

A RENEWAL THEOREM IN HIGHER DIMENSIONS

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Summary

Let F be a probability distribution on d -dimensional Euclidean space R^d with mean 0 and finite $2[d/2]$ -th moment. Let $U\{A\} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} F^{n*}\{A\}$, where F^{n*} denotes the n -fold convolution of F and A is a measurable set on R^d . The purpose of this paper is to give an asymptotic expression for $U\{A+x\}$ as $|x| \rightarrow \infty$, in case that F is nonlattice and $d \geq 3$.

1. Introduction and the statement of the result

Let F be a probability distribution on R^d . For any measurable set A put

$$U\{A\} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} F^{n*}\{A\},$$

where F^{n*} denotes the n -fold convolution of F . A random walk associated with F is transient, if for any bounded set A

$$U\{A\} < \infty.$$

For transient random walk of $d \geq 2$, it is well known

$$\lim_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} U\{A+x\} = 0.$$

For lattice distributions it was shown by F. Spitzer [2] and P. Ney and F. Spitzer [1] that for aperiodic d -dimensional random walk ($d \geq 3$) with mean 0 and finite second moments, such that for each n , $|x|^{d-2} p_n(0, x) \rightarrow 0$ when $|x| \rightarrow \infty$, the Green function has the asymptotic behavior

$$G(0, x) \sim c_d |Q|^{-1/2} (x, Q^{-1}x)^{1-d/2}, \text{ when } |x| \rightarrow \infty.$$

Here $G(0, x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} p_n(0, x)$, $p_n(0, x)$ denotes the probability that a particle starting at the origin will be at the point x at time n , Q is the covariance matrix of $p(0, x)$, Q^{-1} is its inverse, and $|Q|$ is the determinant of Q , and the constants c_d are positive and depend on the dimension.

Our aim is to obtain the asymptotic expression of the Green function in case of a nonlattice distribution with mean 0 and finite $2[d/2]$ -th moment.

Let ϕ denote the characteristic function of F . We say that F is nonlattice if

$$(1.1) \quad |\phi(y)| < 1, \quad y \in R^d - \{0\}.$$

In our case the quadratic form is given by

$$(1.2) \quad Q(y) = \int_{R^d} (x, y)^2 F(dx).$$

For $x = (x_1, \dots, x_d) \in R^d$ and $h > 0$, let $P_n(x, h)$ be the measures assigned by F^{n*} to the set

$$\{y = (y_1, \dots, y_d) | x_k \leq y_k \leq x_k + h \text{ for } 1 \leq k \leq d\}.$$

For a fixed $\nu > 0$, we take a bounded set A as

$$A = \{y = (y_1, \dots, y_d) | 0 \leq y_k < \nu \text{ for } 1 \leq k \leq d\}.$$

Noting that

$$U\{A + x\} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P_n(x, \nu),$$

we get the following

THEOREM. If F satisfies the conditions below ;

$$(1.3) \quad d \geq 3,$$

$$(1.4) \quad F \text{ is nonlattice,}$$

$$(1.5) \quad \int x F(dx) = 0,$$

$$(1.6) \quad \int |x|^{2[d/2]} F(dx) < \infty,$$

then

$$(1.7) \quad U\{A + x\} \sim \frac{\nu^d \Gamma(d/2)}{(d-2)\pi^{d/2} |Q|^{1/2}} (x, Q^{-1}x)^{1-d/2}, \text{ as } |x| \rightarrow \infty.$$

Here Q is the covariance matrix of F , Q^{-1} is its inverse, and $|Q|$ is the determinant of Q .

2. Preliminaries

Before the proof we prepare two lemmas.

LEMMA 1. (C. Stone [4]) If F is a nonlattice distribution with mean 0 and second moment, then for each $\nu > 0$

$$(2.1) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [(2n\pi)^{d/2} P_n(x, \nu) - \nu^d |Q|^{-1/2} e^{-1/2n(x, Q^{-1}x)}] = 0,$$

uniformly for all $x \in R^d$.

LEMMA 2. If F is nonlattice distribution with mean 0 and $2k$ -th ($k \geq 1$, integer) moment, then

$$(2.2) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{|x|}{\sqrt{n}} \right)^{2k} [(2n\pi)^{d/2} P_n(x, \nu) - \nu^d |Q|^{-1/2} e^{-1/2n(x, Q^{-1}x)}] = 0,$$

uniformly for all $x \in R^d$.

Following C. Stone [4], we define $g(x)$ and $\gamma(x)$, $x \in R^d$ by

$$g(x) = \left(\frac{1}{2\pi A_{2m}} \right)^d \prod_{j=1}^d \left(\frac{\sin x_j}{x_j} \right)^{2m} \quad (m \geq k+1, \text{ integer fixed}),$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(y) &= \int e^{i(y, x)} g(x) dx \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{\pi A_{2m}} \right)^d \prod_{j=1}^d \int_0^\infty \cos(y_j x_j) \left(\frac{\sin x_j}{x_j} \right)^{2m} dx_j, \end{aligned}$$

where $A_{2m} = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \left(\frac{\sin x}{x} \right)^{2m} dx$.

Set $|y| = (y_1^2 + \dots + y_d^2)^{1/2}$ and $\|y\| = \max_{1 \leq j \leq d} |y_j|$. $\gamma(y)$ is a function of class C^{2k} on R^d and $\gamma(y) \equiv 0$ on $\|y\| \geq 2m$. For $a > 0$ set $g_a(x) = a^{-d} g(a^{-1}x)$ and $\gamma_a(y) = \gamma_a(ay)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int g_a(x) dx &= 1, \\ \int e^{i(x, y)} g_a(x) dx &= \gamma_a(y). \end{aligned}$$

Now $P_n(\cdot, h)$ is integrable and

$$\int e^{i(x, y)} P_n(\sqrt{n}x, \sqrt{n}h) dx = h^d \prod_{j=1}^d \frac{1 - e^{-ihy_j}}{ihy_j} \phi^n \left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{n}} \right).$$

To complete the proof of Lemma 2 we need the following two propositions.

PROPOSITION 1.

$$(2.3) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Delta^k \left[\phi^n \left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \right] = \Delta^k [e^{-1/2 Q(y)}], \quad y \in R^d;$$

(2.4) for an arbitrary fixed $B > 0$

$$\left| \Delta^k \left[\phi^n \left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \right] \right| \leq \text{constant}, \quad |y| \leq B;$$

$$(2.5) \quad \left| \Delta^k \left[\phi^n \left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \right] \right| \leq \text{constant } |y|^{2k} \left| \phi^{n-2k} \left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \right|, \quad |y| \geq 1;$$

$$(2.6) \quad \left| \Delta^k \left[\phi^n \left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \right] \right| \leq \text{constant } e^{-1/4 Q(y)}, \quad |y| \leq \varepsilon \sqrt{n};$$

where Δ^k is the k -th ($k=0, 1, 2, \dots$) iteration of Laplace operator Δ , the constant in (2.4) may depend on B but is independent of n and y , the constants in (2.5) and (2.6) are both independent of n and y , and as to $\varepsilon > 0$ in (2.6) see Appendix.

We can show Proposition 1 in the same way of P. Ney and F. Spitzer [1] and [2].

Using Proposition 1, we next prove the following proposition.

PROPOSITION 2. Let

$$(2.7) \quad V_n(x, h, a) = |x|^{2k} \int g_a(x-y) P_n(\sqrt{n}y, \sqrt{n}h) dy.$$

For arbitrary fixed positive numbers ν and λ , set $h = \nu/\sqrt{n}$ and $a = \lambda/\sqrt{n}$. Then

$$(2.8) \quad \begin{aligned} V_n(x, h, a) &= (-1)^k \left(\frac{\nu}{2\pi\sqrt{n}} \right)^d \int e^{-i(x,y)} \Delta^k [e^{-1/2 Q(y)}] dy + o(n^{-d/2}) \\ &= |x|^{2k} \frac{\nu^d}{(2\pi n)^{d/2} |Q|^{1/2}} e^{-1/2 (x, Q^{-1}x)} + o(n^{-d/2}). \end{aligned}$$

PROOF. Put $\prod_{j=1}^d (1 - e^{-ih_j y_j}) (ih_j y_j)^{-1} = f_h(y)$, then we have by Fubini's theorem and Green's theorem

$$\begin{aligned} V_n(x, h, a) &= \left(\frac{h}{2\pi} \right)^d |x|^{2k} \int_{|y| \leq 2ma^{-1}} e^{-i(x,y)} \gamma_a(y) f_h(y) \phi \left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{n}} \right) dy \\ &= \left(\frac{h}{2\pi} \right)^d |x|^{2k} \int_{|y| \leq 4\sqrt{d}ma^{-1}} e^{-i(x,y)} \gamma_a(y) f_h(y) \phi^n \left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{n}} \right) dy \\ &= (-1)^k \left(\frac{h}{2\pi} \right)^d \int_{|y| \leq 4\sqrt{d}ma^{-1}} \Delta^k [e^{-i(x,y)}] \gamma_a(y) f_h(y) \phi^n \left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{n}} \right) dy \\ &= (-1)^k \left(\frac{h}{2\pi} \right)^d \int_{|y| \leq 4\sqrt{d}ma^{-1}} e^{-i(x,y)} \Delta^k \left[\gamma_a(y) f_h(y) \phi^n \left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \right] dy. \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$I_1 = \int_{|y| \leq B} e^{-i(x,y)} \left(\gamma_a(y) f_h(y) \Delta^k \left[\phi^n \left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \right] - \Delta^k [e^{-1/2 Q(y)}] \right) dy;$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_2 &= \int_{B < |y| \leq \varepsilon \sqrt{n}} e^{-i(x,y)} \gamma_a(y) f_h(y) \Delta^k \left[\phi^n \left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \right] dy; \\
 I_3 &= \int_{\varepsilon \sqrt{n} < |y| \leq 4\sqrt{d} m a^{-1}} e^{-i(x,y)} \gamma_a(y) f_h(y) \Delta^k \left[\phi^n \left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \right] dy; \\
 I_4 &= - \int_{|y| > B} e^{-i(x,y)} \Delta^k [e^{-1/2 Q(y)}] dy; \\
 I_5 &= \left(\int_{|y| \leq B} + \int_{B < |y| \leq \varepsilon \sqrt{n}} + \int_{\varepsilon \sqrt{n} < |y| \leq 4\sqrt{d} m a^{-1}} \right) e^{-i(x,y)} H(y) dy;
 \end{aligned}$$

where $H(y) = \Delta^k \left[\gamma_a(y) f_h(y) \phi^n \left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \right] - \gamma_a(y) f_h(y) \Delta^k \left[\phi^n \left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \right]$. $H(y)$ is a polynomial of partial derivatives of $\gamma_a(y) f_h(y) \phi^n \left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{n}} \right)$ of the first $2k$ order, each term involving at least the first partial derivatives of $\gamma_a(y) f_h(y)$. Note that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (I_1 + I_2 + I_3 + I_4 + I_5) &\times (-1)^k \left(\frac{h}{2\pi} \right)^d \\
 &= V_n(x, h, a) - (-1)^k \left(\frac{h}{2\pi} \right)^d \int e^{-i(x,y)} \Delta^k [e^{-1/2 Q(y)}] dy.
 \end{aligned}$$

In order to prove (2.8) it is sufficient to show that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} I_m = 0 \quad (1 \leq m \leq 5) \text{ uniformly for all } x \in R^d.$$

Since $|\gamma_a(y)| \leq 1$, $|f_h(y)| \leq 1$, and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_a(y) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_h(y) = 1$, it follows from (2.3) and (2.4) that

$$(2.9) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} I_1 = 0 \text{ uniformly for all } x \in R^d.$$

Using (2.6) for each given $\varepsilon_1 > 0$, we can choose $B > 0$ independent of x such that

$$(2.10) \quad |I_2| < \varepsilon_2.$$

Nextly we prove that there exists a positive constant δ independent of n (but may depend on ε, m , and λ) such that

$$(2.11) \quad |I_3| \leq \text{constant } n^{d/2+k} (1-\delta)^{n-2k}.$$

Indeed since we can choose $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\left| \phi \left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \right| < 1 - \delta \text{ for } \varepsilon \sqrt{n} < |y| \leq 4m\sqrt{d} \lambda^{-1} \sqrt{n}$$

Using (2.5) we have

$$|I_3| \leq \text{constant} (1-\delta)^{n-2k} \int_{|y| \leq 4m\sqrt{d} \lambda^{-1}\sqrt{n}} |y|^{2k} dy.$$

Now choosing B sufficiently large we get

$$(2.12) \quad |I_4| < \varepsilon_2$$

for a given fixed $\varepsilon_2 > 0$. Finally we prove

$$(2.13) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} I_5 = 0 \quad \text{uniformly for all } x \in R^d.$$

Note that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\partial^{|\mathbf{r}|}}{\partial y_1^{r_1} \dots \partial y_d^{r_d}} (\gamma_\alpha(y) f_h(y)) = 0 \quad \text{if } |\mathbf{r}| \neq 0.$$

Then it follows that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{|y| \leq B} e^{-i(x,y)} H(y) dy = 0 \quad \text{uniformly for all } x \in R^d,$$

because the derivatives of $\phi^n\left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{n}}\right)$ and $\gamma_\alpha(y) f_h(y)$ are uniformly bounded on every compact set. Furthermore using the estimations similar to (2.5) and (2.6) for the derivative of $\phi^n\left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{n}}\right)$, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{B < |y| \leq \varepsilon \sqrt{n}} e^{-i(x,y)} H(y) dy = 0, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\varepsilon \sqrt{n} < |y| \leq 4ma^{-1}\sqrt{d}} e^{-i(x,y)} H(y) dy = 0$$

uniformly for all $x \in R^d$. That completes the proof.

PROOF OF LEMMA 2. The proof of Lemma 2 is as same as C. Stone's [4]. But for completeness we repeat it here.

Put $p_k(x) = |x|^{2k} (2\pi)^{-d/2} |Q|^{-1/2} e^{-1/2(x, Q^{-1}x)}$ and $p = \max_{x \in R^d} p_k(x)$. Since $p_k(x)$ is uniformly continuous, there is an $h_1 > 0$ such that $|p_k(x) - p_k(y)| \leq 1/4 \varepsilon$ if $\|x - y\| \leq h_1$. We choose a $\delta > 0$ such that $(1+2\delta)^d \leq 4/3$, $(1+2\delta)^d - 1 \leq \varepsilon_1$, $(1-2\delta)^d - 1 \geq -\varepsilon_1$, and

$$\int_{\|x\| > 1/\delta} g(x) dx \leq \varepsilon_2,$$

where ε_1 and ε_2 are positive numbers satisfying

$$\left(p + \varepsilon_1 p + \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon\right) (1 - \varepsilon_2)^{-1} - p \leq \varepsilon$$

and

$$\varepsilon_1 p + \varepsilon_2 (p + \varepsilon) \leq \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon.$$

Set $i=(1, \dots, 1) \in R^d$. By Proposition 2 we can find $N > 0$ such that for $n \geq N$ and $x \in R^d$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.14) \quad V_n\left(x - \frac{\delta\nu}{\sqrt{n}}i, \frac{(1+2\delta)\nu}{\sqrt{n}}, \frac{\delta^2\nu}{\sqrt{n}}\right) &\leq \left(\frac{(1+2\delta)\nu}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^d p\left(x - \frac{\delta\nu}{\sqrt{n}}i\right) + \varepsilon\left(\frac{\nu}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^d \\
 &\leq \left(\frac{(1+2\delta)\nu}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^d \left(p_k(x) + \frac{1}{4}\varepsilon\right) + \varepsilon\left(\frac{\nu}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^d \\
 &\leq \left(\frac{\nu}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^d \left(p_k(x) + \varepsilon_1 p + \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon\right),
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.15) \quad V_n\left(x + \frac{\delta\nu}{\sqrt{n}}i, \frac{(1-2\delta)\nu}{\sqrt{n}}, \frac{\delta^2\nu}{\sqrt{n}}\right) &\geq \left(\frac{(1-2\delta)\nu}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^d p_k\left(x + \frac{\delta\nu}{\sqrt{n}}i\right) - \frac{1}{4}\varepsilon\left(\frac{\nu}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^d \\
 &\geq \left(\frac{(1-2\delta)\nu}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^d \left(p_k(x) - \frac{1}{4}\varepsilon\right) - \frac{1}{4}\varepsilon\left(\frac{\nu}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^d \\
 &\geq \left(\frac{\nu}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^d \left(p_k(x) - \varepsilon_1 p - \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$(2.16) \quad P_n\left(\sqrt{n}\left(x - \frac{\delta\nu}{\sqrt{n}}i - y\right), (1+2\delta)\nu\right) \geq P_n(\sqrt{n}x, \nu), \quad \|y\| \leq \frac{\delta\nu}{\sqrt{n}}$$

and

$$(2.17) \quad P_n\left(\sqrt{n}\left(x + \frac{\delta\nu}{\sqrt{n}}i - y\right), (1-2\delta)\nu\right) \leq P_n(\sqrt{n}x, \nu), \quad \|y\| \leq \frac{\delta\nu}{\sqrt{n}}.$$

By (2.16) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.18) \quad V_n\left(x - \frac{\delta\nu}{\sqrt{n}}i, \frac{(1+2\delta)\nu}{\sqrt{n}}, \frac{\delta^2\nu}{\sqrt{n}}\right) \\
 &\geq |x|^{2k} \int_{\|y\| \leq \delta\nu/\sqrt{n}} \frac{g_{\delta 2\nu}(y)}{\sqrt{n}} P_n\left(\sqrt{n}\left(x - \frac{\delta\nu}{\sqrt{n}}i - y\right), (1+2\delta)\nu\right) dy \\
 &\geq |x|^{2k} P_n(\sqrt{n}x, \nu) \int_{\|y\| \leq \delta\nu/\sqrt{n}} \frac{g_{\delta 2\nu}(y)}{\sqrt{n}} dy \\
 &\geq (1 - \varepsilon_2) |x|^{2k} P_n(\sqrt{n}x, \nu).
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore by (2.14) and (2.18) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.19) \quad |x|^{2k} P_n(\sqrt{n}x, \nu) &\leq \left(\frac{\nu}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^d (p_k(x) + \varepsilon_1 p + \varepsilon) (1 - \varepsilon_2)^{-1} \\
 &\leq \left(\frac{\nu}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^d (p_k(x) + \varepsilon).
 \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned}
& V_n\left(x + \frac{\delta\nu}{\sqrt{n}}i, \frac{(1-2\delta)\nu}{\sqrt{n}}, \frac{\delta^2\nu}{\sqrt{n}}\right) \\
&= |x|^{2k} \int_{y \leq \delta\nu/\sqrt{n}} \frac{g_{\delta^2\nu}(y)}{\sqrt{n}} P_n\left(\sqrt{n}\left(x + \frac{\delta\nu}{\sqrt{n}}i - y\right), (1-2\delta)\nu\right) dy \\
&+ |x|^{2k} \int_{y \geq \delta\nu/\sqrt{n}} \frac{g_{\delta^2\nu}(y)}{\sqrt{n}} P_n\left(\sqrt{n}\left(x + \frac{\delta\nu}{\sqrt{n}}i - y\right), (1-2\delta)\nu\right) dy \\
&= J_1 + J_2.
\end{aligned}$$

By (2.17) we get

$$J_1 \leq |x|^{2k} P_n(\sqrt{n}x, \nu).$$

Noting that the equality

$$\begin{aligned}
& V_n\left(x + \frac{\delta\nu}{\sqrt{n}}i, \frac{(1-2\delta)\nu}{\sqrt{n}}, \frac{\delta^2\nu}{\sqrt{n}}\right) \\
&= \left(\frac{(1-2\delta)\nu}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^d p_k\left(x + \frac{\delta\nu}{\sqrt{n}}i\right) + o(n^{-d/2}) \\
&= \left(\frac{\nu}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^d p_k(x) + o(n^{-d/2})
\end{aligned}$$

holds by (2.8), we can see that

$$J_2 \leq \left(\frac{\nu}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^d (p + \varepsilon)\varepsilon_2.$$

Therefore we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.20) \quad & V_n\left(x + \frac{\delta\nu}{\sqrt{n}}i, \frac{(1-2\delta)\nu}{\sqrt{n}}, \frac{\delta^2\nu}{\sqrt{n}}\right) \\
& \leq |x|^{2k} P_n(\sqrt{n}x, \nu) + \left(\frac{\nu}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^d (p + \varepsilon)\varepsilon_2.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus by (2.15) and (2.20) we obtain

$$(2.21) \quad |x|^{2k} P_n(\sqrt{n}x, \nu) \geq \left(\frac{\nu}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^d (p_k(x) - \varepsilon).$$

Since ε is independent of x we may replace x by x/\sqrt{n} in the inequalities (2.19) and (2.21). Thus the proof of Lemma 2 is complete.

PROOF OF THE THEOREM. By Lemma 1 and Lemma 2 we have for $x \neq 0$

$$(2.22) \quad |x|^{d-2}P_n(x, \nu) = |x|^{d-2}(2n\pi)^{-d/2}\nu^d|Q|^{-1/2}e^{-1/2n(x, Qx^{-1}x)} \\ + |x|^{d-2}n^{-d/2}E_1(n, x),$$

and

$$(2.23) \quad |x|^{d-2}P_n(x, \nu) = |x|^{d-2}(2n\pi)^{-d/2}\nu^d|Q|^{-1/2}e^{-1/2n(x, Q^{-1}x)} \\ + |x|^{d-2-2k}n^{-d/2+k}E_2(n, x),$$

respectively. Here $k=[d/2]$. Both of the error terms $E_1(n, x)$ and $E_2(n, x)$ have the property of tending to zero as $n \rightarrow \infty$, uniformly in x .

Let us investigate the asymptotic behavior of

$$|x|^{d-2}U\{A+x\} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x|^{d-2}P_n(x, \nu)$$

as $|x| \rightarrow \infty$. Set

$$S(x) = (2\pi)^{-d/2}\nu^d|Q|^{-1/2}|x|^{d-2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-d/2}e^{-1/2n(x, -x)}.$$

Put $(x, Q^{-1}x)^{-1} = \Delta$, then

$$S(x) = \frac{(2\pi)^{-d/2}\nu^d|Q|^{-1/2}|x|^{d-2}}{(x, Q^{-1}x)^{d/2-1}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n\Delta)^{-d/2}e^{-(2n\Delta)^{-1}\Delta}.$$

Since $\Delta \rightarrow 0$ as $|x| \rightarrow \infty$, the sum on the righthand side tends the convergent improper Riemann integral

$$\int_0^{\infty} t^{-d/2}e^{-1/2t}dt = \frac{2^d\Gamma(d/2)}{d-2}.$$

Therefore

$$(2.24) \quad S(x) \sim \nu^d\pi^{-d/2}(d-2)^{-1}\Gamma(d/2)|Q|^{-1/2}(x, Q^{-1}x)^{1-d/2}|x|^{d-2} \text{ as } |x| \rightarrow \infty.$$

We now only have to explain why the error terms do not contribute to our result. We shall use (2.23) for the range $1 \leq n \leq [|x|^2]$. Since the contribution of the principal terms in (2.24) is positive, we have to show that

$$(2.25) \quad \lim_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} |x|^{d-2-2k} \sum_{n=1}^{[|x|^2]} n^{-d/2+k} |E_2(n, x)| \\ + \lim_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} |x|^{d-2} \sum_{n=[|x|^2]+1}^{\infty} n^{-d/2} |E_1(n, x)| = 0.$$

From (1.6) any finite number of terms in the first sum is zero. We choose M so large that $\sup |E_2(n, x)| < \varepsilon$ whenever $n \geq M$. Then

$$|x|^{d-2-2k} \sum_{n=M}^{[|x|^2]} n^{-d/2+k} |E_2(n, x)|$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \varepsilon |x|^{d-2-2k} \sum_{n=M}^{\lfloor |x|^2 \rfloor} n^{-d/2+k} \\ &\leq \varepsilon |x|^{d-2-2k} \sum_{n=1}^{\lfloor |x|^2 \rfloor} n^{-d/2+k} \leq \varepsilon k_1 \end{aligned}$$

for some positive k_1 independent of ε and x . Since ε is arbitrary, the first limit in (2.25) is zero. The second limit is also zero since

$$\begin{aligned} |x|^{d-2} \sum_{n=\lfloor |x|^2 \rfloor + 1}^{\infty} n^{-d/2} |E_1(n, x)| &\leq |x|^{d-2} \sup_{n > \lfloor |x|^2 \rfloor} |E_1(n, x)| \sum_{n=\lfloor |x|^2 \rfloor + 1}^{\infty} n^{-d/2} \\ &\leq k_2 \sup_{n > \lfloor |x|^2 \rfloor} |E_1(n, x)|, \end{aligned}$$

where k_2 is a positive constant independent of x . This completes the proof.

Appendix

(2.3) can be shown by expanding the derivative on the left and then taking limits $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Since

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j} \phi \left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \right| &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \left| \int (e^{i(x, \frac{y}{\sqrt{n}})} - 1) x_j F\{dx\} \right| \\ &\leq \frac{|y|}{n} \int |x|^2 F\{dx\}, \end{aligned}$$

and for $|r| \geq 2$

$$\left| \frac{\partial^{|r|}}{\partial y_1^{r_1} \dots \partial y_d^{r_d}} \phi \left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \right| \leq n^{-r/2} \int |x_1^{r_1} \dots x_d^{r_d}| F\{dx\}, \quad r_1 + \dots + r_d = |r|,$$

we get (2.4) and (2.5).

Next, using the fact that

$$\frac{1 - \phi(y)}{Q(y)} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{as } |y| \rightarrow 0 \quad (\text{see P7.7 of [2]}),$$

we see that ε can be chosen sufficiently small so that

$$\left| \phi^n \left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \right| \leq e^{-1/4 Q(y)} \quad \text{for } |y| \leq \varepsilon \sqrt{n}.$$

Then we have (2.6) immediately.

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