

ASYMPTOTICS OF EIGENVALUES AND EIGENFUNCTIONS OF A DISCONTINUOUS BOUNDARY VALUE PROBLEM WITH A SPECTRAL PARAMETER IN THE TRANSMISSION CONDITION

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Abstract. *We determine asymptotics of eigenvalues and eigenfunctions of a discontinuous boundary value problem with a spectral parameter in the transmission condition.*

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1. Problem Statement

Consider the following boundary value problem:

$$-y'' = \lambda y, \quad x \in \left[0, \frac{q}{p}\right) \cup \left(\frac{q}{p}, 1\right], \quad (1)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} y(0) &= y(1) = 0, \\ y\left(\frac{q}{p} - 0\right) &= y\left(\frac{q}{p} + 0\right), \\ y'\left(\frac{q}{p} - 0\right) - y'\left(\frac{q}{p} + 0\right) &= \lambda m y\left(\frac{q}{p}\right), \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (2)$$

here $q \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, $p \in \mathbb{N}$, $q < p$, $\gcd(q, p) = 1$, $0 \neq m \in \mathbb{C}$.

In the sequel we will use the denotations $\lambda = \rho^2$ and $Im\rho = \tau$.

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The problem (1), (2), in special cases $q = 1, p = 2$ and $q = 1, p = 3$, were investigated in [2] and [3]. The asymptotic behavior of eigenvalues and eigenfunctions for the equation

$$-y'' + q(x)y = \lambda y$$

with boundary conditions (2) were studied in [1] for the case of transmission condition at midpoint.

2. Main Results

The main result of the paper is the following

Theorem. *Eigenvalues of the problem (1), (2) are asymptotically simple and can be represented as a union of $p - q + 2$ sequences*

$$|\lambda_{1,1}| \leq |\lambda_{1,2}| \leq |\lambda_{1,3}| \leq \dots,$$

$$|\lambda_{2,1}| \leq |\lambda_{2,2}| \leq |\lambda_{2,3}| \leq \dots,$$

$$|\lambda_{3,1}| \leq |\lambda_{3,2}| \leq |\lambda_{3,3}| \leq \dots,$$

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$$|\lambda_{p-q+2,0}| \leq |\lambda_{p-q+2,1}| \leq |\lambda_{p-q+2,2}| \leq \dots,$$

counted with their multiplicity. For these sequences the following asymptotics hold:

$$\sqrt{\lambda_{1,n}} = p\pi n, \sqrt{\lambda_{2,n}} = p\pi n + \frac{p}{m(p-q)q\pi n} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^3}\right),$$

$$\sqrt{\lambda_{3,n}} = \frac{p\pi}{q}n + \frac{1}{\pi mn} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right), n \neq 0 \pmod{q},$$

$$\sqrt{\lambda_{l,n}} = p\pi n + \frac{p}{p-q}\pi(l-3) + \frac{1}{m(p-q)\pi n} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right), 4 \leq l \leq p-q+2,$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

For the eigenfunctions $y_{1,n}(x)$, $y_{2,n}(x)$, $y_{3,n}(x)$ and $y_{l,n}(x)$, that correspond to eigenvalues $\lambda_{1,n} = \rho_{1,n}^2$, $\lambda_{2,n} = \rho_{2,n}^2$, $\lambda_{3,n} = \rho_{3,n}^2$ and $\lambda_{l,n} = \rho_{l,n}^2$, respectively, the following asymptotics hold:

$$y_{1,n}(x) = \sin p\pi n x, \quad x \in [0, 1];$$

$$y_{2,n}(x) = \begin{cases} \gamma_{2,n} \sin p\pi n x + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right), & x \in \left[0, \frac{p}{q}\right), \\ \gamma'_{2,n} \sin p\pi n(x-1) + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right), & x \in \left(\frac{p}{q}, 1\right]; \end{cases}$$

$$y_{3,n}(x) = \begin{cases} \gamma_{3,n} \sin \frac{p\pi n}{q}x + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right), & x \in \left[0, \frac{p}{q}\right), \\ \gamma'_{3,n} \sin \frac{p\pi n}{q}(x-1) + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right), & x \in \left(\frac{p}{q}, 1\right]; \end{cases}$$

$$y_{l,n}(x) = \begin{cases} \gamma_{l,n} \sin \left(p\pi n + \frac{p}{p-q} \pi (l-3) \right) x + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right), & x \in \left[0, \frac{p}{q}\right), \\ \gamma'_{l,n} \sin \left(p\pi n + \frac{p}{p-q} \pi (l-3) \right) (x-1) + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right), & x \in \left(\frac{p}{q}, 1\right], \end{cases}$$

$4 \leq l \leq p-q+2$, as $n \rightarrow \infty$, where

$$\gamma_{2,n} = (-1)^p + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right), \quad \gamma'_{2,n} = \frac{q}{q-p} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right),$$

$$\gamma_{3,n} = -\cos\left(\frac{p-q}{q}\pi n\right) + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right), \quad \gamma'_{3,n} = O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right),$$

$$\gamma_{l,n} = (-1)^{pn-1+l} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right),$$

$$\gamma'_{l,n} = -\cos\left(\frac{q}{p-q}\pi(l-3)\right) + m\left(p\pi n + \frac{p}{p-q}\pi(l-3)\right) \sin\left(\frac{q}{p-q}\pi(l-3)\right) + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right),$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Proof. It is straightforward to check that $\lambda = 0$ is not an eigenvalue of the problem (1), (2). For any $\lambda \neq 0$ the solution $y(x, \lambda)$ of the problem (1), (2) is in the form

$$y(x, \lambda) = \begin{cases} C_1 y_1(x, \lambda), & \text{if } 0 \leq x < \frac{q}{p}, \\ C_2 y_2(x, \lambda), & \text{if } \frac{q}{p} < x \leq 1, \end{cases}$$

where $y_1(x, \lambda) = \sin \rho x$, $y_2(x, \lambda) = \sin \rho(x-1)$, and C_1 and C_2 are yet unknown complex numbers. $\lambda \neq 0$ is an eigenvalue of the problem (1), (2) if and only if C_1 and C_2 are nontrivial solutions of the following homogeneous system of linear equations:

$$\begin{cases} C_1 \sin \frac{q}{p} \rho - C_2 \sin \left(\frac{q}{p} - 1\right) \rho = 0, \\ C_1 \rho \cos \frac{q}{p} \rho - C_2 \rho \cos \left(\frac{q}{p} - 1\right) \rho = C_1 \rho^2 m \sin \frac{q}{p} \rho. \end{cases}$$

Hence, eigenvalues of the problem (1), (2) are nonzero roots of the following equation:

$$\Delta(\rho) = \begin{vmatrix} A_{11}(\rho) & A_{12}(\rho) \\ A_{21}(\rho) & A_{22}(\rho) \end{vmatrix} = 0,$$

where

$$A_{11}(\rho) = \sin \frac{q}{p} \rho, \quad A_{12}(\rho) = \sin \left(1 - \frac{q}{p}\right) \rho, \quad A_{21}(\rho) = \rho \cos \frac{q}{p} \rho - \rho^2 m \sin \frac{q}{p} \rho,$$

$$A_{22}(\rho) = -\rho \cos \left(1 - \frac{q}{p}\right) \rho.$$

Therefore, we obtain

$$\Delta(\rho) = -\rho \sin \rho + \rho^2 m \sin \frac{q}{p} \rho \sin \left(1 - \frac{q}{p}\right) \rho = 0. \quad (3)$$

Now we find asymptotics of roots of the equation (3). From (3) it follows that, $\lambda_{1,n} = \rho_{1,n}^2 = (p\pi n)^2$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$ are simple eigenvalues of the problem (1), (2). For sufficiently small $\alpha > 0$, set

$$Q = \bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\left\{ \rho \in \mathbb{C} : \left| \rho - \frac{p}{q}\pi n \right| > \alpha\pi \right\} \cap \left\{ \rho \in \mathbb{C} : \left| \rho - \frac{p}{p-q}\pi n \right| > \alpha\pi \right\} \right).$$

Taking into account that for all $\rho \in Q$

$$|-\rho \sin \rho| = |\rho| \cdot |\sin \rho| \leq |\rho| \cdot e^{|\tau|};$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \rho^2 m \sin \frac{q}{p}\rho \sin \left(1 - \frac{q}{p} \right) \rho \right| &= |\rho|^2 \cdot |m| \cdot \left| \sin \frac{q}{p}\rho \sin \left(1 - \frac{q}{p} \right) \rho \right| \geq \\ &\geq C \cdot |\rho|^2 \cdot |m| \cdot e^{\frac{q}{p}|\tau|} \cdot e^{(1-\frac{q}{p})|\tau|} = C \cdot |\rho|^2 \cdot |m| \cdot e^{|\tau|}, \end{aligned}$$

where C is an absolute constant, by virtue of Rouché's theorem it follows that, zeroes of the function $\Delta(\rho)$ of which absolute values are sufficiently large and are different from $\rho_{1,n}$ lie in small neighborhoods of roots of the equation $\rho^2 m \sin \frac{q}{p}\rho \sin \left(1 - \frac{q}{p} \right) \rho = 0$. Then, all such zeroes of $\Delta(\rho)$ lie in the set \mathbb{C}/Q , hence, have bounded imaginary parts. By Rouché's theorem, these zeroes of the function $\Delta(\rho)$ are asymptotically simple and are in the form $\frac{p\pi n}{q} + \alpha_n$ and $\frac{p\pi n}{p-q} + \theta_n$, where $\alpha_n \neq 0, \theta_n \neq 0$ and $\alpha_n \rightarrow 0, \theta_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Now let us study asymptotic behaviour of the sequence $\{\alpha_n\}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Firstly, consider the case of $n \neq 0 \pmod{q}$. Take $\rho = \frac{p\pi n}{q} + \alpha_n$ in equation (4). We get

$$\sin \left(\frac{p\pi n}{q} + \alpha_n \right) = \left(\frac{p\pi n}{q} + \alpha_n \right) \cdot m \cdot \sin \frac{q}{p} \left(\frac{p\pi n}{q} + \alpha_n \right) \cdot \sin \frac{p-q}{p} \left(\frac{p\pi n}{q} + \alpha_n \right).$$

Hence,

$$\sin \left(\frac{q}{p}\alpha_n \right) = \frac{1}{m} \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{p\pi n}{q} + \alpha_n} \cdot \frac{\sin \left(\frac{p\pi n}{q} + \alpha_n \right)}{\sin \left(\frac{p\pi n}{q} + \frac{p-q}{p}\alpha_n \right)}. \tag{4}$$

From the last equality it follows that

$$\alpha_n = O \left(\frac{1}{n} \right), \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \tag{5}$$

(4) implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{q}{p}\alpha_n + O \left((\alpha_n)^3 \right) &= \frac{1}{m} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\frac{p\pi n}{q} + \alpha_n} - \frac{q}{p\pi n} + \frac{q}{p\pi n} \right) \times \\ &\times \frac{\sin \left(\frac{p\pi n}{q} + \alpha_n \right)}{\sin \left(\frac{p\pi n}{q} + \alpha_n \right) \cos \frac{q}{p}\alpha_n - \cos \left(\frac{p\pi n}{q} + \alpha_n \right) \sin \frac{q}{p}\alpha_n} = \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{m} \cdot \left(\frac{-q\alpha_n}{\left(\frac{p\pi n}{q} + \alpha_n\right) \cdot p\pi n} + \frac{q}{p\pi n} \right) \times \\
 &\times \frac{1}{\cos \frac{q}{p}\alpha_n - \cot \left(\frac{p\pi n}{q} + \alpha_n\right) \cdot \sin \frac{q}{p}\alpha_n} = \\
 &= \frac{1}{m} \cdot \left(\frac{q}{p\pi n} - \frac{q \cdot \alpha_n}{\left(\frac{p\pi n}{q} + \alpha_n\right) \cdot p\pi n} \right) \times \\
 &\times \frac{1}{1 + O(\alpha_n^2) - \cot \left(\frac{p\pi n}{q} + \alpha_n\right) \cdot \sin \frac{q\alpha_n}{p}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Taking into account (5) and the fact that for sufficiently large $n \neq 0 \pmod{q}$ $\left| \cot \left(\frac{p\pi n}{q} + \alpha_n\right) \right| \leq \alpha$ ($\alpha > 0$ is independent of n), we get

$$\frac{q}{p}\alpha_n + O\left(\frac{1}{n^3}\right) = \frac{1}{m} \cdot \left(\frac{q}{p\pi n} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^3}\right) \right) \cdot \frac{1}{1 + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)}.$$

Since

$$\frac{1}{1 + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)} = 1 + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right), \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

we have

$$\alpha_n = \left(\frac{1}{m\pi n} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^3}\right) \right) \cdot \left(1 + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \right) + O\left(\frac{1}{n^3}\right) = \frac{1}{m\pi n} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right).$$

Therefore,

$$\rho_{3,n} = \frac{p\pi}{q}n + \frac{1}{\pi mn} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right), n \neq 0 \pmod{q}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots,$$

is a subsequence of the set of roots of (3).

Now let $n = 0 \pmod{q}$. Then $n = qk, k \in \mathbb{N}$. Denoting $\beta_k = \alpha_{qk}$, from (4) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sin\left(\frac{q}{p}\beta_k\right) &= \frac{1}{m} \cdot \frac{1}{p\pi k + \beta_k} \cdot \frac{\sin(p\pi k + \beta_k)}{\sin\left(p\pi k + \frac{p-q}{p}\beta_k\right)} = \\
 &= \frac{1}{m} \cdot \frac{1}{p\pi k + \beta_k} \cdot \frac{\sin \beta_k}{\sin \frac{p-q}{p} \cdot \beta_k}.
 \end{aligned}$$

The above equality implies that $\beta_k = O\left(\frac{1}{k}\right)$. Therefore, from (4) we get:

$$\frac{q}{p}\beta_k + O\left(\frac{1}{k^3}\right) = \frac{1}{m} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{p\pi k} + O\left(\frac{1}{k^3}\right) \right) \cdot \frac{\beta_k + O\left(\frac{1}{k^3}\right)}{\frac{p-q}{p}\beta_k + O\left(\frac{1}{k^3}\right)} =$$

$$= \frac{1}{m} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{p\pi k} + O\left(\frac{1}{k^3}\right) \right) \left(\frac{p}{p-q} + O\left(\frac{1}{k^2}\right) \right) = \frac{1}{m(p-q)\pi k} + O\left(\frac{1}{k^3}\right).$$

Finally, we get

$$\beta_k = \frac{p}{mq(p-q)\pi k} + O\left(\frac{1}{k^3}\right).$$

Therefore,

$$\rho_{2,n} = p\pi n + \frac{p}{mq(p-q)\pi n} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^3}\right), n \neq 0 \pmod{q}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots,$$

is a subsequence of the set of roots of (3).

By the same way it is proved that

$$\theta_n = \frac{1}{m(p-q)\pi n} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right).$$

Hence, for the sequence $\rho_{l,n}$ of roots of the equation (3) we obtained the following asymptotic formula

$$\rho_{l,n} = p\pi n + \frac{p}{p-q}\pi(l-2) + \frac{1}{m(p-q)\pi n} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right), \quad 4 \leq l \leq p-q+2, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Now, let us study the asymptotic behavior of eigenfunctions of the problem (1), (2). From the asymptotic equalities obtained for $\rho_{1,n}$, $\rho_{2,n}$, $\rho_{3,n}$ and $\rho_{l,n}$ ($4 \leq l \leq p-q+2$) and the expression for $A_{22}(\rho)$, for sufficiently large n we have:

$$A_{22}(\rho_{1,n}) \neq 0 \text{ (for all } n), \quad A_{22}(\rho_{2,n}) \neq 0, \quad A_{22}(\rho_{3,n}) \neq 0 \text{ and } A_{22}(\rho_{l,n}) \neq 0.$$

Hence, for the sufficiently large n the eigenfunctions of the problem (1), (2) corresponding to eigenvalues $\lambda_{1,n} = (\rho_{1,n})^2$, $\lambda_{2,n} = (\rho_{2,n})^2$, $\lambda_{3,n} = (\rho_{3,n})^2$, and $\lambda_{l,n} = (\rho_{l,n})^2$ ($3 \leq l \leq p-q+2$) will be

$$y_{1,n}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\rho_{1,n}} A_{22}(\rho_{1,n}) y_1(x, \lambda_{1,n}), & \text{for } x \in \left[0, \frac{q}{p}\right), \\ -\frac{1}{\rho_{1,n}} A_{21}(\rho_{1,n}) y_2(x, \lambda_{2,n}), & \text{for } x \in \left(\frac{q}{p}, 1\right], \end{cases}$$

$$y_{2,n}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\rho_{2,n}} A_{22}(\rho_{2,n}) y_1(x, \lambda_{2,n}), & \text{for } x \in \left[0, \frac{q}{p}\right), \\ -\frac{1}{\rho_{2,n}} A_{21}(\rho_{2,n}) y_2(x, \lambda_{2,n}), & \text{for } x \in \left(\frac{q}{p}, 1\right], \end{cases}$$

$$y_{3,n}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\rho_{3,n}} A_{22}(\rho_{3,n}) y_1(x, \lambda_{3,n}), & \text{for } x \in \left[0, \frac{q}{p}\right), \\ -\frac{1}{\rho_{3,n}} A_{21}(\rho_{3,n}) y_2(x, \lambda_{3,n}), & \text{for } x \in \left(\frac{q}{p}, 1\right], \end{cases}$$

and

$$y_{l,n}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\rho_{l,n}} A_{22}(\rho_{l,n}) y_1(x, \lambda_{l,n}), & \text{for } x \in \left[0, \frac{q}{p}\right), \\ -\frac{1}{\rho_{l,n}} A_{21}(\rho_{l,n}) y_2(x, \lambda_{l,n}), & \text{for } x \in \left(\frac{q}{p}, 1\right], \end{cases}$$

respectively. We prove asymptotic equality for the eigenfunction $y_{l,n}(x)$. Asymptotic equalities for eigenfunctions $y_{1,n}(x)$, $y_{2,n}(x)$ and $y_{3,n}(x)$ are proved analogously. Since,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \cos z &= 1 + O(z^2), z \rightarrow 0, \\ \sin z &= z + O(z^3) = O(z), z \rightarrow 0, \end{aligned} \right\}$$

we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\rho_{l,n}} A_{22}(\rho_{l,n}) &= -\frac{1}{\rho_{l,n}} \rho_{l,n} \cos \frac{p-q}{p} \rho_{l,n} = -\cos \frac{p-q}{p} (p\pi n + \\ &+ \frac{p}{p-q} \pi (l-3) + \frac{1}{m(p-q)\pi n} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)) = -\cos((p-q)\pi n + (l-3)\pi + \frac{1}{pm\pi n} + \\ &+ O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)) = (-1)^{(p-q)n+(l-2)+1} \cos\left(O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right) = (-1)^{(p-q)n+l-1} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right), \end{aligned}$$

we have

$$y_1(x, \lambda_{l,n}) = \sin \rho_{l,n} x.$$

Finally, for $x \in \left[0, \frac{q}{p}\right)$

$$\begin{aligned} y_1(x, \lambda_{l,n}) &= \left((-1)^{(p-q)n+l-1} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)\right) \left(\sin\left(p\pi n + \frac{p}{p-q}\pi(l-3)\right) x + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right) = \\ &= \left((-1)^{(p-q)n+l-1} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^3}\right)\right) \sin\left(p\pi n + \frac{p}{p-q}\pi(l-3)\right) x + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Now, let $x \in \left[\frac{q}{p}, 1\right)$.

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{1}{\rho_{l,n}} A_{21}(\rho_{l,n}) &= -\cos \frac{q}{p} \left(p\pi n + \frac{p}{p-q}\pi(l-3) + \frac{1}{m(p-q)\pi n} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)\right) + \\ &+ \left(p\pi n + \frac{p}{p-q}\pi(l-3) + \frac{1}{m(p-q)\pi n} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)\right) m \times \\ &\times \sin \frac{q}{p} \left(p\pi n + \frac{p}{p-q}\pi(l-3) + \frac{1}{m(p-q)\pi n} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)\right) = \\ &= (-1)^{qn+1} \cos\left(\frac{q}{p-q}\pi(l-3) + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right) + (-1)^{qn} m \left(p\pi n + \frac{p}{p-q}\pi(l-3) + \right. \\ &+ \left. \frac{1}{m(p-q)\pi n} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)\right) \sin\left(\frac{q}{p-q}\pi(l-3) + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right) = \\ &= (-1)^{qn+1} \cos\left(\frac{q}{p-q}\pi(l-3)\right) + \\ &+ (-1)^{qn} m \left(p\pi n + \frac{p}{p-q}\pi(l-3)\right) \sin\left(\frac{q}{p-q}\pi(l-3)\right) + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, it was shown that

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_2(x, \lambda_{l,n}) &= (-1)^{qn} \left(-\cos \left(\frac{q}{p-q} \pi (l-3) \right) + \right. \\
 &+ m \left(p\pi n + \frac{p}{p-q} \pi (l-3) \right) \sin \left(\frac{q}{p-q} \pi (l-3) \right) + \\
 &\left. + O \left(\frac{1}{n^2} \right) \right) \sin \left(p\pi n + \frac{p}{p-q} \pi (l-3) \right) (x-1) + O \left(\frac{1}{n} \right), \quad x \in \left(\frac{p}{q}, 1 \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

Theorem is proved. \blacktriangleleft

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