

57. Singular Hadamard's Variation of Domains and Eigenvalues of the Laplacian. II

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§ 1. This paper is a continuation of our previous note [2]. Let Ω be a bounded domain in \mathbf{R}^n with C^3 boundary γ and w be a fixed point in Ω . For any sufficiently small $\varepsilon > 0$, let B_ε be the ball defined by $B_\varepsilon = \{z \in \Omega; |z - w| < \varepsilon\}$. Let Ω_ε be the bounded domain defined by $\Omega_\varepsilon = \Omega \setminus \bar{B}_\varepsilon$. Then the boundary of Ω_ε consists of γ and ∂B_ε . Let $0 > \mu_1(\varepsilon) > \mu_2(\varepsilon) > \dots$ be the eigenvalues of the Laplacian with the Dirichlet condition on $\partial\Omega_\varepsilon$. We arrange them repeatedly according to their multiplicities. In [2], [3] we gave the asymptotic formulas for the j -th eigenvalue $\mu_j(\varepsilon)$ when $\varepsilon \searrow 0$ in case $n=2, 3$. In this note we treat the case $n=4$. We have the following

Theorem 1. *Assume $n=4$. Fix j . Suppose that the j -th eigenvalue μ_j of the Laplacian with the Dirichlet condition on γ is a simple eigenvalue, then*

$$(1.1) \quad \mu_j(\varepsilon) - \mu_j = -2S_4\varepsilon^2\varphi_j(w)^2 + O(\varepsilon^{5/2})$$

holds when ε tends to zero. Here φ_j denotes the eigenfunction of the Laplacian with the Dirichlet condition on γ satisfying

$$\int_{\Omega} \varphi_j(x)^2 dx = 1.$$

Here S_4 denotes the area of the unit sphere in \mathbf{R}^4 .

Our aim of this note is to offer a rough sketch of the proof of the above theorem. Calculation and technique which are used to prove Theorem 1 are more elaborate than in case $n=2$ and 3. L^p ($1 < p < \infty$) spaces are used in this note. We employed only L^2 spaces in case $n=2, 3$.

We review a generalization of the Schiffer-Spencer formula. See [6]. Also see [3]. In the following we assume $n=4$. Let $G(x, y)$ be the Green's function on Ω . Put

$$\omega_\varepsilon = \{x \in \Omega; G(x, w) < (2S_4\varepsilon^2)^{-1}\}$$

and $\beta_\varepsilon = \Omega \setminus \bar{\omega}_\varepsilon$. Let $G_\varepsilon(x, y)$ be the Green's function in ω_ε .

Variational formula for the Green's function [3]. Fix $x, y \in \Omega \setminus \{w\}$ such that $x \neq y$. Then

$$(1.2) \quad G_\varepsilon(x, y) = G(x, y) - 2S_4\varepsilon^2 G(x, w)G(y, w) + O(\varepsilon^3)$$

holds when ε tends to zero. The remainder term is not uniform with respect to x, y .

To prove Theorem 1 we use the iterated kernel $G_\varepsilon^{(2)}$ (resp. $G^{(2)}$) of