

Different variants of generalised operator norm convergence

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Motivation I: Approximation of Laplace-like operators

Laplace operators



- on domains (with boundary) or manifolds
- describe waves or heat conduction
- spectrum (e. g. eigenvalues) describe frequency or speed of heat conduction

Two points of view:

- **A:** Perturbation of a simple problem (**limit** is simpler)
- or **B:** Approximations of complicated problems (**approximation** is simpler)
- **Question:** how is the behaviour of the spectrum and related quantities under perturbation or approximations?

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$$\lambda_\infty \in \sigma(\Delta_\infty) \not\Leftarrow \exists (\lambda_n)_n: \lambda_n \in \sigma(\Delta_n), \lambda_n \rightarrow \lambda_\infty$$
- *we might have „spectral pollution“*

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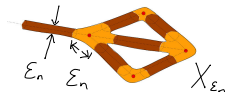
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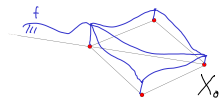
What to do if not only the operator, but also the underlying spaces are changing?
Examples . . .

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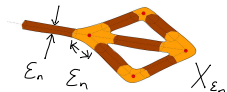
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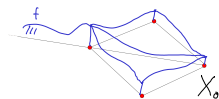
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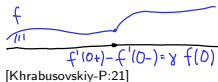
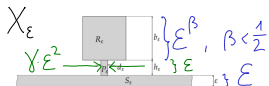


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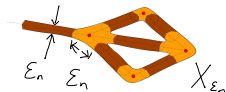
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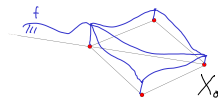


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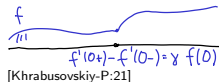
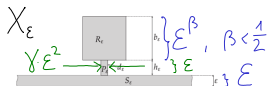


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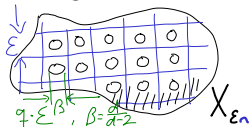
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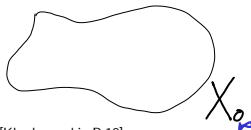
[Khrabusovskiy-P:21]

Homogenisation



Δ_n Dirichlet Laplacian

$\Delta_\infty = \Delta_{X_0}^{\text{Dir}} + q$ Dirichlet
Laplacian on X_0



[Khrabusovskiy-P:18]

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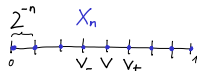
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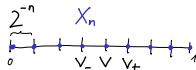
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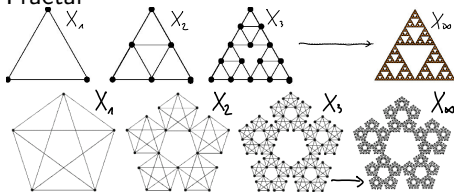
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[P-Simmer:18,19,21]

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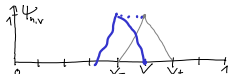
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Simple case: If $X_n \subset X_\infty$, use $\mathcal{H} := L_2(X_\infty)$.

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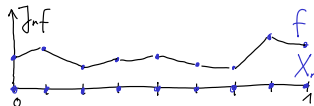


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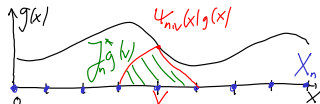
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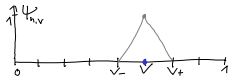
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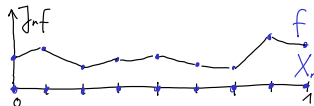


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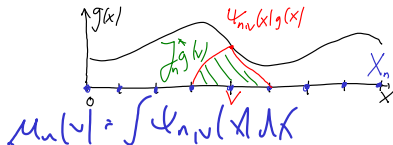
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$$f(v) = \frac{1}{\mu_n(v)} \sum_{v' \in V} f(v) \langle \psi_{n,v}, \psi_{n,v'} \rangle \quad (\text{note } \mu_n(v) := \int_{X_\infty} \psi_{n,v} d\mu_\infty)$$

(Handwritten: $\langle \psi_{n,v}, \psi_{n,v} \rangle = 1$ with arrow pointing to the inner product term)

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Generalisation of **classical norm resolvent convergence**

- $\delta_n = 0$ for (1): J_n unitary; w.l.o.g. $\mathcal{H}_n = \mathcal{H}_\infty$, $J_n = \text{id}$.

Then (2) $\Leftrightarrow \|R_n - R_\infty\| \rightarrow 0$ (**classical norm resolvent convergence**)

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Generalisation of **unitary equivalence**

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- $\sigma(\Delta_n) \rightarrow \sigma(\Delta_\infty)$ on compact intervals [also for *discrete* and *essential spectrum*], convergence of eigenfunctions

In particular: no spectral pollution

$$\lambda_\infty \in \sigma(\Delta_\infty) \iff \exists (\lambda_n)_n: \lambda_n \in \sigma(\Delta_n), \lambda_n \rightarrow \lambda_\infty$$

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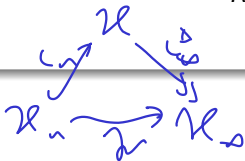
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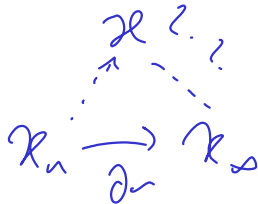
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- **Step 2:** Assume there are isometries ι_n such that $J_n = \iota_\infty^* \iota_n$ (necessarily $\|J_n\| \leq 1$) then

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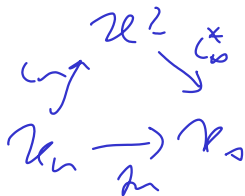
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A modified version of QUE-convergence

One can see that using a modified version of QUE-convergence leads to the **same** convergence speed in both directions:

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- Note that $\Delta_n \xrightarrow[\text{QUE}]{\text{gnrc}} \Delta_\infty$ (with δ_n) implies $\Delta_n \xrightarrow[\text{QUE}]{\text{mgncrc}} \Delta_\infty$ (with $\delta_n^{1/2}$)
- the first changed condition of the modified QUE-convergence is equivalent with

$$(0 \leq) \|f_n\|^2 - \|J_n f_n\|^2 \leq \delta_n^2 \|(\Delta_n + 1)f_n\|^2 \text{ for all } f \in \text{dom } \Delta_n$$

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Our equivalence of both concepts allows to define strong resolvent convergence also for the QUE-setting. In Weidmann's setting this is clear:

$\|\iota_n R_n \iota_n^* f - \iota_\infty R_\infty \iota_\infty^* f\|_{\mathcal{H}} \rightarrow 0$ for all $f \in \mathcal{H} \rightsquigarrow$ work in progress ...

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Clearly we have:

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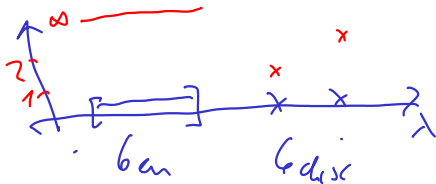
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- Azoff and Davies define the so-called crude multiplicity function

$$\alpha_{R_n}(\lambda) := \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \text{rank } \mathbb{1}_{(\lambda-r, \lambda+r)}(R_n) \in \bar{\mathbb{N}}_0 := \{0, 1, 2, \dots\} \cup \{\infty\}.$$
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- **Main observation** (from us): if $0 \in \sigma_{\text{ess}}(R_1) \cap \sigma_{\text{ess}}(R_2)$ then

$$\delta(\alpha_{R_1}, \alpha_{R_2}) = \delta(\alpha_{\iota_1 R_1 \iota_1^*}, \alpha_{\iota_2 R_2 \iota_2^*})$$

(R_n and $\iota_n R_n \iota_n^*$ differ only in 0 in their spectrum)

Sharpness of our results

- For $R_n = r_n \text{id}_{\mathcal{H}_n}$ ($r_n \in \mathbb{R}$) we have

$$\begin{aligned} d_{\text{que}}(R_1, R_2) &= \left(\frac{1}{|r_1 - r_2|^2} + \frac{1}{\max\{|r_1|^2, |r_2|^2\}} \right)^{-1/2} \\ &\leq d_{\text{iso}}(R_1, R_2) = \min\{|r_1 - r_2|, \max\{|r_1|, |r_2|\}\} \\ &\leq d_{\text{uni}}(R_1, R_2) = |r_1 - r_2| = \|R_1 - R_2\|_{\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})} = d_{\text{Hausd}}(\sigma(R_1), \sigma(R_2)) \end{aligned}$$

- the first inequality is strict if $r_1 \neq r_2$ (note that $(r_1^{-2} + r_2^{-2})^{-1/2} < \min\{r_1, r_2\}$)
- the second is strict provided $r_1 \cdot r_2 < 0$.
- For $R_1 = R$ and $R_2 = 0$ we have

$$d_{\text{que}}(R, 0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \|R\| \leq d_{\text{iso}}(R, 0) = d_{\text{uni}}(R, 0) = \|R\|.$$

This shows that the (maybe non-optimal) constant $\sqrt{3}$ has to be at least $\sqrt{2}$.

Outlook

- the quasi-metrics d_{uni} , d_{iso} and d_{que} describe actually distances between the essential spectra and a distance between the discrete spectra (respecting multiplicity)
- some results extend to non-self-adjoint operators
- equivalence of QUE- and Weidmann's convergence allows to transfer **strong** resolvent convergence to the QUE case
- extension to Banach spaces possible (?)
- refine method with identification operators

$$J_n^1: \text{dom } \mathcal{E}_n \rightarrow \text{dom } \mathcal{E}_\infty \quad \text{and} \quad J_n'^1: \text{dom } \mathcal{E}_\infty \rightarrow \text{dom } \mathcal{E}_n,$$

on the level of **energy** form domains such that $\|(J_n - J_n^1)f\| \leq \delta_n \|f\|_{\mathcal{E}_n}$ resp. $\|(J_n^* - J_n'^1)u\| \leq \delta_n \|u\|_{\mathcal{E}_\infty}$.

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