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on his sixtieth birthday*

ABSTRACT. — The formation of dispersion with finite velocity of quantum states is described in detail. To be more specific, we prove the invariance of the domains $D(|x|^m) \cap D(|p|^m)$, $m \in \mathbb{N}$, and of their topologies under the Schrödinger evolution group $\{e^{-itH}\}$, where we denote by x and p the position and momentum operator, respectively. Moreover, we give a characterization of invariant subspaces under unitary groups in a rather general setting.

RÉSUMÉ. — Nous analysons la formation de dispersion de vitesse finie des états quantiques. Plus précisément nous prouvons l'invariance des domaines $D(|x|^m) \cap D(|p|^m)$, $m \in \mathbb{N}$, et de leur topologie par le groupe d'évolution de Schrödinger $\{e^{-itH}\}$ où x et p sont les opérateurs de

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position et d'impulsion respectivement. Nous donnons de plus une caractérisation des sous espaces invariants par des groupes unitaires dans un cadre plus général.

1. INTRODUCTION

In this paper we prove that the Schrödinger evolution group preserves the regularity and decay properties in the scale of weighted Sobolev spaces.

Let $H = H_0 + V$ be a Schrödinger operator in the Hilbert space $L^2 = L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$, where $H_0 = -(1/2)\Delta$ is the free Hamiltonian and V is a H_0 -bounded symmetric operator of multiplication with relative bound less than one, so that by the Kato-Rellich theorem H is self-adjoint in L^2 with domain $D(H) = D(H_0)$. We consider the Schrödinger evolution group $\{e^{-itH}\}$ in the scale of weighted Sobolev spaces $\mathcal{H}_m = H^{m,0} \cap H^{0,m}$, $m \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$, where

$$H^{r,s} = \{ \psi \in \mathcal{S}' ; \|\psi\|_{r,s} = \|(1 + |x|^2)^{s/2} (1 - \Delta)^{r/2} \psi\| < \infty \}, \quad r, s \in \mathbb{R}$$

and $\|\cdot\|$ denotes the L^2 -norm. \mathcal{H}_m is a Hilbert space with the norm $\|\cdot\|_m$, given by $\|\psi\|_m^2 = \|\psi\|_{m,0}^2 + \|\psi\|_{0,m}^2$. The free Schrödinger evolution group $\{e^{-itH_0}\}$ leaves \mathcal{H}_m invariant since the Fourier transform is an isometry on \mathcal{H}_m and the multiplication operator by $\exp(-i(t/2)|\xi|^2)$ preserves \mathcal{H}_m . We now state our main results:

THEOREM 1. — *Let $m \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$. Suppose that*

$$(H_m) \quad D(|H|^{m/2}) = H^{m,0}$$

holds when $m \geq 3$. Then:

- (1) \mathcal{H}_m and $H^{m,0}$ are invariant under e^{-itH} for any $t \in \mathbb{R}$.
- (2) The map $(t, \varphi) \mapsto e^{-itH} \varphi$ is continuous from $\mathbb{R} \times \mathcal{H}_m$ to \mathcal{H}_m and from $\mathbb{R} \times H^{m,0}$ to $H^{m,0}$.
- (3) e^{-itH} has the estimates

$$\|e^{-itH} \varphi\|_{m,0} \leq C(m) \|\varphi\|_{m,0}, \quad (t, \varphi) \in \mathbb{R} \times H^{m,0}, \tag{1.1}$$

$$\|e^{-itH} \varphi\|_{0,m} \leq C(m) (\|\varphi\|_{0,m} + |t|^m \|\varphi\|_{m,0}), \quad (t, \varphi) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathcal{H}_m, \tag{1.2}$$

where $C(m)$ is independent of t and φ . In particular,

$$\|e^{-itH} \varphi\|_m \leq \tilde{C}(m) (1 + |t|^m) \|\varphi\|_m, \quad (t, \varphi) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathcal{H}_m. \tag{1.3}$$

(4) For any $\alpha \in (\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\})^n$ with $|\alpha| \leq m$ and any $\varphi \in \mathcal{H}_m$, the map $\mathbb{R} \ni t \mapsto e^{-itH} x^\alpha e^{-itH} \varphi \in L^2$ is continuously differentiable and

$$\frac{d}{dt}(e^{itH} x^\alpha e^{-itH} \varphi) = -ie^{itH} ((1/2)(\Delta x^\alpha) + (\nabla x^\alpha) \cdot \nabla) e^{-itH} \varphi.$$

THEOREM 2. - Suppose that (H_m) holds for all $m \geq 3$. Then:

(1) For any $(t, \varphi) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathcal{S}$, $e^{-itH} \varphi \in \mathcal{S}$ and the map $\mathbb{R} \ni t \mapsto e^{-itH} \varphi \in \mathcal{S}$ is C^∞ .

(2) The map $\mathbb{R} \times \mathcal{S} \ni (t, \varphi) \mapsto e^{-itH} \varphi \in \mathcal{S}$ is continuous.

The estimate (1.2) is optimal with respect to the growth rate in time. In fact we have:

THEOREM 3. - Let $m \in \mathbb{N}$. If $\varphi \in \mathcal{H}_m$, then

$$\lim_{|t| \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{|\alpha|=m} \| e^{itH_0} (x/t)^\alpha e^{-itH_0} \varphi - (-i\partial)^\alpha \varphi \| = 0.$$

In particular,

$$\lim_{|t| \rightarrow \infty} |t|^{-m} \| e^{-itH_0} \varphi \|_{0,m} = \| (-\Delta)^{m/2} \varphi \|.$$

Theorems 1-2 describe the formation of dispersion with finite velocity of quantum dynamics. In other words, quantum states are well localized. Of course, as was noted by Hunziker [9], the description of localization in terms of supports of wavefunctions is in vain. The results of Hayashi-Ozawa [7], Masuda [11] and Ozawa [12] will explain this kind of uselessness.

There is a large literature on the problem of invariant domains for e^{-itH} ([3], [4], [6], [9], [13], [14], [18]). Hunziker [9] showed that for any $m \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$, $D_m = \bigcap_{j+|\alpha| \leq m} D(x^\alpha H^j)$ is invariant under e^{-itH} without

assuming (H_m) for $m \geq 3$. Moreover, in [9] it is shown that part (2) of Theorem 2 holds if all derivatives of V are bounded and continuous. The space D_m , however, does not always fit into a detailed description of the regularity preservation property of e^{-itH} . For example, if

$$V(x) = -(n-1)/2|x|, \varphi(x) = e^{-|x|} \text{ for } n \geq 3, \text{ then } e^{-itH} \varphi = e^{it/2} \varphi \in \bigcap_{m \geq 0} D_m$$

while $e^{-itH} \varphi \notin H^{n/2+1,0}$, $t \in \mathbb{R}$. Radin and Simon [14] obtained part (1) and (1.3) of Theorem 1 in the case $m \leq 2$, where the condition (H_1) is guaranteed by the Heinz-Kato theorem [16]. In addition, they showed some examples which illustrate how local singularities in V cause the breakdown of invariance in the case $m > 2$. This leads to the observation that the assumption (H_m) controls local singularities in V . The problem then arises what conditions on V ensure (H_m) . A sufficient condition is

given by:

THEOREM 4. — *Let $m \in \mathbb{N}$. When $m \geq 3$, suppose that $\partial^\alpha V$ is bounded from $H^{1+|\alpha|, 0}$ to L^2 for all $1 \leq |\alpha| \leq m-2$. Then $D(|H|^{m/2}) = H^{m, 0}$.*

Theorem 4 improves the previous results of Arai [2], Ozawa [13] and Wilcox [18]. As a simple application of Theorems 1, 4 and an inequality of Herbst ([8], Theorem 2.5), we have:

THEOREM 5. — *Let $V(x) = \sum_{j=1}^k \lambda_j |x|^{-\mu_j}$, $\lambda_j \in \mathbb{R}$, $\mu_j > 0$, $k \in \mathbb{N}$, and let $\mu = \max_{1 \leq j \leq k} \mu_j$. The assumptions in Theorem 1 are satisfied in the following cases:*

- (1) $0 < \mu < n/2$ ($n \leq 4$), $0 < \mu < 2$ ($n \geq 5$), when $m \leq 2$.
- (2) $0 < \mu < n/2 - 1$ ($n = 3, 4$), $0 < \mu \leq 1$ ($n \geq 5$), when $m = 3$.
- (3) $0 < \mu \leq 1$ ($n \geq 2m - 1$), when $m \geq 4$.

The contents of the paper are as follows. In Section 2 we prove Theorems 1-3. The proof of Theorem 1 uses a differential inequality for $\|e^{-itH} \varphi\|_{0, m}^2$ ([3], [4], [14]) and an integral representation for $x^\alpha e^{-itH} \varphi$ [9]. For this purpose we approximate the weight functions by rapidly decreasing functions [9] and the initial data by the resolvent of H . The regularization by the resolvent has the advantage that it commutes with e^{-itH} , which enables us to obtain *a priori* estimates without regularizing the potential V . In Section 3 we prove Theorem 4 by expanding $(H_0 + V)^m$ out. Section 4 is devoted to a characterization of invariant subspaces for e^{-itH} in terms of the resolvent estimates for H . This will be done in a rather general setting by making use of the Hille-Yosida theorem. Related results have been obtained by Schonbeck [15].

Throughout the paper we use the following notations. For $s \in \mathbb{R}$ [s] denotes the largest integer $\leq s$; $[\cdot, \cdot]$ denotes the commutator; $\partial_t = \partial/\partial t$; ∂_j denotes the distributional derivative with respect to the j -th coordinate;

$\nabla = (\partial_1, \dots, \partial_n)$; $\Delta = \sum_{j=1}^n \partial_j^2$; for a multi-index $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ we set

$$|\alpha| = \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j, \quad \alpha! = \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j!,$$

$$\binom{\alpha}{\beta} = \alpha! / \beta! (\beta - \alpha)! \quad (\beta \leq \alpha),$$

$$\partial^\alpha = \prod_{j=1}^n \partial_j^{\alpha_j}, \quad x^\alpha = \prod_{j=1}^n x_j^{\alpha_j},$$

$$x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n; \quad \partial^0 = x^0 = 1;$$

\mathcal{F} denotes the Fourier transform according to the normalization $(\mathcal{F}\psi)(\xi) = (2\pi)^{-n/2} \int \exp(-ix \cdot \xi) \psi(x) dx$; \mathcal{S} denotes the Fréchet space of rapidly decreasing functions from \mathbb{R}^n to \mathbb{C} ; \mathcal{S}' denotes the dual of \mathcal{S} ; L^2 denotes the Lebesgue space $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ or $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \otimes \mathbb{C}^n$, with the norm denoted by $\|\cdot\|$; (\cdot, \cdot) denotes the L^2 -scalar product and various anti-dualities; $C(I; B)$ denotes the Fréchet space of continuous functions from an interval $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ to a Banach space B ; $C^k(I; B)$, $k \in \mathbb{N}$, denotes the space of k -times continuously differentiable functions from I to B ; $\mathcal{L}(B)$ denotes the Banach space of bounded operators in B .

Different constants might be denoted by the same letter C , and if necessary, by $C(\star, \dots, \star)$ in order to indicate the dependence on the quantities appearing in parentheses. The summation over an empty set is understood to be zero. A function, its value at a point, and the multiplication operator by that function might be denoted by the same symbol when this causes no confusion.

2. PROOF OF THEOREMS 1-3

We start with some fundamental lemmas. For $\varepsilon \neq 0$ and $s \in \mathbb{R}$, ζ_ε and ω^s denote the functions on \mathbb{R}^n given respectively by $\zeta_\varepsilon(x) = \exp(-|\varepsilon x|^2)$ and $\omega^s(x) = (1 + |x|^2)^{s/2}$. For $\lambda \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$, we set $R_\lambda = (H + i\lambda)^{-1}$.

LEMMA 2.1 (Hunziker [9; Lemma 2]). — Let $m \in \mathbb{N}$. If $u \in C(\mathbb{R}; L^2)$, then $\varepsilon^m \omega^m \zeta_\varepsilon u \rightarrow 0$, $\zeta_\varepsilon u \rightarrow u$ in $C(\mathbb{R}; L^2)$ as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$.

LEMMA 2.2. — Let $m \in \mathbb{N}$. If $\psi \in \mathcal{H}_m$, then $\psi \in \bigcap_{j=0}^m H^{j, m-j}$ and for $0 \leq j \leq m$,

$$\sum_{|\alpha|=j} \|\partial^\alpha \psi\|_{0, m-j} \leq C(j, m) \sum_{|\beta|=m} \|\partial^\beta \psi\|^{j/m} \|\psi\|_{0, m}^{1-j/m}. \tag{2.1}$$

Proof. — It suffices to prove (2.1) for $\psi \in C_0^\infty$, since C_0^∞ is dense in \mathcal{H}_m and the norm $\|\psi\|_{k, s} = \|\psi\|_{0, s} + \sum_{|\alpha|=k} \|\partial^\alpha \psi\|_{0, s}$ is an equivalent norm on $H^{k, s}$ if $k \in \mathbb{N}$, $s \in \mathbb{R}$ (see Triebel [17], Theorems 1, 3 and 4). The L.H.S. of (2.1) is estimated by $C \sum_{|\alpha|=j} \|\partial^\alpha \psi\| + C \sum_{|\alpha|=j} \|\psi\| |x|^{m-j} \|\partial^\alpha \psi\|$. By Hölder's

inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{|\alpha|=j} \|\partial^\alpha \psi\| &= \sum_{|\alpha|=j} \|\xi^\alpha \mathcal{F} \psi\| \\ &\leq C \|\xi\|^m \|\mathcal{F} \psi\|^{j/m} \|\mathcal{F} \psi\|^{1-j/m} \\ &= C \left(\sum_{|\beta|=m} \frac{m!}{\beta!} \|\xi^\beta \mathcal{F} \psi\|^2 \right)^{j/2m} \|\psi\|^{1-j/m} \\ &\leq C \sum_{|\beta|=m} \|\partial^\beta \psi\|^{j/m} \|\psi\|^{1-j/m}. \end{aligned}$$

By an interpolation inequality of Lin [10],

$$\sum_{|\alpha|=j} \|\lambda |x|^{m-j} \partial^\alpha \psi\| \leq C \sum_{|\beta|=m} \|\partial^\beta \psi\|^{j/m} \|\lambda |x|^m \psi\|^{1-j/m}.$$

Collecting these estimates, we obtain (2.1).

Q.E.D.

LEMMA 2.3. — *Let $m \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ and $|\alpha| \leq 1$. Then:*

(1) *For any $|\lambda| \geq 1$, $\partial^\alpha R_\lambda \in \mathcal{L}(H^{0,m})$ and*

$$\sum_{|\alpha| \leq 1} \sup_{|\lambda| \geq 1} |\lambda|^{1-|\alpha|/2} \|\partial^\alpha R_\lambda\|_{\mathcal{L}(H^{0,m})} \leq C(m).$$

Moreover, $i\lambda R_\lambda \rightarrow 1$ strongly in $\mathcal{L}(H^{0,m})$ as $|\lambda| \rightarrow \infty$.

(2) *Suppose in addition that (H_m) holds when $m \geq 3$. Then for any $|\lambda| \geq 1$, $R_\lambda \in \mathcal{L}(H^{m,0})$ and $\sup_{|\lambda| \geq 1} \|\lambda\| R_\lambda\|_{\mathcal{L}(H^{m,0})} \leq C(m)$. Moreover, $i\lambda R_\lambda \rightarrow 1$ strongly in $\mathcal{L}(H^{m,0})$ as $|\lambda| \rightarrow \infty$.*

Remark. — Related results have been obtained by Amrein, Cibils and Sinha [1], Lemmas 1-3.

Proof of Lemma 2.3. — (1) The proof uses induction on m . For $m=0$, it suffices to consider the case $|\alpha|=1$. Let $\psi \in L^2$. Since $D(|H|^{1/2}) = H^{1,0}$, we obtain by the closed graph theorem and the moment inequality [16]

$$\begin{aligned} \|\partial^\alpha R_\lambda \psi\| &\leq C \|\lambda |H|^{1/2} R_\lambda \psi\| + C \|R_\lambda \psi\| \\ &\leq C \|\lambda R_\lambda \psi\|^{1/2} \|R_\lambda \psi\|^{1/2} \\ &\quad + C |\lambda|^{-1} \|\psi\| \leq C (|\lambda|^{-1/2} + |\lambda|^{-1}) \|\psi\|, \end{aligned}$$

as required. Let $m \geq 1$ and assume that part (1) holds for all $j \leq m-1$. We have for $\psi \in H^{0,m}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta_\varepsilon \omega^m R_\lambda \psi &= R_\lambda \zeta_\varepsilon \omega^m \psi + R_\lambda [H, \zeta_\varepsilon \omega^m] R_\lambda \psi \\ &= R_\lambda \zeta_\varepsilon \omega^m \psi - R_\lambda \zeta_\varepsilon f_{m,\varepsilon} R_\lambda \psi - R_\lambda \zeta_\varepsilon g_{m,\varepsilon} x \cdot \nabla R_\lambda \psi, \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} f_{m,\varepsilon}(x) &= (m/2)(n\omega^2(x) + (m-2)|x|^2)\omega^{m-4}(x) \\ &\quad - ((n-2|\varepsilon x|^2)\varepsilon^2\omega^2(x) + 2m|\varepsilon x|^2)\omega^{m-2}(x), \\ g_{m,\varepsilon}(x) &= (m-2\varepsilon^2\omega^2(x))\omega^{m-2}(x). \end{aligned}$$

By the induction hypothesis and Lemma 2. 1, the R.H.S. of (2. 2) converges to $R_\lambda \omega^2 \psi - R_\lambda f_m R_\lambda \psi - R_\lambda g_m x \cdot \nabla R_\lambda \psi$ in L^2 as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$, where $f_m(x) = (m/2)(n\omega^2(x) + (m-2)|x|^2)\omega^{m-4}(x)$, $g_m(x) = m\omega^{m-2}(x)$. It follows from the closedness of the multiplication operator ω^m that $R_\lambda \psi \in H^{0, m}$ and that

$$\omega^m R_\lambda \psi = R_\lambda \omega^m \psi - R_\lambda f_m R_\lambda \psi - R_\lambda g_m x \cdot \nabla R_\lambda \psi. \tag{2. 3}$$

Therefore, again by the induction hypothesis we obtain

$$\|i\lambda R_\lambda \psi - \psi\|_{0, m} \leq \|i\lambda R_\lambda \psi - \psi\|_{0, m} \leq C(|\lambda|^{-1} + |\lambda|^{-2} + |\lambda|^{-3/2}) \|\psi\|_{0, m},$$

$$\|i\lambda R_\lambda \psi - \psi\|_{0, m} \leq \|(i\lambda R_\lambda - 1)\omega^m \psi\| + C(|\lambda|^{-1} + |\lambda|^{-1/2}) \|\psi\|_{0, m} \rightarrow 0$$

as $|\lambda| \rightarrow \infty$. Noting that every term on the R.H.S. of (2. 3) is in $H^{1, 0}$, we have $\omega^m R_\lambda \psi \in H^{1, 0}$ so that for $|\alpha| = 1$, $\partial^\alpha(\omega^m R_\lambda \psi) - (\partial^\alpha \omega^m) R_\lambda \psi \in L^2$, i. e., $\partial^\alpha R_\lambda \psi \in H^{0, m}$. Consequently,

$$\sum_{|\alpha|=1} \|\partial^\alpha R_\lambda \psi\|_{0, m} \leq \sum_{|\alpha|=1} (\|\partial^\alpha R_\lambda \omega^m \psi\| + \|\partial^\alpha R_\lambda f_m R_\lambda \psi\| + \|\partial^\alpha R_\lambda g_m x \cdot \nabla R_\lambda \psi\| + \|(\partial^\alpha \omega^m) R_\lambda \psi\|)$$

$$\leq C(|\lambda|^{-1/2} + |\lambda|^{-3/2} + |\lambda|^{-1}) \|\psi\|_{0, m}.$$

This proves part (1).

(2) Since $D(|H|^{m/2}) = H^{m, 0}$, we obtain for $\psi \in H^{m, 0}$

$$\|R_\lambda \psi\|_{m, 0} \leq C\|(|H|^{m/2} + 1)R_\lambda \psi\| = C\|R_\lambda(|H|^{m/2} + 1)\psi\| \leq C|\lambda|^{-1}\|\psi\|_{m, 0},$$

$$\|(i\lambda R_\lambda - 1)\psi\|_{m, 0} \leq C\|(i\lambda R_\lambda - 1)(|H|^{m/2} + 1)\psi\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } |\lambda| \rightarrow \infty.$$

Q.E.D.

Proof of Theorem 1. - From (H_m) , the commutativity on $D(|H|^{m/2})$ of e^{-itH} and $|H|^{m/2}$, and the unitary in L^2 of e^{-itH} , we see that e^{-itH} leaves $H^{m, 0}$ invariant and has the estimate (1. 1) and that the map $\mathbb{R} \times H^{m, 0} \ni (t, \varphi) \mapsto e^{-itH} \varphi \in H^{m, 0}$ is continuous. From now on we use these facts without particular comments. Parts (1)-(3) will follow if we can show that

- (1)_m $e^{-itH}(\mathcal{H}_m) \subset \mathcal{H}_m, t \in \mathbb{R}$;
- (2)_m the map $\mathbb{R} \times \mathcal{H}_m \ni (t, \varphi) \mapsto e^{-itH} \varphi \in H^{0, m}$ is continuous;
- (3)_m $\|e^{-itH} \varphi\|_{0, m} \leq C(m)(\|\varphi\|_{0, m} + |t|^m \|\varphi\|_{m, 0}), (t, \varphi) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathcal{H}_m$.

Since (H_m) implies (H_j) for all $j \leq m$ by the Heinz-Kato theorem [16], we use induction on m in order to prove that (H_m) implies $(1)_m - (3)_m$. For $m=0$ we have nothing to prove. Let $m \geq 1$ and assume that our claim holds for $m-1$. We proceed to the case m . For $\psi \in (H^{\max(m, 2), 0} \cap H^{0, m-1}) \setminus \{0\}$, we set $v(t) = e^{-itH} \psi, t \in \mathbb{R}$. Then

$$\zeta_\varepsilon \omega^m v \in C^1(\mathbb{R}; L^2) \cap C(\mathbb{R}; H^{2, 0}), i \frac{d}{dt} \zeta_\varepsilon \omega^m v = \zeta_\varepsilon \omega^m H v \text{ and moreover,}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \|(\zeta_\varepsilon \omega^m + i)v(t)\|^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 2 \mathcal{R}e \left(\frac{d}{dt} \zeta_\varepsilon \omega^m v(t), \zeta_\varepsilon \omega^m v(t) \right) \\
&= 2 \mathcal{I}m (\zeta_\varepsilon \omega^m H_0 v(t), \zeta_\varepsilon \omega^m v(t)) \\
&= 2 \mathcal{I}m ([\zeta_\varepsilon \omega^m, H_0] v(t), \zeta_\varepsilon \omega^m v(t)) \\
&= 2m \mathcal{I}m (\omega^{m-2} x \cdot \nabla (\zeta_\varepsilon v(t)), \zeta_\varepsilon \omega^m v(t)) \\
&\quad - 4\varepsilon^2 \mathcal{I}m (\zeta_\varepsilon \omega^m x \cdot \nabla v(t), \zeta_\varepsilon \omega^m v(t)).
\end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 2.2, the R.H.S. of the last equality is estimated by

$$\begin{aligned}
C \|\omega^m \zeta_\varepsilon v(t)\|^{2-1/m} \sum_{|\alpha|=m} \|\partial^\alpha (\zeta_\varepsilon v(t))\|^{1/m} \\
+ C \|\varepsilon^2 \zeta_\varepsilon \omega^m x \cdot \nabla v(t)\| \|\zeta_\varepsilon \omega^m v(t)\| \\
\leq C \|(\zeta_\varepsilon \omega^m + i)v(t)\|^{2-1/m} \sum_{|\alpha|=m} \|\partial^\alpha (\zeta_\varepsilon v(t))\|^{1/m} \\
+ C \|\varepsilon^2 \zeta_\varepsilon \omega^m x \cdot \nabla v(t)\| \|(\zeta_\varepsilon \omega^m + i)v(t)\|.
\end{aligned}$$

Since $\|(\zeta_\varepsilon \omega^m + i)v(t)\| \geq \|v(t)\| = \|\psi\| > 0$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\left| \frac{d}{dt} \|(\zeta_\varepsilon \omega^m + i)v(t)\|^{1/m} \right| \\
\leq C \sum_{|\alpha|=m} \|\partial^\alpha (\zeta_\varepsilon v(t))\|^{1/m} \\
+ C \|\varepsilon^2 \zeta_\varepsilon \omega^m x \cdot \nabla v(t)\| \|\psi\|^{1/m-1}. \quad (2.4)
\end{aligned}$$

Now, for $\varphi \in \mathcal{H}_m \setminus \{0\}$, we set $u(t) = e^{-itH} \varphi$, $t \in \mathbb{R}$. By the induction hypothesis, $u \in C(\mathbb{R}; H^{0, m-1} \cap H^{m, 0})$. It follows from Lemma 2.3 that for $|\lambda| \geq 1$, $i\lambda R_\lambda \varphi \in (H^{\max(m, 2), 0} \cap H^{0, m}) \setminus \{0\}$ and furthermore,

$$\omega^{m-2} x \cdot \nabla i\lambda R_\lambda u \in C(\mathbb{R}; L^2), \quad (2.5)$$

$$\sup_{|\lambda| \geq 1} \|i\lambda R_\lambda \varphi\|_{m, 0} \leq C \|\varphi\|_{m, 0}, \quad (2.6)$$

$$\sup_{|\lambda| \geq 1} \|i\lambda R_\lambda \varphi\|_{0, m} \leq C \|\varphi\|_{0, m}, \quad (2.7)$$

$$i\lambda R_\lambda \varphi \rightarrow \varphi \text{ in } \mathcal{H}_m \text{ as } |\lambda| \rightarrow \infty. \quad (2.8)$$

Since R_λ and e^{-itH} commute, $i\lambda R_\lambda u \in C(\mathbb{R}; H^{m, 0})$ and

$$\sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \|i\lambda R_\lambda u(t) - u(t)\| = \|i\lambda R_\lambda \varphi - \varphi\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } |\lambda| \rightarrow \infty.$$

Integrating (2.4) with ψ replaced by $i\lambda R_\lambda \varphi$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\|(\zeta_\varepsilon \omega^m + i)i\lambda R_\lambda u(t)\|^{1/m} &\leq \|(\zeta_\varepsilon \omega^m + i)i\lambda R_\lambda \varphi\|^{1/m} \\
+ C \left| \int_0^t \sum_{|\alpha|=m} \|\partial^\alpha (\zeta_\varepsilon i\lambda R_\lambda u(s))\|^{1/m} ds \right| &+ C \|i\lambda R_\lambda \varphi\|^{1/m-1} \\
&\times \left| \int_0^t \sum_{|\alpha|=m} \|\varepsilon^2 \zeta_\varepsilon \omega^m x \cdot \nabla i\lambda R_\lambda u(s)\| ds \right|, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (2.9)
\end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 2.1 and (2.5), the R.H.S. of (2.9) converges to

$$\left\| (\omega^m + i) i \lambda R_\lambda \varphi \right\|^{1/m} + C \left| \int_0^t \sum_{|\alpha|=m} \left\| \partial^\alpha (i \lambda R_\lambda u(s)) \right\|^{1/m} ds \right| \quad (2.10)$$

as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$. By Fatou's lemma, $(\omega^m + i) i \lambda R_\lambda u(t) \in L^2$ and $\left\| (\omega^m + i) i \lambda R_\lambda u(t) \right\|^{1/m}$ is estimated by (2.10). Now we use (2.6), (2.7) and the commutativity of R_λ and e^{-itH} to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| (\omega^m + i) i \lambda R_\lambda u(t) \right\| &\leq C \left\| (\omega^m + i) i \lambda R_\lambda \varphi \right\| \\ &+ C \left| \int_0^t \sum_{|\alpha|=m} \left\| \partial^\alpha (i \lambda R_\lambda u(s)) \right\|^{1/m} ds \right|^m \\ &\leq C \left\| \varphi \right\|_{0,m} + C |t|^m \left\| \varphi \right\|_{m,0}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

where C is independent of $|\lambda| \geq 1$. In the same way as above,

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| (\omega^m + i) (i \lambda R_\lambda u(t) - i \mu R_\mu u(t)) \right\| \\ \leq C \left\| i \lambda R_\lambda \varphi - i \mu R_\mu \varphi \right\|_{0,m} \\ + C |t|^m \left\| i \lambda R_\lambda \varphi - i \mu R_\mu \varphi \right\|_{m,0}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

where C is independent of $|\lambda|, |\mu| \geq 1$. By (2.8), (2.11), (2.12) and the closedness of the multiplication operator $\omega^m + i$, we obtain $(1)_m$ and $(3)_m$. Since part (4) with $(3)_m$ gives $(2)_m$, we prove part (4), following Hunziker [9]. Let $|\alpha| \leq m$. By integrating the Heisenberg type equation $\frac{d}{dt}(e^{itH} \zeta_\varepsilon x^\alpha u(t)) = ie^{itH} [H, \zeta_\varepsilon x^\alpha] u(t)$,

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta_\varepsilon x^\alpha u(t) &= e^{-itH} \zeta_\varepsilon x^\alpha \varphi - i \int_0^t e^{-i(t-s)H} ((1/2) (\Delta x^\alpha) \\ &- (n+2|\alpha|)\varepsilon^2 x^\alpha + 2\varepsilon^4 x^\alpha |x|^2) \zeta_\varepsilon u(s) ds \\ &- i \int_0^t e^{-i(t-s)H} \zeta_\varepsilon ((\nabla x^\alpha) - (2\varepsilon^2 x^\alpha) \cdot \nabla) u(s) ds. \end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

Since we already know $(3)_m$ and $u \in C(\mathbb{R}; H^{m,0} \cap H^{0,m-1})$, we see from Lemma 2.2 that $(\nabla x^\alpha) \cdot \nabla u \in C(\mathbb{R}; L^2)$ and that (2.13) converges to

$$x^\alpha u(t) = e^{-itH} x^\alpha \varphi - i \int_0^t e^{-i(t-s)H} ((1/2) (\Delta x^\alpha) + (\nabla x^\alpha) \cdot \nabla) u(s) ds$$

in L^2 as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$. Part (4) then follows by the standard argument.

Q.E.D.

Proof of Theorem 2. — It follows from Sobolev's lemma and Lemma 2.2 that $\{ \|\cdot\|_m; m \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \}$ constitutes a fundamental system of seminorms on \mathcal{S} , and hence part (2) follows from Theorem 1. It remains to prove that $\mathbb{R} \ni t \mapsto e^{-itH} \varphi \in \mathcal{S}$ is C^∞ for any $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}$. In view of part (2), this is equivalent to showing that $H^k \varphi \in \mathcal{S}$ for any $k \in \mathbb{N}$. By assumption, for

any $m \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\|H^k \varphi\|_{2m, 0} \leq C \|H^{m+k} \varphi\| + C \|H^k \varphi\| \leq C \|\varphi\|_{2(k+m), 0}$$

so that $H^k \varphi \in \bigcap_{l \geq 0} H^{l, 0}$. Therefore we are reduced to proving that $H^k \varphi \in \bigcap_{m \geq 0} H^{0, m}$ for any $k \in \mathbb{N}$. To this end we first prove by induction on k that for any $m \geq 1$ and $\psi \in \mathcal{H}_{2k+m-2}$

$$\sum_{\substack{j+l \leq k \\ j \geq 0, l \geq 1}} \|H^j [H^l, \omega^m] \psi\| \leq C \|\psi\|_{2k+m-2}. \quad (2.14)$$

Let $k=1$. We have $[H, \omega^m] \psi = -(1/2)(\Delta \omega^m) \psi - (\nabla \omega^m) \cdot \nabla \psi$. By Lemma 2.2, $\|[H, \omega^m] \psi\| \leq C \|\psi\|_m$, as required. Let $k \geq 1$ and assume that (2.14) holds. We proceed to the case $k+1$. We use the formula

$$[H^{\tilde{l}}, \omega^m] = H^{\tilde{l}-1} [H, \omega^m] + \sum_{j=0}^{\tilde{l}-2} H^j [H^{\tilde{l}-1-j}, \omega^m] H. \quad (2.15)$$

Now let $j+l \leq k$. By (2.15) and the induction hypothesis,

$$\begin{aligned} \|H^{j+1} [H^l, \omega^m] \psi\| &\leq \|H^{l+j} [H, \omega^m] \psi\| \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=0}^{l-2} \|H^{j+1+j} [H^{l-1-j}, \omega^m] H \psi\| \\ &\leq C \|[H, \omega^m] \psi\|_{2(l+j), 0} + C \|\psi\|_{2k+m-2} \leq C \|\psi\|_{2k+m}, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used (H_{l+j}) , Lemma 2.2, and Hunziker's lemma [9], Lemma 1. Similarly,

$$\|H^j [H^{l+1}, \omega^m] \psi\| \leq C \|\psi\|_{2k+m}.$$

Therefore (2.14) holds for any $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

We now prove that $H^k \varphi \in \bigcap_{m \geq 0} H^{0, m}$ for any $k \in \mathbb{N}$. By (2.14) and

Lemma 2.2,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\omega^m H^k \psi\| &\leq \|H^k, \omega^m\| \|\psi\| + \|H^k \omega^m \psi\| \\ &\leq C \|\psi\|_{2k+m-2} + C \|\omega^m \psi\|_{2k, 0} \leq C \|\psi\|_{2k+m}, \end{aligned}$$

as desired.

Q.E.D.

Proof of Theorem 3. — Let $\varphi \in \mathcal{H}_m$. By making use of the Fourier transform and the Hermite polynomials, we have for $|\alpha| = m$,

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathcal{F}(e^{itH_0} (x/t)^\alpha e^{-itH_0} \varphi - (-i\partial)^\alpha \varphi) \\ &= (i/t)^m (\exp(i(t/2)|\xi|^2) \partial^\alpha (\exp(-i(t/2)|\xi|^2) - (-it\xi)^\alpha) \mathcal{F} \varphi \\ &= (i/t)^m \left(\sum_{\beta \leq \alpha} \sum_{\gamma \leq [\beta/2]} \binom{\alpha}{\beta} \frac{\beta! (-1)^{|\beta+\gamma|}}{\gamma! (\beta-2\gamma)!} 2^{-|\gamma|} (it)^{|\beta-\gamma|} \xi^{\beta-2\gamma} \partial^{\alpha-\beta} \mathcal{F} \varphi \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$+ \sum_{0 \neq \gamma \leq [\alpha/2]} \frac{\alpha! (-1)^{|\alpha+\gamma|}}{\gamma! (\alpha-2\gamma)!} 2^{-|\gamma|} (it)^{|\alpha-\gamma|} \xi^{\alpha-2\gamma} \mathcal{F} \varphi \Big),$$

where $[\beta/2] = ([\beta_1/2], \dots, [\beta_n/2])$. By Lemma 2.2, the R.H.S. of the last equality converges to zero in L^2 as $|t| \rightarrow \infty$. This implies the first equality in the theorem. The second equality follows from the first one since

$$\begin{aligned} \|e^{-itH_0} \varphi\|_{0,m}^2 &= \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{|\alpha|=j} \binom{m}{j} \frac{j!}{\alpha!} \|x^\alpha e^{-itH_0} \varphi\|^2 \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{|\alpha|=j} \binom{m}{j} \frac{j!}{\alpha!} \|e^{itH_0} x^\alpha e^{-itH_0} \varphi\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Q.E.D.

3. PROOF OF THEOREM 4

It is enough to consider the case $m \geq 3$. Let $k = [m/2]$. By the assumption made on the derivatives of V , V^l is bounded from $H^{2l,0}$ to L^2 for all $l \leq k-1$, and moreover, $\prod_{h=1}^l \partial^{\alpha_h} V$ is bounded from $H^{l+|\alpha_1+\dots+\alpha_l|,0}$ to L^2 whenever $1 \leq l \leq k-1$, $1 \leq |\alpha_1+\dots+\alpha_l| \leq 2(k-l)$. Let $\psi \in \mathcal{S}$. We have by induction that for all $j=1, \dots, k$, $H^j \psi$ is in $D(H) = H^{2,0}$ and

$$\begin{aligned} H^j \psi &= \sum_{l=0}^j \binom{j}{l} V^l H_0^{j-l} \psi + \sum_{l=1}^{j-1} \\ &\times \sum_{\substack{|\beta| \leq 2(j-l)-1 \\ |\alpha_1+\dots+\alpha_l+\beta|=2(j-l)}} C(j, l, \{\alpha_h\}, \beta) \left(\sum_{h=1}^l \partial^{\alpha_h} V \right) \partial^\beta \psi, \quad (3.1) \end{aligned}$$

where every term on the R.H.S. is in L^2 by the preceding remarks. This proves $\mathcal{S} \subset D(H^k)$ and

$$\| |H|^k \psi \| = \| H^k \psi \| \leq C \| \psi \|_{2k,0}, \quad \psi \in \mathcal{S}. \quad (3.2)$$

If $m = 2k+1$, again by the above remarks every term on the R.H.S. of (3.1) with $j=k$ is in $H^{1,0}$ and

$$\| |H|^k \psi \|_{1,0} \leq C \| \psi \|_{2k+1,0}, \quad \psi \in \mathcal{S},$$

which when combined with the fact $D(|H|^{1/2}) = H^{1,0}$, shows

$$\begin{aligned} \| |H|^{m/2} \psi \| &= \| |H|^{1/2} H^k \psi \| \\ &\leq C \| H^k \psi \|_{1,0} \leq C \| \psi \|_{m,0}, \quad \psi \in \mathcal{S}. \quad (3.3) \end{aligned}$$

The inclusion $D(|H|^{m/2}) \supset H^{m,0}$ then follows from (3.2) and (3.3), since \mathcal{S} is dense in $H^{m,0}$ and $|H|^{m/2}$ is closed. We now prove the reverse inclusion

$D(|H|^{m/2}) \subset H^{m,0}$ by induction. Let $m \geq 3$ and assume that $D(|H|^{(m-1)/2}) \subset H^{m-1,0}$. Let $\psi \in D(|H|^{m/2})$. By the induction hypothesis, $\psi \in H^{m-1,0}$. In order to prove that $\psi \in H^{m,0}$, we distinguish between the following two cases:

(1) $m = 2k + 1$, $k \geq 1$. (2) $m = 2k$, $k \geq 2$.

(1) When $m = 2k + 1$, it is sufficient to prove that $\partial^\alpha \psi \in D(H^k)$ for all $|\alpha| = 1$. This will follow if we can show that

$$\sum_{|\alpha|=1} |(\partial^\alpha \psi, H^k \varphi)| \leq C (\| |H|^{m/2} \psi \| + \| \psi \|) \| \varphi \|, \quad \varphi \in D(H^k). \quad (3.4)$$

We approximate ψ by a sequence $\{\psi_j\}$ in \mathcal{S} such that $\psi_j \rightarrow \psi$ in $H^{m-1,0}$ as $j \rightarrow \infty$. Consequently, $H^k \psi_j \rightarrow H^k \psi$ in L^2 as $j \rightarrow \infty$. By (3.1) with $j = k$,

$$\begin{aligned} (\partial^\alpha \psi_j, H^k \varphi) &= (H^k, \partial^\alpha \psi_j, \varphi) + (\partial^\alpha H^k \psi_j, \varphi) \\ &= \sum_{l=1}^k \binom{k}{l} ([V^l, \partial^\alpha] H_0^{k-l} \psi_j, \varphi) - (H^k \psi_j, \partial^\alpha \varphi) \\ &\quad + \sum_{l=1}^{k-1} \sum_{\substack{|\beta| \leq 2(k-l)-1 \\ |\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_l + \beta| = 2(k-l)}} C(k, l, \{\alpha_h\}, \beta) \left(\left[\prod_{h=1}^l \partial^{\alpha_h} V, \partial^\alpha \right] \partial^\beta \psi_j, \varphi \right). \end{aligned}$$

In the same way as before, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|[V^l, \partial^\alpha] H_0^{k-l} \psi_j\| &\leq C \| H_0^{k-l} \psi_j \|_{2l,0} \leq C \| \psi_j \|_{2k,0}, \\ \left\| \left[\prod_{h=1}^l \partial^{\alpha_h} V, \partial^\alpha \right] \partial^\beta \psi_j \right\| &\leq C \| \partial^\beta \psi_j \|_{l+|\alpha_1+\dots+\alpha_l+1,0} \leq C \| \psi_j \|_{2k,0}, \end{aligned}$$

and therefore

$$|(\partial^\alpha \psi_j, H^k \varphi)| \leq C \| \psi_j \|_{2k,0} \| \varphi \| + |(H^k \psi_j, \partial^\alpha \varphi)| \quad (3.5)$$

Taking the limit $j \rightarrow \infty$ in (3.5), we have

$$|(\partial^\alpha \psi, H^k \varphi)| \leq C \| \psi \|_{2k,0} \| \varphi \| + |(H^k \psi, \partial^\alpha \varphi)|,$$

which yields (3.4) since

$$\begin{aligned} \| \psi \|_{2k} + \| \partial^\alpha H^k \psi \| &\leq C (\| |H|^k \psi \| + \| \psi \| \\ &\quad + \| |H|^{1/2} H^k \psi \|) \leq C \| |H|^{m/2} \psi \| + C \| \psi \|. \end{aligned}$$

(2) When $m = 2k$, it suffices to prove that $\Delta \psi \in D(H^{k-1})$. This will follow if we can show that

$$|(\Delta \psi, H^{k-1} \varphi)| \leq C (\| |H|^{m/2} \psi \| + \| \psi \|) \| \varphi \|, \quad \varphi \in D(H^{k-1}). \quad (3.6)$$

The proof of (3.6) is parallel to that of (3.4). We approximate ψ by a sequence $\{\psi_j\}$ in \mathcal{S} such that $\psi_j \rightarrow \psi$ in $H^{m-1,0}$ as $j \rightarrow \infty$. Consequently, $H^{k-1} \psi_j \rightarrow H^{k-1} \psi$ in L^2 as $j \rightarrow \infty$. In the same way as before,

$$\| [H^{k-1}, \Delta] \psi_j \| \leq C \| \psi_j \|_{2k-1,0}$$

and therefore

$$|(\Delta \psi_j, H^{k-1} \varphi)| \leq C \|\psi_j\|_{2k-1,0} \|\varphi\| + |(H^{k-1} \psi_j, \Delta \varphi)|,$$

which in turn implies (3.6).

Q.E.D.

Remark. — The argument given above shows that the inclusion $H^{m,0} \subset D(|H|^{m/2})$ follows from a weaker assumption that $\partial^\alpha V$ is bounded from $H^{2+|\alpha|,0}$ to L^2 for all $|\alpha| \leq m-2$ because this implies that $\prod_{h=1}^l \partial^{\alpha_h} V$ is bounded from $H^{2l+|\alpha_1+\dots+\alpha_l|,0}$ to L^2 whenever $l \leq k-1$, $|\alpha_1+\dots+\alpha_l| \leq 2(k-l)$.

4. A CHARACTERIZATION OF INVARIANT SUBSPACES UNDER UNITARY GROUPS

Our purpose in this section is to prove the following:

THEOREM 6. — *Let X and Y be Hilbert spaces such that Y is densely and continuously embedded in X. Let T be a self-adjoint operator in X. Let m, M ∈ (0, ∞). Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

(1) e^{-itH} leaves Y invariant for any $t \in \mathbb{R}$ and has the estimate

$$\|e^{-itT} \varphi\|_Y \leq M(1+|t|^m) \|\varphi\|_Y, \quad \varphi \in Y. \tag{4.1}$$

(2) $(T+i\lambda)^{-k}$ leaves Y invariant for any $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and any $\lambda \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ and has the estimate

$$\|(T+i\lambda)^{-k} \varphi\|_Y \leq M(|\lambda|^{-k} + (\Gamma(m+k)/\Gamma(k)) |\lambda|^{-m-k}) \|\varphi\|_Y, \quad \varphi \in Y, \tag{4.2}$$

where Γ denotes the gamma function.

Proof. — (1) \Rightarrow (2): Let $\varphi \in Y$. For any $\lambda > 0$ and $k \in \mathbb{N}$ we have in X

$$(T \pm i\lambda)^{-k} \varphi = (1/(\pm i)^k \Gamma(k)) \int_0^\infty t^{k-1} e^{-t\lambda} e^{\pm itT} \varphi dt. \tag{4.3}$$

Since the map $\mathbb{R} \ni t \mapsto e^{-itT} \varphi \in X$ is continuous and satisfies (4.1), it follows that the map $\mathbb{R} \ni t \mapsto e^{-itT} \varphi \in Y$ is weakly continuous (see, Ginibre-Velo [5], Appendix 2), so that the maps $[0, \infty) \ni t \mapsto t^{k-1} e^{-t\lambda} e^{\pm itT} \varphi \in Y$ are strongly measurable and

$$\|t^{k-1} e^{-t\lambda} e^{\pm itT} \varphi\|_Y \leq M t^{k-1} (1+t^m) e^{-t\lambda} \|\varphi\|_Y, \quad t \geq 0.$$

Therefore, by Bochner's theorem the integral in (4.3) converges in Y and the R.H.S. of (4.3) is estimated in Y by

$$M(\lambda^{-k} + (\Gamma(m+k)/\Gamma(k)) \lambda^{-m-k}) \|\varphi\|_Y, \quad \lambda > 0,$$

since for any $\psi \in X$

$$|((T \pm i\lambda)^{-1} \varphi, \psi)_X| \leq M (\lambda^{-k} + (\Gamma(m+k)/\Gamma(k)) \lambda^{-m-k}) \|\varphi\|_Y \|\psi\|_{Y^*}.$$

This implies part (2).

(2) \Rightarrow (1): Let $\varphi \in Y$. By (4.2), we have for any $t > 0$ and $k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\|(1 \pm i(t/k)T)^{-k} \varphi\|_Y \leq M (1 + (\Gamma(m+k)/\Gamma(k)) k^m t^m) \|\varphi\|_Y.$$

By Stirling's formula,

$$\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|(1 \pm i(t/k)T)^{-k} \varphi\|_Y \leq M (1 + t^m) \|\varphi\|_Y.$$

On the other hand, $(1 \pm i(t/k)T)^{-k} \varphi \rightarrow e^{\mp itT} \varphi$ in X as $k \rightarrow \infty$. Therefore, $e^{\mp itT} \varphi \in Y$ and $(1 \pm i(t/k)T)^{-k} \varphi \rightarrow e^{\mp itT} \varphi$ weakly in Y as $k \rightarrow \infty$ (see Ginibre-Velo [5], Appendix 2). This implies part (1).

Q.E.D.

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