

Representation and conversion of one wavefunction

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1 Notations and theoretical considerations

* A Bloch wavefunction characterized by a wavevector \mathbf{k} is such that

$$\psi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) = u_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r})e^{i2\pi\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}}$$

where $u_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r})$ is periodic, that is

$$u_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{R}_{latt}) = u_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r})$$

where \mathbf{R}_{latt} is a vector of the real space lattice.

* Representation by plane waves

$$\begin{aligned} u_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) &= \sum_{\mathbf{G}} c_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{G})e^{i2\pi\mathbf{G}\cdot\mathbf{r}} \\ \psi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) &= \sum_{\mathbf{G}} c_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{G})e^{i2\pi(\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{G})\cdot\mathbf{r}} \end{aligned}$$

* Normalisation

$$\sum_{\mathbf{G}} |c_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{G})|^2 = 1$$

* For a spinor wavefunction, there is an additional variable, the spin σ that can take two values, that is $\sigma = \uparrow$ (spin up) or $\sigma = \downarrow$ (spin down)
The following relations hold :

$$u_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}, \sigma) = \sum_{\mathbf{G}} c_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{G}, \sigma)e^{i2\pi\mathbf{G}\cdot\mathbf{r}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}, \sigma) &= \sum_{\mathbf{G}} c_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{G}, \sigma) e^{i2\pi(\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{G})\cdot\mathbf{r}} \\ \sum_{\sigma} \sum_{\mathbf{G}} |c_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{G}, \sigma)|^2 &= 1\end{aligned}$$

2 Properties of the wavefunctions (scalar case)

* For ground-state wavefunctions, there is the Schrödinger equation

$$H|\psi_{n\mathbf{k}}\rangle = \varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}}|\psi_{n\mathbf{k}}\rangle$$

where

H is the Hamiltonian operator
 n labels the state (or the band)
 $\varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}}$ is the eigenvalue

* As the wavevector labelling of an eigenstate comes from the property

$$\psi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{R}_{latt}) = e^{i2\pi\mathbf{k}\mathbf{R}_{latt}}\psi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r})$$

in which \mathbf{k} can be replaced by $\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_{latt}$ where \mathbf{G}_{latt} is any reciprocal space lattice vector, we can choose the wavefunctions at \mathbf{k} and $\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_{latt}$ to be equal, or to make a linear combination of wavefunctions with the same energy. We introduce the notation “L.C.” when linear combinations are allowed when equating two wavefunction.

$$\psi_{n(\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{G}_{latt})}(\mathbf{r}) \stackrel{\text{L.C.}}{=} \psi_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r})$$

When there is no specific reason to prefer a linear combination, the equality relation will be used. This is a choice of “gauge”. Note that a phase factor might be allowed in taking the linear combination.

* The $\mathbf{k} \leftrightarrow \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}_{latt}$ correspondence translates to

$$\begin{aligned}u_{n(\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{G}_{latt})}(\mathbf{r}) \cdot e^{i2\pi\mathbf{G}_{latt}\cdot\mathbf{r}} &\stackrel{\text{L.C.}}{=} u_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) \\ c_{n(\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{G}_{latt})}(\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{G}_{latt}) &\stackrel{\text{L.C.}}{=} c_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{G})\end{aligned}$$

* The time-reversal symmetry (non-magnetic case) of the Hamiltonian gives the following relation

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) &\stackrel{\text{L.C.}}{=} \psi_{n(-\mathbf{k})}^*(\mathbf{r}) \\ u_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) &\stackrel{\text{L.C.}}{=} u_{n(-\mathbf{k})}^*(\mathbf{r}) \\ c_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{G}) &\stackrel{\text{L.C.}}{=} c_{n(-\mathbf{k})}^*(-\mathbf{G})\end{aligned}$$

* For the \mathbf{k} wavevectors that are half a reciprocal lattice vector ($2\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{G}_{latt}$), there is a special relationship between coefficients of the wavefunction :

$$c_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{G}) \stackrel{\text{L.C.}}{=} c_{n(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{G}_{latt})}(\mathbf{G} + \mathbf{G}_{latt}) \stackrel{\text{L.C.}}{=} c_{n(-\mathbf{k})}(\mathbf{G} + \mathbf{G}_{latt}) \stackrel{\text{L.C.}}{=} c_{n\mathbf{k}}^*(-\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{G}_{latt})$$

That is, coefficients at \mathbf{G} and $-\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{G}_{latt}$ are related. This will allow to decrease by a factor of 2 the storage space for these specific \mathbf{k} points.

3 Properties of the wavefunctions (spinor case)

* One must distinguish two classes of Hamiltonians :

- the Hamiltonian is spin-diagonal
- the Hamiltonian mixes the spin components

In the first class, one finds usual non-spin-polarized, non-spin-orbit Hamiltonians, in which case the spin up-spin up and spin down-spin down parts of the Hamiltonian are equal, as well as spin-polarized Hamiltonian when the magnetic field varies in strength but not in direction.

In the second class, one finds Hamiltonians that include the spin-orbit splitting as well as non-collinear spin systems.

In the first class, the wavefunctions can be made entirely of either spin-up components or spin-down components, and treated independently of those made of opposite spin. This corresponds to `nspol = 2`.

In the second class, one must stay with spinor wavefunctions. This corresponds to `nspinor = 2`.

These two classes are mutually exclusive. The possibilities are thus :

nspol	nspinor	
1	1	scalar wavefunctions
2	1	spin-polarized wavefunctions
1	2	spinor wavefunctions

4 Plane wave basis set sphere

* In order to avoid dealing with an infinite number of plane waves $\{e^{i2\pi(\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{G})r}\}$ to represent Bloch wavefunctions, one selects those with a kinetic energy lower than some cut-off $E_{\text{kin-cut}}$. The set of allowed \mathbf{G} vectors will be noted by $\{\mathbf{G}_{\mathbf{k}, E_{\text{kin-cut}}}\}$

$$\mathbf{G}_{latt} \in \{\mathbf{G}\}_{\mathbf{k}, E_{\text{kin-cut}}} \quad \text{if} \quad \frac{(2\pi)^2 (\mathbf{G}_{latt} + \mathbf{k})^2}{2} < E_{\text{kin-cut}}$$

Expressed in reduced coordinates :

$$\frac{(2\pi)^2}{2} \sum_{ij} (\mathbf{G}_{latt,i}^{red} + \mathbf{k}_i^{red}) \mathbf{G}_{ij}^{met} (\mathbf{G}_{latt,j}^{red} + \mathbf{k}_j^{red}) < E_{\text{kin-cut}}$$

* The kinetic energy cut-off is computed from the input variables `ecut` and `dilatmx`, to give the effective value :

$$\text{ecut_eff} = \text{ecut} * (\text{dilatmx}) ** 2$$

* For "time-reversal \mathbf{k} -points" ($2\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{G}_{latt}$, see section 2), not all coefficients must be stored. A specific storage mode, governed by the input variable `istwfk` has been introduced for the following \mathbf{k} points:

$$\left(000\right), \left(00\frac{1}{2}\right), \left(0\frac{1}{2}0\right), \left(0\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2}\right), \left(\frac{1}{2}00\right), \left(\frac{1}{2}0\frac{1}{2}\right), \left(\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2}0\right), \left(\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

For these points, the number of \mathbf{G} vectors to be taken into account, is decreased by about a factor of 2.

For the \mathbf{G} 's that are not treated, the coefficients $c_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{G})$ can be recovered from those that are treated, thanks to

$$c_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{G}) = c_{n\mathbf{k}}^*(-\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{G}_{latt})$$

* The number of plane waves is `npw`

For `ipw = 1 ... npw`, the reduced coordinates of \mathbf{G} are contained in the array `kg`:

$$\text{these are integer numbers} \begin{cases} \mathbf{G}_1^{red} = \text{kg}(1, \text{ipw}) \\ \mathbf{G}_2^{red} = \text{kg}(2, \text{ipw}) \\ \mathbf{G}_3^{red} = \text{kg}(3, \text{ipw}) \end{cases}$$

This list of \mathbf{G} vectors is computed in the routine `kpgsph.f`.

[To be continued : explain the time reversed k -point structure]

5 FFT grid and FFT box

* For the generation of the density from wavefunctions, as well as for the application of the local part of the potential, one needs to be able to compute

$\psi_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r})$ or $u_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r})$ for a 3D-mesh of \mathbf{r} -points, extremely fast, from the values $c_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{G})$.

[note : spin up and spin down parts can be treated separately in this operation, so they do not need to be specified otherwise in this section 5.]

* The FFT algorithm starts from values of a function

$$z(j_1, j_2, j_3) \text{ for } j_1 = 0 \cdots (N_1 - 1), j_2 = 0 \cdots (N_2 - 1), j_3 = 0 \cdots (N_3 - 1)$$

and compute fast the transformed

$$\tilde{z}(l_1, l_2, l_3) \text{ for } l_1 = 0 \cdots (N_1 - 1), l_2 = 0 \cdots (N_2 - 1), l_3 = 0 \cdots (N_3 - 1)$$

with

$$\tilde{z}(l_1, l_2, l_3) = \sum_{j_1, j_2, j_3} z(j_1, j_2, j_3) e^{i2\pi \left(\frac{j_1 l_1}{N_1} + \frac{j_2 l_2}{N_2} + \frac{j_3 l_3}{N_3} \right)}$$

* We want, on a FFT grid, the values of $u_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r})$ for

$$\begin{aligned} r_1^{red} &= \frac{0}{N_1}, \frac{1}{N_1}, \dots, \frac{N_1 - 1}{N_1} \left(= \frac{l_1}{N_1} \right) \\ r_2^{red} &= \frac{0}{N_2}, \frac{1}{N_2}, \dots, \frac{N_2 - 1}{N_2} \left(= \frac{l_2}{N_2} \right) \\ r_3^{red} &= \frac{0}{N_3}, \frac{1}{N_3}, \dots, \frac{N_3 - 1}{N_3} \left(= \frac{l_3}{N_3} \right) \end{aligned}$$

(the choice of N_1, N_2, N_3 is not discussed here.)

Note that we do not want $u_{\mathbf{k}}(r)$ everywhere : these specific values allow to use the FFT algorithm. The effect of $\overline{G_1^{red}}$ or $\overline{G_1^{red}} + N_1$ (or any value of G_1^{red} modulo N) will be similar.

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$$\begin{aligned} u_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) &= \sum_{\mathbf{G}} c_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{G}) e^{i2\pi \mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{r}} \\ &= \sum_{\mathbf{G}} c_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{G}) e^{i2\pi (G_1^{red} r_1^{red} + G_2^{red} r_2^{red} + G_3^{red} r_3^{red})} \end{aligned}$$

Let us represent $u_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r})$ by the segment **wf_real** ($1 : 2, 1 : N_1, 1 : N_2, 1 : N_3$) where the first index refer to the real or imaginary part and the three others to the integer values $l_1 + 1, l_2 + 1, l_3 + 1$

Let us map the $c_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{G})$ coefficients on a similar segment **wf_reciprocal** ($1 : 2, 1 : N_1, 1 : N_2, 1 : N_3$)

with a similar meaning of **wf_reciprocal** ($1 : 2, j_1 + 1, j_2 + 1, j_3 + 1$):

$$\begin{aligned} j_1 &= \text{mod}(\mathbf{G}_1^{red}, N_1) [\Rightarrow j_1 \in [0, N_1 - 1]] \\ j_2 &= \text{mod}(\mathbf{G}_2^{red}, N_2) \\ j_3 &= \text{mod}(\mathbf{G}_3^{red}, N_3) \end{aligned}$$

Then :

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{wf_real}(\cdot, l_1 + 1, l_2 + 1, l_3 + 1) \\ &= \sum_{j_1=0}^{N_1-1} \sum_{j_2=0}^{N_2-1} \sum_{j_3=0}^{N_3-1} \mathbf{wf_reciprocal}(\cdot, j_1 + 1, j_2 + 1, j_3 + 1) \times e^{i2\pi(\frac{j_1 l_1}{N_1} + \frac{j_2 l_2}{N_2} + \frac{j_3 l_3}{N_3})} \end{aligned}$$

This is, up to the array indexing convention, precisely the operation done by the FFT algorithm.

* For FFT efficiency (minimisation of cache conflicts), the arrays **wf_real** and **wf_reciprocal** are not dimensioned **wf**(2, N_1 , N_2 , N_3), but **wf**(2, N_4 , N_5 , N_6) where

if N_1 even, $N_4 = N_1 + 1$; if N_1 odd, $N_4 = N_1$
 if N_2 even, $N_5 = N_2 + 1$; if N_2 odd, $N_5 = N_2$
 if N_3 even, $N_6 = N_3 + 1$; if N_3 odd, $N_6 = N_3$

6 Wavefunctions and spatial symmetries.

* If some spatial symmetry operation commutes with the Hamiltonian :

$$[H, S_t] = 0$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} H|\psi\rangle &= \varepsilon|\psi\rangle \Rightarrow S_t H|\psi\rangle = \varepsilon S_t |\psi\rangle \\ &\Rightarrow H[S_t |\psi\rangle] = \varepsilon[S_t |\psi\rangle] \end{aligned}$$

$S_t |\psi\rangle$ is also an eigenvector, with the same eigenvalue as $|\psi\rangle$.

However its wavevector is different :

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{R}) &= e^{i2\pi\mathbf{k}\mathbf{R}} \psi_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) \\ \Rightarrow (S_t \psi_{n\mathbf{k}})(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{R}) &= \psi_{n\mathbf{k}}((S_t)^{-1}(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{R})) \\ &= \psi_{n\mathbf{k}}\left(\sum_{\beta} S_{\alpha\beta}^{-1}(r_{\beta} + R_{\beta} - t_{\beta})\right) \\ &= \psi_{n\mathbf{k}}\left(\sum_{\beta} S_{\alpha\beta}^{-1}(r_{\beta} - t_{\beta}) + \sum_{\beta} S_{\alpha\beta}^{-1}R_{\beta}\right) \\ &= \psi_{n\mathbf{k}}((S_t)^{-1}(\mathbf{r}) + \sum_{\beta} S_{\alpha\beta}^{-1}R_{\beta}) \end{aligned}$$

($S_{\alpha\beta}^{-1}R_{\beta}$ must be a vector of the real space lattice if S_t leaves the lattice invariant)

$$\begin{aligned} &= e^{i2\pi \sum_{\alpha\beta} k_{\alpha} S_{\alpha\beta}^{-1} R_{\beta}} \psi_{n\mathbf{k}}((S_t)^{-1}(\mathbf{r})) \\ &= e^{i2\pi \mathbf{k}' \cdot \mathbf{R}} (S_t \psi_{n\mathbf{k}})(\mathbf{r}) \end{aligned}$$

where $(\mathbf{k}')_\alpha = \sum_\beta S_{\beta\alpha}^{-1} k_\beta$
 For a vector in the reciprocal space

$$(\mathbf{k}')_\beta = (S_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{k}))_\beta = \sum_\alpha S_{\beta\alpha}^{-1} k_\alpha$$

i.e. the inverse transpose of $S_{\alpha\beta}$ is used.

* The preceeding result means

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_{n(S^{-1}, \mathbf{t}; \mathbf{k})} &\stackrel{\text{L.C.}}{=} (S_{\mathbf{t}} \psi_{n\mathbf{k}})(\mathbf{r}) \\ &\stackrel{\text{L.C.}}{=} \psi_{n\mathbf{k}}\left(\sum_\beta S_{\alpha\beta}^{-1}(r_\beta - t_\beta)\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow u_{n(S^{-1}, \mathbf{t}; \mathbf{k})}(\mathbf{r}) e^{i2\pi \sum_{\alpha\beta} S_{\alpha\beta}^{-1, \mathbf{t}} k_\beta r_\alpha} &\stackrel{\text{L.C.}}{=} e^{i2\pi \sum_{\alpha\beta} k_\alpha S_{\alpha\beta}^{-1}(r_\beta - t_\beta)} \times u_{n\mathbf{k}}\left(\sum_\beta S_{\alpha\beta}^{-1}(r_\beta - t_\beta)\right) \\ \Rightarrow u_{n(S^{-1}, \mathbf{t}; \mathbf{k})}(\mathbf{r}) &\stackrel{\text{L.C.}}{=} e^{-i2\pi \sum_{\alpha\beta} k_\alpha S_{\alpha\beta}^{-1} t_\beta} u_{n\mathbf{k}}\left(\sum_\beta S_{\alpha\beta}^{-1}(r_\beta - t_\beta)\right) \\ \Rightarrow \sum_{\mathbf{G}} c_{n(S^{-1}, \mathbf{t}; \mathbf{k})}(\mathbf{G}) e^{i2\pi \mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{r}} &\stackrel{\text{L.C.}}{=} e^{-i2\pi \sum_{\alpha\beta} k_\alpha S_{\alpha\beta}^{-1} t_\beta} \sum_{\mathbf{G}'} c_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{G}') e^{i2\pi \sum_{\alpha\beta} G'_\alpha S_{\alpha\beta}^{-1}(r_\beta - t_\beta)} \\ \Rightarrow c_{n(S^{-1}, \mathbf{t}; \mathbf{k})}\left(\sum_\alpha G'_\alpha S_{\alpha\beta}^{-1}\right) &\stackrel{\text{L.C.}}{=} e^{-i2\pi \sum_{\alpha\beta} (k_\alpha + G'_\alpha) S_{\alpha\beta}^{-1} t_\beta} c_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{G}') \end{aligned}$$

This formula allows to derive coefficients c_n at one \mathbf{k} point from these at a symmetric \mathbf{k} point.

7 Conversion of wavefunctions [routine wfconv.f]

* The aim is to derive the wavefunction corresponding to a set of parameters, from the wavefunction corresponding to another set of parameters. This set of parameters is made of :

- **nspinor** (1 if scalar wavefunction, 2 if spinor wavefunction)
- **kpt** (the \mathbf{k} -point)
- **kg** (the set of plane waves, determined by $E_{\text{kin-cut}}$, \mathbf{G}^{met} and \mathbf{k})
- **istwfk** (the storage mode)

* Changing nspinor :

- from nspinor=1 to nspinor=2: the scalar wavefunctions are used to generate

two spinor wavefunctions

$$\begin{aligned} c(\mathbf{G}) &\rightarrow c_1(\mathbf{G}, \sigma) = \begin{cases} c(\mathbf{G}) & (\text{if } \sigma = \uparrow) \\ 0 & (\text{if } \sigma = \downarrow) \end{cases} \\ &\rightarrow c_2(\mathbf{G}, \sigma) = \begin{cases} 0 & (\text{if } \sigma = \uparrow) \\ c(\mathbf{G}) & (\text{if } \sigma = \downarrow) \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

- from `nspinor=2` to `nspinor=1`: this is conceptually not well defined, as the natural "inverse" of the previous recipe

$$c_1(\mathbf{G}, \sigma) \rightarrow c(\mathbf{G}) = c_1(\mathbf{G}, \uparrow)$$

will not lead to a normalized wavefunction.

One state out of two must be ignored also.

Despite this criticism, this natural procedure is followed in `wfconv.f`.

* Changing `kpt`, from `kpt1(k1)` to `kpt2(k2)`

Suppose (no time-reversal use)

$$\begin{aligned} (k_2^{red})_\alpha &= (\Delta G^{red})_\alpha + \sum_\beta S_{\beta\alpha}^{red} k_{1,\beta}^{red} \text{ [see listkk.f]} \\ (G_2^{red})_\alpha &= -(\Delta G^{red})_\alpha + \sum_\beta S_{\beta\alpha}^{red} G_{1,\beta}^{red} \end{aligned}$$

According to the results in sections 2 and 6,

$$c_{n\mathbf{k}_1}(\mathbf{G}_1) = e^{-i2\pi \sum_\alpha (\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{G}_1)_\alpha^{red} t_\alpha^{red}} c_{n\mathbf{k}_2}(\mathbf{G}_2)$$

or equivalently

$$c_{n\mathbf{k}_2}(\mathbf{G}_2) = e^{i2\pi \sum_\alpha (\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{G}_1)_\alpha^{red} t_\alpha^{red}} c_{n\mathbf{k}_1}(\mathbf{G}_1)$$

If the time-reversal symmetry is used, we have instead

$$\begin{aligned} (k_2^{red})_\alpha &= (\Delta G^{red})_\alpha - \sum_\beta S_{\beta\alpha}^{red} k_{1,\beta}^{red} \text{ [see listkk.f]} \\ (G_2^{red})_\alpha &= -(\Delta G^{red})_\alpha - \sum_\beta S_{\beta\alpha}^{red} G_{1,\beta}^{red} \end{aligned}$$

which leads to

$$c_{n\mathbf{k}_2}(\mathbf{G}_2) = (e^{i2\pi \sum_\alpha (\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{G}_1)_\alpha^{red} t_\alpha^{red}} c_{n\mathbf{k}_1}(\mathbf{G}_1))^*$$

The phase factor is computed in `ph1d3d.f`

The resulting function, at `G1` is placed in a FFT box in `sphere.f` (`iflag=1`)
The conversion from `G1` to `G2` is made when reading the coefficients in the FFT box, to place them in `cnk2(G2)`, in `sphere.f` also (`iflag=-1`).

* The change of `istwfk` is accomplished when using `sphere.f`, as the representation in the FFT box is a full representation, where all the non-zero coefficients are assigned to their `G` vector, even if they are the symmetric of another coefficient.