

Discrete Uncertainty Principles

- Classical Uncertainty Principles

The classical Hardy and Heisenberg uncertainty principles assert that **a function and its Fourier transform cannot be simultaneously localized**.

- Discrete Uncertainty Principles

We are currently working on versions of these results in a discrete setting, where we consider a **discrete spatial variable** $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ and we replace the usual Fourier transform by the so called **discrete-time Fourier transform**. Real-variable techniques similar to those used in [1] lead to:

Theorem 1 ([2, 3]) *Let u be a solution to*

$$\partial_t u(k, t) = i \left[u(k + 1, t) - 2u(k, t) + u(k - 1, t) \right] + V(k)u(k, t)$$

in $\mathbb{Z} \times [0, 1]$ with $V \in L^\infty$. There exists $\mu_0 > 0$ such that if $\mu > \mu_0$ and

$$\sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{2\mu |k| \log |k|} (|u(k, 0)|^2 + |u(k, 1)|^2) < +\infty;$$

then, $u \equiv 0$. Hence, a solution to the discrete Schrödinger equation cannot have fast decay at two different times.

The decay assumed for the solution at times $t = 0$ and $t = 1$ in Theorem 1 is related to the modified Bessel function I_k , as it happens in the continuous case with the Gaussian [1].

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Borderline weighted estimates for commutators

- Averages and maximal operators

Given a **strictly increasing** and **convex** function A such that $A(0) = 0$ and $A(t) \rightarrow \infty$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$, we define the **average** of f with respect to A over a cube Q as

$$\|f\|_{A(L),Q} = \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q A \left(\frac{|f(x)|}{\lambda} \right) dx \leq 1 \right\}.$$

We can define **maximal operators** related to those averages as follows

$$M_{A(L)} f(x) = \sup_{x \in Q} \|f\|_{A(L),Q}.$$

If $A(t) = t \log(e + t)^\rho$ for $\rho > 0$ we denote $M_{A(L)} = M_{L(\log L)^\rho}$. Similarly if $A(t) = t \log(e + t) \log(e + \log(e + t))^\rho$ for $\rho > 0$, we write $M_{A(L)} = M_{L \log L(\log \log L)^\rho}$.

- Borderline weighted estimates for commutators

Given $b \in BMO$ and T a Calderón-Zygmund operator we define the commutator $[b, T]$ as

$$[b, T]f(x) = b(x)Tf(x) - T(bf)(x).$$

We have obtained the following **quantitative estimate** [3]:

$$w_{[b,T]f}(\lambda) \lesssim \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Phi \left(\frac{\|b\|_{BMO} |f(x)|}{\lambda} \right) M_{L(\log L)^{1+\varepsilon}} w(x) dx \quad \varepsilon > 0,$$

where $w_{[b,T]f}(\lambda) = w(\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |[b, T]f(x)| > \lambda\})$ and $\Phi(t) = t \log(e + t)$. This estimate is a quantitative version of the main result in [2] and it is also a natural counterpart to the quantitative estimate obtained in [1] for Calderón-Zygmund operators.

- Open questions

It should be possible to replace the maximal operator on the right hand side of the inequality by a smaller operator. For instance we should be able to obtain the following estimate

$$w_{[b,T]f}(\lambda) \lesssim \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Phi \left(\frac{\|b\|_{BMO} |f(x)|}{\lambda} \right) M_{L \log L(\log \log L)^{1+\varepsilon}} w(x) dx \quad \varepsilon > 0.$$

We also wonder whether the quadratic decay on ε is the best possible or if we could obtain a linear decay instead. That linear decay would lead to a better dependence on the A_1 constant in the case $w \in A_1$.

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Relativistic Quantum Mechanics

- Shell interactions for Dirac operators

The **free Dirac operator** is a first-order differential operator defined by:

$$H = -i\alpha \cdot \nabla + m\beta = \begin{pmatrix} m & 0 & -i\partial_3 & -\partial_2 - i\partial_1 \\ 0 & m & \partial_2 - i\partial_1 & i\partial_3 \\ -i\partial_3 & -\partial_2 - i\partial_1 & -m & 0 \\ \partial_2 - i\partial_1 & i\partial_3 & 0 & -m \end{pmatrix}.$$

The **free Dirac operator** is a first order differential operator satisfying $H^2 = (-\Delta + m^2)\mathbb{I}_4$ and governs the **quantum relativistic dynamics** of an electron of mass m with no external forces acting on it.

We study the **shell interaction of measure valued potentials**: let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ be a bounded regular domain, then we consider potentials V living at the boundary $\partial\Omega$ of Ω , i.e., V are $L^2(\sigma)^4$ -valued potentials, where σ is the surface measure of $\partial\Omega$.

For such potentials, in [1] we construct a domain of self-adjointness $D(H + V) \subset L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)^4$. In particular, we study **Electrostatic plus Lorentz scalar potentials**

$$V_{es}(\varphi) = \frac{1}{2}(\lambda_e + \lambda_s \beta)(\varphi_+ + \varphi_-), \quad \lambda_e, \lambda_s \in \mathbb{R} \text{ such that } \lambda_e^2 - \lambda_s^2 \neq 0, 4,$$

where φ_\pm are non-tangential boundary values of φ on $\partial\Omega$. We prove that $H + V_{es}$ defined on $D(H + V_{es})$ is self-adjoint and

- If $|\lambda_e| \notin [1/C, 4C]$ for some C that depends only on the surface ($\lambda_s = 0$), then $H + V_{es}$ has no eigenvalues in $(-m, m)$.

- Confinement

A potential V **generates confinement** with respect to H and $\partial\Omega$ if the particles under consideration which are initially confined in Ω at time $t = 0$ remain in Ω for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$ under the evolution $\partial_t = -i(H + V)$, i.e., $H + V$ makes $\partial\Omega$ impenetrable for particles.

In [1] we prove that V_{es} generates confinement w.r.t. H and $\partial\Omega \Leftrightarrow \lambda_e^2 - \lambda_s^2 = -4$, which extends previous results in [2].

- Current research

The **MIT bag model** is one of the simplest relativistic models for the confinement of an electron in a box, which is a particular case of the above-mentioned confinement potentials. Continuing with the work in [3] we want to study the eigenvalue problem for this model,

$$\begin{cases} H\psi = a\psi, & \text{in } \Omega \\ -i\beta(\alpha \cdot n)\psi = \psi, & \text{in } \partial\Omega \end{cases}$$

where $\psi \in H^1(\Omega)^4$, $a > 0$ and n is the exterior normal vector. We are interested in self-adjointness, spectral properties and the non-relativistic limit.

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Analytic parabolic equations and Control Theory

- Second order analytic parabolic equations: we consider the parabolic evolution

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u - \sum_{i,j=1}^n a^{ij}(x, t) \partial_{x_i x_j} u = 0, & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T] \\ u(x, t) = 0, & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times (0, T] \\ u(x, 0) = u_0, & u_0 \in L^2(\Omega). \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

We assume that the **space-time dependent coefficients** satisfy

- i) **uniform parabolicity**: for some $\lambda > 0$

$$\sum_{j,i=1}^n a^{ij}(x, t) \xi_i \xi_j \geq \lambda |\xi|^2 \quad \text{for } (x, t) \in \Omega \times (0, T], \quad \forall \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n;$$

- ii) **real-analyticity**: there exists $\rho_0 > 0$ such that

$$|\partial_x^\alpha \partial_t^k a(x, t)| \leq \rho_0^{-|\alpha| - k} |\alpha|! k! \quad \text{for } (x, t) \in \Omega \times (0, T] \text{ and } (\alpha, k) \in \mathbb{N}^n \times \mathbb{N}.$$

- Quantitative estimates of real-analyticity

Assuming that the boundary of the domain Ω can be described locally as the graph of a real-analytic function we have proved [2, 3] that solutions to (1) satisfy the following **quantitative estimate of analyticity**:

$$|\partial_x^\alpha \partial_t^k u(x, t)| \leq e^{\frac{\rho}{t}} \rho^{-|\alpha| - k} t^{-k} |\alpha|! k! \|u_0\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \quad (2)$$

with $(x, t) \in \Omega \times (0, T]$ and $(\alpha, k) \in \mathbb{N}^n \times \mathbb{N}$. Here ρ is a constant depending on ρ_0 and the *real-analyticity* of the domain Ω .

- Control Theory

The results obtained in [2, 3] are extensions of those in [1], where the estimate (2) is used to prove a **null-controllability** property from **measurable sets** for the Heat equation. In [3] we have extended the analyticity and controllability results to **higher-order parabolic equations**.

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