

# Spin contamination

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## 1 Operators

We define the spin angular momentum of a particle as a vector operator  $\vec{s}$ :

$$\vec{s} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{s}_x \\ \hat{s}_y \\ \hat{s}_z \end{pmatrix}$$

and  $\hat{s}^2$  as the scalar operator:

$$s^2 = \vec{s} \cdot \vec{s} = \hat{s}_x^2 + \hat{s}_y^2 + \hat{s}_z^2$$

The components of the spin angular momentum vector satisfy the commutation relations:

$$[\hat{s}_x, \hat{s}_y] = i\hat{s}_z$$

$$[\hat{s}_y, \hat{s}_z] = i\hat{s}_x$$

$$[\hat{s}_z, \hat{s}_x] = i\hat{s}_y$$

Because these operators do not commute (cannot be measured simultaneously), the complete spin state of a particle can be described by the simultaneous eigenfunctions of  $s^2$  and a component of  $\vec{s}$ , usually  $\hat{s}_z$ . Therefore, define a spin vector to be of the following form:

$$|s, m_s\rangle$$

where  $s, m_s$  are quantum numbers describing total spin and the z component of the spin, defined by their respective operators' action on the wave function:

$$s^2 |s, m_s\rangle = s(s+1) |s, m_s\rangle$$

$$\hat{s}_z |s, m_s\rangle = m_s |s, m_s\rangle$$

$|\alpha\rangle, |\beta\rangle$  are spin basis vectors defined as:

$$|\alpha\rangle \equiv \left| \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle$$

$$|\beta\rangle \equiv \left| \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle$$

We can then show how each operator acts on  $|\alpha\rangle, |\beta\rangle$

$$\hat{s}_z |\alpha\rangle = \frac{1}{2} |\alpha\rangle$$

$$\hat{s}_z |\beta\rangle = -\frac{1}{2} |\beta\rangle$$

$$\hat{s}_x |\alpha\rangle = \frac{1}{2} |\beta\rangle$$

$$\hat{s}_x |\beta\rangle = \frac{1}{2} |\alpha\rangle$$

$$\hat{s}_y |\alpha\rangle = \frac{i}{2} |\beta\rangle$$

$$\hat{s}_y |\beta\rangle = -\frac{i}{2} |\alpha\rangle$$

Note that while  $|\alpha\rangle, |\beta\rangle$  are eigenfunctions of  $s^2, \hat{s}_z$ , they are not eigenfunctions of  $\hat{s}_x, \hat{s}_y$

Can also define step up and down operators:

$$\hat{S}_+ \equiv \hat{s}_x + i\hat{s}_y$$

$$\hat{S}_- \equiv \hat{s}_x - i\hat{s}_y$$

which respectively increase or decrease the value of  $m_s$  by 1. We can show the action of  $\hat{S}_+, \hat{S}_-$  on the basis vectors  $|\alpha\rangle, |\beta\rangle$

$$\hat{S}_+ |\alpha\rangle = (\hat{s}_x + i\hat{s}_y) |\alpha\rangle \quad (1)$$

$$= \hat{s}_x |\alpha\rangle + i\hat{s}_y |\alpha\rangle \quad (2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} |\beta\rangle + \frac{i^2}{2} |\beta\rangle \quad (3)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} |\beta\rangle - \frac{1}{2} |\beta\rangle \quad (4)$$

$$= 0 \quad (5)$$

$$\hat{S}_+ |\beta\rangle = (\hat{s}_x + i\hat{s}_y) |\beta\rangle \quad (6)$$

$$= \hat{s}_x |\beta\rangle - i\hat{s}_y |\beta\rangle \quad (7)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} |\alpha\rangle + \frac{1}{2} |\alpha\rangle \quad (8)$$

$$= |\alpha\rangle \quad (9)$$

$$\hat{S}_- |\alpha\rangle = (\hat{s}_x - i\hat{s}_y) |\alpha\rangle \quad (10)$$

$$= \hat{s}_x |\alpha\rangle + i\hat{s}_y |\alpha\rangle \quad (11)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} |\beta\rangle + \frac{1}{2} |\beta\rangle \quad (12)$$

$$= |\beta\rangle \quad (13)$$

$$\hat{S}_- |\beta\rangle = \hat{s}_x |\beta\rangle - i\hat{s}_y |\beta\rangle \quad (14)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} |\alpha\rangle - \frac{1}{2} |\alpha\rangle \quad (15)$$

$$= 0 \quad (16)$$

We can use the step up/down operators to rewrite  $s^2$ :

$$s^2 = \hat{s}_x^2 + \hat{s}_y^2 + \hat{s}_z^2 \quad (17)$$

$$= (\hat{s}_x + i\hat{s}_y)(\hat{s}_x - i\hat{s}_y) + i\hat{s}_x\hat{s}_y - i\hat{s}_y\hat{s}_x + \hat{s}_z^2 \quad (18)$$

$$= \hat{S}_+\hat{S}_- + i(\hat{s}_x\hat{s}_y - \hat{s}_y\hat{s}_x) + \hat{s}_z^2 \quad (19)$$

$$= \hat{S}_+\hat{S}_- + i[\hat{s}_x, \hat{s}_y] + \hat{s}_z^2 \quad (20)$$

$$= \hat{S}_+\hat{S}_- + i^2\hat{s}_z + \hat{s}_z^2 \quad (21)$$

$$= \hat{S}_+\hat{S}_- - \hat{s}_z + \hat{s}_z^2 \quad (22)$$

and also

$$s^2 = \hat{S}_-\hat{S}_+ + \hat{s}_z + \hat{s}_z^2 \quad (23)$$

Finally, we can define analogous multi-electron versions of all of the above operators.

$$\vec{\mathcal{L}} = \sum_i^N \vec{s}(i)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_\mu \equiv \sum_i^N \hat{S}_\mu(i)$$

for  $\mu \in \{x, y, z\}$

$$\mathcal{L}_\pm = \sum_i^N \hat{S}_\pm(i)$$

$$\mathcal{L}^2 = \vec{\mathcal{L}} \cdot \vec{\mathcal{L}} \quad (24)$$

$$= \sum_i^N \sum_j^N \vec{s}(i) \cdot \vec{s}(j) \quad (25)$$

$$= \mathcal{L}_+\mathcal{L}_- - \mathcal{L}_z + \mathcal{L}_z^2 \quad (26)$$

$$= \mathcal{L}_-\mathcal{L}_+ + \mathcal{L}_z + \mathcal{L}_z^2 \quad (27)$$

Where each sum runs over all electrons in the system.

## 2 Basis sets

In general, a basis set of  $2K$  spin functions can be built in two distinct ways. In the restricted formalism, there is a set of  $K$  spatial functions, which are each multiplied by an  $\alpha$  or a  $\beta$  to create  $2K$  spin functions:

$$\{\chi_1, \chi_2, \dots, \chi_{2K-1}, \chi_{2K}\} = \{\psi_1, \bar{\psi}_1, \dots, \psi_K, \bar{\psi}_K\} \quad (28)$$

$$= \{\psi_1\alpha, \psi_1\beta, \dots, \psi_K\alpha, \psi_K\beta\} \quad (29)$$

Note that this basis set is orthonormal if the set of spatial functions  $\{\psi_1, \dots, \psi_K\}$  is orthonormal due to  $\alpha, \beta$  being orthogonal.

In the unrestricted formalism, the  $2i$  and  $2i - 1$  spin basis functions are not constrained to have the same spatial component. Ie.

$$\{\chi_1, \chi_2, \dots, \chi_{2K-1}, \chi_{2K}\} = \{\psi_1^\alpha, \bar{\psi}_1^\beta, \dots, \psi_K^\alpha, \bar{\psi}_K^\beta\} \quad (30)$$

$$= \{\psi_1^\alpha\alpha, \psi_1^\beta\beta, \dots, \psi_K^\alpha\alpha, \psi_K^\beta\beta\} \quad (31)$$

Where

$$B^\alpha = \{\psi_1^\alpha, \dots, \psi_K^\alpha\}$$

$$B^\beta = \{\psi_1^\beta, \dots, \psi_K^\beta\}$$

both form orthonormal basis sets.  $\psi_i^\alpha$  and  $\psi_j^\beta$  need not be orthogonal for the overall basis set to be orthonormal (again due to  $\langle\alpha|\beta\rangle = 0$ ). We define the components of the spin overlap matrix  $S^{\alpha\beta}$  as

$$S_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} = \langle\psi_i^\alpha|\psi_j^\beta\rangle$$

From this, we can see that the restricted approximation is a special case where  $S^{\alpha\beta}$  is the identity matrix. Ie.

$$\langle\psi_i^\alpha|\psi_j^\beta\rangle = \delta_{ij}$$

and thus

$$\psi_i^\alpha = \psi_i^\beta = \psi_i$$

Finally, we note the constraints on the matrix  $S^{\alpha\beta}$ . We first assume that  $\{\psi_i^\alpha\}$  and  $\{\psi_i^\beta\}$  span the same space. Ie:

$$Sp(\{\psi_i^\alpha\}) = Sp(\{\psi_i^\alpha\} \cup \{\psi_i^\beta\}) = Sp(\{\psi_i^\beta\})$$

where  $\mathcal{S}p$  is the span. In that case, in combination with the fact that both  $\{\psi_i^\alpha\}$  and  $\{\psi_j^\beta\}$  are orthonormal, we can expand any function  $\psi_i^\alpha$  as a unique linear combination of  $\psi_j^\beta$ . It is trivial to show that the coefficients of this expansion are the elements of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  row of  $S^{\alpha\beta}$ :

$$|\psi_i^\alpha\rangle = \sum_j^K |\psi_j^\beta\rangle \langle \psi_j^\beta | \psi_i^\alpha \rangle \quad (32)$$

$$= \sum_j^K S_{ij}^{\alpha\beta*} |\psi_j^\beta\rangle \quad (33)$$

$$= \sum_j^K S_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} |\psi_j^\beta\rangle \quad (34)$$

Using this equality,

$$1 = \langle \psi_i^\alpha | \psi_i^\alpha \rangle = \sum_j^K S_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} \langle \psi_j^\beta | \sum_l^K S_{il}^{\alpha\beta} |\psi_l^\beta\rangle \quad (35)$$

$$= \sum_j^K \sum_l^K S_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} S_{il}^{\alpha\beta} \langle \psi_j^\beta | \psi_l^\beta \rangle \quad (36)$$

$$= \sum_j^K \sum_l^K S_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} S_{il}^{\alpha\beta} \delta_{jl} \quad (37)$$

$$= \sum_j^K S_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} S_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} \quad (38)$$

$$= \sum_j^K S_{ij}^{\alpha\beta^2} \quad (39)$$

Ie. the sum of the squared elements of any row in  $S^{\alpha\beta}$  is exactly equal to 1. Without loss of generality, this can also be proven for each column (by taking the transpose of  $S^{\alpha\beta}$ ), and noting that spatial wave functions are real).

## 3 Derivations

### 3.1 $\mathcal{L}_z$

First, we prove that for any single determinant  $|\Psi\rangle$ ,

$$\mathcal{L}_z |\Psi\rangle = \frac{N^\alpha - N^\beta}{2} |\Psi\rangle \quad (40)$$

Ie. any single determinant is an eigenfunction of  $\mathcal{L}_z$  with eigenvalue of  $\frac{N^\alpha - N^\beta}{2}$ , where  $N^\alpha$  is the number of occupied  $\alpha$  orbitals and  $\beta$  is the number of occupied  $\beta$  orbitals. Using second quantization,

$$\mathcal{L}_z |\Psi\rangle = \sum_p^{2K} \sum_q^{2K} \langle \chi_p | \hat{s}_z | \chi_q \rangle a_p^\dagger a_q |\Psi\rangle \quad (41)$$

$$= \sum_p^{2K} \sum_q^{2K} \langle \psi_p^{\eta_p} \eta_p | \hat{s}_z | \psi_q^{\eta_q} \eta_q \rangle a_p^\dagger a_q |\Psi\rangle \quad (42)$$

$$= \sum_p^{2K} \sum_q^{2K} \langle \psi_p^{\eta_p} | \psi_q^{\eta_q} \rangle \langle \eta_p | \hat{s}_z | \eta_q \rangle a_p^\dagger a_q |\Psi\rangle \quad (43)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \sum_p^{2K} \sum_q^{K_\alpha} \langle \psi_p^{\eta_p} | \psi_q^\alpha \rangle \langle \eta_p | \alpha \rangle a_p^\dagger a_q - \sum_p^{2K} \sum_q^{K_\beta} \langle \psi_p^{\eta_p} | \psi_q^\beta \rangle \langle \eta_p | \beta \rangle a_p^\dagger a_q \right] |\Psi\rangle \quad (44)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \sum_p^{2K} \sum_q^{K_\alpha} \langle \psi_p^{\eta_p} | \psi_q^\alpha \rangle \delta_{\eta_p \alpha} a_p^\dagger a_q - \sum_p^{2K} \sum_q^{K_\beta} \langle \psi_p^{\eta_p} | \psi_q^\beta \rangle \delta_{\eta_p \beta} a_p^\dagger a_q \right] |\Psi\rangle \quad (45)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \sum_p^{K_\alpha} \sum_q^{K_\alpha} \langle \psi_p^\alpha | \psi_q^\alpha \rangle a_p^\dagger a_q - \sum_p^{K_\beta} \sum_q^{K_\beta} \langle \psi_p^\beta | \psi_q^\beta \rangle a_p^\dagger a_q \right] |\Psi\rangle \quad (46)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \sum_p^{K_\alpha} \sum_q^{K_\alpha} \delta_{pq} a_p^\dagger a_q - \sum_p^{K_\beta} \sum_q^{K_\beta} \delta_{pq} a_p^\dagger a_q \right] |\Psi\rangle \quad (47)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \sum_p^{K_\alpha} a_p^\dagger a_p - \sum_p^{K_\beta} a_p^\dagger a_p \right] |\Psi\rangle \quad (48)$$

$$(49)$$

Here, we note that the terms with a  $a_p$  operator annihilating a virtual orbital will vanish:

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \sum_i^{N_\alpha} a_i^\dagger a_i - \sum_i^{N_\beta} a_i^\dagger a_i \right] |\Psi\rangle \quad (50)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \sum_i^{N_\alpha} (\delta_{ii} - a_i a_i^\dagger) - \sum_i^{N_\beta} (\delta_{ii} - a_i a_i^\dagger) \right] |\Psi\rangle \quad (51)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \sum_i^{N_\alpha} \delta_{ii} - \sum_i^{N_\beta} \delta_{ii} \right] |\Psi\rangle \quad (52)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [N_\alpha - N_\beta] |\Psi\rangle \quad (53)$$

$$= \frac{N_\alpha - N_\beta}{2} |\Psi\rangle \quad (54)$$

### 3.2 Spin contamination

Want to find the expectation value of  $\mathcal{L}^2$  for a determinant in general. Ie.

$$\langle \mathcal{L}^2 \rangle_{UHF} = \langle \Psi | \mathcal{L}^2 | \Psi \rangle \quad (55)$$

$$= \langle \Psi | \mathcal{L}_- \mathcal{L}_+ + \mathcal{L}_z + \mathcal{L}_z^2 | \Psi \rangle \quad (56)$$

$$= \langle \Psi | \mathcal{L}_- \mathcal{L}_+ | \Psi \rangle + \langle \Psi | \mathcal{L}_z | \Psi \rangle + \langle \Psi | \mathcal{L}_z^2 | \Psi \rangle \quad (57)$$

Using the result from section 3.1,

$$\langle \Psi | \mathcal{L}_z | \Psi \rangle = \frac{N_\alpha - N_\beta}{2} \quad (58)$$

for a normalized determinant  $|\Psi\rangle$ . Similarly,

$$\langle \Psi | \mathcal{L}^2 | \Psi \rangle = \frac{N_\alpha - N_\beta}{2} \langle \Psi | \mathcal{L} | \Psi \rangle \quad (59)$$

$$= \left( \frac{N_\alpha - N_\beta}{2} \right)^2 \quad (60)$$

For the first term, we again use second quantization:

$$\langle \Psi | \mathcal{L}_- \mathcal{L}_+ | \Psi \rangle = \sum_{pqrs}^{2K} \langle \psi_p^{\eta_p} \eta_p | \hat{S}_- | \psi_q^{\eta_q} \eta_q \rangle \langle \psi_r^{\eta_r} \eta_r | \hat{S}_+ | \psi_s^{\eta_s} \eta_s \rangle \langle \Psi | a_p^\dagger a_q a_r^\dagger a_s | \Psi \rangle \quad (61)$$

$$= \sum_{pqrs}^{2K} \langle \psi_p^{\eta_p} | \psi_q^{\eta_q} \rangle \langle \eta_p | \hat{S}_- | \eta_q \rangle \langle \psi_r^{\eta_r} | \psi_s^{\eta_s} \rangle \langle \eta_r | \hat{S}_+ | \eta_s \rangle \langle \Psi | a_p^\dagger a_q a_r^\dagger a_s | \Psi \rangle \quad (62)$$

Terms with  $\eta_q = \beta$  and  $\eta_s = \alpha$  vanish due to the step down/up operators

$$= \sum_{pr}^{2K} \sum_q^{K_\alpha} \sum_s^{K_\beta} \langle \psi_p^{\eta_p} | \psi_q^\alpha \rangle \langle \eta_p | \hat{S}_- | \alpha \rangle \langle \psi_r^{\eta_r} | \psi_s^\beta \rangle \langle \eta_r | \hat{S}_+ | \beta \rangle \langle \Psi | a_p^\dagger a_q a_r^\dagger a_s | \Psi \rangle \quad (63)$$

$$= \sum_{pr}^{2K} \sum_q^{K_\alpha} \sum_s^{K_\beta} \langle \psi_p^{\eta_p} | \psi_q^\alpha \rangle \langle \eta_p | \beta \rangle \langle \psi_r^{\eta_r} | \psi_s^\beta \rangle \langle \eta_r | \alpha \rangle \langle \Psi | a_p^\dagger a_q a_r^\dagger a_s | \Psi \rangle \quad (64)$$

$\eta_p = \alpha, \eta_q = \beta$  vanish.

$$= \sum_{ps}^{K_\beta} \sum_{qr}^{K_\alpha} \langle \psi_p^\beta | \psi_q^\alpha \rangle \langle \psi_r^\alpha | \psi_s^\beta \rangle \langle \Psi | a_p^\dagger a_q a_r^\dagger a_s | \Psi \rangle \quad (65)$$

$$= \sum_{ps}^{K_\beta} \sum_{qr}^{K_\alpha} S_{qp}^{\alpha\beta*} S_{rs}^{\alpha\beta} \langle \Psi | a_p^\dagger a_q a_r^\dagger a_s | \Psi \rangle \quad (66)$$

Terms with  $p, s$  indices over virtual orbitals vanish

$$= \sum_{ij}^{N_\beta} \sum_{qr}^{K_\alpha} S_{qi}^{\alpha\beta*} S_{rj}^{\alpha\beta} \langle \Psi | a_i^\dagger a_q a_r^\dagger a_j | \Psi \rangle \quad (67)$$

$$= \sum_{ij}^{N_\beta} \sum_{qr}^{K_\alpha} S_{qi}^{\alpha\beta*} S_{rj}^{\alpha\beta} \langle \Psi | (\delta_{iq} - a_q a_i^\dagger) (\delta_{rj} - a_j a_r^\dagger) | \Psi \rangle \quad (68)$$

$$= \sum_{ij}^{N_\beta} \sum_{qr}^{K_\alpha} S_{qi}^{\alpha\beta*} S_{rj}^{\alpha\beta} \langle \Psi | a_q a_i^\dagger a_j a_r^\dagger | \Psi \rangle \quad (69)$$

Terms with  $q, r$  indices over occupied orbitals vanish



$$= \sum_{ij}^{N_\beta} \sum_{ab}^{K_\alpha - N_\alpha} S_{ai}^{\alpha\beta*} S_{bj}^{\alpha\beta} \langle \Psi | a_a a_i^\dagger a_j a_b^\dagger | \Psi \rangle \quad (70)$$

Here, one can get an intuition about what  $\mathcal{L}_\pm$  does. For  $\mathcal{L}_+$  on the right, there is an excitation from each occupied  $\beta$  orbital  $j$  to each virtual  $\alpha$  orbital  $a$ , multiplied by the overlap between the spatial components of  $j$  and  $a$ . Using Wick's theorem:

$$= \sum_{ij}^{N_\beta} \sum_{ab}^{K_\alpha - N_\alpha} S_{ai}^{\alpha\beta*} S_{bj}^{\alpha\beta} \langle \Psi | a_j a_a^\dagger a_b a_i^\dagger - \delta_{ba} a_j a_i^\dagger - \delta_{ij} a_a^\dagger a_b + \delta_{ba} \delta_{ij} | \Psi \rangle \quad (71)$$

$$= \sum_{ij}^{N_\beta} \sum_{ab}^{K_\alpha - N_\alpha} S_{ai}^{\alpha\beta*} S_{bj}^{\alpha\beta} \delta_{ab} \delta_{ij} \langle \Psi | | \Psi \rangle \quad (72)$$

$$= \sum_i^{N_\beta} \sum_a^{K_\alpha - N_\alpha} S_{ai}^{\alpha\beta*} S_{ai}^{\alpha\beta} \quad (73)$$

$$= \sum_i^{N_\beta} \sum_a^{K_\alpha - N_\alpha} |S_{ai}^{\alpha\beta}|^2 \quad (74)$$

Using the constraint derived in section 2,

$$1 = \sum_i^{K - N_\alpha} |S_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}|^2 + \sum_i^{N_\alpha} |S_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}|^2 \quad (75)$$

$$(76)$$

Then

$$\sum_i^{K_\alpha - N_\alpha} |S_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}|^2 = 1 - \sum_i^{N_\alpha} |S_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}|^2 \quad (77)$$

and

$$\sum_j^{N_\beta} \sum_a^{K_\alpha - N_\alpha} |S_{ai}^{\alpha\beta}|^2 = \sum_j^{N_\beta} (1 - \sum_i^{N_\alpha} |S_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}|^2) \quad (78)$$

$$= N_\beta - \sum_i^{N_\alpha} \sum_j^{N_\beta} |S_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}|^2 \quad (79)$$

Finally, putting it all together,

$$\langle \Psi | \mathcal{L}^2 | \Psi \rangle = \left(\frac{N_\alpha - N_\beta}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{N_\alpha - N_\beta}{2} + N_\beta - \sum_i^{N_\alpha} \sum_j^{N_\beta} |S_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}|^2 \quad (80)$$

$$= \left(\frac{N_\alpha - N_\beta}{2} + 1\right) \frac{N_\alpha - N_\beta}{2} + N_\beta - \sum_i^{N_\alpha} \sum_j^{N_\beta} |S_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}|^2 \quad (81)$$

For the case of RHF, we can see that Eq. 81 reduces to

$$\left(\frac{N_\alpha - N_\beta}{2} + 1\right) \frac{N_\alpha - N_\beta}{2} + N_\beta - \sum_i^{N_\alpha} \sum_j^{N_\beta} \delta_{ij}^2 \quad (82)$$

$$= \left(\frac{N_\alpha - N_\beta}{2} + 1\right) \frac{N_\alpha - N_\beta}{2} + N_\beta - \sum_i^{N_\alpha} \sum_j^{N_\beta} 1 \quad (83)$$

$$= \left(\frac{N_\alpha - N_\beta}{2} + 1\right) \frac{N_\alpha - N_\beta}{2} + N_\beta - \sum_j^{N_\beta} 1 \quad (84)$$

$$= \left(\frac{N_\alpha - N_\beta}{2} + 1\right) \frac{N_\alpha - N_\beta}{2} + N_\beta - N_\beta \quad (85)$$

$$= \left(\frac{N_\alpha - N_\beta}{2} + 1\right) \frac{N_\alpha - N_\beta}{2} \equiv \langle \mathcal{L}^2 \rangle_{RHF} \quad (86)$$

At which point we arrive at the equation given in Szabo and Ostlund [1]:

$$\langle \Psi | \mathcal{L}^2 | \Psi \rangle = \langle \mathcal{L}^2 \rangle_{RHF} + N_\beta - \sum_i^{N_\alpha} \sum_j^{N_\beta} |S_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}|^2 \quad (87)$$

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