

THRESHOLDS AND RESONANCES OF SCHRÖDINGER OPERATORS ON A LATTICE

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1 Discrete Schrödinger operators $H_{\lambda\mu}$ on lattice

This is the joint work with Z. Muminov and U. Kuljanov [2] which is a continuation of [3] where a discrete Schrödinger operator with single delta potential is considered. See also related paper [1]. In the present article we consider discrete Schrödinger operators with multi-delta potentials. Let \mathbb{Z}^n be the n -dimensional lattice. The Hilbert space of ℓ^2 sequences on \mathbb{Z}^n is denoted by $\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}^n)$, and we use $\ell^2_+(\mathbb{Z}^n)$ (resp. $\ell^2_-(\mathbb{Z}^n)$) to denote its subspace of all even (resp. all odd) functions. Let $T(y)$ be the shift operator by $y \in \mathbb{Z}^n$: $(T(y)f)(x) = f(x+y)$ for $f \in \ell^2(\mathbb{Z}^n)$ and $x \in \mathbb{Z}^n$. Let $\Delta = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{x \in \mathbb{Z}^n \\ |x|=1}} (T(x) - T(0))$ be the discrete Laplacian on $\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}^n)$. Thus the discrete Schrödinger operator on $\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}^n)$ is defined by

$$\hat{H}_{\lambda\mu} = -\Delta - \hat{V},$$

where the potential \hat{V} (Figure1) depends on two parameters $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$ and satisfies

$$(\hat{V}f)(x) = \begin{cases} \mu f(x), & \text{if } x = 0 \\ \frac{\lambda}{2} f(x), & \text{if } |x| = 1 \\ 0, & \text{if } |x| > 1 \end{cases}$$

which awards $\hat{H}_{\lambda\mu}$ to be a bounded self-adjoint operator. A notation $\mathbb{T}^n = (\mathbb{R}/2\pi\mathbb{Z})^n = (-\pi, \pi]^n$ means the n -dimensional torus equipped with its Haar measure. We set $L^2(\mathbb{T}^n) = L^2$, and let L^2_+ (resp. L^2_-) denote the subspace of all even (resp. odd) functions of the Hilbert space L^2 of L^2 -functions on \mathbb{T}^n . Let $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ mean the inner product on L^2 . Let \mathcal{F} be the standard Fourier transform $\mathcal{F} : L^2 \rightarrow \ell^2(\mathbb{Z}^n)$ defined by $\mathcal{F}f(x) = (2\pi)^{-n} \int_{\mathbb{T}^n} f(\theta) e^{-ix\theta} d\theta$. Then the inverse Fourier transform is given by $\mathcal{F}^{-1}f(\theta) = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}^n} f(x) e^{ix\theta}$. The Laplacian Δ in the momentum representation is defined as $\hat{\Delta} = \mathcal{F}^{-1} \Delta \mathcal{F}$, and $\hat{\Delta}$ acts as the multiplication operator: $(\hat{\Delta}\hat{f})(p) = -E(p)\hat{f}(p)$, where $E(p)$ is given by $E(p) = \sum_{j=1}^n (1 - \cos p_j)$. Set $H_0 = -\hat{\Delta}$. The operator $H_{\lambda\mu}$ acts L^2 as

$$H_{\lambda\mu} = H_0 - V,$$

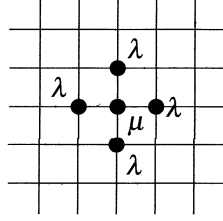


Figure 1: Potential V

and V is an integral operator of convolution type

$$(Vf)(p) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \int_{\mathbb{T}^n} v(p-s)f(s)ds, \quad f \in L^2.$$

Here the kernel function is $v(p) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} (\mu + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n \cos p_i)$, and it allows the potential operator V to get the representation $V = V_{\lambda\mu}^+ + V_{\lambda}^-$, where

$$V_{\lambda\mu}^+ = \mu \langle \cdot, c_0 \rangle c_0 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \langle \cdot, c_j \rangle c_j, \quad V_{\lambda}^- = \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \langle \cdot, s_j \rangle s_j.$$

Here $\{c_0, c_j, s_j : j = 1, \dots, n\}$ is an orthonormal system in L^2 , where

$$c_0(p) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}}, \quad c_j(p) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \cos p_j, \quad s_j(p) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \sin p_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, n.$$

Adopting $V = V_{\lambda\mu}^+ + V_{\lambda}^-$, we can see that the restriction $H_{\lambda\mu}^+$ (resp. H_{λ}^-) of the operator $H_{\lambda\mu}$ to L_+^2 (resp. L_-^2) acts with the form

$$H_{\lambda\mu}^+ = H_0 - V_{\lambda\mu}^+ \quad (\text{resp. } H_{\lambda}^- = H_0 - V_{\lambda}^-).$$

Hence $H_{\lambda\mu}$ is decomposed as $H_{\lambda\mu} = H_{\lambda\mu}^+ \oplus H_{\lambda}^-$ under $L^2 = L_+^2 \oplus L_-^2$. We have $\sigma_{\text{ess}}(H_{\lambda\mu}) = \sigma_{\text{ac}}(H_{\lambda\mu}) = [0, 2n]$. Then we are interested in considering point spectrum of $H_{\lambda\mu}$ and studying their behaviors as two parameters λ and μ are varied.

2 Spectrum of even part $H_{\lambda\mu}^+$

The Birman-Schwinger principle helps us to reduce the problem to the study of spectrum of a finite dimensional linear operator. Denote by $(H_0 - z)^{-1}$ the resolvent of H_0 , where $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus [0, 2n]$. We can see that $(H_0 - z)^{-1}V_{\lambda\mu}^+$ is a finite rank operator. Let M_{n+1} denote the linear hull of $\{c_0, \dots, c_n\}$. Then M_{n+1} is an $(n + 1)$ -dimensional subspace of L_+^2 . We define $\tilde{M}_{n+1} = (H_0 - z)^{-1}M_{n+1}$ for $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus [0, 2n]$. Then \tilde{M}_{n+1} is also an $(n + 1)$ -dimensional subspace of L_+^2 since $(H_0 - z)^{-1}$ is invertible. We define $C_1 : \mathbb{C}^{n+1} \rightarrow L_+^2$ by the map

$$C_1 : \mathbb{C}^{n+1} \ni (w_0, \dots, w_n)^T \mapsto (H_0 - z)^{-1} \left(\mu w_0 c_0 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n w_j c_j \right) \in \tilde{M}_{n+1},$$

and define $C_2 : L_+^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{n+1}$ by

$$C_2 : L_+^2 \ni \phi \mapsto (\langle \phi, c_0 \rangle, \dots, \langle \phi, c_n \rangle)^T \in \mathbb{C}^{n+1}.$$

Then we have the sequence of maps: $L_+^2 \xrightarrow{C_2} \mathbb{C}^{n+1} \xrightarrow{C_1} L_+^2$. In particular

$$(H_0 - z)^{-1}V_{\lambda\mu}^+ = C_1C_2.$$

Define $G_+(z) = C_2C_1 : \mathbb{C}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{n+1}$.

Lemma 2.1 (The Birman-Schwinger principle for $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus [0, 2n]$)

- (1) $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus [0, 2n]$ is an eigenvalue of $H_{\lambda\mu}^+$ if and only if $1 \in \sigma(G_+(z))$.
- (2) If $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus [0, 2n]$ and (λ, μ) satisfy $\det(G_+(z) - I) = 0$. Then $Z = (w_0, \dots, w_n)^T \in \mathbb{C}^{n+1}$ is an eigenvector of $G_+(z)$ associated with eigenvalue 1 if and only if $f = C_1Z$, i.e.

$$f(p) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \frac{1}{E(p) - z} \left(\mu w_0 + \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{j=1}^n w_j \cos p_j \right) \tag{2.1}$$

is an eigenfunction of $H_{\lambda\mu}^+$ associated with eigenvalue z .

We consider the Birman-Schwinger principle for $z = 0$, which is the edge of the continuous spectrum of $H_{\lambda\mu}^+$, and it is the main issue to specify whether it is eigenvalue or threshold of $H_{\lambda\mu}^+$. In order to discuss $z = 0$ we extend the eigenvalue equation $H_{\lambda\mu}^+ f = 0$ in L_+^2 to that in L_+^1 . Note that $L_+^2 \subset L_+^1$. We consider the equation

$$E(p)f(p) - \frac{\mu}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\mathbb{T}^n} f(p) dp - \frac{\lambda}{(2\pi)^n} \sum_{j=1}^n \cos p_j \int_{\mathbb{T}^n} \cos p_j f(p) dp = 0 \tag{2.2}$$

in the Banach space L_+^1 . Conveniently, we describe (2.2) as $H_{\lambda\mu}^+ f = 0$. Since we consider a solution $f \in L_+^1$, the integrals $\int_{\mathbb{T}^n} f(p) dp$ and $\int_{\mathbb{T}^n} \cos p_j f(p) dp$ are finite for $j = 1, \dots, n$. The unique singular point of $1/E(p)$ is $p = 0$, and in the neighborhood of $p = 0$, we have $E(p) \approx |p|^2$. Then the following is fundamental, and its proof is straightforward.

Lemma 2.2 Let $h(p) = \varphi(p)/E(p)$, where $\varphi \in C(\mathbb{T}^n)$. Then (1)-(5) follow.

- (1) It follows that $h \in L^2$ for $n \geq 5$, and $h \in L^1$ for $n \geq 3$.
- (2) Let $1 \leq n \leq 4$ and $h \in L^2$. Then $\varphi(0) = 0$.
- (3) Let $1 \leq n \leq 4$, $|\varphi(p)| < C|p|^{\alpha_n}$ for some $C > 0$ and $\alpha_n > \frac{4-n}{2}$. Then $h \in L^2$.
- (4) Let $n = 1, 2$ and $h \in L^1$. Then $\varphi(0) = 0$.
- (5) Let $n = 1, 2$, $|\varphi(p)| < C|p|^{\alpha_n}$ for some $C > 0$ and $\alpha_n > 2 - n$. Then $h \in L^1$.

Operator H_0^{-1} is not bounded in L_+^2 as well as in L_+^1 . It is however obvious by Lemma 2.2 and $V_{\lambda\mu}^+ f \in C(\mathbb{T}^n)$ that

$$L_+^2 \ni f \mapsto H_0^{-1} V_{\lambda\mu}^+ f \in L_+^2, \quad n \geq 5, \quad (2.3)$$

$$L_+^1 \ni f \mapsto H_0^{-1} V_{\lambda\mu}^+ f \in L_+^1, \quad n \geq 3. \quad (2.4)$$

Thus for $n \geq 3$ we can extend operators C_1 and C_2 . Let $n \geq 3$ and $Z = (w_0, \dots, w_n)^T$. $\bar{C}_1 : \mathbb{C}^{n+1} \rightarrow L_+^1$ is defined by

$$\bar{C}_1 Z = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \frac{1}{E(p)} \left(\mu w_0 + \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{j=1}^n w_j \cos p_j \right)$$

and $\bar{C}_2 : L_+^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{n+1}$ by $\bar{C}_2 : L_+^1 \ni \phi \mapsto (\int_{\mathbb{T}^n} \phi(p) c_0 dp, \dots, \int_{\mathbb{T}^n} \phi(p) c_n(p) dp)^T \in \mathbb{C}^{n+1}$. Then $\bar{C}_1 \bar{C}_2 : L_+^1 \rightarrow L_+^1$. Consequently $G_+(0) = \bar{C}_2 \bar{C}_1 : \mathbb{C}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{n+1}$. Let $n \geq 3$. $\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} G_+(z) = G_+(0)$ and $\sigma(H_0^{-1} V_{\lambda\mu}^+) \setminus \{0\} = \sigma(G_+(0)) \setminus \{0\}$ follow.

Lemma 2.3 (Birman-Schwinger principle for $z = 0$) Let $n \geq 3$. Then (1) and (2) follow.

(1) Equation $H_{\lambda\mu}^+ f = 0$ has a solution in L^1 if and only if $1 \in \sigma(G_+(0))$.

(2) Let $Z = (w_0, \dots, w_n)^T \in \mathbb{C}^{n+1}$ be the solution of $G_+(0)Z = Z$ if and only if $f = \bar{C}_1 Z$, i.e.

$$f(p) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \frac{1}{E(p)} \left(\mu w_0 + \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{j=1}^n w_j \cos p_j \right) \quad (2.5)$$

is a solution of $H_{\lambda\mu}^+ f = 0$, where w_0, \dots, w_n are actually described by

$$w_0 = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \int_{\mathbb{T}^n} f(p) dp, \quad w_j = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \int_{\mathbb{T}^n} f(p) \cos p_j dp, \quad j = 1, \dots, n. \quad (2.6)$$

By the Birman-Schwinger principle in what follows we focus on investigating the spectrum of $G_+(z)$. Since $G_+(z)$ is defined for $z \in (-\infty, 0)$ for $n = 1, 2$, and $z \in (-\infty, 0]$ for $n \geq 3$. Hence in this section we suppose that $z \in \begin{cases} (-\infty, 0) & n = 1, 2, \\ (-\infty, 0] & n \geq 3. \end{cases}$ As the function $E(p) = E(p_1, \dots, p_n)$ is invariant with respect to the permutations of its arguments p_1, \dots, p_n , the integrals used for studying the spectrum of $G_+(z)$:

$$a(z) = \langle c_0, (H_0 - z)^{-1} c_0 \rangle, \quad b(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle c_0, (H_0 - z)^{-1} c_j \rangle \quad (2.7)$$

$$c(z) = \frac{1}{2} \langle c_j, (H_0 - z)^{-1} c_j \rangle, \quad d(z) = \frac{1}{2} \langle c_i, (H_0 - z)^{-1} c_j \rangle, \quad i \neq j, \quad (2.8)$$

$$s(z) = \frac{1}{2} \langle s_j, (H_0 - z)^{-1} s_j \rangle. \quad (2.9)$$

also do not depend on the particular choice of indices $0 \leq i, j \leq n$. Note that $a(z), b(z), c(z)$ and $s(z)$ are defined for $n \geq 1$ but $d(z)$ for $n \geq 2$. Hence the $(n + 1) \times (n + 1)$ matrix $G_+(z)$ has the form

$$G_+(z) = \begin{pmatrix} \mu a(z) & \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}}b(z) & \dots & \dots & \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}}b(z) \\ \sqrt{2}\mu b(z) & \lambda c(z) & \lambda d(z) & \dots & \lambda d(z) \\ \vdots & \lambda d(z) & \ddots & \dots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \ddots & \lambda d(z) \\ \sqrt{2}\mu b(z) & \lambda d(z) & \dots & \lambda d(z) & \lambda c(z) \end{pmatrix}. \tag{2.10}$$

In order to study the eigenvalue 1 of $G_+(z)$ we calculate the determinant of $G_+(z) - I$. We have $\det(G_+(z) - I) = \delta_r(\lambda, \mu; z)\delta_c(\lambda; z)$, where

$$\delta_r(\lambda, \mu; z) = \begin{cases} (1 - \mu a(z)) \{ 1 - \lambda (c(z) + (n - 1)d(z)) \} - n\lambda\mu b^2(z), & n \geq 2 \\ (1 - \mu a(z))(1 - \lambda c(z)) - \lambda\mu b^2(z), & n = 1, \end{cases} \tag{2.11}$$

$$\delta_c(\lambda; z) = \begin{cases} \{ \lambda (c(z) - d(z)) - 1 \}^{n-1}, & n \geq 2 \\ 1, & n = 1. \end{cases} \tag{2.12}$$

We set

$$\alpha(z) = \begin{cases} c(z) + (n - 1)d(z), & n \geq 2 \\ c(z), & n = 1, \end{cases} \quad \gamma(z) = a(z)\alpha(z) - nb^2(z). \tag{2.13}$$

Functions $a(z), \alpha(z), \gamma(z), b(z), c(z) - d(z)$ and $s(z)$ are monotone increasing and positive in $(-\infty, 0]$. Moreover, their limits tend to zero as z tends to $-\infty$. Note that $c(z) - d(z)$ is considered only in the case of $n \geq 2$. The following relations hold:

$$\begin{aligned} a(z)s(z) &= b(z), & n = 1, z < 0, \\ a(z)s(z) &< b(z), & n = 2, z < 0, \\ a(z)s(z) &< b(z), & n \geq 3, z \leq 0, \\ c(z) - d(z) &< s(z), & n \geq 2, z \leq 0. \end{aligned} \tag{2.14}$$

The function $a(z)/b(z)$ is monotone decreasing in $(-\infty, 0]$, and there exist limits:

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{a(z)}{b(z)} = +\infty, \quad \lim_{z \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{a(z)}{b(z)} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } n = 1, 2, \\ \frac{a(0)}{b(0)}, & \text{for } n \geq 3. \end{cases} \tag{2.15}$$

We extend $\delta_r(\lambda, \mu; \cdot)$ and $\delta_c(\lambda; \cdot)$, and discuss zeros of them to specify the eigenvalue of $H_{\lambda\mu}^+$. Let $z \in (-\infty, 0)$. Applying notation in (2.13), we describe $\delta_r(\lambda, \mu; z)$ as

$$\delta_r(\lambda, \mu; z) = \gamma(z)\mathbb{H}_z(\lambda, \mu) \tag{2.16}$$

where

$$\mathbb{H}_z(\lambda, \mu) = \left(\lambda - \frac{a(z)}{b(z)} \right) \left(\mu - (n - z) \right) - n. \tag{2.17}$$

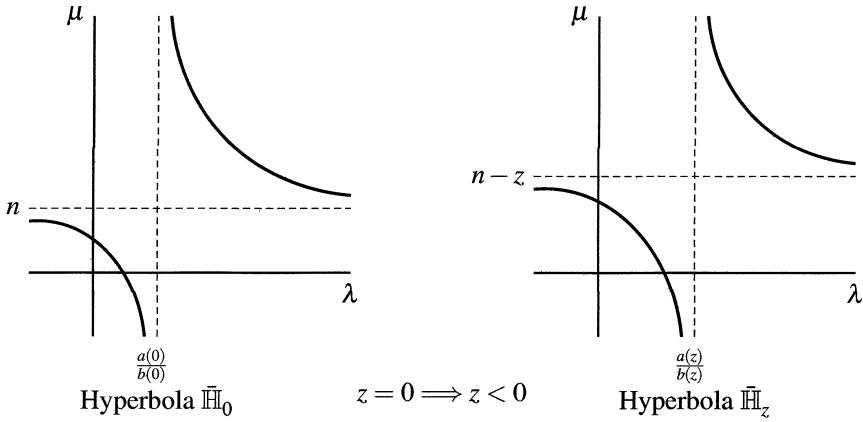


Figure 2: Hyperbola \mathbb{H}_z

Instead of the equation $\delta_r(\lambda, \mu; z) = 0$, relation (2.16) allows us to study the family of rectangular hyperbola \mathbb{H}_z indexed by z , i.e. equilateral hyperbola \mathbb{H}_z on (λ, μ) -plane, which is defined by

$$\mathbb{H}_z = \{(\lambda, \mu) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \mathbb{H}_z(\lambda, \mu) = 0\}$$

with asymptote $(\lambda_\infty(z), \mu_\infty(z)) = (a(z)/b(z), n - z)$. $\mathbb{H}_z(\lambda, \mu)$ can be extended to $z \in (-\infty, 0]$ for any dimension $n \geq 1$ as

$$\bar{\mathbb{H}}_z(\lambda, \mu) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{H}_z(\lambda, \mu), & z < 0, \\ (\lambda - X)(\mu - n) - n, & z = 0. \end{cases} \tag{2.18}$$

Here $X = 1$ for $n = 1, 2$ and $X = a(0)/b(0)$ for $n \geq 3$. Refer to see Figure 2. Note that $\bar{\mathbb{H}}_z(0, 0) = \frac{1}{b(z)} > 0$ for $z < 0$. We also extend the family of hyperbola \mathbb{H}_z , $z \in (-\infty, 0)$, to that of hyperbola $\bar{\mathbb{H}}_z$ indexed by $z \in (-\infty, 0]$ by

$$\bar{\mathbb{H}}_z = \{(\lambda, \mu) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \mid \bar{\mathbb{H}}_z(\lambda, \mu) = 0\}.$$

For any $z_1 < z_2$, $z_1, z_2 \in (-\infty, 0]$, we note that the hyperbola $\bar{\mathbb{H}}_{z_1}$ can be moved to $\bar{\mathbb{H}}_{z_2}$ in parallel by the vector $g = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_\infty(z_2) - \lambda_\infty(z_1) \\ \mu_\infty(z_2) - \mu_\infty(z_1) \end{pmatrix}$ whose components are positive. Refer to see Figure 3

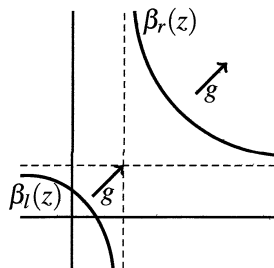


Figure 3: Hyperbola $\bar{\mathbb{H}}_z$ moves as z approaches to $-\infty$ from 0.

Let $\beta_l(z)$ (resp. $\beta_r(z)$) denote the left brunch (resp. the right brunch) of the hyperbola $\bar{\mathbb{H}}_z$, i.e. $\bar{\mathbb{H}}_z = \beta_l(z) \cup \beta_r(z)$, where \cup denotes the disjoint union. We then see that for any $z_2 < z_1 \leq 0$ it follows that $\beta_l(z_1) \cap \beta_l(z_2) = \emptyset$ and $\beta_r(z_1) \cap \beta_r(z_2) = \emptyset$.

Lemma 2.4 *It follows that*

$$\begin{aligned} (n = 1) \quad \lim_{z \rightarrow 0^-} \delta_r(\lambda, \mu; z) &= \begin{cases} \infty & (\lambda, \mu) \notin \bar{\mathbb{H}}_0 \\ 1 - \mu & (\lambda, \mu) \in \bar{\mathbb{H}}_0 \end{cases}, \\ (n = 2) \quad \lim_{z \rightarrow 0^-} \delta_r(\lambda, \mu; z) &= \begin{cases} \infty & (\lambda, \mu) \notin \bar{\mathbb{H}}_0 \\ 1 - \mu/2 & (\lambda, \mu) \in \bar{\mathbb{H}}_0 \end{cases}, \\ (n \geq 3) \quad \lim_{z \rightarrow 0^-} \delta_r(\lambda, \mu; z) &= b(0)\bar{\mathbb{H}}_0(\lambda, \mu). \end{aligned}$$

Proof: In the case of $n \geq 3$ it is trivial to see that $\lim_{z \rightarrow 0^-} \delta_r(\lambda, \mu; z) = b(0)\bar{\mathbb{H}}_0(\lambda, \mu)$. Then we consider cases of $n = 1, 2$. We recall that

$$\delta_r(\lambda, \mu; z) = \gamma(z)\bar{\mathbb{H}}_z(\lambda, \mu) = \gamma(z)\bar{\mathbb{H}}_0(\lambda, \mu) + \gamma(z)(\bar{\mathbb{H}}_z(\lambda, \mu) - \bar{\mathbb{H}}_0(\lambda, \mu))$$

and

$$\gamma(z) = b(z) = a(z) - \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n}za(z).$$

We can also directly see that for $n = 1, 2$

$$\bar{\mathbb{H}}_z(\lambda, \mu) - \bar{\mathbb{H}}_0(\lambda, \mu) = -\frac{1}{nb(z)}(1 + za(z))(\mu - n) + z\left(\lambda - \frac{a(z)}{b(z)}\right).$$

Together with them we have

$$\delta_r(\lambda, \mu; z) = \left(a(z) - \frac{1 + za(z)}{n}\right)\bar{\mathbb{H}}_0(\lambda, \mu) + \frac{a(z)}{b(z)}(1 + za(z))\left(\frac{n - \mu}{n}\right) + \xi,$$

where

$$\xi = -za(z)\left(\lambda - \frac{a(z)}{b(z)}\right) + \frac{1 + za(z)}{n} \left(\frac{(1 + za(z))(\mu - n)}{nb(z)} + z\left(\lambda - \frac{a(z)}{b(z)}\right) \right).$$

It is well known in [5] that

$$\begin{aligned} a(z) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{-z}\sqrt{2-z}}, \quad n = 1, \\ a(z) &= -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2\pi} \ln(-z) + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\pi}\right) + O(-z), \quad \text{as } z \rightarrow 0^-, \quad n = 2. \end{aligned}$$

By this it is crucial to see that

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 0^-} za(z) = 0, \quad \lim_{z \rightarrow 0^-} b(z) = \infty, \quad \lim_{z \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{a(z)}{b(z)} = 1$$

and

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 0^-} \xi = 0, \quad \lim_{z \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{a(z)}{b(z)}(1 + za(z))\left(\frac{n - \mu}{n}\right) = 1 - \frac{\mu}{n}$$

for $n = 1, 2$. Let $n = 1$. Then

$$\delta_r(\lambda, \mu; z) = (a(z) - 1 - za(z))\bar{\mathbb{H}}_0(\lambda, \mu) + \frac{a(z)}{b(z)}(1 + za(z))(1 - \mu) + \xi$$

and the corollary follows for $n = 1$. Let $n = 2$. In a similar manner to the case of $n = 1$ we have

$$\delta_r(\lambda, \mu; z) = (a(z) - \frac{1 + za(z)}{2})\bar{\mathbb{H}}_0(\lambda, \mu) + \frac{a(z)}{b(z)}(1 + za(z))(1 - \frac{\mu}{2}) + \xi,$$

and the corollary follows for $n = 2$. Hence the proof of the corollary can be derived.

We define $\bar{\delta}_r(\lambda, \mu; z)$ for $z \in (-\infty, 0]$ by

$$\bar{\delta}_r(\lambda, \mu; z) = \begin{cases} \delta_r(\lambda, \mu; z), & z \in (-\infty, 0), \\ \lim_{z \rightarrow 0^-} \delta_r(\lambda, \mu; z), & z = 0. \end{cases} \quad (2.19)$$

From Lemma 2.4 we can see that $\bar{\delta}_r(\lambda, \mu; z)$ converges to

$$\bar{\delta}_r(\lambda, \mu; 0) = \begin{cases} 1 - \mu, & n = 1, (\lambda, \mu) \in \bar{\mathbb{H}}_0, \\ 1 - \mu/2, & n = 2, (\lambda, \mu) \in \bar{\mathbb{H}}_0, \\ 0, & n \geq 3, (\lambda, \mu) \in \bar{\mathbb{H}}_0. \end{cases} \quad (2.20)$$

Then we can show the continuity of $\bar{\delta}_r(\lambda, \mu; z)$ on z :

Lemma 2.5 *It follows that*

$(n = 1, 2)$ $\bar{\delta}_r(\lambda, \mu; z)$ is continuous in $z \in (-\infty, 0]$ for $(\lambda, \mu) \in \bar{\mathbb{H}}_0$,

$(n \geq 3)$ $\bar{\delta}_r(\lambda, \mu; z)$ is continuous in $z \in (-\infty, 0]$ for $(\lambda, \mu) \in \mathbb{R}^2$.

We set $\beta_l = \beta_l(0)$ and $\beta_r = \beta_r(0)$. The brunches β_l and β_r of the hyperbola $\bar{\mathbb{H}}_0$ split \mathbb{R}^2 into three open sets

$$G_0 = \{(\lambda, \mu) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \bar{\mathbb{H}}_0(\lambda, \mu) > 0, \lambda < \lambda_\infty(0)\},$$

$$G_1 = \{(\lambda, \mu) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \bar{\mathbb{H}}_0(\lambda, \mu) < 0\},$$

$$G_2 = \{(\lambda, \mu) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \bar{\mathbb{H}}_0(\lambda, \mu) > 0, \lambda > \lambda_\infty(0)\}.$$

Refer to see Figure 4. Hence $\partial G_0 = \beta_l$ and $\partial G_2 = \beta_r$ follow.

Lemma 2.6 (1) 1. Let $(\lambda, \mu) \in G_0 \cup \beta_l$. Then $\bar{\delta}_r(\lambda, \mu; z) \neq 0$ for $z \in (-\infty, 0)$.

2. Let $(\lambda, \mu) \in \beta_l$. Then $\bar{\delta}_r(\lambda, \mu; 0) \neq 0$ for $n = 1, 2$.

3. Let $(\lambda, \mu) \in \beta_l$. Then $\bar{\delta}_r(\lambda, \mu; 0) = 0$ for $n \geq 3$.

(2) 1. Let $(\lambda, \mu) \in G_1 \cup \beta_r$. Then $\exists_1 z \in (-\infty, 0)$ such that $\bar{\delta}_r(\lambda, \mu; z) = 0$.

2. Let $(\lambda, \mu) \in \beta_r$. Then $\bar{\delta}_r(\lambda, \mu; 0) \neq 0$ for $n = 1, 2$.

3. Let $(\lambda, \mu) \in \beta_r$. Then $\bar{\delta}_r(\lambda, \mu; 0) = 0$ for $n \geq 3$.

(3) Let $(\lambda, \mu) \in G_2$. Then $\exists_{z_1, z_2} \in (-\infty, 0)$ such that $\bar{\delta}_r(\lambda, \mu; z_1) = \bar{\delta}_r(\lambda, \mu; z_2) = 0$.

Proof: Let $(\lambda, \mu) \in G_0 \cup \beta_l$. Then we can see that $(\lambda, \mu) \notin \bar{\mathbb{H}}_z$ for any $z \in (-\infty, 0)$. Thus (1)1 follows. Also it can be seen that $\cup_{z \in (-\infty, 0)} \beta_l(z) \supset G_1$, $\beta_l(z) \cap \beta_l(w) = \emptyset$ if $z \neq w$, and $\beta_r(z) \cap G_1 = \emptyset$. Hence there exists a unique $z \in (-\infty, 0)$ such that $(\lambda, \mu) \in \beta_l(z)$, which proves (2)1. We can also see that $\cup_{z \in (-\infty, 0)} \beta_l(z) \supset G_2$, $\cup_{z \in (-\infty, 0)} \beta_r(z) \supset G_2$, $\beta_l(z) \cap \beta_l(w) = \emptyset$ if $z \neq w$, $\beta_r(z) \cap \beta_r(w) = \emptyset$ if $z \neq w$, and $\beta_l(z) \cap \beta_r(z) = \emptyset$. Hence there exist $z_1, z_2 \in (-\infty, 0)$ such that $(\lambda, \mu) \in \beta_l(z_1)$ and $(\lambda, \mu) \in \beta_r(z_2)$, which proves (3). Finally we note that since $(\lambda, \mu) \in \beta_l$ implies that $1 \neq \mu$ for $n = 1$, and $2 \neq \mu$ for $n = 2$, $\bar{\delta}_r(\lambda, \mu; 0) \neq 0$ for $n = 1, 2$ follows. Hence (1) 2 and (1) 3 follow from (2.20), and (2) 2 and (2) 3 are similarly proven. **qed**

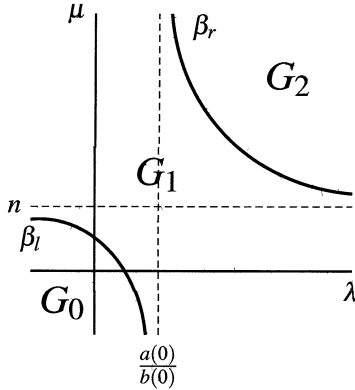


Figure 4: Region of G_j

By virtue of Lemma 2.6, $\bar{\delta}_r(\lambda, \mu; \cdot)$ has at most two zeros in $(-\infty, 0)$.

Lemma 2.7 *Let $n \geq 1$. Then (1) and (2) follow.*

(1) *Let $\lambda \neq 0$. We assume that $z_1, z_2 \in (-\infty, 0)$ and $\delta_r(\lambda, \mu; z_k) = 0$ (if they exist). Then $1 - \mu a(z_k) \neq 0$ and $G_+(z_k)Z_k = Z_k$ has the solutions: $Z_k = (\frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{nb(z_k)}{1 - \mu a(z_k)}, 1, \dots, 1)$, $k = 1, 2$, and the corresponding eigenfunctions, $H_{\lambda\mu}^+ f_k = z f_k$, are*

$$f_k(p) = \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \frac{1}{E(p) - z_k} \left(\mu \frac{nb(z_k)}{1 - \mu a(z_k)} + \sum_{j=1}^n \cos p_j \right), \quad k = 1, 2. \quad (2.21)$$

(2) *Let $\lambda = 0$. We assume that $z \in (-\infty, 0)$ and $\delta_r(0, \mu; z) = 0$. Then $1 - \mu a(z) = 0$ and $G_+(z)Z = Z$ has the solution: $Z = (1, \sqrt{2}\mu b(z), \dots, \sqrt{2}\mu b(z))^T$ and the corresponding eigenfunction, $H_{\lambda\mu}^+ f = z f$, is*

$$f(p) = \frac{\mu}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \frac{1}{E(p) - z} \quad (2.22)$$

Proof: We prove the case of $n \geq 2$. The proof for the case of $n = 1$ is similar. Since $\delta_r(\lambda, \mu; z) = 0$, we see that

$$(1 - \mu a(z)) \left(1 - \lambda (c(z) + (n - 1)d(z)) \right) - n\lambda \mu b^2(z) = 0.$$

Then $1 - \mu a(z) \neq 0$ if and only if $\lambda \neq 0$, and we also have the algebraic relation

$$1 - \lambda(c(z) + (n - 1)d(z)) = \frac{n\lambda\mu b^2(z)}{1 - \mu a(z)}.$$

From this relation it follows that $G_+(z_k)Z_k = Z_k$ for $\lambda \neq 0$. In the case of $\lambda = 0$ we can prove the lemma in a similar way. **qed**

We study zeros of $\delta_c(\lambda; z)$. In a similar manner we extend $\delta_c(\lambda, z)$ for $z \in (-\infty, 0]$. When $n \geq 2$, the function $c(z) - d(z)$ exists, and we can define $\alpha = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0^-} c(z) - d(z)$. Note that $\alpha > 0$ and we set $\lambda_c = \frac{1}{\alpha}$. Let us write $\delta_c(\lambda; z) = \rho(\lambda; z)^{n-1}$, where $\rho(\lambda; z) = \lambda(c(z) - d(z)) - 1$. We define $\bar{\delta}_c(\lambda; z)$ by

$$\bar{\delta}_c(\lambda; z) = \begin{cases} \delta_c(\lambda; z), & z \in (-\infty, 0), n \geq 1, \\ (\lambda\alpha - 1)^{n-1}, & z = 0, \quad n \geq 2, \\ 1, & z = 0, \quad n = 1. \end{cases}$$

Lemma 2.8 *Let $n \geq 2$. Then (1)–(3) follow. (1) Let $\lambda \leq \lambda_c$. Then $\rho(\lambda; z) \neq 0$ for any $z \in (-\infty, 0)$. (2) Let $\lambda = \lambda_c$. Then $\rho(\lambda; 0) = 0$. (3) Let $\lambda > \lambda_c$. Then there exists unique $z \in (-\infty, 0)$ such that $\rho(\lambda; z) = 0$ with multiplicity one.*

Proof: Since $c(z) - d(z) > 0$ is strictly monotone increasing in $(-\infty, 0)$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(\lambda; z) &\leq \rho(\lambda_c; z) < \rho(\lambda_c; 0) = 0, \quad \text{if } 0 < \lambda \leq \lambda_c, \\ \rho(\lambda; z) &= -1, \quad \text{if } \lambda = 0, \end{aligned}$$

which prove (1) and (2). Since $\rho(\lambda; 0) > \rho(\lambda_c; 0) = 0$ and $\lim_{z \rightarrow -\infty} \rho(\lambda; z) = -1$ there exists $z \in (-\infty, 0)$ such that $\rho(\lambda; z) = 0$. By the monotonicity of $\rho(\lambda; \cdot)$ this zero is a unique and has multiplicity one. Hence (3) is proven. **qed**

We immediately have a lemma.

Lemma 2.9 *Let $n \geq 2$. Then (1)–(3) follow.*

- (1) *For any $\lambda \leq \lambda_c$, $\bar{\delta}_c(\lambda; \cdot)$ has no zero in $(-\infty, 0)$.*
- (2) *Let $\lambda = \lambda_c$. Then $\bar{\delta}_c(\lambda; 0) = 0$, and $z = 0$ has multiplicity $n - 1$.*
- (3) *For any $\lambda > \lambda_c$, $\bar{\delta}_c(\lambda; \cdot)$ has a unique zero in $(-\infty, 0)$ with multiplicity $n - 1$.*

Next we show the eigenfunction corresponding to zeros of $\bar{\delta}_c(\lambda; \cdot)$.

Lemma 2.10 *Let $n \geq 2$, $z \in (-\infty, 0)$ and $\bar{\delta}_c(\lambda; z) = 0$. I.e., $\lambda = \frac{1}{c(z) - d(z)}$. Then the solutions of $G_+(z)Z = Z$ are given by $Z_j = (0, 1, 0, \dots, \overset{j+2}{-1}, \dots, 0)^T$, $j = 1, \dots, n - 1$, and hence the corresponding eigenfunctions, $H_{\lambda\mu}^+ g_j = z g_j$, are*

$$g_j(p) = \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \frac{1}{E(p) - z} (\cos p_1 - \cos p_{j+1}), \quad j = 1, \dots, n - 1. \tag{2.23}$$

In particular the multiplicity of eigenvalue z is at least $n - 1$.

Now we study the spectrum located on the left edge of the essential spectrum $[0, 2n]$, i.e., $z = 0$. Suppose that $(\lambda, \mu) \in \mathbb{H}_0$. Then it is possibly $\bar{\delta}_r(\lambda, \mu; 0) = 0$ or $\bar{\delta}_c(\lambda, \mu; 0) = 0$. We study zeros of $\bar{\delta}_r(\lambda, \mu; 0)$ for $n \geq 3$. We set $a(0) = a$ and $b(0) = b$, and both a and b are finite for $n \geq 3$.

Lemma 2.11 *Let $n \geq 3$. (1) Let $\lambda \neq 0$ and $\bar{\delta}_r(\lambda, \mu; 0) = 0$. Then $1 - \mu a \neq 0$ and $G_+(0)Z = Z$ has the solution $Z = (\frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{nb}{1-\mu a}, 1, \dots, 1)^T$ and the corresponding equation $H_{\lambda\mu}^+ f = 0$ has the solution:*

$$f(p) = \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \frac{1}{E(p)} \left(\mu \frac{nb}{1-\mu a} + \sum_{j=1}^n \cos p_j \right). \tag{2.24}$$

(2) Let $\lambda = 0$ and $\bar{\delta}_r(0, \mu; 0) = 0$. Then $1 - \mu a = 0$ and $G_+(0)Z = Z$ has the solution: $Z = (1, 0, \dots, 0)^T$ and the corresponding equation $H_{\lambda\mu}^+ f = 0$ has the solution:

$$f(p) = \frac{\mu}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \frac{1}{E(p)}. \tag{2.25}$$

Proof: The proof is the same as that of Lemma 2.7. **qed**

Next we show the solution corresponding to zeros of $\delta_c(\lambda; \cdot)$. Similar to the case of $\bar{\delta}_r(\lambda, \mu; z) = 0$, we have the lemma below.

Lemma 2.12 *Let $n \geq 2$ and $\delta_c(\lambda; 0) = 0$, i.e., $\lambda = \lambda_c$. Then the solutions of $G_+(0)Z = Z$ are given by $Z_j = (0, 1, 0, \dots, -1, \dots, 0)^T$, $j = 1, \dots, n - 1$, and hence the corresponding equation $H_{\lambda\mu}^+ g_j = 0$ has the solutions*

$$g_j(p) = \frac{\lambda_c}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \frac{1}{E(p)} (\cos p_1 - \cos p_{j+1}), \quad j = 1, \dots, n - 1. \tag{2.26}$$

Proof: The proof is the same as that of Lemma 2.10. **qed**

As was seen above the problem for $n \geq 3$ can be reduced to study the spectrum of G_+ by the Birman-Schwinger principle, the problem for $n = 1, 2$ should be however directly investigated.

As was seen above the problem for $n \geq 3$ can be reduced to study the spectrum of G_e by the Birman-Schwinger principle, the problem for $n = 1, 2$ should be however directly investigated.

Let f be a solution of $H_{\lambda\mu}^+ f = 0$ (resp. $H_{\lambda\mu}^- f = 0$) (1) If $f \in L_+^2$ (resp. $f \in L_-^2$), we say that 0 is a threshold eigenvalue of $H_{\lambda\mu}^+$ (resp. $H_{\lambda\mu}^-$). (2) If $f \in L_+^1 \setminus L_+^2$ (resp. $f \in L_-^1 \setminus L_-^2$), we say that 0 is a threshold resonance of $H_{\lambda\mu}^+$ (resp. $H_{\lambda\mu}^-$). (3) If $f \in L_+^\varepsilon \setminus L_+^1$ (resp. $f \in L_-^\varepsilon \setminus L_-^1$) for any $0 < \varepsilon < 1$, we say that 0 is a super-threshold resonance of $H_{\lambda\mu}^+$ (resp. $H_{\lambda\mu}^-$).

Lemma 2.13 *Let $n = 1$.*

(1) *Suppose that $f \in L^1(\mathbb{T})$ and $H_{\lambda\mu}^\varepsilon f = 0$. Then $f = 0$. In particular $H_{\lambda\mu}^\varepsilon$ has no threshold resonance.*

- (2) There is no non-zero f such that $f \in L^\varepsilon(\mathbb{T}^2) \setminus L^1(\mathbb{T}^2)$ for some $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ and $H_{\lambda\mu}^\varepsilon f = 0$.
In particular $H_{\lambda\mu}^\varepsilon$ has no super-threshold resonance.

Proof: (1) $H_{\lambda\mu}^\varepsilon f = 0$ gives $f = \varphi/E$ and $\varphi(p) = \mu u_0 + \lambda u_1 \cos p$ by (2.2). From $f \in L^1(\mathbb{T})$ it follows that $\varphi(0) = \mu u_0 + \lambda u_1 = 0$. Hence

$$f(p) = \frac{1}{E(p)}(1 - \cos p)\mu u_0 = \mu u_0.$$

We get $u_1 = \mu u_0 \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{T}} \cos t dt = 0$, which gives $\mu u_0 = 0$ and $f = 0$.

(2) Since $f \notin L^1(\mathbb{T})$. It must be that $\mu = 0$ and $f = \varphi/E$ with $\varphi(p) = \lambda u_1 \cos p$. Hence

$$u_1 = \frac{\lambda}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{\mathbb{T}} \frac{u_1 \cos^2 p}{E(p)} dp.$$

Then $u_1 = 0$, since $\int_{\mathbb{T}} \frac{\cos^2 p}{E(p)} dp = \infty$. Then $f = 0$ follows.

Next we discuss the spectrum of $H_{\lambda\mu}^\varepsilon$ for $n = 2$ at the threshold

Lemma 2.14 Let $n = 2$.

- (1) Suppose that $f \in L^1(\mathbb{T}^2)$ and $H_{\lambda\mu}^\varepsilon f = 0$. Then $\lambda = \lambda_c$ and

$$f(p) = \lambda_c u_1 \frac{\cos p_1 - \cos p_2}{E(p)}. \quad (2.27)$$

In particular $f \in L^2(\mathbb{T}^2)$ and $H_{\lambda\mu}^\varepsilon$ has no threshold resonance.

- (2) There is no non-zero f such that $f \in L^\varepsilon(\mathbb{T}^2) \setminus L^1(\mathbb{T}^2)$ for some $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ and $H_{\lambda\mu}^\varepsilon f = 0$.
In particular $H_{\lambda\mu}^\varepsilon$ has no super-threshold resonance.

Proof: (1) Consider $H_{\lambda\mu}^\varepsilon f = 0$ in $L^1(\mathbb{T}^2)$. We can take $f = \varphi/E$ and $\varphi(p) = \mu u_0 + \lambda u_1 \cos p_1 + \lambda u_2 \cos p_2$. Since $f \in L^1(\mathbb{T}^2)$, we get $\varphi(0) = \mu u_0 + \lambda(u_1 + u_2) = 0$ and so

$$f(p) = \frac{\lambda}{E(p)} (-u_1(1 - \cos p_1) - u_2(1 - \cos p_2))$$

We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} u_1 &= -\frac{\lambda}{(2\pi)^2} \left(u_1 \int_{\mathbb{T}^2} \frac{\cos p_1(1 - \cos p_1)}{E(p)} dp + u_2 \int_{\mathbb{T}^2} \frac{\cos p_1(1 - \cos p_2)}{E(p)} dp \right), \\ u_2 &= -\frac{\lambda}{(2\pi)^2} \left(u_1 \int_{\mathbb{T}^2} \frac{\cos p_2(1 - \cos p_1)}{E(p)} dp + u_2 \int_{\mathbb{T}^2} \frac{\cos p_2(1 - \cos p_2)}{E(p)} dp \right). \end{aligned}$$

Since $\int_{\mathbb{T}^2} \frac{\cos p_1(1 - \cos p_1)}{E(p)} dp = -\int_{\mathbb{T}^2} \frac{\cos p_1(1 - \cos p_2)}{E(p)} dp$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} u_1 &= \frac{\lambda}{(2\pi)^2} (u_2 - u_1) \left(\int_{\mathbb{T}^2} \frac{\cos p_1(1 - \cos p_1)}{E(p)} dp \right), \\ u_2 &= \frac{\lambda}{(2\pi)^2} (u_1 - u_2) \left(\int_{\mathbb{T}^2} \frac{\cos p_2(1 - \cos p_2)}{E(p)} dp \right) \end{aligned}$$

and hence $u_1 = -u_2$. Consequently, $\mu u_0 = 0$, and the solution of $H_{\lambda\mu}^e f = 0$ is of the form

$$f(p) = \lambda u_1 \frac{\cos p_1 - \cos p_2}{E(p)} \in L^2(\mathbb{T}^2). \tag{2.28}$$

Inserting this into the definition of u_1 , we have $\frac{\lambda}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{\mathbb{T}^2} \frac{\cos p_1 (\cos p_1 - \cos p_2)}{E(p)} dp = 1$ and thus taking $\lambda = \lambda_c$ we can see that (2.27) is the solution of $H_{\lambda\mu}^e f = 0$. Notice that $u_0 = 0$ follows from (2.28).

(2) Since $f \notin L^1(\mathbb{T}^2)$. It must be that $\mu = 0$ and $f = \varphi/E$ with $\varphi(p) = \lambda u_1 \cos p_1 + \lambda u_2 \cos p_2$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} u_1 &= \frac{\lambda}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{\mathbb{T}^2} \frac{u_1 \cos^2 p_1 + u_2 \cos p_1 \cos p_2}{E(p)} dp, \\ u_2 &= -\frac{\lambda}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{\mathbb{T}^2} \frac{u_1 \cos p_2 \cos p_1 + u_2 \cos^2 p_2}{E(p)} dp. \end{aligned}$$

Then $u_1 = -u_2$ and $1 = \frac{\lambda}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{\mathbb{T}^2} \frac{\cos p_1 (\cos p_1 + \cos p_2)}{E(p)} dp$. Thus $\lambda = \lambda_c$. Then f is given by (2.28), but $f \in L^2(\mathbb{T}^2)$. This contradicts with $f \notin L^1(\mathbb{T}^2)$.

Lemma 2.15 (1)-(5) follow:

- (1) Let $n = 1$. Then 0 is none of a threshold eigenvalue, a threshold resonance and a super-threshold resonance.
- (2) Let $n = 2$. Then 0 is a threshold eigenvalue with (2.26) for $(\lambda, \mu) = (\lambda_c, \mu)$ and its multiplicity is one.
- (3) Let $n = 3, 4$. Suppose $(\lambda, \mu) \in \mathbb{H}_0$. Then 0 is a threshold resonance with eigenvector (2.24) for $\lambda \neq 0$, and (2.25) for $\lambda = 0$, i.e., $(\lambda, \mu) = (0, 1/a)$.
- (4) Let $n = 3, 4$. Suppose $(\lambda, \mu) \in \mathbb{H}_0$. Then 0 is a threshold eigenvalue with (2.26) for $\lambda = \lambda_c$ and its with multiplicity is $n - 1$.
- (5) Let $n \geq 5$. Suppose $(\lambda, \mu) \in \mathbb{H}_0$. Then 0 is a threshold eigenvalue with eigenvector (2.24) for $\lambda_c \neq \lambda \neq 0$ and multiplicity one, (2.24) and (2.26) for $\lambda = \lambda_c$ and multiplicity n , and (2.25) for $\lambda = 0$, i.e., $(\lambda, \mu) = (0, 1/a)$, and multiplicity one.

Proof: (1) follows from Lemma 2.13. The solution of $H_{\lambda\mu}^+ f = 0$ is given by (2.24), (2.25) and (2.26). We note that $\int_{|p| < \varepsilon} \frac{1}{E^2(p)} dp = \infty$ for $n = 2, 3, 4$ for any $\varepsilon > 0$, and $\int_{|p| < \varepsilon} \frac{1}{E^2(p)} dp < \infty$ for $n \geq 5$ for any $\varepsilon > 0$. Since $(\lambda, \mu) \in \mathbb{H}_0$, $n \neq \mu$, and we can see that

$$\frac{nb\mu}{1 - \mu a} + \sum_{j=1}^n \cos 0 = \frac{nb\mu}{1 - \mu a} + n = n \left(\frac{1 - \mu(a - b)}{1 - \mu a} \right) = \frac{n - \mu}{1 - \mu a} \neq 0.$$

Hence, using Lemma 2.2, we obtain (2.24), (2.25) $\in L^2$ for $n \geq 5$, (2.24), (2.25) $\in L^1 \setminus L^2$ for $n = 3, 4$ and (2.26) $\in L^2$ for $n \geq 2$. (2) follows from Lemmas 2.14 and 2.12. (3) and (5) follow from Lemmas 2.12 and 2.11. (4) follows from Lemma 2.12. **qed**

3 Spectrum of odd part H_λ^-

In the previous sections, we study the spectrum of $H_{\lambda\mu}^+$ by using the Birman-Schwinger principle for $n \geq 3$, and by directly solving $H_{\lambda\mu}^+ f = 0$ for $n = 1, 2$. In the case of H_λ^- we can proceed in a similar way to the case of $H_{\lambda\mu}^+$ and rather easier than that of $H_{\lambda\mu}^+$ as is seen below. Let $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus [0, 2n]$. Let N_n be the linear hull of $\{s_1, \dots, s_n\}$. As is done for $H_{\lambda\mu}^+$, we can see that $(H_0 - z)^{-1} V_\lambda^- = S_1 S_2$. Here S_1 and S_2 are defined by

$$S_1 : \mathbb{C}^n \ni (w_1, \dots, w_n) \mapsto (H_0 - z)^{-1} \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n w_j s_j \in L_-^2,$$

$$S_2 : L_-^2 \ni \phi \mapsto (\langle \phi, s_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle \phi, s_n \rangle) \in \mathbb{C}^n.$$

We set $G_-(z) = S_2 S_1 : \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$. The following assertion is proved as Lemma 2.1.

Lemma 3.1 (Birman-Schwinger principle for $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus [0, 2n]$)

(1) $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus [0, 2n]$ is an eigenvalue of H_λ^- if and only if $1 \in \sigma(G_-(z))$.

(2) Let $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus [0, 2n]$ and $Z = (w_1, \dots, w_n)^T \in \mathbb{C}^n$ be such that $G_-(z)Z = Z$. Then $f = S_1 Z$,

$$f(p) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \frac{1}{E(p) - z} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{j=1}^n w_j \sin p_j \right)$$

is an eigenfunction of H_λ^- , i.e., $H_\lambda^- f = zf$.

We see that $G_-(z) = \lambda s(z)I$. Consequently we have for $n \geq 1$, $\delta_s(\lambda; z) = \det(G_-(z) - I) = (\lambda s(z) - 1)^n$. Since $G_-(z)$ is diagonal, it is very easy to find solution of $G_-(z)Z = Z$. It has n independent solutions: $Z_j = (0, \dots, \overset{j}{1}, \dots, 0)^T$. The corresponding eigenvector, $H_\lambda^- f_j = z f_j$, is given by

$$f_j(p) = \frac{1}{E(p) - z} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}} \sin p_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, n, \quad (3.1)$$

where $\lambda = 1/s(z)$. In particular the multiplicity of z is n . We can extend the Birman-Schwinger principle for $z = 0$. We extend the eigenvalue equation $H_\lambda^- f = 0$ in L_-^2 to that in L_-^1 . We consider the equation

$$E(p)f(p) - \frac{\lambda}{(2\pi)^n} \sum_{j=1}^n \sin p_j \int_{\mathbb{T}^n} \sin p_j f(p) dp = 0 \quad (3.2)$$

in L_-^1 . We also describe (3.2) as $H_\lambda^- f = 0$. We can see that $\sin p_j / E(p) \approx 1/|p|$ in the neighborhood of $p = 0$, and then $\sin p_j / E(p) \in L^1$ for $n \geq 2$. By (5) of Lemma 2.2 and $V_\lambda^- f \in C$ we can see that

$$L_-^2 \ni f \mapsto H_0^{-1} V_\lambda^+ f \in L_-^2, \quad n \geq 3, \quad (3.3)$$

$$L_-^1 \ni f \mapsto H_0^{-1} V_\lambda^- f \in L_-^1, \quad n \geq 2. \quad (3.4)$$

Thus for $n \geq 2$ we can extend operators S_1 and S_2 . Let $n \geq 2$ and $Z = (w_1, \dots, w_n)^T$. $\bar{S}_1 : \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow L^1_-$ is defined by

$$\bar{S}_1 Z = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{E(p)} \sum_{j=1}^n w_j \sin p_j$$

and $\bar{S}_2 : L^1_- \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$ by

$$\bar{S}_2 : L^1_- \ni \phi \mapsto \left(\int_{T^n} \phi(p) s_1(p) dp, \dots, \int_{T^n} \phi(p) s_n(p) dp \right)^T \in \mathbb{C}^n.$$

Then $\bar{S}_1 \bar{S}_2 : L^1_- \rightarrow L^1_-$. Consequently $G_-(0) = \bar{S}_2 \bar{S}_1 : \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$ is described as an $n \times n$ matrix. Let $n \geq 2$. We have (1) $\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} G_-(z) = G_-(0)$, and (2) $\sigma(H_0^{-1} V_\lambda^-) \setminus \{0\} = \sigma(G_-(0)) \setminus \{0\}$. Hence for $n \geq 2$,

$$G_-(0) = \lambda s(0) I \tag{3.5}$$

and $\bar{\delta}_s(\lambda; z)$ is defined by

$$\bar{\delta}_s(\lambda; z) = \begin{cases} \delta_s(\lambda; z) & z \in (-\infty, 0), \\ (\lambda s(0) - 1)^n & z = 0. \end{cases} \tag{3.6}$$

Lemma 3.2 (Birman-Schwinger principle for $z = 0$) Let $n \geq 2$. Then (1) and (2) follow. (1) Equation $H_\lambda^- f = 0$ has a solution in L^1 if and only if $1 \in \sigma(G_-(0))$. (2) Let $Z = (w_1, \dots, w_n)^T \in \mathbb{C}^n$ be the solution of $G_-(0)Z = Z$ if and only if $f = \bar{S}_1 Z$, i.e.,

$$f(p) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \frac{1}{E(p)} \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{j=1}^n w_j \sin p_j$$

is a solution of $H_\lambda^- f = 0$, where $w_j = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \int_{T^n} f(p) \sin p_j dp$, $j = 1, \dots, n$.

Proof: The proof is the same as that of Lemma 2.3. **qed**

$$\text{Set } \lambda_s = \frac{1}{s(0)}.$$

Lemma 3.3 Let $n \geq 1$. Then (1)-(3) follow:

- (1) Let $\lambda \leq \lambda_s$. Then $\bar{\delta}_s(\lambda; \cdot)$ has no zero in $(-\infty, 0)$.
- (2) Let $\lambda = \lambda_s$. Then $\bar{\delta}_s(\lambda_s; 0) = 0$ and $z = 0$ has multiplicity n .
- (3) Let $\lambda > \lambda_s$. Then $\bar{\delta}_s(\lambda; \cdot)$ has a unique zero in $(-\infty, 0)$ with multiplicity n .

Proof: The proof is similar to that of Lemma 2.9, and hence we omit it. **qed**

Threshold resonances and threshold eigenvalues for H_λ^- can be discussed by the Birman-Schwinger principle for $n \geq 2$.

Lemma 3.4 Let $n \geq 2$. Then the solutions of equation $H_\lambda^- f = 0$ are given by

$$f_j(p) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \frac{\lambda_s}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{\sin p_j}{E(p)}, \quad j = 1, \dots, n. \tag{3.7}$$

Proof: By $\bar{\delta}(\lambda_s, 0) = 0$ and Lemma 3.2 the lemma follows. **qed**

For $n = 1$ we can directly see that $H_\lambda^- f = 0$ has no solution in L^1 , but H_λ^- has a super-threshold resonance.

Proposition 3.5 (Super-threshold resonance) *Let $n = 1$. Then $H_\lambda^- f = 0$ has solution $f \in L^\varepsilon \setminus L^1$ for any $0 < \varepsilon < 1$. I.e., 0 is a super-threshold resonance of H_λ^- .*

Proof: $H_\lambda^- f = 0$ yields that

$$f(p) = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \frac{\sin p}{E(p)} \int_{\mathbb{T}} \sin pf(p) dp.$$

Note that however $\sin p/E(p) \notin L^1$, but we can see that $\sin p/E(p) \in L^\varepsilon$ for any $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ since $\sin p/E(p) \sim 1/p$ near $p = 0$ and $\int_{\mathbb{T}} p^{-\varepsilon} dp < \infty$. **qed**

Lemma 3.6 (1) *Let $n = 1$. Then 0 is neither a threshold resonance and a threshold eigenvalue, but for (λ, μ) with $\lambda \neq 0$, 0 is a super-threshold resonance.*

(2) *Let $n = 2$. Then 0 is a threshold resonance at $\lambda = \lambda_s$.*

(3) *Let $n \geq 3$. Then 0 is a threshold eigenvalue at $\lambda = \lambda_s$ and its multiplicity is n .*

Proof: (1) follows from Proposition 3.5. Let $n \geq 2$. Then the solution of $H_\lambda^- f = 0$ is given by (3.7). Since $\frac{\sin pj}{E(p)} \in L^1 \setminus L^2$ for $n = 2$ and $\frac{\sin pj}{E(p)} \in L^2$ for $n \geq 3$, we have $f \in L^1 \setminus L^2$ for $n = 2$, and $f \in L^2$ for $n \geq 3$. Then (2) and (3) follow. **qed**

4 Main theorems

4.1 Case of $n \geq 2$

In order to describe the main results we have to separate (λ, μ) -plane into several regions.

Lemma 4.1 *Let $n \geq 2$. Then $\lambda_\infty(z) \leq \lambda_s(z) \leq \lambda_c(z)$ for $z \in (-\infty, 0]$.*

Proof: It follows that $\lambda_c(z) = \frac{1}{c(z)-d(z)} > \lambda_s(z) = \frac{1}{s(z)} > \lambda_\infty(z) = \frac{a(z)}{b(z)}$ for $z < 0$. By a limiting argument the lemma follows. **qed**

Introduce four half planes:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}_- &= \{(\lambda, \mu) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \lambda < \lambda_c\}, & \mathcal{E}_+ &= \{(\lambda, \mu) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \lambda > \lambda_c\} \\ \mathcal{S}_- &= \{(\lambda, \mu) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \lambda < \lambda_s\}, & \mathcal{S}_+ &= \{(\lambda, \mu) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \lambda > \lambda_s\}, \end{aligned}$$

and two vertical lines: $\beta_c = \{(\lambda, \mu) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \lambda = \lambda_c\}$ and $\beta_s = \{(\lambda, \mu) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \lambda = \lambda_s\}$. Note that $\mathcal{S}_- \subset \mathcal{E}_-$ and $\mathcal{E}_+ \subset \mathcal{S}_+$, and we define open sets by

$$\begin{aligned} D_0 &= G_0, & D_1 &= G_1 \cap \mathcal{S}_-, & D_2 &= G_2 \cap \mathcal{S}_-, & D_{n+1} &= G_1 \cap (\mathcal{S}_+ \cap \mathcal{E}_-), \\ D_{n+2} &= G_2 \cap (\mathcal{S}_+ \cap \mathcal{E}_-), & D_{2n} &= G_1 \cap \mathcal{E}_+, & D_{2n+1} &= G_2 \cap \mathcal{E}_+. \end{aligned}$$

	D_0	D_1	D_2	D_{n+1}	D_{n+2}	D_{2n}	D_{2n+1}
E.v.in $(-\infty, 0)$	0	1	2	$n+1$	$n+2$	$2n$	$2n+1$

E.v. $(-\infty, 0)$	B_k	S_k	C_k	Point A	Point B
	k	k	k	1	$n+1$
0 res.	$n=2$ -	$n=2$ 2	$n \geq 2$ -	$n=2$ 2	$n=2$ -
	$n=3,4$ 1	$n \geq 3$ -		$n=3,4$ 1	$n=3,4$ 1
	$n \geq 5$ -			$n \geq 5$ -	$n \geq 5$ -
0.e.v.	$n=2$ -	$n=2$ -	$n \geq 2$ $n-1$	$n=2$ -	$n=2$ 1
	$n=3,4$ -	$n \geq 3$ n		$n=3,4$ n	$n=3,4$ $n-1$
	$n \geq 5$ 1			$n \geq 5$ $n+1$	$n \geq 5$ n

Table 1: Spectrum of $H_{\lambda\mu}$ for (λ, μ) on D_k and the edges of D_k for $n \geq 2$

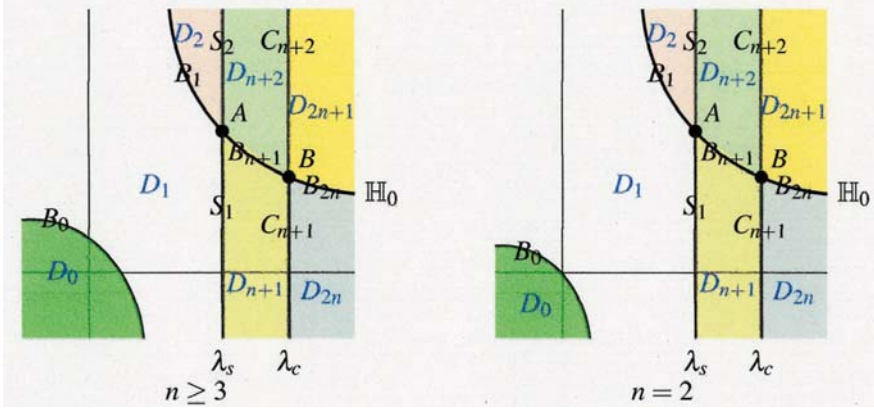


Figure 5: Hyperbola for $n \geq 2$

The boundaries of these sets define disjoint eight curves:

$$B_0 = \beta_l, \quad B_1 = \beta_r \cap \mathfrak{S}_-, \quad B_{n+1} = \beta_r \cap (\mathfrak{S}_+ \cap \mathfrak{C}_-), \quad B_{2n} = \beta_r \cap \mathfrak{C}_+,$$

$$S_1 = \beta_s \cap G_1, \quad S_2 = \beta_s \cap G_2, \quad C_{n+1} = \beta_c \cap G_1, \quad C_{n+2} = \beta_c \cap G_2,$$

and two one point sets given by $A = \beta_r \cap \beta_s$ and $B = \beta_r \cap \beta_c$.

We are now in the position to state the main theorem for $n \geq 2$.

Theorem 4.2 *Let $n \geq 2$.*

- (1) *Assume that $(\lambda, \mu) \in D_k$, $k \in \{0, 1, 2, n+1, n+2, 2n, 2n+1\}$, then $H_{\lambda\mu}$ has k eigenvalues in $(-\infty, 0)$. In addition $H_{\lambda\mu}$ has neither a threshold eigenvalue nor a threshold resonance.*
- (2) *0 is not a super-threshold resonance of $H_{\lambda\mu}$ for any $(\lambda, \mu) \in \mathbb{R}^2$.*

(3) Assume that (λ, μ) in B_k, S_k, C_k and A, B results in Table 4.1 are true:

Proof: (1) follows from Lemmas 2.6, 2.9 and 3.3. (2) follows from Lemmas 2.13 3.4 and 3.6. (3) follows from Lemmas 2.15 and 3.6. **qed**

As is drawn in Figures 5 and 9, hyperbolas for $n = 1, 2$ include the origin $(0, 0)$, which is different from those for $n \geq 3$. It actually describes that the Hamiltonian $H_{\lambda\mu}$ with $\lambda = 0$ has a negative eigenvalue for any $\mu > 0$. This is clarified in e.g., [3] and is also hold for one or two dimensional Schrödinger operator of the form $-(1/2)\Delta + V$. We refer to see e.g., [6] and reference therein. Moreover for any $(\lambda, \mu) \in (0, \infty) \times (0, \infty)$, $H_{\lambda\mu}$ always has negative eigenvalue and dose not have threshold resonance nor threshold eigenvalue for $n = 1, 2$.

By a Rellich type theorem for the discrete Schrödinger operator, embedded eigenvalues may be absent in the interval $(0, 2n)$. Under some assumptions this is proven in [4]. We are however interested in constructing a Hamiltonian $H_{\lambda\mu}$ which has two eigenvalues on both edges of the spectrum $[0, 2n]$. See Figure 6 below:

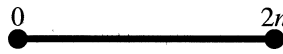


Figure 6: Two embedded eigenvalues or resonances of $H_{\lambda\mu}$

By the discussion stated in the previous sections we can construct an example of discrete Schrödinger operators which has two embedded eigenvalues. Let $n \geq 3$. Points (λ, μ) on the blue curve in the upper left construct Schrödinger operators $H_{\lambda\mu}$ which has resonance or eigenvalue at 0. On the other hand points (λ, μ) on the red curve in the upper right construct Schrödinger operators $H_{\lambda\mu}$ which has resonance or eigenvalue at $2n$. See Figure 7.

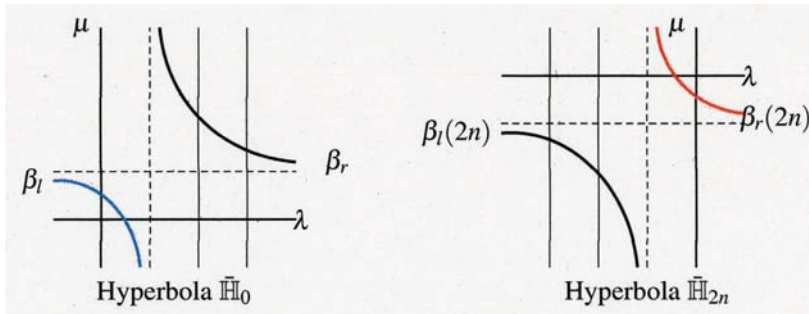


Figure 7: Resonance and eigenvalue on edges

We have the theorem.

Theorem 4.3 (1) Let $n = 3, 4$. Then there exists two pints (λ_1, μ_1) and (λ_2, μ_2) in (λ, μ) -plane such that both 0 and $2n$ of the spectrum $\sigma(H_{\lambda_j\mu_j})$ are simultaneously resonances. (2) Let $n \geq 5$. Then there exists two pints (λ_1, μ_1) and (λ_2, μ_2) in (λ, μ) -plane such that both 0 and $2n$ of the spectrum $\sigma(H_{\lambda_j\mu_j})$ are simultaneously eigenvalues.

Proof: Two branches $\beta_r(2n)$ and β_l cross at just two points (λ_1, μ_1) and (λ_2, μ_2) for $n \geq 3$, where $\lambda_1, \mu_2 < 0$ and $\lambda_2, \mu_1 > 0$. Refer to see Figure 8. In the case of $n = 3, 4$, two points

0 and $2n$ are resonances and in the case of $n \geq 5$ these are eigenvalues. Then the proof is completed. **qed**

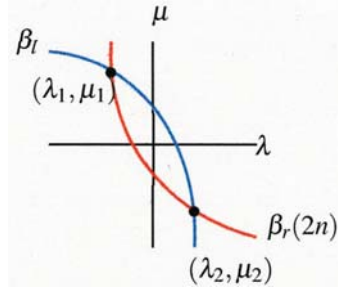


Figure 8: Crossing points of hyperbolas

4.2 Case of $n = 1$

Let $n = 1$. In this case, the asymptote of \tilde{H}_0 is $(\lambda_\infty(0), \mu_\infty(0)) = (1, 1)$, and λ_c is not defined. We also see that $\lambda_s = 1 = \lambda_\infty(0)$. Then we have 4 sets $D_0 = G_0, D_1 = G_1 \cap \mathfrak{S}_-, D_2 = G_1 \cap A_1$ and $D_3 = G_2$. The boundaries of these sets define disjoint three curves: $B_0 = \beta_l, B_2 = \beta_r$ and $A_1 = \beta_s$.

	D_0	D_1	D_2	D_3
E.v.in $(-\infty, 0)$	0	1	2	3

	B_k	A_1
E.v.in $(-\infty, 0)$	k	1
0 res.	—	—
0.e.v.	—	—

Table 2: Spectrum of $H_{\lambda\mu}$ for (λ, μ) on D_k and the edges of D_k for $n = 1$

Now we formulate next result for $n = 1$.

Theorem 4.4 *Let $n = 1$.*

- (1) *Assume $(\lambda, \mu) \in D_k, k \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$. Then $H_{\lambda\mu}$ has k eigenvalues in $(\infty, 0)$. In addition 0 is neither a threshold resonance and a threshold eigenvalue.*
- (2) *Assume that (λ, μ) with $\lambda = \lambda_s = 1$. Then 0 is a super-threshold resonance.*
- (3) *Assume that (λ, μ) in B_k or A_1 . Then results in Table 4.2 are true: In particular $H_{\lambda\mu}$ has neither a threshold resonance nor a threshold eigenvalue.*

Proof: The theorem follows from Lemmas 2.6, 2.9, 3.3, 2.15 and 3.6. **qed**

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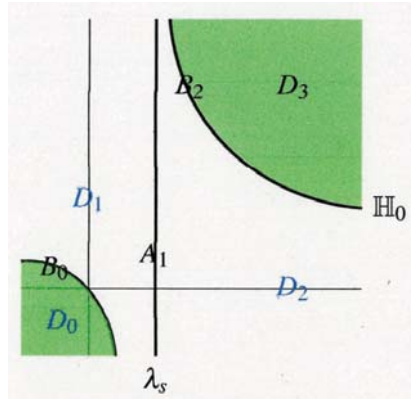


Figure 9: Hyperbola for $n = 1$

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