

Quadratic estimates for Hodge–Dirac operators with L^p -singular potentials

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Corollary

If fields $b_1, b_2 \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{C}^n)$ and a potential $V \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{C})$ satisfy

$$\operatorname{Re} \langle A \nabla u + b_1 u, \nabla u \rangle + \langle b_2 \cdot \nabla u + Vu, u \rangle \gtrsim \|\nabla u\|_2^2 + \|u\|_2^2$$

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The critical index $p = n$ is determined by the Sobolev embedding

$$\|u\|_{2^*} \leq c_n \|\nabla u\|_2, \quad 2^* := 2n/(n-2),$$

and Hölder's inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} \|b_i u\|_2 &\leq \|b_i\|_n \|u\|_{2^*} \leq c_n \epsilon \|\nabla u\|_2 \\ \|V^{1/2} u\|_2 &\leq \|V\|_{n/2}^{1/2} \|u\|_{2^*} \leq c_n \epsilon \|\nabla u\|_2 \end{aligned}$$

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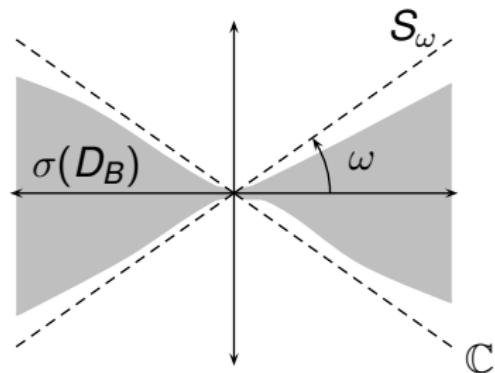
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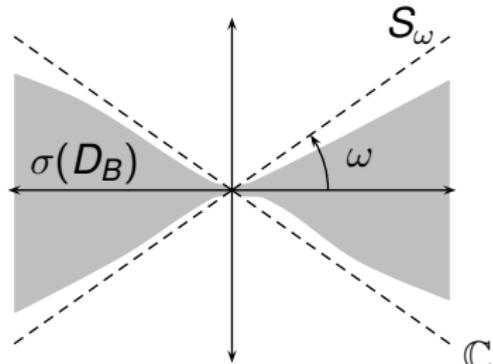
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Example

If d is the exterior derivative on differential forms $L^2(\bigoplus_{k=0}^n \Lambda^k)$, then D_B is a metric perturbation of the Dirac operator $D = d + d^*$.

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Next, choose $\beta_1, \beta_2, \gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in L^p$ with

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so that $(-\operatorname{div} A + \beta_2 \cdot A)(\nabla + \beta_1) + \gamma_2 \gamma_1 = L$, whence

$$(D_{B,W})^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\operatorname{div} A + \beta_2 \cdot A & \gamma_2 \\ \nabla + \beta_1 & 0 & 0 \\ \gamma_1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} L & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & x & x \\ 0 & x & x \end{bmatrix}.$$

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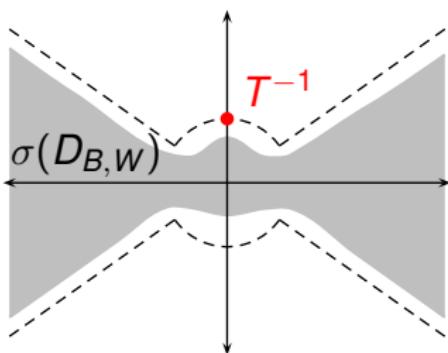
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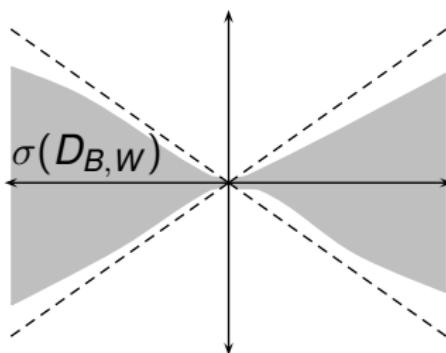
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Interpolate the end-point cases:

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It suffices, since $Q_t = \frac{1}{2i}(R_{-t} - R_t)$, to note that

$$\begin{aligned} \|(R_t^{B,W} - R_t^B)u\|_2 &\leq \|(R_t^{B,W} - R_t^{B,W_1})u\|_2 + \|(R_t^{B,W_1} - R_t^B)u\|_2 \\ &= \left\| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (R_t^{B,W_1} t W_2 B)^k R_t^{B,W_1} u \right\|_2 + \left\| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} R_t^B (t W_1 R_t^B)^k u \right\|_2 \\ &\lesssim |t|^{1-n/p} \|u\|_2, \end{aligned}$$

since $1 - n/p > 0$ when $p > n$. □

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If $v \in \text{Nul}((d^* + W_2)B)$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \|du\|_2^2 &\lesssim \langle du, B^* du \rangle = |\langle v + du, B^*(d + W_2^*)u \rangle - \langle du, B^* W_2^* u \rangle| \\ &\lesssim \|v + du\|_2 (\|du\|_2 + \|W_2^* \mathbf{P} u\|_2) + \|du\|_2 \|W_2^* \mathbf{P} u\|_2 \\ &\lesssim \|v + du\|_2 \|du\|_2 + \underbrace{\epsilon \|du\|_2^2}_{\text{Hide}}, \end{aligned}$$

so $\|v\|_2 + \|du\|_2 \lesssim \|v + du\|_2$ and $\text{Nul}((d^* + W_2)B) \oplus \overline{\text{Ran}}(d) \subseteq L^2$. □

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Use $\text{Nul}((d^* + W_2)B) \oplus \overline{\text{Ran}}(d) = L^2$ to define

$$\mathbf{P}^W : L^2 \rightarrow \overline{\text{Ran}}(d), \quad I - \mathbf{P}^W : L^2 \rightarrow \text{Nul}((d^* + W_2)B).$$

If $u \in \text{Nul}(d)$, then

$$\begin{aligned} Q^{B,W} u &:= (1 + t^2(D_{B,W}^2))^{-1} t(d + W_1 + (d^* + W_2)B)u \\ &= (1 + t^2(D_{B,W}^2))^{-1} t(d^* + W_2)B(\mathbf{P}^W u + (I - \mathbf{P}^W)u) \\ &= \Theta_t^{B,W} \mathbf{P}^W u. \end{aligned}$$

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Low frequency ingredients (minor modifications):

① Off-diagonal estimates

$$\|\mathbf{1}_E R_t^{B,W} \mathbf{1}_F\|_{2 \rightarrow 2} \lesssim \left(\frac{|t|}{\text{dist}(E, F)} \right)^M.$$

- ▶ Commutators $[D_B + W, \eta] = (D_B + W)\eta - \eta(D_B + W) = [D_B, \eta]$.

② Carleson measure estimates

$$\sup_Q \int_0^{\ell(Q)} \fint_Q |\Theta_t^{B,W} \mathbf{1}|^2 \frac{dxdt}{t} \lesssim 1.$$

- ▶ Use test functions adapted D_B .
- ▶ Need $\|R_t^B\|_{2+\delta \rightarrow 2+\delta}$ for $2 + \delta \in (2, p^H)$ to offset W .

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Using $[P_t, d]u = [(1 + t^2 D^2)^{-1}, d]u = 0$:

$$\begin{aligned}\Theta_t^{B,W}(I - P_t)u &= Q_t^{B,W} \mathbf{P}_{\overline{\text{Ran}}(d)}(I - P_t)u \\ &= Q_t^{B,W} \mathbf{P}_{\overline{\text{Ran}}(d)} t(d + d^*) Q_t u \\ &= Q_t^{B,W} t d Q_t u \\ &= Q_t^{B,W} t(D_B + W_1 + W_2 B) \mathbf{P}_{\overline{\text{Ran}}(d^* B)} Q_t u - Q_t^{B,W} t W_1 Q_t u \\ &= \underbrace{(I - P_t^B) \mathbf{P}_{\overline{\text{Ran}}(d^* B)}}_{\text{Uniform } L^2 \text{ estimate}} \underbrace{Q_t u}_{\text{Quadratic estimate}} - \underbrace{Q_t^{B,W} t W_1 Q_t u}_{\text{Schur estimate}}\end{aligned}$$

for all $u \in \overline{\text{Ran}}(d)$. □

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$$\|Q_t^{B,W} t W_1 Q_t(Q_s v)\|_2 \lesssim \left(\min \left\{ \frac{s}{t}, \frac{t}{s} \right\} \right)^\alpha \|v\|_2 \quad \forall v \in \overline{\text{Ran}}(D).$$

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Write

$$Q_t^{B,W} := P_t^{B,W} t D_{B,W} = P_t^{B,W} \mathbf{P} t d^* B + P_t^{B,W} \mathbf{P} t W_2 B$$

and estimate (with $2_* < q^* < 2$)

$$\begin{aligned} \|P_t^{B,W} \mathbf{P} t W_2 B t W_1 Q_t Q_s v\|_2 &\lesssim t^{-n(1/q-1/2)} \|t W_2 B t W_1 Q_t Q_s v\|_q \\ &\lesssim t^{-n(1/q-1/2)} \|W_2\|_n \|W_1\|_n \|t^3 D^2 P_t(s P_s v)\|_{q^{**}} \\ &\lesssim t^{-n(1/q-1/2)+1} \|s P_s v\|_{q^{**}} \\ &\lesssim (s/t)^{n(1/q-1/2)-1} \|v\|_2. \end{aligned}$$

We need to justify using $2_* < q^* < 2$, since $q = 2_* - \delta$!

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If $\|W\|_n < \epsilon$, then there exists $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\|P_t^{B,W} u\|_2 \lesssim |t|^{-n(1/(2_*-\delta)-1/2)} \|u\|_{2_*-\delta} \quad \forall u \in L^{2_*-\delta} \cap \overline{\text{Ran}}(d^*).$$

Proof (when $W = 0$).

Choose $q := 2_* - \delta$ so that $q^* \in (p_H, 2)$.

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|P_t^B u\|_2 &= \|R_t^B \mathbf{P} R_{-t}^B \mathbf{P} u\|_2 \\ &\lesssim |t|^{-n(1/q^*-1/2)} \|R_{-t}^B \mathbf{P} u\|_{q^*} \\ &\lesssim |t|^{-n(1/(2_*-\delta)-1/2)} \|u\|_{2_*-\delta} \end{aligned}$$

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Using $W_1 = W_1 \mathbf{P}$ and $W_2 = \mathbf{P} W_2$ we obtain

$$(D_{B,W}^2 - D_B^2) P_t^B u = \mathbf{P}(D_B W_1 + W_2 B D_B + W_2 B W_1) \mathbf{P} P_t^B u$$

for all $u \in \overline{\text{Ran}}(d^*)$, so

$$\begin{aligned} P_t^{B,W} u &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} P_t^B [t^2 (D_{B,W}^2 - D_B^2) P_t^B]^k u \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \underbrace{R_t^B}_{L^{q^*} \rightarrow L^2} \underbrace{[R_{-t}^B t^2 \mathbf{P}(D_B W_1 + W_2 B D_B + W_2 B W_1) \mathbf{P} R_t^B]^k}_{L^{q^*} \rightarrow L^{q^*}} \underbrace{R_{-t}^B u}_{L^{2_*-\delta} \rightarrow L^{q^*}} . \end{aligned}$$

□

Corollary (Conclusion)

There exists $R > 0$ such that $D_{B,W}$ has a bounded $H^\infty(S_\theta \cup D_R)$ functional calculus,

$$\|f(D_{B,W})u\|_2 \lesssim \|u\|_2 \quad \forall u \in H^\infty(S_\theta \cup D_R),$$

e.g. $f(z) := \frac{z}{\sqrt{z^2 + R^2}}.$

If $\max\{\|W_1\|_n, \|W_2\|_n\} < \epsilon$, then $D_{B,W}$ has a bounded $H^\infty(S_\theta)$ functional calculus, e.g. $f(z) := \frac{z}{\sqrt{z^2}}$.

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