

# Eigenvalue Bounds for Dirac and Fractional Schrödinger Operators with Complex Potentials

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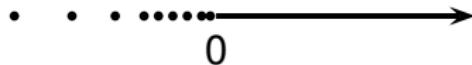
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## Lieb-Thirring and CLR inequalities

$$\sum_{E \in \sigma_d(H)} |E|^\gamma \leq L_{d,\gamma} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} V_-(x)^{d/2+\gamma} dx, \quad \begin{cases} \gamma \geq 0 & \text{if } d \geq 3, \\ \gamma > 0 & \text{if } d = 2, \\ \gamma \geq 1/2 & \text{if } d = 1. \end{cases}$$



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# Preliminaries: Non-Selfadjoint Operators

$X$  a Banach space,  $T$  a closed operator in  $X$ .

## Definition

- $\rho(T) := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : T - z \text{ is bijective}\}$ ,  $\sigma(T) := \mathbb{C} \setminus \rho(T)$ .
- $\sigma_d(T) := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : z \text{ isolated e.v. of finite algebraic mult.}\}$ .
- $\sigma_{\text{ess}}(T) := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : T - z \text{ is not Fredholm}\}$ .

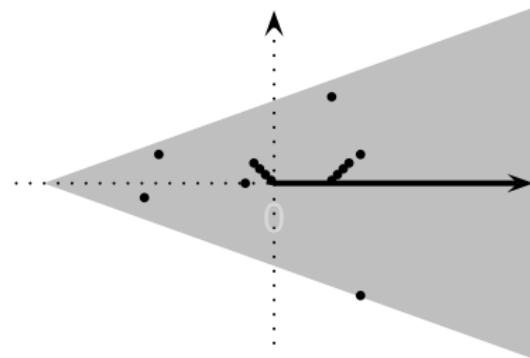
**Fact 1:**  $(T - z)^{-1} - (S - z)^{-1}$  compact  $\implies \sigma_{\text{ess}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{ess}}(S)$ .

**Fact 2:** If each connected component of  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \sigma_{\text{ess}}(T)$  contains a point in  $\rho(T)$ , then

$$\sigma(T) = \sigma_d(T) \dot{\cup} \sigma_{\text{ess}}(T).$$

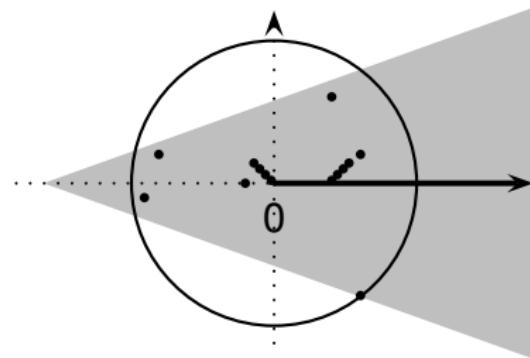
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Theorem (Abramov, Aslanyan, Davies 2001 [1])

Assume  $d = 1$ . Then

$$|z|^{1/2} \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} |V(x)| dx.$$

Proof.

$$1 \leq \|V^{1/2} R_0(z) V^{1/2}\|^2 \leq \iint \frac{|V(x)| e^{-2\Im\sqrt{z}|x-y|} |V(y)|}{4|z|} \leq \frac{\|V\|_1^2}{4|z|}. \quad \square$$

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$$|z|^\gamma \leq C_{d,p} \int_{\mathbb{R}} |V(x)|^{d/2+\gamma} dx.$$

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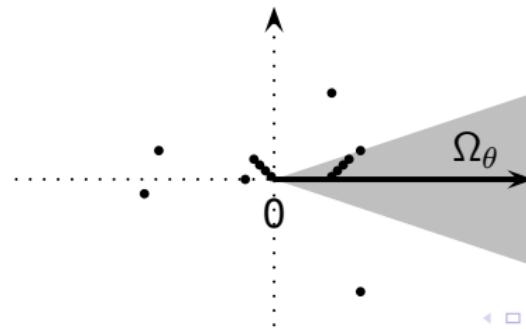
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Theorem (Frank, Laptev, Lieb, Seiringer 2006 [7])

For  $\theta \in (0, \pi/2)$  and  $p \geq d/2 + 1$ :

$$\sum_{z \in \sigma_d(H) \setminus \Omega_\theta} |z|^{p-d/2} \leq C_{d,p} (1 + 2/\tan(\theta))^p \|V\|_p^p.$$



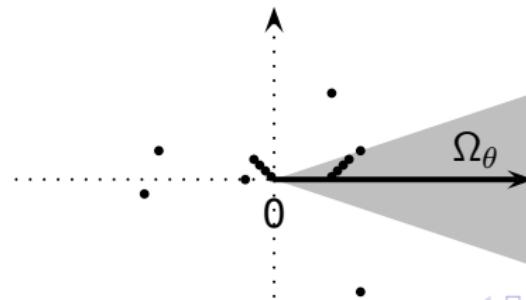
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Theorem (Demuth, Hansmann, Katriel 2009 [2])

For  $p \geq d/2 + 1$ ,  $d \geq 0$ ,  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $\Re(V) \geq 0$ :

$$\sum_{z \in \sigma_d(H)} \frac{\text{dist}(z, [0, \infty)^{p+\epsilon})}{|z|^{d/2} (1 + |z|)^{2\epsilon}} \leq C_{d,p} \|V\|_p^p.$$



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- In part.  $\sigma_d(H) \ni z_n \rightarrow z^* \in (0, \infty)$   $\implies (\Im z_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset l^p(\mathbb{N})$ .
- What is the **lowest possible  $p$ ?**

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## Fractional Schrödinger Operator

- $H_0 = (m^2 - \Delta)^{s/2}$  in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , with  $0 < s < d$  and  $D(H_0) = H^s(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . Then  $\sigma(H_0) = \sigma_{\text{ess}}(H_0) = [m, \infty)$
- $H = H_0 + V$ , where  $V \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^d; \mathbb{C})$  or  $V \in (L^p \cap L^q)(\mathbb{R}^d; \mathbb{C})$ .

## Dirac Operator

- $H_0 = \alpha \cdot D + m\beta$  in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{C}^N)$ , w.  $D(H_0) = H^1(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{C}^N)$ .  
Then  $\sigma(H_0) = \sigma_{\text{ess}}(H_0) = (-\infty, m] \cup [m, \infty)$ .
- $H = H_0 + V$ , where  $V \in (L^p \cap L^q)(\mathbb{R}^d; \mathbb{C}^{N \times N})$ .
- We define  $s = 1$  in this case.
- Here:  $m \geq 0$ .
- The range of admissible  $p, q$  will depend on  $d$  and  $s$ .

# Main result

## Assumptions:

- $\Lambda_{\text{crit}}(H_0) = \begin{cases} \{m\} & \text{if } H_0 = (m^2 - \Delta)^{s/2}, \\ \{-m, m\} & \text{if } H_0 = \alpha \cdot D + m\beta. \end{cases}$
- Assume  $\begin{cases} V \in L^{p \in [d/s, (d+1)/2]} & \text{if } s \geq 2d/(d+1), \\ V \in L^{d/s} \cap L^{(d+1)/2} & \text{if } s < 2d/(d+1). \end{cases}$

## Theorem (Bounds for single eigenvalues)

Assume  $H_0 = (m^2 - \Delta)^{s/2}$  with  $s \geq 2d/(d+1)$ ,  $d \geq 2$ . Then all complex eigenvalues of  $H$  lie in a compact neighborhood of  $\Lambda_{\text{crit}}(H_0)$ . In particular, for  $m = 0 \Rightarrow |z|^{p - \frac{d}{s}} \leq \|V\|_p^p$ .

- In  $d = 1$  the Theorem is true for Dirac, but not for  $(m^2 - \Delta)^{1/2}$ .

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## Theorem (Bound on distribution of eigenvalues)

Let  $(z_n)_n \subset \sigma_d(H)$  such that  $z_n \rightarrow z^* \in \sigma(H_0) \setminus \Lambda_{\text{crit}}(H_0)$ . Then  $(\text{dist}(z_n, \sigma(H_0)))_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in l^1(\mathbb{N})$ .

- The case  $s = 2$  is due to Frank and Sabin [8].
- Dubuisson [4]–[5] proved  $(\text{dist}(z_n, \sigma(H_0)))_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in l^p(\mathbb{N})$  for larger  $p$ .

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## Corollary

$$\#\{z \in \sigma_d : |\Im z| \geq s\} \leq \frac{C}{s}.$$

- If  $d \geq 2d/(d+1)$  and  $\|V\|_{L^{d/s}} \ll 1$ , then  $\nexists$  complex spectrum; in fact,  $H$  is similar to  $H_0$  ( $|V|^{1/2}$  is Kato-smooth w.r.t  $H_0$ ).

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# Perturbation Determinant

- Assume  $V^{1/2}R_0(z)|V|^{1/2} \in \mathfrak{S}^\alpha(L^2(\mathbb{R}^d))$ .
- Regularized determinant

$$f : \rho(H_0) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad f(z) := \det_{[\alpha]}(I + V^{1/2}R_0(z)|V|^{1/2}),$$

where for  $A \in \mathfrak{S}^n(L^2(\mathbb{R}^d))$ :

$$\det_n(I + A) := \prod_k [1 + \lambda_k(A)] \exp \left( \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} (-1)^j j^{-1} \lambda_k(A)^j \right).$$

- $f$  is **holomorphic**, and

$$f(z) = 0 \longleftrightarrow z \in \sigma_d(H).$$

- $\ln |f(z)| \leq C_\alpha \|V^{1/2}R_0(z)|V|^{1/2}\|_{\mathfrak{S}^\alpha}$ .

# Jensen's Identity

- $h : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  holomorphic,  $h(0) = 1$ .
- $N(h; s)$  number of zeros of  $h$  in  $B(0, s)$ .

Jensen's identity:  $\forall r \in (0, 1)$

$$\int_0^r \frac{N(h; s)}{s} ds = \sum_{\{w \in B(0, r) : h(w) = 0\}} \ln \left| \frac{r}{w} \right| = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \ln |h(re^{i\theta})| d\theta$$

- In particular, if  $\sup_{|w|=1} |\ln h(w)| \leq M$ , then

$$\sum_{\{z \in B(0, r) : h(z) = 0\}} (1 - |z|) \leq \sum_{\{z \in B(0, r) : h(z) = 0\}} \ln \left| \frac{1}{z} \right| \leq M.$$

# Conformal map

- $\psi : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \rho(H_0)$  conformal map s.t.  $\psi(0) \in \rho(H_0)$ .
- $h : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$ ,

$$h(w) := \frac{\det_{[\alpha]}(I + V^{1/2}R_0(\psi(w))|V|^{1/2})}{\det_{[\alpha]}(I + V^{1/2}R_0(\psi(0))|V|^{1/2})}.$$

- $\psi^{-1}$  extends diffeomorphically to  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \Lambda_{\text{crit}}(H_0)$ .
- Koebe distortion theorem:  $z = \psi(w)$

$$\implies (1 - |w|) \approx \left| \frac{dw}{dz} \right| dist(z, \sigma(H_0)).$$

- $\exists \mu_j \geq 0$ :

$$|\ln h(w)| \leq C(V) \prod_{z_j \in \Lambda_{\text{crit}}(H_0) \cup \{\infty\}} |w - \psi^{-1}(z_j)|^{-\mu_j}.$$

# Uniform resolvent bounds in Schatten spaces

## Theorem

Let  $H_0 \in \{(m^2 - \Delta)^{s/2}, \alpha \cdot D + m\beta\}$ . There exists

$N : \rho(H_0) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  with continuous extension to  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \Lambda_{\text{crit}}(H_0)$  s.t.

a) If  $s \geq 2d/(d+1)$  and  $V \in L^{p \in [d/s, (d+1)/2]}$ , then

$$\|V^{1/2} R_0(z)|V|^{1/2}\|_{\mathfrak{S}^{p(d-1)/(d-p)}} \leq N(z) \|V\|_{L^p}$$

b) If  $s < 2d/(d+1)$  and  $V \in L^{d/s} \cap L^{(d+1)/2}$ , then  $\forall \epsilon > 0$

$$\|V^{1/2} R_0(z)|V|^{1/2}\|_{\mathfrak{S}^{\max\{d+1, d/s+\epsilon\}}} \leq N(z) \|V\|_{L^d \cap L^{(d+1)/2}},$$

- The case  $s = 2$  is due to Frank and Sabin [8].
- Proof uses Stein's interpolation theorem for analytic families of operators.
- Theorem is valid for more general operators.

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