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Partial Rayleigh-Ritz procedure for quasi-minimal basis sets VIN-CENT MICHAUD-RIOUX, HONG GUO, McGill University — Recent Kohn-Sham DFT solver implementations [1-3] concentrate on building a subspace spanned by the occupied Kohn-Sham orbitals via Chebyshev filtering [1]. The Rayleigh-Ritz procedure is generally performed to populate the Kohn-Sham orbitals correctly and constitutes a major bottleneck in large electronic structure simulations. We found that the full diagonalization of the projected Hamiltonian can be avoided; only the partly occupied subspace is necessary since the fully occupied subspace can be obtained from the orthogonal complement of the former. For quasi-minimal basis sets, the size of the eigenvalue problem can be reduced significantly at the cost of constructing an orthogonal complement. The method can also be used with nonminimal basis sets such as atomic orbitals by performing a second projection of the Kohn-Sham Hamiltonian. The partial Rayleigh-Ritz procedure was implemented in our real space electronic structure calculator, which we used to conduct a performance comparison of the state-of-the-art Rayleigh-Ritz procedure against the partial Rayleigh-Ritz procedure. [1] Zhou, et al., Phys. Rev. E 74, 066704 (2006). [2] Motamarri, et al., Journal of Computational Physics 253, 308 (2013). [3] Levitt, A. and Torrent, M., Computer Physics Communications, In Press (2014)

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