

# On the set of periods for periodic solutions of some linear differential equations on the multidimensional sphere $S^n$

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**Abstract.** The problem about periodic solutions for the family of linear differential equation

$$Lu \equiv \left( \frac{\partial}{i\partial t} - a\Delta \right) u(x, t) = \nu G(u - f)$$

is considered on the multidimensional sphere  $x \in S^n$  under the periodicity condition  $u|_{t=0} = u|_{t=b}$  and  $\int_{S^n} u(x, t) dx = 0$ .

Here  $a$  is given real,  $\nu$  is a fixed complex number,  $G u(x, t)$  is a linear integral operator, and  $\Delta$  is the Laplace operator on  $S^n$ . It is shown that the set of parameters  $(\nu, b)$  for which the above problem admits a unique solution is a measurable set of full measure in  $\mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{R}^+$ .

This work further develops part of the authors' result in [1, 2], on the problem on the periodic solution to the equation  $(L - \lambda)u = \nu G(u - f)$ . Here  $L$  is Schrödinger operator on sphere  $S^n$  and  $\lambda$  belongs to the spectrum of  $L$ . Particularly, the authors consider the case that  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $L$  ( the case which can be always converted to the case  $\lambda = 0$  ). It is shown that the main results are all right (but) on the complement of eigenspace of  $\lambda$  in the domain of  $L$ .

1. We consider the problem on periodic solutions for the nonlocal Schrödinger type equation

$$\left( \frac{1}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - a\Delta \right) u(x, t) = \nu G(u - f), \tag{1}$$

with these conditions :

$$u|_{t=0} = u|_{t=b}; \quad \int_{S^n} u(x, t) dx = 0. \tag{2}$$

Here  $u(x, t)$  - is a complex function on  $S^n \times [0, b]$ ,  $S^n$  - is the multidimensional sphere,  $n \geq 2$ ;  $a \neq 0$ ,  $\nu$  - are given complex numbers,  $f(x, t)$  - is a given function. The change of variables  $t = b\tau$  reduces our problem to a problem with a fixed period, but with a new equation in which the coefficient of the  $\tau$ - derivative is equal to  $\frac{1}{b}$  :

$$\left( \frac{1}{i} \frac{\partial}{b\partial \tau} - a\Delta \right) u(x, b\tau) = \nu G(u(x, b\tau) - f(x, b\tau)).$$

2. Thus, problem (1), (2) turns into the problem on periodic solution of the equation

$$Lu \equiv \left( \frac{1}{i} \frac{\partial}{b\partial t} - a\Delta \right) u(x, t) = \nu G(u(x, t) - f(x, t)), \tag{3}$$

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with the following conditions:

$$u|_{t=0} = u|_{t=1}, \quad \int_{S^n} u(x, t) dx = 0. \tag{4}$$

Here  $Gu(x, t) = \int_{S^n} g(x, y)u(y, t)dy$  ( $dy$  is the Lebesgue-Hausdorff measure on the sphere  $S^n$ ) is an integral operator on the space  $L_2(S^n \times [0, 1])$  with smooth kernel  $g(x, y)$  defined on  $S^n \times S^n$  such that

$$\int_{S^n} g(x, y) dx = 0 \tag{5}$$

for all  $y$  in  $S^n$ .

The differential operation  $\frac{1}{i} \frac{\partial}{b\partial t} - a\Delta$  is assumed to be defined for the functions  $u(x, t) \in C^\infty(S^n \times [0, 1])$  such that  $u|_{t=0} = u|_{t=1}$  and with the condition  $\int_{S^n} u(x, t) dx = 0$ . Let  $L$  - denote the closure of this operation  $\frac{1}{i} \frac{\partial}{b\partial t} - a\Delta$  in  $\mathcal{H} = L_2(S^n \times [0, 1])$ . So an element  $u \in \mathcal{H}$  belongs to the domain  $\mathcal{D}(L)$  of  $L = \frac{1}{i} \frac{\partial}{b\partial t} - a\Delta$ , if and only if there is a sequence  $\{u_j\} \subset C^\infty(S^n \times [0, 1])$   $u_j|_{t=0} = u_j|_{t=1}$  and  $\int_{S^n} u_j dx = 0$ , such that  $\lim u_j = u$ ,  $\lim Lu_j = Lu$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ . Let  $\mathcal{H}_0$  is a subspace of space  $L_2(S^n \times [0, 1])$ ,

$$\mathcal{H}_0 = \{u(x, t) \in L_2(S^n \times [0, 1]) \mid \int_{S^n} u(x, t) dx = 0\}.$$

It is well known that the eigenvalues of the Laplace operator  $\Delta$  on the sphere  $S^n$  are of the form  $-k(k + n - 1)$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $k \geq 0$  and that  $\Delta$  admits the corresponding orthonormal basis of eigenfunction  $w_k(x) \in C^\infty(S^n)$ (see, e.g [3]).

**Lemma 1.** *The functions  $e_{km}(x, t) = e^{i2\pi mt}w_k(x)$ ,  $k, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $k > 0$  are eigenfunctions of the operator  $L$  in the space  $\mathcal{H}_0$  that correspond to the eigenvalues*

$$\lambda_{km} = \frac{2m\pi}{b} + ak(k + n - 1) = \frac{2m\pi}{b} + \lambda_k \tag{6}$$

*These functions form an orthonormal basis in  $\mathcal{H}_0$ . The domain of  $L$  is given by the formula*

$$\mathcal{D}(L) = \{u = \sum_{m,k \in \mathbb{Z}, k > 0} u_{km}e_{km} \mid \sum |\lambda_{km}u_{km}|^2 < \infty, \sum |u_{km}|^2 < \infty\}$$

*The spectrum  $\sigma(L)$  in the closure of the set  $\{\lambda_{km}\}$ .*

**Lemma 2.**

$$\|G\|^2 \leq M_0^2 = \int_{S^n} \int_{S^n} |g(x, y)|^2 dx dy.$$

*Proof.* We have

$$\begin{aligned} |Gu(x, t)|^2 &= \left| \int_{S^n} g(x, y)u(y, t) dy \right|^2 \leq \int_{S^n} |g(x, y)|^2 dy \int_{S^n} |u(y, t)|^2 dy \\ \|Gu(x, t)\|^2 &= \int_0^1 \int_{S^n} |Gu(x, t)|^2 dx dt \leq \\ &\int_0^1 \int_{S^n} \left( \int_{S^n} |g(x, y)|^2 dy \int_{S^n} |u(y, t)|^2 dy \right) dx dt \end{aligned}$$

$$\|Gu(x, t)\|^2 \leq \int_{S^n} \int_{S^n} |g(x, y)|^2 dx dy \int_{S^n} \int_0^1 |u(y, t)|^2 dy dt = M_0^2 \|u\|^2$$

$$\|G\| \leq M_0.$$

The lemma is proved.

We note that the Laplace operator is formally selfadjoint relative to the scalar product  $(u, v) = \int_{S^n} u(x)\overline{v(x)}dx$  on the space  $C^\infty(S^n)$ . The product  $\Delta_x \circ G = \Delta_x G$  coincides with the integral operator with the kernel  $\Delta_x g(x, y)$ . Let the function  $\Delta_x g(x, y)$  be continuous on  $S^n \times S^n$ . We put  $M = \max\{\|\Delta_x G\|, \|G\|\}$ .

**Lemma 3.** Let  $v = Gu = \sum_{m,k \in \mathbb{Z}, k > 0} v_{km} e_{km}$ , then

$$|v_{km}|^2 = \frac{|\alpha_{km}|^2}{(k(k+n-1))^2} \leq \frac{M^2 \|u\|^2}{(k(k+n-1))^2}, \tag{7}$$

where  $\alpha_{km} = \langle \Delta_x Gu, e_{km} \rangle$ , and  $\sum |\alpha_{km}|^2 \leq M^2 \|u\|^2$ .

*Proof.* Since the Laplace operator is selfadjoint, for  $k > 0$  we have

$$\alpha_{km} = \langle \Delta_x Gu, e_{km} \rangle = \langle Gu, \Delta_x e_{km}(x, t) \rangle = \langle Gu, -k(k+n-1)e_{km}(x, t) \rangle$$

$$\alpha_{km} = -k(k+n-1)\langle Gu, e_{km}(x, t) \rangle = -k(k+n-1)v_{km}.$$

It follows that

$$|v_{km}|^2 = \frac{|\alpha_{km}|^2}{(k(k+n-1))^2}.$$

By the Parseval identity, we have  $\sum |\alpha_{km}|^2 = \|\Delta_x Gu\|^2 \leq M^2 \|u\|^2$ , whence

$$|v_{km}|^2 \leq \frac{M^2 \|u\|^2}{(k(k+n-1))^2}.$$

The lemma is proved.

We assume that  $a$  is a real number. Then by Lemma 1, the spectrum  $\sigma(L)$  lies on the real axis. Most typical and interesting is the case where the number  $ab/(2\pi)$  is irrational. In this case,  $0 \neq \lambda_{km} \forall k, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k > 0$  and the H.Weyl theorem (see, e.g., [4]), says that, in this case, the set of the numbers  $\lambda_{km}$  is everywhere dense on  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\sigma(L) = \mathbb{R}$ . Then in the subspace  $\mathcal{H}_0$  the inverse operator  $L^{-1}$  is well defined, but unbounded. The expression for this inverse operator involves small denominators.

$$L^{-1}v(x, t) = \sum \frac{v_{km}}{\lambda_{km}} e_{km}, \tag{8}$$

where  $v_{km}$  is the Fourier coefficient of the series

$$v(x, t) = \sum_{k,m \in \mathbb{Z}, k > 0} v_{km} e_{km}.$$

For positive numbers  $\sigma$  and  $C$ , let  $A_\sigma(C)$  denote the set of all positive  $b$  such that

$$|\lambda_{km}| \geq \frac{C}{k^{1+\sigma}}, \tag{9}$$

for all  $m, k \in \mathbb{Z}, k > 0$ .

This definition shows that the set  $A_\sigma(C)$  extends as  $C$  reduces and as  $\sigma$  grows. Therefore, in what follows, to prove that such a set or its part is nonempty, we require that  $C > 0$  be sufficiently

small and  $\sigma$  sufficiently large. Let  $A_\sigma$  denote the union of the sets  $A_\sigma(C)$  over all  $C > 0$ . If inequality (9) is fulfilled for some  $b$  and all  $m, k$ , then it is fulfilled for  $m = 0$ ; this provides a condition necessary for the nonemptiness of  $A_\sigma(C)$ :

$$C \leq k^{1+\sigma} |ak(k+n-1)| \quad \forall k > 0. \quad (10)$$

We put  $d = \min_{k \in \mathbb{Z}, k > 0} k^{1+\sigma} |ak(k+n-1)| > 0$ .

**Theorem 1.** *The sets  $A_\sigma(C)$ ,  $A_\sigma$  are Borel. The set  $A_\sigma$  has full measure, i.e., its complement to the half-line  $\mathbb{R}^+$  is of zero measure.*

*Proof.* Obviously, the sets  $A_\sigma(C)$  are closed in  $\mathbb{R}^+$ . The set  $A_\sigma = \bigcup_{r=1}^{\infty} A_\sigma(1/r)$  is Borel, being a countable union of closed sets. We show that  $A_\sigma$  has full measure in  $\mathbb{R}^+$ . Suppose  $b, l > 0$ ,  $C \leq \frac{d}{2}$ ; we consider the complement  $(0, l) \setminus A_\sigma(C)$ . This set consists of all positive numbers  $b$ , for which there exist  $m, k$ , such that

$$|\lambda_{km}| < \frac{C}{k^{1+\sigma}}. \quad (11)$$

Solving this inequality for  $b$ , we see that, for  $m, k$  fixed, the number  $b$  form an interval  $I_{k,m} = (m\alpha_k, m\beta_k)$ , where  $m = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ ,

$$\alpha_k = \frac{2\pi}{|ak(k+n-1)| + \frac{C}{k^{1+\sigma}}}, \quad \beta_k = \frac{2\pi}{|ak(k+n-1)| - \frac{C}{k^{1+\sigma}}}.$$

The length of  $I_{k,m}$  is  $m\delta_k$ , with

$$\delta_k = \frac{4\pi C k^{-1-\sigma}}{|ak(k+n-1)|^2 - C^2 k^{-2-2\sigma}}.$$

Since  $C \leq \frac{d}{2}$  by assumption, we have

$$\delta_k \leq \frac{16\pi C}{3k^{1+\sigma} |ak(k+n-1)|^2}. \quad (12)$$

For  $k$  fixed and  $m$  varying, there are only finitely many of intervals  $I_{k,m}$  that intersect the given segment  $(0, l)$ . Such intervals arise for the values of  $m = 1, 2, \dots$ , satisfying  $m\alpha_k < l$ , i.e.,

$$0 < m < \frac{l}{2\pi} (|ak(k+n-1)| + Ck^{-1-\sigma}).$$

Since  $Ck^{-1-\sigma} \leq \frac{1}{2} |ak(k+n-1)|$ , we can write simpler restrictions on  $m$ :

$$0 < m < \frac{l}{2\pi} \frac{3}{2} |ak(k+n-1)| < \frac{l}{\pi} |ak(k+n-1)|. \quad (13)$$

The measure of the intervals indicated (for  $k$  fixed) is dominated by  $\delta_k \bar{S}_k$ , where  $\bar{S}_k = \bar{S}_k(l)$  is the sum of all integers  $m$  satisfying (13). Summing an arithmetic progression, we obtain

$$\bar{S}_k \leq \frac{l}{2\pi^2} |ak(k+n-1)| \{l |ak(k+n-1)| + \pi\}. \quad (14)$$

Passing to the union of the intervals in question over  $k$  and  $m$ , and using (12), we see that

$$\mu((0, l) \setminus A_\sigma(C)) \leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \delta_k \tilde{S}_k \leq CS(l),$$

where

$$S = S(l) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{8l\{l|ak(k+n-1)| + \pi\}}{3\pi k^{1+\sigma}|ak(k+n-1)|}.$$

Observe that the quantity

$$\frac{l|ak(k+n-1)| + \pi}{\pi|ak(k+n-1)|}$$

is dominated by a constant  $D$ ; therefore,

$$S(l) \leq \frac{8}{3}lD \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^{1+\sigma}} < \infty.$$

We have

$$\mu((0, l) \setminus A_\sigma) \leq \mu((0, l) \setminus A_\sigma(C)) \leq CS(l) \quad \forall C > 0.$$

It follows that  $\mu((0, l) \setminus A_\sigma) = 0 \quad \forall l > 0$ . Thus,  $\mu((0, \infty) \setminus A_\sigma) = 0$  and  $A_\sigma$ - has full measure. The theorem is proved.

**Theorem 2.** Suppose  $g(x, y)$  is a function defined on  $S^n \times S^n$  such that the function  $\Delta_x g(x, y)$  is continuous on  $S^n \times S^n$  and  $\int_{S^n} g(x, y) dx = 0 \quad \forall y \in S^n$ . Let  $0 < \sigma < 1$ , and let  $b \in A_\sigma(C)$ . Then in the space  $\mathcal{H}_0$  the inverse operator  $L^{-1}$  is well defined, and the operator  $L^{-1} \circ G$  is compact.

*Proof.* Since  $b \in A_\sigma(C)$ , we have  $\lambda_{km} \neq 0 \quad \forall k, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k > 0$  so that  $L^{-1}$  is well defined and looks like the expression in (8). Observe that  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k^{2+2\sigma}}{(k(k+n-1))^2} = 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore, given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we can find an integer  $k_0 > 0$ , such that  $\frac{k^{2+2\sigma}}{(k(k+n-1))^2} < \frac{(\varepsilon C)^2}{M^2}$  for all  $k > k_0$ . We write

$$L^{-1}v(x, t) = Q_{k_01}v + Q_{k_02}v, \quad v = Gu,$$

where

$$Q_{k_01}v = \sum_{0 < k \leq k_0} \frac{v_{km}}{\lambda_{km}} e_{km}, \quad Q_{k_02}v = \sum_{k > k_0} \frac{v_{km}}{\lambda_{km}} e_{km}.$$

For the operator  $Q_{k_01}$  we have

$$\|Q_{k_01}v\|^2 = \sum_{0 < k \leq k_0} \frac{|v_{km}|^2}{|\lambda_{km}|^2}$$

Observe that if  $0 < k \leq k_0$ , then

$$\lim_{|m| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{|\frac{2m\pi}{b} + ak(k+n-1)|^2} = 0$$

as  $|m| \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore, the quantity  $\frac{1}{|\frac{2m\pi}{b} + ak(k+n-1)|^2}$  is dominated by a constant  $C(k_0)$ .

Then

$$\|Q_{k_01}v\|^2 \leq \sum |v_{km}|^2 C(k_0) \leq C(k_0)\|v\|^2,$$

which means that  $Q_{k_01}$  is a bounded operator.

Consider the operator  $Q_{k_02} \circ G$ . By Lemma 3 and (9), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|Q_{k_02} v\|^2 &= \|Q_{k_02} \circ Gu\|^2 = \sum_{k>k_0} \frac{|v_{km}|^2}{|\lambda_{km}|^2} \leq \\ &\sum_{k>k_0} \frac{\alpha_{km}^2}{(k(k+n-1))^2} \left(\frac{1}{C}\right)^2 k^{2+2\sigma} \leq \left(\frac{1}{C}\right)^2 \left(\frac{\varepsilon C}{M}\right)^2 \sum_{k>k_0} |\alpha_{km}|^2 \leq \varepsilon^2 \|u\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,  $\|Q_{k_02} \circ G\| \leq \varepsilon$ .

Since  $G$  is compact and  $Q_{k_01}$  is bounded,  $Q_{k_01} \circ G$  is compact. Next, we have

$$\|L^{-1} \circ G - Q_{k_01} \circ G\| = \|Q_{k_02} \circ G\| < \varepsilon.$$

Thus, we see that the operator  $L^{-1} \circ G$  is the limit of sequence of compact operators. Therefore, it is compact itself. The theorem is proved.

We denote  $K = K_b = L^{-1} \circ G$ .

**Theorem 3.** Suppose  $b \in A_\sigma(C)$ . Then problem (1),(2) admits a unique periodic solution with period  $b$  for all  $\nu \in \mathbb{C}$ , except, possibly, an at most countable discrete set of values of  $\nu$ .

*Proof.* Equation (1) reduces to

$$\left(L^{-1} \circ G - \frac{1}{\nu}\right)u = L^{-1} \circ G(f).$$

We write  $L^{-1} \circ G - \frac{1}{\nu} = K - \frac{1}{\nu}$ .

Since  $K = L^{-1} \circ G$  is a compact operator, its spectrum  $\sigma(K)$  is at most countable, and the limit point of  $\sigma(K)$  (if any) can only be zero. Therefore, the set  $S = \{\nu \neq 0 \mid \frac{1}{\nu} \in \sigma(K)\}$  is at most countable and discrete, and for all  $\nu \neq 0, \nu \notin S$  the operator  $(K - \frac{1}{\nu})$  is invertible, i.e., equation (1) is uniquely solvable. The theorem is proved.

We pass to the question about the solvability of problem (1), (2) for fixed  $\nu$ . We need to study the structure of the set  $E \subset \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{R}^+$ , that consists of all pairs  $(\nu, b)$ , such that  $\nu \neq 0$  and  $\frac{1}{\nu} \notin \sigma(K_b)$ , where  $K_b = L^{-1} \circ G$ .

**Theorem 4.**  $E$  is a measurable set of full measure in  $\mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{R}^+$ .

For the proof, we need several auxiliary statements.

**Lemma 4.** For any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists an integer  $k_0$  such that  $\|K_b - \widetilde{K}_b\| < \varepsilon$  for all  $b \in A_\sigma(\frac{1}{r}), 0 < \sigma < 1$ , where  $r = 1, 2, \dots$ ,

$$K_b u = L_b^{-1} v = \sum \frac{v_{km}}{\lambda_{km}(b)} e_{km}, \quad \widetilde{K}_b u = \sum_{0 < k \leq k_0} \frac{v_{km}}{\lambda_{km}(b)} e_{km}.$$

*Proof.* Observe that for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is an integer  $k_0$  such that  $\frac{k^{2+2\sigma}}{(k(k+n-1))^2} \leq (\frac{\varepsilon}{rM})^2$  for all  $k > k_0, 0 < \sigma < 1$ . We have

$$(K_b - \widetilde{K}_b)u = K_{k_0 b} u = \sum_{k>k_0} \frac{v_{km}}{\lambda_{km}(b)} e_{km}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|(K_b - \widetilde{K}_b)u\|^2 &= \|K_{k_0b}u\|^2 = \sum_{k>k_0} \left| \frac{v_{km}}{\lambda_{km}(b)} \right|^2 \leq \sum_{k>k_0} \frac{r^2 \alpha_{km}^2 k^{2+2\sigma}}{(k(k+n-1))^2} \leq \\ &r^2 \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{rM}\right)^2 \sum_{k>k_0} |\alpha_{km}|^2 \leq r^2 \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{rM}\right)^2 M^2 \|u\|^2 = \varepsilon^2 \|u\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\|K_b - \widetilde{K}_b\| = \|K_{k_0b}\| < \varepsilon$  as required.

**Lemma 5.** *The operator-valued function  $b \rightarrow K_b$  is continuous for  $b \in A_\sigma(\frac{1}{r})$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose  $b, b + \Delta b \in A_\sigma(\frac{1}{r})$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ . By Lemma 4 there exists an integer  $k_0$  ( independent of  $b, b + \Delta b$ ) such that  $\|K_b - \widetilde{K}_b\| = \|K_{k_0b}\| < \varepsilon$  and  $\|K_{b+\Delta b} - \widetilde{K}_{b+\Delta b}\| = \|K_{k_0(b+\Delta b)}\| < \varepsilon$ . Next,

$$K_{b+\Delta b} - K_b = (\widetilde{K}_{b+\Delta b} + K_{k_0(b+\Delta b)}) - (\widetilde{K}_b + K_{k_0b}),$$

whence we obtain

$$\|K_{b+\Delta b} - K_b\| \leq \|\widetilde{K}_{b+\Delta b} - \widetilde{K}_b\| + \|K_{k_0(b+\Delta b)}\| + \|K_{k_0b}\|.$$

Consider the operators  $\widetilde{K}_{b+\Delta b}, \widetilde{K}_b$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} (\widetilde{K}_{b+\Delta b} - \widetilde{K}_b)u &= \sum_{0 < k \leq k_0} \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_{km}(b + \Delta b)} - \frac{1}{\lambda_{km}(b)} \right) v_{km} e_{km} \\ \|\widetilde{K}_b u - \widetilde{K}_{b+\Delta b} u\|^2 &= \frac{|\Delta b|^2}{|b(b + \Delta b)|^2} \sum_{1 \leq k \leq k_0} \frac{|v_{km}|^2}{|\lambda_{km}(b + \Delta b)|^2} \frac{4m^2\pi^2}{|\lambda_{km}(b)|^2}. \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

If  $b + \Delta b \in A_\sigma(\frac{1}{r})$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq k_0$ ,  $0 < \sigma < 1$ , then

$$\frac{|v_{km}|^2}{|\lambda_{km}(b + \Delta b)|^2} \leq |v_{km}|^2 r^2 k^{2+2\sigma} \leq r^2 k_0^4 |v_{km}|^2.$$

The relation  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4m^2\pi^2}{|\lambda_{km}(b)|^2} = b^2$  and the condition  $1 \leq k \leq k_0$  imply that the quantity  $\frac{4m^2\pi^2}{|\lambda_{km}(b)|^2} = \frac{4m^2\pi^2}{\left| \frac{2m\tau}{b} + ak(k+n-1) \right|^2}$  is dominated by a constant  $C(k_0)$  depending on  $k_0$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{|\Delta b|^2}{|b(b + \Delta b)|^2} \sum_{1 < k \leq k_0} \frac{|v_{km}|^2}{|\lambda_{km}(b + \Delta b)|^2} \frac{4m^2\pi^2}{|\lambda_{km}(b)|^2} &\leq \\ \frac{|\Delta b|^2}{|b(b + \Delta b)|^2} \sum_{1 \leq k \leq k_0} r^2 k_0^4 C(k_0) |v_{km}|^2 &\leq \\ \frac{|\Delta b|^2}{|b(b + \Delta b)|^2} r^2 k_0^4 C(k_0) \sum_{1 \leq k \leq k_0} |v_{km}|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\sum_{1 \leq k \leq k_0} |v_{km}|^2 \leq \|v\|^2 \leq M^2 \|u\|^2,$$

we arrive at the estimate

$$\|\widetilde{K_{b+\Delta b}} - \widetilde{K_b}\|^2 \leq \frac{|\Delta b|^2}{|b(b + \Delta b)|^2} M^2 r^2 k_0^4 C(k_0).$$

We choose  $\Delta b$  so as to satisfy the condition

$$\frac{|\Delta b|^2}{|b(b + \Delta b)|^2} M^2 r^2 k_0^4 C(k_0) < \varepsilon.$$

Then  $\|K_{b+\Delta b} - K_b\| < 3\varepsilon$ . This shows that the operator-valued function  $b \rightarrow K_b$  is continuous on  $A_\sigma(\frac{1}{r})$ . The Lemma is proved.

**Lemma 6.** *The spectrum  $\sigma(K)$  of the compact operator  $K$  depends continuously on  $K$  in the space  $Comp(\mathcal{H}_0)$  of compact operators on  $\mathcal{H}_0$ , in the sense that for any  $\varepsilon$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that for all compact ( and even bounded ) operators  $B$  with  $\|B - K\| < \delta$  we have*

$$\sigma(B) \subset \sigma(K) + V_\varepsilon(0), \quad \sigma(K) \subset \sigma(B) + V_\varepsilon(0). \tag{16}$$

Here  $V_\varepsilon(0) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\lambda| < \varepsilon\}$  is the  $\varepsilon$ -neighborhood of the point 0 in  $\mathbb{C}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $K$  be a compact operator; we fix  $\varepsilon > 0$ . The structure of the spectrum of a compact operator shows that there exists  $\varepsilon_1 < \varepsilon/2$  such that  $\varepsilon_1 \neq |\lambda|$  for all  $\lambda \in \sigma(K)$ . Let  $S = \{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k\}$  be the set of all spectrum points  $\lambda$  with  $|\lambda| > \varepsilon_1$  and let  $V = \bigcup_{\lambda \in S \cup \{0\}} V_{\varepsilon_1}(\lambda)$ . Then  $V$  is neighborhood of

$\sigma(K)$  and  $V \subset \sigma(K) + V_\varepsilon(0)$ . By the well-known property of spectra ( see, e.g.,[5], Theorem 10.20) there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\sigma(B) \subset V$  for any bounded operator  $B$  with  $\|B - K\| < \delta$ . Moreover (see, e.g., [5], p.293, Exercise 20), the number  $\delta > 0$  can be chosen so that  $\sigma(B) \cap V_{\varepsilon_1}(\lambda) \neq \emptyset \forall \lambda \in S \cup \{0\}$ . Then for all bounded operators  $B$  with  $\|B - K\| < \delta$  the required inclusions  $\sigma(K) \subset \sigma(B) + V_{2\varepsilon_1}(0) \subset \sigma(B) + V_\varepsilon(0)$  and  $\sigma(B) \subset V \subset \sigma(K) + V_\varepsilon(0)$  are fulfilled. The lemma is proved.

It is easy to deduce the following statement from Lemma 6.

**Proposition 1.** *The function  $\rho(\lambda, K) = dist(\lambda, \sigma(K))$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{C} \times Comp(\mathcal{H}_0)$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $K \in Comp(\mathcal{H}_0)$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ . By Lemma 6, there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that for any operator  $H$  lying in the  $\delta$ -neighborhood of  $K$ ,  $\|H - K\| < \delta$ , the inclusions (16) are fulfilled; these inclusions directly imply the estimate  $|\rho(\lambda, K) - \rho(\lambda, H)| < \varepsilon$ . Then for all  $\mu \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $|\mu - \lambda| < \varepsilon$  and all  $H$  with  $\|H - K\| < \delta$  we have

$$|\rho(\mu, K) - \rho(\lambda, H)| \leq |\rho(\mu, K) - \rho(\lambda, K)| + |\rho(\lambda, K) - \rho(\lambda, H)| < |\mu - \lambda| + \varepsilon < 2\varepsilon,$$

Since  $\varepsilon > 0$  is arbitrary, the function  $\rho(\lambda, K)$  is continuous. The proposition is proved.

Combining Proposition 1 and Lemma 5 we obtain the following fact.

**Corollary 1.** *The function  $\rho(\lambda, b) = dist(\lambda, \sigma(K_b))$  is continuous on  $(\lambda, b) \in \mathbb{C} \times A_\sigma(\frac{1}{r})$ .*

Now we are ready to prove Theorem 4.

*Proof of Theorem 4.* By Corollary 1, the function  $\rho(1/\nu, b)$  is continuous with respect to the variable  $(\nu, b) \in (\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}) \times A_\sigma(\frac{1}{r})$ . Consequently, the set

$$B_r = \{(\nu, b) \mid \rho(1/\nu, b) \neq 0, \quad b \in A_\sigma(\frac{1}{r})\}$$



is measurable, and so is the set  $B = \cup_r B_r$ . Clearly,  $B \subset E$  and  $E = B \cup B_0$ , where  $B_0 = E \setminus B$ . Obviously,  $B_0$  lies in the set  $\mathbb{C} \times (\mathbb{R}^+ \setminus A_\sigma)$  of zero measure ( recall that, by Theorem 1,  $A_\sigma$  has full measure in  $\mathbb{R}^+$  ). Since the Lebesgue measure is complete,  $B_0$  is measurable. Thus, the set  $E$  is measurable, being the union of two measurable sets. Next, by Theorem 3, for  $b \in A_\sigma$  the section  $E^b = \{\nu \in \mathbb{C} \mid (\nu, b) \in E\}$  has full measure, because its complement  $\{1/\nu \mid \nu \in \sigma(K_b)\}$  is at most countable. Therefore, the set  $E$  is of full plane Lebesgue measure. The Theorem is proved.

The following important statement is a consequence of Theorem 4.

**Corollary 2.** For a.e.  $\nu \in \mathbb{C}$ , problem (1), (2) has a unique periodic solution with almost every period  $b \in \mathbb{R}^+$ .

*Proof.* Since the set  $E$  is measurable and has full measure, for a.e.  $\nu \in \mathbb{C}$  the section  $E_\nu = \{b \in \mathbb{R}^+ \mid (\nu, b) \in E\} = \{b \in \mathbb{R}^+ \mid 1/\nu \notin \sigma(K_b)\}$  has full measure, and for such  $b$ 's problem (1), (2) has unique periodic solution with period  $b$ . The Corollary is proved.

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