

Asintótica de valores propios para operadores de Dirac magnéticos en dos dimensiones

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The magnetic Dirac operator in dimension two

We consider in $L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)^2$ the Dirac operator with a homogeneous magnetic field $B = (0, 0, b)$. This operator is defined by

$$D_0 := \sigma \cdot (-i\nabla - A) + m\sigma_3$$

where $\sigma := (\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$, σ_3 are the Pauli matrices, $A := (A_1, A_2) = b(-\frac{x_2}{2}, \frac{x_1}{2})$.

More explicitly, by defining

$$a := (-i\partial_{x_1} - A_1) + i(-i\partial_{x_2} - A_2) = -2ie^{-b|x|^2/4}\bar{\partial}e^{b|x|^2/4}$$

$$a^* := (-i\partial_{x_1} - A_1) - i(-i\partial_{x_2} - A_2) = -2ie^{b|x|^2/4}\partial e^{-b|x|^2/4}$$

then

$$D_0 = \begin{pmatrix} m & a^* \\ a & -m \end{pmatrix}.$$

The operator D_0 is essentially self adjoint in $C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2)^2$.

Relation with the Landau Hamiltonian

Define now the Landau Hamiltonian

$$H_L := (-i\nabla - A)^2.$$

It is easy to see that

$$D_0^2 = \begin{pmatrix} H_L - b + m^2 & 0 \\ 0 & H_L + b + m^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

The spectrum of H_L is given by the *Landau levels* $\Lambda_n = b(2n + 1)$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$. Moreover, by using the Foldy-Wouthuysen unitary transformation U_{FW}

$$D_0 = U_{FW}^* \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{H_L - b + m^2} & 0 \\ 0 & -\sqrt{H_L + b + m^2} \end{pmatrix} U_{FW}.$$

Then, the spectrum of D_0 is made up of eigenvalues of infinite multiplicities, the so-called *Landau-Dirac Levels*

$$\mu_q := \begin{cases} \sqrt{2bq + m^2}, & q \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\} \\ -\sqrt{2b|q| + m^2}, & q \in \{-1, -2, \dots\}. \end{cases}$$

Orthogonal projections

We have the relations $a^*a = H_L - b$ and $aa^* = a^*a + 2b = H_L + b$, for any $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, then

$$\text{Ker}(H_L - \Lambda_n) = (a^*)^n \text{Ker}(a).$$

Denote by \mathbf{p}_n be the orthogonal projection onto $\text{Ker}(H_L - \Lambda_n)$ ($n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$)

Similarly, denote by \mathcal{P}_q the orthogonal projection onto $\text{Ker}(D_0 - \mu_q)$ ($q \in \mathbb{Z}$).

It is not difficult to see that

$$\mathcal{P}_q = \begin{cases} U_{FW}^* \begin{pmatrix} p_q & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} U_{FW}, & q \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\} \\ U_{FW}^* \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & p_{|q|} \end{pmatrix} U_{FW}, & q \in \{-1, -2, \dots\}. \end{cases}$$

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Denote by $E_T(\omega)$ the spectral projection of the self-adjoint operator T associated with the Borel set ω .

For $q \in \mathbb{Z}$ set

$$\mathcal{N}_q^+(\lambda) := \text{Tr} E_{D_0+V}(\mu_q + \lambda, \alpha), \quad \mathcal{N}_q^-(\lambda) := \text{Tr} E_{D_0+V}(\alpha, \mu_q - \lambda),$$

where α is a fixed number in (μ_q, μ_{q+1}) and (μ_{q-1}, μ_q) , respectively.

Some history and methods for related results

On the asymptotic distribution of eigenvalues for the magnetic Schrödinger operator $H_L + v$:

- Raikov 1990, Ivrii 90's: v moderately decaying

$$v(x) \sim |x|^{-\gamma} \implies \mathcal{N}_n(\lambda) \sim |\lambda|^{-2/\gamma}$$

An important ingredient: The Toeplitz operator $p_n v p_n$.

- Raikov-Warzel 2002, Melgaard-Rozenblum 2003: v fast decaying

$$v(x) \text{ with compact support} \implies \mathcal{N}_n(\lambda) \sim \frac{|\ln \lambda|}{\ln |\ln \lambda|}$$

- Filonov-Pushnitski 06: improvement

$$\mathcal{N}_n(\lambda) = \frac{|\ln \lambda|}{\ln |\ln \lambda|} + \frac{|\ln \lambda| \ln(\ln |\ln \lambda|)}{(\ln |\ln \lambda|)^2} + \frac{|\ln \lambda|}{(\ln |\ln \lambda|)^2} (\mathfrak{e} + o(1))$$

Both results need $v \geq C > 0$.

Problems with fast decaying perturbations

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On the asymptotic distribution of eigenvalues for magnetic Dirac operators

- Ivrii 90's: V power-like decaying
- Melgaard-Rozenblum 2003: $V = vI_2 \geq 0$ compactly supported

We are interested in V 's of compact support with no fixed sign

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If $M_1 \geq M_2$ then $\Xi(\lambda; A, A + M_1) \geq \Xi(\lambda; A, A + M_2)$.

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Lemma

$$\mathcal{P}_q V \mathcal{P}_q = U_{FW}^* \begin{pmatrix} T_q(V) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} U_{FW}$$

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Here

$$\mathfrak{C}(\Omega) := 1 + \ln \left(\frac{b}{2} \text{Cap}(\Omega)^2 \right),$$

and $\text{Cap}(\Omega)$ coincides with the *transfinite diameter*, i.e., is equal to $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \delta_n(\Omega)$ where

$$\delta_n(\Omega) := \max_{z_1, \dots, z_n \in \Omega} \left(\prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} |z_i - z_j| \right)^{\frac{2}{n(n-1)}}.$$

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Now we follow the same analysis of Filonov-Pushnitski'06 using orthogonal polynomials.

Main Result 2: The negative part is “encircled” by the positive part

We say that a compact set K is *encircled* by an open set Ω if there exists a Jordan curve $\Gamma \subset \Omega$ such that K is contained in the interior part of Γ .

Theorem

Let $V \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R}^2)$. Suppose there exist $K \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ a compact set, and Ω_1, Ω_2 open bounded subsets of \mathbb{R}^2 such that K is encircled by $\Omega_1 \cup \Omega_2$. Further, assume

$$V_1 \geq C_1 \chi_{\Omega_1} - C \chi_K; \quad V_2 \geq C_2 \chi_{\Omega_2} - C \chi_K; \quad |W| \leq C_3 \chi_{\Omega_1} w + C \chi_K,$$

for some constants $C, C_1, C_2, C_3 \geq 0$.

Then the asymptotics of the previous theorem holds.

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