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HEAT KERNEL AND SINGULAR VARIATION OF DOMAINS

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1. Introduction

We consider a bounded region M in \mathbb{R}^n ($n=2$ or 3) whose boundary is smooth. Let w be a fixed point in M . By $B(\varepsilon; w)$ we denote a ball of radius ε with the center w . We put $M_\varepsilon = M \setminus \overline{B(\varepsilon; w)}$.

Let $U(x, y, t)$ ($U^{(\varepsilon)}(x, y, t)$; respectively) be the heat kernel in M (M_ε ; respectively) with the Dirichlet condition on its boundary ∂M (∂M_ε ; respectively). That is, it satisfies

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{cases} (\partial_t - \Delta_x)U(x, y, t) = 0 & x, y \in M, \quad t > 0 \\ U(x, y, t) = 0 & x \in \partial M, \quad y \in M, \quad t > 0 \\ \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} U(x, y, t) = \delta(x - y) & x, y \in M \end{cases}$$

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{cases} (\partial_t - \Delta_x)U^{(\varepsilon)}(x, y, t) = 0 & x, y \in M_\varepsilon, \quad t > 0 \\ U^{(\varepsilon)}(x, y, t) = 0 & x \in \partial M_\varepsilon, \quad y \in M_\varepsilon, \quad t > 0 \\ \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} U^{(\varepsilon)}(x, y, t) = \delta(x - y) & x, y \in M_\varepsilon \end{cases}$$

We put

$$(1.2) \quad (U_t f)(x) = \int_M U(x, y, t) f(y) dy, \quad f \in L^p(M)$$

and

$$(1.3) \quad (U_t^{(\varepsilon)} f)(x) = \int_{M_\varepsilon} U^{(\varepsilon)}(x, y, t) f(y) dy, \quad f \in L^p(M_\varepsilon).$$

Then, $U_t f$ and $U_t^{(\varepsilon)} f$ satisfy the following.

$$\begin{cases} (\partial_t - \Delta_x)(U_t f)(x) = 0 & x \in M, \quad t > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} (U_t f)(x) = 0 & x \in \partial M, \quad t > 0 \\ \|U_t f - f\|_{L^p(M)} \rightarrow 0 & \text{as } t \rightarrow 0 \\ (\partial_t - \Delta_x)(U_t^{(\varepsilon)} f)(x) = 0 & x \in M_\varepsilon, \quad t > 0 \\ (U_t^{(\varepsilon)} f)(x) = 0 & x \in \partial M_\varepsilon, \quad t > 0 \\ \|U_t^{(\varepsilon)} f - f\|_{L^p(M_\varepsilon)} \rightarrow 0 & \text{as } t \rightarrow 0 \end{cases}$$

We want to construct an approximate kernel of $U^{(\varepsilon)}(x, y, t)$ by using $U(x, y, t)$. We put

$$(1.4) \quad V^{(\varepsilon)}(x, y, t) = U(x, y, t) - L_n(\varepsilon) \int_0^t U(x, w, \tau) U(w, y, t - \tau) d\tau,$$

where

$$L_n(\varepsilon) = \begin{cases} -2\pi(\log \varepsilon)^{-1} & (\text{if } n = 2) \\ 4\pi\varepsilon & (\text{if } n = 3). \end{cases}$$

and we put

$$(V_t^{(\varepsilon)} f)(x) = \int_M V^{(\varepsilon)}(x, y, t) f(y) dy, \quad f \in L^p(M).$$

Let T and T_ε be operators on M and M_ε , respectively. Then, $\|T\|_p$, $\|T_\varepsilon\|_{p,\varepsilon}$ denotes the operator norm on $L^p(M)$, $L^p(M_\varepsilon)$, respectively. Let f and f_ε be functions on M and M_ε , respectively. Then, $\|f\|_p$, $\|f_\varepsilon\|_{p,\varepsilon}$ denotes the norm on $L^p(M)$, $L^p(M_\varepsilon)$, respectively.

Let χ_ε denote the characteristic function of M_ε . Then, we have the following Theorems 1 and 2.

Theorem 1. *Assume that $n=2$. Then, there exists a constant C_t , which may depend on t but which is independent of ε such that*

$$\begin{aligned} & \|U_t^{(\varepsilon)} - \chi_\varepsilon V_t^{(\varepsilon)} \chi_\varepsilon\|_{p,\varepsilon} \\ & \leq \begin{cases} C_t \varepsilon^{1/p} |\log \varepsilon|^{-1} & \text{if } p \in (2, \infty) \\ C_t \varepsilon^{(1-s)/2} |\log \varepsilon|^{-1} & \text{if } p = 2 \\ C_t \varepsilon^{1-(1/p)} |\log \varepsilon|^{-1} & \text{if } p \in (1, 2) \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

hold. Here $s \in (0, 1)$ is an arbitrary fixed constant.

Theorem 2. *Assume that $n=3$. Then, there exists a constant C_t independent*

of ε such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|U_t^{(\varepsilon)} - \chi_\varepsilon V_t^{(\varepsilon)} \chi_\varepsilon\|_{p,\varepsilon} \\ & \leq \begin{cases} C_t \varepsilon^{1+(2/p)} & \text{if } p \in (3, \infty) \\ C_t \varepsilon^{(5-s)/3} & \text{if } p \in [3/2, 3] \\ C_t \varepsilon^{3-(2/p)} & \text{if } p \in (1, 3/2) \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

hold. Here $s \in (0,1)$ is an arbitrary fixed constant.

REMARK. Thus, by Theorems 1 and 2, we know that

$$-L_n(\varepsilon) \chi_\varepsilon(x) \chi_\varepsilon(y) \int_0^t U(x, w, \tau) U(w, y, t - \tau) d\tau$$

gives a main asymptotic term of the difference between $U^{(\varepsilon)}(x, y, t)$ and $U(x, y, t)$.

The Hadamard variation of the heat kernel was discussed in [2]. And we have various papers on singular variation of domain. See, for example, [3], [4], [5], [6].

We give the proof of Theorems 1 and 2 in section 2 and section 3, respectively. In Appendix we give some properties of $U(x, y, t)$ and $U^{(\varepsilon)}(x, y, t)$. Following an usual custom, we use the same letter C in inequalities which are independent of ε .

2. Proof of Theorem 1

Throughout this section we assume that $n=2$. We put

$$(2.1) \quad U(x, y, t) = W(x, y, t) + S(x, y, t),$$

where

$$(2.2) \quad W(x, y, t) = (4\pi t)^{-n/2} \exp(-|x - y|^2 / 4t).$$

We write $B(\varepsilon; w) = B_\varepsilon$. Without loss of generality we may assume that $w=0$.

We take arbitrary $f \in L^p(M_\varepsilon)$. Let \hat{f} be an extension of f to M which is 0 on B_ε . At first we want to estimate $|(V_t^{(\varepsilon)} \hat{f})(x)|_{|x \in \partial B_\varepsilon}$. By (2.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} (2.3) \quad & \int_0^t W(x, w, \tau) d\tau \mid x \in \partial B_\varepsilon \\ & = \int_0^t (4\pi\tau)^{-1} \exp(-\varepsilon^2 / 4\tau) d\tau \\ & = (4\pi)^{-1} \int_{\varepsilon^2/4t}^{\infty} s^{-1} e^{-s} ds \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (4\pi)^{-1} (e^{-s} \log s) \Big|_{s=\varepsilon^2/4t}^{s=\infty} + \int_{\varepsilon^2/4t}^{\infty} e^{-s} (\log s) ds \\
&= (4\pi)^{-1} (-2 \log \varepsilon + R(\varepsilon, t)),
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
R(\varepsilon, t) &= 2(1 - \exp(-\varepsilon^2/4t)) \log \varepsilon + (\exp(-\varepsilon^2/4t)) \log(4t) \\
&\quad + \int_{\varepsilon^2/4t}^{\infty} e^{-s} (\log s) ds.
\end{aligned}$$

Let γ be the Euler constant. Then,

$$\gamma = - \int_0^{\infty} e^{-s} (\log s) ds.$$

Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.4) \quad R(\varepsilon, t) &= 2(1 - \exp(-\varepsilon^2/4t)) \log \varepsilon \\
&\quad + (\exp(-\varepsilon^2/4t)) \log(4t) \\
&\quad - \gamma - \int_0^{\varepsilon^2/4t} e^{-s} (\log s) ds \\
&= -\gamma + \log(4t) + \int_0^{\varepsilon^2/4t} e^{-s} \log(\varepsilon^2/(4ts)) ds.
\end{aligned}$$

Since $0 \leq \log(\varepsilon^2/(4ts)) \leq 2(\varepsilon^2/(4ts))^{1/2} = \varepsilon(ts)^{-1/2}$ hold for any $s \in (0, \varepsilon^2/4t)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.5) \quad & \left| \int_0^{\varepsilon^2/4t} e^{-s} \log(\varepsilon^2/(4ts)) ds \right| \\
& \leq \varepsilon t^{-1/2} \int_0^{\varepsilon^2/4t} s^{-1/2} e^{-s} ds \\
& \leq \varepsilon t^{-1/2} \int_0^{\infty} s^{-1/2} e^{-s} ds = \pi^{1/2} \varepsilon t^{-1/2}.
\end{aligned}$$

It is easy to see that $|\log t| \leq 2(t + t^{-1/2})$ holds for any $t \in (0, \infty)$. Thus, by (2.3), (2.4) and (2.5), we get

$$(2.6) \quad \int_0^t W(x, w, \tau) d\tau|_{x \in \partial B_\varepsilon} = -(2\pi)^{-1} \log \varepsilon + R(\varepsilon, t),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}|R(\varepsilon, t)| &\leq C(|\log t| + t^{-1/2} + 1) \\ &\leq C(t + t^{-1/2} + 1)\end{aligned}$$

hold for any sufficiently small $\varepsilon > 0$.

On the other hand, since

$$\begin{aligned}U(w, y, t - \tau) - U(w, y, t) &= \int_0^\tau \frac{\partial}{\partial s} U(w, y, t - s) ds \\ &= - \int_0^\tau \frac{\partial}{\partial t} U(w, y, t - s) ds\end{aligned}$$

hold for $\tau \in (0, t)$ and $y \in M_\varepsilon$, we see that

$$\begin{aligned}&\int_0^\tau W(x, w, \tau) U(w, y, t - \tau) d\tau \\ &= \left(\int_0^\tau W(x, w, \tau) d\tau \right) U(w, y, t) \\ &\quad - \int_0^\tau W(x, w, \tau) \left(\int_0^\tau \frac{\partial}{\partial t} U(w, y, t - s) ds \right) d\tau.\end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned}&\int_{M_\varepsilon} \left(\int_0^\tau W(x, w, \tau) U(w, y, t - \tau) d\tau \right) f(y) dy \\ &= \left(\int_0^\tau W(x, w, \tau) d\tau \right) \int_{M_\varepsilon} U(w, y, t) f(y) dy \\ &\quad - \int_0^\tau W(x, w, \tau) \left(\int_0^\tau \left(\int_{M_\varepsilon} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} U(w, y, t - s) f(y) dy \right) ds \right) d\tau \\ &= \left(\int_0^\tau W(x, w, \tau) d\tau \right) (U_t \hat{f})(w) - \int_0^\tau W(x, w, \tau) \left(\int_0^\tau \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (U_{t-s} \hat{f})(w) ds \right) d\tau\end{aligned}$$

for $x \in M$. Combining this equality with (1.2), (1.4) and (2.1), we can easily see

$$\begin{aligned}(2.7) \quad &(V_t^{(\varepsilon)} \hat{f})(x) \\ &= \int_{M_\varepsilon} U(x, y, t) f(y) dy \\ &\quad - L_n(\varepsilon) \int_{M_\varepsilon} \left(\int_0^\tau W(x, w, \tau) U(w, y, t - \tau) d\tau \right) f(y) dy\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -L_n(\varepsilon) \int_{M_\varepsilon} \left(\int_0^t S(x, w, \tau) U(w, y, t-\tau) d\tau \right) f(y) dy \\
& = (U_t \hat{f})(x) - L_n(\varepsilon) \left(\int_0^t W(x, w, \tau) d\tau \right) (U_t \hat{f})(w) \\
& \quad + L_n(\varepsilon) \int_0^t W(x, w, \tau) \left(\int_0^\tau \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (U_{t-s} \hat{f})(w) ds \right) d\tau \\
& \quad - L_n(\varepsilon) \int_0^t S(x, w, \tau) (U_{t-\tau} \hat{f})(w) d\tau
\end{aligned}$$

for $x \in M$.

We recall that $L_n(\varepsilon) = -2\pi(\log \varepsilon)^{-1}$ for $n=2$. Thus, by (2.6) and (2.7), we have

$$(2.8) \quad (V_t^{(\varepsilon)} \hat{f})(x) \Big|_{x \in \partial B_\varepsilon} = \sum_{i=1}^3 I_i(\varepsilon, t),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
I_1(\varepsilon, t) &= (U_t \hat{f})(x) \Big|_{x \in \partial B_\varepsilon} - (U_t \hat{f})(w) \\
I_2(\varepsilon, t) &= -2\pi(\log \varepsilon)^{-1} \int_0^t W(x, w, \tau) \left(\int_0^\tau \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (U_{t-s} \hat{f})(w) ds \right) d\tau \\
I_3(\varepsilon, t) &= 2\pi(\log \varepsilon)^{-1} (R(\varepsilon, t) (U_t \hat{f})(w) + \int_0^t S(x, w, \tau) (U_{t-\tau} \hat{f})(w) d\tau)
\end{aligned}$$

for $x \in \partial B_\varepsilon$.

Notice that $S(x, w, \tau)$ is uniformly bounded for $x \in M$ and $\tau \in [0, t]$. Thus, by (2.6) and Lemma A.3 in Appendix,

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.9) \quad & |R(\varepsilon, t) (U_t \hat{f})(w)| \\
& \leq C |R(\varepsilon, t)| t^{-1/p} \|\hat{f}\|_p \leq C t^{-1/p} (t + t^{-1/2} + 1) \|f\|_{p, \varepsilon}
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.10) \quad & \left| \int_0^t S(x, w, \tau) (U_{t-\tau} \hat{f})(w) d\tau \right| \\
& \leq C \int_0^t |(U_{t-\tau} \hat{f})(w)| d\tau \\
& \leq C \|\hat{f}\|_p \int_0^t (t-\tau)^{-1/p} d\tau \leq C t^{1-(1/p)} \|f\|_{p, \varepsilon}
\end{aligned}$$

hold for $p > 1$ and $x \in M$. Therefore, by (2.8), (2.9) and (2.10), we have

$$(2.11) \quad |I_3(\varepsilon, t)| \leq C |\log \varepsilon|^{-1/p} (t + t^{-1/2} + 1) \|f\|_{p, \varepsilon}$$

for $p > 1$. The same calculation as above yields

$$(2.12) \quad \begin{aligned} & \left| \int_0^\tau \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (U_{t-s} \hat{f})(w) ds \right| \\ & \leq C \|\hat{f}\|_p \int_0^\tau (t-s)^{-1-(1/p)} ds \\ & \leq C \|f\|_{p, \varepsilon} ((t-\tau)^{-1/p} - t^{-1/p}) \\ & \leq C \|f\|_{p, \varepsilon} t^{-1/p} \tau^{1/p} (t-\tau)^{-1/p} \end{aligned}$$

for $p > 1$, $\tau \in (0, t)$ and

$$(2.13) \quad \begin{aligned} |I_1(\varepsilon, t)| &= \varepsilon |\nabla_x (U_t \hat{f})(w + \theta(x-w))|_{|x \in \partial B_\varepsilon} \\ &\leq C \varepsilon t^{-(1/p)-(1/2)} \|f\|_{p, \varepsilon} \end{aligned}$$

for $p > 1$, where $\theta \in (0, 1)$ denotes some constant. Furthermore, by (2.2), (2.8) and (2.12),

$$(2.14) \quad \begin{aligned} & |I_2(\varepsilon, t)| \\ & \leq C |\log \varepsilon|^{-1} t^{-1/p} \|f\|_{p, \varepsilon} \int_0^\tau \tau^{(1/p)-1} (t-\tau)^{-1/p} \exp(-\varepsilon^2/4\tau) d\tau \\ & \leq C |\log \varepsilon|^{-1} t^{-1/p} \|f\|_{p, \varepsilon} \int_0^\tau \tau^{(1/p)-1} (t-\tau)^{-1/p} d\tau \\ & = C |\log \varepsilon|^{-1} t^{-1/p} \|f\|_{p, \varepsilon} \int_0^1 s^{(1/p)-1} (1-s)^{-1/p} ds \\ & \leq C |\log \varepsilon|^{-1} t^{-1/p} \|f\|_{p, \varepsilon} \end{aligned}$$

hold for $p > 1$.

Summing up (2.8), (2.11), (2.13) and (2.14), we get the following.

Proposition 2.1. *Fix $p > 1$ and $t > 0$. Then, there exists a constant C independent of ε , t such that*

$$|(V_t^{(\varepsilon)} \hat{f})(x)|_{|x \in \partial B_\varepsilon} \leq C t^{-1/p} (t + t^{-1/2} + 1) |\log \varepsilon|^{-1} \|f\|_{p, \varepsilon}$$

holds for any $f \in L^p(M_\varepsilon)$.

Now we are in a position to prove Theorem 1. We put $v(x,t) = (U_t^{(\varepsilon)} f)(x) - (V_t^{(\varepsilon)} \hat{f})(x)$. Then $v(x,t)$ satisfies the following.

$$(2.15) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} (\partial_t - \Delta_x) v(x,t) = 0 & x \in M_\varepsilon, \quad t > 0 \\ v(x,t) = 0 & x \in \partial M, \quad t > 0 \\ v(x,t) = -(V_t^{(\varepsilon)} \hat{f})(x) & x \in \partial B_\varepsilon, \quad t > 0 \\ \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} v(x,t) = 0 & a.a. \quad x \in M_\varepsilon. \end{array} \right.$$

By the maximum principle we have

$$\sup_{x \in M_\varepsilon} |v(x,t)| \leq \sup_{x \in \partial M_\varepsilon} |v(x,t)| \leq \sup_{x \in \partial B_\varepsilon} |(V_t^{(\varepsilon)} \hat{f})(x)|.$$

Thus, by Proposition 2.1,

$$(2.16) \quad \begin{aligned} & \|U_t^{(\varepsilon)} f - \chi_\varepsilon V_t^{(\varepsilon)} \hat{f}\|_{\infty, \varepsilon} \\ &= \|v(\cdot, t)\|_{\infty, \varepsilon} \leq C t^{-1/p} (t + t^{-1/2} + 1) |\log \varepsilon|^{-1} \|f\|_{p, \varepsilon} \end{aligned}$$

hold for $p > 1$.

On the other hand, by (1.1) _{ε} and (2.15), $v(x,t)$ is explicitly represented as follows.

$$(2.17) \quad v(x,t) = \int_0^t \left(\int_{\partial B_\varepsilon} (V_\tau^{(\varepsilon)} \hat{f})(z) \frac{\partial U^{(\varepsilon)}}{\partial v_z}(x, z, t - \tau) d\sigma_z \right) d\tau$$

Here $\partial / \partial v_z$ denotes the derivative along the exterior normal direction with respect to M_ε . Thus, by (2.17), Proposition 2.1 and Lemma A.5 in Appendix, we have

$$(2.18) \quad \begin{aligned} & \|U_t^{(\varepsilon)} f - \chi_\varepsilon V_t^{(\varepsilon)} \hat{f}\|_{1, \varepsilon} \\ &= \|v(\cdot, t)\|_{1, \varepsilon} \\ &\leq \int_0^t \left(\sup_{x \in \partial B_\varepsilon} |(V_\tau^{(\varepsilon)} \hat{f})(z)| \right) \left(\int_{\partial B_\varepsilon} \left| \frac{\partial U^{(\varepsilon)}}{\partial v_z}(x, z, t - \tau) \right| dx d\sigma_z \right) d\tau \\ &\leq C \varepsilon |\log \varepsilon|^{-1} \|f\|_{p, \varepsilon} \int_0^t \tau^{-1/p} (\tau + \tau^{-1/2} + 1) (t - \tau)^{-1/2} d\tau \\ &\leq C \varepsilon |\log \varepsilon|^{-1} \|f\|_{p, \varepsilon} t^{(1/2) - (1/p)} (t + t^{-1/2} + 1) \end{aligned}$$

for $p > 2$.

We fix $p > 2$ and $t > 0$. Then, by (2.16), (2.18) and the interpolation inequality, we see

$$(2.19) \quad \|U_t^{(\varepsilon)} f - \chi_\varepsilon V_t^{(\varepsilon)} \hat{f}\|_{p, \varepsilon}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \|U_t^{(\varepsilon)} f - \chi_\varepsilon V_t^{(\varepsilon)} \hat{f}\|_{1,\varepsilon}^{1/p} \|U_t^{(\varepsilon)} f - \chi_\varepsilon V_t^{(\varepsilon)} \hat{f}\|_{\infty,\varepsilon}^{1-(1/p)} \\ &\leq C_t \varepsilon^{1/p} |\log \varepsilon|^{-1} \|f\|_{p,\varepsilon}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we get the following.

Proposition 2.2. *Fix $p > 2$ and $t > 0$. Then, there exists a constant C_t independent of ε such that*

$$\|U_t^{(\varepsilon)} - \chi_\varepsilon V_t^{(\varepsilon)} \chi_\varepsilon\|_{p,\varepsilon} \leq C_t \varepsilon^{1/p} |\log \varepsilon|^{-1}$$

holds.

From (1.4) and Lemma A.2 in Appendix, we can see that $(V_t^{(\varepsilon)})^* = V_t^{(\varepsilon)}$ and $(U_t^{(\varepsilon)})^* = U_t^{(\varepsilon)}$. Thus, by the duality argument,

$$(2.20) \quad \|U_t^{(\varepsilon)} - \chi_\varepsilon V_t^{(\varepsilon)} \chi_\varepsilon\|_{p',\varepsilon} = \|U_t^{(\varepsilon)} - \chi_\varepsilon V_t^{(\varepsilon)} \chi_\varepsilon\|_{p,\varepsilon}$$

holds for any $p \in (2, \infty)$, where $p' = (1 - 1/p)^{-1}$. Furthermore, by Proposition 2.2, (2.20) and the Riesz-Thorin interpolation theorem,

$$(2.21) \quad \|U_t^{(\varepsilon)} - \chi_\varepsilon V_t^{(\varepsilon)} \chi_\varepsilon\|_{2,\varepsilon} \leq \|U_t^{(\varepsilon)} - \chi_\varepsilon V_t^{(\varepsilon)} \chi_\varepsilon\|_{p,\varepsilon}$$

holds for any $p \in (2, \infty)$.

From Proposition 2.2, (2.20) and (2.21), we can easily get Theorem 1.

3. Proof of Theorem 2

Throughout this section we assume that $n = 3$. We recall (2.2). Then

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^t W(x, w, \tau) d\tau|_{x \in \partial B_\varepsilon} \\ &= \int_0^t (4\pi\tau)^{-3/2} \exp(-\varepsilon^2/4\tau) d\tau \\ &= 4^{-1} \pi^{-3/2} \varepsilon^{-1} \int_{\varepsilon^2/4t}^{\infty} s^{-1/2} e^{-s} ds. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\int_0^{\infty} s^{-1/2} e^{-s} ds = \pi^{1/2}$$

and

$$\left| \int_0^{\varepsilon^2/4t} s^{-1/2} e^{-s} ds \right| \leq \int_0^{\varepsilon^2/4t} s^{-1/2} ds = \varepsilon t^{-1/2}$$

hold, we have

$$(3.1) \quad \int_0^t W(x, w, \tau) d\tau|_{x \in \partial B_\varepsilon} = (4\pi\varepsilon)^{-1} + R_1(\varepsilon, t),$$

where

$$|R_1(\varepsilon, t)| \leq 4^{-1} \pi^{-3/2} t^{-1/2}.$$

We fix an arbitrary $f \in L^p(M_\varepsilon)$. We recall (2.7) and $L_n(\varepsilon) = 4\pi\varepsilon$ for $n = 3$. Thus, by (2.7) and (3.1), we have

$$(3.2) \quad (V_t^{(\varepsilon)} \hat{f})(x)|_{x \in \partial B_\varepsilon} = \sum_{i=4}^6 I_i(\varepsilon, t),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} I_4(\varepsilon, t) &= (U_t \hat{f})(x)|_{x \in \partial B_\varepsilon} - (U_t \hat{f})(w) \\ I_5(\varepsilon, t) &= 4\pi\varepsilon \int_0^t W(x, w, \tau) \left(\int_0^\tau \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (U_{t-s} \hat{f})(w) ds \right) d\tau \\ I_6(\varepsilon, t) &= -4\pi\varepsilon (R_1(\varepsilon, t) (U_t \hat{f})(w) + \int_0^t S(x, w, \tau) (U_{t-\tau} \hat{f})(w) d\tau) \end{aligned}$$

for $x \in \partial B_\varepsilon$. By (3.1) and Lemma A.3 in Appendix,

$$\begin{aligned} (3.3) \quad |I_6(\varepsilon, t)| &\leq C\varepsilon(t^{-1/2}|(U_t \hat{f})(w)| + \int_0^t |(U_{t-\tau} \hat{f})(w)| d\tau) \\ &\leq C\varepsilon(t^{-(1/2)-(3/2)p} \|\hat{f}\|_p + \|\hat{f}\|_p \int_0^t (t-\tau)^{-3/2p} d\tau) \\ &\leq C\varepsilon t^{-3/2p} (t + t^{-1/2}) \|f\|_{p,\varepsilon} \quad (p > 3/2), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (3.4) \quad |I_4(\varepsilon, t)| &= \varepsilon |\nabla_x (U_t \hat{f})(w + \theta(x-w))|_{x \in \partial B_\varepsilon} \\ &\leq C\varepsilon t^{-(3/2p)-(1/2)} \|f\|_{p,\varepsilon} \quad (p > 1) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(3.5) \quad \left| \int_0^t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (U_{t-s} \hat{f})(w) ds \right| \leq C \|f\|_{p,\varepsilon} \int_0^t (t-s)^{-1-(3/2p)} ds \quad (p > 1)$$

hold for $\tau \in (0, t)$, where $\theta \in (0, 1)$ denotes some constant.

Next we want to estimate $I_5(\varepsilon, t)$. By (2.2), (3.2) and (3.5), we see

$$(3.6) \quad |I_5(\varepsilon, t)| \leq C\varepsilon \|f\|_{p, \varepsilon} I_7(\varepsilon, t),$$

where

$$I_7(\varepsilon, t) = \int_0^t \tau^{-3/2} \exp(-\varepsilon^2/4\tau) \left(\int_0^\tau (t-s)^{-1-(3/2p)} ds \right) d\tau.$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} I_7(\varepsilon, t) &= \iint_{0 \leq s \leq \tau \leq t} \tau^{-3/2} \exp(-\varepsilon^2/4\tau) (t-s)^{-1-(3/2p)} ds d\tau \\ &= \int_0^t (t-s)^{-1-(3/2p)} \left(\int_s^t \tau^{-3/2} \exp(-\varepsilon^2/4\tau) d\tau \right) ds \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_s^t \tau^{-3/2} \exp(-\varepsilon^2/4\tau) d\tau \\ &= 2\varepsilon^{-1} \int_{\varepsilon^2/4t}^{\varepsilon^2/4s} r^{-1/2} e^{-r} dr \\ &\leq 2\varepsilon^{-1} \int_{\varepsilon^2/4t}^{\varepsilon^2/4s} r^{-1/2} dr \\ &= 2(st)^{-1/2} (t^{1/2} - s^{1/2}) \leq 2(st)^{-1/2} (t-s)^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

hold for $s \in (0, t)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_7(\varepsilon, t) &\leq 2t^{-1/2} \int_0^t s^{-1/2} (t-s)^{-(1/2)-(3/2p)} ds \\ &= 2t^{-(1/2)-(3/2p)} \int_0^1 \tau^{-1/2} (1-\tau)^{-(1/2)-(3/2p)} d\tau \\ &\leq Ct^{-(1/2)-(3/2p)} \end{aligned}$$

for $p > 3$. Combining this inequality with (3.6), we get

$$(3.7) \quad |I_5(\varepsilon, t)| \leq C\varepsilon t^{-(1/2)-(3/2p)} \|f\|_{p, \varepsilon}$$

for $p > 3$.

Summing up (3.2), (3.3), (3.4) and (3.7), we can get the following.

Proposition 3.1. *Fix $p > 3$ and $t > 0$. Then there exists a constant C independent of ε , t such that*

$$\|(V_t^{(\varepsilon)} \hat{f})(x)\|_{x \in \partial B_\varepsilon} \leq C\varepsilon t^{-3/2p}(t + t^{-1/2}) \|f\|_{p,\varepsilon}$$

holds for any $f \in L^p(M_\varepsilon)$.

By Proposition 3.1, Lemma A.5 in Appendix and the same argument as in section 2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (3.8) \quad \|U_t^{(\varepsilon)} f - \chi_\varepsilon V_t^{(\varepsilon)} \hat{f}\|_{\infty,\varepsilon} &\leq \sup_{x \in \partial B_\varepsilon} \|(V_t^{(\varepsilon)} \hat{f})(x)\| \\ &\leq C\varepsilon t^{-3/2p}(t + t^{-1/2}) \|f\|_{p,\varepsilon} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (3.9) \quad &\|U_t^{(\varepsilon)} f - \chi_\varepsilon V_t^{(\varepsilon)} \hat{f}\|_{1,\varepsilon} \\ &\leq \int_0^t \sup_{x \in \partial B_\varepsilon} \|(V_\tau^{(\varepsilon)} \hat{f})(z)\| \left(\int_{\partial B_\varepsilon} \left(\int_{M_\varepsilon} \left| \frac{\partial U^{(\varepsilon)}}{\partial v_z}(x, z, t - \tau) \right| dx \right) d\sigma_z \right) d\tau \\ &\leq C\varepsilon^3 \|f\|_{p,\varepsilon} \int_0^t \tau^{-3/2p} (\tau + \tau^{-1/2}) (t - \tau)^{-1/2} d\tau \\ &= C\varepsilon^3 \|f\|_{p,\varepsilon} t^{(1/2) - (3/2p)} \int_0^1 s^{-3/2p} (ts + (ts)^{-1/2}) (1 - s)^{-1/2} ds \\ &\leq C\varepsilon^3 t^{(1/2) - (3/2p)} (t + t^{-1/2}) \|f\|_{p,\varepsilon} \end{aligned}$$

for $p > 3$.

From (3.8), (3.9) and the interpolation inequality (see (2.19)), we get the following.

Proposition 3.2. *Fix $p > 3$ and $t > 0$. Then there exists a constant C_t independent of ε such that*

$$\|U_t^{(\varepsilon)} - \chi_\varepsilon V_t^{(\varepsilon)} \chi_\varepsilon\|_{p,\varepsilon} \leq C_t \varepsilon^{1+(2/p)}$$

holds.

Furthermore, by the duality argument and the Riesz-Thorin interpolation theorem, we have (2.20) for any $p \in (3, \infty)$ and

$$(3.10) \quad \|U_t^{(\varepsilon)} - \chi_\varepsilon V_t^{(\varepsilon)} \chi_\varepsilon\|_{r,\varepsilon} \leq \|U_t^{(\varepsilon)} - \chi_\varepsilon V_t^{(\varepsilon)} \chi_\varepsilon\|_{p,\varepsilon}$$

for any $p \in (3, \infty)$ and $r \in [3 \setminus 2, 3]$.

From Proposition 3.2, (2.20) and (3.10), we can easily get Theorem 2.

4. Appendix

Let M , M_v , $U(x,y,t)$, $U^{(e)}(x,y,t)$ be as in Introduction. See Friedman [1] for the fundamental properties of the heat kernel. We have the following.

Lemma 1.1. *There exists a constant C independent of x,y,t such that*

$$(A.1) \quad 0 \leq U(x,y,t) \leq Ct^{-n/2} \exp(-|x-y|^2/Ct)$$

$$(A.2) \quad \left| \frac{\partial U}{\partial x_i}(x,y,t) \right| \leq Ct^{-(n+1)/2} \exp(-|x-y|^2/Ct) \quad (1 \leq i \leq n)$$

$$(A.3) \quad \left| \frac{\partial U}{\partial t}(x,y,t) \right| \leq Ct^{-(n+2)/2} \exp(-|x-y|^2/Ct)$$

hold for $x, y \in \bar{M}$, $t > 0$.

Lemma A.2. *We have*

$$U(x,y,t) = U(y,x,t) \quad x, y \in \bar{M}, t > 0$$

and

$$U^{(e)}(x,y,t) = U^{(e)}(y,x,t) \quad x, y \in \bar{M}_v, t > 0.$$

Let U_t be as in (1.2). Then we have the following.

Lemma A.3. *Fix $p \in (1, \infty)$. Then there exists a constant C independent of t such that*

$$(A.4) \quad \sup_{x \in \bar{M}} |(U_t f)(x)| \leq Ct^{-n/2p} \|f\|_p$$

$$(A.5) \quad \sup_{x \in \bar{M}} \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (U_t f)(x) \right| \leq Ct^{-(n/2p)-(1/2)} \|f\|_p \quad (1 \leq i \leq n)$$

$$(A.6) \quad \sup_{x \in \bar{M}} \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (U_t f)(x) \right| \leq Ct^{-(n/2p)-1} \|f\|_p$$

hold for $f \in L^p(M)$ and $t > 0$.

Proof. We take an arbitrary $x \in \bar{M}$. Then, by (1.2), (A.1) and using the transformation of co-ordinates : $y = x + (Ct)^{1/2}z$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
|(U_t f)(x)| &\leq C t^{-n/2} \int_M \exp(-|x-y|^2/Ct) |f(y)| dy \\
&\leq C t^{-n/2} \|f\|_p \left(\int_M \exp(-|x-y|^2/Ct) dy \right)^{1/p'} \\
&\leq C t^{-(n/2)+(n/2)p'} \|f\|_p \left(\int_{R^n} \exp(-|z|^2) dz \right)^{1/p'} \\
&\leq C t^{-n/2p} \|f\|_p,
\end{aligned}$$

where $(1/p) + (1/p') = 1$.

Therefore we get (A.4). By the same argument as above, we get (A.5) and (A.6) from (A.2) and (A.3), respectively.

q.e.d

By $B(r; w)$ we denote a ball of radius $r > 0$ with the center w . And we write $B_r = B(r; w)$ as before.

Lemma A.4. *There exists a constant C independent of ε , x , t such that*

$$(A.7) \quad 0 \leq -\frac{\partial U^{(\varepsilon)}}{\partial v_z}(x, z, t) \leq C t^{-(n+1)/2} \exp(-|x-z|^2/Ct)$$

hold for $z \in \partial B_\varepsilon$, $x \in M_\varepsilon$ and $t > 0$.

Here $\partial/\partial v_z$ denotes the derivative along the exterior normal direction with respect to M_ε .

Proof. Let $F^{(r)}(x, y, t)$ be the fundamental solution of the heat equation in $R^n \setminus \bar{B}_r$ under the Dirichlet condition on ∂B_r . Then we have the following identity.

$$F^{(\varepsilon)}(x, y, t) = F^{(1)}(\varepsilon^{-1}x, \varepsilon^{-1}y, \varepsilon^{-2}t) \varepsilon^{-n} \quad x, y \in R^n \setminus B_\varepsilon, t > 0$$

Thus,

$$\frac{\partial F^{(\varepsilon)}}{\partial y_i}(x, y, t) = \left(\frac{\partial F^{(1)}}{\partial y_i} \right) (\varepsilon^{-1}x, \varepsilon^{-1}y, \varepsilon^{-2}t) \varepsilon^{-(n+1)} \quad (1 \leq i \leq n)$$

holds for $x, y \in R^n \setminus B_\varepsilon$, $t > 0$.

It is well known that there exists a constant C such that

$$\begin{aligned}
|F^{(1)}(x, y, t)| &\leq C t^{-n/2} \exp(-|x-y|^2/Ct) \\
\left| \frac{\partial F^{(1)}}{\partial y_i}(x, y, t) \right| &\leq C t^{-(n+1)/2} \exp(-|x-y|^2/Ct) \quad (1 \leq i \leq n)
\end{aligned}$$

hold for $x, y \in R^n \setminus B_1$, $t > 0$. Thus, we get

$$(A.8) \quad \left| \frac{\partial F^{(\varepsilon)}}{\partial y_i}(x, y, t) \right| \leq C t^{-(n+1)/2} \exp(-|x-y|^2 / Ct) \quad (1 \leq i \leq n)$$

for $x, y \in R^n \setminus B_\varepsilon$, $t > 0$.

It should be remarked that the constant C in (A.8) does not depend on ε . Let $H^{(\varepsilon)}(x, y, t) = F^{(\varepsilon)}(x, y, t) - U^{(\varepsilon)}(x, y, t)$. Then, $H^{(\varepsilon)}(x, y, t)$ satisfies the following.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} (\partial_t - \Delta_x) H^{(\varepsilon)}(x, y, t) = 0 & x, y \in M_\varepsilon, t > 0 \\ H^{(\varepsilon)}(x, y, t) = F^{(\varepsilon)}(x, y, t) \geq 0 & x \in \partial M, y \in M_\varepsilon, t > 0 \\ H^{(\varepsilon)}(x, y, t) = 0 & x \in \partial B_\varepsilon, y \in M_\varepsilon, t > 0 \\ \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} H^{(\varepsilon)}(x, y, t) = 0 & x, y \in M_\varepsilon \end{array} \right.$$

By the maximum principle, $H^{(\varepsilon)}(x, y, t) \geq 0$ holds for $x, y \in \bar{M}_\varepsilon$, $t > 0$. Therefore,

$$(A.9) \quad 0 \leq U^{(\varepsilon)}(x, y, t) \leq F^{(\varepsilon)}(x, y, t)$$

hold for $x, y \in \bar{M}$, $t > 0$.

We fix an arbitrary $z \in \partial B_\varepsilon$. Then, $v_z = -(z-w)/|z-w|$ denotes the exterior normal unit vector at $z \in \partial B_\varepsilon$ with respect to M_ε . We recall that

$$(A.10) \quad U^{(\varepsilon)}(x, z, t) = F^{(\varepsilon)}(x, z, t) = 0$$

for $x \in M_\varepsilon$, $t > 0$. Therefore, by (A.9) and (A.10),

$$(A.11) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq (U^{(\varepsilon)}(x, z - hv_z, t) - U^{(\varepsilon)}(x, z, t)) / h \\ &\leq (F^{(\varepsilon)}(x, z - hv_z, t) - F^{(\varepsilon)}(x, z, t)) / h \end{aligned}$$

hold for $x \in M_\varepsilon$, $t > 0$ and any sufficiently small $h > 0$. Letting $h \downarrow 0$ in (A.11), we have

$$0 \leq -\frac{\partial U^{(\varepsilon)}}{\partial v_z}(x, z, t) \leq -\frac{\partial F^{(\varepsilon)}}{\partial v_z}(x, z, t)$$

for $x \in M_\varepsilon$, $t > 0$.

Combining this inequality with (A.8),

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq -\frac{\partial U^{(\varepsilon)}}{\partial v_z}(x, z, t) \leq |(\nabla_z F^{(\varepsilon)})(x, z, t)| \\ &\leq C t^{-(n+1)/2} \exp(-|x-z|^2 / Ct) \end{aligned}$$

hold for $x \in M_\varepsilon$, $t > 0$.

Therefore we get (A.7).

q.e.d.

Now we have the following.

Lemma A.5. *There exists a constant C independent of ε , t such that*

$$(A.12) \quad \int_{\partial B_\varepsilon} \left(\int_{M_\varepsilon} \left| \frac{\partial U^{(\varepsilon)}}{\partial v_z}(x, z, t) \right| dx \right) d\sigma_z \leq C \varepsilon^{n-1} t^{-1/2}$$

holds for $t > 0$.

Proof. We fix an arbitrary $z \in \partial B_\varepsilon$. Then, by (A.7) and using the transformation of co-ordinates : $x = z + (Ct)^{1/2}y$,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{M_\varepsilon} \left| \frac{\partial U^{(\varepsilon)}}{\partial v_z}(x, z, t) \right| dx &\leq Ct^{-(n+1)/2} \int_{M_\varepsilon} \exp(-|x-z|^2/Ct) dx \\ &\leq Ct^{-1/2} \int_{R^n} \exp(-|y|^2) dy \\ &\leq Ct^{-1/2} \end{aligned}$$

hold for $t > 0$. Here C denotes some different positive constants independent of ε , t . Integrating this inequality on ∂B_ε , we can immediately get (A.12).

q.e.d.

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