

Strichartz estimates for the Schrödinger equation on polygonal domains

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- ▶ Let B be a planar, polygonal domain, not necessarily convex. Let V denote the set of vertices of B , and let Δ_B denote the Dirichlet or the Neumann Laplacian on $L^2(B)$.

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► Theorem

Let B be as above and let U be any neighbourhood of V . Then there exists $c = c(U) > 0$ such that, for any L^2 -normalized eigenfunction u of the Dirichlet (or Neumann) Laplacian Δ_B , we have

$$\int_U |u|^2 \geq c.$$

That is, U is a control region for B .

Applicable Billiards

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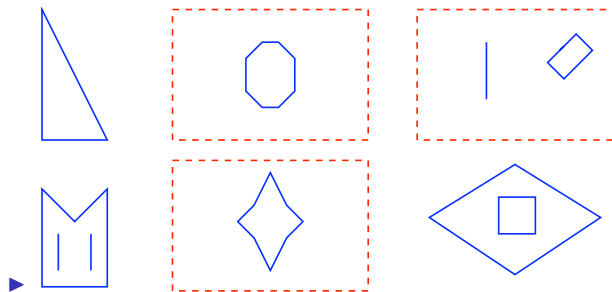


Figure: Examples of polygonal billiards for which the Theorem is applicable with Dirichlet or Neumann boundary conditions on the solid lines and periodic boundary conditions on the dashed lines.

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► Theorem (Burq-Zworski)

Let Ω be a partially rectangular billiard with the rectangular part $R \subset \Omega$, $\partial R = \Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2$, a decomposition into parallel components satisfying $\Gamma_2 \subset \partial\Omega$. Let Δ be the Dirichlet or Neumann Laplacian on Ω . Then for any neighbourhood of Γ_1 in Ω , V , there exists C such that

$$-\Delta u = \lambda u \implies \int_V |u(x)|^2 dx \geq \frac{1}{C} \int_R |u(x)|^2 dx,$$

that is, no eigenfunction can concentrate in R and away from Γ_1 .

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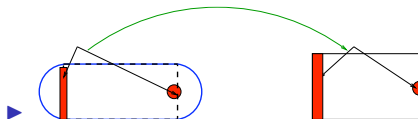


Figure: Control regions in which eigenfunctions have positive mass and the rectangular part for the Bunimovich stadium.

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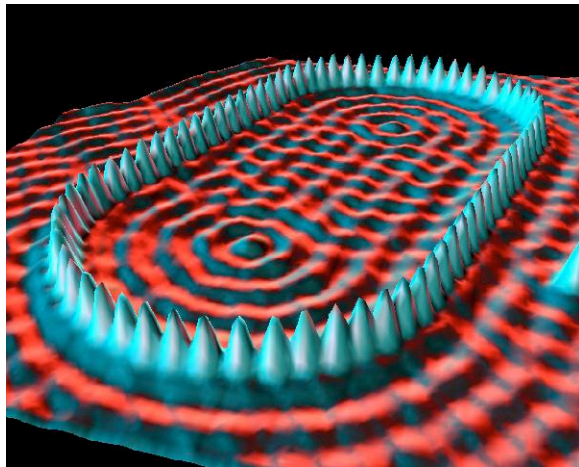


Figure: A stadium billiard constructed by a team at IBM.

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► Theorem (Burq-M-Zworski)

Let V be any open neighbourhood of the convex boundary, $\partial\mathcal{O}$, in a Sinai billiard, S . If Δ is the Dirichlet or Neumann Laplace operator on S then there exists a constant, $C = C(V)$, such that

$$-h^2\Delta u = E(h)u \implies \int_V |u(x)|^2 dx \geq \frac{1}{C} \int_S |u(x)|^2 dx,$$

for any h and $|E(h) - 1| < \frac{1}{2}$.

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- ▶ Assume there exists a sequence of eigenfunctions concentrating on a periodic orbit away from the obstacle.
- ▶ This trajectory can be trapped in a periodic cylinder.
- ▶ Contradiction argument using semiclassical defect measures and control theory estimates for solutions to inhomogeneous elliptic equations on rectangles.

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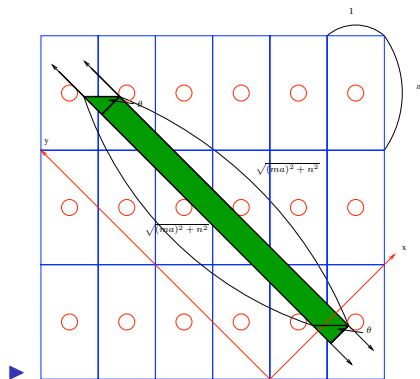


Figure: A maximal rectangle in a rational direction, avoiding the obstacle. Because the parallelogram is certainly periodic and our region has uniform width, it is clear that the resulting rectangle is periodic.

► Theorem (M)

Let γ be an x -bounded trajectory on $P = \mathbb{T}^2 \setminus S$. If Δ is the Dirichlet Laplace operator on P then there exists no microlocal defect measure obtained from the eigenfunctions on P such that $\text{supp}(d\mu) = \gamma$.

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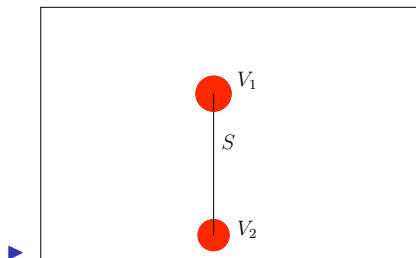


Figure: A pseudointegrable billiard P consisting of a torus with a slit, S , along which we have Dirichlet boundary conditions. We would like to show that eigenfunctions of the Laplacian on this torus must have concentration in the shaded regions V_1 and V_2 .

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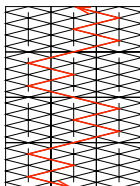
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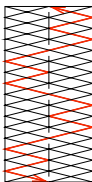
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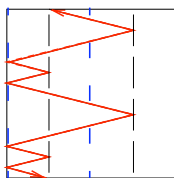


In bold, we have γ_1 in the plane.

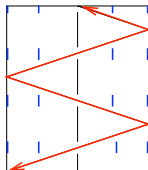
The union of all trajectories here gives $\tilde{\gamma}$.



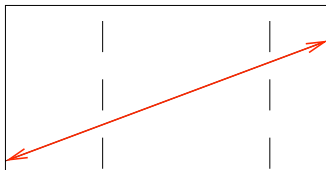
In bold, we have γ_1 in C_0



γ_1 in the strip C_1 . The inhomogeneity resulting from reflection will be supported along the blue lines. Note also that we have elected to show only γ_1 for simplicity.



γ_1 in C_2 after another reflection.



γ_1 as a periodic trajectory in \mathbb{R}^2 after a final reflection and multiplication by a microlocal cut-off function.

Figure: This diagram describes how we "unfold" the eigenfunctions in order to derive a contradiction.

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- ▶ Suppose $u(t, x) : [-T, T] \times \Omega \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is a solution to the initial value problem for the Schrödinger equation on Ω :

$$\begin{cases} (D_t + \Delta) u(t, x) = 0 \\ u(0, x) = f(x). \end{cases}$$

- ▶ Here, u satisfies either Dirichlet or Neumann homogeneous boundary conditions,

$$u|_{[-T, T] \times \partial\Omega} = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \partial_n u|_{[-T, T] \times \partial\Omega} = 0.$$

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- ▶ These are a family of space-time integrability bounds of the form

$$\|u\|_{L^p([-T, T]; L^q(\Omega))} \leq C_T \|f\|_{H^s(\Omega)}$$

with $p > 2$ and $\frac{2}{p} + \frac{2}{q} = 1$.

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- ▶ More precisely, this self-adjoint operator possesses a sequence of eigenfunctions forming a basis for $L^2(\Omega)$.
- ▶ We write the eigenfunction and eigenvalue pairs as $\Delta\varphi_j = \lambda_j^2\varphi_j$, where λ_j denotes the frequency of vibration.
- ▶ The Sobolev space of order s can then be defined as the image of $L^2(\Omega)$ under $(1 + \Delta)^{-s}$ with norm

$$\|f\|_{H^s(\Omega)}^2 = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (1 + \lambda_j^2)^s |\langle f, \varphi_j \rangle|^2.$$

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- ▶ In that case, one can take $s = 0$, and by scaling considerations, this is the optimal order for the Sobolev space; see for example Strichartz (1977), Ginibre and Velo (1985), Keel and Tao (1998), etc.

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- ▶ When Ω is a compact domain or manifold, much less is known about the validity and optimality of these estimates.
- ▶ The finite volume of the manifold and the presence of trapped geodesics appear to limit the extent to which dispersion can occur.
- ▶ In addition, the imposition of boundary conditions complicate many of the known techniques for proving Strichartz estimates.
- ▶ Nonetheless, estimates on general compact domains with smooth boundary have been shown by Anton (2008) and Blair-Smith-Sogge (2008). Both of these works build on the approach for compact manifolds of Burq-Gérard-Tzvetkov (2004).

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► Theorem

Let Ω be a compact polygonal domain in \mathbb{R}^2 , and let Δ denote either the Dirichlet or Neumann Laplacian on Ω . Then for any solution $u = \exp(-it\Delta) f$ to the Schrödinger IBVP with f in $H^{\frac{1}{p}}(\Omega)$, the Strichartz estimates

$$\|u\|_{L^p([-T, T]; L^q(\Omega))} \leq C_T \|f\|_{H^{\frac{1}{p}}(\Omega)}$$

hold provided $p > 2$, $q \geq 2$, and $\frac{2}{p} + \frac{2}{q} = 1$.

Remarks

- ▶ In this work, the Neumann Laplacian is taken to be the Friedrichs extension of the Laplace operator acting on smooth functions which vanish in a neighborhood of the vertices.
- ▶ In this sense, our Neumann Laplacian imposes Dirichlet conditions at the vertices and Neumann conditions elsewhere.
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► Definition

A *Euclidean surface with conical singularities* (ESCS) is a topological space X possessing a decomposition $X = X_0 \sqcup P$ for a finite set of singular points $P \subsetneq X$ such that

1. X_0 is an open, smooth two-dimensional Riemannian manifold with a locally Euclidean metric g , and
2. each singular point p_j of P has a neighborhood U_j such that $U_j \setminus \{p_j\}$ is isometric to a neighborhood of the tip of a flat Euclidean cone $C(\mathbb{S}_{\rho_j}^1)$ with p_j mapped to the cone tip.

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► Theorem

Let X be a compact ESCS, and let Δ_g be the Friedrichs extension of $\Delta_g|_{C_c^\infty(X_0)}$. Then for any solution $u = \exp(-it\Delta_g) f$ to the Schrödinger IVP on X with initial data f in $H^{\frac{1}{p}}(X)$, the Strichartz estimates

$$\|u\|_{L^p([-T, T]; L^q(X))} \leq C_T \|f\|_{H^{\frac{1}{p}}(X)}$$

hold provided $p > 2$, $q \geq 2$, and $\frac{2}{p} + \frac{2}{q} = 1$.

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- ▶ With this decomposition, we have the following square function estimate for elements a of $L^q(X)$,

$$\left\| \left(\sum_{k \geq 0} \left| \beta_k(\sqrt{\Delta_g}) a \right|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|_{L^q(X)} \approx \|a\|_{L^q(X)},$$

with implicit constants depending only on q .

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