


## Review single-particle states

- Notation  $|\dots\rangle$
- ... list of quantum numbers associated with a CSCO
- Normalization  $\langle\alpha|\beta\rangle = \delta_{\alpha,\beta}$
- Continuous quantum numbers
  - Example  $\langle\mathbf{r}, m_s|\mathbf{r}', m'_s\rangle = \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')\delta_{m_s, m'_s}$
- Completeness  $\sum_{\alpha} |\alpha\rangle \langle\alpha| = 1$

## Consequences for two-particle states

- CVS for two particles: product space
- Notation  $|\alpha_1\alpha_2\rangle = |\alpha_1\rangle |\alpha_2\rangle$  
- Orthogonality  $\langle\alpha_1\alpha_2|\alpha'_1\alpha'_2\rangle = \delta_{\alpha_1,\alpha'_1}\delta_{\alpha_2,\alpha'_2}$
- Completeness  $\sum_{\alpha_1\alpha_2} |\alpha_1\alpha_2\rangle \langle\alpha_1\alpha_2| = 1$

# Exchange degeneracy for identical particles

- Consider  $\alpha_1 \neq \alpha_2$
- Then  $|\alpha_2\alpha_1\rangle \neq |\alpha_1\alpha_2\rangle$
- All states  $|\alpha_1\alpha_2\rangle$   
 $|\alpha_2\alpha_1\rangle$   
 $c_1|\alpha_1\alpha_2\rangle + c_2|\alpha_2\alpha_1\rangle$

yield  $\alpha_1$  for one particle and  $\alpha_2$  for the other upon measurement

- Yet, unclear which state describes this system and therefore **inconsistent** with quantum postulates
- Consider permutation operator

$$P_{12}|\alpha_1\alpha_2\rangle = |\alpha_2\alpha_1\rangle$$

with  $P_{12} = P_{21}$  and  $P_{12}^2 = 1$

- Hamiltonian for two particles is symmetric for  $1 \Leftrightarrow 2$

# Development

- Typical Hamiltonian  $H = \frac{p_1^2}{2m} + \frac{p_2^2}{2m} + V(|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|)$
- Consider operator acting on particle 1 and corresponding eigenvalue  $A_1|\alpha_1\alpha_2\rangle = a_1|\alpha_1\alpha_2\rangle$
- Similarly, the corresponding operator acting on particle 2 yields  $A_2|\alpha_1\alpha_2\rangle = a_2|\alpha_1\alpha_2\rangle$
- Note  $P_{12}A_1|\alpha_1\alpha_2\rangle = a_1P_{12}|\alpha_1\alpha_2\rangle = a_1|\alpha_2\alpha_1\rangle = A_2|\alpha_2\alpha_1\rangle$
- and  $P_{12}A_1|\alpha_1\alpha_2\rangle = P_{12}A_1P_{12}^{-1}P_{12}|\alpha_1\alpha_2\rangle = P_{12}A_1P_{12}^{-1}|\alpha_2\alpha_1\rangle$
- Holds for any state; therefore  $P_{12}A_1P_{12}^{-1} = A_2$
- It follows that  $P_{12}HP_{12}^{-1} = H$  or  $[P_{12}, H] = 0$

# Symmetric and antisymmetric two-particle states

• So  $[P_{12}, H] = 0$

• Common eigenkets either

$$|\alpha_1\alpha_2\rangle_+ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \{ |\alpha_1\alpha_2\rangle + |\alpha_2\alpha_1\rangle \}$$

or

$$|\alpha_1\alpha_2\rangle_- = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \{ |\alpha_1\alpha_2\rangle - |\alpha_2\alpha_1\rangle \}$$

• Eigenstates of the Hamiltonian either symmetric  $\Rightarrow$  **bosons**

or antisymmetric  $\Rightarrow$  **fermions**

# Fermions

- Antisymmetry:  $|\alpha_2\alpha_1\rangle = -|\alpha_1\alpha_2\rangle$
- Both kets represent the same physical state: count only once in completeness relation  $\Rightarrow$  "order" quantum numbers  
 $|1\rangle, |2\rangle, |3\rangle, \dots$
- Ordered:  $\sum_{i < j} |ij\rangle \langle ij| = 1$
- Not ordered:  $\frac{1}{2!} \sum_{ij} |ij\rangle \langle ij| = 1$

# N-particle states (fermions)

• Product states  $|\alpha_1\alpha_2\dots\alpha_N\rangle = |\alpha_1\rangle |\alpha_2\rangle \dots |\alpha_N\rangle$

• Normalization

$$\begin{aligned} (\alpha_1\alpha_2\dots\alpha_N|\alpha'_1\alpha'_2\dots\alpha'_N) &= \langle\alpha_1|\alpha'_1\rangle\langle\alpha_2|\alpha'_2\rangle\dots\langle\alpha_N|\alpha'_N\rangle \\ &= \delta_{\alpha_1,\alpha'_1}\delta_{\alpha_2,\alpha'_2}\dots\delta_{\alpha_N,\alpha'_N} \end{aligned}$$

• Completeness  $\sum_{\alpha_1\alpha_2\dots\alpha_N} |\alpha_1\alpha_2\dots\alpha_N\rangle(\alpha_1\alpha_2\dots\alpha_N| = 1$

• Identical particles: symmetric or antisymmetric states

• Fermions: use antisymmetrizer  $\mathcal{A} = \frac{1}{N!} \sum_p (-1)^p P$

• Permutation operator product of two-particle permutations

• # of two-particle permutations odd/even  $\Rightarrow$  **sign**

## Example for 3 particles

- Check odd/even permutation

$$|\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \{ |\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3\rangle - |\alpha_2\alpha_1\alpha_3\rangle + |\alpha_2\alpha_3\alpha_1\rangle \\ - |\alpha_3\alpha_2\alpha_1\rangle + |\alpha_3\alpha_1\alpha_2\rangle - |\alpha_1\alpha_3\alpha_2\rangle \}.$$

- Note normalization (6 states)
- Also note antisymmetry  $|\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3\rangle = -|\alpha_2\alpha_1\alpha_3\rangle$
- No two fermions can occupy the same state!!

# N fermions

- Completeness with ordered single-particle (sp) quantum numbers

$$\sum_{\substack{\text{ordered} \\ \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_N}} |\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_N\rangle \langle \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_N| = 1$$

- Not ordered

$$\frac{1}{N!} \sum_{\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_N} |\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_N\rangle \langle \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_N| = 1$$

- Normalization with ordered single-particle (sp) quantum numbers

$$\langle \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_N | \alpha'_1 \alpha'_2 \dots \alpha'_N \rangle = \langle \alpha_1 | \alpha'_1 \rangle \langle \alpha_2 | \alpha'_2 \rangle \dots \langle \alpha_N | \alpha'_N \rangle$$

- Not ordered  $\Rightarrow$  determinant  $= \delta_{\alpha_1, \alpha'_1} \delta_{\alpha_2, \alpha'_2} \dots \delta_{\alpha_N, \alpha'_N}$

$$\langle \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_N | \alpha'_1 \alpha'_2 \dots \alpha'_N \rangle = \begin{vmatrix} \langle \alpha_1 | \alpha'_1 \rangle & \langle \alpha_1 | \alpha'_2 \rangle & \dots & \langle \alpha_1 | \alpha'_N \rangle \\ \langle \alpha_2 | \alpha'_1 \rangle & \langle \alpha_2 | \alpha'_2 \rangle & \dots & \langle \alpha_2 | \alpha'_N \rangle \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \langle \alpha_N | \alpha'_1 \rangle & \langle \alpha_N | \alpha'_2 \rangle & \dots & \langle \alpha_N | \alpha'_N \rangle \end{vmatrix}.$$

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# Normalized N-particle wave function

- Called a Slater determinant

$$\psi_{\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_N}(x_1 x_2 \dots x_N) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N!}} \begin{vmatrix} \langle x_1 | \alpha_1 \rangle & \dots & \langle x_N | \alpha_1 \rangle \\ \langle x_1 | \alpha_2 \rangle & \dots & \langle x_N | \alpha_2 \rangle \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \langle x_1 | \alpha_N \rangle & \dots & \langle x_N | \alpha_N \rangle \end{vmatrix} .$$

- Hard to work with Slater determinants
- Use occupation number representation or **second quantization**

# Second quantization

- Motivation:
  - Slater determinants tedious to work with
  - Relevant operators change only the quantum numbers of one or two particles (and in exceptional cases three)
- Consider states that are labeled by the # of particles occupying sp states  $\Rightarrow$  occupation number representation
- Allow states in CVS with different # of particles  $\Rightarrow$  Fock space
- Includes new state: the vacuum
  - all sp states  $|0\rangle$
  - all antisymmetric two-particle (tp) states  $\{|\alpha\rangle\}$
  - ..  $\{|\alpha_1\alpha_2\rangle\}$
  - all antisymmetric N-particle states  $\{|\alpha_1\alpha_2\dots\alpha_N\rangle\}$
  - up to infinite number of particles .....

## Alternative writing

- Vacuum state

$$|0\rangle = |0 \ 0 \dots \ 0\rangle$$

$$\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_\infty$$

- Sp state

$$|\alpha_i\rangle = |0 \ 0 \ \dots \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \dots 0\rangle$$

$$\alpha_i$$

- Tp state

$$|\alpha_i \alpha_j\rangle = |0 \ 0 \ \dots \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \dots 0 \ 1 \ 0 \dots 0\rangle$$

$$\alpha_i \quad \alpha_j$$

- etc.

- Use ordered states  $\sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_N}^{\text{ordered}} |\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_N\rangle \langle \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_N| = 1$

- Introduce new operator in Fock space  $a_\alpha^\dagger$

# Particle addition (creation) operator

- Definition  $a_{\alpha}^{\dagger} |\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_N\rangle \equiv |\alpha \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_N\rangle$
- Takes an antisymmetric N-particle state and turns it into an antisymmetric N+1-particle state with  $\alpha$  occupied!!!!
- Note:
  - $\alpha = \alpha_i \Rightarrow$  not a state
  - $\alpha \neq \alpha_i \Rightarrow i=1, \dots, N$  new state (may require ordering)
- Acts on any state
- Including  $a_{\alpha}^{\dagger} |0\rangle = |\alpha\rangle$
- and  $a_{\alpha}^{\dagger} |\beta\rangle = |\alpha\beta\rangle$
- etc.
- What about the adjoint operator  $a_{\alpha}$  ?

# Particle removal (destruction) operator

- Action of adjoint operator?

$$a_\alpha |\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_N\rangle = \sum_{M=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\alpha'_1 \alpha'_2 \dots \alpha'_M}^{\text{ordered}} |\alpha'_1 \alpha'_2 \dots \alpha'_M\rangle \langle \alpha'_1 \alpha'_2 \dots \alpha'_M | a_\alpha |\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_N\rangle$$

$$= \sum_{M=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\alpha'_1 \alpha'_2 \dots \alpha'_M}^{\text{ordered}} |\alpha'_1 \alpha'_2 \dots \alpha'_M\rangle \langle \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_N | a_\alpha^\dagger |\alpha'_1 \alpha'_2 \dots \alpha'_M\rangle^*$$

$$= \sum_{M=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\alpha'_1 \alpha'_2 \dots \alpha'_M}^{\text{ordered}} |\alpha'_1 \alpha'_2 \dots \alpha'_M\rangle \langle \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_N | \alpha \alpha'_1 \alpha'_2 \dots \alpha'_M \rangle^*$$

- Consider once  $\alpha$  placed in the correct location  $\Rightarrow (-1)^{i-1}$

$$\langle \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_N | \alpha'_1 \alpha'_2 \dots \alpha \alpha'_i \dots \alpha'_M \rangle = \delta_{\alpha_1, \alpha'_1} \delta_{\alpha_2, \alpha'_2} \dots \delta_{\alpha_i, \alpha} \delta_{\alpha_{i+1}, \alpha'_i} \dots \delta_{\alpha_N, \alpha'_{N-1}}$$

- So  $a_\alpha |\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_N\rangle = (-1)^{i-1} |\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_{i-1} \alpha_{i+1} \dots \alpha_N\rangle$  if  $\alpha = \alpha_i$
- or  $a_\alpha |\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_N\rangle = 0$  if  $\alpha \neq \alpha_i, i = 1, \dots, N$

- Example:  $a_\alpha |0\rangle = 0$  Note: again antisymmetric state!

# Fermion anticommutation relations

$$\{a_\alpha, a_\beta^\dagger\} = a_\alpha a_\beta^\dagger + a_\beta^\dagger a_\alpha = \delta_{\alpha,\beta}$$

$$\{a_\alpha, a_\beta\} = \{a_\alpha^\dagger, a_\beta^\dagger\} = 0$$

- "Easy" to demonstrate
- Rewrite antisymmetric state

$$\begin{aligned} |\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3 \dots \alpha_N\rangle &= a_{\alpha_1}^\dagger |\alpha_2 \alpha_3 \dots \alpha_N\rangle = a_{\alpha_1}^\dagger a_{\alpha_2}^\dagger |\alpha_3 \dots \alpha_N\rangle = \dots \\ &= a_{\alpha_1}^\dagger a_{\alpha_2}^\dagger \dots a_{\alpha_N}^\dagger |0\rangle = \prod_i a_{\alpha_i}^\dagger |0\rangle \end{aligned}$$

- Ensures Pauli principle

$$\begin{aligned} |\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_N\rangle &= a_{\alpha_1}^\dagger a_{\alpha_2}^\dagger \dots a_{\alpha_N}^\dagger |0\rangle = -a_{\alpha_2}^\dagger a_{\alpha_1}^\dagger \dots a_{\alpha_N}^\dagger |0\rangle \\ &= -|\alpha_2 \alpha_1 \dots \alpha_N\rangle \end{aligned}$$

- Occupation numbers

$$|n_{\alpha_1} = 1, n_{\alpha_2} = 0, n_{\alpha_3} = 1, 0, \dots, 0, \dots\rangle = |\alpha_1 \alpha_3\rangle$$

# One-body operators in Fock space

- Examples?

- 1 particle in sp space  $F = \sum_{\alpha} \sum_{\beta} |\alpha\rangle \langle \alpha| F |\beta\rangle \langle \beta|$

- Operator completely determined by all  $\langle \alpha| F |\beta\rangle$

- N-particle space  $F_N = F(1) + F(2) + \dots + F(N) = \sum_{i=1}^N F(i)$

- Action of  $F(i)$  on a **product** state

$$\begin{aligned} F(i)|\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3\dots\alpha_N\rangle &= |\alpha_1\rangle |\alpha_2\rangle \dots |\alpha_{i-1}\rangle \left\{ \sum_{\beta_i} |\beta_i\rangle \langle \beta_i| F |\alpha_i\rangle \right\} |\alpha_{i+1}\rangle \dots |\alpha_N\rangle \\ &= \sum_{\beta_i} \langle \beta_i| F |\alpha_i\rangle |\alpha_1\dots\alpha_{i-1}\beta_i\alpha_{i+1}\dots\alpha_N\rangle \end{aligned}$$

## One-body operators (continued)

- Matrix element  $\langle \beta_i | F | \alpha_i \rangle$  same for any particle (dummy variables)
- Then

$$\begin{aligned} F_N |\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3 \dots \alpha_N\rangle &= F(1) |\alpha_1\rangle |\alpha_2\rangle \dots |\alpha_N\rangle + \dots + |\alpha_1\rangle |\alpha_2\rangle \dots F(N) |\alpha_N\rangle \\ &= \sum_{\beta_1} \langle \beta_1 | F | \alpha_1 \rangle |\beta_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_N\rangle + \dots + \sum_{\beta_N} \langle \beta_N | F | \alpha_N \rangle |\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \beta_N\rangle \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{\beta_i} \langle \beta_i | F | \alpha_i \rangle |\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_{i-1} \beta_i \alpha_{i+1} \dots \alpha_N\rangle \end{aligned}$$

- Since  $F_N$  is symmetric it commutes with the antisymmetrizer  $\mathcal{A}$
- Thus

$$F_N |\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3 \dots \alpha_N\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{\beta_i} \langle \beta_i | F | \alpha_i \rangle |\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_{i-1} \beta_i \alpha_{i+1} \dots \alpha_N\rangle$$



# Fock-space one-body operator

- Consider Fock-space operator  $\hat{F} = \sum_{\alpha\beta} \langle \alpha | F | \beta \rangle a_{\alpha}^{\dagger} a_{\beta}$

- Note the " $\wedge$ " notation

- This operator accomplishes the same as  $F_N$  for any  $N$ !

- Use
 
$$\begin{aligned}
 [\hat{F}, a_{\alpha_i}^{\dagger}] &= \sum_{\alpha\beta} \langle \alpha | F | \beta \rangle [a_{\alpha}^{\dagger} a_{\beta}, a_{\alpha_i}^{\dagger}] = \sum_{\alpha\beta} \langle \alpha | F | \beta \rangle (a_{\alpha}^{\dagger} a_{\beta} a_{\alpha_i}^{\dagger} - a_{\alpha_i}^{\dagger} a_{\alpha}^{\dagger} a_{\beta}) \\
 &= \sum_{\alpha\beta} \langle \alpha | F | \beta \rangle a_{\alpha}^{\dagger} (a_{\beta} a_{\alpha_i}^{\dagger} + a_{\alpha_i}^{\dagger} a_{\beta}) = \sum_{\alpha\beta} \langle \alpha | F | \beta \rangle a_{\alpha}^{\dagger} \delta_{\beta, \alpha_i} \\
 &= \sum_{\alpha} \langle \alpha | F | \alpha_i \rangle a_{\alpha}^{\dagger} = \sum_{\beta_i} \langle \beta_i | F | \alpha_i \rangle a_{\beta_i}^{\dagger}
 \end{aligned}$$

- and apply
 
$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{F} |\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3 \dots \alpha_N\rangle &= \hat{F} a_{\alpha_1}^{\dagger} a_{\alpha_2}^{\dagger} \dots a_{\alpha_N}^{\dagger} |0\rangle \\
 &= [\hat{F}, a_{\alpha_1}^{\dagger}] a_{\alpha_2}^{\dagger} \dots a_{\alpha_N}^{\dagger} |0\rangle + a_{\alpha_1}^{\dagger} \hat{F} a_{\alpha_2}^{\dagger} \dots a_{\alpha_N}^{\dagger} |0\rangle \\
 &= [\hat{F}, a_{\alpha_1}^{\dagger}] a_{\alpha_2}^{\dagger} \dots a_{\alpha_N}^{\dagger} |0\rangle + a_{\alpha_1}^{\dagger} [\hat{F}, a_{\alpha_2}^{\dagger}] \dots a_{\alpha_N}^{\dagger} |0\rangle + \dots + a_{\alpha_1}^{\dagger} a_{\alpha_2}^{\dagger} \dots [\hat{F}, a_{\alpha_N}^{\dagger}] |0\rangle \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{\beta_i} \langle \beta_i | F | \alpha_i \rangle a_{\alpha_1}^{\dagger} \dots a_{\alpha_{i-1}}^{\dagger} a_{\beta_i}^{\dagger} a_{\alpha_{i+1}}^{\dagger} \dots a_{\alpha_N}^{\dagger} |0\rangle \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{\beta_i} \langle \beta_i | F | \alpha_i \rangle |\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_{i-1} \beta_i \alpha_{i+1} \dots \alpha_N\rangle
 \end{aligned}$$



Identical  
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# Examples

- Density operator for N particles  $\rho_N(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_i)$

- Second-quantized form: choose  $\{|\mathbf{r}, m_s\rangle\}$  basis

- In Fock space

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\rho}(\mathbf{r}) &= \sum_{m_s, m_{s'}} \int d^3 r_1 \int d^3 r'_1 \langle \mathbf{r}_1 m_s | \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_{op}) | \mathbf{r}'_1 m_{s'} \rangle a_{\mathbf{r}_1 m_s}^\dagger a_{\mathbf{r}'_1 m_{s'}} \\ &= \sum_{m_s} a_{\mathbf{r} m_s}^\dagger a_{\mathbf{r} m_s}\end{aligned}$$

- Kinetic energy  $\hat{T} = \sum_{\alpha\beta} \langle \alpha | T | \beta \rangle a_\alpha^\dagger a_\beta$

$$= \sum_{\mathbf{p}_1 m_1 \mathbf{p}_2 m_2} \langle \mathbf{p}_1 m_1 | \frac{\mathbf{p}_{op}^2}{2m} | \mathbf{p}_2 m_2 \rangle a_{\mathbf{p}_1 m_1}^\dagger a_{\mathbf{p}_2 m_2}$$

$$= \sum_{\mathbf{p}_1 m_1} \frac{\mathbf{p}_1^2}{2m} a_{\mathbf{p}_1 m_1}^\dagger a_{\mathbf{p}_1 m_1}$$

## More examples

- Consider  $\hat{N} = \sum_{\alpha} a_{\alpha}^{\dagger} a_{\alpha}$
- Determine  $[\hat{N}, a_{\alpha_i}^{\dagger}] = \sum_{\alpha} [a_{\alpha}^{\dagger} a_{\alpha}, a_{\alpha_i}^{\dagger}]$   
 $= a_{\alpha_i}^{\dagger}$
- Therefore  $\hat{N} |\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_N\rangle = N |\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_N\rangle$

**Change of basis**  $a_{\alpha}^{\dagger} |0\rangle = |\alpha\rangle = \sum_{\lambda} |\lambda\rangle \langle \lambda | \alpha \rangle = \sum_{\lambda} a_{\lambda}^{\dagger} |0\rangle \langle \lambda | \alpha \rangle$

Can be done for any state in Fock space  $\Rightarrow a_{\alpha}^{\dagger} = \sum_{\lambda} \langle \lambda | \alpha \rangle a_{\lambda}^{\dagger}$

**Also**  $a_{\alpha} = \sum_{\lambda} \langle \alpha | \lambda \rangle a_{\lambda}$

# Two-body operators in Fock space

- Similar strategy

$$V = \sum_{\alpha\beta} \sum_{\gamma\delta} |\alpha\beta\rangle \langle\alpha\beta| V |\gamma\delta\rangle \langle\gamma\delta|$$

- N-particles

$$V_N = \begin{cases} V(1,2)+ & V(1,3)+ & V(1,4)+ & \dots + & V(1,N)+ \\ & V(2,3)+ & V(2,4)+ & \dots + & V(2,N)+ \\ & & V(3,4)+ & \dots + & V(3,N)+ \\ & & & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & & & V(N-1,N) \end{cases}$$

$$= \sum_{i<j}^N V(i,j) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j}^N V(i,j)$$

- Consider

$$V(i,j)|\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_i \dots \alpha_j \dots \alpha_N\rangle = \sum_{\beta_i \beta_j} (\beta_i \beta_j | V | \alpha_i \alpha_j) |\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_{i-1} \beta_i \alpha_{i+1} \dots \alpha_{j-1} \beta_j \alpha_{j+1} \dots \alpha_N\rangle$$

- Matrix elements do not depend on the selected pair
- $(\beta_i \beta_j | V | \alpha_i \alpha_j)$  identical for any pair as long as quantum numbers are the same, so

$$V_N |\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3 \dots \alpha_N\rangle = \sum_{i<j}^N \sum_{\beta_i \beta_j} (\beta_i \beta_j | V | \alpha_i \alpha_j) |\alpha_1 \dots \beta_i \dots \beta_j \dots \alpha_N\rangle$$

## More on two-body operators

- Note:  $V_N$  symmetric and therefore commutes with antisymmetrizer
- As a consequence

$$V_N |\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3 \dots \alpha_N\rangle = \sum_{i < j}^N \sum_{\beta_i \beta_j} (\beta_i \beta_j | V | \alpha_i \alpha_j) |\alpha_1 \dots \beta_i \dots \beta_j \dots \alpha_N\rangle$$

- Fock-space operator (proof in Phys 540)

$$\hat{V} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha \beta \gamma \delta} (\alpha \beta | V | \gamma \delta) a_{\alpha}^{\dagger} a_{\beta}^{\dagger} a_{\delta} a_{\gamma}$$

- accomplishes the same result for any particle number!
- Note ordering

# Hamiltonian

- Most common operator  $\hat{H} = \hat{T} + \hat{V}$ 

$$= \sum_{\alpha\beta} \langle \alpha | T | \beta \rangle a_{\alpha}^{\dagger} a_{\beta} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} (\alpha\beta | V | \gamma\delta) a_{\alpha}^{\dagger} a_{\beta}^{\dagger} a_{\delta} a_{\gamma}$$
- Notation often used  $\psi_{m_s}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{r}) \equiv a_{\mathbf{r}m_s}^{\dagger}$
- Use
 
$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathbf{r}m_s | T | \mathbf{r}'m'_s \rangle &= \langle \mathbf{r}m_s | \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2m} | \mathbf{r}'m'_s \rangle \\ &= \frac{-i\hbar}{2m} \nabla \cdot \langle \mathbf{r}m_s | \mathbf{p} | \mathbf{r}'m'_s \rangle \\ &= \frac{-\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \langle \mathbf{r}m_s | \mathbf{r}'m'_s \rangle \\ &= \frac{-\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \delta_{m_s, m'_s} \end{aligned}$$
- and
 
$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathbf{r}_1 m_{s_1} \mathbf{r}_2 m_{s_2} | V(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') | \mathbf{r}_3 m_{s_3} \mathbf{r}_4 m_{s_4} \rangle &= \delta(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_3) \delta(\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_4) \\ &\quad \times \delta_{m_{s_1}, m_{s_3}} \delta_{m_{s_2}, m_{s_4}} V(|\mathbf{r}_3 - \mathbf{r}_4|) \end{aligned}$$
- In this basis  $\hat{H} = \sum_{m_s} \int d^3r \psi_{m_s}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{r}) \left\{ \frac{-\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \right\} \psi_{m_s}(\mathbf{r})$ 

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m_s m'_s} \int d^3r \int d^3r' \psi_{m_s}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{r}) \psi_{m'_s}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{r}') V(|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|) \psi_{m'_s}(\mathbf{r}') \psi_{m_s}(\mathbf{r})$$
- "second quantization"