

# Heat Trace of Non-local Operators

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Compute several coefficients in the asymptotic expansion of the trace of the heat kernel of the Schrödinger operator  $\Delta^{\alpha/2} + V$  as  $t \downarrow 0$ .

The main object of study is the trace difference

$$\text{Tr}(e^{-tH} - e^{-tH_0}),$$

where  $H_0 = \Delta^{\alpha/2}$  and  $H = \Delta^{\alpha/2} + V$ .

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Let  $H_0 = -\Delta$  and  $H = H_0 + V$ ,  $V \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . Set  $I_j = \{(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_j) : 1 > \lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > \dots > \lambda_j > 0\}$ .

### Theorem (Bañuelos-Sá Barreto(1995))

For any integer  $N \geq 1$ , as  $t \downarrow 0$

$$\frac{\text{Tr}(e^{-tH} - e^{-tH_0})}{p_t^{(2)}(0)} = \sum_{m=1}^N c_m(V)t^m + \mathcal{O}(t^{N+1})$$

where

$$c_1(V) = - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} V(\theta) d\theta,$$

$$c_m(V) = (-1)^m \sum_{j+n=m, j \geq 2} \frac{(2\pi)^d}{(2\pi)^{jd} n!} \int_{I_j} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{(j-1)d}} \left[ A_j^n(\lambda, \theta) \hat{V} \left( - \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} \theta_i \right) \prod_{i=1}^{j-1} \hat{V}(\theta_i) d\theta_i d\lambda_i d\lambda_j \right]$$

with

$$A_j(\lambda, \theta) = \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} (\lambda_k - \lambda_{k+1}) \left| \sum_{i=1}^k \theta_i \right|^2 - \left| \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} (\lambda_k - \lambda_{k+1}) \sum_{i=1}^k \theta_i \right|^2.$$

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The **characteristic function** of  $X_t$  is

$$\varphi_t(\xi) = E(e^{i\xi \cdot X_t}) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{i\xi \cdot x} p_t(dx) = (2\pi)^{d/2} \widehat{p}_t(\xi)$$

where  $p_t$  is the distribution of  $X_t$ .

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By differentiating this at  $t = 0$  we see that its **infinitesimal generator** is  $\Delta^{\alpha/2}$  in the sense that  $\widehat{\Delta^{\alpha/2} f}(\xi) = -|\xi|^\alpha \widehat{f}(\xi)$ .

# Semigroup

This is a **non-local** operator such that for suitable test functions, including all functions in  $f \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , we can define it as the principle value integral

$$\Delta^{\alpha/2} f(x) = \mathcal{A}_{d,-\alpha} \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{\{|y|>\epsilon\}} \frac{f(x+y) - f(x)}{|y|^{d+\alpha}} dy,$$

where

$$\mathcal{A}_{d,-\alpha} = \frac{2^\alpha \Gamma\left(\frac{d+\alpha}{2}\right)}{\pi^{d/2} \left| \Gamma\left(\frac{-\alpha}{2}\right) \right|}.$$

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where  $c_d = \pi^{-\frac{d+1}{2}} \Gamma\left(\frac{d+1}{2}\right)$ .

- The generator of the **Cauchy process** with the corresponding killing condition on  $\partial\Omega$  is  $\Delta^{1/2}|_{\Omega}$ .

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These processes share many of the basic properties of the Brownian motion:

- ★  $p_t^{(\alpha)}(x)$  is radial, symmetric and decreasing in  $x$ .
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## Stable processes -some properties

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*In particular*

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for some universal constant  $C$ . From this we conclude that

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(ii) Observe that

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for some absolute constant  $C$ . This concludes the proof.

## Theorem 2

Theorem (Bañuelos- Y.Y. (2012))

Suppose  $V \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d) \cap L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and that it is also uniformly Hölder continuous of order  $\gamma$  (i.e., there exists a constant  $M \in (0, \infty)$  such that  $|V(x) - V(y)| \leq M|x - y|^\gamma$ , for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ) with  $0 < \gamma < \alpha \wedge 1$ , whenever  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ , and with  $0 < \gamma \leq 1$ , whenever  $1 < \alpha < 2$ . Then for all  $t > 0$ ,

$$\left| \left( \text{Tr}(e^{-tH} - e^{-tH_0}) \right) + p_t^{(\alpha)}(0)t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} V(x)dx - p_t^{(\alpha)}(0)\frac{1}{2}t^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |V(x)|^2 dx \right| \leq C_{\alpha,\gamma,d} \|V\|_1 p_t^{(\alpha)}(0) \left( \|V\|_\infty^2 e^{t\|V\|_\infty} t^3 + t^{\gamma/\alpha+2} \right),$$

where the constant  $C_{\alpha,\gamma,d}$  depends only on  $\alpha$ ,  $\gamma$  and  $d$ . In particular,

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## Proof of Theorem 2

Returning to the definition of the trace differences, we see that this leads to

$$\left| \frac{1}{\rho_t^{(\alpha)}(0)} (\text{Tr}(e^{-tH} - e^{-tH_0})) + t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} V(x) dx - \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} E_{x,x}^t \left( \left[ \int_0^t V(X_s) ds \right]^2 \right) dx \right| \leq C(t\|V\|_\infty)^2 e^{t\|V\|_\infty} t\|V\|_1.$$

It remains to estimate the term  $E_{x,x}^t([\cdot]^2)$ . Since  $V$  is uniformly Hölder with exponent  $\gamma$  and constant  $M$ , we have

$$|V(X_s + x) - V(x)| \leq M|X_s|^\gamma.$$

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Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| E_{x,x}^t \left[ \int_0^t V(X_s) ds \right]^2 - t^2 V^2(x) \right| &= \left| E_{x,x}^t \left[ \int_0^t V(X_s) ds \right]^2 - \left[ \int_0^t V(x) ds \right]^2 \right| \\ &= \left| E_{x,x}^t \left( \left[ \int_0^t V(X_s) ds \right]^2 - \left[ \int_0^t V(x) ds \right]^2 \right) \right| \\ &= E_{0,0}^t \left( \left[ \int_0^t (V(X_s + x) - V(x)) ds \right] \cdot \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left[ \int_0^t V(X_s + x) + V(x) ds \right] \right). \end{aligned}$$

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Then

$$\left| E_{x,x}^t \left( \left[ \int_0^t V(X_s) ds \right]^2 \right) - t^2 V^2(x) \right| \leq M E_{0,0}^t \left( \left[ \int_0^t |X_s|^\gamma ds \right] \left[ \int_0^t (|V(X_s + x)| + |V(x)|) ds \right] \right)$$

Integrating both sides of this inequality with respect to  $x$  and using Fubini's theorem, the second integral becomes  $2t\|V\|_1$ . Thus we arrive at

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} E_{x,x}^t \left( \left[ \int_0^t V(X_s) ds \right]^2 \right) dx - t^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |V(x)|^2 dx \right| \leq 2tM\|V\|_1 E_{0,0}^t \left( \int_0^t |X_s|^\gamma ds \right).$$

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Now, it remains to estimate the expectation on the right side. We have

$$\begin{aligned} E_{0,0}^t \left( \int_0^t |X_s|^\gamma ds \right) &= \int_0^t E_{0,0}^t (|X_s|^\gamma) ds \\ &= \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{p_s^{(\alpha)}(0, y) p_{t-s}^{(\alpha)}(y, 0)}{p_t^{(\alpha)}(0, 0)} |y|^\gamma dy ds \\ &= \int_0^{t/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{p_s^{(\alpha)}(0, y) p_{t-s}^{(\alpha)}(y, 0)}{p_t^{(\alpha)}(0, 0)} |y|^\gamma dy ds \\ &+ \int_{t/2}^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{p_s^{(\alpha)}(0, y) p_{t-s}^{(\alpha)}(y, 0)}{p_t^{(\alpha)}(0, 0)} |y|^\gamma dy ds \\ &= 2 \int_0^{t/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{p_s^{(\alpha)}(0, y) p_{t-s}^{(\alpha)}(y, 0)}{p_t^{(\alpha)}(0, 0)} |y|^\gamma dy ds. \end{aligned}$$

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To estimate the right hand side we observe that for all  $0 < s < t/2$  and all  $y \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,

$$\rho_{t-s}^{(\alpha)}(y, 0) \leq \rho_{t-s}^{(\alpha)}(0, 0) \leq \rho_{t/2}^{(\alpha)}(0, 0).$$

By scaling

$$\frac{\rho_{t/2}^{(\alpha)}(0, 0)}{\rho_t^{(\alpha)}(0, 0)} = 2^{d/\alpha}$$

and therefore the right hand side is bounded above by

$$\begin{aligned} E_{0,0}^t \left( \int_0^t |X_s|^\gamma ds \right) &\leq 2^{d/\alpha+1} \int_0^{t/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \rho_s^{(\alpha)}(0, y) |y|^\gamma dy ds \\ &= 2^{d/\alpha+1} \int_0^{t/2} E^0(|X_s|^\gamma) ds \\ &= 2^{d/\alpha+1} \int_0^{t/2} s^{\gamma/\alpha} E^0(|X_1|^\gamma) ds \\ &= \frac{2^{d/\alpha+1}}{2\gamma/\alpha+1} E^0(|X_1|^\gamma) \frac{t^{\gamma/\alpha+1}}{\gamma/\alpha+1}, \end{aligned}$$

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We now recall that  $E^0(|X_1|^\gamma)$  is finite under our assumption that  $\gamma < \alpha$ . Thus we see that

$$E_{0,0}^t \left( \int_0^t |X_s|^\gamma ds \right) \leq C_{\alpha,\gamma,d} t^{\gamma/\alpha+1},$$

where the constant  $C_{\alpha,\gamma,d}$  depends only on  $\alpha$ ,  $\gamma$  and  $d$ . We conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} E_{x,x}^t \left( \left[ \int_0^t V(X_s) ds \right]^2 \right) dx - t^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |V(x)|^2 dx \right| &\leq 2tM \|V\|_1 E_{0,0}^t \left( \int_0^t |X_s|^\gamma ds \right) \\ &\leq M \|V\|_1 C_{\alpha,\gamma,d} t^{\gamma/\alpha+2}. \end{aligned}$$

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Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{p_t^\alpha(0)} \left( \text{Tr}(e^{-tH} - e^{-tH_0}) \right) + t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} V(x) dx - \frac{1}{2} t^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |V(x)|^2 dx \right| \\ & \leq C t^3 \|V\|_\infty^2 e^{t\|V\|_\infty} \|V\|_1 + M \|V\|_1 C_{\alpha,\gamma,d} t^{\gamma/\alpha+2} \\ & \leq C_{\alpha,\gamma,d} \|V\|_1 \left( \|V\|_\infty^2 e^{t\|V\|_\infty} t^3 + t^{\gamma/\alpha+2} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Rewriting this in the form stated in Theorem 2, we arrive at the announced bound

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \left( \text{Tr}(e^{-tH} - e^{-tH_0}) \right) + p_t^\alpha(0) t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} V(x) dx - p_t^{(\alpha)}(0) t^2 \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |V(x)|^2 dx \right| \\ & \leq C_{\alpha,\gamma,d} \|V\|_1 p_t^{(\alpha)}(0) \left( \|V\|_\infty^2 e^{t\|V\|_\infty} t^3 + t^{\gamma/\alpha+2} \right), \end{aligned}$$

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- This process is called the independent sum of the symmetric  $\alpha$ -stable process  $X$  and the symmetric  $\beta$ -stable process  $Y$  with weight  $a$ .
- The infinitesimal generator of  $Z_t^a$  is  $\Delta^{\alpha/2} + a^\beta \Delta^{\beta/2}$ . Acting on functions  $f \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \Delta^{\alpha/2} + a^\beta \Delta^{\beta/2} \right) f(x) = \\ & \mathcal{A}_{d,-\alpha} \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{\{|y| > \epsilon\}} \left( \frac{1}{|y|^{d+\alpha}} + \frac{a^\beta}{|y|^{d+\beta}} \right) [f(x+y) - f(x)] dy, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathcal{A}_{d,-\alpha}$  is defined as before.

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