

## Partial Differential Equations

# Results dealing with the behavior of the integrated density of states of random divergence operators

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### Abstract

In this Note we generalize and improve results proven for acoustic operators given by Najar in 2003. It deals with the behavior of the integrated density of states of random divergence operators of the form  $H_\omega = \sum_{i,j=1}^d \partial_{x_i} a_{i,j}(\omega, x) \partial_{x_j}$  on the internal band edges of the spectrum. **To cite this article:** H. Najar, *C. R. Acad. Sci. Paris, Ser. I* 344 (2007).

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### Résumé

**Des résultats sur le comportement de la densité d'états intégrée de l'opérateur de divergence aléatoire.** Dans cette Note on généralise et en améliore des résultats prouvés pour les opérateurs acoustique par Najar (2003). Il concerne le comportement de la densité d'états intégrée de l'opérateur de divergence aléatoire ayant la forme  $H_\omega = \sum_{i,j=1}^d \partial_{x_i} a_{i,j}(\omega, x) \partial_{x_j}$  aux bords internes du spectre. **Pour citer cet article :** H. Najar, *C. R. Acad. Sci. Paris, Ser. I* 344 (2007).

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### Version française abrégée

On considère l'opérateur de divergence aléatoire de la forme

$$H_\omega = -\nabla A_\omega^{-1} \nabla,$$

avec

$$A_\omega = A_0(x) + \sum_{\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \omega_\gamma B(x - \gamma),$$

où

- $A_0 : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_d(\mathbb{R})$  est  $\mathbb{Z}^d$ -périodique et uniformément elliptique i.e. il existe  $C > 0$  tel que,  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,

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- $\frac{1}{C} \cdot I_d \leq A_0(x) \leq C \cdot I_d$ ;
- $B : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_d(\mathbb{R})$  est continuement différentiable vérifiant
    - (i) soit  $\exists v > d + 2$  et  $\exists C > 0$  tel que
 
$$\frac{1}{C} \mathbf{1}_{|x| \leq 1/C} I_d \leq B(x) \leq C(1 + |x|)^{-v} I_d;$$
    - (ii) soit  $\exists v \in (d, d + 2]$  et  $\exists C > 0$  tel que
 
$$\frac{1}{C} (1 + |x|)^{-v} I_d \leq B(x) \leq C(1 + |x|)^{-v} I_d;$$
  - $(\omega_\gamma)_{\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}^d}$  est une famille de variables aléatoires non constantes, indépendantes et identiquement distribuées prenant des valeurs dans  $[0, 1]$ . On suppose que
 
$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\log |\log \mathbb{P}(\{\omega_0 \in (1 - \varepsilon, 1]\})|}{\log \varepsilon} = -\kappa, \quad \kappa \in [0, +\infty[.$$
(1)

L'objectif de cette Note est de donner le comportement de la densité d'états intégrée aux bords des lacunes internes du spectre de  $H_\omega$ . On distingue entre les cas (i) et (ii). On démontre qu'il y a deux régimes possibles de comportement, classique et quantique. La valeur du paramètre  $\kappa$  dans (1) est à l'origine de la transition entre ces deux régimes.

## 1. Introduction

We consider the random divergence operator

$$H_\omega = -\nabla A_\omega^{-1} \nabla = \sum_{i,j=1}^d \partial_{x_i} a_{i,j}(\omega, x) \partial_{x_j}; \quad (2)$$

where  $A_\omega$  is an elliptic,  $d \times d$ -matrix valued,  $\mathbb{Z}^d$ -ergodic random field. i.e there exists some constant  $\rho_* > 1$ , satisfying

$$\frac{1}{\rho_*} |\xi|^2 \leq \langle A_\omega \xi, \xi \rangle \leq \rho_* |\xi|^2, \quad \forall \xi \in \mathbb{C}^d. \quad (3)$$

This operator describes a vibrating membrane in the random medium as well as in the particular case when  $A_\omega = Q_\omega \cdot I_d$  ( $I_d$  is the identity matrix and  $Q_\omega$  is a real function) we get the acoustic operator [2,9,10]. The interest of this operator both from the physical and the mathematical point of view is known [14].

We denote by  $H_{\omega, \Lambda}$  the restriction of  $H_\omega$  to  $\Lambda$  with self-adjoint boundary conditions. As  $H_\omega$  is elliptic, the resolvent of  $H_{\omega, \Lambda}$  is compact and, consequently, the spectrum of  $H_{\omega, \Lambda}$  is discrete and made of isolated eigenvalues of finite multiplicity [12]. We define

$$N_\Lambda(E) = \frac{1}{\text{vol}(\Lambda)} \cdot \#\{\text{eigenvalues of } H_{\omega, \Lambda} \leq E\}. \quad (4)$$

Here  $\text{vol}(\Lambda)$  is the volume of  $\Lambda$  in the Lebesgue sense and  $\#E$  is the cardinal of  $E$ .

It is shown that the limit of  $N_\Lambda(E)$  when  $\Lambda$  tends to  $\mathbb{R}^d$  exists almost surely and is independent of the boundary conditions. It is called the *integrated density of states* of  $H_\omega$  (IDS as an acronym). See [6].

### 1.1. The model

We consider that  $A_\omega$  has an Anderson form i.e.

$$A_\omega = A_0(x) + \sum_{\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \omega_\gamma B(x - \gamma);$$

where

**(A.0)**

- $A_0 : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_d(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}^d$ -periodic and uniformly elliptic i.e. there exists  $C > 0$  such that,  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,

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