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# NONLINEAR SUBELLIPTIC SCHRÖDINGER EQUATIONS WITH EXTERNAL MAGNETIC FIELD

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ABSTRACT. To account for an external magnetic field in a Hamiltonian of a quantum system on a manifold (modelled here by a subelliptic Dirichlet form), one replaces the the momentum operator  $\frac{1}{i}d$  in the subelliptic symbol by  $\frac{1}{i}d - \alpha$ , where  $\alpha \in TM^*$  is called a magnetic potential for the magnetic field  $\beta = d\alpha$ .

We prove existence of ground state solutions (Sobolev minimizers) for nonlinear Schrödinger equation associated with such Hamiltonian on a generally, non-compact Riemannian manifold, generalizing the existence result of Esteban-Lions [5] for the nonlinear Schrödinger equation with a constant magnetic field on  $\mathbb{R}^N$  and the existence result of [6] for a similar problem on manifolds without a magnetic field. The counterpart of a constant magnetic field is the magnetic field, invariant with respect to a subgroup of isometries. As an example to the general statement we calculate the invariant magnetic fields in the Hamiltonians associated with the Kohn Laplacian and for the Laplace-Beltrami operator on the Heisenberg group.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

In this paper we study nonlinear Schrödinger equations with external magnetic field on (generally) non-compact Riemannian manifolds. A summary exposition on the magnetic Schrödinger operator can be found in [1]. The scope of the paper includes subelliptic Hamiltonians.

Let M be a differentiable *n*-dimensional Riemannian manifold and let  $\alpha$  be a 1-form on M. We consider the quadratic form

$$E_0 = \int_M a \left(\frac{1}{i} du - u\alpha, \frac{1}{i} du - u\alpha\right) d\mu \tag{1.1}$$

where  $\mu$  is the Riemannian measure of M and  $a \in TM^{2,0}$  (called the *symbol* of the quadratic form), is a smooth Hermitian bilinear form with real-valued coefficients defined on fibers  $TM_x^*$ .

The form E is understood in physics as a generalized Hamiltonian for a quantum particle on M in presence of the external magnetic field  $\beta = d\alpha$ . In general, a

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magnetic field is a closed 2-form that does not have to be exact. Quantization of systems with a non-potential magnetic field is more complicated (see [10] and references therein) and is not considered here. The potential  $\alpha$  is defined by  $\beta$  up to an arbitrary closed form and the energy is invariant under the gauge transformation  $(\alpha, u) \mapsto (\alpha + d\varphi, e^{i\varphi}u).$ 

The (stationary) nonlinear Schrödinger equation for complex-valued functions on M in the weak form is:

$$\int_{M} \left( a\left(\frac{1}{i}du - u\alpha, \frac{1}{i}dv - v\alpha\right) + \lambda uv - |u|^{q-2}uv \right) d\mu = 0,$$
(1.2)

 $v \in C_0^{\infty}(M)$ . In what follows we will use the notation  $a[\alpha] := a(\alpha, \alpha), E_0[u] := E_0(u, u)$  etc. for quadratic forms.

Let  $H^1(M)$  be the Hilbert space defined as the closure of  $C_0^{\infty}(M; \mathbb{C})$  with respect to the Hilbert norm  $\left(\int_M (|du|^2 + |u|^2) d\mu\right)^{1/2}$ . For an open set  $\Omega \subset M$  the subspace  $H^1(\Omega)$  will be the closure of  $C_0^{\infty}(\Omega)$  in  $H^1(M)$ .

We assume that the symbol a and the number  $2^*$  are related via the Sobolev inequality for the real-valued functions  $u \in H^1(M)$ :

$$\int_{M} (a[du] + |u|^2) d\mu \ge c ||u||^2_{L^q(M, d\mu)}, \quad q \in [2, 2^*],$$
(1.3)

and that, in restriction to  $H^1(\Omega)$  with any bounded  $\Omega \subset M$ , and with  $q \in (2, 2^*)$ , this imbedding is compact.

This is true, for example, when  $a[\xi] \geq c|\xi|^2$  with some c > 0 (the uniformly elliptic case) and when M satisfies the assumption (1.8) below. In this case  $2^* = \frac{2n}{n-2}$  for n > 2, and  $2^* = \infty$  for n = 2. The relation (1.3) holds as well when M is a Lie group and the symbol of  $E_0$  is  $a = \sum_j X_j \otimes X_j$ , where  $X_j \in TM$ ,  $j = 1, \ldots, m$ , are left-invariant vector fields. If the subsequent commutators of  $X_j$  span the whole tangent space of M (Hörmander condition), then there exists a  $N \geq n$ , called homogeneous dimension, such that (1.3) holds with  $2^* = \frac{2N}{N-2}$  ([8, 9, 19] and references therein).

Let now  $H^1_{\alpha}(M)$  (resp.  $H^1_{\alpha}(\Omega)$ ) be the closure of  $C^{\infty}_0(M;\mathbb{C})$  (resp.  $C^{\infty}_0(\Omega;\mathbb{C})$ ) in the metric of

$$E[u] := E_0[u] + ||u||_{L^2(M,d\mu)}^2.$$
(1.4)

The following inequality is an elementary generalization of the diamagnetic inequality, well known for the Euclidean case (see e.g. [13]).

**Lemma 1.1.** Let  $\alpha \in TM^*$  and let a be as above. The following inequality is true for every  $u \in C_0^{\infty}(M; \mathbb{C})$  at every point where  $u \neq 0$ :

$$a[du - iu\alpha] \ge a[d|u|]. \tag{1.5}$$

*Proof.* Let v, w be the real and the imaginary parts of u. The assertion follows from the following chain of identities that use the bilinearity of a and the chain rule:

$$\begin{aligned} a[du - iu\alpha] - a[d|u|] &= a[du] + |u|^2 a[\alpha] - 2va(\alpha, dw) + 2wa(\alpha, dv) \\ &- |u|^{-2} \left\{ v^2 a[dv] + w^2 a[dw] + 2vwa(dv, dw) \right\} \\ &= |u|^{-2} \left\{ a[vdw - wdv] + 2|u|^2 a(\alpha, wdv - vdw) + |u|^4 a[\alpha] \right\} \\ &= |u|^{-2} a[wdv - vdw + |u|^2 \alpha] \ge 0. \end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 1.2.** The following inequality holds:

$$E(u) \ge ||u||_{H^1(M)}^2, \quad u \in H^1_\alpha(M).$$
 (1.6)

Moreover, the space  $H^1_{\alpha}(M)$  is continuously imbedded into  $L^q(M,\mu)$ ,  $q \in (2,2^*)$ , and for any bounded open  $\Omega \subset M$  the imbedding of  $H^1_{\alpha}(\Omega)$  into  $L^q(\Omega,\mu)$  is compact.

Proof. Using approximation operators  $T_{\epsilon}: C_0^1(M) \to C_0^1(M), T_{\epsilon}u := (u^2 + \epsilon^2)^{1/2} - \epsilon$ , one can immediately deduce from Lemma 1.5 (see for details the proof of Lemma 7.6 in [7]) that  $u \in H^1_{\alpha}(M) \Rightarrow |u| \in H^1(M)$  with  $E_0(u) \geq |||u|||^2_{H^1(M)}$ . Thus, by (1.3) applied to |u|, the space  $H^1_{\alpha}(M)$  is continuously embedded into  $L^q(M, \mu)$  and for any open bounded  $\Omega$ , the subspace  $H^1_{\alpha}(\Omega)$  is compactly embedded into  $L^q(M, \mu)$ .

Critical points of the map  $u \mapsto (E(u), \int |u|^q d\mu), H \to \mathbb{R}^2$  provide solutions of the equation (1.2) (up to a scalar multiple). We look here for solutions of the ground state type, that is, the minimizers in the problem

$$c_q := \inf_{\int_M |u|^q d\mu = 1} E[u], q \in (2, 2^*).$$
(1.7)

By analogy with the semilinear elliptic problem for the Laplacian on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  without a magnetic field, the minimum in the problem (1.7) is not expected to exist without substantial additional assumption. Existence of a minimizer is known for (1.7) in the Euclidean case with a constant magnetic field ([5]). If the field is not constant, or a potential term is added to the equation, existence of minimum has been derived from various penalty conditions at infinity, typically involving a potential term  $\int V(x)|u|^2$  in the energy (see [12]). One may also observe absence of minimizer if the penalty condition is appropriately reversed ([5]). In this paper we consider invariant (which, in case of a discrete group, means space-periodic) magnetic fields on manifolds that are co-compact with respect to their isometry groups, a class that includes homogeneous Riemannian spaces and in particular, Lie groups.

Let I be a subgroup of the isometry group of M, closed in the CO-topology. We assume that there is a compact set  $K \subset M$  such that

$$\bigcup_{\eta \in I} \eta K = M. \tag{1.8}$$

We assume that the symbol a is invariant with respect to the transformations  $\eta \in I$ . This is true, in particular, if it is the symbol of the Laplace-Beltrami operator or of an invariant subelliptic operator as defined above.

Consider now the condition of invariance of the magnetic field  $\beta$ . The invariance relation  $\forall \eta, \eta \beta = \beta$ , where  $\eta : TM_{\eta}^{0,2} \to TM_{\cdot}^{0,2}$  is the natural action of the isometry  $\eta \in I$  on 2-forms, written in terms of the magnetic potential  $\alpha$  is equivalent to  $d(\eta \alpha - \alpha) = 0$  where  $\eta : TM_{\eta x}^* \to TM_x^*$  is the natural action of  $\eta \in I$  on the cotangent bundle of M. For a technical reason (existence of global magnetic shifts) we put a somewhat stronger condition on  $\alpha$ , namely that

$$\forall \eta \in I, \eta \alpha - \alpha \text{ is exact.} \tag{1.9}$$

This will allow to construct global magnetic shifts relative to  $\eta \in I$  in the next section.

The main result of this paper is

**Theorem 1.3.** Let a and  $\mu$  be invariant under the action of the group I. Assume (1.3), (1.8), (1.9). Then the problem (1.7) has a point of minimum which, up to the constant multiple is a non-trivial solution of (1.2).

**Remark 1.4.** The statement of the theorem remains true if one replaces in the energy the term  $\int |u|^2$  in E[u] with  $\int V(x)|u|^2 d\mu$ ,  $V \in L^1_{loc}(M,\mu)$ ,  $\inf_M V > 0$  provided that  $V \circ \eta = V$ ,  $\eta \in I$ . This generalization does not require any essential changes in the proof.

The proof of the existence of the minimum in (1.7) is based on the concentration compactness principle (see [14, 15] for a fundamental exposition for the subcritical case). One can use here the approach of [3, 18], and we give an essentially equivalent proof, using a general "multi-bump" expansion for bounded sequences (in the spirit of [16]) from [17].

In what follows we assume conditions of Theorem 1.3.

#### 2. Concentration compactness with magnetic shifts

By (1.9), for every  $\eta \in I$  there exists a  $\psi_{\eta} \in C^{\infty}(M)$  such that

$$\eta \alpha - \alpha = d\psi_{\eta}. \tag{2.1}$$

This implies that  $d\psi_{id} = 0$ , so that  $\psi_{id}$  is constant on connected components of M. Since the relation (2.1) is satisfied by  $\psi_{\eta} - \psi_{id}$ , we normalize  $\psi_{\eta}$  by setting

$$\psi_{\rm id}(x) = 0, \quad x \in M. \tag{2.2}$$

Let

$$g_{\eta}u = e^{i\psi_{\eta}}u \circ \eta, \quad u \in C_0^{\infty}(M).$$

$$(2.3)$$

The action  $g_{\eta}$  on  $u \in C_0^{\infty}(M)$  (as well as its continuous extension below) is called a magnetic shift. We set

$$D := \{g_{\eta}\}_{\eta \in I}.$$
 (2.4)

**Lemma 2.1.** Every operator  $g \in D$  extends by continuity to a unitary operator on  $H^1_{\alpha}(M)$ . The (renamed) set D of extended operators is a multiplicative operator group on  $H^1_{\alpha}(M)$ .

*Proof.* It suffices to prove that

$$g_{\eta^{-1}} = g_{\eta}^{-1}, \tag{2.5}$$

$$g_{\eta^{-1}} = g_{\eta}^* \tag{2.6}$$

for every  $\eta \in I$ . To prove (2.5), note that from (2.1) and (2.2) it follows immediately that

$$\psi_{\eta} = -(\psi_{\eta^{-1}} \circ \eta). \tag{2.7}$$

Then solving the equation  $g_{\eta}u = v$ , one has  $v = e^{-i\psi_{\eta}\circ\eta^{-1}}u\circ\eta^{-1} = e^{i\psi_{\eta^{-1}}}u\circ\eta^{-1}$ .

In order to prove (2.6), consider the following calculations, taking into account invariance properties of a and  $\mu$ , (2.7) and (1.9):

$$\begin{split} E_{0}(u,g_{\eta}v) &= \int_{M} e^{-i\psi_{\eta}} a \left( du + iu\alpha, d(v \circ \eta) - id\psi_{\eta}v \circ \eta + i(v \circ \eta)\alpha \right) d\mu \\ &= \int_{M} e^{-i\psi_{\eta}\circ\eta^{-1}} a \left( (du) \circ \eta^{-1} + i(u \circ \eta^{-1})\eta^{-1}\alpha, dv + iv\alpha \right) d\mu \\ &= \int_{M} e^{i\psi_{\eta^{-1}}} a \left( d(u \circ \eta^{-1}) + i(u \circ \eta^{-1})(\alpha + d\psi_{\eta^{-1}}), dv + iv\alpha \right) d\mu \\ &= E_{0}(g_{\eta^{-1}}u, v), \ u, v \in C_{0}^{\infty}(M). \end{split}$$

**Lemma 2.2.** The group D on  $H^1_{\alpha}(M)$  is a set of dislocations according to [17], i.e. a set of unitary operators on a separable Hilbert space satisfying the condition:

(\*) Any sequence  $g_k \in D$  that does not converge to zero weakly has a strongly convergent subsequence.

We recall that a sequence of operators  $g_k$  in a Banach space E is called strongly convergent if for every  $x \in E$ ,  $g_k x$  converges.

Proof. Assume that  $g_{\eta_k} \not\rightharpoonup 0$ . Then there exist  $u, v \in C_0^{\infty}(M)$  and a renamed subsequence of  $\eta_k$ , such that  $(g_{\eta_k}u, v) \not\to 0$ , so that  $\eta_k^{-1}(\sup u) \cap \sup v \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $x_k \in \sup p u$  be such that  $\eta_k x_k \in \sup p v$ . Since  $\sup p u$  is compact, a renamed subsequence of  $x_k$  converges to some  $x \in \sup p u$ . Since  $\sup p v$  is compact and  $\eta_k$ are isometries, a renamed subsequence of  $\eta_k x$  converges, and therefore  $\eta_k$  converges to some  $\eta \in I$  in the compact-open topology (cf. [11]) and therefore uniformly on compact sets. Then  $g_{\eta_k} v$  converges for any  $v \in C_0^{\infty}(M)$  by convergence of integrals under uniform convergence.

Since operators in D are unitary, it suffices to verify the strong operator convergence on  $C_0^{\infty}(M)$ , which in turn follows from convergence of integrals under uniform convergence.

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $u, u_k \in H^1_{\alpha}(M)$ . We will say that  $u_k$  converges to u *D*-weakly, which we will denote as  $u_k \stackrel{D}{\rightharpoonup} u$ , if for all  $\varphi \in H^1_{\alpha}(M)$ ,

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} \sup_{g \in D} (g(u_k - u), \varphi) = 0.$$
(2.8)

**Lemma 2.4.** Let  $u_k \in H^1_{\alpha}(M)$  be a bounded sequence. Then

$$u_k \stackrel{D}{\rightharpoonup} 0 \Rightarrow u_k \to 0 \quad in \ L^q(M,\mu), q \in (2,2^*).$$

$$(2.9)$$

*Proof.* If  $g_{\eta_k}u_k \rightarrow 0$ , then due to the inequality (1.6),  $|u_k| \circ \eta_k \rightarrow 0$  in  $H^1(M)$ . Then  $|u_k| \rightarrow 0$  in  $L^q(M, \mu)$  by [2, Lemma 3.7] (when *a* is uniformly elliptic, one can also refer to [6, Lemma 2.6]). K. TINTAREV

**Theorem 2.5** ([17]). Let  $u_k \in H$  be a bounded sequence. Then there exist  $w^{(n)} \in H$ ,  $g_k^{(n)} \in D$ ,  $k, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that for a renumbered subsequence

$$g_k^{(1)} = id, \ g_k^{(n)^{-1}} g_k^{(m)} \rightharpoonup 0 \quad \text{for } n \neq m,$$
 (2.10)

$$w^{(n)} = \mathbf{w} - \lim g_k^{(n)^{-1}} u_k \tag{2.11}$$

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \|w^{(n)}\|^2 \le \limsup \|u_k\|^2 \tag{2.12}$$

$$u_k - \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} g_k^{(n)} w^{(n)} \stackrel{D}{\rightharpoonup} 0.$$

$$(2.13)$$

**Lemma 2.6.** Let D be the group of magnetic shifts in  $H^1_{\alpha}(M)$ , let  $u_k$  be a bounded sequence in  $H^1(M)$  and let  $w^{(n)}$  be as in Theorem 2.5. Then the corresponded renamed subsequence  $u_k$  satisfies

$$\int_{M} |u_k|^q d\mu = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \int_{M} |w^{(n)}|^q d\mu, \quad q \in (2, 2^*).$$
(2.14)

Proof. Apply Theorem 2.5 for the bounded (by (1.6) sequence  $|u_k|$  in  $H^1(M)$  equipped with the dislocation group  $D_0 := \{v \to v \circ \eta, \eta \in I$ . Since the weak convergence in both spaces  $H^1$  and  $H^1_{\alpha}$  implies convergence in measure, the weak limits (2.11) in the  $(H^1, D_0)$ -case, written in terms of those in the  $(H^1_{\alpha}, D)$ -case, are  $|w^{(n)}|$ . Note now that  $g_{\eta_k} \to 0$  (in  $(H^1, D_0)$ ) implies that for any compact set  $K \subset M$ ,  $d(\eta_k K, 0) \to \infty$ . Indeed, if  $\eta_k x_k$  were bounded for some  $x_k \in K$ , then, since  $\eta_k$  are isometries,  $\eta_k$  converges in the CO topology (cf. [11]). Then the assertion of the lemma follows elementarily from restriction of  $|w^{(n)}|$  to disjoint balls of arbitrarily large radius.

#### 3. MAGNETIC SCHRÖDINGER EQUATION ON THE HEISENBERG GROUP

In this section we give an example of a manifold with a subelliptic energy form and a potential magnetic field to which Theorem 1.3 applies.

Let  $\mathbb{H}^3$  be the space  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , whose elements we denote as  $\eta = (x, y, t)$ , equipped with the group operation

$$\eta \circ \eta' = (x + x', y + y', t + t' + 2(xy' - yx')).$$
(3.1)

This group multiplication endows  $\mathbb{H}^3$  with the structure of a Lie group with e = 0. Two invariant vector fields  $X = \partial_x + 2y\partial_t$  and  $Y = \partial_y - 2x\partial_t$  satisfy the bracket condition, namely, together with T = [X, Y] they form the basis in the tangent space, which yields the homogeneous dimension N = 4 and  $2^* = 4$ . The Riemannian structure is fixed by setting the scalar product at  $T\mathbb{H}^3$  so that the given basis X, Y, T is orthonormal. The Riemannian measure and the left and the right Haar measure on  $\mathbb{H}^3$  coincide with the Lebesgue measure.

The Sobolev inequality (1.3) holds with the subelliptic symbol  $a = X \otimes X + Y \otimes Y$ for 2 < q < 4 and with the elliptic symbol  $X \otimes X + Y \otimes Y + T \otimes T$  for 2 < q < 6, and for any open bounded  $\Omega$  there is compactness in the Sobolev imbedding for functions with support in  $\Omega$  [8, 4].

Every homogeneous magnetic field on the Heisenberg group has a form  $\beta = Adt \wedge dx + Bdy \wedge dt + (C - 2By + 2Ax)dx \wedge dy$  with arbitrary constants  $A, B, C \in \mathbb{R}$  (one can verify (1.9) by direct substitution, and the field is uniquely defined by its

value at the origin due to transitivity). A magnetic potential  $\alpha$  satisfying  $\beta = d\alpha$ , can be written in the following form, uniquely up to the differential of an arbitrary function:

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2}A(tdx - xdt + x^2dy - 2xydx) + \frac{1}{2}B(ydt - tdy - 2xydy + y^2dx) + \frac{1}{2}C(xdy - ydx) + \frac{1}{2$$

The function  $\psi_{\eta}$  that satisfies  $\eta \alpha - \alpha = d\psi_{\eta}$ , and the normalization condition  $\psi_e(x, y, t) = 0$  is as follows:

$$\psi_{(x',y',t')}(x,y,t) = \frac{1}{2}A(t'x - x't - x'^2y - y'x^2) + \frac{1}{2}B(y't - t'y - y'^2x - x'y^2) + \frac{1}{2}C(x'y - y'x).$$

Once we evaluate  $\alpha(X) = \frac{1}{2}A(t-4xy) + \frac{3}{4}By^2 - \frac{1}{2}Cy$  and  $\alpha(Y) = \frac{3}{4}Ax^2 + \frac{1}{2}B(-t-4xy) + \frac{3}{4}By^2 - \frac{1}{2}Cy$ 4xy) +  $\frac{1}{2}Cx$ , we can write the invariant subelliptic energy functional  $E_0$  on the Heisenberg group as

$$\begin{split} E_0[u] &= \int_M (|\frac{1}{i}\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{2}{i}y\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - (\frac{1}{2}A(t-4xy) + \frac{3}{4}By^2 - \frac{1}{2}Cy)u|^2 \\ &+ |\frac{1}{i}\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} - \frac{2}{i}x\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - (\frac{3}{4}Ax^2 + \frac{1}{2}B(-t-4xy) + \frac{1}{2}Cx)u|^2)dx\,dy\,dt, \end{split}$$

so that Theorem 1.3 gives existence of the minimizer in the inequality

$$E_0[u] + \int |u|^2 dz \ge c ||u||^2_{L^q(M,\mu)}$$
(3.2)

for 2 < q < 4.

For the same reason one has existence of the minimizer with 2 < q < 4 that corresponds to

$$\begin{split} E_0[u] &= \int_M (P(x,y,t) |\frac{1}{i} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{2}{i} y \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - (\frac{1}{2}A(t-4xy) + \frac{3}{4}By^2 \\ &- \frac{1}{2}Cy)u|^2 + Q(x,y,t) |\frac{1}{i} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} - \frac{2}{i} x \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \\ &- (\frac{3}{4}Ax^2 + \frac{1}{2}B(-t-4xy) + \frac{1}{2}Cx)u|^2) dx \, dy \, dt, \end{split}$$

where P, Q are bounded positive measurable functions, bounded away from zero, periodic with respect to the group shifts with  $x', y', z' \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

The existence result applied to the uniformly elliptic case involves the functional

$$\begin{split} E_0[u] &= \int_M (P(x,y,t) |\frac{1}{i} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{2}{i} y \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - (\frac{1}{2}A(t-4xy) + \frac{3}{4}By^2 - \frac{1}{2}Cy)u|^2 \\ &+ Q(x,y,t) |\frac{1}{i} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} - \frac{2}{i} x \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - (\frac{3}{4}Ax^2 + \frac{1}{2}B(-t-4xy) + \frac{1}{2}Cx)u|^2 \\ &+ R(x,y,t) |\frac{1}{i} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \frac{1}{2}(By - Ax)u|^2)dx\,dy\,dt, \end{split}$$

with 2 < q < 6 (we used here the evaluation  $\alpha(\partial_t) = \frac{1}{2}(By - Ax)$ ), assuming that P,Q,R satisfy the same conditions as P,Q in the previous example.

### 4. Proof of Theorem 1.3

*Proof.* Let  $u_k$  be a minimizing sequence for the relation (1.7) We apply Theorem 2.5:

$$\sum \|w^{(n)}\|_{H^1_{\alpha}(M)}^2 \le c_q.$$
(4.1)

At the same time we have (2.14). From (2.14) and (4.1) follows that

$$\sum \|w^{(n)}\|_{H^1_{\alpha}(M)}^2 \le c_q \sum t_n^{2/q},\tag{4.2}$$

where  $t_n = \|w^{(n)}\|_{L^p(X,\mu)}^q$ . Note now that (2.14) can be written as  $\sum t_n = 1$ , so that, since q > 2,  $\sum t_n^{2/q} = 1$  only if all but one of  $t_n$ , say for  $n = n_0$ , equals zero. We conclude that  $w^{(n_0)}$  is the minimizer for (1.7).

**Remark 4.1.** We note that from the proof of Theorem 1.3 follows that that for any minimizing sequence  $u_k$  for (1.7) there is a sequence  $\eta_k$ , such that  $g_{\eta_k}u_k$  converges to the minimizer in  $H^1_{\alpha}(M)$ . Indeed, with  $\eta_k = (\eta_k^{n_0})^{-1}$  as above we have a weak convergence and convergence of the norms, and thus the norm convergence.

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