

# MSRI LECTURES ON GEOMETRIC MICROLOCAL ANALYSIS

## LECTURE 2

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ABSTRACT. Rough notes for lectures on geometric microlocal analysis at the MSRI introductory workshop in Fall 2019.

- Start with noncompact space and an elliptic operator:  $(M, g)$ ,  $\Delta$ ;  $\Delta u = f$ 
  - Want:  $G \in \mathcal{D}'(M \times M)$  which solves  $\Delta G = I = G\Delta$ .
  - Need to understand  $G$
  - We'll have

$$u(z) = \int G(z, \tilde{z}) f(\tilde{z}) dv(\tilde{z})$$

otherwise known as  $u = (\pi_L)_*(G\pi_R^*f)$  where  $\pi_L$  and  $\pi_R$  are projections on the left/right from  $M \times M \rightarrow M$ .

- $G$  is singular along the diagonal of  $M \times M$ , i.e., when  $z = \tilde{z}$ .
- Parametrix method allows us to find  $\tilde{G}$  which approximates  $G$ ;  $\Delta\tilde{G} = I - R_1$ ,  $\tilde{G}\Delta = I - R_2$  with  $R_1, R_2 \in \Psi^{-\infty}$  (smoothing operators), i.e.,  $R_j(z, \tilde{z}) \in C^\infty(M \times M)$ .
  - This gives local regularity but not Fredholmness or mapping properties.
- Better:  $R_j : L^2 \rightarrow \rho^k H^\infty \implies \Delta$  is Fredholm
  - The kernel decays away from the diagonal
  - $\Delta u = 0$  ( $u$  in  $L^2$ -null space)  $\implies u = R_2 u \implies u \in C^\infty$  and definite rate of decay.

- Test case:  $\Delta - s(n-1-s)$  on  $\mathbb{H}^n$ 
  - Set  $\lambda = s(n-1-s)$
  - We want to solve for the resolvent  $(\Delta - \lambda)^{-1}$
  - $G_s$  solves

$$(\partial_r^2 + (n-1)\frac{\cosh r}{\sinh r}\partial_r + \lambda)G_s = 0$$

- Setting  $\rho = e^{-r}$  yields  $G_s \sim \rho^s$  or  $\rho^{n-1-s}$  as  $\rho \rightarrow 0$ .
- Specialize to  $n = 3$ : explicit solution  $G_s = \frac{e^{-(s-1)\rho}}{\sinh \rho}$  in the UHS model
- Dilation invariance:  $G_s(x, \tilde{x}, y - \tilde{y}) = G_s(\beta x, \beta \tilde{x}, \beta(y - \tilde{y}))$  for all  $\beta > 0$
- Blow up the submanifold  $\{x = 0, \tilde{x} = 0, y = \tilde{y}\}$  in  $M \times M$ . and define  $M_0^2 = [M \times M, S]$ , that is, we are attaching a sphere at each point of the diagonal

- $G$  is singular along the diagonal and smooth up to the front face
- $(\Delta - s(n-1-s))u = f \in C_0^\infty \implies u = G_s f \sim x^2 + h.o.t. = a(y)x^s + \dots + b(y)x^{n-1-s}$
- Scattering operator:  $S(s) : a(y) \mapsto b(y)$ ; Scattering “matrix”
  - $s = \frac{n-1}{2}$  is a “critical line”; to the left,  $a$  decays more and to the right  $b$  decays more
- Generalize:
  - $\Delta + V - s(n-1-s)$ ,  $V \in C_0^\infty$  or  $V = 0$  in  $\mathbb{H}^n \setminus \Omega$
  - Still want  $G_s$  with  $(\Delta + V - s(n-1-s))G = \delta$
  - $G_s$  is approximated by  $\tilde{\chi}_1 G_{in\chi_1} + \tilde{\chi}_2 G_{out\chi_2}$  as before
  - We get

$$(\Delta + V - s(n-1-s))\tilde{G}_s = \tilde{\chi}_1 L G_{in\chi_1} + \tilde{\chi}_2 L G_{out\chi_2} + [L, \tilde{\chi}_1] G_{in\chi_1} + [L, \tilde{\chi}_2] G_{out\chi_2}$$

- Want to solve  $L G_{in} = I - Q_1$  with  $Q \in C^\infty(M \times M)$ .
- Claim:  $\tilde{G}_s$  is smooth on  $M_0^2$ .
  - In fact:  $L\tilde{G}_s = I - R_1$  and  $\tilde{G}_s L = I - R_2$  with  $R_1, R_2 \in C^\infty(M_0^2)$  where  $C^\infty$  is being identified with  $\mathcal{A}_{phg}$ , polyhomogeneous functions with smooth expansions.
- Consider  $\mathbb{H}^n/\Gamma$ , convex cocompact quotients
  - $M = \mathbb{H}^n/\Gamma \rightarrow \bar{M}$ , its compactification
  - Look at  $M_0^2 = [\bar{M} \times \bar{M}, \partial(\text{diag})]$
  - Consider  $\Delta - s(n-1-s)$  on  $\mathbb{H}^n/\Gamma$
  - $G_s = \text{resolvent} \in \Psi_0^{-2,\epsilon}$  and is meromorphic in  $s$  where the subscript 0 refers to the blow-up
  - Consider the vector fields  $\nu_0 = \{x\partial_x, x\partial_{y_i}\}$
  - Take  $\{U_j\}$  a cover of our manifold
  - For each  $U_j$ , choose  $G_j$  an inverse for  $\Delta - s(n-1-s)$  in  $U_j \subset \overline{\mathbb{H}^n}$ .
  - $\tilde{G}_s = \sum \tilde{\chi}_j G_j \chi_j$  and  $(\Delta - s(n-1-s))\tilde{G}_s = I - R$  for a smoothing operator  $R$ 
    - \*  $[\Delta, \tilde{\chi}_j] G_j \chi_j$  shows up in the error
    - \* The commutator is smooth and bounded while each  $G_j$  decays like  $x^s$  which tells us that the error is supported away from the diagonal.
    - \* Thus,  $(\Delta - s(n-1-s))\tilde{G}_s = I + \text{compact smoothing operator}$
  - We want  $G_s = \tilde{G}_s (I - R_s)^{-1}$ 
    - \* Approximate  $(I - R)^{-1} \sim I + R_s + R_s^2 + \dots$
  - $g = \rho^{-2}\tilde{g}$ ,  $\frac{dx^2 + h(x,y)}{x^2}$  with  $h(x,y) \sim \sum [(h_i)_{ij}(y) dy^i dy^j] x^l$ 
    - \*  $\Delta_g \sim \Delta_{\mathbb{H}^n}$
    - \*  $\sum a_{j\alpha}(x,y) (x\partial_x)^j (x\partial_y)^\alpha$  the leading term of  $\Delta$  in  $\mathbb{H}^n$ .
- Summary: start with  $(M, g)$

- First step:
  - \* Compactify and form  $M_0^2 = [\bar{M} \times \bar{M}, \partial(\text{diag})]$
  - \*  $\tilde{G} = G_0 + G_1 + G_2$  operator does not degenerate after blowup
  - \* Lift  $x\partial_x, x\partial_{y_i}$  to  $M_0^2$
  - \*  $\Delta G_0 = I - R_0$  with  $R_0$  smooth localized along blowup
  - \*  $R_0 : x^s L^2 \rightarrow x^s H_0^\infty$  where subscript 0 refers to differentiation with respect to the vector fields  $x\partial_x$  and  $x\partial_{y_i}$
- Second step:
  - \* Gain extra decay and apply  $L^2$  Arzela-Ascoli