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# Inverse spectral problem for the matrix Sturm-Liouville operator

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The most complete results in the theory of inverse spectral problems have been obtained for the Sturm-Liouville equation

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 — poles,  $\{\lambda_{n,1}\}$  — zeros,  $\alpha_n^{-1} = \mathop{\mathrm{Res}}_{\lambda = \lambda_{n,0}} M(\lambda)$ .

# Scalar inverse Sturm-Liouville problem

$$-y'' + q(x)y = \lambda y, \quad x \in (0, \pi), \tag{1}$$

$$y(0) = y(\pi) = 0. (2)$$

#### Theorem (Spectral data characterization)

For numbers  $\{\lambda_n, \alpha_n\}_{n\geqslant 1}$  to be the spectral data of the problem (1)-(2) with a real-valued potential  $q\in L_2(0,\pi)$ , the following conditions are necessary and sufficient:

$$\lambda_n \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \lambda_n \neq \lambda_m \text{ if } n \neq m, \quad \alpha_n > 0,$$
 (3)

$$\sqrt{\lambda_n} = n + \frac{\omega}{\pi n} + \frac{\varkappa_n}{n}, \quad \alpha_n = \frac{\pi}{2n^2} + \frac{\varkappa_{n1}}{n^3},$$
 (4)

where

$$\omega = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi} q(x) dx, \quad \{\varkappa_n\}, \{\varkappa_{n1}\} \in l_2.$$

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In this talk, we consider the matrix Sturm-Liouville equation

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 (5)

with the singular potential  $Q \in W_2^{-1}((0,\pi);\mathbb{C}^{m\times m})$ , that is,  $Q = \sigma', \sigma \in L_2((0,\pi);\mathbb{C}^{m\times m}), \sigma(x) = (\sigma(x))^*$  a.e. on  $(0,\pi)$ .

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Equation (5) can be represented in the equivalent form

$$-(Y^{[1]}(x))' - \sigma(x)Y^{[1]}(x) - \sigma^2(x)Y(x) = \lambda Y(x), \tag{6}$$

where  $Y^{[1]}(x) = Y'(x) - \sigma(x)Y(x)$  is the quasi-derivative.

Direct and inverse spectral problems for differential operators with singular coefficients: Savchuk, Shkalikov, Hryniv, Mykytyuk, Djakov, Mityagin, Mirzoev, Korotyaev, ...



The majority of studies on matrix Sturm-Liouville IPs on a finite interval deal with the Dirichlet or the Robin BCs:

$$Y(0) = Y(\pi) = 0, (7)$$

$$Y'(0) - H_1 Y(0) = 0, \quad Y'(\pi) + H_2 Y(\pi) = 0, \tag{8}$$

where  $H_1, H_2 \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$ .

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In [13, 14], the uniqueness theorems were proved for the matrix Sturm-Liouville equation

$$-Y''(x) + Q(x)Y(x) = \lambda Y(x)$$
(5)

with the general self-adjoint separated BCs

$$T_1(Y'(0) - H_1Y(0)) - T_1^{\perp}Y(0) = 0, \quad T_2(Y'(\pi) - H_2Y(\pi)) - T_2^{\perp}Y(\pi) = 0, \quad (9)$$

where  $T_j, T_j^{\perp}, H_j \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}, T_j$  are orthogonal projectors:  $T_j = T_j^* = T_j^2, T_j^{\perp} = I - T_j, I$  is the unit matrix,  $H_j = H_j^* = T_j H_j T_j, j = 1, 2, Q = Q^* \in L_2((0, \pi); \mathbb{C}^{m \times m})$ . BCs (9) were introduced in [15] for the study of differential operators on graphs.

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## Main Results

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IP for boundary value problem L:

$$-(Y^{[1]}(x))' - \sigma(x)Y^{[1]}(x) - \sigma^{2}(x)Y(x) = \lambda Y(x), \tag{10}$$

$$V_1(Y) = T_1(Y^{[1]}(0) - H_1Y(0)) - T_1^{\perp}Y(0) = 0, \tag{11}$$

$$V_2(Y) = T_2(Y^{[1]}(\pi) - H_2Y(\pi)) - T_2^{\perp}Y(\pi) = 0.$$
 (12)

#### Main results:

- uniqueness,
- constructive solution,
- spectral data characterization.



# Main Results: Asymptotics

#### Theorem 1

The boundary value problem L has the countable set of real eigenvalues, which can be numbered as  $\{\lambda_{nk}\}_{(n,k)\in J}$  counting with multiplicities in non-decreasing order:  $\lambda_{n_1k_1} \leqslant \lambda_{n_2k_2}$ , ecan  $(n_1,k_1) < (n_2,k_2)$ . The asymptotic relation holds:

$$\sqrt{\lambda_{nk}} = n + r_k + \varkappa_{nk}, \quad (n,k) \in J, \quad \{\varkappa_{nk}\} \in l_2, \tag{13}$$

where

$$J:=\{(n,k)\colon n\in\mathbb{N},\ k=\overline{1,m}\}\cup\{(0,k)\colon k=\overline{p^{\perp}+1,m}\},$$
 
$$p^{\perp}:=\dim(\mathit{Ker}\,T_1\cap\mathit{Ker}\,T_2),$$

$$\{r_k\}_{k=1}^m \ \text{are the zeros of} \ w^0(\rho) := \det(W^0(\rho)) \ \text{on} \ [0,1),$$

$$W^{0}(\rho) := (T_{2}T_{1} + T_{2}^{\perp}T_{1}^{\perp})\sin\rho\pi + (T_{2}^{\perp}T_{1} - T_{2}T_{1}^{\perp})\cos\rho\pi.$$

## Main Results: Definitions

The Weyl solution of L is the matrix solution  $\Phi(x,\lambda)$  of equation (10) satisfying

$$V_1(\Phi) = I, \quad V_2(\Phi) = 0.$$
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 $M(\lambda)$  is meromorphic in the  $\lambda$ -plane, all its singularities are simple poles which conicide with the eigenvalues of L. Define the weight matrices:

$$\alpha_{nk} := \underset{\lambda = \lambda_{nk}}{\text{Res}} M(\lambda), \quad (n,k) \in J.$$
 (16)

The collection  $\{\lambda_{nk}, \alpha_{nk}\}_{(n,k)\in J}$  is called the spectral data of L.

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#### Theorem 2

The asymptotic relation holds:

$$\alpha_n^{(k)} := \sum_{r_s \in J_k} \alpha'_{ns} = \frac{2}{\pi} (T_1 + nT_1^{\perp}) (A_k + K_{nk}) (T_1 + nT_1^{\perp}), \quad n \geqslant 1, \quad k \in \mathcal{J},$$
 (17)

where  $\mathcal{J} := \{1\} \cup \{k = \overline{2,m} \colon r_k \neq r_{k-1}\}, \ J_k := \{s = \overline{1,m} \colon r_s = r_k\}, \{\|K_{nk}\|\} \in l_2,$ 

$$A_k := \pi \operatorname{Res}_{\rho = r_k} (W^0(\rho))^{-1} U^0(\rho),$$
  
$$U^0(\rho) := (T_2 T_1 + T_2^{\perp} T_1^{\perp}) \cos \rho \pi + (T_2 T_1^{\perp} - T_2^{\perp} T_1) \sin \rho \pi,$$

 $\{A_k\}_{k\in\mathcal{J}}$  are orthogonal projection matrices such that

$$rank(A_k) = |J_k|, \qquad A_k A_s = 0, \ k \neq s, \qquad \sum_{k \in \mathcal{I}} A_k = I.$$



# Main Results: Asymptotics

$$\sqrt{\lambda_{nk}} = n + r_k + \varkappa_{nk}, \quad k = \overline{1, m}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ or } n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}.$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c} & & \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\lambda_{n1}} \sqrt{\lambda_{n2}} & \sqrt{\lambda_{n3}} \\ & & & \\ n + r_1 \\ r_1 = r_2 = r_3 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\lambda_{n4}} & \sqrt{\lambda_{n5}} \\ & & \\ n + r_4 \\ & & \\ r_4 = r_5 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Main Results

Without loss of generality we assume that  $H_1 = 0$ .

$$\begin{split} L &= L(\sigma, T_1, T_2, H_2) \colon \\ &- (Y^{[1]}(x))' - \sigma(x) Y^{[1]}(x) - \sigma^2(x) Y(x) = \lambda Y(x), \\ V_1(Y) &= T_1 Y^{[1]}(0) - T_1^{\perp} Y(0) = 0, \\ V_2(Y) &= T_2 (Y^{[1]}(\pi) - H_2 Y(\pi)) - T_2^{\perp} Y(\pi) = 0. \end{split}$$

#### Inverse Problem 1

Given the spectral data  $\{\lambda_{nk}, \alpha_{nk}\}_{(n,k)\in J}$ , find  $\sigma$ ,  $T_1$ ,  $T_2$ , and  $H_2$ .

# Main Results: Uniqueness

Along with L, consider another boundary value problem  $\tilde{L}=L(\tilde{\sigma},\tilde{T}_1,\tilde{T}_2,\tilde{H}_2)$  of the same form but with different coefficients. We agree that if a symbol  $\gamma$  denotes an object related to L, then the symbol  $\tilde{\gamma}$  with tilde denotes the similar object related to  $\tilde{L}$ . Note that the quasi-derivatives for these two problems are supposed to be different:  $Y^{[1]}=Y'-\sigma Y$  for L and  $Y^{[1]}=Y'-\tilde{\sigma} Y$  for  $\tilde{L}$ .

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#### Theorem 3

If 
$$\lambda_{nk} = \tilde{\lambda}_{nk}$$
,  $\alpha_{nk} = \tilde{\alpha}_{nk}$ ,  $(n,k) \in J$ ,  $J = \tilde{J}$ , then

$$\sigma(x) = \tilde{\sigma}(x) + H_1^{\diamond} \text{ a.e. on } (0, \pi), \quad T_1 = \tilde{T}_1, \quad T_2 = \tilde{T}_2, \quad H_2 = \tilde{H}_2 - T_2 H_1^{\diamond} T_2,$$
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If (18) holds, then 
$$M(\lambda) \equiv \tilde{M}(\lambda) + H_1^{\diamond}$$
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#### Theorem 4

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# Comparison with the Scalar Case

$$-(y^{[1]})' - \sigma(x)y^{[1]} - \sigma^2(x)y = \lambda y, \quad x \in (0, \pi),$$

$$\sigma \in L_2(0, \pi), \quad y^{[1]} = y' - \sigma(x)y.$$
(20)

$$y(0) = y(\pi) = 0 \qquad \{\lambda_n, \alpha_n\} \to \sigma(x) + C,$$

$$y^{[1]}(0) = y(\pi) = 0 \qquad \{\lambda_n, \alpha_n\} \to \sigma(x),$$

$$y(0) = y^{[1]}(\pi) + Hy(\pi) = 0 \qquad \{\lambda_n, \alpha_n\} \to \sigma(x) + C, H + C,$$

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## Main Results: Characterization

Consider a group of multiple eigenvalues maximal by inclusion:  $\lambda_{n_1k_1}=\lambda_{n_2k_2}=\cdots=\lambda_{n_rk_r}$ . Then  $\operatorname{rank}(\alpha_{n_1k_1})=r$ . Choose a basis  $\{\chi_{n_jk_j}\}_{j=1}^r$  in  $\operatorname{Ran}\alpha_{n_1k_1}$ . Thus, we have defined the vector sequence  $\{\chi_{nk}\}_{(n,k)\in J}$ .

$$\mathcal{X} := \{X_{nk}\}_{(n,k)\in J}, \quad X_{nk}(x) := \left(\cos(\sqrt{\lambda_{nk}}x)T_1 + \frac{\sin(\sqrt{\lambda_{nk}}x)}{\sqrt{\lambda_{nk}}}T_1^{\perp}\right)\chi_{nk}.$$

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#### Theorem 5

Let  $T_1, T_2 \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$  be arbitrary fixed orthogonal projection matrices. Then, for a collection  $\{\lambda_{nk}, \alpha_{nk}\}_{(n,k) \in J}$  to be the spectral data of  $L = L(\sigma, T_1, T_2, H_2)$ , the following conditions are necessary and sufficient:

- 1  $\lambda_{nk} \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\alpha_{nk} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$ ,  $\alpha_{nk} = \alpha_{nk}^* \geq 0$ ,  $rank(\alpha_{nk})$  is equal to the multiplicity of the corresponding value  $\lambda_{nk}$ , for all  $(n,k) \in J$ , and  $\alpha_{nk} = \alpha_{ls}$  if  $\lambda_{nk} = \lambda_{ls}$ .
- **2** The asymptotic relations (13) and (17) hold, where  $\{r_k\}_{k=1}^m$  and  $\{A_k\}_{k\in\mathcal{J}}$  are defined as in Theorems 1 and 2, respectively, by using the fixed  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ .
- 3  $\mathcal{X}$  is complete  $L_2((0,\pi);\mathbb{C}^m)$ .

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- Contour integration in the  $\lambda$ -plane.
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where  $\tilde{\phi}(x) \in \mathfrak{B}$  and the linear bounded operator  $\tilde{R}(x) : \mathfrak{B} \to \mathfrak{B}$  are constructed by the given  $\{\lambda_{nk}, \alpha_{nk}\}_{(n,k) \in J}$ , and the unknown  $\phi(x) \in \mathfrak{B}$  is related to  $\sigma$  and  $H_2$ ,  $\mathcal{I}$  is the unit operator  $\mathfrak{B}$ .

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- In the scalar case,  $\mathfrak{B}$  is the space of infinite bounded sequences  $a = [a_{ni}]_{n \geqslant 1, i=0,1}$  with the norm  $||a||_{\mathfrak{B}} = \sup_{n} |a_{ni}|$ .
- In the matrix case, the special Banach space is constructed by using the grouping the eigenvalues with respect to their asymptotics.



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$$\tilde{\phi}(x) = (\mathcal{I} + \tilde{R}(x))\phi(x), \tag{21}$$

where  $\tilde{\phi}(x) \in \mathfrak{B}$  and the linear bounded operator  $\tilde{R}(x) : \mathfrak{B} \to \mathfrak{B}$  are constructed by the given  $\{\lambda_{nk}, \alpha_{nk}\}_{(n,k) \in J}$ , and the unknown  $\phi(x) \in \mathfrak{B}$  is related to  $\sigma$  and  $H_2$ ,  $\mathcal{I}$  is the unit operator  $\mathfrak{B}$ .

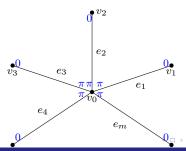
- In the scalar case,  $\mathfrak{B}$  is the space of infinite bounded sequences  $a = [a_{ni}]_{n \geqslant 1, i=0,1}$  with the norm  $||a||_{\mathfrak{B}} = \sup_{n \neq i} |a_{ni}|$ .
- In the matrix case, the special Banach space is constructed by using the grouping the eigenvalues with respect to their asymptotics.
- Proof of the main equation solvability by sufficiency.

$$-(y_j^{[1]})' - \sigma_j(x_j)y_j^{[1]} - \sigma_j^2(x_j)y_j = \lambda y_j, \quad x_j \in (0, \pi), \quad j = \overline{1, m},$$

$$y_j(0) = 0, \quad j = \overline{1, m},$$
(22)

$$y_1(\pi) = y_j(\pi), \quad j = \overline{2, m}, \qquad \sum_{j=1}^m (y_j^{[1]}(\pi) - hy_j(\pi)) = 0,$$
 (24)

where  $\{\sigma_j\}_{j=1}^m$  are real-valued functions of  $L_2(0,\pi), \ y_j^{[1]} := y_j' - \sigma_j y_j, \ y_j, y_j^{[1]} \in AC[0,\pi], \ (y_j^{[1]})' \in L_2(0,\pi), \ j = \overline{1,m}, \ h \in \mathbb{R}.$ 



The problem (22)-(24) can be represented in the matrix form  $L(\sigma,T_1,T_2,H_2)$  with

$$\sigma(x) = \operatorname{diag}\{\sigma_j(x)\}_{j=1}^m, \quad T_1 = 0, \quad T_2 = [T_{2,jk}]_{j,k=1}^m, T_{2,jk} = \frac{1}{m}, \ j, k = \overline{1, m}, \quad H_2 = hT_2.$$
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#### Inverse Problem 2

Given the spectral data  $\{\lambda_{nk}, \alpha_{nk}\}_{n\geqslant 1, k=\overline{1,m}}$ , find  $\{\sigma_j\}_{j=1}^m$  and h.

In the case of regular potentials, this problem statement is equivalent to the problem of [27], which consist in the recovery of the Sturm-Liouville operator on graph by the generalized Dirichlet-to-Neumann map. Inverse Problem 2 problem is overdetermined, its spectral data contains the data of Yurko [28] as a subset.

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#### Theorem 6

Let  $T_2$  be defined by (25). For  $\{\lambda_{nk}, \alpha_{nk}\}_{n\geqslant 1, k=\overline{1,m}}$  to be the spectral data of (22)-(24), the following conditions are necessary and sufficient:

- $\begin{array}{l} \blacksquare \ \ \, \lambda_{nk} \in \mathbb{R}, \ \alpha_{nk} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}, \ \alpha_{nk} = \alpha_{nk}^* \geqslant 0, \ rank(\alpha_{nk}) \ \ is \ equal \ to \ the \\ \ \, multiplicity \ of \ the \ \ corresponding \ value \ \lambda_{nk}, \ for \ all \ (n,k) \in J, \ and \ \alpha_{nk} = \alpha_{ls} \\ \ \, if \ \lambda_{nk} = \lambda_{ls}. \end{array}$
- 2 The asymptotic relations hold:

$$\sqrt{\lambda_{n1}} = n - \frac{1}{2} + \varkappa_{n1}, \qquad \sqrt{\lambda_{nk}} = n + \varkappa_{nk}, \quad k = \overline{2, m},$$

$$\alpha_{n1} = \frac{2n^2}{\pi} (T_2 + K_{n1}), \quad \sum_{k=2}^m \alpha'_{nk} = \frac{2n^2}{\pi} (T_2^{\perp} + K_{n2}),$$

where  $\{\varkappa_{nk}\} \in l_2$ ,  $\{\|K_{nk}\|\} \in l_2$ .

- 3  $\mathcal{X}$  is complete in  $L_2((0,\pi);\mathbb{C}^m)$ .
- **1** The solution  $\phi(x)$  of the main equation  $\tilde{\phi}(x) = (\mathcal{I} + \tilde{R}(x))\phi(x)$  is **diagonal** for each fixed  $x \in [0, \pi]$ .

Thank you for your attention!