

## 77. Spectral Concentration and Resonances for Unitary Operators

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**1. Introduction.** Operator-theoretical approach to the theory of resonances for a family of selfadjoint operators  $H_k$  has been investigated by J. S. Howland ([1]), A. Orth ([4]) and W. Hunziker ([2]). (For other works see the references in these papers, and [3; VIII, §5].) In particular, Orth established a link between the theory of resonances and the limiting absorption principle, developed the theory without any analyticity assumptions, and applied it successfully to  $N$ -body Schrödinger operators using the Mourre estimate.

In the present note we are mainly interested in the abstract part of the work [4] and shall present a generalization which can cover  $H_k$  given by a form sum. (Note that in [4] it is supposed that  $H_k \supset H_0 + \kappa W$ .) To this end we find it convenient to construct a counterpart of Orth's abstract results for a unitary operator family  $U_k$ . It will be given in §2. In §3 we transform the results to the selfadjoint families. This amounts to considering the Cayley transform  $(H_x - i)(H_x + i)^{-1}$  of  $H_x$ , or  $(H_x - d)^{-1}$  if  $H_x$  is uniformly semibounded. In §4 we apply the results to a simple example in which a Dirichlet decoupled ordinary differential operator is perturbed by a delta type measure.

In this note we present only results. Detailed proofs will be published elsewhere ([5]).

The main instrument in [1] and [4] is the Livsic matrix. It is generally defined as follows.

**Definition (L).** Let  $T$  be a densely defined closed operator in a Hilbert space  $\mathbf{H}$  and  $P$  be a finite dimensional orthogonal projection. Then the Livsic matrix  $B(T, z)$  of  $T$  in  $P\mathbf{H}$  is a finite dimensional operator defined by

$$P(T - z)^{-1}P = (B(z, T) - z)^{-1},$$

where  $z$  belongs to the resolvent set  $\rho(T)$  of  $T$ .

**2. Spectral concentration for unitary operators.** Let  $U$  be a unitary operator and  $P$  be an orthogonal projection onto the  $m$ -dimensional space  $K = P\mathbf{H}$  ( $m < \infty$ ). It is not necessary that  $U$  and  $P$  commute. We put  $\Omega_0 := \{w \in \mathbb{C}; |w| > 1\}$ . We shall consider the Livsic matrix  $B(w)$  of  $U$  in  $K$ . For  $w \in \Omega_0$   $B(w)$  is well-defined and given as

$$B(w) = PUP - PUP\overline{(U - w)^{-1}}PUP$$

where  $\overline{U} = \overline{PUP}$ .

Let  $U_\kappa = \int_0^{2\pi} e^{i\theta} dF_\kappa(\theta)$ ,  $\kappa \geq 0$ , be unitary operators such that  $U_\kappa \rightarrow U_0$  in the strong sense as  $\kappa \rightarrow 0$ . And let  $e^{i\theta_0}$  be an eigenvalue of  $U_0$

with finite multiplicity  $m$ . In the case of  $m \geq 2$  we shall assume

$$U_\kappa = U_0 + a(\kappa)V_\kappa,$$

where  $a(\kappa)$  is a complex continuous function such that, as  $\kappa \rightarrow 0$ ,  $a(\kappa)$  tends to zero and  $\lim \arg a(\kappa)$  exists and  $V_\kappa$  is a bounded operator such that  $V_\kappa$  tends to  $V_0$  in the strong sense. We denote by  $B(z, \kappa)$  the Livsic matrix of  $U_\kappa$  in the eigenspace of  $U_0$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $e^{i\theta_0}$ . Corresponding to Definition 1.4 of [4] we shall introduce the following assumption.

**Assumption (AU).** *There exist a neighborhood  $C \subset [0, 2\pi]$  of  $\theta_0$  and a complex neighborhood  $\Omega_1$  of  $e^{i\theta_0}$  such that  $B(z, \kappa)$  has a continuous extension from  $\Omega_0 \cap \Omega_1$  to  $e^{iC}$  and the continuation satisfies*

$$\|B(z, \kappa) - B(w, \kappa)\| \leq L(\kappa) |z - w|$$

for  $z, w \in \Omega := \Omega_0 \cap \Omega_1$ , where we assume

$$L(\kappa) = \begin{cases} o(1), & \text{if } m = 1, \\ o(a(\kappa)), & \text{if } m \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

Corresponding to Theorems 1.5 and 1.12 of [4] we have the following theorems.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $e^{i\theta_0}$  be a simple eigenvalue of  $U_0$  and  $\phi$  be an eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue  $e^{i\theta_0}$  with  $\|\phi\| = 1$ . Suppose that the Livsic matrix  $B(z, \kappa)$  of  $U_\kappa$  in the eigenspace  $\{\alpha\phi\}$  satisfies Assumption (AU). Then, for sufficiently small  $\kappa$  ( $0 \leq \kappa \leq \kappa_0$ ) the following assertions (1)-(3) hold.*

(1) *There exists a unique solution of the equation*

$$z(\kappa) = (B(z(\kappa)/|z(\kappa)|, \kappa)\phi, \phi)$$

such that  $|z(\kappa)| \leq 1$ .

Put  $z(\kappa) = r(\kappa)e^{i\theta(\kappa)}$ .

(2) *There exists  $\delta(\kappa) \geq 0$  such that  $\delta(\kappa) = 0$  if  $r(\kappa) = 1$  and if  $r(\kappa) < 1$  and  $\kappa \rightarrow 0$ , then*

$$\max(\delta(\kappa), L(\kappa)^{1/2}\delta(\kappa)/(1 - r(\kappa)), (1 - r(\kappa))/\delta(\kappa)) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \kappa \rightarrow 0.$$

(3) *For any  $\delta(\kappa)$  in (2) put  $C(\kappa) = [\theta(\kappa) - \delta(\kappa), \theta(\kappa) + \delta(\kappa)]$ . Then*

$$F_\kappa(C(\kappa)) \rightarrow P, \kappa \rightarrow 0,$$

in the strong sense.

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $e^{i\theta_0}$  be a degenerate eigenvalue with a finite multiplicity  $m$  of the unitary operator  $U_0$ . Suppose that the Livsic matrix of the unitary operators satisfy Assumption (AU) and that  $PV_0P$  has only simple eigenvalues  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_m$ . Then the following assertions (1)-(3) hold.*

(1) *We can find the unique solutions  $z_1(\kappa), \dots, z_m(\kappa)$  of*

$$\det(B(z/|z|, \kappa) - z) = 0$$

satisfying  $|z_j(\kappa) - e^{i\theta_0} - a(\kappa)\mu_j| = o(a(\kappa))$ . We put

$$z_j(\kappa) = r_j(\kappa)e^{i\theta_j(\kappa)} \text{ and } B_j(\kappa) = B(e^{i\theta_j(\kappa)}, \kappa).$$

(2) *There exists  $\delta_j(\kappa) \geq 0$  such that, for  $r_j(\kappa) = 1$ ,  $\delta_j(\kappa) = 0$ , and for  $r_j(\kappa) < 1$ ,*

$$\max(\delta_j(\kappa)/|a(\kappa)|, L(\kappa)^{1/2}\delta_j(\kappa)/|a(\kappa)|^{1/2}(1 - r_j(\kappa)), (1 - r_j(\kappa))/\delta_j(\kappa)) \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } \kappa \rightarrow 0.$$

(3) *Let  $C_j(\kappa) = [\theta_j(\kappa) - \delta_j(\kappa), \theta_j(\kappa) + \delta_j(\kappa)]$  and  $P_j(0)$  be the projection associated to the eigenvalue  $z_j(0)$  of  $B_j(0)$ . Then we have*

$$F_\kappa(C_j(\kappa)) \rightarrow P_j(0), \kappa \rightarrow 0,$$

in the strong sense.

**3. Application to the selfadjoint problems.** We shall consider the following situation.  $H_\kappa$ ,  $\kappa \geq 0$ , is a selfadjoint operator in  $\mathbf{H}$ .  $H_\kappa$  converges to  $H_0$  in the strong resolvent sense.  $\lambda_0$  is an eigenvalue of  $H_0$  with a finite multiplicity. Let  $P$  be the orthogonal projection associated to the eigenvalue  $\lambda_0$  of  $H_0$ ,  $K = \text{Range } P$ ,  $m = \dim K < \infty$  and  $\bar{P} := I - P$ .

In this section we use a linear fractional function  $g(H_\kappa)$  of  $H_\kappa$ . We shall first assume

**Assumption (G.1).**  $\bar{g}(z) = (az + b)/(cz + d)$ ,  $a, b, c, d \in C$  with  $ad - bc \neq 0$ . There exists  $\kappa_0 > 0$  such that  $c\lambda + d \neq 0$  for any  $\lambda \in \bigcup_{0 < \kappa < \kappa_0} \sigma(H_\kappa)$ .

We shall write the Livsic matrix  $B(g(z), g(H_\kappa))$  in  $K$  as  $B_g(g(z), \kappa)$ , that is

$$P(g(H_\kappa) - g(z))^{-1}P = (B_g(g(z), \kappa) - g(z))^{-1}, \text{Im}z \neq 0.$$

If  $K \subset D(g(H_\kappa))$ , we can write  $B_g(g(z), \kappa)$  as

$$B_g(g(z), \kappa) = Pg(H_\kappa)P - Pg(H_\kappa)\bar{P}(\bar{g}(H_\kappa) - g(z))^{-1}\bar{P}g(H_\kappa)P,$$

where  $\bar{g}(H_\kappa) = \bar{P}g(H_\kappa)\bar{P}$ . In the case that  $m \geq 2$  we assume in addition to Assumption (G.1) the following condition:

**Assumption (G.2).**  $g(H_\kappa) = g(H_0) + a(\kappa)V_\kappa$

where  $a(\kappa) \neq 0$ ,  $\kappa \neq 0$ , is a complex valued continuous function with  $a(\kappa) \rightarrow 0$  as  $\kappa \rightarrow 0$  with  $\lim \arg a(\kappa)$  existing and  $V_\kappa$  are bounded operators such that  $V_\kappa \rightarrow V_0$  as  $\kappa \rightarrow 0$ . And  $PV_0P$  has only simple eigenvalues  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_m$ .

**Assumption (AG).** There exist a real neighborhood  $I$  of  $\lambda_0$  and a complex neighborhood  $\Omega$  of  $\lambda_0$  such that  $B_g(g(z), \kappa)$  has a continuous extension from  $C \setminus R$  to  $I$  and the continuation satisfies

$$\|B_g(g(z), \kappa) - B_g(g(w), \kappa)\| \leq L(\kappa) |z - w|$$

for any  $z, w \in \Omega$ , where

$$L(\kappa) = \begin{cases} o(1), & \text{if } m = 1, \\ o(a(\kappa)), & \text{if } m \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

We shall define the resonances as follows.

**Definition 1** (simple resonance). We call  $\lambda_0$  a simple resonance of the operator family  $\{H_\kappa\}$ , if  $\lambda_0$  is the simple eigenvalue of  $H_0$  and if there exists a function  $g$  satisfying (G.1) and the Livsic matrix of  $g(H_\kappa)$  satisfies Assumption (AG).

**Definition 2** (resonance). We call  $\lambda_0$  a resonance of the operator family  $\{H_\kappa\}$ , if there exists a function  $g$  such that  $g$  satisfies (G.1),  $g(H_\kappa)$  satisfies (G.2) and the Livsic matrix of  $g(H_\kappa)$  satisfies (AG).

Then we have the following theorems.  $E_\kappa$  is the spectral resolution of  $H_\kappa$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $\lambda_0$  be a simple resonance of the operator family  $\{H_\kappa\}$ . Then there exist closed intervals  $J(\kappa)$  approaching  $\lambda_0$  such that the length of  $J(\kappa)$  tends to 0 and  $E_\kappa(J(\kappa))$  converges to  $P$  in the strong sense as  $\kappa \rightarrow 0$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $\lambda_0$  be a resonance of the operator family of  $\{H_\kappa\}$ . Then

there exist closed intervals  $J_j(\kappa)$  approaching  $\lambda_0$  such that the length of  $J_j(\kappa)$  tend to 0 and  $E_\kappa(J_j(\kappa)) \rightarrow P_j$  as  $\kappa \rightarrow 0$  where  $P_j$  is the projection onto the  $\mu_j$ -associated eigenspace of  $PV_0P$ .

In the next theorem we only consider the case of  $g(z) = (z - i)/(z + i)$  for simplicity.

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $\lambda_0$  be a resonance of the operator family of  $H_\kappa$  and  $\phi \in K$ . Then we have for  $g(z) = (z - i)/(z + i)$ ,  $0 \leq \kappa \leq \kappa_0$  and  $t \geq 0$ :

(1) Simple case;

$$(\exp(-it H_\kappa)\phi, \phi) = \exp(-iz(\kappa)t) \|\phi\|^2 + o(1),$$

where  $z(\kappa)$  is the solution of

$$g(z) = B_g(g(z)/|g(z)|, \kappa).$$

(2) Degenerate case;

$$(\exp(-it H_\kappa)\phi, \phi) = \sum_{j=1}^m \|P_j\phi\|^2 \exp(-iz_j(\kappa)t) + o(1),$$

where  $z_j(\kappa)$  is the solution of

$$\det(B_g(g(z)/|g(z)|, \kappa) - g(z)) = 0$$

and satisfies  $|g(z_j(\kappa)) - g(\lambda_0) - a(\kappa)\mu_j| = o(a(\kappa))$ .

These theorems generalize Theorems 1.5, 1.12, 1.8 and 1.14 of [4].

**4. An Application.** We shall consider the following second order ordinary differential operators on a half-line  $[0, \infty)$ , one with the Dirichlet condition at  $x = 1$  and the other with a "jump condition" there. In this example  $H_\kappa$  is defined as a form sum.

$$(I) \quad \begin{cases} H_0 u = -\frac{d^2}{dx^2} u \text{ on } L^2(0, \infty), \\ u(0) = u(1 \pm 0) = 0. \end{cases}$$

$$(II) \quad \begin{cases} H_\kappa u = -\frac{d^2}{dx^2} u \text{ on } L^2(0, \infty), \\ u(0) = 0, u(1 - 0) = u(1 + 0) \equiv u(1), \\ u'(1 + 0) - u'(1 - 0) = \frac{1}{\kappa} u(1), \kappa > 0. \end{cases}$$

It is well-known that  $H_0$  has embedded eigenvalues  $\{m^2\pi^2\}_{m \geq 1}$  and a continuous spectrum  $[0, \infty)$ . Then we expect that these embedded eigenvalues are resonances.

**Theorem 4.1.** Let  $g(z) = 1/(z + 1)$  and  $\varphi_m$  be a normalized eigenfunction of  $H_0$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda_m = m^2\pi^2$ , i.e.,  $\varphi_m(x) = \sqrt{2} \sin m\pi x$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ ,  $= 0$  for  $1 < x$ . Let  $P$  be the orthogonal projection onto the eigenspace  $\{\alpha\varphi_m\}_{\alpha \in \mathbb{C}}$ . Then

(1)  $g$  satisfies Assumption (G.1) and  $g(H_\kappa) = (H_\kappa + 1)^{-1}$  satisfies Assumption (AG). In particular, the spectral concentration as in Theorem 3.1 occurs.

(2) Furthermore we have

$$|(\exp(-it H_\kappa)\varphi_m, \varphi_m)| = \exp(-4m^3\pi^3\kappa^2t) + o(1).$$

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