

## Chapter 5

### The Green's functions of $H_0(m)$ and $H_0$

In this chapter, we study the Green's function for  $H_0$ , that is, the integral kernel of the resolvent of  $H_0$ .

We start, however, with the Green's function of the Laplacian in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,

$$h_0 = -\Delta, \quad \text{dom}(h_0) = H^2(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

The Green's function of  $h_0$ , denoted by  $g_0(z; \cdot, \cdot)$ , is of the form,

$$\begin{aligned} g_0(z; x, y) &:= (h_0 - zI_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)})^{-1}(x, y) \\ &= \begin{cases} (i/2)z^{-1/2}e^{iz^{1/2}|x-y|}, & n = 1, z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}, \\ (i/4)(2\pi z^{-1/2}|x-y|)^{(2-n)/2}H_{(n-2)/2}^{(1)}(z^{1/2}|x-y|), & n \geq 2, z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}, \\ \text{Im}(z^{1/2}) > 0, x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n, x \neq y, & (5.1) \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

and for  $z = 0, n \geq 3$ ,

$$g_0(0; x, y) = \frac{1}{(n-2)\omega_{n-1}}|x-y|^{2-n}, \quad n \geq 3, x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n, x \neq y.$$

Here  $H_\nu^{(1)}(\cdot)$  denotes the Hankel function of the first kind with index  $\nu \geq 0$  (cf. [1, Section 9.1]) and  $\omega_{n-1} = 2\pi^{n/2}/\Gamma(n/2)$  ( $\Gamma(\cdot)$  the Gamma function, cf. [1, Section 6.1]) represents the area of the unit sphere  $S^{n-1}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

As  $z \rightarrow 0$ ,  $g_0(z; \cdot, \cdot)$  is continuous on the off-diagonal for  $n \geq 3$ ,

$$\lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow 0 \\ z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}}} g_0(z; x, y) = g_0(0; x, y) = \frac{1}{(n-2)\omega_{n-1}}|x-y|^{2-n}, \\ x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n, x \neq y, n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 3, \quad (5.2)$$

but blows up for  $n = 1$  as

$$\begin{aligned} g_0(z; x, y) &= (i/2)z^{-1/2} - 2^{-1}|x-y| + O(z^{1/2}|x-y|^2), \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}, \\ &\quad \lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow 0 \\ z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}}} \end{aligned}$$

and for  $n = 2$  as

$$\begin{aligned} g_0(z; x, y) &= -\frac{1}{2\pi} \ln(z^{1/2}|x-y|/2)[1 + O(z|x-y|^2)] \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2\pi} \psi(1) + O(|z||x-y|^2), \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}^2, x \neq y. \quad (5.3) \end{aligned}$$

Here  $\psi(w) = \Gamma'(w)/\Gamma(w)$  denotes the digamma function (cf. [1, Section 6.3]).

For reasons of subsequent comparisons with the case of the free massive Dirac operator  $H_0(m) = H_0 + m\beta$ ,  $m > 0$ , we now start with the latter and compute,

$$\begin{aligned} (H_0(m) - zI_{[L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)]^N})^{-1} &= (H_0(m) + zI_{[L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)]^N})(H_0(m)^2 - z^2I_{[L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)]^N})^{-1} \\ &= (-i\alpha \cdot \nabla + m\beta + zI_{[L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)]^N})(h_0 - (z^2 - m^2)I_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)})^{-1}I_N, \end{aligned} \quad (5.4)$$

employing

$$H_0(m)^2 = (h_0 + m^2I_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)})I_N.$$

Assuming

$$\begin{aligned} m > 0, \quad z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus (\mathbb{R} \setminus [-m, m]), \quad \text{Im}(z^2 - m^2)^{1/2} > 0, \\ x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad x \neq y, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad n \geq 2, \end{aligned} \quad (5.5)$$

and exploiting (5.4), one thus obtains for the Green's function  $G_0(m, z; \cdot, \cdot)$  of  $H_0(m)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} G_0(m, z; x, y) &:= (H_0(m) - zI_{[L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)]^N})^{-1}(x, y) \\ &= i4^{-1}(2\pi)^{(2-n)/2}|x-y|^{2-n}(m\beta + zI_N) \\ &\quad \times [(z^2 - m^2)^{1/2}|x-y|]^{(n-2)/2}H_{(n-2)/2}^{(1)}((z^2 - m^2)^{1/2}|x-y|) \\ &\quad - 4^{-1}(2\pi)^{(2-n)/2}|x-y|^{1-n}\alpha \cdot \frac{(x-y)}{|x-y|} \\ &\quad \times [(z^2 - m^2)^{1/2}|x-y|]^{n/2}H_{n/2}^{(1)}((z^2 - m^2)^{1/2}|x-y|). \end{aligned}$$

Here we employed the identity ([1, p. 361]),

$$[H_\nu^{(1)}(\zeta)]' = -H_{\nu+1}^{(1)}(\zeta) + \nu\zeta^{-1}H_\nu^{(1)}(\zeta), \quad \nu, \zeta \in \mathbb{C}.$$

Equations (B.9), (B.10) reveal the facts (still assuming (5.5)),

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow \pm m \\ z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{\pm m\}}} G_0(m, z; x, y) &= 4^{-1}\pi^{-n/2}\Gamma((n-2)/2)|x-y|^{2-n}(m\beta \pm mI_N) \\ &\quad + i2^{-1}\pi^{-n/2}\Gamma(n/2)\alpha \cdot \frac{(x-y)}{|x-y|^n}, \\ m > 0, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad x \neq y, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad n \geq 3, \end{aligned} \quad (5.6)$$

$$\begin{aligned} G_0(m, z; x, y) &= -(4\pi)^{-1}\ln(z^2 - m^2)(m\beta \pm mI_2) \\ &\quad - (2\pi)^{-1}\ln(|x-y|)(m\beta \pm mI_2) + i(2\pi)^{-1}\alpha \cdot \frac{(x-y)}{|x-y|^2} \\ &\quad + O((z^2 - m^2)\ln(z^2 - m^2)), \quad m > 0, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}^2, \quad x \neq y. \end{aligned} \quad (5.7)$$

(Here the remainder term  $O((z^2 - m^2) \ln(z^2 - m^2))$  depends on  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , but this is of no concern at this point.) In particular,  $G_0(m, z; \cdot, \cdot)$  blows up logarithmically as  $z \rightarrow \pm m$  in two dimensions,  $n = 2$ , just as  $g_0(z, \cdot, \cdot)$  does as  $z \rightarrow 0$ .

By contrast, the massless case is quite different and assuming

$$z \in \mathbb{C}_+, x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n, x \neq y, n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 2, \quad (5.8)$$

one computes in the case  $m = 0$  for the Green's function  $G_0(z; \cdot, \cdot)$  of  $H_0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} G_0(z; x, y) &:= (H_0 - zI_{[L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)]^N})^{-1}(x, y) \\ &= i4^{-1}(2\pi)^{(2-n)/2}|x - y|^{2-n} z [z|x - y|]^{(n-2)/2} H_{(n-2)/2}^{(1)}(z|x - y|) I_N \\ &\quad - 4^{-1}(2\pi)^{(2-n)/2}|x - y|^{1-n} [z|x - y|]^{n/2} H_{n/2}^{(1)}(z|x - y|) \alpha \cdot \frac{(x - y)}{|x - y|^n}. \end{aligned} \quad (5.9)$$

The Green's function  $G_0(z; \cdot, \cdot)$  of  $H_0$  continuously extends to  $z \in \overline{\mathbb{C}_+}$ . In addition, in the massless case  $m = 0$ , the limit  $z \rightarrow 0$  exists<sup>1</sup>,

$$\lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow 0, \\ z \in \overline{\mathbb{C}_+} \setminus \{0\}}} G_0(z; x, y) := G_0(0 + i0; x, y) = i2^{-1}\pi^{-n/2}\Gamma(n/2)\alpha \cdot \frac{(x - y)}{|x - y|^n},$$

$$x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n, x \neq y, n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 2, \quad (5.10)$$

and no blow up occurs for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 2$ .

**Remark 5.1.** (i) The observation of an absence of blow up in  $G_0(z; \cdot, \cdot)$  as  $z \rightarrow 0$  is consistent with the sufficient condition for the Dirac operator  $H = H_0 + V$  (in dimensions  $n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 2$ ), with  $V$  an appropriate self-adjoint  $N \times N$  matrix-valued potential, having no eigenvalues, as derived in [103, Theorems 2.1 and 2.3].

(ii) The asymptotic behavior, for some  $d_n \in (0, \infty)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} &\|G_0(0 + i0; x, y)\|_{\mathbb{C}^N} \\ &\stackrel{z \rightarrow 0,}{=} d_n |x - y|^{1-n}, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n, x \neq y, n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 2, \\ &z \in \overline{\mathbb{C}_+} \setminus \{0\} \end{aligned}$$

implies the absence of zero-energy resonances (cf. Chapter 10 for a detailed discussion) of  $H$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 3$ , for sufficiently fast decaying short-range potentials  $V$  at infinity, as  $|\cdot|^{1-n}$  lies in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$  near infinity if and only if  $n \geq 3$ . This is consistent with observations in [8], [16, Section 4.4], [17, 28, 150, 151, 190] for  $n = 3$  (see also Remark 10.8 (ii)). This should be contrasted with the behavior of Schrödinger

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<sup>1</sup>Our choice of notation  $0 + i0$  in  $\overline{G_0(0 + i0; x, y)}$  indicates that the limit  $\lim_{z \rightarrow 0}$  is performed in the closed upper half-plane  $\overline{\mathbb{C}_+}$ .

operators where

$$\lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow 0 \\ z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}}} g_0(z; x, y) = g_0(0; x, y) = \frac{1}{(n-2)\omega_{n-1}} |x-y|^{2-n},$$

$$x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n, x \neq y, n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 3,$$

implies the absence of zero-energy resonances of  $h = h_0 + w$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 5$ , again for sufficiently fast decaying short-range potentials  $w$  at infinity, as  $|\cdot|^{2-n}$  lies in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$  near infinity if and only if  $n \geq 5$ , as observed in [96].  $\diamond$

**Remark 5.2.** In the special case  $n = 3$ , the identities

$$H_{1/2}^{(1)}(\zeta) = -i \left( \frac{2}{\pi} \right)^{1/2} \frac{e^{i\zeta}}{\zeta^{1/2}},$$

$$H_{3/2}^{(1)}(\zeta) = - \left( \frac{2}{\pi} \right)^{1/2} \frac{e^{i\zeta}(\zeta + i)}{\zeta^{3/2}}, \quad \zeta \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\},$$

combine in (5.9) to yield

$$G_0(z; x, y) = \frac{e^{iz|x-y|}}{4\pi|x-y|} \left[ z I_N + z\alpha \cdot \frac{(x-y)}{|x-y|} + i\alpha \cdot \frac{(x-y)}{|x-y|^2} \right],$$

$$x, y \in \mathbb{R}^3, x \neq y, z \in \mathbb{C}_+. \quad \diamond$$

**Remark 5.3.** It is possible to expand the massless Dirac Green's function  $G_0(z; \cdot, \cdot)$  in powers of  $z$  in such a way that several coefficients in the expansion vanish (the precise number of vanishing coefficients depending on the dimension  $n$ ) for odd dimensions  $n \geq 5$ . This observation relies on the following connection between the modified Bessel and spherical Bessel functions (cf., e.g., [1, Section 10.1.1]):

$$H_{j+(1/2)}^{(1)}(\zeta) = (2\pi^{-1}\zeta)^{1/2} h_j^{(1)}(\zeta), \quad \zeta \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}, j \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (5.11)$$

Moreover, by [1, Equation 10.1.16],

$$h_j^{(1)}(\zeta) = i^{-(j+1)} \zeta^{-1} e^{i\zeta} \sum_{k=0}^j \frac{(j+k)!}{k!(j-k)!} (-2i\zeta)^{-k}, \quad \zeta \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}, j \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (5.12)$$

Upon combining (5.11) and (5.12), one obtains for odd dimensions  $n \geq 3$ ,

$$H_{(n/2)-1}^{(1)}(\zeta) = H_{[(n-3)/2]+(1/2)}^{(1)}(\zeta)$$

$$= 2^{1/2} \pi^{-1/2} i^{(1-n)/2} \zeta^{-1/2} e^{i\zeta} \sum_{k=0}^{(n-3)/2} \frac{([(n-3)/2] + k)!}{k!([(n-3)/2] - k)!} (-2i\zeta)^{-k},$$

$$\zeta \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}, \quad (5.13)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_{(n/2)}^{(1)}(\zeta) &= H_{[(n-1)/2]+(1/2)}^{(1)}(\zeta) \\
 &= 2^{1/2} \pi^{-1/2} i^{-(n+1)/2} \zeta^{-1/2} e^{i\zeta} \sum_{k=0}^{(n-1)/2} \frac{([(n-1)/2] + k)!}{k!([[(n-1)/2] - k)!} (-2i\zeta)^{-k}, \\
 &\qquad\qquad\qquad \zeta \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}. \quad (5.14)
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, using the expansions (5.13) and (5.14) in (5.9), one obtains the following expansion for the massless Dirac Green's function in odd dimensions  $n \geq 3$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 G_0(z; x, y) &= i(-1)^{(1-n)/2} 2^{-(n+1)/2} \pi^{(1-n)/2} e^{iz|x-y|} I_N \\
 &\times \sum_{k=0}^{(n-3)/2} \frac{([(n-3)/2] + k)!}{k!([[(n-3)/2] - k)!} (-2)^{-k} (iz)^{-k+[(n-1)/2]} |x-y|^{-k-[(n-1)/2]} \\
 &\quad + i(-1)^{(1-n)/2} 2^{-(n+1)/2} \pi^{(1-n)/2} e^{iz|x-y|} \alpha \cdot \frac{(x-y)}{|x-y|} \\
 &\times \sum_{k=0}^{(n-1)/2} \frac{([(n-1)/2] + k)!}{k!([[(n-1)/2] - k)!} (-2)^{-k} (iz)^{-k+[(n-1)/2]} |x-y|^{-k-[(n-1)/2]}, \\
 &\qquad\qquad\qquad x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n, x \neq y, z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}. \quad (5.15)
 \end{aligned}$$

Introducing the power series for the exponential in (5.15) and reordering the series to combine like powers of  $iz$ , one obtains

$$\begin{aligned}
 G_0(z; x, y) &= (-1)^{(3-n)/2} 2^{-(n+1)/2} \pi^{(1-n)/2} z |x-y| \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} d_j (iz)^j |x-y|^{-(n-1-j)} I_N \\
 &\quad + i(-1)^{(1-n)/2} 2^{-(n+1)/2} \pi^{(1-n)/2} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} d'_j (iz)^j |x-y|^{-(n-1-j)} \alpha \cdot \frac{(x-y)}{|x-y|}, \\
 &\qquad\qquad\qquad x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n, x \neq y, z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}, \quad (5.16)
 \end{aligned}$$

where for each  $j \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , the numerical coefficients  $d_j$  and  $d'_j$  are given by

$$d_j = \sum_{\substack{k=0 \\ k \geq [(n-3)/2]-j}}^{(n-3)/2} \frac{([(n-3)/2] + k)!}{k!([[(n-3)/2] - k)!} (-2)^{-k} \frac{1}{(j+k-[(n-3)/2])!}, \quad (5.17)$$

$$d'_j = \sum_{\substack{k=0 \\ k \geq [(n-1)/2]-j}}^{(n-1)/2} \frac{([(n-1)/2] + k)!}{k!([[(n-1)/2] - k)!} (-2)^{-k} \frac{1}{(j+k-[(n-1)/2])!}. \quad (5.18)$$

In odd dimensions  $n \geq 5$ , certain of the coefficients  $d_j$  and  $d'_j$  in (5.17) and (5.18) vanish based on the combinatorial identity in Proposition 5.4 below. Applying Proposition 5.4 with  $m = (n - 3)/2$  and  $m = (n - 1)/2$ , one infers that for  $n \geq 5$  is odd, the free massless Green's function  $G_0(z, \cdot, \cdot)$  is given by (5.16)–(5.18) and

$$\begin{aligned} d_j &= 0 \quad \text{for all odd } j \in \mathbb{N} \text{ satisfying } 1 \leq j \leq n - 4, \\ d'_j &= 0 \quad \text{for all odd } j \in \mathbb{N} \text{ satisfying } 1 \leq j \leq n - 2. \end{aligned} \quad \diamond$$

**Proposition 5.4** ([96, Lemma 3.3]). *If  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and*

$$c_j := \sum_{\substack{k=0 \\ k \geq m-j}}^m \frac{(m+k)!}{k!(m-k)!} (-2)^{-k} \frac{1}{(k+j-m)!}, \quad j \in \mathbb{N}_0,$$

then  $c_j = 0$  for  $j = 1, 3, \dots, 2m - 1$ .

Since  $H_0$  has no spectral gap,  $\sigma(H_0) = \mathbb{R}$ , but  $h_0$  has the half-line  $(-\infty, 0)$  in its resolvent set, a comparison of  $h_0$  with the massive free Dirac operator  $H_0(m) = H_0 + m\beta$ ,  $m > 0$ , with spectral gap  $(-m, m)$ , replacing the energy  $z = 0$  by  $z = \pm m$ , is quite natural and then exhibits a similar logarithmic blowup behavior as  $z \rightarrow 0$  in dimensions  $n = 2$ .

Returning to our analysis of the resolvent of  $H_0$ , the asymptotic behavior (B.9)–(B.11) implies for some  $c_n \in (0, \infty)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|G_0(0 + i0; x, y)\|_{\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^N)} &\leq c_n |x - y|^{1-n}, \\ x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad x \neq y, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad n \geq 2, \end{aligned} \quad (5.19)$$

and for given  $R \geq 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|G_0(z; x, y)\|_{\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^N)} &\leq c_{n,R}(z) e^{-\text{Im}(z)|x-y|} \begin{cases} |x - y|^{1-n}, & |x - y| \leq 1, \quad x \neq y, \\ 1, & 1 \leq |x - y| \leq R, \\ |x - y|^{(1-n)/2}, & |x - y| \geq R, \end{cases} \\ z \in \overline{\mathbb{C}_+}, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad x \neq y, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad n \geq 2, \end{aligned} \quad (5.20)$$

for some  $c_{n,R}(\cdot) \in (0, \infty)$  continuous and locally bounded on  $\overline{\mathbb{C}_+}$ .

For future purposes we now rewrite  $G_0(z; \cdot, \cdot)$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} G_0(z; x, y) &= i 4^{-1} (2\pi)^{(2-n)/2} |x - y|^{2-n} z [z|x - y|]^{(n-2)/2} H_{(n-2)/2}^{(1)}(z|x - y|) I_N \\ &\quad - 4^{-1} (2\pi)^{(2-n)/2} |x - y|^{1-n} [z|x - y|]^{n/2} H_{n/2}^{(1)}(z|x - y|) \alpha \cdot \frac{(x - y)}{|x - y|} \\ &= |x - y|^{1-n} f_n(z, x - y), \quad z \in \overline{\mathbb{C}_+}, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad x \neq y, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad n \geq 2, \end{aligned} \quad (5.21)$$

where  $f_n$  is continuous and locally bounded on  $\overline{\mathbb{C}_+} \times \mathbb{R}^n$ , in addition,

$$\begin{aligned} & \|f_n(z, x)\|_{\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}^N)} \\ & \leq c_n(z)e^{-\operatorname{Im}(z)|x|} \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \leq |x| \leq 1, \\ |x|^{(n-1)/2}, & |x| \geq 1, \end{cases} \quad z \in \overline{\mathbb{C}_+}, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n, \end{aligned} \quad (5.22)$$

for some constant  $c_n(\cdot) \in (0, \infty)$  continuous and locally bounded on  $\overline{\mathbb{C}_+}$ . In particular, decomposing  $G_0(z; \cdot, \cdot)$  into

$$\begin{aligned} G_0(z; x, y) &= G_0(z; x, y)\chi_{[0,1]}(|x-y|) + G_0(z; x, y)\chi_{[1,\infty)}(|x-y|) \\ &= G_{0,<}(z; x-y) + G_{0,>}(z; x-y), \end{aligned} \quad (5.23)$$

$z \in \overline{\mathbb{C}_+}, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad x \neq y, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad n \geq 2,$

where

$$G_{0,<}(z; x-y) := G_0(z; x, y)\chi_{[0,1]}(|x-y|), \quad (5.24)$$

$$G_{0,>}(z; x-y) := G_0(z; x, y)\chi_{[1,\infty)}(|x-y|), \quad (5.25)$$

$$z \in \overline{\mathbb{C}_+}, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad x \neq y, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad n \geq 2,$$

one verifies that

$$\begin{aligned} |G_{0,>}(z; x-y)_{j,k}| &\leq \begin{cases} C_n|x-y|^{-(n-1)}, & z = 0, \\ C_n(z)|x-y|^{-(n-1)/2}, & z \in \overline{\mathbb{C}_+}, \end{cases} \\ & \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad |x-y| \geq 1, \quad 1 \leq j, k \leq N, \end{aligned} \quad (5.26)$$

for some constants  $C_n, C_n(\cdot) \in (0, \infty)$ , in particular,

$$G_{0,>}(z; \cdot) \in [L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)]^{N \times N}, \quad z \in \overline{\mathbb{C}_+}, \quad (5.27)$$

and that

$$G_{0,>}(\cdot; \cdot) \text{ is continuous on } \overline{\mathbb{C}_+} \times \mathbb{R}^n. \quad (5.28)$$

In the next chapter, we will use the decomposition (5.23) to derive trace ideal properties of operators of the type  $F_1(\cdot)(H_0 - zI_{[L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)]^N})^{-1}F_2(\cdot)$ , employing results of [26, Section 5.4] in the case  $n \geq 3$ . We also derive trace ideal properties of  $\langle \cdot \rangle^{-\delta}(H_0 - zI_{[L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)]^N})^{-1}\langle \cdot \rangle^{-\delta}$  in the case  $n \geq 2$  using a different approach based on a combination of Sobolev's inequality and complex interpolation.