

On the convergence of eigenfunction expansions in H^s -norm

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1. Let $S_k \subset \mathbf{R}^n$ ($n \geq 3$; $k=1, \dots, l$) be submanifolds of dimension $\dim S_k = m_k \leq n-3$ having smooth projection to \mathbf{R}^{m_k} , i.e. there exist coordinates $(\xi, y) = (\xi_1, \dots, \xi_{m_k}; y_1, \dots, y_{n-m_k}) \in \mathbf{R}^n$ and functions $\varphi_j^k \in C^1(\mathbf{R}^{m_k} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^{n-m_k})$ such that

$$S_k = \{(\xi, y) \in \mathbf{R}^n: y_j = \varphi_j^k(\xi), |\nabla \varphi_j^k(\xi)| \leq C_j^k\}$$

and

$$S = \bigcup_{k=1}^l S_k.$$

Let $q \in C^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n \setminus S)$ be such a real valued function for which

$$|q(x)| \leq c/\text{dist}(x, S)$$

is fulfilled. Consider the Schrödinger operator $L_0 = -\Delta + q(x)$ with domain $\mathcal{D}(L_0) = C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n)$. Such operators occur as the Hamiltonian of many body problem (cf. [7, XI]). E.g. in the case of two particles we have $H = -\Delta + q \cdot$, $\mathcal{D}(H) = C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n)$, $n=6$, $m=3$, $q(x, y) = \frac{c_1}{|x|} + \frac{c_2}{|y|} + \frac{c_3}{|x-y|}$; $x \in \mathbf{R}^3$, $y \in \mathbf{R}^3$. In the case of homogeneous and isotropic spaces the manifolds S_k are subspaces in \mathbf{R}^n .

It is easy to see that the assumptions $m_k \leq n-3$ implies $q(x) \in L_2^{\text{loc}}(\mathbf{R}^n)$. Indeed; it is enough to prove this for $S_k = S$, $\dim S = m \leq n-3$,

$$S = \{(\xi, y) \in \mathbf{R}^n: y_j = \varphi_j(\xi); |\nabla \varphi_j(\xi)| \leq C_j; j = 1, 2, \dots, n-m\}.$$

Using the coordinata-transformation $(\xi, y) \rightarrow (\xi, z)$; $z_j = y_j - \varphi_j(\xi)$ we have for the Jacobian $D(\xi, z)/D(\xi, y) = 1$ and for any $0 \leq \eta \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n)$

$$\int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |q(x)|^2 \eta(x) dx = \int_{\mathbf{R}^m} d\xi \int_{\mathbf{R}^{n-m}} |q(\xi, z + \varphi(\xi))|^2 \eta(\xi, z + \varphi(\xi)) dx,$$

where

$$\varphi = (\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_{n-m}) \in C^1(\mathbf{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^{n-m}).$$

On the other hand, for any $x = (\xi, y) \in \mathbf{R}^n$ and $u = (\xi, \varphi(\xi)) \in S$, $|y - \varphi(\xi)| \cong \cong |y - \varphi(\xi)| + |\varphi(\xi) - \varphi(\xi)| \cong |y - \varphi(\xi)| + |\nabla\varphi(\xi^*)| \cdot |\xi - \xi| \cong c(|y - \varphi(\xi)| + |\xi - \xi|)$.

Hence $|y - \varphi(\xi)|^2 \cong 2c^2(|y - \varphi(\xi)|^2 + |\xi - \xi|^2) \cong 2c^2|x - u|^2$, i.e. $|y - \varphi(\xi)| \cong c \text{ dist}(x, S)$, consequently

$$\begin{aligned} |q(\xi, z + \varphi(\xi))| &\cong c/\text{dist}\{(\xi, z + \varphi(\xi)), S\} \cong \\ &\cong \frac{c}{|z + \varphi(\xi) - \varphi(\xi)|} = \frac{c}{|z|}. \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |q(x)|^2 \eta(x) dx &= \int_{\mathbf{R}^m} d\xi \int_{\mathbf{R}^{n-m}} |q(\xi, z + \varphi(\xi))|^2 \eta(\xi, z + \varphi(\xi)) dz \cong \\ &\cong c \int_{\mathbf{R}^m} d\xi \int_{\mathbf{R}^{n-m}} \frac{1}{|z|^2} \eta(\xi, z + \varphi(\xi)) dz < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

It follows from the Lemma 1 of the present work that the operator L_0 is bounded below, i.e. for any $f \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n)$

$$(L_0 f, f) = (-\Delta f, f) + (qf, f) = (\nabla f, \nabla f) + (qf, f) \cong -c(f, f), \quad (c > 0),$$

and hence by K. O. Friedrichs' theorem [6] we obtain: L_0 has selfadjoint extension L further $L \cong -cI (c > 0)$. Denote $L = \int_0^\infty \lambda dE_\lambda$ the spectral expansion of L and for any $f \in L_2(\mathbf{R}^n)$ consider the expansion $E_\lambda f$.

In [8] is proved: for any $f \in H^s(\mathbf{R}^n)$ ($0 \cong s \cong 1$) $\|E_\lambda f - f\|_{H^s} \rightarrow 0$ as $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$. H^s denotes the space of functions from $L_2(\mathbf{R}^n)$ with the norm

$$\|f\|_{H^s} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \|(I - \Delta)^{s/2} f\|_{L_2} = \|(1 + |\xi|^2)^{s/2} \hat{f}(\xi)\|_{L_2} \quad ([9], 2.3.3).$$

The aim of the present note is to prove the following

Theorem 1. For any $f \in H^s(\mathbf{R}^n)$ ($0 \cong s \cong 2$) we have

$$(1) \quad \|E_\lambda f - f\|_{H^s} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } \lambda \rightarrow \infty.$$

A theory of general orthogonal series was developed by K. Tandori in the last twenty years (Cf. e.g. [2—4]). At the same time IL'IN [5] found a new theory of spectral expansions which is a special case of the general orthogonal expansions, further proved in [5] the Theorem 1 in the special case when $q \cong 0$ and s is integer.

From Lemma 2 below it follows, among others, by the well known Kato—Rellich theorem [7, X.2] that the operator L_0 considered is essentially selfadjoint, further $\mathcal{D}(\bar{L}_0) = \mathcal{D}(L) = H^2$.

2. For the proof of the Theorem 1 we need some lemmas. Define

$$\varrho(x) = [\text{dist}(x, S)]^{-1}.$$

Lemma 1. We have for any $f \in H^1$

$$(2) \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \varrho(x) |f(x)|^2 dx \leq c \|f\|_{L_2} \cdot \|f\|_{H^1}.$$

Here and below c denotes a constant, which is independent from f and not necessarily the same in each occurrences.

Proof. Using polar coordinates and the identity

$$h(r) = -2 \int_r^\infty h(t) h'(t) dt$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n-m}} \frac{|g(y)|^2}{|y|} dy &= \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty r^{n-m-2} |g(r, \theta)|^2 dr d\theta = -2 \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \left[\int_r^\infty g(t, \theta) \frac{\partial g(t, \theta)}{\partial t} dt \right] \times \\ &\times r^{n-m-2} dr d\theta = \frac{2}{n-m-1} \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty g(r, \theta) \frac{\partial g(r, \theta)}{\partial r} r^{n-m-1} dr d\theta \end{aligned}$$

whence for $g(y) = g(\xi, y) = f(\xi, y + \varphi(\xi))$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \varrho(x) |f(x)|^2 dx &\leq c \int_{\mathbb{R}^m} d\xi \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n-m}} \frac{|f(\xi, y + \varphi(\xi))|^2}{|y|} dy \leq \\ &\leq c \int_{\mathbb{R}^m} d\xi \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n-m}} |f(\xi, y + \varphi(\xi))| \cdot |\nabla_y f(\xi, y + \varphi(\xi))| dy = \\ &= c \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x)| |\nabla_y f(x)| dx \leq c \|f\|_{L_2} \cdot \|f\|_{H^1}. \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 1 is proved.

Lemma 2. We have for any $f \in H^1$

$$(3) \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \varrho^2(x) |f(x)|^2 dx \leq c \|f\|_{H^1}^2.$$

Proof. Using polar coordinates and the notation

$$I = I(\xi, \theta) = \int_0^\infty r^{n-m-3} |f(\xi, r, \theta)|^2 dr \quad (\xi \in \mathbb{R})$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 I &\cong 2 \int_0^\infty r^{n-m-3} \int_r^\infty \left| f(\xi, t, \theta) \frac{\partial f(\xi, t, \theta)}{\partial t} \right| dt dr = \\
 &= 2 \int_0^\infty \left(\left| f(\xi, t, \theta) \frac{\partial f(\xi, t, \theta)}{\partial t} \right| \int_0^t r^{n-m-3} dr \right) dt = \\
 &= c \int_0^\infty \left| f(\xi, t, \theta) \frac{\partial f(\xi, t, \theta)}{\partial t} \right| t^{n-m-2} dt \cong \\
 &\cong c \left(\int_0^\infty t^{n-m-3} |f(\xi, t, \theta)|^2 dt \right)^{1/2} \left(\int_0^\infty \left| \frac{\partial f(\xi, t, \theta)}{\partial t} \right|^2 t^{n-m-1} dt \right)^{1/2},
 \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$I \cong c \int_0^\infty \left| \frac{\partial f(\xi, t, \theta)}{\partial t} \right|^2 t^{n-m-1} dt \cong c \|\nabla_y f\|_{L_2(\mathbf{R}^{n-m})}^2,$$

i.e.

$$\int_{\mathbf{R}^m} \int_0^\infty I d\theta d\xi \cong c \|\nabla f\|_{L_2(\mathbf{R}^n)}^2 \cong c \|f\|_{H^1}.$$

Lemma 2 is proved.

Corollary. The operator L_0 with $D(L_0) = C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n)$ is essentially selfadjoint and $D(\overline{L}_0) = D(L) = H^2$.

Proof. It follows from Lemma 2 and (8) (below)

$$\|qf\|_{L_2} \cong c \|f\|_{H^1} \cong \varepsilon \|f\|_{H^2} + c(\varepsilon) \|f\|_{L_2} = \varepsilon \|(I - \nabla)f\|_{L_2} + c(\varepsilon) \|f\|_{L_2}.$$

Because $I - \Delta$ is essentially selfadjoint and $D(\overline{I - \Delta}) = H^2$, the Corollary follows by Kato—Rellich theorem ([7], X.2).

Lemma 3. For any $f \in H^2$

$$(4) \quad \|Lf\|_{L_2} \cong c \|f\|_{H^2}.$$

Proof. Using Lemma 1 we have for any $f \in H^2$

$$\|Lf\|_{L_2} = \| -\Delta f + qf \|_{L_2} \cong \|\Delta f\|_{L_2} + \|qf\|_{L_2} \cong \|f\|_{H^2} + c \|f\|_{H^1} \cong c \|f\|_{H^2}.$$

Lemma 3 is proved.

Lemma 4. There exist constants $c_1 > 0$ and $c_2 > 0$ such that for any $f \in H^2$

$$(5) \quad \|Lf\|_{L_2}^2 \cong c_1 \|f\|_{H^2}^2 - c_2 \|f\|_{L_2}^2.$$

Proof. Using the identity

$$\|Lf\|_{L_2}^2 = \|\Delta f\|_{L_2}^2 - 2(qf, \Delta f) + \|qf\|_{L_2}^2$$

the inequality $a \cdot b \leq \varepsilon a^2 + (1/4\varepsilon) \cdot b^2$ ($a, b, \varepsilon > 0$), the Cauchy—Bunyakovski inequality and Lemma 2, we have

$$|(qf, \Delta f)| \leq \|qf\|_{L_2} \cdot \|\Delta f\|_{L_2} \leq \varepsilon \|\Delta f\|_{L_2}^2 + \frac{1}{4\varepsilon} \|qf\|_{L_2}^2,$$

hence

$$\begin{aligned} \|Lf\|_{L_2}^2 &\geq \|\Delta f\|_{L_2}^2 - 2|(qf, \Delta f)| + \|qf\|_{L_2}^2 \geq \\ &\geq \|\Delta f\|_{L_2}^2 - \varepsilon \|\Delta f\|_{L_2}^2 - c(\varepsilon) \|qf\|_{L_2}^2 \geq (1-\varepsilon) \|\Delta f\|_{L_2}^2 - c(\varepsilon) \|qf\|_{L_2}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Using

$$\|qf\|_{L_2}^2 \leq c \|f\|_{H^1}^2 \leq \varepsilon_1 \|f\|_{H^2}^2 + c(\varepsilon_1) \|f\|_{L_2}^2$$

we obtain

$$\|Lf\|_{L_2}^2 \geq (1-\varepsilon) \|\Delta f\|_{L_2}^2 - c(\varepsilon) \varepsilon_1 \|f\|_{H^2}^2 - c(\varepsilon) c(\varepsilon_1) \|f\|_{L_2}^2.$$

On the other hand

$$\|f - \Delta f\|_{L_2}^2 = \|f\|_{H^2}^2,$$

whence

$$\|\Delta f\|_{L_2}^2 = \|\Delta f - f + f\|_{L_2}^2 \geq \|\Delta f - f\|_{L_2}^2 - \|f\|_{L_2}^2 \geq \|f\|_{H^2}^2 - \|f\|_{L_2}^2.$$

At last we obtain

$$\|Lf\|_{L_2}^2 \geq (1-\varepsilon - c(\varepsilon) \varepsilon_1) \|f\|_{H^2}^2 - c(\varepsilon, \varepsilon_1) \|f\|_{L_2}^2,$$

and from this (5) follows if $\varepsilon=1/2$ and ε_1 is small enough. Lemma 4 is proved.

Define $L_\mu = L + \mu I$.

Lemma 5. *There exists $\mu_0 > 0$ such that for every $f \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n)$*

$$(6) \quad \|L_\mu f\|_{L_2} \leq c_\mu \|f\|_{H^2}.$$

The constant C_μ does not depend on f .

Proof. Obviously

$$\begin{aligned} \|L_\mu f\|_{L_2}^2 &= (Lf + \mu f, Lf + \mu f) = (Lf, Lf) + 2\mu (Lf, f) + \mu^2 (f, f) \geq \\ &\geq (Lf, Lf) - 2\mu |(qf, f)| + 2\mu \|\nabla f\|_{L_2}^2 + \mu \|f\|_{L_2}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Using Lemma 1, we obtain

$$(7) \quad |(qf, f)| \leq \|\sqrt{|q|}f\|_{L_2}^2 \leq c \|f\|_{L_2} \cdot \|f\|_{H^1} \leq \varepsilon \|f\|_{H^2}^2 + \frac{1}{4\varepsilon} \|f\|_{L_2}^2.$$

Taking into account the definition of the H^s -norm and using the inequality

$$1 + |\xi|^2 \leq \varepsilon_1 (1 + |\xi|^2)^2 + \frac{1}{4\varepsilon_1},$$

(which is a special case of $a \cong \varepsilon a^2 + 1/4\varepsilon$) we obtain

$$(8) \quad \begin{aligned} \|f\|_{H^1}^2 &\cong \varepsilon_1 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 (1 + |\xi|^2)^2 d\xi + \frac{1}{4\varepsilon_1} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi = \\ &= \varepsilon_1 \|f\|_{H^2}^2 + \frac{1}{4\varepsilon_1} \|f\|_{L_2}^2. \end{aligned}$$

From (7) and (8) it follows

$$|(qf, f)| \cong \varepsilon \varepsilon_1 \|f\|_{H^2}^2 + \frac{\varepsilon}{4\varepsilon_1} \|f\|_{L_2}^2 + \frac{1}{4\varepsilon} \|f\|_{L_2}^2.$$

Let $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_1 = \alpha/\sqrt{\mu}$, where $\alpha > 0$ will be chosen below. Summarising our estimates, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|L_\mu f\|_{L_2}^2 &\cong c_1 \|f\|_{H^2}^2 - c_2 \|f\|_{L_2}^2 - 2\mu \left\{ \frac{\alpha^2}{\mu} \|f\|_{H^2}^2 + \frac{1}{4} \|f\|_{L_2}^2 + \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{\sqrt{\mu}}{4\alpha} \|f\|_{L_2}^2 \right\} + \mu^2 \|f\|_{L_2}^2 \cong (c_1 - 2\alpha^2) \|f\|_{H^2}^2 - \\ &\quad - \left(\mu^2 - \frac{\mu}{2} - \frac{\mu\sqrt{\mu}}{2\alpha} \right) \|f\|_{L_2}^2 \cong c \|f\|_{H^2}^2, \end{aligned}$$

if α is small enough and $\mu_0 = \mu_0(\alpha)$ is large enough. Lemma 5 is proved.

The following Lemma generalizes that of 2.4 in [11].

Lemma 6. *Let A and B be strongly positive selfadjoint operators in the Hilbert space H . Suppose*

$$(9) \quad D(B) \subset D(A)$$

and

$$(10) \quad \|Af\|_H \cong c \|Bf\|_H \quad (f \in D(B))$$

are fulfilled. Then for any θ , $0 \cong \theta \cong 1$

$$(11) \quad \|A^\theta f\|_H \cong c_\theta \|B^\theta f\|_H \quad (f \in D(B)).$$

Proof. Define

$$\|f\|_{D(A)^\theta} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \|A^\theta f\|_H, \quad \theta \in \mathbb{C}.$$

According to the strong positivity of A , this norm is equivalent with that of defined in TRIEBEL [9]. We obtain from (10) (taking into account the definition of the Petree functional)

$$K(t, f, H, D(A)) \cong cK(t, f, H, D(B)) \quad (f \in D(B)).$$

Hence, using 1.3.2 of [9], we obtain (11). Lemma 6 is proved.

Lemma 7. For $\mu \geq \mu_0$, $0 \leq s \leq 2$ we have

$$(12) \quad \|L_\mu^{s/2} f\|_{L_2} \leq c_s \|f\|_{H^s} (f \in H^s), \quad D(L_\mu^{s/2}) = H^s(\mathbf{R}^n).$$

Proof. (12) is trivial for $s=0$ and it is proved for $s=2$ in Lemma 3. Now apply Lemma 6 for $A=L_\mu$, $B=I-A$, $D(B)=H^2(\mathbf{R}^n)$. We obtain:

$$\|L_\mu^\theta f\|_{L_2} \leq c \|(I-A)^\theta f\|_{L_2} = c \|f\|_{H^{2\theta}}.$$

According to TRIEBEL [9], 1.18.10 and using the Corollary after Lemma 2, we obtain: $D(L_\mu^\theta) = H^{2\theta}(\mathbf{R}^n)$. Lemma 7 is proved.

Lemma 8. For $\mu \geq \mu_0$, $0 \leq s \leq 2$

$$(13) \quad \|L_\mu^{-s/2} f\|_{H^s} \leq c_s \|f\|_{L_2} \quad (f \in L_2(\mathbf{R}^n)).$$

Proof. First we prove that for every $g \in H^s$

$$(14) \quad \|g\|_{H^s} \leq c_s \|L_\mu^{s/2} g\|_{L_2} \quad (0 \leq s \leq 2).$$

This estimate is trivial for $s=0$ and for $s=2$ it is proved in the Lemma 5. Use Lemma 6 for $B=L_\mu$, $A=I-A$, $D(A)=H^2$, then (14) follows.

From Lemma 7 we obtain $R(L_\mu^{-s/2}) = D(L_\mu^{s/2}) = H^s(\mathbf{R}^n)$, whence for every $f \in L_2(\mathbf{R}^n)$ we have $L_\mu^{-s/2} f \in H^s$. Now applying (14) for the function $g \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} L_\mu^{-s/2} f$ ($f \in L_2(\mathbf{R}^n)$) we obtain (13). Lemma 8 is proved.

Proof of Theorem 1. Using (12) and (13) we obtain for any $f \in H^s$:

$$\begin{aligned} \|f - E_\lambda f\|_{H^s} &= \|L_\mu^{-s/2} L_\mu^{s/2} (I - E_\lambda) f\|_{H^s} \leq \\ &\leq c \|L_\mu^{s/2} (I - E_\lambda) f\|_{L_2} = c \|(I - E_\lambda) L_\mu^{s/2} f\|_{L_2} \rightarrow 0 \quad (\lambda \rightarrow \infty). \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 1 is proved.

Now consider the Schrödinger operator

$$L_0 = -\Delta + q(x), \quad x \in \mathbf{R}^3, \quad D(L_0) = C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^3),$$

and suppose $|q(x)| \leq c/|x|$. Then the method of the proof of Theorem 1 gives

Theorem 2. The operator L_0 is essentially selfadjoint, $D(\bar{L}_0) = D(L) = H^2(\mathbf{R}^3)$, where $L \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \bar{L}_0$, further for $0 < \tau < 1/2$ we have

$$(15) \quad \|E_\lambda f - f\|_{C^\tau} \rightarrow 0 \quad (\lambda \rightarrow \infty, f \in H^{3/2+\tau}(\mathbf{R}^3)).$$

Here E_λ is the spectral family of L and C^r denotes the Hölder class of functions (TRIEBEL [9], 2.7.1(2)), i.e.

$$\|f\|_{C^r} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^3} |f(x)| + \sup_{x, y \in \mathbb{R}^3} \frac{|f(x) - f(y)|}{|x - y|^r}.$$

Proof of Theorem 2. Using the imbedding $H^{3/2+r} \subset C^r$ (cf. [9], 2.8.1(16), $p=2$, $n=3$) (15) follows by the method of the proof of Theorem 1.

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