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S1. Further theoretical details.

In this section we provide some theoretical details concerning the derivation of equation (30) in the main text.

Let us start from equation (25) in the main text:

$$I_x(a_x|b_x) = \sum_{i_x=0}^{a_x} \sum_{j_x=0}^{b_x} Y_{i_x+j_x} \binom{a_x}{i_x} \binom{b_x}{j_x} (P_x - A_x)^{a_x-i_x} (P_x - B_x)^{b_x-j_x} e^{ik_x P_x} \quad (S1)$$

where

$$Y_{i_x+j_x} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\alpha_i + \beta_j}} \left(\frac{i}{2\sqrt{\alpha_i + \beta_j}} \right)^{i_x+j_x} H_{i_x+j_x} \left(\frac{k_x}{2\sqrt{\alpha_i + \beta_j}} \right) e^{-\frac{k_x^2}{4(\alpha_i + \beta_j)}} \quad (S2)$$

Since $Y_{i_x+j_x}$ and the binomial coefficients do not depend on the nuclear coordinates, the derivative of equation (S1) with respect to nuclear coordinate A_x can be written as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial I_x(a_x|b_x)}{\partial A_x} &= \sum_{i_x=0}^{a_x} \sum_{j_x=0}^{b_x} Y_{i_x+j_x} \binom{a_x}{i_x} \binom{b_x}{j_x} (a_x - i_x) (P_x - A_x)^{a_x-i_x-1} \left(\frac{\partial P_x}{\partial A_x} - 1 \right) (P_x - B_x)^{b_x-j_x} e^{ik_x P_x} \\ &+ \sum_{i_x=0}^{a_x} \sum_{j_x=0}^{b_x} Y_{i_x+j_x} \binom{a_x}{i_x} \binom{b_x}{j_x} (b_x - j_x) (P_x - B_x)^{b_x-j_x-1} \frac{\partial P_x}{\partial A_x} (P_x - A_x)^{a_x-i_x} e^{ik_x P_x} \\ &+ \sum_{i_x=0}^{a_x} \sum_{j_x=0}^{b_x} Y_{i_x+j_x} \binom{a_x}{i_x} \binom{b_x}{j_x} (P_x - A_x)^{a_x-i_x} (P_x - B_x)^{b_x-j_x} e^{ik_x P_x} ik_x \frac{\partial P_x}{\partial A_x} \quad (S3) \end{aligned}$$

Considering that

$$P_x = \frac{\alpha_i A_x + \beta_j B_x}{\alpha_i + \beta_j} \quad (S4)$$

we obtain

$$\frac{\partial P_x}{\partial A_x} = \frac{\alpha_i}{\alpha_i + \beta_j} \quad (S5)$$

and equation (S3) becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial I_x(a_x|b_x)}{\partial A_x} &= \left(\frac{\alpha_i}{\alpha_i + \beta_j} - 1 \right) \sum_{i_x=0}^{a_x} \sum_{j_x=0}^{b_x} Y_{i_x+j_x} \binom{a_x}{i_x} \binom{b_x}{j_x} (a_x - i_x) (P_x - A_x)^{a_x-i_x-1} (P_x - B_x)^{b_x-j_x} e^{ik_x P_x} \\ &+ \frac{\alpha_i}{\alpha_i + \beta_j} \sum_{i_x=0}^{a_x} \sum_{j_x=0}^{b_x} Y_{i_x+j_x} \binom{a_x}{i_x} \binom{b_x}{j_x} (b_x - j_x) (P_x - B_x)^{b_x-j_x-1} (P_x - A_x)^{a_x-i_x} e^{ik_x P_x} \\ &+ \frac{\alpha_i}{\alpha_i + \beta_j} \sum_{i_x=0}^{a_x} \sum_{j_x=0}^{b_x} Y_{i_x+j_x} \binom{a_x}{i_x} \binom{b_x}{j_x} (P_x - A_x)^{a_x-i_x} (P_x - B_x)^{b_x-j_x} e^{ik_x P_x} ik_x \quad (S6) \end{aligned}$$

Now, since it is easy to show that

$$\binom{a_x}{i_x} (a_x - i_x) = a_x \binom{a_x - 1}{i_x} \quad (S7)$$

and, in analogous way, that

$$\binom{b_x}{j_x} (b_x - j_x) = b_x \binom{b_x - 1}{j_x} \quad (S8)$$

we can write:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial I_x(a_x|b_x)}{\partial A_x} &= \left(\frac{\alpha_i}{\alpha_i + \beta_j} - 1 \right) a_x \sum_{i_x=0}^{a_x} \sum_{j_x=0}^{b_x} Y_{i_x+j_x} \binom{a_x - 1}{i_x} \binom{b_x}{j_x} (P_x - A_x)^{a_x - i_x - 1} (P_x - B_x)^{b_x - j_x} e^{ik_x P_x} \\ &+ \frac{\alpha_i}{\alpha_i + \beta_j} b_x \sum_{i_x=0}^{a_x} \sum_{j_x=0}^{b_x} Y_{i_x+j_x} \binom{a_x}{i_x} \binom{b_x - 1}{j_x} (P_x - B_x)^{b_x - j_x - 1} (P_x - A_x)^{a_x - i_x} e^{ik_x P_x} \\ &+ ik_x \frac{\alpha_i}{\alpha_i + \beta_j} \sum_{i_x=0}^{a_x} \sum_{j_x=0}^{b_x} Y_{i_x+j_x} \binom{a_x}{i_x} \binom{b_x}{j_x} (P_x - A_x)^{a_x - i_x} (P_x - B_x)^{b_x - j_x} e^{ik_x P_x} \end{aligned} \quad (S9)$$

Therefore, considering equation (S1), equation (S9) can be rewritten as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial I_x(a_x|b_x)}{\partial A_x} &= \left(\frac{\alpha_i}{\alpha_i + \beta_j} - 1 \right) a_x I_x(a_x - 1|b_x) + \frac{\alpha_i}{\alpha_i + \beta_j} b_x I_x(a_x|b_x - 1) \\ &+ ik_x \frac{\alpha_i}{\alpha_i + \beta_j} I_x(a_x|b_x) \end{aligned} \quad (S10),$$

which is exactly equation (30) in the main text.