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# SATURATION OF THE APPROXIMATION BY SPECTRAL DECOMPOSITIONS

Dedicated to Professor Satoru Igari on his sixtieth birthday

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**Abstract.** We shall give a saturation class for approximations by eigenfunction expansions of the Laplacian in an open domain in the Euclidean space.

**1.** Introduction. Let  $\Omega$  be an open domain in the *n* dimensional Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Consider the operator  $A = -\Delta$  in  $L^2(\Omega)$  with the domain of definition  $D(A) = C_c^{\infty}(\Omega)$ , where  $\Delta = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} + \cdots + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_n^2}$  is the Laplacian. Denote by  $\hat{A}$  a nonnegative selfadjoint extension of *A*. Let  $\{k_{\lambda}(t)\}$  be a family of bounded piecewise smooth functions on  $[0, \infty)$ . Suppose we have two constants  $\kappa_1, \kappa_2 > 0$  such that  $k_{\lambda}(t)\sqrt{t}^{n/2-2\kappa_2+1/2} \in L^1(0,\infty)$ ,  $(k_{\lambda}(t) - 1)/\lambda^{-\kappa_1}t^{\kappa_2}$  are uniformly bounded in  $\lambda$  and  $t \in [0, \infty)$ , and  $(k_{\lambda}(t) - 1)/\lambda^{-\kappa_1}t^{\kappa_2}$  converge to a nonzero constant as  $\lambda \to \infty$  for any  $t \in [0, \infty)$ . Let

$$I_{\lambda}(r) = \int_0^\infty k_{\lambda}(t^2) J_{\nu}(rt) t^{\nu+1} dt \,,$$

where  $\nu = n/2 - 2\kappa_2 + 1$  and  $J_{\nu}$  is the Bessel function of order  $\nu$ . We assume, furthermore, the following conditions

(1.1) 
$$\int_0^R s^{2\kappa_2 - 1} ds \left| \int_s^R r^{n/2 - 2\kappa_2 + 2} I_{\lambda}(r) dr \right| = O(\lambda^{-\kappa_1}),$$

(1.2) 
$$\left|\int_{R}^{\infty} r^{\nu+1} I_{\lambda}(r) dr\right| = o(\lambda^{-\kappa_{1}}),$$

and

(1.3) 
$$\left(\sum_{T=0}^{\infty} T^{4\kappa_2 - 3} \max_{T \le s \le T+1} \left| \int_{R}^{\infty} J_{\nu}(sr) I_{\lambda}(r) r dr \right|^2 \right)^{1/2} = o(\lambda^{-\kappa_1})$$

as  $\lambda \to \infty$  for any small R > 0.

We shall consider the approximation operator  $k_{\lambda}(\hat{A})$  for  $f \in L^{2}(\Omega)$ . We say  $\Delta f \in L^{\infty}_{loc}(\Omega)$  if for every compact set K in  $\Omega$  there is a constant  $C_{K}$  such that

$$\left|\int_{K} f(x)\Delta g(x)dx\right| \leq C_{K} \|g\|_{L^{1}(K)}$$

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for any infinitely differentiable function g whose support is contained in K. Let  $\{\varphi_{\varepsilon}\}$  be an infinitely differentiable approximate identity with supports contained in  $\{x; |x| < \varepsilon\}$ . For a function f on  $\Omega$  and  $x \in \Omega$ , f is said to be regulated at x if  $f * \varphi_{\varepsilon}(x) \to f(x)$  as  $\varepsilon \to 0^+$ .

In 1970, Igari proved the following Theorem in [5].

THEOREM A. Suppose that there exist a complete orthonormal system  $\{u_j\}$  of smooth functions in  $L^2(\Omega)$  and a numerical sequence  $\{\lambda_j\}$  for which  $-\Delta u_j = \lambda_j u_j$  in  $\Omega$ . Let

$$f_j = \int_{\Omega} f(x) \overline{u_j(x)} dx, \quad f \in L^2(\Omega)$$

and

$$s_{\lambda}^{\delta}f = \sum_{\lambda_j \leq \lambda} \left( 1 - \frac{\lambda_j}{\lambda} \right)^{\delta} f_j u_j, \quad f \in L^2(\Omega).$$

Let  $\delta \ge (n+3)/2$  and  $f \in L^2(\Omega)$  be regulated in  $\Omega$ . Then the following hold.

(i) The following conditions are equivalent.

(ia)

$$\|s_{\lambda}^{\delta}f - f\|_{L^{\infty}(K)} = O(\lambda^{-1})$$

as  $\lambda \to \infty$  for every compact set K in  $\Omega$ .

(ib) 
$$\Delta f \in L^{\infty}_{loc}(\Omega)$$
.

(ii) The following conditions are equivalent.

(iia)

$$\|s_{\lambda}^{\delta}f - f\|_{L^{\infty}(K)} = o(\lambda^{-1})$$

as  $\lambda \to \infty$  for every compact set K in  $\Omega$ .

(iib)  $\Delta f$  vanishes in  $\Omega$ .

Our aim is to give a generalization of Theorem A. Let  $\{k_{\lambda}(t)\}\$  be a family of bounded Borel functions on  $[0, \infty)$ . We can define the bounded operator  $k_{\lambda}(\hat{A})$  in  $L^2(\Omega)$ .

EXAMPLE 1. Suppose that there exist a complete orthonormal system  $\{u_j\}$  of smooth functions in  $L^2(\Omega)$  and a sequence  $\{\lambda_j\}$  such that  $-\Delta u_j = \lambda_j u_j$  in  $\Omega$ . Let

$$f_j = \int_{\Omega} f(x) \overline{u_j(x)} dx$$
,  $f \in L^2(\Omega)$ .

Let  $\hat{A}$  be the selfadjoint extension of  $-\Delta$  defined by

$$D(\hat{A}) = \left\{ f \in L^2(\Omega); \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j^2 |f_j|^2 < \infty \right\}$$

and

$$\hat{A}f = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j f_j u_j, \quad f \in D(\hat{A}).$$

For any  $f \in L^2(\Omega)$  the spectral decomposition of f is given by

$$E((-\infty, t])f = \sum_{\lambda_j \le t} f_j u_j$$

and  $k_{\lambda}(\hat{A})$  is defined by

$$k_{\lambda}(\hat{A})f = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} k_{\lambda}(\lambda_j)f_ju_j, \quad f \in L^2(\Omega).$$

EXAMPLE 2. Let  $\Omega = \mathbf{R}^n$ . Let

$$\hat{f}(\xi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi^n}} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} f(x) e^{-i\xi \cdot x} dx , \quad f \in L^2(\mathbf{R}^n).$$

In this case, there is a unique nonnegative selfadjoint extension  $\hat{A}$  of  $-\Delta$  defined by

$$D(\hat{A}) = \{ f \in L^2(\mathbf{R}^n); |\xi|^2 \hat{f}(\xi) \in L^2(\mathbf{R}^n) \}$$

and

$$\hat{A}f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\xi|^2 \hat{f}(\xi) e^{ix \cdot \xi} d\xi , \quad f \in D(\hat{A}) .$$

Then the spectral decomposition of  $f \in L^2(\mathbf{R}^n)$  is given by

$$E((-\infty, t])f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}^n} \int_{|\xi|^2 \le t} \hat{f}(\xi) e^{ix \cdot \xi} d\xi$$

and  $k_{\lambda}(\hat{A})$  is defined by

$$k_{\lambda}(\hat{A})f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}^n} \int_{\boldsymbol{R}^n} k_{\lambda}(|\xi|^2) \hat{f}(\xi) e^{ix\cdot\xi} d\xi , \quad f \in L^2(\boldsymbol{R}^n)$$

For  $\kappa_2 > 0$  and  $1 , we say <math>(-\Delta)^{\kappa_2} f$  belongs to  $L^p_{loc}(\Omega)$  if for every bounded open set G in  $\Omega$  with the closure  $\overline{G}$  contained in  $\Omega$ , there is a constant  $C_G$  such that

$$\left|\int_{\bar{G}} f(x)(-\Delta)^{\kappa_2} g(x) dx\right| \le C_G \|g\|_{L^{p'}(\bar{G})}$$

for any infinitely differentiable function g with support contained in  $\overline{G}$ , where 1/p+1/p' = 1. Our results are stated as follows.

MAIN THEOREM. Let  $\Omega$  be an open domain in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\hat{A}$  be a nonnegative selfadjoint extension of  $-\Delta$  in  $\Omega$ . Let  $\{k_{\lambda}(t)\}$  be a family of bounded piecewise smooth functions on  $[0, \infty)$  and  $\kappa_1, \kappa_2 > 0$  such that  $k_{\lambda}(t)\sqrt{t}^{n/2-2\kappa_2+1/2} \in L^1(0, \infty), \lambda^{\kappa_1}t^{-\kappa_2}[k_{\lambda}(t)-1]$  are uniformly bounded in  $\lambda$  and  $t \in [0, \infty)$ , and  $\lambda^{\kappa_1}t^{-\kappa_2}[k_{\lambda}(t)-1]$  converge to a nonzero constant as  $\lambda \to \infty$  for any  $t \in [0, \infty)$ .

Suppose that  $\{k_{\lambda}(t)\}$  satisfies the conditions (1.1), (1.2) and (1.3) as  $\lambda \to \infty$ . Let f be a regulated function in  $L^2(\Omega)$ . Furthermore, suppose that  $1 and <math>f \in L^p_{loc}(\Omega)$ . Then the following hold.

(i) The following two conditions are equivalent.

(ia)

$$||k_{\lambda}(\hat{A})f - f||_{L^{p}(K)} = O(\lambda^{-\kappa_{1}})$$

as  $\lambda \to \infty$  for every compact set K in  $\Omega$ .

(ib)  $(-\Delta)^{\kappa_2} f \in L^p_{\text{loc}}(\Omega).$ 

- (ii) Let  $G \subset \Omega$  be any open set.
  - (iia) Suppose that  $(-\Delta)^{\kappa_2} f$  vanishes in G. Then

$$||k_{\lambda}(A)f - f||_{L^{p}(K)} = o(\lambda^{-\kappa_{1}})$$

as  $\lambda \to \infty$  for any compact set  $K \subset G$ . (iib) If

$$\|k_{\lambda}(\hat{A})f - f\|_{L^{p}(K)} = o(\lambda^{-\kappa_{1}})$$

as  $\lambda \to \infty$  for any compact set  $K \subset G$ , then  $(-\Delta)^{\kappa_2} f$  vanishes in G.

If  $\delta > (n + 3)/2$  and  $k_{\lambda}(t) = (1 - t/\lambda^2)^{\delta}_+$ , then the conditions (1.1), (1.2) and (1.3) are satisfied. Therefore we have the following:

COROLLARY 1. Let  $\Omega$  be an open domain in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\hat{A}$  be a nonnegative selfadjoint extension of  $-\Delta$  in  $\Omega$ . Let  $s_{\lambda}^{\delta} = (1 - \hat{A}/\lambda^2)_{+}^{\delta}$  and  $\delta > (n+3)/2$ . Let f be a regulated function in  $L^2(\Omega)$ . Suppose that  $1 and <math>f \in L^p_{loc}(\Omega)$ . Then the following hold.

(i) The following are equivalent.

(ia)

$$\|s_{\lambda}^{\delta}f - f\|_{L^{p}(K)} = O(\lambda^{-2})$$

as  $\lambda \to \infty$  for every compact set K in  $\Omega$ .

(ib)  $\Delta f \in L^p_{\text{loc}}(\Omega).$ 

(ii) Let  $G \subset \Omega$  be any open set.

(iia) Suppose that  $\Delta f$  vanishes in G. Then

$$\|s_{\lambda}^{\delta}f - f\|_{L^{p}(K)} = o(\lambda^{-2})$$

as  $\lambda \to \infty$  for any compact set  $K \subset G$ . (iib) If

$$\|s_{\lambda}^{\delta}f - f\|_{L^{p}(K)} = o(\lambda^{-2})$$

as  $\lambda \to \infty$  for any compact set  $K \subset G$ , then  $\Delta f$  vanishes in G.

Our main theorem follows from Theorem 1 in §2 and Theorem 2 in §3. Corollary 1 is proved in §4.

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2. Saturation of the approximation. Let  $\Omega$  be an open domain in the *n*-dimensional Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Let

(2.1) 
$$A = \sum_{|\alpha| \le m} a_{\alpha}(x) D^{\alpha}$$

be a differential operator, where  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, ..., \alpha_n)$ ,  $|\alpha| = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \cdots + \alpha_n$ ,  $D^{\alpha} = (-i)^{|\alpha|} (\partial/\partial x_1)^{\alpha_1} \cdots (\partial/\partial x_n)^{\alpha_n}$  and  $a_{\alpha} \in C^{\infty}(\Omega)$ . We consider A as an operator in  $L^2(\Omega)$  with the domain of definition  $D(A) = C_c^{\infty}(\Omega)$ . Suppose that A is formally selfadjoint and

semibounded. If  $\hat{A}$  is a selfadjoint extension of A with the same lower bound c, then  $\hat{A}$  can be represented in the form of

$$\hat{A} = \int_c^\infty t E(dt) \, .$$

Let  $\{k_{\lambda}(t)\}$  be a family of bounded Borel functions on  $[c, \infty), \kappa_1, \kappa_2 > 0$  and

(2.2) 
$$\psi_{\lambda}(t) := \frac{k_{\lambda}(t) - 1}{\lambda^{-\kappa_1} t^{\kappa_2}}.$$

Suppose that

- (1)  $\psi_{\lambda}(t)$  are uniformly bounded in  $\lambda$  and  $t \in [c, \infty)$ , and
- (2)  $\psi_{\lambda}(t)$  converge to a nonzero constant *C* as  $\lambda \to \infty$  for any  $t \in [c, \infty)$ .

LEMMA 1. If  $f \in L^2(\Omega)$  and  $g \in D(\hat{A}^{\kappa_2})$ , then  $\lambda^{\kappa_1}(k_\lambda(\hat{A})f - f, g) \to C(f, \hat{A}^{\kappa_2}g)$ as  $\lambda \to \infty$ .

**PROOF.** By the definition of  $k_{\lambda}(\hat{A})$ , we have

$$\begin{split} \lambda^{\kappa_1}(k_\lambda(\hat{A})f - f, g) &= \lambda^{\kappa_1} \int_c^\infty [k_\lambda(t) - 1](E(dt)f, g) \\ &= \int_c^\infty \frac{k_\lambda(t) - 1}{\lambda^{-\kappa_1}} (f, E(dt)g) = \int_c^\infty \frac{k_\lambda(t) - 1}{\lambda^{-\kappa_1} t^{\kappa_2}} t^{\kappa_2}(f, E(dt)g) \\ &= \int_c^\infty \psi_\lambda(t) t^{\kappa_2}(f, E(dt)g) = (f, \overline{\psi_\lambda}(\hat{A})\hat{A}^{\kappa_2}g) \\ &= \int_c^\infty \psi_\lambda(t)(f, E(dt)\hat{A}^{\kappa_2}g) \,. \end{split}$$

Let  $\rho = (f, E(\cdot)\hat{A}^{\kappa_2}g)$  and  $|\rho|$  be the total variation of  $\rho$ . Then

$$\int_{c}^{\infty} |\rho|(dt) \le \|f\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)} \|\hat{A}^{\kappa_{2}}g\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)} < \infty.$$

Therefore, by Lebesgue's dominated convergence theorem, it follows that

$$\lim_{\lambda \to \infty} \lambda^{\kappa_1}(k_\lambda(\hat{A})f - f, g) = \lim_{\lambda \to \infty} \int_c^\infty \psi_\lambda(t)\rho(dt)$$
$$= \int_c^\infty \lim_{\lambda \to \infty} \psi_\lambda(t)\rho(dt) = C \int_c^\infty \rho(dt) = C(f, \hat{A}^{\kappa_2}g).$$

Thus Lemma 1 is proved.

Let G be an open subset in  $\Omega$  with compact closure  $\overline{G}$  and  $1 . We say <math>A^{\kappa_2} f \in L^p(\overline{G})$  if

$$\|A^{\kappa_2}f\|_{L^p(\bar{G})} := \sup_{\|g\|_{L^{p'}(\bar{G})}=1} \left|\int_{\Omega} f(x)\overline{\hat{A}^{\kappa_2}g(x)}dx\right| < \infty,$$

where 1/p + 1/p' = 1 and g is an infinitely differentiable function whose support is contained in  $\bar{G}$ .

THEOREM 1. Let  $\Omega$  be an open domain in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and A be a formally selfadjoint semibounded differential operator with coefficients in  $C^{\infty}(\Omega)$  given by (2.1). Suppose that  $\hat{A}$  is a selfadjoint extension of A with the same lower bound c. Let  $\{k_{\lambda}(t)\}$  be a family of bounded Borel functions on  $[c, \infty)$  and  $\kappa_1, \kappa_2 > 0$  such that the sequence  $\{\psi_{\lambda}(t)\}$  of Borel functions on  $[c, \infty)$  given by (2.2) satisfies (1) and (2). Let  $f \in L^2(\Omega), 1 and <math>G$  be any open set in  $\Omega$  with compact closure  $\overline{G}$ . Then the following hold.

(i) *If* 

$$\|k_{\lambda}(\hat{A})f - f\|_{L^{p}(\bar{G})} = O(\lambda^{-\kappa_{1}})$$

as  $\lambda \to \infty$ , then  $A^{\kappa_2} f \in L^p(\overline{G})$ . (ii) If

$$||k_{\lambda}(A)f - f||_{L^{p}(\bar{G})} = o(\lambda^{-\kappa_{1}})$$

as  $\lambda \to \infty$ , then  $A^{\kappa_2} f$  vanishes in  $\overline{G}$ .

**PROOF.** Let g be an infinitely differentiable function and supp g be its support. Suppose that supp  $g \subset \overline{G}$ . Then by Lemma 1

(2.3) 
$$\lambda^{\kappa_1}(k_\lambda(\hat{A})f - f, g) \to C(f, \hat{A}^{\kappa_2}g) \text{ as } \lambda \to \infty.$$

On the other hand, we have

(2.4) 
$$|\lambda^{\kappa_1}(k_{\lambda}(\hat{A})f - f, g)| \le \lambda^{\kappa_1} ||k_{\lambda}(\hat{A})f - f||_{L^p(\bar{G})} ||g||_{L^{p'}(\bar{G})}.$$

If  $||k_{\lambda}(\hat{A})f - f||_{L^{p}(\tilde{G})} = O(\lambda^{-\kappa_{1}})$  as  $\lambda \to \infty$ , then by (2.4) for any  $\lambda$ 

$$|\lambda^{\kappa_1}(k_\lambda(\hat{A})f - f, g)| \le C' \|g\|_{L^{p'}(\bar{G})}$$

with some constant C' > 0. Therefore, by (2.3), we have

$$\left|\int_{\Omega} f(x)\overline{\hat{A}^{\kappa_2}g(x)}dx\right| = |(f, \hat{A}^{\kappa_2}g)| \le C^{-1}C' \|g\|_{L^{p'}(\bar{G})}$$

for any g. Thus (i) is proved.

If  $||k_{\lambda}(\hat{A})f - f||_{L^{p}(\bar{G})} = o(\lambda^{-\kappa_{1}})$  as  $\lambda \to \infty$ , then in the same way as in (i), (ii) is proved.

EXAMPLES. (1) Riesz summation: For  $\kappa > 0$  and  $\delta > 0$ , the Riesz summation is given by the multiplier  $k_{\lambda}(t) = [1 - (t/\lambda^2)^{\kappa}]_{+}^{\delta}$ . In this case,  $(\lambda^2/t)^{\kappa}[k_{\lambda}(t) - 1]$  are uniformly bounded in  $\lambda$  and  $t \in [c, \infty)$  with a constant c > 0 and

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{k_{\lambda}(t) - 1}{(\lambda^{-2}t)^{\kappa}} = \lim_{s \to +0} \frac{(1 - s^{\kappa})^{\delta} - 1}{s^{\kappa}} = -\lim_{s \to +0} \delta(1 - s)^{\delta - 1} = -\delta$$

for any  $t \in [c, \infty)$ . Thus  $\kappa_1 = 2\kappa$ ,  $\kappa_2 = \kappa$  and  $C = -\delta$ , where *C* is a constant in (2).

(2) Fejér-Korovkin summation is defined by

$$k_{\lambda}(t) = \begin{cases} \left(1 - \frac{t}{\lambda^2}\right) \cos \frac{\pi t}{\lambda^2} + \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \cot \frac{\pi}{\lambda^2} \sin \frac{\pi t}{\lambda^2} & t < \lambda^2, \\ 0 & t \ge \lambda^2. \end{cases}$$

In this case,  $(\lambda^2/t)^2 [k_\lambda(t) - 1]$  are uniformly bounded in  $\lambda$  and  $t \in [c, \infty)$  and

$$\lim_{\lambda \to \infty} \frac{k_{\lambda}(t) - 1}{(\lambda^{-2}t)^2} = \lim_{s \to +0} \frac{\cos \pi s - 1}{s^2} = \lim_{s \to +0} \frac{\cos^2 \pi s - 1}{s^2(\cos \pi s + 1)}$$
$$= -\lim_{s \to +0} \frac{\sin^2 \pi s}{s^2(\cos \pi s + 1)} = -\frac{\pi^2}{2}$$

for any  $t \in [c, \infty)$ . Thus  $\kappa_1 = 4$ ,  $\kappa_2 = 2$  and  $C = -\pi^2/2$ .

(3) Rogosinski summation is given by

$$k_{\lambda}(t) = \begin{cases} \cos \frac{\pi t}{2\lambda^2} & t < \lambda^2, \\ 0 & t \ge \lambda^2. \end{cases}$$

In this case,  $(\lambda^2/t)^2 [k_\lambda(t) - 1]$  are uniformly bounded in  $\lambda$  and  $t \in [c, \infty)$  and

$$\lim_{\lambda \to \infty} \frac{k_{\lambda}(t) - 1}{(\lambda^{-2}t)^2} = \lim_{s \to +0} \frac{\cos\frac{\pi}{2}s - 1}{s^2} = -\lim_{s \to +0} \frac{\sin^2\frac{\pi}{2}s}{s^2\left(\cos\frac{\pi}{2}s + 1\right)} = -\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = -\frac{\pi^2}{8}$$

for any  $t \in [c, \infty)$ . Thus  $\kappa_1 = 4$ ,  $\kappa_2 = 2$  and  $C = -\pi^2/8$ .

(4) Jackson summation is given by

$$k_{\lambda}(t) = \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{t}{\lambda^2}\right)^2 + \frac{3}{4} \left(\frac{t}{\lambda^2}\right)^3 & t < \lambda^2, \\ \frac{1}{4} \left(2 - \frac{t}{\lambda^2}\right)^3 & \lambda^2 \le t < 2\lambda^2 \\ 0 & t \ge 2\lambda^2. \end{cases}$$

In this case,  $(\lambda^2/t)^2 [k_\lambda(t) - 1]$  are uniformly bounded in  $\lambda$  and  $t \in [c, \infty)$  and  $\lim_{\lambda \to \infty} (\lambda^2/t)^2 [k_\lambda(t) - 1] = -3/2$ . Thus  $\kappa_1 = 4$ ,  $\kappa_2 = 2$  and C = -3/2.

(5) Gauss-Weierstrass summation: We consider the multiplier  $k_{\lambda}^{W}(t) = \exp(-t/\lambda)$ . The function of  $t (\lambda/t)[k_{\lambda}(t) - 1]$  is bounded uniformly in  $\lambda$ , and we have

$$\lim_{\lambda \to \infty} \frac{k_{\lambda}(t) - 1}{\lambda^{-1}t} = \lim_{s \to +0} \frac{e^{-s} - 1}{s} = -\lim_{s \to +0} e^{-s} = -1.$$

Thus  $\kappa_1 = \kappa_2 = 1$  and C = -1. Poisson summation is given by the function  $k_{\lambda}^P(t) = \exp(-\sqrt{t}/\lambda)$ , and we have  $\kappa_1 = 1$  and  $\kappa_2 = 1/2$ .

3. Estimates of  $k_{\lambda}(\hat{A})f - f$ . The aim of this section is to prove the following theorem.

THEOREM 2. Let  $\Omega$  be an open domain in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\hat{A}$  be a nonnegative selfadjoint extension of  $-\Delta$  in  $\Omega$ . Suppose that K is a compact set in  $\Omega$  and K' is a closed subset of K with dist(K', K<sup>c</sup>) > 0. Let { $k_{\lambda}(t)$ } be a family of bounded piecewise smooth functions on  $[0, \infty)$  such that  $k_{\lambda}(t)\sqrt{t}^{n/2-2\kappa_2+1/2} \in L^1(0, \infty)$  with a constant  $\kappa_2 > 0$  and  $k_{\lambda}(0) = 1$  for any  $\lambda$ .

Suppose that  $\{k_{\lambda}(t)\}$  satisfies the conditions (1.1), (1.2) and (1.3) with a constant  $\kappa_1 > 0$ and  $0 < R < \text{dist}(K', K^c)$ . Let f be a regulated function in  $L^2(\Omega)$ . Suppose that 1 $and <math>f \in L^p(K)$ . Then the following hold.

(i) If  $(-\Delta)^{\kappa_2} f \in L^p(K)$ , then

$$\|k_{\lambda}(\hat{A})f - f\|_{L^{p}(K')} = O(\lambda^{-\kappa_{1}}) \quad as \quad \lambda \to \infty.$$

(ii) If  $(-\Delta)^{\kappa_2} f$  vanishes in K, then

$$||k_{\lambda}(\hat{A})f - f||_{L^{p}(K')} = o(\lambda^{-\kappa_{1}}) \quad as \quad \lambda \to \infty.$$

3.1 Generalized eigenfunction system. In order to prove Theorem 2, we shall use the generalized eigenfunction system corresponding to an ordered representation of  $L^2(\Omega)$  associated with the Laplace operator.

We shall begin with several definitions. We consider  $A = -\Delta$  as an operator in  $L^2(\Omega)$  with the domain of definition  $D(A) = C_c^{\infty}(\Omega)$ . Let  $\hat{A}$  be a nonnegative selfadjoint extension of A. Let  $\mathfrak{B}$  be the Borel field on  $\mathbf{R}$  and E be the unique spectral measure corresponding to  $\hat{A}$ . For  $h \in L^2(\Omega)$ , we define the following closed subspace of  $L^2(\Omega)$ :

$$H(h) := \{F(\hat{A})h; F \text{ is a Borel function on } \mathbf{R} \text{ and } h \in D(F(\hat{A}))\}$$
$$= \{F(\hat{A})h; F \in L^2(\mathbf{R}, \mathfrak{B}, (E(\cdot)h, h))\}.$$

If  $f \in H(h)$ , then we can write uniquely  $f = F(\hat{A})h$ , where  $F \in L^2(\mathbb{R}, \mathfrak{B}, (E(\cdot)h, h))$  and

$$\|f\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)} = \left(\int_{\mathbf{R}} |F(t)|^{2} (E(dt)h, h)\right)^{1/2}$$

Therefore we can define an isomorphism  $U_h$  from H(h) onto  $L^2(\mathbf{R}, \mathfrak{B}, (E(\cdot)h, h))$  by  $U_h f := F$ , which preserves inner products.

There exist a sequence of functions  $\{h_j\} \subset L^2(\Omega)$  and a sequence of sets  $\{e_j\} \subset \mathfrak{B}$ , called the set of multiplicity, with the following properties (see [3, XII.3.16] or [4, Chap. 14]):

(I)

$$L^2(\Omega) = \bigoplus_j H(h_j) \,.$$

That is,  $H(h_j)$  are mutually orthogonal and span  $L^2(\Omega)$ .

- (II)  $\mathbf{R} = e_1 \supseteq e_2 \supseteq \cdots$ .
- (III)  $(E(e)h_i, h_i) = (E(e \cap e_i)h_1, h_1)$  for any  $e \in \mathfrak{B}$ .
- By (I), for  $f \in L^2(\Omega)$  we can write uniquely

$$f = \sum_{j} F_j(\hat{A}) h_j \,,$$

where  $F_j \in L^2(\mathbf{R}, \mathfrak{B}, (E(\cdot)h_j, h_j))$  and

$$\left(\sum_{j} \int_{\mathbf{R}} |F_{j}(t)|^{2} (E(dt)h_{j}, h_{j})\right)^{1/2} = \left(\sum_{j} \|F_{j}(\hat{A})h_{j}\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)}^{2}\right)^{1/2} = \|f\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)} < \infty.$$

Therefore we can define an isometry U from  $L^2(\Omega)$  onto  $\bigoplus_j L^2(\mathbb{R}, \mathfrak{B}, (E(\cdot)h_j, h_j))$ , which is equivalent to say

$$L^{2}(\Omega) \leftrightarrow \left\{ \{F_{j}\}; F_{j} \in L^{2}(\mathbb{R}, \mathfrak{B}, (E(\cdot)h_{j}, h_{j})) \text{ and } \sum_{j} \int_{\mathbb{R}} |F_{j}(t)|^{2} (E(dt)h_{j}, h_{j}) < \infty \right\},$$

and the correspondence is given by  $Uf := \{F_j\}$ . We denote  $F_j =: (Uf)_j$ .

By (III) we have

$$\bigoplus_{j} L^{2}(\boldsymbol{R}, (E(\cdot)h_{j}, h_{j})) = \bigoplus_{j} L^{2}(e_{j}, (E(\cdot)h_{1}, h_{1})).$$

Let  $\rho := (E(\cdot)h_1, h_1)$ . Then U is an isomorphism from  $L^2(\Omega)$  onto  $\bigoplus_j L^2(e_j, \rho)$  which preserves inner products, that is, for any  $f, g \in L^2(\Omega)$  it holds that

(3.1) 
$$(f,g)_{L^2(\Omega)} = \sum_j \int_{e_j} (Uf)_j(t) \overline{(Ug)_j(t)} \rho(dt) \, .$$

U is called an ordered representation of  $L^2(\Omega)$  with respect to  $\hat{A}$ .

With these understood, there exists a sequence of functions  $\{u_j(x, t)\}$  defined on the product space of  $\Omega \times \mathbf{R}$  such that the following conditions are satisfied (see [3, XII.3 and XIV.6] or [4, Chap. 15]):

(i) The functions  $u_j(x, t)$  are  $dx \times d\rho(t)$ -measurable and vanish outside  $\Omega \times e_j$ , where dx is the Lebesgue measure.

(ii) For any fixed  $t \in \mathbf{R}$ , each  $u_i(x, t)$  belongs  $C^{\infty}(\Omega)$  and satisfies

(3.2) 
$$-\Delta u_j(x,t) = t u_j(x,t), \quad x \in \Omega.$$

(iii) For each compact subset K of  $\Omega$  and each bounded Borel set e in **R** 

$$\operatorname{ess\,sup}_{x\in K}\int_{e}|u_{j}(x,t)|^{2}\rho(dt)<\infty\,.$$

(iv) For each  $f \in L^2(\Omega)$ 

(3.3) 
$$(Uf)_j(t) = \int_{\Omega} f(x) \overline{u_j(x,t)} dx ,$$

where the integral exists in the sense of  $L^2(e_i, \rho)$ .

(v) For each  $f \in L^2(\Omega)$  and each  $e \in \mathfrak{B}$ 

(3.4) 
$$E(e)f(x) = \sum_{j} \int_{e} (Uf)_{j}(t)u_{j}(x,t)\rho(dt),$$

where the integral exists and the series converges in the sense of  $L^2(\Omega)$ .

 $\{u_j\}$  is called the generalized eigenfunction system of  $\hat{A}$  corresponding to U. By (v), for  $f \in L^2(\Omega)$  we have

(3.5) 
$$f(x) = \sum_{j} \int_{\boldsymbol{R}} (Uf)_{j}(t) u_{j}(x,t) \rho(dt)$$

and

(3.6) 
$$k_{\lambda}(\hat{A})f(x) = \sum_{j} \int_{\boldsymbol{R}} k_{\lambda}(t)(Uf)_{j}(t)u_{j}(x,t)\rho(dt).$$

3.2 Decomposition of  $k_{\lambda}(\hat{A})f - f$ . Throughout what follows,  $\Omega$  denotes an open domain in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\hat{A}$  is a nonnegative selfadjoint extension of  $-\Delta$ . Let U denote an ordered representation of  $L^2(\Omega)$  with respect to  $\hat{A}$ ,  $\{u_j\}$  the generalized eigenfunction system and  $\rho$  the measure associated with U. We denote the gamma function by  $\Gamma$ , the unit sphere in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  by  $S^{n-1}$ , the Lebesgue measure on the unit sphere  $S^{n-1}$  by  $\sigma$  and the surface area  $2\sqrt{\pi}^n/\Gamma(n/2)$  of  $S^{n-1}$  by  $\omega_n$ . Let  $\kappa_2$  be a constant in (1.1), (1.2) and (1.3), and  $\nu = n/2 - 2\kappa_2 + 1$ .

LEMMA 2. Let  $f \in L^2(\Omega)$ ,  $x \in \Omega$  and R > 0. Then

$$\begin{split} k_{\lambda}(\hat{A})f(x) &- f(x) \\ = -\sum_{j} \int_{0}^{\infty} t(Uf)_{j}(t)u_{j}(x,t)\rho(dt) \int_{0}^{R} I_{\lambda}(r)r^{\nu+1}dr \int_{0}^{r} \frac{J_{\nu+1}(\sqrt{t}s)}{(\sqrt{t}s)^{\nu+1}}sds \\ &+ \sum_{j} \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{(Uf)_{j}(t)u_{j}(x,t)}{\sqrt{t^{\nu}}}\rho(dt) \int_{R}^{\infty} I_{\lambda}(r)J_{\nu}(\sqrt{t}r)rdr \\ &- f(x) \times \frac{1}{2^{\nu}\Gamma(\nu+1)} \int_{R}^{\infty} I_{\lambda}(r)r^{\nu+1}dr \,, \end{split}$$

where

$$I_{\lambda}(r) = \int_0^\infty k_{\lambda}(s^2) J_{\nu}(rs) s^{\nu+1} ds \,.$$

**PROOF.** First observe that the function  $k_{\lambda}(t)$  is piecewise smooth on  $[0, \infty)$  and  $k_{\lambda}(t)\sqrt{t}^{\nu-1}$  is integrable on  $(0, \infty)$ . By Hankel's integral formula ([2, p. 73, (60)]), we have

$$\begin{aligned} k_{\lambda}(t) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}^{\nu}} \int_{0}^{\infty} J_{\nu}(\sqrt{t}r) r dr \int_{0}^{\infty} k_{\lambda}(s^{2}) J_{\nu}(rs) s^{\nu+1} ds \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}^{\nu}} \int_{0}^{\infty} I_{\lambda}(r) J_{\nu}(\sqrt{t}r) r dr \,. \end{aligned}$$

Then, by (3.5), (3.6) and the fact that  $k_{\lambda}(0) = 1$ , we have

$$\begin{split} k_{\lambda}(\hat{A})f(x) &- f(x) \\ &= \sum_{j} \int_{0}^{\infty} \{k_{\lambda}(t) - k_{\lambda}(0)\}(Uf)_{j}(t)u_{j}(x,t)\rho(dt) \\ &= \sum_{j} \int_{0}^{\infty} (Uf)_{j}(t)u_{j}(x,t)\rho(dt) \int_{0}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{J_{\nu}(\sqrt{t}r)}{\sqrt{t}^{\nu}} - \frac{r^{\nu}}{2^{\nu}\Gamma(\nu+1)} \right\} I_{\lambda}(r)rdr \\ &= \sum_{j} \int_{0}^{\infty} (Uf)_{j}(t)u_{j}(x,t)\rho(dt) \int_{0}^{R} \left\{ \frac{J_{\nu}(\sqrt{t}r)}{\sqrt{t}^{\nu}} - \frac{r^{\nu}}{2^{\nu}\Gamma(\nu+1)} \right\} I_{\lambda}(r)rdr \\ &+ \sum_{j} \int_{0}^{\infty} (Uf)_{j}(t)u_{j}(x,t)\rho(dt) \int_{R}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{J_{\nu}(\sqrt{t}r)}{\sqrt{t}^{\nu}} - \frac{r^{\nu}}{2^{\nu}\Gamma(\nu+1)} \right\} I_{\lambda}(r)rdr \,. \end{split}$$

Now apply the formula ([7, p. 45])

$$\frac{J_{\nu}(\sqrt{t}r)}{\sqrt{t^{\nu}}} - \frac{r^{\nu}}{2^{\nu}\Gamma(\nu+1)} = -tr^{\nu} \int_{0}^{r} \frac{J_{\nu+1}(\sqrt{t}s)}{(\sqrt{t}s)^{\nu+1}} s ds$$

Note that for the second term, we have

$$\sum_{j} \int_{0}^{\infty} (Uf)_{j}(t)u_{j}(x,t)\rho(dt) \int_{R}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{J_{\nu}(\sqrt{t}r)}{\sqrt{t^{\nu}}} - \frac{r^{\nu}}{2^{\nu}\Gamma(\nu+1)} \right\} I_{\lambda}(r)rdr$$
$$= \sum_{j} \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{(Uf)_{j}(t)u_{j}(x,t)}{\sqrt{t^{\nu}}} \rho(dt) \int_{R}^{\infty} I_{\lambda}(r)J_{\nu}(\sqrt{t}r)rdr$$
$$- f(x) \times \frac{1}{2^{\nu}\Gamma(\nu+1)} \int_{R}^{\infty} I_{\lambda}(r)r^{\nu+1}dr.$$

Thus we get Lemma 2.

3.3 Proof of Theorem 2. Let f be a regulated function in  $L^2(\Omega)$ . Let K be a compact set in  $\Omega$  and K' be a closed set in K with  $dist(K', K^c) > 0$ . We choose  $0 < R < dist(K', K^c)$ . Let  $\kappa_1$  and  $\kappa_2$  be constants in (1.1), (1.2) and (1.3). Let  $\nu = n/2 - 2\kappa_2 + 1$  and  $1 . Suppose that <math>f \in L^p(K)$  and  $(-\Delta)^{\kappa_2} f \in L^p(K)$ . By Lemma 2, we have

$$\|k_{\lambda}(\hat{A})f - f\|_{L^{p}(K')} \leq \|f\|_{L^{p}(K')} \times \frac{1}{2^{\nu}\Gamma(\nu+1)} \left| \int_{R}^{\infty} I_{\lambda}(r)r^{\nu+1}dr \right|$$

$$(3.7) \qquad + \left\| \int_{0}^{R} I_{\lambda}(r)r^{\nu+1}dr \int_{0}^{r} sds \sum_{j} \int_{0}^{\infty} t(Uf)_{j}(t)u_{j}(\cdot, t) \frac{J_{\nu+1}(\sqrt{t}s)}{(\sqrt{t}s)^{\nu+1}}\rho(dt) \right\|_{L^{p}(K')}$$

$$+ \left\| \sum_{j} \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{(Uf)_{j}(t)u_{j}(\cdot, t)}{\sqrt{t^{\nu}}}\rho(dt) \int_{R}^{\infty} I_{\lambda}(r)J_{\nu}(\sqrt{t}r)rdr \right\|_{L^{\infty}(K')}$$

LEMMA 3. We have

$$\left\| \int_0^R I_{\lambda}(r) r^{\nu+1} dr \int_0^r s ds \sum_j \int_0^\infty t(Uf)_j(t) u_j(\cdot, t) \frac{J_{\nu+1}(\sqrt{t}s)}{(\sqrt{t}s)^{\nu+1}} \rho(dt) \right\|_{L^p(K')} \le C \lambda^{-\kappa_1} \| (-\Delta)^{\kappa_2} f \|_{L^p(K)}.$$

PROOF. Let  $x \in K'$  and 0 < s < R. Put

$$g_s(y) = \frac{1}{s^{\nu+1}|y|^{n/2-1}} \int_0^\infty J_{\nu+1}(sr) J_{n/2-1}(|y|r) dr ,$$
  
$$g_s^x(y) = g_s(x-y) .$$

If |y| > s, then  $g_s(y) = 0$  ([7, p. 404, (6)]). Therefore supp  $g_s^x \subset K \subset \Omega$ . Then, by (3.3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} (Ug_s^x)_j(t) &= \int_{\Omega} g_s^x(y) \overline{u_j(y,t)} dy = \int_{\Omega} g_s(y) \overline{u_j(x-y,t)} dy \\ &= \frac{1}{s^{\nu+1}} \int \overline{u_j(x-y,t)} dy \frac{1}{|y|^{n/2-1}} \int_0^{\infty} J_{\nu+1}(sr) J_{n/2-1}(|y|r) dr \\ &= \frac{1}{s^{\nu+1}} \int_0^{\infty} q^{n/2} dq \int_{S^{n-1}} \overline{u_j(x-qw,t)} \sigma(dw) \int_0^{\infty} J_{\nu+1}(sr) J_{n/2-1}(qr) dr \,. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, by (3.2),  $u_j(y, t) \in C^{\infty}(\Omega)$ , and we have  $-\Delta u_j(y, t) = tu_j(y, t)$  for  $y \in \Omega$ . Therefore, by the mean-value formula, we have

$$\int_{S^{n-1}} u_j(x-qw,t)\sigma(dw) = \sqrt{2\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{J_{n/2-1}(\sqrt{t}q)}{(\sqrt{t}q)^{n/2-1}} u_j(x,t).$$

Thus, by Hankel's formula, we have

$$(Ug_{s}^{x})_{j}(t) = \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}^{n}}{\sqrt{t}^{n/2-1}s^{\nu+1}}\overline{u_{j}(x,t)} \int_{0}^{\infty} J_{n/2-1}(\sqrt{t}q)qdq \int_{0}^{\infty} J_{\nu+1}(sr)J_{n/2-1}(qr)dr$$
$$= \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}^{n}J_{\nu+1}(\sqrt{t}s)}{\sqrt{t}^{n/2}s^{\nu+1}}\overline{u_{j}(x,t)}.$$

We can assume that  $f \in C_c^{\infty}(\Omega)$  by approximation. Then, by (3.1), we have

$$\begin{split} \sum_{j} \int_{0}^{\infty} t(Uf)_{j}(t) u_{j}(x,t) \frac{J_{\nu+1}(\sqrt{ts})}{(\sqrt{ts})^{\nu+1}} \rho(dt) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}^{n}} \sum_{j} \int_{e_{j}} t^{\kappa_{2}}(Uf)_{j}(t) \overline{(Ug_{s}^{x})_{j}(t)} \rho(dt) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}^{n}} \int_{\Omega} [(-\Delta)^{\kappa_{2}} f(y)] g_{s}^{x}(y) dy = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}^{n}} \int_{\Omega} [(-\Delta)^{\kappa_{2}} f(y)] g_{s}(x-y) dy \,. \end{split}$$

Therefore we have

$$\int_0^R I_{\lambda}(r)r^{\nu+1}dr \int_0^r sds \sum_j \int_0^\infty t(Uf)_j(t)u_j(x,t) \frac{J_{\nu+1}(\sqrt{ts})}{(\sqrt{ts})^{\nu+1}} \rho(dt)$$
  
=  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}^n} \int_0^R I_{\lambda}(r)r^{\nu+1}dr \int_0^r sds \int_{|y| < s} [(-\Delta)^{\kappa_2} f(x-y)]g_s(y)dy$   
=  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}^n} \int_0^R sds \int_s^R I_{\lambda}(r)r^{\nu+1}dr \int_{|y| < s} [(-\Delta)^{\kappa_2} f(x-y)]g_s(y)dy.$ 

Applying successively Minkowski's inequality for integral, we have

$$\begin{split} \left\| \int_{0}^{R} I_{\lambda}(r) r^{\nu+1} dr \int_{0}^{r} s ds \sum_{j} \int_{0}^{\infty} t(Uf)_{j}(t) u_{j}(\cdot, t) \frac{J_{\nu+1}(\sqrt{t}s)}{(\sqrt{t}s)^{\nu+1}} \rho(dt) \right\|_{L^{p}(K')} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}^{n}} \int_{0}^{R} s ds \left\| \int_{s}^{R} I_{\lambda}(r) r^{\nu+1} dr \int_{|y| < s} [(-\Delta)^{\kappa_{2}} f(\cdot - y)] g_{s}(y) dy \right\|_{L^{p}(K')} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}^{n}} \int_{0}^{R} s ds \left\| \int_{s}^{R} I_{\lambda}(r) r^{\nu+1} dr \right\| \left\| \int_{|y| < s} [(-\Delta)^{\kappa_{2}} f(\cdot - y)] g_{s}(y) dy \right\|_{L^{p}(K')} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}^{n}} \int_{0}^{R} s ds \left\| \int_{s}^{R} I_{\lambda}(r) r^{\nu+1} dr \right\| \int_{|y| < s} \| (-\Delta)^{\kappa_{2}} f(\cdot - y) \|_{L^{p}(K')} \| g_{s}(y) \| dy \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}^{n}} \| (-\Delta)^{\kappa_{2}} f \|_{L^{p}(K)} \int_{0}^{R} s ds \left\| \int_{s}^{R} I_{\lambda}(r) r^{\nu+1} dr \right\| \int_{|y| < s} \| g_{s}(y) \| dy \, . \end{split}$$

On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{split} \int_{|y|$$

where  ${}_2F_1(\alpha, \beta; \gamma; z)$  is Gauss' hypergeometric function. Therefore the last term is bounded by

$$C_{\kappa_2}\|(-\Delta)^{\kappa_2}f\|_{L^p(K)}\int_0^R s^{2\kappa_2-1}ds\left|\int_s^R I_{\lambda}(r)r^{\nu+1}dr\right|.$$

By the condition (1.1), we get the bound  $C\lambda^{-\kappa_1} \| (-\Delta)^{\kappa_2} f \|_{L^p(K)}$  for the last term. Thus Lemma 3 is proved.

We shall use the following lemma ([1, p. 655]).

LEMMA 4. Under the assumptions above, if K is a compact set contained in  $\Omega$ , then

$$\left(\sum_{j}\int_{T\leq\sqrt{t}\leq T+1}|u_{j}(x,t)|^{2}\rho(dt)\right)^{1/2}\leq C_{K}(T+1)^{(n-1)/2},$$

where  $C_K$  is a constant independent of  $T \ge 0$  and  $x \in K$ .

LEMMA 5. We have

$$\left\|\sum_{j}\int_{0}^{\infty}\frac{(Uf)_{j}(t)u_{j}(\cdot,t)}{\sqrt{t^{\nu}}}\rho(dt)\int_{R}^{\infty}I_{\lambda}(r)J_{\nu}(\sqrt{t}r)rdr\right\|_{L^{\infty}(K)}=o(\lambda^{-\kappa_{1}})$$

as  $\lambda \to \infty$ .

PROOF. We have, by Schwarz's inequality,

$$\begin{split} \left| \sum_{j} \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{(Uf)_{j}(t)u_{j}(x,t)}{\sqrt{t^{\nu}}} \rho(dt) \int_{R}^{\infty} I_{\lambda}(r) J_{\nu}(\sqrt{t}r) r dr \right| \\ &\leq \left( \sum_{j} \int_{e_{j}} |(Uf)_{j}(t)|^{2} \rho(dt) \right)^{1/2} \\ &\times \left( \sum_{j} \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{|u_{j}(x,t)|^{2}}{t^{\nu}} \rho(dt) \left| \int_{R}^{\infty} I_{\lambda}(r) J_{\nu}(\sqrt{t}r) r dr \right|^{2} \right)^{1/2} \end{split}$$

Now, by (3.1), we have

$$\left(\sum_{j} \int_{e_{j}} |(Uf)_{j}(t)|^{2} \rho(dt)\right)^{1/2} = ||f||_{L^{2}(\Omega)}$$

By Lemma 4, there exists a constant  $C_K$  such that

$$\left(\sum_{j}\int_{0}^{\infty}\frac{|u_{j}(x,t)|^{2}}{t^{\nu}}\rho(dt)\left|\int_{R}^{\infty}I_{\lambda}(r)J_{\nu}(\sqrt{t}r)rdr\right|^{2}\right)^{1/2}$$
$$\leq C_{K}\left(\sum_{T=0}^{\infty}T^{4\kappa_{2}-3}\max_{T\leq s\leq T+1}\left|\int_{R}^{\infty}I_{\lambda}(r)J_{\nu}(sr)rdr\right|^{2}\right)^{1/2}$$

uniformly in  $x \in K$ . Therefore, by (1.3), we have

$$\left|\sum_{j}\int_{0}^{\infty}\frac{(Uf)_{j}(t)u_{j}(x,t)}{\sqrt{t^{\nu}}}\rho(dt)\int_{R}^{\infty}I_{\lambda}(r)J_{\nu}(\sqrt{t}r)rdr\right|=o(\lambda^{-\kappa_{1}})$$

uniformly in  $x \in K$  as  $\lambda \to \infty$ . Thus Lemma 5 is proved.

We remark that  $\left|\int_{R}^{\infty} I_{\lambda}(r)r^{\nu+1}dr\right| = o(\lambda^{-\kappa_{1}})$  by the assumption (1.2).

By (3.7) together with Lemmas 3 and 5,  $||k_{\lambda}(\hat{A})f - f||_{L^{p}(K')} = O(\lambda^{-\kappa_{1}})$  as  $\lambda \to \infty$ . If  $(-\Delta)^{\kappa_{2}} f$  vanishes in K, then by Lemma 3.

$$\left\|\int_0^R I_{\lambda}(r)r^{\nu+1}dr\int_0^r sds\sum_j \int_0^\infty t(Uf)_j(t)u_j(\cdot,t)\frac{J_{\nu+1}(\sqrt{t}s)}{(\sqrt{t}s)^{\nu+1}}\rho(dt)\right\|_{L^p(K')} = 0.$$

Therefore, by (3.7) and Lemma 5, we have  $||k_{\lambda}(\hat{A})f - f||_{L^{p}(K')} = o(\lambda^{-\kappa_{1}})$  as  $\lambda \to \infty$ . Consequently, Theorem 2 is proved.

## 4. Applications of main theorem.

4.1 Proof of Corollary 1. Let  $k_{\lambda}(t) = (1 - t/\lambda^2)^{\delta}_+$ . Then we have the formula (see [2, p. 92, (34)])

$$k_{\lambda}(t) = \frac{2^{\delta} \Gamma(\delta+1)}{\lambda^{\delta-n/2} \sqrt{t}^{n/2-1}} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{J_{n/2+\delta}(\lambda r) J_{n/2-1}(\sqrt{t}r)}{r^{\delta}} dr \,,$$

and can take  $\kappa_2 = 1$ . We have

$$I_{\lambda}(r) = \int_{0}^{\infty} k_{\lambda}(t^{2}) J_{n/2-1}(rt) t^{n/2} dt = 2^{\delta} \Gamma(\delta+1) \lambda^{n/2-\delta} J_{n/2+\delta}(\lambda r) r^{-\delta-1}$$

To check the conditions (1.1), (1.2) and (1.3), let R > 0 and  $\delta > (n - 3)/2$ . Then we have

$$\left|\int_{R}^{\infty} I_{\lambda}(r) r^{n/2} dr\right| = 2^{\delta} \Gamma(\delta+1) \lambda^{n/2-\delta} \left|\int_{R}^{\infty} \frac{J_{n/2+\delta}(\lambda r)}{r^{\delta-n/2+1}} dr\right| \le C_{\delta,R} \lambda^{(n-3)/2-\delta}$$

On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{split} \int_0^R sds \left| \int_s^R I_{\lambda}(r) r^{n/2} dr \right| &= 2^{\delta} \Gamma(\delta+1) \lambda^{n/2-\delta} \int_0^R sds \left| \int_s^R \frac{J_{n/2+\delta}(\lambda r)}{r^{\delta-n/2+1}} dr \right| \\ &\leq \begin{cases} C_{\delta} \lambda^{(n-3)/2-\delta} & \text{if} \quad (n-3)/2 < \delta < (n+1)/2 , \\ C_{\delta} \lambda^{(n-3)/2-\delta} \log \lambda & \text{if} \quad \delta = (n+1)/2 , \\ C_{\delta} \lambda^{-2} & \text{if} \quad \delta > (n+1)/2 . \end{cases} \end{split}$$

We now apply the estimates (see [6, p. 202, Lemma 18.10 a])

$$\begin{split} \left| \int_{R}^{\infty} \frac{J_{n/2+\delta}(\lambda r) J_{n/2-1}(sr)}{r^{\delta}} dr \right| \\ & \leq \begin{cases} C_{\delta,R} \lambda^{-1/2} s^{-1/2} & \text{if } s, \lambda > 0, \\ C_{\delta,R} \frac{\lambda^{-3/2} s^{1/2}}{\lambda - s} + C_{\delta,R} \lambda^{-3/2} s^{-1/2} & \text{if } 0 < s < \lambda, \\ C_{\delta,R} \frac{\lambda^{1/2} s^{-3/2}}{s - \lambda} + C_{\delta,R} \lambda^{-1/2} s^{-3/2} & \text{if } 0 < \lambda < s. \end{cases} \end{split}$$

Then we have

$$\left(\sum_{T=0}^{\infty} T \max_{T \le s \le T+1} \left| \int_{R}^{\infty} I_{\lambda}(r) J_{n/2-1}(sr) r dr \right|^{2} \right)^{1/2}$$
  
=  $2^{\delta} \Gamma(\delta+1) \lambda^{n/2-\delta} \left( \sum_{T=0}^{\infty} T \max_{T \le s \le T+1} \left| \int_{R}^{\infty} \frac{J_{n/2+\delta}(\lambda r) J_{n/2-1}(sr)}{r^{\delta}} dr \right|^{2} \right)^{1/2}$   
<  $C_{\delta,R} \lambda^{(n-1)/2-\delta}$ .

If  $\delta > (n+3)/2$ , then the last term is  $o(\lambda^{-2})$ . Thus Corollary 1 follows from Main theorem. 4.2 The Gauss-Weierstrass summation. Let  $k_{\lambda}^{W}(t) = e^{-t/\lambda}(\lambda \to \infty)$ . We then have

(4.1) 
$$\int_0^\infty k_{\lambda}^W(t^2) J_{\nu}(rt) t^{\nu+1} dt = \int_0^\infty e^{-t^2/\lambda} J_{\nu}(rt) t^{\nu+1} dt = \frac{\lambda^{\nu+1} r^{\nu}}{2^{\nu+1}} \exp\left(-\frac{\lambda r^2}{4}\right)$$

(cf. [2, 7.7.3]). Let  $\Omega$  be an open domain in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\hat{A}$  be a nonnegative selfadjoint extension of  $-\Delta$  in  $\Omega$ .

COROLLARY 2. Let f be a regulated function in  $L^2(\Omega)$ . Suppose that 1 $and <math>f \in L^p_{loc}(\Omega)$ . Then the following hold.

(i) The following are equivalent.(ia)

$$||k_{\lambda}^{W}(\hat{A})f - f||_{L^{p}(K)} = O(\lambda^{-1})$$

as  $\lambda \to \infty$  for every compact set K in  $\Omega$ . (ib)  $\Delta f \in L^p_{loc}(\Omega)$ .

(ii) Let  $G \subset \Omega$  be any open set.

(iia) Suppose that  $\Delta f$  vanishes in G. Then

$$||k_{\lambda}^{W}(\hat{A})f - f||_{L^{p}(K)} = o(\lambda^{-1})$$

as  $\lambda \to \infty$  for any compact set  $K \subset G$ .

(iib) If

$$\|k_{\lambda}^{W}(\hat{A})f - f\|_{L^{p}(K)} = o(\lambda^{-1})$$

as  $\lambda \to \infty$  for any compact set  $K \subset G$ , then  $\Delta f$  vanishes in G.

PROOF. For the Gauss-Weierstrass summation method we take  $\kappa_2 = 1$ . Let R be a small positive number. By (4.1), we have

$$\int_{R}^{\infty} r^{n/2} dr \int_{0}^{\infty} k_{\lambda}^{W}(t^{2}) J_{\nu}(rt) t^{\nu+1} dt = \left(\frac{\lambda}{2}\right)^{n/2} \int_{R}^{\infty} r^{n-1} \exp\left(-\frac{\lambda r^{2}}{4}\right) dr = o(\lambda^{-1})$$
$$\int_{0}^{R} s ds \left| \int_{s}^{R} r^{n/2} dr \int_{0}^{\infty} k_{\lambda}^{W}(t^{2}) J_{\nu}(rt) t^{\nu+1} dt \right|$$
$$= \left(\frac{\lambda}{2}\right)^{n/2} \int_{0}^{R} s ds \int_{s}^{R} r^{n-1} \exp\left(-\frac{\lambda r^{2}}{4}\right) dr = O(\lambda^{-1})$$

and

$$\left(\sum_{T=0}^{\infty} T \max_{T \le s \le T+1} \left| \int_{R}^{\infty} J_{n/2-1}(sr) r dr \int_{0}^{\infty} k_{\lambda}^{W}(t^{2}) J_{\nu}(rt) t^{\nu+1} dt \right|^{2} \right)^{1/2} = \left(\frac{\lambda}{2}\right)^{n/2} \left( \int_{R}^{\infty} r^{n-1} \exp\left(-\frac{\lambda r^{2}}{2}\right) dr \right)^{1/2} = o(\lambda^{-1})$$

Thus Corollary 2 follows from Main theorem.

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