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**THE ASYMPTOTIC BEHAVIOR OF EIGENVALUES OF ONE BOUNDARY VALUE PROBLEM FOR A DIFFERENTIAL-OPERATOR EQUATION OF THE SECOND ORDER WITH DISCONTINUOUS COEFFICIENT**

**Abstract**

*At the paper the asymptotic formulas are got for eigenvalues of one boundary value problem for differential-operator equation of the second order with discontinuous coefficient.*

Let  $H$  be a separable Hilbert space. Let's consider in  $H$  the equation

$$-a(x)u''(x) - Au(x) - \lambda u(x) = 0, \quad x \in \Omega = [0, b) \cup (b, 1] \quad (1)$$

with the boundary conditions

$$\begin{aligned} L_1 u &\equiv \alpha_1 u(0) + \alpha_2 u'(0) = 0, \\ L_2 u &\equiv \beta_1 u(1) + \beta_2 u'(1) = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where  $A$  is a self-adjoint positive definite operator in  $H$  ( $A = A^* \geq C^2 I$ ) with the determination domain  $D(A)$ ,  $\lambda$  is a spectral parameter

$$a(x) = \begin{cases} a_1 > 0, & x \in [0, b), \quad b \in (0, 1), \\ a_2 > 0, & x \in (b, 1], \quad a_1 \neq a_2, \end{cases}$$

$\alpha_i, \beta_i$  ( $i=1,2$ ) are real numbers, moreover  $\alpha_2, \beta_1 \neq 0$ . Let's superpose at the point  $x=b$  the additional condition (conjugation condition) on the function  $u(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} L_3 u &\equiv \delta_1 u(b-0) + \delta_2 u(b+0) = 0, \\ L_4 u &\equiv \gamma_1 u'(b-0) + \gamma_2 u'(b+0) = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where  $u(b-0)$  and  $u(b+0)$  are left and right limit values  $u(x)$  at the point  $x=b$ ,  $\delta_i, \gamma_i$  ( $i=1,2$ ) are real numbers  $\delta_1, \gamma_2 \neq 0$ .

Let's denote by  $L_2((0,1); H)$  a set of all vector-functions  $x \rightarrow u(x): (0,1) \rightarrow H$  strongly measurable and such that  $\int_0^1 \|u(x)\|_H^2 dx < \infty$ . As known  $L_2((0,1); H)$  is Hilbert space with respect to scalar product

$$(u, \vartheta)_{L_2((0,1); H)} = \int_0^1 (u(x), \vartheta(x))_H dx.$$

Let  $A = A^2 \geq C^2 I$  in  $H$ . Since  $A^{-1}$  is bounded in  $H$ , then

$$H(A) = \left\{ u : u \in D(A), \|u\|_{H(A)} = \|Au\|_H \right\}$$

is a Hilbert space whose norm is equivalent to the norm of the graph of the operator  $A$ .

Let's associate to (1)-(3) the operator  $L$  defined by the equalities

$D(L) = W_2^2(\Omega; H(A), H, L_\nu u = 0, \nu = 1 \div 4) = \left\{ u(x) : \text{of almost all } x \in \Omega \quad u(x) \in D(A), \right.$   
 $Au(x), u''(x) \in L_2(\Omega; H) \text{ and satisfies the conditions (2) and (3) } \left. \right\},$

$$L u \equiv -a(x)u''(x) + Au(x).$$

Let's agree to write in the form  $\{u_1, u_2\}$  every function  $u \in L_2(\Omega; H)$  whose contraction which on the  $L_2((0, b); H)$  and  $L_2((b, 1); H)$  coincides with  $u_1(x)$  and  $u_2(x)$  respectively.

Then the equation (1) splits to the system of differential-operator equations of the second order at the direct sum  $H \equiv L_2((0, b); H) \oplus L_2((b, 1); H)$

$$\begin{aligned} -a_1 u_1''(x) + Au_1(x) &= \lambda u_1(x), \quad x \in [0, b), \\ -a_2 u_2''(x) + Au_2 &= \lambda u_2, \quad x \in (b, 1] \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

and the boundary conditions (2) and (3) correspondingly take the following form:

$$L_1 u \equiv \alpha_1 u_1(0) + \alpha_2 u_1'(0) = 0, \quad (5)$$

$$L_2 u \equiv \beta_1 u_2(1) + \beta_2 u_2'(1) = 0,$$

$$L_3 u \equiv \delta_1 u_1(b) + \delta_2 u_2(b) = 0,$$

$$L_4 u \equiv \gamma_1 u'(b) + \gamma_2 u'(b) = 0. \quad (6)$$

It is known that the direct sum  $H \equiv L_2((0, b); H) \oplus L_2((b, 1); H)$  is a Hilbert space with the second scalar product

$$(\{u_1, \mathcal{G}_1\}, \{u_2, \mathcal{G}_2\})_H = (u_1, u_2)_{L_2((0, b); H)} + (\mathcal{G}_1, \mathcal{G}_2)_{L_2((b, 1); H)}.$$

The aim of the given paper is to study the asymptotic distribution of eigen-values of the operator  $L$  knowing the asymptotic distribution of eigen-numbers of the operator  $A$ . In case when  $a(x) \equiv 1$  an asymptotics of eigen-values of some boundary value problems for the Stourm-Luiville equation on a finite segment was studied in the papers V.I. Gorbachuk, M.I. Gorbachuk [1], V.I. Gorbachuk [2], V.A. Mikhaylec [3], V.I. Gorbachuk, M.A. Ribak [4] and others.

In the paper by O.Sh. Mukhtarov's [5] the asymptotic behavior of eigen-values of the conjugation problem was investigated for ordinary-differential equation of the second order.

**Theorem.** *Let*

1.  $A = A^* \geq C^2 I$  in  $H$  and  $A^{-1}$  be completely continuous in  $H$ ;
2.  $\alpha_i, \beta_i, \delta_i, \gamma_i$  ( $i=1,2$ ) be real numbers, moreover  $\alpha_2, \beta_1, \delta_1, \gamma_2 \neq 0$ ,  
 $a_1, \gamma_2, \delta_2 = a_2 \delta_1 \gamma_1$ ;
3.  $|\sqrt{a_1} \delta_1 \gamma_2 + \sqrt{a_2} \delta_2 \gamma_1| \neq 0$ .

Then the eigen-numbers of the problem (1)-(3) form two infinite sequences  $\lambda_{n,k}^1, \lambda_{n,k}^2$  ( $n, k = 1, 2, \dots$ ) with the asymptotic

$$\lambda_{n,k}^1 = \mu_k + \gamma_n, \quad \lambda_{n,k}^2 = \mu_k + \xi_n,$$

where

$$\gamma_n \sim \frac{a_1}{b^2} \pi^2 n^2, \quad \xi_n \sim \frac{a_2}{(1-b)^2} \pi^2 n^2,$$

and  $\mu_k = \mu_k(A)$  are eigen-values of the operator  $A$ .

**Proof.** Let's consider the equation  $(L - \lambda I)u = 0$  in the space  $H$ . Since the equation  $(L - \lambda I)u = 0$  is reduced to the boundary value problem (4)-(6), then it is evident that it is sufficient to find eigen-numbers of the spectral problem (4)-(6) for finding the eigen-numbers of the operator  $L$ .

Let's denote by  $\varphi_k$  the eigen-elements of the operator  $A$  corresponding to the eigen-values  $\mu_k(A)$ . It is known that the  $\{\varphi_k\}$  forms the orthonormalized basis. Then

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allowing for the spectral distribution for the coefficients  $u_{1k} = (u_1, \varphi_k)$  and  $u_{2k} = (u_2, \varphi_k)$  we'll get the following problem:

$$-u_{1k}''(x) + b_1(\mu_k - \lambda)u_{1k}(x) = 0, \quad x \in [0, b), \quad (7)$$

$$-u_{2k}''(x) + b_2(\mu_k - \lambda)u_{2k}(x) = 0, \quad x \in (b, 1], \quad (8)$$

$$\alpha_1 u_{1k}(0) + \alpha_2 u_{1k}'(0) = 0, \quad (9)$$

$$\beta_1 u_{2k}(1) + \beta_2 u_{2k}'(1) = 0,$$

$$\delta_1 u_{1k}(b) + \delta_2 u_{2k}(b) = 0,$$

$$\gamma_1 u_{1k}'(b) + \gamma_2 u_{2k}'(b) = 0, \quad (10)$$

where  $b_i = \frac{1}{a_i}$  ( $i=1,2$ ).

The general solution of the ordinary differential equations (7)-(8) correspondingly has the following form:

$$u_{1k}(x) = c_1 e^{-x\sqrt{b_1}\sqrt{\mu_k-\lambda}} + c_2 e^{-(b-x)\sqrt{b_1}\sqrt{\mu_k-\lambda}}, \quad (11)$$

$$u_{2k}(x) = c_3 e^{-(x-b)\sqrt{b_2}\sqrt{\mu_k-\lambda}} + c_4 e^{-(1-x)\sqrt{b_2}\sqrt{\mu_k-\lambda}}, \quad (12)$$

where  $c_i$  ( $i=1 \div 4$ ) is an arbitrary constant.

Substituting (11) and (12) in (9) and (10), we'll get the system with respect to the  $c_i$  ( $i=1 \div 4$ ) whose determinants has the form

$$K(\lambda) = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{23} & a_{24} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} & a_{43} & a_{44} \end{vmatrix},$$

where  $a_{11} = \alpha_1 - \alpha_2 \sqrt{b_1(\mu_k - \lambda)}$ ,  $a_{12} = (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \sqrt{b_1(\mu_k - \lambda)}) e^{-b\sqrt{b_1(\mu_k - \lambda)}}$ ,  
 $a_{23} = (\beta_1 - \beta_2 \sqrt{b_2(\mu_k - \lambda)}) e^{-(1-b)\sqrt{b_2(\mu_k - \lambda)}}$ ,  $a_{24} = \beta_2 \sqrt{b_2(\mu_k - \lambda)} + \beta_1$ ,  
 $a_{31} = \delta_1 e^{-b\sqrt{b_1(\mu_k - \lambda)}}$ ,  $a_{32} = \delta_1$ ,  $a_{33} = \delta_2$ ,  $a_{34} = \delta_2 e^{-(1-b)\sqrt{b_2(\mu_k - \lambda)}}$ ,  
 $a_{41} = -\gamma_1 \sqrt{b_1(\mu_k - \lambda)} e^{-b\sqrt{b_1(\mu_k - \lambda)}}$ ,  $a_{42} = \gamma_1 \sqrt{b_1(\mu_k - \lambda)}$ ,  
 $a_{43} = -\gamma_2 \sqrt{b_2(\mu_k - \lambda)}$ ,  $a_{44} = \gamma_2 \sqrt{b_2(\mu_k - \lambda)} e^{-(1-b)\sqrt{b_2(\mu_k - \lambda)}}$ .

Calculating  $K(\lambda)$  we'll get

$$\begin{aligned} K(\lambda) = & \left[ (\alpha_1 - \alpha_2 \sqrt{b_1(\mu_k - \lambda)}) - (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \sqrt{b_1(\mu_k - \lambda)}) e^{-2b\sqrt{b_1(\mu_k - \lambda)}} \right] \times \\ & \times \left\{ -2(\beta_1 - \beta_2 \sqrt{b_2(\mu_k - \lambda)}) \delta_1 \gamma_2 \sqrt{b_2(\mu_k - \lambda)} e^{-2(1-b)\sqrt{b_2(\mu_k - \lambda)}} + \left[ (\beta_1 + \beta_2 \sqrt{b_2(\mu_k - \lambda)}) - \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. - (\beta_1 - \beta_2 \sqrt{b_2(\mu_k - \lambda)}) e^{-2(1-b)\sqrt{b_2(\mu_k - \lambda)}} \right] \left[ -\delta_1 \gamma_2 \sqrt{b_2} - \delta_2 \gamma_1 \sqrt{b_1} \right] \sqrt{\mu_k - \lambda} \right\} - \\ & - 2 \left[ (\beta_1 + \beta_2 \sqrt{b_2(\mu_k - \lambda)}) - (\beta_1 - \beta_2 \sqrt{b_2(\mu_k - \lambda)}) e^{-2(1-b)\sqrt{b_2(\mu_k - \lambda)}} \right] \times \\ & \times (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \sqrt{b_1(\mu_k - \lambda)}) \gamma_1 \delta_2 \sqrt{b_1(\mu_k - \lambda)} e^{-b\sqrt{b_1(\mu_k - \lambda)}}. \end{aligned}$$

Then it is evident that the eigen-values of the problem (4)-(6) (of the operator  $L$ ) there are zeros of the following equations

$$\left( \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \sqrt{b_1(\mu_k - \lambda)} \right) - \left( \alpha_1 - \alpha_2 \sqrt{b_1(\mu_k - \lambda)} \right) e^{2b\sqrt{b_1(\mu_k - \lambda)}} = 0, \quad (13)$$

$$(\beta_1 - \beta_2 \sqrt{b_2(\mu_k - \lambda)}) - (\beta_1 + \beta_2 \sqrt{b_2(\mu_k - \lambda)}) e^{2(1-b)\sqrt{b_2(\mu_k - \lambda)}} = 0. \quad (14)$$

Thus, the spectrum of the operator  $L$  consists of such real  $\lambda \neq \mu_k$  which if only at one  $k$  satisfy the equations (13), (14). Let's search the eigenvalues of the operator  $L$  less  $\mu_k$ . Let's denote by  $\sqrt{\mu_k - \lambda} = y$ . The equation (13) in this case is equivalent with the equation

$$\frac{k_1 + y}{k_1 - y} = e^{k_2 y}, \quad 0 < y < \sqrt{\mu_k}, \quad (15)$$

where  $k_1 = \frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_2 \sqrt{b_1}}$ ,  $k_2 b \sqrt{b_1} > 0$ .

Let's prove the absence of solutions of the equation (15) on the interval  $(0, \sqrt{\mu_k})$  by the methods of analysis. Let's denote by  $f(y)$  the left hand side of the equation (15) and make its investigation: by  $f(y) = \frac{k_1 + y}{k_1 - y}$ ,  $y \neq k_1$ ,  $f'(y) = \frac{2k_1}{(k_1 - y)^2}$ ,  $\text{sign } f'(y) = \text{sign}(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$ , then  $f(y)$  increases when  $\alpha_1 \cdot \alpha_2 > 0$  and decreases when  $\alpha_1 \cdot \alpha_2 < 0$ ,  $f(0) = 1$ ,  $\lim_{y \rightarrow k_1 - 0} f(y) = \text{sign } k_1 \cdot (+\infty)$ ,  $\lim_{y \rightarrow k_1 + 0} f(y) = \text{sign } k_1 \cdot (-\infty)$ ,  $\lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} f(y) = -1$ .

So, in case  $0 < \lambda < \mu_k$  the equation (13) has the solution when  $\alpha_1 \cdot \alpha_2 < 0$ . When  $\alpha_1 \cdot \alpha_2 > 0$  the equation (13) may have only one zero on  $(0, k_1)$ .

Denoting by  $y_0$  this zero and substituting  $y_1 = y - y_0$  we'll get the equivalent equation which will not have the zeros.

In the second case, i.e. when  $\lambda > \mu_k$  the equation (13) is equivalent to the equation

$$\text{ctg } b \sqrt{b_1} z = \frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_2 \sqrt{b_1} z},$$

where  $z = \sqrt{\lambda - \mu_k}$ ,  $0 < z < \infty$ .

Let's consider the function

$$\mathcal{G}_k(z) = \text{ctg } b \sqrt{b_1} z - \frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_2 \sqrt{b_1} z} = \frac{\varphi_k(z)}{\alpha_2 \sqrt{b_1} z},$$

$$\varphi_k(z) = \alpha_2 \sqrt{b_1} z \text{ctg } b \sqrt{b_1} z - \alpha_1.$$

The zeros of the functions  $\varphi_k(z)$  and  $\mathcal{G}_k(z)$  coincide. The function  $\varphi_k(z)$  is determined on  $(0, +\infty)$  except the points  $b \sqrt{b_1} z = n\pi$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ), i.e.  $z \neq \frac{n\pi}{b \sqrt{b_1}}$ . Since at

every interval  $\left( \frac{n\pi}{b \sqrt{b_1}}, \frac{(n+1)\pi}{b \sqrt{b_1}} \right)$   $\varphi_k(z)$  run from  $-\infty$  to  $+\infty$  and it's derivative

$$\varphi'_k(z) = \frac{\alpha_2 \sqrt{b_1} (\sin 2b \sqrt{b_1} z - 2b \sqrt{b_1} z)}{\sin^2 b \sqrt{b_1} z}$$

is positive when  $\alpha_2 < 0$  (negative when  $\alpha_2 > 0$ ) then on it the  $\varphi_k(z)$  has only one zero  $z_{n,k}$ :

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$$\frac{n\pi}{b\sqrt{b_1}} < z_{n,k} < \frac{(n+1)\pi}{b\sqrt{b_1}} \quad (n=1,2,\dots).$$

Consequently, the first series of eigenvalues we can represent in the following form:

$$\lambda_{n,k}^1 = \mu_k + \gamma_n,$$

where  $\gamma_n \sim \frac{a_1}{b^2} \pi^2 n^2$ .

Zeros of the equation (14), which corresponds to the second series of eigenvalues are investigated, analogously.

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