

THE INTEGRATED DENSITY OF STATES OF ONE-DIMENSIONAL RANDOM SCHRÖDINGER OPERATOR WITH WHITE NOISE POTENTIAL AND BACKGROUND

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1. Introduction

We consider the Integrated Density of States (IDS), $N(\lambda)$, $\lambda \in \mathbf{R}$, of the formally defined operator H ,

$$(1.1) \quad H = -\frac{1}{r(t)} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{p(t)} \frac{d}{dt} \right) + \frac{q(t)}{r(t)} + \frac{cB'(t)}{r(t)}, \quad 0 \leq t < \infty,$$

i.e., the limit of the normalized distribution function of the eigenvalues of H_l which is the restriction of H to $L^2((0, l) : r(t) dt)$ under the boundary conditions,

$$(b.c)_{\alpha, \beta} \quad \begin{cases} \varphi(0) \cos \alpha - \frac{1}{p(0)} \varphi'(0) \sin \alpha = 0, \\ \varphi(l) \cos \beta - \frac{1}{p(l)} \varphi'(l) \sin \beta = 0, \end{cases}$$

where $(B(t))_{t \geq 0}$ is the standard Brownian motion and $B'(t)$ is the derivative of its sample function, namely the white noise. $(p(t))_{t \geq 0}$, $(q(t))_{t \geq 0}$ and $(r(t))_{t \geq 0}$ are bounded semi-martingales which we shall call the background, and c is a coupling constant.

$N(\lambda)$ is defined by

$$N(\lambda) := \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{l} N(l, \lambda, \omega),$$

where we denote by $N(l, \lambda, \omega)$ the number of eigenvalues of H_l which are less than or equal to λ .

The main purpose of this paper is to improve Theorem of [5] and Theorem (b) of [12] cited below, simplifying their proofs at the same time.

PROPOSITION 1.1 ([5]). *Suppose that $p(t) \equiv 1$, $q(t) \equiv 0$, $r(t) \equiv 1$ and $c = 1$. Then*

$$N(\lambda) = \left(\sqrt{2\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{6}x^3 - 2\lambda x\right\} dx \right)^{-1}.$$

PROPOSITION 1.2 ([12]). *Suppose that $q(t) \equiv 0$, $c = 1$ and*

- (i) *$(p(t)), (r(t))$ are nonanticipating with respect to $\sigma(\mathbf{B}(s); 0 \leq s \leq t)$,*
- (ii) *$p_1 \leq p(t) \leq p_2, r_0 \leq r(t)$ for some p_1, p_2 and $r_0 \in (0, \infty)$,*
- (iii) *There exists an ergodic homogeneous stochastic processes $M(T, \omega)$, and a positive function $\eta(T)$ such that $\sup_{T \leq t \leq T+2\pi} (|p'(t)| + |r'(t)|) \leq \eta(T)M(T)$ and $\eta(T) \rightarrow 0$ as $T \rightarrow \infty$,*
- (iv) *$p(t) \rightarrow p(\infty)$ and $r(t) \rightarrow r(\infty)$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$.*

Then

$$N(\lambda) = \left(\int_0^\pi u(x) dx \right)^{-1},$$

where $u(x)$ is the bounded solution of the equation

$$\frac{1}{2} \sin^4 x u'(x) + b(x)u(x) = 1, \quad 0 < x < \pi,$$

where $b(x) = p(\infty) \cos^2 x + \lambda r(\infty) \sin^2 x + \sin^3 x \cos x$.

We shall derive the IDS concretely when the background is continuous semi-martingales that have limit at ∞ . To state the main result, we assume the following conditions: let $(p_\omega(t))_{t \geq 0}, (q_\omega(t))_{t \geq 0}, (r_\omega(t))_{t \geq 0}$ be continuous semi-martingales on a probability space (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) with a filtration $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}$, namely $p(t)$ is expressed as $p_\omega(t) = p(t) = p(0) + M^p(t) + A^p(t)$ where M^p ($M(0) = 0$ a.s) is a continuous local (\mathcal{F}_t) -martingale and $A^p(t)$ ($A(0) = 0$ a.s) is a continuous (\mathcal{F}_t) -adapted process whose sample functions $(t \mapsto A^p)$ are of bounded variation on any finite interval a.s., and $p(0)$ is an \mathcal{F}_0 -measurable random variable. $(B_\omega(t))_{t \geq 0}$ is an (\mathcal{F}_t) -Brownian motion. Moreover $p(t), M^p(t)$ and $A^p(t)$ satisfy following conditions.

(A.1): there exist that $M^p(\infty) := \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} M^p(t), A^p(\infty) := \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} A^p(t)$ a.s

(A.2): For some $0 < c_1 < c_2, c_3 \in \mathbf{R}$, which are independent of $\omega, c_1 \leq p(t), r(t) \leq c_2, |q(t)| \leq c_3$.

(A.3): $\int_0^l t |dA^p| = o(l)$ as $l \rightarrow \infty, \int_0^l t^2 d\langle M^p \rangle = O(l^\delta)$ for some $0 < \delta < 2$ as $l \rightarrow \infty$.

When $q(t)$ and $r(t)$ are expressed similarly, we suppose that each martingale part and each part of bounded variation part also satisfy the above conditions.

Then the main result is the following.

THEOREM 1.1. *Under the assumptions (A.1), (A.2) and (A.3), we have*

$$N(\lambda) = \left(\int_0^\pi u(x; p(\infty), q(\infty), r(\infty)) dx \right)^{-1},$$

where, for each $(p, q, r) \in \mathbf{R}^3$, the function $u(x) = u(x; p, q, r)$, $0 < x < \infty$, is the bounded solution of the equation

$$(1.2) \quad \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2(x)u'(x) + b(x; p, q, r)u(x) = 1, \quad 0 < x < \pi,$$

$$\sigma(x) := c \sin^2 x \text{ and } b(x; p, q, r) := p \cos^2 x + (-q + \lambda r) \sin^2 x + c^2 \sin^3 x \cos x.$$

Actually, we can write down the bounded solution of (1.2) explicitly. Thus we obtain the following corollary.

COROLLARY 1.1. *Under the same assumption of Theorem 1.1, we have*

$$N(\lambda) = \left(\sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{c^2 p(\infty)}} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{c^2} \left\{ \frac{p(\infty)}{6} x^3 + 2(-q(\infty) + \lambda r(\infty))x \right\} \right] dx \right)^{-1}.$$

PROOF. By the proof of Lemma 4.2, the bounded solution u of (1.2) is given explicitly as $u(x) = 2S(x) \int_0^x dy / \sigma^2(y) S(y)$, where $S(x) = \exp[-2 \int_{\pi/2}^x b(y; p, q, r) / \sigma^2(y) dy]$. From this expression, we obtain

$$S(x) = S(x; p, q, r) = \exp[(2/c^2)\{(p/3) \cot^3 x + (-q + \lambda r) \cot x\} / \sin^2 x],$$

and here we can compute, by making change of variable twice,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^\pi u(v; p, q, r) dv \\ &= \frac{2}{c^2} \int_{-\infty}^\infty \exp \left[\frac{2}{c^2} \left\{ \frac{p}{3} z^3 + (-q + \lambda r)z \right\} \right] dz \\ & \quad \times \int_z^\infty \exp \left[-\frac{2}{c^2} \left\{ \frac{p}{3} y^3 + (-q + \lambda r)y \right\} \right] dy \\ &= \frac{2}{c^2} \int_0^\infty \exp \left[-\frac{1}{c^2} \left\{ \frac{p}{6} x^3 + 2(-q + \lambda r)x \right\} \right] dx \times \int_{-\infty}^\infty \exp \left\{ -\frac{2px}{c^2} \left(z + \frac{x}{2} \right)^2 \right\} dz \\ &= \frac{2}{c^2} \int_0^\infty \exp \left[-\frac{1}{c^2} \left\{ \frac{p}{6} x^3 + 2(-q + \lambda r)x \right\} \right] \sqrt{\frac{\pi c^2}{2px}} dx. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

REMARK 1.1. When $p(t) = r(t) = 1$, $q(t) = 0$ and $c = 1$, we derive $N(\lambda)$ as given by Proposition 1.1. This is contained the above corollary.

In the remainder of this section we give a brief outline of this paper. In Section 2, we define the operator H_l rigorously. This argument is necessary since the Brownian motion $B(t)$ is not differentiable in t . We here follow Savchuk and Shkalikov [11] to define the Schrödinger operator

$$H := -\frac{1}{r(t)} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{p(t)} \frac{d}{dt} \right) + \frac{q(t)}{r(t)} + \frac{Q'(t)}{r(t)}$$

in $L^2((0, l); r(t) dt)$ for any $Q \in L^2_{loc}(\mathbf{R}; \mathbf{R})$ and $(p(t))$, $(q(t))$ and $(r(t)) \in C(\mathbf{R}; \mathbf{R})$. In fact introducing the *quasi derivative* $\phi^{[1]}(t) := \phi'(t)/p(t) - Q(t)\phi(t)$ as in [11], we can write

$$H\phi(t) = -\frac{1}{r(t)} (\phi^{[1]}'(t) + p(t)Q(t)\phi^{[1]}(t) + p(t)Q^2(t)\phi(t) - q(t)\phi(t)).$$

Since Q is a real function, H_l can be realized as a self-adjoint operator, whose domain is given by

$$D(H) = \{\varphi \in AC(0, l) \mid \varphi^{[1]} \in AC(0, l), \varphi \text{ satisfies } (b.c)_{\alpha, \beta}\},$$

where $AC(0, l)$ is the set of all absolutely continuous functions on $(0, l)$. The spectrum of H_l is discrete since H_l has a compact resolvent. Furthermore when Q is locally bounded, the self-adjoint operator is bounded from below. Two other definitions of the operator corresponding to the expression H_l have been known: Fukushima and Nakao [5] defined it as self-adjoint operators on $L^2(0, l)$ which is associated with a closed symmetric form. In [8], Minami defined it through formal integration by parts (1.1). One advantage of the method of introducing the *quasi derivative* is that it makes valid, with little modification, the classical proof of the Sturm-Liouville Oscillation theorem as given e.g. in [13], also for operators with singular potentials like our H_l . This will be verified in Section 3. In Section 4, we prove Theorem 1.1. As in [5], we introduce the phase function $\theta(t)$ of the solution ϕ of $H_l\phi = \lambda\phi$, $\phi(0) = \sin \alpha$, $\phi'(0)/p(0) = \cos \alpha$ by Prüffer transformation. The Sturm-Liouville Oscillation theorem implies $N(\lambda, l, \omega) = [(\theta(l, \lambda) - \beta)/\pi] + 1$. Therefore $N(\lambda) = \pi^{-1} \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \theta(l)/l$. Our proof follows the same line as in [12], but it is simplified in some technical points.

2. Schrödinger Operator with Singular Potential

In this section, following [11], we define the Schrödinger operator of the type

$$H := -\frac{1}{r(t)} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{p(t)} \frac{d}{dt} \right) + \frac{q(t)}{r(t)} + \frac{Q'(t)}{r(t)}, \quad 0 \leq t \leq l,$$

with $Q \in L^2_{loc}(\mathbf{R})$ and continuous functions p, q and r , on the Hilbert space $L^2((0, l); r(t) dt)$, and show its self-adjointness. Let $Q \in L^2_{loc}(\mathbf{R}; \mathbf{R})$. For any absolutely continuous φ , we define the *quasi derivative* $\varphi^{[1]}$ of φ by

$$\varphi^{[1]} := \frac{\varphi'(t)}{p(t)} - Q(t)\varphi(t),$$

and we formally rewrite H in the form,

$$(2.1) \quad H\varphi = -\frac{1}{r} \{(\varphi^{[1]})' + pQ\varphi^{[1]} + pQ^2\varphi - q\varphi\}.$$

We can express (2.1) without Q' , so (2.1) is meaningful if φ and $\varphi^{[1]}$ are absolutely continuous function. Let us define the maximal operator H_M as follows:

$$D(H_M) := \{\varphi \in L^2([0, l]; r(t) dt) \mid \varphi, \varphi^{[1]} \in AC(0, l), h(\varphi) \in L^2([0, l]; r(t) dt)\},$$

$$H_M\varphi := -\frac{1}{r} \{(\varphi^{[1]})' + pQ\varphi^{[1]} + pQ^2\varphi - q\varphi\} \quad \text{for } \varphi \in D(H_M),$$

where $AC(0, l)$ is the set of all absolutely continuous functions on $(0, l)$. We also define the minimal operator H_m as the restriction of H_M to the domain

$$D(H_m) := \{\varphi \in D(H_M) \mid \varphi(0) = \varphi(l) = \varphi^{[1]}(0) = \varphi^{[1]}(l) = 0\}.$$

The following lemma is contained in Section 3.8 Problem 1 of [2] and Theorem 2.1 of [13].

LEMMA 2.1 (Savchuk and Shkalikov [11] Theorem 0). *Let f be in $L^1_{loc}(r(t) dt; \mathbf{C}^n)$ and A be in $L^1_{loc}(r(t) dt; \mathbf{C}^n \otimes \mathbf{C}^n)$. Then, for any $s \in [0, l]$ and $\xi \in \mathbf{C}^n$, an equation $y'(t) = A(t)y(t) + f(t)$, $y(s) = \xi$ has a unique solution in $AC(0, l)$.*

PROOF. We can verify the claim by successive approximation as follows.

$$\begin{cases} y_0(t) = \xi, \\ y_k(t) = \xi + \int_s^t A(x)y_{k-1}(x) dx + \int_s^t f(x) dx, \quad k \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

Then $(y_k)_k$ converges uniformly to the unique solution. \square

Using Lemma 2.1, we define the solution of the equation

$$(2.2) \quad h(\varphi) = \lambda\varphi + f$$

for any $\lambda \in \mathbf{C}$, $f \in L^2_{loc}(r(t) dt; \mathbf{C})$ in the following way. We rewrite (2.2) as follows.

$$(\#) \quad \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} \varphi \\ \varphi^{[1]} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} pQ & p \\ -pQ^2 - \lambda r + q & -pQ \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \varphi \\ \varphi^{[1]} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -rf \end{pmatrix}$$

Since p , q and r are continuous and $Q \in L^2_{loc}(\mathbf{R})$, each component of the coefficient matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} pQ & p \\ -pQ^2 - \lambda r + q & -pQ \end{pmatrix}$$

is a locally integrable function. By Lemma 2.1, under a given initial condition the above normal system has a unique solution.

DEFINITION 2.1 (Savchuk and Shkalikov [11] Definition 1). *A square $r(t)$ -integrable function φ on \mathbf{R} is said to be a solution of (2.2) under a given initial condition if φ coincides with the first component of the solution of the system (#) under the same initial condition.*

We characterize the self-adjointness of H_l . To do so, we quote several lemmas.

LEMMA 2.2 (Lagrange formula [11] Lemma 1). *For any $\varphi \in D(H_M)$ and $\psi \in D(H_M)$,*

$$(2.3) \quad (H_M \varphi, \psi) = (\varphi, H_M \psi) + [\varphi, \psi]_0^l$$

where

$$[\varphi, \psi]_0^l := [-\varphi^{[1]}(t)\bar{\psi}(t) + \varphi(t)\overline{\psi^{[1]}(t)}]_{t=0}^{t=l}.$$

PROOF. See [11]. \square

Using Lemma 2.2, we have the following lemma.

LEMMA 2.3 ([11] Lemmas 2, 3 and 4). (i) $D(H_m)$ is dense in $L^2([0, l]; r(t) dt)$.
(ii) $H_M = H_m^*$ and $H_M^* = H_m$.
(iii) For any $\lambda \in \mathbf{C}$, $\dim \text{Ker}(H_M - \lambda) = 2$.
(iv) $\text{Ran}(H_m) \perp \text{Ker}(H_M)$.

PROOF. See [11]. \square

LEMMA 2.4. *Let $Q \in L^2_{loc}(\mathbf{R}; \mathbf{R})$ and H be a self-adjoint extension of H_m . Then there are w_1 and $w_2 \in D(H) \setminus D(H_m)$ such that they are linearly independent and the domain of H is expressed as follows:*

$$D(H) = \{\varphi \in D(H_m^*) \mid \varphi = \psi_0 + \alpha_1 w_1 + \alpha_2 w_2 \text{ for some } \psi_0 \in D(H_m) \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathbf{C}\}.$$

PROOF. See Reed and Simon [9] [Vol II Theorem X.2 (page 140)]. □

LEMMA 2.5 ([4]). *Let S be a subspace of $D(H_m^*)$ which includes $D(H_m)$. Then the restriction of H_m^* to S is a self-adjoint extension of H_m if and only if $S = S^*$, where $S^* := \{y \in D(H_m^*) \mid [y, \phi]_0^l = 0, \forall \phi \in S\}$.*

PROOF. See [4] (XII.4.16, Lemma 16 (b) page 1231). □

Then we have the following.

PROPOSITION 2.1 (Savchuk and Shkalikov [11] Theorem 2). *Let $Q \in L^2_{loc}(\mathbf{R}; \mathbf{R})$. Then a closed symmetric extension H of H_m is self-adjoint if and only if H has its domain as*

$$D(H) = \{\varphi \in D(H_m^*) \mid B_j(\varphi) = 0, j = 1, 2\},$$

where

$$B_j(\varphi) := a_{j1}\varphi(0) + a_{j2}\varphi^{[1]}(0) + b_{j1}\varphi(l) + b_{j2}\varphi^{[1]}(l), \quad j = 1, 2,$$

for some $a_{jk}, b_{jk} \in \mathbf{C}$, $(j, k = 1, 2)$ such that

$$a_{j1}\bar{a}_{k2} - a_{j2}\bar{a}_{k1} = b_{j1}\bar{b}_{k2} - b_{j2}\bar{b}_{k1}, \quad (j, k = 1, 2)$$

and that $\text{rank } A = 2$. Here A is a matrix given by

$$A := \begin{pmatrix} a_{12} & a_{22} \\ a_{11} & a_{21} \\ b_{12} & b_{22} \\ b_{11} & b_{21} \end{pmatrix}.$$

PROOF. We follow Ahiezer and Glazman [1] (APPENDIX II.3) to prove the assertion. We suppose that H is a self-adjoint extension of H_m . Let $\varphi \in D(H_m^*)$. By Lemma 2.2 and Lemma 2.3, $\varphi \in D(H)$ is equivalent to saying $(H\psi, \varphi) = (\psi, H_m^*\varphi)$ for any $\psi \in D(H)$. This is, in turn, equivalent to saying $[\varphi, \psi]_0^l = 0$ for any $\psi \in D(H)$. By Lemma 2.4, there are $w_1, w_2 \in D(H) \setminus D(H_m)$ which are linearly

independent, so that any element ψ of $D(H)$ is of the form $\psi = \psi_0 + \alpha_1 w_1 + \alpha_2 w_2$, for some $\psi_0 \in D(H_m)$, and $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathbf{C}$. So, $[\varphi, \psi]_0^l = 0$ for any $\psi \in D(H)$ is equivalent to saying $\alpha_1 [\varphi, w_1]_0^l + \alpha_2 [\varphi, w_2]_0^l = 0$ for any $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathbf{C}$, namely to saying $[\varphi, w_1]_0^l = [\varphi, w_2]_0^l = 0$. If we set

$$a_{j1} := \bar{w}_j^{[1]}(0), \quad a_{j2} := -\bar{w}_j(0), \quad b_{j1} := -\bar{w}_j^{[1]}(l), \quad b_{j2} := \bar{w}_j(l), \quad j = 1, 2,$$

then $B_j(\varphi) := -[\varphi, w_j]_0^l = 0, \quad j = 1, 2$. Moreover $a_{j1}\bar{a}_{k2} - a_{j2}\bar{a}_{k1} = b_{j1}\bar{b}_{k2} - b_{j2}\bar{b}_{k1}$ for $j, k = 1, 2$ since $[w_j, w_k]_0^l = 0$ for $j, k = 1, 2$. Since w_1 is independent of w_2 , we have $\text{rank } A = 2$.

Conversely suppose that the domain D of H is given as above. By (iii) of Lemma 2.3, we can take a basis $\{u_1, u_2\}$ of $\text{Ker}(H_M)$. Let $v_j, j = 1, 2$, be the solutions of $H_M v_j = u_j$ such that $v_j(l) = v_j^{[1]}(l) = 0, j = 1, 2$. If we assume that $(v_1(0), v_1^{[1]}(0))$ and $(v_2(0), v_2^{[1]}(0))$ are not linearly independent, there exists α_1, α_2 such that $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) \neq (0, 0)$ and $\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 \in D(H_m)$. Then $H_m(\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2) = \alpha_1 u_1 + \alpha_2 u_2$. The left hand side is an element of $\text{Ran}(H_m)$ and not zero. On the other hand the right hand side belongs to $\text{Ker}(H_M)$. This contradicts (iv) of Lemma 2.3. Thus we can take the suitable basis of $\text{Ker}(H_M)$ such that v_1 and v_2 satisfy $(v_1(0), v_1^{[1]}(0)) = (1, 0), (v_2(0), v_2^{[1]}(0)) = (0, 1)$. Similarly there exists v_3 and v_4 in $D(H_m^*)$ such that $(v_3(0), v_3^{[1]}(0), v_3(l), v_3^{[1]}(l)) = (0, 0, 1, 0)$ and $(v_4(0), v_4^{[1]}(0), v_4(l), v_4^{[1]}(l)) = (0, 0, 0, 1)$. We set $w_j := -\bar{a}_{j2}v_1 + \bar{a}_{j1}v_2 + \bar{b}_{j2}v_3 - \bar{b}_{j1}v_4, j = 1, 2$, then $w_j(0) = -\bar{a}_{j2}, w_j^{[1]}(0) = \bar{a}_{j1}, w_j(l) = \bar{b}_{j2}, w_j^{[1]}(l) = -\bar{b}_{j1}, j = 1, 2$. Since $\text{rank } A = 2$ and v_1, v_2, v_3 and v_4 are linearly independent, w_1 and w_2 are linearly independent. Moreover $\text{rank } A = 2$ implies that w_1 and $w_2 \notin D(H_m)$. Then $D = \{\phi \in D(H_m^*) \mid B_j(\phi) = 0, j = 1, 2\}$ and $D = D^*$. Hence the restriction of H_m^* to D is a self-adjoint extension of H_m by Lemma 2.5. \square

REMARK 2.1. 1. Savchuk and Shkalikov [11] did not state the condition $\text{rank } A = 2$. But H is not a self-adjoint operator unless $\text{rank } A = 2$ in Proposition 2.1.

2. When the boundary condition that realizes a self-adjoint extension is $(b.c)_{\alpha, \beta}$, the corresponding matrix A in Proposition 2.1 is expressed as follows:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -\sin \alpha & 0 \\ \cos \alpha - Q(0) \sin \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & \sin \beta \\ 0 & \cos \beta - Q(l) \sin \beta \end{pmatrix},$$

and actually $\text{rank } A = 2$.

COROLLARY 2.1. (i) Let $Q \in L^2_{loc}(\mathbf{R}; \mathbf{R})$ be a locally bounded function. Then the self-adjoint extensions of H_m are bounded from below.

(ii) ([11] Theorem 3) The spectrum of each self-adjoint extension of H_m is purely discrete.

(iii) For the sequence $\{\lambda_n; n \geq 1\}$ of the eigenvalues of the self-adjoint extension of H_m , $\lambda_n \rightarrow \infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

PROOF OF (i). Since p, q, r and Q are bounded on $[0, l]$, it is easily seen that H_m is bounded from below. In fact

$$\begin{aligned} (H_m \varphi, \varphi) &= \int_0^l p(\varphi^{[1]})^2 dt - \int_0^l pQ^2 \varphi^2 dt + \int_0^l q\varphi^2 dt \\ &\geq - \int_0^l \frac{p}{r} Q^2 \varphi^2 r dt - \int_0^l \frac{|q|}{r} \varphi^2 r dt. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore it follows from [9] (Vol II, X.3, Proposition, page 179) that any self-adjoint extension of H_m is also bounded from below since the deficiency indices of H_m are equal to $\{2, 2\}$ by Lemma 2.3.

PROOF OF (ii), (iii). The deficiency indices of H_m are equal to $\{2, 2\}$. Hence by [10] (Vol IV, page 117, Example 5), it suffices to show the assertion when the boundary condition which realizes self-adjoint extension is $(b.c)_{\alpha, \beta}$. In this case, it is well known that the H has compact resolvent (cf. see [1] APPENDIX II.6, THEOREM 2, page 182). Thus, by [10] (Theorem XIII.64, page 245), when the sequence of the eigenvalues of H is denoted by $\{\lambda_n; n \geq 1\}$, $\lambda_n \rightarrow \infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. \square

REMARK 2.2. (ii) of Corollary 2.1 is same as Theorem 3 in [11], but the proof of (ii) of Corollary 2.1 is simpler than that of Theorem 3 in [11].

3. Oscillation Theorem

Using the *quasi derivative*, we can show the Sturm-Liouville Oscillation theorem for singular potentials by a minor modification of the classical argument ([13] Theorem 13.2, page 199). Let Q be a real valued bounded measurable function. Then from what we showed in Section 2, the associated self-adjoint operator $H = H_l$ with the boundary conditions

$$\begin{cases} \varphi(0) \cos \tilde{\alpha} - \varphi^{[1]}(0) \sin \tilde{\alpha} = 0, \\ \varphi(l) \cos \tilde{\beta} - \varphi^{[1]}(l) \sin \tilde{\beta} = 0 \end{cases}$$

has eigenvalues $\lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \lambda_3 < \dots < \lambda_n \rightarrow \infty$. Then we have the following:

PROPOSITION 3.1 ([13]). *Let Q be a real valued continuous function on $[0, \infty)$. Then the eigenfunction $\varphi_n = \varphi(*, \lambda_n)$ corresponding to λ_n has exactly $n - 1$ zeros in $(0, l)$.*

OUTLINE OF PROOF. For $\lambda \in \mathbf{R}$, let $\varphi(t, \lambda)$ be the (real) solution of the equations

$$H_l \varphi = \lambda \varphi, \quad \varphi(0) = \sin \tilde{\alpha}, \quad \varphi^{[1]}(0) = \cos \tilde{\alpha}.$$

We introduce the variables ξ and η through the following Prüffer transformation:

$$(P.t)_{\tilde{\alpha}} \quad \begin{cases} \varphi(t, \lambda) = \eta(t, \lambda) \sin \xi(t, \lambda), \\ \varphi^{[1]}(t, \lambda) = \eta(t, \lambda) \cos \xi(t, \lambda), \\ \xi(0, \lambda) = \tilde{\alpha}, \end{cases}$$

where $\xi(t, \lambda)$ can be defined as a continuous function in t . We may restrict to $0 \leq \tilde{\alpha} < \pi$, $0 < \tilde{\beta} < \pi$ without loss of generality. $(P.t)_{\tilde{\alpha}}$ implies that $\xi(t, \lambda)$ satisfies the equation

$$\xi(t, \lambda) - \xi(0, \lambda) = \int_0^t p Q \sin 2\xi \, ds + \int_0^t p \, ds + \int_0^t \{-p + pQ^2 + \lambda r - q\} \sin^2 \xi \, ds,$$

that is

$$(3.1) \quad \frac{d}{dt} \xi(t, \lambda) = pQ \sin 2\xi(t, \lambda) + p(t) + (-p + pQ^2 + \lambda r - q) \sin^2 \xi(t, \lambda).$$

Since the equation (3.1) and Corollary 2.1 hold, we can verify the following assertions:

- (i) if there exists $j \in \mathbf{N}$, $t_0 > 0$ such that $\xi(t_0, \lambda) = j\pi$ then $\xi(t, \lambda) \geq j\pi$ for $t \geq t_0$,
- (ii) the function $\xi(t, \lambda)$ is increasing in λ , and $\lim_{\lambda \downarrow -\infty} \xi(t, \lambda) = 0$, $\lim_{\lambda \uparrow \infty} \xi(t, \lambda) = \infty$. ($0 < t \leq l$).

Thus the remainder of the proof is same as Weidmann [13]. \square

4. Proof of the Main Result

In this section, we prove Theorem 1.1. We define the IDS, $N(\lambda)$ as follows:

$$N(\lambda) := \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N(l, \lambda, \omega)}{l},$$

where $N(l, \lambda, \omega) = N_{\alpha\beta}(l, \lambda, \omega)$ is the number of eigenvalues which are less than or equal to λ of the operator H_l with the boundary conditions $(b.c)_{\alpha, \beta}$. To find this,

let φ be the solution of the equation $H_l\varphi = \lambda\varphi$, $\varphi(0) = \sin \alpha$, $\varphi'(0)/p(0) = \cos \alpha$. Then we introduce the new functions $\theta(t, \lambda)$, $\rho(t, \lambda)$ which are defined by

$$(P.t) \quad \begin{cases} \varphi(t, \lambda) = \rho(t, \lambda) \sin \theta(t, \lambda), \\ \varphi'(t, \lambda) = p(t)\rho(t, \lambda) \cos \theta(t, \lambda). \end{cases}$$

$\theta(t)$ satisfies the following stochastic differential equation;

$$(4.1) \quad d\theta(t) = -\sigma(\theta(t)) dB(t) + b(\theta(t); p(t), q(t), r(t)) dt,$$

where $\sigma(x) := c \sin^2 x$ and $b(x; p, q, r) := p \cos^2 x + (-q + \lambda r) \sin^2 x + c^2 \sin^3 x \cos x$.

Proposition 3.1 (the Oscillation theorem) and its proof imply the following Lemma.

LEMMA 4.1.

$$N_{\alpha\beta}(l, \lambda, \omega) = \left[\frac{\theta(l, \lambda) - \beta}{\pi} \right] + 1,$$

where $[x]$ denotes the integer part of $x \in \mathbf{R}$.

PROOF. By the definition of $N_{\alpha\beta}(l, \lambda, \omega)$, $N_{\alpha\beta}(l, \lambda, \omega) = n$ if and only if $\lambda_n \leq \lambda < \lambda_{n+1}$. The proof of Proposition 3.1 implies that $\xi(l, \lambda_m) = (m - 1)\pi + \tilde{\beta}$, for $m \in \mathbf{N}$, and $\xi(l, \lambda)$ is increasing in λ . Hence $\lambda_n \leq \lambda < \lambda_{n+1}$ is equivalent to $(n - 1)\pi + \tilde{\beta} \leq \xi(l, \lambda) < n\pi + \tilde{\beta}$. Since $\theta(t)$ satisfies (4.1) and $\theta(t) \equiv 0, \pmod{\pi}$, $\theta(t)$ is differentiable in t at the zeros of φ and $d\theta(t)/dt$ is positive there. Moreover $d\xi(t)/dt$ is also positive at zeros of φ by the proof of Proposition 3.1. Thus if $m\pi \leq \xi(l, \lambda_n) < (m + 1)\pi$, for each $m \in \mathbf{N}$, then $m\pi \leq \theta(l, \lambda_n) < (m + 1)\pi$.

By the comparison theorem ([6]), $\theta(t, \lambda)$ is also increasing in λ . For the eigenvalues λ_m , $m \in \mathbf{N}$, of H_l , $\theta(l, \lambda_m) \equiv \beta \pmod{\pi}$. So, $(n - 1)\pi + \tilde{\beta} \leq \xi(l, \lambda) < n\pi + \tilde{\beta}$ is equivalent to saying $(n - 1)\pi + \beta \leq \theta(l, \lambda) < n\pi + \beta$, namely to saying $[(\theta(l, \lambda) - \beta)/\pi] = n - 1$. \square

Therefore it suffices to prove the existence of

$$N(\lambda) = \frac{1}{\pi} \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\theta(l, \lambda)}{l}.$$

We prepare several lemmas to prove Theorem 1.1.

LEMMA 4.2. *The function u in the Theorem 1.1 is extended as a continuous periodic function on \mathbf{R} with period π .*

PROOF. Since the function u is the bounded solution of the first order differential equation, u is represented explicitly as follows:

$$u(x; p, q, r) = 2S(x) \int_0^x \frac{dy}{\sigma^2(y)S(y)}, \quad 0 < x < \pi,$$

where

$$S(x) = S(x; p, q, r) = \exp \left\{ -2 \int_{\pi/2}^x \frac{b(y; p, q, r)}{\sigma^2(y)} dy \right\}.$$

By *de l' Hôpital theorem*, it can be verified $u(0+) = u(\pi-) = 1/p$. Therefore we can extend u as a continuous periodic function on \mathbf{R} with period π . \square

LEMMA 4.3. Let $\tilde{b}(x; p, q, r)$ be $b(x; p, q, r)$ or $b(x; p, q, r) + 2c^2 \sin^3 x \cos x$. Let $h(x; p, q, r)$ be bounded, periodic in x with period π , and Lipschitz continuous in (p, q, r) with a Lipschitz constant independent of x . Then a bounded solution v of the equation

$$\frac{1}{2} \sigma^2(x) v'(x) + \tilde{b}(x; p, q, r) v(x) = h(x; p, q, r)$$

is also a Lipschitz continuous function of (p, q, r) and its Lipschitz constant is independent of x . Moreover v is jointly continuous at $(0, p, q, r)$.

PROOF. Suppose $(p, q, r) \neq (p', q', r')$ and let $\tilde{v}(x) := v(x; p, q, r) - v(x; p', q', r')$. Then \tilde{v} satisfies the equation

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2(x) \tilde{v}'(x) + \tilde{b}(x; p, q, r) \tilde{v}(x) \\ &= \{ \tilde{b}(x; p', q', r') - \tilde{b}(x; p, q, r) \} v(x; p', q', r') + h(x; p, q, r) - h(x; p', q', r') \\ &=: H(x). \end{aligned}$$

We can solve this equation explicitly as follows.

$$\tilde{v}(x) = 2S(x; p, q, r) \int_0^x \frac{H(y)}{\sigma^2(y)S(y; p, q, r)} dy,$$

where $S(x; p, q, r)$ is given in Lemma 4.2 with \tilde{b} instead of b . By the assumption,

$$|H(x)| \leq C(|p - p'| + |q - q'| + |r - r'|)$$

for some constant C independent of x .

Hence v is a Lipschitz continuous function in (p, q, r) . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4.2) \quad & |v(x_n; p_n, q_n, r_n) - v(0; p, q, r)| \\
 & \leq |v(x_n; p_n, q_n, r_n) - v(x_n; p, q, r)| + |v(x_n; p, q, r) - v(0; p, q, r)| \\
 & \leq C(|p_n - p| + |q_n - q| + |r_n - r|) + |v(x_n; p, q, r) - v(0; p, q, r)|.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since v is continuous at $x = 0$, v is continuous at $(0, p, q, r)$ as a four-variable function. \square

LEMMA 4.4. *We set*

$$g(\theta, p, q, r) := \int_0^\theta u(x; p, q, r) dx.$$

Then g is a C^2 -class function in (θ, p, q, r) .

PROOF. It is sufficient to prove that $g(\theta, p, q, r)$ is a C^2 -class function on $[0, \pi] \times (c_1, c_2) \times (-c_3, c_3) \times (c_1, c_2)$ since $u(x; p, q, r)$ is periodic in x with period π . Here the constants c_1, c_2 and c_3 appeared in the assumption (A.2). Lemma 4.3 implies u is bounded and periodic in x with period π . Moreover u is Lipschitz continuous in (p, q, r) and its Lipschitz constant is independent of x by Lemma 4.3. By differentiating the equation (1.2) in Theorem 1.1 with respect to p , $\partial_p u$ satisfies

$$(4.3) \quad \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2(x)(\partial_p u)'(x) + b(x; p, q, r)(\partial_p u)(x) = -u(x) \cos^2 x, \quad 0 < x < \pi,$$

where $\partial_p := \partial/\partial p$. Thus $\partial_p u$ is bounded and periodic in x with period π , and

$$\partial_p u(0+; p, q, r) = \partial_p u(\pi-; p, q, r) = -\frac{1}{p^2},$$

by *de l' Hôpital Theorem* as in proof of Lemma 4.2. By Lemma 4.3, $\partial_p u$ is a Lipschitz continuous function in (p, q, r) , and its Lipschitz constant is independent of x . Moreover $\partial_p u$ is jointly continuous at $(0, p, q, r)$.

By differentiating the equation (4.3) with respect to p , we can also show that

$$\partial_p^2 u(0+; p, q, r) = \partial_p^2 u(\pi-; p, q, r) = \frac{2}{p^3},$$

and $\partial_p^2 u$ is jointly continuous at $(0, p, q, r)$ in a similar way. Similarly we can prove that

$$\partial_x^{n_1} \partial_p^{n_2} \partial_q^{n_3} \partial_r^{n_4} u(0+; p, q, r) = \partial_x^{n_1} \partial_p^{n_2} \partial_q^{n_3} \partial_r^{n_4} u(\pi-; p, q, r)$$

for $0 \leq n_1 + n_2 + n_3 + n_4 \leq 2$, $0 \leq n_1 \leq 1$, $0 \leq n_2, n_3, n_4 \leq 2$, where $\partial_x := \partial/\partial x$, $\partial_p := \partial/\partial p$, $\partial_q := \partial/\partial q$, $\partial_r := \partial/\partial r$, and they are jointly continuous at $(0, p, q, r)$. Hence the lemma is proved. \square

REMARK 4.1. Thompson was not aware that g is actually of C^2 -class.

PROOF OF THEOREM 1.1. For notational brevity, we set $p_1(t) := p(t)$, $p_2(t) := q(t)$, $p_3(t) := r(t)$. Then

$$(4.4) \quad \begin{aligned} g(\theta, p_1, p_2, p_3) &= \int_0^\theta u(x; p_1, p_2, p_3) dx, \\ \frac{\theta(l)}{l} &= \frac{g(\theta(l), p_1(l), p_2(l), p_3(l))}{l} \times \frac{\theta(l)}{g(\theta(l), p_1(l), p_2(l), p_3(l))}. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 4.3, $g(\theta, p, q, r)$ is of C^2 -class in (θ, p, q, r) . We can apply Itô formula, to obtain

$$(4.5) \quad \begin{aligned} &g(\theta(l), p_1(l), p_2(l), p_3(l)) \\ &= g(\theta(0), p_1(0), p_2(0), p_3(0)) + \int_0^l Lg(\theta(s), p_1(s), p_2(s), p_3(s)) ds \\ &\quad + \int_0^l g_\theta(\theta(s), p_1(s), p_2(s), p_3(s)) \sigma(\theta(s)) dB(s) \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^3 \int_0^l g_j(\theta(s), p_1(s), p_2(s), p_3(s)) dM^j(s) \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^3 \int_0^l g_j(\theta(s), p_1(s), p_2(s), p_3(s)) dA^j(s) \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^3 \int_0^l g_{\theta_j}(\theta(s), p_1(s), p_2(s), p_3(s)) d\langle N, M^j \rangle(s) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,k=1}^3 \int_0^l g_{jk}(\theta(s), p_1(s), p_2(s), p_3(s)) d\langle M^j, M^k \rangle(s) \\ &=: I_1 + I_2 + I_3 + I_4 + I_5 + I_6 + I_7, \end{aligned}$$

where we have set $L := \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2(\theta)\delta^2/\partial\theta^2 + b(\theta; p_1, p_2, p_3)\partial/\partial\theta$, $N(t) := \int_0^t \sigma(\theta(s)) dB(s)$, $g_\theta := \partial g/\partial\theta$, $g_j := \partial g/\partial p_j$, $g_{\theta j} := \partial^2 g/(\partial\theta\partial p_j)$, and $g_{jk} := \partial^2 g/(\partial p_j\partial p_k)$, $j, k = 1, 2, 3$.

Now we claim

$$(4.6) \quad \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \frac{g(\theta(l), p_1(l), p_2(l), p_3(l))}{l} = 1.$$

Let us estimate I_i , $1 \leq i \leq 7$, separately.

It is clear that $|I_1| = |g(\theta(0), p_1(0), p_2(0), p_3(0))| = o(l)$ as $l \rightarrow \infty$. By the definition of u , $|I_2| = l$, and $|I_3| = o(l)$ as $l \rightarrow \infty$. $|I_4| = O(l^{\delta(1/2+\varepsilon)}) = o(l)$ as $l \rightarrow \infty$. Indeed, $\theta(t) = O(t)$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$ and $g_j = \int_0^\theta \partial u/\partial p_j = O(\theta)$ as $\theta \rightarrow \infty$. Thus if we set $m_j(l) := \int_0^l g_j dM^j$ then by the assumption (A.3),

$$\langle m_j \rangle(l) = \int_0^l g_j^2 d\langle M^j \rangle \leq \text{const.} \int_0^l t^2 d\langle M^j \rangle = O(l^\delta)$$

for some $0 < \delta < 2$. For a continuous local martingale there exists a Brownian motion \tilde{B} such that $m_j(t) = \tilde{B}(\langle m_j \rangle(t))$. By the law of iterated logarithm, for any $\varepsilon > 0$, $\tilde{B}(t) = O(t^{1/2+\varepsilon})$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$. Thus, for $0 < \varepsilon < (2 - \delta)/2\delta$,

$$m_j(l) = O(\langle m_j^{1/2+\varepsilon}(l) \rangle) = O(l^{\delta(1/2+\varepsilon)}) = o(l).$$

$$\begin{aligned} |I_5| &\leq \sum_{j=1}^3 \left| \int_0^l g_j dA^j(t) \right| \\ &\leq \text{const.} \sum_{j=1}^3 \int_0^l |\theta(t)| |dA^j(t)| \\ &\leq \text{const.} \sum_{j=1}^3 \int_0^l t |dA^j(t)| \\ &= o(l) \quad \text{as } l \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

By Proposition 3.2.14 of [7],

$$\begin{aligned} |I_6| &\leq \sum_{j=1}^3 \left| \int_0^l g_{\theta j} d\langle N, M^j \rangle \right| \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^3 \left| \int_0^l u_j \sigma(\theta(s)) d\langle B, M^j \rangle(s) \right| \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \text{const.} \sum_{j=1}^3 \int_0^l |d\langle B, M^j \rangle(s)| \\
&\leq \text{const.} \sum_{j=1}^3 \sqrt{\langle B \rangle(l)} \sqrt{\langle M^j \rangle(l)} \\
&\leq \text{const.} \sum_{j=1}^3 \sqrt{l} \sqrt{\langle M^j \rangle(\infty)} \\
&= o(l) \quad \text{as } l \rightarrow \infty,
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
|I_7| &\leq \sum_{j,k=1}^3 \left| \int_0^l g_{jk} d\langle M^j, M^k \rangle \right| \\
&\leq \sum_{j,k=1}^3 \sqrt{\int_0^l g_{jk}^2 d\langle M^j \rangle} \sqrt{\int_0^l 1 d\langle M^k \rangle} \\
&\leq \text{const.} \sum_{j,k=1}^3 \sqrt{\int_0^l |\theta(t)|^2 d\langle M^j \rangle(t)} \sqrt{\langle M^k \rangle(l)} \\
&\leq \text{const.} \sum_{j=1}^3 \sqrt{\int_0^l t^2 d\langle M^j \rangle(t)} \sqrt{\langle M^j \rangle(\infty)} \\
&\leq O(l^{\delta/2}) \sum_{j=1}^3 \sqrt{\langle M^j \rangle(\infty)} \\
&= o(l) \quad \text{as } l \rightarrow \infty.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus we obtain (4.6). Hence

$$(4.7) \quad \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\theta(l)}{l} = \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\theta(l)}{g(\theta(l), p(l), q(l), r(l))}.$$

In order to get the right hand side of (4.7), we claim the following:

$$(4.8) \quad \theta(l) \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{as } l \rightarrow \infty$$

and

$$(4.9) \quad |g(\theta, p, q, r) - g(\theta, \tilde{p}, \tilde{q}, \tilde{r})| \leq C(|p - \tilde{p}| + |q - \tilde{q}| + |r - \tilde{r}|).$$

PROOF OF (4.8). The boundedness of u and (4.6) implies $\lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \theta(l) = \infty$. In fact for any $\theta > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} |g(\theta, p, q, r)| &\leq \int_0^\theta |u(x : p, q, r)| dx \\ &\leq C\theta. \end{aligned}$$

where $C > 0$ is independent of θ .

$$\frac{\theta(l)}{l} \geq \frac{1}{C} \frac{g(\theta(l), p(l), q(l), r(l))}{l} \rightarrow \frac{1}{C} > 0 \quad (l \rightarrow \infty).$$

Hence

$$\lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \theta(l) = \infty.$$

PROOF OF (4.9). By Lemma 4.3, u is a uniformly Lipschitz continuous function in (p, q, r) . Thus g satisfies the inequality (4.9).

The existence of $p(\infty) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} p(t)$, $q(\infty) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} q(t)$ and $r(\infty) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} r(t)$ in the assumption (A.1), the inequality (4.9) and (4.8) imply

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \frac{g(\theta(l), p(l), q(l), r(l))}{\theta(l)} &= \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \frac{g(\theta(l), p(\infty), q(\infty), r(\infty))}{\theta(l)} \\ &= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow \infty} \frac{g(\theta, p(\infty), q(\infty), r(\infty))}{\theta}. \end{aligned}$$

By the periodicity of u in x with period π ,

$$(4.10) \quad \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \frac{g(\theta(l), p(l), q(l), r(l))}{\theta(l)} = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi u(x : p(\infty), q(\infty), r(\infty)) dx.$$

Therefore we obtain by (4.7) and (4.10) that

$$N(\lambda) = \left(\int_0^\pi u(x : p(\infty), q(\infty), r(\infty)) dx \right)^{-1}. \quad \square$$

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