

# MARKOV UNIQUENESS AND ESSENTIAL SELF-ADJOINTNESS OF PERTURBED ORNSTEIN-UHLENBECK OPERATORS

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## 0. Introduction

Starting from a simple formula, we shall show in this paper some elementary inequalities on the Wiener space. We shall give two applications of these inequalities. The first one is a quick proof of the Markov uniqueness of the perturbations of Wiener measure. The second one is to prove the essential self-adjointness of the perturbed Ornstein-Uhlenbeck operators on Wiener space, when the perturbation satisfies some kind of Lipschitz boundedness condition.

The Markov uniqueness and essential self-adjointness problems are one of the basic questions on Dirichlet forms. There are many studies on these subjects. We mention in the references the papers of Albeverio-Kondratiev-Röckner, of Albeverio-Kusuoka, Albeverio-Röckner-Zhang, of Röckner-Zhang, of Song, of Takeda, of Wielens, etc. The present paper tries to give a simpler proof of the Markov uniqueness, and to extend the result of Wielens [11] to the Wiener space. It will be noticed that our proof of the Markov uniqueness does not use the maximality property as it did in Song [8] (cf. also Albeverio-Kusuoka-Röckner [3]), and our method to prove the essential self-adjointness is different from that used in Wielens [11].

## 1. Notations

In this paper  $E$  denotes the space  $C_0(\mathbf{R}_+, \mathbf{R}^d)$  and  $m$  denotes the classical Wiener measure on  $E$ . Let  $\iota$  denote the usual imbedding map from the topological dual space  $E^*$  of  $E$  into  $E$ . For any element  $k \in \iota(E^*) \subset E$ , we shall put  $\alpha_k = \iota^{-1}(k)$ . Recall that  $E^*$  is a pre-Hilbert space with the inner product  $\int (\alpha_k)^2(x) m(dx)$ . We fix an orthonormal basis  $K$  of  $E^*$ . We introduce the space  $FC_b^\infty(K)$  to be the family of the functions  $u$  on  $E$  such that there is  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ ,  $f \in$

$C_b^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n)$ , and  $k_i \in K$ ,  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ , so that

$$u(x) = f[\alpha_{k_1}(x), \dots, \alpha_{k_n}(x)].$$

For  $k \in K$ , for a function  $g \in FC_b^\infty(K)$ ,  $\frac{\partial g}{\partial k}$  is defined as  $\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{r}(g(x+rk) - g(x))$ .

We shall say that a function  $g \in L^2(E, m)$  is differentiable in direction  $k \in K$ , if there is a function  $f \in L^2(E, m)$  such that

$$\int \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial k} - \alpha_k v \right)(x) g(x) m(dx) = - \int v(x) f(x) m(dx),$$

for any  $v \in FC_b^\infty(K)$ . In this case we denote  $\frac{\partial g}{\partial k} = f$ . Note that the two definition of  $\frac{\partial g}{\partial k}$  coincide when  $g \in FC_b^\infty(K)$ . Recall that the bilinear form  $(u, v) \rightarrow \int \frac{\partial u}{\partial k} \frac{\partial v}{\partial k} dm$ , defined on  $FC_b^\infty(K)$  is closable in  $L^2(E, m)$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{E}$  its closure, which is a Dirichlet form.

In this paper we are interested in probability measures  $\mu$  on  $E$  which has the form  $\mu = \varphi^2 \cdot m$ , where  $\varphi$  is a function in  $D(\mathcal{E})$ . Let  $\Gamma$  denote the operator of carré du champs of  $\mathcal{E}$ . We define

$$Au = \sum_{k \in K} \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial k^2} - \alpha_k \frac{\partial u}{\partial k} \right) + 2\Gamma(u, \log \varphi), \quad u \in D(A) = FC_b^\infty(K),$$

where  $\Gamma(u, \log \varphi)$  is defined as  $\frac{1}{\varphi} \Gamma(u, \varphi)$ . It is easy to see that  $A$  is a symmetric operator on  $L^2(E, \mu)$ . Let  $D(\mu)$  denote the family of all Dirichlet forms on  $L^2(E, \mu)$  whose generator extends  $A$ . We shall say that the *Markov uniqueness* holds for the measure  $\mu$ , if  $\#D(\mu) = 1$ . Let  $S(\mu)$  be the set of all self-adjoint operators on  $L^2(E, \mu)$  which extend  $A$ . We shall say that  $A$  is *essentially self-adjoint* on  $FC_b^\infty(K)$ , if  $\#S(\mu) = 1$ . Note that  $S(\mu) \supset D(\mu)$  are not empty. In fact, the pre-Dirichlet form  $(u, v) \rightarrow \int \frac{\partial u}{\partial k} \frac{\partial v}{\partial k} d\mu$ , defined for  $u, v \in FC_b^\infty(K)$ , is closable on  $L^2(E, \mu)$  (cf. Albeverio-Röckner [4], Song [8]). If we denote by  $\mathcal{E}_\mu$  its closure,  $\mathcal{E}_\mu \in D(\mu)$ .

We shall denote by  $R_\lambda$  (resp. by  $U_\lambda$ ) the resolvent operator of  $\mathcal{E}$  (resp. of  $\mathcal{E}_\mu$ ). The generator of  $\mathcal{E}_\mu$  will be denoted by  $L$ . The space  $D(\mathcal{E}_\mu)$  (resp. the space  $D(L)$ ) will be considered as a Hilbert space with the inner product  $\mathcal{E}_{\mu,1}$  (resp.  $\|u - Lu\|_{L^2(\mu)}$ ).

## 2. Resolvent $R_\lambda$

We present some elementary properties of the resolvent operator  $R_\lambda$ .

**Lemma 1.** *For any  $k \in K$ , for any bounded function  $f$  we have the following formula :*

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial k} R_\lambda f(x) = \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} \frac{1}{\sqrt{e^{2t} - 1}} dt \int \alpha_k(y) f(e^{-t}x + \sqrt{1 - e^{-2t}} y) m(dy).$$

Proof. Note we have  $\int \frac{\partial g}{\partial k} dm = \int \alpha_k g dm$ , for any  $k \in K$ , for  $g \in FC_b^\infty(K)$ .

Using this relation the lemma can be easily proved when  $f \in FC_b^\infty(K)$ . For a general bounded function  $f$ , choose a uniformly bounded sequence of functions  $f_n \in FC_b^\infty(K)$  such that  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in  $L^2(E, m)$ . Let  $v \in FC_b^\infty(K)$ . We have :

$$\begin{aligned} & \int v(x) \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} \frac{1}{\sqrt{e^{2t} - 1}} dt \int \alpha_k(y) f(e^{-t}x + \sqrt{1 - e^{-2t}} y) m(dy) m(dx) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int v(x) \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} \frac{1}{\sqrt{e^{2t} - 1}} dt \int \alpha_k(y) f_n(e^{-t}x + \sqrt{1 - e^{-2t}} y) m(dy) m(dx) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int v(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial k} R_\lambda f_n(x) m(dx) \\ &= - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial k} - \alpha_k v \right) R_\lambda f_n(x) m(dx) \\ &= - \int \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial k} - \alpha_k v \right) R_\lambda f(x) m(dx). \end{aligned}$$

This achieves the proof of the lemma.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.** *For any bounded function  $f$ , we have the inequality :*

$$\sup_x \sup_{\lambda > 0} \lambda \Gamma(R_\lambda f, R_\lambda f)(x) \leq (C_\infty)^2 \|f\|_\infty^2,$$

where  $C_\infty = \sup_{\lambda > 0} \sqrt{\lambda} \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} \frac{1}{\sqrt{e^{2t} - 1}} dt < \infty$ .

Proof. We have :

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda \Gamma(R_\lambda f, R_\lambda f)(x) &= \lambda \sum_{k \in K} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial k} R_\lambda f(x) \right)^2 \\ &\leq C_\lambda \sqrt{\lambda} \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} \frac{1}{\sqrt{e^{2t} - 1}} dt \sum_{k \in K} \left( \int \alpha_k(y) f(e^{-t}x + \sqrt{1 - e^{-2t}} y) m(dy) \right)^2 \\ &\leq C_\lambda \sqrt{\lambda} \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} \frac{1}{\sqrt{e^{2t} - 1}} dt \|f(e^{-t}x + \sqrt{1 - e^{-2t}} \cdot)\|_2^2, \end{aligned}$$

because  $\alpha_k$  forms an orthonormal system in  $L^2(E, m)$ ,

$$\leq C_\lambda \sqrt{\lambda} \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} \frac{1}{\sqrt{e^{2t}-1}} dt \|f\|_\infty^2,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} C_\lambda &= \sqrt{\lambda} \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} \frac{1}{\sqrt{e^{2t}-1}} dt \\ &= \sqrt{\lambda} \int_0^\infty (\lambda+2) e^{-(\lambda+2)t} \sqrt{e^{2t}-1} dt \\ &= \sqrt{\lambda} \int_0^\infty (\lambda+2) e^{-(\lambda+1)t} \sqrt{1-e^{-2t}} dt \\ &\leq \sqrt{\lambda} \int_0^\infty (\lambda+2) e^{-(\lambda+1)t} \sqrt{2t} dt \\ &= \int_0^\infty \frac{\lambda+2}{\lambda} e^{-(1+1/\lambda)u} \sqrt{2u} du \\ &\rightarrow \int_0^\infty e^{-u} \sqrt{2u} du < \infty, \text{ when } \lambda \rightarrow \infty. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

### 3. A resolvent change formula

**Lemma 3.** *For any  $f \in FC_b^\infty(K)$ ,  $\Gamma(R_\lambda f, \log \varphi) \in L^2(E, \mu)$ , and the following formula holds :*

$$U_\lambda f = R_\lambda f + 2U_\lambda[\Gamma(R_\lambda f, \log \varphi)].$$

*Proof.* It is enough to remark that  $R_\lambda f \in FC_b^\infty(K) \subset D(\mathcal{E}_\mu)$ , and

$$(\lambda - L)R_\lambda f = (1 - A)R_\lambda f = f - 2\Gamma(R_\lambda f, \log \varphi). \quad \square$$

**Lemma 4.** *The formula in Lemma 3 also holds for any bounded function. Moreover, for any bounded function  $f$ ,  $R_\lambda f \in D(\mathcal{E}_\mu)$  and the following inequalities hold :*

$$\begin{aligned} \|\lambda R_\lambda f\|_{L^2(\mu)} &\leq \|\lambda U_\lambda f\|_{L^2(\mu)} + 2\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} C_\infty \mathcal{E}(\varphi, \varphi)^{1/2} \|f\|_\infty, \\ \mathcal{E}_\mu(\lambda R_\lambda f, \lambda R_\lambda f)^{1/2} &\leq \mathcal{E}_\mu(\lambda U_\lambda f, \lambda U_\lambda f)^{1/2} + 2C_\infty \mathcal{E}(\varphi, \varphi)^{1/2} \|f\|_\infty. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* The two inequalities are direct consequences of Lemma 3 (cf. Song [8]) if  $f \in FC_b^\infty(K)$ . In fact, the equality in Lemma 3 implies immediately

$$\|\lambda R_\lambda f\|_{L^2(\mu)} \leq \|\lambda U_\lambda f\|_{L^2(\mu)} + 2\|\Gamma(R_\lambda f, \log \varphi)\|_{L^2(\mu)}$$

Since  $|\Gamma(R_\lambda f, \log \varphi)|^2 \leq \Gamma(R_\lambda f, R_\lambda f) \Gamma(\varphi, \varphi) \frac{1}{\varphi^2}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}\|\Gamma(R_\lambda f, \log \varphi)\|_{L^2(\mu)} &\leq [\sup_y \Gamma(R_\lambda f, R_\lambda f)(y)]^{1/2} \mathcal{E}(\varphi, \varphi)^{1/2} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} C_\infty \mathcal{E}(\varphi, \varphi)^{1/2} \|f\|_\infty,\end{aligned}$$

by Lemma 2. Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned}&\mathcal{E}_\mu(\lambda R_\lambda f, \lambda R_\lambda f)^{1/2} \\ &\leq \mathcal{E}_\mu(\lambda U_\lambda f, \lambda U_\lambda f)^{1/2} + 2 \mathcal{E}_\mu(\lambda U_\lambda \Gamma(R_\lambda f, \log \varphi), \lambda U_\lambda \Gamma(R_\lambda f, \log \varphi))^{1/2}.\end{aligned}$$

The second term can be controlled by

$$\begin{aligned}&\mathcal{E}_{\mu, \lambda}(\lambda U_\lambda \Gamma(R_\lambda f, \log \varphi), \lambda U_\lambda \Gamma(R_\lambda f, \log \varphi)) \\ &= \lambda^2 \int \Gamma(R_\lambda f, \log \varphi) U_\lambda \Gamma(R_\lambda f, \log \varphi) d\mu \\ &\leq \lambda^2 \|\Gamma(R_\lambda f, \log \varphi)\|_{L^2(\mu)} \|U_\lambda \Gamma(R_\lambda f, \log \varphi)\|_{L^2(\mu)} \\ &\leq \lambda \|\Gamma(R_\lambda f, \log \varphi)\|_{L^2(\mu)}^2 \\ &\leq [C_\infty \mathcal{E}(\varphi, \varphi)^{1/2} \|f\|_\infty]^2.\end{aligned}$$

We therefore proved the two inequalities for  $f \in FC_b^\infty(K)$ .

Now, consider any bounded function  $f$ . Let  $f_n \in FC_b^\infty(K)$  be a sequence of functions converging to  $f$  in  $L^2(E, \mu + m)$ , and uniformly bounded by  $(1 + \varepsilon)\|f\|_\infty$ , where  $\varepsilon$  is an arbitrary fixed positive constant. Thanks to the second inequality, we see that  $\mathcal{E}_\mu(\lambda R_\lambda f_n, \lambda R_\lambda f_n)$  is uniformly bounded. Since the function  $R_\lambda f_n$  converges to  $R_\lambda f$  in probability with respect to  $\mu$ , and is uniformly bounded, it converges also in  $L^2(E, \mu)$ . We have for any  $\alpha > 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned}&\int \alpha(1 - \alpha U_\alpha) \lambda R_\lambda f(x) \lambda R_\lambda f(x) \mu(dx) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int \alpha(1 - \alpha U_\alpha) \lambda R_\lambda f_n(x) \lambda R_\lambda f_n(x) \mu(dx) \\ &\leq \sup_n \mathcal{E}_\mu(\lambda R_\lambda f_n, \lambda R_\lambda f_n) < \infty.\end{aligned}$$

This proves  $R_\lambda f \in D(\mathcal{E}_\mu)$ . It now is clear that  $R_\lambda f_n$  converges to  $R_\lambda f$  weakly in  $D(\mathcal{E}_\mu)$ . By continuity and by Banach-Saks theorem (cf. Ma-Röckner [6]), we can prove that the above two inequalities hold for  $R_\lambda f$ .

To prove the equality in Lemma 3 for  $R_\lambda f$ , we notice that  $\Gamma(R_\lambda f_n, \log \varphi)$  converges to  $\Gamma(R_\lambda f, \log \varphi)$  in probability with respect to  $\mu$ , and

$$\|\Gamma(R_\lambda f_n, \log \varphi)\|_{L^2(\mu)} \leq (1 + \varepsilon) \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} C_\infty \mathcal{E}(\varphi, \varphi)^{1/2} \|f\|_\infty.$$

These facts imply that  $\Gamma(R_\lambda f, \log \varphi)$  is in  $L^2(E, \mu)$ . It now becomes clear that  $\Gamma(R_\lambda f_n, \log \varphi)$  converges to  $\Gamma(R_\lambda f, \log \varphi)$  in  $L^1(E, \mu)$ , and consequently converges weakly in  $L^2(E, \mu)$ . Finally, we can prove the equality in Lemma 3 by Banach-Saks theorem and by continuity.  $\square$

REMARK. We in fact have proved

$$\| \Gamma(R_\lambda f, \log \varphi) \|_{L^2(\mu)} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} C_\infty \mathcal{E}(\varphi, \varphi)^{1/2} \|f\|_\infty.$$

for any bounded function  $f$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 5.** *For any bounded function  $f$ ,  $R_\lambda f \in D(L)$ . Moreover,*

$$\begin{aligned} \|LR_\lambda f\|_{L^2(\mu)} &\leq \|f - \lambda U_\lambda f\|_{L^2(\mu)} + 2\|\Gamma(R_\lambda f, \log \varphi) - \lambda U_\lambda \Gamma(R_\lambda f, \log \varphi)\|_{L^2(\mu)} \\ &\leq 2\|f\|_{L^2(\mu)} + 4\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} C_\infty \mathcal{E}(\varphi, \varphi)^{1/2} \|f\|_\infty. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. We note that for any  $g \in L^2(E, \mu)$ ,  $U_\lambda g \in D(L)$ . Now, this lemma is a direct consequence of Lemma 3 and Lemma 4.  $\square$

#### 4. Markov uniqueness

**Lemma 6.** *Let  $\hat{D}$  denote the closure of  $FC_b^\infty(K)$  for the norm  $\|u - Au\|_{L^2(\mu)}$ . Let  $f$  be a bounded function. Then, for any fixed  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $R_\lambda f \in \hat{D}$ .*

REMARK. The space  $\hat{D}$  is a closed subspace in  $D(L)$ , because  $L$  is an extension of  $A$ .

Proof. We regard  $\hat{D}$  as a Hilbert space with the inner product  $\|u - Lu\|_{L^2(\mu)}^2$ . Let  $f_n$  be a sequence of functions in  $FC_b^\infty(K)$  which tend to  $f$  in  $L^2(E, \mu + m)$ . We shall suppose that  $f_n$ 's are uniformly bounded by  $2\|f\|_\infty$ . Then,  $R_\lambda f_n \in FC_b^\infty(K)$  for each  $n \in N$ . Furthermore, according to Corollary 5, the family of functions  $R_\lambda f_n$  is a bounded family in  $\hat{D}$ .

Now, the closed bounded balls in  $\hat{D}$  are weakly compact, we can suppose that  $R_\lambda f_n$  converges weakly to an element  $g$  in  $\hat{D}$ . According to the Banach-Saks theorem we can even suppose that the Cesaro mean  $v_n$  of  $R_\lambda f_n$  converges strongly in  $\hat{D}$  to  $g$ . It is clear that  $R_\lambda f_n$  converges to  $R_\lambda f$  in probability with respect to  $\mu$ . Hence, the only limit for  $v_n$  must be  $R_\lambda f$ . We thus have proved that  $R_\lambda f = g \in \hat{D}$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 7.** *Let  $\alpha > 0$ . Let  $A^*$  denote the adjoint operator of  $A$ . Let  $h$  be a bounded solution of the equation  $(A^* - \alpha)h = 0$ . Then,  $h \in D(\mathcal{E}_\mu)$ .*

Proof. Note that by the preceding lemma,  $\int h(L - \alpha)R_\lambda f d\mu = 0$  for any bounded function  $f$ . Let  $g_\lambda = \lambda U_\lambda h$ . We have :

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= \int h(L - \alpha)\lambda R_\lambda g_\lambda d\mu \\
&= \int hL(\lambda U_\lambda g_\lambda - 2\lambda U_\lambda[\Gamma(R_\lambda g_\lambda, \log \varphi)])d\mu - \alpha \int h\lambda R_\lambda g_\lambda d\mu \\
&= \int g_\lambda L g_\lambda d\mu - 2 \int hL(\lambda U_\lambda[\Gamma(R_\lambda g_\lambda, \log \varphi)])d\mu - \alpha \int h\lambda R_\lambda g_\lambda d\mu \\
&= -\mathcal{E}_\mu(g_\lambda, g_\lambda) - 2 \int h\lambda(\lambda U_\lambda[\Gamma(R_\lambda g_\lambda, \log \varphi)] - \Gamma(R_\lambda g_\lambda, \log \varphi))d\mu \\
&\quad - \alpha \int h\lambda R_\lambda g_\lambda d\mu \\
&= -\mathcal{E}_\mu(g_\lambda, g_\lambda) - 2 \int g_\lambda \Gamma(\lambda R_\lambda g_\lambda, \log \varphi) d\mu + 2 \int h\Gamma(\lambda R_\lambda g_\lambda, \log \varphi) d\mu \\
&\quad - \alpha \int h\lambda R_\lambda g_\lambda d\mu.
\end{aligned}$$

From this equality we obtain :

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{E}_\mu(g_\lambda, g_\lambda) &= -2 \int g_\lambda \Gamma(\lambda R_\lambda g_\lambda, \log \varphi) d\mu + 2 \int h\Gamma(\lambda R_\lambda g_\lambda, \log \varphi) d\mu \\
&\quad - \alpha \int h\lambda R_\lambda g_\lambda d\mu \\
&\leq 2(\|g_\lambda\|_\infty + \|h\|_\infty) \int |\Gamma(\lambda R_\lambda g_\lambda, \log \varphi)| d\mu + \alpha \|h\|_\infty^2 \\
&\leq 4\|h\|_\infty \mathcal{E}_\mu(\lambda R_\lambda g_\lambda, \lambda R_\lambda g_\lambda)^{1/2} \mathcal{E}(\varphi, \varphi)^{1/2} + \alpha \|h\|_\infty^2.
\end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 4 we have :

$$\mathcal{E}_\mu(\lambda R_\lambda g_\lambda, \lambda R_\lambda g_\lambda)^{1/2} \leq \mathcal{E}_\mu(g_\lambda, g_\lambda)^{1/2} + 2C_\infty \mathcal{E}(\varphi, \varphi)^{1/2} \|g_\lambda\|_\infty.$$

Putting  $C = \|h\|_\infty + (1 + C_\infty)\|h\|_\infty \mathcal{E}(\varphi, \varphi)^{1/2}$ , we obtain :

$$\mathcal{E}_\mu(g_\lambda, g_\lambda) \leq 4C(\mathcal{E}_\mu(g_\lambda, g_\lambda)^{1/2} + 2C) + \alpha C^2$$

or equivalently,

$$(\mathcal{E}_\mu(g_\lambda, g_\lambda)^{1/2} - 2C)^2 \leq (12 + \alpha)C^2.$$

Finally,  $\mathcal{E}_\mu(g_\lambda, g_\lambda)^{1/2} \leq (6 + \sqrt{\alpha})C$ . By this uniform boundedness, by the fact that  $h = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \lambda U_\lambda h$  in  $L^2(E, \mu)$ , we conclude that  $h \in D(\mathcal{E}_\mu)$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 8.** *The function  $h$  is the same as that in the preceding lemma. Then  $\mathcal{E}_{\mu, \alpha}(h, h) = 0$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\alpha > 0$ . By the definition of  $h$ , for any  $v \in FC_b^\infty(K)$ ,

$$\mathcal{E}_{\mu, \alpha}(h, v) = - \int h(A - \alpha)v d\mu = 0.$$

But  $FC_b^\infty(K)$  is dense in  $(D(\mathcal{E}_\mu), \mathcal{E}_{\mu, \alpha})$ , we therefore conclude  $\mathcal{E}_{\mu, \alpha}(h, h) = 0$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 9.** *The measure  $\mu$  has Markov uniqueness.*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{E}' \in D(\mu)$ . Let  $V_\lambda$  be its resolvent operator. We can easily see that  $D(\mathcal{E}_\mu) \subset D(\mathcal{E}')$ , and, for any bounded function  $f$ ,  $V_\alpha f - U_\alpha f \in \text{Ker}(A^* - \alpha)$  for any  $\alpha > 0$ . By Lemma 8,  $V_\alpha f = U_\alpha f$ . This implies  $\mathcal{E}' = \mathcal{E}_\mu$ .  $\square$

## 5. Essential self-adjointness

In this section we suppose in addition that the density function  $\varphi$  of  $\mu$  is such that  $\text{ess.sup } \Gamma(\log \varphi, \log \varphi) \leq M^2$ , where  $M$  is a constant.

**Lemma 10.** *For  $f \in L^2(E, \mu)$ ,  $\lambda$  big enough, we have the inequalities :*

$$\begin{aligned} \|\lambda R_\lambda f\|_{L^2(\mu)} &\leq \left(1 - 2\frac{M}{\sqrt{\lambda}}\right)^{-1} \|f\|_{L^2(\mu)}, \\ \mathcal{E}_\mu(\lambda R_\lambda f, \lambda R_\lambda f)^{1/2} &\leq \left(1 - 2\frac{M}{\sqrt{\lambda}}\right)^{-1} \mathcal{E}_\mu(\lambda U_\lambda f, \lambda U_\lambda f)^{1/2}, \\ \|\Gamma(\lambda R_\lambda f, \log \varphi)\|_{L^2(\mu)} &\leq M \mathcal{E}_\mu(\lambda R_\lambda f, \lambda R_\lambda f)^{1/2} \\ &\leq \frac{\lambda M}{\sqrt{\lambda} - 2M} \|f\|_{L^2(\mu)} \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* In fact, it is enough to prove the lemma for  $f \in FC_b^\infty(K)$ . The general case can be proved by continuity. We only prove the second inequality. Using Lemma 4 we obtain the following formulae :

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathcal{E}_{\mu, \lambda}(\lambda U_\lambda \Gamma(R_\lambda f, \log \varphi), \lambda U_\lambda \Gamma(R_\lambda f, \log \varphi)) \\ &= \lambda \int \Gamma(R_\lambda f, \log \varphi) \lambda U_\lambda \Gamma(R_\lambda f, \log \varphi) \varphi^2 dm \\ &\leq \lambda \int \Gamma(R_\lambda f, \log \varphi)^2 \varphi^2 dm \\ &\leq \lambda \int \Gamma(R_\lambda f, R_\lambda f) \Gamma(\log \varphi, \log \varphi) \varphi^2 dm \\ &\leq \frac{M^2}{\lambda} \int \Gamma(\lambda R_\lambda f, \lambda R_\lambda f) \varphi^2 dm \\ &= \frac{M^2}{\lambda} \mathcal{E}_\mu(\lambda R_\lambda f, \lambda R_\lambda f). \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$\mathcal{E}_\mu(\lambda R_\lambda f, \lambda R_\lambda f)^{1/2} \leq \mathcal{E}_\mu(\lambda U_\lambda f, \lambda U_\lambda f)^{1/2} + 2\frac{M}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \mathcal{E}_\mu(\lambda R_\lambda f, \lambda R_\lambda f)^{1/2},$$

or equivalently for  $\lambda$  big enough,

$$\mathcal{E}_\mu(\lambda R_\lambda f, \lambda R_\lambda f)^{1/2} \leq \left(1 - 2\frac{M}{\sqrt{\lambda}}\right)^{-1} \mathcal{E}_\mu(\lambda U_\lambda f, \lambda U_\lambda f)^{1/2}. \quad \square$$

**Lemma 11.** *Let  $\alpha > 0$ , and let  $h \in L^2(E, \mu)$  such that  $(A^* - \alpha)h = 0$ . Then,  $h \in D(\mathcal{E}_\mu)$  and  $\mathcal{E}_{\mu, \alpha}(h, h) = 0$ .*

Proof. let  $g_\lambda = \lambda U_\lambda h$ . By exactly the same calculus as in the proof of Lemma 7, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}_\mu(g_\lambda, g_\lambda) &= -2 \int g_\lambda \Gamma(\lambda R_\lambda g_\lambda, \log \varphi) d\mu + 2 \int h \Gamma(\lambda R_\lambda g_\lambda, \log \varphi) d\mu \\ &\quad - \alpha \int h \lambda R_\lambda g_\lambda d\mu. \end{aligned}$$

So, according to Lemma 10, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}_\mu(g_\lambda, g_\lambda) &\leq 4M \left(1 - 2 \frac{M}{\sqrt{\lambda}}\right)^{-1} \mathcal{E}_\mu(\lambda U_\lambda g_\lambda, \lambda U_\lambda g_\lambda)^{1/2} \|h\|_{L^2(\mu)} \\ &\quad + \alpha \left(1 - 2 \frac{M}{\sqrt{\lambda}}\right)^{-1} \|h\|_{L^2(\mu)}^2. \end{aligned}$$

for  $\lambda$  big enough. There exists then a constant  $C = C(\alpha, M)$  such that

$$\mathcal{E}_\mu(g_\lambda, g_\lambda) \leq C \|h\|_{L^2(\mu)}^2$$

for  $\lambda$  big enough. From this fact we deduce  $h \in D(\mathcal{E}_\mu)$  and  $\mathcal{E}_{\mu, \alpha}(h, h) = 0$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 12.** *The operator  $A$  is essentially self-adjoint on  $FC_b^\infty(K)$ .*

Proof. It is enough to notice that any solution in  $L^2(E, \mu)$  of the equation  $(A^* - \alpha)f = 0$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ , will be a null function by Lemma 12.  $\square$

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