

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

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

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_κ is a bounded operator such that V_κ tends to V_0 in the strong sense. We denote by $B(z, \kappa)$ the Livsic matrix of U_κ 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 θ_0 and a complex neighborhood Ω_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 ϕ be an eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue $e^{i\theta_0}$ with $\|\phi\| = 1$. Suppose that the Livsic matrix $B(z, \kappa)$ of U_κ in the eigenspace $\{\alpha\phi\}$ satisfies Assumption (AU). Then, for sufficiently small κ ($0 \leq \kappa \leq \kappa_0$) 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 μ_1, \dots, μ_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_κ , $\kappa \geq 0$, is a selfadjoint operator in \mathbf{H} . H_κ converges to H_0 in the strong resolvent sense. λ_0 is an eigenvalue of H_0 with a finite multiplicity. Let P be the orthogonal projection associated to the eigenvalue λ_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_κ . 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_κ are bounded operators such that $V_\kappa \rightarrow V_0$ as $\kappa \rightarrow 0$. And PV_0P has only simple eigenvalues μ_1, \dots, μ_m .

Assumption (AG). There exist a real neighborhood I of λ_0 and a complex neighborhood Ω of λ_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 λ_0 a simple resonance of the operator family $\{H_\kappa\}$, if λ_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 λ_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_κ is the spectral resolution of H_κ .

Theorem 3.1. Let λ_0 be a simple resonance of the operator family $\{H_\kappa\}$. Then there exist closed intervals $J(\kappa)$ approaching λ_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 λ_0 be a resonance of the operator family of $\{H_\kappa\}$. Then

there exist closed intervals $J_j(\kappa)$ approaching λ_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 μ_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 λ_0 be a resonance of the operator family of H_κ 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_κ 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 φ_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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