

# Existence of Solution to the Nonlinear Dirac Equation

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## Abstract

For nonlinear partial differential equations with compactly supported nonlinearity, we can study the scattering solutions. In this paper, for the compactly supported cubic nonlinearity, I will use fixed point arguments to show the existence of solutions to the nonlinear Helmholtz equation and the nonlinear Dirac equation.

## 1 Introduction

In this paper, I will discuss the existence of solutions to several partial differential equations (PDEs). The first four sections are devoted to notes about some basics taken from [5]. In section five, I will show the existence of an outgoing solution of the nonlinear stationary Schrödinger equation in 1-D. The leading order scattering matrix will also be shown. In section six, I first generalize the argument to the nonlinear Dirac equation in 1-D, then to the nonlinear Dirac equation in 2-D.

## 2 Postulate of quantum mechanics

In quantum mechanics, a particle in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is described by a complex-valued function, the **wavefunction**:

$$\psi(x, t), \quad (x, t) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}. \quad (2.1)$$

The square of the wave equation  $\rho_t(x) = |\psi(x, t)|^2$  is interpreted as the **probability density** of the particle in time  $t$ . So  $\psi$  must be normalized. The position  $x$  of the particle is called observables, and its **expectation** is

$$\mathbb{E}_\psi(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} x |\psi(x, t)|^2 d^3x. \quad (2.2)$$

In real life,  $x$  can not be measured directly, and one will be able to measure certain functions of  $x$ . For example, check whether the particle is inside a certain area  $\Omega$ . The probability of finding the particle in this area is

$$\mathbb{E}_\psi(\chi_\Omega) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \chi_\Omega(x) |\psi(x, t)|^2 d^3x = \int_{\Omega} |\psi(x, t)|^2 d^3x. \quad (2.3)$$

The **mean-square deviation (variance)** is given by  $\Delta_\psi(x)^2 = \mathbb{E}_\psi(x^2) - \mathbb{E}_\psi(x)^2$ , and is always non-zero.

In general, quantum mechanical systems are described by normalized vectors in Hilbert spaces. Measurable quantities are called observables and correspond to self-adjoint operators in the Hilbert space. The expectation of a self-adjoint operator  $A$  if the system is in state  $\psi$  is given by a real number

$$\mathbb{E}_\psi(A) = \langle \psi, A\psi \rangle = \langle A\psi, \psi \rangle \quad (2.4)$$

Similarly, the mean-square deviation is

$$\Delta_\psi(A)^2 = \mathbb{E}_\psi(A^2) - \mathbb{E}_\psi(A)^2 = \|(A - \mathbb{E}_\psi(A))\psi\|^2 \quad (2.5)$$

We require that  $A$  is defined on the dense subset  $\mathcal{D}(A) \in \mathcal{H}$ , called the **domain** of  $A$ .

Now let's investigate the time evolution of a quantum mechanical system. Given initial state  $\psi(0)$ , there should be a unique  $\psi(t) = U(t)\psi(0)$ . Moreover, it follows from the experimental results that **superposition of states** holds:  $U(t)(\alpha_1\psi_1(0) + \alpha_2\psi_2(0)) = \alpha_1\psi_1(t) + \alpha_2\psi_2(t)$ . This implies  $U(t)$  is a linear operator. In addition,  $\|U(t)\psi\| = \|\psi\| = 1$  since  $\psi(t)$  is a state for all  $t$ . So  $U(t)$  is unitary. Since we assumed the uniqueness of the solution,

$$U(0) = \mathbb{I}, \quad U(t+s) = U(t)U(s) \quad (2.6)$$

A family of  $U(t)$  is called a **one-parameter unitary group**. We also assume strong continuous:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} U(t)\psi = U(t_0)\psi, \quad \psi \in \mathcal{H}. \quad (2.7)$$

Each such group has an **infinitesimal generator** defined by

$$H\psi = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{i}{t}(U(t)\psi - \psi), \quad \mathcal{D}(H) = \left\{ \psi \in \mathcal{H} \mid \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t}(U(t)\psi - \psi) \text{ exists} \right\}. \quad (2.8)$$

The operator  $H$  is called the **Hamiltonian**, which gives the energy of the system. If  $\psi(0) \in \mathcal{D}(H)$ , then  $\psi(t)$  is a solution of the **Schrödinger equation**

$$i \frac{d}{dt} \psi(t) = H\psi(t). \quad (2.9)$$

### 3 The free Schrödinger equation

The free Schrödinger equation, corresponding to a free particle in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , is given by

$$i\partial_t \psi(t, x) = -\Delta_x \psi(t, x) \quad (3.1)$$

where we set  $\hbar = 1$  and  $m = 1/2$ . This is a special case of the Schrödinger equation when  $H \equiv -\Delta$ . We can find a special solution by separating  $\psi(t, x) = \phi(x)T(t)$ . Plugging into

the equation, we have  $-\frac{\partial^2 \phi(x)}{\partial x^2} T(t) = i\phi(x) \frac{\partial T(t)}{\partial t}$ . Putting all  $x$  dependent on the left side and all  $t$  dependent on the right side, we have  $\frac{-\frac{\partial^2 \phi(x)}{\partial x^2}}{\phi(x)} = i \frac{\frac{\partial T(t)}{\partial t}}{T(t)} \equiv \lambda$ . The equation

$$-\frac{\partial^2 \phi(x)}{\partial x^2} = \lambda \phi(x) \quad (3.2)$$

is called the time-independent Schrödinger equation.

Now  $\psi(t, x) = e^{-i\lambda t} \phi(x)$  is solution to equation 3.1. To obtained solutions to  $\phi(x)$ , note plane waves on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  are solutions to equation 3.2:

$$\phi_k(x) = e^{ik \cdot x} = e^{i(k_1 x_1 + \dots + k_d x_d)} \quad (3.3)$$

In addition,

$$-\Delta_x \phi_k(x) = (k_1^2 + \dots + k_d^2) e^{ik \cdot x} = |k|^2 \phi_k(x) \quad (3.4)$$

Thus  $\lambda = |k|^2$ .

Thus a solution to The free Schrödinger equation is

$$\psi_k(t, x) = e^{-ik^2 t + ik \cdot x} \quad (3.5)$$

However, notice that  $\psi(t, \cdot) \notin L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  for all  $t$ ,

$$\int dx |\psi_k(t, x)|^2 = +\infty \quad (3.6)$$

This does not make sense in quantum mechanics.

Since the Schrödinger equation is a linear equation, a linear combination of Eq. 3.5 is also a solution. We consider solutions of the form:

$$\psi(t, x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \rho(k) \psi_k(x, t) dk \equiv \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \rho(k) e^{-i(k^2 t - k \cdot x)} dk \quad (3.7)$$

subject to the initial condition

$$\psi(0, x) = \psi_0(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \rho(k) e^{ik \cdot x} dk \quad (3.8)$$

The question is for what class of  $\rho(k)$  the function  $\psi(t, x)$  makes sense in quantum mechanics, that is  $\psi(t, \cdot) \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ ?

Now we use the Fourier transform to solve the free Schrödinger equation. We get

$$i\partial_t \hat{\psi}(t, k) = |k|^2 \hat{\psi}(t, k) \quad (3.9)$$

The solution of this ordinary differential equation is

$$\hat{\psi}(t, k) = e^{-i|k|^2 t} \hat{\psi}(0, k) \quad (3.10)$$

Then we take the inverse Fourier transform to get:

$$\psi(t, x) = (\mathcal{F}^{-1} e^{-i|k|^2 t} \mathcal{F} \psi_0)(x) \quad (3.11)$$

**Theorem 3.1.** (*Existence of a unique global solution for the free Schrödinger equation*)  
Let  $\psi_0 \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  ( $\mathcal{S}$  denotes the Schwartz space). Then, there exists a global solution  $\psi \in \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{R}_t, \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d))$  of the free Schrödinger equation for  $t \neq 0$ , given by the expression

$$\psi(t, x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi it)^{d/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{i \frac{|x-y|^2}{t}} \psi_0(y) dy \quad (3.12)$$

with initial condition  $\psi(0, x) = \psi_0(x)$ . Moreover,  $\|\psi(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)} = \|\psi_0\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)}$

**Remark 3.1.** Eq. 3.12 implies that

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} |\psi(t, x)| \leq \frac{\|\psi_0\|_{L^1}}{(2\pi t)^{d/2}} \rightarrow 0 \quad (3.13)$$

as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . However, the above theorem tells us that the  $L^2$  norm stays constant. This means the solution is flattened in space.

## 4 Quantum dynamics

In the finite-dimensional case, the solution of the Schrödinger equation

$$i \frac{d}{dt} \psi(t) = H \psi(t) \quad (4.1)$$

is given by

$$\psi(t) = e^{-itH} \psi(0) \quad (4.2)$$

We want to generalize this to self-adjoint operators using the spectral theorem.

### 4.1 Existence and uniqueness of the solution

For self-adjoint operator  $H$ , we define

$$U(t) = e^{-iHt} := \int e^{-i\lambda t} dP(\lambda) \quad (4.3)$$

where  $P$  is the projection-valued measure associated to  $(H, \mathcal{D}(H))$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** Let  $H$  be a self-adjoint operator and let  $U(t) = e^{-iHt}$ . Then

- (i)  $U(t)$  is a strongly continuous one-parameter unitary group.
- (ii) the limit  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t}(U(t)\psi - \psi)$  exists if and only if  $\psi \in \mathcal{D}(H)$ . In this case  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t}(U(t)\psi - \psi) = -iH\psi$ .
- (iii)  $U(t)\mathcal{D}(H) = \mathcal{D}(H)$  and  $HU(t) = U(t)H$

This theorem implies  $U(t)\psi(0)$  is indeed the solution to 4.1. In fact it is also the only solution.

**Lemma 4.2.** Let  $\psi_0 \equiv \psi(0) \in \mathcal{D}(H)$ , and  $\psi(t)$  be the solution to 4.1. Then  $\psi(t) = U(t)\psi_0$

Now we know self-adjoint corresponds to a one-parameter unitary group. The Stone's theorem tells us the converse.

**Theorem 4.3.** (Stone) Let  $U(t)$  be a weakly continuous one-parameter unitary group. Let  $H : \mathcal{D}(H)$  be the generator of  $U(t)$ . Then  $H$  is self-adjoint and  $U(t) = e^{-iHt}$ .

## 4.2 The RAGE theorem

In this section, we want to understand the asymptotic behavior of a quantum system, based on the spectral properties of a self-adjoint operator  $H$ . Let  $\mathcal{H}_{ac}$ ,  $\mathcal{H}_{sc}$ , and  $\mathcal{H}_{pp}$  be the absolutely continuous, singularly continuous, pure point spectral subspaces of  $H$ , respectively. We know  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_{ac} \oplus \mathcal{H}_{sc} \oplus \mathcal{H}_{pp}$ .

Firstly, let's make some simple observation. Let  $\psi \in \mathcal{H}_{ac}$ , then the measure  $\mu_\psi$  is absolutely continuous. For all  $\varphi \in \mathcal{H}$ , we have

$$|\mu_{\varphi, \psi}(\Omega)| = |\langle \varphi, P(\Omega)\psi \rangle| \leq \|\langle \varphi, P(\Omega)\varphi \rangle\|^{1/2} \|\langle \psi, P(\Omega)\psi \rangle\|^{1/2} = \mu_\varphi(\Omega)^{1/2} \mu_\psi(\Omega)^{1/2} \quad (4.4)$$

Hence,  $\mu_{\varphi, \psi}$  is also absolutely continuous. Define  $U(t) = e^{-iHt}$  as before, by the Riemann-Lebesgue lemma, we have

$$\langle \varphi, U(t)\psi \rangle = \int e^{-i\lambda t} d\mu_{\varphi, \psi} \rightarrow 0 \quad (4.5)$$

as  $t \rightarrow 0$ . This implies, if we start from the absolutely continuous spectral subspace, then the probability of finding the system in any state  $\varphi$  is zero. However, if  $\psi$  is an eigenvector of  $H$ , then

$$|\langle \varphi, U(t)\psi \rangle| = |\langle \varphi, \psi \rangle| \quad (4.6)$$

shows the state is unchanged as time evolves.

We have a theorem that gives us more comprehensive understanding of the long-term behavior of the system.

**Theorem 4.4** (Wiener). *Let  $\mu$  be a finite complex Borel measure on  $\mathbb{R}$  and*

$$\hat{\mu}(t) := \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-it\lambda} d\mu(\lambda). \quad (4.7)$$

*Then,*

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T |\hat{\mu}(t)|^2 dt = \sum_{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}} |\mu(\{\lambda\})|^2, \quad (4.8)$$

*where the sum on the right-hand side is finite.*

**Remark 4.1.** *Since every Borel measure can be decomposed as  $\mu = \mu_{ac} + \mu_{sc} + \mu_{pp}$ , and since  $\mu_{ac}$  and  $\mu_{sc}$  are continuous,  $\mu(\{\lambda\}) = \mu_{pp}(\lambda)$ . Then,  $\sum_{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}} |\mu(\{\lambda\})|^2 = \sum_{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}} |\mu_{pp}(\{\lambda\})|^2$ . Note the support of  $\mu_{pp}$  is a countable set.*

Now let's apply this theorem to study the long-term behavior of the system. Let  $\psi \in \mathcal{H}_{ac} \oplus \mathcal{H}_{sc}$ , and  $\varphi \in \mathcal{H}$ . Then, the measure  $\mu_{\varphi, \psi}(\{\lambda\}) = 0$ . By the Theorem 4.4, we have

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T |\langle \varphi, e^{-iHt}\psi \rangle|^2 dt = 0 \quad (4.9)$$

The average of probability finding the system in  $\varphi$  tends to zero.

We can also consider  $|\langle \varphi, e^{-iHt}\psi \rangle|^2$  as  $|P_\varphi U(t)\psi|^2$ , where  $P_\varphi$  denotes the orthogonal projection onto  $\varphi$ . Inspired by this, we extend to a more general class of operators, the compact operators, which generalize the finite rank operators. An operator  $K \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  is called a **finite rank operator** if its range is of finite dimension. Every finite rank operator can be written as a linear combination of projection operators.

**Definition 4.1.** *An operator  $K \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  is called compact if  $K$  maps every unit ball in  $\mathcal{H}$  to a pre-compact set.*

**Definition 4.2.** *An operator  $K : \mathcal{D}(K) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  is called relatively compact with respect to an self-adjoint operator  $H$  if there exists  $z \in \rho(H)$ , such that  $KR_z(H) = K(z - H)^{-1}$  is compact.*

The notion of a relatively compact operator gives us the following theorem, which is handy to our goal, the RAGE theorem.

**Theorem 4.5.** *Let  $H$  be a self-adjoint operator,  $K$  be relatively compact with respect to  $H$ . Then, for all  $\psi \in \mathcal{D}(H)$ ,*

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T |Ke^{-iHt}P_c(H)\psi|^2 dt = 0, \quad (4.10)$$

and

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|Ke^{-iHt}P_{ac}(H)\psi\|^2 = 0, \quad (4.11)$$

where  $P_c(H) = P_{ac}(H) + P_{sc}(H)$  is the orthogonal projection onto  $\mathcal{H}_{ac} \oplus \mathcal{H}_{sc}$ . Furthermore, if  $K$  is bounded, then the result holds true for all  $\psi \in \mathcal{H}$ .

Finally, we have the RAGE theorem, which tells us  $\|Ke^{-iHt}\psi\|$  can be used to identify the spectral subspaces  $\mathcal{H}_c$  and  $\mathcal{H}_{pp}$  of  $H$ .

**Theorem 4.6.** (RAGE) *Let  $H$  be a self-adjoint operator and  $K_n$  be a sequence of relatively compact operators with respect to  $H$ , converging strongly to the identity. Then,*

$$\mathcal{H}_c = \{\psi \in \mathcal{H} \mid \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \|K_n e^{-iHt}\psi\| = 0\} \quad (4.12)$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{pp} = \{\psi \in \mathcal{H} \mid \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{t \geq 0} \|(\mathbb{I} - K_n)e^{-iHt}\psi\| = 0\} \quad (4.13)$$

## 5 Nonlinear stationary Schrödinger equation in 1-D

In this section, we consider the nonlinear stationary Schrödinger equation defined on  $\mathbb{R}$ :

$$(-\Delta - k^2)u = f(u) \quad (5.1)$$

where  $f$  represents the nonlinearity of the form

$$f(u) = V(x)u + w(x)|u|^2u \quad (5.2)$$

with  $w(x)$  and  $V(x)$  compactly supported and bounded. Our first task is to show the existence of a solution by contraction mapping. The second task is to approximate the scattering matrix.

## 5.1 Existence of the outgoing solution

Let's first consider the case  $V(x) \equiv 0$ . The solution outside the support of the perturbation is just the superposition of plane waves. We decompose  $u = u_{out} + u_{in}$ , where  $u_{in} = Ae^{ikx}$  is the incoming solution that solves the unperturbed equation, and  $u_{out}$  is a correction. Plugging into 5.1:

$$(-\Delta - k^2)(u_{out} + u_{in}) = f(u_{out} + u_{in}). \quad (5.3)$$

Let's now rewrite our problem:

$$(-\Delta - k^2)\tilde{u} = f(u_{out} + Ae^{ikx}) \quad (5.4)$$

for  $\tilde{u} \in X$ , for some complete metric space  $X$ .  $\tilde{u}$  is then given by

$$\tilde{u} = (-\Delta - k^2)_{out}^{-1} f(u_{out} + Ae^{ikx}) \quad (5.5)$$

where we used the outgoing condition  $(-\Delta - k^2)_{out}^{-1} = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} (-\Delta - (k^2 + i\varepsilon))^{-1}$ . If we show  $T(u_{out}) := (-\Delta - k^2)_{out}^{-1} f(u_{out} + Ae^{ikx})$  is a contraction  $X$ , then the above equation has a unique fixed point in  $X$  satisfying  $u_{out} = (-\Delta - k^2)_{out}^{-1} f(u_{out} + Ae^{ikx})$ .

We need to first discuss the function space we should work with. The function  $u$  must be twice differentiable, and thus must be bounded on any compact domain. This implies that our nonlinear term  $V(x)u + w(x)|u|^2u$  is bounded on any compact domain. Outside the compact domain of perturbation, the solution is a plane wave. Since every term is in  $L^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ , we consider  $u \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ .

Now we define the outgoing Green's function. If  $k^2 \notin \sigma(-\Delta) \equiv [0, \infty)$ , then the solution is:

$$\tilde{u} = [(-\Delta - k^2)^{-1}(f(u_{out} + Ae^{ikx}))](x) \quad (5.6)$$

with the corresponding Green's function:

$$G(x; k^2) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{-k^2}} e^{-|x|\sqrt{-k^2}}. \quad (5.7)$$

The outgoing Green's function when  $k \in (0, \infty)$  is

$$G_{out}(x; k^2) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} G(x; k^2 + i\varepsilon) = -\frac{1}{2ik} e^{i|k||x|}. \quad (5.8)$$

We will use a variance of the fixed point argument.

**Theorem 5.1.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space, and  $A : X \rightarrow X$ . Furthermore, assume there exists  $a \in X$  and  $r > 0$  such that*

- (i) *the ball  $B(a, r)$  is an invariant set for  $A$ .*
- (ii) *the map  $A$  is a contraction on  $B(a, r)$ .*

Then, there exists a unique fixed point of  $A$  inside  $B(a, r)$ .

Now let me introduce the first existence theorem.

**Theorem 5.2.** *For an incoming solution  $u_{in} = Ae^{ikx}$  with the amplitude  $A$  small enough, there exists an outgoing solution  $u_{out}$  for eqn. 5.1.*

*Proof.* Consider  $B_{L^\infty}(-Ae^{ikx}, r)$ , we want to show  $T$  is invariant on this ball for suitable  $r$ . Let  $v \in B_{L^\infty}(-Ae^{ikx}, r)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|T(v)\|_{L^\infty} &= \operatorname{ess\,sup}_x \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} -\frac{1}{2ik} e^{ik|x-y|} w(y) |v + Ae^{iky}|^2 (v + Ae^{iky}) dy \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2k} \int_{\mathbb{R}} |w(y)| |v + Ae^{iky}|^3 dy \\ &\leq \frac{\|w\|_{L^1}}{2k} \|v + Ae^{iky}\|_{L^\infty}^3 \\ &\leq \frac{\|w\|_{L^1}}{2k} r^3. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $r$  needs to satisfy

$$\frac{\|w\|_{L^1}}{2k} r^3 + |A| \leq r. \quad (5.9)$$

For contraction, let  $v, \tilde{v} \in B_{L^\infty}(-Ae^{ikx}, r)$  and set  $a(x) = v(x) + Ae^{ikx}$ ,  $b(x) = \tilde{v}(x) + Ae^{ikx}$ . Note  $\|a\|_{L^\infty} \leq r$  and  $\|b\|_{L^\infty} \leq r$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \|T(v) - T(\tilde{v})\|_{L^\infty} &\leq \frac{\|w\|_{L^1}}{2k} \left\| |v + Ae^{ikx}|^2 (v + Ae^{ikx}) - |\tilde{v} + Ae^{ikx}|^2 (\tilde{v} + Ae^{ikx}) \right\|_{L^\infty} \\ &= \frac{\|w\|_{L^1}}{2k} \left\| |a|^2 a - |b|^2 b \right\|_{L^\infty} \\ &= \frac{\|w\|_{L^1}}{2k} \left\| (|a|^2 + |b|^2)(a - b) + ab(\bar{a} - \bar{b}) \right\|_{L^\infty} \\ &\leq \frac{\|w\|_{L^1}}{2k} 3r^2 \|v - \tilde{v}\|_{L^\infty}. \end{aligned}$$

We then require

$$r < \sqrt{\frac{2k}{3\|w\|_{L^1}}}. \quad (5.10)$$

For suitable  $|A| \neq 0$ ,  $M$  and  $\|w\|_\infty$  such that there exists a  $r$  satisfies 5.9 and 5.10, the contraction mapping gives us a non-trivial outgoing solution, since  $u_{out} = 0$  is not a fixed point. The global solution  $u_{in} + u_{out}$  is also not trivial since  $u_{out} = Ae^{ikx}$  is not a fixed point.  $\square$

**Remark 5.1.** *When there exists a  $r$  such that 5.9 and 5.10 are satisfied? Consider*

$$r^3 - \frac{2k}{\|w\|_{L^1}} r + \frac{2k}{\|w\|_{L^1}} |A| = 0. \quad (5.11)$$



Define  $p := -\frac{2k}{\|w\|_{L^1}}$  and  $q := \frac{2k}{\|w\|_{L^1}}|A|$ . We want to find the intersection of  $r^3 + q = -pr$ . In order to have a real  $r > 0$  to exist, we must have two intersections in the first quadrant. The last intersection must lay in the third quadrant. This implies that all three roots must be real. Thus  $p$  and  $q$  must satisfy  $4p^3 + 27q^2 \leq 0$ . In our case,  $-\left(\frac{2k}{3\|w\|_{L^1}}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{k|A|}{\|w\|_{L^1}}\right)^2 = -D \leq 0$ , for some  $D \geq 0$ . Equivalently,  $|A| \leq \sqrt{\frac{8k}{27\|w\|_{L^1}}}$ .

In addition, using the Cardano formula, the root of 5.11 is given by

$$x = \sqrt[3]{-\frac{q}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{q^2}{4} + \frac{p^3}{27}}} + \sqrt[3]{-\frac{q}{2} - \sqrt{\frac{q^2}{4} + \frac{p^3}{27}}}. \quad (5.12)$$

This reduces to

$$x_n = 2R^{\frac{1}{3}} \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{3} + \frac{2\pi}{3}n\right), \quad n = 0, 1, 2 \quad (5.13)$$

where  $R = \sqrt{\frac{|A|^2 k^2}{(\|w\|_{L^1})^2} + D} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{2k}{3\|w\|_{L^1}}\right)^3}$  and  $\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{D}}{-\frac{k|A|}{\|w\|_{L^1}}}\right)$ . Then  $\theta \in (\frac{1}{2}\pi, \frac{3}{2}\pi]$  and we have two roots greater than zero.

If we apply the constraint 5.10, the second largest root  $x_1 = 2R^{\frac{1}{3}} \cos(\frac{\theta}{3} - \frac{2\pi}{3})$  must be less than  $\sqrt{\frac{2k}{3\|w\|_{L^1}}}$ , so there exists a  $r$  to have a contraction. Noticing  $\cos(\frac{\theta}{3} - \frac{2\pi}{3}) < \frac{1}{2}$ , so  $x_1 < R^{\frac{1}{3}} \leq \sqrt{\left(\frac{2k}{3\|w\|_{L^1}}\right)}$ .

To summarize, our fixed point argument works as long as  $|A| \leq \sqrt{\frac{8k}{27\|w\|_{L^1}}}$ , or a bound on a form of energy

$$|\lambda|^2 \|w\|_{L^1} \leq \frac{8k}{27}.$$

Now consider  $V(x) \not\equiv 0$ . The fixed argument gives us a similar result. Considering  $v \in B_{L^\infty}(-Ae^{ikx}, r)$ , then

$$T(v) \leq \frac{\|V\|_{L^1}}{2k}r + \frac{\|w\|_{L^1}}{2k}r^3.$$

To have  $T$  invariant on  $B_{L^\infty}(-Ae^{ikx}, r)$ , we require

$$\frac{\|V\|_{L^1}}{2k}r + \frac{\|w\|_{L^1}}{2k}r^3 + |A| \leq r. \quad (5.14)$$

Let  $v, \tilde{v} \in B_{L^\infty}(-Ae^{ikx}, r)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|T(v) - T(\tilde{v})\|_{L^\infty} &\leq \frac{\|V\|_{L^1}}{2k}\|v - \tilde{v}\|_{L^\infty} + \frac{\|w\|_{L^1}}{2k}3r^2\|v - \tilde{v}\|_{L^\infty} \\ &= \left(\frac{\|V\|_{L^1}}{2k} + 3r^2\frac{\|w\|_{L^1}}{2k}\right)\|v - \tilde{v}\|_{L^\infty}. \end{aligned}$$

To have  $T$  contraction, we require

$$\left( \frac{\|V\|_{L^1}}{2k} + 3r^2 \frac{\|w\|_{L^1}}{2k} \right) \leq 1. \quad (5.15)$$

For  $A$  small, there exists a  $r$  satisfies the inequalities.

## 5.2 Scattering matrix

Consider the case  $V \equiv 0$ . We approximate the scattering matrix by approximating the fixed point, assuming the incoming wave  $Ae^{ikx}$  we sent in is small (i.e.  $|A|$  small).

Let's start from  $u_0 = 0$ , the first iteration gives

$$u_1(x) = T(u_0)(x) = -\frac{1}{2ik}|A|^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{ik|x-y|} w(y) Ae^{iky} dy. \quad (5.16)$$

For the next iteration, defining  $h(y) := e^{-iky} \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{ik|x-y|} w(x) e^{ikx} dx$ , and keeping order up to  $|A|^5$ , we use the approximation

$$u_2 = u_1 + \frac{1}{4k^2}|A|^4 \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{ik|x-y|} w(y) Ae^{iky} \left( \overline{h(y)} - 2h(y) \right) dy + \mathcal{O}(|A|^7). \quad (5.17)$$

We will use  $u_{out} = u_1 + \frac{1}{4k^2}|A|^4 \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{ik|x-y|} w(y) Ae^{iky} \left( \overline{h(y)} - 2h(y) \right) dy$  as an approximation to the outgoing solution. When  $x$  is at the right of the perturbation which corresponds to transmission, we have

$$\begin{aligned} u_{out} &= Ae^{ikx} \left\{ -\frac{1}{2ik}|A|^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}} w(y) dy + \frac{1}{4k^2}|A|^4 \int_{\mathbb{R}} w(y) \left( \overline{h(y)} - 2h(y) \right) dy \right\} \\ &:= Ae^{ikx} T_-. \end{aligned} \quad (5.18)$$

When  $x$  is at the left of the perturbation which corresponds to reflection, we have

$$\begin{aligned} u_{out} &= Ae^{-ikx} \left\{ -\frac{1}{2ik}|A|^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}} w(y) e^{2iky} dy + \frac{1}{4k^2}|A|^4 \int_{\mathbb{R}} w(y) e^{2iky} \left( \overline{h(y)} - 2h(y) \right) dy \right\} \\ &:= Ae^{-ikx} R_-. \end{aligned} \quad (5.19)$$

Now assume incoming wave from right  $u_{in} = e^{-ikx}$ . Note that the Green's function is unchanged. Then,

$$u_{out} = -\frac{1}{2ik}|A|^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{ik|x-y|} w(y) Ae^{-iky} dy + \frac{1}{4k^2}|A|^4 \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{ik|x-y|} w(y) Ae^{-iky} \left( \overline{g(y)} - 2g(y) \right) dy \quad (5.20)$$

where  $g(y) = e^{iky} \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{ik|x-y|} w(x) e^{-ikx} dx$ . When  $x$  is at the left of the perturbation which corresponds to transmission, we have

$$u_{out} = Ae^{-ikx} \left\{ -\frac{1}{2ik}|A|^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}} w(y) dy + \frac{1}{4k^2}|A|^4 \int_{\mathbb{R}} w(y) \left( \overline{g(y)} - 2g(y) \right) dy \right\}$$

$$:= Ae^{-ikx}T_+. \quad (5.21)$$

When  $x$  is at the right of the perturbation which corresponds to reflection, we have

$$\begin{aligned} u_{out} &= Ae^{ikx} \left\{ -\frac{1}{2ik}|A|^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}} w(y)e^{-2iky} dy + \frac{1}{4k^2}|A|^4 \int_{\mathbb{R}} w(y)e^{-2iky} \left( \overline{g(y)} - 2g(y) \right) dy \right\} \\ &:= Ae^{ikx}R_+. \end{aligned} \quad (5.22)$$

The scattering matrix is given by the coefficients given above.

In the case  $V \not\equiv 0$ , we compute the linearized solution:

$$u_{out} = -\frac{1}{2ik} \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{ik|x-y|} [V(y) + w(y)|A|^2] Ae^{iky}. \quad (5.23)$$

The scattering coefficients are:

$$\begin{aligned} T_- &= -\frac{1}{2ik} \int_{\mathbb{R}} [V(y) + w(y)|A|^2] dy \\ R_- &= -\frac{1}{2ik} \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{2iky} [V(y) + w(y)|A|^2] dy \\ T_+ &= -\frac{1}{2ik} \int_{\mathbb{R}} [V(y) + w(y)|A|^2] dy \\ R_+ &= -\frac{1}{2ik} \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-2iky} [V(y) + w(y)|A|^2] dy \end{aligned}$$

We see, in the linear approximation, that the reflection coefficient is given by the Fourier transform of  $V(y) + w(y)|A|^2$ . Using two different incoming solutions, we have a system of equations. We can recover potential by taking the inverse Fourier transform of the reflection coefficients.

## 6 Non-linear Stationary Dirac equation

We now turn our focus to the non-linear stationary Dirac equation with a linear domain wall:

$$(H - E)\psi(x, y) = f(\psi)(x, y), \quad H = D_x\sigma_3 - D_y\sigma_2 + y\sigma_1, \quad f(\psi) = w(x, y)(\psi^*C\psi)\psi \quad (6.1)$$

where  $w(x, y)$  is compactly supported and bounded, and  $C$  is a constant matrix. We decompose  $\psi = \psi_{in} + \psi_{out}$  as before.

### 6.1 One-dimensional non-linear Dirac equation

We consider Eqn. 6.1 in 1-D:

$$(D_x\sigma_3 - k)\psi = w(x)(\psi^*C\psi)\psi. \quad (6.2)$$

Outside the support of  $w(x)$ , solution is  $\psi_{in} = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 e^{-ikx} \\ A_2 e^{ikx} \end{pmatrix}$ . Observe that  $(D_x \sigma_3 - k)(D_x \sigma_3 + k) = (-\Delta - k^2)I_2$ , so  $(D_x \sigma_3 - k)_{out}^{-1} = (D_x \sigma_3 + k) [(-\Delta - k^2)_{out}^{-1} I_2]$  (applying  $(D_x \sigma_3 + k)$  does not change the outgoing condition). Thus the outgoing Green's function of  $D_x \sigma_3 - k$  is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} G_{out}(x; k) &= \begin{bmatrix} D_x + k & 0 \\ 0 & -D_x + k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2ik} e^{i|k||x|} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{2ik} e^{i|k||x|} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{i}{2} e^{i|k||x|} (1 - \text{sign}(k) \text{sign}(x)) & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{i}{2} e^{i|k||x|} (1 + \text{sign}(k) \text{sign}(x)) \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (6.3)$$

Define  $T$ :

$$T(\psi) = (D_x \sigma_3 - k)_{out}^{-1} f(\psi + \psi_{in}) \quad (6.4)$$

for  $\psi \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}^2)$ .  $L^\infty(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}^2)$  is a Banach space with respect to  $\|\psi\| = \text{ess sup}_x \|\psi\|$ , where the later norm can be any  $l_p$  norm. Indeed, let  $\psi^n$  be a Cauchy sequence in  $L^\infty(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}^2)$ , and let  $\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\psi}_1 \\ \tilde{\psi}_2 \end{pmatrix}$  be the elementwise limit of  $\begin{pmatrix} \psi_1^n \\ \psi_2^n \end{pmatrix}$  in  $L^\infty$ , then obviously  $\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\psi}_1 \\ \tilde{\psi}_2 \end{pmatrix}$  is also the limit of  $\psi^n$  in  $L^\infty(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}^2)$ .

**Theorem 6.1.** *For an incoming solution  $\psi_{in} = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 e^{-ikx} \\ A_2 e^{ikx} \end{pmatrix}$  with amplitude small enough, there exists an outgoing solution  $\psi_{out}$  of eqn. 6.2.*

*Proof.* We first show  $T$  is invariant on  $B_{\|\cdot\|}(-\psi_{in}, r)$  for suitable  $r$ . Let  $\psi \in B_{\|\cdot\|}(-\psi_{in}, r)$  and  $\sigma_c$  be the largest singular value of  $C$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \|T(\psi)\| &= \|G_{out}(x; k) * w(x) [(\psi + \psi_{in})^* C(\psi + \psi_{in})] (\psi + \psi_{in})\| \\ &\leq \left[ \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} |w(y)| |(\psi + \psi_{in})^* C(\psi + \psi_{in})| |\psi_1 + A_1 e^{-iky}| dy \right)^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} |w(y)| |(\psi + \psi_{in})^* C(\psi + \psi_{in})| |\psi_2 + A_2 e^{iky}| dy \right)^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq \sigma_c \|w\|_{L^1} \left[ \text{ess sup}_y (|(\psi + \psi_{in})|^2 |\psi_1 + A_1 e^{-iky}|)^2 + \text{ess sup}_y (|(\psi + \psi_{in})|^2 |\psi_2 + A_2 e^{iky}|)^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq \sigma_c \|w\|_{L^1} \left[ 2 \text{ess sup}_y \left[ (|(\psi + \psi_{in})|^2 |\psi_1 + A_1 e^{-iky}|)^2 + (|(\psi + \psi_{in})|^2 |\psi_2 + A_2 e^{iky}|)^2 \right] \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq \sqrt{2} \sigma_c \|w\|_{L^1} r^3. \end{aligned}$$

We then require  $\sqrt{2} \sigma_c \|w\|_{L^1} r^3 + \sqrt{|A_1|^2 + |A_2|^2} \leq r$ .

Let  $\psi, \phi \in B_{\|\cdot\|}(-\psi_{in}, r)$ , we show  $T$  is a contraction. For simplicity, let's write  $a := \psi + \psi_{in}$  and  $b := \phi + \psi_{in}$ , then by the Hölder inequality,  $\|T(\psi) - T(\phi)\|$  is bounded by

$$\|w\|_{L^1} \left[ \left( \text{ess sup}_y |(a^* C a) a_1 - (b^* C b) b_1| \right)^2 + \left( \text{ess sup}_y |(a^* C a) a_2 - (b^* C b) b_2| \right)^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \sqrt{2} \|w\|_{L^1} \operatorname{ess\,sup}_y \left[ |(a^*Ca) a_1 - (b^*Cb) b_1|^2 + |(a^*Ca) a_2 - (b^*Cb) b_2|^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
&= \sqrt{2} \|w\|_{L^1} \operatorname{ess\,sup}_y |(a^*Ca)a - (b^*Cb)b|.
\end{aligned} \tag{6.5}$$

Since we want  $\|T(\psi) - T(\phi)\|$  to be bounded by some factor of  $\|\psi - \phi\| = \|a - b\|$ , we rewrite 6.5 as  $\sqrt{2} \|w\|_{L^1} \operatorname{ess\,sup}_y |(a^*Ca + b^*Cb)(a - b) + (a^*Ca)b - (b^*Cb)a|$  which is bounded by

$$\sqrt{2} \|w\|_{L^1} \operatorname{ess\,sup}_y \left[ |(a^*Ca + b^*Cb)(a - b)| + |(a^*Ca)b - (b^*Cb)a| \right]. \tag{6.6}$$

Note the first part,

$$|(a^*Ca + b^*Cb)(a - b)| \leq \sigma_c(|a|^2 + |b|^2)|a - b|. \tag{6.7}$$

Expanding the second part,  $|(a^*Ca)b - (b^*Cb)a|$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left[ |a^*Ca|^2|b|^2 + |b^*Cb|^2|a|^2 - a^*C^*ab^*Cbb^*a - b^*C^*ba^*Ca a^*b \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
&= \left[ |a|^2|b|^2(a^*CC^*a) + |a|^2|b|^2(b^*CC^*b) - |a|^2|b|^2(b^*CC^*a) - |a|^2|b|^2(a^*CC^*b) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
&= |a||b||C^*a - C^*b|.
\end{aligned} \tag{6.8}$$

Thus,

$$|(a^*Ca)b - (b^*Cb)a| \leq \sigma_c|a||b||a - b|. \tag{6.9}$$

Plug 6.7 and 6.9 into 6.6, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\|T(\psi) - T(\phi)\| &\leq \sqrt{2} \sigma_c \|w\|_{L^1} \operatorname{ess\,sup}_y \left[ (|a|^2 + |b|^2)|a - b| + |a||b||a - b| \right] \\
&\leq 3\sqrt{2} \sigma_c \|w\|_{L^1} r^2 \|a - b\| \\
&\equiv 3\sqrt{2} \sigma_c \|w\|_{L^1} r^2 \|\psi - \phi\|.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus we require  $3\sqrt{2} \sigma_c \|w\|_{L^1} r^2 \leq 1$ .

We restrict the parameters to be

$$|\lambda|^2 \|w\|_{L^1} \leq \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{27\sigma_A}.$$

□

We compute the leading order approximation of the scattering matrix. The reflection coefficients are both zero. The transmission coefficients are:

$$\begin{aligned}
T_+ &= \begin{pmatrix} i \int_{\mathbb{R}} w(y) \left( \begin{pmatrix} A_1 e^{-iky} \\ A_2 e^{iky} \end{pmatrix}^* C \begin{pmatrix} A_1 e^{-iky} \\ A_2 e^{iky} \end{pmatrix} \right) dy \\ i \int_{\mathbb{R}} w(y) \left( \begin{pmatrix} A_1 e^{-iky} \\ A_2 e^{iky} \end{pmatrix}^* C \begin{pmatrix} A_1 e^{-iky} \\ A_2 e^{iky} \end{pmatrix} \right) dy \end{pmatrix} \\
T_- &= \begin{pmatrix} i \int_{\mathbb{R}} w(y) \left( \begin{pmatrix} A_1 e^{iky} \\ A_2 e^{-iky} \end{pmatrix}^* C \begin{pmatrix} A_1 e^{iky} \\ A_2 e^{-iky} \end{pmatrix} \right) dy \\ i \int_{\mathbb{R}} w(y) \left( \begin{pmatrix} A_1 e^{iky} \\ A_2 e^{-iky} \end{pmatrix}^* C \begin{pmatrix} A_1 e^{iky} \\ A_2 e^{-iky} \end{pmatrix} \right) dy \end{pmatrix}.
\end{aligned}$$

## 6.2 Two-dimensional non-linear Dirac equation

We now consider eqn. 6.1 in two dimensions. The solutions satisfying the unperturbed equation and the Green's function to  $(H - E)$  are given in [2], and we will introduce them here.

### 6.2.1 Solution to the unperturbed equation

The operator  $H$  in 6.1 is translational invariable in  $x$  direction, thus we take the Fourier transform in  $x$ . Denoting  $\xi$  the Fourier variable,

$$\hat{H}(\xi) - E = \xi\sigma_3 - D_y\sigma_2 + y\sigma_3 - E = \begin{pmatrix} \xi & \partial_y + y \\ -\partial_y + y & -\xi \end{pmatrix} - E.$$

Note  $\mathbf{a} = \partial_y + y$  is the creation operator, and  $\mathbf{a}^* = -\partial_y + y$  is the annihilation operator. It is useful to look at the block diagonal matrix:

$$\hat{H}(\xi)^2 = \begin{pmatrix} \xi^2 + \mathbf{a}\mathbf{a}^* & 0 \\ 0 & \xi^2 + \mathbf{a}^*\mathbf{a} \end{pmatrix}.$$

We define  $\varphi_n(y) = a_n(\mathbf{a}^*)^n\varphi_0(y)$  ( $a_n$ s are the normalizing constants), then  $\varphi_n(y)$  are Hermite functions that form an orthonormal basis of  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_y)$ , and satisfy the following properties:

$$\mathbf{a}^*\mathbf{a}\varphi_n = 2n\varphi_n, \quad \mathbf{a}\varphi_n = \sqrt{2n}\varphi_{n-1}, \quad \mathbf{a}^*\varphi_n = \sqrt{2n+2}\varphi_{n+1}, \quad \varphi_0 = \pi^{-\frac{1}{4}}e^{-\frac{1}{2}y^2}.$$

We define a set  $M$  consisting of indices  $m = (n, \epsilon_m)$ , where  $\mathbb{N} \ni n \geq 1$  and  $\epsilon_m = \pm 1$ . In the case  $n = 1$ , we define  $m = (0, -1)$ . The eigenvalue of  $\hat{H}(\xi)$  are  $E_m = \epsilon_m(2n + \xi^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . Now for any  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $m$ , we define

$$\phi_m = c_m \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}\varphi_n \\ (E_m - \xi)\varphi_n \end{pmatrix}, \quad n \geq 1,$$

where  $c_m = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2n + (E_m - \xi)^2)}}$  is the normalizing constant. In the case  $n = 0$ ,  $m = (0, -1)$  and  $E_0(\xi) = -\xi$ , we define

$$\phi_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \varphi_0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The above family of eigenvectors  $\phi_m$  form a basis of  $L^2(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}^2)$ .

The above discussion characterized the spectrum decomposition of  $\hat{H}(\xi)$ . While to solve eqn. 6.1 for fixed a  $E \in \mathbb{R}$ , we need to reverse the map  $E_m = \epsilon_m(2n + \xi^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ :

$$\xi_m = \epsilon_m \sqrt{(E^2 - 2n)} = \begin{cases} \epsilon_m \sqrt{(E^2 - 2n)}, & E^2 \geq 2n \\ i\epsilon_m \sqrt{(2n - E^2)}, & E^2 \leq 2n. \end{cases}$$

Then,  $\phi_m(x, y; E)$  satisfy:

$$(\hat{H}(\xi_m) - E)\phi_m = \begin{pmatrix} \xi_m - E & \mathbf{a} \\ \mathbf{a}^* & -(\xi_m + E) \end{pmatrix} \phi_m = 0.$$

In the physical domain, the generalized eigenvectors

$$\psi_m(x, y; E) = e^{i\xi_m x} \phi_m(y; E) \quad (6.10)$$

satisfy  $(H - E)\psi_m = 0$ . Linear combinations of these eigenvectors then give the solutions to the unperturbed equation.

### 6.2.2 Outgoing Green's function

To construct the Outgoing Green's function to  $(H - E)$ , we need to solve  $(H - E)G = \delta(x - x_0)\delta(y - y_0)I$ . Since  $H$  is translational invariable in the  $x$  direction, we assume  $x_0 = 0$ . Note that  $(H + E)(H - E)G = (H + E)\delta(x)\delta(y - y_0)I$ , then

$$G = (H + E)(H^2 - E^2)^{-1}\delta(x)\delta(y - y_0)I.$$

As in the one-dimensional case, we need to first find  $(H^2 - E^2)^{-1}\delta(x)\delta(y - y_0)I$ , then apply  $(H + E)$  on it. Noting  $H^2 - E^2$  is diagonal

$$H^2 - E^2 = \begin{pmatrix} D_x^2 - E^2 + \mathbf{a}\mathbf{a}^* & 0 \\ 0 & D_x^2 - E^2 + \mathbf{a}^*\mathbf{a} \end{pmatrix},$$

we thus need to solve

$$(-\partial_x^2 - \partial_y^2 + y^2 \pm 1 - E^2)G_{\pm} = \delta(x)\delta(y - y_0).$$

Recall that  $\varphi_n(y)$  are the eigenfunctions to  $-\partial_y^2 + y^2 \pm 1$ , we expand  $G_{\pm}$  in the basis of Hermite functions  $\varphi_n(y)$ :

$$G_{\pm} = \sum_n G_{\pm, n}(x)\varphi_n(y).$$

Then,

$$(-\partial_x^2 - E^2 + 2n)G_{-, n}(x) = \delta(x)\varphi_n(y_0)$$

is the Helmholtz equation, and the outgoing Green's function when  $2n < E^2$  is given in 5.8. Assuming  $E \neq 2n$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have

$$G_{-, n}(x) = \frac{\varphi_n(y_0)}{2\sqrt{|E^2 - 2n|}} \begin{cases} e^{-\sqrt{2n - E^2}|x|}, & 2n > E^2 \\ ie^{i\sqrt{E^2 - 2n}|x|}, & 2n < E^2 \end{cases}.$$

The computation of  $G_{+}$  is similar by replacing  $2n$  to  $2n + 2$ . Define  $\theta_n = i\sqrt{E^2 - 2n}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} G_{-}(x, y; y_0) &= \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{-e^{\theta_n |x|}}{2\theta_n} \varphi_n(y) \varphi_n(y_0) \\ G_{+}(x, y; y_0) &= \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{-e^{\theta_{n+1} |x|}}{2\theta_{n+1}} \varphi_n(y) \varphi_n(y_0). \end{aligned}$$

Since applying  $H + E$  does not change the outgoing condition, the outgoing Green's function of  $H - E$  is:

$$G(x, y; y_0) = \begin{pmatrix} (D_x + E)G_{+} & \mathbf{a}G_{-} \\ \mathbf{a}^*G_{+} & (-D_x + E)G_{-} \end{pmatrix} (x, y; y_0). \quad (6.11)$$

**Remark 6.1.** As stated in [2], the Green's function  $G$  has  $\frac{1}{r}$  singularity.

### 6.2.3 Contraction mapping

Let's first notice that the Green's function blows up like  $\frac{1}{r}$  near the singularity, which implies  $G$  is integrable any compact interval for fixed  $x$  and  $y$ . Now let's introduce the main theorem.

**Theorem 6.2.** *For an incoming solution with amplitude small enough, there exists an outgoing solution of eqn. 6.1.*

*Proof.* As in the previous proof, we define the solution operator

$$T(\psi) := G * f(\psi + \psi_{in})(x, y).$$

Also, we use the uniform bound on the integral of  $G$

$$\max \left\{ \left( \|(D_x + E)G_+\|_{L^1(x_0, y_0)} + \|\mathbf{a}^*G_+\|_{L^1(x_0, y_0)} \right), \left( \|(-D_x + E)G_-\|_{L^1(x_0, y_0)} + \|\mathbf{a}G_-\|_{L^1(x_0, y_0)} \right) \right\} < c$$

where the integral is taken over the compact support of  $w(x, y)$ . The incoming solution is the superposition of 6.10

$$\psi_{in} = \sum_{m \in M} \alpha_m \psi_m.$$

We first show  $T$  is invariant in  $B(-\psi_{in}, r)$  for some  $r > 0$ . Using the norm we introduced in the one-dimensional case, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|T(\psi)\| = \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{(x, y)} & \left[ \left| \int (D_x + E)G_+(x, y; x_0, y_0)[f(\psi)(x_0, y_0)]_1 dx_0 dy_0 \right. \right. \\ & + \left. \int \mathbf{a}G_-(x, y; x_0, y_0)[f(\psi)(x_0, y_0)]_2 dx_0 dy_0 \right| \\ & + \left| \int (-D_x + E)G_-(x, y; x_0, y_0)[f(\psi)(x_0, y_0)]_2 dx_0 dy_0 \right. \\ & \left. \left. + \int \mathbf{a}^*G_+(x, y; x_0, y_0)[f(\psi)(x_0, y_0)]_1 dx_0 dy_0 \right| \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Using the Hölder inequality and rearranging terms, denoting  $\sigma_c$  as the largest singular value of  $C$ , we bound

$$\begin{aligned} \|T(\psi)\| \leq \sigma_c \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{(x, y)} & \left[ \|(D_x + E)G_+(x, y; x_0, y_0)w(x_0, y_0)\|_{L^1(x_0, y_0)} \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{(x_0, y_0)} [|\psi + \psi_{in}|^2 |\psi_1 + \psi_{in,1}|] \right. \\ & + \|\mathbf{a}^*G_+(x, y; x_0, y_0)w(x_0, y_0)\|_{L^1(x_0, y_0)} \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{(x_0, y_0)} [|\psi + \psi_{in}|^2 |\psi_1 + \psi_{in,1}|] \\ & + \|(-D_x + E)G_-(x, y; x_0, y_0)w(x_0, y_0)\|_{L^1(x_0, y_0)} \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{(x_0, y_0)} [|\psi + \psi_{in}|^2 |\psi_2 + \psi_{in,2}|] \\ & \left. + \|\mathbf{a}G_-(x, y; x_0, y_0)w(x_0, y_0)\|_{L^1(x_0, y_0)} \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{(x_0, y_0)} [|\psi + \psi_{in}|^2 |\psi_2 + \psi_{in,2}|] \right]. \end{aligned}$$



We apply the Hölder inequality again, and use the bound  $c$  to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\|T(\psi)\| &\leq \sigma_c c \|w\|_{L^\infty} \left[ \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{(x_0, y_0)} [|\psi + \psi_{in}|^2 |\psi_1 + \psi_{in,1}|] + \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{(x_0, y_0)} [|\psi + \psi_{in}|^2 |\psi_2 + \psi_{in,2}|] \right] \\ &\leq 2\sigma_c c \|w\|_{L^\infty} r^3.\end{aligned}$$

Thus we need

$$2\sigma_c c \|w\|_{L^\infty} r^3 + \sum_{m \in M} |\alpha_m| \leq r.$$

Let  $\psi, \phi \in B(-\psi_{in}, r)$ , we show  $T$  is a contraction. Similarly, let's write  $a(x_0, y_0) := (\psi + \psi_{in})(x_0, y_0)$  and  $b(x_0, y_0) := (\phi + \psi_{in})(x_0, y_0)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}\|T(\psi) - T(\phi)\| &= \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{(x, y)} \left[ \left| \int (D_x + E) G_+(x, y; x_0, y_0) w(x_0, y_0) [(a^* C a) a_1 - (b^* C b) b_1] dx_0 dy_0 \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left| \int \mathbf{a} G_-(x, y; x_0, y_0) w(x_0, y_0) [(a^* C a) a_2 - (b^* C b) b_2] dx_0 dy_0 \right| \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left| \int (-D_x + E) G_-(x, y; x_0, y_0) w(x_0, y_0) [(a^* C a) a_2 - (b^* C b) b_2] dx_0 dy_0 \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. \int \mathbf{a}^* G_+(x, y; x_0, y_0) w(x_0, y_0) [(a^* C a) a_1 - (b^* C b) b_1] dx_0 dy_0 \right| \right].\end{aligned}$$

Similar to calculating the operator norm of  $T$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\|T(\psi) - T(\phi)\| &\leq 2c \|w\|_{L^\infty} \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{(x_0, y_0)} [| (a^* C a) a_1 - (b^* C b) b_1 | + | (a^* C a) a_2 - (b^* C b) b_2 |] \\ &= 2c \|w\|_{L^\infty} \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{(x_0, y_0)} \| (a^* C a) a - (b^* C b) b \|. \end{aligned}$$

which we have already shown the bound in 1-D case. Thus,

$$\|T(\psi) - T(\phi)\| \leq 6\sigma_c c \|w\|_{L^\infty} r^2 \|\psi - \phi\|.$$

We require

$$6\sigma_c c \|w\|_{L^\infty} r^2 < 1.$$

Combining two inequalities, we have the bound

$$\left( \sum_m |\alpha_m| \right)^2 \|w\|_{L^\infty} \leq \frac{2}{27\sigma_c c}.$$

□

## 6.3 Conclusion

We have successfully shown the existence of a solution to the nonlinear Helmholtz equation and nonlinear Dirac equation using fixed point arguments. The solutions are not trivial, as  $u_{out} = -u_{in}$  is not a fixed point. This argument generalizes to other PDEs if the Green's functions are integrable on a compact domain.

In this paper, we assumed that nonlinearity is compactly supported. In future work, I want to apply a similar argument when the nonlinearity is fast-decaying to zero.

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