

For Exercise Sheet 4

Lemma: Let $(H, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_H)$ be a Hilbert space, $T \in L(H)$, $G \subseteq H$ be a closed subspace of H , and P be the orthogonal projection on G . Then:

- (i) $T(G) \subseteq G \Leftrightarrow PTP = TP$,
- (ii) $T(G) \subseteq G$ and $T(G^\perp) \subseteq G^\perp \Leftrightarrow TP = PT \Leftrightarrow T(G) \subseteq G$ and $T^*(G) \subseteq G$.

Proof: (i) We have

$$\begin{aligned} T(G) \subseteq G &\Leftrightarrow \text{For all } y \in T(G) \text{ we have } y \in G = \text{range}(P) = \ker(I_H - P) \\ &\Leftrightarrow \text{For all } y \in T(G) \text{ we have } Py = y \\ &\Leftrightarrow \text{For all } y \in T(P(H)) \text{ we have } Py = y \\ &\Leftrightarrow \text{For all } x \in H \text{ we have } PTPx = TPx. \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Since P is the orthogonal projection on G , we have that

$$\text{range}(I_H - P) = \ker(P) \perp \text{range}(P) = \ker(I_H - P) = G,$$

i.e. $I_H - P$ is the orthogonal projection on G^\perp . By part (i) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} T(G^\perp) \subseteq G^\perp &\Leftrightarrow (I_H - P)T(I_H - P) = T(I_H - P) \\ &\Leftrightarrow T - PT - TP + PTP = T - TP \\ &\Leftrightarrow PTP = PT. \end{aligned}$$

Then we get

$$T(G) \subseteq G \text{ and } T(G^\perp) \subseteq G^\perp \Leftrightarrow TP = PTP = PT.$$

For the other equivalence we use that P is self-adjoint, and therefore by part (i)

$$\begin{aligned} T^*(G) \subseteq G &\Leftrightarrow PT^*P = T^*P \Leftrightarrow (PT^*P)^* = (T^*P)^* \\ &\Leftrightarrow PTP = PT \\ &\Leftrightarrow T(G^\perp) \subseteq G^\perp. \end{aligned}$$

□

Theorem: (Exponential decay of the Bessel potential kernel) Let $s > 0$. The kernel

$$G_s(x) := \mathcal{F}^{-1} \left((1 + |\cdot|^2)^{-\frac{s}{2}} \right) (x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n,$$

is a smooth positive function and there are positive constants $C_{s,n}$ and $c_{s,n}$ such that

$$G_s(x) \leq C_{s,n} e^{-\frac{|x|}{2}} \text{ for } |x| \geq 2,$$

and such that

$$\frac{1}{c_{s,n}} \leq \frac{G_s(x)}{H_s(x)} \leq c_{s,n} \text{ for } |x| \leq 2,$$

where H_s is

$$H_s(x) := \begin{cases} |x|^{s-n} + 1 + \mathcal{O}(|x|^{s-n+2}) & \text{for } s \in (0, n), \\ \log\left(\frac{2}{|x|}\right) + 1 + \mathcal{O}(|x|^2) & \text{for } s = n, \\ 1 + \mathcal{O}(|x|^{s-n}) & \text{for } s > n, \end{cases}$$

with $\mathcal{O}(t)$ such that $|\mathcal{O}(t)| \leq C|t|$ for some positive constant $C > 0$ and for $t \rightarrow 0$.

End of the proof of the Theorem: We proved that for $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ we have

$$G_s(x) = \frac{\sqrt{2}^{-n}}{\Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right)} \int_0^\infty e^{-t} e^{-\frac{|x|^2}{4t}} t^{\frac{s-n}{2}-1} dt > 0,$$

G_s is smooth on $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$ and for $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ with $|x| \geq 2$ there is some constant $C_{s,n} > 0$ such that

$$G_s(x) \leq C_{s,n} e^{-\frac{|x|}{2}}.$$

Now for $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ with $|x| \leq 2$ we decompose G_s in three parts:

$$\begin{aligned} G_s^{(1)}(x) &= \frac{\sqrt{2}^{-n}}{\Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right)} \int_0^{|x|^2} e^{-t} e^{-\frac{|x|^2}{4t}} t^{\frac{s-n}{2}-1} dt \\ &= |x|^{s-n} \frac{\sqrt{2}^{-n}}{\Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right)} \int_0^1 e^{-|x|^2 t} e^{-\frac{1}{4t}} t^{\frac{s-n}{2}-1} dt, \\ G_s^{(2)}(x) &= \frac{\sqrt{2}^{-n}}{\Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right)} \int_{|x|^2}^4 e^{-t} e^{-\frac{|x|^2}{4t}} t^{\frac{s-n}{2}-1} dt, \\ G_s^{(3)}(x) &= \frac{\sqrt{2}^{-n}}{\Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right)} \int_4^\infty e^{-t} e^{-\frac{|x|^2}{4t}} t^{\frac{s-n}{2}-1} dt, \\ \text{i.e. } G_s(x) &= G_s^{(1)}(x) + G_s^{(2)}(x) + G_s^{(3)}(x). \end{aligned}$$

We now look at the three parts separately:

$G_s^{(1)}$: It is for $t \in (0, 1)$ and $x \in \overline{B_2(0)}$:

$$e^{-t|x|^2} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-t|x|^2)^k}{k!} = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-t|x|^2)^k}{k!} = 1 + \mathcal{O}(t|x|^2),$$

since $t|x|^2 \leq 4$. Therefore we get that

$$\begin{aligned} G_s^{(1)}(x) &= |x|^{s-n} \frac{\sqrt{2}^{-n}}{\Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right)} \int_0^1 e^{-\frac{1}{4t}} t^{\frac{s-n}{2}-1} dt + \mathcal{O}(|x|^{s-n+2}) \int_0^1 e^{-\frac{1}{4t}} t^{\frac{s-n}{2}} dt \\ &= c_{s,n}^{(1)} |x|^{s-n} + \mathcal{O}(|x|^{s-n+2}) \end{aligned}$$

for $x \in \overline{B_2(0)}$.

$G_s^{(2)}$: It follows for $x \in \overline{B_2(0)}$, $t \in (|x|^2, 4)$ from $0 \leq \frac{|x|^2}{4t} \leq \frac{1}{4}$ that

$$e^{-\frac{17}{16}} = e^{-4-\frac{1}{4}} \leq e^{-t-\frac{|x|^2}{4t}} \leq 1.$$

Therefore

$$e^{-\frac{17}{16}} \int_{|x|^2}^4 t^{\frac{s-n}{2}-1} dt \leq G_s^{(2)}(x) \leq \int_{|x|^2}^4 t^{\frac{s-n}{2}-1} dt$$

and

$$\int_{|x|^2}^4 t^{\frac{s-n}{2}-1} dt = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{n-s} |x|^{s-n} - \frac{2^{s-n+1}}{n-s}, & \text{for } s < n, \\ 2 \log\left(\frac{2}{|x|}\right), & \text{for } s = n, \\ \frac{2^{s-n+1}}{s-n} - \frac{2}{s-n} |x|^{s-n}, & \text{for } s > n. \end{cases}$$

$G_s^{(3)}$: For $x \in \overline{B_2(0)}$ and $t \in (4, \infty)$ we have

$$0 < e^{-\frac{1}{4}} = e^{-\frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{2^2}{4}} \leq e^{-\frac{|x|^2}{4t}} \leq 1$$

and thus

$$0 < c_{s,n}^{(3)} \leq G_s^{(3)} \leq \tilde{c}_{s,n}^{(3)}.$$

Note that for $s > n$ we can estimate

$$|x|^{s-n+2} \leq 2^{s-n+2} \text{ for } x \in \overline{B_2(0)}$$

and so $|x|^{s-n+2} \in \mathcal{O}(1)$. □

Example (“Fixpoint” of the Fourier Transform): It is

$$\mathcal{F}\left(e^{-|\cdot|^2}\right)(\xi) = \sqrt{2}^{-n} e^{-\frac{|\xi|^2}{4}} \text{ for all } \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Proof: Define $f(x) := e^{-|x|^2}$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$. First we prove this for $n = 1$: It is

$$\widehat{f}(\xi) := \mathcal{F}(f)(\xi) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{i\xi x} e^{-x^2} dx \text{ for all } \xi \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Then we get for the first derivative of \widehat{f} by integration by parts:

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{f}'(\xi) &= -i(2\pi)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} x e^{-i\xi x} e^{-x^2} dx \\ &= \left[i\frac{1}{2}(2\pi)^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-x^2} e^{-i\xi x} \right]_{-\infty}^{\infty} - i\frac{1}{2}(2\pi)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-x^2} (-i\xi) e^{-i\xi x} dx \\ &= -\frac{\xi}{2}(2\pi)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-i\xi x} e^{-x^2} dx = -\frac{\xi}{2} \widehat{f}(\xi) \end{aligned}$$

for all $\xi \in \mathbb{R}$. By ODE-Theory we know that

$$\widehat{f}(\xi) = c e^{-\frac{\xi^2}{4}} \text{ for all } \xi \in \mathbb{R}$$

for some constant $c \in \mathbb{R}$. It is

$$c = \widehat{f}(0) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-x^2} dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{\pi}} \sqrt{\pi} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

It follows:

$$\widehat{f}(\xi) = \sqrt{2}^{-1} e^{-\frac{\xi^2}{4}}, \quad \xi \in \mathbb{R}.$$

For arbitrary $n \in \mathbb{N}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{f}(\xi) &= (2\pi)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-i\xi \cdot x} e^{-|x|^2} dx \\ &= (2\pi)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-i \sum_{j=1}^n \xi_j x_j} e^{-\sum_{j=1}^n x_j^2} dx \\ &= (2\pi)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \prod_{j=1}^n e^{-i\xi_j x_j} e^{-x_j^2} dx \\ &= \prod_{j=1}^n \left[(2\pi)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-i\xi_j x_j} e^{-x_j^2} dx_j \right] \\ &= \prod_{j=1}^n \left[\sqrt{2}^{-1} e^{-\frac{\xi_j^2}{4}} \right] \\ &= \sqrt{2}^{-n} e^{-\sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\xi_j^2}{4}} \\ &= \sqrt{2}^{-n} e^{-\frac{|\xi|^2}{4}} \end{aligned}$$

for all $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n$. □