

158. Fundamental Solution of Partial Differential Operators of Schrödinger's Type. II

The Space-Time Approach

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§ 1. Introduction. In the previous note [2] we constructed the fundamental solution of $i\nu\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + 1/2\Delta$, where Δ is the Laplace operator associated with a Riemannian metric $ds^2 = \sum_{i,j} g_{ij}(x)dx_i dx_j$ in R^n satisfying some conditions. There we made use of discussions of classical orbits in the phase space. In this note discussing in the spacetime, we shall construct the fundamental solution of $\nu i\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \Delta$, $\nu > 0$. This will be closer to the original Feynman's idea [1]. Assumptions will be found in § 2 and results will be found in § 4. In § 3 we shall construct parametrix. The outline of proof will be given in § 5. The main Lemma proof of which is too long to be presented in this short note will be proved in the subsequent paper [3].

§ 2. Assumptions. Let $|x-y|$ be the Euclidean distance from y to x and $r(x, y)$ be the geodesic distance from y to x . Our assumptions are the following ones:

(A-I) for any two points x, y in R^n , there exists unique geodesic joining x to y .

(A-II) the metric ds^2 coincides with the Euclidean metric outside compact set K .

(A-III) there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that

$$(1) \quad |\text{grad}_x (r^2(x, y) - r^2(x, z))| \geq C |y - z|.$$

(A-IV) for any multi-indices α with $|\alpha| \geq 2$, there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that

$$(2) \quad \left| \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)^\alpha (r^2(x, y) - r^2(x, z)) \right| \leq C |y - z|.$$

§ 3. Parametrix. We make use of the parametrix of the form

$$(3) \quad E_N(t, x, y) = (\nu/4\pi t i)^{1/2n} \exp(i\nu r^2(x, y)/4t) e(t, x, y),$$

$$(4) \quad e(t, x, y) = \sum_{j=0}^N (it/\nu)^j e_j(x, y).$$

If we use geodesic polar coordinates with center at y , the function