

# Spectral multipliers for generators of symmetric contraction semigroups

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Let  $(\Omega, \nu)$  be a  $\sigma$ -finite measure space, and let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a nonnegative selfadjoint operator on  $L^2(\Omega, \nu)$ .

$$T_t := e^{-t\mathcal{A}} = \int_0^\infty e^{-t\lambda} d\mathcal{P}_\lambda, \quad t > 0.$$

We shall always assume that  $(T_t)_{t>0}$  is a symmetric contraction semigroup:

$$\|T_t f\|_p \leq \|f\|_p \quad \forall f \in L^p(\Omega, \nu) \cap L^2(\Omega, \nu),$$

whenever  $t > 0$  and  $p \in [1, \infty]$ .

- The semigroup  $(T_t)_{t>0}$  is sub-Markovian if, in addition,

$$T_t f \geq 0, \quad \forall f \in L^2_+(\Omega, \nu).$$

- The semigroup  $(T_t)_{t>0}$  is Markovian if it is sub-Markovian and

$$T_t 1 = 1, \quad t > 0$$

If  $m \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}_+)$ , then by spectral theorem the operator

$$m(\mathcal{A})f = \int_0^\infty m(\lambda) d\mathcal{P}_\lambda f, \quad f \in L^2(\Omega, \nu)$$

is bounded on  $L^2(\Omega, \nu)$ .

### Definition

$$m \in \mathcal{M}_p(\mathcal{A}) \iff m(\mathcal{A}) \in \mathcal{B}(L^p(\Omega, \nu)), \quad 1 \leq p \leq \infty.$$

### Multipliers problem

Given  $p \in (1, \infty)$ , characterize  $\mathcal{M}_p(\mathcal{A})$ .

Necessary conditions? Sufficient conditions?

# A bit of notation

$$\mathbf{S}_\phi := \{z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\} : |\arg(z)| < \phi\}, \quad 0 < \phi < \pi$$

$$H^\infty(\mathbf{S}_\phi) := \{\text{bounded and holomorphic } m : \mathbf{S}_\phi \rightarrow \mathbb{C}\}$$

## Mihlin-Hörmander condition

$\psi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ , smooth, supported in  $(1/4, 4)$ ,  $\psi = 1$  in  $[1/2, 2]$ .

$$H^\infty(\mathbf{S}_\phi; J) = \{m \in H^\infty(\mathbf{S}_\phi) : \|m\|_{\phi; J} < \infty\},$$

where  $J \in \mathbb{R}_+$  and

$$\|m\|_{\phi; J} := \sup_{R>0} \left\| \psi(\cdot) m(e^{i\phi} R \cdot) \right\|_{H^J(\mathbb{R})} + \sup_{R>0} \left\| \psi(\cdot) m(e^{-i\phi} R \cdot) \right\|_{H^J(\mathbb{R})}$$

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A natural question: sharp universal multiplier theorem

$$H^\infty(\mathbf{S}_{\phi_p^*}; J) \subset \mathcal{M}_p(\mathcal{A}) \quad \forall \text{ g.s.c. } \mathcal{A} ?$$

# Universal multiplier theorems

For  $M \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}_+)$ , define its Laplace transform  $\widetilde{M}$  by

$$\widetilde{M}(\lambda) := \lambda \int_0^\infty M(t) e^{-t\lambda} dt$$

## Theorem (Stein 1970)

Suppose that  $\mathcal{A}$  is a **Markovian** generator and  $p > 1$ . Then

$$\widetilde{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}_+)} \subset \mathcal{M}_p(\mathcal{A})$$

In particular, for all  $\phi > \pi/2$ ,

$$H^\infty(\mathbf{S}_\phi) \subset \mathcal{M}_p(\mathcal{A})$$

Proof. Abstract Littlewood-Paley theory: boundedness of vertical square function via martingales theory

### Theorem (Cowling 1983)

Let  $\phi_p^C = \pi|1/2 - 1/p|$ . Then for all  $\phi > \phi_p^C$ ,

$$H^\infty(\mathbf{S}_\phi) \subset \mathcal{M}_p(\mathcal{A})$$

Proof. Coifman-Weiss transference and complex interpolation.

### Theorem (Kunstmann and Štrkalj 2003)

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be *sub-Markovian*. Then  $\exists \phi_p^{K\check{S}} < \phi_p^C$  such that, for all  $\phi > \phi_p^{K\check{S}}$

$$H^\infty(\mathbf{S}_\phi) \subset \mathcal{M}_p(\mathcal{A})$$

Proof. Analyticity, Rademacher boundedness, interpolation.

### Theorem (Kriegler 2011)

The condition that  $\mathcal{A}$  is sub-Markovian can be removed in the theorem above

Note that  $0 < \phi_p^* < \phi_p^{K\check{S}} < \phi_p^C$ ,  $p \neq 2$ .

### Theorem (C., Dragičević)

Suppose that  $J > 3/2$  and  $p > 1$ . Then,  $\forall$  g.s.c.  $\mathcal{A}$ ,

$$H^\infty(\phi_p^*; J) \subset \mathcal{M}_p(\mathcal{A}),$$

and

$$\|m(\mathcal{A})\|_p \lesssim_J C_0(p) \left( \|m\|_{\phi_p^*; J} + |m(0)| \right).$$

The angle  $\phi_p^*$  is sharp.

- The theorem in particular applies to  $\mathcal{L}_{ou}$ , as well as to O-U operators on Wiener spaces
- However for  $\mathcal{L}_{ou}$ ,  $J > 1$  suffices.
- We have  $C_0(p) \sim p^{9/4} \log p$ , for  $p > 2$ .

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$$\|\mathcal{A}^{is}f\|_p \lesssim_p (1 + |s|)^{1/2} e^{\phi_p^*|s|} \|f\|_p, \quad \forall f \in \overline{\mathbb{R}(\mathcal{A}_p)} \quad \forall s \in \mathbb{R}_-$$

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$$\gamma_\phi := \{te^{i\phi} : t > 0\} \quad \text{and} \quad \phi^* := \pi/2 - \phi$$

For  $f \in \mathbb{R}(\mathcal{A}_2) \cap \mathbb{D}(\mathcal{A}_2)$ ,

$$\mathcal{A}^{is}f = \frac{2^{1-is}}{\Gamma(1-is)} \int_{\gamma_\phi} z^{-is} \mathcal{A}T_{2z}f \, dz, \quad \phi \in [0, \pi/2)$$

Stirling's formula gives

$$\left| \int_{\Omega} \mathcal{A}^{is}(f)\overline{g} \, d\nu \right| \lesssim (1 + |s|)^{-1/2} e^{\phi^*|s|} \int_{\gamma_\phi} \left| \int_{\Omega} \mathcal{A}(T_z f)\overline{T_z g} \, d\nu \right| |dz|$$

For  $p \in (2, \infty)$  set  $q := p/(p-1)$

### Bilinear embedding (C., Dragičević)

Suppose that  $\phi \in (-\phi_p, \phi_p)$ . Then,

$$\int_{\gamma_\phi} \left| \int_{\Omega} \mathcal{A}(T_z f) \overline{T_z g} \, d\nu \right| \, d|z| \leq \frac{C_1(p)}{|\phi_p - \phi|} \left( \|f\|_p^p + \|g\|_q^q \right),$$

for all  $f \in L^p(\Omega, \nu)$  and  $g \in L^q(\Omega, \nu)$ .

- By replacing  $f$  and  $g$  with  $\lambda f$  and  $\lambda^{-1}g$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ , and optimizing in  $\lambda$ , we can replace the right hand side by

$$\frac{C_2'(p)}{|\phi_p - \phi|} \|f\|_p \|g\|_q$$

- To prove the multiplier theorem, choose  $\phi$  s.t.  
 $|\phi_p - \phi| \sim (1 + |s|)^{-1}$



# Bellman function and complex time “heat” flow

If  $Q : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ , consider the flow

$$\mathcal{E}(t) := \int_{\Omega} Q(T_{te^{i\phi}} f, T_{te^{-i\phi}} g) \, d\nu, \quad t \geq 0.$$

We are interested in finding a function  $Q$ , possibly depending on  $\phi$  and  $\rho$ , whose corresponding flow is “regular”, and

$$\mathcal{E}(0) \leq A_0(\|f\|_p^p + \|g\|_q^q) \tag{1}$$

$$-\mathcal{E}'(t) \geq B_0 \left| \int_{\Omega} \mathcal{A}(T_{te^{i\phi}} f) \overline{T_{te^{-i\phi}} g} \, d\nu \right| \tag{2}$$

If this is the case, by integrating both sides of (2) from 0 to  $\infty$ , we obtain the desired bilinear embedding.

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We first consider the special case when  $\mathcal{A} = \Delta$  is the Laplace-Beltrami operator on a complete manifold  $(M, \mu)$ .

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$H(Q) :=$  Hessian of  $Q$

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Therefore, at least in this case, the monotonicity property of  $\mathcal{E}$  holds, provided that  $Q$  satisfies

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for all  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^4$ ,  $\omega_1, \omega_2 \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .

The heat-flow method reduces the proof of the bilinear embedding to finding, for every  $p > 2$ ,  $\phi \in (-\phi_p, \phi_p)$  a function  $Q$  s.t.

- (a) The associated flow  $\mathcal{E}$  is regular (estimates of  $\partial_\zeta Q$  and  $\partial_\eta Q$ )
- (b)  $Q(\zeta, \eta) \lesssim_{p,\phi} (|\zeta|^p + |\eta|^q)$ ,  $\forall \zeta, \eta \in \mathbb{R}^2$
- (c) There exists  $\tau : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  such that

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- Note that  $\mathcal{R}_0(Q) = H(Q)$ .
- When  $\phi = 0$  similar heat-flow techniques were previously employed (for different problems) in the **Euclidean case** by Dragičević, Nazarov, Petermichl, Volberg and in the **Riemannian setting** by myself and Dragičević.

# Nazarov-Treil Bellman function: Fix $p > 2$ and $\delta > 0$

$$Q(\zeta, \eta) := |\zeta|^p + |\eta|^q + \delta \begin{cases} |\zeta|^2 |\eta|^{2-q} & ; |\zeta|^p \leq |\eta|^q \\ \frac{2}{p} |\zeta|^p + \left(\frac{2}{q} - 1\right) |\eta|^q & ; |\zeta|^p \geq |\eta|^q \end{cases}$$

- $Q \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^4)$  and  $Q \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^4 \setminus \Upsilon_0)$ , where

$$\Upsilon_0 = \{(\zeta, \eta) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2; (\eta = 0) \vee (|\zeta|^p = |\eta|^q)\}$$

- $Q(\zeta, \eta) \lesssim_\delta (|\zeta|^p + |\eta|^q)$
- $|\partial_\zeta Q(\zeta, \eta)| \lesssim_{p,\delta} \max\{|\zeta|^{p-1}, |\eta|\}, \quad |\partial_\eta Q(\zeta, \eta)| \lesssim_{q,\delta} |\eta|^{q-1}$



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The theorem was already known for  $\phi = 0$  (Nazarov and Treil), and it was very purpose of constructing the prototype of  $Q$ .

The theorem can be considered as a natural extension of a convexity result proved by Bakry for studying analyticity of diffusion semigroups

$$F_p(\zeta) := |\zeta|^p, \quad \zeta \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

### Lemma (Bakry 1989)

*The matrix*

$$\left( \mathcal{O}_\phi^T \cdot H(F_p) + H(F_p) \cdot \mathcal{O}_\phi \right)$$

*define a nonnegative quadratic form on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  iff  $\phi \in [-\phi_p, \phi_p]$ .*

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$$2 \int_{\{a,b\}} \mathcal{G}u \cdot \bar{v} \, d\nu_{a,b} = (u(a) - u(b)) \cdot \overline{(v(a) - v(b))},$$

Ineq. (\*) for  $\mathcal{G}$  follows by the mean value theorem and our theorem about  $\mathcal{R}_\phi(Q)$ .



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$$A_0 \left| \int_{\Omega} (I - T_t)(f) \bar{g} \, d\nu \right| \leq \int_{\Omega} \Re(e^{i\phi} \partial_{\zeta} Q(f, g)(I - T_t)f + \dots) \, d\nu, \quad (*)$$

for all  $f \in D(\mathcal{A}_p)$ ,  $g \in D(\mathcal{A}_q)$ , and  $\phi \in [-\phi_{p_\varepsilon}, \phi_{p_\varepsilon}]$ .

(i) ineq. (\*) is true for the heat generator on the two-point space:

$$\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{G} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

on  $\mathbb{C}^2 = L^\infty(\{a, b\}, \nu_{a,b})$ ,  $\nu_{a,b} = (\delta_a + \delta_b)/2$

$$2 \int_{\{a,b\}} \mathcal{G}u \cdot \bar{v} \, d\nu_{a,b} = (u(a) - u(b)) \cdot \overline{(v(a) - v(b))},$$

Ineq. (\*) for  $\mathcal{G}$  follows by the mean value theorem and our theorem about  $\mathcal{R}_\phi(Q)$ .

(ii) We can assume that  $\nu(\Omega) < \infty$ . Then, in the Markovian case we have the following representation formula:

Let  $\hat{\cdot} : L^\infty(\Omega, \nu) \rightarrow C(\hat{\Omega})$  be the Gelfand isomorphism, where  $\hat{\Omega}$  denotes the maximal ideal space of the  $C^*$ -algebra  $L^\infty(\Omega, \nu)$ .

Then there exists a positive symmetric Radon measure  $m_t$  on  $\hat{\Omega} \times \hat{\Omega}$  s.t.

$$\int_{\Omega} (I - T_t)(u)\bar{v} \, d\nu = \int_{\hat{\Omega} \times \hat{\Omega}} \left( \int_{\{x,y\}} \mathcal{G}\hat{u} \cdot \bar{\hat{v}} \, d\nu_{x,y} \right) dm_t(x, y),$$

for all  $u, v \in L^\infty(\Omega, \nu)$ .

Therefore, in the Markovian case, (\*) follows by combining (i) with the above rep. formula

(iii) In the general case we have to adapt the representation formula