

Heat kernel estimates for Schrödinger operators

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Gaussian estimate

A fundamental result by Aronson ('68) states that the fundamental solution (that is, the heat kernel) $p(t, x, y)$ of a second order uniformly parabolic equation in divergence form

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{i,j=1}^d \partial_j (\partial_i a_{ij}(x))$$

on \mathbb{R}^d enjoys the following Gaussian estimates

$$p(t, x, y) \asymp t^{-d/2} \exp\left(-\frac{|x-y|^2}{t}\right), \quad t > 0, x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

Schrödinger operator

- Let's consider the Schrödinger operator $\mathcal{L}_V = \Delta - V$ with non-negative potential $V \geq 0$;
- Let $\{T_t^V\}_{t \geq 0}$ be the semigroup associated with \mathcal{L} with associated heat kernel $p(t, x, y)$, by Feynman-Kac formula we have

$$T_t^V f(x) = \mathbb{E}_x \left[f(B_t) \exp \left(- \int_0^t V(B_s) ds \right) \right],$$

where $\{B_t\}_{t \geq 0}$ denotes the standard d -dimensional Brownian motion.

Schrödinger operator

- If $0 < C_1 \leq V \leq C_2 < +\infty$ for some positive constants c_1, c_2 , it is easy to see that

$$p(t, x, y) \asymp t^{-d/2} e^{-t} \exp\left(-\frac{|x-y|^2}{t}\right), \quad t > 0, x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

- V is in Kato class: Chung and Zhao ('94), Zhang ('97), Song ('06), Li('08)

Kato class:

$$\lim_{t \downarrow 0} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} \int_0^t q(s, x, y) |V(y)| dy ds = 0.$$

Schrödinger operator

Since then many efforts are devoted to characterize functions V for which $p(t, x, y)$ is comparable with the Gaussian estimates in space and time, i.e.

$$p(t, x, y) \asymp t^{-d/2} \exp\left(-\frac{|x - y|^2}{t}\right), \quad t > 0, x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

- $V \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)$ with $p > d/2$: Simon('82), Semenov ('97), Liskevich and Semenov ('98), Bogdan, Dziubański, and Szczypkowski('19).
- $V \asymp (1 + |x|)^{-m}$ with some $m > 2$: Zhang('00).
- Main methods: parabolic Harnack inequality, comparison principle, maximum principle.

Schrödinger operator

Question: Does there exist a global estimate on the heat kernel of $-\Delta + V$ different from Gaussian estimate, which reveals an explicit dependence on the potential V ?

- V is unbounded, i.e.

$$C_1 g(|x|) \leq V(x) \leq C_2 g(|x|)$$

for some $g : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ with $\lim_{r \rightarrow +\infty} g(r) = +\infty$.

On diagonal estimates: Davies('89), Sikora('97),

$$p(t, x, x) \asymp \begin{cases} t^{-d/2} \exp(-tV(x)), & t \leq \frac{1+|x|}{\sqrt{g(|x|)}}, \\ e^{-t} \exp(-(1+|x|)\sqrt{V(x)}), & t > \frac{1+|x|}{\sqrt{g(|x|)}}. \end{cases}$$

The estimates on full regime is unknown.

Schrödinger operator

- Intrinsic ultracontractivity: Davies and Simon ('84):

$$C_1 e^{-\lambda_1 t} \varphi_1(x) \varphi_1(y) \leq p(t, x, y) \leq C_2 e^{-\lambda_1 t} \varphi_1(x) \varphi_1(y),$$

where $\varphi_1(x)$ is a ground state (eigenfunction corresponding to the smallest eigenvalue λ_1) of the operator \mathcal{L} .

- $V = \pm \frac{\lambda}{|x|^2}$ (critical case): Zhang('00), Milman and Semenov ('04), Ishige, Kabeya and Ouhabaz('17)

$$p(t, x, y) \asymp t^{-d/2} \exp\left(-\frac{|x-y|^2}{t}\right) U(t, x) U(t, y)$$

where $U(t, x) \asymp t^{\pm\sigma}$ when t is large enough and the constant σ will depend on λ .

Schrödinger operator

- $V = \pm \frac{\lambda}{|x|^\alpha}$ (critical case for stable process): Bogdan, Grzywny and Jakubowski('19), Cho, Kim, Song and Vondracek ('20), Jakubowski and Wang('20).
- $V \asymp (1 + |x|)^{-m}$ with $m < 2$: Zhang('00):
 $p(t, x, y)$ is **sub-exponential decay** as $t \rightarrow \infty$ but the exact exponent is unknown.
- $V \geq -a(1 + |x|)^{-2}$ with $a < a_1$: Zhang('01):
upper bound $p(t, x, y)$ is **polynomial growth** as $t \rightarrow \infty$ but the exact exponent is unknown.

$V \geq -a(1 + |x|)^{-m}$ with $a > a_1$: Zhang('01):

$$p(t, x, y) \succeq q(t, x, y) \exp\left(C_1 t - \frac{C_2 |x|^2}{t}\right).$$

Tools: probabilistic methods

Lemma

Let U be a domain of \mathbb{R}^d . Then, for every $x \in U$ and $y \notin \bar{U}$,

$$p(t, x, y) = \mathbb{E}_x \left[\exp \left(- \int_0^{\tau_U} V(B_s) ds \right) 1_{\{\tau_U \leq t\}} p(t - \tau_U, B_{\tau_U}, y) \right].$$

- This gives us a new way to obtain two-sided estimates of $p(t, x, y)$ by studying the behavior of $\{B_t\}_{t \geq 0}$ to visit the positions where V takes different values.
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The following characterization for the distribution of (τ_D, B_{τ_D}) is proved by Hsu ('86).

Lemma (Hsu('86))

Suppose that D is a bounded domain with C^3 boundary. Then for every $x \in D$,

$$\mathbb{P}_x (\tau_D \in dt, B_{\tau_D} \in dz) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial q_D(t, x, \cdot)}{\partial n}(z) \sigma(dz) dt,$$

where $\sigma(dz)$ denotes the Lebesgue surface measure on ∂D , and $\frac{\partial q_D(t, x, \cdot)}{\partial n}(z)$ denotes the exterior normal derivative of $q_D(t, x, \cdot)$ at the point $z \in \partial D$ for Dirichlet heat kernel $q_D(t, x, y)$ associated with $\{B_t\}_{t \geq 0}$.

Tools: probabilistic methods

The following Levy-system are used to estimate for the distribution of (τ_D, X_{τ_D}) for jump process $\{X_t\}_{t \geq 0}$

Lemma

Suppose that $f : \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is a nonnegative measurable function so that $f(s, x, x) = 0$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and $s \in \mathbb{R}_+$. It holds that

$$\mathbb{E}_x \left[\sum_{s \leq \tau_D} f(s, X_{s-}, X_s) \right] = \mathbb{E}_x \left[\int_0^{\tau_D} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(s, X_s, z) \frac{C_{d,\alpha}}{|X_s - z|^{d+\alpha}} dz \right) ds \right],$$

where $X_{s-} := \lim_{t \rightarrow s: t > s} X_t$ denotes the left limit of X at s .

Tools

Lemma (Zhang('04))

For any given $C_0 > 0$ there exist positive constants C_i , $i = 1, \dots, 4$, so that for any $R > 0$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $t \in (0, C_0 R^2)$ and $y \in \partial B(x, R)$,

$$\frac{C_1 R}{t^{d/2+1}} \exp\left(-\frac{C_2 R^2}{t}\right) \leq \frac{\partial q_{B(x,R)}(t, x, \cdot)}{\partial n}(y) \leq \frac{C_3 R}{t^{d/2+1}} \exp\left(-\frac{C_4 R^2}{t}\right).$$

Lemma (Chen, Kim and Song('09))

For any constant $C_0 > 0$, there exist positive constants C_1 and C_2 such that for every $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $R > 0$, $y \in B(x, R)$ and $0 < t \leq C_0 R^\alpha$,

$$\tilde{q}_{B(x,R)}(t, x, y) \asymp \left(t^{-d/\alpha} \wedge \frac{t}{|x-y|^{d+\alpha}}\right) \left(\frac{\delta_{B(x,R)}(y)^{\alpha/2}}{\sqrt{t}} \wedge 1\right), \quad (1)$$

where $\tilde{q}_{B(x,R)}(t, x, y)$ denotes the Dirichlet heat kernel associated with α -stable process $\{X_t\}_{t \geq 0}$.

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Setting

- Let \mathcal{G} be the class of nondecreasing and strictly positive functions $g : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [1, +\infty)$ such that $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} g(r) = \infty$ and there exists a constant $C_0 > 0$ so that for all $r \geq 0$, $g(2r) \leq C_0 g(r)$. In this subsection we always assume that *there exist $g \in \mathcal{G}$ and positive constants C_1, C_2 so that for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ with $|x| \geq 1$,*

$$C_1 g(|x|) \leq V(x) \leq C_2 g(|x|).$$

- For any $s \geq 0$, set

$$t_0(s) := \frac{1+s}{\sqrt{g(s)}}, \quad s > 0.$$

- We say $t_0 : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ is **almost increasing** (resp. **almost decreasing**), if there exists an increasing (resp. a decreasing) function $h : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow [1, +\infty)$ such that

$$C_* h(s) \leq t_0(s) \leq C^* h(s), \quad s \geq 0.$$

Main results

Theorem (C.-Wang., 23+)

It holds for any $C_0 > 0$ that

- (i) for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and $0 < t \leq C_0 t_0(|x| \wedge |y|)$,

$$p(t, x, y) \asymp t^{-d/2} \exp\left(-\frac{|x - y|^2}{t}\right) \\ \times \exp\left(-\left(t(V(x) \wedge V(y)) + |x - y| \sqrt{V(x) \vee V(y)}\right)\right).$$

- (ii) for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and $t \geq C_0 t_0(|x| \wedge |y|)$,

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$$p(t, x, y) \asymp e^{-t} \min \left\{ \exp \left(-((1 + |x|)\sqrt{V(x)} + (1 + |y|)\sqrt{V(y)}) \right), \exp \left(-\frac{(1 + |x|)^2 + (1 + |y|)^2}{t} \right) \right\}.$$

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Assume that $V(x) = |x|^\alpha$ for $\alpha > 0$. Let

$$t_0(x, y) := \max \left\{ (1 + |x|)^{1-\alpha/2}, (1 + |y|)^{1-\alpha/2} \right\}.$$

(i) for every $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$ with $|x| \leq |y|$ satisfying $|x - y| \leq |y|/2$,

$$p(t, x, y) \asymp \begin{cases} t^{-d/2} e^{-\frac{|x-y|^2}{t}} e^{-t(1+|y|)^\alpha}, & t \leq t_0(x, y), \\ e^{-t} e^{-(1+|y|)^{1+\alpha/2}}, & t > t_0(x, y). \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

(ii) for every $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$ with $|x| \leq |y|$ satisfying $|x - y| > |y|/2$,

$$p(t, x, y) \asymp \begin{cases} t^{-d/2} e^{-\frac{|x-y|^2}{t}} e^{-(1+|y|)^{1+\alpha/2}}, & t \leq t_0(x, y), \\ e^{-t} e^{-(1+|y|)^{1+\alpha/2}}, & t > t_0(x, y). \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

Application: Green's function estimates

Proposition

Let $G(x, y) := \int_0^\infty p(t, x, y) dt$ be Green's function associated with the Schrödinger semigroup $\{T_t^V\}_{t \geq 0}$. Then, for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$,

$$G(x, y) \asymp |x - y|^{-(d-2)} \cdot \Gamma_1(x, y) \Gamma_2(x, y),$$

where

$$\Gamma_1(x, y) = \exp \left(-|x - y| \sqrt{\max\{g(|x|), g(|y|)\}} \right).$$

$$\Gamma_2(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1, & d \geq 3, \\ \max \left\{ \log \left(\frac{1}{|x-y| \sqrt{\max\{g(|x|), g(|y|)\}}} \right), 1 \right\}, & d = 2, \\ \frac{1}{|x-y| \sqrt{\max\{g(|x|), g(|y|)\}}}, & d = 1. \end{cases}$$

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- When $d \geq 2$,

$$G(x, y) \asymp \begin{cases} Q(x, y), & |x - y| \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{\max\{g(|x|), g(|y|)\}}}, \\ |x - y|^{-(d-2)} \Gamma_1(x, y), & |x - y| > \frac{1}{\sqrt{\max\{g(|x|), g(|y|)\}}}, \end{cases}$$

where $Q(x, y)$ denotes Green's function of the Laplacian operator Δ on \mathbb{R}^d ;

- When $d = 1$, it holds that

$$G(x, y) \asymp \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\max\{g(|x|), g(|y|)\}}}, & |x - y| \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{\max\{g(|x|), g(|y|)\}}}, \\ |x - y|^{-(d-2)} \Gamma_1(x, y), & |x - y| > \frac{1}{\sqrt{\max\{g(|x|), g(|y|)\}}}. \end{cases}$$

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$$\mathcal{L}^V = \Delta^{\alpha/2} - V.$$

Define

$$t_0(s) := \inf \left\{ t > 0 : \exp(-tg(s)) = \frac{t}{(1+s)^\alpha} \right\}, \quad s \geq 0.$$

Theorem (Baraniewicz.-C.-Kaleta.-Wang.-Schilling., 23+)

Then there exists a constant $C_0 > 0$ such that for every $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$ with $|x| \leq |y|$ the following statements hold.

(1) For every $0 < t \leq C_0 t_0(|x|)$, it holds that

$$p(t, x, y) \asymp \left(\frac{1}{tg(|y|)} \wedge 1 \right) e^{-tg(|x|)} \left(t^{-d/\alpha} \wedge \frac{t}{|x-y|^{d+\alpha}} \right)$$

Theorem (Baraniewicz.-C.-Kaleta.-Wang.-Schilling., 23+)

(2) If $t_0(\cdot)$ is almost non-increasing then for every $t > C_0 t_0(|x|)$,

$$p(t, x, y) \asymp \frac{1}{g(|x|)g(|y|)(1+|x|)^{d+\alpha}(1+|y|)^{d+\alpha}} \cdot \int_{\{|z| \leq s_0(t)\}} e^{-C_{11}tg(|z|)} dz,$$

where $s_0(t) = h^{-1}(t) \vee 2$ with

$$h^{-1}(t) := \inf\{s > 1 : h(s) \leq t\}$$

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Assume that $V(x) = \log^\beta(1 + |x|)$ for $\beta > 0$. Let

$$t_0(x) := \log^{1-\beta}(1 + |x|), \quad \Psi(x) := \frac{1}{(1 + |x|)^{d+\alpha} \log^\beta(1 + |x|)}.$$

(i) If $\beta \in (1, +\infty)$, for every $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$ with $|x| \leq |y|$,

$$p(t, x, y) \asymp \begin{cases} \left(t^{-d/\alpha} \wedge \frac{t}{|x-y|^{d+\alpha}} \right) \left(\frac{1}{t \log^\beta(1+|y|)} \wedge 1 \right) e^{-t \log^\beta(1+|x|)}, & t \leq t_0(x), \\ e^{\left(\frac{1}{t}\right)^{\beta-1}} \Psi(x) \Psi(y), & t \in (t_0(x), 1], \\ e^{-t} \Psi(x) \Psi(y), & t \in (1, +\infty). \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

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(ii) If $\beta \in (0, 1]$, for every $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$ with $|x| \leq |y|$,

$$p(t, x, y) \asymp \begin{cases} \left(t^{-d/\alpha} \wedge \frac{t}{|x-y|^{d+\alpha}} \right) \left(\frac{1}{t \log^\beta(1+|y|)} \wedge 1 \right) e^{-t \log^\beta(1+|x|)}, & t \leq t_0(x), \\ e^{-t} \Psi(x) \Psi(y), & t > t_0(x). \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

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Let $t_0(x) := (1 + |x|)^{1+\frac{m}{2}}$. Then for any $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$ with $|x| \geq |y|$ and $t > 0$,

$$p(t, x, y) \asymp \begin{cases} t^{-d/2} \exp\left(-\frac{|x-y|^2}{t}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{t}{(1+|x|)^m}\right), & t \leq t_0(|x|), \\ t^{-d/2} \exp\left(-\frac{|x-y|^2}{t}\right) \textcolor{red}{\exp\left(-t^{\frac{2-m}{2+m}}\right)}, & t > t_0(|x|). \end{cases}$$

The case of negative potential V

Theorem (C.-Wang., 23+)

Suppose that there exist positive constants $m \in (0, 2)$ and K_1, K_2 such that

$$-K_1(1 + |x|)^{-m} \leq V(x) \leq -K_2(1 + |x|)^{-m}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d. \quad (7)$$

Then for any $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$ with $|x| \geq |y|$ and $t > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} & C_1 t^{-d/2} \exp\left(-\frac{C_2|x-y|^2}{t}\right) \exp\left(\max\left(\frac{C_3 t}{(1+|x|)^m}, C_3 t - \frac{C_4(1+|x|^2)}{t}\right)\right) \\ & \leq p(t, x, y) \leq \\ & C_5 t^{-d/2} \exp\left(-\frac{C_6|x-y|^2}{t}\right) \exp\left(\max\left(\frac{C_7 t}{(1+|x|)^m}, C_7 t - \frac{C_8(1+|x|^2)}{t}\right)\right) \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

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- Suppose that (7) holds for some $m \in [2, +\infty)$ and $K_1, K_2 > 0$. Then there exists a constant $K_* > 0$ so that, if $K_1 \geq K_*$, then the two-sided estimates (8) are still true for every $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and $t > 0$.
- Suppose that $d \geq 3$, and that (7) holds for some $m \in (2, +\infty)$ and $K_1, K_2 > 0$. Then there exists $K^* > 0$ such that, if $K_2 \leq K^*$, then for any $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and $t > 0$,

$$p(t, x, y) \asymp q(t, x, y),$$

Upper bounds

Suppose that $0 < t \leq C_0 t_0(|x|)$ and $|x - y| \leq C'_0 t^{1/2}$. By the semigroup property,

$$\begin{aligned} p(t, x, y) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} p(t/2, x, z) p(t/2, z, y) dz \leq c_1 t^{-d/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} p(t/2, x, z) dz \\ &= c_1 t^{-d/2} T_{t/2}^V 1(x) \leq \textcolor{red}{c_2 t^{-d/2} \exp(-c_3 t g(|x|))}. \end{aligned}$$

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Suppose that $0 < t \leq C_0 t_0(|x|)$ and $|x - y| > 2C'_0 t^{1/2}$. The proof is split into two cases.

Case 1: $|x - y| \leq |y|/4$. By the semigroup property we have

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Thank you for your attention!