

## OPERATORS WITH COMPLEX GAUSSIAN KERNELS: BOUNDEDNESS PROPERTIES

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**ABSTRACT.** Boundedness properties are stated for some operators from  $L^p(\mathbb{R})$  into  $L^q(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$ , with complex Gaussian kernels. Their contraction properties are also analysed.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

In this paper we will study boundedness properties for the general complex Gaussian operator in dimension one,

$$(1.1) (\mathcal{F}_{\beta, \varepsilon, \delta, \xi, \gamma} f)(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp\{-\beta x^2 - \varepsilon y^2 + 2\delta xy + \xi x + \gamma y\} \cdot f(y) dy,$$

$\beta, \varepsilon, \delta, \xi, \gamma \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , from the space of complex-valued functions  $L^p(\mathbb{R})$  into  $L^q(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$ , relative to the Lebesgue measure.

This subject was originally of interest in the context of Quantum Field Theory (see [1]). The complex Gaussian operator (1.1) has an intrinsic interest due to the basic role of the extended oscillator semigroup introduced by Howe [4] (see also Folland [3, Chapter 5]).

In his important paper [5], Lieb extends the operator (1.1) to  $n$  dimensions and develops an extensive study of (1.1) in the context of the spaces  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ . Moreover, he generalizes the results given by Epperson in §2 of [2] for (1.1). Lieb stated that for the nondegenerate case, that is,  $(\operatorname{Re} \delta)^2 < (\operatorname{Re} \beta) \cdot (\operatorname{Re} \varepsilon)$ ,  $\mathcal{F}_{\beta, \varepsilon, \delta, \xi, \gamma}$  has exactly one maximizer which is a centered Gaussian function  $e^{sy^2}$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{C}$ . For the degenerate case, that is,  $(\operatorname{Re} \delta)^2 = (\operatorname{Re} \beta) \cdot (\operatorname{Re} \varepsilon)$ , the question of the existence of a maximizer is a subtle one. This problem requires a complicated algebraic study, and precise conditions are not given there.

The purpose of our paper is to calculate the *exact* region of boundedness of (1.1) for each  $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$ , in both degenerate and nondegenerate cases.

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The proof of this result follows a technique initiated by Weissler in Theorem 1 of [6]. Weissler sated the exact region of boundedness for the Hermite semigroup.

We conclude this paper by giving sufficient conditions in both degenerate and nondegenerate cases for the operator  $\mathcal{F}_{\beta, \varepsilon, \delta, \xi, \gamma}$ ,  $\beta, \varepsilon, \delta, \xi, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ , to be a contraction over  $L^p(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ , and a contraction as an operator from  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$  into  $L^p(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $0 < p < \infty$ . These results follow those given in Chapter 8 of [1].

Throughout this paper we will take square roots with positive real part.

### 2. BOUNDEDNESS PROPERTIES

For  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ , let  $(I_p f)(x) = (2\pi)^{-1/2p} \cdot \exp(-x^2/2p) \cdot f(x)$ . For  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ , let  $(Q_z f)(x) = e^{zx} \cdot f(x)$ . For  $\gamma^* > 0$ , let  $(T_{\gamma^*} f)(x) = f(\gamma^* x)$ . Also, for  $\alpha^* \in \mathbb{C}$ , let  $(M_{\alpha^*} f)(x) = \exp(-\alpha^* x^2/2) \cdot f(x)$ . The Gauss-Weierstrass semigroup on  $\mathbb{R}$  is given by

$$(e^{z\Delta} f)(x) = (4\pi z)^{-1/2} \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp[-(x - y)^2/4z] \cdot f(y) dy, \quad x \in \mathbb{R},$$

where  $\text{Re } z \geq 0$  (and  $z \neq 0$ ). Finally, we denote by  $\|\mathcal{F}_{\beta, \varepsilon, \delta, \xi, \gamma}\|_{p, q}$  the norm of  $\mathcal{F}_{\beta, \varepsilon, \delta, \xi, \gamma}$  as a map from  $L^p(\mathbb{R})$  into  $L^q(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$ .

It is easy to check that for any  $\gamma^* > 0$  and  $\text{Re } \delta \geq 0$ ,

$$(2.1) \quad \mathcal{F}_{\beta, \varepsilon, \delta, \xi, \gamma} = (\pi\gamma^*/\delta)^{1/2} (2\pi)^{(1/2p)-(1/2q)} Q_{\xi} I_q^{-1} M_{\beta^*} T_{\gamma^*} e^{(\gamma^*/4\delta)\Delta} M_{\alpha^*} I_p Q_{\gamma},$$

where

$$\alpha^* = 2\varepsilon - \frac{1}{p} - \frac{2\delta}{\gamma^*}, \quad \beta^* = 2\beta + \frac{1}{q} - 2\gamma^* \delta.$$

We will denote by  $q'$  the exponent conjugate to  $q$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** *The following hold:*

(i) *If  $1 \leq p \leq q \leq \infty$ ,  $\text{Re } \delta > 0$ , and  $\text{Re } \varepsilon > 0$ , then  $\mathcal{F}_{\beta, \varepsilon, \delta, \xi, \gamma}$  is bounded from  $L^p(\mathbb{R})$  to  $L^q(\mathbb{R})$  if and only if*

$$(\text{Re } \varepsilon) \cdot (\text{Re } \beta) \geq (\text{Re } \delta)^2.$$

(ii) *If  $1 \leq q < p \leq \infty$ ,  $\text{Re } \delta > 0$ , and  $\text{Re } \varepsilon > 0$ , then  $\mathcal{F}_{\beta, \varepsilon, \delta, \xi, \gamma}$  is bounded from  $L^p(\mathbb{R})$  to  $L^q(\mathbb{R})$  if and only if*

$$(\text{Re } \varepsilon) \cdot (\text{Re } \beta) > (\text{Re } \delta)^2.$$

(iii) *If  $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$ ,  $\text{Re } \delta = 0$ ,  $\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2p} \leq \text{Re } \varepsilon \leq \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2p}$ , and  $\text{Re } \beta \geq \text{Re } \varepsilon + \frac{1}{2p} - \frac{1}{2q'}$ , then  $\mathcal{F}_{\beta, \varepsilon, \delta, \xi, \gamma}$  is bounded from  $L^p(\mathbb{R})$  to  $L^q(\mathbb{R})$  if and only if  $\text{Re } \varepsilon \geq 0$ .*

(iv) *If  $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$ ,  $\text{Re } \delta = 0$ ,  $\frac{1}{2p} - \frac{1}{2q'} \leq \text{Re } \beta \leq \text{Re } \varepsilon + \frac{1}{2p} - \frac{1}{2q'}$ , and  $\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2q'} \leq \text{Re } \beta \leq \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2q'}$ , then  $\mathcal{F}_{\beta, \varepsilon, \delta, \xi, \gamma}$  is bounded from  $L^p(\mathbb{R})$  to  $L^q(\mathbb{R})$  if and only if  $\text{Re } \varepsilon \geq 0$  and  $\text{Re } \beta \geq 0$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose first that  $\text{Re } \delta = 0$ ,  $\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2p} \leq \text{Re } \varepsilon \leq \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2p}$ ,  $\text{Re } \beta \geq \text{Re } \varepsilon + \frac{1}{2p} - \frac{1}{2q'} \geq 0$ , and  $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$ . Now, if  $\text{Re } \varepsilon \geq 0$ ,  $\text{Re } \beta \geq 0$ , and  $m$  is a real number such that  $\text{Re } 2\varepsilon + \frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{m}$ , we have  $1 \leq m \leq 2$ , and the Hausdorff-Young inequality yields that  $e^{(\gamma^*/4\delta)\Delta}$  is bounded from  $L^m(\mathbb{R})$  into  $L^{m'}(\mathbb{R})$  ( $m'$  is the

exponent conjugate to  $m$ ). But from the hypothesis  $\mathcal{F}_{\beta-(1/2q), \varepsilon+(1/2p), \delta, \xi, \gamma}$  is bounded from  $L^m(\mathbb{R}, e^{-x^2/2} dx)$  into  $L^{m'}(\mathbb{R}, e^{-x^2/2} dx)$ . Since  $p \geq m$  and  $q \leq m'$ , the operator  $\mathcal{F}_{\beta-(1/2q), \varepsilon+(1/2p), \delta, \xi, \gamma}$  is bounded from  $L^p(\mathbb{R}, e^{-x^2/2} dx)$  into  $L^q(\mathbb{R}, e^{-x^2/2} dx)$ ,  $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$ , and therefore  $\mathcal{F}_{\beta, \varepsilon, \delta, \xi, \gamma}$  is bounded from  $L^p(\mathbb{R})$  into  $L^q(\mathbb{R})$ .

For the case  $\text{Re } \delta = 0$ ,  $\frac{1}{2p} - \frac{1}{2q'} \leq \text{Re } \beta \leq \text{Re } \varepsilon + \frac{1}{2p} - \frac{1}{2q'}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2q'} \leq \text{Re } \beta \leq \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2q'}$ , and  $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$ , the proof is similar.

Now assume  $\text{Re } \delta > 0$ , so that  $\text{Re}(\gamma^*/4\delta) > 0$  and therefore, for  $1 \leq p \leq q \leq \infty$ ,  $e^{(\gamma^*/4\delta)\Delta}$  is bounded from  $L^p(\mathbb{R})$  into  $L^q(\mathbb{R})$ . Since  $\text{Re } \varepsilon \geq 0$ ,  $\text{Re } \beta \geq 0$ , and  $(\text{Re } \varepsilon) \cdot (\text{Re } \beta) \geq (\text{Re } \delta)^2$ ,  $\gamma^*$  can be chosen so that  $\text{Re } \alpha^* \geq 0$  and  $\text{Re } \beta^* \geq 0$ . It follows from (2.1) that  $\mathcal{F}_{\beta-(1/2q), \varepsilon+(1/2p), \delta, \xi, \gamma}$  is bounded from  $L^p(\mathbb{R}, e^{-x^2/2} dx)$  into  $L^q(\mathbb{R}, e^{-x^2/2} dx)$ ,  $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$ , and hence  $\mathcal{F}_{\beta, \varepsilon, \delta, \xi, \gamma}$  is bounded from  $L^p(\mathbb{R})$  into  $L^q(\mathbb{R})$ .

For the case  $1 \leq q < p \leq \infty$  and from the conditions  $\text{Re } \varepsilon \geq 0$ ,  $\text{Re } \beta \geq 0$ , and  $(\text{Re } \varepsilon) \cdot (\text{Re } \beta) > (\text{Re } \delta)^2$ ,  $\gamma^*$  can be chosen so that  $\text{Re } \alpha^* > 0$  and  $\text{Re } \beta^* > 0$ . Observing that  $M_{\beta^*}$  is a bounded map from  $L^p(\mathbb{R})$  into  $L^q(\mathbb{R})$  for  $\text{Re } \beta^* > 0$  and since  $e^{(\gamma^*/4\delta)\Delta}$  is bounded over  $L^p(\mathbb{R})$ , equality (2.1) implies that  $\mathcal{F}_{\beta-(1/2q), \varepsilon+(1/2p), \delta, \xi, \gamma}$  is bounded from  $L^p(\mathbb{R}, e^{-x^2/2} dx)$  into  $L^q(\mathbb{R}, e^{-x^2/2} dx)$ ,  $1 \leq q < p \leq \infty$ . Therefore,  $\mathcal{F}_{\beta, \varepsilon, \delta, \xi, \gamma}$  is bounded from  $L^p(\mathbb{R})$  into  $L^q(\mathbb{R})$ .

In order to prove the converse, suppose  $\|\mathcal{F}_{\beta, \varepsilon, \delta, \xi, \gamma}\|_{p, q} < \infty$ . We will prove that  $\text{Re } \varepsilon \geq 0$ ,  $\text{Re } \beta \geq 0$ , and  $(\text{Re } \varepsilon) \cdot (\text{Re } \beta) \geq (\text{Re } \delta)^2$  and that  $(\text{Re } \varepsilon) \cdot (\text{Re } \beta) > (\text{Re } \delta)^2$  holds if  $q < p$ . To this end, we need to calculate the action of  $\mathcal{F}_{\beta, \varepsilon, \delta, \xi, \gamma}$  on an arbitrary Gaussian function  $g_s(y) = e^{sy^2}$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $\mathcal{F}_{\beta, \varepsilon, \delta, \xi, \gamma}$  can be computed for  $\text{Re } s < \text{Re } \varepsilon$  to obtain

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{aligned} & (\mathcal{F}_{\beta, \varepsilon, \delta, \xi, \gamma} g_s)(x) \\ &= \left( \frac{\pi}{\varepsilon - s} \right)^{1/2} \cdot \exp \left( \frac{\delta^2 - \beta\varepsilon + \beta s}{\varepsilon - s} x^2 + \frac{\delta\gamma + \xi\varepsilon - \xi s}{\varepsilon - s} x + \frac{\gamma^2}{4(\varepsilon - s)} \right), \end{aligned}$$

with  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

We impose that  $g_s \in L^p(\mathbb{R})$  so that  $\text{Re } s < 0$ . Now, we want (2.2) to be in  $L^q(\mathbb{R})$ . With this purpose, let us consider the transformation  $L(s)$ , given by

$$L(s) = \frac{\delta^2 - \beta\varepsilon + \beta s}{\varepsilon - s}.$$

If  $\mathcal{F}_{\beta, \varepsilon, \delta, \xi, \gamma} \in L^q(\mathbb{R})$ , then  $\text{Re } L(s) < 0$ . Note that  $L$  maps  $\varepsilon$  to  $\infty$ . Therefore, given the line  $\text{Re } s = 0$ , there exists a circle  $C$  passing through  $\varepsilon$  such that  $L$  applies  $C$  into the line  $\text{Re } s = 0$ . We claim that  $\text{Re } \varepsilon \geq 0$ . In fact, assume that  $\text{Re } \varepsilon < 0$ . Then  $\text{Re } s < \text{Re } \varepsilon < 0$ . Let  $s_0$  be a point of the circle  $C$  satisfying  $\text{Re } s_0 < 0$  and  $\text{Re } L(s_0) = 0$ . Assume that  $s \rightarrow s_0$  with the restrictions  $\text{Re } s \leq -\varepsilon^*$  ( $\varepsilon^* > 0$ ) and  $\text{Re } L(s) < 0$ . Then  $g_s$  remains bounded in  $L^p(\mathbb{R})$  as  $s \rightarrow s_0$ , while  $\mathcal{F}_{\beta, \varepsilon, \delta, \xi, \gamma}$  blows up in  $L^q(\mathbb{R})$ . This is a contradiction because  $\mathcal{F}_{\beta, \varepsilon, \delta, \xi, \gamma}$  is bounded, and we conclude that  $\text{Re } \varepsilon \geq 0$ .

In order to verify that  $\text{Re } \beta \geq 0$ , let

$$(2.3) \quad L_1(s) = L(s) + \beta = \frac{\delta^2}{\varepsilon - s}.$$

Taking  $\operatorname{Re} s = -\varepsilon^*$  ( $\varepsilon^* > 0$ ) and noting that  $\operatorname{Re} s < 0$  implies  $\operatorname{Re} L(s) < 0$ , we have

$$(2.4) \quad \operatorname{Re} L_1(s) = \operatorname{Re} L(s) + \operatorname{Re} \beta \leq \operatorname{Re} \beta.$$

Now, letting  $s$  tend to infinity along the line  $\operatorname{Re} s = -\varepsilon^*$ , we see that  $0 \leq \lim_{s \rightarrow s_0} \operatorname{Re} L_1(s) \leq \operatorname{Re} \beta$ , whence  $\operatorname{Re} \beta \geq 0$ . Thus  $\operatorname{Re} \varepsilon \geq 0$  and  $\operatorname{Re} \beta \geq 0$ .

Next suppose that  $\operatorname{Re} \varepsilon > 0$ . In this case  $L_1$  carries the line  $\operatorname{Re} s = 0$  into a circle  $C_1$  passing through 0. By (2.4), to prove that  $(\operatorname{Re} \varepsilon) \cdot (\operatorname{Re} \beta) \geq (\operatorname{Re} \delta)^2$ , it suffices to show that some point on that circle has real part

$$[\operatorname{Re} \delta]^2 \cdot [\operatorname{Re} \varepsilon]^{-1}.$$

Denote such a point by  $s_1$ . From (2.4) we obtain

$$\operatorname{Re} L_1(s_1) \leq \operatorname{Re} \beta,$$

so that  $(\operatorname{Re} \varepsilon) \cdot (\operatorname{Re} \beta) \geq (\operatorname{Re} \delta)^2$ . The center of the circle  $C_1$  is  $\frac{1}{2}L_1(s_2)$ , where  $s_2$  minimizes  $|\varepsilon - s|$  subject to the condition  $\operatorname{Re} s = 0$ . It is easy to check that  $\frac{1}{2}L_1(s_2) + |\frac{1}{2}L_1(s_2)|$  has the desired real part.

Finally, if  $q < p$ , we must show that the equality cannot hold in  $(\operatorname{Re} \varepsilon) \cdot (\operatorname{Re} \beta) > (\operatorname{Re} \delta)^2$ . Indeed, if it did, then  $\gamma^*$  could be chosen so that  $\operatorname{Re} \alpha^* = \operatorname{Re} \beta^* = 0$  in (2.1). Then (2.1) would imply that  $e^{(\gamma^*/4\delta)\Delta}$ , with  $\operatorname{Re}(\gamma^*/4\delta) > 0$ , is bounded from  $L^p(\mathbb{R})$  into  $L^q(\mathbb{R})$ , which is false.  $\square$

### 3. CONTRACTION PROPERTIES

The purpose of this section is to give sufficient conditions in order that the operator  $\mathcal{F}_{\beta, \varepsilon, \delta, \xi, \gamma}$  (for degenerate and nondegenerate cases),  $\beta, \varepsilon, \delta, \xi, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ , be a contraction over  $L^p(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ , and a contraction as an operator from  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$  into  $L^p(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $0 < p < \infty$ .

The next results are motivated by Chapter 8 of [1].

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $1 < p < \infty$ , and assume  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\delta^2 < p' \beta \varepsilon$  (here,  $p'$  denotes the exponent conjugate to  $p$ ). For all  $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R})$ , we have*

$$(3.1) \quad \|\mathcal{F}_{\beta, \varepsilon, \delta, \xi, \gamma} f\|_p^p \leq H \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp\{[\delta^2/(\beta p - (p/p') \cdot (\delta^2/\varepsilon)) - \varepsilon]y^2 + [\gamma + (\delta \cdot (\xi p + (p/p') \cdot (\gamma \delta/\varepsilon)))/(\beta p - (p/p') \cdot (\delta^2/\varepsilon))]y\} \cdot |f(y)|^p dy,$$

where

$$H = (\pi/\varepsilon)^{p/2p'} \cdot (\pi/(\beta p - (p/p') \cdot (\delta^2/\varepsilon)))^{1/2} \cdot \exp\{(p\gamma^2/4\varepsilon p') + ((\xi p + (p/p') \cdot (\gamma \delta/\varepsilon))^2)/(4 \cdot (\beta p - (p/p') \cdot (\delta^2/\varepsilon)))\}.$$

*Proof.* By writing

$$(\mathcal{F}_{\beta, \varepsilon, \delta, \xi, \gamma} f)(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \{(\exp[-\beta x^2 - \varepsilon y^2 + 2\delta xy + \xi x + \gamma y])^{1/p} \cdot f(y)\} \cdot \{(\exp[-\beta x^2 - \varepsilon y^2 + 2\delta xy + \xi x + \gamma y])^{1/p'}\} dy,$$

$x \in \mathbb{R}$ , and applying Hölder's inequality, it follows that

$$|(\mathcal{F}_{\beta, \varepsilon, \delta, \xi, \gamma} f)(x)| \leq \left( \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp[-\beta x^2 - \varepsilon y^2 + 2\delta xy + \xi x + \gamma y] \cdot |f(y)|^p dy \right)^{1/p} \cdot \left( \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp[-\beta x^2 - \varepsilon y^2 + 2\delta xy + \xi x + \gamma y] dy \right)^{1/p'}$$

Since for  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp[-\beta x^2 - \varepsilon y^2 + 2\delta xy + \xi y + \gamma x] dy = (\pi/\varepsilon)^{1/2} \cdot \exp[(\delta^2/\varepsilon) - \beta)x^2 + (\xi + (\delta\gamma/\varepsilon))x + (\gamma^2/4\varepsilon)],$$

we arrive at the estimate

$$\begin{aligned} & |(\mathcal{F}_{\beta, \varepsilon, \delta, \xi, \gamma} f)(x)|^p \\ & \leq (\pi/\varepsilon)^{p/2p'} \cdot \exp[p\gamma^2/4\varepsilon p'] \\ & \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp[-(\beta p - (p/p') \cdot (\delta^2/\varepsilon))x^2 - \varepsilon y^2 + 2\delta xy \\ & \quad + (\xi p + (p/p') \cdot (\gamma\delta/\varepsilon))x + \gamma y] \cdot |f(y)|^p dy. \end{aligned}$$

After integration with respect to  $x$ , the theorem follows.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.1.** *Under the same hypothesis and notation of Theorem 3.1, we set*

$$A = \delta^2/(\beta p - (p/p') \cdot (\delta^2/\varepsilon)) - \varepsilon$$

and

$$B = \gamma + (\delta \cdot (\xi p + (p/p') \cdot (\gamma\delta/\varepsilon)))/(\beta p - (p/p') \cdot (\delta^2/\varepsilon)).$$

Then,

(a) *If  $A = 0$  (or equivalently,  $\delta^2 = \beta \cdot \varepsilon$ ) and  $B = 0$ , one has*

$$\|\mathcal{F}_{\beta, \varepsilon, \delta, \xi, \gamma} f\|_p \leq H^{1/p} \cdot \|f\|_p \quad \text{for all } f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}).$$

Note that if  $H \leq 1$ , we obtain

$$\|\mathcal{F}_{\beta, \varepsilon, \delta, \xi, \gamma} f\|_p \leq \|f\|_p \quad \text{for all } f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}).$$

(b) *If  $A < 0$  (or equivalently,  $\delta^2 < \beta \cdot \varepsilon$ ), then*

$$\|\mathcal{F}_{\beta, \varepsilon, \delta, \xi, \gamma} f\|_p \leq (H \cdot \exp(B^2/4A))^{1/p} \cdot \|f\|_p \quad \text{for all } f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}).$$

Note that if  $H \cdot \exp(B^2/4A) \leq 1$ , we obtain

$$\|\mathcal{F}_{\beta, \varepsilon, \delta, \xi, \gamma} f\|_p \leq \|f\|_p \quad \text{for all } f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}).$$

*Remark.* For  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\delta \neq 0$ , and  $\delta^2 = \beta\varepsilon$ , the question of contractivity remains open if  $B \neq 0$  or  $H > 1$ . This question also remains open for  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ , and  $\delta^2 < \beta\varepsilon$ , if  $H \cdot \exp(B^2/4A) > 1$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $0 < p < \infty$ , and assume  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\delta^2 < \beta\varepsilon$ . Then, for all  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$ ,*

$$(3.2) \quad \|\mathcal{F}_{\beta, \varepsilon, \delta, \xi, \gamma} f\|_p \leq H^* \cdot \|f\|_2,$$

where

$$H^* = (2\pi)^{1/4} \cdot (4\varepsilon)^{-1/4} \cdot (\pi/p)^{1/2p} \cdot (\beta - (\delta^2/\varepsilon))^{-1/2p} \\ \cdot \exp\{(\gamma^2/4\varepsilon) + (p \cdot (\xi + (\delta\gamma/\varepsilon))^2)/(4 \cdot (\beta - (\delta^2/\varepsilon)))\}.$$

*Proof.* By Schwarz's inequality and the evaluation of a Gaussian integral, we obtain for  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$ ,

$$|(\mathcal{F}_{\beta, \varepsilon, \delta, \xi, \gamma} f)(x)| \leq (2\pi)^{1/4} \cdot (4\varepsilon)^{-1/4} \\ \cdot \exp[(\delta^2/\varepsilon - \beta)x^2 + (\xi + (\delta\gamma/\varepsilon))x + (\gamma^2/4\varepsilon)] \cdot \|f\|_2.$$

Again, by evaluating a Gaussian integral (3.2) follows.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.2.** *Under the same conditions and notation of Theorem 3.2, if  $H^* \leq 1$ , then*

$$\|\mathcal{F}_{\beta, \varepsilon, \delta, \xi, \gamma} f\|_p \leq \|f\|_2 \quad \text{for all } f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}).$$

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