Green function methods for the large scale electronic structure calculations.

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abstract

In order to calculate physical quantities of a system, it is necessary to obtain either eigen states or density matrix of the system. The calculation of eigen states is reduced to a matrix diagonalization procedure. However, this procedure results in a severe computational cost for a large scale system. The essential methodology for large scale calculations is how to obtain the density matrix $\hat{\rho}$ without calculating eigen states[1,2]. The density matrix can be obtained by means of energy integration of the Green function, $G_{i,j}$;

$$\rho_{ij} = -\frac{1}{\pi} \operatorname{Im} \int G_{ij}(\varepsilon + i0^+) f\left(\frac{\varepsilon - \mu}{k_{\rm B}T}\right) d\varepsilon.$$
(1)

Here, i, j represent atom or orbital index, and f is the Fermi distribution function. We have developed Green function methods, such as (1) recursion method [3] and (2) conjugate gradient (CG) method [4].

For the recursion method, we adopt the following method to achieve computational efficiency in calculation of its off-diagonal elements G_{ij} . As usual procedure of the recursion method, we obtain tridiagonalized Hamiltonian of finite size, H^L , by means of transformation matrix from atomic basis $|i\rangle$ into Lanczos basis $|n\rangle$, u_{nj} . By diagonalizing H^L , Green function within Lanczos basis, G_{in}^L , is constructed, and is combined with u to form the target Green function; $G_{ij} = \sum_n G_{in}^L u_{nj}$. This procedure reduces computation time of off-diagonal part to almost that of diagonal part. For the CG method, to obtain Green function, the procedure to solve linear equation $(z - H) |x_i\rangle = |i\rangle$, is adopted. Once the linear equation is solved, one can obtain both diagonal and off-diagonal part of the Green function simultaneously as $\langle j | x_i \rangle = \langle j | (z - H)^{-1} | i \rangle = G_{ji}$. These Green function methods are easy to modify to suit parallel code because of its independent nature with respect to basis $|i\rangle$.

The presentation will be devoted to short review of these methods and their application to large scale system. We also apply hybrid method[5] and parallel computation to simulate large scale systems[6].

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