

Normal Modes

Hessian

- Local curvature of the potential energy
- If in local minimum: vibrational modes

Normal modes

- Mass-weighted Hessian $F_{ij} = H_{ij}(M_i M_j)^{-1/2}$
- Eigenvalues: Frequencies
- Eigenvectors: Modes

$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial x_1^2} & \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial x_1 \partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial x_2 \partial x_1} & \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial x_2^2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial x_2 \partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial x_n \partial x_1} & \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial x_n \partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial x_n^2} \end{bmatrix},$$

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Imports

- PySCF: Quantum chemistry calculations
- Numpy: Mathematical operations

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Define a molecule: water

- Coordinates (need to be a minimum!)
- Basis set: measure of accuracy

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Do the actual calculation

- Restricted Hartree-Fock as a method
- For large molecules: expensive

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Calculate the analytical Hessian

- For large molecules: even more expensive

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Change the memory layout

- PySCF returns the Hessian as four-dimensional array (atom1, atom2, dimension1, dimension2)
- We need it as square symmetric matrix

np.transpose()

- Transposes a matrix = changes axes order
- By default: reverse axes
- Here: Sort into (atom1, dimension1, atom2, dimension2)

np.reshape()

- Keeps data, looks at it differently
- Here: Makes matrix square

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Build list of atomic masses

- PySCF has built-in data sets, no copying required

np.repeat()

- Repeats each element
- Once for each dimension


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Build mass-weighting matrix

- Note that `np.sqrt()` is operating elementwise
- `matrix * matrix` is elementwise (`np.matmul()` would be matrix multiplication)

`np.outer()`

- Outer product
- Pairwise multiplication:
 $M_{ij} = m_i m_j$

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Get eigenvalues

- From weighted Hessian(!)

np.eigh()

- For symmetric matrices
- Otherwise: *np.eig()*

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Get frequencies from force constants

- Harmonic approximation
- Negative and small entries:
3 translational and 3 rotational degrees of freedom

np.abs()

- Absolute value
- Here: shortcut (better: remove translational and rotational degrees first)

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Convert to wavenumbers

- PySCF has predefined constants

PySCF can do it

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from pyscf.hessian.thermo import harmonic_analysis

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harmonic_analysis(mol, hessian)['freq_wavenumber']

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