

Local form subordination without a power decay and the Riesz property of spectral projections

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$A = A^*$ with $(i - A)^{-1}$ compact (in a separable Hilbert space \mathcal{H})

- $\sigma(A) = \{\mu_n\}_n$ is discrete and eigenvectors form an orthonormal basis of \mathcal{H}
- properties of spectral projections ($P_n^2 = P_n$)

$$P_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma_{\mu_n}} (z - A)^{-1} dz$$

- orthogonal $P_n^* = P_n$ and with finite rank
- disjoint

$$P_j P_k = \delta_{jk} P_j, \quad \forall j, k$$

- complete

$$(\forall x \forall j \quad \langle P_j x, y \rangle = 0) \implies y = 0$$

(equivalently, every $x \in \mathcal{H}$ can be approximated with an arbitrary accuracy by linear combinations of $x_k \in \text{Ran}(P_k)$)

- expansion and Parseval identity

$$x = \sum_n P_n x, \quad \|x\|^2 = \sum_n \|P_n x\|^2$$

Harmonic oscillator in $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$

$$A = -\Delta + |x|^2 \quad \mu_n = 2n + d, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}_0, \quad \text{rank} P_n = \binom{n+d-1}{n}$$

Anharmonic oscillators in $L^2(\mathbb{R})$

$$A = -\partial_x^2 + |x|^\beta \quad \beta > 0 \quad \mu_n = C_\beta n^{\frac{2\beta}{\beta+2}} (1 + o(1)), \quad n \rightarrow \infty, \quad \text{rank} P_n = 1$$

Laplace-Beltrami on \mathbb{S}^d

$$A = -\Delta_{\mathbb{S}^d} \quad \mu_n = n(n+d-1), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}_0, \quad \text{rank} P_n = \frac{(2n+d-1)(n+d-2)!}{n!(d-1)!}$$

Landau Hamiltonian (twisted Laplacian) in $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ with $d \in 2\mathbb{N}$

$$A = \sum_{j=1}^{\frac{d}{2}} \left(-i\partial_{x_j} + \frac{y_j}{2} \right)^2 + \left(-i\partial_{y_j} + \frac{x_j}{2} \right)^2 \quad \mu_n = 2n + \frac{d}{2}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}_0, \quad \text{rank} P_n = \infty$$

Motivation for non-self-adjoint problems

Damped wave equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & I \\ \Delta & -2a \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow -\Delta + 2\lambda a(x) + \lambda^2, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{C}, \quad \text{in } L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$$

Superconductivity (Ginzburg-Landau equation)

[Almog and Helffer, 2015]

$$-\partial_x^2 + (\mathrm{i}\partial_y - x^2)^2 + \mathrm{i}y \quad \text{in } L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$$

Hydrodynamics (Oseen vortices)

[Gallagher, Gallay, and Nier, 2009]

$$-\partial_x^2 + x^2 + \frac{\mathrm{i}}{\varepsilon} f(x) \quad \text{in } L^2(\mathbb{R})$$

MRI (Bloch-Torrey equation)

[Grebennikov and Helffer, 2018]

$$\begin{pmatrix} -\Delta & b \\ -b & -\Delta \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow -\Delta \pm \mathrm{i}b(x) \quad \text{in } L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$$

Black-Scholes-Merton equation (mathematical finance)

[Baaquie, 2020]

$$-\sigma^2 \partial_x^2 + (\sigma^2 - r) \partial_x + r + \mathrm{i}e^x \quad \text{in } L^2(\mathbb{R})$$

Quantum resonances, open quantum systems, graphene, ...

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Small perturbations of self-adjoint operators

$$T = A + B, \quad A = A^* \text{ and } B \text{ “small”}$$

- example of a differential operator in $L^2(\mathbb{R})$

$$T = \underbrace{-\partial_x^2 + |x|^\beta}_A + \underbrace{i|x|^\gamma}_B, \quad \gamma \leq \beta$$

Q: what properties of spectral projections can be expected?

Riesz property of projections $\{P_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$

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Completeness vs. Riesz property: $T = -\partial_x^2 + ix^2$ in $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ [Davies and Kuijlaars, 2004]

- $\{P_n\}$ are complete, disjoint, $\text{rank } P_n = 1$, but without the Riesz property

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[Kato, 1995, Thm.V.4.15a]

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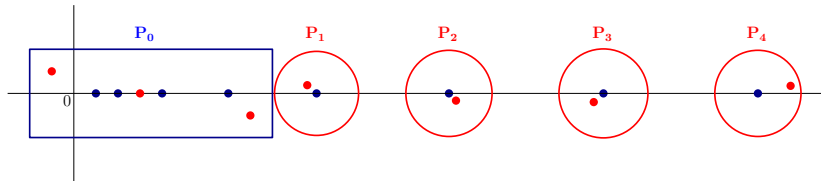
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Then for $T := A + B$,

- the eigenvalues $\{\lambda_n\}$ of T are eventually simple
- the system of spectral projections $\{P_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$ of T has the Riesz property



- generalizations (relative boundedness/subordination)

[Dunford and Schwartz, 1988, Chap. XIX.2], [Markus, 1988, Chap. I], [Clark, 1968; Agranovich, 1994; Wyss, 2010]

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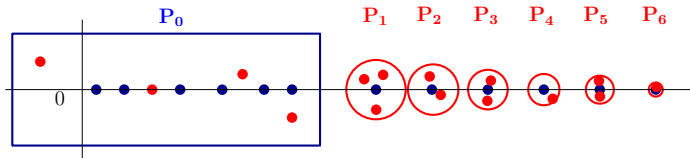
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- power-like gaps: with some $\kappa > 0$ $\mu_{n+1} - \mu_n \gtrsim n^{\kappa-1}$
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- power behavior of ω_j not needed, e.g. for $\kappa = 1$ [above $\alpha > 0$]
 - log-decay

$$\omega_j = \frac{1}{(\log j)^{\frac{1}{2}} (\log \log j)^a}, \quad j \geq 2, \quad a > \frac{1}{2}$$

- arbitrarily slow decay of ω_j and gaps, e.g.

$$\omega_j = o(1) \quad \text{and} \quad \omega_j = 0, \quad j \neq m^2, \quad m \in \mathbb{N}$$

- some optimality: cannot be relaxed to $2\alpha + \kappa = 1$ or $\{\omega_j^2/\mu_j\} \in \ell^1$
- operator version of the local subordination earlier

$$\|B\psi_n\| \leq o(n^{\kappa-1}), n \rightarrow \infty$$

[Adduci and Mityagin, 2012a; Shkalikov, 2010; Adduci and Mityagin, 2012b]

- form version (power behavior) [Mityagin and Siegl, 2016; Mityagin and Siegl, 2019]
- survey of earlier results and further generalizations

[Shkalikov, 2016; Motovilov and Shkalikov, 2019]

- $r_n \geq d$ and $\|B\| < d$ also works (even with a general $\sigma(A)$)

[Motovilov and Shkalikov, 2017]

- further results on differential operators

[Cox & Zuazua], [Djakov & Mityagin], [Geszesy & Tkachenko], [Lunyov & Malamud],

[Motovilov & Shkalikov]

Theorem

[Mityagin and Siegl, 2019]

Let

$$T = -\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + |x|^\beta + V(x), \quad \beta \geq 2, \quad \text{in } L^2(\mathbb{R})$$

where $V = V_1 + V_2 + V_3 + V_4$ satisfies

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Application: 1D Schrödinger operators

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Remarks

- essential ingredient: asymptotics of eigenfunctions of A (weighted L^p -norms)
- indication of optimality for $V(x) = i \operatorname{sgn} x |x|^\gamma$ with $\gamma > \frac{\beta}{2} - 1$

$$\|(T - (a + ib))^{-1}\| \gtrsim a^N, \quad a \rightarrow +\infty \quad (a + ib \in \rho(T)),$$

for any fixed $b \in \mathbb{R}$ and $N \in \mathbb{N}$

[Krejčířík and Siegl, 2019]

- harmonic oscillator / Landau Hamiltonian / Laplace-Beltrami on \mathbb{S}^d

$$A_1 = -\Delta + |x|^2, \quad A_2 = \sum_{j=1}^{\frac{d}{2}} \left(-i\partial_{x_j} + \frac{y_j}{2} \right)^2 + \left(-i\partial_{y_j} + \frac{x_j}{2} \right)^2, \quad A_3 = -\Delta_{\mathbb{S}^d}$$

Theorem

The spectrum of $T_j = A_j + B$ eventually localizes at eigenvalues of A_j and the spectral projections of T have the Riesz property if

- for $j = 1, 2$

$$B = V_1 + V_2 \quad \text{with} \quad V_1 \in L^r(\mathbb{R}^d), \quad r \in \left(\frac{d}{2}, \infty\right), \quad \|V_2\|_{L^\infty} < 1$$

- for $j = 3$

$$B = V + W\delta_\Sigma \quad \text{with} \quad V \in L^r(\mathbb{S}^d), \quad r \in \left(\frac{d}{2}, \infty\right], \quad W \in L^s(\Sigma), \quad s \in (d-1, \infty]$$

- essential ingredient in the proof: L^p -norms of spectral projections of A_j

[Koch and Tataru, 2005; Koch, Tataru, and Zworski, 2007; Koch and Ricci, 2007; Sogge, 1988; Burq, Gérard, and Tzvetkov, 2007]