{1}{2\mu_{ij}} \frac{\nabla^2 \Psi}{\Psi} + V(r) = \text{finite}$$

Assume $\Psi(r = r_{ij} = 0) \neq 0$

$$-\frac{1}{2\mu_{ij}} \frac{\Psi''}{\Psi} - \frac{1}{\mu_{ij} r} \frac{\Psi'}{\Psi} + V(r) = \text{finite}$$

The condition for E_L to be finite at $r = 0$ is

$$\frac{\Psi'}{\Psi} = \mu_{ij} r V(r)$$

- Electron-nucleus: $V = -\frac{Z}{r}$, $\mu = 1 \Rightarrow \left. \frac{\Psi'}{\Psi} \right|_{r=0} = -Z$
- Electron-electron: $V = \frac{1}{r}$, $\mu = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \left. \frac{\Psi'}{\Psi} \right|_{r=0} = 1/2$