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ERRATA TO: PROPAGATION OF EXPONENTIAL PHASE SPACE SINGULARITIES FOR SCHRÖDINGER EQUATIONS WITH QUADRATIC HAMILTONIANS

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Our paper [1] contains an error in the proof of Proposition 8.1. More precisely the estimate claimed in Eq. (8.3) is erroneously motivated. In the following we state and prove Proposition 8.1 correctly.

We need the Hermite functions

$$h_\alpha(x) = \pi^{-\frac{d}{4}} (-1)^{|\alpha|} (2^{|\alpha|} \alpha!)^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{\frac{|x|^2}{2}} \partial^\alpha e^{-|x|^2}, \quad x \in \mathbf{R}^d, \quad \alpha \in \mathbf{N}^d,$$

and formal series expansions

$$f = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbf{N}^d} c_\alpha h_\alpha$$

where $\{c_\alpha\}$ is a sequence of coefficients defined by $c_\alpha = c_\alpha(f) = (f, h_\alpha)$. The Hermite functions $\{h_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \mathbf{N}^d} \subseteq L^2(\mathbf{R}^d)$ is an orthonormal basis.

Langenbruch [4, Theorem 3.4] has shown that the family of Hilbert sequence spaces

$$\ell_{s,r}^2 = \ell_{s,r}^2(\mathbf{N}^d) = \left\{ \{c_\alpha\} : \|c_\alpha\|_{\ell_{s,r}^2} = \left(\sum_{\alpha \in \mathbf{N}^d} |c_\alpha|^2 e^{2r|\alpha|^{\frac{1}{2s}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} < \infty \right\}$$

for $r > 0$ yields a family of seminorms for $\Sigma_s(\mathbf{R}^d)$ that is equivalent to the family (2.3) for all $h > 0$, when $t = s > \frac{1}{2}$. Thus $\Sigma_s(\mathbf{R}^d)$ can be identified topologically as the projective limit

$$(1) \quad \Sigma_s(\mathbf{R}^d) = \bigcap_{r>0} \left\{ \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbf{N}^d} c_\alpha h_\alpha : \{c_\alpha\} \in \ell_{s,r}^2 \right\}.$$

Lemma. *If $s > \frac{1}{2}$ and $h > 0$ then*

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbf{R}^d} \left| \partial^k \left(e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2} \right) \right| \leq C_{h,s} h^k k!^s, \quad k \in \mathbf{N},$$

where $C_{h,s} > 0$.

Proof. It is clear that

$$(2) \quad \partial^k \left(e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2} \right) = p_k(x) e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2}$$

where p_k is a polynomial of order $k \in \mathbf{N}$. By induction one can prove the formula

$$p_k(x) = k! \sum_{m=0}^{\lfloor k/2 \rfloor} \frac{x^{k-2m} (-1)^{k-m}}{m! (k-2m)! 2^m}.$$

Since $k! \leq 2^k(k-2m)!(2m)!$ we can estimate

$$|p_k(x)| \leq \sum_{m=0}^{\lfloor k/2 \rfloor} \frac{|x|^{k-2m}(2m)!}{m!2^{m-k}} \leq \sum_{m=0}^{\lfloor k/2 \rfloor} |x|^{k-2m} m! 2^{m+k}.$$

Combining with $m! = m!^{2s-\varepsilon}$ where $\varepsilon = 2s - 1 > 0$, this gives for any $h > 0$ and $b > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} |p_k(x)| h^{-k} k!^{-s} &\leq \sum_{m=0}^{\lfloor k/2 \rfloor} |x|^{k-2m} m!^{2s-\varepsilon} 2^{m+k} h^{-k} k!^{-s} \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^{\lfloor k/2 \rfloor} \left(\frac{\left(\frac{b}{s} |x|^{\frac{1}{s}}\right)^{k-2m}}{(k-2m)!} \right)^s \left(\frac{b}{s}\right)^{s(2m-k)} \left(\frac{(k-2m)! m!^2}{k!}\right)^s \frac{2^{m+k} h^{-k}}{m!^\varepsilon} \\ &\leq e^{b|x|^{\frac{1}{s}}} \left(2 \left(\frac{s}{b}\right)^s h^{-1}\right)^k \sum_{m=0}^{\lfloor k/2 \rfloor} \left(\frac{\left(2 \left(\frac{b}{s}\right)^{2s}\right)^{\frac{m}{\varepsilon}}}{m!}\right)^\varepsilon \\ &\leq e^{\varepsilon \left(2 \left(\frac{b}{s}\right)^{2s}\right)^{\frac{1}{\varepsilon}}} e^{b|x|^{\frac{1}{s}}} \left(4 \left(\frac{s}{b}\right)^s h^{-1}\right)^k \\ &= C_{h,s} e^{s 4^{\frac{1}{s}} h^{-\frac{1}{s}} |x|^{\frac{1}{s}}}, \end{aligned}$$

where we pick $b = s 4^{\frac{1}{s}} h^{-\frac{1}{s}}$ in the last equality, and $C_{h,s} > 0$. Thus since $\frac{1}{s} < 2$

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbf{R}} \left| \partial^k \left(e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2} \right) \right| \lesssim h^k k!^s \sup_{x \in \mathbf{R}} e^{s 4^{\frac{1}{s}} h^{-\frac{1}{s}} |x|^{\frac{1}{s}} - \frac{1}{2}x^2} \leq C_{h,s} h^k k!^s, \quad k \in \mathbf{N},$$

for a new constant $C_{h,s} > 0$. □

The corrected result concerns operators with Schwartz kernel of the oscillatory integral form

$$(8.1) \quad K_T(x, y) = (2\pi)^{-(d+N)/2} \sqrt{\det \begin{pmatrix} p''_{\theta\theta}/i & p''_{\theta y} \\ p''_{x\theta} & i p''_{xy} \end{pmatrix}} \int_{\mathbf{R}^N} e^{ip(x,y,\theta)} d\theta \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbf{R}^{2d})$$

where $x, y \in \mathbf{R}^d$. Here p is a quadratic form on \mathbf{R}^{2d+N} associated with the positive Lagrangian that is defined by the twisted graph of the matrix $T \in \text{Sp}(d, \mathbf{C})$ which is assumed to be positive in the sense of [3, Eq. 5.10]. The kernel is, modulo sign, independent of the form p and the dimension N , thanks to the the factor in front of the integral [3, p. 444].

Proposition 8.1. *Suppose $T \in \text{Sp}(d, \mathbf{C})$ is positive and let $\mathcal{K}_T : \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{R}^d) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}'(\mathbf{R}^d)$ be the continuous linear operator having Schwartz kernel $K_T \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbf{R}^{2d})$ defined by (8.1). For $s > 1/2$ the operator \mathcal{K}_T is continuous on $\Sigma_s(\mathbf{R}^d)$ and \mathcal{K}_T extends uniquely to a continuous operator on $\Sigma'_s(\mathbf{R}^d)$.*

Proof. By [3, Proposition 5.10] (cf. [2]) the matrix T can be factorized as

$$T = \chi_1 T_0 \chi_2$$

where $\chi_1, \chi_2 \in \text{Sp}(d, \mathbf{R})$, $T_0 \in \text{Sp}(d, \mathbf{C})$ is positive and $(y, \eta) = T_0(x, \xi)$, $x, \xi, y, \eta \in \mathbf{R}^d$, where for each $1 \leq j \leq d$ we have either

$$(3) \quad \begin{pmatrix} y_j \\ \eta_j \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \tau_j & -i \sinh \tau_j \\ i \sinh \tau_j & \cosh \tau_j \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_j \\ \xi_j \end{pmatrix}$$

with $\tau_j \geq 0$, or

$$(4) \quad \begin{pmatrix} y_j \\ \eta_j \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ i & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_j \\ \xi_j \end{pmatrix}.$$

By [3, Proposition 5.9] we have

$$\mathcal{K}_T = \pm \mu(\chi_1) \mathcal{K}_{T_0} \mu(\chi_2).$$

According to Proposition 4.4, $\mu(\chi_j)$ is continuous on $\Sigma_s(\mathbf{R}^d)$, so it remains to show that \mathcal{K}_{T_0} is continuous on $\Sigma_s(\mathbf{R}^d)$.

The matrix T_0 can be factorized as

$$T_0 = T_1 T_2 \cdots T_d$$

where the matrices T_j , $1 \leq j \leq d$, commute pairwise, and have the following structure. It holds $(y, \eta) = T_j(x, \xi)$ where $(y_k, \eta_k) = (x_k, \xi_k)$, $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, d\} \setminus \{j\}$ and either (3) for some $\tau_j \geq 0$, or (4) hold.

Again by [3, Proposition 5.9]

$$\mathcal{K}_{T_0} = \pm \mathcal{K}_{T_1} \mathcal{K}_{T_2} \cdots \mathcal{K}_{T_d}$$

and thus it suffices to show that \mathcal{K}_{T_j} of each of the stated two types is continuous on $\Sigma_s(\mathbf{R}^d)$. In order to do that we first identify the operators \mathcal{K}_{T_j} , cf. [2, p. 297].

Suppose $(y, \eta) = T_j(x, \xi)$ where $(y_k, \eta_k) = (x_k, \xi_k)$, $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, d\} \setminus \{j\}$.

Case (i). Suppose (3) for some $\tau_j \geq 0$. Define the symmetric block matrix

$$Q_j = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} e_j e_j^t & 0 \\ 0 & e_j e_j^t \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbf{R}^{2d \times 2d}$$

where $e_j \in \mathbf{R}^d$ denotes the standard basis vector with zero entries except for position j which is one. With $F_j = \mathcal{J}Q_j$ a short calculation shows that

$$e^{-2i\tau_j F_j} = T_j$$

which reveals that \mathcal{K}_{T_j} is the solution operator to the initial value Cauchy problem (5.1) when the Hamiltonian Weyl symbol is defined by

$$q_j(x, \xi) = \langle (x, \xi), Q_j(x, \xi) \rangle = \frac{1}{2} (x_j^2 + \xi_j^2), \quad (x, \xi) \in T^*\mathbf{R}^d,$$

at time τ_j , that is $\mathcal{K}_{T_j} = e^{-\tau_j q_j^w(x, D)}$. Here $q_j^w(x, D) = \frac{1}{2}(x_j^2 + D_j^2)$ is the Hermite operator (harmonic oscillator) acting on variable j , divided by two.

For this operator the Hermite functions are eigenfunctions, and

$$\frac{1}{2}(x_j^2 + D_j^2)h_\alpha = \left(\alpha_j + \frac{1}{2}\right)h_\alpha, \quad \alpha \in \mathbf{N}^d$$

(cf. e.g. [5]). By the uniqueness of the solution to the Cauchy problem (5.1) we have

$$\mathcal{K}_{T_j} h_\alpha = e^{-\frac{\tau_j}{2}(x_j^2 + D_j^2)} h_\alpha = e^{-\tau_j(\alpha_j + \frac{1}{2})} h_\alpha, \quad \alpha \in \mathbf{N}^d.$$

Using the seminorms on $\Sigma_s(\mathbf{R}^d)$ defined by Hilbert sequence spaces $\ell_{s,r}^2(\mathbf{N}^d)$, cf. (1), and the orthonormality of $\{h_\beta\}_{\beta \in \mathbf{N}^d} \subseteq L^2(\mathbf{R}^d)$ we obtain for $f \in \Sigma_s(\mathbf{R}^d)$ and $\alpha \in \mathbf{N}^d$

$$(\mathcal{K}_{T_j} f, h_\alpha) = \sum_{\beta \in \mathbf{N}^d} (f, h_\beta) (\mathcal{K}_{T_j} h_\beta, h_\alpha) = (f, h_\alpha) e^{-\tau_j(\alpha_j + \frac{1}{2})},$$

and hence for any $r > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \|(\mathcal{K}_{T_j} f, h_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \mathbf{N}^d}\|_{\ell_{s,r}^2}^2 &= \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbf{N}^d} |(\mathcal{K}_{T_j} f, h_\alpha)|^2 e^{2r|\alpha| \frac{1}{2s}} \\ &= \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbf{N}^d} |(f, h_\alpha)|^2 e^{-\tau_j(2\alpha_j + 1)} e^{2r|\alpha| \frac{1}{2s}} \\ &\leq \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbf{N}^d} |(f, h_\alpha)|^2 e^{2r|\alpha| \frac{1}{2s}} \\ &= \|(f, h_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \mathbf{N}^d}\|_{\ell_{s,r}^2}^2. \end{aligned}$$

This shows the continuity $\mathcal{K}_{T_j} : \Sigma_s(\mathbf{R}^d) \rightarrow \Sigma_s(\mathbf{R}^d)$.

Case (ii). Suppose (4). Define the symmetric block matrix

$$Q_j = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} e_j e_j^t & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbf{R}^{2d \times 2d}$$

and $F_j = \mathcal{J}Q_j$. Then

$$e^{-2iF_j} = T_j$$

which implies that \mathcal{K}_{T_j} is the solution operator to the initial value Cauchy problem (5.1) when the Hamiltonian Weyl symbol is defined by

$$q_j(x, \xi) = \langle (x, \xi), Q_j(x, \xi) \rangle = \frac{1}{2} x_j^2,$$

at time $t = 1$, that is $\mathcal{K}_{T_j} = e^{-q_j^w(x, D)}$. Since $q_j^w(x, D)f(x) = \frac{x_j^2}{2}f(x)$ we have $\mathcal{K}_{T_j} f(x) = e^{-\frac{1}{2}x_j^2} f(x)$ which is a Gaussian multiplier operator with respect to variable j .

From the Lemma we obtain for any $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbf{N}^d$ and any $h > 0$ using the seminorms (2.3)

$$\begin{aligned} \left| x^\beta D^\alpha \left(e^{-\frac{1}{2}x_j^2} f(x) \right) \right| &\leq \sum_{\gamma_j \leq \alpha_j} \binom{\alpha_j}{\gamma_j} \left| D^{\gamma_j} \left(e^{-\frac{1}{2}x_j^2} \right) \right| \left| x^\beta D^{\alpha - \gamma_j e_j} f(x) \right| \\ &\lesssim \|f\|_{\mathcal{S}_{s,h}} \sum_{\gamma_j \leq \alpha_j} \binom{\alpha_j}{\gamma_j} h^{\gamma_j} \gamma_j!^s (\beta! (\alpha - \gamma_j e_j)!)^s h^{|\beta| + |\alpha| - \gamma_j} \\ &\leq \|f\|_{\mathcal{S}_{s,h}} h^{|\alpha + \beta|} (\beta! \alpha!)^s 2^{\alpha_j} \\ &\leq \|f\|_{\mathcal{S}_{s,h}} (2h)^{|\alpha + \beta|} (\beta! \alpha!)^s, \quad x \in \mathbf{R}^d, \end{aligned}$$

and thus

$$\left\| e^{-\frac{1}{2}x_j^2} f \right\|_{\mathcal{S}_{s,h}} \lesssim \|f\|_{\mathcal{S}_{s,h/2}}.$$

We have shown the continuity of $\mathcal{K}_{T_j} : \Sigma_s(\mathbf{R}^d) \rightarrow \Sigma_s(\mathbf{R}^d)$. \square

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