

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, ν is a fixed complex number, $G u(x, t)$ is a linear integral operator, and Δ is the Laplace operator on S^n . It is shown that the set of parameters (ν, 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 λ belongs to the spectrum of L . Particularly, the authors consider the case that λ 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 λ in the domain of L .

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

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

with these conditions :

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

Here $u(x, t)$ - is a complex function on $S^n \times [0, b]$, S^n - is the multidimensional sphere, $n \geq 2$; $a \neq 0$, ν - 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 τ - 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

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

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with the following conditions:

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

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

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

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 Δ on the sphere S^n are of the form $-k(k+n-1)$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, $k \geq 0$ and that Δ 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 λ_{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.

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

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

$$|\lambda_{km}| \geq \frac{C}{k^{1+\sigma}}. \quad (9)$$

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

This definition shows that the set $A_\sigma(C)$ extends as C reduces and as σ 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 σ sufficiently large. Let A_σ 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_σ are Borel. The set A_σ 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_σ 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.,

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

Since $C k^{-1-\sigma} \leq \frac{1}{2} |ak(k+n-1)|$, 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 $\delta_k \tilde{S}_k$, where $\tilde{S}_k = \tilde{S}_k(l)$ is the sum of all integers m satisfying (13). Summing an arithmetic progression, we obtain

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

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

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

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_σ - 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 ν .

Proof. Equation (1) reduces to

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

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 ν . We need to study the structure of the set $E \subset \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{R}^+$, that consists of all pairs (ν, 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

$$(K_b - \widetilde{K}_b)u = K_{k_0b}u = \sum_{k>k_0} \frac{v_{km}}{\lambda_{km}(b)} e_{km}$$

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

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

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

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 $\frac{4m^2 \pi^2}{|\lambda_{km}(b)|^2} = \frac{4m^2 \pi^2}{|\frac{2m\pi}{b} + ak(k+n-1)|^2}$ is dominated by a constant $C(k_0)$ depending on k_0 . Therefore

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

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 Δb 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 $\text{Comp}(\mathcal{H}_0)$ of compact operators on \mathcal{H}_0 , in the sense that for any ε there exists $\delta > 0$ such that for all compact (and even bounded) operators B with $\|B - K\| < \delta$ we have*

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

Here $V_\varepsilon(0) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\lambda| < \varepsilon\}$ is the ε -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 λ 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 $\rho(\lambda, K) = \text{dist}(\lambda, \sigma(K))$ is continuous on $\mathbb{C} \times \text{Comp}(\mathcal{H}_0)$.*

Proof. Suppose $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$, $K \in \text{Comp}(\mathcal{H}_0)$ and $\varepsilon > 0$. By Lemma 6, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that for any operator H lying in the δ -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 $\rho(\lambda, b) = \text{dist}(\lambda, \sigma(K_b))$ 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_σ 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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