

Recent analytic and spectral results for the multi-particle Schrödinger operator

Lecture 4: Real analyticity of the density matrix

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Multi-particle system

Begin with the Schrödinger operator

$$H = -\Delta + V \quad \text{on} \quad L^2(\mathbb{R}^{3N}),$$

with

$$\Delta = \sum_{k=1}^N \Delta_k, \quad V(\mathbf{x}) = -\sum_{k=1}^N \frac{Z}{|x_k|} + \sum_{1 \leq j < k \leq N} \frac{1}{|x_j - x_k|}.$$

Notation: $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{N-1}, x_N) = (\hat{\mathbf{x}}, x_N)$.

Let $\psi \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^{3N})$ be an eigenfunction of H :

$$H\psi = E\psi,$$

with some $E \in \mathbb{R}$.

The one-particle density matrix:

$$\gamma(x, y) = \int \overline{\psi(\hat{\mathbf{x}}, x)} \psi(\hat{\mathbf{x}}, y) d\hat{\mathbf{x}}, \quad (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3.$$

The one-particle density:

$$\rho(x) = \gamma(x, x).$$

Smoothness of $\gamma(x, y)$

Theorem (Main Theorem 3, HS2020)

$\gamma(x, y)$ is real analytic on $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 : |x||y||x - y| \neq 0\}$.

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Theorem. The function f is $C^\omega(\Omega)$ if and only if for each $x_0 \in \Omega$ there is a neighbourhood $U \ni x_0$ and positive constants C and A such that

$$|\partial_x^m f(x)| \leq CA^{|m|} m!, \quad m! = m_1!m_2! \cdots m_d!,$$

for all $x \in U$.

Corollary. If for all $\mathbf{x} \in \Omega$,

$$|\partial_{\mathbf{x}}^{\mathbf{m}} f(\mathbf{x})| \leq CA^{|\mathbf{m}|}(1 + |\mathbf{m}|)^{|\mathbf{m}|}, \mathbf{m} \in \mathbb{N}_0^d,$$

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Otherwise we use the *directional derivatives*. On the set

$$U_{12}(\epsilon) = \{(x_1, x_2) : |x_2| > 2\epsilon, |x_1 - x_2| < \epsilon/4\}$$

the potential $|x_1 - x_2|^{-1}$ is infinitely differentiable w.r.t. $\nabla_{12} = \nabla_1 + \nabla_2$. Indeed, $\nabla_{12}|x_1 - x_2|^{-1} = 0$. Thus ψ is also ∇_{12} -smooth on $U_{12}(\epsilon)$.

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Let $u_{m,n} = \partial_{12}^m \partial_2^n \psi$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} (H - E)u_{m,n} &= [H - E, \partial_{12}^m \partial_2^n] \psi = [V, \partial_{12}^m \partial_2^n] \psi \\ &= - \sum_{\substack{0 \leq s \leq m \\ 0 \leq p \leq n \\ |s|+|p| \leq |m|+|n|-1}} \binom{m}{s} \binom{n}{p} (\partial_{12}^{m-s} \partial_2^{n-p} V) u_{s,p} = f_{m,n}. \end{aligned}$$

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$$\int_{U(\varepsilon)} |\partial_{12}^m \partial_2^n \psi(x_1, x_2)|^2 dx_1 dx_2 \leq A_1^{|m|+|n|+1} (|m| + |n| + 1)^{|m|+|n|},$$

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PROOF OF (1). Let $\zeta \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^3)$ be such that $0 \leq \zeta \leq 1$, and $\zeta(x) = 1, |x| < \varepsilon/8$, and $\zeta(x) = 0, |x| > \varepsilon/4$. Denote $\omega(x) = 1 - \zeta(x)$. Rewrite:

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(x_2) &= \int |\psi(x_1, x_2)|^2 \zeta(x_2 - x_1) dx_1 + \int |\psi(x_1, x_2)|^2 \omega(x_2 - x_1) dx_1 \\ &= \rho_\zeta(x) + \rho_\omega(x). \end{aligned}$$

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The same formula for $|m| > 1$, so that

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For general N we introduce appropriate cut-offs, associated with various clusters of particles. □