

## END of Rellich's lemma

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Previously,

Spherical Bessel functions:

$$j_n(z) = \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^p z^{n+2p}}{2^p p! \cdot 1 \cdot 3 \cdots (2n+2p+1)}$$

$$y_n(z) = -\frac{(2n)!}{2^n n!} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^p z^{2p-n-1}}{2^p p! (-2n+1) \cdots (-2n+2p+1)}$$

$$h_n^{(1)} = j_n + iy_n, \quad h_n^{(2)} = j_n - iy_n$$

Wronskian  $W(j_n, y_n) = j_n(z) y_n'(z) - y_n(z) j_n'(z) = \frac{1}{z^2}$

We stated,

Theorem. Let  $Y_n$  be a spherical harmonic of order  $n$ .

Then

$$u_n(x) = j_n(k|x|) Y_n(\hat{x})$$

is an entire solution to the Helmholtz equation

and

$$v_n(x) = h_n^{(1)}(k|x|) Y_n(\hat{x})$$

is a radiating solution to Helmholtz in  $\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{0\}$ .

Entire: solution of homogeneous Helmholtz over  $\mathbb{R}^3$

Radiating: " " " " over part of

$\mathbb{R}^3$  satisfying the radiation condition

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 $\Rightarrow$  entire + radiating condition  $\Rightarrow u \equiv 0$  everywhere.

Proof: We can write  $j_n(kr) = k^n r^n \omega_n(r^2)$  with  $\omega_n: \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  analytic. Since  $r^n Y_n(\frac{a}{r})$  is a homogeneous polynomial in  $x_1, x_2, x_3$ , the product  $j_n(kr) Y_n(\frac{a}{r})$  is regular at  $x=0$ , i.e.  $u$  satisfies Helmholtz at the origin (and everywhere by construction). Radiation condition follows from the asymptotic behavior for Hankel functions.

Theorem: (Addition theorem)

Let  $Y_n^m$ ,  $m = -n, \dots, n$ ,  $n = 0, 1, \dots$  be a set of orthonormal spherical harmonics. Then for  $|x| > |y|$  we have

$$(*) \quad \frac{e^{ik|x-y|}}{4\pi|x-y|} = ik \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-n}^n h_n^{(1)}(k|x|) Y_n^m(\hat{x}) j_n(k|y|) \overline{Y_n^m(\hat{y})}$$

$$\hat{x} = x/|x|, \quad \hat{y} = y/|y|.$$

The series and term by term derivatives with respect to  $|x|$  and  $|y|$  are absolutely and uniformly convergent on compact subsets of  $|x| > |y|$ .

Proof:

Green's theorem applied to  $u_n^m(z) = j_n(k|z|) Y_n^m(\hat{z})$  and  $G(x, y)$

$$\int_{|z|=r} \left( u_n^m(z) \frac{\partial G(x, z)}{\partial u(z)} - \frac{\partial u_n^m}{\partial u(z)} G(x, z) \right) d\sigma(z) = 0 \quad |x| > r$$

Representation formula applied to  $v_n^m = u_n^{(1)}(u|x|) Y_n^m(\hat{x})$  (2)

$$\int_{|z|=r} \left\{ v_n^m(z) \frac{\partial G(x,z)}{\partial u(z)} - \frac{\partial v_n^m}{\partial u} G(x,z) \right\} d\bar{z} = v_n^m(z) \quad |x| > r$$

On  $|z|=r$  we have

$$u_n^m(z) = j_n(ur) Y_n^m(\hat{z}), \quad \frac{\partial u_n^m}{\partial u} = u j_n'(ur) Y_n^m(\hat{z})$$

$$v_n^m(z) = u_n^{(1)}(ur) Y_n^m(\hat{z}), \quad \frac{\partial v_n^m}{\partial u} = u u_n^{(1)'}(ur) Y_n^m(\hat{z})$$

Using the Green's function  $[E_x]$

$$\frac{1}{i\kappa r^2} \int_{|z|=r} Y_n^m(\hat{z}) G(x,z) d\bar{z} = j_n(ur) u_n^{(1)}(u|x|) Y_n^m(\hat{x}) \quad |x| > r$$

By integrating in the unit sphere

$$\int_{\mathbb{S}^2} Y_n^m(\hat{z}) G(x, r\hat{z}) d\bar{z} = i\kappa j_n(ur) u_n^{(1)}(u|x|) Y_n^m(\hat{x}) \quad |x| > r$$

By using  $Y_n^m$  as a basis, we can write

$$G(x,y) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-n}^n \left( \int_{\mathbb{S}^2} Y_n^m(\hat{z}) G(x, r\hat{z}) d\bar{z} \right) \overline{Y_n^m(\hat{y})}$$

The series (\*) is valid for fixed  $x$ ,  $|x| > r$  in  $y$  in  $L^2$ -sense on the sphere.  $|y|=r$  for arbitrary  $r$ .

We can show the estimate  $[E_x]$

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |u_n^{(1)}(u|x|) Y_n^m(\hat{x}) j_n(u|y|) \overline{Y_n^m(\hat{y})}| \leq$$

$$\leq \frac{2n+1}{4\pi} |h_n^{(1)}(k|x|) j_n(k|y|)| = o\left(\frac{|y|^n}{|x|^n}\right) \quad n \rightarrow \infty \quad (4)$$

uniformly on compact sets  $|x| > |y|$ .

This implies absolute and uniform convergence of series (a).  
The case of derivatives is left as an exercise. ■

### Two Formulas [Ex]

Funk-Hecke :  $\int_{\mathbb{S}^2} e^{-ikr \hat{x} \cdot \hat{y}} Y_n(\hat{x}) d\hat{x} = \frac{4\pi}{i^n} j_n(kr) Y_n(\hat{y})$   
 $\hat{x} \in \mathbb{S}^2, n \geq 0$

Jacobi-Anger expansion :

$$e^{ikx \cdot d} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} i^n (2n+1) j_n(k|x|) P_n(\cos \theta) \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

where  $d$  is a unit vector,  $\theta$  denotes the angle between  $x$  and  $d$  and the convergence is uniform on compact sets of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . ■

### Back to Rellich's lemma

Lemma: Assume  $D$  bounded,  $u \in H_{loc}^2(\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \bar{D})$  be

a ~~radial~~ solution to Helmholtz satisfying

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \int_{|x|=r} |u(x)|^2 ds = 0$$

then  $u = 0$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \bar{D}$ .

Proof: For sufficiently large  $|x|$ , by the orthonormal basis of  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$ , we have a Fourier expansion

$$u(x) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l a_{lm}^{(u)}(|x|) Y_{lm}^{(u)}(\hat{x})$$

Coefficients are given by

$$a_{lm}^{(u)}(r) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} u(r\hat{x}) \overline{Y_{lm}^{(u)}(\hat{x})} d\sigma(\hat{x})$$

and satisfy Parseval's equality

$$\int_{|x|=r} |u(x)|^2 d\sigma = r^2 \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l |a_{lm}^{(u)}(r)|^2$$

By Hypothesis,

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} r^2 |a_{lm}^{(u)}(r)|^2 = 0 \quad \forall l, m. \quad (**)$$

On the other hand, since  $u \in H_{loc}^2(\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \bar{D})$  we can differentiate under the integral. Integration by parts yields

$$\frac{d^2 a_{lm}^{(u)}}{dr^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{da_{lm}^{(u)}}{dr} + \left( u^2 - \frac{u(u+1)}{r^2} \right) a_{lm}^{(u)} = 0$$

(Bessel diff. equation)

$$\text{Solutions are } a_{lm}^{(u)}(r) = \alpha_{lm}^{(u)} u_n^{(1)}(ur) + \beta_{lm}^{(u)} u_n^{(2)}(ur)$$

Substituting in (\*\*) and using the asymptotic behaviour for Bessel functions yields  $\alpha_{lm}^{(u)} = \beta_{lm}^{(u)} = 0 \quad \forall l, m.$

$\Rightarrow u = 0$  outside a sufficiently large sphere and  $u = 0$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \bar{D}$  by analyticity.