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# DIMENSION-FREE ESTIMATES FOR RIESZ TRANSFORMS RELATED TO THE HARMONIC OSCILLATOR

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ABSTRACT. We study  $L^p$  bounds for two kinds of Riesz transforms on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  related to the harmonic oscillator. We pursue an explicit estimate of their  $L^p$  norms that is independent of the dimension  $d$  and linear in  $\max(p, p/(p-1))$ .

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The aim of this paper is to prove a dimension-free estimate for the  $L^p$  norm of vectors of a specific kind of generalized Riesz transforms. Recall that the classical Riesz transforms on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  are the operators

$$R_i f(x) = \partial_{x_i} (-\Delta)^{-1/2} f(x), \quad i = 1, \dots, d.$$

A well-known result concerning Riesz transforms, proved by Stein in [14], is the  $L^p$  boundedness of the vector of the Riesz transforms

$$\mathbf{R}f = (R_1 f, \dots, R_d f)$$

with a norm estimate independent of  $d$ . Since then, the question about dimension-free estimates for the Riesz transforms has been asked in various contexts. For example Carbonaro and Dragičević proved in [1] a dimension-free estimate with an explicit constant for the shifted Riesz transform on a complete Riemannian manifold. Another path of generalizing the result of Stein is to consider operators of the form

$$R_i = \delta_i L^{-1/2}, \tag{1.1}$$

where  $\delta_i$  is an operator on  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and

$$L = \sum_{i=1}^d L_i = \sum_{i=1}^d (\delta_i^* \delta_i + a_i), \quad a_i \geq 0.$$

Such Riesz transforms were studied systematically by Nowak and Stempak in [13]. We will focus on the Riesz transforms of the form as in (1.1) where  $L$  is the harmonic

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oscillator ( $L = -\Delta + |x|^2$ ), i.e.

$$\delta_i = \partial_{x_i} + x_i, \quad \delta_i^* = -\partial_{x_i} + x_i, \quad a_i = 1. \quad (1.2)$$

From this point  $\delta_i$  and  $\delta_i^*$  are defined as above.

This so-called *Hermite-Riesz transform* was introduced by Thangavelu in [15], who proved its  $L^p$  boundedness. Then a dimension-free estimate of its norm was proved in [7] and [8], which later was sharpened by Dragičević and Volberg in [5] to an estimate linear in  $\max(p, p/(p-1))$ .

In the first part we will give a result analogous to Theorem 10 from [16], however concerning a slightly altered operator, namely

$$R'_i = \delta_i^* L'^{-1/2}$$

with

$$L'_i = \delta_i \delta_i^* + 1, \quad L' = \sum_{i=1}^d L'_i.$$

It arises as a result of swapping  $\delta_i$  and  $\delta_i^*$  in the definition of  $R_i = \delta_i L^{-1/2}$ . As explained in Section 3, the results from [16] do not apply to this operator. The key step in the proof is, as in [16], the method of Bellman function but we use its more subtle properties to achieve the goal.

In the second part we consider the vector of the Riesz transforms

$$\tilde{\mathbf{R}}f = \left( \tilde{R}_1 f, \dots, \tilde{R}_d f \right),$$

where

$$\tilde{R}_i = \delta_i^* L^{-1/2}.$$

Its boundedness was proved in [5] (where  $\tilde{R}_i$  was denoted by  $R_i^*$ ), [7] and [8] with an implicit constant independent of the dimension. Our goal is to give an explicit constant. Due to reasons explained in Section 4 we will focus on proving the boundedness of the operator  $S$  defined as

$$Sf(x) = |x|L^{-1/2}f(x).$$

We obtain it by an explicit estimate of the kernel of  $S$ . As a corollary we get a dimension-free estimate of the norm of the vector of the operators

$$R_i^* = \delta_i^* (L + 2)^{-1/2}$$

with each  $R_i^*$  being the adjoint of  $R_i = \delta_i L^{-1/2}$  studied in [5] and [16].

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

In order to define the operators  $L'$ ,  $L$ ,  $R'_i$  and  $\tilde{R}_i$  on  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  (later abbreviated as  $L^2$ ) we introduce the Hermite polynomials and the Hermite functions. The Hermite polynomials are given by

$$H_n(x) = (-1)^n e^{x^2} \frac{d^n}{dx^n} e^{-x^2}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

or, equivalently, by

$$\begin{aligned} H_n(x) &= 2xH_{n-1}(x) - 2(n-1)H_{n-2}(x), \quad n \geq 2, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \\ H_0(x) &= 1, \quad H_1(x) = 2x. \end{aligned}$$

The Hermite functions are

$$h_n(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n n! \sqrt{\pi}}} e^{-x^2/2} H_n(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

It is well known that the Hermite functions form an orthonormal basis of  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$  and that their linear span is dense in  $L^p(\mathbb{R})$  for every  $1 \leq p < \infty$ .

For  $n = (n_1, \dots, n_d) \in \mathbb{N}^d$  with  $\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  and  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d$  we define

$$h_n(x) = h_{n_1}(x_1) \cdots h_{n_d}(x_d).$$

We can see that  $\{h_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}^d}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $L^2$ . Throughout the paper we will use  $\mathcal{D} = \text{lin}\{h_n : n \in \mathbb{N}^d\} = \text{lin}\{\delta_i^* h_n : n \in \mathbb{N}^d\}$ .

Let  $L'$  be the operator given on  $C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  by

$$L' = \sum_{i=1}^d L'_i, \quad L'_i = \delta_i \delta_i^* + 1, \quad \delta_i = \partial_{x_i} + x_i.$$

In a similar way we define on  $C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$

$$L = \sum_{i=1}^d L_i, \quad L_i = \delta_i^* \delta_i + 1.$$

Since  $\delta_i \delta_i^* = \delta_i^* \delta_i + 2$ , we can also write

$$L' = L + 2d. \tag{2.1}$$

Note that the formal adjoint of  $\delta_i$  with respect to the inner product on  $L^2$  is  $\delta_i^* = -\partial_{x_i} + x_i$ . We recall well-known relations concerning the Hermite functions.

**Lemma 1.** *For  $n \in \mathbb{N}^d$  and  $i = 1, \dots, d$  we have*

$$1. \quad \delta_i h_n(x) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{2n_i} h_{n-e_i}(x) & \text{if } n_i \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

2.  $\delta_i^* h_n(x) = \sqrt{2(n_i + 1)} h_{n+e_i}(x)$ ,
3.  $L'_i h_n(x) = (2n_i + 3) h_n(x)$ ,
4.  $L_i h_n(x) = (2n_i + 1) h_n(x)$ .

Hence, the multivariate Hermite functions  $\{h_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}^d}$  are eigenvectors of  $L'$  and  $L$  corresponding to positive eigenvalues  $\{\lambda'_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}^d}$  and  $\{\lambda_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}^d}$  respectively, where  $\lambda'_n = 2|n|_1 + 3d$ ,  $\lambda_n = 2|n|_1 + d$  with  $|n|_1 = n_1 + \dots + n_d$  for  $n = (n_1, \dots, n_d) \in \mathbb{N}^d$ . It is well known that  $L$  (and  $L'$ ) are essentially self-adjoint on  $C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  with the self-adjoint extensions given by

$$L'f = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^d} \lambda'_n \langle f, h_n \rangle h_n, \quad Lf = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^d} \lambda_n \langle f, h_n \rangle h_n,$$

where  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  denotes the  $L^2$  inner product, acting on the domains

$$\text{Dom}(L') = \{f \in L^2 : \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^d} \lambda_n'^2 |\langle f, h_n \rangle|^2 < \infty\},$$

$$\text{Dom}(L) = \{f \in L^2 : \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^d} \lambda_n^2 |\langle f, h_n \rangle|^2 < \infty\}.$$

Then  $R'_i = \delta_i^* L'^{-1/2}$  can be defined rigorously as

$$R'_i f = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^d} \lambda_n'^{-1/2} \langle f, h_n \rangle \delta_i^* h_n$$

and  $\tilde{R}_i = \delta_i^* L^{-1/2}$  as

$$\tilde{R}_i f = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^d} \lambda_n^{-1/2} \langle f, h_n \rangle \delta_i^* h_n.$$

It is clear that  $R'_i$  and  $\tilde{R}_i$  are bounded on  $L^2$ .

In what follows we will often identify a densely defined bounded operator on a Banach space with its unique bounded extension to the whole space. As for the notation, we will abbreviate

$$L^p = L^p(\mathbb{R}^d), \quad \|\cdot\|_p = \|\cdot\|_{L^p} \quad \text{and} \quad \|\cdot\|_{p \rightarrow p} = \|\cdot\|_{L^p \rightarrow L^p}$$

and for  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d$  we will use  $|x| = \left(\sum_{i=1}^d x_i^2\right)^{1/2}$ . For  $1 < p < \infty$  we denote  $p^* = \max\left(p, \frac{p}{p-1}\right)$ .

## 3. RIESZ TRANSFORMS OF THE FIRST KIND

Let  $\mathbf{R}'f = (R'_1f, \dots, R'_df)$ . The main result of this section gives an explicit estimate for the  $L^p$  norm of  $\mathbf{R}'$ .

**Theorem 2.** *For  $f \in L^p$  we have*

$$\|\mathbf{R}'f\|_p := \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\mathbf{R}'f(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p} \leq 48(p^* - 1)\|f\|_p.$$

In order to prove Theorem 2, we will need some auxiliary objects. One can see that  $L'_i = -\partial_{x_i}^2 + x_i^2 + 2$ , so we can write

$$-\Delta = -\sum_{i=1}^d \partial_{x_i}^2 = L' - r, \quad \text{where } r(x) = |x|^2 + 2d.$$

We will also need the operators  $M_i$  defined on  $C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  as

$$M_i = \sum_{j \neq i} \delta_j \delta_j^* + \delta_i^* \delta_i = L' + [\delta_i^*, \delta_i] = L' - 2,$$

where

$$[\delta_i^*, \delta_i] = \delta_i^* \delta_i - \delta_i \delta_i^*.$$

Note that in our case  $[\delta_i^*, \delta_i] = -2 < 0$ . This means that the crucial assumption from [16] does not hold and the theory does not apply.

Non-zero elements of  $\{c_n^i \delta_i^* h_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}^d}$  (where  $c_n^i$  are the normalizing constants) form an orthonormal system of eigenvectors of  $M_i$  with eigenvalues  $\{\lambda_n^i\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}^d}$ . Thus, we can define the self-adjoint extensions of  $M_i$  by

$$M_i f = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^d} \lambda_n^i \langle f, c_n^i \delta_i^* h_n \rangle c_n^i \delta_i^* h_n$$

on the domain

$$\text{Dom}(M_i) = \left\{ f \in L^2 : \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^d} \lambda_n^i |\langle f, c_n^i \delta_i^* h_n \rangle|^2 < \infty \right\}.$$

Having these operators, we can introduce the semigroups

$$P_t = e^{-tL^{1/2}} \quad \text{and} \quad Q_t^i = e^{-tM_i^{1/2}}$$

rigorously defined as

$$P_t f = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^d} e^{-t\lambda_n^{1/2}} \langle f, h_n \rangle h_n, \quad Q_t^i f = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^d} e^{-t\lambda_n^{1/2}} \langle f, c_n^i \delta_i^* h_n \rangle c_n^i \delta_i^* h_n.$$

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $i = 1, \dots, d$ . If  $f, g \in \mathcal{D}$ , then*

$$\langle R'_i f, g \rangle = -4 \int_0^\infty \langle \delta_i^* P_t f, \partial_t Q_t^i g \rangle t dt.$$

*Proof.* The proof is analogous to the proof of Proposition 3 in [16] but we give it for the sake of completeness. By linearity it is sufficient to prove the lemma for  $f = h_n$  and  $g = \delta_i^* h_k$  for some  $n, k \in \mathbb{N}^d$ . We proceed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} -4 \int_0^\infty \langle \delta_i^* P_t h_n, \partial_t Q_t^i \delta_i^* h_k \rangle t dt &= -4 \int_0^\infty \left\langle e^{-t\lambda_n^{1/2}} \delta_i^* h_n, -\lambda_k^{1/2} e^{-t\lambda_k^{1/2}} \delta_i^* h_k \right\rangle t dt \\ &= 4\lambda_k^{1/2} \langle \delta_i^* h_n, \delta_i^* h_k \rangle \int_0^\infty e^{-t(\lambda_n^{1/2} + \lambda_k^{1/2})} t dt \\ &= \frac{4\lambda_k^{1/2}}{\left(\lambda_n^{1/2} + \lambda_k^{1/2}\right)^2} \langle \delta_i^* h_n, \delta_i^* h_k \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\langle \delta_i^* L'^{-1/2} h_n, \delta_i^* h_k \rangle + 4 \int_0^\infty \langle \delta_i^* P_t h_n, \partial_t Q_t^i \delta_i^* h_k \rangle t dt \\ &= \lambda_n'^{-1/2} \langle \delta_i^* h_n, \delta_i^* h_k \rangle + \frac{4\lambda_k^{1/2}}{\left(\lambda_n^{1/2} + \lambda_k^{1/2}\right)^2} \langle \delta_i^* h_n, \delta_i^* h_k \rangle \\ &= \left( \lambda_n'^{-1/2} - \frac{4\lambda_k^{1/2}}{\left(\lambda_n^{1/2} + \lambda_k^{1/2}\right)^2} \right) \langle \delta_i^* h_n, \delta_i^* h_k \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

If  $\lambda_n' = \lambda_k'$ , then the expression in parentheses is 0, otherwise  $\delta_i^* h_n$  and  $\delta_i^* h_k$  — eigenvectors of  $M_i$  — are orthogonal.  $\square$

We will also need a bilinear embedding theorem. First, for  $f = (f_1, \dots, f_N) : \mathbb{R}^d \times (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$  we set

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x, t)|_*^2 &= r(x) |(f_1(x, t), \dots, f_N(x, t))|^2 \\ &\quad + |(\partial_t f_1(x, t), \dots, \partial_t f_N(x, t))|^2 \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^d |(\partial_{x_i} f_1(x, t), \dots, \partial_{x_i} f_N(x, t))|^2. \end{aligned}$$

We also define two auxiliary functions  $F$  and  $G$ . For  $f \in \mathcal{D}$  and  $g = (g_1, \dots, g_d)$  with  $g_i \in \mathcal{D}$  let

$$F(x, t) = P_t f(x) \quad \text{and} \quad G(x, t) = Q_t g(x) = (Q_t^1 g_1(x), \dots, Q_t^d g_d(x)).$$

**Theorem 4.** *Take  $d \geq 2$ . Then we have*

$$\int_0^\infty \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |F(x, t)|_* |G(x, t)|_* dx t dt \leq 6(p^* - 1) \|f\|_p \|g\|_q.$$

**3.1. The Bellman function.** In order to prove Theorem 4, let us introduce the Bellman function. Take  $p \geq 2$  and let  $q$  be its conjugate exponent. Define  $\beta : [0, \infty)^2 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  by

$$\beta(s, t) = s^p + t^q + \gamma \begin{cases} s^2 t^{2-q} & \text{if } s^p \leq t^q \\ \frac{2}{p} s^p + \left(\frac{2}{q} - 1\right) t^q & \text{if } s^p \geq t^q \end{cases}, \quad \gamma = \frac{q(q-1)}{8}.$$

The Nazarov–Treil Bellman function is then the function

$$B(\zeta, \eta) = \frac{1}{2} \beta(|\zeta|, |\eta|), \quad \zeta \in \mathbb{R}^{m_1}, \eta \in \mathbb{R}^{m_2}.$$

It was introduced by Nazarov and Treil in [11] and then simplified and used by Carbonaro and Dragičević in [1, 2] and by Dragičević and Volberg in [3, 4, 5]. Note that  $B$  is differentiable but not smooth, so we convolve it with a mollifier  $\psi_\kappa$  to get  $B_\kappa = B * \psi_\kappa$ , where

$$\psi_\kappa(x) = \frac{1}{\kappa^{m_1+m_2}} \psi\left(\frac{x}{\kappa}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad \psi(x) = c_{m_1, m_2} e^{-\frac{1}{1-|x|^2}} \chi_{B(0,1)}(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^{m_1+m_2}$$

and  $c_{m_1, m_2}$  is the normalizing constant. The functions  $B$  and  $\psi_\kappa$  are biradial and so is  $B_\kappa$ , hence there exists  $\beta_\kappa : [0, \infty)^2 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that

$$B_\kappa(\zeta, \eta) = \frac{1}{2} \beta_\kappa(|\zeta|, |\eta|).$$

We invoke some properties of  $\beta_\kappa$  and  $B_\kappa$  that were proved in [5] and [9].

**Theorem 5.** *Let  $\kappa \in (0, 1)$  and  $s, t > 0$ . Then we have*

1.  $0 \leq \beta_\kappa(s, t) \leq (1 + \gamma) ((s + \kappa)^p + (t + \kappa)^q)$ ,
2.  $0 \leq \partial_s \beta_\kappa(s, t) \leq C_p \max((s + \kappa)^{p-1}, t + \kappa)$ ,  
 $0 \leq \partial_t \beta_\kappa(s, t) \leq C_p (t + \kappa)^{q-1}$ .

*The function  $B_\kappa$  is smooth and for every  $z = (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^{m_1+m_2}$  there exists  $\tau_\kappa > 0$  such that for  $\omega = (\omega_1, \omega_2) \in \mathbb{R}^{m_1+m_2}$  we have*

3.  $\langle \text{Hess}(B_\kappa)(z)\omega, \omega \rangle \geq \frac{\gamma}{2} (\tau_\kappa |\omega_1|^2 + \tau_\kappa^{-1} |\omega_2|^2)$ .

*There is a continuous function  $E_\kappa : \mathbb{R}^{m_1+m_2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that*

4.  $\langle \nabla B_\kappa(z), z \rangle \geq \frac{\gamma}{2} (\tau_\kappa |x|^2 + \tau_\kappa^{-1} |y|^2) - \kappa E_\kappa(z) + B_\kappa(z)$ ,
5.  $|E_\kappa(z)| \leq C_{m_1, m_2, p} (|x|^{p-1} + |y| + |y|^{q-1} + \kappa^{q-1})$ .



**3.2. Proof of Theorem 4.** Having defined the Bellman function, we proceed to the proof. First we should emphasize that the presence of the term  $B_\kappa(z)$  in 4. is the key ingredient for the Bellman method to work despite the fact that  $[\delta_i^*, \delta_i] < 0$ . Because of that, the proof of Lemma 6 is more involved than in [16].

Let

$$u(x, t) = (P_t f(x), Q_t g(x)) = (P_t f(x), Q_t^1 g_1(x), \dots, Q_t^d g_d(x))$$

for  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $t > 0$  and fix  $p \geq 2$ . We will use the Bellman function  $B_\kappa$  and  $b_\kappa = B_\kappa \circ u$  with  $m_1 = 1$  and  $m_2 = d$ . Our aim is to estimate the integral

$$I(n, \varepsilon) = \int_0^\infty \int_{X_n} (\partial_t^2 + \Delta) (b_{\kappa(n)})(x, t) dx t e^{-\varepsilon t} dt,$$

where  $\kappa(n)$  is a number depending on  $n$  and  $X_n = [-n, n]^d$  so that  $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is an increasing family of compact sets such that  $\mathbb{R}^d = \bigcup_n X_n$ .

**Lemma 6.** *We have*

$$\liminf_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} I(n, \varepsilon) \geq \gamma \int_0^\infty \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |F(x, t)|_* |G(x, t)|_* dx t dt.$$

*Proof.* In order to make formulae more compact, we will sometimes write  $\partial_{x_0}$  instead of  $\partial_t$ . The first step will be to prove that

$$\begin{aligned} (\partial_t^2 + \Delta) (b_\kappa)(x, t) &\geq \gamma |F(x, t)|_* |G(x, t)|_* - \kappa r(x) E_\kappa(u(x, t)) \\ &\quad + r(x) B_\kappa(u(x, t)) - 2 \sum_{i=1}^d \partial_{\eta_i} B_\kappa(u(x, t)) Q_t^i g_i(x). \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

From the chain rule we get  $\partial_{x_i} b_\kappa(x, t) = \langle \nabla B_\kappa(u(x, t)), \partial_{x_i} u(x, t) \rangle$  for  $i = 0, \dots, d$ . Then, again by the chain rule, we have

$$\partial_{x_i}^2 b_\kappa(x, t) = \langle \nabla B_\kappa(u(x, t)), \partial_{x_i}^2 u(x, t) \rangle + \langle \text{Hess}(B_\kappa)(u(x, t))(\partial_{x_i} u(x, t)), \partial_{x_i} u(x, t) \rangle.$$

Summing for  $i = 0, \dots, d$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} (\partial_t^2 + \Delta) (b_\kappa)(x, t) &= \langle \nabla B_\kappa(u(x, t)), (\partial_t^2 + \Delta)(u)(x, t) \rangle \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=0}^d \langle \text{Hess}(B_\kappa)(u(x, t))(\partial_{x_i} u(x, t)), \partial_{x_i} u(x, t) \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

By the definition of  $P_t$  and  $Q_t$  we see that

$$(\partial_t^2 - L') P_t f = 0$$

and

$$(\partial_t^2 - L') Q_t^i g_i = (\partial_t^2 - M_i) Q_t^i g_i - 2 Q_t^i g_i = -2 Q_t^i g_i.$$

Therefore, using the fact that  $-\Delta = L' - r$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} (\partial_t^2 + \Delta) (b_\kappa)(x, t) &= r(x) \langle \nabla B_\kappa(u(x, t)), u(x, t) \rangle \\ &\quad - 2 \sum_{i=1}^d \partial_{\eta_i} B_\kappa(u(x, t)) Q_t^i g_i(x) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=0}^d \langle \text{Hess}(B_\kappa)(u(x, t)) (\partial_{x_i} u(x, t)), \partial_{x_i} u(x, t) \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Next, inequalities 3. and 4. from Theorem 5 and the inequality of arithmetic and geometric means imply that

$$\begin{aligned} (\partial_t^2 + \Delta) (b_\kappa)(x, t) &\geq r(x) \frac{\gamma}{2} (\tau_\kappa |P_t f(x)|^2 + \tau_\kappa^{-1} |Q_t g(x)|^2) \\ &\quad - r(x) \kappa E_\kappa(u(x, t)) + r(x) B_\kappa(u(x, t)) \\ &\quad - 2 \sum_{i=1}^d \partial_{\eta_i} B_\kappa(u(x, t)) Q_t^i g_i(x) \\ &\quad + \frac{\gamma}{2} \sum_{i=0}^d (\tau_\kappa |\partial_{x_i} P_t f(x)|^2 + \tau_\kappa^{-1} |\partial_{x_i} Q_t g(x)|^2) \\ &= \frac{\gamma \tau_\kappa |P_t f(x)|_*^2 + \gamma \tau_\kappa^{-1} |Q_t g(x)|_*^2}{2} - r(x) \kappa E_\kappa(u(x, t)) \\ &\quad + r(x) B_\kappa(u(x, t)) - 2 \sum_{i=1}^d \partial_{\eta_i} B_\kappa(u(x, t)) Q_t^i g_i(x) \\ &\geq \gamma |F(x, t)|_* |G(x, t)|_* - \kappa r(x) E_\kappa(u(x, t)) \\ &\quad + r(x) B_\kappa(u(x, t)) - 2 \sum_{i=1}^d \partial_{\eta_i} B_\kappa(u(x, t)) Q_t^i g_i(x). \end{aligned}$$

In summary

$$\begin{aligned} (\partial_t^2 + \Delta) (b_\kappa)(x, t) &\geq \gamma |F(x, t)|_* |G(x, t)|_* - \kappa r(x) E_\kappa(u(x, t)) \\ &\quad + r(x) B_\kappa(u(x, t)) - 2 \sum_{i=1}^d \partial_{\eta_i} B_\kappa(u(x, t)) Q_t^i g_i(x). \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

The next step is to show that

$$r(x) B(u(x, t)) - 2 \sum_{i=1}^d \partial_{\eta_i} B(u(x, t)) Q_t^i g_i(x) \geq 0. \tag{3.3}$$

We have the following equalities:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \beta}{\partial y}(x, y) &= qy^{q-1} + \gamma \begin{cases} (2-q)x^2y^{1-q} \\ (2-q)y^{q-1} \end{cases}, \\ \frac{\partial |\eta|}{\partial \eta_i} &= \frac{\partial \sqrt{\eta_1^2 + \cdots + \eta_d^2}}{\partial \eta_i} = \frac{\eta_i}{\sqrt{\eta_1^2 + \cdots + \eta_d^2}} = \frac{\eta_i}{|\eta|}, \\ 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta_i} B(\zeta, \eta) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta_i} \beta(|\zeta|, |\eta|) = \frac{\partial \beta}{\partial y}(|\zeta|, |\eta|) \cdot \frac{\partial |\eta|}{\partial \eta_i} \\ &= \left( q|\eta|^{q-1} + \gamma(2-q) \begin{cases} |\zeta|^2 |\eta|^{1-q} \\ |\eta|^{q-1} \end{cases} \right) \frac{\eta_i}{|\eta|}. \end{aligned}$$

Using them, we may rewrite inequality (3.3) as

$$\begin{aligned} (|x|^2 + 2d) \left( |\zeta|^p + |\eta|^q + \gamma \begin{cases} |\zeta|^2 |\eta|^{2-q} \\ \frac{2}{p} |\zeta|^p + \left(\frac{2}{q} - 1\right) |\eta|^q \end{cases} \right) - \\ 2 \left( q|\eta|^q + \gamma(2-q) \begin{cases} |\zeta|^2 |\eta|^{2-q} \\ |\eta|^q \end{cases} \right) \geq 0, \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

where  $\zeta = P_t f(x)$  and  $\eta = Q_t g(x)$ . Then, we consider two cases.

*Case 1:*  $|\zeta|^p \leq |\eta|^q$ . We omit  $|x|^2$  reducing (3.4) to

$$d|\zeta|^p + (d-q)|\eta|^q + \gamma(d-2+q)|\zeta|^2 |\eta|^{2-q} \geq 0.$$

Since  $q \leq 2$ , this is true as long as  $d \geq 2$ .

*Case 2:*  $|\zeta|^p \geq |\eta|^q$ . In this case inequality (3.4) becomes

$$(|x|^2 + 2d) \left( 1 + \frac{2\gamma}{p} \right) |\zeta|^p + \left( (|x|^2 + 2d) \left( 1 + \frac{2\gamma}{q} - \gamma \right) - 2q - 2\gamma(2-q) \right) |\eta|^q \geq 0.$$

We omit the first term,  $|x|^2$  and  $|\eta|^q$  in the above. Then we are left with proving

$$2d \left( 1 + \frac{2\gamma}{q} - \gamma \right) - 2q - 4\gamma + 2\gamma q \geq 0.$$

Plugging the definition of  $\gamma$  into this inequality and rearranging it, we arrive at

$$q^3 + q^2(-d-3) + q(3d-6) + 6d \geq 0,$$

which is true for  $1 < q \leq 2$  and  $d \geq 2$ .

Having proved (3.3), we come back to (3.2) and write

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\partial_t^2 + \Delta) (b_\kappa)(x, t) &\geq \gamma |F(x, t)|_* |G(x, t)|_* - \kappa r(x) E_\kappa(u(x, t)) \\
 &\quad + r(x) B_\kappa(u(x, t)) - 2 \sum_{i=1}^d \partial_{\eta_i} B_\kappa(u(x, t)) Q_t^i g_i(x) \\
 &\quad - r(x) B(u(x, t)) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^d \partial_{\eta_i} B(u(x, t)) Q_t^i g_i(x).
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.5}$$

The last step is to show that

$$\kappa r(x) E_\kappa(u(x, t))$$

and the difference between

$$r(x) B(u(x, t)) - 2 \sum_{i=1}^d \partial_{\eta_i} B(u(x, t)) Q_t^i g_i(x)$$

and

$$r(x) B_\kappa(u(x, t)) - 2 \sum_{i=1}^d \partial_{\eta_i} B_\kappa(u(x, t)) Q_t^i g_i(x)$$

are negligible.

First let us prove that  $u(x, t)$  is bounded on  $X_n \times [0, +\infty)$ . Recall that

$$u(x, t) = (P_t f(x), Q_t g(x)) = (P_t f(x), Q_t^1 g_1(x), \dots, Q_t^d g_d(x)),$$

where

$$P_t f = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^d} e^{-t\lambda_n^{1/2}} \langle f, h_n \rangle h_n, \quad Q_t^i g_i = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^d} e^{-t\lambda_n^{1/2}} \langle g_i, c_n^i \delta_i^* h_n \rangle c_n^i \delta_i^* h_n$$

and  $f, g_i \in \mathcal{D}$ . Since  $h_k$  are continuous, they are bounded on  $X_n$ , thus

$$|P_t f(x)| \leq \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}^d} e^{-t\lambda_k^{1/2}} |\langle f, h_k \rangle| M_{n,k}$$

for some constants  $M_{n,k}$ . The above sum has only finitely many non-zero terms and it is a decreasing function of  $t$ , so  $P_t f(x)$  is bounded uniformly for all  $x \in X_n$  and  $t \geq 0$ . A similar argument shows that each  $Q_t^i g_i$  is bounded.

Using inequality 5. from Theorem 5 and the previous paragraph, we see that there exists a sequence  $\{\kappa(n)\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that

$$\int_{X_n} |\kappa(n) r(x) E_{\kappa(n)}(u(x, t))| dx \leq \frac{1}{n}. \tag{3.6}$$

Now we turn to estimating  $|B(u(x, t)) - B_{\kappa}(u(x, t))|$ . As we have shown,  $u[X_n \times [0, +\infty)]$  is bounded, which means that  $B$  is uniformly continuous on this set. Therefore, for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists  $\kappa(n)$  satisfying (3.6) and such that for all  $x \in X_n$  and  $t \geq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} |B(u(x, t)) - B_{\kappa(n)}(u(x, t))| &\leq \int_{B(0, \kappa(n))} |B(u(x, t)) - B(u(x, t) - y)| \psi_{\kappa(n)}(y) dy \\ &\leq \frac{1}{n} \left( \int_{X_n} |r(x)| dx \right)^{-1}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

A similar reasoning shows that for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists  $\kappa(n)$  satisfying (3.6) and (3.7) and such that for all  $x \in X_n$ ,  $t \geq 0$  and  $i = 1, \dots, d$

$$|\partial_{\eta_i} B(u(x, t)) - \partial_{\eta_i} B_{\kappa(n)}(u(x, t))| \leq \frac{1}{n} \left( \int_{X_n} |2Q_t^i g_i(x)| dx \right)^{-1}. \quad (3.8)$$

Coming back to inequality (3.5), we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{X_n} (\partial_t^2 + \Delta) (b_{\kappa(n)})(x, t) dx \\ &\geq \gamma \int_{X_n} |F(x, t)|_* |G(x, t)|_* dx - \int_{X_n} \kappa(n) r(x) E_{\kappa(n)}(u(x, t)) dx \\ &+ \int_{X_n} r(x) (B_{\kappa(n)}(u(x, t)) - B(u(x, t))) dx \\ &- 2 \int_{X_n} \sum_{i=1}^d Q_t^i g_i(x) (\partial_{\eta_i} B_{\kappa(n)}(u(x, t)) - \partial_{\eta_i} B(u(x, t))) dx. \end{aligned}$$

Using conditions (3.6), (3.7) and (3.8) on  $\kappa(n)$  we get

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{X_n} (\partial_t^2 + \Delta) (b_{\kappa(n)})(x, t) dx \geq \gamma \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |F(x, t)|_* |G(x, t)|_* dx$$

and by the monotone convergence theorem

$$\liminf_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} I(n, \varepsilon) \geq \gamma \int_0^\infty \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |F(x, t)|_* |G(x, t)|_* dx t dt.$$

□

**Lemma 7.** *For  $f, g \in \mathcal{D}$  we have*

$$\limsup_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} I(n, \varepsilon) \geq \frac{1 + \gamma}{2} \left( \|f\|_p^p + \|g\|_q^q \right).$$

*Proof.* Denote

$$I_1(n, \varepsilon) = \int_0^\infty \int_{X_n} \partial_t^2 (b_{\kappa(n)})(x, t) dx te^{-\varepsilon t} dt,$$

$$I_2(n, \varepsilon) = \int_0^\infty \int_{X_n} \Delta (b_{\kappa(n)})(x, t) dx te^{-\varepsilon t} dt.$$

Then  $I(n, \varepsilon) = I_1(n, \varepsilon) + I_2(n, \varepsilon)$ . First we prove that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} I_2(n, \varepsilon) = 0$ . Since

$$I_2(n, \varepsilon) = \sum_{i=1}^d \int_0^\infty \int_{X_n} \partial_{x_i}^2 (b_{\kappa(n)})(x, t) dx te^{-\varepsilon t} dt,$$

it is sufficient to prove that each summand tends to 0. We will present the proof for the first term only, call it  $I_2^1(n, \varepsilon)$ . Let  $x' = (x_2, \dots, x_d)$ . Integrating by parts with respect to  $x_1$ , we get

$$I_2^1(n, \varepsilon) = \int_0^\infty \int_{[-n, n]^{d-1}} \partial_{x_1} (b_{\kappa(n)})(n, x', t) - \partial_{x_1} (b_{\kappa(n)})(-n, x', t) dx' te^{-\varepsilon t} dt.$$

By the chain rule

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_{x_1} (b_{\kappa(n)})(\pm n, x', t) &= \partial_\zeta B_{\kappa(n)}(u(\pm n, x', t)) \partial_{x_1} P_t f(\pm n, x') \\ &\quad + \langle \nabla_\eta B_{\kappa(n)}(u(\pm n, x', t)), \partial_{x_1} Q_t g(\pm n, x') \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Recall that  $f, g_i \in \mathcal{D}$  and hence  $P_t f, Q_t^i g_i \in \mathcal{D}$ . Using item 2. of Theorem 5 and the fact that the Hermite functions converge to 0 rapidly we conclude that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} I_2(n, \varepsilon) = 0$ .

Now we turn to  $I_1$ . Using Fubini's theorem, we may interchange the order of integration to get

$$I_1(n, \varepsilon) = \int_{X_n} \int_0^\infty \partial_t^2 (b_{\kappa(n)})(x, t) te^{-\varepsilon t} dt dx.$$

Next, we use integration by parts on the inner integral twice, neglecting the boundary terms (this is allowed by the same argument as in the previous paragraph). This leads to

$$\begin{aligned} I_1(n, \varepsilon) &= - \int_{X_n} \int_0^\infty \partial_t (b_{\kappa(n)})(x, t) (1 - \varepsilon t) e^{-\varepsilon t} dt dx \\ &= \int_{X_n} b_{\kappa(n)}(x, 0) dx + \varepsilon^2 \int_{X_n} \int_0^\infty b_{\kappa(n)}(x, t) te^{-\varepsilon t} dt dx \\ &\quad - 2\varepsilon \int_{X_n} \int_0^\infty b_{\kappa(n)}(x, t) e^{-\varepsilon t} dt dx \\ &\leq \int_{X_n} b_{\kappa(n)}(x, 0) dx + \varepsilon^2 \int_{X_n} \int_0^\infty b_{\kappa(n)}(x, t) te^{-\varepsilon t} dt dx. \end{aligned}$$

Denote the last two terms by  $I_1^1(n)$  and  $I_1^2(n, \varepsilon)$ .

First we will show that  $\limsup_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} I_1^2(n, \varepsilon) = 0$ . Item 1. of Theorem 5 implies that

$$I_1^2(n, \varepsilon) \leq \varepsilon^2 C_p \int_{X_n} \int_0^\infty (|P_t f(x)|^p + |Q_t g(x)|^q + \max(\kappa(n)^p, \kappa(n)^q)) t e^{-\varepsilon t} dt dx.$$

Taking  $\kappa(n)$  satisfying (3.6), (3.7) and (3.8) and such that

$$(2n)^d \max(\kappa(n)^p, \kappa(n)^q) \leq \frac{1}{n}, \quad (3.9)$$

we get

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} I_1^2(n, \varepsilon) \leq \varepsilon^2 C_p \int_X \int_0^\infty (|P_t f(x)|^p + |Q_t g(x)|^q) t dt dx \leq C \varepsilon^2.$$

The last step is to estimate  $I_1^1(n)$ . Using item 1. of Theorem 5 again, we obtain

$$I_1^1(n) \leq \frac{1+\gamma}{2} \int_{X_n} (|f(x)| + \kappa(n))^p dx + \frac{1+\gamma}{2} \int_{X_n} (|g(x)| + \kappa(n))^q dx.$$

We take  $\varepsilon > 0$ , denote  $A = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : \varepsilon|f(x)| \geq |\kappa(n)|\}$  and split these two integrals as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} I_1^1(n) &\leq \frac{1+\gamma}{2} \int_A (|f(x)| + \kappa(n))^p dx + \int_{A^c} (|f(x)| + \kappa(n))^p dx \\ &\quad + \frac{1+\gamma}{2} \int_A (|g(x)| + \kappa(n))^q dx + \int_{A^c} (|g(x)| + \kappa(n))^q dx \\ &\leq \frac{1+\gamma}{2} \left( (1+\varepsilon)^p \|f\|_p^p + (1+\varepsilon)^q \|g\|_q^q \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{1+\gamma}{2} (2n)^d \left( (1+\varepsilon^{-1})^p \kappa(n)^p + (1+\varepsilon^{-1})^q \kappa(n)^q \right). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\kappa(n)$  satisfies (3.9), we get

$$\limsup_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} I_1^1(n, \varepsilon) \leq \frac{1+\gamma}{2} \left( \|f\|_p^p + \|g\|_q^q \right)$$

and hence, as we have shown that other terms are negligible, we obtain

$$\limsup_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} I(n, \varepsilon) \leq \frac{1+\gamma}{2} \left( \|f\|_p^p + \|g\|_q^q \right).$$

□

Now we are ready to prove the bilinear embedding theorem.

*Proof of Theorem 4.* Combining Lemma 6 and Lemma 7, we get

$$\int_0^\infty \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |F(x, t)|_* |G(x, t)|_* dx t dt \leq \frac{1+\gamma}{2\gamma} \left( \|f\|_p^p + \|g\|_q^q \right).$$

Multiplying  $f$  by  $\left(\frac{q\|g\|_q^q}{p\|f\|_p^p}\right)^{\frac{1}{p+q}}$  and  $g$  by the reciprocal of this number, we obtain

$$\int_0^\infty \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |F(x, t)|_* |G(x, t)|_* dx t dt \leq \frac{1+\gamma}{2\gamma} \left( \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^{1/q} + \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^{1/p} \right) \|f\|_p \|g\|_q.$$

We need to show that  $\frac{1+\gamma}{2\gamma} \left( \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^{1/q} + \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^{1/p} \right) \leq 6(p^* - 1)$ . Recall that  $p \geq 2$ , so  $p^* = p$  and  $1 < q \leq 2$ , hence

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1+\gamma}{2\gamma} \left( \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^{1/q} + \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^{1/p} \right) &= \frac{8+q(q-1)}{2} (q-1)^{\frac{1}{q}-1} (p-1) \\ &\leq (q+3)(q-1)^{\frac{1}{q}-1} (p-1) \leq 6(p-1). \end{aligned}$$

A proof of the last inequality can be found in [16, pp. 15–16]. If  $p \leq 2$ , we swap  $p$  with  $q$  and  $P_t f$  with  $Q_t g$  in the definition of  $b_\kappa$ , i.e., it becomes  $b_\kappa(x, t) = B_\kappa(Q_t g(x), P_t f(x))$ , and we proceed as before. Since  $p^* = \max(p, q)$ , the conclusion holds.  $\square$

**3.3. Proof of Theorem 2.** Having proved the bilinear embedding theorem, we move on to the main result of this section.

*Proof.* If  $d = 1$ , then, by (2.1),  $L' = L + 2$  and equations (4.8) and (4.9) imply that  $\mathbf{R}'$  is the adjoint of  $\mathbf{R}$  from Section 5.4 of [16], so Theorem 10 (there) gives the desired result. Now assume that  $d \geq 2$ . By duality, it is sufficient to prove that

$$\left| \sum_{i=1}^d \langle R'_i f, g_i \rangle \right| \leq 48(p^* - 1) \|f\|_p \left\| \left( \sum_{i=1}^d |g_i|^2 \right)^{1/2} \right\|_q$$

for any  $f, g_i \in \mathcal{D}$ . Since  $\mathcal{D}$  is dense in  $L^p$  for  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , this will mean that  $\mathbf{R}'$  admits a bounded extension to the whole  $L^p$  space with the same norm. By Lemma 3, we



have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left| \sum_{i=1}^d \langle R'_i f, g_i \rangle \right| &\leq 4 \int_0^\infty \sum_{i=1}^d |\langle \delta_i^* P_t f, \partial_t Q_t^i g \rangle| t dt \\
 &\leq 4 \int_0^\infty \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \sum_{i=1}^d (|\partial_{x_i} P_t f(x)| + |x_i P_t f(x)|) |\partial_t Q_t^i g_i(x)| dx t dt \\
 &\leq 4 \int_0^\infty \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left( \left( \sum_{i=1}^d |\partial_{x_i} P_t f(x)|^2 \right)^{1/2} + \sqrt{r(x)} |P_t f(x)| \right) |G(x, t)|_* dx t dt \\
 &\leq 8 \int_0^\infty \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |F(x, t)|_* |G(x, t)|_* dx t dt \leq 48(p^* - 1) \|f\|_p \left\| \left( \sum_{i=1}^d |g_i|^2 \right)^{1/2} \right\|_q.
 \end{aligned}$$

The last inequality follows from Theorem 4.  $\square$

#### 4. RIESZ TRANSFORMS OF THE SECOND KIND

This section is devoted to estimating the norm of the vector of the Riesz transforms

$$\tilde{R}_i f(x) = \delta_i^* L^{-1/2} f(x).$$

As noted earlier, we will give a result similar to Corollary 1 from [5] but with an explicit constant.

We want to estimate

$$\left\| \tilde{\mathbf{R}} f \right\|_p := \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\tilde{\mathbf{R}} f(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p}.$$

Observe that for  $f \in \mathcal{D}$  it holds

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tilde{R}_i f(x) &= \delta_i^* L^{-1/2} f(x) = (-\partial_{x_i} + x_i) L^{-1/2} f(x) \\
 &= -\delta_i L^{-1/2} f(x) + 2x_i L^{-1/2} f(x) \\
 &= R_i^1 f(x) + R_i^2 f(x).
 \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\tilde{\mathbf{R}} f(x) = \mathbf{R}^1 f(x) + \mathbf{R}^2 f(x)$  (with  $\tilde{\mathbf{R}} f(x) = (\tilde{R}_1 f(x), \dots, \tilde{R}_d f(x))$  and  $\mathbf{R}^1$  and  $\mathbf{R}^2$  defined analogously), hence

$$|\tilde{\mathbf{R}} f(x)| \leq |\mathbf{R}^1 f(x)| + |\mathbf{R}^2 f(x)|$$

and

$$\left\| \tilde{\mathbf{R}} f \right\|_p \leq \left\| \mathbf{R}^1 f \right\|_p + \left\| \mathbf{R}^2 f \right\|_p. \quad (4.1)$$

Theorem 10 from [16] gives the bound of  $48(p^* - 1)$  for the  $L^p$  norm of  $\mathbf{R}^1$ , so we will focus on  $\mathbf{R}^2$ . Next, note that

$$|\mathbf{R}^2 f(x)| = 2 \left( \sum_{i=1}^d |x_i L^{-1/2} f(x)|^2 \right)^{1/2} = 2|x| |L^{-1/2} f(x)|,$$

which means that it is sufficient to deal with the operator  $|x|L^{-1/2}$ , formally defined on  $\mathcal{D}$  as  $Sf(x) = |x|L^{-1/2}f(x)$ . This operator turns out to be bounded on all  $L^p$  spaces for  $1 \leq p < \infty$ .

**Theorem 8.** *For  $1 \leq p < \infty$  we have  $\|S\|_{p \rightarrow p} \leq 3$ .*

In order to prove this theorem, we first derive an expression for the kernel of  $S$ , i.e., a function  $K(x, y)$  such that

$$Sf(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} K(x, y) f(y) dy \quad \text{for } f \in \mathcal{D}.$$

**Lemma 9.** *For  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$  we have*

$$K(x, y) = |x| \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} K_t(x, y) dt,$$

where

$$K_t(x, y) = \frac{C_d}{(\sinh 2t)^{d/2}} \exp \left( -\frac{|x-y|^2}{4 \tanh t} - \frac{\tanh t}{4} |x+y|^2 \right), \quad C_d = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2} \sqrt{\pi}}.$$

*Proof.* Equation (16) in [6] states that

$$e^{-tL} f(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} K'_t(x, y) f(y) dy,$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} K'_t(x, y) &= \frac{1}{(\sinh 2t)^{d/2}} \exp \left( -\frac{|x|^2 + |y|^2}{2} \coth 2t + \frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{\sinh 2t} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{(\sinh 2t)^{d/2}} \exp \left( -\frac{|x-y|^2}{4 \tanh t} - \frac{\tanh t}{4} |x+y|^2 \right). \end{aligned}$$

Note also that

$$\lambda^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^\infty e^{-t\lambda} \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} dt.$$

Since  $\mathcal{D} = \text{lin}\{h_n : n \in \mathbb{N}^d\}$ , it is sufficient to prove the formula for  $f = h_n$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} L^{-1/2}h_n(x) &= \lambda_n^{-1/2}h_n(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^\infty e^{-t\lambda_n} h_n(x) \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^\infty e^{-tL} h_n(x) \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2}} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} K'_t(x, y) h_n(y) dy dt. \end{aligned}$$

This integral is absolutely convergent, so we may interchange the order of integration and the conclusion follows.  $\square$

Next we prove that the operator  $T$  defined on  $L^p$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ , as

$$Tf(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} K(x, y) f(y) dy$$

is bounded uniformly in  $d$  and  $p$ . This will mean that  $S$  is bounded on  $\mathcal{D}$  in  $L^p$  norm and, by density, that it has a unique bounded extension to  $L^p$  for  $1 \leq p < \infty$  with the same norm. We want to use interpolation and our goal is to prove that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} K(x, z) dz \leq 2 \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} K(z, y) dz \leq 3 \quad (4.2)$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$ . Clearly, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} K(z, y) dz &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |z| \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} K_t(z, y) dt dz \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |y| \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} K_t(z, y) dt dz \\ &\quad + \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |y - z| \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} K_t(z, y) dt dz, \end{aligned} \quad (4.3)$$

so, by symmetry of  $K_t$ , it is sufficient to prove the first inequality of (4.2) and the following proposition.

**Proposition 10.** *For  $y \in \mathbb{R}^d$  it holds*

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |y - z| \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} K_t(z, y) dt dz \leq 1. \quad (4.4)$$

*Proof.* We begin with an auxiliary computation:

$$I(k) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |x| e^{-k|x|^2} dx = \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{d+1}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{d}{2}\right)} \frac{\pi^{d/2}}{k^{(d+1)/2}} \quad \text{for } k \geq 0. \quad (4.5)$$

To prove (4.5), let  $S_d = \frac{2\pi^{d/2}}{\Gamma(\frac{d}{2})}$  denote the surface area of the unit sphere in the  $d$ -dimensional Euclidean space. Then we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |x| e^{-k|x|^2} dx &= \int_0^\infty r e^{-kr^2} r^{d-1} S_d dr = \frac{S_d}{2k^{(d+1)/2}} \int_0^\infty x^{(d-1)/2} e^{-x} dx \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(\frac{d+1}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{d}{2})} \frac{\pi^{d/2}}{k^{(d+1)/2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Coming back to (4.4), in view of (4.5) we have, for  $t \geq 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |x-y| K_t(x, y) dx &= \frac{C_d}{(\sinh 2t)^{d/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |x-y| \exp\left(-\frac{|x-y|^2}{4 \tanh t} - \frac{\tanh t}{4} |x+y|^2\right) dx \\ &\leq \frac{C_d}{(\sinh 2t)^{d/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |x-y| \exp\left(-\frac{|x-y|^2}{4 \tanh t}\right) dx \\ &= \frac{C_d}{(\sinh 2t)^{d/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |x| \exp\left(-\frac{|x|^2}{4 \tanh t}\right) dx \\ &= \frac{C_d}{(\sinh 2t)^{d/2}} I\left(\frac{1}{4 \tanh t}\right) \\ &= \frac{\pi^{d/2}}{(2\pi)^{d/2} \sqrt{\pi}} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{d+1}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{d}{2})} \frac{(4 \tanh t)^{(d+1)/2}}{(\sinh 2t)^{d/2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2^{d/2} \sqrt{\pi}} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{d+1}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{d}{2})} \frac{(4 \tanh t)^{(d+1)/2}}{(\sinh 2t)^{d/2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Plugging it into (4.4), we get

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |y-z| \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} K_t(z, y) dt dz \leq \frac{1}{2^{d/2} \sqrt{\pi}} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{d+1}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{d}{2})} \int_0^\infty \frac{(4 \tanh t)^{(d+1)/2}}{(\sinh 2t)^{d/2}} \frac{dt}{\sqrt{t}}.$$

To estimate the last integral, we will use formula [12, 5.12.7]:

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{1}{(\cosh t)^{2a}} dt = 4^{a-1} B(a, a),$$

where  $B$  denotes the beta function. We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty \frac{(4 \tanh t)^{(d+1)/2}}{(\sinh 2t)^{d/2}} \frac{dt}{\sqrt{t}} &= \frac{4^{(d+1)/2}}{2^{d/2}} \int_0^\infty \left( \frac{\tanh t}{t} \right)^{1/2} \frac{1}{(\cosh t)^d} dt \\ &\leq 2^{\frac{d}{2}+1} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{(\cosh t)^d} dt = 2^{\frac{d}{2}+1} \cdot 4^{\frac{d}{2}-1} B\left(\frac{d}{2}, \frac{d}{2}\right) \\ &= 2^{\frac{3d}{2}-1} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{d}{2}\right)^2}{\Gamma(d)}. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, using the Legendre duplication formula ( $\Gamma(z)\Gamma(z + \frac{1}{2}) = 2^{1-2z}\sqrt{\pi}\Gamma(2z)$ ), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |y - z| \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} K_t(z, y) dt dz \\ \leq 2^{\frac{3d}{2}-1} \frac{1}{2^{d/2}\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{d+1}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{d}{2}\right)} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{d}{2}\right)^2}{\Gamma(d)} = 2^{d-1} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{d+1}{2}\right)}{\sqrt{\pi}\Gamma(d)} \Gamma\left(\frac{d}{2}\right) = 1. \end{aligned}$$

□

Now it remains to justify the first inequality of (4.2).

**Proposition 11.** *For  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$  we have*

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |x| \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} K_t(x, y) dt dy \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} + \sqrt{2}.$$

*Proof.* The first step is to compute the integral  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} K_t(x, y) dy$ . Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \exp\left(-\frac{|x-y|^2}{4 \tanh t} - \frac{\tanh t}{4} |x+y|^2\right) &= \\ \exp\left(-\frac{1}{4} \left| y \sqrt{\tanh t + \frac{1}{\tanh t}} + x \frac{\tanh t - \frac{1}{\tanh t}}{\sqrt{\tanh t + \frac{1}{\tanh t}}} \right|^2 - \frac{|x|^2}{\tanh t + \frac{1}{\tanh t}}\right) &= \\ \exp\left(-\frac{1}{4} \left| y \sqrt{2 \coth(2t)} + x \frac{\tanh t - \frac{1}{\tanh t}}{\sqrt{\tanh t + \frac{1}{\tanh t}}} \right|^2 - \frac{|x|^2}{2 \coth(2t)}\right), \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \exp\left(-\frac{|x-y|^2}{4 \tanh t} - \frac{\tanh t}{4} |x+y|^2\right) dy = \\ & \exp\left(-\frac{|x|^2}{2 \coth(2t)}\right) \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{4} |y\sqrt{2 \coth(2t)}|^2\right) dy = \\ & \exp\left(-\frac{|x|^2}{2 \coth(2t)}\right) \left(\frac{4\pi}{2 \coth(2t)}\right)^{d/2}, \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} K_t(x, y) dy = \frac{C_d}{(\sinh 2t)^{d/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{|x|^2}{2 \coth(2t)}\right) \left(\frac{4\pi}{2 \coth(2t)}\right)^{d/2}.$$

To estimate the integral with respect to  $t$ , we need to split it into two parts. Note that for  $t \geq 0$ ,  $\frac{1}{t} \leq 2 \coth(2t)$ . Let  $\tau \in [0.95, 0.96]$  denote the unique positive solution of  $2 \coth(2t) = \frac{2}{t}$ . It follows that  $2 \coth(2t) \leq \frac{2}{t}$  for  $0 \leq t \leq \tau$ . Thus, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & |x| \int_0^\tau \frac{1}{(\sinh 2t)^{d/2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} \exp\left(-\frac{|x|^2}{2 \coth(2t)}\right) \left(\frac{4\pi}{2 \coth(2t)}\right)^{d/2} dt \leq \\ & |x| \int_0^\tau \frac{1}{(2t)^{d/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{t|x|^2}{2}\right) (4\pi)^{d/2} \frac{t^{d/2}}{\sqrt{t}} dt = \\ & |x| (2\pi)^{d/2} \int_0^\tau \exp\left(-\frac{t|x|^2}{2}\right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} dt \leq \\ & |x| (2\pi)^{d/2} \int_0^\infty \exp\left(-\frac{t|x|^2}{2}\right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} dt = |x| (2\pi)^{d/2} \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{|x|^2}} = (2\pi)^{(d+1)/2}. \end{aligned} \tag{4.6}$$

For the second part, when  $t \geq \tau$  and  $2 \coth(2t) \leq \frac{2}{\tau}$ , calculations are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |x| \int_{\tau}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(\sinh 2t)^{d/2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} \exp\left(-\frac{|x|^2}{2 \coth(2t)}\right) \left(\frac{4\pi}{2 \coth(2t)}\right)^{d/2} dt \leq \\
 & |x| \exp\left(-\frac{\tau|x|^2}{2}\right) \int_{\tau}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(\sinh 2t)^{d/2}} \left(\frac{4\pi}{2}\right)^{d/2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} dt \leq \\
 & |x| \exp\left(-\frac{\tau|x|^2}{2}\right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{\tau}} (2\pi)^{d/2} \int_{\tau}^{\infty} \left(\frac{4}{e^{2t}}\right)^{d/2} dt \leq \\
 & \frac{1}{\tau\sqrt{e}} (2\pi)^{d/2} 2^d \int_{\tau}^{\infty} e^{-td} dt \leq (2\pi)^{d/2} 2^d \frac{e^{-\tau d}}{d} \leq (2\pi)^{d/2}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.7}$$

In the second inequality we used the fact that  $\sinh(2t) \geq \frac{e^{2t}}{4}$  for  $t \geq \tau$ . Combining (4.6) and (4.7) and recalling the definition of  $K_t$  completes the proof.  $\square$

Now we are ready to prove the main theorem of this section.

*Proof of Theorem 8.* Proposition 10, Proposition 11 and (4.3) imply that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} K(x, z) dz \leq 3 \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} K(z, y) dz \leq 3,$$

hence  $T$  is bounded on  $L^1$  and  $L^\infty$  with norm at most 3. Using the Riesz–Thorin interpolation theorem we obtain  $\|T\|_{p \rightarrow p} \leq 3$  for  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$  and since  $S = T$  on  $\mathcal{D}$  — a dense subspace of  $L^p$  for  $1 \leq p < \infty$  —  $S$  has a unique bounded extension to  $L^p$  with norm at most 3.  $\square$

Recollecting (4.1), we see that Theorem 8 and Theorem 10 from [16] imply an  $L^p$  norm estimate for  $\tilde{\mathbf{R}}f = (\tilde{R}_1 f, \dots, \tilde{R}_d f)$ .

**Theorem 12.** *For  $f \in L^p$  we have*

$$\left\| \tilde{\mathbf{R}}f \right\|_p = \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left| \tilde{\mathbf{R}}f(x) \right|^p dx \right)^{1/p} \leq 54(p^* - 1) \|f\|_p.$$

As a corollary of the above result we will prove one more theorem. Let

$$\mathbf{R}^* f = (R_1^* f, \dots, R_d^* f)$$

with

$$R_i^* f(x) = \delta_i^* (L + 2)^{-1/2} f(x).$$

It is worth noting that each  $R_i^*$  is the adjoint of  $R_i = \delta_i L^{-1/2}$  — the ‘usual’ Riesz–Hermite transform. To prove it, we check that  $\langle h_n, R_i^* h_k \rangle = \langle R_i h_n, h_k \rangle$ . For the left-hand side we use item 2. from Lemma 1.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle h_n, R_i^* h_k \rangle &= \langle h_n, \delta_i^* (L+2)^{-1/2} h_k \rangle = (\lambda_k + 2)^{-1/2} \langle h_n, \delta_i^* h_k \rangle \\
 &= \sqrt{2(k_i + 1)} (\lambda_k + 2)^{-1/2} \langle h_n, h_{k+e_i} \rangle \\
 &= \begin{cases} \sqrt{\frac{2(k_i+1)}{2|k|_1+d+2}} & \text{if } n = k + e_i \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.8}$$

For the right-hand side we use item 1.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle R_i h_n, h_k \rangle &= \langle \delta_i L^{-1/2} h_n, h_k \rangle = \lambda_n^{-1/2} \langle \delta_i h_n, h_k \rangle \\
 &= \sqrt{2n_i} \lambda_n^{-1/2} \langle h_{n-e_i}, h_k \rangle \\
 &= \begin{cases} \sqrt{\frac{2n_i}{2|n|_1+d}} & \text{if } n - e_i = k \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.9}$$

Now we are ready to state the last theorem of this paper.

**Theorem 13.** *For  $f \in L^p$  we have*

$$\| \mathbf{R}^* f \|_p = \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} | \mathbf{R}^* f(x) |^p dx \right)^{1/p} \leq 108(p^* - 1) \| f \|_p.$$

To prove this theorem, we perform a slightly more general calculation. For  $a > 0$  we define

$$U_a f(x) = (L(L+2a)^{-1})^{1/2} f(x), \quad f \in \mathcal{D}.$$

**Proposition 14.** *For  $1 \leq p < \infty$  we have  $\|U_a\|_{p \rightarrow p} \leq 2$ .*

*Proof.* We begin with a well-known fact: If  $A$  is a positive operator and  $\|A\| \leq 1$ , then

$$(I - A)^{1/2} = I - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n A^n, \tag{4.10}$$

where

$$c_n = \frac{(2n)!}{(n!)^2 (2n-1)4^n} \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n = 1.$$

Next, observe that

$$(L(L+2a)^{-1})^{1/2} = (I - 2a(L+2a)^{-1})^{1/2},$$

so, taking  $A = 2a(L+2a)^{-1}$  in (4.10), we see that it is enough to prove that  $\|(L+2a)^{-1}\|_{p \rightarrow p} \leq \frac{1}{2a}$ . We proceed as in the proof of Theorem 8. First, we find the kernel of  $(L+2a)^{-1}$ , then prove its boundedness on  $L^1$  and  $L^\infty$  and finally use interpolation.



A computation similar to the proof of Lemma 9 shows that

$$(L + 2a)^{-1} f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \tilde{K}(x, y) f(y) dy \quad \text{for } f \in D,$$

where

$$\tilde{K}(x, y) = \int_0^\infty e^{-2at} \tilde{K}_t(x, y) dt$$

and

$$\tilde{K}_t(x, y) = \frac{\tilde{C}_d}{(\sinh 2t)^{d/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{|x-y|^2}{4 \tanh t} - \frac{\tanh t}{4} |x+y|^2\right), \quad \tilde{C}_d = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2}}.$$

Since this time the kernel is symmetric, we only prove that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \tilde{K}(x, y) dy \leq \frac{1}{2a}.$$

Calculations are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \tilde{K}(x, y) dy &= \tilde{C}_d \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-2at}}{(\sinh 2t)^{d/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{|x-y|^2}{4 \tanh t} - \frac{\tanh t}{4} |x+y|^2\right) dt dy \\ &\leq \tilde{C}_d \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-2at}}{(\sinh 2t)^{d/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \exp\left(-\frac{|x-y|^2}{4 \tanh t}\right) dy dt \\ &= \tilde{C}_d \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-2at}}{(\sinh 2t)^{d/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \exp\left(-\frac{|y|^2}{4 \tanh t}\right) dy dt \\ &= \tilde{C}_d \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-2at}}{(\sinh 2t)^{d/2}} (4\pi \tanh t)^{d/2} dt \\ &= \tilde{C}_d \int_0^\infty e^{-2at} \frac{(4\pi)^{d/2}}{2^{d/2}} \frac{1}{(\cosh t)^d} dt \\ &= \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-2at}}{(\cosh t)^d} dt. \end{aligned}$$

We split the last integral into two parts — from 0 to 1 and from 1 to  $\infty$ . The first part can be estimated by

$$\int_0^1 \frac{e^{-2at}}{(\cosh t)^d} dt \leq \int_0^1 e^{-2at} dt = \frac{1 - e^{-2a}}{2a}$$

and the second one by

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^\infty \frac{e^{-2at}}{(\cosh t)^d} dt &= 2^d \int_1^\infty \frac{e^{-2at}}{(e^t + e^{-t})^d} dt \\ &\leq 2^d \int_1^\infty e^{-2at} e^{-td} dt \\ &= 2^d \frac{e^{-2a-d}}{2a+d}. \end{aligned}$$

Adding, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-2at}}{(\cosh t)^d} dt &\leq \frac{1 - e^{-2a}}{2a} + 2^d \frac{e^{-2a-d}}{2a+d} \\ &\leq \frac{1 + 2^d e^{-d} e^{-2a} - e^{-2a}}{2a} < \frac{1}{2a}. \end{aligned}$$

This means that the operator  $V$  defined as

$$Vf(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \tilde{K}(x, y) f(y) dy$$

is bounded on  $L^1$  and  $L^\infty$  with norm at most  $\frac{1}{2a}$  and the Riesz–Thorin interpolation theorem gives its boundedness on  $L^p$  for  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$  with the same upper bound for the norm. Density of  $\mathcal{D}$  implies that  $(L + 2a)^{-1}$  has a unique bounded extension to the whole  $L^p$  space,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , with norm at most  $\frac{1}{2a}$ . Applying (4.10) with  $A = 2a(L + 2a)^{-1}$  completes the proof.  $\square$

This leads us to the proof of Theorem 13.

*Proof of Theorem 13.* It is sufficient to note that for  $f \in \mathcal{D}$

$$R_i^* f = \delta_i^* (L + 2)^{-1/2} f = \delta_i^* L^{-1/2} (L(L + 2)^{-1})^{1/2} f = \tilde{R}_i U_1 f.$$

Now Theorem 12 and Proposition 14 complete the proof.  $\square$

Finally, let us mention that in the light of (2.1), a very similar argument (with  $U_d$  instead of  $U_1$ ) can be used to prove Theorem 2 with the constant equal to 108.

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