# ON L<sup>p</sup> RESOLVENT ESTIMATES FOR ELLIPTIC OPERATORS ON COMPACT MANIFOLDS

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ABSTRACT. We prove uniform  $L^p$  estimates for resolvents of higher order elliptic self-adjoint differential operators on compact manifolds without boundary, generalizing a corresponding result of [3] in the case of Laplace– Beltrami operators on Riemannian manifolds. In doing so, we follow the methods, developed in [1] very closely. We also show that spectral regions in our  $L^p$  resolvent estimates are optimal.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION AND STATEMENT OF RESULTS

The purpose of this paper is to extend the result of [3], see also [1], for the Laplace-Beltrami operator  $\Delta_g$  on a compact Riemannian manifold (M, g) without boundary of dimension  $n \geq 3$ , to the case of higher order elliptic self-adjoint differential operators, and specifically to show how the methods of [1] apply in this context.

In [3] it was established that given  $\delta > 0$  small, there exists a constant  $C = C(\delta) > 0$  such that for all  $u \in C^{\infty}(M)$  and all  $\zeta \in \mathcal{R}_{\delta}$ , the following  $L^p$  resolvent bound holds,

$$\|u\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-2}}(M)} \le C \|(-\Delta_g - \zeta)u\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+2}}(M)},\tag{1.1}$$

where

$$\mathcal{R}_{\delta} = \{ \zeta \in \mathbb{C} : (\operatorname{Im} \zeta)^2 \ge 4\delta^2 (\operatorname{Re} \zeta + \delta^2) \}.$$

Notice that  $\mathcal{R}_{\delta}$  is the exterior of a parabolic region, containing the spectrum of  $-\Delta_g$ , see Figure 1. We observe that the bound (1.1) cannot hold if  $\mathcal{R}_{\delta}$  intersects the spectrum of  $-\Delta_g$ , as the latter is discrete. The interesting question, posed in [3] and subsequently studied in [1], is how close  $\mathcal{R}_{\delta}$  can come to the spectrum of  $-\Delta_g$  near infinity, while still having the uniform estimate (1.1).

Thanks to the work [1], we know that the region  $\mathcal{R}_{\delta}$  is in general the maximal possible for the uniform estimate (1.1) to hold. Indeed, in [1] it is shown that the region cannot be improved when M is the standard sphere, or more generally, a Zoll manifold, due to a cluster structure of the spectrum of  $-\Delta_g$  on such manifolds, [17]. As explained in [1], any sharpening in the spectral region is related to improvements in estimates for the remainder term in the sharp Weyl law for  $-\Delta_g$ , which measures how uniformly its spectrum is distributed. Consequently,

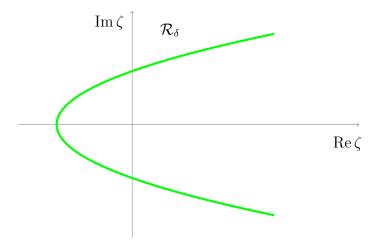


FIGURE 1. Spectral region  $\mathcal{R}_{\delta}$  in the uniform resolvent bound (1.1).

improvements in the spectral region  $\mathcal{R}_{\delta}$  are available for manifolds of nonpositive curvature and in the case of the torus with a flat metric, see [1], and also [13].

The corresponding uniform  $L^p$  resolvent estimates for the standard Laplacian on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n \geq 3$ , were obtained in [9]. Here in contrast to the case of a compact manifold, the estimates are valid for all values of the complex spectral parameter  $\zeta$ . In [5] the results of [9] were generalized to the case of non-trapping asymptotically conic manifolds.

To formulate our results let us begin by fixing some notation. Let M be a compact connected  $C^{\infty}$  manifold without boundary of dimension  $n \geq 2$ , equipped with a strictly positive  $C^{\infty}$  volume density  $d\mu$ . Let P be a differential operator on Mof order  $m \geq 1$  with  $C^{\infty}$  coefficients. We assume that P is elliptic and formally self-adjoint with respect to  $d\mu$ ,

$$\int_{M} P u \overline{v} d\mu = \int_{M} u \overline{Pv} d\mu, \quad u, v \in C^{\infty}(M).$$

Let  $p(x,\xi) \in C^{\infty}(T^*M)$  be the principal symbol of P, which is a real-valued homogeneous polynomial in  $\xi$  of degree m. Since  $p(x,\xi) \neq 0$  for  $\xi \neq 0$  and  $T^*M \setminus \{0\}$  is connected, without loss of generality we shall assume, as we may, that  $p(x,\xi) > 0$  for  $\xi \neq 0$ . The order m of the operator P is therefore even.

If we equip the operator P with the domain  $C^{\infty}(M)$ , P becomes an unbounded symmetric essentially self-adjoint operator on  $L^2(M)$ , i.e. P has a unique selfadjoint extension, which we shall denote again by P. The domain of the selfadjoint extension is  $\mathcal{D}(P) = H^m(M)$ , the standard Sobolev space on M.

An application of Gårding's inequality implies that there exists a constant C > 0 such that  $P \ge -CI$  in the sense of self-adjoint operators. Thus, after replacing P by P + CI, we assume, as we may, that  $P \ge 0$ .

The spectrum of P is discrete, consisting only of real eigenvalues, where each eigenvalue is isolated and of finite multiplicity. Let  $0 \leq \lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \ldots$  be the eigenvalues of P repeated according to their multiplicity, and let  $e_1, e_2, \ldots \in L^2(M)$  be the corresponding orthonormal basis of eigenfunctions.

Seeking to generalize (1.1), our goal is to find a region  $\mathcal{R} \subset \mathbb{C}$ , for which there holds a uniform  $L^p$  bound of the form,

$$\|u\|_{L^q(M)} \le C_{\mathcal{R}} \|(P-\zeta)u\|_{L^p(M)}, \quad u \in C^{\infty}(M), \quad \zeta \in \mathcal{R},$$
(1.2)

for suitable p and q. Motivated by the classical Sobolev inequalities, we shall be interested in the estimate (1.2) for pairs (p,q) belonging to the Sobolev line

$$\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q} = \frac{m}{n},\tag{1.3}$$

assuming that p < n/m. Following [1, 3], we shall also require the pairs (p, q) to be on the duality line,

$$\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1. \tag{1.4}$$

The restrictions (1.3) and (1.4) imply that

$$p = \frac{2n}{n+m}, \quad q = \frac{2n}{n-m}, \quad n > m.$$

It is clear that the estimate (1.2) can only hold away from the spectrum of P. Similarly to the case of  $-\Delta_g$ , when establishing the estimate (1.2), we shall in fact be concerned with the case of  $\zeta$  away from all of  $[0, \infty)$ . Given  $\zeta \in \mathbb{C} \setminus [0, \infty)$ , it will then be convenient to write  $\zeta = z^m$  with  $z \in \Xi$ , where

$$\Xi = \{ z \in \mathbb{C} : \arg(z) \in (0, 2\pi/m) \}.$$

This is due to that fact that the map

$$f = f_m : \Xi \to \mathbb{C} \setminus [0, \infty), \quad z \mapsto z^m$$

is a conformal isomorphism. This map extends continuously to  $f: \overline{\Xi} \to \mathbb{C}$  with  $f(\partial \Xi) = [0, \infty)$ .

Notice that the region  $\mathcal{R}_{\delta}$  in the uniform bound (1.1) satisfies

$$\mathcal{R}_{\delta} = f_2(\Xi_{\delta}), \quad \Xi_{\delta} = \{ z \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Im} z \ge \delta \},\$$

By analogy with this, it is natural to try to establish the estimate (1.2) for  $\zeta = z^m$ , where

$$z \in \Xi_{\delta} = \{ z \in \Xi : \operatorname{dist}(z, \partial \Xi) \ge \delta \},\$$

with  $\delta > 0$  small but fixed. We have

$$\Xi_{\delta} = \{ z \in \mathbb{C} : \arg(z) \in (0, 2\pi/m), \operatorname{Im} z \ge \delta, -\operatorname{Im} (ze^{-2\pi i/m}) \ge \delta \}.$$

Associated with the principal symbol  $p(x,\xi)$  of the operator P is the cosphere

$$\Sigma_x = \{\xi \in T_x^* M : p(x,\xi) = 1\}, \quad x \in M.$$

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We may notice that for each  $x \in M$ , the cosphere  $\Sigma_x$  is a  $C^{\infty}$  compact connected hypersurface in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , see the discussion before Lemma 2.9 below. The cosphere  $\Sigma_x$  is called strictly convex if the second fundamental form is definite at each point of  $\Sigma_x$ . This is equivalent to the fact that the Gaussian curvature of  $\Sigma_x$  is non-vanishing.

The following theorem is the main result of this paper, which is a generalization of the uniform estimate (1.1), obtained in [3], to the case of higher order elliptic self-adjoint differential operators.

**Theorem 1.1.** Assume that  $n > m \ge 2$  and that for each  $x \in M$ , the cosphere  $\Sigma_x$  is strictly convex. Then given  $\delta > 0$  small, there is a constant  $C = C(\delta) > 0$  such that for all  $u \in C^{\infty}(M)$  and all  $z \in \Xi_{\delta}$ , the following estimate holds

$$\|u\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \le C \|(P-z^m)u\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)}.$$
(1.5)

In the case of an elliptic operator P of order  $m \ge 4$ , letting  $\mathcal{R}_{\delta} = f(\Xi_{\delta})$ , a straightforward computation show that for R > 0 sufficiently large, we have

$$\mathcal{R}_{\delta} \cap \{\zeta \in \mathbb{C} : |\zeta| \ge R\} = (\mathcal{R}_{\delta}^{+} \cup \mathcal{R}_{\delta}^{-}) \cap \{\zeta \in \mathbb{C} : |\zeta| \ge R\},\$$

where

$$\mathcal{R}_{\delta}^{+} := \{ \zeta \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Im} \zeta \ge (\operatorname{Re} \zeta)^{\frac{m-1}{m}} m\delta + \mathcal{O}((\operatorname{Re} \zeta)^{\frac{m-3}{m}}), \operatorname{Re} \zeta \ge 0 \} \\ \cup \{ \zeta \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Im} \zeta \le -(\operatorname{Re} \zeta)^{\frac{m-1}{m}} m\delta - \mathcal{O}((\operatorname{Re} \zeta)^{\frac{m-3}{m}}), \operatorname{Re} \zeta \ge 0 \}$$

and

$$\mathcal{R}_{\delta}^{-} := \{ \zeta \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Re} \zeta \le 0 \}.$$

Thus, for  $|\zeta|$  sufficiently large, similarly to the case of  $-\Delta_g$ , the region  $\mathcal{R}_{\delta}$  is the exterior of a parabolic neighborhood of the spectrum of the operator P, see Figure 2.

As an example of an operator P to which Theorem 1.1 applies, one can consider  $P = (-\Delta_g)^k$ , 2k < n, where  $-\Delta_g$  is the Laplace–Beltrami operator on a compact Riemannian manifold (M, g).

Our proof of Theorem 1.1 relies on the approach, developed in [1]. The main ingredients here are the spectral cluster estimates, obtained in [15] in the case of the Laplace–Beltrami operator on a compact Riemannian manifold, and in [11] in the case of higher order elliptic operators, the method of stationary phase, as well as the Hörmander–Lax parametrix for the operator  $e^{it \sqrt[m]{P}}$  for small times.

Let us remark that the strict convexity of the cospheres  $\Sigma_x$  in Theorem 1.1 guarantees that the Fourier transform of the surface measure on  $\Sigma_x$  has essentially the same decay at infinity, as that of the surface measure on the sphere, thanks to the method of stationary phase, see [14, Theorem 1.2.1, p. 50]. This assumption also plays a crucial role in the derivation of the spectral cluster estimates for higher order elliptic operators in [11].

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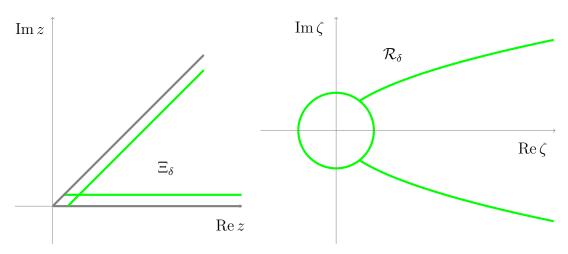


FIGURE 2. The spectral regions  $\Xi_{\delta}$  and  $\mathcal{R}_{\delta} = f(\Xi_{\delta})$  in the uniform estimate (1.5).

We may also notice that the a priori estimate (1.5) implies that the  $L^2$  resolvent of P,  $(P - \zeta)^{-1}$ ,  $\zeta \in \mathbb{C} \setminus [0, \infty)$ , is a bounded operator:  $L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M) \to L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)$ , see Proposition 2.10 below.

Our next result shows that the region  $\Xi_{\delta}$  in (1.5) is in general optimal for higher order elliptic operators, since it cannot be improved for an operator whose principal symbol has a periodic Hamilton flow. This is due to the fact that the spectrum of such an operator is distributed in a non-uniform fashion, displaying a cluster structure, see [2] and [17].

**Theorem 1.2.** Assume that  $n > m \ge 2$  and that for each  $x \in M$ , the cosphere  $\Sigma_x$  is strictly convex. Assume furthermore that the subprincipal symbol of the operator P vanishes, and that the Hamilton flow of the principal symbol p is periodic, with a common minimal period on  $p^{-1}(1)$ . Then there exist

(i) a sequence  $z_k \in \Xi$  such that  $\operatorname{Re} z_k \to \infty$ ,  $0 < \operatorname{Im} z_k \to 0$  as  $k \to \infty$ , and

$$\|(P-z_k^m)^{-1}\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)\to L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)}\to\infty, \quad k\to\infty,$$

and

(ii) a sequence  $z_k \in \Xi$  such that  $\operatorname{Re}(z_k e^{-2\pi i/m}) \to \infty, \ 0 < -\operatorname{Im}(z_k e^{-2\pi i/m}) \to 0$ as  $k \to \infty$ , and

$$\|(P-z_k^m)^{-1}\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)\to L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)}\to\infty, \quad k\to\infty.$$

As an example of the operator P in Theorem 1.2 we can take  $P = (-\Delta_g)^k$ , 2k < n, on a Zoll manifold M, similarly to the case when k = 1 in [1]. To prove Theorem 1.2 we shall also use the methods of [1].

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The paper is organized as follows. Section 2 is devoted to the proof of Theorem 1.1 while Section 3 contains the proof of Theorem 1.2.

# 2. Proof of Theorem 1.1

2.1. Formula for the resolvent  $(P - z^m)^{-1}$  based on a half wave group for  $P^{1/m}$ . We shall denote by  $\Psi^{\mu}_{cl}(M)$  the space of classical pseudodifferential operators of order  $\mu$  on M. Let  $Q = P^{1/m}$  be defined by the spectral theorem. According to Seeley's theorem, see [14, Theorem 3.3.1], we have  $Q \in \Psi^1_{cl}(M)$ with the principal symbol  $q = p^{1/m}$ . Furthermore,  $\mathcal{D}(Q) = H^1(M)$ , and the eigenvalues of Q are  $\mu_j = \lambda_j^{1/m}$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \ldots$ 

Letting  $z \in \Xi$  and following [1], let us derive a natural formula for the  $L^2$  resolvent  $(P - z^m)^{-1}$ . To that end, we write  $(P - z^m)^{-1} = m_z(Q)$ , where the multiplier  $m_z(Q)$  is given by  $m_z(\tau) = (\tau^m - z^m)^{-1}$ . Using the inverse Fourier transform, we get

$$m_z(\tau) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \widehat{m_z}(t) e^{it\tau} dt, \quad \widehat{m_z}(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{\tau^m - z^m} e^{-it\tau} d\tau.$$

We shall need the following result.

**Lemma 2.1.** Let  $z \in \Xi$ . Then for any  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{\tau^m - z^m} e^{-it\tau} d\tau = \frac{2\pi i}{mz^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi k i/m + i|t|\tau_k},$$
(2.1)

where  $\tau_k = z e^{2\pi k i/m}$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots, m/2 - 1$ . Here  $\text{Im } \tau_k > 0$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots, m/2 - 1$ .

*Proof.* To show (2.1) we shall use the residue calculus. To that end writing  $z = |z|e^{i\varphi}, 0 < \varphi < 2\pi/m$ , we obtain that the poles of the rational function  $\mathbb{C} \ni \tau \mapsto (\tau^m - z^m)^{-1}$  are given by

$$\tau_k = |z|e^{i(m\varphi + 2\pi k)/m} = ze^{2\pi k i/m}, \quad k = 0, \dots, m-1.$$

Notice that the poles are simple, none of them are on the real line, the poles  $\tau_k$ ,  $k = 0, \ldots, m/2 - 1$ , are in the upper half plane, and the poles  $\tau_k$ ,  $k = m/2, \ldots, m-1$ , are in the lower half plane.

We have  $|e^{-it\tau}| = e^{t \operatorname{Im} \tau}$ . Let first  $t \leq 0$ . Deforming the contour of integration in the upper half plane, we get

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{\tau^m - z^m} e^{-it\tau} d\tau = 2\pi i \sum_{k=0}^{m/2 - 1} \operatorname{Res}\left(\frac{e^{-it\tau}}{\tau^m - z^m}; \tau_k\right) = 2\pi i \sum_{k=0}^{m/2 - 1} \frac{e^{-it\tau_k}}{m\tau_k^{m-1}}$$
$$= \frac{2\pi i}{mz^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2 - 1} e^{2\pi k i / m - it\tau_k}, \quad t \le 0.$$

Let now t > 0. Then by deforming the contour of integration in the lower half plane, we conclude that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{\tau^m - z^m} e^{-it\tau} d\tau = -2\pi i \sum_{k=m/2}^{m-1} \operatorname{Res}\left(\frac{e^{-it\tau}}{\tau^m - z^m}; \tau_k\right) = -2\pi i \sum_{k=m/2}^{m-1} \frac{e^{-it\tau_k}}{m\tau_k^{m-1}}$$
$$= -\frac{2\pi i}{mz^{m-1}} \sum_{k=m/2}^{m-1} e^{2\pi ki/m - it\tau_k} = -\frac{2\pi i}{mz^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{\pi i} e^{2\pi ki/m - it\tau_{m/2+k}}$$
$$= \frac{2\pi i}{mz^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi ki/m + it\tau_k}, \quad t > 0.$$

Thus, (2.1) follows. The proof of Lemma 2.1 is complete.

Let  $z \in \Xi$ . Then by (2.1), we obtain that

$$m_z(\tau) = \frac{i}{mz^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi ki/m} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{i|t|\tau_k + it\tau} dt.$$

Therefore, we have the following formula for the resolvent of P,

$$(P-z^m)^{-1} = m_z(Q) = \frac{i}{mz^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi ki/m} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{i|t|\tau_k} e^{itQ} dt.$$
(2.2)

Here  $\tau_k = z e^{2\pi k i/m}$  and Im  $\tau_k > 0, \ k = 0, 1, \dots, m/2 - 1$ .

2.2. Consequences of the spectral projection estimates. Assume that, for each  $x \in M$ , the cosphere  $\Sigma_x = \{\xi \in T_x^*M : q(x,\xi) = 1\}$  is strictly convex. Consider the k'th spectral cluster of the operator Q,

$$\{\mu_j \in \operatorname{spec}(Q) : \mu_j \in [k-1,k)\},\$$

and denote by  $\chi_k$  the spectral projection operator on the space, generated by the eigenfunctions, corresponding to the kth spectral cluster,

$$\chi_k f = \sum_{\mu_j \in [k-1,k)} E_j f, \quad f \in C^{\infty}(M).$$

Here  $E_j: L^2(M) \to L^2(M)$  is the orthogonal projection onto the space, spanned by  $e_j$ , i.e.

$$E_j f(x) = \left( \int_M f(y) \overline{e_j(y)} d\mu(y) \right) e_j(x).$$

It was shown in [11], see also [14, Theorem 5.1.1], that for  $p \ge \frac{2(n+1)}{n-1}$ , we have

$$\|\chi_k\|_{L^2(M)\to L^p(M)} \le Ck^{\sigma(p)}, \quad \sigma(p) = n\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{p}\right) - \frac{1}{2},$$
 (2.3)

where C > 0 is a constant, and the dual estimate,

$$\|\chi_k\|_{L^{p'}(M)\to L^2(M)} \le Ck^{\sigma(p)}, \quad p'=\frac{p}{p-1}.$$
 (2.4)

Similarly to [1, Lemma 2.3], we have the following consequence of the spectral clusters estimates (2.3) and (2.4).

**Lemma 2.2.** Assume that, for each  $x \in M$ , the cosphere  $\Sigma_x = \{\xi \in T_x^*M : q(x,\xi) = 1\}$  is strictly convex. Let  $\alpha \in C([0,\infty),\mathbb{C})$  and define the operators  $\alpha_k(Q)$  as follows,

$$\alpha_k(Q)f = \sum_{\mu_j \in [k-1,k)} \alpha(\mu_j) E_j f, \quad f \in C^{\infty}(M),$$

 $k = 1, 2, \dots$  Then if  $p \ge \frac{2(n+1)}{n-1}$ , we get

$$\|\alpha_k(Q)f\|_{L^p(M)} \le Ck^{2\sigma(p)} (\sup_{\tau \in [k-1;k)} |\alpha(\tau)|) \|f\|_{L^{\frac{p}{p-1}}(M)}, \ \sigma(p) = n\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{p}\right) - \frac{1}{2},$$
(2.5)

where C > 0 is a constant independent of the function  $\alpha$ .

*Proof.* First notice that  $\alpha_k(Q) = \chi_k \circ \alpha_k(Q)$ . Let  $p \ge \frac{2(n+1)}{n-1}$ . Then using the spectral clusters estimates (2.3) and (2.4), we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\alpha_{k}(Q)f\|_{L^{p}(M)} &\leq Ck^{\sigma(p)} \|\alpha_{k}(Q)f\|_{L^{2}(M)} \\ &= Ck^{\sigma(p)} \bigg(\sum_{\mu_{j}\in[k-1,k)} |\alpha(\mu_{j})|^{2} \|E_{j}f\|_{L^{2}(M)}^{2} \bigg)^{1/2} \\ &\leq Ck^{\sigma(p)} (\sup_{\tau\in[k-1,k)} |\alpha(\tau)|) \bigg(\sum_{\mu_{j}\in[k-1,k)} \|E_{j}f\|_{L^{2}(M)}^{2} \bigg)^{1/2} \\ &= Ck^{\sigma(p)} (\sup_{\tau\in[k-1,k)} |\alpha(\tau)|) \|\chi_{k}f\|_{L^{2}(M)} \\ &\leq Ck^{2\sigma(p)} (\sup_{\tau\in[k-1,k)} |\alpha(\tau)|) \|f\|_{L^{\frac{p}{p-1}}(M)}. \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 2.3.** Assume that for each  $x \in M$ , the cosphere  $\Sigma_x = \{\xi \in T_x^*M : q(x,\xi) = 1\}$  is strictly convex. Let  $\alpha \in C([0,\infty),\mathbb{C})$  be such that

$$A = \sup_{\tau \in [0,\infty)} (1 + \tau^m) |\alpha(\tau)| < \infty.$$

$$(2.6)$$

Then we have

$$\|\alpha(Q)f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \le CA\|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)},\tag{2.7}$$

where  $\alpha(Q)$  is the operator defined by

$$\alpha(Q)f = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \alpha(\mu_j) E_j f, \quad f \in C^{\infty}(M),$$

and C > 0 is a constant independent of the function  $\alpha$ .

*Proof.* To establish (2.7), we shall follow [1, Lemma 2.3], see also [9], and use the one dimensional Littlewood–Paley theory. To that end, let

$$\chi(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & t \in [1/2, 1), \\ 0, & t \notin [1/2, 1), \end{cases}$$

be the characteristic function of the interval [1/2, 1). Setting  $\chi_j(\tau) = \chi(2^{-j}\tau)$ , we obtain the dyadic partition of unity in  $[0, \infty)$ ,  $\chi_0(\tau) + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \chi_j(\tau) = 1$ , where  $\chi_0(\tau) = 1$  when  $\tau \in [0, 1)$ , and  $\chi_0(\tau) = 0$  otherwise.

Define  $\alpha_j(\tau) = \alpha(\tau)\chi_j(\tau), j = 0, 1, \dots$  Assume that we have proved that

$$\|\alpha_j(Q)f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \le S\|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)}, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots,$$
(2.8)

with some constant S > 0. By the Littlewood–Paley theorem and Minkowski's inequality, we conclude from (2.8) that

$$\|\alpha(Q)f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \le C_{q,p}S\|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)},$$
(2.9)

where  $C_{q,p} > 0$  depends on q and p only, see [9] and [10]. Let us present these arguments for the convenience of the reader. We shall write  $p = \frac{2n}{n+m}$  and  $q = \frac{2n}{n-m}$ . Then 1 . As <math>q > 1, by Littlewood–Paley theorem, we get

$$\|\alpha(Q)f\|_{L^{q}(M)} \leq C_{q} \left\| \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\alpha_{j}(Q)f|^{2} \right)^{1/2} \right\|_{L^{q}(M)}$$
$$= C_{q} \left\| \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\alpha_{j}(Q)f|^{2} \right\|_{L^{q/2}(M)}^{1/2} := I_{1}.$$

As  $q/2 \ge 1$ , we may write from Minkowski's inequality that

$$I_1 \le C_q \left(\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \||\alpha_j(Q)f|^2\|_{L^{q/2}(M)}\right)^{1/2} = C_q \left(\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \|\alpha_j(Q)f\|_{L^q(M)}^2\right)^{1/2} := I_2.$$

As  $\chi_j = \chi_j^2$ ,  $j = 0, 1, \ldots$ , it follows from (2.8) that

$$I_{2} \leq C_{q}S\left(\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \|\chi_{j}(Q)f\|_{L^{p}(M)}^{2}\right)^{1/2}$$
$$= C_{q}S\left(\left\|\left\{\int_{M} |\chi_{j}(Q)f(x)|^{p}d\mu(x)\right\}\right\|_{l^{2/p}}\right)^{1/p} := I_{3},$$

where  $||\{a_j\}||_{l^{2/p}}$  denotes the  $l^{2/p}$ -norm of the sequence  $\{a_j\}$ . Since 2/p > 1, by Minkowski's inequality,

$$I_{3} \leq C_{q}S\left(\int_{M} \|\{|\chi_{j}(Q)f|^{p}\}\|_{l^{2/p}}d\mu\right)^{1/p} = C_{q}S\left\|\left(\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\chi_{j}(Q)f|^{2}\right)^{1/2}\right\|_{L^{p}(M)}$$
$$\leq C_{q}C_{p}S\|f\|_{L^{p}(M)},$$

which shows (2.9).

Thus, we are left with proving (2.8). Let  $f \in C^{\infty}(M)$ . For  $j = 1, 2, \ldots$ , we write  $\infty$ 

$$\alpha_{j}(Q)f = \sum_{l=1}^{2^{j}} \alpha_{j}(\mu_{l})E_{l}f = \sum_{\mu_{l} \in [2^{j-1}, 2^{j})} \alpha_{j}(\mu_{l})E_{l}f$$
$$= \sum_{r=1}^{2^{j}-2^{j-1}} \sum_{\mu_{l} \in [2^{j-1}+r-1, 2^{j-1}+r)} \alpha_{j}(\mu_{l})E_{l}f = \sum_{r=1}^{2^{j-1}} \alpha_{j, 2^{j-1}+r}(Q)f,$$

where the truncated operator  $\alpha_{j,k}(Q)$  is given by

$$\alpha_{j,k}(Q)f = \sum_{\mu_l \in [k-1,k)} \alpha_j(\mu_l) E_l f.$$

Since  $\frac{2n}{n-m} \geq \frac{2(n+1)}{n-1}$ , by (2.5) and the fact that  $\sigma(2n/(n-m)) = (m-1)/2$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|\alpha_{j}(Q)f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} &\leq \sum_{r=1}^{2^{j-1}} \|\alpha_{j,2^{j-1}+r}(Q)f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \\ &\leq C\sum_{r=1}^{2^{j-1}} (2^{j-1}+r)^{m-1} (\sup_{\tau \in [2^{j-1}+r-1,2^{j-1}+r)} |\alpha(\tau)|) \|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)}, \quad j=1,2,\ldots. \end{aligned}$$

Now using (2.6), we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\alpha_{j}(Q)f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} &\leq CA \sum_{r=1}^{2^{j-1}} (2^{j-1}+r)^{m-1} \frac{1}{(2^{j-1}+r-1)^{m}} \|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)} \\ &\leq CA \sum_{r=1}^{2^{j-1}} \frac{(2^{j-1}2)^{m-1}}{(2^{j-1})^{m}} \|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)} \leq CA \|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)}, \end{aligned}$$
(2.10)

for  $j = 1, 2, \ldots$  We also have

$$\alpha_0(Q)f = \sum_{\mu_l \in [0,1)} \alpha(\mu_l) E_l f,$$

and therefore, it follows from (2.5) that

$$\|\alpha_0(Q)f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \le C(\sup_{\tau \in [0,1)} |\alpha(\tau)|) \|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)} \le CA \|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)}.$$
 (2.11)

We obtain (2.8) as a consequence of (2.10) and (2.11). The proof of Lemma 2.3 is complete.  $\hfill \Box$ 

2.3. Derivation of the resolvent estimate with bounded |z|. Let us first prove the resolvent estimate (1.5) for all  $z \in \Xi_{\delta}$  when |z| is bounded by a fixed constant, i.e.  $z \in \Xi_{\delta} \cap \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \leq D\}$ . To that end, consider the multiplier

$$m_z(\tau) = \frac{1}{\tau^m - z^m}, \quad \tau \in [0, \infty).$$

First notice that  $\tau^m - z^m \neq 0$  for all  $\tau \geq 0$  and all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\arg(z) \in (0, 2\pi/m)$ . Then by continuity of  $|\tau^m - z^m|$  on a compact set, we have that for any  $A, D, \delta > 0$ , there exists a constant C > 0 such that  $|\tau^m - z^m| \geq 1/C$  for  $\tau \in [0, A]$  and  $z \in \Xi_{\delta} \cap \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \leq D\}$ . For  $\tau$  large and  $z \in \Xi_{\delta} \cap \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \leq D\}$ , we have  $|\tau^m - z^m| \sim \tau^m$ , and therefore, we conclude that

$$|m_z(\tau)| \le C_{\delta,D}(1+\tau^m)^{-1}$$

uniformly in  $z \in \Xi_{\delta} \cap \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \leq D\}$ . By appealing to Lemma 2.3, we obtain the resolvent estimate (1.5) for  $z \in \Xi_{\delta} \cap \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \leq D\}$ .

**Remark 2.4.** Notice that applying Lemma 2.3, we can immediately obtain the (non-uniform) estimate

$$||u||_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \le C_{\zeta} ||(P-\zeta)u||_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)},$$

for all  $\zeta \in \mathbb{C} \setminus [0, \infty)$  and  $u \in C^{\infty}(M)$ .

2.4. Uniform bounds for a local term in the case of unbounded |z|. Let  $z \in \Xi_{\delta} \cap \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \ge 1\}$ . Here it will be convenient to use the representation (2.2) for the multiplier  $m_z(Q)$ . To define the localized version of  $m_z(Q)$ , we fix a function  $\rho \in C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R})$  satisfying

$$\rho(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & |t| \le \varepsilon/2, \\ 0, & |t| \ge \varepsilon, \end{cases}$$
(2.12)

where  $0 < \varepsilon < 1/2$  will be specified later. In view of (2.2), the localized version of  $m_z(Q)$  is given by

$$m_z^{\text{loc}}(Q)f = \frac{i}{mz^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi ki/m} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \rho(t) e^{i|t|\tau_k} e^{itQ} f dt, \quad f \in C^{\infty}(M).$$
(2.13)

Here  $\tau_k = z e^{2\pi k i/m}$  and Im  $\tau_k > 0, \ k = 0, 1, ..., m/2 - 1$ .

To prove the resolvent estimate (1.5) for  $z \in \Xi_{\delta} \cap \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \ge 1\}$ , let us first establish this estimate for  $m_z^{\text{loc}}(Q)$ , i.e.

$$\|m_{z}^{\text{loc}}(Q)f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \le C\|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)}.$$
(2.14)

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When doing so we shall use a dyadic partition of the *t*-interval in the definition (2.13) of  $m_z^{\text{loc}}(Q)$ . To that end let  $\psi \in C_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{R})$  be such that supp  $(\psi) \subset [-2, 2]$ ,  $\psi = 1$  on [-1, 1], and  $\psi$  is even. Define  $\beta(t) = \psi(t) - \psi(2t)$ . Thus,

$$\beta(t) = 0, \quad |t| \notin [1/2, 2],$$

and

$$\sum_{j=-\infty}^{+\infty} \beta(2^{-j}t) = 1, \quad t \neq 0.$$

It will be convenient to write,

$$\widetilde{\rho}(t) = 1 - \sum_{j=0}^{+\infty} \beta(2^{-j}t) \in C_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}).$$

Notice that  $\tilde{\rho}(t) = 0$  when  $|t| \ge 1$ .

For a given  $z \in \Xi_{\delta} \cap \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \ge 1\}$ , we define the multipliers

$$S_{z,j}(\tau) = \frac{i}{mz^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi ki/m} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \beta(2^{-j}|z|t)\rho(t)e^{i|t|\tau_k}e^{it\tau}dt, \quad j = 0, 1, 2, \dots,$$
(2.15)

and

$$\widetilde{S}_{z}(\tau) = \frac{i}{mz^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi ki/m} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \widetilde{\rho}(|z|t)\rho(t)e^{i|t|\tau_{k}}e^{it\tau}dt.$$
(2.16)

We have

$$S_{z,j} = 0 \quad \text{if} \quad 2^{-j} |z| \le 1. \tag{2.17}$$

Indeed, if  $|t| \leq \varepsilon$ , then  $2^{-j}|z||t| < 1/2$  and therefore,  $\beta(2^{-j}|z|t) = 0$ .

The bound (2.14) follows once we show that there is a uniform constant C so that for all  $z \in \Xi_{\delta} \cap \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \ge 1\}$ , we have

$$\|S_{z,j}(Q)f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \le C2^{j\frac{2n-m-nm}{2n}} \|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)}, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots,$$
(2.18)

and

$$\|\widetilde{S}_{z}(Q)f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \le C\|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)}.$$
(2.19)

Let us start with establishing the estimate (2.19). When doing so, we shall follow [12] and obtain the following result.

**Lemma 2.5.** The multiplier  $\widetilde{S}_z$  belongs to the symbol class  $S^{-m}(\mathbb{R})$  uniformly in  $z \in \mathbb{C}, |z| \geq 1$ , *i.e.* 

$$|d_{\tau}^{j}\widetilde{S}_{z}(\tau)| \leq C_{j}(1+|\tau|)^{-m-j}, \quad j=0,1,2,\dots,$$
 (2.20)

with the constants  $C_j$  independent of z.

*Proof.* Recall first that  $\tilde{\rho}(|z|t) = 0$  when  $|t| \ge 1/|z|$ . Furthermore, as  $\operatorname{Im} \tau_k > 0$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \ldots, m/2 - 1$ , we conclude that  $|e^{i|t|\tau_k}| \le 1$ .

Let  $|\tau| \leq 1$ . Then for  $j = 0, 1, \ldots$ , we have

$$|d_{\tau}^{j}\widetilde{S}_{z}(\tau)| \leq \frac{C}{|z|^{m-1}} \int_{-1/|z|}^{1/|z|} |t|^{j} dt \leq \frac{C}{|z|^{m+j}} \leq C_{\tau}$$

uniformly in  $z, |z| \ge 1$ , which shows the estimate (2.20) in the case  $|\tau| \le 1$ . Assume now that  $|\tau| > 1$ . Let us first prove the estimate (2.20) for j = 0. To that end we shall integrate by parts m times in the expression (2.16) for  $\tilde{S}_z$ .

Let us first explain that all boundary terms vanish when we integrate by parts m-1 times in (2.16). Indeed, integrating by parts once in (2.16), we obtain the following boundary terms,

$$\frac{i}{i\tau m z^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi k i/m} \left( \widetilde{\rho}(|z|t)\rho(t)e^{-it\tau_k}e^{it\tau}|_{t=-\infty}^{t=0} + \widetilde{\rho}(|z|t)\rho(t)e^{it\tau_k}e^{it\tau}|_{t=0}^{t=+\infty} \right)$$
$$= \frac{i}{i\tau m z^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi k i/m} \left(1-1\right) = 0.$$

Here we have used the fact that  $\tilde{\rho}$  and  $\rho$  are compactly supported, and  $\tilde{\rho}(0) = \rho(0) = 1$ .

Furthermore, since all the derivatives of  $\tilde{\rho}$  and  $\rho$  vanish at the origin, when integrating by parts *m* times in (2.16), the only possible contribution to the boundary terms may be written in the form  $\sum_{l=1}^{m} B_l$ , where

$$\begin{split} B_l &= \frac{i}{(i\tau)^l m z^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi k i/m} (-1)^{l-1} \bigg( \widetilde{\rho}(|z|t)\rho(t)(-i\tau_k)^{l-1} e^{-it\tau_k} e^{it\tau}|_{t=-\infty}^{t=0} \\ &+ \widetilde{\rho}(|z|t)\rho(t)(i\tau_k)^{l-1} e^{it\tau_k} e^{it\tau}|_{t=0}^{t=+\infty} \bigg) \\ &= \frac{i}{(i\tau)^l m z^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi k i/m} (-1)^{l-1} ((-i\tau_k)^{l-1} - (i\tau_k)^{l-1}). \end{split}$$

When l is odd, it is clear that  $B_l = 0$ . Recall now that m is even. When l is even and  $l \neq m$ , we also have  $B_l = 0$  due to the fact that

$$\sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi k i/m} (\tau_k)^{l-1} = z^{l-1} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} (e^{2\pi l i/m})^k = z^{l-1} \frac{1 - e^{\pi l i}}{1 - e^{2\pi l i/m}} = 0.$$

Here we have used that  $\tau_k = z e^{2\pi k i/m}$  and the fact that  $e^{2\pi l i/m} \neq 1$  when  $2 \leq l \leq m-2$ . Hence, when integrating by parts m times in (2.16), the only possible

contribution to the boundary terms is of the form,

$$B_m = \frac{2}{\tau^m m z^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi k i/m} (\tau_k)^{m-1} = \frac{2}{\tau^m m} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi k i} = \frac{1}{\tau^m}.$$
 (2.21)

Let us explain how to estimate the integrals arising after having integrated by parts m times in (2.16). The worst case scenario occurs when no derivatives fall on  $\rho(t)$ , and the corresponding contribution can be estimated by a constant times

$$\left|\frac{1}{\tau^m} \int_{-1/|z|}^0 |z|^{l_1} (d_t^{l_1} \widetilde{\rho})(|z|t) \rho(t)(-i\tau_k)^{l_2} e^{-it\tau_k} e^{it\tau} dt\right| \le C \frac{|z|^{m-1}}{|\tau|^m}.$$
 (2.22)

Here  $l_1 + l_2 = m$ . Then it follows from (2.16), (2.22) and (2.21) that

$$|\widetilde{S}_z(\tau)| \le \frac{C}{|\tau|^m},$$

which shows (2.20) for j = 0 in the case  $|\tau| > 1$ .

To establish (2.20) for j = 1, 2, ... in the case  $|\tau| > 1$ , we write

$$d_{\tau}^{j}\widetilde{S}_{z}(\tau) = \frac{i}{mz^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi ki/m} \left( \int_{-\infty}^{0} \widetilde{\rho}(|z|t)\rho(t)e^{-it\tau_{k}}(it)^{j}e^{it\tau}dt + \int_{0}^{+\infty} \widetilde{\rho}(|z|t)\rho(t)e^{it\tau_{k}}(it)^{j}e^{it\tau}dt \right),$$

$$(2.23)$$

and integrate by parts (m+j) times in (2.23). Due to the appearance of the terms  $t^{j}$  in the integrands in (2.23), no boundary terms arise when integrating by parts the first j times. Integrating by parts further, the contributions to the boundary terms that one has to consider would be similar to those in the case j = 0, and therefore, we need only to discuss the integrals obtained after an integration by parts m + j times in (2.23). The worst case scenario here occurs when no derivatives fall on  $\rho(t)$ , and the corresponding contribution to the integrals can be bounded by a constant times

$$\left|\frac{1}{\tau^{m+j}}\int_{-1/|z|}^{0}|z|^{l_1}(d_t^{l_1}\widetilde{\rho})(|z|t)\rho(t)(-i\tau_k)^{l_2}e^{-it\tau_k}t^{j-l_3}e^{it\tau}dt\right| \leq C|z|^{m-1}\frac{1}{|\tau|^{m+j}}.$$

Here  $l_1 + l_2 + l_3 = m + j$ ,  $0 \le l_3 \le j$ . Together with (2.23) this implies (2.20). The proof is complete.

Combing Lemma 2.5 with the fact that  $Q \in \Psi_{\rm cl}^1(M)$  is elliptic and self-adjoint, we conclude from [14, Theorem 4.3.1] that  $\widetilde{S}_z(Q)$  is a pseudodifferential operator of order -m, with the symbol seminorms uniformly bounded in  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $|z| \ge 1$ .

Let  $\widetilde{S}_z(Q)(x,y) \in \mathcal{D}'(M \times M)$  be the Schwartz kernel of the operator  $\widetilde{S}_z(Q)$ . Then  $\widetilde{S}_z(Q)(x,y)$  is  $C^{\infty}$  away from the diagonal  $\{(x,x) : x \in M\}$ . By [16, Proposition

1, p. 241], since n - m > 0, we have near the diagonal, in local coordinates,

$$|\tilde{S}_z(Q)(x,y)| \le C|x-y|^{m-n},$$

uniformly in  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $|z| \ge 1$ . An application of the Hardy-Littlewood-Sobolev inequality gives the estimate (2.19).

Let us now prove the estimate (2.18). By the Riesz-Thorin interpolation theorem, (2.18) follows, if we show that that there is a constant  $C = C(\delta)$  so that for all  $z \in \Xi_{\delta} \cap \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \ge 1\}$ , we have

$$||S_{z,j}(Q)f||_{L^2(M)} \le C|z|^{-m}2^j ||f||_{L^2(M)}, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots,$$
(2.24)

and

$$||S_{z,j}(Q)f||_{L^{\infty}(M)} \le C|z|^{n-m} 2^{-\frac{(n-1)}{2}j} ||f||_{L^{1}(M)}, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots$$
(2.25)

Here the interpolation parameter  $\theta = \frac{n-m}{n}$ , and

$$(|z|^{-m}2^j)^{\theta}(|z|^{n-m}2^{-\frac{(n-1)}{2}j})^{1-\theta} = 2^{j\frac{2n-m-nm}{2n}}$$

When proving the estimate (2.24), we use the identity  $||e^{itQ}f||_{L^2(M)} = ||f||_{L^2(M)}$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , the fact that  $\beta(2^{-j}|z|t) = 0$  when  $|t| \notin [2^{j-1}/|z|, 2^{j+1}/|z|]$ , and Minkowski's inequality, to get

$$\|S_{z,j}(Q)f\|_{L^{2}(M)} \leq \frac{C}{|z|^{m-1}} \int_{|t| \in [2^{j-1}/|z|, 2^{j+1}/|z|]} \|e^{itQ}f\|_{L^{2}(M)} dt \leq \frac{C}{|z|^{m}} 2^{j} \|f\|_{L^{2}(M)},$$

uniformly in z, which shows (2.24).

Now we are left with proving (2.25). Let us denote by  $K_{z,j}(x, y)$  the Schwartz kernel of the operator  $S_{z,j}(Q)$ . The estimate (2.25) is implied by the estimate

$$|K_{z,j}(x,y)| \le C|z|^{n-m} 2^{-\frac{(n-1)}{2}j}, \quad x,y \in M,$$
(2.26)

for all  $z \in \Xi_{\delta} \cap \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \ge 1\}$ , uniformly in z. By (2.15), we have

$$K_{z,j}(x,y) = \frac{i}{mz^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi ki/m} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \beta(2^{-j}|z|t)\rho(t)e^{i|t|\tau_k}e^{itQ}(x,y)dt, \quad (2.27)$$

where  $e^{itQ}(x, y)$  is the Schwartz kernel of the half-wave operator  $e^{itQ}$ . To proceed, we shall make use of the Hörmander–Lax parametrix for the half-wave operator  $e^{itQ}$ , see [6], [14, Theorem 4.1.2].

**Lemma 2.6.** Let  $Q \in \Psi^1_{cl}(M)$  be elliptic and self-adjoint with respect to a positive  $C^{\infty}$  density  $d\mu$ , and  $q(x,\xi)$  be the principal symbol of Q. Then there is  $\varepsilon > 0$  small, depending on M and Q, so that if  $|t| < \varepsilon$ ,

$$e^{itQ} = G(t) + R(t),$$

where the remainder R(t) has the kernel  $R(t, x, y) \in C^{\infty}([-\varepsilon, \varepsilon] \times M \times M)$ , and the kernel G(t, x, y) is supported in a small neighborhood of the diagonal in  $M \times M$ , for  $|t| < \varepsilon$ . Furthermore, suppose that local coordinates are chosen in a patch

 $\Omega \subset M$  so that  $d\mu$  agrees with the Lebesque measure in the corresponding open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . If  $\omega \subset \Omega$  is relatively compact, G(t, x, y) has the form,

$$G(t,x,y) = (2\pi)^{-n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{i[\varphi(x,y,\xi) + tq(y,\xi)]} g(t,x,y,\xi) d\xi$$

when  $(t, x, y) \in [-\varepsilon, \varepsilon] \times M \times \omega$ . Here  $g \in S_{1,0}^0$ , i.e.

$$\left|\partial_{\xi}^{\alpha}\partial_{t}^{\beta_{1}}\partial_{x}^{\beta_{2}}\partial_{y}^{\beta_{3}}g(t,x,y,\xi)\right| \leq C_{\alpha,\beta_{1},\beta_{2},\beta_{3}}(1+|\xi|)^{-|\alpha|},$$

for all multi-indices  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta_1$ ,  $\beta_2$ ,  $\beta_3$ , and g is supported in a small neighborhood of the diagonal in  $\omega \times \omega$ , and  $\varphi$  is a real function which is homogeneous of degree one in  $\xi$ ,  $C^{\infty}$  for  $\xi \neq 0$ , and satisfies

$$\varphi(x, y, \xi) = \langle x - y, \xi \rangle + \mathcal{O}_{S^1}(|x - y|^2 |\xi|), \qquad (2.28)$$

i.e.

 $\left|\partial_{\xi}^{\alpha}(\varphi(x,y,\xi) - \langle x - y, \xi \rangle)\right| \le C_{\alpha}|x - y|^{2}|\xi|^{1-|\alpha|},$ 

for all multi-indices  $\alpha$ .

In what follows, we shall make the choice of  $\varepsilon$  in the definition (2.12) of the function  $\rho(t)$  so that Lemma 2.6 is applicable.

We assume that  $2^{-j}|z| > 1$ , as otherwise  $S_{z,j} = 0$ , cf. (2.17). Let us write

$$K_{z,j}(x,y) = K_{z,j}^{(1)}(x,y) + K_{z,j}^{(2)}(x,y),$$

where

$$\begin{split} K_{z,j}^{(1)}(x,y) &= \frac{i}{mz^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi ki/m} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \beta(2^{-j}|z|t)\rho(t) e^{i|t|\tau_k} G(t,x,y) dt, \\ K_{z,j}^{(2)}(x,y) &= \frac{i}{mz^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi ki/m} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \beta(2^{-j}|z|t)\rho(t) e^{i|t|\tau_k} R(t,x,y) dt. \end{split}$$

Since  $R(t, x, y) \in C^{\infty}([-\varepsilon, \varepsilon] \times M \times M)$ , we have

$$|K_{z,j}^{(2)}(x,y)| \le \frac{C}{|z|^{m-1}} \left| \int_{|t| \in [2^{j-1}/|z|, 2^{j+1}/|z|]} dt \right| \le \frac{2^j C}{|z|^m}.$$
 (2.29)

As  $2^{-j}|z| > 1$ , the estimate (2.29) is better than the desired bound (2.26) for  $K_{z,j}$ .

Let us now estimate  $K_{z,j}^{(1)}$ . Setting

$$r = \frac{2^j}{|z|}, \quad \frac{1}{|z|} \le r < 1,$$

and assuming that the local coordinates are chosen as in Lemma 2.6, we write

$$K_{z,j}^{(1)}(x,y) = \frac{i}{mz^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi ki/m} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \beta(t/r)\rho(t) e^{i|t|\tau_k} e^{i[\varphi(x,y,\xi) + tq(y,\xi)]} g(t,x,y,\xi) dtd\xi,$$
(2.30)

for  $(x, y) \in M \times \omega$ . We would like to replace  $\varphi$  by the Euclidean phase function  $\varphi_0 = \langle x - y, \xi \rangle$ . In doing so, we shall follow [11] and notice that both  $\varphi$  and  $\varphi_0$  parametrize the trivial Lagrangian manifold  $\{(x, \xi, x, \xi)\}$ . This is due to the fact that when (x, y) is in a neighborhood of the diagonal, we have  $\varphi'_{\xi} = 0$  precisely when x = y, and then  $\varphi'_x = -\varphi'_y = \xi$ . Following [11], we can use the following result of [7, Theorem 3.1.6].

**Lemma 2.7.** Suppose that  $\varphi$  is as in Lemma 2.6, i.e.  $\varphi$  satisfies (2.28). Then, for (x, y) close to the diagonal, there is a  $C^{\infty}$  for  $\xi \neq 0$  homogeneous of degree one change of coordinates

so that

$$\eta = \kappa_{x,y}(\xi)$$

$$\varphi(x, y, \kappa_{x, y}^{-1}(\eta)) = \langle x - y, \eta \rangle.$$

The transformation  $\kappa_{x,y}$  depends smoothly on the parameters x, y, and in addition,

$$\kappa_{x,y} = \text{Identity}, \quad when \quad x = y.$$
(2.31)

Lemma 2.7 implies that (2.30) can be rewritten as

$$K_{z,j}^{(1)}(x,y) = \frac{i}{mz^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi ki/m} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \beta(t/r)\rho(t) e^{i|t|\tau_k} e^{i[\langle x-y,\eta\rangle + t\tilde{q}(x,y,\eta)]} \tilde{g}(t,x,y,\eta) dt d\eta,$$
(2.32)

where

$$\widetilde{g}(t, x, y, \eta) = g(t, x, y, \kappa_{x, y}^{-1}(\eta)) \left| \frac{D(\kappa_{x, y}^{-1})(\eta)}{D\eta} \right|,$$

with  $\frac{D(\kappa_{x,y}^{-1})(\eta)}{D\eta}$  being the Jacobian of the transformation  $\kappa_{x,y}^{-1}$ , has the same properties as g, in particular  $\tilde{g} \in S_{1,0}^0$ . Also,

$$\widetilde{q}(x, y, \eta) = q(y, \kappa_{x,y}^{-1}(\eta))$$

depends smoothly on x, y. Furthermore, since strict convexity is preserved under diffeomorphisms that are sufficiently close to the identity in the  $C^{\infty}$  sense, the surface

$$\widetilde{\Sigma}_{x,y} = \{\eta \in \mathbb{R}^n : \widetilde{q}(x,y,\eta) = 1\}$$

is strictly convex.

Making the change of variables  $t \mapsto t/r$  in (2.32), we get

$$K_{z,j}^{(1)}(x,y) = \frac{ir}{mz^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi ki/m} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \beta(t) \rho(rt) e^{ir|t|\tau_k} e^{i\langle x-y,\eta \rangle} e^{itr\tilde{q}(x,y,\eta)} \tilde{g}(rt,x,y,\eta) dt d\eta.$$
(2.33)

As q and  $\kappa_{x,y}$  are homogeneous of degree one, we have

$$r\widetilde{q}(x,y,\eta) = q(x,y,r\kappa_{x,y}^{-1}(\eta)) = \widetilde{q}(x,y,r\eta).$$

Making further change of variables  $\eta \mapsto r\eta$  in (2.33), we obtain that

$$K_{z,j}^{(1)}(x,y) = \frac{ir^{1-n}}{mz^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi ki/m} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \beta(t)\rho(rt)e^{ir|t|\tau_k} e^{i\langle\frac{x-y}{r},\eta\rangle} e^{it\tilde{q}(x,y,\eta)}\tilde{g}(rt,x,y,\eta/r)dtd\eta.$$
(2.34)

As  $\widetilde{q}(x, y, \eta)$  is not smooth at  $\eta = 0$ , it will be convenient to write

$$J_1(x, y, t, r) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{i[\langle \frac{x-y}{r}, \eta \rangle + t\widetilde{q}(x, y, \eta)]} \chi(\eta) \widetilde{g}(rt, x, y, \eta/r) d\eta,$$
  
$$J_2(x, y, t, r) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{i[\langle \frac{x-y}{r}, \eta \rangle + t\widetilde{q}(x, y, \eta)]} (1 - \chi(\eta)) \widetilde{g}(rt, x, y, \eta/r) d\eta,$$

where  $\chi \in C_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $\chi = 1$  when  $|\eta| \leq 1$ . Here  $|t| \in [1/2, 2]$  and  $0 < r \leq 1$ . As  $\widetilde{g} \in S_{1,0}^0$ , we see that

$$|J_1(x, y, t, r)| \le C, \tag{2.35}$$

for all  $x, y \in \omega$ , |x - y| small enough, uniformly in r.

Let us now estimate the absolute value of the oscillatory integral  $J_2(x, y, t, r)$ when  $|t| \in [1/2, 2]$ . To that end, consider

$$abla_{\eta}[\langle \frac{x-y}{r}, \eta \rangle + t\widetilde{q}(x, y, \eta)], \quad |t| \in [1/2, 2].$$

As  $\tilde{q}(x, y, \eta)$  is homogeneous of degree one in  $\eta$ , by the Euler homogeneity relation, we have

$$\eta \cdot \nabla_{\eta} \widetilde{q}(x, y, \eta) = \widetilde{q}(x, y, \eta).$$

This and the ellipticity of  $\tilde{q}$  imply that  $\nabla_{\eta} \tilde{q}(x, y, \eta) \neq 0$  for all  $\eta \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$ . Thus, there is a constant A > 1/2 such that  $|\nabla_{\eta} \tilde{q}(x, y, \eta)| \geq A^{-1}$  for all  $\eta \in \mathbb{S}^{n-1}$ , and therefore, by the fact that  $\nabla_{\eta} \tilde{q}$  is homogeneous of degree zero, we conclude that

$$|\nabla_{\eta} \widetilde{q}(x, y, \eta)| \ge A^{-1} \quad \text{for all} \quad \eta \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}.$$

On the other hand, since  $\nabla_{\eta} \tilde{q} \in S_{1,0}^0$ , for  $|\eta| \ge 1$ , we have

$$|\nabla_{\eta} \widetilde{q}(x, y, \eta)| \le A$$

Hence, for  $|t| \in [1/2, 2]$ , if x, y are such that

$$\frac{|x-y|}{r} \notin [A^{-1}/4, 4A], \tag{2.36}$$

then

$$\left|\nabla_{\eta}\left[\left\langle\frac{x-y}{r},\eta\right\rangle+t\widetilde{q}(x,y,\eta)\right]\right| \ge A^{-1}/2.$$
(2.37)

Assume first that (2.36) holds. Then we shall integrate by parts in the oscillatory integral  $J_2$ , see [7, Lemma 1.2.1]. To that end, setting

$$\psi(t, x, y, \eta) = \langle \frac{x - y}{r}, \eta \rangle + t \widetilde{q}(x, y, \eta),$$

we consider the operator

$$L = \sum_{j=1}^{n} a_j \partial_{\eta_j}, \quad a_j = \frac{\partial_{\eta_j} \psi}{i |\nabla_{\eta} \psi|^2}$$

We have  $L^N(e^{i\psi(\eta)}) = e^{i\psi(\eta)}$  for any  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ , and the transpose L' of L is given by

$$L' = -\sum_{j=1}^{n} a_j \partial_{\eta_j} - \operatorname{div} a, \quad a = (a_1, \dots, a_n).$$
 (2.38)

Hence, we get

$$J_2(x,y,t,r) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{i\psi(\eta)} (L')^N ((1-\chi(\eta))\widetilde{g}(rt,x,y,\eta/r)) d\eta.$$

We observe that

$$(1 - \chi(\eta))\tilde{g}(rt, x, y, \eta/r) \in S_{1,0}^{0}$$
(2.39)

uniformly in  $0 < r \le 1$ . This follows from the facts that when  $|\eta| \ge 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |\partial_{\eta}^{\alpha}\partial_{t}^{\beta_{1}}\partial_{x}^{\beta_{2}}\partial_{y}^{\beta_{3}}\widetilde{g}(rt,x,y,\eta/r)| &\leq \frac{r^{\beta_{1}}}{r^{|\alpha|}}C_{\alpha,\beta_{1},\beta_{2},\beta_{3}}(1+|\eta|/r)^{-|\alpha|} \leq C_{\alpha,\beta_{1},\beta_{2},\beta_{3}}(1+|\eta|)^{-|\alpha|}, \\ \text{for all } \beta_{1} \in \mathbb{N}_{0} := \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \text{ and all } \alpha, \beta_{2}, \beta_{3} \in \mathbb{N}_{0}^{n}, \text{ and} \end{aligned}$$

$$|\partial_{\eta}^{\alpha}\chi(\eta)| \le C_{\alpha,N}(1+|\eta|)^{-N},$$

for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^n$  and all N > 0.

Let us now show that

$$a_j(\eta) \in S^0_{1,0}, \quad |\eta| \ge 1,$$
 (2.40)

uniformly in r, x, y and t satisfying (2.36). Indeed, first using (2.37), we have

$$|a_j(\eta)| = \frac{|\partial_{\eta_j}\psi|}{|\nabla_\eta\psi|^2} \le 2A.$$
(2.41)

Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n$  be such that  $|\alpha| \geq 1$ . Then by Leibniz formula, we get

$$\partial_{\eta}^{\alpha} a_{j}(\eta) = \sum_{\beta+\gamma=\alpha} c_{\beta,\gamma} \partial_{\eta}^{\beta} (\partial_{\eta_{j}} \psi) \partial_{\eta}^{\gamma} \left(\frac{1}{|\nabla_{\eta} \psi|^{2}}\right), \qquad (2.42)$$

with constants  $c_{\beta,\gamma}$ . Here

$$\partial_{\eta_j}\psi = \frac{x_j - y_j}{r} + t\partial_{\eta_j}\widetilde{q}(x, y, \eta),$$

and hence, for  $|\beta| \ge 1$ , we have

$$|\partial_{\eta}^{\beta}(\partial_{\eta_{j}}\psi)| \leq C_{\beta}(1+|\eta|)^{-|\beta|}, \qquad (2.43)$$

uniformly in r. To estimate the absolute value of  $\partial_{\eta}^{\gamma}(1/|\nabla_{\eta}\psi|^2)$  for  $|\gamma| \ge 1$ , we shall use the Faà di Bruno formula, see [18, p. 94],

$$\partial_{\eta}^{\gamma}\left(\frac{1}{b}\right) = \frac{1}{b} \sum_{\substack{1 \le k \le |\gamma| \\ |\gamma| = |\gamma^{1}| + \dots + |\gamma^{k}| \\ |\gamma^{j}| \ge 1}} C_{\gamma^{1},\dots,\gamma^{k}} \prod_{j=1}^{k} \frac{\partial_{\eta}^{\gamma^{j}} b}{b}.$$
 (2.44)

For  $|\gamma^j| \ge 1$ , using Leibniz formula and (2.43), we have

$$|\partial_{\eta}^{\gamma^{j}}(|\nabla_{\eta}\psi|^{2})| \leq C_{\gamma^{j}}|\nabla_{\eta}\psi|(1+|\eta|)^{-|\gamma^{j}|}$$

Therefore, (2.44) implies that for  $\gamma \in \mathbb{N}_0^n$ ,

$$\left|\partial_{\eta}^{\gamma}\left(\frac{1}{|\nabla_{\eta}\psi|^{2}}\right)\right| \leq C_{\gamma}\frac{1}{|\nabla_{\eta}\psi|^{2}}(1+|\eta|)^{-|\gamma|}$$
(2.45)

uniformly in r. We conclude from (2.42) with the help of (2.43) and (2.45) that for all  $a \in \mathbb{N}^n$ ,  $|\alpha| \ge 1$ ,

$$\left|\partial_{\eta}^{\alpha}a_{j}(\eta)\right| \leq C_{\alpha}(1+|\eta|)^{-|\alpha|},\tag{2.46}$$

uniformly in r. Hence, (2.40) follows from (2.41) and (2.46).

Using (2.46), we obtain that

div 
$$a \in S_{1,0}^{-1}, \quad |\eta| \ge 1,$$
 (2.47)

uniformly in r, x, y and t satisfying (2.36). Thus, it follows from (2.38) with the help of (2.40), (2.47) and (2.39) that

$$(L')^N((1-\chi(\eta))\widetilde{g}(rt,x,y,\eta/r)) \in S_{1,0}^{-N}$$

uniformly in r, x, y and t satisfying (2.36).

Hence, choosing N sufficiently large, we conclude that

$$|J_2(x, y, t, r)| \le C.$$
(2.48)

Therefore, it follows from (2.34), (2.35) and (2.48) that

$$|K_{z,j}^{(1)}(x,y)| \le C \frac{r^{1-n}}{|z|^{m-1}} = 2^{j(1-n)} |z|^{n-m}, \qquad (2.49)$$

when x, y are such that  $\frac{|x-y|}{r} \notin [A^{-1}/4, 4A]$ . The estimate (2.49) is better than the desired estimate (2.26).

Assume now that  $\frac{|x-y|}{r} \in [A^{-1}/4, 4A]$  and let us estimate the absolute value of  $K_{z,j}^{(1)}(x,y)$  in this case. As above, we only need to estimate the absolute value of

$$K_{z,j}^{(1,2)}(x,y) = \frac{ir^{1-n}}{mz^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi ki/m} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \beta(t)\rho(rt)e^{ir|t|\tau_k} e^{i\langle\frac{x-y}{r},\eta\rangle} e^{it\tilde{q}(x,y,\eta)}(1-\chi(\eta))\tilde{g}(rt,x,y,\eta/r)dtd\eta,$$

where  $\chi \in C_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is such that  $\chi = 1$  when  $|\eta| \leq 1$ . Using (2.1), we get

$$K_{z,j}^{(1,2)}(x,y) = \frac{r^{1-n}}{(2\pi)^{n+1}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{e^{it(-r\tau + \tilde{q}(x,y,\eta))}}{\tau^m - z^m} d\tau$$
  
$$\beta(t)\rho(rt)e^{i\langle\frac{x-y}{r},\eta\rangle}(1-\chi(\eta))\tilde{g}(rt,x,y,\eta/r)d\eta dt.$$
(2.50)

Making the change of variables  $\tau \mapsto -r\tau + \tilde{q}(x, y, \eta)$ , we obtain that

$$K_{z,j}^{(1,2)}(x,y) = \frac{r^{-n}}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{h_r(\tau, x, y, \eta) e^{i\langle \frac{x-y}{r}, \eta \rangle}}{(\frac{\tilde{q}(x,y,\eta)-\tau}{r})^m - z^m} d\eta d\tau,$$
(2.51)

where

$$h_r(\tau, x, y, \eta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{it\tau} \beta(t) \rho(rt) (1 - \chi(\eta)) \tilde{g}(rt, x, y, \eta/r) dt$$
(2.52)

is the inverse Fourier transform of the compactly supported smooth function  $t \mapsto \beta(t)\rho(rt)(1-\chi(\eta))\widetilde{g}(rt, x, y, \eta/r).$ 

We have

$$|\partial_{\eta}^{\gamma} h_r(\tau, x, y, \eta)| \le C_{N,\gamma} (1 + |\tau|)^{-N} (1 + |\eta|)^{-|\gamma|}, \qquad (2.53)$$

uniformly in r, for all N > 0 and  $\gamma \in \mathbb{N}_0^n$ . This can be seen by using (2.39) in the case  $|\tau| \leq 1$ , and by integrating by parts N times in (2.52) and using (2.39) in the case  $|\tau| \geq 1$ .

We write

$$\left(\frac{\widetilde{q}(x,y,\eta)-\tau}{r}\right)^m - z^m = \prod_{k=0}^{m-1} \left(\frac{\widetilde{q}(x,y,\eta)-\tau}{r} - ze^{2\pi ki/m}\right),$$

and using a partial fraction decomposition, we get

$$\frac{1}{(\frac{\tilde{q}(x,y,\eta)-\tau}{r})^m - z^m} = \frac{r}{z^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \frac{A_k}{\tilde{q}(x,y,\eta) - \tau - rze^{2\pi ki/m}},$$

where

$$A_{k} = \left(\prod_{\substack{l=0\\l\neq k}}^{m-1} (e^{2\pi ki/m} - e^{2\pi li/m})\right)^{-1}.$$

Thus, it follows from (2.51) that

$$K_{z,j}^{(1,2)}(x,y) = \frac{r^{1-n}}{(2\pi)^n z^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} A_k \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{h_r(\tau, x, y, \eta) e^{i\langle \frac{x-y}{r}, \eta \rangle}}{\widetilde{q}(x, y, \eta) - (\tau + rz e^{2\pi k i/m})} d\eta d\tau.$$
(2.54)

Recalling that  $\arg(z) \in (0, 2\pi/m)$ , we see that  $\tau + rze^{2\pi ki/m}$  avoids the real axis, for  $k = 0, \ldots, m-1$ . To proceed further, we shall need the following result, similar to [1, Proposition 2.4].

**Lemma 2.8.** Let  $n \ge 2$  and let  $h \in C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\})$  satisfy the Mihlin-type condition,

$$|\partial_{\xi}^{\alpha}h(\xi)| \le H_{\alpha}|\xi|^{-|\alpha|}, \quad \xi \ne 0, \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{N}_{0}^{n}.$$
(2.55)

Let  $a \in C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\})$  be homogeneous of degree one. Assume that  $a(\xi) > 0$ for all  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$  and that the cosphere  $\Sigma = \{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n : a(\xi) = 1\}$  is strictly convex. Then there is a constant C > 0 such that for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $x \neq 0$ , and all  $w \in \mathbb{C} \setminus [0, \infty)$ , we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{h(\xi)e^{i\langle x,\xi\rangle}}{a(\xi) - w} d\xi \bigg| \le C(|x|^{1-n} + (|w|/|x|)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}).$$
(2.56)

*Proof.* First notice that since  $a \in C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\})$  is homogeneous of degree one, we have

 $|\partial_{\xi}^{\alpha}a(\xi)| \le A_{\alpha}|\xi|^{1-|\alpha|}, \qquad \xi \ne 0, \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^n.$ 

Let  $b \in C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\})$  be such that

$$|\partial_{\xi}^{\alpha}b(\xi)| \le B_{\alpha}|\xi|^{-1-|\alpha|}, \quad \xi \ne 0, \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{N}_{0}^{n}.$$

Then it follows from [16, p. 245] that the Fourier transform of  $b(\xi)$  satisfies

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} b(\xi) e^{-i\langle x,\xi \rangle} d\xi \right| \le C |x|^{1-n}, \quad x \ne 0.$$
(2.57)

Assume first that w is outside of a small but fixed conic neighborhood of the positive real axis  $[0, \infty)$ , i.e.  $\arg w \in [\theta, 2\pi - \theta]$  for some  $\theta > 0$  small but fixed,

and |w| = 1. Let us establish that

$$b_w(\xi) = \frac{h(\xi)}{a(\xi) - w} \in C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}),$$

satisfies

$$|\partial_{\xi}^{\alpha}b_{w}(\xi)| \le B_{\alpha}|\xi|^{-1-|\alpha|}, \quad \xi \ne 0, \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{N}_{0}^{n},$$

$$(2.58)$$

uniformly in w.

To that end, let us show that

$$|a(\xi) - w| \ge \frac{1}{C_{\theta}} (|\xi| + 1), \qquad (2.59)$$

with a constant  $C_{\theta} > 0$  uniformly in w. When doing so, we notice there is a constant  $\delta > 0$  such that  $a(\xi) \ge \delta |\xi|$ , and then (2.59) follows for all  $|\xi|$  large enough. It remains to consider the case when  $|\xi|$  is bounded. Then if  $\arg w \in [\theta, \pi - \theta] \cup [\pi + \theta, 2\pi - \theta]$ , we get

$$|a(\xi) - w| \ge |\mathrm{Im}(w)| \ge \frac{1}{C_{\theta}}.$$

If  $\arg w \in (\pi - \theta, \pi + \theta)$ , we write  $\arg w = \pi + \mathcal{O}(\theta)$ . Then  $w = -1 - \mathcal{O}(\theta)$ , and therefore,

$$|a(\xi) - w| = |a(\xi) + 1 + \mathcal{O}(\theta)| \ge \frac{1}{2},$$

for  $\theta$  small enough. The bound (2.59) follows.

By the Leibniz formula we write

$$\partial_{\xi}^{\alpha}(b_w(\xi)) = \sum_{\beta+\gamma=\alpha} C_{\beta,\gamma} \partial_{\xi}^{\beta}(h(\xi)) \partial_{\xi}^{\gamma} \left(\frac{1}{a(\xi) - w}\right), \qquad (2.60)$$

with constants  $C_{\beta,\gamma}$ . It follows from the Faà di Bruno formula (2.44) and (2.59) that for  $|\gamma| \ge 0$ ,

$$\left|\partial_{\xi}^{\gamma}\left(\frac{1}{a(\xi)-w}\right)\right| \le C_{\gamma,\theta}|\xi|^{-1-|\gamma|}, \quad \xi \ne 0,$$
(2.61)

uniformly in w. Hence, we conclude from (2.60), with the help of (2.55) and (2.61), that (2.58) holds.

Thus, applying (2.57) for  $b_w$ , we obtain that

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{h(\xi) e^{i\langle x,\xi\rangle}}{a(\xi) - w} d\xi \right| \le C |x|^{1-n}, \quad x \ne 0,$$
(2.62)

uniformly in  $w \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\arg w \in [\theta, 2\pi - \theta]$  with  $\theta > 0$  small but fixed, and |w| = 1.

Assume now that  $w \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\arg w \in [\theta, 2\pi - \theta]$  with  $\theta > 0$  small but fixed, and  $|w| \neq 1$ . Letting  $\widetilde{w} = w/|w|$ , we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{h(\xi)e^{i\langle x,\xi\rangle}}{a(\xi) - w} d\xi = \frac{1}{|w|} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{h(\xi)e^{i\langle x,\xi\rangle}}{a(\xi/|w|) - \widetilde{w}} d\xi = |w|^{n-1} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{h(|w|\xi)e^{i\langle |w|x,\xi\rangle}}{a(\xi) - \widetilde{w}} d\xi$$

Since the dilate  $h(|w|\xi)$  of  $h(\xi)$  satisfies exactly the same bounds as in (2.55), as above, we obtain the uniform estimate (2.62), for all  $w \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\arg w \in [\theta, 2\pi - \theta]$ with  $\theta > 0$  small but fixed.

Assume now that  $w \in \mathbb{C} \setminus [0, \infty)$ ,  $\arg w \in (-\theta, \theta)$  with  $\theta > 0$  small but fixed, and |w| = 1. Then  $w = 1 + \mathcal{O}(\theta)$ , and therefore,

$$|a(\xi) - w| = |a(\xi) - 1 - \mathcal{O}(\theta)| \ge \frac{1}{C},$$

for  $\xi \notin a^{-1}([1/2, 2])$ , uniformly in w. Hence, letting  $0 \leq \chi \in C_0^{\infty}((0, \infty))$  be such that  $\chi(t) = 1$  when  $t \in [1/2, 2]$  and supp  $(\chi) \subset [1/4, 4]$ , by the above argument, we conclude that

$$b_w(\xi) := \frac{h(\xi)(1 - \chi(a(\xi)))}{a(\xi) - w}$$

satisfies the bound (2.58) uniformly in w. Therefore,

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{h(\xi)(1-\chi(a(\xi)))e^{i\langle x,\xi\rangle}}{a(\xi)-w} d\xi \right| \le C|x|^{1-n},$$

uniformly in  $w \in \mathbb{C} \setminus [0, \infty)$ ,  $\arg w \in (-\theta, \theta)$  with  $\theta > 0$  small but fixed, and |w| = 1.

Let us now write,

$$I(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{h(\xi)\chi(a(\xi))e^{i\langle x,\xi\rangle}}{a(\xi) - w} d\xi = I_1(x) + I_2(x), \qquad (2.63)$$

where

$$I_1(x) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{h(\xi)\chi(a(\xi))(a(\xi) - w_1)e^{i\langle x,\xi\rangle}}{(a(\xi) - w_1)^2 + w_2^2} d\xi, I_2(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{ih(\xi)\chi(a(\xi))w_2e^{i\langle x,\xi\rangle}}{(a(\xi) - w_1)^2 + w_2^2} d\xi.$$

Here  $w_1 = \operatorname{Re} w = 1 + \mathcal{O}(\mu^2)$ ,  $w_2 = \operatorname{Im} w = \mu + \mathcal{O}(\mu^2)$ , and  $\mu := \arg w$ ,  $|\mu|$  small. Using the coarea formula in the integral  $I_2(x)$ , we get

$$|I_{2}(x)| \leq C|w_{2}| \int_{a^{-1}([1/4,4])}^{d\xi} \frac{d\xi}{(a(\xi) - w_{1})^{2} + w_{2}^{2}} = C|w_{2}| \int_{1/4}^{4} \int_{a(\xi) = E} \frac{dS_{E}}{|\nabla_{\xi}a(\xi)|} \frac{dE}{(E - w_{1})^{2} + w_{2}^{2}},$$
(2.64)

where  $dS_E$  is the Lebesque measure on the surface  $a(\xi) = E$ .

Let us notice that by Euler homogeneity relations for  $a(\xi) = E$ , we have

$$|\nabla_{\xi} a(\xi)| \ge 1/C,$$

uniformly in  $E \in [1/4, 4]$ . Therefore,

$$|I_2(x)| \le C|w_2| \int_{1/4}^4 \frac{dE}{(E-w_1)^2 + w_2^2} \le C|w_2| \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dE}{E^2 + w_2^2} \le C, \qquad (2.65)$$

uniformly in  $\mu$ .

Appealing to the coarea formula in the integral  $I_1(x)$ , we get

$$I_{1}(x) = \int_{a^{-1}([1/4,4])} \frac{h(\xi)\chi(a(\xi))(a(\xi) - w_{1})e^{i\langle x,\xi\rangle}}{(a(\xi) - w_{1})^{2} + w_{2}^{2}} d\xi$$
  
$$= \int_{1/4}^{4} \frac{(E - w_{1})}{(E - w_{1})^{2} + w_{2}^{2}} J(E, x) dE,$$
  
(2.66)

where

$$J(E,x) = \chi(E) \int_{a(\xi)=E} \frac{h(\xi)e^{i\langle x,\xi\rangle}}{|\nabla_{\xi}a(\xi)|} dS_E = E^{n-1}\chi(E) \int_{a(\xi)=1} \frac{h(E\xi)e^{i\langle x,E\xi\rangle}}{|\nabla_{\xi}a(\xi)|} dS_1.$$

We see that J(E, x) is  $C^{\infty}$  in E, x. Making the change of variables  $E \mapsto E - w_1$  in (2.66), we get

$$I_{1}(x) = \left(\int_{1/4-w_{1}}^{0} + \int_{0}^{w_{1}-1/4} + \int_{w_{1}-1/4}^{4-w_{1}}\right) \frac{E}{E^{2}+w_{2}^{2}} J(E+w_{1},x) dE$$
$$= \int_{0}^{w_{1}-1/4} \frac{E(J(E+w_{1},x) - J(-E+w_{1},x))}{E^{2}+w_{2}^{2}} dE$$
$$+ \int_{w_{1}-1/4}^{4-w_{1}} \frac{E}{E^{2}+w_{2}^{2}} J(E+w_{1},x) dE.$$

As  $f(E) = J(E + w_1, x) - J(-E + w_1, x)$  is  $C^{\infty}$  in E,  $w_1$ , and x, and f(0) = 0, it follows that f(E) = Eg(E) with a function g which is  $C^{\infty}$  in E,  $w_1$ , and x. Hence, recalling that  $w_1 = 1 + \mathcal{O}(\mu^2)$ , for  $|x| \leq 1$ , we get

$$|I_1(x)| \le C \int_0^2 \frac{E^2}{E^2 + w_2^2} dE + C \int_{1/4}^4 \frac{1}{E} dE \le C,$$
(2.67)

uniformly in  $\mu$  with  $0 < |\mu| \le \theta$ , where  $\theta$  is sufficiently small.

We conclude from (2.63), (2.65) and (2.67) that

$$|I(x)| \le C,$$

for  $|x| \leq 1$ , uniformly in  $\mu$  with  $0 < |\mu| \leq \theta$ , where  $\theta$  is sufficiently small. Let us now show that when  $|x| \geq 1$ , we get

$$|I(x)| \le C|x|^{-\frac{(n-1)}{2}},\tag{2.68}$$

uniformly in  $\mu$ . First using the coarea formula in (2.63), we get

$$I(x) = \int_{1/4}^{4} \int_{a(\xi)=E} \frac{h(\xi)\chi(E)e^{i\langle x,\xi\rangle}}{(E-w)} \frac{dS_E}{|\nabla_{\xi}a(\xi)|} dE$$
  
=  $\int_{1/4}^{4} \frac{E^{n-1}\chi(E)}{E-w} \int_{a(\xi)=1} \frac{h(E\xi)}{|\nabla_{\xi}a(\xi)|} e^{i\langle Ex,\xi\rangle} dS_1 dE$ 

To proceed recall that  $a(\xi)$  is homogeneous of degree one,  $C^{\infty}$  for  $\xi \neq 0$ , and  $a(\xi) > 0$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$ . Then  $\nabla_{\xi} a \neq 0$  along the cosphere  $\Sigma = \{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n : a(\xi) = 1\}$ , which is therefore is a  $C^{\infty}$  compact hypersurface. Furthermore,  $\Sigma$  is homeomorphic to the sphere  $\mathbb{S}^{n-1}$  via the homeomorphism  $\mathbb{S}^{n-1} \to \Sigma$ ,  $\omega \mapsto \omega/a(\omega)$ . Hence,  $\Sigma$  is connected. The assumption that the Gaussian curvature of  $\Sigma$  never vanishes implies that the Gauss map is a diffeomorphism from  $\Sigma$  to  $\mathbb{S}^{n-1}$ . Thus, given  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$ , there are exactly two points  $\xi_1(x), \xi_2(x) \in \Sigma$  with normal x. Since  $\xi_1(x), \xi_2(x)$ , are homogeneous of degree zero and smooth in  $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$ , it follows that the functions  $\langle x, \xi_1(x) \rangle$ ,  $\langle x, \xi_2(x) \rangle$  are also smooth for  $x \neq 0$  and homogeneous of degree one.

We shall need the following result concerning the inverse Fourier transform of a smooth measure carried by the cosphere  $\Sigma$ , which is an application of the stationary phase theorem, see [14, Theorem 1.2.1, p. 50] and [14, p. 68].

**Lemma 2.9.** Let  $d\sigma(\xi) = \beta(\xi)dS(\xi)$  with  $\beta \in C^{\infty}(\Sigma)$  and dS is the surface measure on  $\Sigma$ . Then under the above assumptions, the inverse Fourier transform of the measure  $d\sigma$  satisfies

$$(2\pi)^{-n} \int_{\Sigma} e^{i\langle x,\xi\rangle} d\sigma(\xi) = \frac{b_1(x)e^{i\langle x,\xi_1(x)\rangle}}{|x|^{(n-1)/2}} + \frac{b_2(x)e^{i\langle x,\xi_2(x)\rangle}}{|x|^{(n-1)/2}}, \quad |x| \ge 1,$$

where the functions  $b_j$  are such that

$$|\partial_x^{\alpha} b_j(x)| \le C_{\alpha} |x|^{-|\alpha|}, \quad |x| \ge 1, \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^n.$$

As  $\xi_j(x)$  is homogeneous of degree zero, by Lemma 2.9, for  $|x| \ge 1$ , we get

$$I(x) = (2\pi)^n |x|^{-\frac{(n-1)}{2}} \sum_{j=1}^2 \int_{1/4}^4 \frac{E^{(n-1)/2}\chi(E)b_j(x,E)}{E-w} e^{iE\langle x,\xi_j(x)\rangle} dE,$$

with some functions  $b_j \in C^{\infty}$  for  $|x| \ge 1$  and  $E \in [1/4, 4]$ , and

$$|\partial_E^l \partial_x^\alpha b_j(x, E)| \le C_{l,\alpha} |x|^{-|\alpha|}, \quad |x| \ge 1, \quad E \in [1/4, 4], \quad l \in \mathbb{N}_0, \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^n.$$
(2.69)

The estimate (2.68) would follow if we could show that

$$\left| \int_{1/4}^{4} \frac{E^{(n-1)/2} \chi(E) b_j(x, E)}{E - w} e^{iE\langle x, \xi_j(x) \rangle} dE \right| \le C,$$
(2.70)

uniformly in  $\mu$ ,  $0 < |\mu| \le \theta \ll 1$ . To show (2.70), we let

$$f(E,x) = E^{(n-1)/2}\chi(E)b_j(x,E), \quad \varphi(x) = \langle x, \xi_j(x) \rangle$$

For  $|x| \ge 1$ , the function  $f(\cdot, x)$  is  $C^{\infty}$  with compact support in  $E \in [1/4, 4]$ , and (2.69) yields that

$$\left|\partial_{E}^{l}f(E,x)\right| \le C_{l}.\tag{2.71}$$

We write

$$\begin{split} J(x) &= \int_{1/4}^{4} \frac{f(E,x)e^{iE\varphi(x)}}{E-w} dE = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \widehat{f}(t,x) \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{e^{iE(t+\varphi(x))}}{E-w_1 - iw_2} dE dt \\ &= -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \widehat{f}(t,x)e^{iw_1(t+\varphi(x))} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{e^{-i\tau(t+\varphi(x))}}{w_2 - i\tau} d\tau dt, \end{split}$$

where  $\widehat{f}(t, x)$  is the Fourier transform of f(E, x). We shall use the following fact: for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\alpha \neq 0$ ,

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{e^{-i\tau t}}{\alpha - i\tau} d\tau = \mathrm{sgn}\alpha H(\alpha t) e^{-\alpha t},$$

where H(t) is the Heaviside function which equals one for  $t \ge 0$  and zero for t < 0, see [1, Lemma 2.1]. As  $w_2 \ne 0$ , we get

$$J(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \widehat{f}(t,x) i e^{iw_1(t+\varphi(x))} \operatorname{sgn}(w_2) H(w_2(t+\varphi(x))) e^{-w_2(t+\varphi(x))} dt,$$

and therefore, using that f has compact support in E and (2.71), we obtain that

$$|J(x)| \le C \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |\widehat{f}(t,x)| dt \le C ||(1+t^2)\widehat{f}(t,x)||_{L^{\infty}_t}$$
  
$$\le C(||f(E,x)||_{L^1_E} + ||\partial_E^2 f(E,x)||_{L^1_E}) \le C,$$

uniformly in w. This establishes (2.70), and hence, (2.68). Thus, for  $w \in \mathbb{C} \setminus [0, \infty)$ ,  $\arg w \in (-\theta, \theta)$ ,  $\theta > 0$  small but fixed, and |w| = 1, we get

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{h(\xi)e^{i\langle x,\xi\rangle}}{a(\xi) - w} d\xi \right| \le C(|x|^{1-n} + |x|^{-\frac{(n-1)}{2}}), \quad x \ne 0,$$
(2.72)

uniformly in w. In the case when  $w \in \mathbb{C} \setminus [0, \infty)$ ,  $\arg w \in (-\theta, \theta)$ ,  $\theta > 0$  small but fixed, and  $|w| \neq 1$ , the estimate (2.56) follows from (2.72) by a change of scale. The proof of Lemma 2.8 is complete.

Now using Lemma 2.8, the estimate (2.53), and the fact that  $\frac{|x-y|}{r} \in [A^{-1}/4, 4A]$ , we obtain that

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{h_r(\tau, x, y, \eta) e^{i\langle \frac{x-y}{r}, \eta \rangle}}{\widetilde{q}(x, y, \eta) - (\tau + rz e^{2\pi k i/m})} d\eta \right| \le C_N (1 + |\tau|)^{-N} (1 + |\tau| + r|z|)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}, \quad (2.73)$$

for k = 0, 1, ..., m - 1 and N > 0. It follows from (2.54) and (2.73) that for N > 0 sufficiently large,

$$\begin{aligned} |K_{z,j}^{(1,2)}(x,y)| &\leq C \frac{r^{1-n}}{|z|^{m-1}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (1+|\tau|)^{-N+\frac{n-1}{2}} (1+r|z|)^{\frac{n-1}{2}} d\tau \\ &\leq C r^{-\frac{(n-1)}{2}} |z|^{\frac{n+1-2m}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Here we have used that  $r|z| \ge 1$ . Recalling that  $r = 2^j/|z|$ , the above estimate completes the proof of the estimate (2.26), and therefore, the estimates (2.25) and (2.18). As  $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} 2^{j\frac{2n-m-nm}{2n}} = 1/(1-2^{\frac{2n-m-nm}{2n}})$ , we have obtained the (2.14) for the local operator.

2.5. Uniform estimate for the non-local operator in the case of unbounded |z|. Let  $\tau \in \mathbb{R}$  and consider the multipliers

$$r_z(\tau) = m_z(\tau) - m_z^{\text{loc}}(\tau) = \frac{i}{mz^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi ki/m} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (1 - \rho(t)) e^{i|t|\tau_k} e^{it\tau} dt, \quad (2.74)$$

for all  $z \in \Xi_{\delta} \cap \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \ge 1\}.$ 

In order to prove (1.5), we are left with establishing that

$$\|r_z(Q)f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \le C\|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)},$$
(2.75)

for all  $z \in \Xi_{\delta} \cap \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \ge 1\}$ , uniformly in z.

Let us first show that  $r_z(\tau)$  is bounded for all  $z \in \Xi_{\delta} \cap \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \ge 1\}$ , uniformly in z. Indeed, we have

$$|r_{z}(\tau)| \leq \frac{C}{|z|^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} \left( \int_{-\infty}^{-\varepsilon/2} e^{t \operatorname{Im}\tau_{k}} dt + \int_{\varepsilon/2}^{+\infty} e^{-t \operatorname{Im}\tau_{k}} dt \right) \leq C \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} \frac{1}{\operatorname{Im}\tau_{k}}.$$
(2.76)

Recall that  $\tau_k = z e^{2\pi k i/m}$ , and therefore,  $0 < \arg(\tau_k) < \pi$ ,  $k = 0, \ldots, m/2 - 1$ . If now  $0 < \arg(\tau_k) \le \pi/2$ , then

$$\frac{\mathrm{Im}\tau_k}{|z|} = \sin(\arg(\tau_k)) \ge \sin(\arg(z)),$$

and thus, using the fact that  $z \in \Xi_{\delta}$ , we get

$$\mathrm{Im}\tau_k \ge \mathrm{Im}z \ge \delta. \tag{2.77}$$

If  $\pi/2 < \arg(\tau_k) < \pi$ , then

$$\frac{\mathrm{Im}\tau_k}{|z|} = \sin(\pi - \arg(\tau_k)) \ge \sin(\pi - \arg(\tau_{m/2-1})) = -\sin(\arg(z) - 2\pi/m),$$

and therefore,

$$\operatorname{Im}\tau_k \ge -\operatorname{Im}(ze^{-2\pi i/m}) \ge \delta.$$
(2.78)

Hence, it follows from (2.76), (2.77) and (2.78) that

$$|r_z(\tau)| \le C\delta^{-1},\tag{2.79}$$

for all  $z \in \Xi_{\delta} \cap \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \ge 1\}$ , uniformly in z.

To obtain the decay of  $r_z(\tau)$ , let us integrate by parts N times, N = 1, 2, ..., in (2.74). We have

$$r_{z}(\tau) = \frac{i}{mz^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} e^{2\pi ki/m} \left( \frac{(-1)^{N}}{i^{N}(-\tau_{k}+\tau)^{N}} \int_{-\infty}^{0} (-\partial_{t}^{N}\rho(t))e^{it(-\tau_{k}+\tau)}dt + \frac{(-1)^{N}}{i^{N}(\tau_{k}+\tau)^{N}} \int_{0}^{+\infty} (-\partial_{t}^{N}\rho(t))e^{it(\tau_{k}+\tau)}dt \right).$$

Notice that all the boundary terms disappear when integrating by parts due to the presence of the term  $(1 - \rho(t))$  in (2.74) and the fact that  $\text{Im}\tau_k > 0$ . As

$$|\pm \tau_k + \tau| = \sqrt{|\pm \operatorname{Re} \tau_k + \tau|^2 + |\operatorname{Im} \tau_k|^2} \ge \sqrt{|\pm \operatorname{Re} \tau_k + \tau|^2 + \delta^2}$$
$$\ge \frac{\delta}{\sqrt{2}} (1 + |\pm \operatorname{Re} \tau_k + \tau|),$$

where  $\delta < 1$ , we obtain that

$$|r_z(\tau)| \le \frac{C}{|z|^{m-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{m/2-1} ((1+|-\operatorname{Re}\tau_k+\tau|)^{-N} + (1+|\operatorname{Re}\tau_k+\tau|)^{-N}),$$

uniformly in z. Thus, for  $\tau \ge 0$ , we get

$$|r_{z}(\tau)| \leq \frac{C}{|z|^{m-1}} \left( \sum_{\substack{k=0,\dots,m/2-1\\\operatorname{Re}\tau_{k}\geq 0}} (1+|-\operatorname{Re}\tau_{k}+\tau|)^{-N} + \sum_{\substack{k=0,\dots,m/2-1\\\operatorname{Re}\tau_{k}< 0}} (1+|\operatorname{Re}\tau_{k}+\tau|)^{-N} \right)$$
(2.80)

We have

$$r_z(Q)f = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} r_z(\mu_j) E_j f = \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} r_z^l(Q) f, \quad f \in C^{\infty}(M),$$
(2.81)

where

$$r_{z}^{l}(Q)f = \sum_{\mu_{j} \in [l-1,l)} r_{z}(\mu_{j})E_{j}f, \quad l = 1, 2, \dots$$

Using Lemma 2.2 and (2.80) with N = m + 1, we obtain that

$$\|r_{z}^{l}(Q)f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \leq Cl^{m-1}(\sup_{\tau \in [l-1,l)} |r_{z}(\tau)|) \|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}(M)}} \leq \frac{Cl^{m-1}}{|z|^{m-1}} \\ \left(\sum_{\substack{k=0\\\operatorname{Re}\tau_{k}\geq 0}}^{m/2-1} \frac{1}{(1+|-\operatorname{Re}\tau_{k}+l|)^{m+1}} + \sum_{\substack{k=0\\\operatorname{Re}\tau_{k}< 0}}^{m/2-1} \frac{1}{(1+|\operatorname{Re}\tau_{k}+l|)^{m+1}}\right) \|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)}.$$

$$(2.82)$$

Here we have used the fact that for  $l-1 \leq \tau \leq l$ , we have

$$|\pm \operatorname{Re} \tau_k + l| \le |\pm \operatorname{Re} \tau_k + \tau| + |l - \tau| \le |\pm \operatorname{Re} \tau_k + \tau| + 1.$$

Hence, (2.75) would follow from (2.81) and (2.82), if we could show that

$$\Sigma := \frac{1}{|z|^{m-1}} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \frac{l^{m-1}}{(1+|-a+l|)^{m+1}} \le C, \quad a = |\operatorname{Re} \tau_k|, \quad (2.83)$$

with some constant C > 0 uniform in  $z \in \mathbb{C}, |z| \ge 1$ .

Let us now show (2.83). Assume first that  $a \leq 1$ . Then

$$\Sigma = \frac{1}{|z|^{m-1}} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \frac{l^{m-1}}{(1-a+l)^{m+1}} \le \frac{1}{|z|^{m-1}} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{l^2} \le C,$$

with a constant C > 0 uniform in  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $|z| \ge 1$ . Consider now the case a > 1. Then denoting [a] the integer part of a, we write

$$\Sigma = \Sigma_1 + \Sigma_2 + \Sigma_3,$$

where

$$\Sigma_{1} := \frac{1}{|z|^{m-1}} \sum_{l \leq [a]-1} \frac{l^{m-1}}{(1+a-l)^{m+1}},$$
  

$$\Sigma_{2} := \frac{1}{|z|^{m-1}} \left( \frac{[a]^{m-1}}{(1+|-a+[a]|)^{m+1}} + \frac{([a]+1)^{m-1}}{(1+|-a+[a]+1|)^{m+1}} \right),$$
  

$$\Sigma_{3} := \frac{1}{|z|^{m-1}} \sum_{l \geq [a]+2} \frac{l^{m-1}}{(1-a+l)^{m+1}}.$$

Using the fact that  $a \leq |z|$ , we see that  $\Sigma_2 \leq C$ , uniformly in  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $|z| \geq 1$ . We shall next estimate  $\Sigma_3$ . As the function  $t^{m-1}/(1-a+t)^{m+1}$  is decreasing for t > 0, we get

$$\Sigma_{3} \leq \frac{1}{|z|^{m-1}} \int_{[a]+1}^{+\infty} \frac{t^{m-1}}{(1-a+t)^{m+1}} dt = \frac{1}{|z|^{m-1}} \int_{2+[a]-a}^{+\infty} \frac{(t+a-1)^{m-1}}{t^{m+1}} dt$$
$$\leq \frac{C_{m}}{|z|^{m-1}} \left( \int_{1}^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t^{2}} + (a-1)^{m-1} \int_{1}^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t^{m+1}} \right) \leq C,$$

uniformly in  $z \in \mathbb{C}, |z| \ge 1$ .

Let us now estimate  $\Sigma_1$ . Since the function  $t^{m-1}/(1+a-t)^{m+1}$  is increasing for t > 0, we obtain that

$$\Sigma_{1} \leq \frac{1}{|z|^{m-1}} \int_{1}^{[a]} \frac{t^{m-1}}{(1+a-t)^{m+1}} dt \leq \frac{1}{|z|^{m-1}} \int_{1+a-[a]}^{a} \frac{|1+a-t|^{m-1}}{t^{m+1}} dt$$
$$\leq \frac{C_{m}}{|z|^{m-1}} \left( (1+a)^{m-1} \int_{1}^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t^{m+1}} + \int_{1}^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t^{2}} \right) \leq C,$$

uniformly in  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $|z| \ge 1$ . This completes the proof of (2.83) and hence, of Theorem 1.1.

Finally let us remark that the a priori estimate (1.5) implies the following simple result concerning the  $L^2$  resolvent of P,  $(P - \zeta)^{-1}$ .

**Proposition 2.10.** Let  $\zeta \in \mathbb{C} \setminus [0, \infty)$ . Then the resolvent  $(P - \zeta)^{-1}$  is a bounded operator:  $L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M) \to L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\zeta \notin \{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, ...\}$  so that  $(P - \zeta)^{-1} : L^2(M) \to L^2(M)$  is bounded. By elliptic regularity, we have  $(P - \zeta)^{-1}C^{\infty}(M) \subset C^{\infty}(M)$ , and therefore, the linear continuous operator  $P - \zeta : C^{\infty}(M) \to C^{\infty}(M)$  is bijective. By the open mapping theorem,  $(P - \zeta)^{-1} : C^{\infty}(M) \to C^{\infty}(M)$  is continuous.

We have next the linear continuous map  $P - \zeta : \mathcal{D}'(M) \to \mathcal{D}'(M)$  given by

$$\langle (P-\zeta)u,\varphi\rangle = \langle u,\overline{(P-\overline{\zeta})\overline{\varphi}}\rangle, \quad \varphi \in C^{\infty}(M),$$

which is bijective, with continuous inverse  $(P - \zeta)^{-1} : \mathcal{D}'(M) \to \mathcal{D}'(M)$ .

By Remark 2.4, when  $\zeta \in \mathbb{C} \setminus [0, \infty)$ , we have the following a priori estimate

$$||u||_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \le C_{\zeta} ||(P-\zeta)u||_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)},$$

for all  $u \in C^{\infty}(M)$ . Thus, for any  $f \in C^{\infty}(M)$ , we get

$$\|(P-\zeta)^{-1}f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \le C_{\zeta} \|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)}.$$
(2.84)

Now let  $f \in L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)$ . Then there is a sequence  $f_j \in C^{\infty}(M)$ , converging to f in  $L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)$  as  $j \to \infty$ . It follows from (2.84) that  $(P-\zeta)^{-1}f_j$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)$ , and therefore, it converges in  $L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)$ . As  $(P-\zeta)^{-1}$ :  $\mathcal{D}'(M) \to \mathcal{D}'(M)$  continuous, we have  $(P-\zeta)^{-1}f \in L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)$  and  $(P-\zeta)^{-1}f_j$  converges to  $(P-\zeta)^{-1}f$  in  $L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)$  as  $j \to \infty$ . Hence, (2.84) is valid for any  $f \in L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)$ , which shows the claim of Proposition 2.10.

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# 3. Saturation of the resolvent estimates. Proof of Theorem 1.2

We shall need the following Bernstein type inequality, established in [1, Lemma 3.1].

**Lemma 3.1.** Let  $\beta \in C_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{R})$  be such that  $0 \notin supp(\beta)$ . Then if  $1 \leq q \leq r \leq \infty$ , there is a constant C = C(r, q) so that

$$\|\beta(Q/\alpha)f\|_{L^{r}(M)} \le C\alpha^{n(\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{r})}\|f\|_{L^{q}(M)}, \quad \alpha \ge 1.$$

In Theorem 1.1 we obtained the uniform estimate (1.5) for all z in the sector  $\Xi$  of the complex plane such that  $\operatorname{dist}(\partial \Xi, z) \geq \delta$  for some  $\delta > 0$ . The next result shows that removing the eigenvalues of the operator  $Q = P^{1/m}$  in some interval  $[\alpha - 1, \alpha + 1]$  allows us to obtain the uniform estimate (1.5) for all  $z \in \Xi$  with  $\operatorname{Re} z = \alpha \gg 1$  or  $\operatorname{Re}(ze^{-2\pi i/m}) = \alpha \gg 1$ .

Lemma 3.2. Let

$$\chi_{[\alpha-1,\alpha+1)}f = \sum_{\mu_j \in [\alpha-1,\alpha+1)} E_j f$$

Then we have the uniform estimate:

$$\|(I - \chi_{[\alpha - 1, \alpha + 1)}) \circ (P - z^m)^{-1} f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n - m}}(M)} \le C \|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n + m}}(M)},$$
(3.1)

with  $z \in \Xi$ , Re  $z = \alpha \gg 1$ , and  $0 < \text{Im } z \leq 1$ , and the uniform estimate:

$$\|(I - \chi_{[\alpha - 1, \alpha + 1)}) \circ (P - z^m)^{-1} f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n - m}}(M)} \le C \|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n + m}}(M)},$$
(3.2)  
Po  $(z e^{-2\pi i/m}) = c \gg 1$  and  $0 < -\text{Im} (z e^{-2\pi i/m}) < 1$ 

with  $z \in \Xi$ , Re  $(ze^{-2\pi i/m}) = \alpha \gg 1$ , and  $0 < -\text{Im} (ze^{-2\pi i/m}) \le 1$ .

*Proof.* Let us start by proving (3.1). Let  $z \in \Xi$ , Re  $z = \alpha \gg 1$ , and assume first that  $\delta \leq \text{Im } z = \beta \leq 1$  for some  $\delta > 0$ . We write

$$\chi_{[\alpha-1,\alpha+1)} \circ (P-z^m)^{-1} f = \sum_{\mu_j \in [\alpha-1,\alpha+1)} (\mu_j^m - z^m)^{-1} E_j f$$

By (2.5), we get

$$\|\chi_{[\alpha-1,\alpha+1)} \circ (P-z^m)^{-1} f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \le C\alpha^{m-1} (\sup_{\tau \in [\alpha-1,\alpha+1)} |(\tau^m - z^m)^{-1}|) \|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)},$$
(3.3)

Writing

$$z^{m} = (\alpha + i\beta)^{m} = \alpha^{m}(1 + mi\beta/\alpha + \mathcal{O}(\beta^{2}/\alpha^{2})),$$

we have

Im 
$$z^m = m\beta\alpha^{m-1} + \mathcal{O}(\beta^2\alpha^{m-2}) \ge \frac{m}{2}\beta\alpha^{m-1} \ge \frac{m}{2}\delta\alpha^{m-1},$$
 (3.4)

for  $\alpha$  sufficiently large. Therefore, it follows from (3.3), (3.4) and (1.5) that

$$\|(I - \chi_{[\alpha - 1, \alpha + 1)}) \circ (P - z^m)^{-1} f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n - m}}(M)} \le C \|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n + m}}(M)},$$
(3.5)

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for all  $z \in \Xi$ , Re  $z = \alpha \gg 1$ , and  $\delta \leq \text{Im } z \leq 1$ , uniformly in z.

Let  $z \in \Xi$ , Re  $z = \alpha \gg 1$ , and  $0 < \text{Im } z = \beta \le 1/2$ . Then using the fact that  $\alpha + i \in \Xi$  for  $\alpha$  sufficiently large and (3.5), we see that (3.1) follows once we establish that

$$\|(I - \chi_{[\alpha-1,\alpha+1)}) \circ ((P - z^m)^{-1} - (P - (\alpha+i)^m)^{-1})f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \le C \|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)},$$
(3.6)

uniformly in z. We have

$$(I - \chi_{[\alpha - 1, \alpha + 1)}) \circ ((P - z^m)^{-1} - (P - (\alpha + i)^m)^{-1})f$$
  
=  $\left(\sum_{\mu_j \in [0, \alpha - 1)} + \sum_{\mu_j \in [\alpha + 1, +\infty)}\right) \left(\frac{1}{\mu_j^m - z^m} - \frac{1}{\mu_j^m - (\alpha + i)^m}\right) E_j f$   
=  $\left(\sum_{\mu_j \in [0, \alpha - 1)} + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \sum_{\mu_j \in [\alpha + k - 1, \alpha + k)}\right) \left(\frac{1}{\mu_j^m - z^m} - \frac{1}{\mu_j^m - (\alpha + i)^m}\right) E_j f.$  (3.7)

By (2.5), for k = 2, 3..., we get

$$\begin{split} \| \sum_{\mu_{j} \in [\alpha+k-1,\alpha+k)} \left( \frac{1}{\mu_{j}^{m} - z^{m}} - \frac{1}{\mu_{j}^{m} - (\alpha+i)^{m}} \right) E_{j} f \|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} &\leq C(\alpha+k)^{m-1} \\ \sup_{\tau \in [\alpha+k-1,\alpha+k)} \left| \frac{z^{m} - (\alpha+i)^{m}}{(\tau^{m} - z^{m})(\tau^{m} - (\alpha+i)^{m})} \right| \| f \|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)}. \end{split}$$

$$(3.8)$$

We have, for  $\alpha$  sufficiently large, that

$$z^{m} - (\alpha + i)^{m} = \alpha^{m-1} mi(\beta - 1) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha^{m-2}),$$

and therefore,

$$|z^{m} - (\alpha + i)^{m}| \le C\alpha^{m-1}.$$
(3.9)

As Re 
$$z^{m} = \alpha^{m} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha^{m-2})$$
, we obtain that  
 $|\tau^{m} - z^{m}| \ge |\tau^{m} - \alpha^{m} - \mathcal{O}(\alpha^{m-2})|$   
 $= |(\tau - \alpha)(\tau^{m-1} + \tau^{m-2}\alpha + \dots + \tau\alpha^{m-2} + \alpha^{m-1}) - \mathcal{O}(\alpha^{m-2})|$   
 $\ge (k-1)(\tau^{m-1} + \alpha^{m-1}) - |\mathcal{O}(\alpha^{m-2})| \ge (k-1)\tau^{m-1} \ge (k-1)(\alpha + k)^{m-1}/C,$ 
(3.10)

for  $\tau \in [\alpha + k - 1, \alpha + k)$ , k = 2, 3, ..., and  $\alpha$  sufficiently large. Thus, it follows from (3.8), (3.9), and (3.10) that

$$\|\sum_{\mu_{j}\in[\alpha+k-1,\alpha+k)} \left(\frac{1}{\mu_{j}^{m}-z^{m}}-\frac{1}{\mu_{j}^{m}-(\alpha+i)^{m}}\right) E_{j}f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \leq \frac{C}{(k-1)^{2}} \|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)},$$
(3.11)

for  $k = 2, 3, \ldots$  Using (2.5) and rescaling, we get

$$\|\sum_{\mu_j \in [0,\alpha-1)} \left( \frac{1}{\mu_j^m - z^m} - \frac{1}{\mu_j^m - (\alpha+i)^m} \right) E_j f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \le C \|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)}.$$
 (3.12)

Hence, (3.6) follows from (3.7), (3.11), and (3.12). The proof of (3.1) is complete. Let us now show (3.2). To that end, letting  $w = ze^{-2\pi i/m}$ , we have  $w^m = z^m$ , and therefore, (3.2) is a consequence of the uniform estimate,

$$\|(I - \chi_{[\alpha - 1, \alpha + 1)}) \circ ((P - w^m)^{-1} - (P - (\alpha + i)^m)^{-1})f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n - m}}(M)} \le C \|f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n + m}}(M)},$$

with  $z \in \Xi$ ,  $w = ze^{-2\pi i/m}$ , Re  $w = \alpha \gg 1$ , and  $0 < -\text{Im } w \leq 1$ . This is obtained similarly to the derivation of (3.6). The proof of Lemma 3.2 is complete.

Let

$$N(\alpha) = \#\{j : \mu_j < \alpha\}$$

be the counting function for the eigenvalues of the operator Q. We have

$$N(\alpha) = \int_{M} S_{\alpha}(x, x) d\mu(x), \qquad (3.13)$$

where

$$S_{\alpha}(x,y) = \sum_{\mu_j < \alpha} e_j(x) \overline{e_j(y)}$$

is the spectral function.

Similarly to [1, Theorem 1.2] we obtain the following result which gives a sufficient condition for the optimality of the region  $\Xi_{\delta}$  in the uniform resolvent estimate (1.5) for operators of order m, in terms of the density of eigenvalues in shrinking intervals of the form  $[\alpha_k - \beta_k, \alpha_k + \beta_k), \alpha_k \to \infty, 0 < \beta_k \to 0$  as  $k \to \infty$ .

**Lemma 3.3.** Assume that there exist sequences  $\alpha_k \to \infty$  and  $0 < \beta_k \to 0$  as  $k \to \infty$  such that

$$(\beta_k \alpha_k^{n-1})^{-1} [N(\alpha_k + \beta_k) - N(\alpha_k - \beta_k)] \to \infty, \quad k \to \infty.$$
(3.14)

Let 
$$z_k^{(1)} = \alpha_k + i\beta_k$$
 and  $z_k^{(2)} = e^{2\pi i/m} (\alpha_k - i\beta_k)$ . Then we have  
 $\| (P - (z_k^{(j)})^m)^{-1} \|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M) \to L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \to \infty, \quad k \to \infty, \quad j = 1, 2.$  (3.15)

*Proof.* In what follows we shall only establish (3.15) for j = 1, the proof in the other case being similar. We shall then write  $z_k = z_k^{(1)}$ . Let us notice that  $z_k \in \Xi$  for k large enough.

By (3.1), we know that for large k,

$$\|(I - \chi_{[\alpha_k - 1, \alpha_k + 1)}) \circ (P - z_k^m)^{-1}\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M) \to L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \le C,$$

uniformly in k. Thus, we only need to show that

$$\|\chi_{[\alpha_k-1,\alpha_k+1)} \circ (P-z_k^m)^{-1}\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M) \to L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)} \to \infty, \quad k \to \infty.$$
(3.16)

Let  $g \in C_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{R})$  be such that  $0 \notin \text{supp } (g)$  and  $g(\tau) = 1$  for  $\tau \in [1/2, 2]$ . Then for large k, we have

$$\chi_{[\alpha_k-1,\alpha_k+1)} = g(Q/\alpha_k) \circ \chi_{[\alpha_k-1,\alpha_k+1)} \circ g(Q/\alpha_k).$$
(3.17)

Using (3.17) and Lemma 3.1, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\|\chi_{[\alpha_{k}-1,\alpha_{k}+1)}\circ(P-z_{k}^{m})^{-1}f\|_{L^{\infty}(M)} \\ &=\|g(Q/\alpha_{k})\circ\chi_{[\alpha_{k}-1,\alpha_{k}+1)}\circ(P-z_{k}^{m})^{-1}\circ g(Q/\alpha_{k})f\|_{L^{\infty}(M)} \\ &\leq C\alpha_{k}^{\frac{n-m}{2}}\|\chi_{[\alpha_{k}-1,\alpha_{k}+1)}\circ(P-z_{k}^{m})^{-1}\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)\to L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)}\|g(Q/\alpha_{k})f\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)} \\ &\leq C\alpha_{k}^{n-m}\|\chi_{[\alpha_{k}-1,\alpha_{k}+1)}\circ(P-z_{k}^{m})^{-1}\|_{L^{\frac{2n}{n+m}}(M)\to L^{\frac{2n}{n-m}}(M)}\|f\|_{L^{1}(M)}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, in order to show (3.16) it suffices to check that

$$\alpha_k^{-(n-m)} \|\chi_{[\alpha_k - 1, \alpha_k + 1)} \circ (P - z_k^m)^{-1} \|_{L^1(M) \to L^\infty(M)} \to \infty, \quad k \to \infty.$$
(3.18)

The kernel of the operator  $\chi_{[\alpha_k-1,\alpha_k+1)} \circ (P-z_k^m)^{-1}$  is given by

$$K(x,y) = \sum_{\mu_j \in [\alpha_k - 1, \alpha_k + 1)} \frac{1}{\mu_j^m - z_k^m} e_j(x) \overline{e_j(y)}.$$

We have

$$\begin{split} \alpha_{k}^{-(n-m)} \|\chi_{[\alpha_{k}-1,\alpha_{k}+1)} \circ (P-z_{k}^{m})^{-1}\|_{L^{1}(M) \to L^{\infty}(M)} &= \alpha_{k}^{-(n-m)} \sup_{x,y \in M} |K(x,y)| \\ &\geq \alpha_{k}^{-(n-m)} \sup_{x \in M} \left| \sum_{\mu_{j} \in [\alpha_{k}-1,\alpha_{k}+1)} \frac{1}{\mu_{j}^{m} - z_{k}^{m}} |e_{j}(x)|^{2} \right| \\ &\geq \alpha_{k}^{-(n-m)} \sup_{x \in M} \left| \operatorname{Im} \sum_{\mu_{j} \in [\alpha_{k}-1,\alpha_{k}+1)} \frac{\mu_{j}^{m} - \overline{z_{k}}^{m}}{|\mu_{j}^{m} - z_{k}^{m}|^{2}} |e_{j}(x)|^{2} \right| \\ &\geq \alpha_{k}^{-(n-m)} |\operatorname{Im} (-\overline{z_{k}}^{m})| \sup_{x \in M} \sum_{\mu_{j} \in [\alpha_{k}-\beta_{k},\alpha_{k}+\beta_{k})} \frac{1}{|\mu_{j}^{m} - z_{k}^{m}|^{2}} |e_{j}(x)|^{2} := L_{k}, \end{split}$$

for k sufficiently large. Writing  $\overline{z_k}^m = (\alpha_k - i\beta_k)^m$ , we get

$$\operatorname{Im}\left(-\overline{z_{k}}^{m}\right) = m\beta_{k}\alpha_{k}^{m-1} + \mathcal{O}(\beta_{k}^{2}\alpha_{k}^{m-2}) \ge m\beta_{k}\alpha_{k}^{m-1}/2, \qquad (3.19)$$

for k sufficiently large. Using the fact that  $\mu_j \in [\alpha_k - \beta_k, \alpha_k + \beta_k)$  in the last sum, we obtain that

$$|\mu_j^m - z_k^m| = |\mu_j - z_k| |\mu_j^{m-1} + \mu_j^{m-2} z_k + \dots + \mu_j z_k^{m-2} + z_k^{m-1}| \le C\beta_k \alpha_k^{m-1}, \quad (3.20)$$

for k sufficiently large. It follows from (3.13), (3.19), (3.20) and (3.14) that

$$L_k \ge \frac{1}{C} (\beta_k \alpha_k^{n-1})^{-1} \sup_{x \in M} \sum_{\mu_j \in [\alpha_k - \beta_k, \alpha_k + \beta_k)} |e_j(x)|^2$$
$$\ge \frac{1}{C} (\beta_k \alpha_k^{n-1})^{-1} \frac{1}{\operatorname{Vol}(M)} \int_M \sum_{\mu_j \in [\alpha_k - \beta_k, \alpha_k + \beta_k)} |e_j(x)|^2 d\mu(x)$$
$$= \frac{1}{C} (\beta_k \alpha_k^{n-1})^{-1} \frac{1}{\operatorname{Vol}(M)} [N(\alpha_k + \beta_k) - N(\alpha_k - \beta_k)] \to \infty,$$

as  $k \to \infty$ . Hence, we get (3.18), which completes the proof of (3.15). The proof of Lemma 3.3 is complete.

Notice that the Weyl law, see [6],

$$N(\alpha) = C\alpha^{n} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha^{n-1}), \quad C = (2\pi)^{-n} \iint_{\{(x,\xi) \in T^* M : q(x,\xi) \le 1\}} dxd\xi$$

implies that

$$N(\alpha_k + 1) - N(\alpha_k - 1) = \mathcal{O}(\alpha_k^{n-1}).$$

Consequently, to find sequences  $\alpha_k \to \infty$  and  $0 < \beta_k \to 0$  as  $k \to \infty$  satisfying (3.14), we would like to exhibit a situation when the spectrum of the operator Q is distributed in a non-uniform fashion, clustering around the sequence  $\alpha_k$ .

To verify the assumption (3.14) in Lemma 3.3, we shall need the following result concerning the spectrum of Q, when the Hamilton flow of q is periodic, due to [17] and [2], see also [8, Theorem 29.2.2].

**Theorem 3.4.** Let  $Q \in \Psi^1_{cl}(M)$  be positive elliptic self-adjoint operator with principal symbol q and zero subprincipal symbol. Assume that the Hamilton flow  $\exp(tH_q)$ , generated by the principal symbol q, is periodic with a common minimal period T on  $q^{-1}(1)$ . Then there is a constant C > 0 such that all eigenvalues of Q, except finitely many, belong to the intervals  $I_k := \left[\frac{2\pi}{T}(k+\frac{\alpha}{4}) - \frac{C}{k}, \frac{2\pi}{T}(k+\frac{\alpha}{4}) + \frac{C}{k}\right]$ , k = 1, 2..., where  $\alpha > 0$  is a constant. Furthermore, the number of eigenvalues of Q in  $I_k$ , denoted by  $d_k$ , is a polynomial in k of degree n - 1 of the form

$$d_k = nk^{n-1}T^{-n} \iint_{q<1} dxd\xi + \mathcal{O}(k^{n-2}).$$

To prove Theorem 1.2, let  $Q = P^{1/m}$  and observe that the subprincipal symbol of Q vanishes, see [4, Section 1]. It follows from Theorem 3.4 that the assumptions of Lemma 3.3 are satisfied with  $\alpha_k = \frac{2\pi}{T}(k + \frac{\alpha}{4})$  and  $C/k < \beta_k \to 0$  as  $k \to \infty$ . The proof of Theorem 1.2 is complete.

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