On the boundedness of operators in $L^p(l^q)$ and Triebel-Lizorkin Spaces

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Abstract. Given a bounded linear operator $T : L^{p_0}(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow L^{p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, for $1 \leq p_0, p_1 \leq \infty$, we state conditions under which T defines a bounded operator between corresponding pairs of $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n; l^q)$ spaces and Triebel-Lizorkin spaces $F_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Applications are given to linear parabolic equations and to Schrödinger semigroups.

1. Introduction

Let $1 \leq p \leq \infty$. We define the linear spaces $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n; l^q) = L^p(l^q)$ as the set of all sequences $\{u_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}_0}$ of complex-valued measurable functions in $\mathbb{R}^n$ for which

$$\|\{u_k\}\|_{L^p(l^q)} = \begin{cases} \|(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |u_k|^q)^{1/q}\|_{L^p} & 1 \leq q < \infty \\ \|\sup_{k \geq 0} (|u_k|)\|_{L^p} & q = \infty \end{cases}$$

is finite. Each of the spaces $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n; l^q)$ is a Banach space with the norm $\|\cdot\|_{L^p(l^q)}$ and L^p is (isometrically) embedded in $L^p(l^q)$ via the map

$$u \mapsto \{\delta_{0k}u\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}_0},$$

where δ_{0k} is the Kronecker symbol: $\delta_{0k} = 1$ if $k = 0$ and $\delta_{0k} = 0$ if $k \neq 0$.

We will define the action of a linear operator T on $L^p(l^q)$ as

$$T(\{u_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}_0}) = \{Tu_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}_0};$$

as an operator from $L^{p_0}(l^q)$ to $L^{p_1}(l^q)$ it is defined for those $\{u_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}_0} \in L^{p_0}(l^q)$ such that $\{Tu_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}_0} \in L^{p_1}(l^q)$. Clearly, if $T : L^{p_0}(l^q) \rightarrow L^{p_1}(l^q)$ is bounded then $T : L^{p_0} \rightarrow L^{p_1}$ is well defined and bounded. In this paper we address the following problem (Problem 1): given a bounded linear operator $T : L^{p_0}(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow L^{p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for $1 \leq p_0, p_1 < \infty$, under which conditions does T defines a bounded operator between a corresponding pair of spaces

$$T : L^{p_0}(l^q) \rightarrow L^{p_1}(l^q), \quad 1 \leq q \leq \infty.$$

We give an answer for some special class of operators that we call majorized operators.

A class of spaces which is defined using the $L^p(l^q)$ spaces are the Triebel-Lizorkin (TL) space order s and base (p, q) :

$$F_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^n) = \left\{ u \in \mathcal{S}' \mid \{2^{sk}\psi_k(D)u\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}_0} \in L^p(l^q) \right\}.$$

Here the set $\{\psi_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}_0}$ is a suitable dyadic partition of unity of $\mathbb{R}^n$, $D = i\nabla$ and the operator $\varphi(D)$ is defined like the in the functional calculus of operators in L^2 as $\varphi(D) \equiv \mathcal{F}^{-1}\varphi\mathcal{F}$, $\mathcal{F}$ being the Fourier transform. $\mathcal{S}'$ is the space of tempered distributions.

The topology in $F_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is given by the norm

$$\|u\|_{F_{p,q}^s} \equiv \left\| \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{skq} |\psi_k(D)u|^q \right)^{1/q} \right\|_{L^p}$$

for $1 \leq q < \infty$ and by the norm

$$\|u\|_{F_{p,\infty}^s} \equiv \left\| \sup_{k \geq 0} (2^{sk} |\psi_k(D)u|) \right\|_{L^p}$$

for $q = \infty$. With these norms, $F_{p,q}^s$ are Banach spaces. We refer to ([7]) for details on the TL spaces, let us just note that

$$\mathcal{S} \subset F_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^n) \subset \mathcal{S}', \quad 1 \leq p < \infty, \quad 1 \leq q \leq \infty, \quad s \in \mathbb{R}$$

$\mathcal{S}$ being dense in $F_{p,q}^s$ for $q \neq \infty$, $F_{p,q}^s \subset L^p$ for $1 \leq p < \infty$, $1 \leq q \leq \infty$ and $s > 0$ and $F_{p,2}^s = H^{s,p}$ for $1 < p < \infty$, $F_{p,p}^s = B_{p,p}^s$ (Besov spaces) for $1 \leq p < \infty$ (all real s). Also, remark that we have omitted the value

$p = \infty$ from the definitions above; we shall not deal with the spaces $F_{\infty,q}^s$ whose definition require some modification of the above.

As a consequence of our study of Problem 1 we are able give one solution to the following problem (Problem 2): given a bounded linear operator $T : L^{p_0}(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow L^{p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for $1 \leq p_0, p_1 < \infty$, under which conditions does T defines a bounded operator between a corresponding pair of Triebel-Lizorkin spaces

$$T : F_{p_0,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow F_{p_1,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^n),$$

$1 \leq q \leq \infty$, $s \in \mathbb{R}$. We shall see that, if an operator is translation invariant, then boundedness in Triebel-Lizorkin spaces follows from boundedness in the corresponding $L^p(l^q)$ spaces. Hence a majorized translation invariant operator is bounded on Triebel-Lizorkin spaces if its majorized operator is bounded on the corresponding L^p spaces, and this independently of q .

Here is the plan of the paper. We first prove a boundedness result on $L^p(l^q)$ spaces for majorized operators (Problem 1). In the following section we see that if a majorized operator is also translation invariant then boundedness in Triebel-Lizorkin spaces follows from boundedness in the corresponding $L^p(l^q)$ spaces so we obtain a solution to Problem 2. We close with applications to some classical differential operators and to parabolic evolution equations.

2. Operators majorized by positive operators

Let P be a linear operator defined on L^{p_0} , with values on L^{p_1} , for some $1 \leq p_0, p_1 \leq \infty$. We shall say that P is a positive operator if $Pu \geq 0$ whenever $u \geq 0$. If P is positive and $T : L^{p_0} \rightarrow L^{p_1}$ is a linear operator we shall say that T is majorized by P , and write $T = \mathcal{O}(P)$, if for some positive constant M we have

$$|Tu| \leq MP|u| \text{ a.e.}$$

It is well known that a linear positive operator from L^{p_0} taking values in L^{p_1} is bounded ([4]), as $\|Tu\|_{L^{p_1}} \leq M\|P|u|\|_{L^{p_1}}$ we see that $T = \mathcal{O}(P)$ implies that T is bounded with

$$\|T\|_{\mathcal{L}(L^{p_0};L^{p_1})} \leq M\|P\|_{\mathcal{L}(L^{p_0};L^{p_1})}.$$

The simplest examples of majorized operators, besides positive operators themselves, are integral operators

$$Tu(x) = \int K(x,y)u(y)dy,$$

for which $|K(x, y)|$ is the kernel of a bounded operator $L^{p_0} \rightarrow L^{p_1}$.

Theorem 1. *Suppose that T is a linear operator with $T = \mathcal{O}(P)$ for some linear positive operator P . Suppose that for some $1 \leq p_0, p_1 < \infty$, the operator P is a map from L^{p_0} into L^{p_1} with*

$$\|Pu\|_{L^{p_1}} \leq C \|u\|_{L^{p_0}}.$$

Then, for all $1 \leq q \leq \infty$, $T : L^{p_0}(l^q) \rightarrow L^{p_1}(l^q)$ is bounded with

$$(1) \quad \|Tu\|_{L^{p_1}(l^q)} \leq CM \|u\|_{L^{p_0}(l^q)}.$$

Proof. It is enough to prove that the hypothesis imply that

$$T : L^{p_0}(l^q) \rightarrow L^{p_1}(l^q)$$

is bounded when $q = 1$ and when $q = \infty$ in both cases with an operator bound $\leq CM$. Complex interpolation then shows that the same is true for all $1 \leq q \leq \infty$, see ([8]).

Take first $q = 1$ and $\{u_k\} \in L^{p_0}(l^1)$. Since the series of positive terms $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |u_k|$ converges almost everywhere and defines a L^{p_0} function, we have $u_k \in L^{p_0}$ for all k . Then $|Tu_k| \leq MP|u_k|$ for all k , hence

$$\|T\{u_k\}\|_{L^{p_1}(l^1)} = \left\| \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |Tu_k| \right) \right\|_{L^{p_1}} \leq M \left\| \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} P|u_k| \right) \right\|_{L^{p_1}}.$$

The series $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |u_k|$ also converges in L^{p_0} so, by continuity of P ,

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} P|u_k| = P \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |u_k| \right)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \|T\{u_k\}\|_{L^{p_1}(l^1)} &\leq M \left\| P \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |u_k| \right) \right\|_{L^{p_1}} \leq CM \left\| \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |u_k| \right\|_{L^{p_0}} \\ &\leq CM \|\{u_k\}\|_{L^{p_0}(l^1)} \end{aligned}$$

This shows that $T : L^{p_0}(l^1) \rightarrow L^{p_1}(l^1)$ is bounded. Now take $q = \infty$ and $\{u_k\} \in L^{p_0}(l^\infty)$. As $|u_k| \leq \sup_{k \geq 0} |u_k| \in L^{p_0}$ for every k , we have $u_k \in L^{p_0}$ and

$$\sup_{k \geq 0} |Tu_k| \leq M \sup_{k \geq 0} P(|u_k|) \leq MP \left(\sup_{k \geq 0} |u_k| \right),$$

the last inequality follows from the positivity of P . Taking the L^{p_1} norm and using the continuity assumption we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|T\{u_k\}\|_{L^{p_1}(l^\infty)} &= \left\| \sup_{k \geq 0} |Tu_k| \right\|_{L^{p_1}} \leq M \left\| P \left(\sup_{k \geq 0} |u_k| \right) \right\|_{L^{p_1}} \\ &\leq CM \|\{u_k\}\|_{L^{p_1}(l^\infty)} \end{aligned}$$

and the proof is done. $\square$

3. Translation invariant operators

A translation invariant operator is an operator that commutes with translations by all vectors $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$. It is known that if T is a translation invariant operator, continuity of T from L^{p_0} to L^{p_1} then implies that $p_0 \leq p_1$ (or else $T \equiv 0$) and T is given on $\mathcal{S}$ as $\mathcal{F}^{-1}m\mathcal{F}$ for a uniquely determined $m \in \mathcal{S}'$. We say then that m is a Fourier multiplier of type (p_0, p_1) . In a previous work [1] we have considered this boundedness problem in different scales of spaces, we have proven in this paper that every Fourier multiplier of type (p_0, p_1) is also a Fourier multiplier of the same type in the Sobolev spaces $W^{k,p}$, in the Bessel potential spaces $H^{s,p}$ and in the Besov spaces $B_{p,q}^s$, (and their homogenous versions) see ([1]) for details.

For translation invariant operator T , boundedness of T in $L^p(l^q)$ implies boundedness of T in $F_{p,q}^s$:

Theorem 2. *Suppose that, for some $1 \leq p_0, p_1 < \infty$, T is a continuous translation invariant linear operator from L^{p_0} to L^{p_1} and that $T : L^{p_0}(l^q) \rightarrow L^{p_1}(l^q)$ is bounded for some $1 \leq q < \infty$:*

$$\|T\{u_k\}\|_{L^{p_1}(l^q)} \leq M \|\{u_k\}\|_{L^{p_0}(l^q)}.$$

Then, $T : F_{p_0,q}^s \rightarrow F_{p_1,q}^s$ is bounded for all $s \in \mathbb{R}$ and we have

$$(2) \quad \|Tu\|_{F_{p_1,q}^s} \leq M \|u\|_{F_{p_0,q}^s}.$$

Proof. By translation invariance of T

$$\psi_k(D)Tu = T\psi_k(D)u$$

for every $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ and $u \in \mathcal{S}$. Taking the $L^{p_1}(l^q)$ norm of the sequence $\{2^{sk}\psi_k(D)Tu\}$ we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|\{2^{sk}\psi_k(D)Tu\}\|_{L^{p_1}(l^q)} &= \|T\{2^{sk}\psi_k(D)u\}\|_{L^{p_1}(l^q)} \\ &\leq M \|\{2^{sk}\psi_k(D)u\}\|_{L^{p_0}(l^q)} \end{aligned}$$

hence the result follows from the density of $\mathcal{S}$ in $F_{p_0,q}^s$ (that's why q must be different from ∞). $\square$

So, for a solution to Problem 2, we have:

Corollary 3. *Suppose that T is a translation invariant linear operator with $T = \mathcal{O}(P)$ for some linear positive operator P . Suppose that for some $1 \leq p_0, p_1 < \infty$, the operator P is continuous map from L^{p_0} into L^{p_1} with*

$$\|Pu\|_{L^{p_1}} \leq C \|u\|_{L^{p_0}}.$$

Then, if $1 \leq q < \infty$, $T : F_{p_0,q}^s \rightarrow F_{p_1,q}^s$ is bounded for all $s \in \mathbb{R}$ and we have

$$\|Tu\|_{F_{p_1,q}^s} \leq M \|u\|_{F_{p_0,q}^s}.$$

The proof is clear.

The Corollary 3 applies to special types of Fourier multipliers:

Corollary 4. *Suppose that $m \in \mathcal{S}'$ with $\mathcal{F}^{-1}m \in L^r(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for some $1 \leq r \leq \infty$. Then m is a Fourier multiplier from $F_{p_0,q}^s$ to $F_{p_1,q}^s$ for $0 \leq \frac{1}{p_0} - \frac{1}{p_1} = 1 - \frac{1}{r}$, $1 < p_0, p_1 < \infty$, $1 < q < \infty$ and all $s \in \mathbb{R}$.*

Proof. Since, for $u \in \mathcal{S}$,

$$\mathcal{F}^{-1}m\mathcal{F}u = (\mathcal{F}^{-1}m) * u,$$

if $\mathcal{F}^{-1}m \in L^r$ for some $1 \leq r \leq +\infty$, by Young inequality, $\mathcal{F}^{-1}m\mathcal{F}$ extends to a bounded operator $L^{p_0} \rightarrow L^{p_1}$ for $1 \leq p_0 < \infty$, $1 \leq p_1 \leq \infty$ and $\frac{1}{r} = 1 + \frac{1}{p_1} - \frac{1}{p_0}$ and the result follows from the theorem and the previous Corollary. $\square$

Remark 5. *In the results above, we can replace the target space $F_{p_1,q}^s$ by the space $F_{p_2,q_2}^{s_2}$, with $q_2 \geq q$, $0 < s_2 \leq s$ and $s - \frac{n}{p_1} = s_2 - \frac{n}{p_2}$, due to the embedding $F_{p_1,q}^s \subset F_{p_2,q_2}^{s_2}$.*

Remark 6. *By suitably modification of the definition of the $L^p(l^q)$ spaces, we could prove a version of Corollary 3 for the homogenous versions of the spaces $F_{p,q}^s$.*

On the remaining sections of this paper we give some miscellaneous applications of Theorem 1 and Corollary 3.

4. Powers of the resolvent of the Laplacian

Consider the operators $T_{\lambda,z} = (z - \Delta)^{-\lambda}$, for $\operatorname{Re} z > 0$ and $\lambda > 0$. We have $(z - \Delta)^{-\lambda} u = G_{\lambda,z} * u$ where

$$G_{\lambda,z}(x) = \frac{(4\pi t)^{-\frac{n}{2}}}{\Gamma(\lambda)} \int_0^\infty e^{-|x|^2/4t} e^{-zt} t^{\lambda-1} dt.$$

$T_{\lambda,z}$ is a translation invariant operator and $|G_{\lambda,z}(x)| \leq G_{\lambda,\operatorname{Re} z}(x)$ which is the kernel of the positive operator $T_{\lambda,\operatorname{Re} z}$.

It is known ([5]) that for $p_0 \leq p_1$ such that $\frac{1}{p_0} - \frac{1}{p_1} \leq \frac{2\lambda}{n}$ we have $(z - \Delta)^{-\lambda} : L^{p_0}(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow L^{p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ with

$$\left\| (z - \Delta)^{-\lambda} u \right\|_{L^{p_1}} \leq C (\operatorname{Re} z)^{-\lambda} \|u\|_{L^{p_0}}$$

so by the Corollary 3 we have $(z - \Delta)^{-\lambda} : F_{p_0,q}^s \rightarrow F_{p_1,q}^s$ with

$$\left\| (z - \Delta)^{-\lambda} u \right\|_{F_{p_1,q}^s} \leq C (\operatorname{Re} z)^{-\lambda} \|u\|_{F_{p_0,q}^s}$$

for complex z with $\operatorname{Re} z > 0$, $\lambda > 0$, $0 \leq \frac{1}{p_0} - \frac{1}{p_1} \leq \frac{2\lambda}{n}$.

An interesting application occurs in the limiting case $z = 0$ where we may still consider the operator $T_\beta = (-\Delta)^{-\beta/2}$ for $0 < \beta < n$. This is a positive operator, bounded from L^{p_0} to L^{p_1} for $\frac{1}{p_1} = \frac{1}{p_0} - \frac{\beta}{n}$, a fact known as the fractional integration theorem. T_β is given on $\mathcal{S}$ as convolution with the L_{loc}^1 function $|y|^{-\beta+n}$ and an application of Corollary 3 leads to the fact that $(-\Delta)^{-\beta/2} : F_{p_0,q}^s \rightarrow F_{p_1,q}^s$ for all $s > 0$ or, since $(-\Delta)^{\beta/2} F_{p_0,q}^{s+\beta} = F_{p_0,q}^s$,

$$F_{p_0,q}^{s+\beta} \subset F_{p_1,q}^s$$

for $s + \beta - \frac{n}{p_0} = s - \frac{n}{p_1}$. This is the known expression for the embedding theorem for Triebel-Lizorkin spaces and this shows how this embedding theorem follows easily from the fractional integration theorem.

5. Parabolic equations

We consider now the parabolic equation

$$(3) \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = Lu$$

where

$$L = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij}(x, t) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} + \sum_{i=1}^n b_i(x, t) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} + c(x, t)$$

is a elliptic operator. Under some mild conditions on the coefficients a_{ij} , b_i , c ([3, Chap. 9]), the solution to (3), which satisfies $u(0, x) = u_0(x)$, is given by

$$u(x, t) = \int K(x, y, t) u_0(y) dy = T(t) u$$

with

$$(4) \quad |K(x, y, t)| \leq C t^{-n/2} e^{-\mu \frac{|x-y|^2}{t}}$$

for some positive constants $C, \mu > 0$ ([3, Chapter 9]). An easy computation shows that $T(t)$ is majorized by $\left(\frac{\pi}{\mu}\right)^{n/2} S\left(\frac{t}{4\mu}\right)$, where $S(t)$ is the semigroup that gives the solution of the heat equation on $\mathbb{R}^n$, $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \Delta u$.

It is known ([5]) that, for each $t > 0$, $S(t)$ is bounded from $L^{p_0}(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow L^{p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for $1 \leq p_0 < \infty$, $1 \leq p_1 \leq \infty$ and $p_0 \leq p_1$ with

$$\|S(t)u\|_{L^{p_1}} \leq C t^{-\frac{1}{2}n\left(\frac{1}{p_0} - \frac{1}{p_1}\right)} \|u\|_{L^{p_0}}.$$

Thus, it follows from Theorem 1, under the above assumptions on the parabolic operator L , that $T(t) : L^{p_0}(l^q) \rightarrow L^{p_1}(l^q)$ is bounded for all $1 \leq p_0 \leq \infty$, $1 \leq p_1 \leq \infty$, $p_0 \leq p_1$ and $1 \leq q \leq \infty$ with

$$\|T(t)u\|_{L^{p_1}(l^q)} \leq C t^{-\frac{1}{2}n\left(\frac{1}{p_0} - \frac{1}{p_1}\right)} \|u\|_{L^{p_0}(l^q)}, \quad t > 0$$

and $C = O\left(\mu^{-\frac{1}{2}n\left(1 - \frac{1}{p_0} + \frac{1}{p_1}\right)}\right)$. If the coefficients of the parabolic operator L are constant, $T(t)$ are translation invariant operators and so, with $1 \leq p_0 < \infty$, $1 \leq p_1 < \infty$, $p_0 \leq p_1$ and $1 \leq q < \infty$, $T : F_{p_0, q}^s \rightarrow F_{p_1, q}^s$ is bounded, for all $s \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\|T(t)u\|_{F_{p_1, q}^s} \leq C t^{-\frac{1}{2}n\left(\frac{1}{p_0} - \frac{1}{p_1}\right)} \|u\|_{F_{p_0, q}^s}, \quad t > 0.$$

Of course, this last estimate applies in particular to $S(t)$. In this case, for $p_1 = p_0$, we can refine it in the following way: let $P(-i\nabla)$ be a (constant coefficient) p.d.o. of order $2m$ and $g(\xi) = P(\xi)e^{-|\xi|^2 t}$, $t > 0$. The kernel for $P(-i\nabla)S(t)$ is given by $K = \mathcal{F}^{-1}g \in L^r(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for $r \geq 1$ and it is

known ([2]) that

$$\|P(-i\nabla)S(t)u\|_{L^p} \leq C \max(t^{-m}, 1) \|u\|_{L^p}$$

for $u \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $1 \leq p \leq \infty$; if P is homogeneous of degree $2m$ this simplifies to

$$\|P(-i\nabla)S(t)u\|_{L^p} \leq Ct^{-m} \|u\|_{L^p}.$$

In particular, for $P(-i\nabla) = (1 - \Delta)^m$ we obtain

$$\|(1 - \Delta)^m S(t)u\|_{F_{p,q}^s} \leq C \max(t^{-m}, 1) \|u\|_{F_{p,q}^s}$$

for $s > 0$ and $1 \leq p < \infty$. Since $(1 - \Delta)^m : F_{p,q}^{s+2m} \rightarrow F_{p,q}^s$ is an isomorphism, using interpolation, we can obtain a TL space version of the infinite smoothing property of the heat semigroup:

$$\|S(t)u\|_{F_{p,q}^{s_1}} \leq C \max\left(t^{-\frac{1}{2}(s_1-s_0)}, 1\right) \|u\|_{F_{p,q}^{s_0}}$$

for $s_1 \geq s_0 > 0$, $1 \leq p < \infty$ and $t > 0$.

6. Schrödinger semigroups

A final example, which is closely related with the one of the previous section, is the case of the so called Schrödinger operators. This is the name given to a partial differential operator on $\mathbb{R}^n$ of the form $H = -\Delta + V$, where V is a (real-valued) function on $\mathbb{R}^n$ which is not supposed to be smooth or, in fact, to be defined at all points. In nonrelativistic quantum mechanics the operator H is the Hamiltonian (energy) operator, V being the potential function. We will consider $V = V_+ - V_-$, where $V_+(V_-)$ is the positive(negative) part of V and suppose that $V_- \in K_n$, $V_+ \in K_n^{loc}$, $K_n(K_n^{loc})$ being the Kato(local Kato) class of potentials; see ([5]) for the meaning of these terms as well as for the results that we will use bellow.

Now, it is known that, with the above hypothesis on V , the Schrödinger semigroup e^{-tH} is a bounded operator from L^{p_0} to L^{p_1} , for all $1 \leq p_0 \leq p_1 \leq \infty$ and all $t > 0$, and that the integral kernel of e^{-tH} , $K(x, y)$, satisfies an estimate similar to (4):

$$|K(x, y)| \leq C_1 t^{-n/2} e^{\frac{k}{2}t} \exp\left[-\frac{(y-x)^2}{2t}\right], \quad t > 0,$$

where C_1 is a positive constant and $k > -\inf \sigma(H)$. In terms of the results that we have proven above, this means that $e^{-tH} : L^{p_0}(l^q) \rightarrow L^{p_1}(l^q)$ is

bounded for all $1 \leq p_0 \leq p_1 < \infty$ and $1 \leq q \leq \infty$ with

$$\|e^{-tH}u\|_{L^{p_1}(l^q)} \leq Ct^{-\frac{1}{2}n(\frac{1}{p_0}-\frac{1}{p_1})} e^{\frac{k}{2}t} \|u\|_{L^{p_0}(l^q)}, \quad t > 0.$$

The difference from the previous example is that V can be more singular than the coefficient c in the operator L .

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